



# St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## love is our tradition

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
After Pentecost**

**November 19, 2023, Rite 2 Year A**

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Thank you for joining us in worship.  
We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have  
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

**We Love  
God**

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

**We Love  
Each Other**

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

**We Love  
Our Community**

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

**We Love  
Our Faith**

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

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The season after Pentecost is referred to as “ordinary time,” because we turn now to a host of short stories intended to aid us understand how we are to live as a people formed by God’s story. For six months we will explore the implications of Good Friday and Easter and strive to live into our baptisms, to be faithful bearers of God’s good-news, the story of God’s redemptive entering into our human lives and history, and of our vocation to live so that all others well know what God has made true for them also. — John Westerhoff

### **Basic Liturgics**

**Liturgy:** "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

**Eucharist:** The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

### **The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:**

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word        | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite               | - The Offertory                                    |
| - The Lessons & Sermon             | - The Eucharistic Prayer                           |
| - The Creed                        | - The Lord's Prayer                                |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread        |
| - The Peace                        | - Holy Communion                                   |
|                                    | - The Post-Communion Prayer                        |
|                                    | - Blessing and Dismissal                           |

### **Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:**

*Celebrant, Presider, Officiant:* A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

*Deacon:* A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

*Crucifer:* Someone who carries the processional cross.

*Acolyte:* Literally this means "torch-bearer."

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

*Book-bearer:* The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

*Preacher:* A person who gives a sermon or homily.

*Lector:* A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

*Intercessor:* A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

*Oblation-bearers:* Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

*Ushers:* Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

*Greeters:* Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

*Altar Guild:* The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

*Floral Guild:* Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

## Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

# Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

## The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

*Prelude on Rockingham*

Kenneth Leighton

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn 8 (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

*Morning has broken*

*Bunessan*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

## Collect for Purity

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.

## Gloria in excelsis

Arnatt

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,  
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*a little slower*  
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 Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*(Please be seated)*

### The Lessons

#### A Reading from the Book of Judges

*Judges 4:1-7*

Patrick McDuff

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

**A Reading from First Thessalonians**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Virginia Damron

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 707 (Blue Book)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.



## The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

### The Gospel

*Matthew 25:14-30*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew  
**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children’s Worship.*

*(Please be seated)*

### The Sermon

The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken



## The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### 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.**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

## **Prayers of the People VI**

Mickie Jones

*Intercessor:* In Peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Pause*

*Intercessor:* For all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

**All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world.

**All: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

For the just and proper stewardship of God's creation.

**All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark and Gayle, our bishops; for the congregation and clergy of Our Saviour, Montpelier; St. Clement's, Alexandria; St. Luke's, Remington; and St. Margaret's, Woodbridge.

**All: For all who serve in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially: Betty, Noah, Phillip, Lisette, Margie and her family, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Ronald, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Judy, Bev and Larry, Caroline, the Tracy Family, Bianca, Shelby, the Hardison family, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard, Alice, Garry, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise, Rod, Gloria, William, Henry, Rick, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Kristy, Martha, Carolyn, Randi, Nancy, Marion, Hollis, and Donna.

*Silence*

*Please add your own petitions either aloud or silently.*

*Pause*

Hear us, Lord;

**All: For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Becky, Trevor, Bryan, Dee, George, Ciel, Étienne, Andrea, and Ryn, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Larry and Barbara.

*Pause*

We will exalt you, O God our King.

**All: And praise your Name for ever and ever;**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

**All: Who put their trust in you.**

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

*Silence may be kept*

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

### **The Absolution**

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

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

*(Please be seated)*

### **Announcements and News of the Church Community**



## The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

# The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

## Invitation to Holy Communion

*(Remain seated)*



SCAN ME TO DONATE

## Offertory

*Pilgrim's Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## At The Presentation, Doxology

*Old 100th*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

## The Communion Vessels



The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na \_\_\_ in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na \_\_\_ in the high - est.

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

*Presider:* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. [Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light].

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mark and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.


## Fraction Anthem, WLP 875

*"Be known to us"*

James

*Choir:* Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.


**Refrain (sung by all):**



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Choir:* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.


