

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Binghamton's First Church

Explore your faith, connect in community, serve others

Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.

We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.

Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail. Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.

GATHERING

Welcome

Voluntary

Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda Anima

The Opening Acclamation

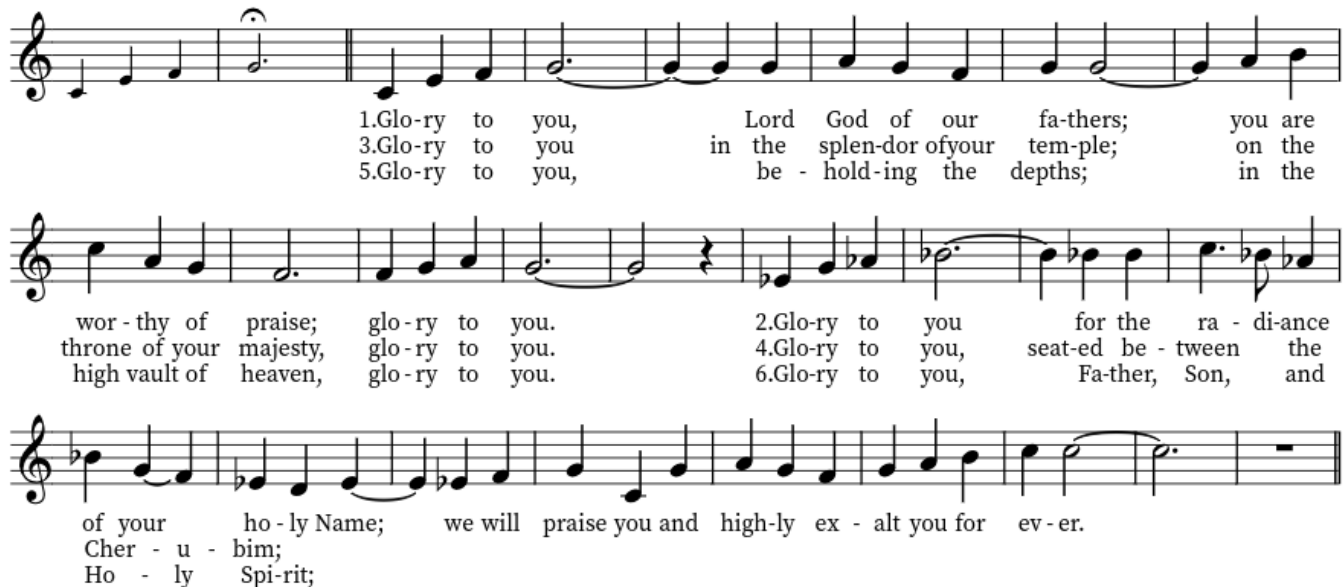
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

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1.Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are
3.Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the
5.Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the
wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance
throne of your majesty, glo - ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the
high vault of heaven, glo - ry to you. 6.Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and
of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Cher - u - bim;
Ho - ly Spi-rit;

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

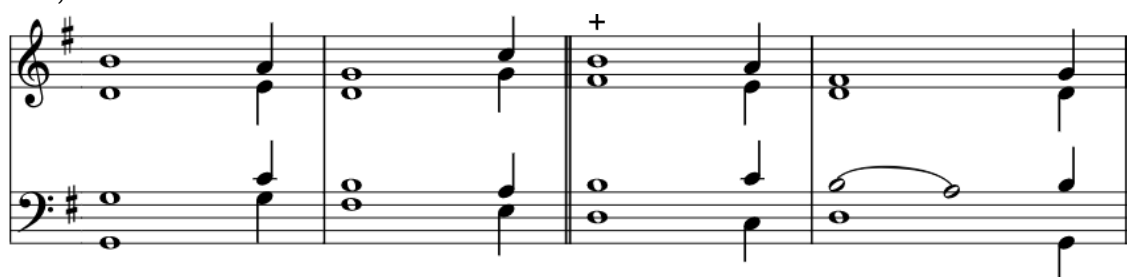
In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Exodus 16:2-15

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

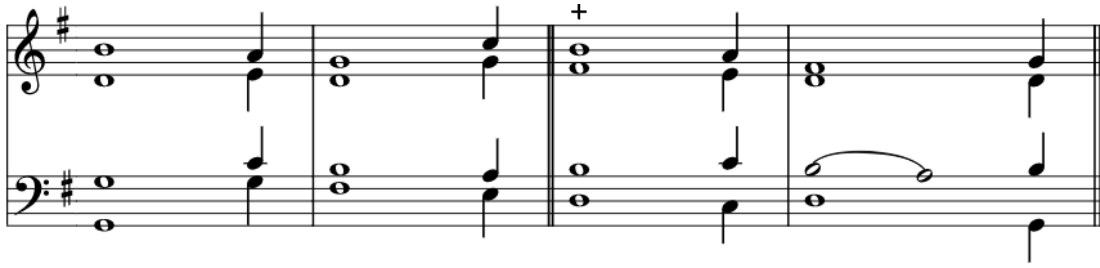
Robert Knox Kennedy



1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his **Name**; *
make known his deeds among the **peoples**.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous **works**.

