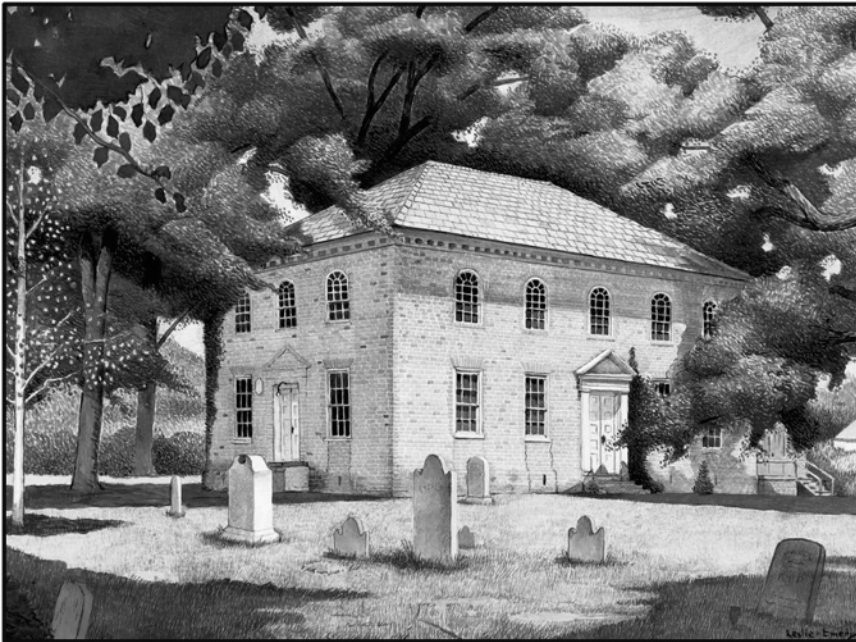


# THE FALLS CHURCH

*an Episcopal congregation*

*A welcoming community called to be an enduring  
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023

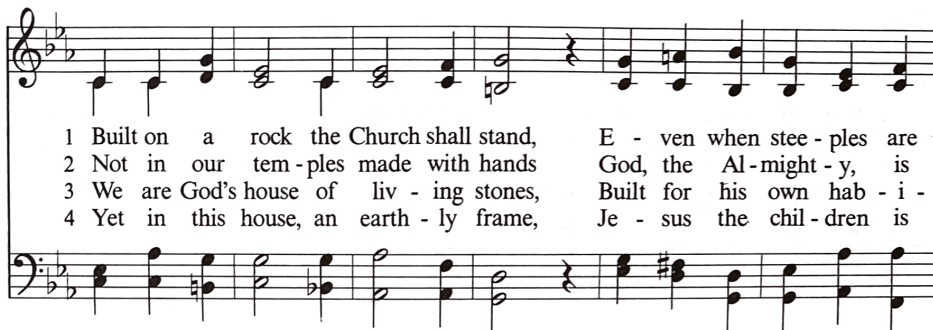
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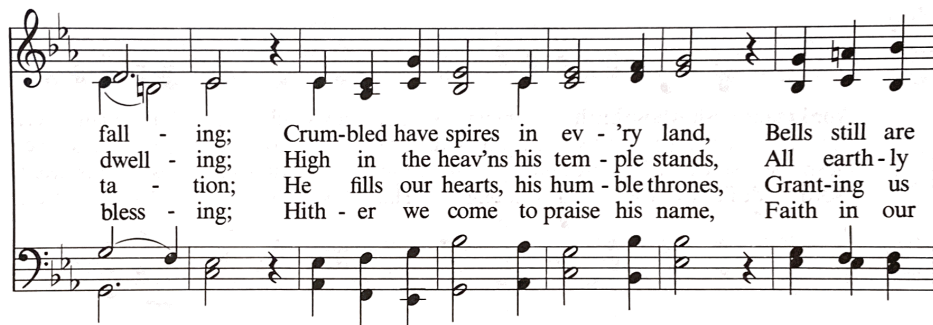
## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Hymn

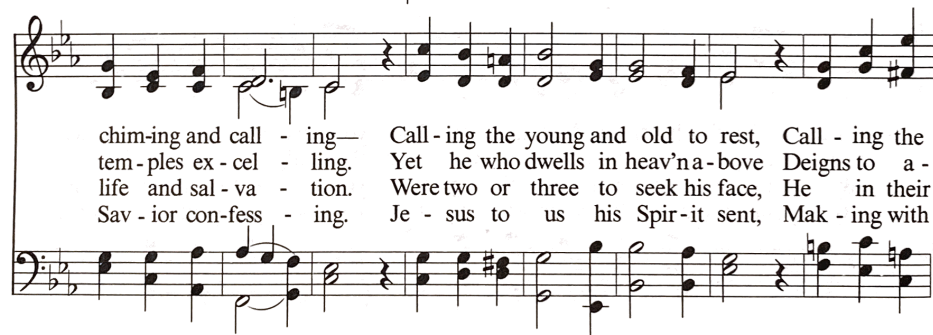
Built on a rock      *Kirken den er et gammelt hus*  
*at 9:00 a.m. verses 1.3. & 5 only*