**Refrain (sung by all):**



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Choir:* One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**Refrain (sung by all):**



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Holy Communion

Please come forward as the ushers direct you and put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

For a gluten free wafer please inform your serving priest.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

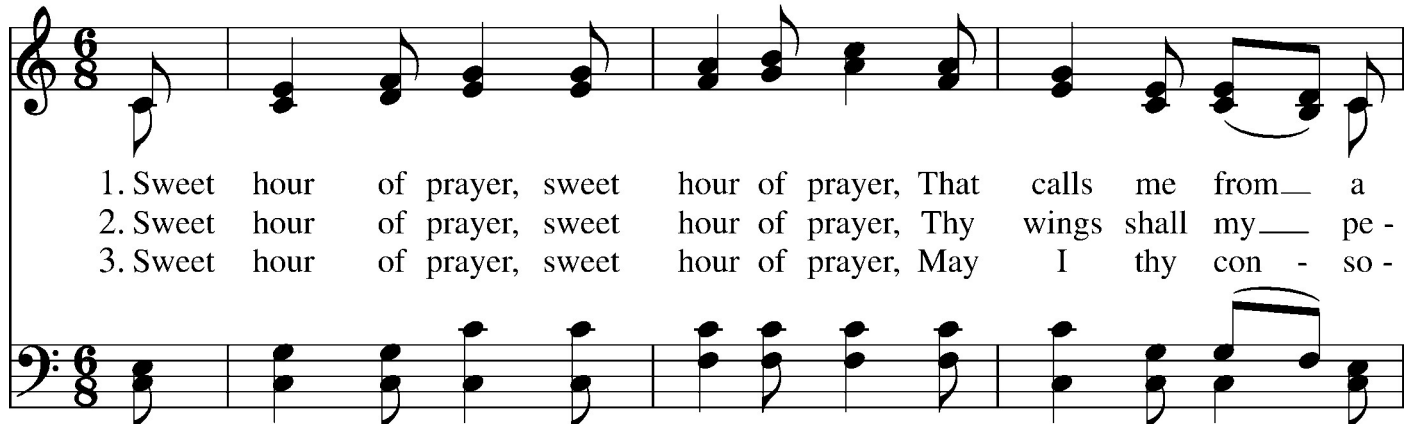
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and the clergy will bring communion to you.

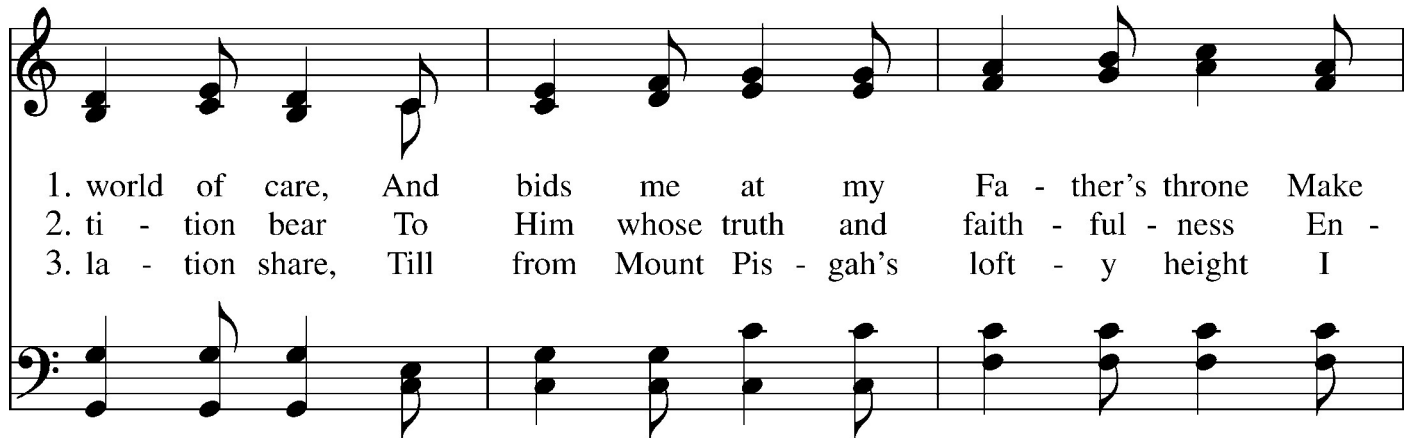
Hymn 178 (*Lift Every Voice and Sing-Red/Black Book*)

*Sweet hour of prayer*

Bradbury



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -



1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I



1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me  
3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll



