

Welcome to ST. MATTHEW'S

May 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Holy Eucharist
10 AM





PRELUDE

Hymn 214

1

**Hail the day that sees him rise
glorious to his native skies;
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
enters now the highest heaven!**

Alleluia!

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**There the glorious triumph waits;
 lift your heads, eternal gates!
 Wide unfold the radiant scene;
 take the King of glory in! Alleluia!**

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 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

**See! he lifts his hands above;
 See! he shows the prints of love:
 Hark! his gracious lips bestow,
 blessings on his Church below.
 Alleluia!**

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**Lord beyond our mortal sight,
 raise our hearts to reach thy height,
 there thy face unclouded see,
 find our heaven of heavens in thee.**

Alleluia!

The Word of God

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant 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.***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-17, 21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart.”

“Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall
not stand upright when
judgment comes, nor the
sinner in the council of the
righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the
way of the righteous, *
but the way of the
wicked is doomed.

A Reading from the first letter of John (5:9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn #517

1

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,

O Lord of hosts, to me!

My thirsty soul desires and longs

within thy courts to be;

my very heart and flesh cry out,

O living God, for thee.

1 How love-ly is thy dwell-ing-place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be-side thine al-tars, gra-cious Lord, the swal-lows find a
3 They who go through the des-ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with-in thy courts ex-cels a thou-sand spent a-

me! My thirst-y soul de-sires and longs with-
nest; how hap-py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap-py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve-ry heart and
praise thee with-out rest, and hap-py they whose
Zi-on's tem-ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre-cepts stray, for thou shalt sure-ly

flesh cry out, O liv-ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up-on the pil-grim's quest.
glo-ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
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 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

**Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
 the swallows find a nest;
 how happy they who dwell with thee
 and praise thee without rest,
 and happy they whose hearts are set
 upon the pilgrim's quest.**

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
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 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

**They who go through the desert vale
 will find it filled with springs,
 and they shall climb
 from height to height
 till Zion's temple rings
 with praise to thee,
 in glory throned,
 Lord God, great King of kings.**



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**One day within thy courts excels
 a thousand spent away;
 how happy they who keep thy laws
 nor from thy precepts stray,
 for thou shalt surely bless all those
 who live they words they pray.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.*** *(17:6-19)*

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

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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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

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I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Steve Hood

The Nicene Creed

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.

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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.

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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.

**Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 71st General Convention, following the resolution of the 68th General Convention, and responding to Resolution 19 of the joint meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council (Capetown 1993), hereby reaffirm its intention to remove the words “and the Son” from the third paragraph of the Nicene Creed at the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer.*

Prayers of the People

Holy and Gracious God, you know us as your own and beckon us to follow you. May we do so through your grace as we pray,
Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the nations of the world and for those in positions of authority; that peace, justice and reconciliation may be the ideals that guide our common life.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the honoring of human rights, for the relief of the oppressed, and for all victims of war, terror, hate, and abuse.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

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We pray for the renewal of the church in faith, love and service and for all who minister in Christ's name.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the clergy and members of our diocese, especially Kym, our Bishop, that your peace may calm our hearts, and your love infuse all our interactions.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died, for people of every time and place, that they may now share in fullness of life with you, especially _____.

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, _____ . I invite your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving _____ .

Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

The celebrant adds this or another concluding collect

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel According to John

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

You can give at the following link:

<https://www.stmatthewsgj.org/giving-to-st-matthews>

Presentation Hymn

Hymn #205

(verses 1 and 4)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

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for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who gave his life for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (S-125)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Then 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.

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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.”

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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:

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Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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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 blessed Mary, Matthew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

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

Celebrant and People

BCP 364

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

A period of silence is kept after the celebrant breaks the bread.

Then may be sung

**This is the body of Christ,
broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God,
true to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Remember who you are,
become what you receive.

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.
(BCP, p. 457)

For those not receiving communion, you may pray the following prayer as an act of spiritual communion.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Music to Accompany Communion

Unison or harmony

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;

Hymn #315

1

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul,
"Thy will be done."

