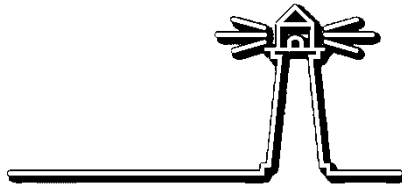


Diocese of Barbados



Annual Diocesan Service  
Celebrating the Ministry  
of the Most Reverend Dr John Holder

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*"Being A Beacon of Christ's presence in the community"*

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Bishop of Barbados and  
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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### MUSICAL PRELUDE:

ST. CLEMENT'S ORCHESTRA  
TRINITY STEEL  
THE ARCH HALL JAZZ COMBO  
THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CHORALE  
THE DIOCESAN CHOIR

### ORGANISTS:

MR. JULIAN BOWEN (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC)  
MR. JOHN BURNETT (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR)  
MISS JANAYE BURGESS (DIRECTOR YOUTH CHORALE)  
MR. PHILIP FORDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE:

### HYMN 374

O praise our great and gracious Lord,  
and call upon his name;  
to strains of joy tune every chord,  
his mighty acts proclaim;  
tell how he led his chosen race  
to Canaan's promised land;  
tell how his covenant of grace  
unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,  
the moving fire by night;  
to guide his Israel on their way,  
he made their darkness light;  
and have not we a sure retreat,  
a Saviour ever nigh,

the same clear light to guide our feet,  
the day-spring from on high?

We, too have manna from above,  
the bread that came from heaven;  
to us the same kind hand of love  
hath living waters given;  
a rock we have, from whence the spring  
in rich abundance flows;  
that rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,  
who life and health bestows.

O may we praise this blessèd food,  
and trust our heavenly Guide;  
so shall we find death's fearful flood  
serene as Jordan's tide,  
and safely reach that happy shore,  
the land of peace and rest,  
where angels worship and adore  
in God's own presence blest.

## HYMN 386

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,

our peace and joy and blessing;  
as with a mother's tender hand,  
he leads his own, his chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that men may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises;  
be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body bear your part:  
to God all praise and glory.

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

For the God who said, "Out of darkness light shall shine,"  
has caused this light to shine in our hearts, the light which is  
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*11 Corinthians 4:6*

## ALL

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name  
and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your  
grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to  
proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray  
for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing  
our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as  
a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food  
in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord:  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING:           Dr Stuart Holder**

**A Reading from the Word of God written in the Second Book of Kings, Chapter two, verse one to twelve.**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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." Elijah 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. The 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." Then 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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. When 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." He 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." As 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. Elisha 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.

READER:     The Word of the Lord

ALL:         **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation remains seated*



## **PSALM 50: 1-6**

1. The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.
3. Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
4. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people.
5. "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now: shall be forever. Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING: Dr Melissa Pusey**

**A Reading from the Word of God, written in Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter four, verse three to six**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For 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.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN 104**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine:  
anthems be to thee address  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;

manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see his glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the Judge appear:  
thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**GOSPELLER:** The Reverend Audrey Griffith

**READER:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, the  
ninth Chapter, beginning at the second verse**

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As 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.

READER:     The Gospel of Christ.

ALL:             Praise to Christ our Lord.

**THE SERMON     The Right Reverend Philip Wright  
Bishop of Belize**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen or 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,  
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
In fulfilment of 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped 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 INTERCESSION:

**Ms Maia -Lynn Robinson - Griffith**  
**Master André Lashley- Proverbs**

Leader: Every day is a day to be renewed, to become the people God created us to be.

**People: May we learn to recognize our true selves as we reflect on God's hope and intention for creation.**

Leader: God calls us to proclaim the gospel for the salvation of all humanity.

**People: May we seek to be the presence of Christ in the world without creating clubs that push people away.**

Leader: God calls us to shelter, nurture, and cultivate spiritual communion among all God's children.

**People: May we be a safe place for everyone to question, to know and to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

**People: May we abandon entertainment for profound awareness; May we share our gifts and creativity in our expression; and may the table at which we gather always have room.**

Leader: God calls us to uphold the truth.

**People: May we faithfully struggle to understand truth, so that instead of being chained and imprisoned to it, we may be joyfully and completely set free by it.**

Leader: God calls us to be advocates for social justice.

**People: May everything that seeks to undermine God's**

**love make us uncomfortable and passionately counteractive.**

Leader: God calls us to be a visible manifestation of God's vision of, and hope for, all creation.

**People: May we live as if we truly believe, shining light in darkness, sprinkling salt on blandness, and celebrating the joy of life that we all share together. Let it be so!**

Leader: O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, Sandra, Governor-General, Freundel, Prime Minister and Mia, Leader of the Opposition, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

**People: Lord, keep this nation under your care.**

Leader: Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**People: Heal us.**

Leader: We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**People: Inspire us.**

Leader: We thank you for the Church in this Diocese

**People: Help us to be faithful disciples**

**Leader:** Today we thank you in a special way for the episcopal ministry of John our Bishop and Archbishop. We thank you for his leadership and guidance over the past seventeen years.

