



# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## St. George's Church

### Glenn Dale Parish

### The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

### *September 25, 2022*

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

*This morning we express our gratitude as we celebrate the members of the St. George's Anthem Choir, who under the direction of Dr. Joshua Fishbein, have inspired us with beautiful hymns and anthems that have been recorded over the last several years. We also acknowledge the contributions of Michael Mangiapane, Gabrielle Moskey and Mark Jackson for recording, mixing and producing the music of our Anthem Choir that we will hear this morning. Please feel free to sing along with those pieces for which notations are provided.*

#### **Prelude: *On Eagle's Wings* Sung by Laurie Lemieux**

Text: Psalm 91. Text and Music: Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."  
Refrain*

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;  
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.  
Refrain*

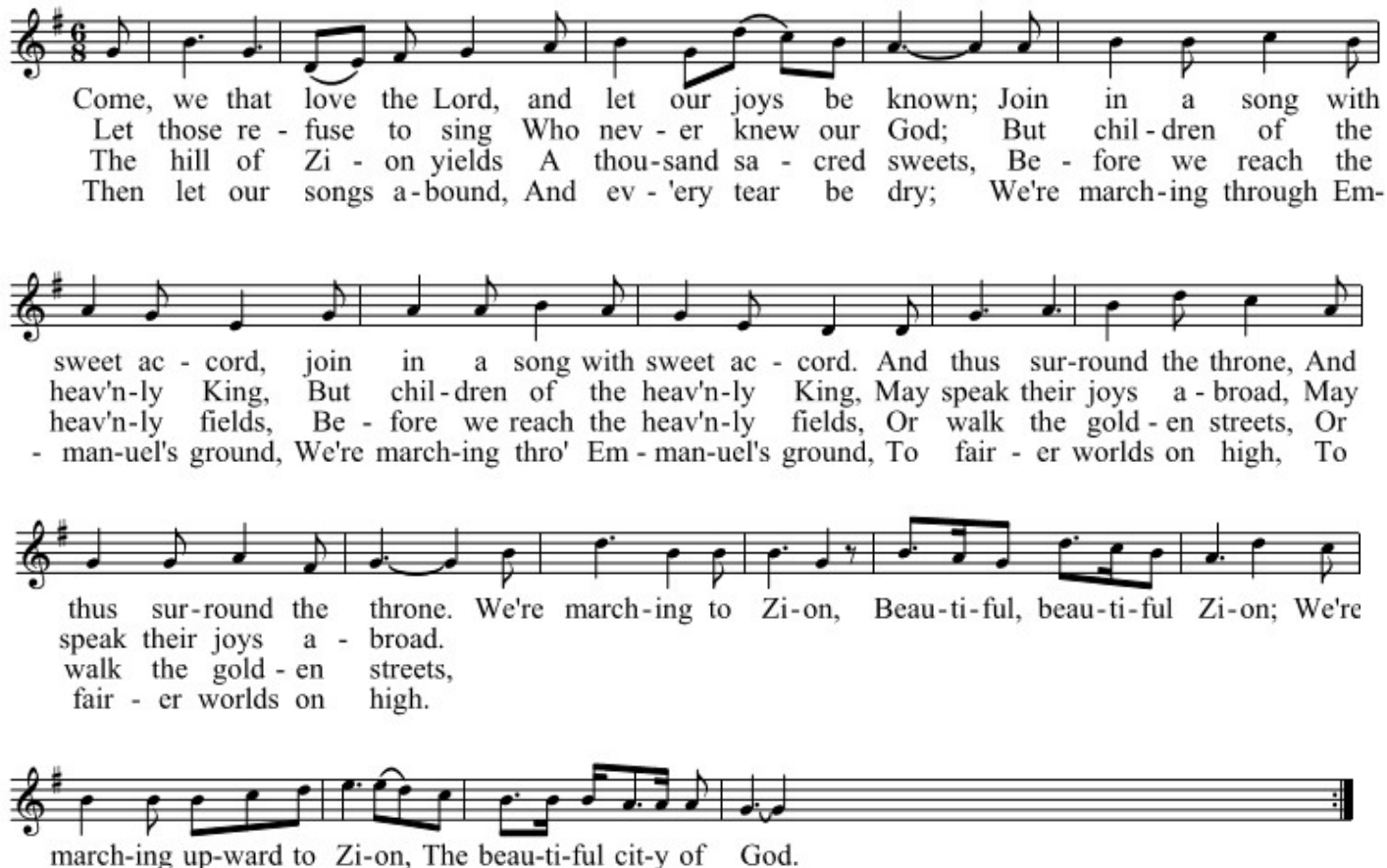
*You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.  
Refrain*

