Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.



St. Augustine by-the-Sea with
The Parish of St. Matthew

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Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



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Holy Eucharist January 26, 2025 10:30AM

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Rite Two

Prelude: "Salve Regina" by Marcel Dupre

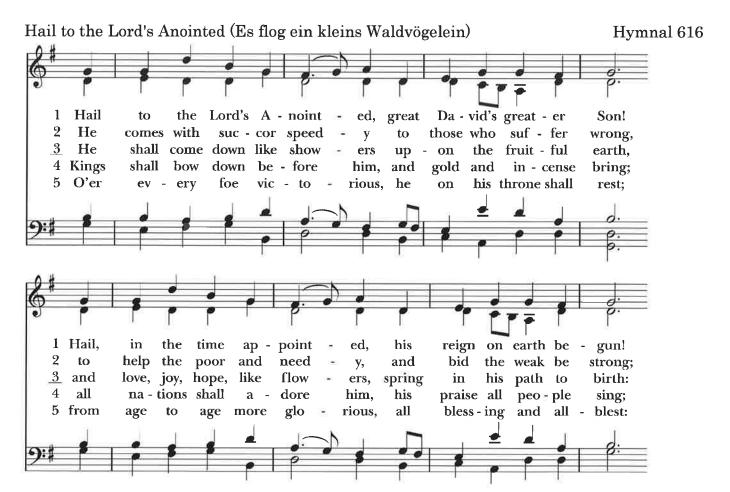
Greg Schreiner, Organ

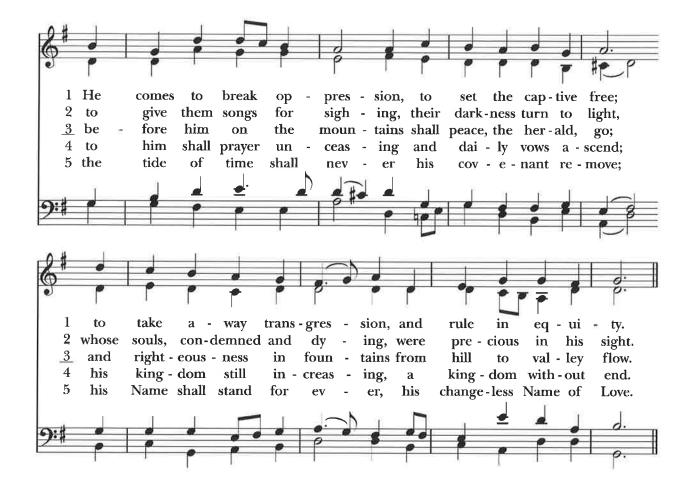
Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bells, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant

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

People

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all

the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader

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

People

Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 19 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone VII.3



- 1 Thë hëavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 †One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for éver; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogéther.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your sérvant enlightened, * and in keeping them thére is gréat reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. [Ant.]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung three times before and after the Gospel)





GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

THE SERMON – The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)

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

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, "We bless you, Lord our God. Amen, amen."

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

By the spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church, carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

Your law of love is perfect O God and revives the soul. Move in the hearts of the leaders of nations and turn them to your way of justice, peace, and mercy. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise you and we thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your Spirit. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We pray for those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children forever. We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered). We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

Loving God, we come as your beloved children, presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts. Listen to our prayers, and lead us in your pathways, for we come to you through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

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.

(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.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



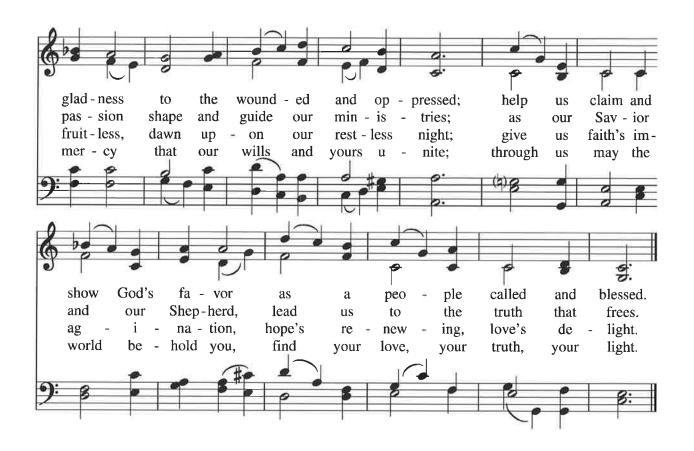
Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using this QR code

