

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

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

Grounded in Prayer,

Renewing Hope,

Open to the Spirit,

Welcoming & Accepting of All

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

WELCOME

Good Morning and Welcome to St. Andrew's!



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

Let us Worship the Lord!

Prelude "Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness"

Aaron David Miller

The Bell

Calls us to Worship

Hymn at the Processional

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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The Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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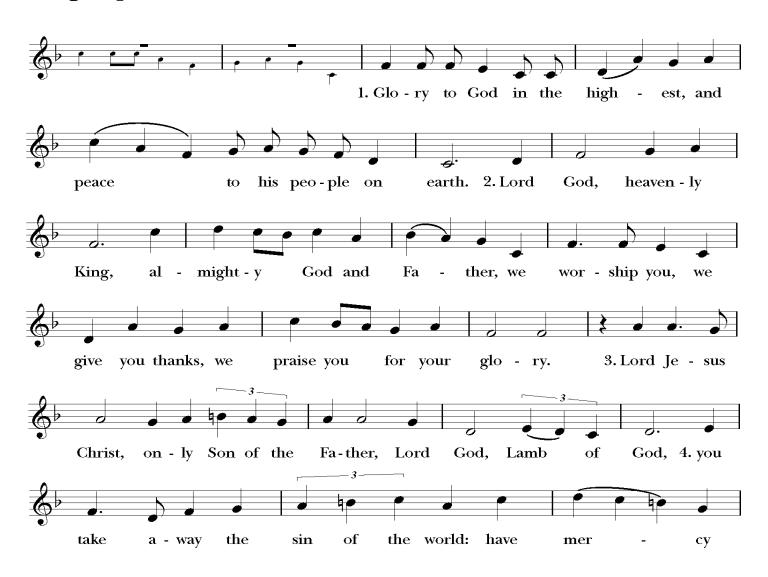
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ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

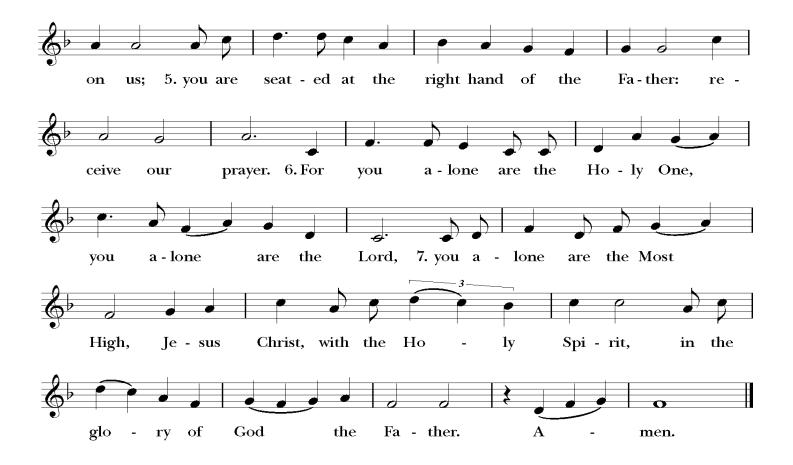
Amen.

Song of praise: "Gloria"

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Song of praise: "Gloria", cont'd



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Lector

A reading from the book of the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18, beginning at verse 15.



Lector

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 111 BCP p. 754

Lector

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 111, which begins on page 754 in your Book of Common Prayer or in this morning's large print bulletin. I invite us to pray the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.

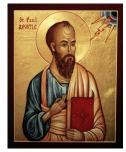
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lector

Our second reading this morning comes from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 8, beginning with verse 1.



Lector

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the

sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one

having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in

their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of

God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out

of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying

with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and

they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new

teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean

spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread

throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily The Rev. Matthew Zimmermann

Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

Celebrant

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

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayers of the People Form III

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The Lector and People pray responsively

Lector Let us pray for the church and our world

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People that we all may be one.

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly

serve you;

People that your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church

of Southern Africa. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace, Chanute. We pray for the Heartland Minster Ministry. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Cathleen, our Bishop, the Diocesan Staff, and Matthew, our Priest. For all

bishops, priests, and deacons;

People that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of

the world;

People that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People that our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People that they may be delivered from their distress.

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Lector We remember especially today: Kay D., Janelle D., Linda K.,

Jackie, Dee P., Roger & Family, Kristi A. Gina A.

Our Shut-ins: Marged A., Bob & Karen H., Onnalee, Bob & Anna B.

