

¶*This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist found in* The Book of Common Prayer. *It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and prayer. The people recite the bold type responses in unison.*

THE WORD OF GOD

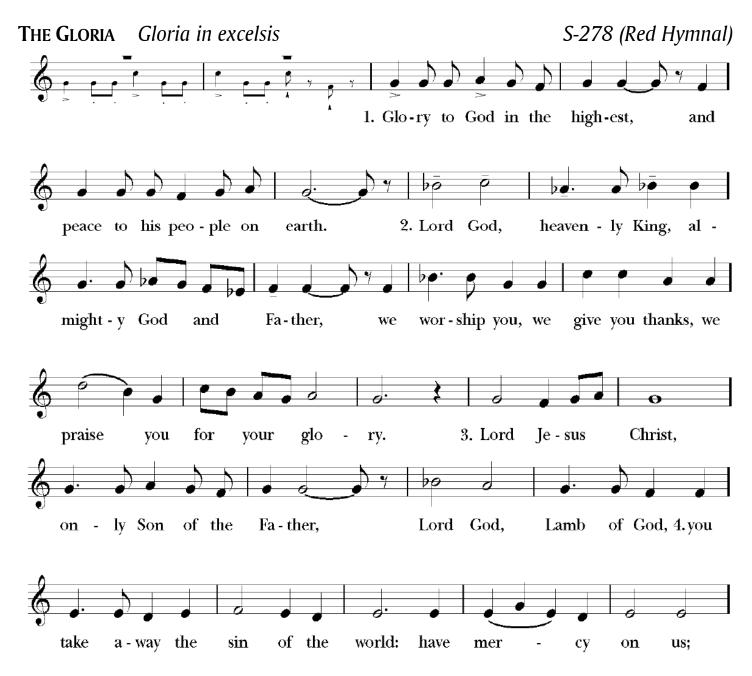
Prelude

Zach Franklin

¶The people stand to sing Hymn H-184 Christ the Lord is risen again Christ ist erstanden (Red Hymnal) 1 Christ the Lord risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain! is 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en-dured the strife, 3 He com - fort - less who bore all pain and loss up - on the cross Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say: now is ex - alt - ed save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave. to Refrain 0 Al le - lu ia! le - lu ia! Al - le A1 lu ia, al - le lu ia. --le - lu ia! A1 lu ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb al le in - deed, 0 1 Christ, peo - ple feed. Al le - lu ia! day your to -

¶The people remain standing **THE ACCLAMATION** *Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAYCelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

