



St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey




## Holy Eucharist Rite 2 Kickoff Sunday

Feast of the Holy Cross (observed)  
September 12, 2021 + 10:30 am


*Please stand as the Priest enters and sing*

*Descant*




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

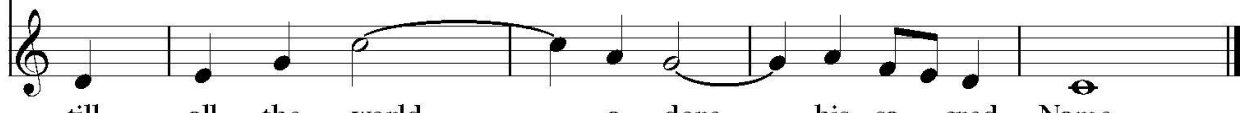
*Refrain*



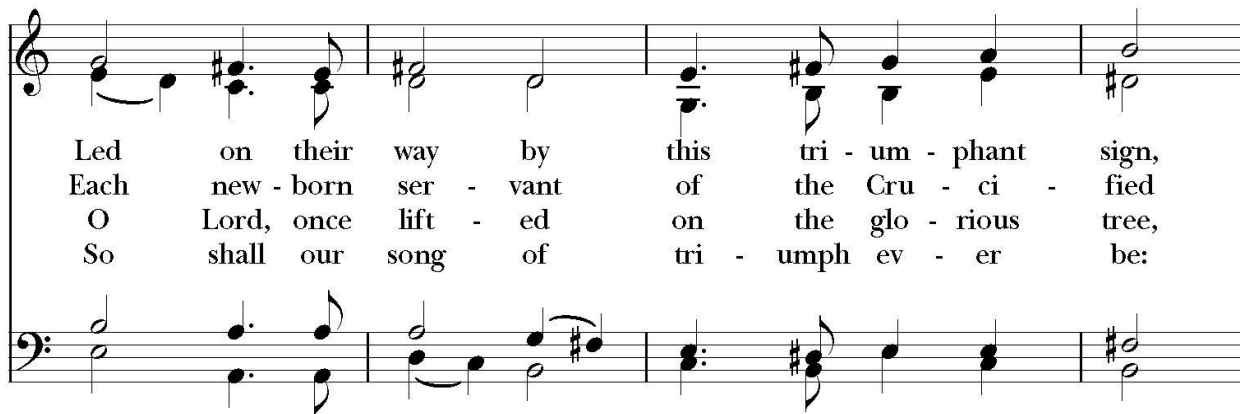
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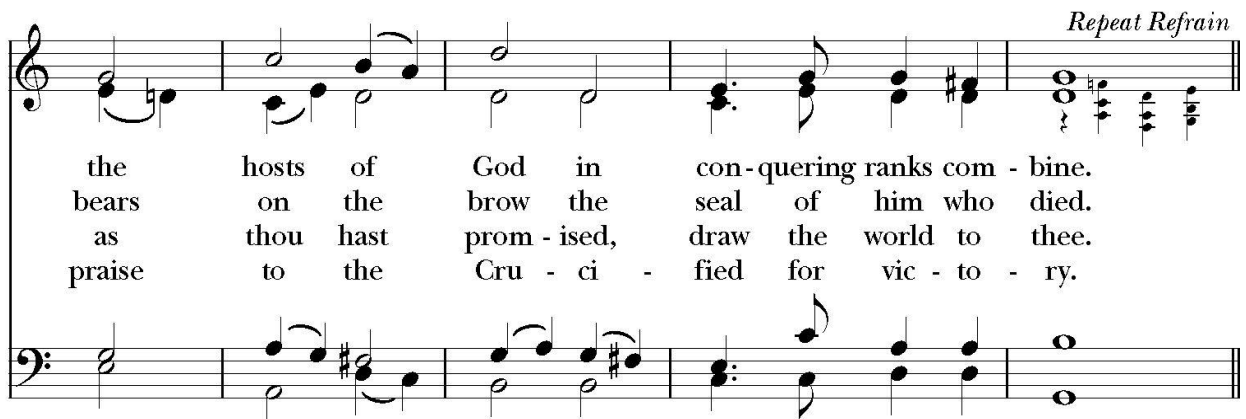


till all the world\_\_\_\_\_ a - dore\_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con-questing ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Priest: + Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Priest: 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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The Lesson (Isaiah 45:21-25) *Please be seated*

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:

“To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 98:1-6



All the ends of the earth have seen the vic-to-ry of our God.