## Hymn 178 Continued

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

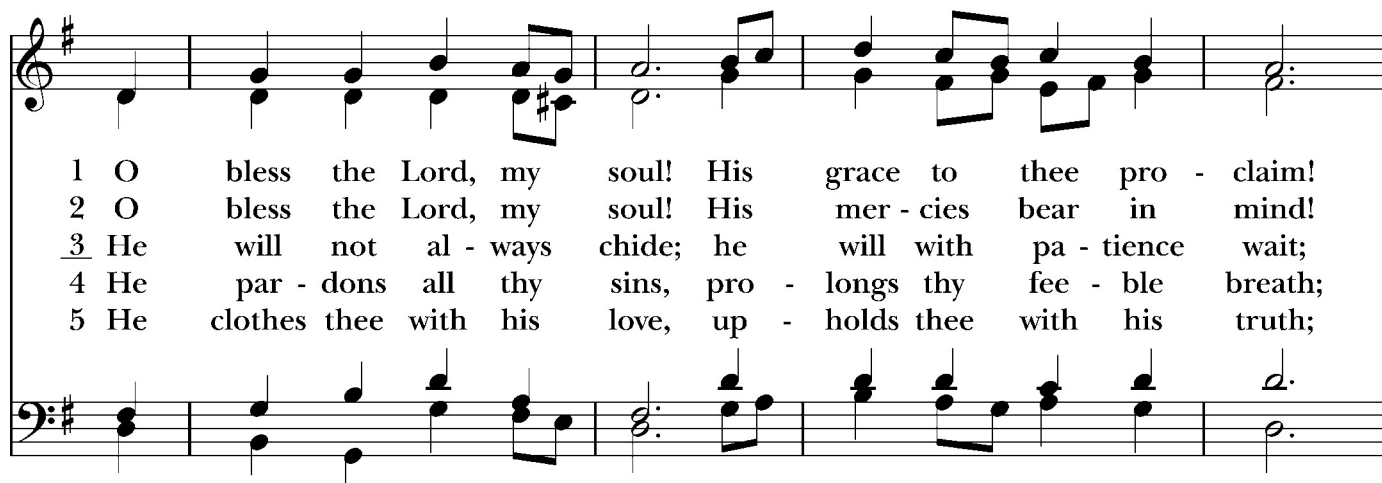
1. thy re - turn, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
2. wait for thee, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
3. well, fare - well, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer!"

## Post Communion Prayer

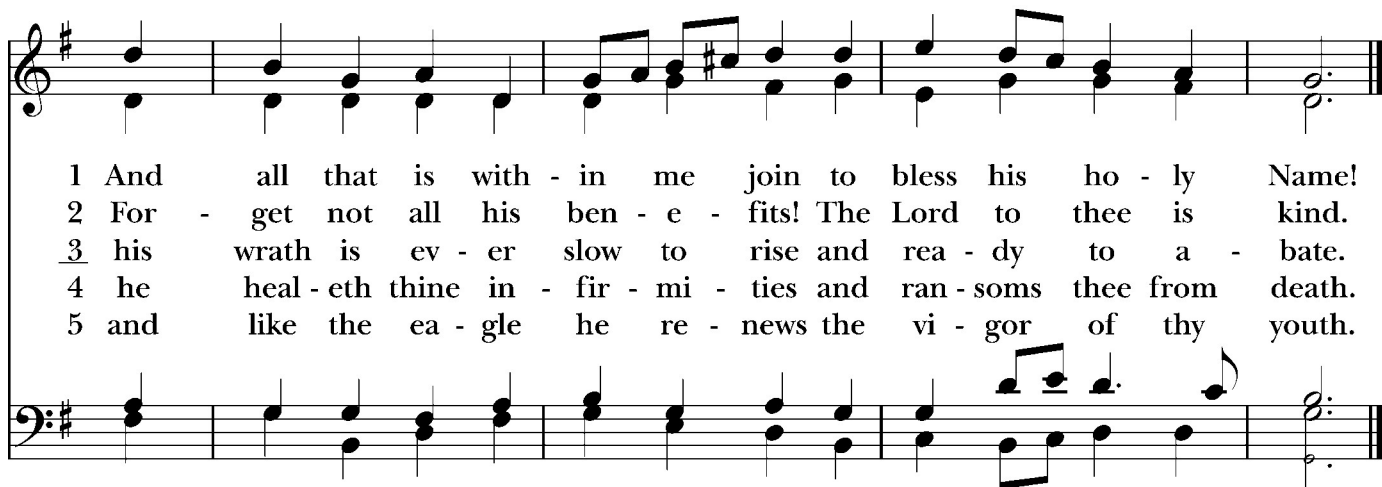
*Presider:* Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## The Blessing



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude:

*Toccata Brevis*

Daniel E. Gawthrop

*After this service, the altar flowers can be taken to anyone who would appreciate them.*



## The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

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Those celebrating birthdays: especially Becky Adams, Trevor Whitlow, Bryan Rowland, Dee Whitlow, George Collier, Ciel Smith, Étienne Smith, Andrea Lofton, Ryn Kennedy

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Larry and Barbara Dawson.

Those who have died:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregation and clergy of Our Saviour, Montpelier; St. Clement's, Alexandria; St. Luke's, Remington; and St. Margaret's, Woodbridge.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

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You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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