

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all.

We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship

We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Safety Expectations for On-site Worship

Wear a Mask: You MUST wear a mask at all times while you are in the building. The mask must cover both nose and mouth and fit snugly to the sides of the face.

Watch your Distance: Maintain at least a 6 foot distance at all times from anyone not in your household, both inside and outside the building.

Singing At present, safety guidance requires that we refrain from congregational singing. The Cantor sings on behalf of us all. You are asked to stand as able for the hymns and service music to join in our sung prayer in your hearts, if not yet with your voice.

Other Announcements

Mass on the Grass for Pentecost next Sunday! May 23rd is the Feast of Pentecost which we will celebrate outside in as festive a way as possible. COVID transmission risk outdoors is very, very low (with the protocols we have in place, it is also very low inside). This is an opportunity to worship in the embodied presence of one another. Please [register online](#) to attend on-site. If you don't have internet access, please call Larry Quirk at 908-255-2526.

Dunellen Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day and Mayor Cilento has invited all organizations in the Dunellen to participate. We'd like St. Francis to be present and visible, with some of us marching behind our banner. Anyone feeling creative about making a float should contact Amy Myzie (732-690-0387) who has a trailer to serve as a float platform.

Food Collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's, Edison, continues, Please drop off non-perishable food in the container outside the church doors. To contribute financially, send a check with Food Pantry in memo line & on envelope to:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church
445 Old Post Road
Edison, NJ 08817

Rector's Vacation Fr. Jack will be leaving for 3 weeks away following the Pentecost Eucharist next Sunday. Fr. Frank Hubbard will be our supply priest on Sunday May 30th, June 6th, and June 13th. Fr. Frank will also be on call for pastoral needs, accessible at 848-248-1267 or therevfah50@hotmail.com. Sr. Warden Amy Myzie (732-690-0387, myzie57@gmail.com) will be the go-to person for other parish business.

Journeying Towards Reparations. On Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM, the Reparations Task Force of our Diocese is offering a Zoom Webinar for the whole Diocese, with speakers from elsewhere in the Episcopal Church further along the journey of seeking to repair generational harms of slavery and racial injustice. Register to participate at <http://bit.ly/ReparationsDNJ>

Celebrations this week: *Birthdays:* Elaine Patania 05/17, Roger O'Sullivan 05/18, Joanne Mathew 05/18, Gary Neal 05/22; *Baptism Anniversary,* Kelsey Pelliccia, 05/18, Blessy Mathew, 05/18, Liliana Kolarick, 05/20; *Confirmation* Princess Thomas, 05/20, David Magee, 05/22

The Altar Flowers are given today by Christy McGuire in loving memory of her father, George Wetzel

Today's Music The D major fugue from Bach's Well Tempered Clavier (Book 1) has a stately subject in harmony with the opening hymn *Diademata*. The Postlude matches keys with the last hymn.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day, May 16th, 2021

PRELUDE

Fugue in D Major, BWV 850/2

J. S. Bach

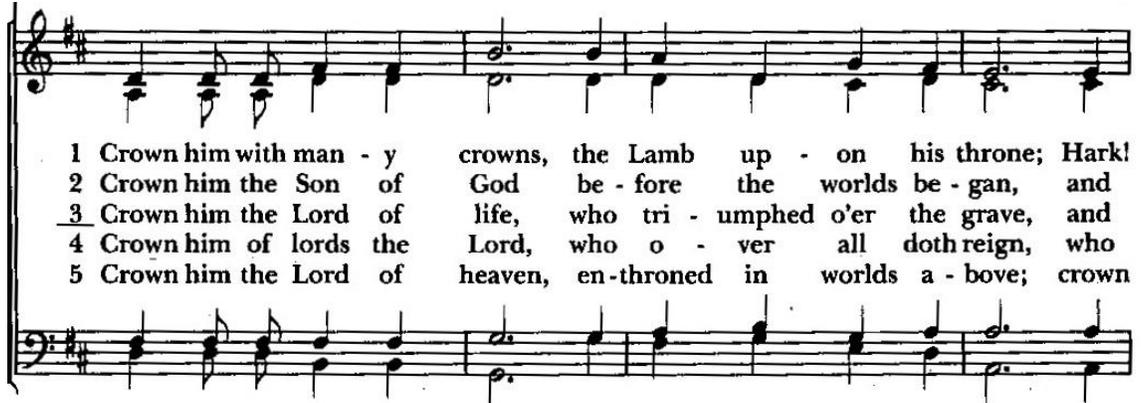
THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

