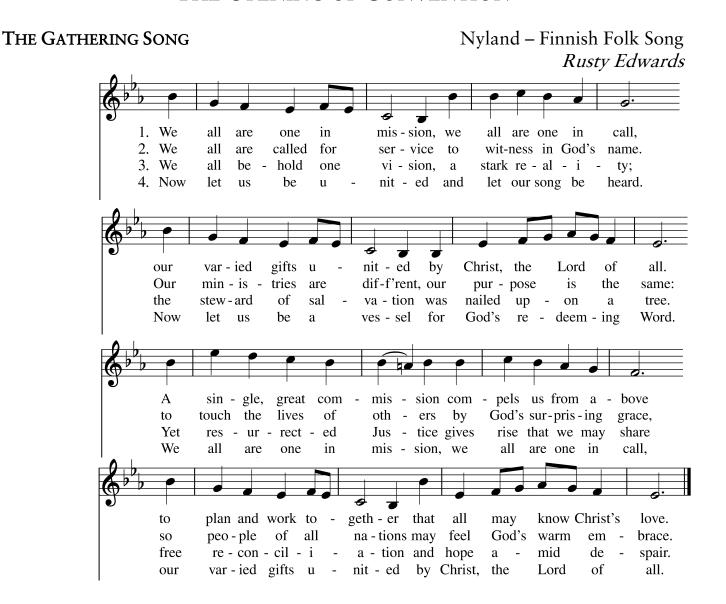
Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

Isaiah 54:2

THE OPENING OF CONVENTION



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop We are a holy people.

People We are the church of God.

Bishop For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

People So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bishop

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it, your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it, we are buried with Christ in His death. By it, we share in His resurrection. Through it, we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Bishop Dear friends, I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

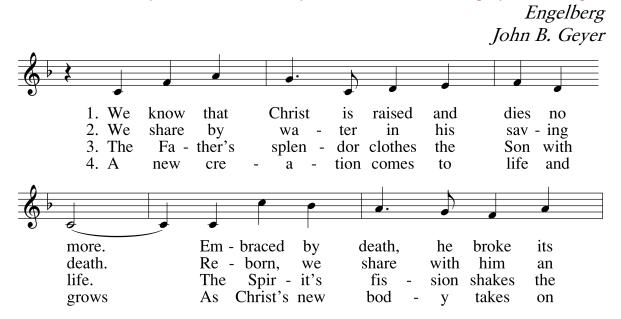
Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

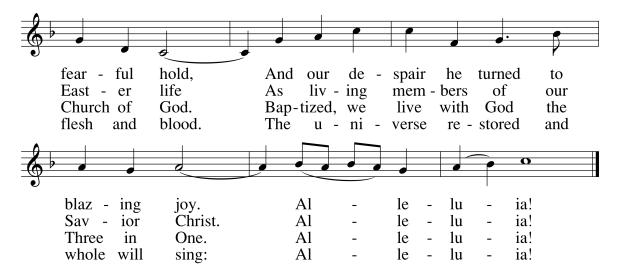
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen.

The convention assembly is blessed with holy water, as the following hymn is sung.





Bishop

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

People

O God, by your grace you have called us in the Diocese of Long Island to a holy fellowship of faith: Bless our Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn the Assistant Bishop, William and Daniel the Assisting Bishops, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop As we turn to the tasks before us this day.

People Fill us, gracious Lord.

Bishop In making faithful decisions, great and small,

People Guide us, gracious Lord.

Bishop As we seek to notice and serve those in need,

People Teach us, gracious Lord.

Bishop As we offer our lives to you,

People Hear us, gracious Lord.

Bishop With hearts ready to serve,

People Accompany us, gracious Lord.

Bishop God's power, working in us,

People Does more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God!

DIOCESAN CONVENTION FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be

stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. *Isaiah 54:2*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades,

with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

1-3. Let it

shine,

People Amen.



let it shine,

let it shine.

Please pray Psalm 27 responsively by the half verse. Our youth will pray the first line of every verse, while those on the convention floor will pray the words in hold.

THE PSALMODY

27 Dominus illuminatio

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;* I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord * in the land of the living!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Lector A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 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.

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

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father,

People 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 SUFFRAGES

As the day lengthens, O Christ,

Teach us to walk in love.

While we strive to be faithful in word and deed,

Teach us to love one another.

While we live as part of your creation,

Teach us to love this good earth.

While we offer our prayers this hour:

You are welcomed to add your own thanksgivings and intercessions.

With grateful hearts,

Teach us to trust in your love.

The Collects

Officiant

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today's world: the absurdity of gun violence, and the many wars which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; especially in Israel, Palestine, the Gazza Strip and Ukraine. Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace; lead all nations into the path of peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.

