

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tallahassee, Florida

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:00 AM



Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

This summer, we are worshipping in Alfriend Hall
while the ceiling of our historic sanctuary is being restored.

Though the setting is different, the heart of our worship remains the same.
We are glad you are here, and we invite you to settle in, lift your voice,
and join us in the joyful work of praising God together.

Tower Bells

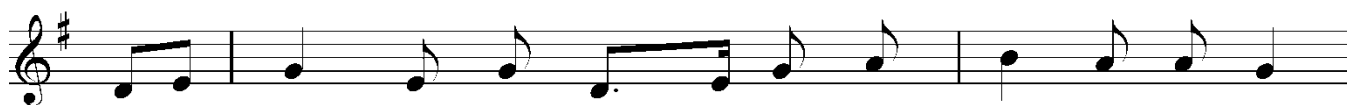
Voluntary.....Impromptu No. 3 in G-flat Major, D. 899
Franz Schubert

Opening Procession

All stand as they are able.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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 Song of Praise

Sung first by the choir, then twice by all.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people

forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

[Jeremiah 23:23-29]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly, *
 and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
 defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *
 and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
 and fall like any prince.”
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your own.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute,

persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

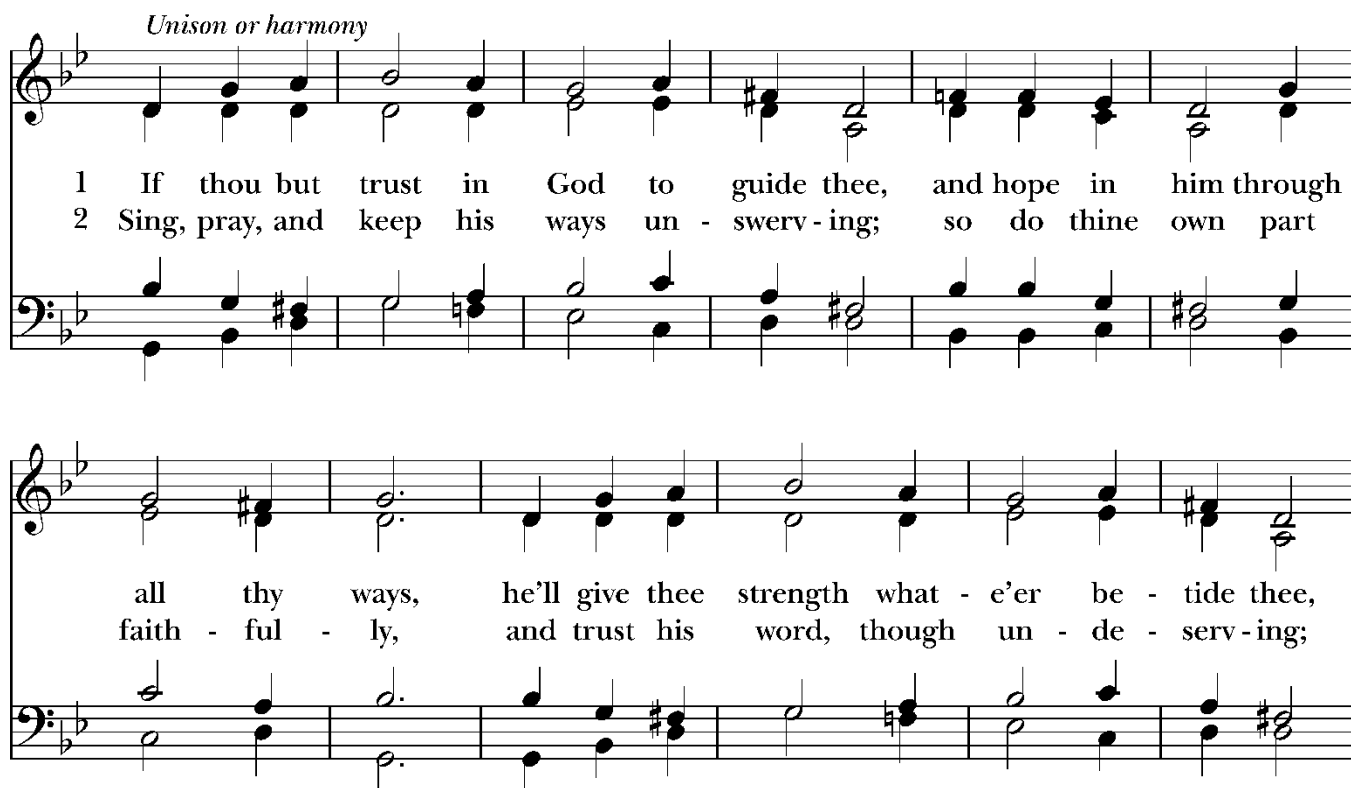
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. [Hebrews 11:29-12:2]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All stand as they are able.

