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We are so grateful to have you here! Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether you are visiting from Houston or from out of town, we invite you to experience how God is changing lives at St. John the Divine. Come back and join us again!

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — February 25, 2018

The Second Sunday in Lent - Year B

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We warmly welcome all guests today. Thank you for silencing all cell phones and mobile devices.
Please dispose of all food and beverages before entering the worship space.

Hymns in large print are available from the ushers.

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PRELUDE Prière Joseph Jongen 1873-1953

INTROIT Bread of Heaven Ian Brentnall *b.* 1963

Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed, for Thy flesh is meat indeed:
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread;
Day by day with strength supplied, through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven, Thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice:
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give, to Thy cross we look, and live:
Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in Thee.

Text: Josiah Conder 1789-1855

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands

HYMN 362 Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea



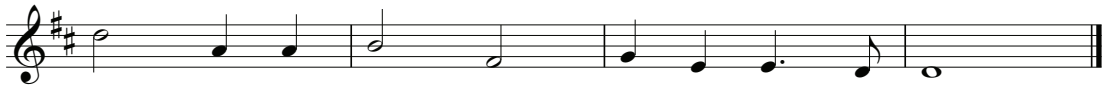
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



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 OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: 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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

Congregation seated

The First Lesson

Galatians 5:16-23 (p. 975)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 636 How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

1 How firm a founda - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,
 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.

The Gospel

John 19:23-27 (p. 905)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus

saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Organ Improvisation

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *standing*

BCP 96

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *Form I*

BCP 383

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Bonnie, Harvey, Bill, Heather, Julie, Lisa, Jack, and Fred, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Norma, Elizabeth, Sue, and Ann, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The congregation kneels

*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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem Love Divine

Howard Goodall *b. 1958*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast,
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our power of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Sets our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3)

Old 100th

*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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.

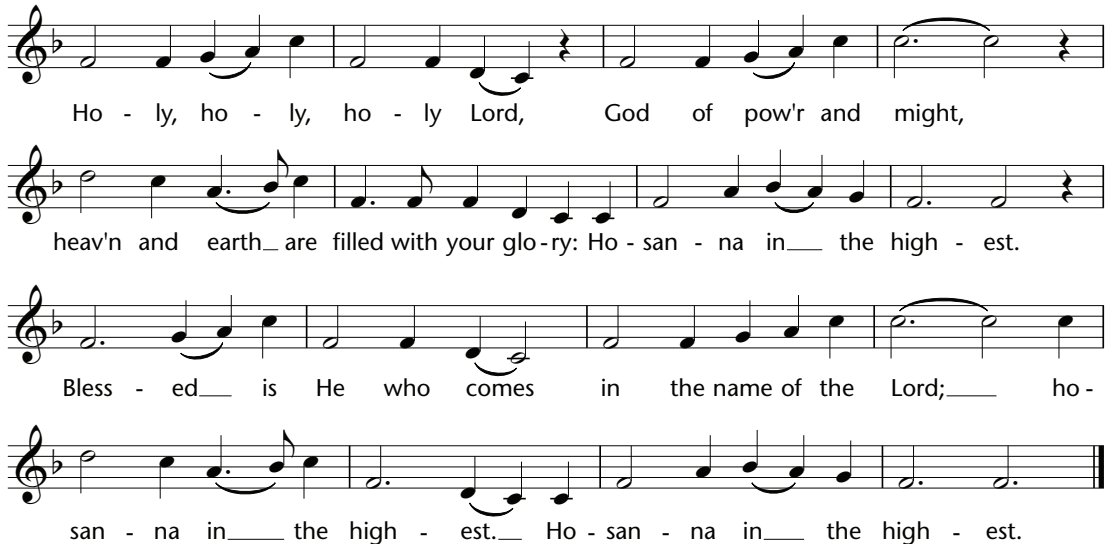
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth_ are filled with 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.__ Ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

Congregation kneeling

Celebrant: 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:

*People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: 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.*

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

*People: 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

*We do not say 'Alleluia' in worship during Lent.
This verbal fast reminds us that Lent is a season of penitence.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please be guided by the ushers to either the front or back rail. You may sip the wine from the common cup or intinct [dip] your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Everyone is welcome to receive a blessing.