People

Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God,

People

you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give

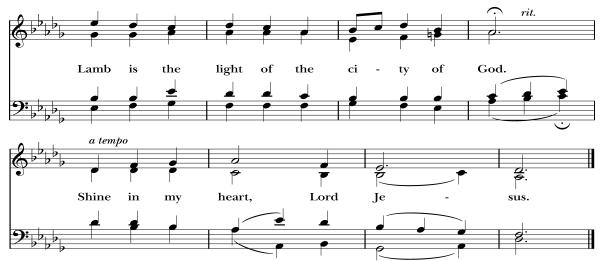
us peace.

People Amen.

THE FIANL HYMN

Houston





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CONVENTION EUCHARIST

THE PROCESSIONAL

Hyfrydol Text – Jeffery Rowthorn





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop → Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

THE OPENING COLLECT

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray

God of all creation, you formed us from the dust and by your breath we came to life and revealed your image. We give you thanks for the courageous eleven women who continued your self-revelation by fulfilling your call to serve in your sacred priesthood. Gather us in thanksgiving for their witness and give us a full measure of their courage as we recommit our diocesan mission to your holy vision; through a Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives one God now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE EPISTLE

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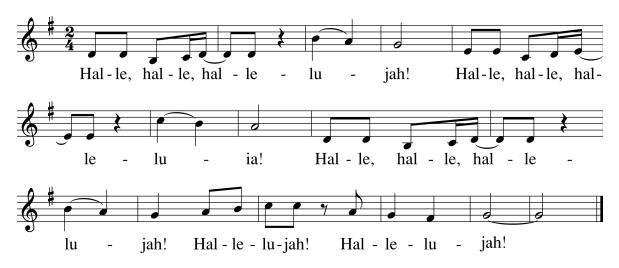
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1-19

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano Bishop of Long Island

RESPONSE

Bridge over troubled water Paul Simon

When you're weary, feeling small, when tears are in your eyes I'll dry them all. I'm on your side oh, when times get rough and friends just can't be found.

Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down. Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down.

When you're down and out. When you're on the street. When evening falls so hard I will comfort you. I'll take your part. Oh, when darkness comes and pain is all around.

Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down. Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down.

Sail on silver girl. Sail on by. Your time has come to shine all your dreams are on their way. See how they shine. Oh, if you need a friend I'm sailing right behind.

Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your mind. Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your mind.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Almighty God, hold our hearts in the Trinity of your love, as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women, for the courage of the Philadelphia 11 and the three consecrating bishops who brought the church to a fuller understanding of ordained ministry; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

In thanksgiving for the diversity of ordained leadership in the church today, for the faithful ministry of Lawrence and his episcopal assistants and staff, for our priests and deacons, and for the untiring devotion of lay men and women who shatter the veil of darkness by carrying the light of Christ; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

That the thunder of war and hate echoing amongst nations and peoples may give way to a pragmatic peace that surpasses illusions of victory; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

That Divine wisdom may inspire and direct leaders throughout world as they take counsel together for the resolution of enduring conflict and destruction, especially in the Israel, the Gaza Strip, Palestine, and Ukraine; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

For veterans who served in our Armed Forces, and for those who continue to prepare for the defense of our country, that they may know of our gratitude as we join with them in seeking the peace that passes human understanding; we pray in faith: **Come, blessed Jesus.**

For the forgiveness of our sins—our condemnation of those who differ from us, our deafness to the cries of the poor and oppressed, our blindness to our own prejudices, anger, and despair—that through God's mercy the evil that prowls in darkness will be defeated by the God of truth and grace; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

For our diocese, that we may break through every spiritual rigidity that no longer serves an ever-changing church, maintaining the fruits of our tradition while modeling a creative freshness; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

For those who have died, for those who are dying as we pray, and for those whose tears and grief rend our hearts; we pray in faith: Come, blessed Jesus.

Bishop Let us pray

.... now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

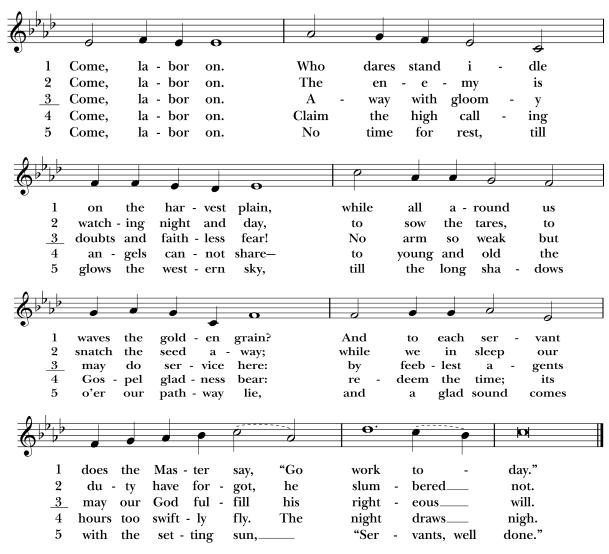
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Arranged by Mark Hayes

