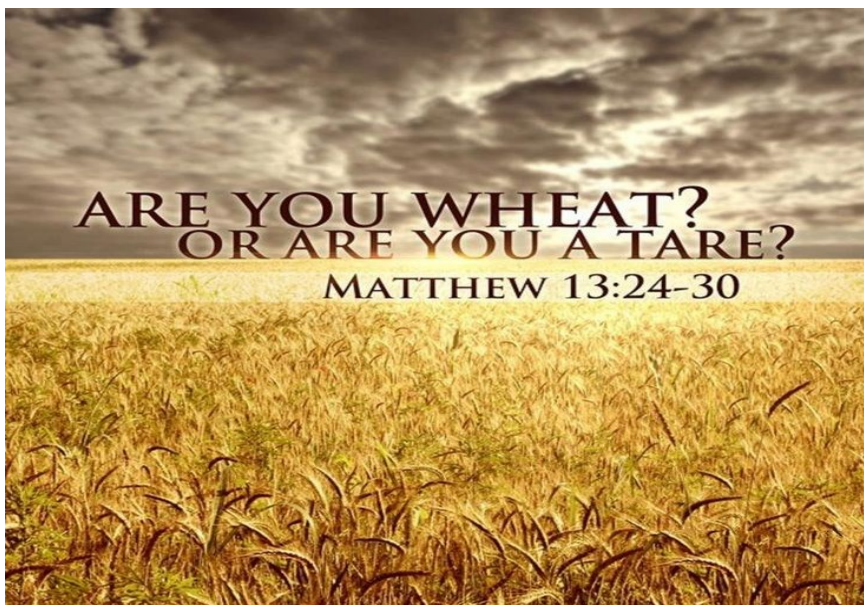


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

The 8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026



*This week's leaflets are given to the glory of God and in honor of
the birthdays of Christine Todd, Verna Emery & Sue Lorah.*

*Altar flower memorials are given to the glory of God and in memory
of Thomas A. Henderson III given by Donna Henderson.*

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Please note that the **restrooms and nursery** are located on the floor below the sanctuary. You may access either by entering through the first level door from the parking lot or use the sanctuary stairs behind the choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Welcome to Saint Mark's online and in person worship!* Go to our webpage www.stmarkshb.org, click on YouTube to view.
2. *Please remember the Saint Mark's "Little Food Cupboard"* and bring canned/dry food . *At City Gate prison ministry* our next dinner is Aug. 8th. See Frank Weaver or Stu McLauchlan to help.
3. *Christmas in July? Please consider donating small kid's toys or school supplies or a shoe box for "Operation Christmas Child"* in December. Leave your gift in the Sunday School Room.
4. *Summer Music School, "Evening In The Palace of Reason"*, taught by our choirmaster Zack, explores the relationship between J.S. Bach and Emperor Fredrick the Great" in James r. Gaines Book. The class meets at 9:00 AM every Sunday in the choir pews.
5. *Please remember to sponsor altar flowers* in the fall season by signing up for a date in the "Flower Book" at the entrance door.
6. *Our Chester County Children's Foundation has received a pledged matching gift of \$2,500* to provide daily healthy "take home food" for unfed summer camp children. If we can raise \$2,500 by August 31 our giving will be matched! Sign up on the clip board.
7. *The 2026/27 Choir School is now looking for youth 13 years or older* who are interested in choral training with a stipend. Contact Zack von Menchhofen, Choirmaster at zack@zacheryv.com.
8. *This week, please pray for:* Rose Dienno, and Lauren Anders.

Birthdays/Baptisms

Christine Todd, 7/24

Verna Emery, 7/24 Sue Lorah, 7/25

July 19 to 25

Anniversaries

None known

PRELUDE

Bells Ring A Call to Worship
Prelude
Announcements

(ALL RISE) APOSTOLIC GREETING

C In the name of the ✙ Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the
✙ Holy Spirit.

P Amen. ✙

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest

C Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the
Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.
Lord Jesus, you came to gather us into the peace of God's Kingdom:
Lord have mercy:

The People answer:

P Lord, have mercy.

C You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Christ have mercy:

People:

P Christ have mercy:

C You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Lord have mercy:

People:

P Lord have mercy

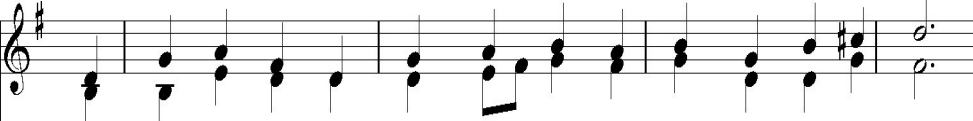
Priest

C May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring
us to ✙ everlasting life. Amen

C = Priest celebrant

P = Congregation

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (483)



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

C The Lord be with you.

P **And also with you.**

C Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

P **Amen**



GLORIA EXCELSIS

organ

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth Lord,

God, heavenly king, al-mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take away the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seatèd at the right hand of the Father: re-

ceive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you alone are the Most

High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit, in the glo - ry of God the Father. A - men.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

THE FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Jacob dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

L The Word of the Lord.