Prayer ministers are available during communion in the prayer chapel located to the left of the front altar rail, and can offer prayers for all prayer needs as well as for birthdays, anniversaries, and special blessings.

(11am) Solo The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson b.1933

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed.

Amen.

Nancy Curtis and Laura LeVoir, sopranos

Text: based on I Corinthians 13

*Sung in honor of Doug Richnow and the many marriages
he has performed at St. John the Divine*

Song Lamb of God

Twila Paris

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but You have
sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a
brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and
sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me
in his pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Song Whom Shall I Fear (*Sung by all*)

Chris Tomlin *b.1972*

arr. Harold Ross

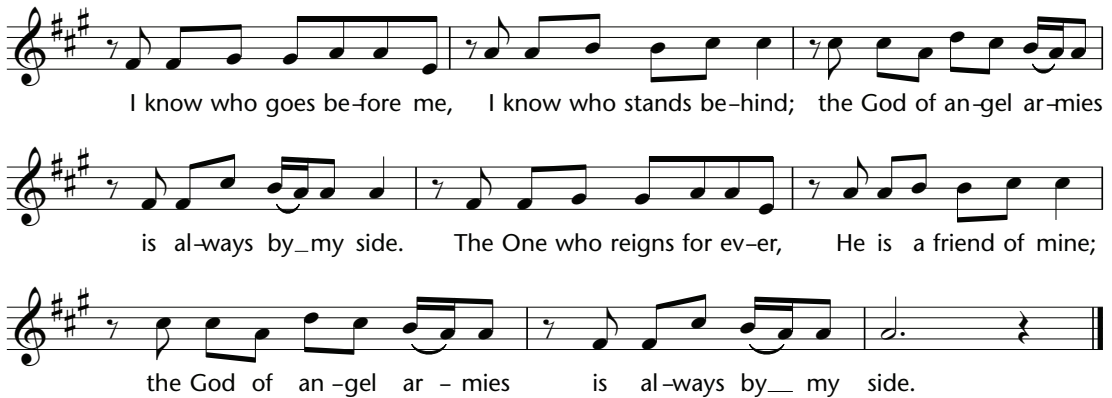
You hear me when I call, You are my morning song;
though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.

Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet;
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.

Whom shall I fear?

Refrain:



I know who goes be-fore me, I know who stands be-hind; the God of an-gel ar-mies
is al-ways by_ my side. The One who reigns for ev-er, He is a friend of mine;
the God of an -gel ar - mies is al-ways by_ my side.

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.

You will deliver me, Yours is the victory.

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

Refrain

And nothing formed against me shall stand;

You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises,

You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful.

Refrain (*sung twice*)

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

Hymn 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
 2 Here, I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've come;
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee;



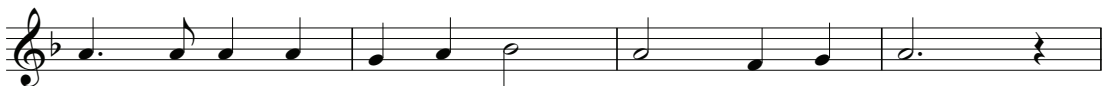
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



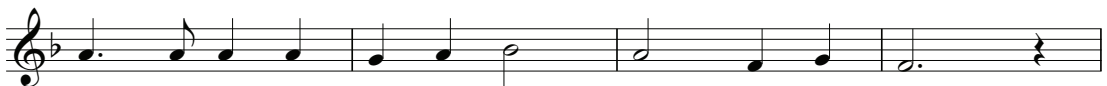
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Song Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson