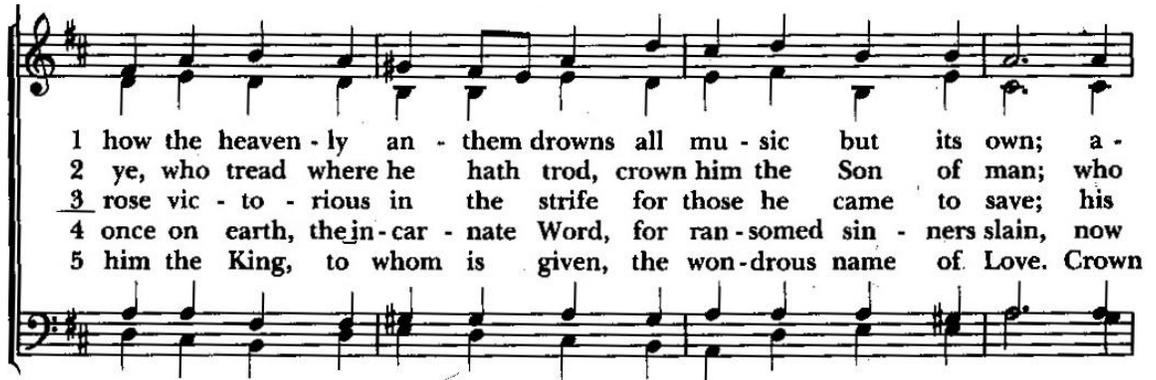
CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Hymnal 1982 494

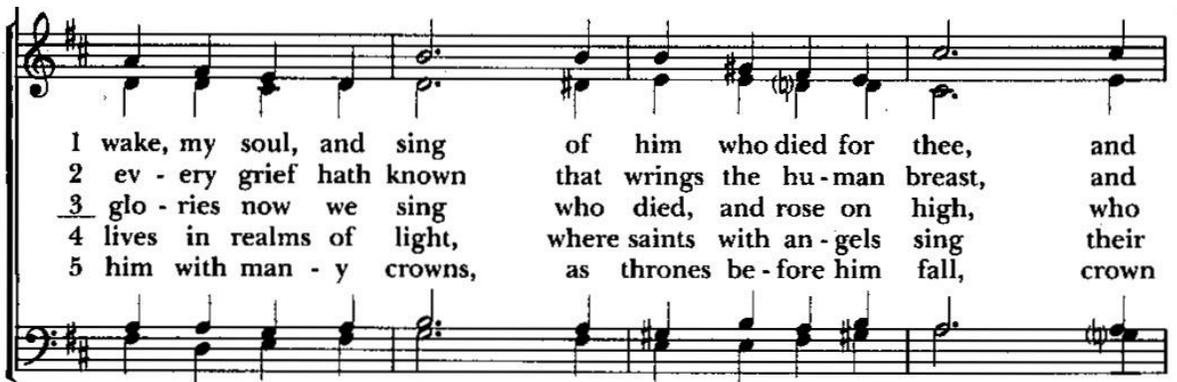
Please stand as you are able.



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.

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal 1982 S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give - you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence for the People's prayers.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (1)

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in
the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
 when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

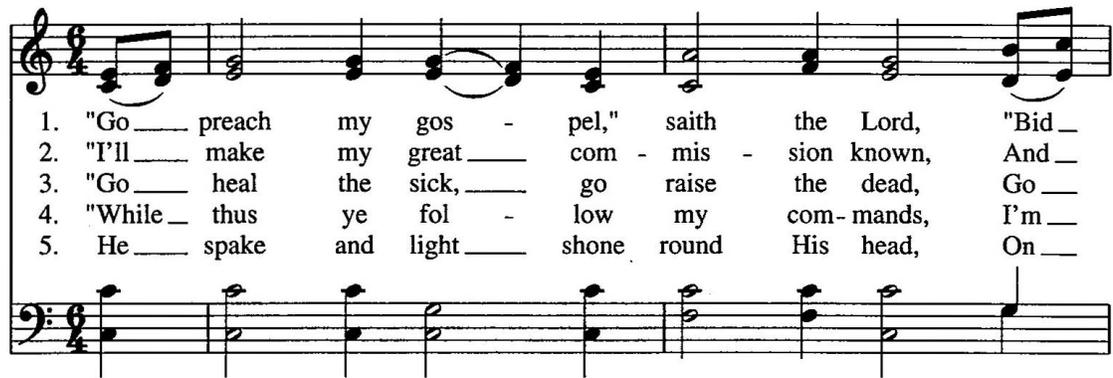
I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

