HOLY TROUBLE

DOING A THING, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING

192ND ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

OCTOBER 23-24, 2026



A Service of Holy Eucharist

for 192ND Annual Convention of

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 9:30 am

At the sounds of the chimes, please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #371*



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

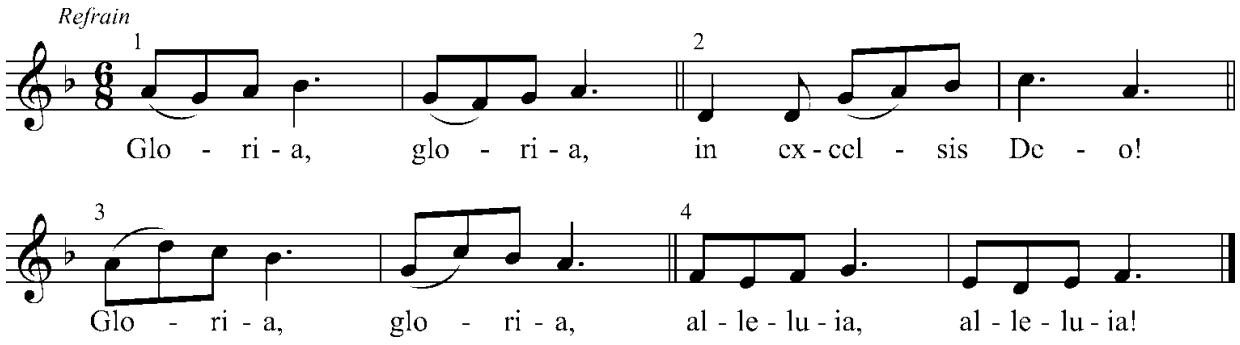
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Song of Praise

My Heart Sings Out #9

The refrain is sung through several times, and can be sung in a round as indicated



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The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Philippians 4: 4-9

Reader A reading from Philippians

القارئ: قراءة من رسالة القديس بولس إلى فيلبي الفصل 4
4إفرَحوا دائِمًا في الرَّبِّ، وأقولُ لكُم أيضًا: إفرَحوا.
5ليَشتَهِرْ حَنَانُكم عِندَ جميعِ النَّاسِ. مَجيءُ الرَّبِّ قَريبٌ. 6لا تَقلَقوا أبدًا، بَلِ اَطلُبوا حاجَتكُم مِنَ اللهِ بالصَّلاةِ والابتِهالِ والحَمدِ، 7وسَلامُ اللهِ الّذي يَفوقُ كُلَّ إدراكٍ يَحفَظُ قُلوبَكُم وعُقولَكُم في المَسيحِ يَسوعَ.
8وبَعدُ، أيُّها الإخوَةُ، فاَهتمّوا بِكُلِّ ما هوَ حَقٌّ وشَريفٌ وعادِلٌ وطاهِرٌ، وبِكُلِّ ما هوَ مُستَحَبٌّ وحَسَنُ السُّمعَةِ وما كانَ فَضيلَةً وأهلًا لِلمَديحِ، 9واَعمَلوا بِما تَعلَّمتُموهُ مِنّي وأخذتُموهُ عَنّي وسَمِعتُموهُ مِنّي ورأيتُموهُ فِيَّ، وإلهُ السَّلامِ يكونُ مَعكُم.
القارئ: كلام الرب **الشعب: الشكر لله**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm *please stand as you are able* *Psalm 19:1-9*
The choir will sing the antiphon first, then all will join in on the second and following antiphons



May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;
Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans. - *Antiphon* –

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God*
may the LORD grant all your requests.
Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand. - *Antiphon* -

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.
O LORD, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call. - *Antiphon* -

The Gospel *Mark 2:1-12*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

Please stand as you are able

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Dear Friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Now let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce all Satan's works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