**People: We thank you, Lord**

Leader: We thank you for the lives and examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints

**People: We thank you Lord**

Leader: We commend to your mercy our brothers and sisters and all others who have died in your faith

**People: Grant them rest.**

*Silence*

**All:**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that help us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.



## ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

PRESIDENT

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

ALL

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL**

**They who thus serve God are acceptable to God and approved by others**

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you

**ALL:           And also with you.**

## LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US

Let there be love shared among us,  
Let there be love in our eyes,  
May now Your love sweep this nation,  
Cause us O Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly love that is real,  
Let there be love shared among us,  
Let there be love.

Let there be peace shared among us,  
Let there be peace in our eyes,  
May now Your peace sweep this nation,  
Cause us O Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly peace that is real,  
Let there be peace shared among us,  
Let there be peace.

Let there be joy shared among us,  
Let there be joy in our eyes,  
May now Your joy sweep this nation,  
Cause us O Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly joy that is real,  
Let there be joy shared among us,  
Let there be joy.

## I AM THE WAY

I am the Way, the King of the Victory  
I am the Truth, the Lord of the Harmony  
I am the Light, the Light of the world to be

### *Refrain:*

*Hosanna! I hold your hand my friend,  
Hosanna! I give you strength my friend,  
Hosanna! You walk the sea my friend;  
We're going to sail to victory!  
Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing)  
Sailing cross the river, sailing!  
Sailing (Jesus), sailing (sailing)  
Sailing cross the river sailing!  
Freedom (brother), freedom (sister)  
Freedom in the life of Jesus -*

I am the Vine, you shall abide in Me,  
I am the River, you shall be cleansed in Me,  
I am the Rock, you shall have life in Me;

I am your brother, living in flesh with thee,  
I am your Saviour, dying on Calvary,  
I am your God, rising in victory

# LITURGICAL DANCE: THE DIOCESAN DANCERS

## ANTHEM: THE DIOCESAN CHOIR "AMAZING GRACE" BY JOHN RUTTER

### OFFERTORY HYMNS

#### HYMN 351

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,  
and all seemed sunk in night,  
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,  
thy chosen sons of light.  
on them and on thy people  
thy plenteous Grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
One church, one faith, one Lord.

### **HYMN 403**

LIGHT'S abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision whence true peace doth spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the Highest King;

Oh, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever  
Alleluia is out-poured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour  
Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from labour,  
For unknown are toil and care.

Oh, how glorious and resplendent,  
Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much beauty,  
Full of health, and strong, and free,  
Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,  
Bear the burden on thee laid,  
That hereafter these thy labours  
May with endless gifts be paid;  
And in everlasting glory  
Thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, Co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.

## HYMN 97

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
therefor ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT:           The Lord be with you.

**ALL:                   And also with you.**

PRESIDENT:           Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:                   We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT:           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:                   It is right to give God thanks and  
praise.**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:



Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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:

**ALL**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and 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.**

**PRESIDENT**

Holy and gracious Father,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness, comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,  
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your  
Spirit,  
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,  
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night He was betrayed,  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:  
"Take this and eat it:  
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.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
For the remembrance of me."

**ALL:**

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT

Father, calling to mind the death your Son  
endured for our salvation;  
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;  
His continual intercession for us in heaven;  
and looking for His coming again in glory,  
we offer you, in thanksgiving,  
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.  
Look with favour on your Church's offering,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may be filled with your Holy Spirit

and become one body in Christ.  
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,  
in communion with blessed Mary  
and the whole company of heaven,  
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.  
With Him, and in Him, and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,  
Father Almighty, with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESIDENT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

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

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT:**

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us

**ALL:**

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace**

**PRESIDENT:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

**ALL:**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad  
songs of praise to Him.**

## **SELECTION: DIOCESAN YOUTH CHORALE: HEAR US FROM HEAVEN**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:603, 595, 604, 607, 627, 590, 618**

## **HYMN 603**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;

**Refrain:**

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees

**HYMN 595**

I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

**Refrain:**

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh  
for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread,  
they shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you,  
you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection, I am the life;  
they who believe in me,

even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God  
who has come into the world.

## SELECTION: TRINITY STEEL

### HYMN 604

Let us enter into covenant with Christ,  
celebrating the Eucharist of love.  
Take a little bread and wine,  
lift up the chalice of the King.

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia! It's a sign of love!*  
*Alleluia! It's a sign of peace!*  
*Alleluia! It's the mystery of faith!*  
*Alleluia! Amen!*

Take the body and the blood of Christ,  
in divine revelation of his love.  
Be transformed, O my people, from your sins,  
and eat and drink and live!