Unison or harmony



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

[Luke 12:49-56]

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather before the altar for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant and the People say

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 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 Prayers of the People *(Remain standing)*

At the end of each petition

Leader Behold your children,
People and restore us, O God of hosts.

The Celebrant adds the following Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin *(Remain standing)*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.*

The Priest, stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Your gift in support of St. John's makes all the difference. Give via the offering plate; or text STJOHNS to 73256; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church you love.



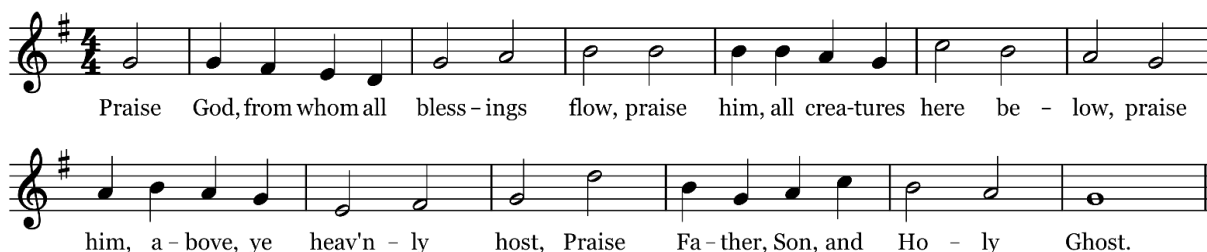
Offertory Anthem ***Fight the good fight*** John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.
Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: his boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Text: J. S. B. Monsell (1811 – 1875)

Presentation of the Gifts

All stand as they are able.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 *from Enriching Our Worship*

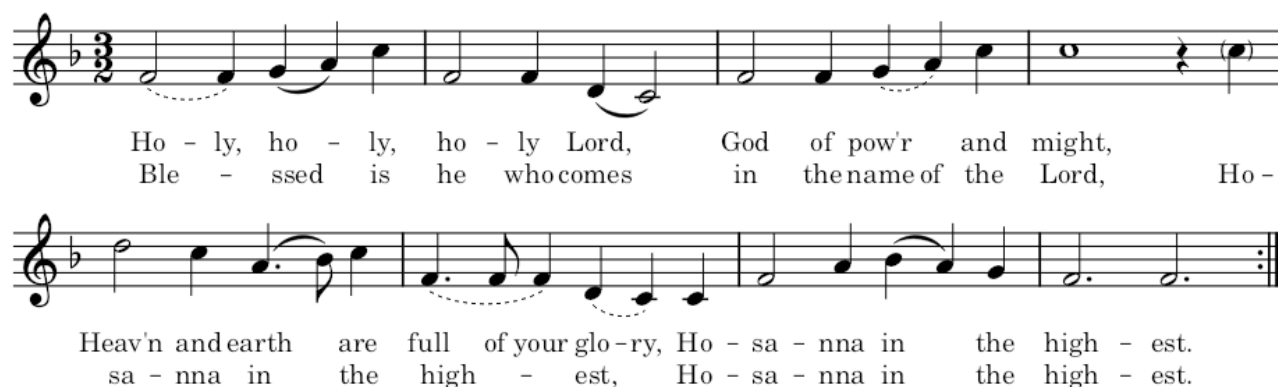
The People remain standing. The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Sung three times



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

During our time in Alfriend Hall, Communion will be served at standing stations. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your row to rise and join the center aisle to come forward.



2 Receive the Bread.

There is no Communion rail in Alfriend Hall. Instead, the priest will stand in front of the altar to give you the Bread. Extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



3 Receive the Wine.

After receiving the Bread, turn toward the side where you are seated. A Eucharistic Minister will offer you the Wine. You may either sip directly from the chalice or allow the minister to dip the Bread and return it to you.