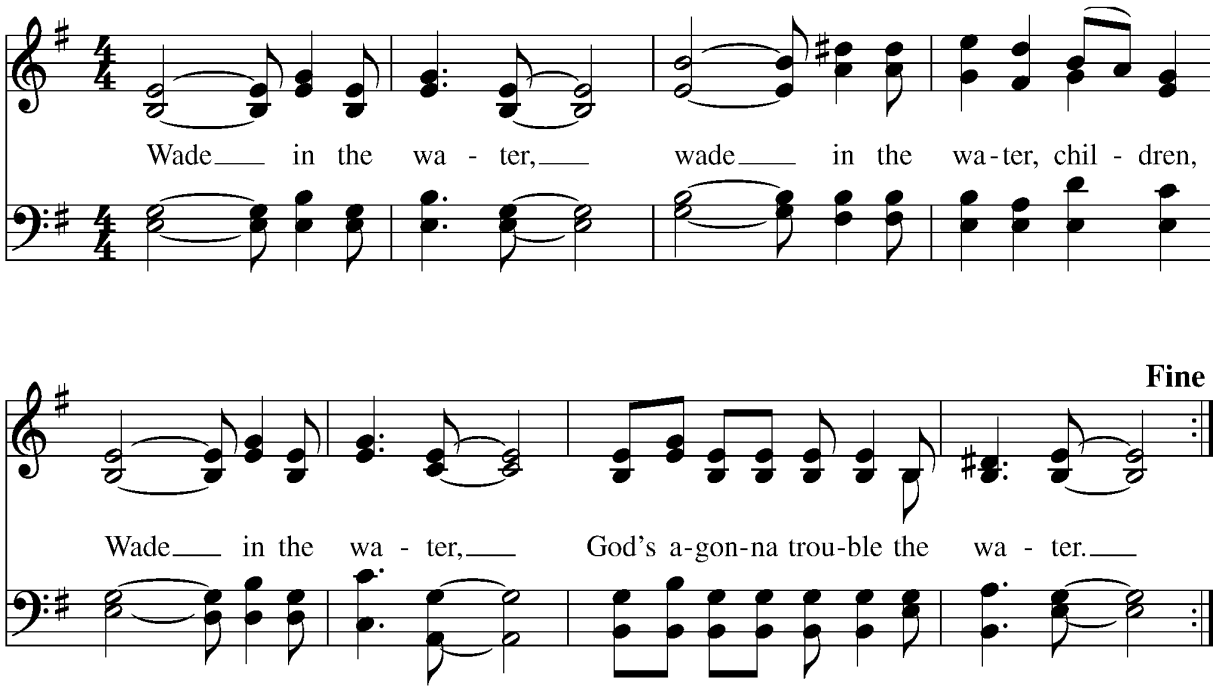
A pitcher of water is brought forward, and the Bishop blesses the water saying,

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We pray to you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

Asperging Hymn

Lift Every Voice & Sing #143





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Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy and stubborn God, you worked through four friends who would not be stopped by a crowd. You work still through ordinary people who refuse to give up on one another. Gathered as your Church in this diocese, we offer our prayers for what needs healing, and bring you what stands in our way.

Leader: For the Church, help us not to be anxious about anything, but in all things, to make our hopes know to you. Bless Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie, our bishop, and all who serve in this diocese, lay and ordained. Give us the courage to love you more than we fear decline or despair.

In spite of everything, we pray
People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For the work of this Convention, give us wisdom in our decisions and grace in our disagreements. Move us to make decisions that are about clearing the way to Jesus, and not about our own comfort.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For our nation and every nation, where rulers still issue decrees that endanger the vulnerable. Raise up people in every place who will faithfully protect life when the powerful will not.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For your good creation, for the air, land and water, and especially for the Great Lakes entrusted to our us. Move our hearts toward faithful stewardship, and let our small acts of care add up to something.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For all communities across this diocese, our cities, suburbs, and small towns: Show us how to love our neighbors in need. Where the crowd blocks the door, show us where to climb. Where the roof is in the way, give us the courage to dig, and give the owners of those roofs patience with us.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For all who are sick, in pain, in grief, or in despair, and for all who cannot get to you on their own. Give strength to them and to all caregivers. Make us the people who carry the mat. Hear us as we name aloud or in our hearts all who need our prayers.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

Leader: For those who have died, who carried us when we could not walk, and who handed this faith on to us. Receive them into the company of your saints, and let their courage become ours.

In spite of everything, we pray

People: **And still we hope.**

The Presider concludes with this collect:

Presider: God of the friends on the roof, you do not wait for the way to be clear before you act. Take our fears, our fatigue, and our obstacles, and make of them an opening through which your healing can reach this world. Send us out from this Convention unafraid to love and willing to carry one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who looked at people who would not quit and saw their faith. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Today's offertory is dedicated to our diocesan Immigration Ministries Fund: This fund exists to support members of our congregations, clergy, and those they are helping to navigate the immigration system under urgent and vulnerable circumstances. The fund reflects our Diocese's commitment to protection, pastoral care, and justice.