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Ora Labora Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick



Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: Ora Labora, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

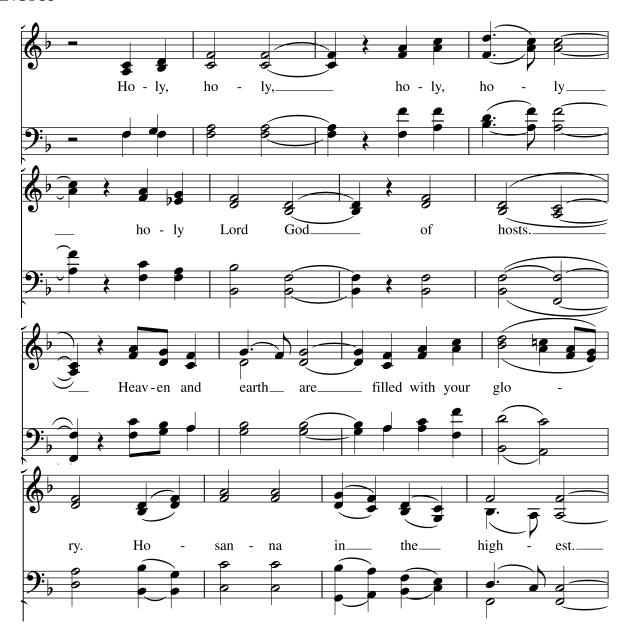
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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





Bishop 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:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop 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.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People 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,

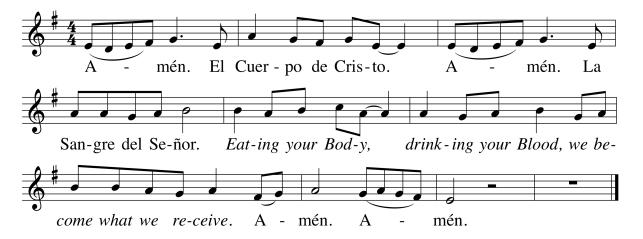
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Bishop

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

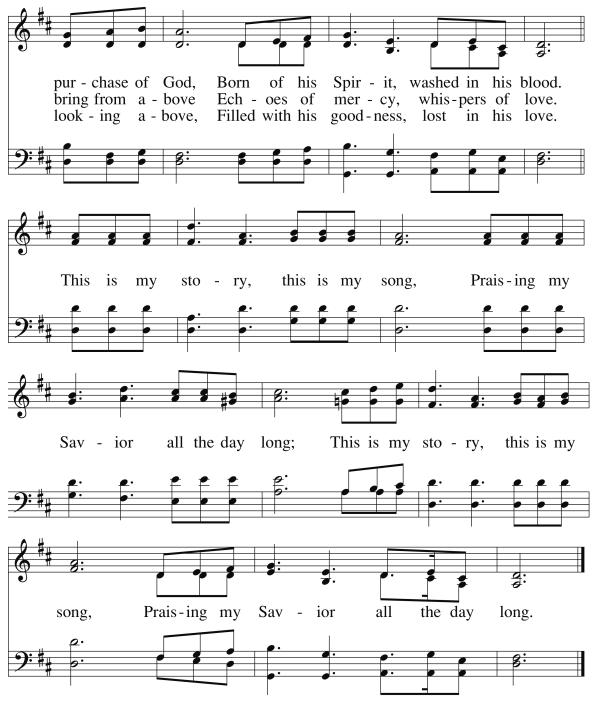
There will be five Communion stations – Three in the front of the Ballroom (the center one is gluten-free, and two in the back of the Ballroom. Each station will have one bread and two chalices. Please follow the direction of the Ushers. We ask that you only receive the host in the palm of your hand and, if you wish, to only drink from the chalice.





Your Sacrifice Thomas Lucas





Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Tune: ASSURANCE, 9 10 9 9 with refrain; Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839–1908

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop People 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 BENEDICTION

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People The maker of heaven and earth.