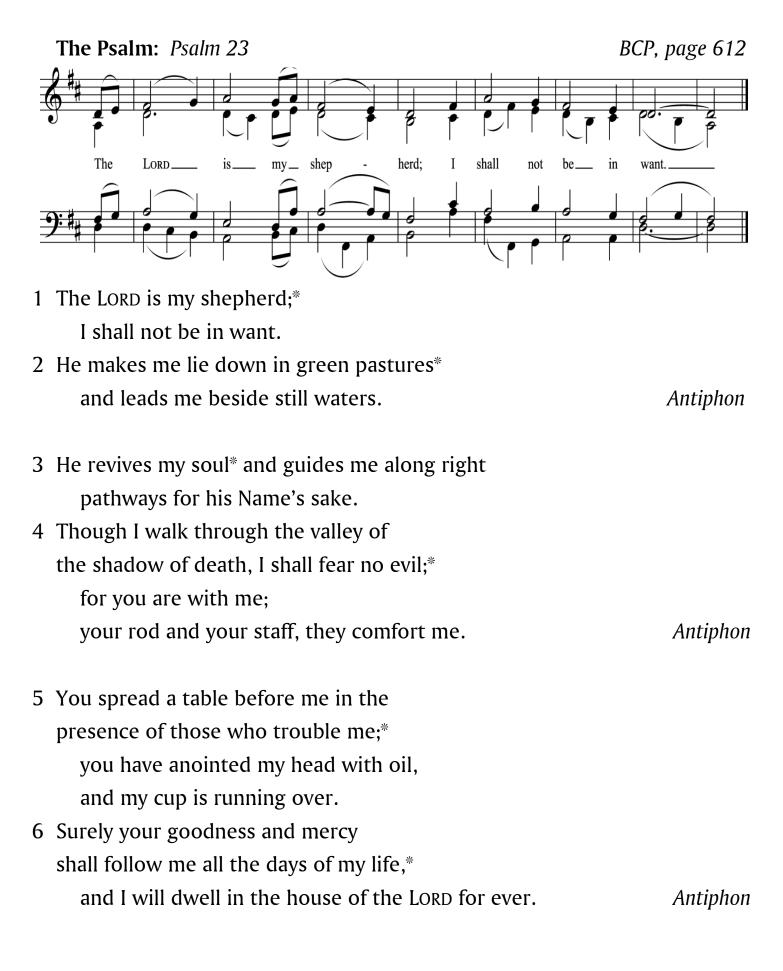
¶The people sit for

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the New Testament: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

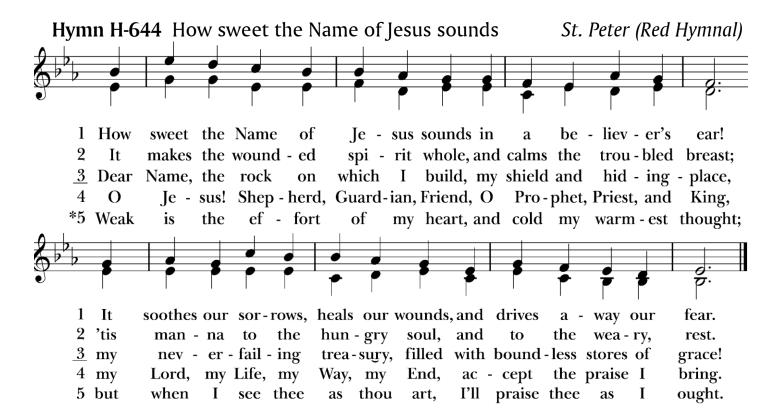
Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God**.



The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us–and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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



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The people stand for the reading of the Gospel
The Gospel: John 10:11-18
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away– and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

CelebrantThe Gospel of our Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

¶The people sit for THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose

¶*Pause for silence and reflection; the people stand with the Celebrant to say* **THE NICENE CREED**

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.

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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 people are lead in* **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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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; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Skip our Assisting Bishop, Mother Alicia our Rector-elect, and Val our Supply Clergy. Holy Spirit, guide the people of our partner congregation St. Elizabeth's Higgins Lake and our own community. Give us the wisdom necessary to bring healing, light and love to the world.

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.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen*.

All Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your whole church, and so guide this congregation during our transition, that we may grow in our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to each other. Guide Mother Alicia into all wisdom as she prepares to join us on our journey of faith in this church, in the community, and in our diocese, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.¶All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE BLESSINGS FOR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Prayers for those celebrating a birthday BCP, page 830 Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

¶*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following words* **THE OFFERTORY**

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



¶The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

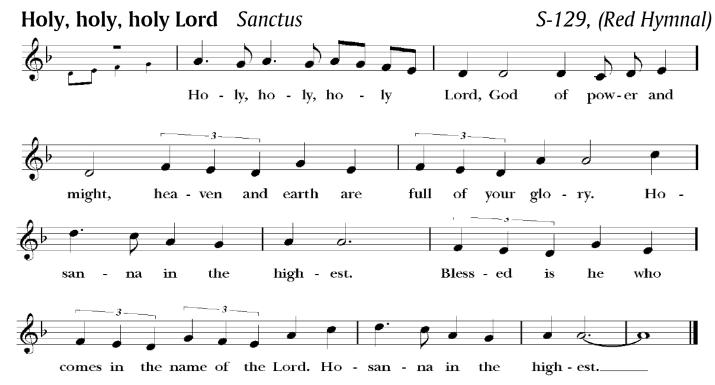
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:



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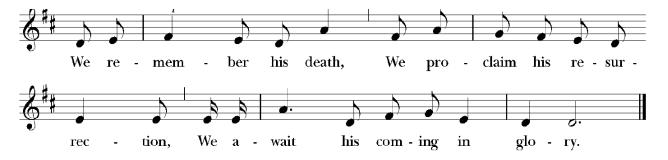
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