Our Neighbors in the World: Nancy Garcia's son-in-law, Jim

Grant, and his Mission in Haiti.

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

(Pause to let people speak a name)

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector

We pray for the search for our New Rector: Almighty God, Be with us in this season of pastoral transition, and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your encouragement, direction, and guidance for those who shall choose the new spiritual leader, that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us all for the work you have given us to do. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Call us deeper into prayer, and open our eyes to your faithful presence with us in Word and Sacrament. Grant us also the desire and the ability to listen carefully to one other. Give us wisdom to respond and to act as you lead us. Come Holy Spirit. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Confession

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

In silence, let us confess all known sin to God.

Celebrant and People

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Celebrant Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

The Peace

Having heard the Word of God, confessed the faith, prayed for the word, and repented of our sins, we now acknowledge the presence of Christ in each other by sharing the peace. Remember, if you are ill, a nod or bow is preferable to a handshake or hug. The celebrant invites the people to share the peace, saying:

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY MILESTONES

Birthdays

Jan. 28 Scott Neuenschwander Feb. 1 Allie Mitchell Feb. 3 Jan Noyes

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

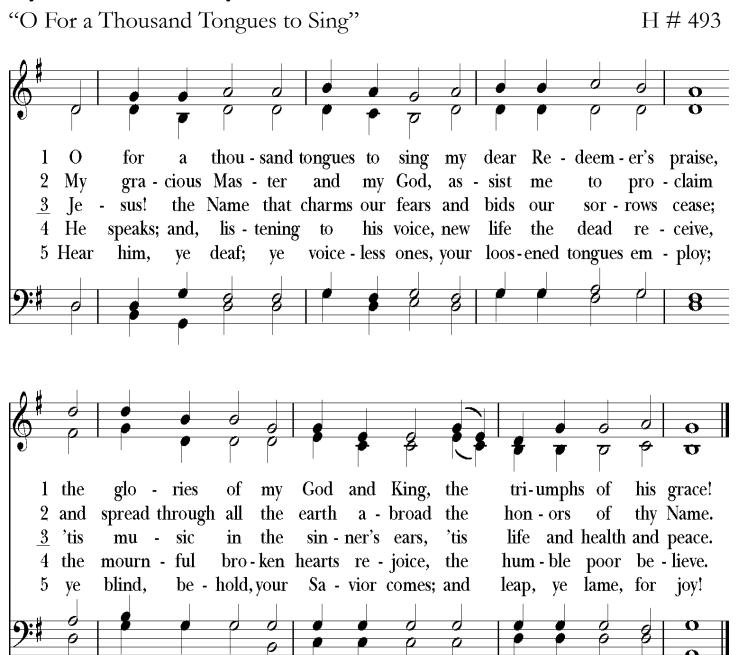
The full list of Birthdays and Anniversaries for the months of January and February are in your CrossXroads newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after today's service for Coffee Hour.
- Canterbury, our campus and young adult ministry, will meet tonight at 6pm. Please consider signing up to provide a meal to support this program and/or joining us for fun, sharing, and Compline.
- Adult Bible study will resume on Tuesdays at 4 pm in the conference room. All are welcome.
- Next Sunday is Pack the Pantry Sunday. Please consider helping others by bringing non-perishable items to help those in need. Thank you.
- Children's Church returns Sunday, February 11th, at 9:30 a.m. The Children will be upstairs for the lesson. Kids! Invite your friends!
- Bishop Cathleen will be visiting St. Andrew's February 25th. A reception will follow.

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Hymn at the Offertory



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

Eucharist Prayer B

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You may be seated or kneel as you are comfortable during the liturgy

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 him thanks and praise.

Preface

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and

everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator

of heaven and earth;

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have

caused a new light to shine in our hearts to give the

knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ

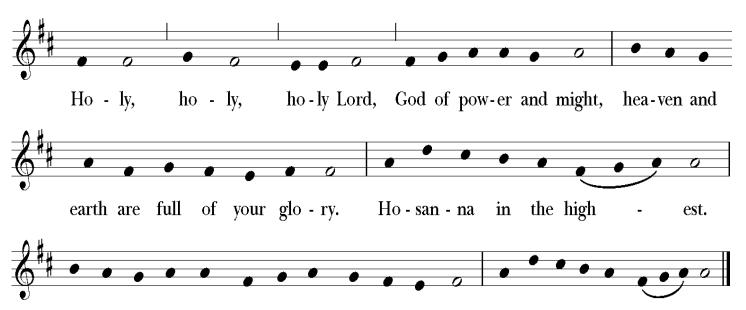
our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who

forever sing this hymns to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Sanctus S #124



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The Great Amen

The Priest may chant or say the conclusion of the prayer and the congregation responds

A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

pray...

