The Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana



45th ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 3-4, 2024

Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

May 3, 2024 5:00pm

St. James Episcopal Church Alexandria, Louisiana

Adagio from Easter Oratorio, BWV 249

Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand, as you are comfortable, for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.



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Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA

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.**



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

(2:2-4)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Jerusalem.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-7 (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song./ Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD. Bless his name.

 Show forth his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- 4 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty are before him. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give to the LORD, O kindreds of the people, give to the LORD glory and strength.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

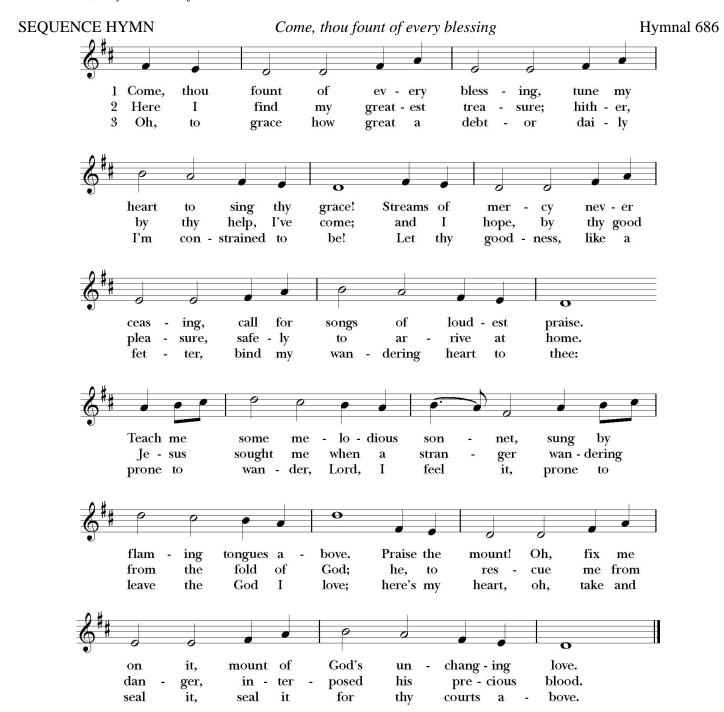
(2:13-22)

Now in Christ Jesus you Gentiles, who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and

proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Please stand, as you are comfortable.



Title: Come, thou fount of every blessing; Meter: 87. 87. D; Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934); Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721669.

HOLY GOSPEL (10:1-9)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they may provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick who are there, and say them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

The Reverend Dr. R. Timothy Jones

Pastor of Peaceful Rest Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA

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

Taise to you, Dord Christ.

A period of silence follows.

Please stand, as you are comfortable.

NICENE CREED

HOMILY

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: Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; especially the following from this diocese: (*Necrology*)

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions.

COLLECT at the PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

COMMISSIONING FOR DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION

THE EXAMINATION

The congregation being seated, the Bishop stands in full view of the people. The candidates stand facing the Bishop.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this diocese to a special ministry to which they are called.

Bishop Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

People I believe they are.

Bishop You have been called to a ministry in this diocese. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Delegate I will.

Bishop Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this diocese?

Delegates I will.

THE COMMISSIONING

Sponsor I present to you these persons, duly elected as Delegates to Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.

ANTIPHON

Bishop Call a solemn assembly, gather the people, assemble the elders, and sanctify the congregation.

Bishop Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates of this diocese soon to be assembled in our annual Convention. In the passions of debate give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to see only your glory and the good of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop In the Name of God and of this diocese, I commission you as Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The offering this day goes to the Colfax Memorial Organization in Colfax, LA to support programs that further educational and economic opportunities for youth in Colfax.

Please stand, as you are comfortable.



The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Title: Amazing grace! how sweet the sound; Meter: CM; Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919); Copyright: Music: Harmonization copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press; Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721669.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

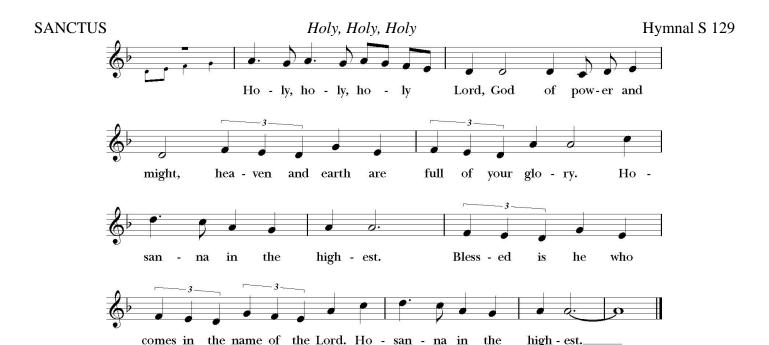
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:



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The people remain standing, as comfortable.

Then the Bishop 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.

The Bishop continues

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.

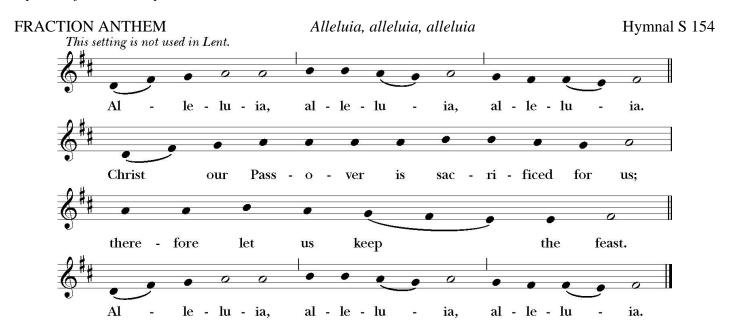
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

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.