He is lifted to the throne on high  
and will come again to rule all the world.  
The saints who sleep in Christ shall rise,  
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad!

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.

'He who comes to me  
I shall not turn away'.

Come, you faithful, to the paradise of God,  
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.  
Eat manna from the tree of life;  
You are washed in the blood of Christ!

## HYMN 607

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead.  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now,  
Alleluia! alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished

shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified.

### HYMN 627

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,  
O Jesus Christ, we pray;  
so may we well approach thee,  
if thou wilt be the Way:  
thou, very Truth, hast promised  
to help us in our strife,  
food of the weary pilgrim,  
eternal source of life.

And thou, creator Spirit,  
look on us, we are thine;  
renew in us thy graces,



upon our darkness shine;  
that, with thy benediction  
upon our souls outpoured,  
we may receive in gladness  
the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,  
O Unity most high,  
on thee alone relying  
thy servants would draw nigh:  
unworthy in our weakness,  
on thee our hope is stayed,  
and blessed by thy forgiveness  
we will not be afraid.

## HYMN 590

Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word,  
to Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,  
let earth, let heaven hosanna sing,  
hosanna in the highest!

O Saviour, with protecting care  
abide in this thy house of prayer,  
where we thy parting promise claim,  
assembled in thy sacred name.  
Hosanna in the highest!

But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast,  
Eternal, bid thy Spirit rest;  
and make our secret soul to be  
a temple pure and worthy thee.  
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
be honour, praise, and glory given  
by all on earth and all in heaven.  
Hosanna in the highest!

## **HYMN 618**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended: O now be extended  
the fruits of his service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for man.  
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,  
the task of our everyday life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as brothers all men of each race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,  
unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **SELECTION: THE ARCH HALL JAZZ COMBO**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

## **HYMN 128**

Children of Jerusalem  
sang the praise of Jesus' name:

children, too, of modern days  
join to sing the Saviour's praise.

**Refrain**

*hark, hark, hark! While children's voices sing,  
hark, hark, hark! While children's voices sing  
loud hosannas, loud hosannas,  
loud hosannas to our King.*

We are taught to love the Lord,  
we are taught to read his word;  
we are taught the way to heaven;  
praise for all to God be given.

Parents, teachers, old and young,  
all unite to swell the song;  
higher and yet higher rise,  
till hosannas reach the skies.

**HYMN 658**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong;  
they are weak but he is strong.

**Refrain:**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The bible tells me so.*  
Jesus loves me! He who died,  
heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.

Jesus take this heart of mine,  
make it pure and wholly thine;  
on the cross you died for me,  
I will try to live for thee.

## HYMN 644

Come, sing with holy gladness,  
high alleluias sing,  
uplift your loud hosannas  
to Jesus, Lord and King;  
sing, boys, in joyful chorus  
your hymn of praise today,  
and sing, ye gentle maidens,  
your sweet responsive lay.

'Tis good for boys and maidens  
Sweet hymns to Christ to sing,  
'tis meet that children's voices  
should praise the children's King:  
for Jesus is salvation,  
and glory, grace, and rest:  
to babe, and boy, and maiden  
the one Redeemer Blest.

O boys, be strong in Jesus,  
to toil for him is gain,  
and Jesus wrought with Joseph  
with chisel, saw, and plane;  
O maidens, live for Jesus,  
who was a maiden's Son;  
be patient, pure, and gentle,  
and perfect grace begun.

Soon in the golden city  
the boys and girls shall play,  
and through the dazzling mansions  
rejoice in endless day;  
O Christ, prepare thy children  
with that triumphant throng  
to pass the burnished portals,  
and sing the eternal song.

## HYMN 652

Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light,  
like a little candle burning in the night;  
in this world of darkness we must shine —  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it, if our light is dim;  
he looks down from heaven, to see us shine —  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine then; for all around  
many kinds of darkness in this world abound:  
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine —  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**ALL:**

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage**

to love and serve you, and all persons in you,  
with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## DISMISSAL

The spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God: and the blessing of God Almighty, +the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always

**ALL: Amen.**

PRESIDENT:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL**

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## NOTICES

## PRESENTATION

## LITURGICAL DANCE

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 311

GOD is working his purpose out as year succeeds to  
year,  
God is working his purpose out and the time is  
drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall  
surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as  
the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot  
hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the  
voice of God,  
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as  
the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and  
increase  
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the  
Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall  
surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as  
the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the  
banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may  
shine throughout the world.  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their  
captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as  
the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the  
deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life  
to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that  
shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as  
the waters cover the sea.

## HYMN 400

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth;  
the gospel of a saviour's name;  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified;  
he sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him king:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
this gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.



## HYMN 954 - Mission Praise

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are living, living,  
We are living, living,  
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God,  
We are moving in the power of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving, moving,  
We are moving, moving,  
We are moving in the power of God.

(Repeat)