

A Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church
Tending Mind & Soul in Los Osos, CA



5:30pm Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Order of Procession

Crucifer – Diana Hammerlund

Visiting Clergy

Presiding Warden – Brian Sploarich

Rector – The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker

Lay Eucharistic Minister and People's Warden – Michael Lucas

Deacon – The Rev. Deacon Susan Arnold

Preacher – The Rev. Canon Britt Olsen

Bishop's Chaplain – Maureen Titus

Bishop of El Camino Real – The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

The Induction: Presenters

Bible – Lisa Gonzalez

Water – The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Stole – Sarah Chesebro

Prayer Beads – Jane Wu

Oil – Sandy Fisher

Keys – Brian Spolarich

Canons and Constitution – The Rev. Dr. Ollie Lim

Bread – Alan Kiste

Wine – Diana Hammerlund

*If the customs of the Episcopal Church are unfamiliar to you,
St. Benedict's invites you to simply rest into this sacred time and
space, and allow the congregation to carry you in worship.*

Gathering Music: Improvisation offered by Paul Burkle

Choir Anthem: The Word Was God - Music by Rosephanye Powell

At the sound of the bell please stand.

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Descant



4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

please be seated for The Institution

The Institution

The Wardens, standing before the bishop with the new minister, say:

Bishop Lucinda, we have come together today to welcome Linzi Stahlecker, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, Los Osos. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.

Bishop: Linzi, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Rector: I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation:

Bishop: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Linzi in this ministry?

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people, for this congregation, and for Linzi their Rector.

A Litany of God's Mission for the Church

Please kneel or stand, as desired

Leader: Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love,
People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader: From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
People: **Savior deliver us.**

Leader: From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Leader: From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
People: **Savior deliver us.**

Leader: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Strengthen us, that we may accomplish the work you give us to do.
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray:

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Linzi, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they all may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Word

Joshua 1:7-9

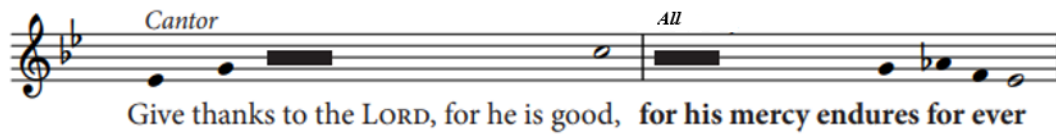
Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136: 1-4, 26

The Cantor alone chants the first half of the Psalm, all join for the second half.



Cantor: Give thanks to the God of gods, *

All: for his mercy endures for ever.

Cantor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *

All: for his mercy endures for ever.

Cantor: Who only does great wonders, *

All: for his mercy endures for ever.

Cantor: Give thanks to the God of heaven, *

All: for his mercy endures for ever.

Romans 12:1-18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be

wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand (as able) to welcome the Gospel.

The Choir sings the Alleluia once, it is then repeated by all.



The Cantor sings the verse, then all repeat the Alleluia.

Verse: Abide in me and I in you, says the Lord; I am the vine and you are the branches.
(John 15:4,5)

John 15:1-11

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 vinegrower. 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. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

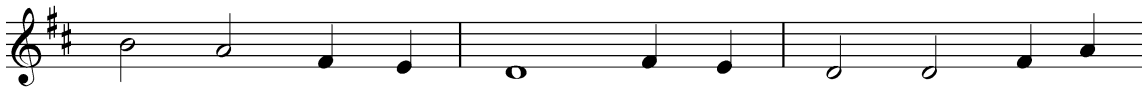
The Reverend Canon Britt Olsen

A short time of silence is observed following the Sermon

Hymn: Come thou fount of every blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



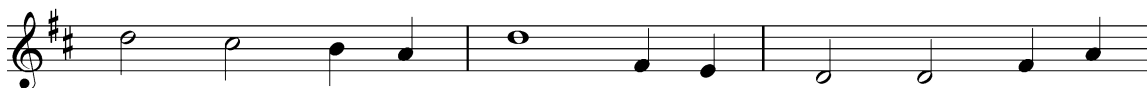
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Induction

Presenter: Linzi, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Linzi, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, receive these prayer beads, and be among us as a woman of prayer.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People: Amen.