Sing to the / Lord a new song, \*  
for he / has done marv'lous things.  
With his right / hānd and his holy arm \*  
has he won for him/self the victory. [ANTIPHON]

The Lord has made / known his victōry; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / house of Isrāēl, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the vic/tory of our God.  
[ANTIPHON]

Shout with joy to the / Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your / voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the / Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp / and the voice of song. [ANTIPHON]

Tone III.6



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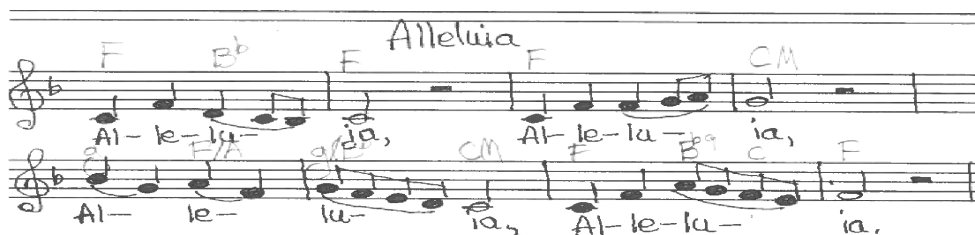
## The Epistle (Galatians 6:14-18)

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

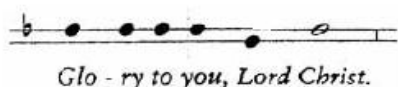
**Gospel Acclamation** *(Please stand)*

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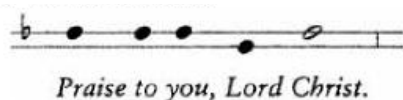
Verse: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

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



Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



### **The Homily** *(Please be seated)*

## Father Robert Laws

**The Nicene Creed**     *(Please stand)*

*BCP, 358*

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 (Form II, BCP, page 385)**

*Please stand or kneel*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for William, our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Jacob, Mary, Elsie, Jeff, Gloribel, Denise, Cathay, and Linda. I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those who died on 9/11, who we remember this weekend. Pray for those who have died.

I ask for your own intentions, offered silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all the Saints. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *BCP, 360*

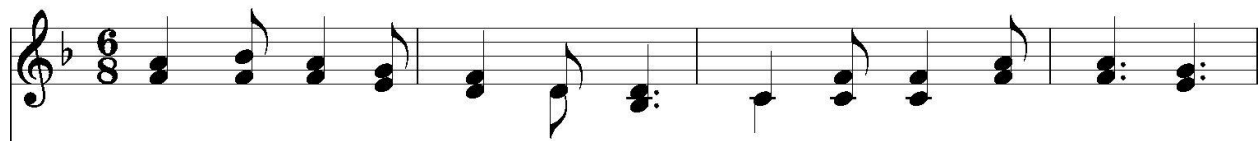
All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

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.*

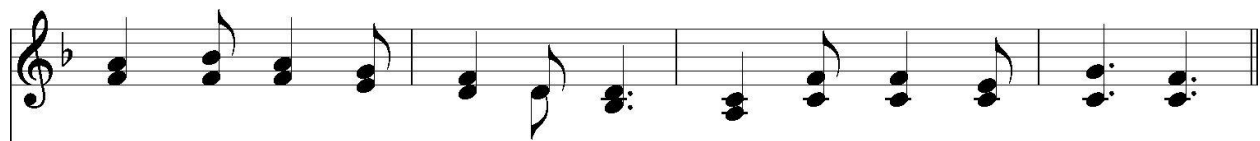
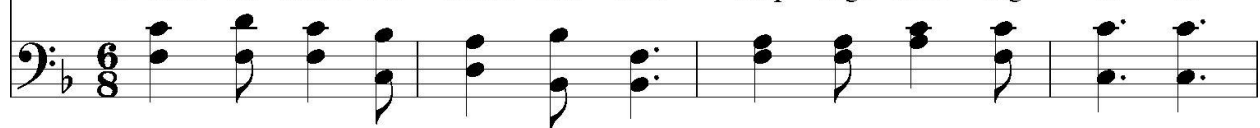
**The Peace and Offertory Sentence**



