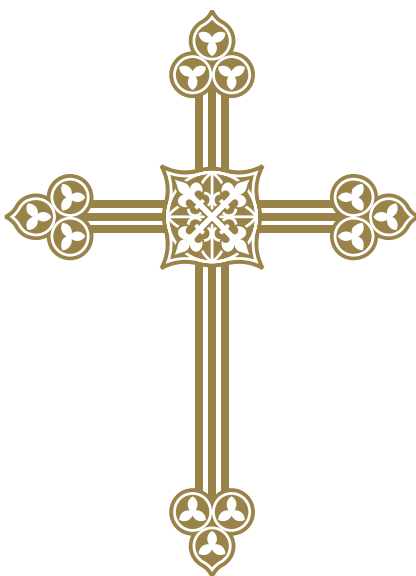


INSTALLATION OF A NEW RECTOR: THE REV. DANE E. BOSTON

January 21, 2026



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 100 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

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Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

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INSTALLATION OF A NEW RECTOR

FESTIVE MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

The people stand as the procession begins.

INTROIT "I Was Glad"

C.H.H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity with itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness in thy palaces.

Text: Psalm 122: 1-3, 6, 7.

*HYMN 523 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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The People standing, the Bishop says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop: There is one Body, and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Bishop then says

The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Wardens and new Rector stand before the Bishop.

THE INSTITUTION

The Bishop then says

People of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, you have reflected on your ministry and have discerned your choice for a new Rector.

The Wardens then say

We have chosen and called the Reverend Dane Ethan Boston to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

The Bishop responds by saying

I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution is then read:

Dane Ethan Boston, Presbyterian of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow-Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been selected to serve God in St. Martin's Church of Houston, Texas.

This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

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

Given under my hand and seal in the city of Houston, on the twenty-first day of January, 2026, and in the sixteenth year of my consecration.

The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas

The People stand. The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Are you, the People of St. Martin's, ready to continue in your ministry with Dane as your priest?

People: We are.

The Bishop then says to the new Rector

Dane, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Rector: I do.

The Bishop then says

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, thou goest before and behind us, thou art our light and our shield; guide our path, be our clear sight, lift us up in thy Gospel joy, and bless the work we do in thy Name and honor, for thou art our beloved, and our life made new. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 36:22-28, KJV

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM.....Psalm 16, Coverdale



- 1 Preserve | me, O | God *
for in | thee • have I | put my | trust.
- 2 O my soul, thou hast said | unto • the | Lord *
Thou art my God, my goods are | no- • thing | unto | thee.
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are | in the | earth *
and upon | such as • ex- | cel in | virtue.
- 4 But they that run after an- | other | god *
shall | häve | grëat | trouble.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood | will I • not | offer *
neither make mention of their | names with- | in my | lips.
- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and |
of my | cup *
thou | shalt main- | tain my | lot.
- 7 The lot is fallen unto me in a | fäir | ground *
yea, I | have a | goodly | heritage.
- 8 I will thank the Lord for | giving • me | warning *
my reins also chasten me | in the | nìght- | season.
- 9 I have set God | always • be- | fore me *
for he is on my right hand, | therefore • I | shall not | fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my | glory • re- | joiced *
my flesh | also • shall | rest in | hope.
- 11 For why? thou shalt not leave my | soul in | hell *
neither shalt thou suffer thy | Holy One • to | see cor- |
ruption.
- 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the |
fulness • of | joy *
and at thy right hand there is | pleasure • for | ever- |
more.

THE EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11, KJV

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

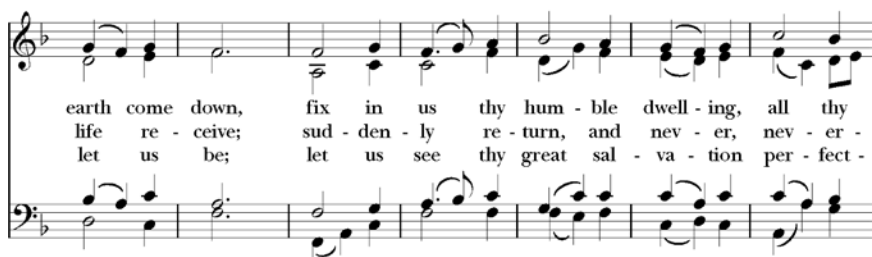
All stand.

*HYMN 657 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

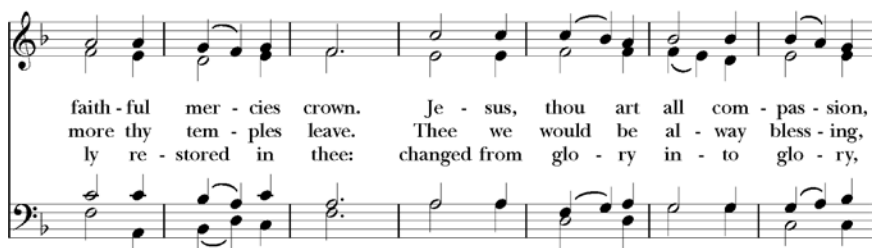
(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel; verse 3 after the Gospel)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPELMark 10:35-45, KJV

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Conclusion of Sequence hymn

THE SERMON

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Bishop then stands in front of the new Rector and presents a vessel of water, saying

Dane, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord. Let this be a sign of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

**People: I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: May Almighty God, who hath given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Bishop: Let us now offer our prayers to God, for all people and especially for this congregation.

