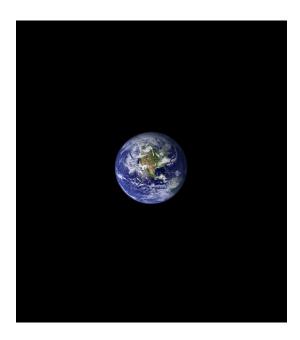
Holy Eucharist July Fourth Commemoration The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 2022-10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Los Gatos, California



Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives.

The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilizations, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there—on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

Carl Sagan

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Symphony No 9, 2nd movement ("From the New World") Antonín Dvořák



Celebrant Blessed be God, who creates, redeems,

and sanctifies.

People And blessed be the Realm of God,

now and forever. Amen.

The Bidding Prayer

It is on July 2, 1776, that delegates at the second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia officially separated the 13 American colonies from Britain by approving a motion for independence. Hear these words from The Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

As Christians who are Americans, we gather this day to thank God for the gifts of our freedom and liberty, to honor those whose vision, wisdom and sacrifice secured these "unalienable Rights" for us and every generation, to confess that while we believe that all are created equal, we have not allowed others to enjoy that freedom or those rights. We ask God's forgiveness and call upon God's unconditional love and boundless mercy to grant that we may be given strength and courage to live more fully into our faith and beliefs. Let us pray:

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of states, Mayors of cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Judges and Officers of our courts, give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

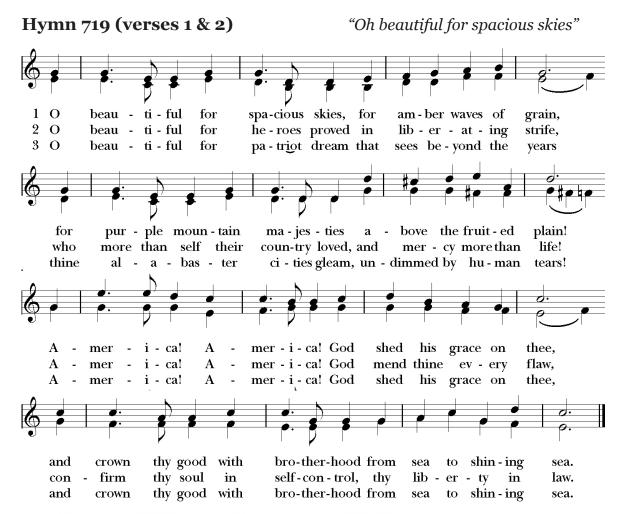
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Celebrant Let us pray together:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

The Celebrant says:

Let us remember our history, that our past may inform our future.

The people sit.

The Readings

A Reading from A Pilgrim's Diary

Read by Mark French

"I am interested to reflect, my dear friend, on a most recent moment in the life of this brave colony. The winter past had been a bitter one, beyond memory of any of our group. The dead of many of this band had disheartened our spirits and weakened our wills; our bodies, too, suffering from myriad deficiencies. However, moved by a spirit beyond their understanding or ours, the natives taught us new ways of growing and preserving food, and after a more pleasant summer we found ourselves facing approaching winter on the heels of a good crop. Our harvest gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labours. Wishing to give thanks to Almighty God for these benefits our leaders proclaimed a day of thanksgiving, inviting our native friends to feast with us in gratitude to God for their aid and comfort.

"On the day set, all gathered, bringing produce and game in such abundance as to match any board at home. And after solemn thanksgiving, a glad festival was held, and afterwards games to delight the soul, and much laughter. Larders are full, bodies are well, and houses more secure from impending cold. In the face of coming winter we no longer fear, and we look to the future of our godly enterprise with hope, that God's help surrounding us, we may survive to plant again. Such is His mercy to us beyond deserving. Our gratitude is complete, for God has blessed us with life and hope."



praised! Words: Anonymous Dutch Hymn, 1625; Tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). Music Kremser, from Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

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A Reading from the **Preamble to the Constitution**

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"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Hymn 717 (verses 1 & 2)

"My country, 'tis of thee"



Words: Samuel francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: traditional; earliest known version by John Bull (1562-1628).

