HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ.

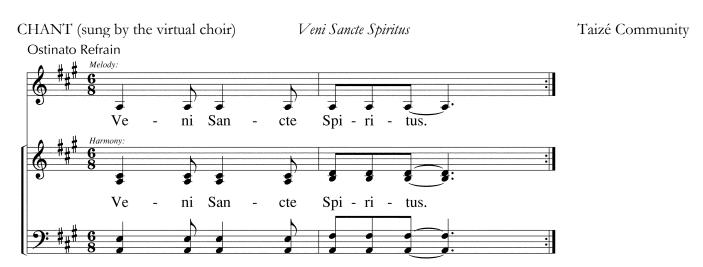
Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus

Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!



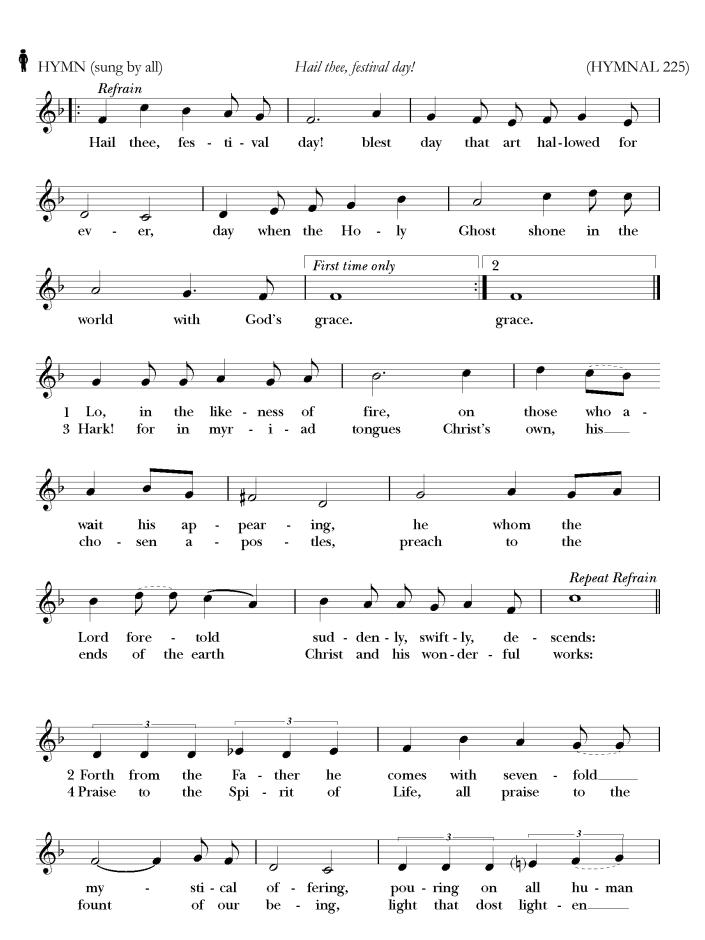
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Today, we invite you to prepare your own "upper room" both physical sacred space and the interior space of your own heart, to welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit. Light candles, practice silence. Let the breath of God be your breath. Pray without words. Wait in stillness.



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A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

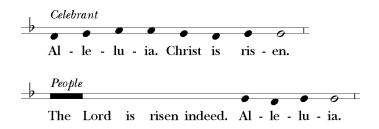




The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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Recorded on June 9, 2019



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.

SONG OF PRAISE (sung by the cantor)

Veni Creator Spiritus, plainsong

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death, come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.

You are the seeker's only course, of burning love the living source, protector in the midst of strife, the giver and the Lord of life.

Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord, to whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity.

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presiding Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.



READER: A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; * may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

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33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

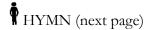
READER: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

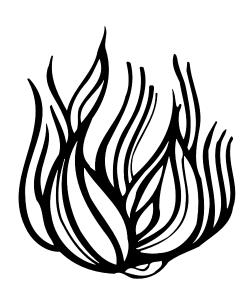
People Thanks be to God.