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy

Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on

earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and

ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. All sing the fraction anthem.

Fraction Anthem S #164



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Reception of Holy Communion

Baptized Christians of any Christian tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Andrew's. Unbaptized persons are also welcome to receive Communion but should be counseled and nurtured toward baptism as soon as possible. The Book of Common Prayer states that when we come to receive all that is "required that we should examine our lives, repent of sins and be in love and charity with all people."

If you wish to receive please come to the rail and stand or kneel. The Celebrant will place the sacred bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive both the bread and the wine, please stand in front of the Eucharist Minister. The Celebrant will place the sacred bread into your outstretched hands. You may then intinct (dip) your bread into the chalice or you may now drink from the chalice after which the Eucharist Minister will wipe the chalice clean. Be advised that we use real wine. Whether you receive of one kind or of both, we believe that you have received a full communion.

Those who cannot at this time receive the Body and Blood of our Lord are invited to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest in an X and the Celebrant will offer you a blessing.

We are happy to bring the elements to those in the pews who physically cannot come forward. Please signal the Celebrant, Eucharist Minister, or an Usher if you need this assistance.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray

All Almighty and everliving God,

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors take Holy Communion to members of our congregation who are unable to attend worship today. The communion kit is presented to the Eucharistic Visitor and is sent with this prayer:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing

these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us

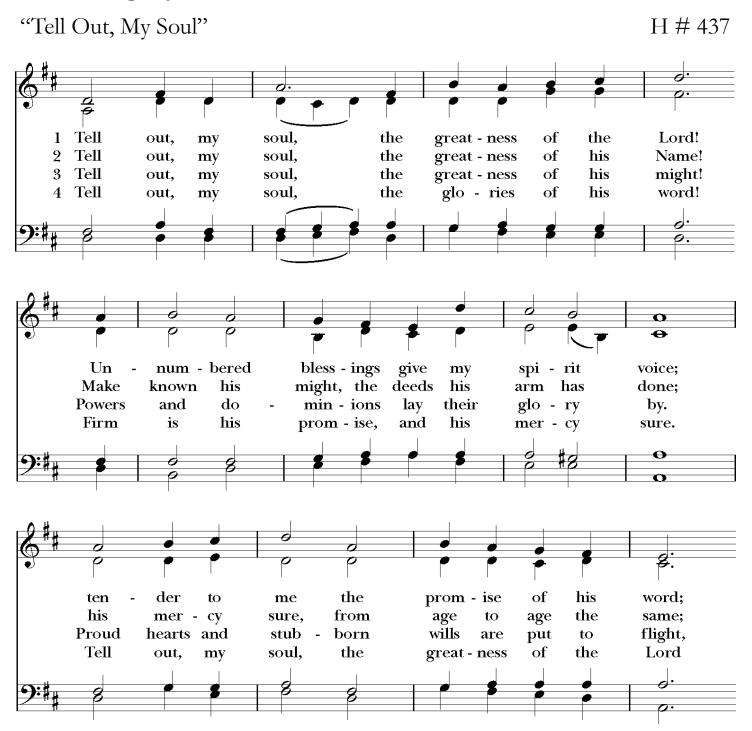
in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body because we all share one

Bread, one Cup.

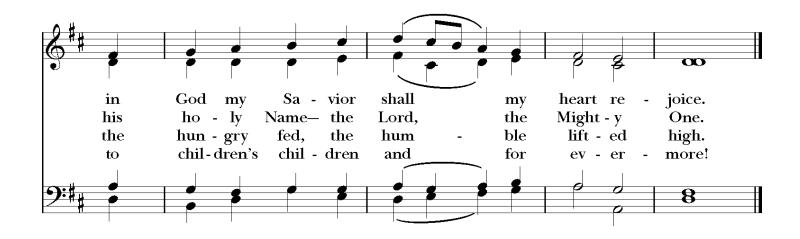
The Blessing

Concluding Hymn



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Concluding Hymn cont'd



Once the processional Cross has been processed out, please be seated until after the Postlude.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude "Recessional in G Major" John Stanley