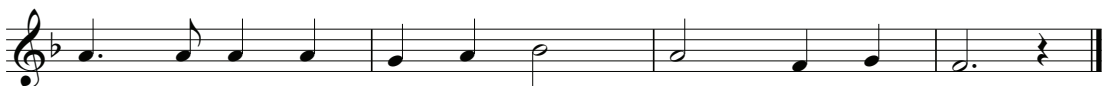
Spi - rit of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Spi - rit of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spi - rit of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

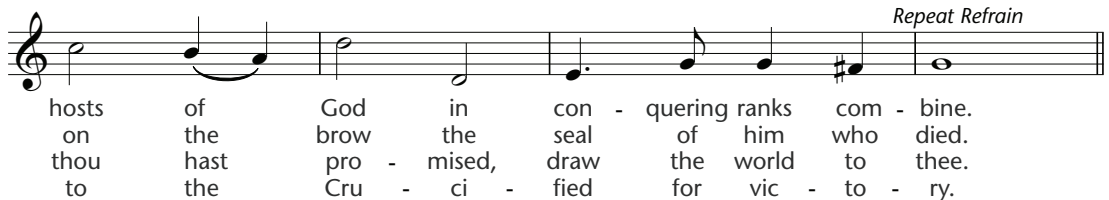
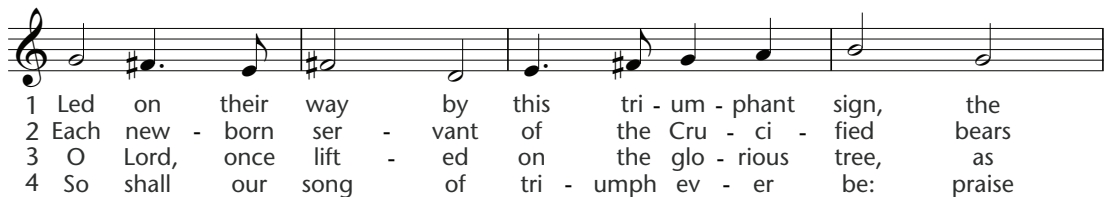
Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
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.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 473 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer



THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Choral Prelude on *A Mighty Fortress*

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for 22 years of ministry by the Rev. Dr. Doug Richnow and his lovely wife, Nikki! by the Rev. Dr. Clay A. Lein.

The chapel altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow by the SJD Flower Guild, with gratitude for all the support and guidance given to us over the years.

To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or honor of someone, please go to <http://www.sjd.org/flower-dedications/> or contact Jesse Enderle, 713.354.2233, jenderle@sjd.org.

TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING IN THE CHURCH

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sjdmusic.wordpress.com.

While today is the second in Lent, it is also a day of celebration as we commemorate The Rev. Doug Richnow's twenty-two years of ministry among us. The hymns, songs, and anthems we offer today in our worship are some of his favorites and represent the faithful pastor and servant of God Doug has been these many years. With our services being combined, the worship band joins the Chorale and organ for a blending of our musical offerings.

Howard Goodhall is an English composer of musicals and choral music, as well as music-based programming for television and radio for which he has won many awards. At the Offertory, the Chorale sings his anthem "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." Commissioned by the Choir Schools' Association celebrating year 2000, the work is a setting of words by prolific English hymnwriter, Charles Wesley. This anthem is also a favorite of Doug Richnow's and was one of his requests for today. At 11am, sopranos Nancy Curtis and Laura LeVoir sing "The Gift of Love," a lyrical setting of I Corinthians 13, also known as the love chapter. It is offered in commemoration of the many weddings Doug has performed over the years.

During communion, we sing "Whom Shall I Fear" also known as the "God of Angel Armies," another favorite of Doug's from the HLC services. If this song is new to you, the refrain is notated and easy to sing. You are encouraged to sing this and all our hymns boldly as we celebrate and worship our God.

