

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

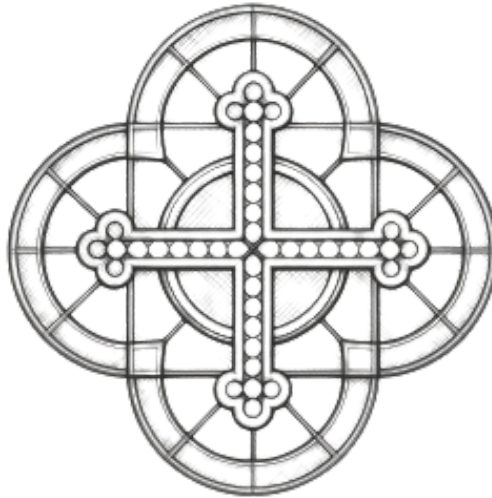
The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:30 a.m. Life Together Eucharist in the Nave

The Baptism of Leon August Chicca Kriss

Worship in the Nave is Livestreamed on www.stpaulsmaine.org



Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship here today.

St. Paul's Territory Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

If you find yourself in physical discomfort when standing, especially for extended periods, please feel free to be seated at any time. If kneeling is difficult for you, either stand or sit instead.

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Surely it is God who saves me

The Hymnal 1982 #710



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing to spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

OPENING SENTENCES *(all standing as able)*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Creator, Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People: One God and Creator of all.

THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Lector: A reading from Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105: 1-11, 45B

St. Helena Psalter

1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
we make known your deeds among the peoples.

2 We sing to you; we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works.

3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face.

5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,

6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

7 You are our God indeed; *
your judgments prevail in all the world.

8 You have always been mindful of your covenant, *
the promise you made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant you made with Abraham, *
the oath that you swore to Isaac,

10 Which you established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan *
to be their allotted inheritance."

45 That they might keep your statutes *
and observe your laws. Alleluia!

Refrain

We've come this far — by — faith, Lean - ing on the

Lord; — Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,

He's nev - er failed — me yet. O —

The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes a 'Refrain' symbol. The lyrics are: 'We've come this far — by — faith, Lean - ing on the'. The second system has lyrics: 'Lord; — Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,'. The third system has lyrics: 'He's nev - er failed — me yet. O —'. The piano accompaniment features various chords, arpeggios, and triplets. The vocal line includes some rests and melodic phrases.

Fine

can't turn a - round. We've come this far by faith.

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your

D.S.

bur - dens and move all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE BAPTISM OF LEON AUGUST CHICCA KRISS

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents: I present Leon August Chicca Kriss to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents: I do.
Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents: I do.

After all have been presented, the congregation stands.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?
People: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Creator?
People: I believe in God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR LEON AUGUST CHICCA KRISS

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Leon who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver Leon, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray to you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: Leon August Chicca Kriss, I baptize you in the Name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer. Amen.

Leon, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain Leon, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE *(standing)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Communion

Receiving only bread or wine is considered full communion, or you can receive both elements. You may...

1. Receive the bread, placing one hand on the other, facing up
2. Receive gluten-free bread, hands facing down
3. Drink from the chalice (cup) when it's offered to you
4. Decline to drink by crossing your arms; the Eucharistic minister will extend it toward you with the words "The Blood of Christ."
5. Decline both bread and wine, and with arms crossed, receive a blessing.

Please do not dip the wafer into the chalice.

OFFETORY SENTENCE

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

PRESENTATION HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v3 adapted

- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host:
 Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

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.

Celebrant:

God, in your goodness you are the Creator of all. You have brought into being the beauty of creation and our own humanity where we see your divine diversity and presence in every living thing. We give thanks for all of creation and know that you have always loved us and desired what is good for us. And so, you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus.

On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save you from your sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
 Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in faithful community. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People:

Our God 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The Celebrant says: Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

All: We share one bread together.

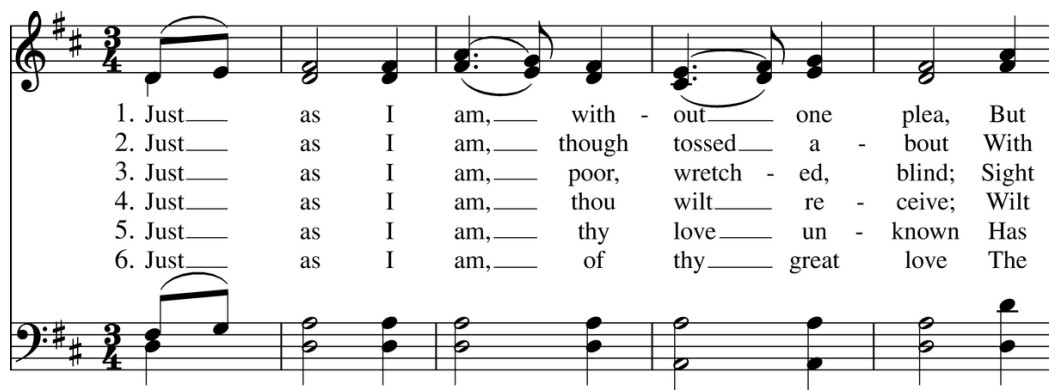
THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

