

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Michael Church

In a world polluted by noise, we should be able to expect the privilege of silence for meditation and preparation as we enter the space set aside for our public worship. In that spirit, we ask you for silence and offer the devotional aids below for your use as you await the start of the service and during the prelude.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ, and have given us a share in your Spirit. May we who listen to Christ follow faithfully, and, in the dark places where you send us, reveal the light of your gospel. Amen.

Jesus Christ, King of Creation and Lord of all nations, inspire us to worship you in the splendor that was revealed to Peter, James and John at your transfiguration. Make our hearts and lives worthy temples of your glory. Forgive our fascination with all that rusts and fades in this world. Move within us so that we center our lives and our loyalties on you. Make this Lent a season of growth in our commitment to you. Amen

WORSHIP NOTES

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Hearing Impaired or Hearing Enhancement- St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.)

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

EASTER FLOWERS & PALM SPONSOR—ORDER FORM

It's time to order potted palms and Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Potted palms will be used throughout the church in our observance of Palm Sunday and Easter. This year several types of potted plants are available for Easter decorating.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
_____	Palms @ \$20.00	_____
_____	Daffodils (multiple blooms) @ \$ 7.00	_____
_____	Lilies (4 Blooms) @\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Hyacinth (3 Blooms) @\$ 7.00	_____
_____	Mum (assorted colors) @\$7.00	_____
_____	Tulips (6 Bulbs) @\$ 7.00	_____
	<i>For This Holy House</i>	_____
	Total Amount enclosed	\$ _____

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All orders must be placed by March 11.
Payment must be made when order is placed.

+++GATHERING+++

MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Chanson Triste* arr. by Lani Smith

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who spoke light into creation,
who calls us to listen and follow,
who sends us to shine like stars.

Amen.

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned
against our sisters and brothers
and against you.
We cherish the values of this world.
We cause others to stumble.
The earth is wounded by our excess.
Have mercy, O God.
Forgive us, renew us,
and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will
with courage and delight. Amen.**

Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power to the weary
and strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed,
for in the name of + Jesus Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins
and the revealing of God's reign.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* ELW 315

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Parker
Eucharistic Minister	Lindsay Mills
Cantor	Elizabeth Benion
Acolytes and Torchbearers	Marissa Archer and Isaac Hawkins
Lector and Bookbearer	Clair Gunnet, Jr.
Bannerbearer	Garfield Archer
Thurifer	Les Van Dam
Greeters	Maria Archer and Susan Wesley
Ushers	Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Altar Guild	Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Offering Counters	Maria Archer, Ed and Cheryl Smith

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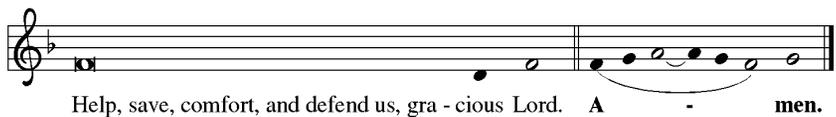
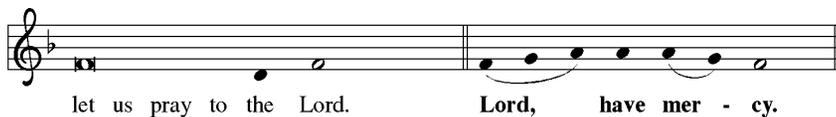
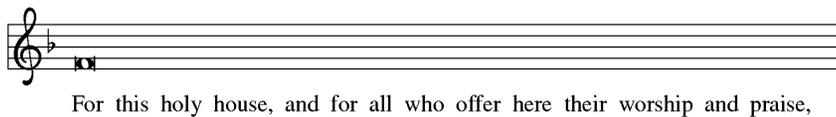
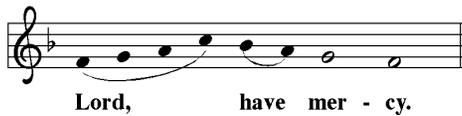
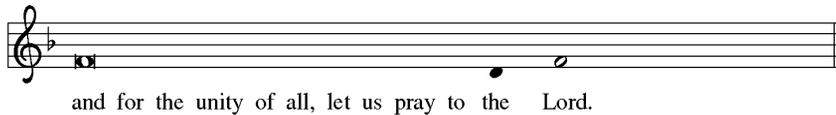
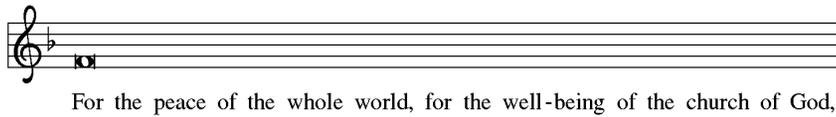
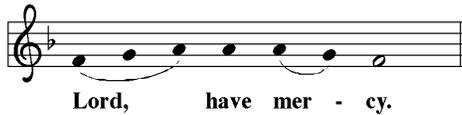
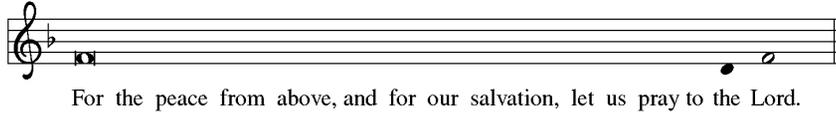
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God's work. Our hands.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



