

St. Barnabas

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Communion from the
Reserved Sacrament

September 17, 2023

*The Third Sunday
of Creation*

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

In Genesis, Joseph, the gifted survivor (though also Pharaoh's enslaver, in the meantime, of the Egyptian people) finds he is liberated by faith and love to put distance between his own hurt and the common good. Where do we find such "maturity" in our own lives? In Romans, Paul, in a clearly opinionated fashion, introduces the challenge of finding common purpose in a community of diverse lifestyles: difference need not imply conflict or incompatibility. And the clear global call to "eat less meat" (<https://unfccc.int/blog/we-need-to-talk-about-meat>) is a stimulating starting-point. Matthew 18 continues guidance on the moral quality of a church and reflection—apposite for every community in the Global North—on what our nations may have "got away with" at the expense of "loss and damage" to our global neighbors, on whose graciousness we will increasingly find we rely.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Sarabande

Johannes Brahms

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

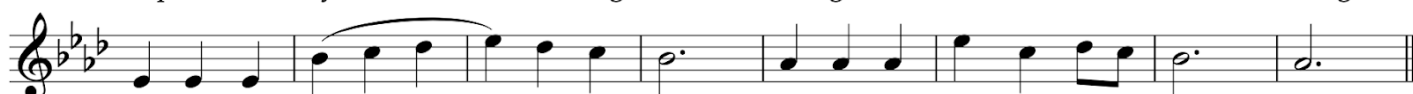
Earth and All Stars H-412



1. Earth and all stars, loud rush-ing plan - ets, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2. Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow-ing snow storms, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3. Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash-ing cym - bals, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



O vic - to - ry, loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
Flow - ers and trees, loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



He has done mar - vel - ous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE (7:45)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. 3.The
cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the
ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one. Repeat Refrain

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 50:15-21

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Pondering their father's death, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph is angry with us and repays us for all the wrong we did him?" So they approached Joseph, saying: "Before Jacob died he said to us, 'You must say to Joseph: I beg you, please forgive your brothers their crime and their sin and all the wrong they did you.' Now therefore, we ask you, forgive the crime of us who are faithful to the God of your parents." Joseph wept when he heard this. Then the brothers wept also, and fell down before him, saying, "We present ourselves before you, as your attendants."

Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid; is it for me to put myself in God's place? You planned evil for me, but God planned it for the good, as it has come to pass this day—to bring about the survival of many people. So you need not be afraid. I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this manner he assured them with words that touched their hearts.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8–13 *Benedic, anima mea*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

You are full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

You will not always accuse us, *
nor will you keep your anger for ever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far have you removed our sins from us.

As a parent cares for a child, *
so do you care for those who fear you.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *Romans 14:1–12*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those whose faith is weak, and don't argue with them. The opinions of people range from those who believe they may eat any sort of meat, to those whose faith is so weak they eat only vegetables. Those who eat everything must not despise those who abstain. The ones who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to judge someone else's worker? It's for the employer to decide if the worker has succeeded or failed—and the worker will succeed, for our God has the power to make it so. One person considers one day more sacred than another, another considers all days equally sacred—and both are equally certain of their own opinions. The person who observes special days does it for our God. Whoever eats meat does it for our God and gives thanks to God. Whoever abstains does it for our God and gives thanks to God.

We don't live for ourselves, nor do we die for ourselves. While we live, we live for Christ Jesus, and when we die, we die for Christ Jesus. Both in life and in death we belong to Christ. That's why Christ died and came to life again—in order to reign supreme over both the living and the dead.

But you, how can you sit in judgment of your siblings? Or you, how can you look down on your siblings? We will all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. Scripture says, "As surely as I live—it is our God who speaks—'every knee will bend before me and every tongue will give praise to God.'" We will all have to give an account of ourselves before God.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING *Matthew 18:21–35*

The Gospel reading is announced.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Peter came up and asked Jesus, “When a sibling wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?”

