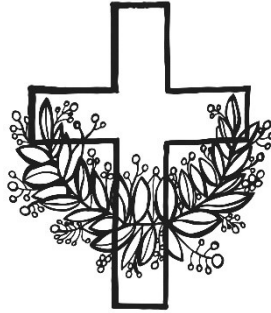


The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels
The Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Confirmation
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Vertrau Auf Gott!
[Trust in God]
Services are being live-streamed and recorded.

**The Holy Eucharist
With the Rite of Confirmation**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

A Hymn in Procession – “The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymnal #654

Invocation

The Celebrant turns to the people to begin the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

The Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, 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.

The Celebrant then addresses the People.

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. **Amen.**

The Apostolic Greeting

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

People And also with you.

The Kyrie Eleison – “Lord, have mercy”

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Leader For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People



The Canticle – *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*



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



B 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, though your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Reading of Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.' So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.'

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—



He forgives all your in-iquity,
He heals all your di-seases,
He redeems your life from the Pit,
He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

He satisfies you with good
as long as you live
so that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord,
O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

A Reading of Revelation 12:7-12

And
war

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

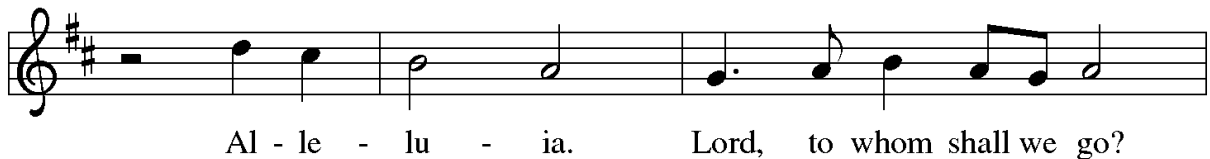
broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,
 for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
 who accuses them day and night before our God.
 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
 and by the word of their testimony,
 for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
 Rejoice then, you heavens
 and those who dwell in them!
 But woe to the earth and the sea,
 for the devil has come down to you
 with great wrath,
 because he knows that his time is short!'

The Alleluia and Verse

The People stand. The Bishop and People sing



A Reading the Gospel according to Luke 10:17-20

The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. William J. Gohl, Jr.
Bishop of Delaware and Maryland

The Hymn of the Day – “*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*”

Hymnal #424

The Rite of Holy Confirmation

The Presentation

Those making affirmation are invited forward. They are joined by any sponsors.

The Bishop addresses the assembly with these or similar words.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Those being confirmed are presented by the parish pastor.

I present,

Corey Fisher Declan Corley
Samantha Lewis Joshua Lewis
Henry Comer Luke Comer
Couper Barletta

who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism and receive the Church’s gift of Holy Confirmation

The Bishop continues

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these siblings in Christ*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly stands and joins in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
People **I renounce them.**
Bishop Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
People **I renounce them.**
Bishop Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
People **I renounce them.**

The Bishop addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

The Bishop addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The Bishop addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these persons* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

People

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those being confirmed kneel at the rail. The Bishop prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The Bishop lays both hands on the head of the person and say:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. The parish pastor addresses the People.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

People

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The Prayers of Intercession (*After each petition, the People respond, "Hear our prayer."*)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People share a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory – *"Sing Praise to God, Our Strength of Old"*

Franz Joseph Haydn
Grace Choir

Sing praise to God, our strength of old, and ages count on ages rolled;
with lasting joy thy servant's eyes shall see his children's children rise.

Safe in thy presence let us stand, and share the blessings of thy hand;
our dwelling let thy truth defend, thy mercy on our steps attend.

So shall thy love awake our song, thy name the willing note prolong,
while warmed with zeal our vows we pay, and bless thee to our latest day.

The Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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 Liturgy of the Altar


