# The Sunday after the Ascension May 12, 2024





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## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest, To all who are mourning and long for comfort, To all who struggle and desire victory, To all who sin and need a Savior, To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness, And to whomever will come, This church opens her doors, Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **SERVING YOUR CHILDREN**

At any time, the foyer and cry room are available to help you sooth fussy children and then rejoin us.

#### **DURING OUR SERVICE**

**Infant Nursery** (nursing mothers and babies): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the left.

**Toddler** (1-3 years): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the left.

Parents may collect their infants and toddlers during the Passing of the Peace to bring them into the service.

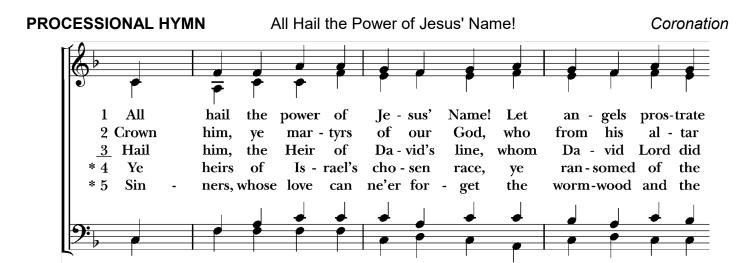
**Young Children** (4-8 years): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the right. Children return to their families during the announcements.

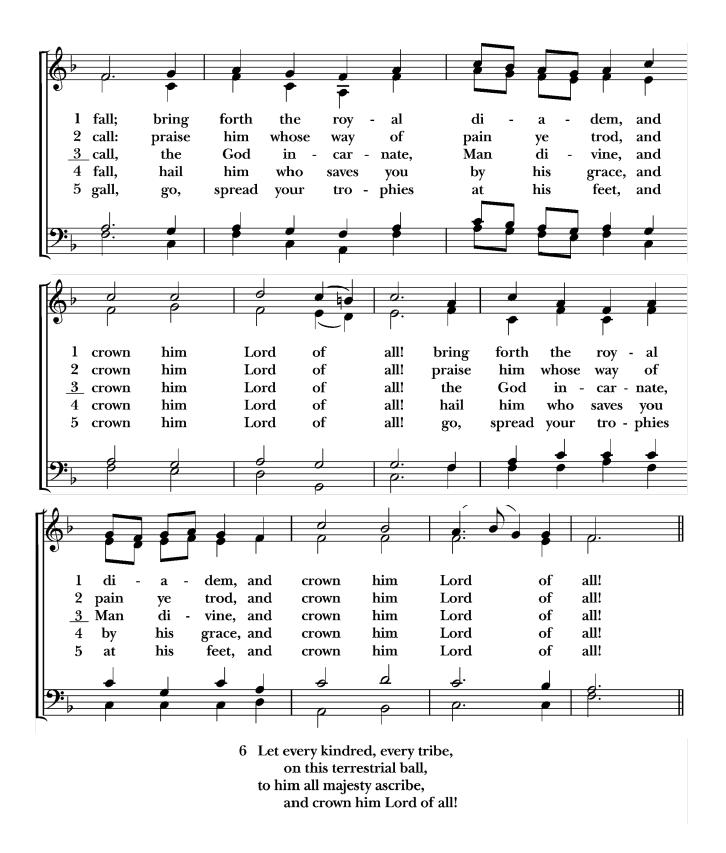
#### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence. Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in praise and adoration.

#### **PRELUDE**

Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.