The book study, Making Sense of the Cross, will begin at *Soul Food* on Sunday, February 26 and continue each Wednesday evening of Lent. A limited number of books are available for the study. Cost is \$13.00. You are encouraged to get a copy of the book and read each chapter before the session.

Please join the Ministry To Society Committee on Sunday, March 25th, for a bowling party at ABC East located on Eisenhower Blvd. Bowling begins at 1:00 and includes three games with shoes for \$10.00/person. Good news to all ... there's a snack bar and lounge available so nobody has to worry about cooking or bringing snacks. Just bring yourself. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The afternoon is sure to be fun as well as entertaining. For questions please see Cheryl Smith or Susan Wesley.

There is a new Helping Hands Ministries sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please offer your time to do what Jesus tells us—“*feed my sheep*”. Sundays and Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please see Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions about this congregational ministry.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a “wish list” on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items to help feed the hungry.

There is still time to order Girl Scout Cookies from the troop sponsored by St. Michael. An order form is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Orders placed after January 20 will be available for pick up after February 17. Shirley Morales, Girl Scout Leader, says the cookies will be brought to St. Michael's on Girl Scout Sunday, March 11.

An order form for Easter Flowers and Palm Sponsorship is included in today's bulletin. Deadline for palms and flowers is March 11.

It's time to place your orders for St. Michael's Easter Eggs! Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall.

Altar flowers and bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Harm by John and Susan Wesley.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by Lloyd and Shirley Kramer.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Monserrate Garcia (Maria Archer's mom), Pat Ennis Groeninger (Mike Ennis' sister), Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry
Office Closed
Candy Making
Office Opened
Candy Making
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Helping Hands Ministry
Ash Wednesday Meal
Ash Wednesday Worship
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
Soul Food
Helping Hands Ministry

Today at 4:00 p.m.
Monday
Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday
Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Reading for *Ash Wednesday*, February 22, are:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Readings for the *First Sunday in Lent*, February 26, are:

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

As the Christian community prepares for its Lenten journey, the “Alleluia!” will be removed from our liturgy and hymns at the conclusion of today’s worship. Symbolically, the “Alleluia” banner will also be removed from our sight and cared for during Lent by members and friends of St. Michael Church. When the “Alleluia” is carried from the nave today, it will be kept safe in faith this week by Floyd and Nancy Eberly.

On *Ash Wednesday*, February 22, St. Michael will host the Downtown Lutheran Churches for the 7:00 p.m. service. At 6:00 p.m. we will serve a light supper of soup and dessert. If you would like to donate home made soup or dessert, contact Lindsay at 234-6644 or lmills266@comcast.net. The offering from the Ash Wednesday service will go to the food pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church.