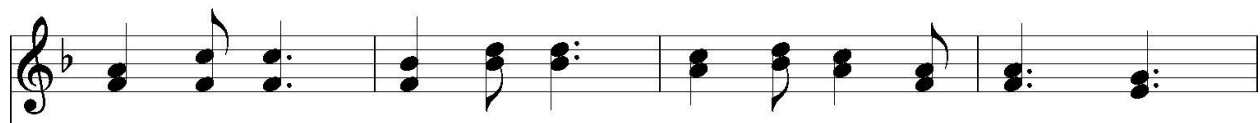

## Offertory Hymn *(please stand to sing)*



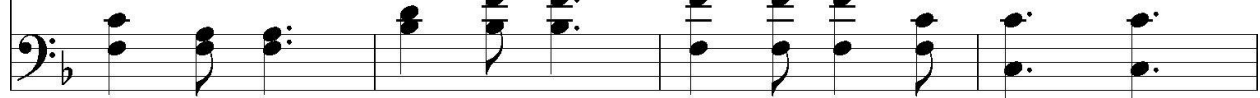
1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.  
3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.  
4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.



## The Liturgy of the Altar

BCP, 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the corresponding parts.

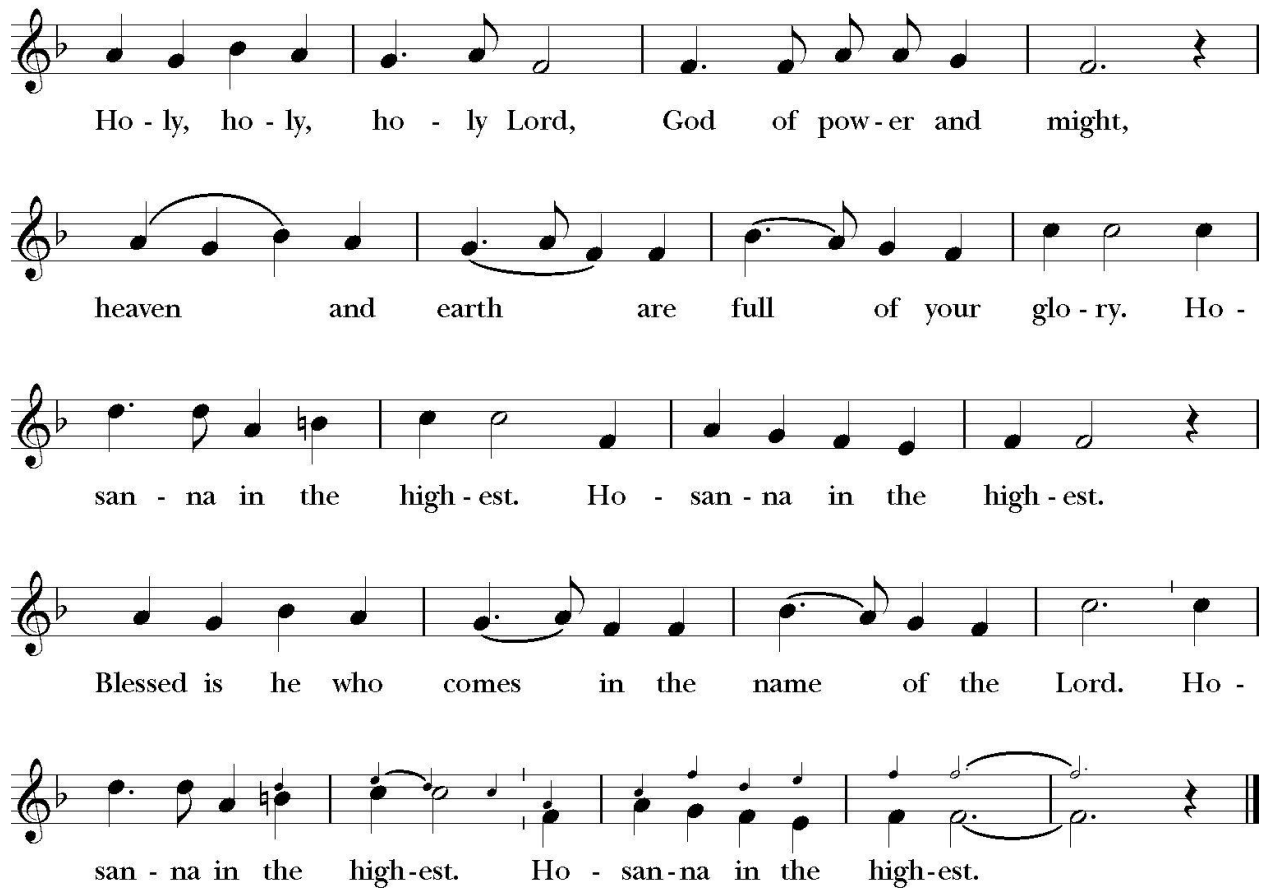
*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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 The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours and 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 forever.  Amen.