*For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
Refrain*

*And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## Opening Hymn: LEVAS #12 *We're Marching to Zion* Sung by the Anthem Choir

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The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'We're Marching to Zion'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 8/6 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with'. The second staff continues 'Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But chil - dren of the'. The third staff continues 'The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets, Be - fore we reach the'. The fourth staff continues 'Then let our songs a-bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry; We're march-ing through Em-'. The fifth staff continues 'sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord. And thus sur-round the throne, And'. The sixth staff continues 'heav'n-ly King, But chil-dren of the heav'n-ly King, May speak their joys a - broad, May'. The seventh staff continues 'heav'n-ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or'. The eighth staff continues '- man-uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Em - man-uel's ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To'. The ninth staff continues 'thus sur-round the throne. We're march-ing to Zi-on, Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on; We're'. The tenth staff continues 'speak their joys a - broad. walk the gold - en streets, fair - er worlds on high. march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.'

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march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, The beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

**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 #S-280 Glory to God

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The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, as well as triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) over the words "Son of the", "mer - cy", and "Ho-ly".

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## 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:

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, follower of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

### **Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

All who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,

**abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

They shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,

**my God in whom I put my trust."**

God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter

**and from the deadly pestilence.**

God shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under God's wings;

**his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,

**nor of the arrow that flies by day;**

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,

**nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them;

**I will protect them, because they know my Name.**

They shall call upon me, and I will answer;

**I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring him to honor.**

With long life will I satisfy them,

**and show them my salvation.**



# Gospel Hymn: Gather #485 *City of God* sung by the Anthem Choir

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Verses 1 2

A - wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your sleep! A new day is  
We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of day. The one who has  
dawn-ing for all those who weep. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.  
loved us has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be  
The Lord of our long-ing has con-quer-ed the night.  
a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the  
Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day.

Verse 3

God is light; in whom there is no dark-ness. Let us walk in the light, God's chil-dren,  
one and all. O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my  
cit-y the day of her birth. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice.  
Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all my re - joice!

D.S. Verse 4

D.S.

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

## Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

"But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

**The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Motley**

**Affirmation**

*Daily Prayer for all Seasons*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new.  
who works, in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone, Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

O God, whom Jesus prayed to as a father and called you Abba, we come before you this day confident that you hear our prayers, trusting that you will provide us with all good gifts that we need day by day. And so, we praise you and revere your name, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray that your reign will come near to us through the endeavors of your church on earth. We pray that as members of your church, we may serve your people faithfully. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Mariann our bishop; Connie our rector, Sarah who serves us during Connie's sabbatical; and for the leaders and lay ministries of St. George's. We pray that your reign will come near saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, as we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray especially for those places in the world where there is conflict and where your people are caught in the violence of war, especially in Ukraine. As we long for your will to be done in our midst, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you provide for your people and satisfy our needs day by day. As you give us our daily bread each day, we pray for all who hunger and need shelter. May we continue to be inspired to serve those in need in our communities as we pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and those served by the Bowie Food Pantry and the Warm Nights homeless shelter. We pray in thanksgiving for all of the good things you provide, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for our society as it is beset with division and violence. We mourn with those whose lives have been forever changed by the ongoing shootings in our communities and pray for the bereaved who have lost children, family, and friends to gun violence. In your mercy, grant forgiveness, we pray, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you have invited us to be persistent in asking that we may receive, and you encourage us to trust that the doors we knock on will be opened. We pray this day for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray with persistence, trusting that you hear us and will give us the good gifts we need, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, you comfort us in our trials. We ask you to comfort those who mourn and surround them with your love as we pray for all who have died. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you save us from times of trial and sorrow, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