Presenter: Linzi, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People: Amen.

The Bishop then says: Linzi, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People: Amen.

The new Rector then kneels in the midst of the church, and says: O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works;

enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do.

Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Bishop then presents the new Rector to the congregation, saying: Greet your new Rector.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

The new Rector then says to the people: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

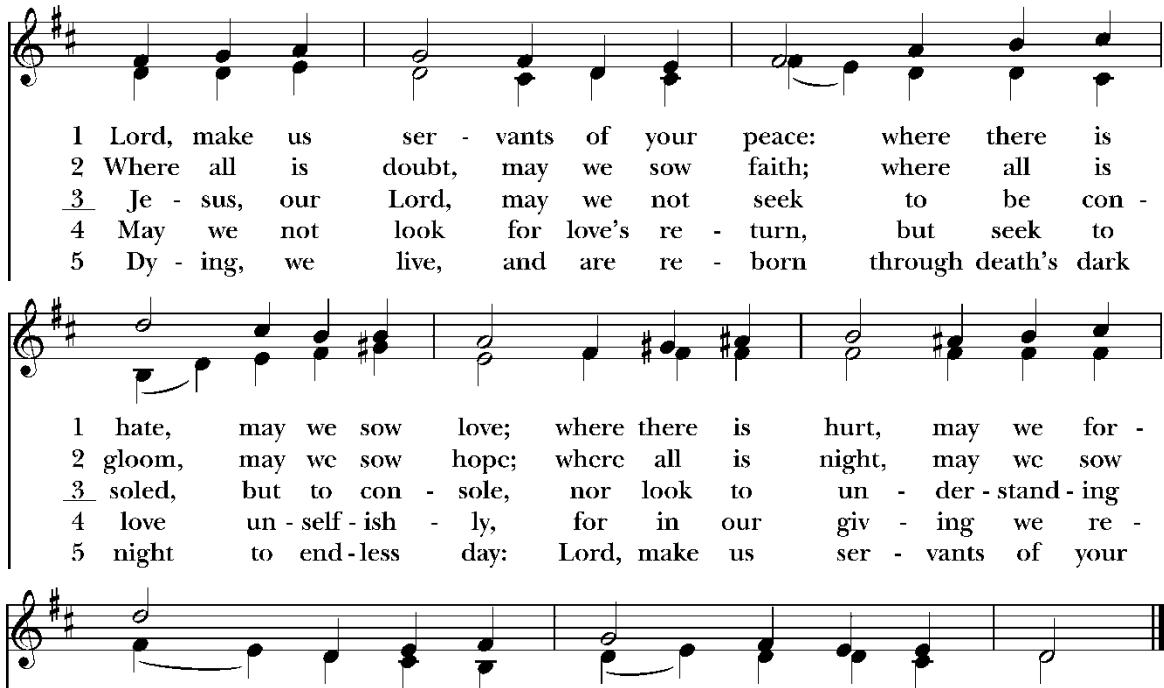
The Bishop says an Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

You are invited to make a thank offering this evening to support the continuing life and mission of St. Benedict's in Los Osos, CA. If you cannot contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing and all the gifts of this life as the plate is passed. You can also contribute by scanning the QR Code or at our website www.stbenslososos.org



