

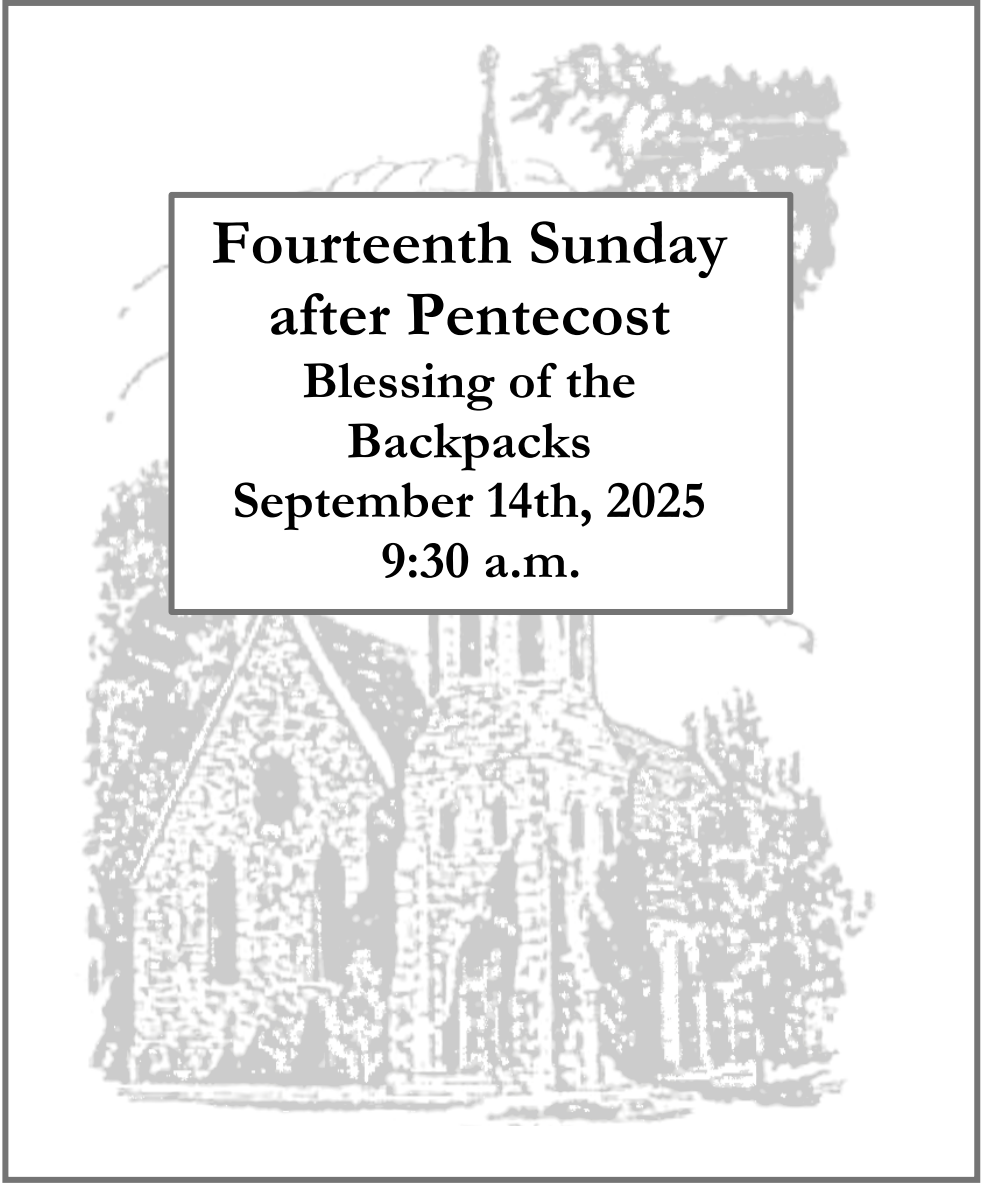


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**Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Blessing of the
Backpacks
September 14th, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



PRELUDE

“Andante marzaile”

Everett Titcomb

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“God of All Learning”

H82 8

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Unison or harmony

C Am Dm Em Fmaj7 C

God of all learn - ing, God of all know - ing,
Bless all the stu - dents, young ones and old ones,
Bless all the schol - ars, with know-ledge and plen - ty;
Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them.