Litanist: Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see the need of all humankind for thy love,

People: O Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of thy compassion,

People: O Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

People: O Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

People: O Savior, deliver us.

Litanist: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of thy Kingdom in this time and place.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our eyes, that we may see thy glory in all creation.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which thou art calling us.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our feet, that we may take thy Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Touch our hands, that we may accomplish the work thou hast given us to do.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in thy Name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Litanist: Open the hearts and hands of many to support thy Church in this and every place.

People: O Christ, hear us.

The new Rector then kneels in the midst of the Church and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; yet thou hast called thy servant to stand in thy house, and to serve at thy holy altar. To thee and to thy service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the words of thy mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the illumination of thy Holy Ghost; and may all the wishes and desires of my will center in what thou hast commanded. And, to make me instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people now committed to my charge, grant that I may faithfully administer thy holy Sacraments, and by my life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word. Be ever with me in the performance of all the duties of my ministry: in prayer, to quicken my devotion; in praises, to heighten my love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of thy holy Word, all the world may be drawn into thy blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The new Rector then proceeds to the Crossing and stands next to the Bishop, facing the People.

The Bishop, Rector, and People then say this prayer together

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop then presents the new Rector and his family to the congregation with these or similar words

Greet your new Rector.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

THE PEACE

The new Rector then greets the People.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The offering at this service goes to the new Rector's discretionary fund.

ANTHEM "Greater Love Hath No Man"
John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your service.

Text: Holy Scripture; Music: John Ireland.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise him all crea-tures here be-
low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him a -
bove ye heaven-ly host. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); Music: *Last uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

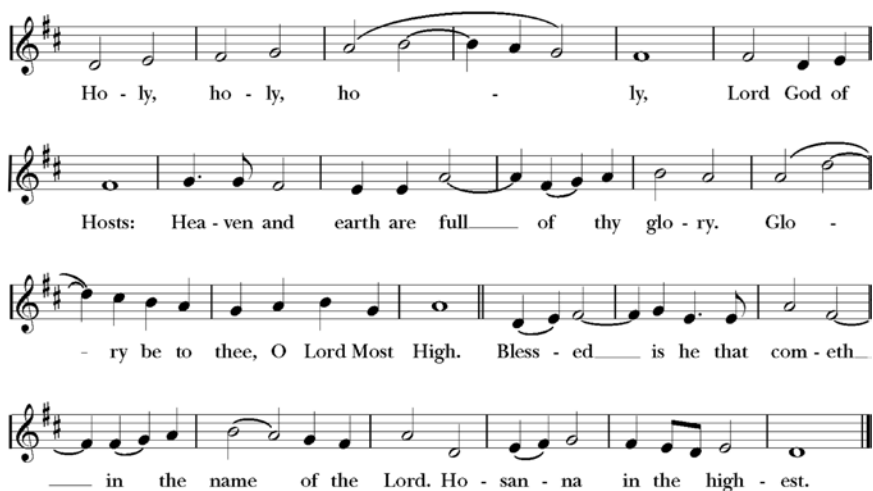
People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM “Blessed Be the God and Father”
S.S. Wesley

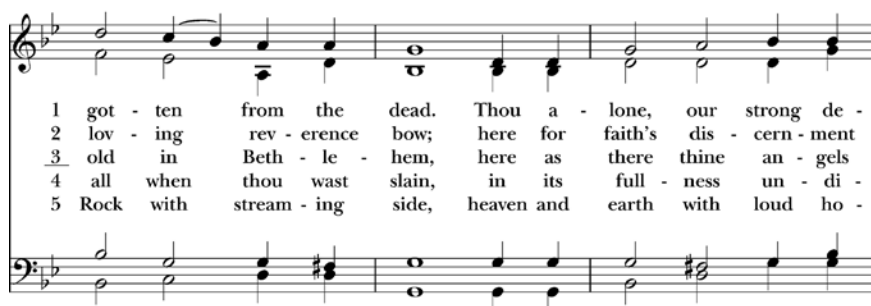
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

HYMN 307 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"



1 Lord, en - throned in heav - en - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heav - en - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -



Al - le -
 1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Music: *Bryn Calfaria*; Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt.; This selection is in the public domain.

HYMN 315 “Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Did Pray”

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;

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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HYMN 178..... “Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 72; Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941).

HYMN 302 "Father, We Thank Thee"

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 637..... “How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign,
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.; Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY "Toccata"
 Charles-Marie Widor

*Please join us for a reception in Bagby Parish Hall
 immediately following this service.*

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