

# *Grace Episcopal Church*

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**Christ the King**

**November 21, 2021**

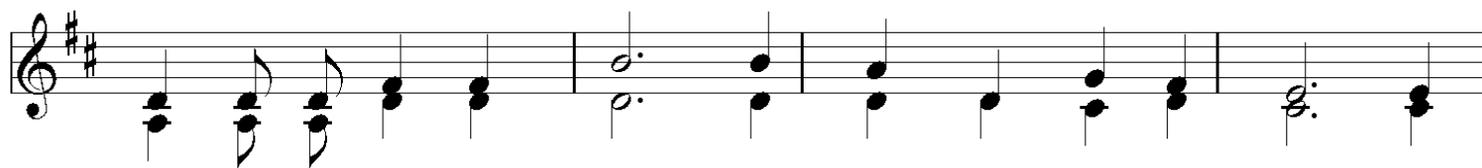
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:30 a.m.**

No gathering can be completely safe. All people (vaccinated or unvaccinated) remain susceptible to contracting COVID-19. Singing can increase transmission from infected individuals.

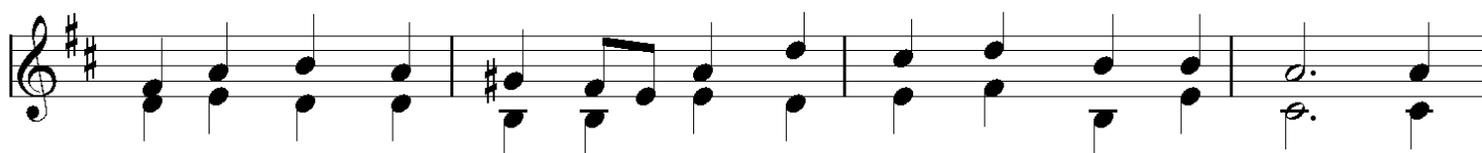
## PRELUDE

*We Gather Together* - F. Ritter

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #494

*Crown him with many crowns*

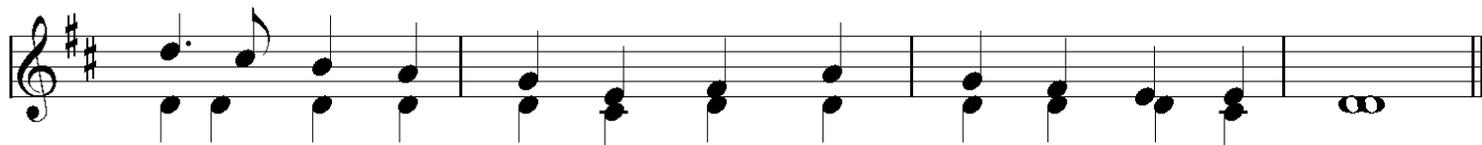
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S280 (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,*

*you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

236 Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

THE FIRST READING

*2 Samuel 23:1-7*

*Lector* A Reading from the second book of Samuel.

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:  
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.  
Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting  
covenant, ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are  
thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on  
the spot.

- The Word of the Lord *People: Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 132:1-13** (*responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;

<sup>2</sup> **How he swore an oath to the LORD  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

<sup>3</sup> "I will not come under the roof of my house,"  
nor climb up into my bed;

<sup>4</sup> **I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let my eyelids slumber;**

<sup>5</sup> Until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

<sup>6</sup> **"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**

<sup>7</sup> Let us go to God's dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

<sup>8</sup> **Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.**

<sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with  
righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

<sup>10</sup> **For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:

<sup>12</sup> **"A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.**

<sup>13</sup> **If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for  
evermore."**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

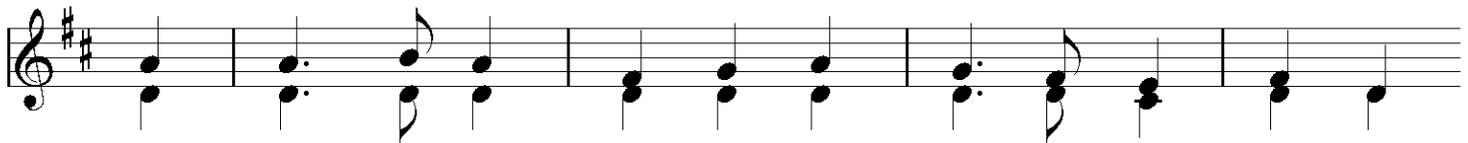
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- The Word of the Lord    *People: Thanks be to God.*

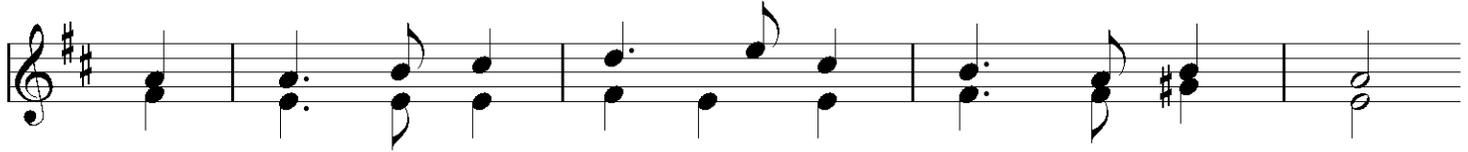
SEQUENCE HYMN #433

*We gather together*

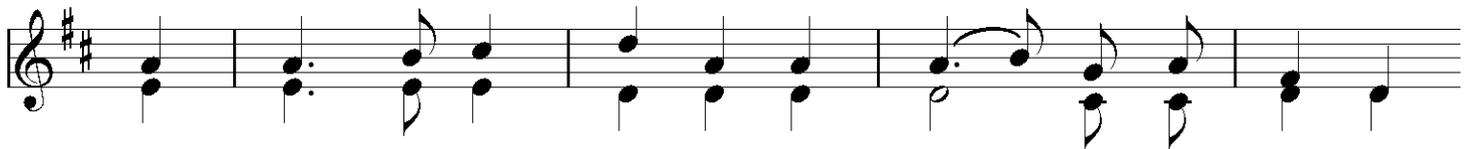
Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). Music: Kremser, from *Niederländisch Gedrucktclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914). Copyright: Words: Used by permission with G. Schirmer, Inc., Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-709853.