“No,” Jesus replied, “not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven. And here’s why.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal officials. When the audit was begun, one was brought in who owed tens of millions of dollars. As the debtor had no way of paying, the ruler ordered this official to be sold, along with family and property, in payment of the debt.

“At this, the official bowed down in homage and said, ‘I beg you, your highness, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full!’ Moved with pity, the ruler let the official go and wrote off the debt.

“Then that same official went out and met a colleague who owed the official twenty dollars. The official seized and throttled this debtor with the demand, ‘Pay back what you owe me!’

“The debtor dropped to the ground and began to plead, ‘Just give me time and I will pay you back in full!’ But the official would hear none of it, and instead had the colleague put in debtor’s prison until the money was paid.

“When the other officials saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and went to the ruler, reporting the entire incident. The ruler sent for the official and said, ‘You worthless wretch! I canceled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your colleague, as I dealt with you?’ Then in anger, the ruler handed the official over to be tortured until the debt had been paid in full.

“My Abba in heaven will treat you exactly the same way unless you truly forgive your sisters and brothers from your hearts.”

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Ms. Patti Walter

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith.

Silence for reflection.

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The refrain is sung once.*

Lord, listen to your children praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We come before you, Faithful God, during this Season of Creation, bringing our concerns for creation care and environmental justice as we offer these prayers.

For the Universal Church as it responds to its mission: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Kym, Bishop of Colorado. Constant Guardian, guide us as we seek to do your will. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For Jeffrey, Patti, and our lay leaders as they encourage our creativity in discovering and doing our work. Empowering Presence, help us to fulfill our commission. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our nation and its leaders: President Joe Biden, the Congress and the Supreme Court; our Governor Jared Polis; and Mayor Michael Johnston that they may help us rediscover government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Abiding Wisdom, sustain our vision. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For this glorious creation, Earth, our island home, that together we may discern how to heal the damage done and to secure the bounty of creation for those who come after us. Cosmic Creator, help us to be co-creators with you. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our community within these walls and beyond, that we may choose to produce and share what creation needs to grow and flourish. Source of Abundance, encourage us in this challenge. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For all who suffer or are in any distress or grief, that they may be sustained by your abiding presence and comforted by our care, especially the people of Maui, Mike, Liz, and Miles, Janet, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Marty and Diana, Larry, Hilary, Janet, the people of Libya, and people of Morocco, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Abiding Comforter, we trust in you and pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For those we love who have entered into larger life, especially Jimmy, Howard, Grace, and those we name in silence or aloud (*pause*), and for those who grieve. Gentle Receiver of all who pass into larger life, we hold this hope and pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

We bring all these prayers to you, Abba God, Ground of our being and Source of our vision. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess to God our sins against the creation.

Silence for reflection.

We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish. We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies. We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children. We beg forgiveness from future peoples. We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet. God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, +forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of Communion of the Reserved Sacrament

THE OFFERTORY

Please sit.

The Choir Anthem

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Healey Willan

Please stand in body or spirit.

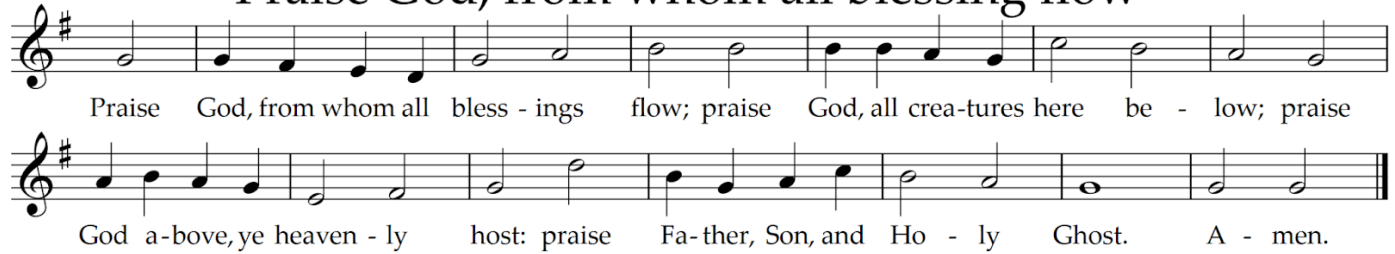
The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, whose Beloved One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