"Heroine"

Read by The Rev. Nayan McNeill

Sybil Ludington (1761–1839) was a heroine of the American Revolutionary War. On April 26, 1777, at age 16, she made an all-night horseback ride to alert militia forces in the towns of Putnam Country, NY, and Danbury, CT, of the approach of British forces.

Listen, my daughters, oh, hear with pride of a seventeen, seventy-seven ride.
With Longfellow's Paul we have no quibble, but now it is time to proclaim our Sybil.
Women live longer, of that I'm sure
So there may be some who have heard of her.
One night in April when Danbury burned and the daring mission brave men spurned,
Sybil (aged 16) mounted her steed and through the farmlands she did speed.

In three hours' time she went forty miles and quickly soldiers o'er walls and stiles rushed with muskets strong in hand to ferret the British from their land.

The brave girl mustered New York's defense and saved five towns from war's expense.

Though poets long ignored her name, we offer Sybil Ludington to women's hall of fame. Lest you think the bicentennial is macho sauce, women did more than provide Betsy Ross.

Nayan McNeill, July 1976

Hymn 717 (verses 3 & 4)

"My country, 'tis of thee"

Read by Grady Jeter

A Lakota Prayer

Great Mystery, **Great Spirit**,

Teach me to trust my heart, teach me to trust my mind, **Teach me how to trust my intuition.**

Teach me how to trust my inner knowing, the senses of my body, **Teach me the blessings of my spirit.**

Teach me to trust these things so that I may enter my Sacred Space, Teach me to love beyond my fear and thus Walk in Balance with the passing of each glorious Sun.

An Apache Prayer

May the sun bring me new energy by day.

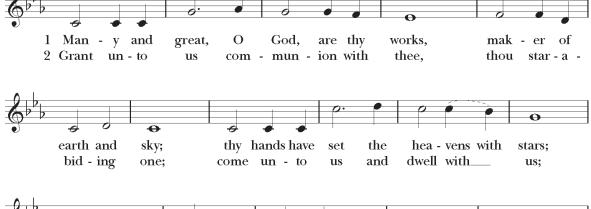
May the moon softly restore me by night.

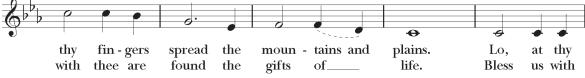
May the rain wash away my worries, May the breeze blow new strength into my being.

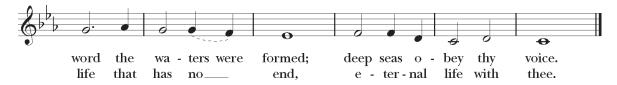
May I walk gently through the world, And may I know its beauty all the days of my life.

Hymn 385

"Many and great, O God, are thy works"







Words: American folk hymn; rev. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt. Music: Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle], Native American melody

Read by Cheryl Lawrence

A reading from "Farewell Song of Frederick Douglass" by Julia & Thomas Powis Griffiths

What if the Negro's despised and degraded, And scorn and reproach are heaped on his head? Perish the thought that would leave him unaided! American soil shall be that which I tread.

Refrain

Farewell to the land of the free! Farewell to the land of the brave! Alas! That my country should be America, land of the Slave!

What if I've drunk of the cup that awaits me One bitter foretaste already, shall I Glean from the prospect no thought that elates me, If in freedom's great cause counted worthy to die?

Refrain

Am I not wanted where warfare is waging? Shall I, like a coward, not join in the fight? Shrink from the onslaught when battle is raging, Scared by the enemy's tyrannous might?

