

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



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The Very Rev. Scott A. Garno, Rector  
The Rev. Candace Palumbo, Deacon  
Mr. Jim Fry, Music Minister

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Prelude

*St. Stephen's Bell Choir*

## Processional Hymn

“I Bind unto Myself Today”

*Hymnal 1982 #370*



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.



2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of  
\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great  
\*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues  
\*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the  
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet “Well done” in  
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -  
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;  
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;  
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,  
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing  
 con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
 the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
 the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -  
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.



\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,



Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that



win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
 love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.



7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal  
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of  
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## The Lessons

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### The First Lesson

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

## Canticle 13

**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 for ever.**

**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 for ever.**

**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 for ever.**

### Special Music

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

*St. Stephen’s Bell Choir*

### The Second Lesson

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise” vs. 1-2

*Hymnal 1982 #423*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

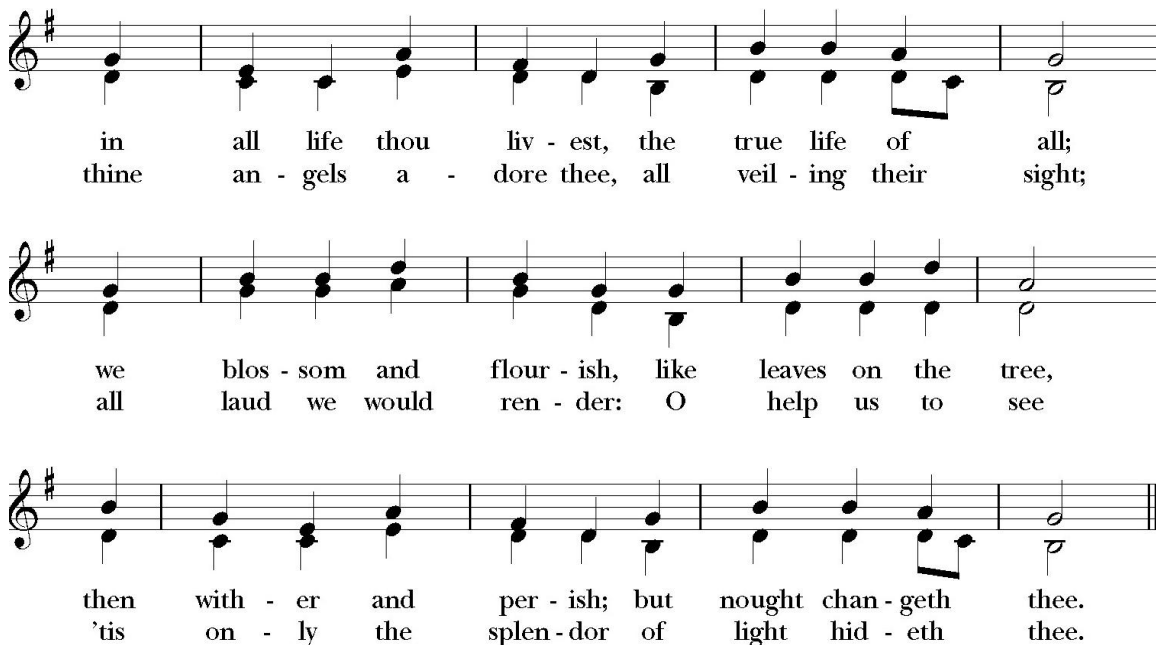
*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

## Gospel Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise" vs. 3-4 *Hymnal 1982 #423*

3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

**The Sermon**

**The Very Rev. Scott Garno**

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**Holy Baptism**

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*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Henry Arthur Rafalik to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Addressing the congregation, the Celebrant asks*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Henry in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking  
of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent  
and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as  
yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the  
dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Henry who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver Henry, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Celebrant touches the water, saying*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Luke is presented by name to the Celebrant*

*Celebrant* Henry Arthur Rafalik, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Henry your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Henry, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant, addressing the congregation*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **Announcements**

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### **The Holy Communion**

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*Celebrant*

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

**Offertory** "Most Glorious Lord of Life" *Choir Anthem*

## **The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*As a sign of our thanksgiving the Celebrant and people pray responsively*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

