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LENT

– 40 Days Of Renewal –

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

Rooted in Christ's love, St. Andrew's is a worshipping community seeking to
GROW *our relationships with God, one another and the world.*

Grounded in Prayer,

Renewing Hope,

Open to the Spirit,

Welcoming & Accepting of All

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EMPORIA, KANSAS
A EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY OF THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS

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WELCOME

Good Morning and Welcome to St. Andrew's!



This booklet is a guide to this morning's worship. It contains the structure of the service, as well as the prayers and responses, readings, and hymns for today's liturgy. Announcements and prayer requests are also included. Today we will be using the liturgy for Holy Communion beginning on page 355 in your Book of Common Prayer. If you print this booklet at home for your edification, please recycle it to be good stewards of God's creation.

Let us Worship the Lord!

Prelude

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Robert C. Lau

The Bell

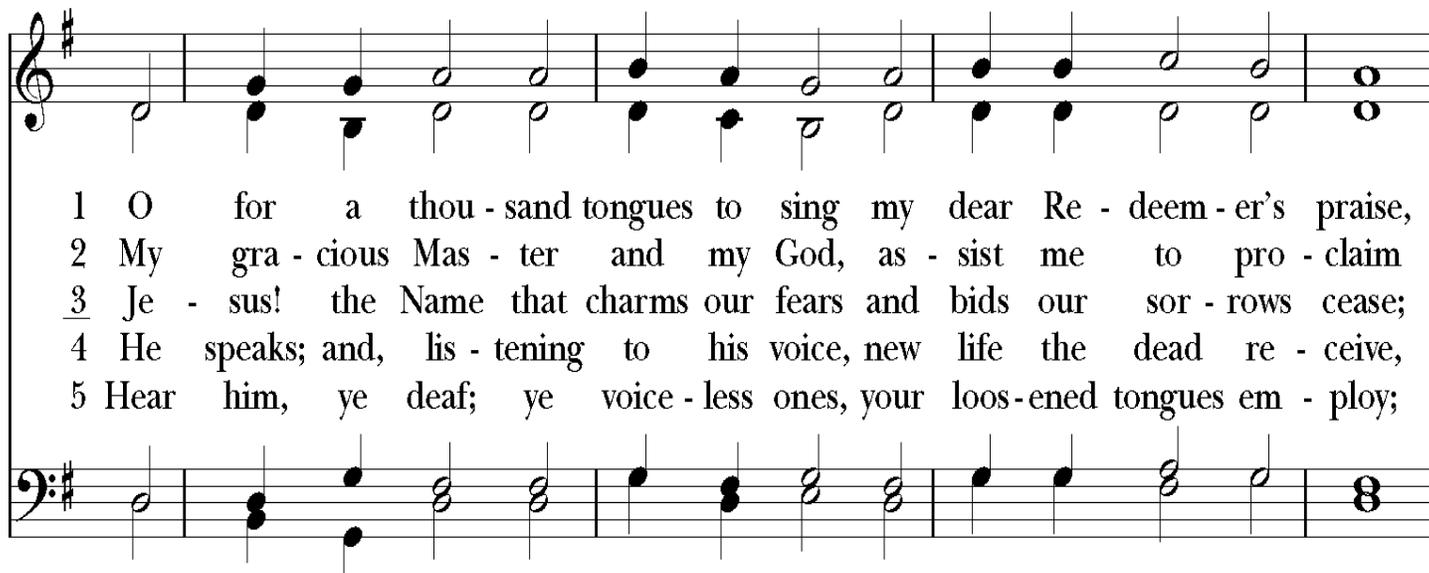
Calls us to Worship

THE ENTRANCE RITES

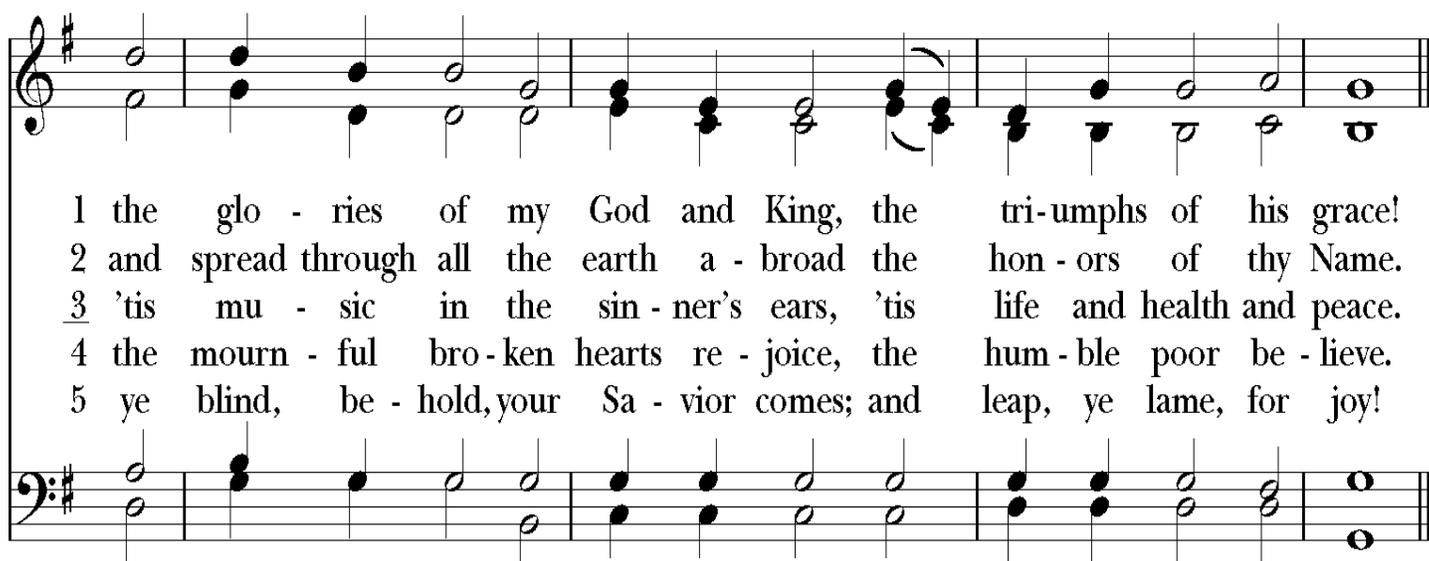
Processional Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

H# 493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

The Acclamation

Celebrant **+** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercies endure forever.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant Let us pray...

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.

People **Amen.**

Trisagion (repeat x3)

S # 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray...

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lector A reading from the first Book of the prophet Samuel, chapter 16, beginning with verse 1.



The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

The First Reading cont'd

He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God!

Lector

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23, beginning with verse 1, which begins on page 612 in your Book of Common Prayer or in this morning's bulletin. I invite us to pray the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