You can donate online with a credit card or PayPal using the QR code, choosing "Convention Offering" from the drop down menu.

Cash and checks are welcome as well! Please make checks out to Episcopal Diocese of Michigan with "convention offering" in the memo, and place them in the baskets on the tables.

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Offertory Music ***God Has Work for Us To Do*** **Mark A. Miller**

The first verse will be sung by the choir, and the congregation will join at the second verse





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Presentation Hymn:

The Hymnal 1982 #707

Please stand as you are able when the offering is brought to the altar.



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The Convention Necrology

We offer our Eucharist this morning in honor of and in thanksgiving for the lives and ministry of all those we love and see no longer, especially the members of this gathering who have entered into your glory in the past year:

Etta McAfee; Marion Beard; E. Michael Benes; Hugh Drake; Donette Edwards; Ray Forest; Chuck Fuller; The Rev. Michael Gowing; Archie Handy; Mary Jane Humphries ; The Rev. Richard Iwick; The Rev. Dr. Linda Johnson; The Rev. Thomas William Krell; The Rev. Jim Lewis; Rudolph Markoe; The Rev. James Maxwell; Mardi Maxwell; The Rev. Dcn. Merritt Dutton Morehouse; The Rev. Alice J. Morse; Matilda Seaton; Kimberlie Sherman; William Tuxbury; The Rt. Rev. Katherine Waynick; The Rev. Robert F. Wollard; The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Witke

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2, EOW

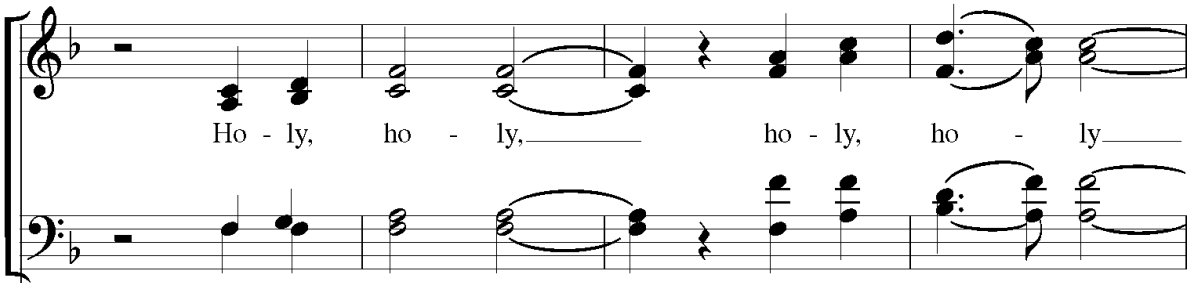
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

