

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Twelfth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**

**August 31, 2025—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Recollection

David Conte

## Opening Hymn 761 (WLP)

*"All who hunger gather gladly"*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



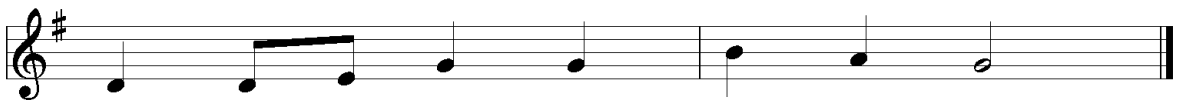
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.




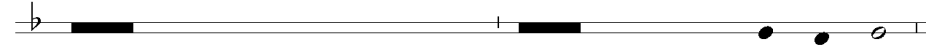
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*   
 Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*   
 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Collect for Purity

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 Gloria

**3** 

To God be the glo - ry, all glo - ry in the  
 Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got - ten of the



high - est and peace to his peo - ple who dwell here be - low, Our  
 Fa - ther we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The



hea - v'n - ly Fa - ther, our Lord, and our sov - 'reign, to  
 sin of the world you have tak - en up - on you, have



you, the\_ Al - migh-ty, our prai - ses be - stow. We\_ wor ship\_ and a-  
mer - cy\_ up - on us, the Great\_ I AM. For\_ ho - ly, you\_



dore you, we bow here be - fore you with grate-ful thanks - gi-ving, our  
meet us, yet low - ly\_ you\_ greet us, the Lord in\_ the\_ high est, the



song let us raise. All glo - ry and hon - our and glad a - do -  
Ho - ly One. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, the Son and\_ the\_



- ra - tion to God in\_ the\_ high - est, ho - san - na and praise.  
Spi - rit, From a - ges\_ ev - er - last - ing, the Three\_ in One.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Sirach 10:12–18*

A Reading from the Book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,  
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

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| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord.    |
| <i>People</i> | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

## Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## The Second Lesson

*Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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# Gospel Hymn 598

*“Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”*



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions’  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o’er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

87. 87. 887



## The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

## The Sermon

Eugene Schlesinger

# **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.

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

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.

*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.

*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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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 477

*“All praise to thee, for thou, O king divine”*



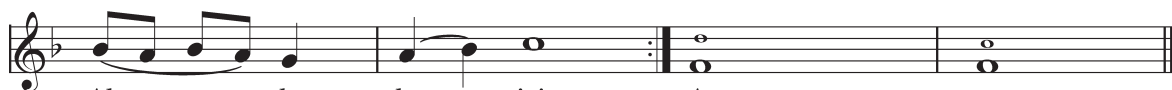
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_  
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship I*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## *Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

WLP 785

*Sing first in Spanish, then in English.*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

## *The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



## The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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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.**

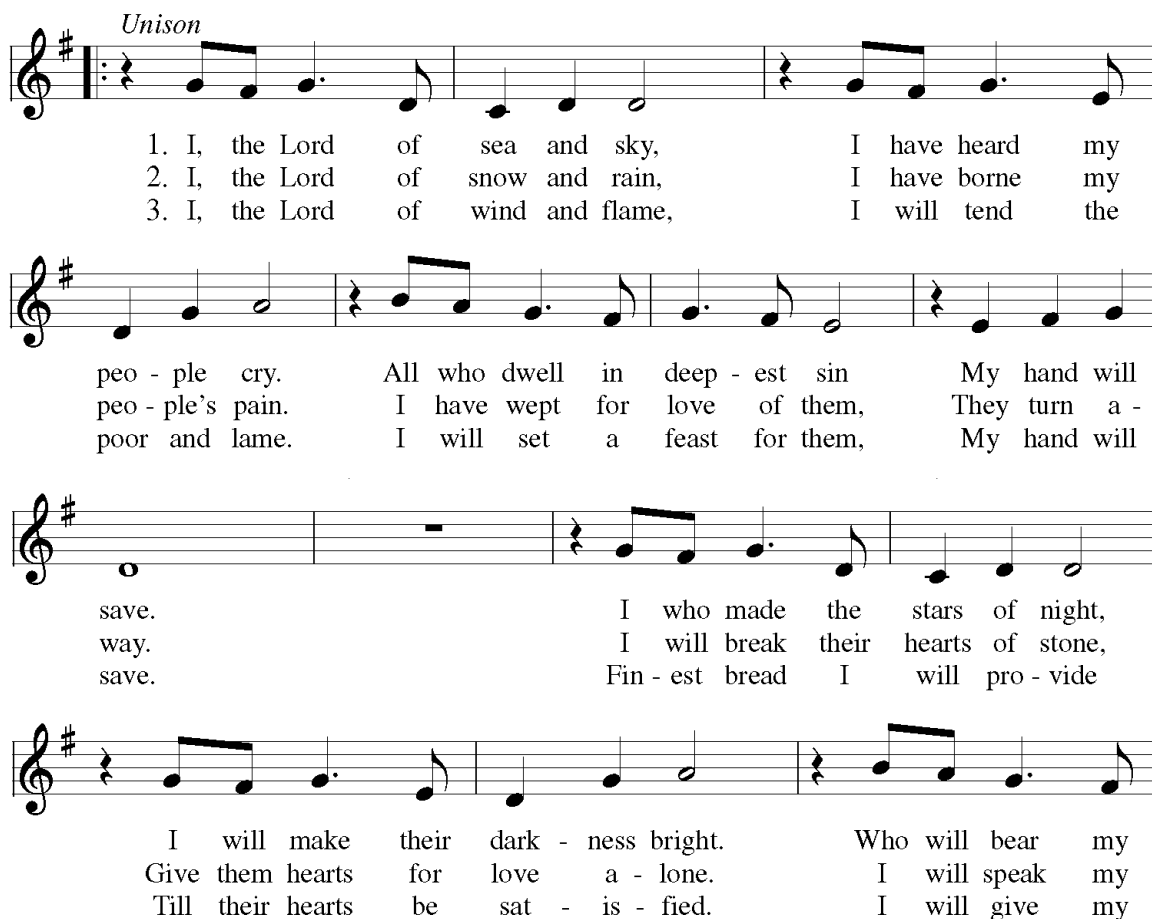
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## Communion Hymn 812 (WLP)

*“I, the Lord of sea and sky”*

*Unison*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2.

|| 3.



heart. \_\_\_\_\_

heart. \_\_\_\_\_

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Said by all*

Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the  
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 376

*“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

## Dismissal

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Tell Out My Soul*

J. Wayne Kerr



## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

**Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Grady & Mary Jeter in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.**



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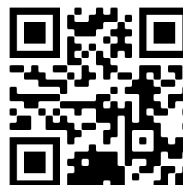
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