#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: **O come let us adore Him, Alleluia!** 

#### THE PRAYER FOR PURITY

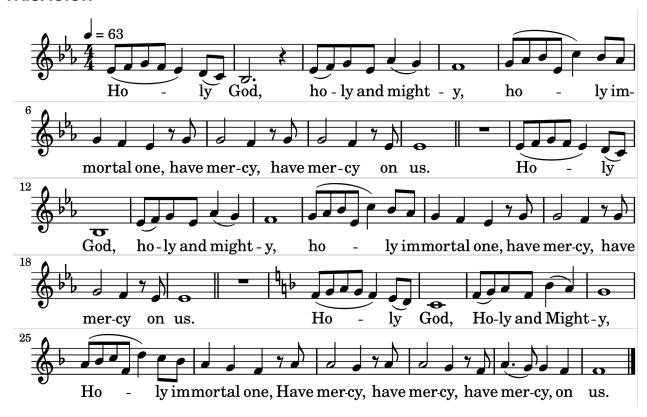
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

#### THE TRISAGION



#### **SONG OF PRAISE**

A Song to the Lamb (Dignus es)

John Abdenour

Refrain first sung by the Choir, then by all and after each verse.



*Choir* For you created everything that is, all things took form according to your will.

All Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Choir And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain, for with your blood you

have redeemed for God. From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless

priestly host to serve our God.

All Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Choir And to the One who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb be

worship, dominion, splendor, and praise, for ages past, and for ages yet to come.

All Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

#### THE COLLECT

Kneeling or seated.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A Collect is a prayer that summarizes (collects) the theme for the worship service.

Let us pray.

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

#### THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Let us pray together for our children:

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith, that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After The Collect for Children, the children leave the Sanctuary for Children's Church.

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.

#### **ACTS 1:1-11**

After Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 68:15-21**

Read responsively by full verse.

- 15 As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill, \* even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
- Why look with envy, you high hills? This is God's hill, on which it pleases him to dwell; \* surely, the LORD will abide on it for ever.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels, \* and the Lord has come from Sinai into the holy place.
- You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive, and received gifts from men, \* even from your enemies, that the LORD God might dwell among them.
- 19 Praised be the Lord daily, \* even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.
- He is our God, the God from whom salvation comes; \* God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.
- 21 God shall wound the head of his enemies, \* and the hairy scalp of those who persist in their wickedness

#### **EPHESIANS 4:7-10**

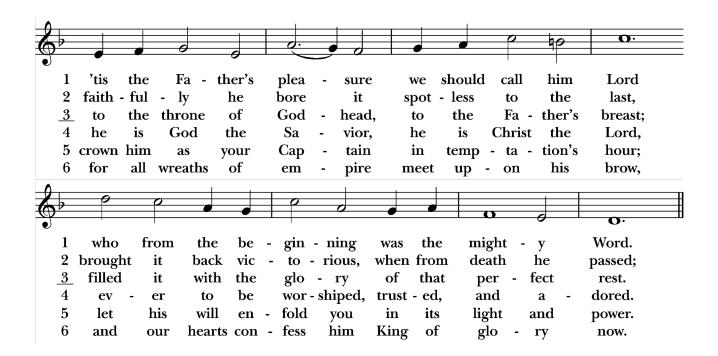
After Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN** At The Name of Jesus King's Weston O At the Name of Je sus ev ery knee shall bow, 2 Hum - bled for re - ceive Name a sea son, to a 3 bore it up tri um - phant, with its hu man light, 4 Name him, Chris - tians, death, name him, with love strong as Invour hearts throne him; let him due en there sub \*6 Chris-tians, this shall Lord Ιe sus re - turn gain, a $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ tongue fess him King of glo ev ery con ry now; 2 from the lips of sin un - to whom he came, ners, 3 through all ranks of the height, crea tures, to cen tral 4 name with awe and won der and with bat edbreath; all all that is 5 that is not ho ly, true; not 6 with his Fa - ther's glo o'er the earth reign; ry to



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### LUKE 24:44-53

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We stand for the Gospel, recognizing that, in it, Jesus is being presented in our midst.

Victory





#### **SERMON**

Please be seated.

#### THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kneeling or seated.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

First in silence, then aloud together.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

To confess our sins is to acknowledge our state of need for Christ.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against

you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

We are assured that our need for God's forgiveness is granted by Him through Jesus.

#### **COMFORTABLE WORDS**

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

#### THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The "Peace" is rooted in Luke 24:36–49. In these words we hear the promise that the power of the evil one has been overcome.

# **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

God welcomes his people to feast with him at his table. This meal, a means of grace for us, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.

