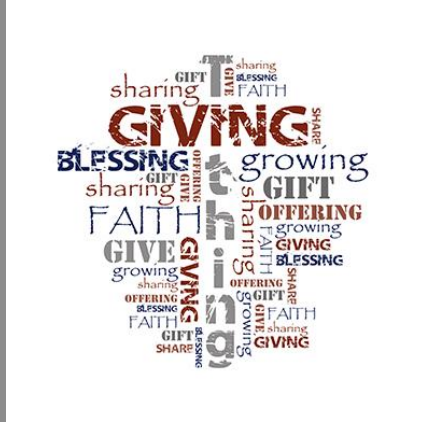


# Christ ✕ Church



24th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Every Member Canvass  
November 19, 2017

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**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are delighted that you are worshipping with us. All baptized persons of every denomination are welcome to receive communion at our altar. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters. You are invited to put on a nametag as you come into church. You are also welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the railing for Communion and the clergy will come to you.

**Are you looking for a church home?** You are welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. On it you can indicate that you would like the clergy to call on you.

**Out of respect for neighbors wishing** for quiet time to pray before the liturgy begins, please refrain from LOUD talking in the nave.

**Flower Memorials** Flowers are given today in loving memory of Peggy Hammond, by Kathy Okarski and Mary Lou Patton; in loving memory of Elizabeth Stirling, by the Stretch Family; and in loving memory of Margel Robbins, by Gerry Martz.

**Meetings:** Sunday 11:15 AM Outreach Committee

**Happy Thanksgiving!** Our Thanksgiving Day Eucharist is this Thursday at 10:00 AM.

**The theme of our 2018 Every Member Canvass is *Equipping the Next Generation for the Messiness of Life!*** Our speaker is Liz Iannacci, speaking about the importance of this ministry. We request your prayerful consideration of your 2018 pledge. Pledge packets are available at the back of church. Those not picked up will be mailed out on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**All parents & stepparents of youth are invited to join our middle schoolers and high schoolers this week for Youth vs. Parents.** We'll battle to the death in a variety of "skilled" events and maybe even get the chance to connect with each other. Youth do not need a parent with them to participate, nor does a parent need a youth for the same. Youth friends are welcome, too. 4:30-6:30 pm, Sunday, in Musselman Hall.

**The Youth Group Fall Lock-In!** Sign-ups are now open for our fall overnight, complete with late-night Nifty 50s, all-building games,

friends, and plenty of Jesus thrown in. All youth, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, are invited to join us Dec. 1-2, 8 pm-8 am. Friends are welcome, but they have to go or have been to a youth group first. Cost: \$15 (scholarships available). Sign up with John via [youth@christchurchridleypark.org](mailto:youth@christchurchridleypark.org).

Cookie Care Packages At the end of November, the youth group will be sending care packages with homemade cookies to our college students away at school, as they prepare for final exams. They need your help by Nov. 26! Please bring in any shoebox or shoebox-sized boxes in good condition and leave them on John Weicher's desk in the youth room. (Bubble wrap is also welcome.) If you are the parent or stepparent of a current college student, please send their name and mailing address (for packages) to John at [youth@christchurchridleypark.org](mailto:youth@christchurchridleypark.org).

If you would like a loved one memorialized with Altar flowers, please contact Janice Kordowski at 610-731-5252 for information.

Christ Church will be hosting the homeless again from Dec 10-Dec 16 in Musselman Hall. We need volunteers to make meals, help out with dinner serving, set up, socializing with our guests, and overnight stays. If you are interested please call Maripat King at 610-220-4297 for more information.

It takes a Village... This year our Christmas Windows in the church will have a village theme. We are looking for as many different kinds as possible, but every village will need to have a church. If you have a collection of houses that would work as a window display, we'd love to see them, and to borrow them if we agree they will work as planned for the overall effect. You are welcome to do your own window if you would like, once your village has been okayed. Please contact Ruth Pottier for more details (610) 361-8180

The November newsletter is available at the back of church.

Seamen's Ditty bag collection for 2017 is complete Thank you so much for your compassionate concern for these seafarers, so far from home and family at Christmas!

Life Center Update Our next date to serve is Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. We are planning to serve hearty chili, so if you have a

recipe you'd like to share, please do so! With much appreciation and gratitude, The Outreach Committee.

We have a gluten-free option for Communion If you require this, please give your name and contact information to the office. We need advance notice of your need.

Cradles To Crayons Update Please continue to place your new and gently used children's books and clothing- sizes infant to children's 14 in the bin upstairs. The Most Needed Item list has been updated on the bin. As always, thank you for your generosity.