# The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.**

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

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. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

*Hymnal 1982 #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.\_\_\_\_\_

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*People and Celebrant*

**We do not presume to come this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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 Ministration of Communion**

*Every member of the congregation is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table. Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing.*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*For those unable to worship in person with us today, we include this prayer*

**In Union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and my body with the earnest desire that I may continually be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I**

beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. 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. *(Spiritual Communion Prayer adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951)*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*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

Recessional Hymn      “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”      *Hymnal 1982 #362*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!      Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## The Dismissal

*The people are dismissed with these, or similar words*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for the following:

- all those in need throughout the world
- those affected by food insecurity
- our AA Groups
- the students and teachers of St. Stephen's PreK Academy
- the Loaves & Fishes Outreach Ministries
- the students and leaders in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- our sister church, St. Andre in Flandre, Haiti, and Fr. Deravil, his family, Deacon Simile and his family, for the formation of a new government and all the people of Haiti
- for the Malchow and Bianchine families, for Ronan and Matthew, Anne, Elizabeth, Sue K., Sharon, Lynda, Julia, Melissa, Kathleen M., Scott B., Claudia, Kylaya, Rev. Susan, Rodney, Gene, Kevin, the Colwell family, Ty, Lynn, Cyndy, Scott, Johanna, and Louise

### In addition, please pray for the souls of the following:

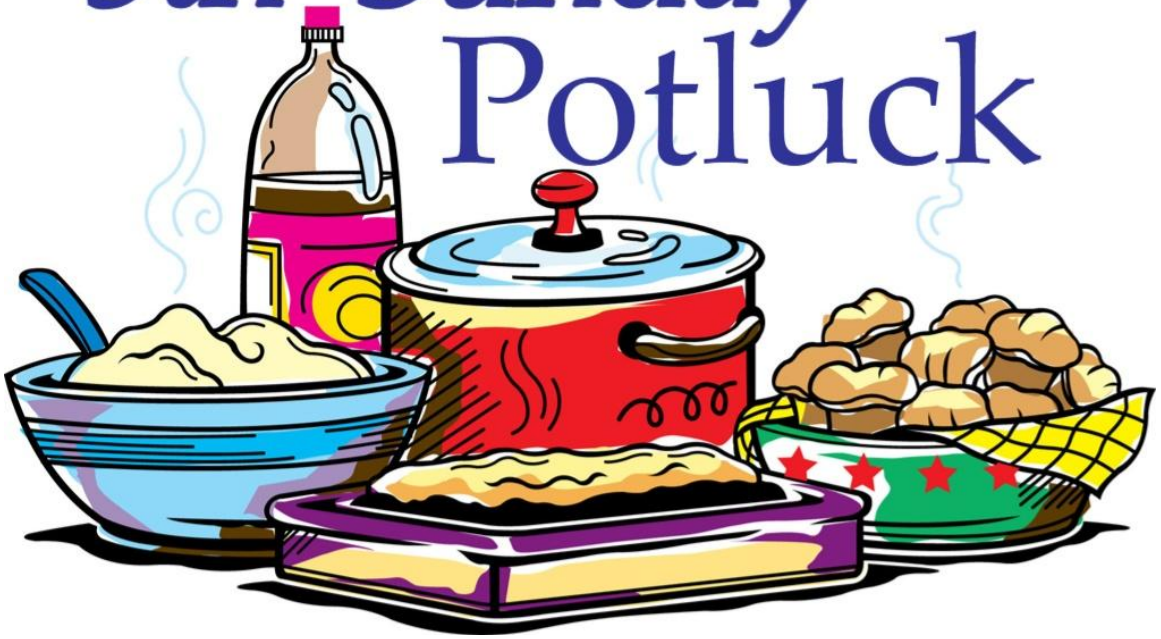
- Richard Duffy
- Fay Lewis



*Altar flowers are for the Glory of God,  
and in loving memory of Galen Ritchie*

*Given by: Adam and Michelle Wills  
and Gail Truchard*

# 5th Sunday Potluck



Please join us in the Parish Hall after the  
worship service for our potluck brunch!