#### THE OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Calvin Hampton

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, you are of God and earth the Son; you will I cherish, you wil I honor, you, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

#### **HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

Lasst uns erfreuen



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low; al-le-



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly



Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

And of your own have we given you.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please Stand.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

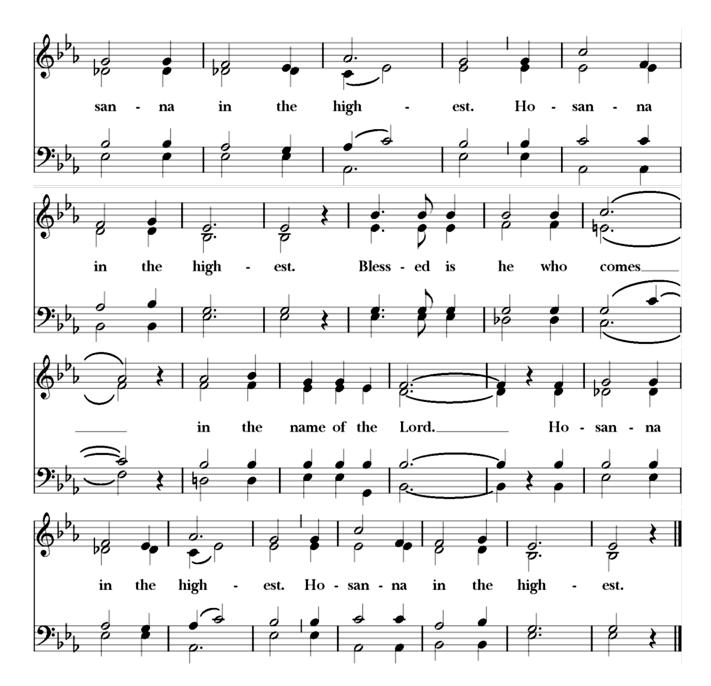
These opening words of the Lord's Table feast are sometimes called the "Sursum Corda" (Latin for "Lift up your hearts"). Christians have used these words in their worship gatherings since at least 215 AD.

It is right, our duty and our joy; always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty; Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS Schubert





#### THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION & REDEMPTION

Kneeling or seated.

Let us pray.

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us

and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you We humbly prepare to participate in the heavenly feast.

are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI Schubert/Proulx



We set apart common elements for special use. As Jesus instructed, we take the Lord's Supper "in remembrance" (Luke 22:19) of Jesus' finished work of salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. This meal is a "sacrament": an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. As we receive the bread and wine in faith, we become partakers of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.



