

November Worship Booklet

The Season of Pentecost

This booklet contains all the songs and prayers of the worship service. Please refer to our newsletter for the scripture passages and announcements.

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Aloha!

Welcome to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church. We are devoted to following the life and teachings of Jesus, the Christ. It is our hope that your worship experience here today will bless and enrich your life.

An overview of our worship contained in this booklet:

1. **Worship is an expression of devotion and adoration that involves our whole being.** It touches and includes our intellect as well as our emotions; our heart, mind and soul.
2. **The liturgy (“the work of the people”)** contained in this booklet attempts to be both faithful to the liturgical structure prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer as well as creative in seeking fresh and inspiring ways to express our love and devotion.
3. **Our worship services can be thought of as a two-act play.** Act I is known as the Liturgy of the Word during which we hear and contemplate the Holy Scriptures as well as offer our prayers and praises. Act II is known as the Liturgy of Holy Eucharist. “Eucharist” is the Greek word for “thanksgiving.” The Holy Eucharist, also known as “Holy Communion,” is the gathering of the community together around the Lord’s table. *Please note: Due to the virus gathering restrictions, our 8:00 service contains the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of Holy Eucharist. The 9:30 service, now on ZOOM, contains just the Liturgy of the Word.*
4. **The message typically focuses on the Gospel reading for the day.** Following the message, we respond by affirming our faith using one of the Creeds from our church history. Many struggle with the words and images contained in the Nicene Creed largely because they have been taught to interpret them literally as though they are the end-point of what our thoughts about the Sacred should be. Instead hear them as a beginning, intended to ponder what we believe. While reciting the words, imagine standing with Christians throughout the centuries.
5. **The sacrificial language used during the Holy Eucharist is also symbolic language.** The New Testament was written by first century Jews, and therefore, it was written using images and language familiar to first century Jews. Until 70CE when the Romans destroyed all of Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Temple with its ritualized sacrificial system, was at the center of the Jewish religious world. Naturally, in trying to interpret their experience of the Sacred in Jesus, they used Temple language and Temple image. They used sacrificial language and sacrificial images.

Again, all religious language is symbolic language, the language of “meaning-making.” When you hear language in the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (Act II) about the body of Jesus being broken and the blood of Jesus being poured out for the sins of the world, we hope you can avoid thinking concretely and interpreting the words literally. Symbolically, “the body” represents the totality of a person, all that they are and “the blood” represents their life. Therefore, Jesus uses ancient symbolic language to say, “I am going to lay all that I have and all that I am, my very life on the line for your sake and the sake of the world.”

Scholars explain that Jesus came to challenge the dominant assumptions of his day, namely, that one could have a personal complete relationship with God only through the prescribed forms of participation in the rituals of the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus challenged that assumption and sought to replace it with a new understanding; that anyone can have a personal, complete relationship with God by simply following the spiritual teaching and living the same kind of faith that Jesus practiced.

Therefore, every reference to Jesus using the language of sacrifice is a challenge to the idea that God can be contained and limited by any religious system. God is always available to all of us because God lives eternally in and through and all around us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

All: *Glory to God forever and forever. AMEN*

Opening Prayer

Priest: Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom all things hold together. **AMEN**

Hymns of praise

Benedictus, es

Glory to you, Lord God of our Fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Doxology

*Ho 'onani i ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,
Ke Akua mau Ho 'omaika i pu, Ko keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene*

Alleluia! Holy One

Refrain Kristopher E. Lindquist

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse

Ho - ly, ho - ly One, God is ho - ly Love.

Ho - ly, ho - ly One, God is ho - ly Love. *Repeat Refrain*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day, the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Psalms, the Epistles and the Gospels are found in the newsletter.

Gospel Gradual Hymn (9:30 service)

Kristopher E. Lindquist

O - pen my eyes that I may see O - pen my ears that I may hear,
O - pen my mind that I may know, O - pen my heart that I may live.