The Lenten midweek lite suppers (6:00 p.m.) and evening prayer (7:00 p.m.) will begin on Wednesday, February 29. If you would like to provide the meal for one of the Lenten Wednesdays, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+++WORD+++

FIRST READING

2 KINGS 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+++SENDING+++

BLESSING AND DEPARTURE OF "ALLELUIA"

Alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia, until the appointed time. You shall say it with great joy when that day comes. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

To God All Praise and Glory

arr. by Roger C. Wilson

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SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Refrain

Lis- ten! you na- tions of the world: lis- ten to the Word of the Lord. An -

nounce it from coast to coast; de- clare it to dis - tant is - lands.

1 The Lord who scat- tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and

he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*

2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the

Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*

3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make

mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -

gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach

na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PSALM

PSALM 50:1-6

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.

Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,

God shines forth in glo - ry.

- ¹The mighty one, God the ¹LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹in its beauty, God shines ¹forth in glory. R**
- ³Our God will come and will ¹not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹from above to witness the judgment ¹of the people.**
- ⁵"Gather before me my ¹loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ¹it with sacrifice."
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹of God's cause, for it is God ¹who is judge. R**

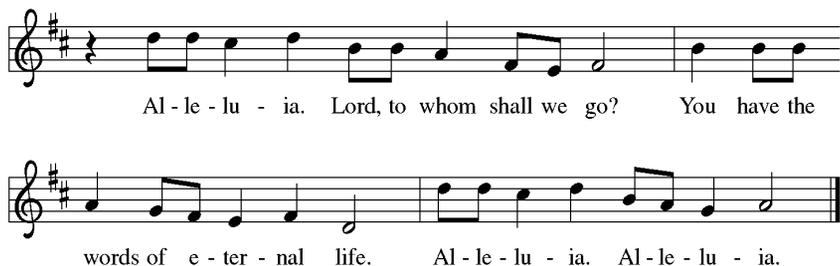
SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

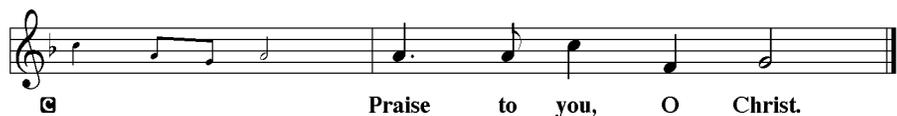


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

We Are Marching in the Light

CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

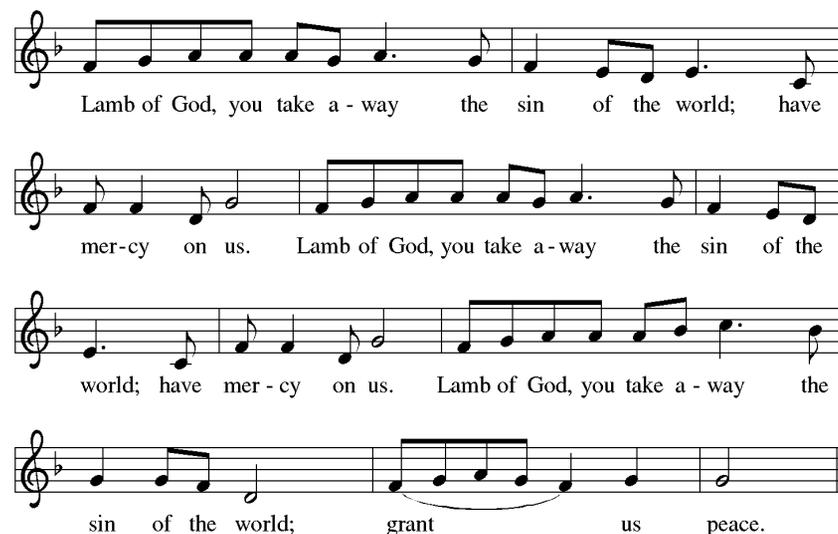
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**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

To receive Holy Communion come to the altar as directed by an usher. The pastor will place the Host (bread) in your open hand; an assisting minister will offer you the wine. Wine is offered either from the common cup, or in your own small glass which you can pick up from a tray at the front of the center aisle. Trays for the used glasses are at the front of the side aisles on a window sill. If you are in doubt about any direction, please look to an usher for assistance.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
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.**

NICENE CREED

**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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. / **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly shares the Lord's peace with those nearby.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Rejoice, O Christian, Sing His Praise Michael McCabe

OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
 take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,