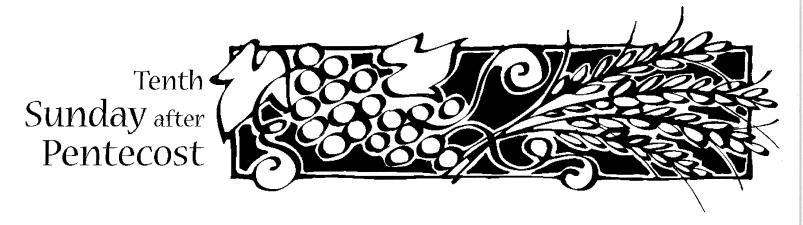


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 6, 2023 10:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Variations on HOLY MANNA

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Agatha Milley, soprano arr. A. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#649 Gather Us In

GATHER US IN





*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Provider God. the Psalmist writes that you water the mountains and the trees abundantly, that you make the grass grow, and that you provide food for all of creation. Yet we often cannot see what is right in front of our eyes, believing we know best what feeds our minds, bodies and spirits. How often have you provided for us, and yet your provision goes untouched while we feed ourselves with busyness, technology, and carnal indulgences. Forgive us and open our eyes to the many ways in which you feed us. Lead us to not grasp as much as we can for ourselves, but to share your abundant love with others so that all may eat and be satisfied.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

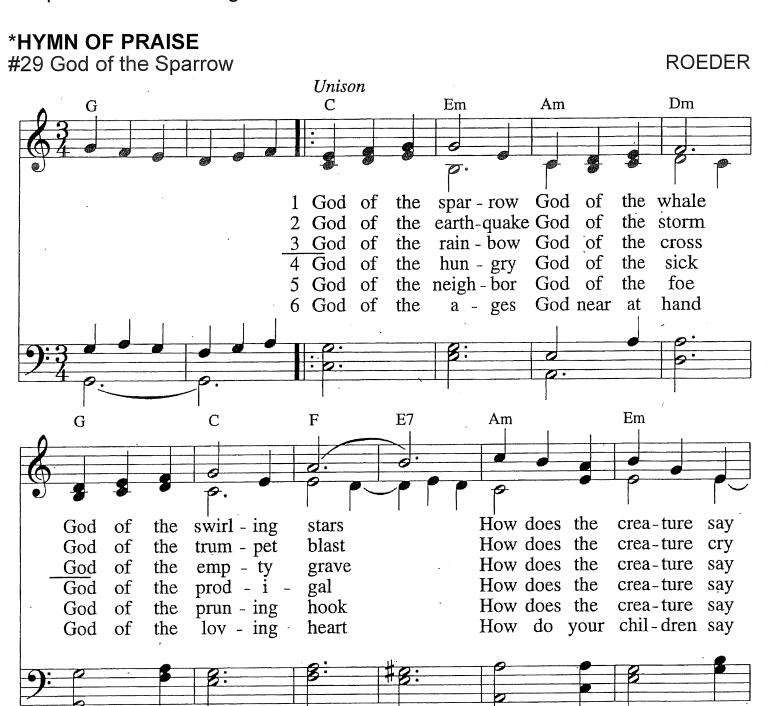
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen R. Goodson

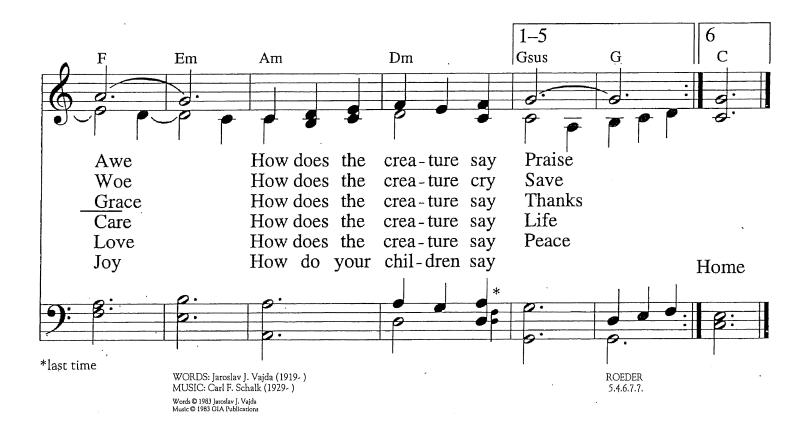
FIRST READING

Psalm 104:13-34

Pages 614-615, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"





SECOND READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Page 16, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

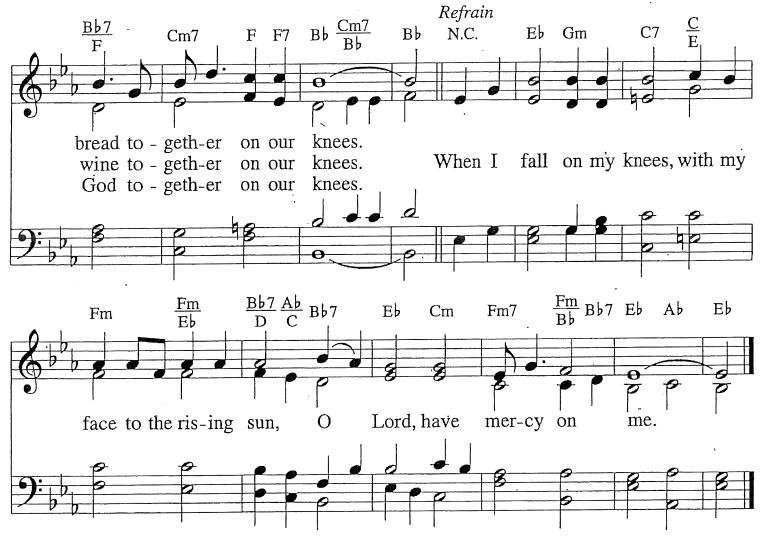
Dawn Stiles

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#699 Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD





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GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

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. Amen.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

The Bread The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Trumpet Tune in F

R. Haan

*New Doxology
Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

Marco Adria

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

Where Is Bread?

ABBOT'S LEIGH

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured—
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

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*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccatina

G. Lardelli

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Confession Prayer - Kathy Brown; Scripture Reading - Twyla Fletcher; Preparation of Communion - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher; Agatha Milley - soprano.

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As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council