The Holy Gospel

The Message

Statements of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (4th century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *AMEN*

The Nicene Creed (4th century)

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*

An Alternative Expression of Faith (20th century, courtesy of St. Luke's, Park City, UT)

We believe in God who made the world and reaches out to it with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, God revealed in a human life. He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable, and unmasked the powers that enslave us. In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave, and with him went our hopes of salvation. Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair, and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; God's mysterious presence with us whose breathing gives life; whose fire purges and renews; whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions, awakening courage, humor and hope.

We believe in ourselves; made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ. Gathered by the Spirit we have been baptized into a common life: a life laid open to all; overflowing with love and mercy; richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. *AMEN*

THE PRAYERS

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear People of God, let us now enter into prayer on behalf of ourselves and the world, being ever mindful of the promise of God's love and presence in and through and all around us. I invite your petitions, aloud or silently.

Please name your concerns and hopes for the Christian community, locally and around the world. We pray for all ministers, lay and ordained....

I invite your prayers for our nation and for all who bear the responsibilities of leadership....

Please pray for the concerns and challenges facing our island community....

I invite your prayers for all those who are facing adversity, suffering and hardship. Please pray for all who are in any kind of trouble....

Please name your concerns for our planet, the international community, and the unity of the human community throughout the world....

I invite your prayers for the departed and for those who grieve for them....

With gratitude in your heart, please share one or two of the blessings you have experience this week....

Priest: O god of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus the Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

The Confession of Sin

All: *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*

The Queen's Prayer of Confession

*'O kou aloha no aia i kalani
A 'o kou 'oia he hemolele ho 'i.*

*Ko 'u noho mihi 'ana a pa 'ahao 'ia
'O 'oe ku'u lama Kou nani ko 'u ko 'o*

*Mai nana 'ino 'ino na hewa o kanaka
Aka e huikala a ma 'mea 'e no.*

*No laila e ka Haku Ma lalo o kou 'eheu
Ko makou maluhia a mau loa aku no. AMENE*

(Translation: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow. Imprisoned. You are my light, Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, o Lord protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. AMEN)

The Sharing of the Peace

(9:30 service will continue on page 7 with the Lord's Prayer and the Closing Prayer.)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE 8:00 service

The Presentation of the Offering

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Priest: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with King Kamehameha, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and forever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional:

*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 today 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, forever and ever. AMEN*

Contemporary:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN*

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
All: *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. It is the custom in our church to receive both the Host (consecrated bread) and the Common Cup (consecrated wine). During this time of COVID, the consecrated wine normally served in a Common Cup is received in individual cups. Please come forward when you are ready. Parents, please help your child receive communion.

Closing Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN

Traditional Prayer of Thanksgiving: 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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.*