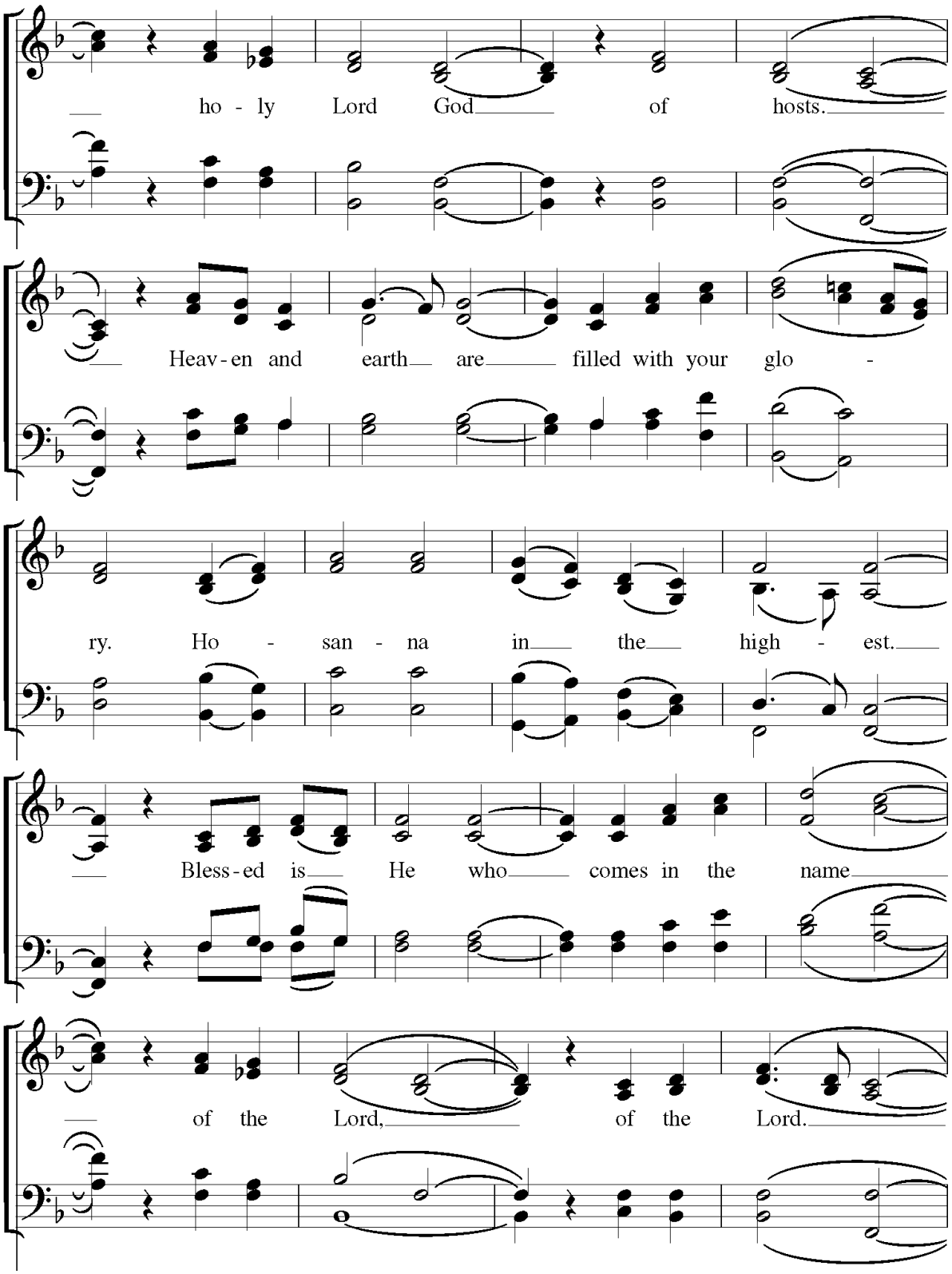
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

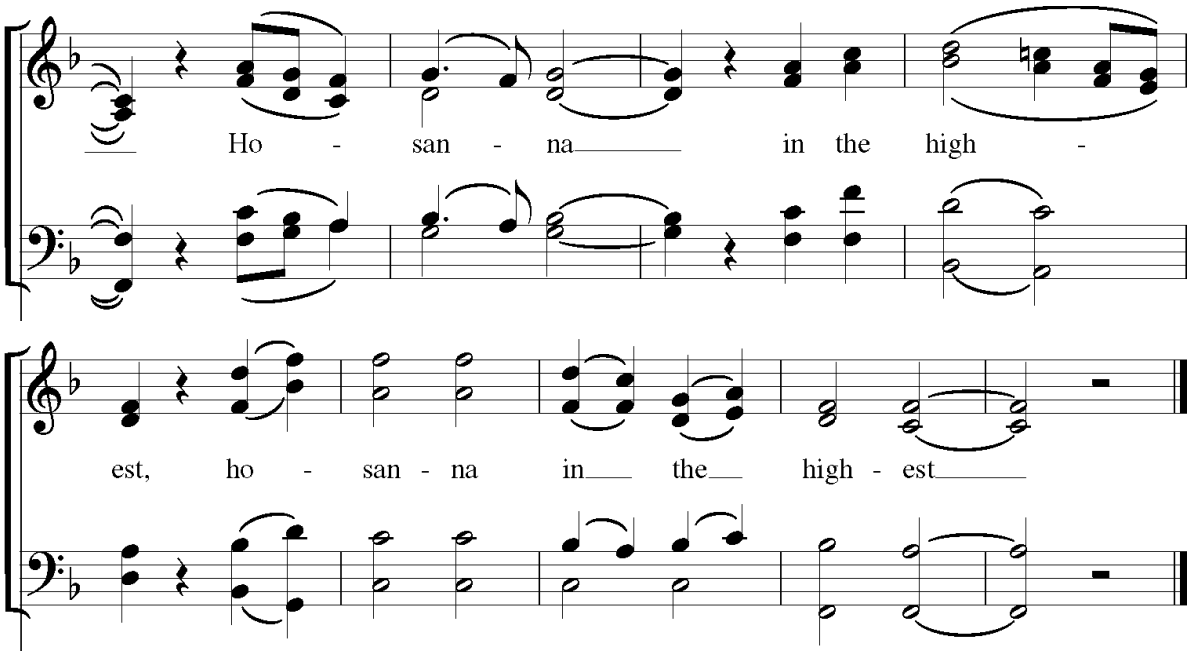
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Lift Every Voice & Sing #255




ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.



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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers to receive communion at the stations around the room. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. All our bread this morning is gluten-free. Prayers for healing will be offered at two stations on the side of the room.

Communion Music

This is the Body of Christ

sung several times through



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I Come With Joy

Hymnal 1982 #304



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We Gather At Your Table Lord

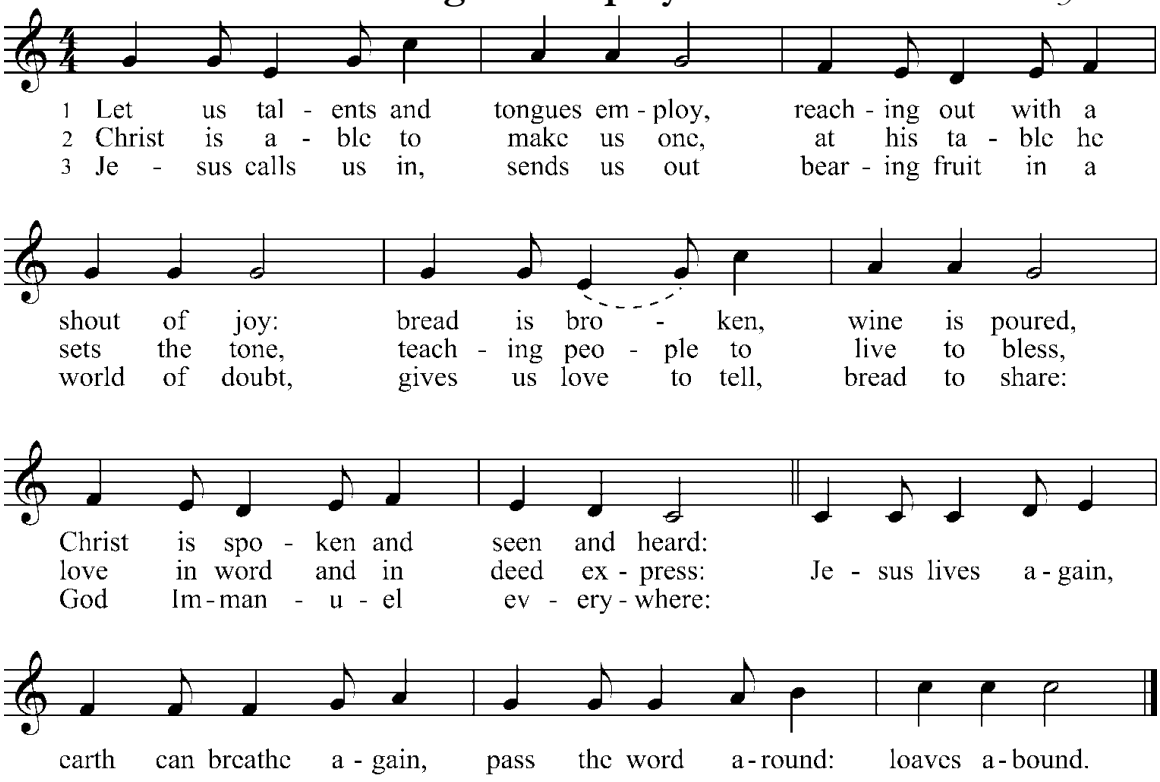
Voice Found #89



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Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

My Heart Sings Out #50



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Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty and Eternal God,**
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of you Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn ***For Everyone Born*** *See following page*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn *Hymns of Glory Songs of Praise 685*



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Thank you to all serving in today's liturgy

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