

**Farewell Service for the Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
on her retirement from Parish Ministry**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6:30pm



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~ Prelude ~

“Wherever I may Wander”

American folk hymn arr. Anna Laura Page

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.


way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one. Last time

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble staff, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line and the words "Last time" written above and below the staff.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed
 2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land
 3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters
 4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen
 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I

me with lies. Here a - mong you
 calls to me. Here a - mong you
 of your life. Here a - mong you
 to my view. Here a - mong you
 thought was gone. Here a - mong you

D.C.

I have found a truth which bids me rise.
 now I find a glimpse of what might be.
 I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
 I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
 I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
 Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Presider: Blessed be God: Author, Word, and Holy Spirit.
 People: ***And blessed be God's kin-dom, now and forever. Amen.***
 Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
 People: ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
 Presider: One Savior, one Faith, one Baptism;
 People: ***One God and Mother-Father of all.***
 Presider: The Lord be with you.
 People: ***And also with you.***
 Presider: Let us pray.

Direct us, O God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7;7:8,10,13-14

Reader: *A Reading from the wisdom book of Ecclesiastes*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Better is the end of a thing than its beginning;

the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit.

Do not say, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’

For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

Consider the work of God;

who can make straight what he has made crooked?

On the day of prosperity be joyful, and on the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people*

People: ***Thanks be to God***

♪ Hymn 499

Lord God you now have set your servant free

Blue Hymnal

Colossians 3:12-17

Reader: *A Reading from the letter to the Colossians*

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.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people*

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Alleluia



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Matthew 25:31-40

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew

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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Right Reverend Lucinda Ashby

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith

as expressed by the 4th Century Church in the Nicene Creed

All: *We trust in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We trust 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 trust in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We trust 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.*

Ending our Pastoral Relationship

Minister: On the day of May 4, 2014, I was inducted by Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves as rector of St. Benedict's after having served as your priest-in-charge for the previous eight years. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Benedict's ends this day.

Bishop: Do you, the people of St. Benedict's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People: *We do.*

Farewell Remarks

- ◇ The Rev. Caroline J. A. Hall
- ◇ Leaders of the Congregation
- ◇ The Rev. Rob Keim, Rector of St Barnabas, Arroyo Grande
- ◇ The Right Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Minister and People: ***O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.***

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

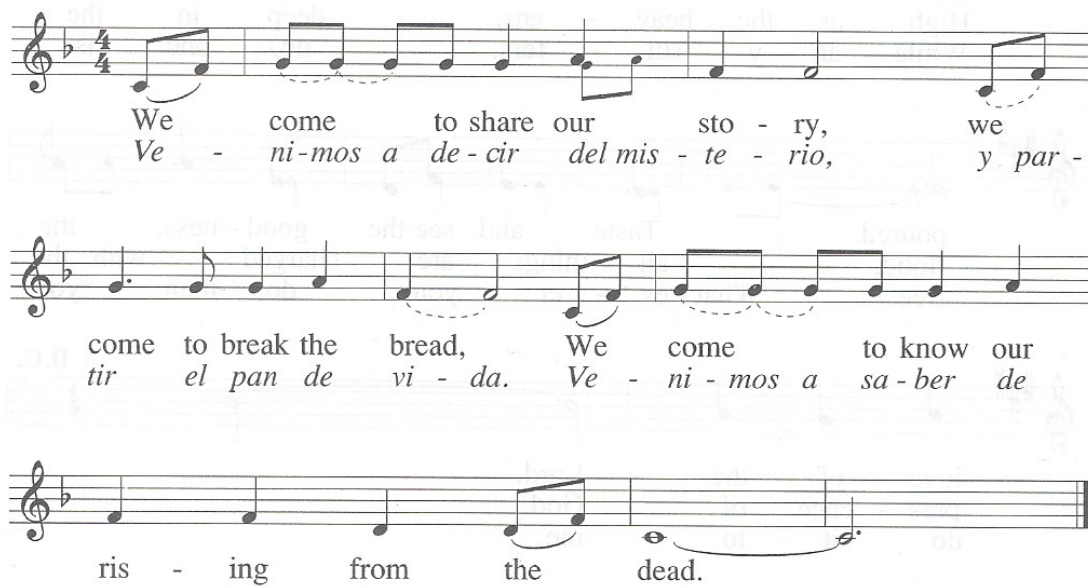
The Offertory

You are invited to make a thank offering, but if you do not contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing as the plate is passed. You can contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.