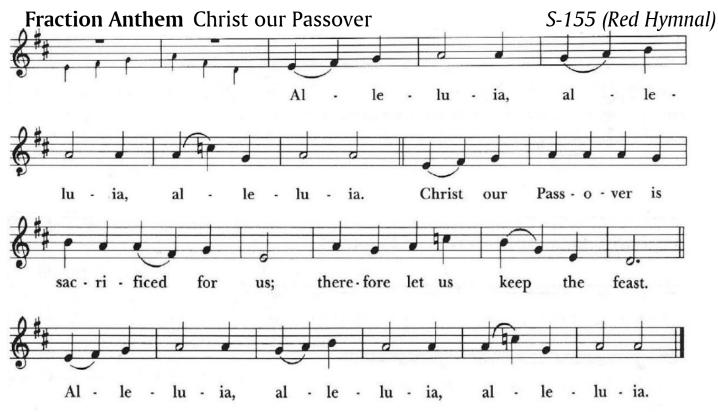
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

Celebrant 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.

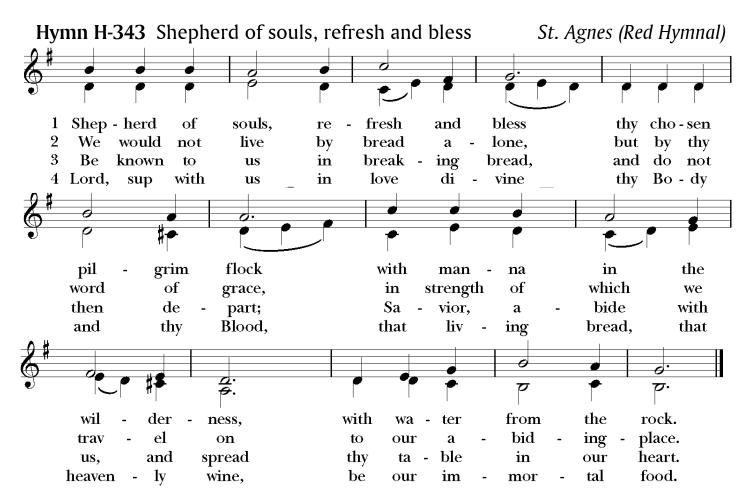
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

¶All are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant If you are celebrating the Eucharist with us online, and wish to receive Spiritual Communion, please join in reciting the following prayer.

People My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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¶The people stand

Celebrant Let us pray.

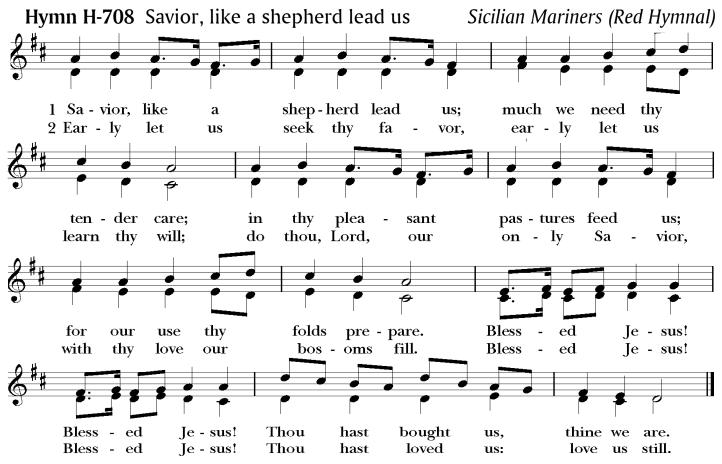
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. *Amen.*

¶*The people are seated for the* **The Announcements**

¶The people stand to sing



¶The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us go forth rejoicing in the power of the resurrection.
Alleluia, alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Zach Franklin

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose; *Eucharistic Minister*: Julie H; *Lector:* Sue C; *Acolyte:* Zara F; *Videographers:* Judy S, Jonh H; *Ushers:* Steve and Sue R; *Altar Guild:* Georgette S; *Tellers:* Jackie W, Deb W.

The Following Prayers Have Been Asked: Dan, Teri, Skip, Keith, Phil, Dwight, Eric, Bill, Jodie, Susan, April, Chris, Willo, Judy, Joan, Pat, Bishop Prince Singh and family, Enber, Michael A, Vivian, Dennis, Jennifer, Lisa, Iris, and Verna.