O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

Unison or harmony

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,

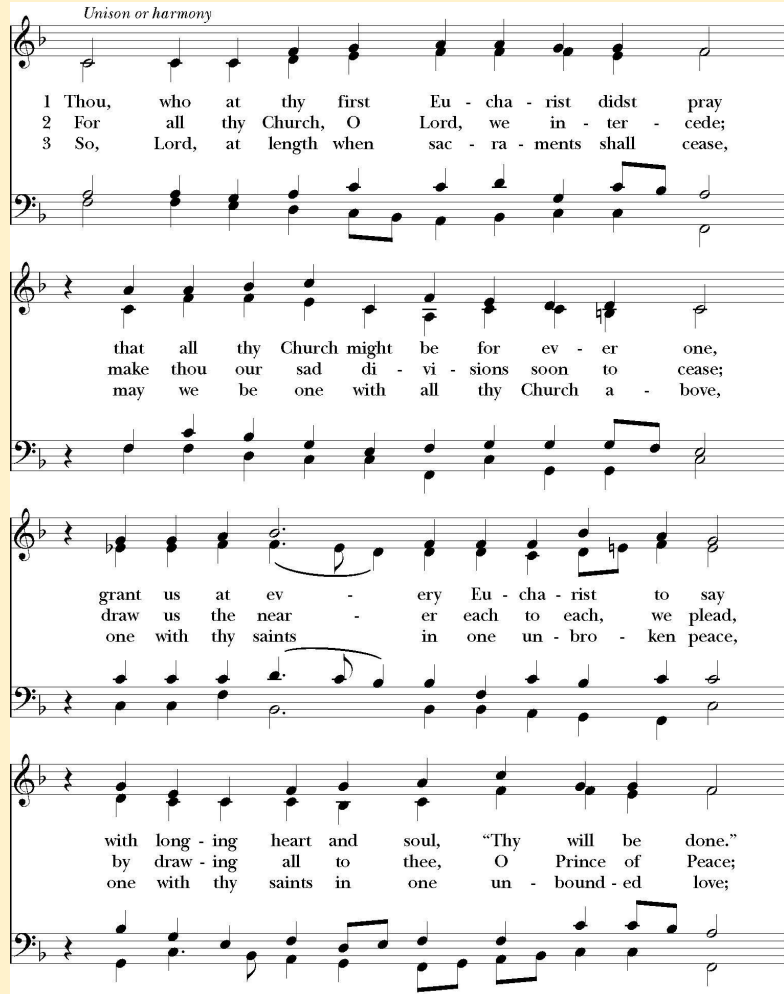
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draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

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;

2

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions
soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

Unison or harmony



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,

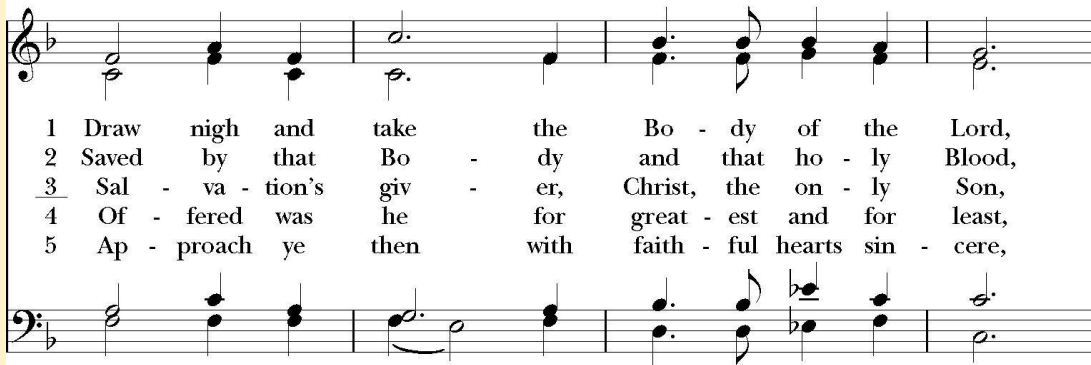
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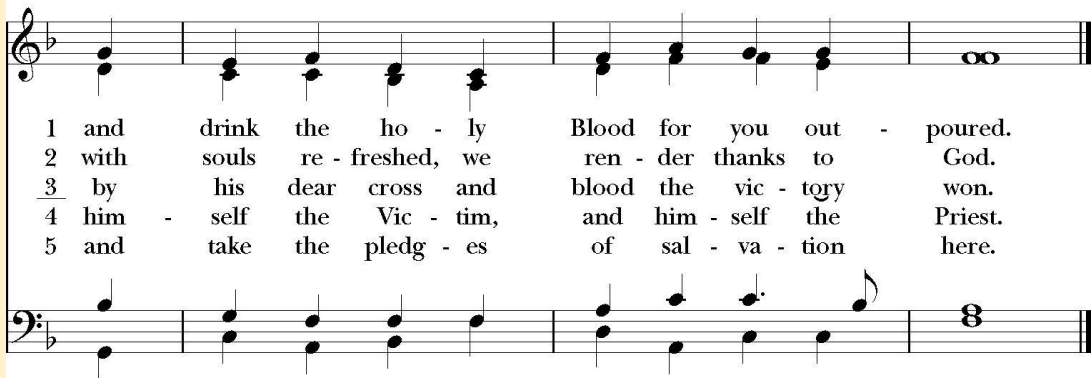
with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

So, Lord, at length
when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints
in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints
in one unbounded love;
more blessed still,
in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Hymn #328



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

The Sending Out of the Eucharist to the Homebound and Sick

Deacon: We send you forth bearing the Gifts of God, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood, and in the fellowship of this community.

Response: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

**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 priest blesses the people, saying

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. *Amen.*

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Verses 1, 5, 8, 9 and last

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For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old
To you shall thanks be given
To all, their story told
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks your wisdom gave
To you their lives bore witness
Proclaimed your pow'r to save

For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death
We praise you, God of Israel
And pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others
In love and loyalty

Recall the outcast woman
With whom our Lord conversed
Christ gave her living water
To quench her deepest thirst
Like hers, our hearts are yearning
Christ offers us his word
Then may our lips be burning
To witness to our Lord

We praise the other Mary
Who came at Easter dawn
And near the tomb did tarry
But found her Lord was gone
As joyfully she saw him
In resurrection light
May we by faith behold him
The day who ends all night

Last

All praise to God the Father!

All praise to Christ the Son!

All praise to God the Spirit

Who binds the church as one!

With saints who went before us

With saints who witness still

We sing glad alleluias

And strive to do your will

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

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

Postlude