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,

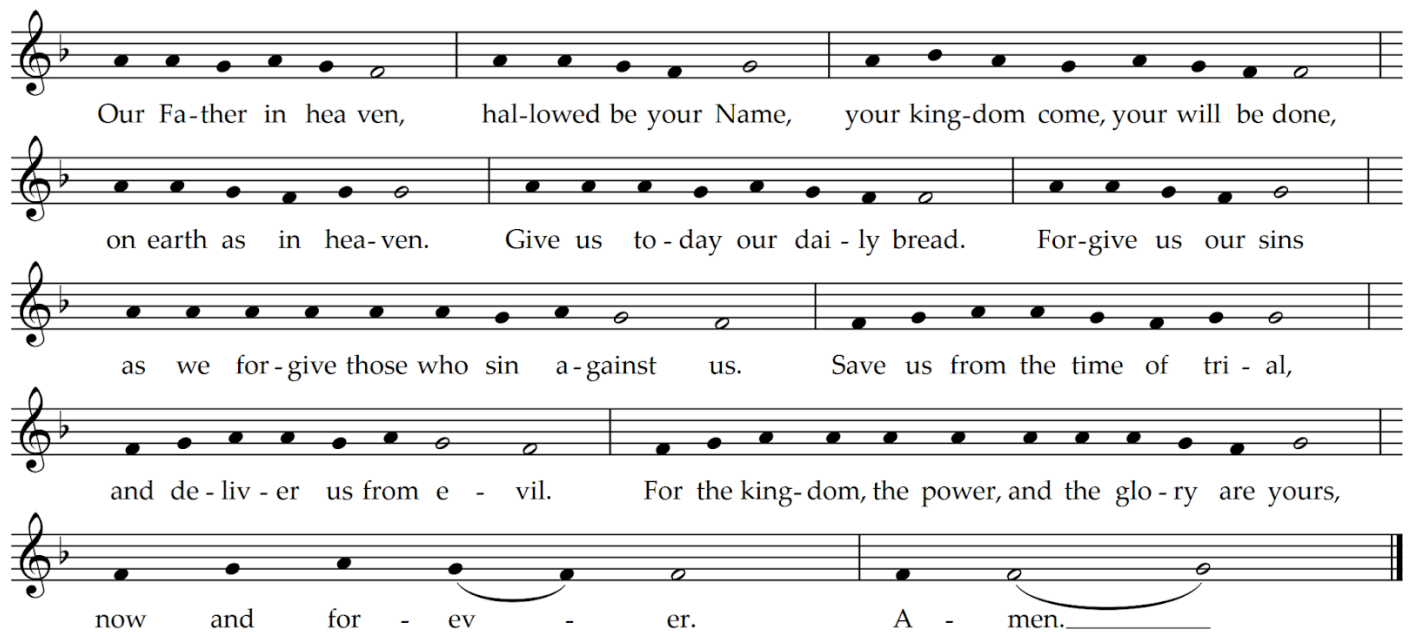
and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

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As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-losed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Communion Canticle (7:45)

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **grant us peace.**

The Communion Canticle (9:30)*

Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -
deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