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

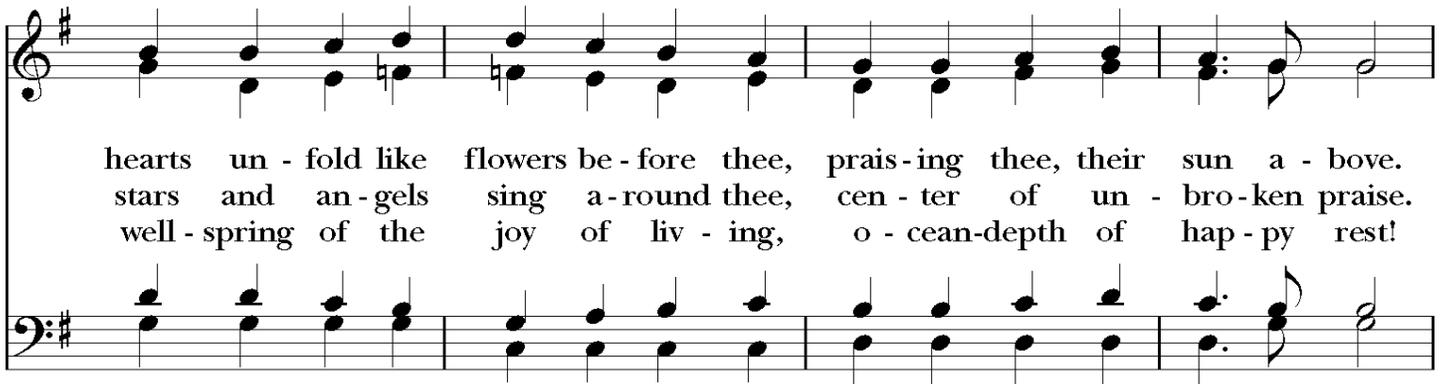
Blessing and Dismissal



Joyful, joyful, we adore thee



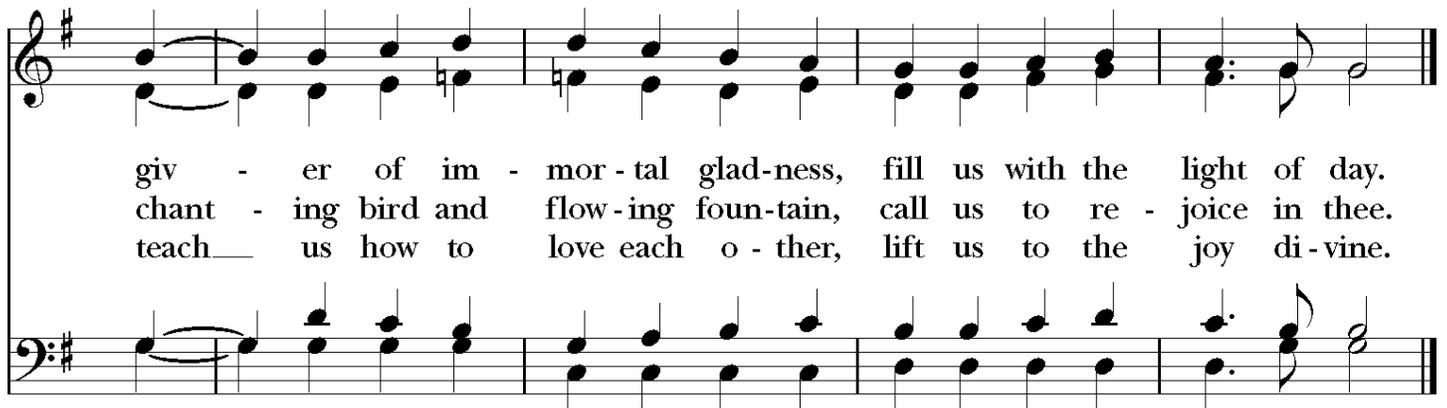
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

O worship the King, all glorious above

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

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

ball, to him a - scribe, and

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

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

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

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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!

Let all mortal flesh keep silence



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of the
 5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ristic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

A Feast for All the People

Refrain

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A feast, a feast, a feast for all the peo-ple, a feast of food and wine,



The Ho - ly One, the Ho - ly One pre-pares it, the feast of end-less joy!

Verse



The shroud of death is swal-lowed up, — the tears of pain — are wiped a-way. —



The day we longed and wait-ed for — the day when all are whole.

May All Beings Be Happy

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May all be - ings be hap - py, all be - ings be at peace.



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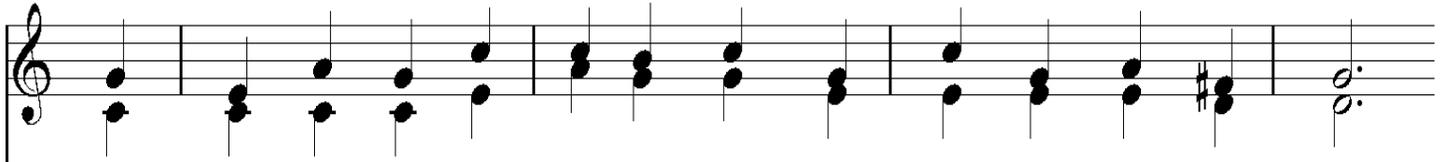


All free from suf - fer - ing, all free from suf - fer - ing.

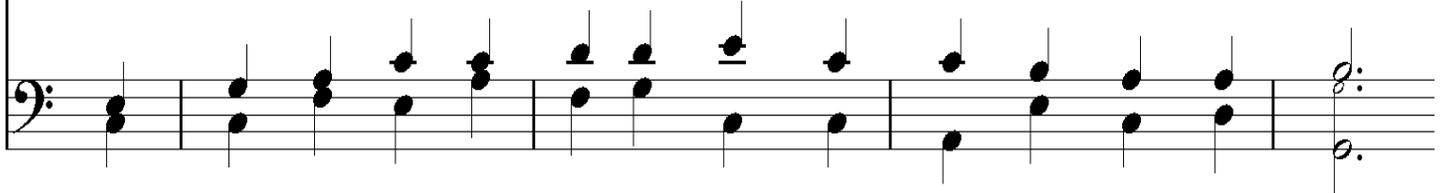


All be - ings hap - py, all be - ings be at peace.

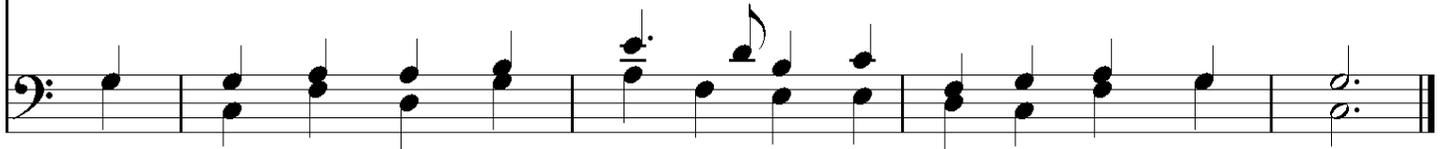
O God, our help in ages past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.



6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

- We are a community of Christ-followers. We follow Jesus, the one we call “the Christ” (anointed one). Jesus shows us the Kingdom of God and God’s unconditional love for everyone.
- We search for truth via scripture, tradition and our own ability to reason. We find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty – more value in questioning than in absolutes.
- We love the bible, but we are not biblical literalists. In our study, we engage the scripture at three levels: The Story in its historical context; How the story was heard by the faith community to whom it was written. The Story speaking to us today.
- We are a sacramental church. We believe the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist (Communion) are important for the journey of a Christ follower.
- We are lay ministers, deacons, priests and bishops. We believe all Christ followers are to serve God in the world.
- Our mission is to bring about the Kingdom of God on this earth by sharing the Good News of God’s unconditional love. We know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe.
- We are members of the worldwide Anglican communion.
- We recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God’s realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us.

The Church Season of PENTECOST



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, bring order out of chaos.
 Holy Spirit, breathe life into the lifeless.
 Holy Spirit, make strong the weak.
 Holy Spirit, give talents to your people.
 Holy Spirit, guide all who venture.
 Holy Spirit, fill all things.
 Holy Spirit, come..... and renew the face of the earth. AMEN

David Adams

The disciples who remained in Jerusalem after the resurrection were confused and exhausted. What were they supposed to do now? We can imagine the chaos, the fear, the feeling of lifelessness without their Master. On the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them and somehow they were blessed with an ecstatic spiritual experience, one that would last, and one which would enable them to go out into the world as the Body of Christ.

Our Church Season of Pentecost is a long season. It needs to be. We like to think of the season as a “greening” or “growing” season. It takes a lot for us to grow. It takes fertilizing, watering, and pruning. At the beginning of every Pentecost season, our desire connects with David Adam’s prayer - our life will be less chaotic; we will be more connected with our inner strength; we will utilize our talents & let go of what doesn’t serve us well; and we will be filled and renewed. We trust that the Holy Spirit is working within us.