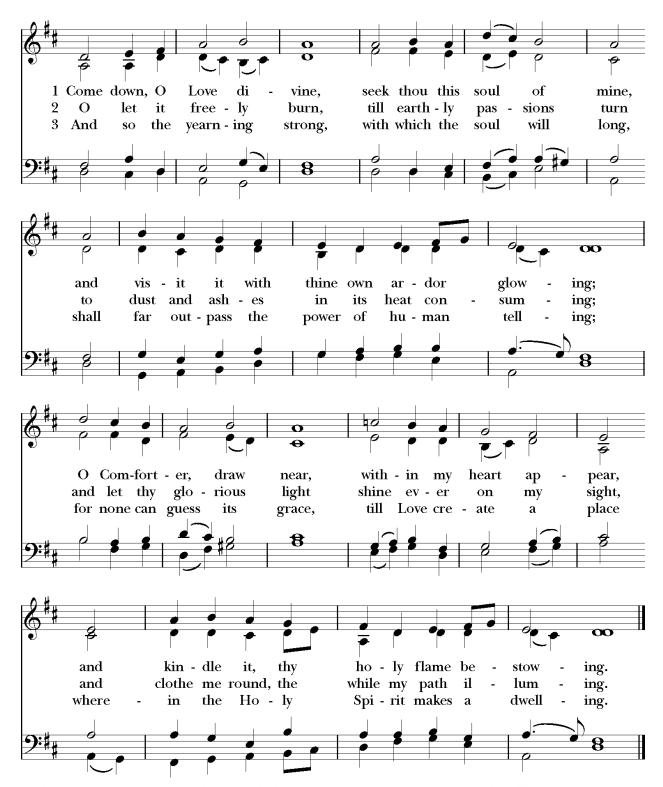
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Come down, O Love divine

(HYMNAL 516)





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THE GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Karen Haig

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THE NICENE CREED

Presiding Priest and People

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

The People respond to each bidding, saying "Holy Spirit, come!".

Holy Spirit, Creator! In the beginning, you moved over the waters, and from your breath all creatures drew their life. Without you, every creature is lifeless dust. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Holy Spirit, Counselor! By your inspiration the People of God and the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in your power, to be bearers of your Word. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier! By you, Jesus grew in wisdom and grace. On the day of his baptism, you descended on him as a dove to consecrate him and you kept him in loving communion with the God he knew as Father. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Fill us now and always. Make our bodies temples of your holiness, make our lives signs of your presence. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

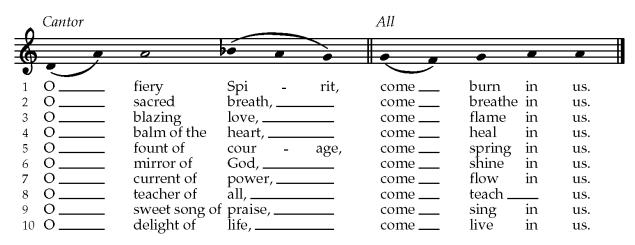
Baptize your Church with the fire of conviction and zeal, that we may burn in the world as a pillar of your love. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Preserve the people of the earth from every evil, and empower us to relieve suffering, resist oppression, renounce greed, and strive for justice and peace. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Lift up those weighed down by adversity, depression, addiction, or any illness; hold them close in the healing and loving presence of God. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

Free us from the sin that binds us, and pour into us your gifts of compassion and mercy, humility and discernment, faithfulness and joy. We pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*

With hearts full of gratitude for the departed, especially those special people who helped each of us understand what it means to be filled by God's Spirit, we pray to you: *Holy Spirit, come!*



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THE PEACE

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

People And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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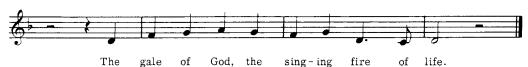
ANTHEM

Christ sends the Spirit

Richard Proulx

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds, the name above all names, at God's right hand, his praise the pulse that shakes the universe: the gale of God, the singing fire of life,

REFRAIN (sung by all):



He led his brethren to the mountaintop and, blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands, commanded them to wait his promised gift: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, (REFRAIN)

"Go out to all the world and tell my news." You are my witnesses, for you have seen; my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you! The gale of God, the singing fire of life, (REFRAIN)

Above, around the hurricane unleashed bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound, vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, (REFRAIN)

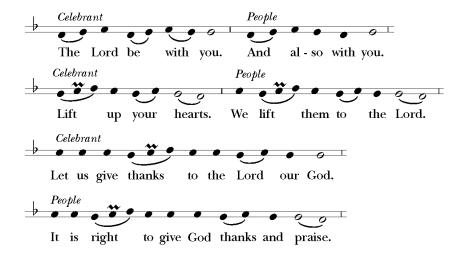
A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call, a vocal flame that flowered on the air, and hung in garlands over every head: the gale of God, the singing fire of life, **(REFRAIN)** the singing fire of God.

