

**TRINITY** 22 February 2026

## ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

**COVER ART:** *Aili King*

### *Home Groups*

College/Young Adult	Monday 7 PM	Theater Street Apartments
Fourth Point	Wednesday 5:30 PM	Teri & Bill Cober's Home
Thursday Group	Thursday 6:30 PM	Maura Foret's Home

### *Studies*

Women's Bible Reading Group	Tuesday 10 AM	Family Center Classroom
Men's Bible Study	Wednesday 7 AM	La Madeleine Restaurant
Youth Choir & Bible Study	Thursday 4-6 PM	Family Center
Trinity Scholars	Saturday 9-11 AM	Family Center Classroom

### *Prayer*

Morning Prayer Meeting	Friday 11 AM	Sanctuary ( <i>Family Center</i> )
Prayer Group	Friday 3 PM	Library

### *Sundays*

Communion Service	Sunday 10 AM	Sanctuary ( <i>Family Center</i> )
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**Lenten Devotional** ~ Printed copies of the Lenten Devotional are now available.

Please feel free to take extra to share with family and friends!

## **A Weekend with Bishop Scott Seely ~ February 27 - March 1**

Make plans to attend a dinner, with a talk by Bishop Seely, on Friday (February 27) at 5:30 PM.

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Responsive Reading</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
<i>This Week</i>	Shawn Howren	Bill Cober	Penn Tompkins
<i>Next Week</i>	David Brammer	Riley George	Maura Foret

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**



Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Chri - ste Chri - ste ei - - le - i - son.

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Chri - ste Chri - ste ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

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Kyr - i - e Kyr - i - e ei - - le - i - son.

## **THE ACCLAMATION**

*Priest* The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

*People* **We will repent and believe the good news.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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

*All kneel or sit for* **THE DECALOGUE**

God spoke these words and said:

- I. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- II. You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- III. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- V. Honor your father and your mother.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- VI. You shall not murder.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- VIII. You shall not steal.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*
- X. You shall not covet.  
*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

## **THE BAPTISMAL LITANY**

For those who today receive the Sacrament of Baptism, together with us who remember our own, we pray to thee, Lord Christ. *Lord, bear our prayer.*

That we may continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, we pray to thee, O Lord. *Lord, bear our prayer.*

That we may persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to thee, we pray to thee, O Lord. *Lord, bear our prayer.*

That we may proclaim the gospel by word and deed to a lost and broken world, we pray to thee, O Lord. *Lord bear our prayer.*

That, looking to Jesus, we may run the race set before us, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory, we pray to thee, O Lord. *Lord, bear our prayer.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*We take a moment of silence for repentance.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

*All sit for* **THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we are conceived and born in sin, and our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Jesus therefore commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In baptism, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are joined to Christ, who shed water and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, that we might be adopted as children of our Father in Heaven.

We recall, also, that our Lord Jesus welcomed children in his arms, rebuking those who would prevent them, saying "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Doubt not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that our Lord will likewise favorably receive these children, that he will embrace them with the arms of his mercy, that he will give unto them the blessing of eternal life, and make them partakers of his everlasting kingdom.

*Celebrant*

I now invite parents and godparents to present the children to the Lord.

*Presenters*

We present *Isabelle Wen Atwi* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presenters*

We present *Thalia Graziella Johnston* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

**FRENCH HUGUENOT BAPTISMAL EXHORTATION**

**Little child, for you Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes - for you little child even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true: "We love him, because he first loved us." Amen.**

## **THE BAPTIMAL VOWS**

Today, together with these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to teach them the meaning of these vows, that they may learn the scriptures, put their trust in Jesus, grow in the discipleship of our Lord, and in time confirm this same faith before the Bishop. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Presenters*      **I am, with the Lord's help.**

*Celebrant*      Do you renounce the Devil, the prince of this fallen world, who tempts all mankind with the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life?

*Presenters*      **I renounce him.**

*Celebrant*      Do you repent of your sin and believe in Jesus Christ, confessing him as your Lord and Savior?

*Presenters*      **I repent and believe.**

*Celebrant*      Will you receive the Holy Scriptures and obediently keep God's commandments, walking in them all the days of your life?