P Thanks be to God.



PSALM 139

People respond with words in bold type

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

GLORY TO the Father, and 'to the 'Son * and 'to the 'Holy 'Spirit;
As it was in the be- 'ginning, • is 'now, * and 'will be • for 'ever • A 'MEN.

THE SECOND READING

A READING FROM A LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Saint Paul wrote: Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

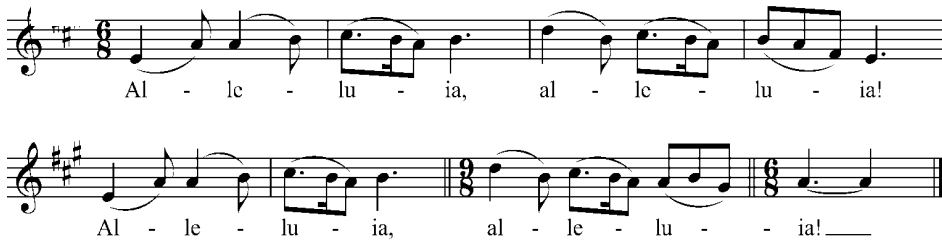
P Thanks be to God.

All rise



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand)



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

C The Lord be with you.

P And also with you.

C The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew**

P Glory to you, Lord Christ



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

C The Gospel of the Lord

P Praise to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The Gospel Acclamation is sung as the book of the Gospels is reposed.)



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Please Sit

THE HOMILY



(All rise following the homily)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY (711)



1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its right - eous - ness,

2. Ask, and it shall be given un-to you, seek, and ye shall find,



and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you; Al - le - lu, Al-le - lu - ia!

knock, and the door shall be opened un-to you; Al - le - lu, Al-le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu, Alle - lu - ia!

Seek First
the
Kingdom
of God

THE NICENE CREED

(SAID BY ALL)

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

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**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. *(bow)***

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**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.**

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**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

*(Please kneel or sit. The people respond prayerfully with the words in **bold type**.)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Silence

C Grant, Almighty God, that all who trust in you may be united as one holy catholic and apostolic church, and reveal your Holy Spirit at work in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

P Hear our prayer.

C Guide the people of this land, as we celebrate our freedom, in the ways of justice, mercy and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

P Hear our prayer.

C Help us Father, to let your Son and his angels judge who are children of your kingdom and who are not. Give us charitable hearts with our all neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy

P Hear our prayer.

C Bless all whose lives are linked with ours, especially those served by our Food Cupboard, City Gate Prison Ministry, and Chester County Children's Foundation.

Lord, in your mercy

P Hear our prayer.

C Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

P Hear our prayer.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR: **THE ESCOBAR FAMILY, KRISTINE MILLER, BOB SHINGLE, LAUREN ANDERS, MARY FRANTZ, LAURIE FINN, Sandy Shaffer, Frank Weaver, Jeff Haas, Brian Henderson, Michelle Nass, Dorothy Stauffer, Christine Todd, Nelson Price, SUE LORAH, BRIAN LEE, DIANA ANDERS, BILL FREEMAN, RON SHINGLE, Zach Schrum, Mary Ann Gallagher, Julie Combs, Diane Spath, Lois Schultz, Sheri Monti, Jane Shingle, Julie (Nass) Immel, Tori Edwards, The Dienno Family, Ed Kasian, Bella Maria, Beverly Karlson, And those we now name aloud or silently**

(The People may add their own petitions)

C Lord, in your mercy
P Hear our prayer.

C We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Lord, in your mercy
P Hear our prayer.

(Celebrant says the concluding collect)

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



THE PEACE

C Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

C The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

P And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

Ushers bring the gifts of bread and wine forward

OFFERING

Ushers pass the offering plates and bring them forward

(PLEASE RISE)

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

“The Doxology” *(Sung By All)*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, al creatures here be -



low; Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

✙ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✙

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERS

C Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

P Blessed be God forever.

C Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

P Blessed be God forever.

C Pray friends that this Eucharist may be acceptable to the Almighty Father.

P May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

C The Lord be with you.

P And also with you.

C Lift up your hearts.

P We lift them to the Lord.

C Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

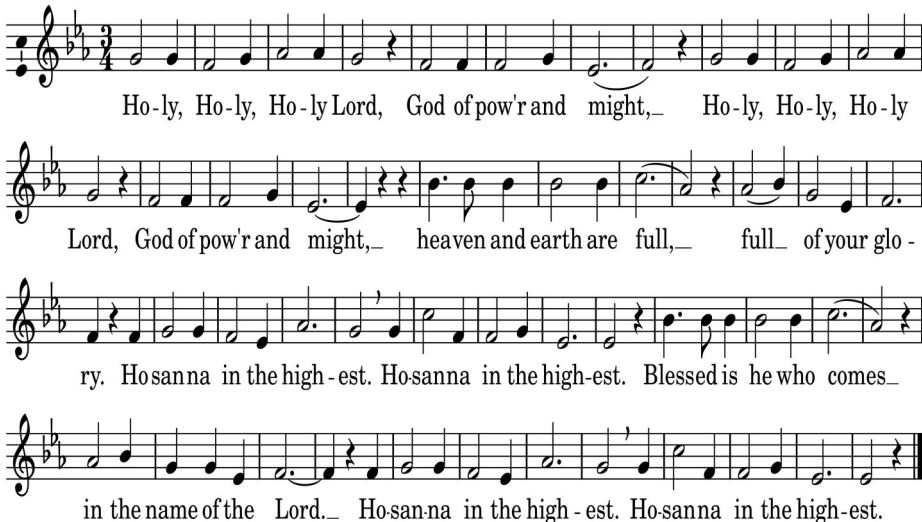
For you so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us a redeemer, so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son, Jesus.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



SANCTUS

(S130) Schubert



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(kneel/sit)

You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us
+++ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his passion, he took bread and giving thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you, do this in remembrance of me." +++

In a similar way when supper was ended, he took the chalice and giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying; Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this in remembrance of me." +++

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your resurrection
Until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation. Giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The Celebrant continues)

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with our Bishops, Sarah, Sean and Daniel and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your glory; have mercy on us all we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.
Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

P 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.

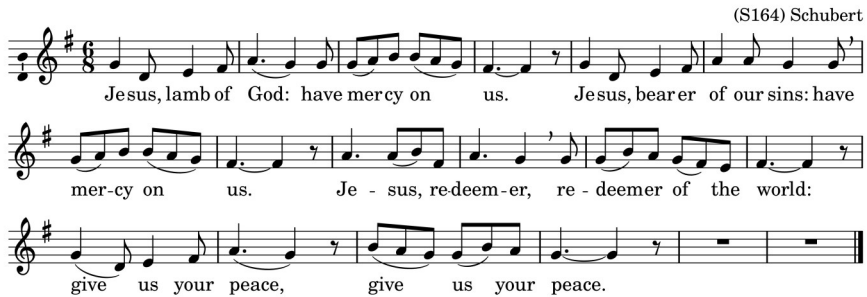


THE FRACTION

C Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
P Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

(S164) Schubert



Jesus, lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have
mer-cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er, re - deemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei by Franz Schubert. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line.



AGNUS DEI

C This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

P **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**



✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

*All persons are welcome to receive a communion blessing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward using the center aisles on each side Then proceed with **cupped hands** to receive the host. Those desiring to receive the Blood of Christ should step forward to the Eucharistic Minister, **then dip their Host in the chalice.** If you are unable to walk to the communion, the Priest or Deacon will communion you at your pew.*



COMMUNION HYMN (315)

Song 1 [1982 #315]

The first staff of the exercise is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a sequence of 12 measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), and C3 (half). The tempo marking 'Allegretto' is present above the staff.

1. Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3. So, Lord, at length when sa - cra - ments shall cease,

[illegible]

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

may we see the world in my Church as one,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

The first staff of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, then eighth notes A4 and B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a quarter note B4, eighth notes A4 and G4, and a quarter note F#4. The melody then descends through E4, D4, C4, and B3, ending on an A3. The lyrics 'one with my senses in one an' sound ed-196,' are written above the staff.

O may we all one bread, one bo-dy be, through this blest sacrament of u-ni-ty.
 thus may we all one bread, one bo-dy be, through this blest sacrament of u-ni-ty.
 more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trini - ty in U-ni-ty.

COMMUNION PRAYER

C The Lord be with you

P And also with you

C Let us Pray together..

P Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BENEDICTION

C The Blessing of God Almighty, The ✙ Father, The ✙ Son, and the ✙ Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

P Amen.



CLOSING HYMN (344)



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

DISMISSAL

C The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
P **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

HOLY EUCHARIST LEADERS

Celebrant	Fr. Kim Guiser
Eucharistic Minister:	Mike Villano
Ushers:	Liz Hughes & Vickie Berger
Lectors/Readers:	Kim Minor
Prayers:	Charlotte Lawson
Acolyte:	D. & E. Symonds, C. Wetzel
Altar Guild:	Barbara Haas
Greeter:	Liz Hughes
Counters:	Verna & Sandy
Sunday School	Ivanna Freeman

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH COOKS

Appetizer:	Toni & Stu McLauchlan
Main Course:	Holly & Frank Weaver
Dessert:	Violet Minor

We invite all guests to join us for lunch in the church under-croft (Basement).

SAFE DRIVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A Three year 2026/29 campaign goal \$100,000

6 Advanced 3 year Pledges	\$ 44,200
2025 Total cash received	\$22,969

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

JUL.19TH 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Music School

10:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Apollo 11 Moon Orbit Lunch

JUL.26TH 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Music School

10:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Post Office Founding Lunch

AUG. 2ND 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Music School

10:30 AM Sunday School

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with
The Rev. Beth Hixon**

11:30 AM Lunch with Ice Cream

OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

Know Jesus. Change the World.