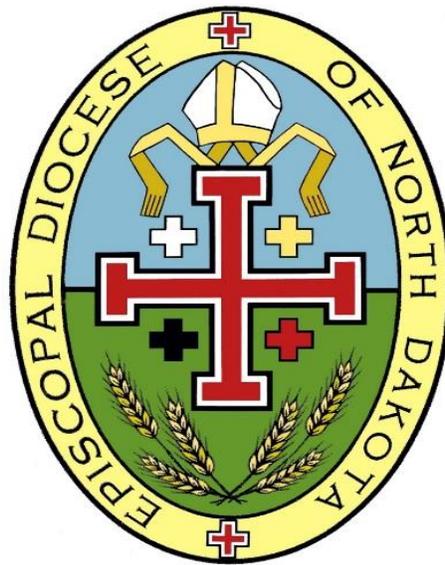


**The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
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***Dancing into a New Season of Ministry:
Growing Community to Seed God's Mission***

Worship Booklet

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, *Bishop*

The Rev. Canon Zanne Ness, *Chaplain to the Convention*

The Rev. Jamie Parsley, *Chaplain to the Convention*

An Order for Compline – October 8, 2021

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

People, Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief silence is kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Officiant then says

O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as

it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The following Psalms are said.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

- 1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

People **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence for reflection*

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
People **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
People **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

People **Amen.**

+ *Silence for reflection*

+ *Please offer any intercessions and thanksgivings.*

THE SONG OF SIMEON

All, Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.

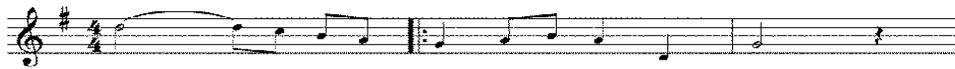
People, Amen.

Holy Eucharist – October 9, 2021

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “The Lord of the Dance”

I Danced in the Morning



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame; The
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
they would not dance, and they would - n't fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



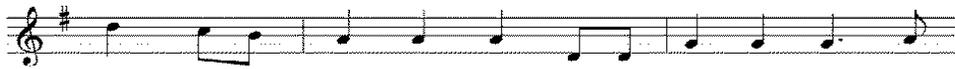
came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; I
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But
live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a Cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915
Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular; adapt. from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, b.1915
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Presider

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

KYRIE ELEISON

Presider, Lord, have mercy

People, **Lord, have mercy**

Presider, Christ, have mercy

Presider, **Christ, have mercy**

Presider, Lord, have mercy.

People, **Lord, have mercy**

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of North Dakota for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: A reading from the book of Zechariah [8.3-12, 16-17]

Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the LORD of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the LORD.

After the reading:

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

+ *Silence for reflection*

Psalm 34:1-8 *sung by all, seated*

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt God's Name together.
I sought the Lord, and God answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon the Most High and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God, *
and the Lord will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

The Epistle: A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians [5:18-21]

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

After the reading:

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

+ *Silence is kept for reflection. Then, all stand and sing the Sequence hymn:*

SEQUENCE HYMN: "I come with joy to meet my Lord (each proud division ends)"

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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All remain standing.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

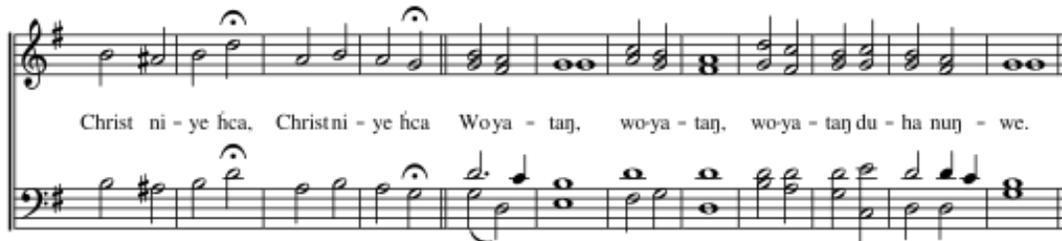
Deacon, the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
People, **Glory to you, Lord Christ**



Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'



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

Sermon/Sermon circles

RENEWAL OF COVENANTS

Presider

Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. Affirming that duty, I invite you to reaffirm your own Baptismal Covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

Help me to use the authority and grace of my baptism to assume responsibility for my part in the life and health of the Church. Help me remain open to receiving wisdom, solace, and strength from Word and sacrament. Help me to be faithful in prayer so that I may listen for your will and be emboldened for service.

Presider,

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People,

God, help me to seek your ways, not my way. Give me humility to acknowledge my part when I have been complicit with or benefitted from oppression in any form. Grant me courage to confront my failings and to rely on you for guidance in dismantling the sin of racism.

Presider,

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People,

Give me grace and strength to model my words and actions on your love, so that I may experience congruence between my life and my faith at all times and in all places.

Presider,

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People,

God, help me to live the way Jesus calls us to live. May I embody love and acceptance for all. Work through me so I can best serve you by loving my neighbor, including those who differ from me, as myself.

Presider,

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People,

Help me to be like Jesus in seeing and serving all people as beloved. Help me extend welcome to everyone, regardless of color, wealth, status, gender or sexual orientation, even when to do so challenges me to confront my own discomfort or examine prejudices I may have internalized without question.