On your travels, whether near or far, please bring back your unused hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrush, dental floss, etc...) and donate them for a good cause. There is a bin by the green doors for your donations to the homeless. Every year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteer Day we will distribute to the Salvation Army in Chester. We create bags to give to the homeless from all of the samples that get donated. Thank you, your help is appreciated.

Clara and Mac-Mac need your help! The children of the Sunday School support two children through ChildFund. Clara is from Guatemala and Mac-Mac lives in the Philippines. The money to support these children comes from the Sunday School collection, children's mite boxes, and our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, as well as the Children's Pew envelopes. Some concerned parishioners also donate. Their support costs \$1200 a year. Parents, it would help if you could send your child to Sunday School with money for the collection, or have them put it in a CHILDREN'S pew envelope in church. Adults can also make a donation in a CHILDREN'S pew envelope, or you can write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo. Clara and Mac-Mac thank you.

The Youth Booth has many wonderful items available from now to Christmas. Please check it out in the Deppich Room. Thanks to Sharon Mobley for donating so many gorgeous hand-crafted jewelry items to our table, and to Nan Garthwaite, Ruth Pottier and Ruth Raymond for things sewn and/or knitted!

Do you need a Christening gift or a gift for a godchild – or any child? The Youth Group is selling copies of *The Toddler's Bible* and

*The Children's Bible*, on the table in the Deppich Room.

**Would you like to establish a fund for Christ Church through your estate planning?** Your restricted gift will ensure the continuation of the ministry of Christ Church and will benefit your parish friends and family for generations to come. Please speak to the rector if you would like assistance in establishing such a fund.

**Episcopal Community Services (ECS)** offers ECS Home Care. This program provides non-medical care to Episcopalians, their family, and friends. This program offers compassionate, reliable caregivers at market rates from a source you can trust – ECS. The proceeds from this program support the charitable mission of ECS. Caregiver services include personal care, companionship and overnight and Live-in Care. Call (855) 631-1112.

**Military Service:**

U.S. Army	John C., Nick M., Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	John O., Nicole G.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G.
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S.
National Guard	Robert W.

**First Responders:** Michael D., Marianna, Josh P., Doug C., Art R.,  
Lee E., Jesse F., Marshal N., Wayne M., Mitchell H.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** Cathy Ann S.,  
Missy Wilbur, Shirley M.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** Jessica Davenport,  
Megan, Cameron, Terri M., Talon, McKenzie, Rita, Shawna, Carol  
Burgett, Austin, Steve Haupt, Antonella, Chuck H., Kristen, Violet,  
Jean McCaul, the people of Puerto Rico, Steven, Tom, Linda, Robin  
Gilmour, Jane B., Frank B. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Theresa Thompson, Frank B., Jr.,  
Sandy Thompson, Kathy Hawke, Sharon M., Richard H., Charlotte,  
Virginia Mottola, the Kehner family

*Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four week period. If we  
do not hear from you, we will assume that prayers have been answered and the  
name(s) will be removed from the list.*

**Flower Memorials:** Peggy Hammond, Elizabeth Stirling, Margel  
Robbins

## Participants Today

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>
<b>Team III</b> Carole Buchan	<b>8:00 AM</b> Bill Graham Bruce Horne  <b>10:00 AM</b> Pat O'Neill Jill O'Neill Bryan Gallagher  <b>General Backup</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Jason Tustin  <b>10:00 AM</b> S: Julia Huppman T: Tommy Modesti T: Johnny Modesti C: Jack Kellett Banner: Archie Cotter	<b>8:00 AM</b> Bill Conner  <b>10:00 AM</b> Kathie Klee
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Newcomer Greeters</b>	<b>LEMS</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b> Bill Conner  <b>10:00 AM</b> Ed Dougherty Ken Mobley	<b>Team One</b> Roberta Lunari Captain		B&MW, RH, MK, KM

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**A Note on Today's Readings**

*Proper 28: Sunday closest to November 16—Year A*

Our attention today is again turned toward the subject of Christ's return and the Day of Judgment. In the parable of the talents (a monetary unit worth fifteen years' wages in the first century), we are taught that what God has given us is to be used productively and ultimately returned to God enhanced by our use of those gifts.

The rather gloomy prophet, Zephaniah, speaks God's word in the first reading today. This a warning to those who rest satisfied with their state of life. A day is coming of judgment when we must give account. Those people find that day a day of disaster.