O God, we thank you for all the good gifts you bestow and we are grateful for the joy of special occasions in our lives. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and all of the blessings we experience. And so we pray in thanksgiving, saying: **Abba, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Be with us, Lord Jesus Christ, in all the prayers of your faithful disciples, and help us to trust that you hear our prayers and are with us always, even to the end of the ages. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

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.**

## **The Peace**

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

**People:** And also with you.

## **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**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

## **The Offertory Anthem: *If God be for us* by Joseph M. Martin**

*If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our refuge, God is our strength!*

*God is love and from our sin redeems us, God's mercy shall never end.*

*God alone is our foundation. God alone is our salvation.*

*I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us. if God be for us, who can be against us?*

*God is our splendor, God is our light! God will shine the glory all around us.*

*Then, why should we fear the night?*

*God alone is our sustainer. God alone is our defender.*

*I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us?*

*The Lord of life is with us; the Lord of life is ever near.*

*God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear.*

*What power could ever take us? We're safe in His embrace.*

*No word can sound against us, for we are saved by grace.*

*If God be for us, who can be against us, be against? Who can be against us? ...*

*God is a Rock in a weary land!*

*God is strong and, by His pow'r defends us. He shelters us in his hand.*

*God alone is our Creator. God alone is our sustainer.*

*I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us? ... AMEN*

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## 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.

O God of grace and blessing, we thank you for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name and presence with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

**He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.**

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it 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, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Great then is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

**Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us 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, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer - Contemporary Version**

*Celebrant:* The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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

*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: Gather #593 *I Myself Am the Bread of Life* Sung by Laurie Lemieux

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of a Refrain and Verses. The Refrain begins at measure 9 and ends at measure 14. The Verses begin at measure 15 and end at measure 24. The score includes lyrics for each line of music. The Refrain lyrics are: 'I my-self am the bread of life. — You and I are the bread of life, — tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live. —'. The Verses lyrics are: '1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it 2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y, 3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a know that we can be one: this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ. shel - ter for the world:'. The score ends with a double bar line and the initials 'D.C.' (Da Capo) at measure 24. The number 'G593' is written below the first staff, and the date '2012.03.20' is written below the last staff.

Refrain

9 I my-self am the bread of life. — You and I are the bread of life, —  
tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and shared by Christ that the world might live. —

15 Verses

1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it  
2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y,  
3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a  
20 know that we can be one:  
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.  
shel - ter for the world:

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### Communion Anthem: *Teach Me, O Lord* by J. Paul Williams and Douglas Nolan sung by the Anthem Choir

*Teach me, O Lord the way I should go.  
Let me walk the path that You prepared for me.  
O come take my hand I'm at Your command.  
Lord, teach me today. Teach me, O Lord, I pray.  
Show me, O Lord, the way I should go.  
I will follow in Your footsteps as You lead.  
Though the road may be long, Lord, teach me today, teach me, O Lord, I pray.  
Your ways are sure and Your word is true.  
Your law is my delight.  
You are my guide and my friend. Your love will never end.  
You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. You are Life.  
Lead me, O Lord, I give you my life.  
I will serve You, Lord, with gladness all my days. Lord, use me, I pray.  
Lead me, O Lord and have Thine own way,  
O lead me, Lord. Show me, O Lord.  
Teach me, O Lord, I pray.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing

Look for the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone you meet,  
And may everyone you meet see the face of the Lord Jesus in you.  
The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord show his face to you and have mercy upon you;  
The Lord turn his countenance toward you and give you peace.  
My sisters and brothers, the Lord bless you. **Amen.**

### Dismissal Hymn: Gather #511 *I Danced in the Morning* Sung by the Anthem Choir

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I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I  
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I danced on the  
earth; At Beth-le-hem I had my birth. *Refrain* Dance then wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the  
dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, And left me there to on a cross to die.
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

### The Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**