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

THE GOSPEL

*John 18:33-37*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

-- The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher

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.

## 387 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray for all of who have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus -- those who are sick, those who have died, and those who mourn. *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker and **Cameron** Klass,  
and those with special needs:

**Renee** Ewbank, **Virginia** Hartzog, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Matt** Haynes, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Gilliam** Nicholson, **Page** Onorato, **Melissa** Owens, **Lynn** Parsley, **Doris** Reece, **Libby** Robert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Robin** Sink, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

Are there others?

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

*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 your Son 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.**

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

*Please stand if you are able*

### 360 THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*Soon and Very Soon - American Spiritual*

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King*

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King,  
no more dying there, we are going to see the King,  
no more dying there, we are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Soon and very soon.*

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*The offering is brought forward as the hymn is sung.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN #377 (vv. 1-2, 5)

*All people that on earth do dwell*

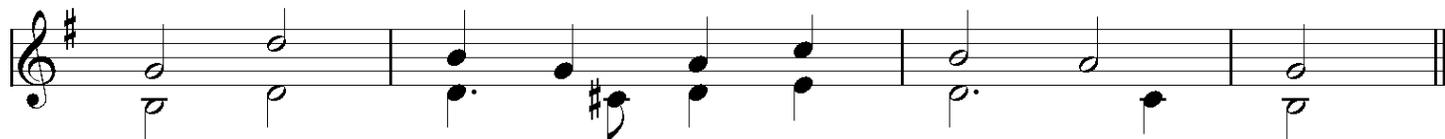
*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
\*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

*Celebrant* 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**  
**#S129**

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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

364	<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
-----	---	---

364 **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

364 **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*All kneeling or sitting*

*If you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail,  
please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

365 **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

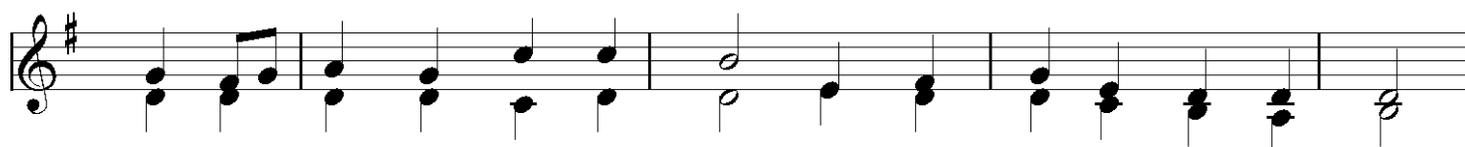
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN #288

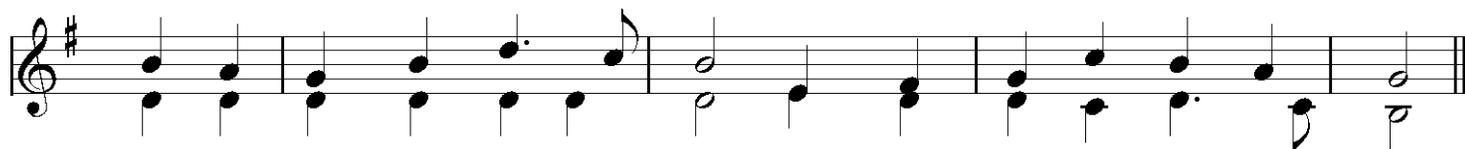
*Praise to God, immortal praise*



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
3 As thy pros - pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;



boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:  
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:  
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praise Him With the Sound of the Trumpet - C. Simone*

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Nancy & Doug Hartzog  
in appreciation of our choir, and our newest member Neil (finally!).*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Lector:</b>	Lynn Meeks	<b>Acolyte:</b>	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Robin Sink	<b>Greeter:</b>	Penny Taylor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joe Wallace Tommy Black	<b>Audio Visual:</b>	David Jones Russ Johnson, Wes Allred



**Grace Episcopal Church**  
419 S. Main Street  
Lexington, North Carolina 27292-3234  
phone: 336-249-7211  
fax: 336-249-8711  
email: [gracechurch@lexcominc.net](mailto:gracechurch@lexcominc.net)  
[www.gracelexingtonnc.org](http://www.gracelexingtonnc.org)



The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
The Right Reverend Samuel Rodman, Diocesan Bishop  
The Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan  
The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher, Rector  
Joan Clodfelter, Organist & Choir Director  
Carrie Ingram, Christian Education & Communications Director  
Maureen Tincher, Parish Administrator  
John Taylor, Facilities Manager

### THE VESTRY

Tommy Black - Sr. Warden	Wes Allred	Walter Beeker
Miles Cleckley - Treasurer	Pam Harvey – Jr. Warden	David Jones
Linda Cox - Clerk	Sandra Husted	Cathy Riggan
Belinda MacKinstry	Mark Petruzzi	Robin Sink

The Vestry person of the month for November is Wes Allred.



Please recycle this bulletin in the basket in the narthex on your way out.

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE # A-709853. All Rights Reserved.

*Unless otherwise noted, all hymns printed in this bulletin are from The 1982 Hymnal or LEVAS II and are in public domain.*