

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2026—10:00 a.m.**



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

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F. Handel

## Opening Hymn 215

*"See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"*



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in  
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the  
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his  
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and  
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!  
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful  
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is  
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals  
part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger  
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.  
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.  
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

Christ is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

**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.**

**A Song of Praise**

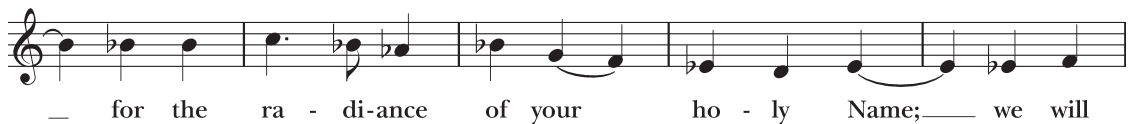
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1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



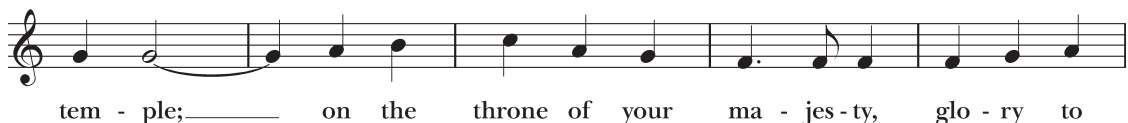
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will



praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



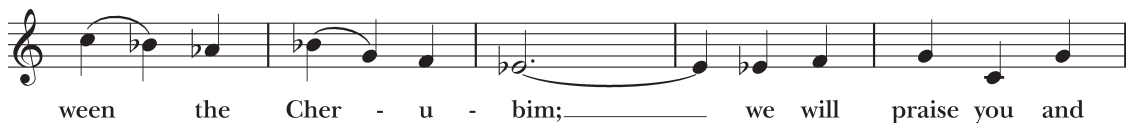
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



*Descant*  
5. Glo - ry to you, be -



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson

*Acts 1:6–14*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

## **Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36**

- 1        Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
          let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2        Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
          as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3        But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
          let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4        Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
          exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
          Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5        Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
          God in his holy habitation!
- 6        God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
          but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7        O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
          when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8        The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
          at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
          at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9        You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
          you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10      Your people found their home in it; \*  
          in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33      Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
          sing praises to the Lord.

- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## **The Second Lesson**

*1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11*

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

# Gospel Hymn 218

“A hymn of glory let us sing”



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing, new  
 2 You are a pre - sent joy, O Lord; you  
 3 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all



hymns through-out the world shall ring; by a new way none  
 will be ev - er our re - ward; and great the light in  
 praise to you let earth ac - cord, who are, while end - less



ev - er trod Christ takes his place— the throne of God!  
 you we see to guide us to e - ter - ni - ty. Al -  
 a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.



- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## The Holy Gospel

*John 17:1–11*

*Clergy*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Clergy*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

## **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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and we will exalt you,  
O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal  
kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **Offertory Anthem**

*Jesus Rose*

Rollo Dillworth

### *Refrain*

Early one Sunday mornin'  
Jesus rose up from the grave.  
Early one Sunday mornin' Jesus rose.  
If my Jesus had come down from the cross,  
then my soul would still be lost,  
So glad that early Sunday mornin'  
Jesus rose, Jesus rose.

Oh, Shout! Shout! Shout! Shout!

“Hallelu! Hallelu!”

Mary and Martha shouted, 'cause the stone had been rolled away.

### *Refrain*

Jesus went up to glory where he sits upon the throne.  
Jesus went up to glory where he reigns.