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Hark I Hear The Harps Eternal, Alice Parker sung by the St. A's and St. Matthew's Choirs

OFFERTORY HYMN





The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

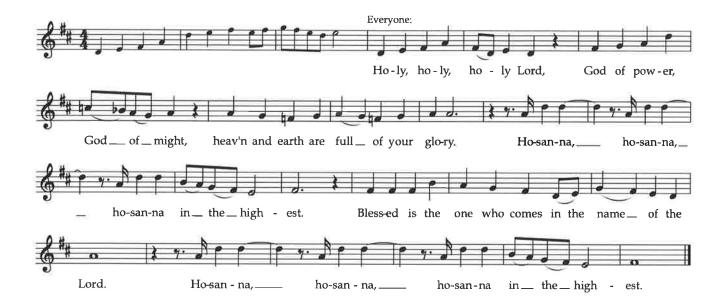
(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus from Mass in D by Dwayne S. Milburn



(the Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

(the Celebrant continues)

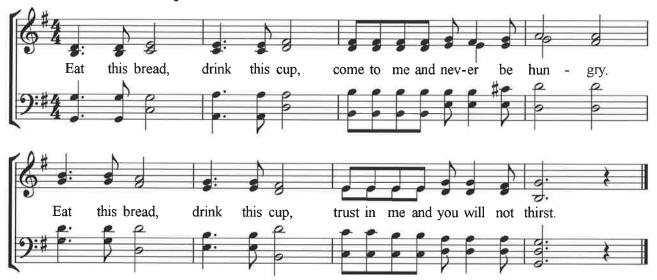
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

EAT THIS BREAD (Repeat)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

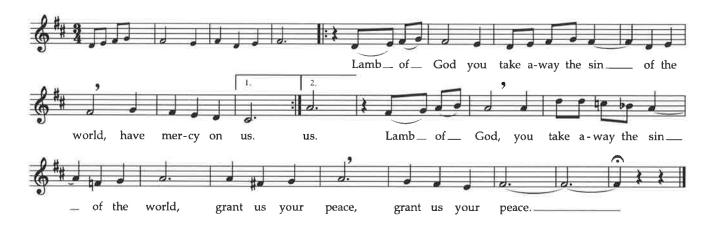
Celebrant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei from Mass in D by Dwayne S. Milburn

The Breaking of the Bread



Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

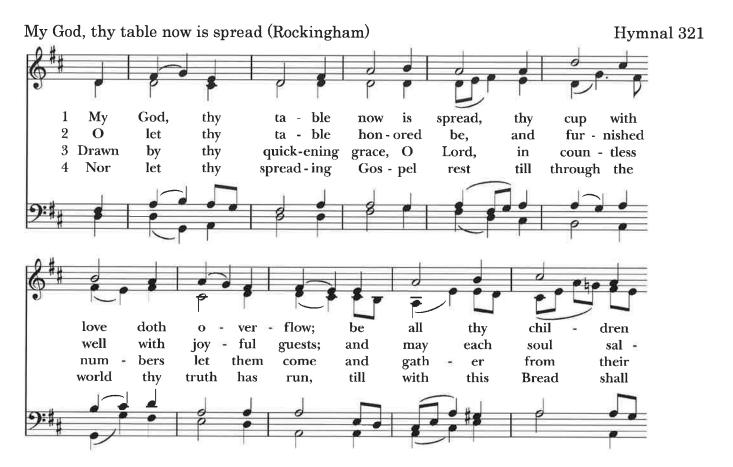
In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

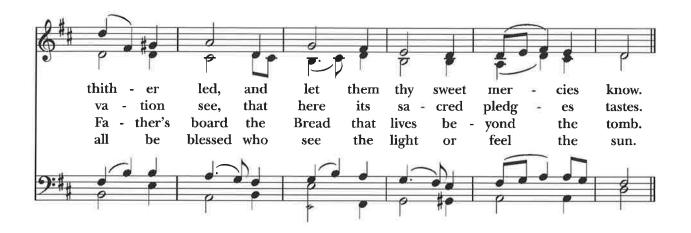
(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM – "Agnus Dei" from *Mass for Four Voices*, William Byrd sung by the St. Matthews and St. A's Section Leaders

(the people stand)

COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

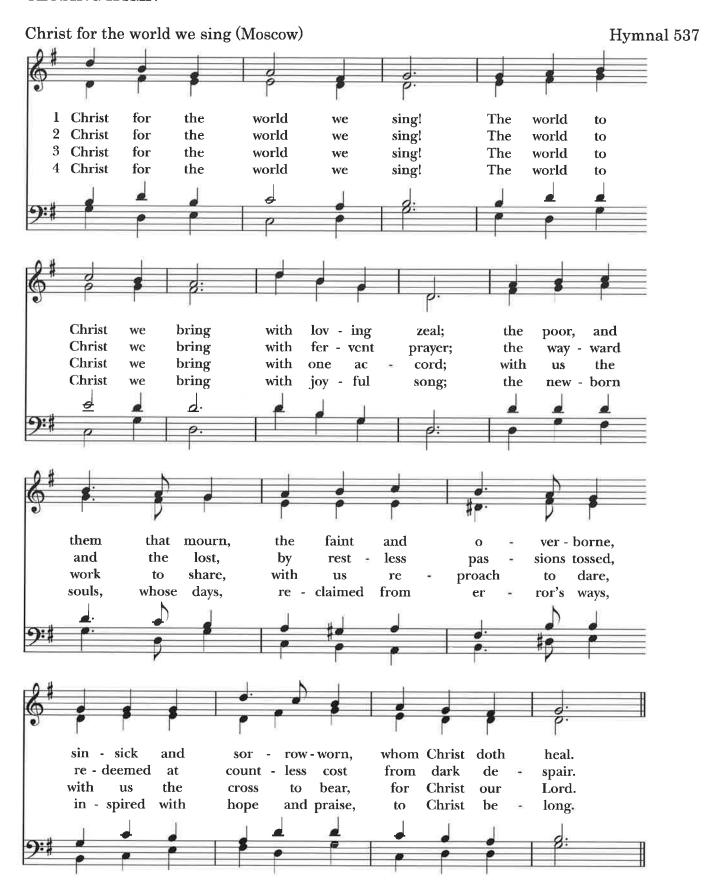
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

BLESSING

(the Priest blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN



DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Toccata on "Boylston," Gordon Young

Dwayne Milburn, Organ

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meetings TODAY!

Both parishes are holding their annual meetings this morning, where we will each look back on 2024, and take stock of what's on the horizon in 2025, and then elect new vestry members.

St. Matthew's: 9:15 - 10:15am

Meet in Pierson Hall, below the church. Stairs lead down from the church entry and also the courtyard. And is an elevator in the hall to the right of the high altar.

St. A's - with Lunch! After 10:30am service

Meet in Pierson Hall. All St. A's parishioners and newcomers are welcome!

The Gospel of Luke Sunday Forums Between services, 9:20 - 10:10am

Come discover – or re-discover – the riches of Luke. We are reading through the Gospel, exploring its stories and theological themes which include social justice, prayer and salvation for all. Topic today: Chapters 4-6, Early Ministry in Galilee. Meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building. Note · Next Sunday's Forum will be with our guest preacher, the president and CEO of Episcopal Relief and Development, the Rev. Rob Radke. Exploring Luke resumes Feb. 9.

Guest Preacher on Feb 2: The Rev. Robert Radtke Episcopal Relief & Development 8am & 10:30am services

Don't miss Rob Radtke, President and CEO of Episcopal Relief and Development who will be preaching Sunday, Feb. 2. And he will be available between the services and after the 10:30 service to talk with parishioners about disaster relief.

Make Bagged Meals for Home-y Made Meals Fri Feb 7, 6:30pm

Once a month we make meals that Home Made Meals distributes to people living on the streets. All are welcome to join in cooking and prepping the individual meals! Questions <u>email Ariana Stultz</u> at arianahmm93@gmail.com

Love Songs - St. Matthew's Music Guild Concert Feb 14, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

The St. Matthew's Music Guild, now in its fifth decade of providing "world-class music close to home," is holding their Februay concert *Love Songs* at St. A's on Valentine's Day! The concert features pianist David Kaplan, violinist and Concertmaster, YuEun Gemma Kim, soprano Liv Redpath, and friends. This Valentine's Day event features intimate works by Brahms, Copland, and Shaw, and ends with Franz Schubert's wonderfully melodic "Trout" Quintet. Tickets are \$45 – and can be purchased on the Music Guild's website: musicguildonline.org – or if you are a St. A's parishioner, look for the ticket purchasing link in the weekly email.

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