



We've Come This Far by Faith

The Season after Pentecost: Stewardship 2022
October 31, 2021

**St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

"We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a)

Prelude: *Toccata* from *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*, BWV 565, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. for piano by Philip Jones

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Words: William Chatterton Dix. Music *Hyfrydal*, Roland Hugh Prichard. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Al-le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-lu - ia!
Al-le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; Al-le-lu - ia!
Al-le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav-en, thou on earth, our food our stay! Al-le-lu - ia!
Al-le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Al-le-lu - ia!
Al-le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-lu - ia!

his the tri-umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the songs of peace-ful
he is near us, faith be-lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the cloud from sight re-
here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day; In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot-stool, heaven thy thron; thou with in the well hast
his the tri-umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the songs of peace-ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
- ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, where the songs of all the
en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.
pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er-more"?
sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

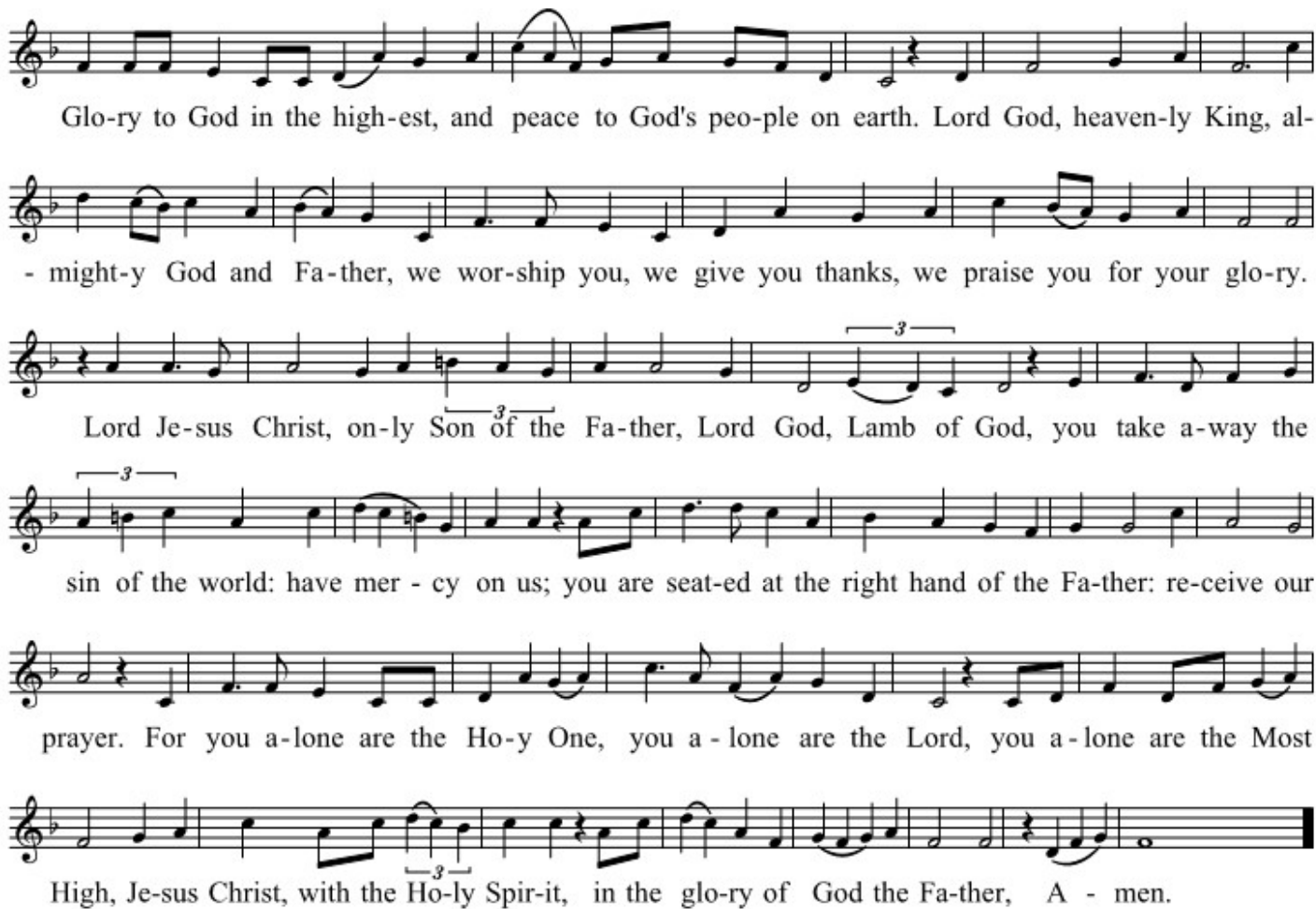
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

All pray together: **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.**

Gloria: Hymnal 1982 #S280

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The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the third, fourth, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text reads: "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men."