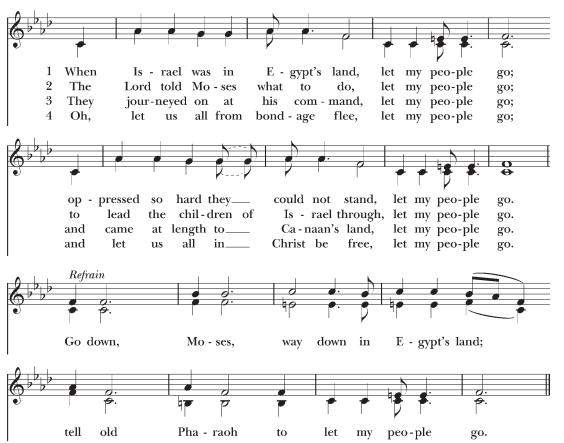
Refrain

Give me, then, Friends! the weapon that's wielded Best in the cause I have sworn to uphold, And I will fight on till the foe shall have been yielded, Or the years of sojourn on earth have been told.

Refrain

Hymn 648 (verses 1 & 4)

"When Israel was in Egypt's land"



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As we see bodies strewn, air rent by shrieks of mourning, the question we always ask is "why?" Familiar carnage in Uvalde, Texas – 2 teachers, 19 children slain at an elementary school by a demented teenager with an AR-15. It's fair to indict the tattered mental health system, craven politicians, greedy gun industry, and the American fire arms fetish that enabled it.

Refrain:

Whose blood will spill, whose heart will break? Who'll be the last to die for a mistake?

The Founders were held hostage by Southern states refusing to join the new country unless it guaranteed their militia would not be disarmed, depending on militias to protect against uprisings by enslaved Africans: the Second Amendment enshrined "the right to bear arms."

Refrain

You'd hope the rest of us had rights, too – our children, especially: the right to laugh until milk squirts out of their noses, swing on play-yard swings, and come home safely from school. The right to grow up. But in America the "right" of an 18-year-old kid to own an AR-15 supersedes all that.

Refrain

Few things crazier than American's insistence on treating the Second Amendment as holy writ or watching slaughter and doing nothing about it. You think it's hard asking a man to be the last to die for what you know is wrong? Try asking a child.

Refrain

This is inspired by "Who will be the last to die" by Leonard Pitts Jr., published in: https://www.statesman.com/story/opinion/2022/05/29/americas-resistance-gunreform-rooted-racism/9963871002/

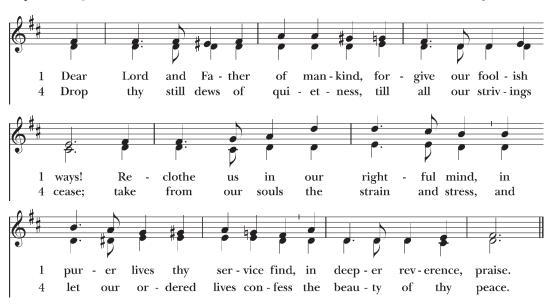
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The Refrain is from "Last To Die" by Bruce Springsteen

Please stand.

Hymn 652 (verse 1)

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"



The Celebrant stands and says

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

Hymn 652 (verse 4)

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

The Holy Gospel

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12

Blesséd are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blesséd are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blesséd are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blesséd are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be satisfied.

Blesséd are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blesséd are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blesséd are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blesséd are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blesséd are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you; and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake:

Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Said by all.

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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: Thanksgivings for National Life

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Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us, O God.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us, O God.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us, O God.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us, O God.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us, O God.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

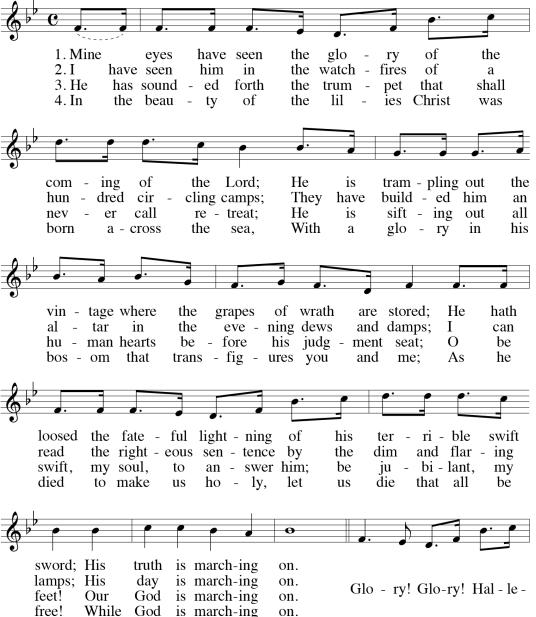
People And also with you.