TEXT: Luke Connaughton Recorded on June 4, 2017

eal PRESENTATION ANTHEM (sung by all)



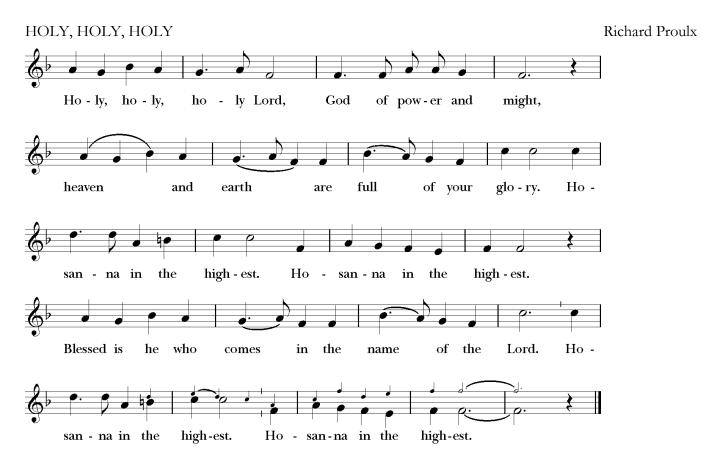
The people remain standing as able.



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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:



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:

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. 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.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

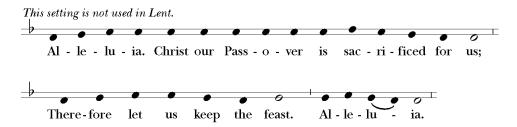
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Ambrosian Chant



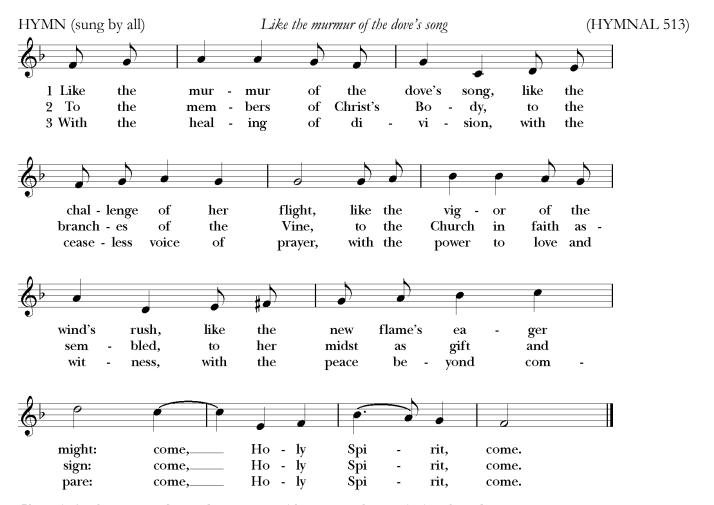
This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Breath of God, life-bearing wind, waking matter into birth, planting promise, prompting hope, with your life renew the earth.

Breath of God, word-bearing wind, truth revealer, prophet's speech, guide to vistas of the mind: let your word excite and teach.

Breath of God, fire-bearing wind, source of power, love, and light, melting fears and joining tongues, with your fire our hearts ignite. Amen.

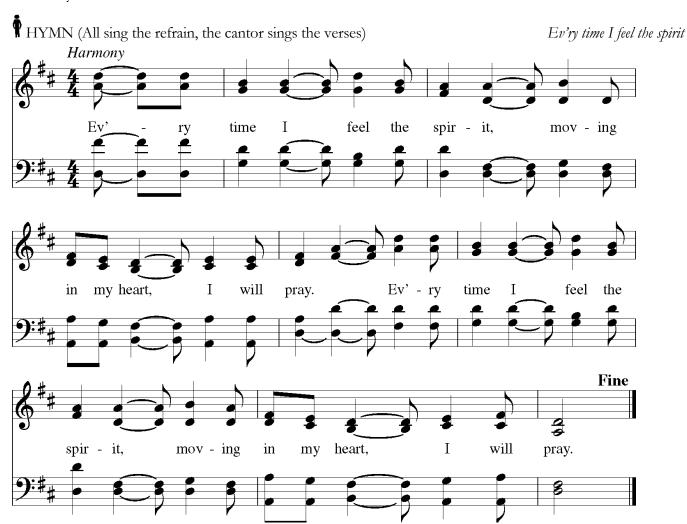
THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of God's Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen**.





J. S. Bach

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