Am Em Fmaj7 C Gsus4 G

We bring these back - packs filled with sup - plies.
Walk - ing or ri - ding, travel - ing by bus.
May we give all the tools that they need.
Bless those who teach and coun - sel and care.

Em Am Dm C Am Gsus4 G

Bless all these tools of learn - ing and grow - ing.
May they re - mem - ber that you go with them,
May we make sure they're safe, loved, and health - y.
May they re - mem - ber you walk be - side them.

Em C Am Dm G Csus4 C

Use them, we pray, to change ma - ny lives.
And that they all are pre - cious to us.
So that they all may thrive and suc - ceed.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

BUNESSAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People For ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

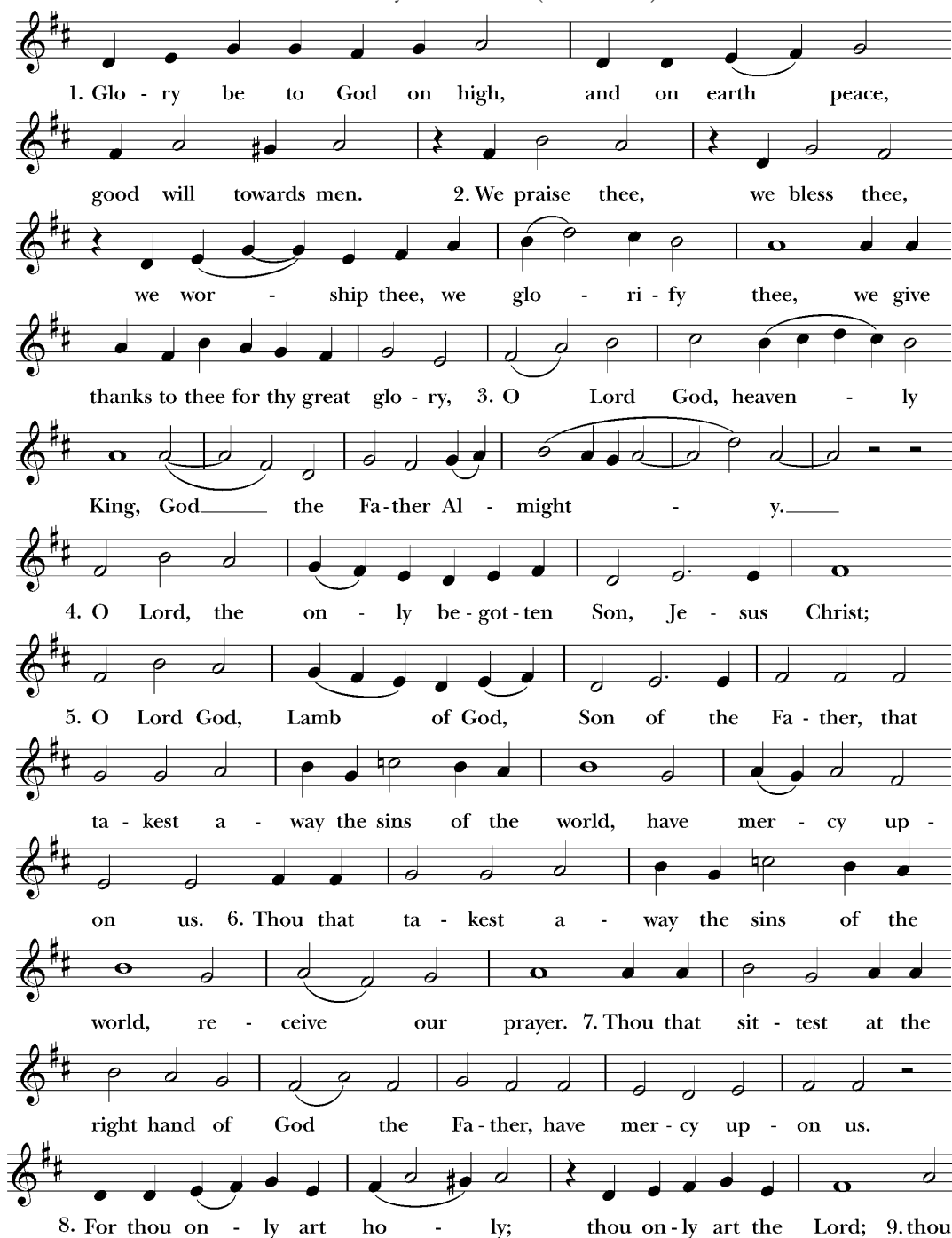
Celebrant: Let us pray together:
All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.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