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Fraction**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

Manual I

Manual II

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

*Descant (Soprano/Tenor)*

Lamb of God, you take a -

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

sins of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

## Holy Communion

*In order to maintain the safety of our Sunday School Children who still require social distancing, Holy Communion will be taken to them during the singing of the first communion hymn. Once the priest returns, the people are invited to come forward to a standing station in front of the altar rail. Thank you for your patience as we strive to keep each other safe.*

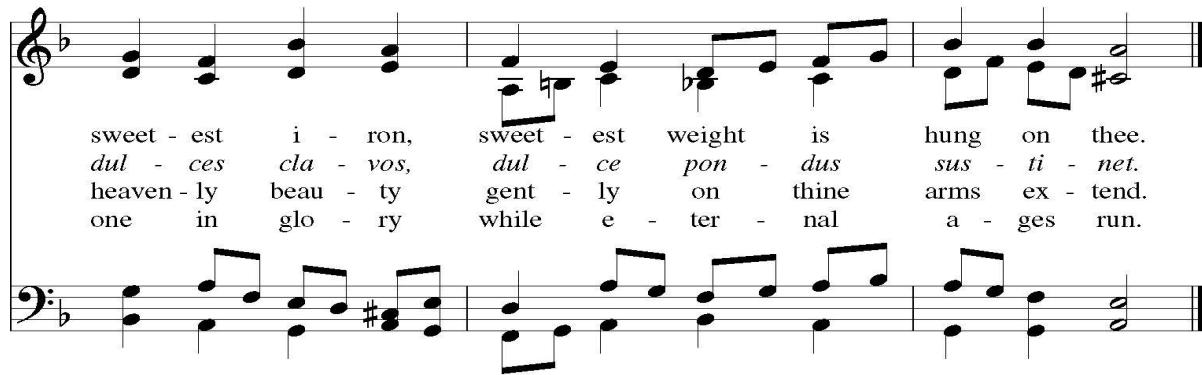
## Communion Hymn

WLP, 737

1. Faith - ful cross, a - bove all o - ther: one and on - ly  
*1. Crux fi - de - lis in - ter om - nes, ar - bor u - na*  
 2. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing  
 3. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

no - ble tree! None in fol - iage, none in blos - som,  
*no - bi - lis: Nul - la ta - lem sil - va, pro - fert,*  
 sin - ews bend; For a - while the an - cient ri - gor  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit,

none in fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and  
*fron - de, flo - re, ger - mi - ne: dul - ce li - gnum,*  
 that thy birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of  
 ev - er Three and ev - er One: one in might and



*Morning Glory, Starlit Sky*

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 585*

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**Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or stand)*

**BCP, 365**

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn** vv. 1-3,6 *(Please stand to sing)*

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
 4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
 though shame and death to him:  
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
 their everlasting theme.

## SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Zac Laws

Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Lay Reader: Jason Swain

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin

Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

The Youth groups will meet for fun, safe and socially distanced group building activities immediately following Mass. Many thanks to Clay and Christine Kellam for leading the youth today.