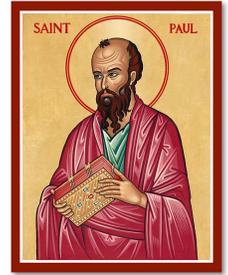
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14



Lector Our second reading this morning comes from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 5, beginning with verse 8.

Lector Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel John 9:1-13, 25, 30-38

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Celebrant As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no

The Gospel cont'd

one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

And they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

The Gospel cont'd

Celebrant They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rt. Rev. Daniel Genovesi

Celebrant Let us say together the Nicene Creed found on pg. 358 of your Book of Common Prayer.

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: 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. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, The Council of Trustees of the Diocese, and for our Priest Daniel. For all bishops and other ministers; and for the Tallgrass Minster and the Northwest Convocation. In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for the students and faculty of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry and Bishop Seabury Academy. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya

Silence

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: 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

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Confession

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
In silence, let us confess all known sin to God.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
Things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Absolution

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

In Our Prayers This Week

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the students and faculty of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry and Bishop Seabury Academy.

For Health & General Concerns: Kay J., Linda D., Mary R., Jay B., Craig L, Brandi, Suzanne P., Matthew L., Millard H., Grace H., Steve H., Oison H., Jean R., John H., Judith, Karina M., Virginia P., Ada, Kay D., Dee P.

For Those Who Grieve: Pray for the family and friends of Emily Ayers.

For Our Shut-ins: Marged A. and Karen H.

Our Neighbors in the World: Jim Grant, and his Mission in Haiti.