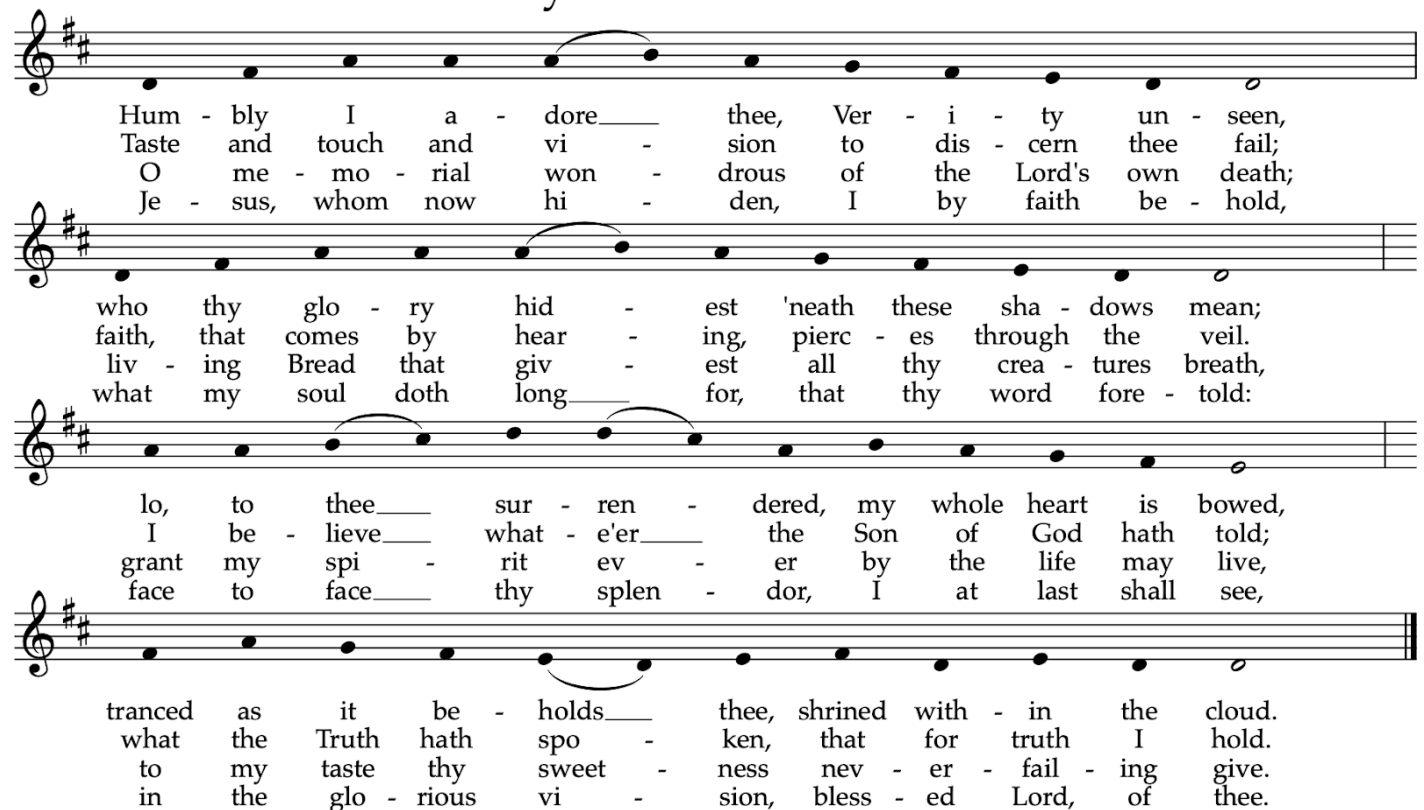
The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion

Humbly I Adore Thee H-314



Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
Je - sus, whom now hi - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by the life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...O God,

create in us a new heart and a new vision, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

John Graves, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill us with the knowledge of God's presence in the creation and the pulsing of Christ within; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*

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4.En - gines and steel, loud pound-ing ham - mers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5.Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6.Know - ledge and truth, loud sound-ing wis - dom, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

Lime-stone and beams, loud build-ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
Ath - lete and band, loud cheer-ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
Daugh-ter and son, loud pray-ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

He has done mar - vel-ous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving creation. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Solemn March Felix Mendelssohn

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