Hymn: Lord, make us servants of your peace



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Please stand, as able

Holy Eucharist

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

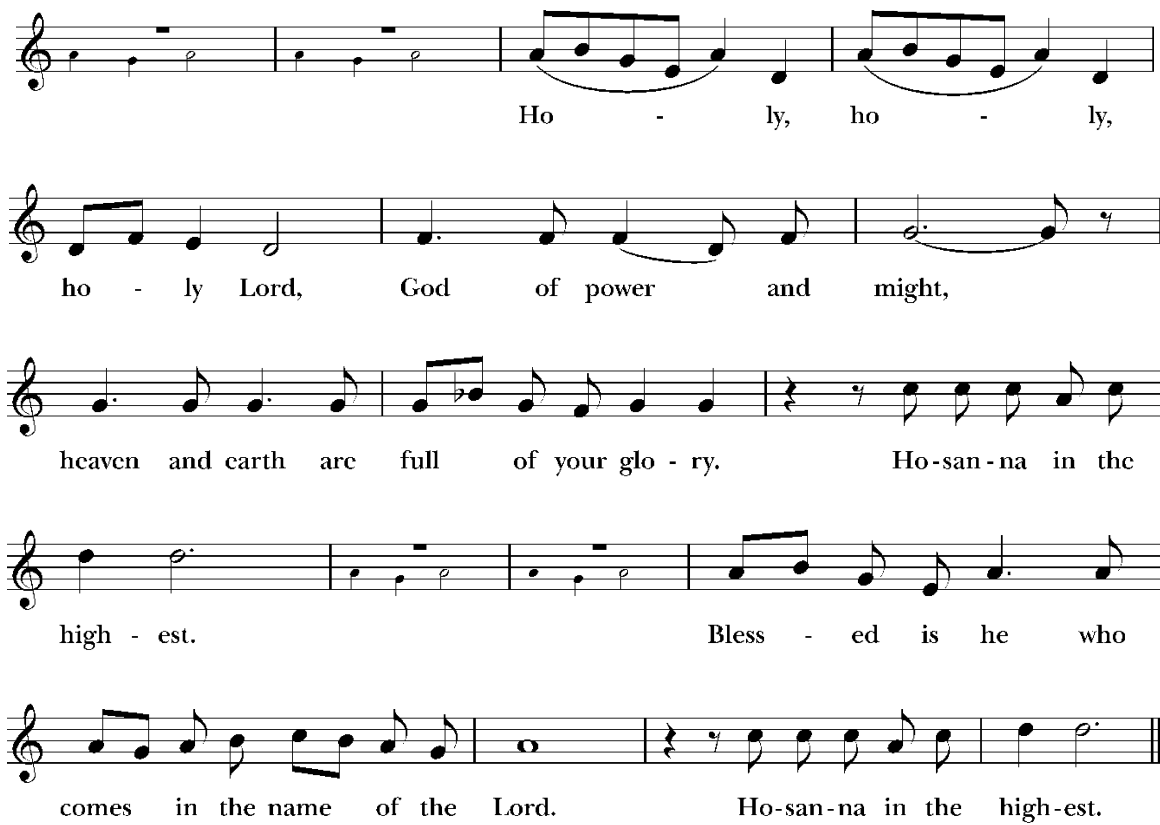
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

♪ Sanctus

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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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The second staff continues with a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a half note A4, and a half note G4. The third staff starts with a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a half note C4. The fourth staff begins with a half note B3, a quarter note A3, a half note G3, and a half note F#3. The fifth staff continues with a half note E3, a quarter note D3, a half note C3, and a half note B2. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

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

The Presider continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,
that with blessed Benedict, patron of this house, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN**

The Lords Prayer

Deacon: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

♪ Fraction Anthem

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Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the 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.]

The Presider invites the people to Communion:

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.