♪ Offertory Hymn

“We Come to share our story”

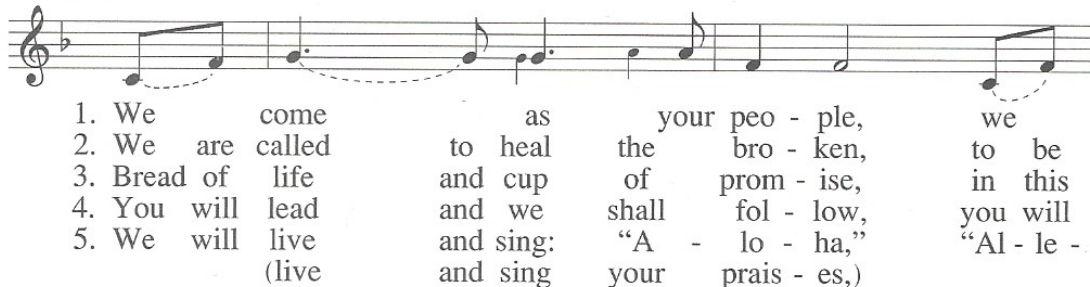
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The musical notation is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'We come to share our sto - ry, we Ve - ni - mos a de - cir del mis - te - rio, y par - come to break the bread, We come to know our tir el pan de vi - da. Ve - ni - mos a sa - ber de ris - ing from the dead.'

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Verses



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(live and sing your prais - es,)



come as your own, u - nit - ed with each
hope for the poor, we are called to feed the
meal we all are one. In our dy - ing and our
be the breath of life; liv - ing wa - ter, we are
lu - ia" is our song. May we live in love and



oth - er, love finds a home.
hun - gry at our door.
ris - ing, may your king - dom come.
thirst - ing for your light.
peace our whole life long.

♪ Doxology:

[Hymn tune #400]

[sung]

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise God the Source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy Eucharist

Iona

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,
 All: *And also with you.*
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,
 All: *We lift them up to God.*
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,
 All: *It is right to give both thanks and praise.*

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret, Blessed Mary and Blessed Benedict, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

♪ Sanctus

WLP 785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it
he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

All: ***Loving God,
through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community
through the centuries, and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.***

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and
wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing,
renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now
eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone
of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: ***Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours, All-Compassionate God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN***

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

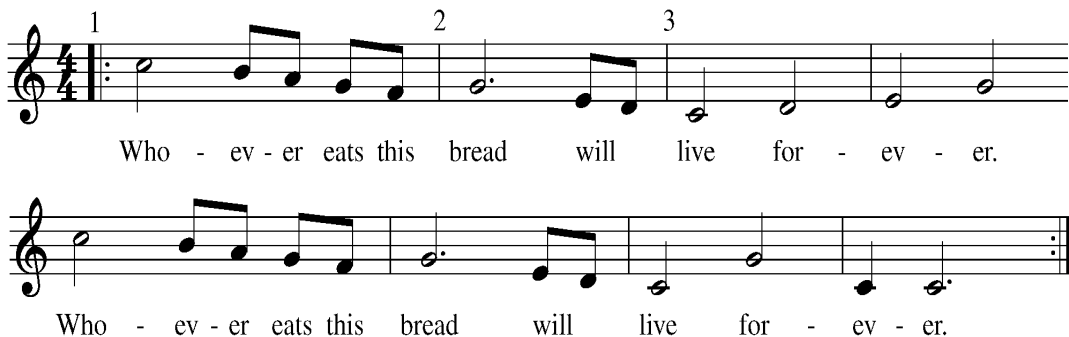
*Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your Name echo through the universe!
The Way of your Justice be followed by the people of the world!
Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For your reign is the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.*

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Holy Communion

Celebrant Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion, If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

