



**December 16, 2023
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**ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us today! St. Michael's Episcopal Church, centered in Jesus Christ, is passionate about accepting the invitation to grow in God through love and acceptance. It is our desire to share God's love in action with works of grace and service. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people.

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THE LIFE PROFESSION OF SISTER TINA FRANCESCA FERRIOT

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach
*Jesus is my joy forever,
He the balm that calms my strife
Jesus comforts all my sorrow,
With His strength sustains my life.
He my eyes' delight and pleasure,
He my soul's most costly treasure.
Never will I lose His light
From my heart and from my sight.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#379 God is Love
(All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 11.)

Bishop Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' Send forth your blessing, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts and minds well for the coming of the true Light to the world. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PRESENTATION & DECLARATION

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenters Megan, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the people of St. Michael's and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, we present Sister Tina Francesca Ferriot to be received as a Solitary Franciscan Nun in Christ's holy catholic Church by the profession of these life vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm that Sister Tina Francesca is called by God to this vocation for life?

Presenters Yes, we believe her to be so called.

Bishop Sister Tina Francesca, are you prepared to make your vows to live and serve God as a Solitary Franciscan Nun in the Episcopal Church for life?

Candidate I am prepared, with God's help.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Sr. Tina Francesca in her life vows?

People **We will.**

Bishop My sister, what do you ask of God and of the Church?

Candidate I ask that I may persevere in the service of God and that I may now be allowed to make my profession in vows for life to live as a Solitary Franciscan Nun of the Episcopal Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Bishop shall then address the Candidate

The people of St. Michael's and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California have given their consent to accept your life profession as a Solitary Franciscan Nun, and I, after consultation, have considered it right that you should be so accepted, provided that you are willing to maintain, during the whole of your life, faithfulness and obedience to your vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Please stand as you are able.*

Bishop God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS & PSALM *Please be seated.*

A reading from 1 Samuel (3:1-11)

Mary Ellen Ferguson

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray from Psalm 34:1-8 responsively by half verse.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
 let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,
 and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
 and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look to him, and be radiant;
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
 and was saved from every trouble.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
 and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are those who take refuge in him.

A reading from the first letter of John (4:7-16)

Susan Johnson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

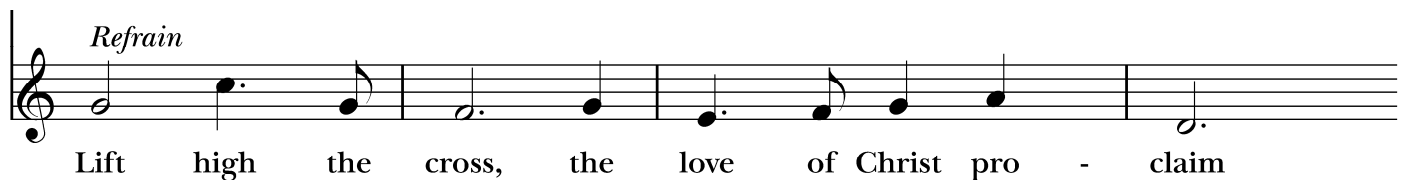
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

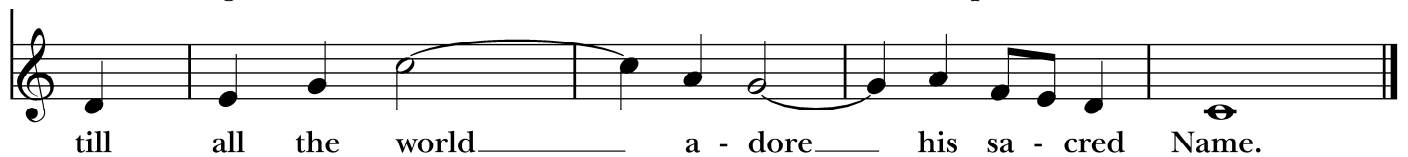
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#473 Lift High the Cross (*All stand as you are able and face the Deacon for the Gospel reading.*)

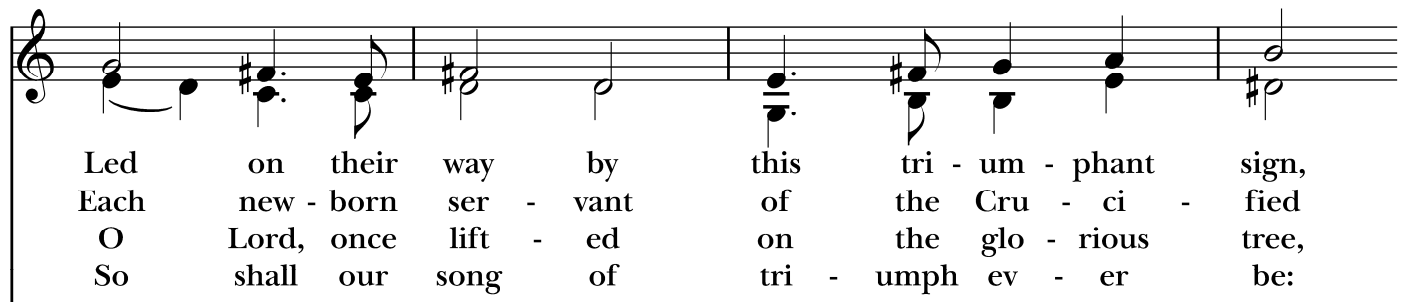
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

