

# IMMANUEL ANGLICAN CHURCH

*God With Us for the Sake of Others*

Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.  
August 24, 2025

## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Processional**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you ever more"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

## Opening Acclamation

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

## Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant and People pray*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love

your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

## The Trisagion

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

## Gloria

*Come Down O Love Divine*

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
3. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,

till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.  
Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)  
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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with your spirit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church;  
and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect  
and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Children and their teachers come to the front for a blessing, then go to  
Children's Church.*

*The people sing*

*Lord Take Our Children*

*Lord, take our children*

*Lord, give them freedom*

*Lord, send Your Spirit upon them (repeat)*

*Like arrows from a mighty warrior*

*Like arrows flaming in the darkness*

*Send Your Light into the night*

*May Jesus Christ be glorified*

*In our children, through our children*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 28:14-22

- <sup>14</sup>Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers,  
who rule this people in Jerusalem!
- <sup>15</sup>Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death,  
and with Sheol we have an agreement,  
when the overwhelming whip passes through  
it will not come to us,  
for we have made lies our refuge,  
and in falsehood we have taken shelter";
- <sup>16</sup>therefore thus says the Lord God,  
"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'
- <sup>17</sup>And I will make justice the line,  
and righteousness the plumb line;  
and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,  
and waters will overwhelm the shelter."
- <sup>18</sup>Then your covenant with death will be annulled,  
and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;  
when the overwhelming scourge passes through,  
you will be beaten down by it.
- <sup>19</sup>As often as it passes through it will take you;  
for morning by morning it will pass through,  
by day and by night;  
and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.
- <sup>20</sup>For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on,  
and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in.
- <sup>21</sup>For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Perazim;

as in the Valley of Gibeon he will be roused;  
to do his deed—strange is his deed!  
and to work his work—alien is his work!  
<sup>22</sup>Now therefore do not scoff,  
lest your bonds be made strong;  
for I have heard a decree of destruction  
from the Lord God of hosts against the whole land.

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

## Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah  
  
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah  
  
<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may

remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Every Promise*

1. From the breaking of the dawn  
To the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on eve'ry promise of Your word.  
Words of power, strong to save,  
That will never pass away;  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure:  
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word.

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## The Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

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

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying,



'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Every Promise*

4. Hope that lifts me from despair;  
Love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
for the Comforter has come;  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.  
Grace sufficient, Grace for me;  
grace for all who will believe.  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

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## The Sermon

*Father Travis Hines*

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Priest first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*Celebrant and People*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Using the kneeler from beneath the chair in front of you, please kneel.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

For Steve, our Archbishop, Chris, our Bishop, and for all the Clergy and people of our Diocese, especially Christ the King, and Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, and for our Congregation.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

For the formation of a discernment committee to call Immanuel's next worship leader: Father God, Jehova-Jireh-Our-Provider, so guide our Vestry as they select the members of this committee, and so move in the hearts of those to be selected, that Your will for our unified worship in Jesus might be fulfilled. May each person involved "hear a voice behind them saying, 'This is the way, walk in it'" (Isaiah 30:21), and may your Holy Spirit enable each one of us to submit entirely to all you desire.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
***People***      ***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially our missionary partners Yvonne and Pastor Sallie and Life First Pregnancy Centers.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
***People***      ***Hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially the body of Christ Jesus in Ethiopia, Jordan, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
***People***      ***Hear our prayer.***

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President Donald Trump, our Governor Glenn Youngkin, and those serving on our local boards and councils.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
***People***      ***Hear our prayer.***

For those charged with the protection of our nation and communities and their families: especially Thomas Ankers, David Brady, John Close, Derick Clottey, Austin Dixon, Beau Dixon, Gene Douglas, John Ellerbe IV, Devon Fisk, Eric Forbes, Jesse Hines, Chris Iber, Dylan McElroy, Daniel McGrath, Andrew Rucker, and Matthew Surdam.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

For all whose lives are closely linked with ours, Wilburn and Jean Albert; Terry Barratt; Mike and Tyra Harpster; Rory, Shea, Henry, Jack and Mary Millette; Yvonne North; Andrew and Kathy Oravetz; Steve and Heidi Raeder; and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Sam Berton, Buck Brill, Elizabeth Cheatham, William Clottey, Patricia Colassard, Elliot Dix, Sonia Dominguez, Dale Finney, Chris Flemming, BJ Grey; Jayson Hankins, Bill Harding, Keith Harpster, Naomi Iber, William Johnston, Kristina Kotlus, Mary Kuper, Jackie Malaguerra, Linda Martin, Clancy McQuigg, Isaac Morlu, Jonathan Morlu, Liane Murch, William Myers, John Newlove, Cathy Riddle, Mike Stirling, Elizabeth Tomchek, Dean Tony, Linda Walls, and Tom Watson. Are there others for whom we should pray...?

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life, in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader      Lord, in your mercy  
*People      Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Priest      Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant and People together pray*

*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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Comfortable Words**

*The Celebrant says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28

## **The Peace**

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

## **Announcements**

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

*The Celebrant and People together pray*

***Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when***

*they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Offertory

*Celebrant*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

*The Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration.*

*The people stand as the following is sung together.*

## 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*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. Of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100<sup>th</sup>, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. After Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561?)

*Celebrant All things come from you O LORD,  
People And of your own have we given you.*

## The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And with your spirit.*



Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

## **The Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

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

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

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## The Prayer of Consecration

*Using the kneeler from beneath the chair in front of you, please kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## *Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

*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 Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once  
for all upon the Cross.

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## The Ministration of Communion

*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 Ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to  
the people.*

*Prayer Ministers are available at the back of the Nave to pray with you after you have received communion.*

## Communion Songs

### I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.
2. For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.
3. Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.
4. Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725–1817)

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731–1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

## *What a Beautiful Name*

1. You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

### Chorus 1:

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

### Chorus 2:

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Bridge:

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

Chorus 3:

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the People stand as the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.*

*And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.*

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

Celebrant: N., we now send you out to share Communion this week with those unable to be here. Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

*People: We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues with the blessing*



The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the recessional and turn to face the cross as it leads us into the world.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

## *A Mighty Fortress*

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe doth seek  
to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3. And through this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear,  
for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him:  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! His doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, a bideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is for ever.

Words: martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46  
Music: Ein fese Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546);  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Dismissal

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

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

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