For Our Church: The Council of Trustees of the Diocese, the Tallgrass Minster and the Northwest Convocation

THIS WEEK'S MARCH MILESTONES

Birthdays

March 22 Ann North

Anniversaries

March 19 John & Linda Ulrey

The full list of Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month March are in your CrossXroads newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour Celebration!  Join us after service today for Coffee Hour as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!
- Morning Prayer meets Tuesdays at 8:30 am in St. Mary's Chapel.
- Spring Supper Kickoff! Join us on March 24th at 6:00 PM for our very first Spring Supper! We'll be meeting at Champs Bar & Grill to enjoy their \$2 Dollar Tuesdays special — featuring appetizers and beer for just \$2! Come hungry and ready for a great evening of food and fellowship. Please let Susan Mai know if you can make it. We can't wait to see you there!
- Latino Ministry: Baptism and First Communion Preparation sessions begin today and will take place on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during Sunday School and Youth Ministry. The celebration of Baptisms and First Communions will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m.
- Lent is traditionally a time for almsgiving. Boxes for collecting your loose change are available on the table by the parish hall. This year the collection will go to support the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and their work.
- It's not too late to join in playing Lent Madness. Brackets are on the bulletin board near the office or just go to lentmadness.org to read about two "saints" who impacted Christianity and vote daily for your favorite. It's an easy way to learn a bit and have a lenten devotional.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn at the Offertory

“Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old”

H #567

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

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Hymn at the Offertory cont'd

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the last three lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines.

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Sursum Corda (“Lifting of the hearts”)

BCP 361

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.

Preface for Lent 1

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who dies for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*The Sanctus

S #129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Celebrant: 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."

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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 St. Andrew, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

ALL



The Lord's Prayer

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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast!

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

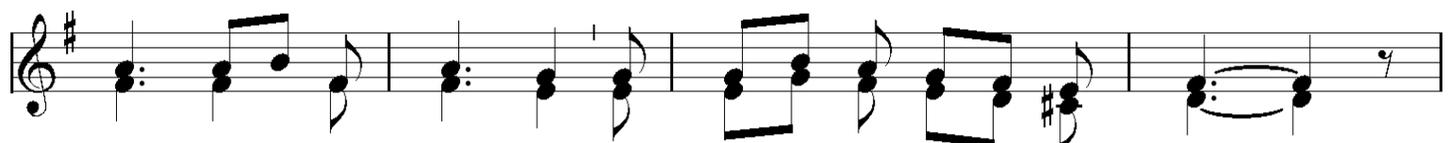
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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray

ALL Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light,
where there is sadness; joy.
Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing
these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us
in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body because we all share one
Bread, one Cup.

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CONCLUDING HYMN

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”

H# 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day-light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

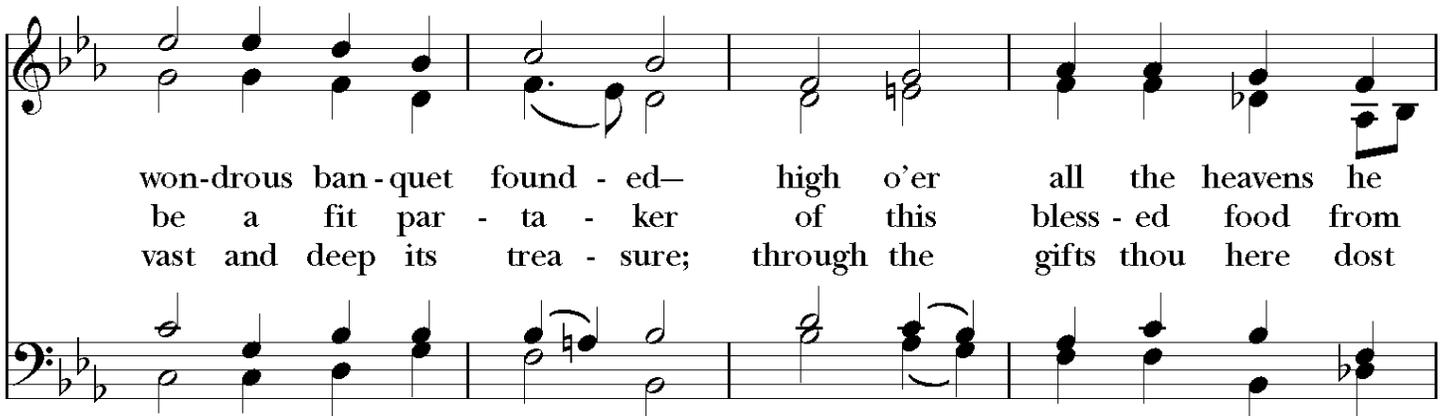
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

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Concluding Hymn cont'd



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost



reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

No postlude - depart in silence.