*Presenters*      **I will, with the Lord's help.**

*Celebrant*      Will you who witness these vows support these children as they grow in Christ?

*People*          **We will.**

*All stand. During the Creed, the baptismal party moves to the font. All turn to face them.*

*All stand for* **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*Deacon* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

Let us pray. Almighty God and everliving Father, who delivered Noah through the flood and the children of Israel through the waters of the Red Sea, and whose well-beloved Son fulfilled all righteousness by baptism in the Jordan, so sanctify this water to the mystical washing of sin, that these children now to be baptized may receive the fullness of your grace. Wash and sanctify them through thy Holy Spirit, that they, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church. Strengthen them in faith, hope, and love, that they may pass through the waves of this world and finally come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest pours water over the child three times, saying:*

**Isabelle**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest marks the child with oil in the sign of the cross, saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

**Amen.**

*The priest lights a candle and presents it to the godparents.*

*The priest pours water over the child three times, saying:*

**Thalia**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest marks the child with oil in the sign of the cross, saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

**Amen.**

*The priest lights a candle and presents it to the godparents.*

## **THE WELCOME**

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as thine own children by adoption, made them a member of thy holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the flock of Christ. As in baptism we share his death, so in Christ we rise to newness of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again we will say, rejoice!**

*Applause is now appropriate.*

## **PRAISE GOD, FOR HE IS KIND**

**Praise God, for he is kind: His mercy lasts for aye.  
Give thanks with heart and mind to God of gods alway:**

*Refrain:* **For certainly His mercies dure  
Most firm and sure Eternally.**

**The Lord of lords praise ye, whose mercies still endure.  
Great wonders only he doth work by his great pow'r.**

*Refrain*

**The sea He cut in two; for His grace lasteth still.  
And through its midst to go made His own Israel:**

*Refrain*

**But overwhelmed and lost was proud king Pharoah  
With all his might host, and chariots there also:**

*Refrain*

**To Him who pow'rfully His chosen people led  
Ev'n through the desert dry, and in that place them fed:**

*Refrain*

*All sit for* **THE WELCOME**

## **COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:21-31

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 136:1-16

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

**to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and brought Israel out from among them,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**to him who led his people through the wilderness,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand for* **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Jesus, remember me,  
When you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me,  
When you come into your kingdom.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-13

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

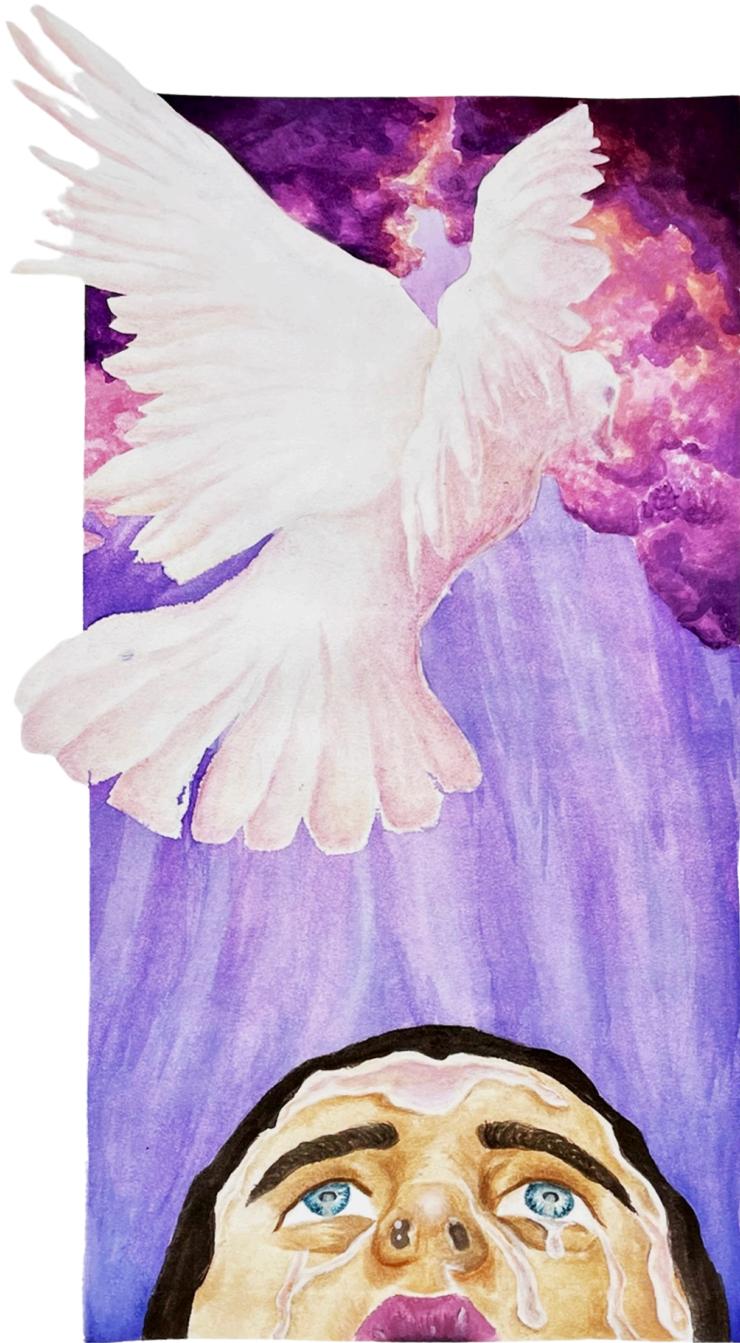
John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**