3 Glory in his holy **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD **rejoice**.



4 Search for the LORD and his **strength**; *
continually seek his **face**.

5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments of his **mouth**,

6 O offspring of Abraham his **servant**, *
O children of Jacob his **chosen**.

37 He led out his people with silver and **gold**; *
in all their tribes there was not one that **stumbled**.

38 Egypt was glad of their **going**, *
because they were afraid of **them**.

39 He spread out a cloud for a **covering** *
and a fire to give light in the night **season**.

40 They asked, and quails **appeared**, *
and he satisfied them with bread from **heaven**.

41 He opened the rock, and water **flowed**, *
so the river ran in the dry **places**.

42. For God remembered his holy **word** *
and Abraham his **servant**.

43 So he led forth his people with **gladness**, *
his chosen with shouts of **joy**.

44 He gave his people the lands of the **nations**, *
and they took the fruit of others' **toil**,

+45 That they might keep his **statutes** *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:21-30

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

Sequence Hymn 9, vv. 4-6

Awake, awake to love and work!

Morning song

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Katrina Grusell

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: 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.

The Prayers of the People

NZPB

The congregation responds with the emboldened words following each petition.

Leader In peace, let us pray to God saying, "God, hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our bishop; for the clergy of Christ Church, Mother Katrina, Father Jim, and Deacon Kay; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the city of Binghamton, and for every city and community, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Marian Terry, and for all the departed, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

God, hear our prayer.

You are welcome at this time to offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. *Amen.*

The Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.*

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion; those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy know. If you need to receive communion seated in the pew, due to mobility or dog, please let the ushers know.

Offertory

Sing a Song of Joy

Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)

Sing a song of joy Praise our God with mirth: His flock, who can destroy? Is he not Lord of heaven and earth?
Sing we then secure, Tuning well our strings, With voice an echo pure, Let us renown the King of Kings. First
who taught the day From the east to rise, Whom doth the Sun obey, When in the seas his glory dies. The
stars in order stand And are directed by his hand. All that praise his Name, And his hosts observe, His arm

will shield from shame, Their steps from truth will never swerve. Let us then rejoice, sounding loud his praise; So will he hear our voice, And bless on earth our peaceful days. —Thomas Campion (d. 1620)

Presentation Hymn 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

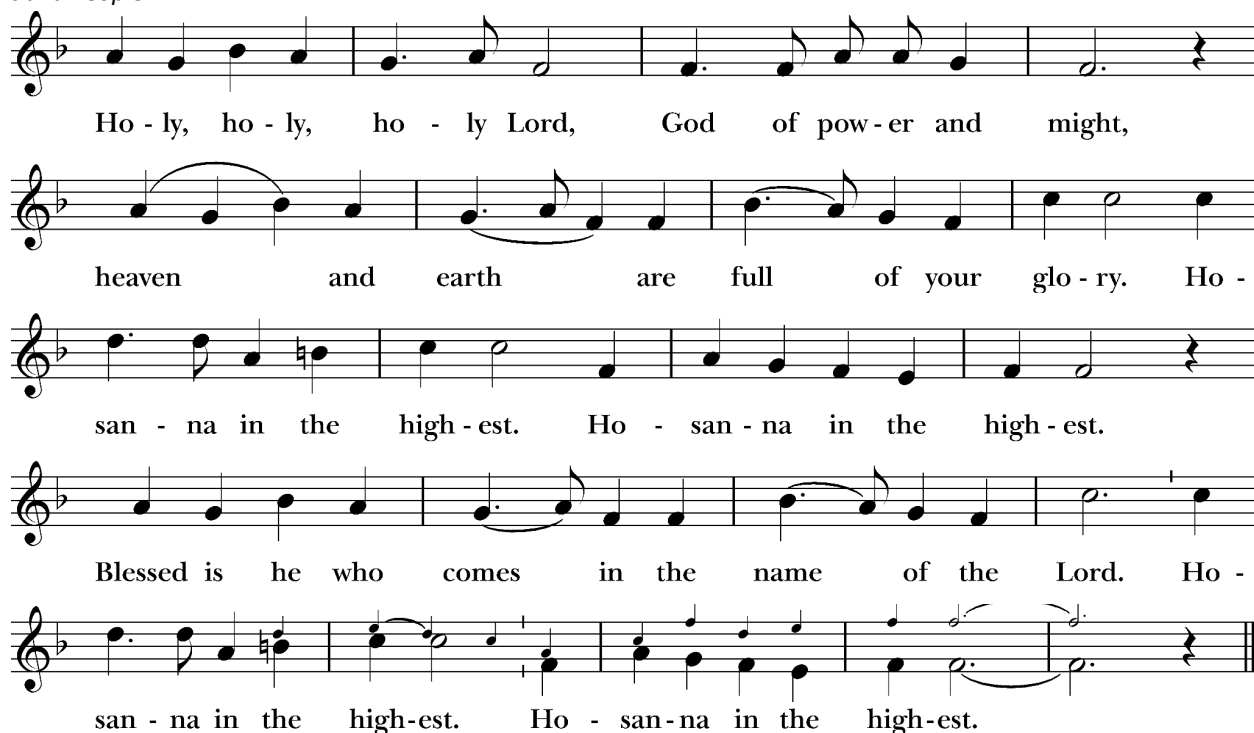
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People



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

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Then the Celebrant continues

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 before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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. Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Fraction Anthem

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Anthem

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Calvin Hampton

(1938-1984)

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. —Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

Post Communion Prayer

The congregation stands

Celebrant Let us pray,

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord Bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now
too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
May God take your minds and think through them;
May God take your lips and speak through them;
take your hands and work through them.
And May God take your hearts and set them on fire.
Be blessed now and bless others with love. Amen.

Sending Forth

Processional Hymn 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

Dismissal

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

*Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713-1780)*

Altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Gene and Barb Stanton in loving memory of Barb's mother, Marian Terry, and in honor of the birthday of their granddaughter, Alison. Both shared birthdays on September 22nd.