

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**February 4, 2024**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**TEN O'CLOCK**

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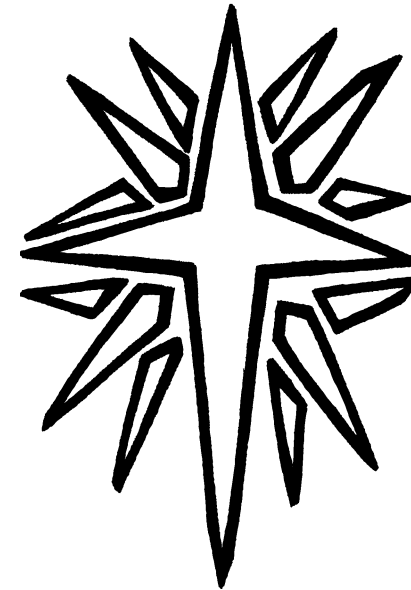
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**ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## Welcome!

*St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At St. James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of our city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building (ages 0-up to and including ages 5)

**First Aid Kits and the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary, at the bottom of the stairs in the Portico area and in the Narthex. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building. **Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

### **St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**

Send Joseph Beasley any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com) @stjamesnc

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Health and Safety Team (Parlor) (following worship)
<b>Monday, February 5</b>	10:30 am	Quilting Group
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>	10:30 am	Mary Magdalene Circle
	5:00 pm	Executive Committee
	6:00 pm	Property Committee
	5:30 pm	Mission Fund Committee (Parlor)
	6:00 pm	Bella Voce
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>	7:00 pm	Parish Choir
	6:00 pm	Handbells
<b>Thursday, February 8</b> <b>Sunday, February 11</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Family Event (Fellowship Hall) (following Worship)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 14 – NOON AND 7:00 P.M.**

*Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion*

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

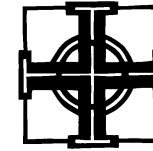
Our Scouts are collecting nonperishable goods to be delivered to Cooperative Christian Ministry for their food crisis ministry. Please drop off canned goods in the portico area. You may also make a donation for food purchase – write check to St. James Lutheran Church and note for CCM Food Purchase. CCM serves 900 houses per month, and with the increase in housing costs for lower income families, the need for food donations has increased 23% over this time last year. Your community thanks you! Deadline to return to the church is February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### FEBRUARY FAMILY EVENT – Sunday, February 11 @ 11:15 a.m.

Join us after church for food and fun! We will plant bulbs and make cards to share with our shut-ins. Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

### MEAL PACKING EVENT – FEBRUARY 24

A big event will be taking place next month. St. James will be participating in a meal packing event with Lifeline Christian Mission from 10 a.m. – approximately 11:30 a.m. on February 24. We are projecting to have around 60 people and should package around 10,600 meals. Save the date on your calendar and make plans now to come and pack – all ages welcome! A Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Portico area – please sign up if you are interested in helping and list the number in your family/group. The address of Lifeline Christian Mission is 325 McGill Avenue, NW, Suit 175, Concord. Please park in the lot to the right at you enter Gibson Mill – enter under the green awning, just to the right of the City Club through the double glass doors. They are located in the mall area, down the hall to the LEFT – across from the Iron Axe.



## THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Gathering



Chimes of the Trinity and Welcome

Opening Voluntary

*Lied*

Louis Vierne

*Please stand.*

### THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please sit or kneel as able.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**Lector/Intercessor:** Margaret Garrison

**Communion Assistant:** LeeAnn Miller

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Joshua Rinker

**Ushers:** Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris, Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip Popovici, Phil Tesh

**Videographer:** Ann Blackwelder

**Greeter:** Laura Overby

**Building Supervisors:** Kenny and Annette Propst

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Contributions / Receipts for January 28, 2024 – \$5,495.81

(\$8,153.00 needed weekly)

In-Person Attendance – 93

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Pat McDonough in thanksgiving for the life of Wendell Boys and in honor of Mciver Mullins.

Happy Birthday!

### **PRAYER LIST**

Tom Grady; Tom Ridenhour; Noah Clifton;

Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell);

Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black); and Diane Mullinax (friend of Debbie Wilkinson)

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**Feb 04** Adam Brown

Kim Miller II

**Feb 05** Ryan Williams

**Feb 06** Dan Matthews

Anderson Shumate

**Feb 07** Emma Holt

Mark Williams

**Feb 08** Haley Deans

Doris Smith

**Feb 10** John King

## THE DISMISSAL

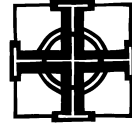
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Closing Voluntary

*Plein Jeu sur le Kyrie*

Francois Couperin



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## THE ENTRANCE HYMN #475 *Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Wareham

1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

THE SENDING HYMN #551 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy



1 Joy-ful, joy-ful we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love!

2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re-flect thy rays,

3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine!



### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of Glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

### THE BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

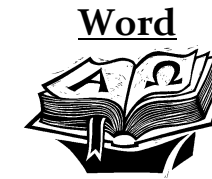
C **Amen**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray . . . Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

*Please sit.*



### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?'  
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**THE SECOND READING: I Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became

*Please stand.*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen

**THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men





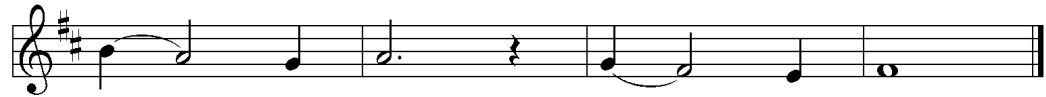
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please sit.*

### THE DISTRIBUTION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Please stand.*

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

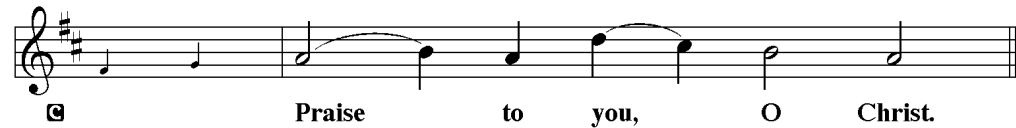
<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for

him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup>He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*The reading concludes, "The Gospel of the Lord."*



*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

*Please stand.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

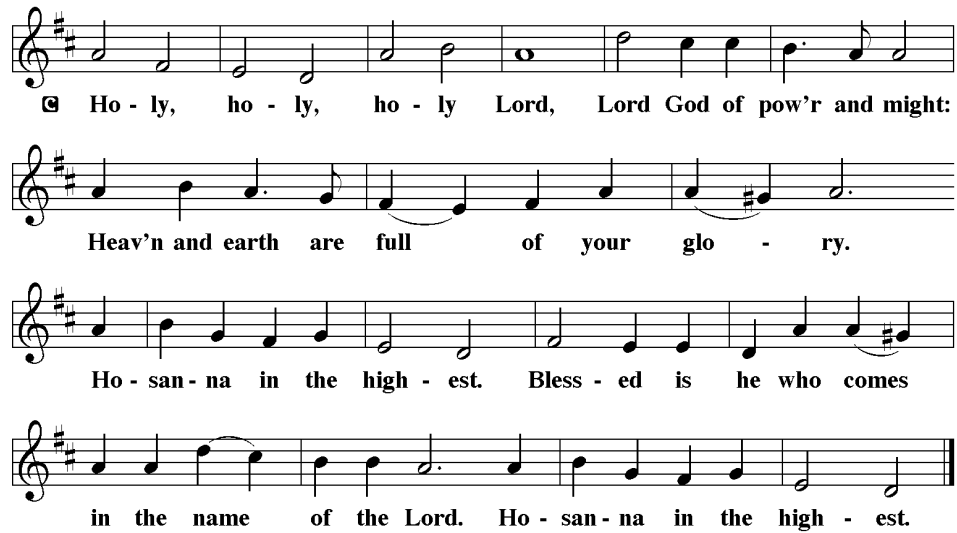
**P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**C 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY #557** *Let All Things Now Living*

The Ash Grove



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the  
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.  
God's ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -  
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise  
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To  
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

*Please sit.*

### **Installation of Elected Parish Officers**

*Elected Parish Officers gather at the font.*

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

P These persons having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership on the church council are invited to accept their office.

*The minister addresses those being installed.*

P In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

*Please stand.*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

### **THE OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us –  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

### **THE COMMUNION RITE**

P The Lord be with you .

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

**THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

**THE ANTHEM**

*Walk Humbly With Your God*

Malcom Archer

**THE OFFERING**



*Please stand.*

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please sit.*

*The minster addresses those being installed.*

P Saint Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all (I Cor. 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R Yes, by the help of God.

*Please stand.*

*Those being installed face the congregation. The minister addresses the congregation.*

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C **Yes, by the help of God.**

*Those being installed face the minister, who addresses them:*

P I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

*Please sit or kneel as able.*

*Those being install may stand.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

C **That we all may be one.**

A Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

C **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

A We pray for all bishops, pastors, and deacons;

C **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

A We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

C **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

C **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

C **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

A Give to the departed eternal rest.

C **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

C **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

A Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The minister, newly installed officers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*