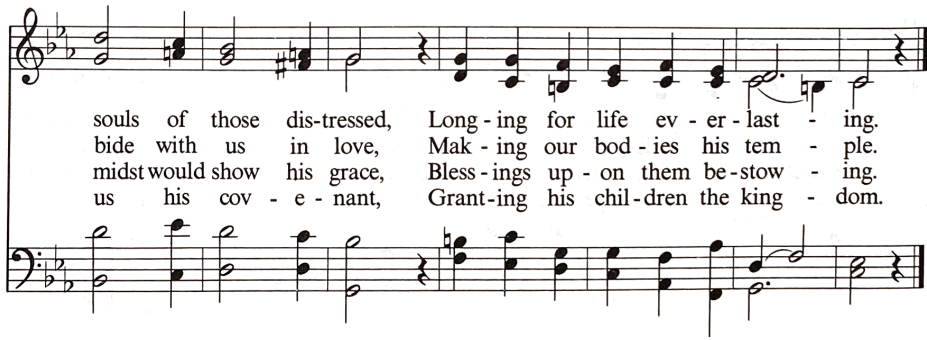
1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand,      E - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands      God, the Al - might - y, is  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones,      Built for his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame,      Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing;      Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land,      Bells still are  
dwell - ing;      High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands,      All earth - ly  
ta - tion;      He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones,      Grant - ing us  
bless - ing;      Hith - er we come to praise his name,      Faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing—      Call - ing the young and old to rest,      Call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling.      Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove      Deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion.      Were two or three to seek his face,      He in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing.      Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent,      Mak - ing with



5. Through all the passing year, O Lord,  
 Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 Many may come to hear God's Word  
 Where he this promise is bringing:  
 I know my own, my own know me;  
 You, not the world, my face shall see;  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen.

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
*People*          God's mercy endures for ever.

*The people kneel.*

## The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People*            **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.

*Celebrant* 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.**

# Kyrie

William K. Trafka

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a single melodic line in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Christ - e e - lei - son, Christ - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

## The Collect of the Day

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

### *Celebrant*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

*at 11:15 a.m. sung by the choir*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson (11:15 only, seated)

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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*Children are invited to follow the Crucifer into Nicolson Hall for Children's Chapel.*



Sequence Hymn 448

O love, how deep,  
how broad, how high  
*verses 1 & 5*

*Deus tuorum militum*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

5 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether

he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Cory M. Irwin, Ed.D.  
*Postulant, Diocese of Indianapolis*

*A period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the  
Celebrant stands for the 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:  
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

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Amy, Jane, Kendall, and Patricia, that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Offertory

9:00 a.m.  
“What wondrous love”      American Folk Hymn  
setting by Steve Pilkington

11:15 a.m.  
*Cantique de Jean Racine*      Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)

*During the offertory you are invited to make a gift to God’s mission at The Falls Church through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.*



#### Give Now Online

You may “Give Now” electronically in one of three ways (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting [onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now](https://onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now) or (3) Texting TFCE to 73256 to give by text message.

**Presentation Hymn 143**

The glory of these forty days  
*verses 1 & 5 only*

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

The glory of these forty days  
We celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
To thee be every prayer addressed;  
Who art in threefold Name adored,  
From age to age the only Lord.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP p. 361)

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glor - y. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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 for ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re-deem - er of the world,

do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## The Invitation to Communion

*All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations (at 9:00 a.m.) or to the communion rail (at 11:15 a.m.) where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Should you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you approach them for communion.*

## Communion Music

9:00 a.m.

“The Second Song of Isaiah”

*Plainsong*

11:15 a.m.

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

Bobby McFerrin  
(b.1950)

Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*Schmücke dich*

Postcommunion Prayer

(BCP, p. 366)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*People and Celebrant*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Prayer over the People

*Celebrant*      Bow down before the Lord

*The people remain kneeling and the Celebrant says the following prayer:*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

(BCP, p. 366)

*Gospeler*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*          Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
at 9:00 a.m. verses 1,3, & 5 only

*New Britain*

*The congregation departs after the retiring procession has completed.*

## Postlude

*Chaconne*

Louis Couperin  
(1626-1661)

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**Celebrant**

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

**Preacher**

Cory M. Irwin, Ed.D.  
*Postulant, Diocese of Indianapolis*

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**The Parish Prayer List**

**For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit**

*Immediate Needs*

Amy, Jane, Kendall, Patricia

*Long Term Prayers*

Joanna, Liz, Matthew, Michael, Robert

*Family and Friends*

Anne, Chris, Cindy, Cris, Dick, Grace, Heather, Jack, Judy, Kent

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