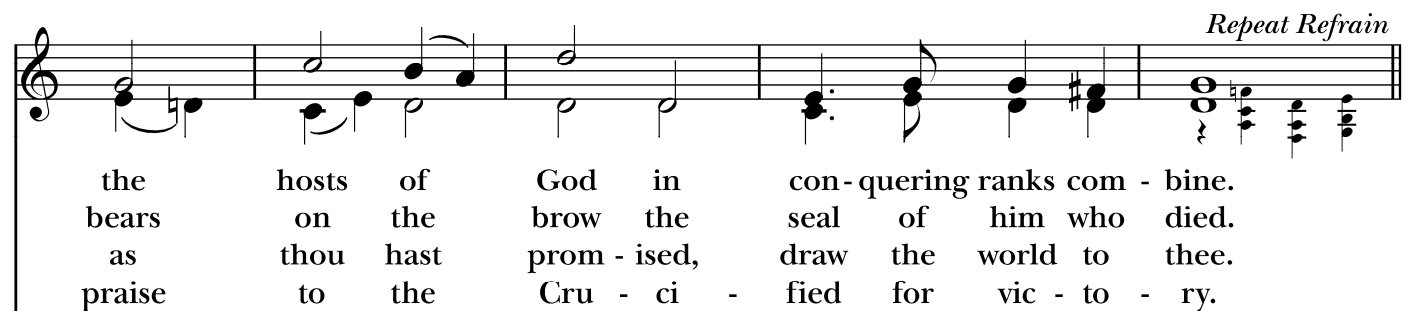


till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL John (15:1-8)

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

SERMON Sr. Pamela Clare, CSF

The people remain seated and the Candidate comes before the Bishop

THE LIFE PROFESSION

Bishop Sister Tina Francesca, you have already been consecrated to the Lord through baptism and the profession of vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Are you willing to confirm this commitment to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in the example of blessed Francis all the days of your life?

Candidate I am willing, God being my helper.

Bishop In living your profession of poverty, chastity, and obedience, are you willing to renounce all personal possessions, fidelity to anyone or anything other than to God, and all attachments which separate you from the love of God, and will you accept any hardships that lead you and others to the love of God?

Candidate I am willing, God being my helper.

Bishop My sister, do you now desire to make your profession for life as a Solitary Franciscan Nun of the Episcopal Church?

Candidate I do, and I pray for the blessing of God and God's Church, and I ask for the prayers of my brothers and sisters.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE *Please stand as you are able.*

Susan Johnson

Deacon May almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them, that God may complete the work which God has begun in you.

All remain standing, and a leader will begin the prayer

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit to enable her to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader And Gracious God, we pray for all who are in need or trouble. We pray for the brokenhearted, those who mourn, those who suffer injustice and oppression. We pray for the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. God, open our hearts, minds, souls and give us strength to love you and all our neighbors as ourselves. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE INVOCATION

Bishop Let us ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit for our sister.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

I now call upon Sister Tina to make your life profession.

Candidate I, Sister Tina Francesca, here in the sight of the holy angels and all the company of heaven and in the presence of this congregation, dedicate myself for my whole life to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ as a Solitary Franciscan Nun, to follow him under the conditions of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the example of the blessed Francis; and I promise and vow in the presence of almighty God that I will live according to the rule of life established for me by the community of the Episcopal Church, God being my helper.

The newly professed signs the Profession of Vows Document.

Bishop In the name of God. **Amen.**

I, Megan, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, do hereby declare Tina is a Solitary Franciscan Nun for life in the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop signs the document.

Given this sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three. To the Glory of God. **Amen.**

The Bishop shall then say to the newly professed

In the name of God and of the Church, I have accepted your vows. Be faithful to Christ, and God will bless you and give you eternal life. The Lord give you joy and fill you with gladness, that you may give thanks to him for ever.

THE GIVING OF THE RING

Bishop Let us pray.

Bless, O God, this ring to be a sign of the vows by which this nun has bound herself to You. **Amen.**

The Bishop places the ring on the fourth finger of the right hand of the newly life professed, saying:

Receive this ring, remember that you are united to the Lord who chose you to be faithful to him, that you may come to the eternal joy of the feast in God's kingdom.

