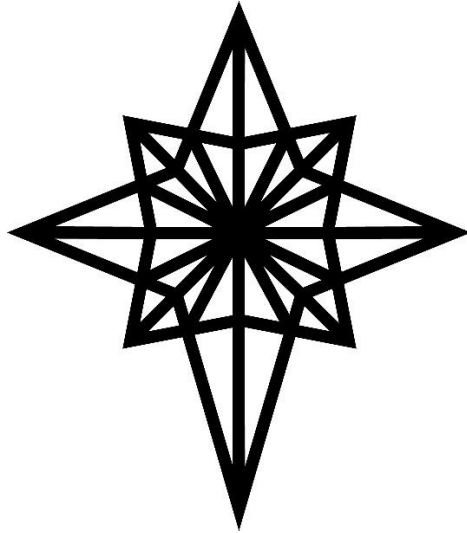


# The Holy Eucharist



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# The Holy Eucharist

## The Second Sunday after Epiphany

### ORDER OF SERVICE

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*A warm welcome to all!*

***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom  
for the duration of this service.***

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***While masks are no longer mandatory,  
we encourage you to continue to wear them while in church.***

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The Ringing of the Bells

**Organ prelude** *With Trumpets and Horns  
(The Water Music)*

G.F. Handel

*All are invited to stand*

OPENING HYMN | "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn 616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty,  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

*All are invited to stand*

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*  
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People *One God and Father of all.*

### The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen

### Song of Praise "O for a closer walk with God"

Hymn 684 (vs. 1-3)

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav - en - ly frame,  
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?  
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;  
4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,  
5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?  
3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*All are invited to be seated*

## **The Lessons**

**The First Reading** | Isaiah 49:1-7

*Read in German by Charlotte Rieger*

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--

he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 40:1-12**

*Led by Laura Smith-Hewitt*

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

**The Second Reading** | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9      *Read by Laura Smith-Hewitt*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also



strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel | John 1:29-42**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon "New Rules for New Disciples"**

Text: John 1:37: "The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus."

*The Rt. Rev. Mark D.W. Edington*

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Seun Ayomiede Osadebe  
Samuel Bolu Osadebe  
Charlotte Cosima Rieger  
Céline Anne Kana Saeijs  
Laura Jane Smith-Hewitt  
Sophia Marie Felmy

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do

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Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*The Bishop asks the congregation*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Bishop 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 live everlasting.*

Bishop 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.*

Bishop 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.*

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

People *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
Your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop 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.*

## Prayers for the Candidates

- Bishop        Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
- Leader        Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
People:        Lord, hear our prayer.  
Leader:        Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
People:        Lord, hear our prayer.  
Leader:        Fill them with your holy and life-giving spirit.  
People:        Lord, hear our prayer.  
Leader:        Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
People:        Lord, hear our prayer.  
Leader:        Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
People:        Lord hear our prayer.  
Leader:        Let us also pray for the church and for the world; for those in need and those who suffer; and for those who have died.  
                  Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People:        That we all may be one.*
- Leader:        Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People:        That your Name may be glorified by all people.*
- Leader:        We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People:        That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*
- Leader:        We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People:        That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*
- Leader:        Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People:        That our works may find favor in your sight.*
- Leader:        Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People:        That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins:

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Bishop then 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.*

### ***For Confirmation***

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant \_\_\_\_\_. with your Holy Spirit;  
empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days  
of his/her life. Amen.

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant \_\_\_\_\_. with your heavenly grace,  
that he/her may continue yours forever, and daily increase in  
your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your  
everlasting kingdom. Amen.

### **For Reception**

\_\_\_\_\_, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship

of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Bishop*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.*

### **Announcements**

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

### **The Offertory**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

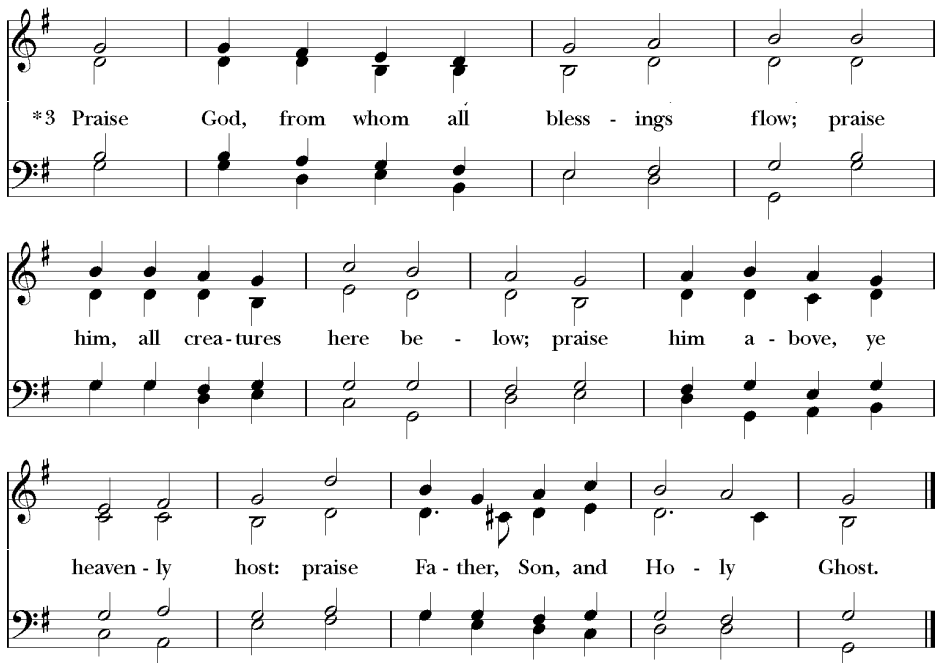
**Offertory Music**    "*With a voice of singing*"

Martin Shaw

*The newly confirmed and received bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.*

## Doxology | "From all that dwell below the skies"

Hymnal 380



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving***Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367**Bishop* The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.*People* We lift them to the Lord.*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.*The Bishop continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from "Deutsche Messe")

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Bishop 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin



Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Bishop and People*

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

*Bishop*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Bishop continues*

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

*Bishop 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Bishop* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*The wine for Holy Communion was donated in memory of Linda Sydneys.*

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.  
*Bishop* The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online**

*Bishop and People*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

### **Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion**

- *Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you come forward.*

- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- For those who wish, the chalice will be offered on either side of the altar. Following Convocation guidelines, **intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) is not allowed**. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply return to your seat, stop and bow to the chalice or simply touch the chalice as a sign of reverence.

**Communion Music** "Praise to God"

Hymn 383

(Fairest Lord Jesus)

**Communion Hymn** "Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove"

Hymn 512

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -  
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

**The Postcommunion Prayer**    *BCP p. 365*

*All are invited to stand*

*Bishop*        Let us pray.

*Bishop and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and 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.**

**The Blessing**

Closing Hymn | "Come down, O Love divine"

Hymn 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

## The Dismissal

Bishop     Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Toccata*

David H. Hegarty



The families of the confirmands invite you to join them in the fellowship hall  
(Gemeindesaal) for a coffee and cake reception.