4 Return to your seat.

Make your way back to your seat, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive Communion for any reason, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymns 366 – Holy God we praise thy Name
490 – I want to walk as a child of the light
253 – Give us the wings of faith to rise

The Postcommunion Prayer *from Enriching Our Worship*

After all have received Communion, all stand as they are able, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant *N.*, we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to *N.* bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

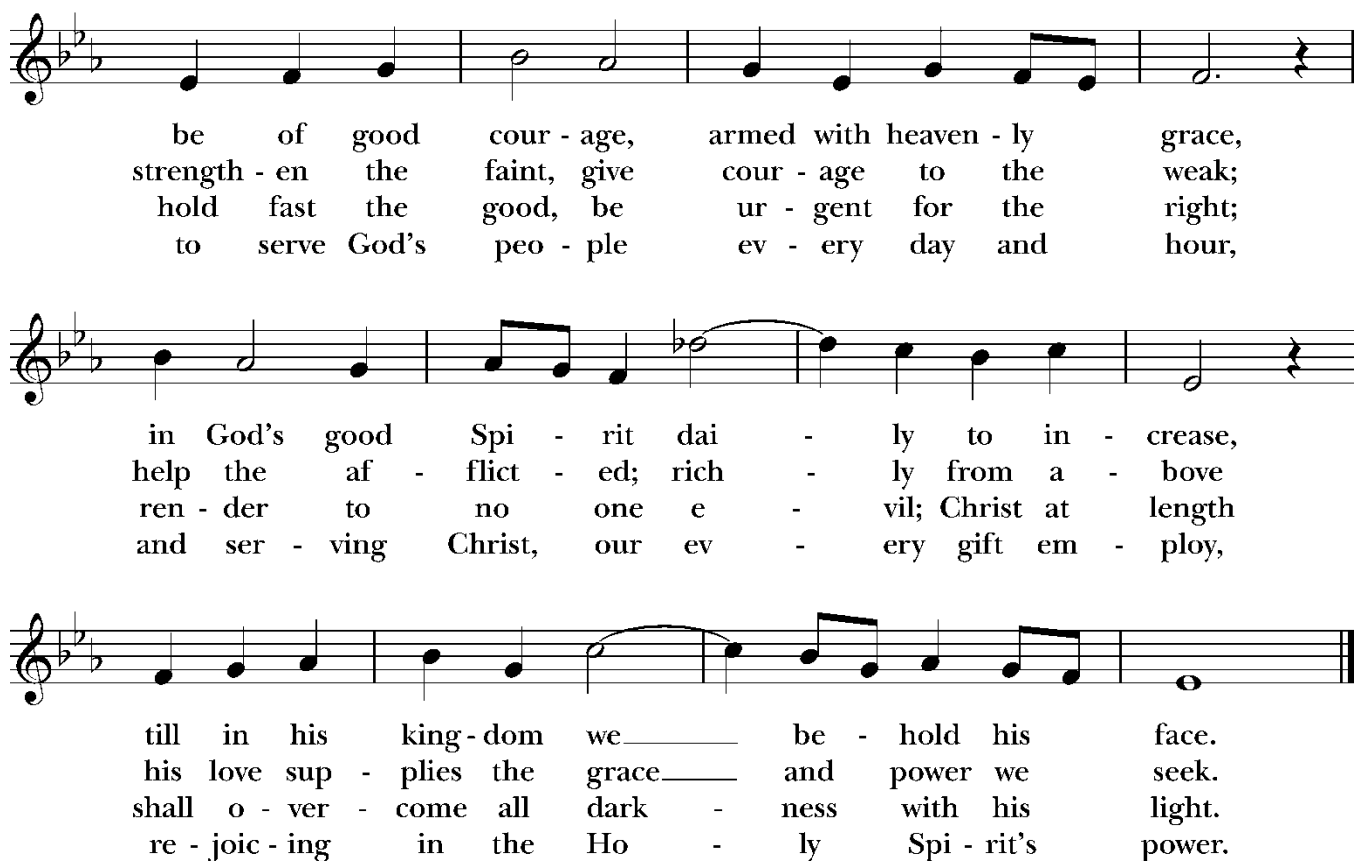
The Blessing

The Priest may bless the people.

Closing Procession



1	Go	forth	for	God;	go _____	to	the	world	in	peace;
2	Go	forth	for	God;	go _____	to	the	world	in	love;
3	Go	forth	for	God;	go _____	to	the	world	in	strength;
4	Go	forth	for	God;	go _____	to	the	world	in	joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

People

Voluntary.....The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Shawn McCauley
 in loving memory of George Robert and Peggy Shannon McCauley;
 and by Bob Sloyer in memory of Phyllis Jo DeVlieghe Sloyer for her birthday.