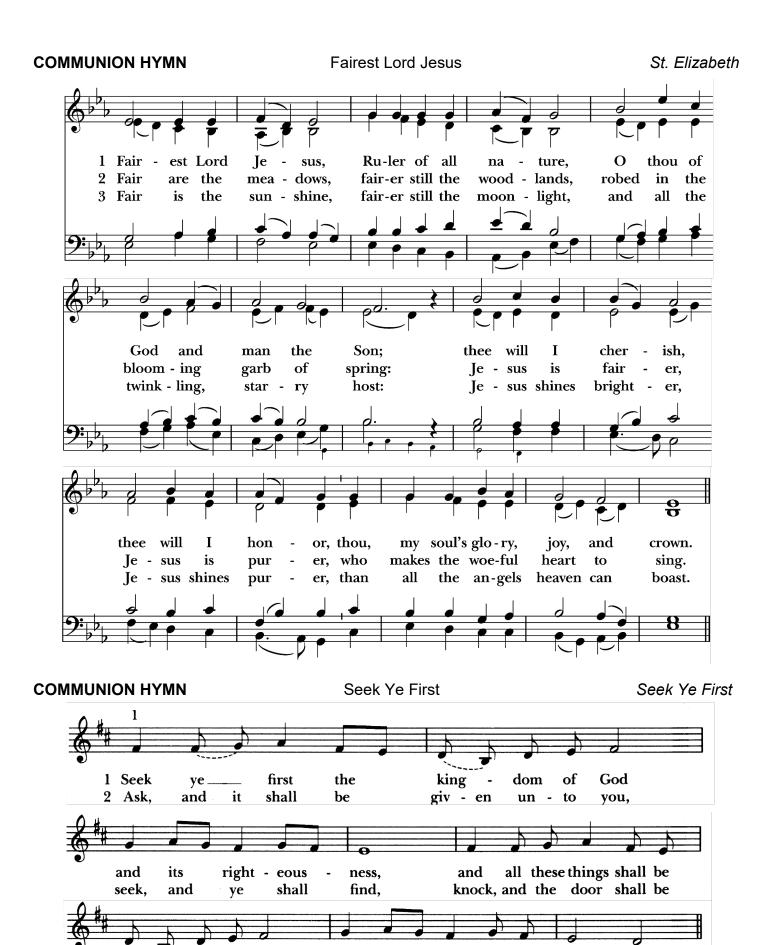
#### THE DISTRIBUTION

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 baptized Christians regardless of denomination who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love with their neighbors are welcome at this table. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not profess faith in Jesus or are a Christian unprepared to share in this meal, we invite you to come forward to receive prayer. Please indicate your desire to refrain from this meal by crossing your arms on your chest and our pastor will be glad to pray for you.

During Communion, the prayer teams are available to pray with you about any concern you may have.



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#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

#### Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

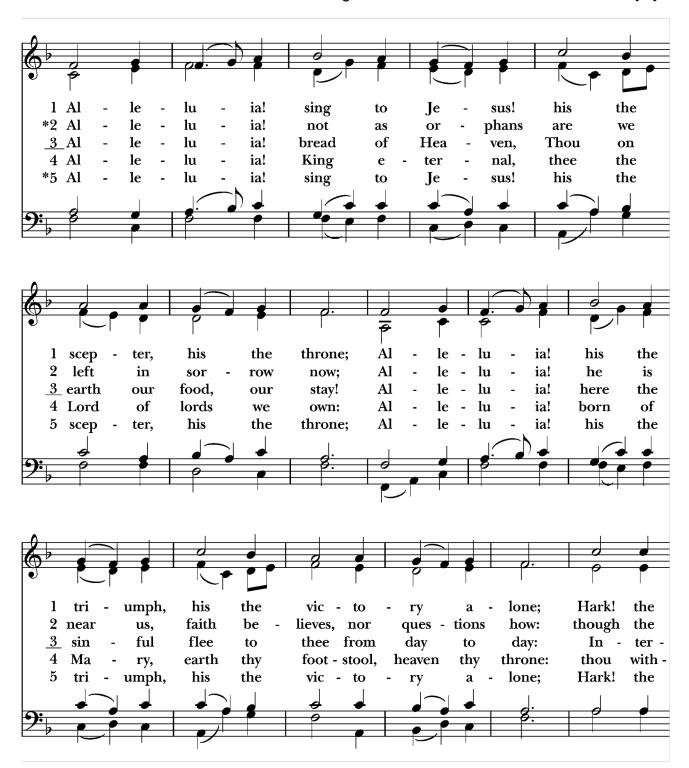
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand.

#### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 





#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Having met God as a church at St. John's, we go out to be the church in the world.

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### **CLERGY AND ASPIRANTS**

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# Baby Shower



# **About:**

Our church is partnering with Anglicans For Life for a nationwide baby shower benefiting local women who are facing unplanned, crisis, and new pregnancies. Your participation is part of a national effort to support women and their babies. Together, let's show the world what the church can do for life!

## Questions? Contact Person / email

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# **Please Donate:**

- Baby clothes, new and gently used, 0 - 12 mos, both boy & girl but, especially boys items that are new or newer looking.
- Baby lotions, washes, new baby towels, receiving blankets.
- Baby toys that are little are great, but please no big toys!

# **Collection Location & Deadline:**

Items will collected in April and May.

Please place donations around changing table in the Narthex.

Visit AnglicansForLife.org/40-for-life for more information.