**THE SERMON**

**THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON**

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**SERMON NOTES**

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## THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



- + *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*
- + *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*
- + *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

*All stand to sing*

**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 COMMUNION PRAYERS**

*Priest* The Lord be with you

*People* **And with thy spirit**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord**

*Priest* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

*People* **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All sit or kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of 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.

*Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people*

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, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

***All sing:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

*Priest* In the words that 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Priest* 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.

*People* **We do not presume to come to 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

## **WAIT FOR THE LORD**

**Wait for the Lord, His day is near**

**Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart**

**Wait for the Lord, His day is near**

**Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart**

## **YOUR WILL BE DONE**

**Your will be done, my God and Father, as in heaven, so on earth.**

**My heart is drawn to self-exalting,**

**Help me seek Your Kingdom first.**

**As Jesus walked, so I shall walk,**

**Held by Your same unchanging love.**

**Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:**

**'Father, not my will, but Yours be done.'**

**How in that Garden He persisted, I may never fully know.**

**The fearful weight of true obedience,**

**It was held by Him alone.**

**What wondrous faith, to bear that cross.**

**To bear my sin, what wondrous love.**

**My hope was sure, when there my Saviour prayed:**

**'Father, not my will, but Yours be done.'**

**When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt.**

**Still I will trust in my good Father,**

**Yes, to one great King I bow!**

**As Jesus rose, so I shall rise**

**In ransomed glory at the throne.**

**My heart restored, with all Your saints I sing:**

**'Father, not my will, but Yours be done!'**

**As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight;**

**That all the world might see Your glory**

**And Your Name be lifted high!**

**(2x) And in this Name we overcome,**

**For You shall see us safely home.**

**Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:**

**'Father, not my will, but Yours be done!'**

**(2x)'Father, not my will, but Yours be done'**

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*All stand to sing* **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
Borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

## THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your Spirit.**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Priest* Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Mark moves immediately from Jesus' baptism to his temptation in the wilderness, and Paul reminds us that Israel's exodus followed the same pattern. Why do you think God so consistently leads his people *through* the waters and *into* the wilderness, rather than straight into the promised land?
2. What are some examples of wilderness seasons in our lives today — and what can sustain us through them?
3. Paul warns that Israel had every outward sign of God's favor — the cloud, the sea, the manna — and still fell away. Where might you be tempted to presume on the outward signs of grace in your own life — your baptism, your church membership, your religious routines — rather than pressing deeper into genuine dependence on Christ?
4. Take turns praying for one another as you enter this season of Lent, closing each prayer with Psalm 136's refrain — *his steadfast love endures forever.*

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