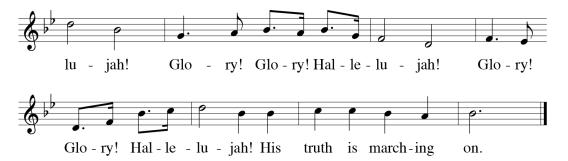
Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

"Mine eyes have seen the glory"





Text: Julia W. Howe, 1819-1910 Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC, 15 15 15 6 with refrain; attr. to William Steffe, d.1911

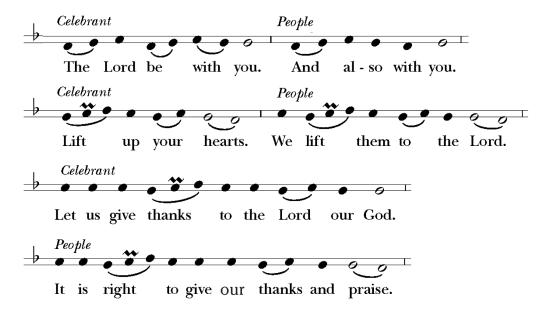
Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven, Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.

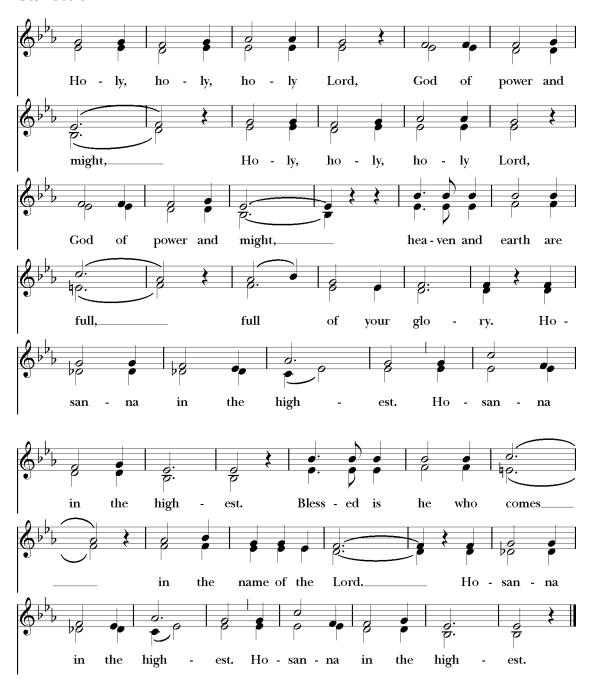


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus



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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

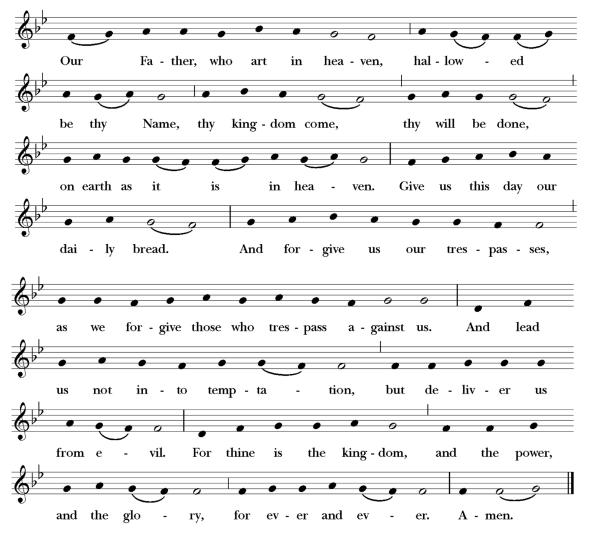
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Lord's Prayer