BLESSING OF THE PROFESSED

Bishop Sister Tina Francesca, may God bless you and keep you. May God be gracious to you, and the face of the Most High shine upon you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

And all present shall say **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY *Please stand as you are able.*

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Bishop Come into the presence of God and give to God's name honor; bring forth offerings of thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Consecration by Ness Beck

*Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let it sing,
Always, only, for my King.*

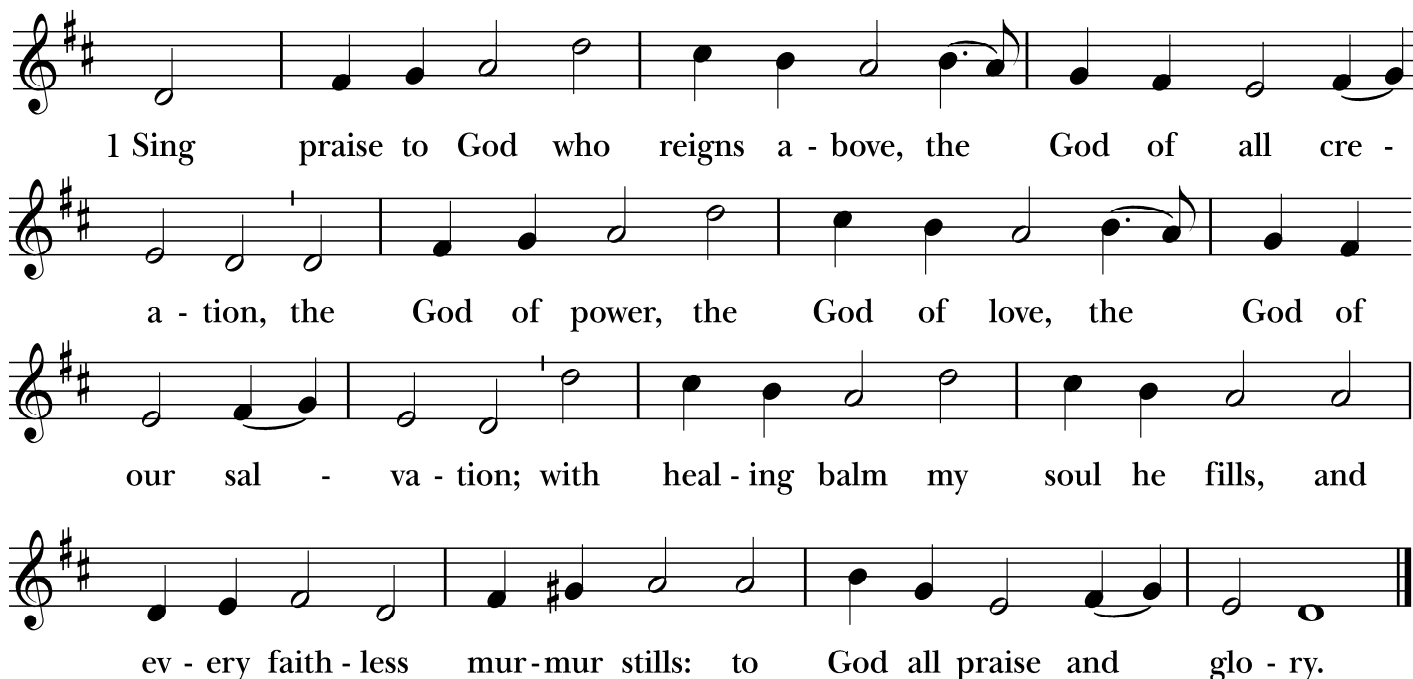
*Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my intellect, and use
Evr'y power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.*

*Take my self, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#408 Sing Praise to God verse 1 (*All stand as you are able.*)



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(*Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer*)

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Living God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—Service Music #128 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Please join us*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

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Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

THE BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION

The Hymnal 1982—S#171 Be Known to Us

Antiphon: Cantor; then All

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

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Bishop The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Lord, Here am I by Ness Beck

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
What is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead;
Only support me with grace in my need.*

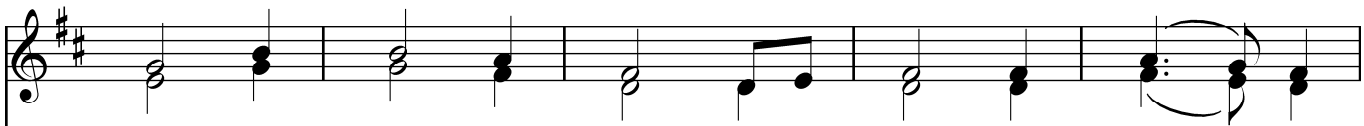
*Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

*Living or dying, I still would be thine,
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
Pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

COMMUNION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#693 Just as I am



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: *Woodworth*. William Batchelder Bradburv (1816-1868).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Bishop Together, let us pray.

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

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#400 All creatures of our God and King (*All stand as you are able.*)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go into the world to love and serve Christ!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Largo from Cello Sonata, Op. 65 by Chopin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#379 God is Love

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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