Today we conclude reading through 1 Thessalonians. In his final words to this early congregation, confused because the Lord has not yet returned, Paul tells them that Jesus' return cannot be predicted. In addition, he tells them, and us, to live in preparation all the time with the confident certainty of those who live in the light of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.

In historical periods of social confusion (such as our own time), popular religion often focuses on the most negative and pessimistic aspects of the biblical message of judgment. The central message of Holy Scripture, however, is not God's wrath but God's love and the promise made to us of salvation. As we gather in the Eucharist, we again hear that message of the loving God and are equipped to go forth to proclaim it to the world.

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**Prelude:** O Word of God Incarnate - Aaron David Miller

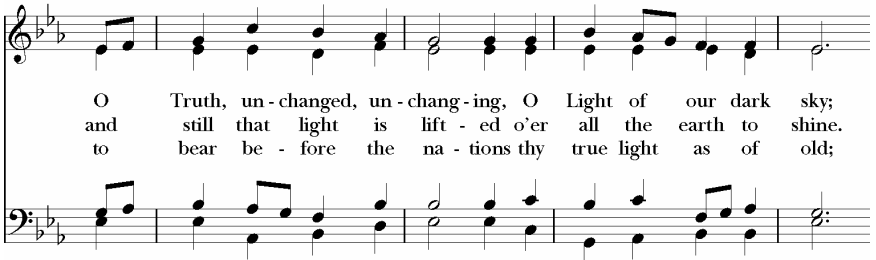


# Liturgy of the Word

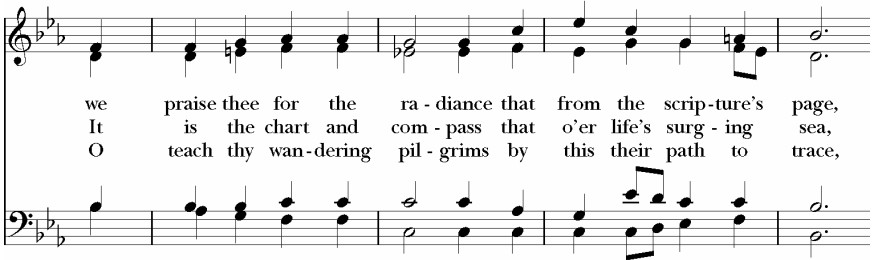
*O Christ, the Word Incarnate* (all vs, both services) Hymnal 632



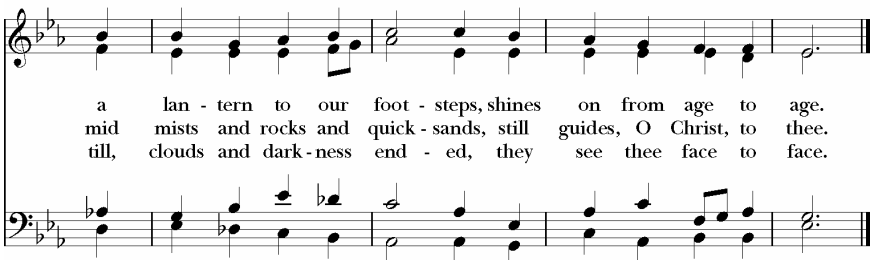
1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*People*

*The Celebrant says*

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. *Amen.*

*The following is said or sung, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*




1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we




praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 90:1-8(9-11)12**

*Domine, refugium*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?]
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

Rev. John Weicher

## Sequence

*All stand.*

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 25:14-30

*All stand.*

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master



said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Douglas Tompkins

**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in  
your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of  
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common  
good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may  
use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and  
glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Here names of those serving in the military and first responders are remembered*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Here the names of those on the parish prayer list are remembered*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Here the names of the departed are remembered*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

# Offertory Hymn

Not here for high and holy things

Hymnal 9



\*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to  
\*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of  
\*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through  
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the  
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the  
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what  
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of  
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion  
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles  
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the  
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,  
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,  
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:  
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow / praise him, all creatures here below / praise him above, ye heavenly host / praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

# Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that  
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.





*All baptized persons, whatever your denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar. You may stand at the altar rail if your knees do not permit kneeling. Please assist the chalice bearer by gently holding the base of the chalice. Please do not hold the top of the chalice. If you wish, you may intinct (dip) the host (consecrated bread) in the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms over your chest. Baptized children may receive with parent's permission, otherwise they will receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthems:** Lead Me, Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(Julie Wickland, soprano soloist); Day By Day - Martin How

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your 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.

# Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The Wisdom, the Love, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore. *Amen.*

## Postcommunion Hymn

*Now thank we all our God*

(all vs. both services)

Hymnal 397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God - Piet Post