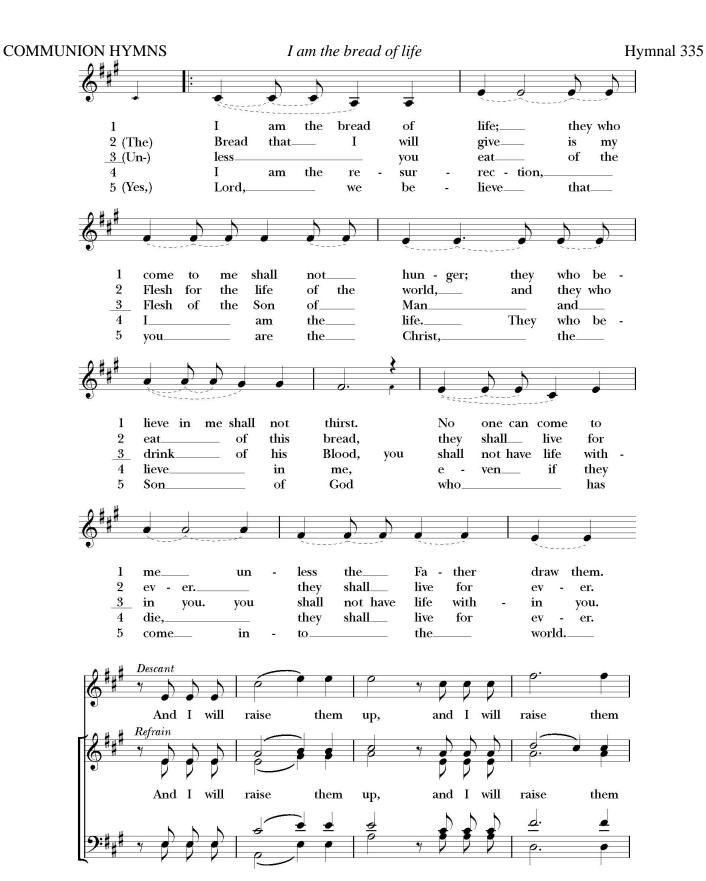
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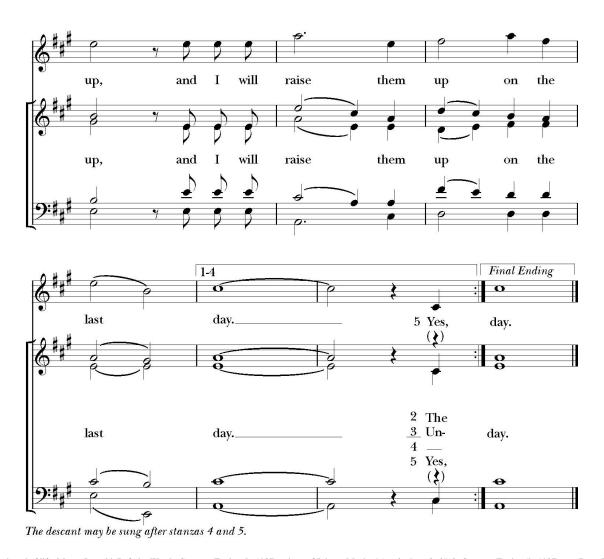
A period of silence is kept.



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Bishop Beloved, these are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.





Title: I am the bread of life; Meter: Irr. with Refrain; Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6; Music: I Am the Bread of Life, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928); Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1971, G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721669.



Title: Sometimes I feel discouraged; Meter: Irr. with Refrain; Words: African-American spiritual; Music: Balm in Gilead, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950); Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721669.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

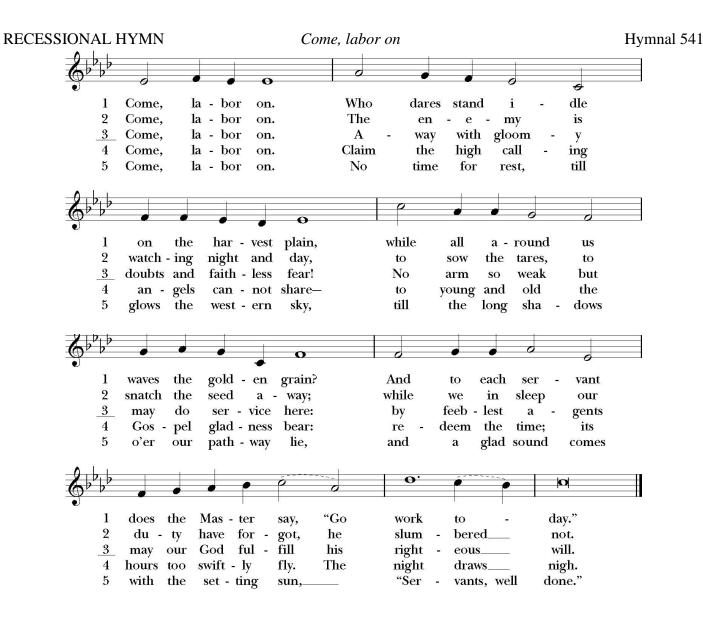
Bishop Let us pray.

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.

Please kneel, as you are comfortable.

BLESSING

Please stand, as you are comfortable.



Title: Come, labor on; Meter: 4. 10 10. 10 4; Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.; Music: Ora Labora, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953); Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721669.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. James D. Kimball

Please join us for a catered reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

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