

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



**The Holy Eucharist
with
Confirmations
Receptions
and
Reaffirmations of Vows**

10:30am – April 29, 2023
All Saints' Church
Chelmsford, MA

PRELUDE -
Variations on "Holy Manna"

ALL SAINTS' HANDBELL CHOIR

arranged by Dan R. Edwards

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION
"How firm a foundation"

Sung by all, standing.

The Hymnal 1982 #636
Tune: *Foundation*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Bishop then continues

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.**

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

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

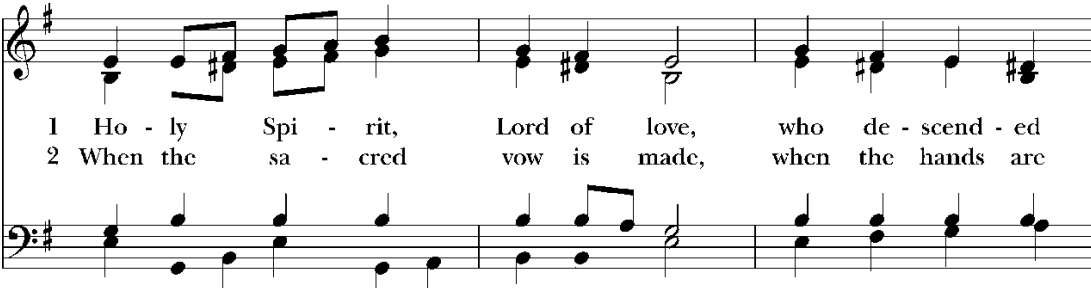
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

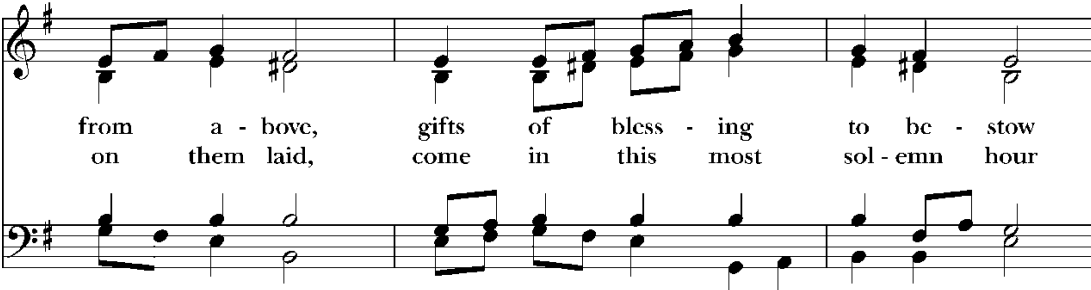
“Holy Spirit, Lord of Love”

Sung by all, standing.

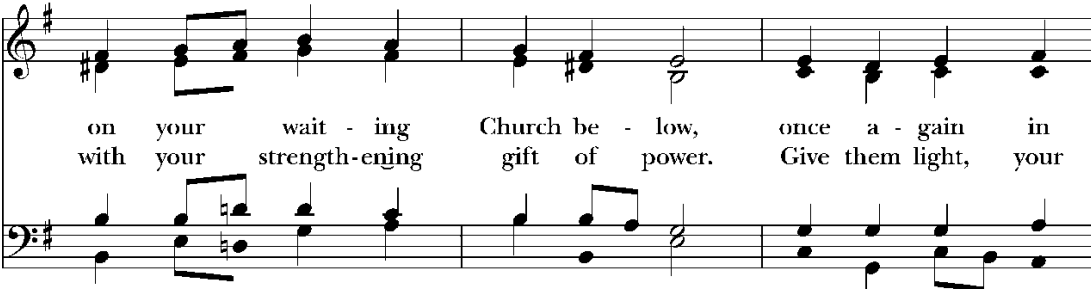
The Hymnal 1982, #349

Tune: *Aberystwyth*


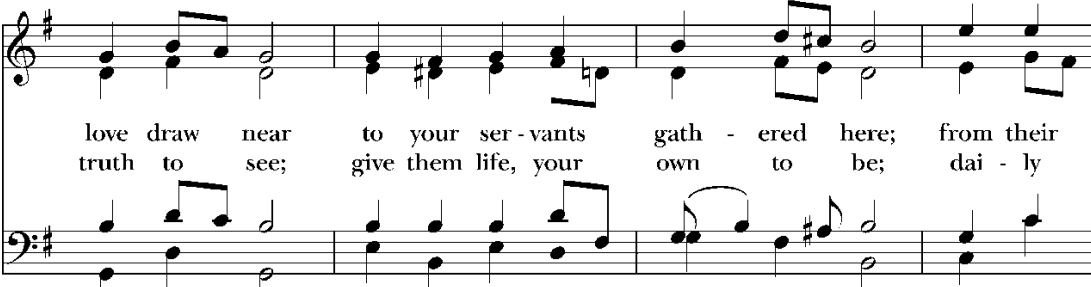
1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Lord of love, who de - scend - ed
2 When the sa - cred vow is made, when the hands are



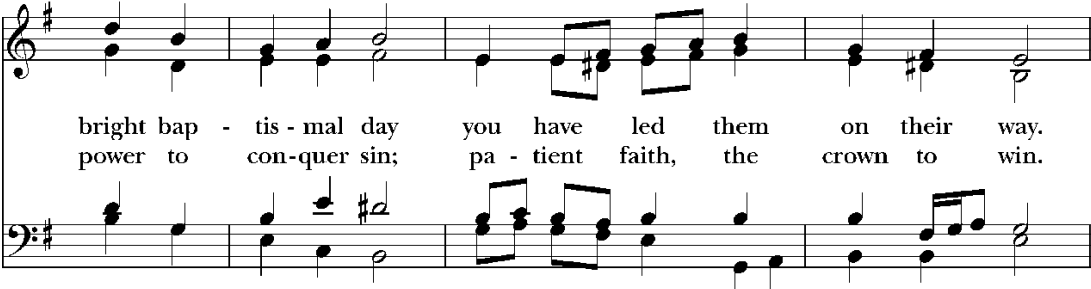
from a - bove, gifts of bless - ing to be - stow
on them laid, come in this most sol - emn hour



on your wait - ing Church be - low, once a - gain in
with your strength - ening gift of power. