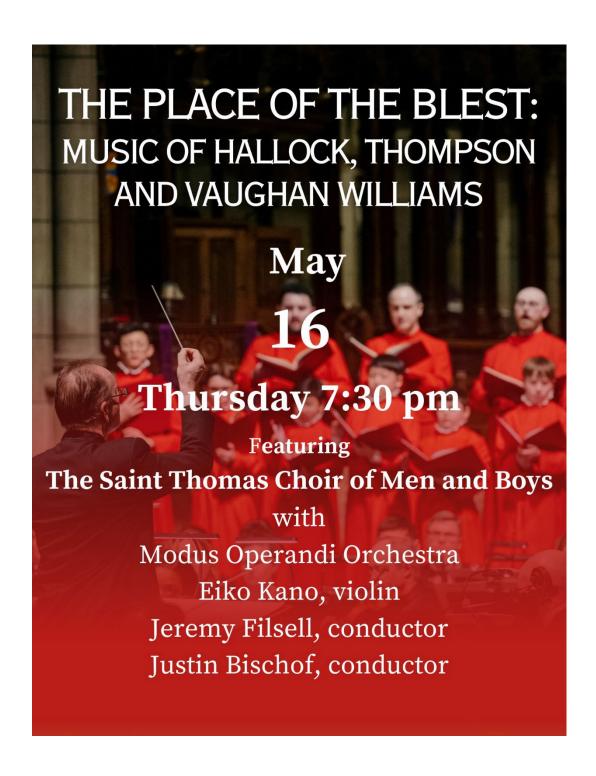


SAINT THOMAS CHURCH, NEW YORK

Ascension Day Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.



THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY of the FOUNDING OF SAINT THOMAS CHURCH IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Celebrant:

The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Stephen G. Cottrell
Archbishop of York & Primate of England

Preacher:

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

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Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Toccata del Sesta Annibale Padavano (1527-1575)

Toccata in F, BuxWV 157 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Messa da cappella Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

LLANFAIR



5. There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia! Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia! There thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!



INTROIT Plainsong (Tone VII)

The Sacred Ministers process to the Altar. The Choir sings

VIRI Galilaei quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum? Alleluia. Quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet. Alleluia.

Ps. Omnes gentes plaudite manibus: jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Viri Galilaei...

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia. This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Alleluia.

Ps. O clap your hands together all ye people, O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Ye men of Galiliee...

Acts 1:11, Psalm 47:1

THE EASTER GREETING

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Bishop says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Bishop says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.



Bishop and People

M OST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

Glory be to God on high,

LORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ. With the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

HE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



PSALM 47 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Ley)

OMNES GENTES, PLAUDITE

CLAP your hands together, all ye people :
O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham:

for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI) and Colin Mawby

This acclamation heralds the Gospel Reading



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said unto his disciples, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Minister says

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

The People remain standing to pray. This response is used

Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Bishop concludes with this Collect

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

THE PEACE

The Bishop introduces the Peace with these words

OD has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Cf. 2 Corinthians 1:22

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The People sit. An offering will be taken.

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ANTHEM Sung by the Choir Peter Philips (1561-1628)

A SCENDIT Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia. Dominus in caelo paravit sedem suam. Alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to men. Alleluia.

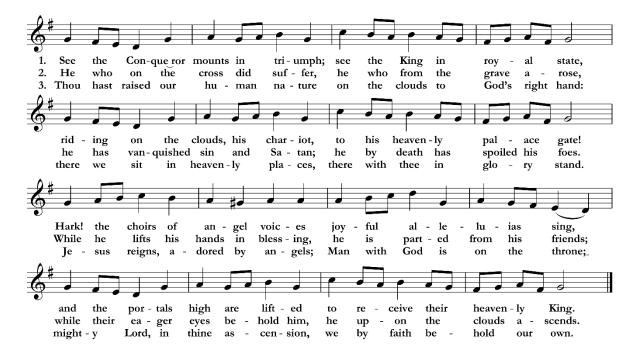
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia.

Ps. 47:5 and Ps. 103:19a

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

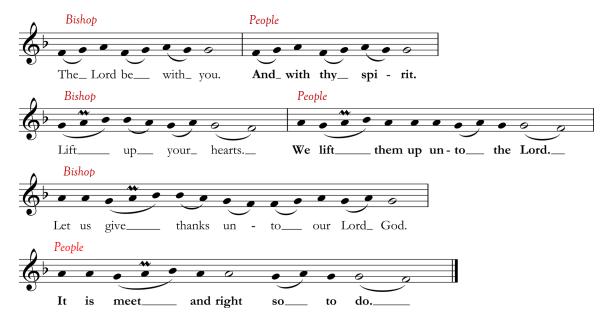
IN BABILONE

The People stand.





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Bishop continues

T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel or stand.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Bishop continues

ALL glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

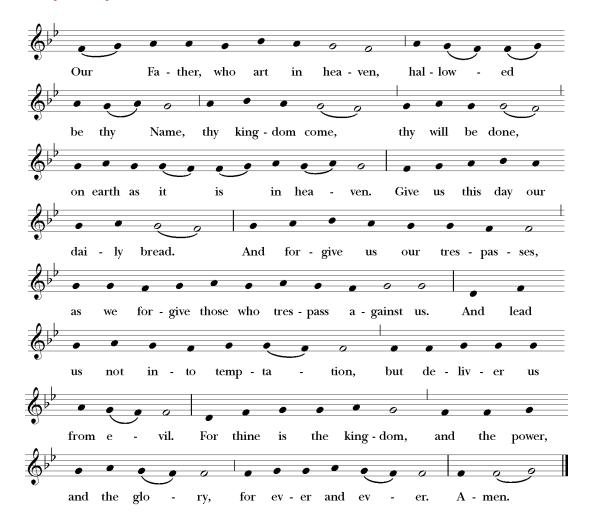


THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop says

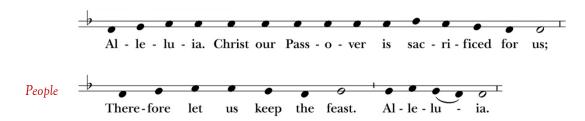
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Bishop and People



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Bishop says

Behold the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion)

BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.

Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Ricecar noni toni, Ch. 226

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

During Holy Communion, the Choir sings

AGNUS DEI

A GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

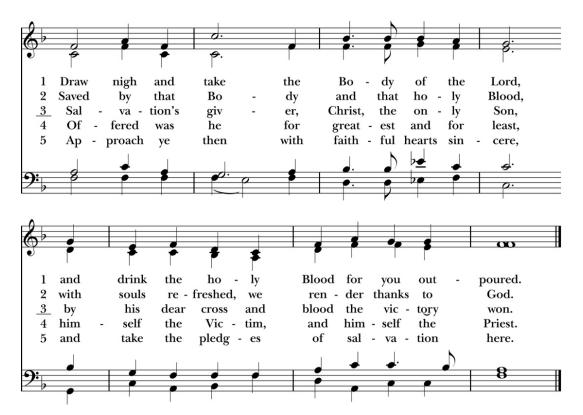
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.



This hymn is sung kneeling or sitting

COMMUNION HYMN SONG 46



- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

After Communion silence is kept for a while.



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Bishop and People

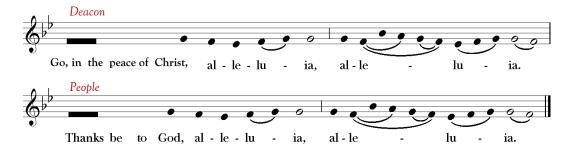
A LMIGHTY and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

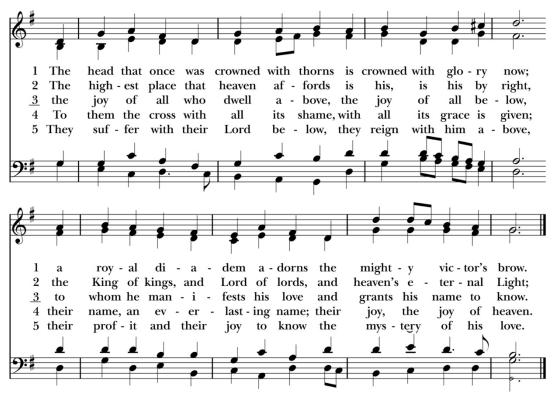
Bishob The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. People Bishop May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen. Bishop May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen. Bishop May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen. Bishop And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



THE DISMISSAL



HYMN ST. MAGNUS



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.

POSTLUDE

Heut triumphiert Gottes Sohn, BWV 630

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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