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

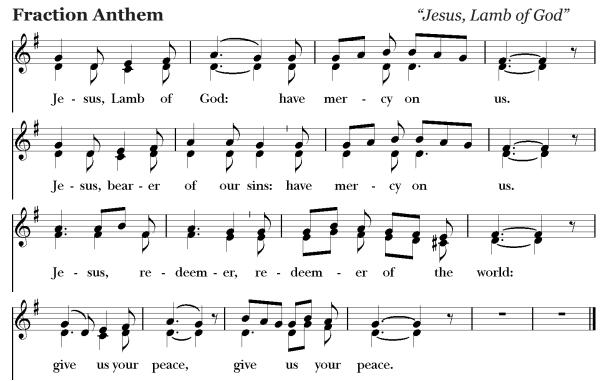


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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

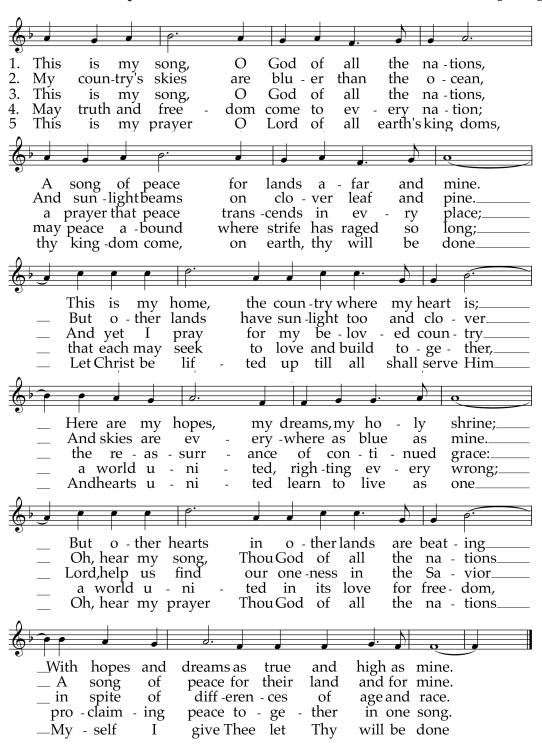
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



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Post-Communion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Benediction from Jerusalem

May the Babe of Bethlehem bring you Joy!

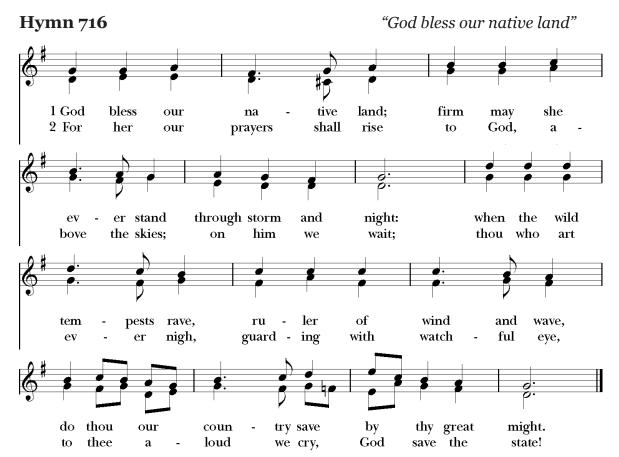
May the Youth of Nazareth bring you Hope!

May the Man of Galilee bring you Strength!

May the Risen Lord of Jerusalem bring you Love!

And the God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustaining Spirit bring you Peace!

AMEN!



Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771-1826); tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813-1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812-1893), alt. Music: traditional; earliest known version by John Bull (1562–1628).

Celebrant Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary & Procession

Stars & Stripes Forever John Phillip Sousa



FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Ron and Ann Whyte in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

Flowers at the altar are also given to the glory of God by Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley in honor of Rushton's birthday and their 25th Wedding Anniversary.



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