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our

prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most

High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Stewardship

Good and gracious God, at baptism we accepted the call to follow Jesus. As we continue to live out that call to love, serve, pray and grow in Christ, we ask you to transform us through the power of your Spirit and nurture in us a stewardship way of life. May we be inspired to continue our work of faith, our labor of love, and our steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and may our lives be marked by prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing of what we have. Amen.

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die - there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, not in any child of earth,

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;

The LORD cares for the stranger;

and sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever,

Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

Gospel Hymn: WLP # 831 Ubi Caritas

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question. The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator*

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We be-lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,
We be-lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,
Christ now con-quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's ho ly throne,
We be-lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus - tain - ing Earth.
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one Church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe. All things vis - i -
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one. Je - sus born of
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run. Christ now comes a -
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth. And the Spir - it
One with seek-ers, saints, and sin-ners, trust-ing in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing



- ble and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.
Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.
- gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.
now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.
kind-ness knows no hu-man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

The Prayers of the People

O God, you have brought us this far by faith. We know that trusting in you and your holy word has never failed us. You have shown us many times over that you are a God of graciousness and generosity; and you call us to give with gratitude from what we have, knowing that everything comes from you. For all the abundance of our lives, with faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the church, and for our community, offering our thanks and praise to you, and asking for your guidance and wisdom. With faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

You give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church and its leaders who model faith in you. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to put our faith into action by serving those in need. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving as we celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge you, O God, as the source of all that we have and all that we are, with the sure knowledge that it is you who has brought us this far and with you we will be able to face any discouragement. Continue to nurture our faith and grant us the wisdom and courage to live lives of generosity, today and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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Offertory Anthem: Hymnal 1982 # 382 *King of Glory, King of Peace*

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King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
Where - fore with my ut - most art I will sing thee;
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou has heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is, in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



thou didst note my work-ing breast, thou has spared me
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy God, creator of heaven and earth, and author of all good gifts. You are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this new life, Jesus calls us to the work of faith, to labor in love of him, and to the steadiness of hope we find in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas # 255

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, 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 the one who comes in the
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

We thank you, loving God, because when we turned away from you, you did not reject us but sent us Jesus, your Son. In his life, he revealed to us the way of compassion; before he was handed over to suffering and death he embodied for us self-giving love as he washed the feet of his disciples; in his laying down his life for his friends, he opened for us the way of new life. He gave himself for us on the cross, and continues to show us the way to live in love.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, shared it with them and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, blessed and shared it saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

It is the mystery of our faith, O God, that with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

And now we ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us Christ's body and blood. As you feed us with these gifts, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we may more closely live and walk in the way of Jesus, our Savior.

Help us to love one another, to give generously to those in need, to welcome the stranger, and to give rest to the weary, as we look forward to that day when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With all your saints we give you glory O God, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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 bread is broken and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.

Fraction Anthem: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875*

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The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread." The score includes markings for "Cantor or choir" and "Congregation" parts. The first staff is for the Cantor or choir, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The fourth staff is for the Cantor or choir. The score is marked with measure numbers 4, 8, and 12. The title "WLP 875" is written below the fourth staff.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

Communion Hymn 1: – Voices Found # 142 Bless Now

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Bless now, O God the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way--
Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path thru noise and si-lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through out the ter - ors whose love sus-tains the day.
We wait for land of pro-mise where milk and hon - ey flow.



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom, while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for plac - es - you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
To - geth-er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ-ten on roads, as faith is found.



Communion Hymn 2: Voices Found #85 *Circle the Table*

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Cir - cle the ta - ble, hands now ex - tend. Wel - come a stran - ger,
See on the ta - ble, set in Christ's name signs of the suf - fering
Eat and be thank - ful, lift up your praise. God has for - giv - en



greet a new friend. O - pen your cir - cle, let it ex - pand.
love ov - er - came: cup of sweet wine and loaf of fine bread.
your self - ish ways. Go from the tab - le, go forth to share



Wel-come God's child - ren from far a-way lands.
All things are rea - dy so come and be fed.
with your new neigh-bors the love you have found.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray: Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread and wine. May this holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of all Grace, the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, bless you and keep you in peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS # 194 *Lead me, Guide me*

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Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you lead me, I can-not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me o ver my weak-est hour;
Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness, be my aid when satan and sin op-press;
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind with-out thy light to see,
Help me through the dark ness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
I am put-ting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Halloween Theme* by Cody Carpenter, Daniel Austin Davies, and John Carpenter, arr. by Mario Stallbaumer

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