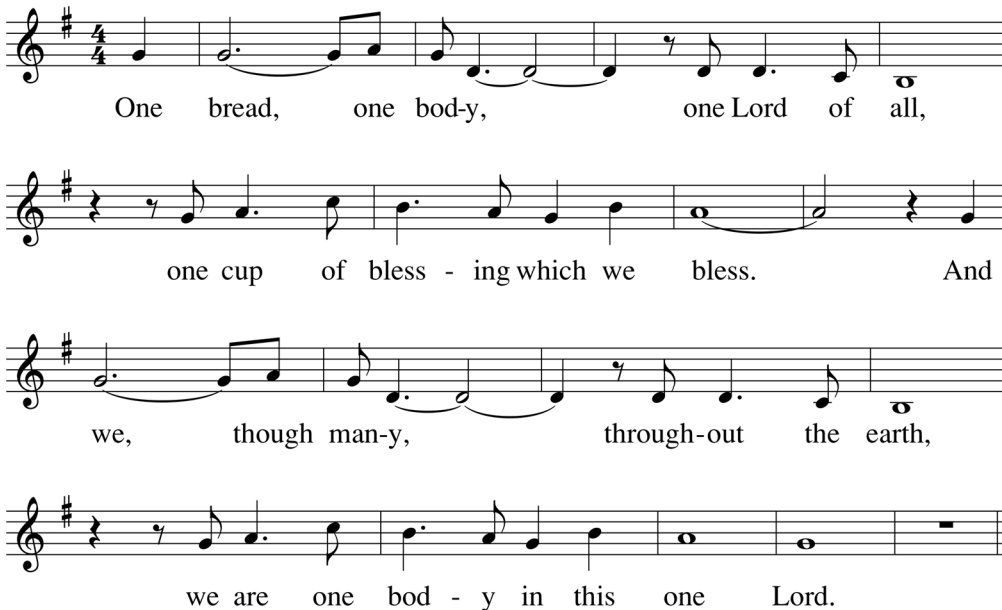
♫ Communion Music

What Wondrous Love is this”, “It is well with my Soul”

Arr. Teresa Wilhelmhi

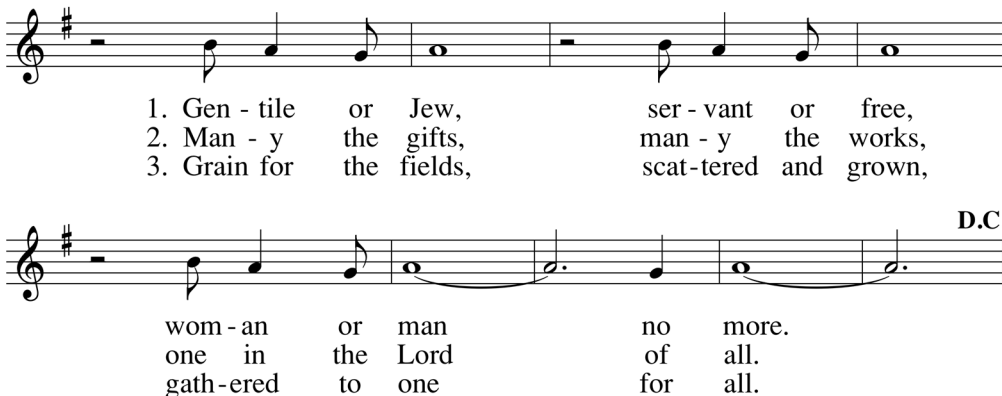
♫ Communion Hymn

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
 we, though man-y, through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses



1. Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2. Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3. Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,
wom - an	or man	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

D.C.

Final Prayer

All-compassionate God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for Caro's work among us, and for Jill's presence with us. Grant that both they and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in God's ways. *Amen.*

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. *Amen.*

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Aii-Compassionate, Author, Word, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

♪ Final Hymn

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

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[Pages 15 and 16]

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, Let us go forth in peace to love and serve our God

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia

♪ Postlude

“Soon and Very Soon” arr. Jack Schrader

Eucharist Liturgy Adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book

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1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

Deacon The Rev. Jen Crompton

Bishops Chaplain Sarah Chesebro

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Gonzalez

Lector: Ann Lucas

Flowers: Sharon Porter

Ushers: Barbara Schipper
and Michael Lucas

Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro

Musician: Ann Lucas

Technical: Hannah Jay Matthew