The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

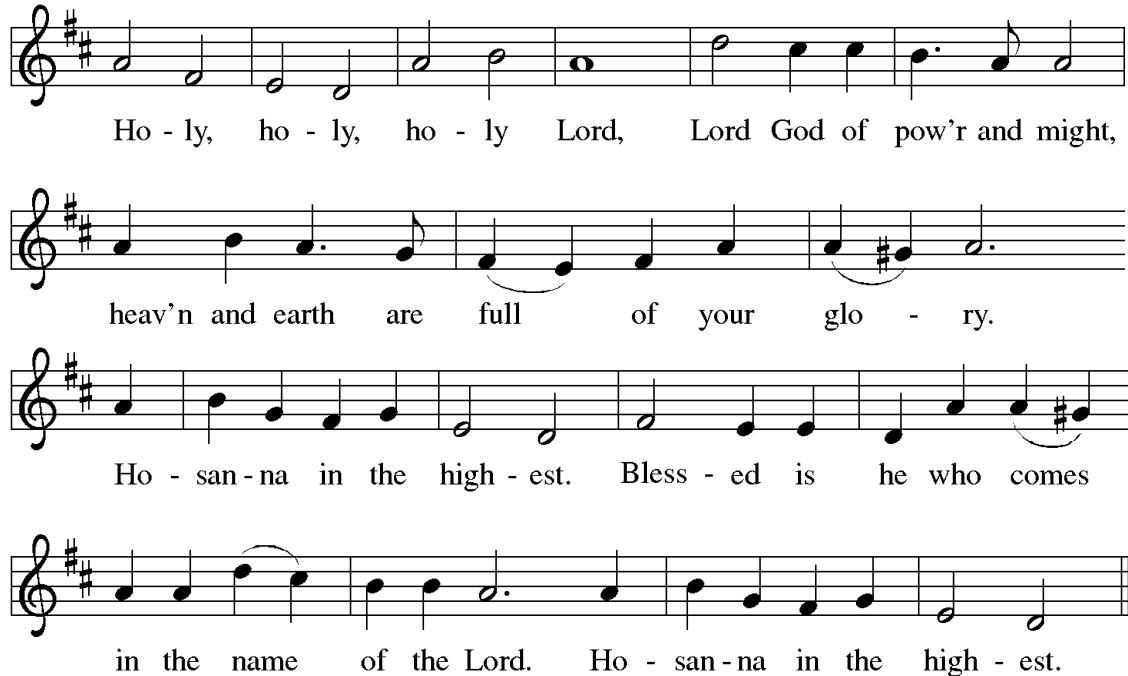


C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and People together



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.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks and praise to you, God, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. You created heaven and all its powers, the earth and all that is upon it. You give us life and breath and satisfy us daily with your fullness. You set us free from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember with thanksgiving his bitter suffering and death, his victorious resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming in glory. With this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, with this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

We pray you: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and this holy meal. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and so share in the fullness of his sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

Mighty Lord, by your grace, you who are present among us with all the richness of your love. Cleanse us from sin and strengthen us that you may dwell in our hearts by faith. Make us firm in the hope of eternal life. Grant that we grow in love, so that we, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul the Apostle, and all the faithful, may be gathered into your holy church when it is perfected in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Lord's Prayer

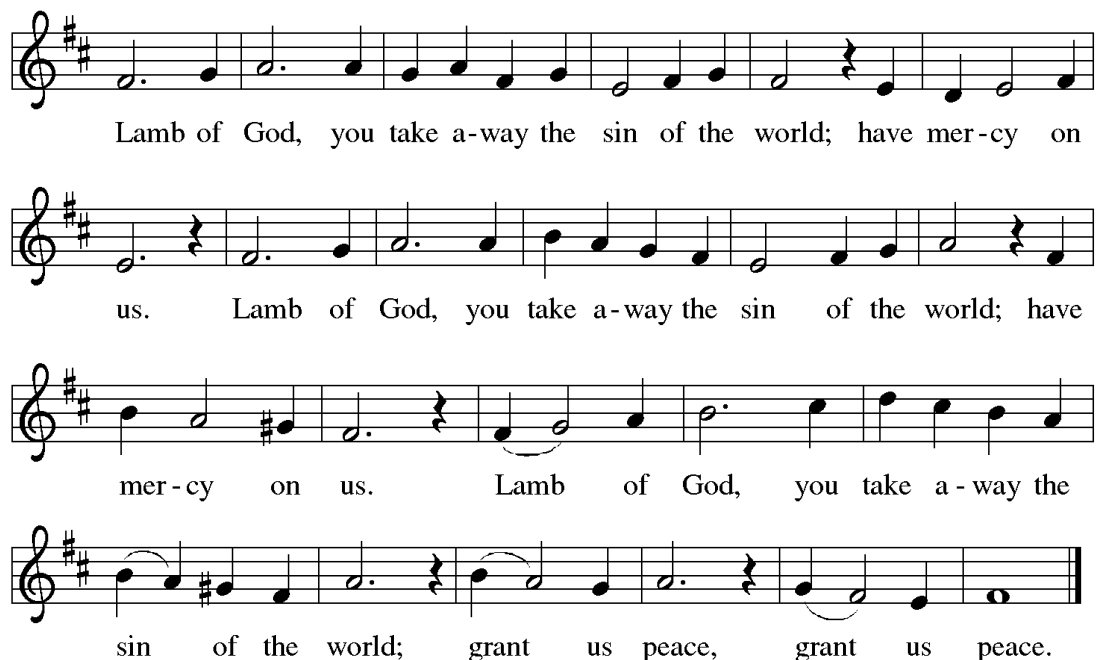
Celebrant

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Celebrant and People together

**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.**

The Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”



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.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him to takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People

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

The Communion of the Faithful

In the Lutheran tradition, we invite all persons baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We believe, teach, and confess that in this Holy Sacrament, we receive the True Body and Precious Blood of our Lord in, with, and under the creatures of bread and wine. We invite baptized Christians who share this belief, regardless of denominational affiliation, to come forward and receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion, but wishing to receive a blessing, may also come forward.

Should you need to receive grape juice instead of wine, please make that known to the Communion Assistant. Any persons unable to come forward, but wishing to receive Holy Communion, should notify the Usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to them.

The Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Bishop

May the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

The Bishop and People together

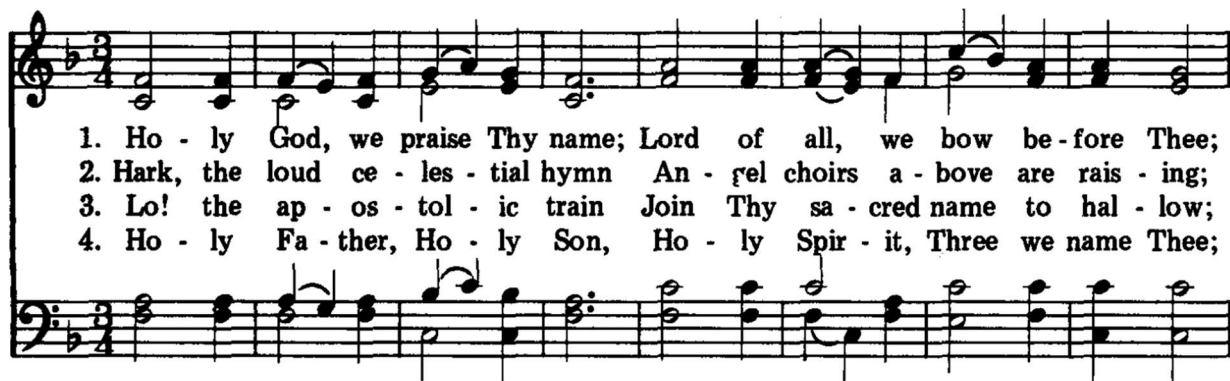
Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

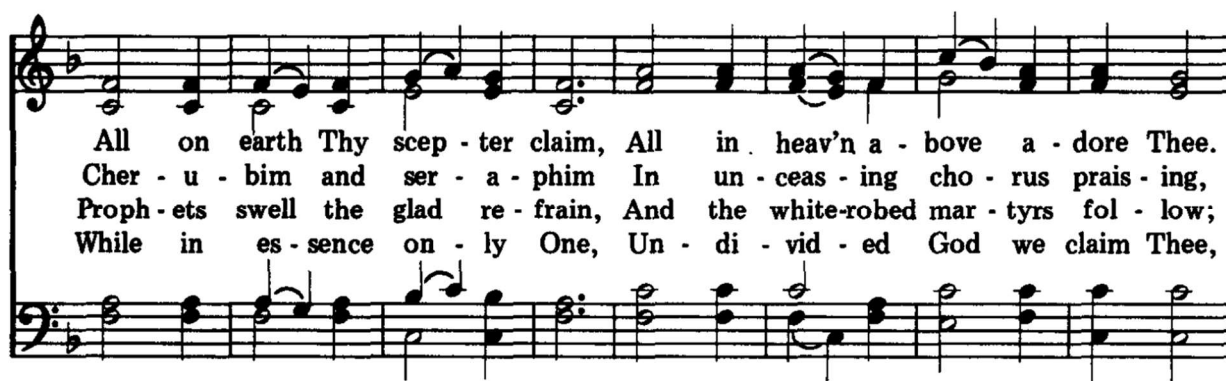
The Bishop

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the **†**Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

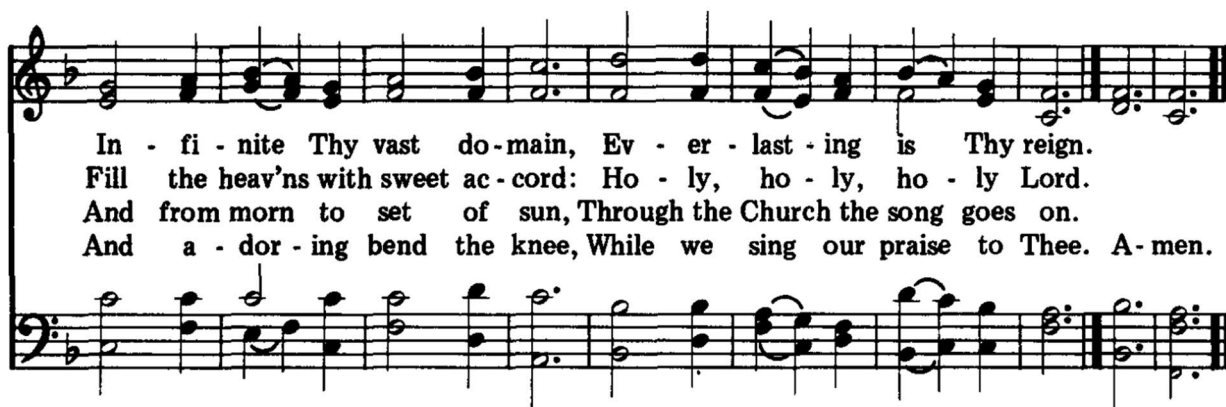
A Final Hymn – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore Thee;
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train Join Thy sa - cred name to hal - low;
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name Thee;



All on earth Thy scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee.
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, And the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
While in es - sence on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee,



In - fi - nite Thy vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.
And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing our praise to Thee. A - men.

The Dismissal

Assisting Minister
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The Postlude