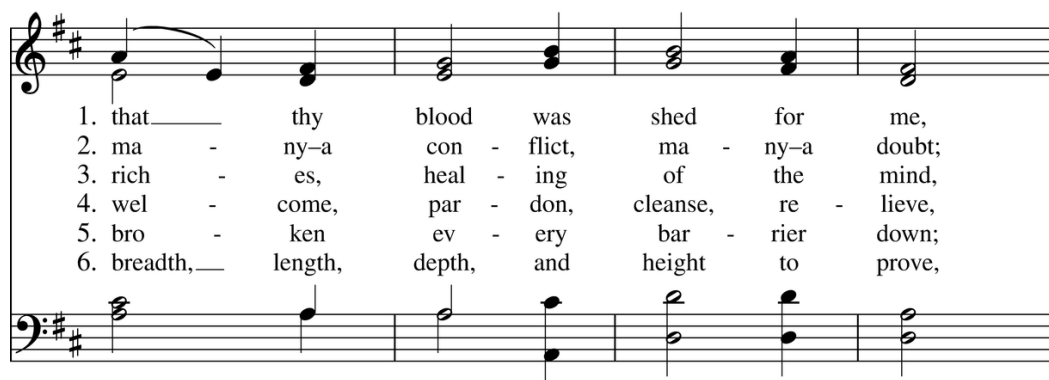
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Then is said, The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

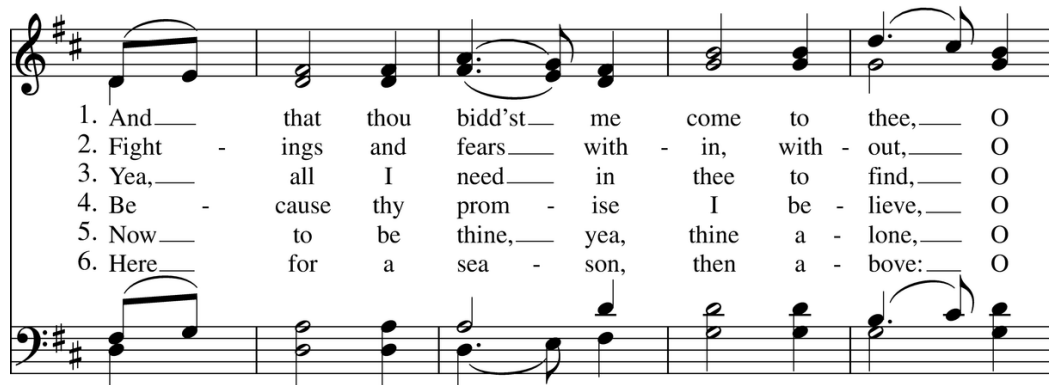
The ushers will guide the people pew by pew to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament. (Gluten Free is available.) Clergy will distribute the consecrated host to each person. Eucharistic Ministers will hold the cup in front of each person saying, 'The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation.' If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms indicating you'd like a blessing instead.



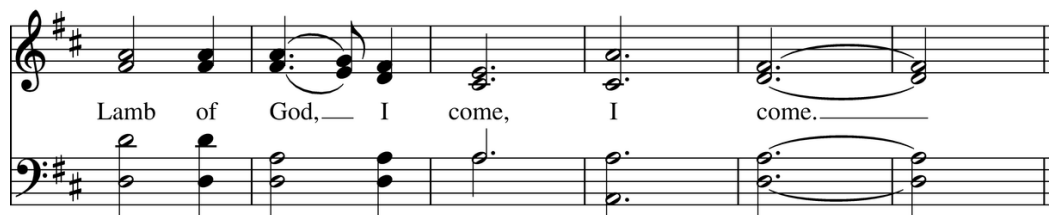
1. Just — as I am, — with - out — one plea, But
 2. Just — as I am, — though tossed — a - bout With
 3. Just — as I am, — poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just — as I am, — thou wilt — re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just — as I am, — thy love — un - known Has
 6. Just — as I am, — of thy — great love The



1. that — thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, — length, depth, and height to prove,



1. And — that thou bidd'st — me come to thee, — O
 2. Fight - ings and fears — with - in, with - out, — O
 3. Yea, — all I need — in thee to find, — O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, — O
 5. Now — to be thine, — yea, thine a - lone, — O
 6. Here — for a sea - son, then a - bove: — O



Lamb of God, — I come, I come. —

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 wa - ter.
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

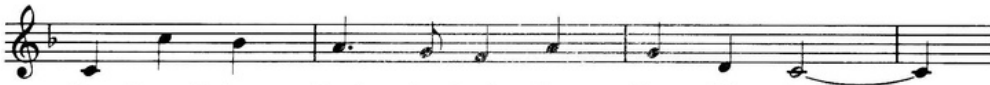
THE CLOSING HYMN

*We know that Christ raised and
dies no more*

The Hymnal 1982 #710



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

DISMISSAL

People respond: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR EXITING

Ministries	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant	The Rev. Matthew Scott	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Preacher	The Rev. Matthew Scott	The Rev. Matthew Scott
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Davis	Cliff Ruprecht and Carol Thomas
Lectors	Elizabeth Davis 1st Lesson Elizabeth Davis Ps. Karen Rienert 2 nd Lesson Karen Rienert Pr.	Intergenerational Reader 1st Lesson David Hoyle Ps. Denise Hoyle Pr.
Music		Amy Webb-Prosser
Greeter		Stephanie Dirckx
Ushers	Lili and John Ott	Jan Dirckx and Guy Rossignol
Acolyte	Elizabeth Davis	Bill Hale
Altar Guild	Michael Anne Banks and Meg Williams	
Fellowship Host	Nancy King	

The Diocese of Maine, The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop

St. Paul’s Staff and Vestry
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The Rev. Katie Holicky, Associate Rector

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