Communion Music

Improvisation & Choir Anthem: Ubi Caritas - Setting: Maurice Duruflé

Postcommunion Hymn: All who hunger gather gladly

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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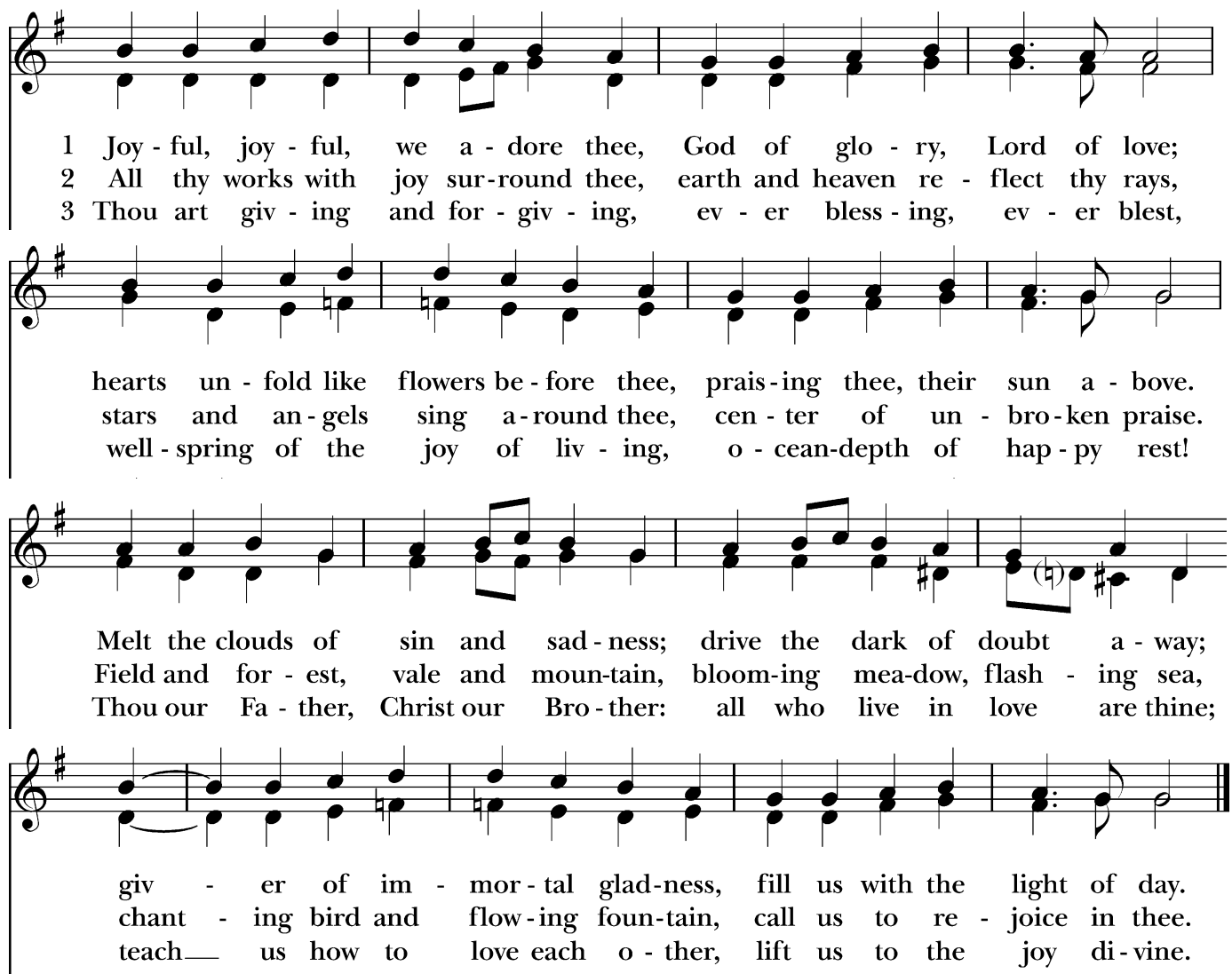
Postcommunion Prayer: *(please stand as able)*

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almighty 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 for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Linzi may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation is invited to be seated for the closing Choir Anthem.

Closing Anthem: Great and Mighty Lord - Arr. Mark Hayes

All are invited to stay after the liturgy for a reception!

Ministers of the Service

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Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas
Crucifer: Diana Hammerlund
Chalice: Jane Wu, Sandy Fisher
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey, Bob Pelfrey
Flowers: Sharon Porter
Usher: Ed Valentine
Usher: Helen Schnieders
Usher: Jim Malone
Music: Paul Burkle
Technical: Hannah-Jaye Matthews