The Mass setting is from the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

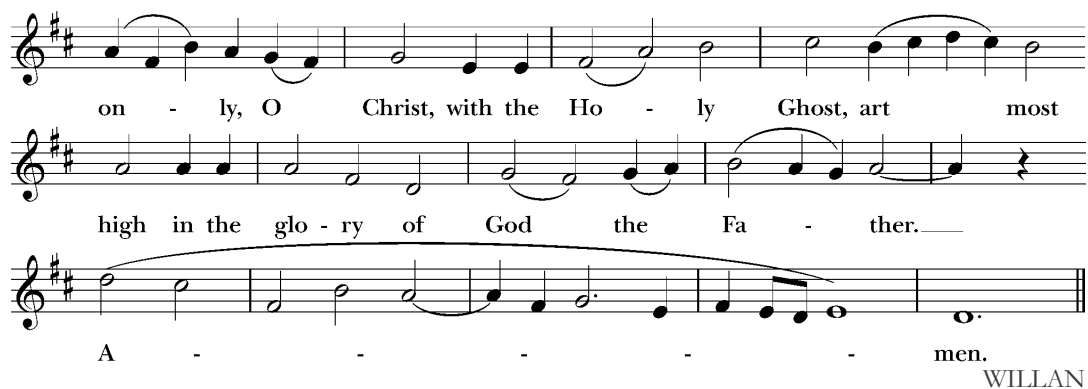
GLORIA

“Glory be to God (Canticle 6)”

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1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,

they do not know me;

they are stupid children,

they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,

but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;

and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,

and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,

and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,

and all its cities were laid in ruins

before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,

and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;

I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14 *Dixit insipiens*

Chanted by a cantor



God is in the com - pa - ny of the righ - teous.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. [*Ant.*]

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

"O for a closer walk with God" (CAITHNESS)

H82 684

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Rowan J. Larson

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or in spirit

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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

Hear our Prayer

Patient and Gracious Lord, enter our hearts and move our desires to your glory as we say, **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

May your church always be a place of refuge and renewal, a place for the healing of lost and wounded souls.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Remind us that Christian freedom is freedom from fear, from anxiety, from hate, and embolden us in our civic lives that we might build a nation of peace, justice, and mercy.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You created us so that we might be your partners in sustaining the abundance of creation. Grant us wisdom and a sense of urgency in addressing our environmental and climate challenges.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Strengthen our parish, embolden us to share your glory in every part of our lives that the Good News of Christ might be known to all who know us.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and strength to all who suffer and let us be healers and comforters to those in need.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Embrace the dying, usher them into your eternal care and grant us an entrance into your light and love at our last day.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: You have worked from the beginning to urge us onto the path of abundant life, continue to guide us on the Way and welcome us back whenever we stray. Through Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign, forever and always. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Adoramus te, Christe”

Théodore Dubois

*Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi:
quia per sanctam crucem
tuam redemisti mundum.*

*We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.*

- An Antiphon for Good Friday

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers
Don't carry cash? Donate online at stjamesbozeman.org/give
Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward*



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WILLAN

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (— and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, we will pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All:

Traditional

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your 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.

on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

WILLAN

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
 indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“What wonderous love is this” (WONDROUS LOVE)

H82 439

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” (PASS ME NOT)

LEVAS 139

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray together:

All

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God’s blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” (ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN)

H82 334

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Everett Titcomb



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

HEALING PRAYERS EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available by the sacristy door.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

CONTACT PERSON FOR PASTORAL CARE

Contact Ray Ross ((406) 599-6991, rayross555@me.com) for pastoral care (ex: hospital & home visits, eucharistic ministers). You can reach the priest on call at (406) 586-9451.

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