Grant me courage and the gift of discernment to know when to speak, when to wait for your guidance, when to act to glorify your name. Amen.

Addressing all lay persons, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever you may be; and, according to the gifts given you, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take your place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

Will you continue in this ministry?

People

I will, with God's help.

Addressing all deacons, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as deacons is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

Will you continue in this ministry?

Deacons

I will, with God's help.

Addressing all priests, the Bishop says,

Your ministry as priests is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with bishops in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.

Will you continue in this ministry?

Priests

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Brothers and sisters, as clergy in the Episcopal Church, we are called to proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church,
renew your commitment to your ministry,
under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

Answer

I do.

Bishop

Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Answer

I do.

Bishop

Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer

I do.

Bishop

Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer

I do.

A designated leader addresses the Bishop, saying,

Your ministry, as bishop, is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of this diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

Will you continue in this ministry?

Bishop

I will with God's help. And as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained.

I ask your prayers.

All

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

The People are then sprinkled with water as a sign and reminder of their own baptisms.

HYMN "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



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

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader, From east and west, from south and north, we come together to join in the circle of dance that has been ongoing in our diocese, to praise God, to seek reconciliation with one another and to hear each other's voices and concerns; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy God, let your presence fill our hearts and overflow in our actions, that we may proclaim the good news of your Creation; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill us with your Spirit of truth, that we may faithfully teach, baptize and nurture those who come to believe in you; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus came to serve and not to be served; fill us with the compassion and insight to respond to all human need by loving service; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We rejoice in every sign of your creation: In the upholding of human dignity and community; In every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; In each act of self-giving on behalf of others; In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; In all responsible use of the earth's resources; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill with your healing love and encouragement all those who suffer, those in need of shelter, food and water; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We confess to you our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action; Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, sexual orientation, nation, or faith; Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; Through the search for security through military and economic forces that threaten human existence; Through the abuse of technology, which endangers the earth and all Life upon it; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In your compassion, heal the wounds our people have suffered due to racism, sexism, homophobia and any sort of discrimination; Creator,
People, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let the fire of your goodness and justice burn into us and through us, that we may seek to transform the unjust structures of society; Creator,
People, Hear our prayer.

Leader As you come into our lives to redeem all that is good, guide us in our turn to renew and sustain the life of your creation; Creator,
People, Hear our prayer.

Leader Be with us as we remember our own intentions, which we repeat either silently or aloud. I invite you now to share your prayer petitions [*sustained silence to share our petitions*]; Creator,
People, Hear our prayer.

Leader Give rest to all who have died and comfort to those who mourn, let us especially remember those among us who have died since our Diocesan Convention in 2020. Let us take a moment to quietly remember them, and all our departed loved ones; [*sustained silence to remember our departed loved ones*] Creator,
People, Hear our prayer.

Leader We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ; to take up the Cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that your creation may be made new; Creator,
People, Hear our prayer.

The Presider says the concluding Collect.

In this worship and work we do today and after, we pray for more than conviction. We pray, O Lord, for change. Change the easy peace we make with ourselves into discontent because of the oppression of others. Change our tendency to defend ourselves into the freedom that comes from being forgiven and empowered through your love. Change our need for disguises, excuses and images into the ability to be honest with ourselves and open with one another. Change our inclination to judge others into a desire to serve and uplift others. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into a genuine encounter with you and our better self so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Bless us in this ministry that we might better become your beloved community.

People,
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant, The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People, **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

*The offering today is designated for United Thank Offering.
Please place your offering in the blue boxes on the tables at this time or any time today.*



OFFERTORY HYMN: "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

People **AMEN.**

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All

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

+ *The bread is broken; a sustained silence is kept.*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

+ *The Sacrament is administered. Only bread will be distributed at Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
depths of the past to the end of the age to
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound. 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

+ The meal completed, a brief period of silence is kept, after which all stand and sing the following hymn:

HYMN: "When Christ was lifted from the earth"

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us, to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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Presider Let us pray. + *Silence is kept.*

People

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 OF CHRISM OIL

+ *The oil is brought to the Bishop, who addresses the People saying,*

Dear Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah.

At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service.

Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray. + *Silence is kept.*

+ *Placing a hand on the vessels of chrism, the Bishop prays,*

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Bishop blesses the People:

Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
bless you for evermore.

People

Amen.

+ *A Deacon dismisses the People:*

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

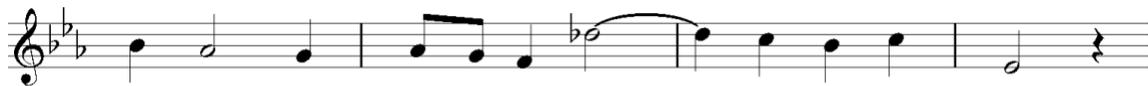
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Go forth for God"



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) and *English Praise*, 1975, alt.
 Music: *Litton*, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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An Order of Service for Noonday - October 9, 2021

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The following Psalms are said.

Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant, From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:11

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant, Lord, have mercy.

People, **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant,

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

People, **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People, **Amen.**

+ *Silence for reflection*

+ *Please offer any intercessions and thanksgivings.*

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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