### *Refrain*



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

## Sanctus

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 - dore 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.*

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

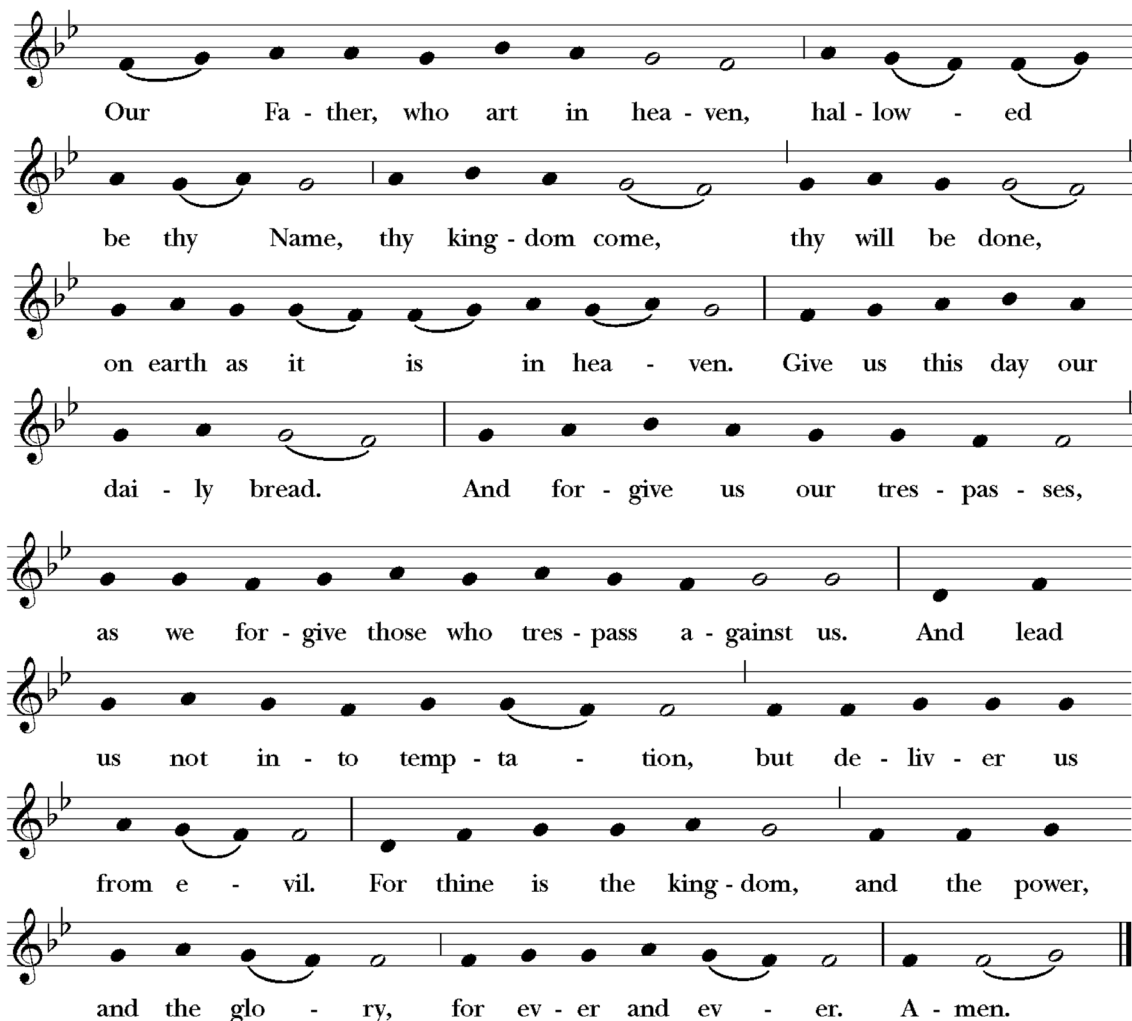
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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

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

## The 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.

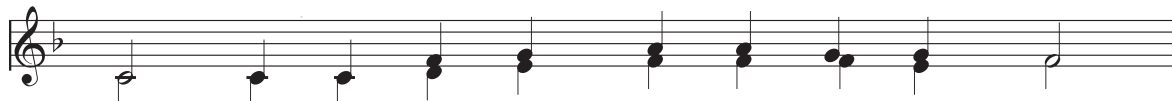
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 315

*“Thou, who at thy  
first Eucharist didst pray”*



1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,



that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,



grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,



with long - ing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;



O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be



through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Said by all*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us beloved children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of divine blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn 460

*“Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



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

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## Dismissal

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

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

## Postlude

*Allegro Marstoso*  
from *Water Music*

G.F. Handel





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