

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 29, 2023 | 9:00am

The Reverend Karen Swanson, Celebrant and Preacher

# Prelude

*Please stand as you are able*

## Entrance Hymn

*Christ is the world's true Light*

Hymnal 542

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

# Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

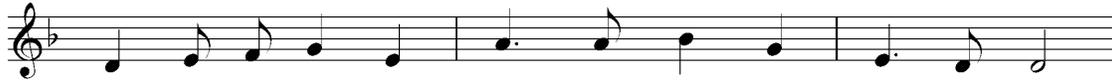
*The Celebrant then says*

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.**

## Song of Praise

*What does the Lord require*

Hymnal 605



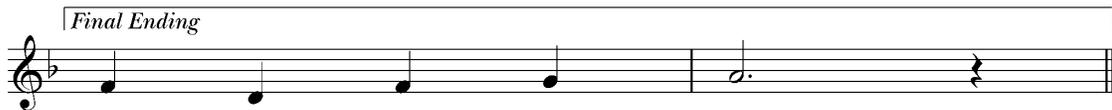
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*   Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Micah** (6:1-8)

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*



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- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your *tabernacle*? \*  
who may abide upon your holy *hill*?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is *right*, \*  
who speaks the truth from his *heart*.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his *friend*, \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his *neighbor*.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is *rejected*, \*  
but he honors those who fear the *LORD*.
- 5 He has sworn to do no *wrong* \*  
and does not take back his *word*.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of *gain*, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the *innocent*.
- 7 Whoever does these *things* \*  
shall never be *overthrown*.

**A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians** (1:18-31)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks

desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Blest are the pure in heart*

**Hymnal 656**

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Karen Swanson

## Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant and People then say the Nicene Creed together, all standing.*

**We believe in one God,**

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe 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 believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

**We believe 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Celebrant* God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks."

*Leader* God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

*Leader* For your blessing and guidance,

*People* **We give you thanks.**

God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,

**We give you thanks.**

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,

**We give you thanks.**

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,

**We give you thanks.**

God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,

**We give you thanks.**

God, bless the dying and the dead. May their reward be great in heaven. Give to those who now mourn the blessing of your comfort. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

For your blessing and guidance,

**We give you thanks.**

Guided by the light of Christ shining in our hearts, we continue our prayers.

*(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Announcements

### Prayers for special occasions

**Birthday prayer:** Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary prayer:** Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins with the Offertory sentence*

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:6a,8*

Offertory Hymn

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Hymnal 595

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.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung*

Doxology

*Ho'onani i ka Makua mau*

Na Himeni 1

Ho - 'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no,  
 Ke A - ku - a mau ho - 'o - mai - ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke la ao. A - me - ne.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*   Lift up your hearts.

*People*     **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*     **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People*   **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People*   **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People*   **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People*   **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

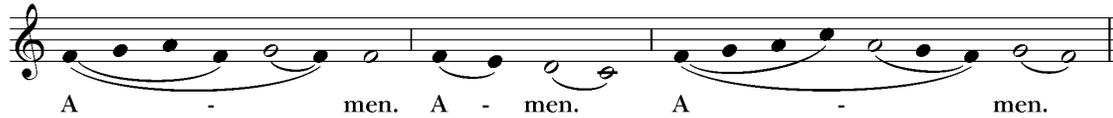
Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*Celebrant and People then sing the Amen*

**Hymnal S 143**



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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then shall be said,*

*Celebrant* Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

*People* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Ministration of Communion

The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present.” The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.

Faith @ Home: Prayer/Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament  
(from St. Augustine’s Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

### Communion Hymn

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross*

LEVAS 38



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



1. The\_\_\_ em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;\_\_\_
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;\_\_\_
3. A\_\_\_ won - drous beau - ty I see;\_\_\_
4. Its\_\_\_ shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;\_\_\_



1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

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1. For a world of lost sinners was slain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. To \_\_\_\_\_ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. To \_\_\_\_\_ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. \_\_\_\_\_

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,  
 Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will cling to the cross, — the old rug - ged cross,  
 And ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_\_\_

## Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Priest blesses the people, saying*

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy spirit, be among you now and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

**Retiring Procession**      *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (verses 1-3)*      **Hymnal 477**



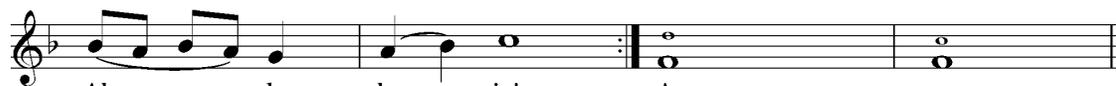
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_  
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_



Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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