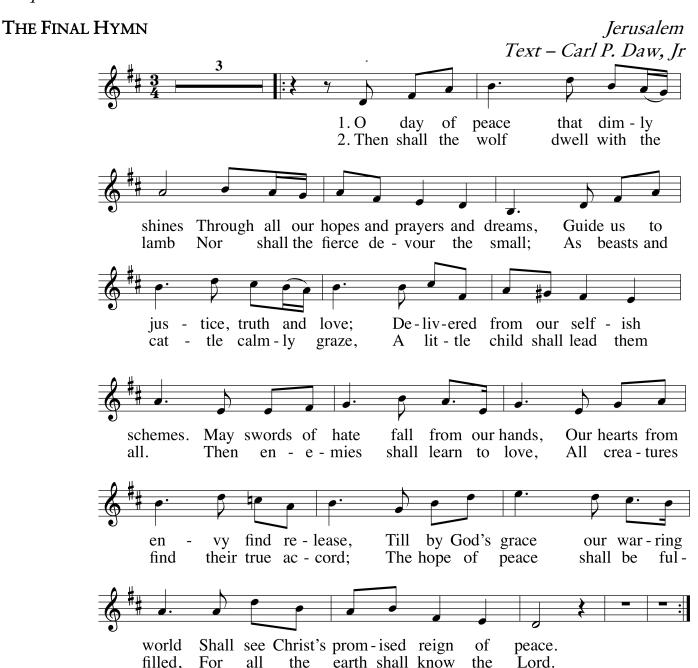
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord,

People From this time forth for evermore.

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.

People Amen.

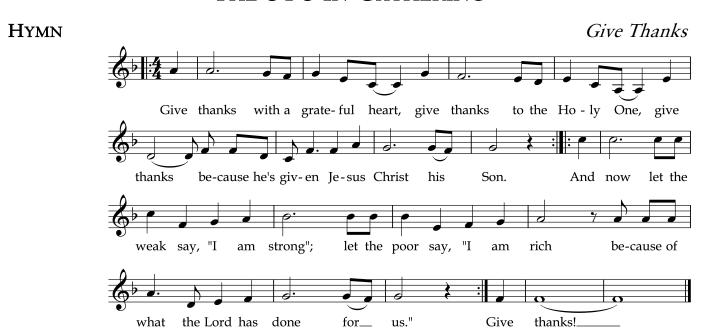


THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A NOONDAY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING THE UTO IN-GATHERING



Presider O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Presider God be gracious to us and bless us

People And smile down upon us;

Presider The earth has yielded her harvest,

People God, our God has blessed us.

Presider Lord, bless us! May you be worshipped

People To all the ends of the earth.

A WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16, 20-21

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything

good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Presider With gratitude to God for all that we are and for all that we have, we present these offerings to God through the United Thank Offering.

RESPONSE

Please repeat the antiphon after the cantor.



Representatives from the parishes of the Diocese now come forward to present their UTO offerings.

Bishop Let us pray

People Source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Nun danket alle



THE SENDING PRAYER

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

People And enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Bishop Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

People And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Bishop Fill us this day with your love.

People And we shall be living words of praise.

Bishop God of majesty and glory, open for us the fountain of living waters

promised to the faithful, that the outpouring of the Spirit may reveal Christ's glory and enlighten all who wait in hope for the glorious day of redemption. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

A WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has L sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

Litanist

For the Church, its leaders, and its pastors and for all the people of God, especially the leadership of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, that we will be eager to preach the Good News to the ends of the world, we pray to the Lord



Litanist

That God will send God's Spirit upon bishops, priests, writers, and teachers making them announce the Gospel boldly and faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That the wonders of God's deeds, and the splendors of God's works may be praised in every language and by every tongue, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That all who have been called to live the Good News of Christ may have the courage to follow him in the path of service and self-sacrifice, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For the president and all civil leaders, that God's plan for the unity of all people be present in their work and concern for the common good, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island will continue to hear God's word more clearly, understand it more deeply, and have the courage to carry it out, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That the Spirit will be in our hearts and its power in our hands, to transform our parishes into communities of love, which by word and deed will proclaim God's love to all the world, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That we will be a community, which gives peace to the restless, the anxious, and the despondent, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That we will be a Church with vision enough to bring courage to the fearful and hope to the cynical, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That we will learn to be at peace among ourselves despite any differences, making us a sign of hope to the world, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That we, like the early Christian community will join in continuous

prayer and the sharing of our goods, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That we may discover in the breaking of bread the joy of Christ's presence,

and share that joy with others, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist: That the power of God's love may consume us, so that we may exercise

our ministry of reconciliation with courage, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That the eyes of our hearts might be opened not only to the hope and

promise of God's power, but also to the needs and dreams of all those

around us, we pray to the Lord.

People Send your Spirit Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Bishop Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to

yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours

for ever.

People Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

Amen.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. Amen.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

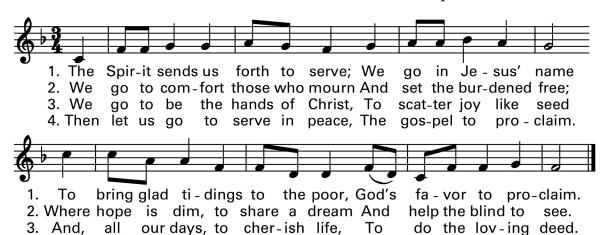
People Amen.

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FINAL HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth

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