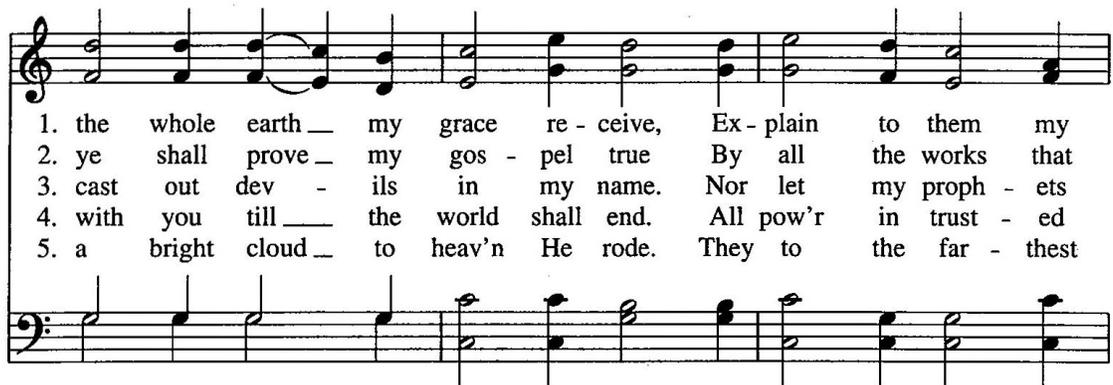
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

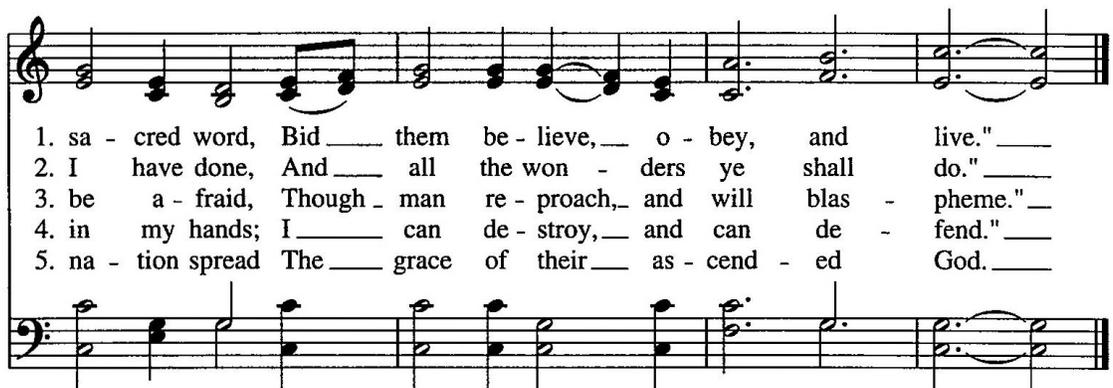
Please stand as you are able.



1. "Go ___ preach my gos - pel," saith the Lord, "Bid ___
 2. "I'll ___ make my great ___ com - mis - sion known, And ___
 3. "Go ___ heal the sick, ___ go raise the dead, Go ___
 4. "While ___ thus ye fol - low my com - mands, I'm ___
 5. He ___ spake and light ___ shone round His head, On ___



1. the whole earth ___ my grace re - ceive, Ex - plain to them my
 2. ye shall prove ___ my gos - pel true By all the works that
 3. cast out dev - ils in my name. Nor let my proph - ets
 4. with you till ___ the world shall end. All pow'r in trust - ed
 5. a bright cloud ___ to heav'n He rode. They to the far - thest



1. sa - cred word, Bid ___ them be - lieve, ___ o - bey, and live." ___
 2. I have done, And ___ all the won - ders ye shall do." ___
 3. be a - fraid, Though ___ man re - proach, ___ and will blas - pheme." ___
 4. in my hands; I ___ can de - stroy, ___ and can de - fend." ___
 5. na - tion spread The ___ grace of their ___ as - cend - ed God. ___

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

Presider
 People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PASCHAL TROPARION

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and up-on those in the tombs, be-stow-ing life !

REPEAT
3 TIMES

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

THE NICENE CREED

ALL 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

*During the Prayers of the People there are 3 opportunities for members of the congregation to add their own petitions: **Thanksgiving and blessings; those who are ill or others in need; and the departed.** On-line worshipers are encouraged to unmute themselves to add their prayers. On-site worshipers are encouraged to pray aloud.*

People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS*

Hymnal 1982 483

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his Name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

A Mass for Soulful People

LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God
of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing as able.

Presider 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:

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

Presider 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 daughters and sons, that with Francis, Clare 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

ALL **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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself
in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Presider Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *For the bread which you have broken*

Melody from *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.
ALL 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

CLOSING HYMN

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Hymnal 1982 450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major BWV 556

J. S. Bach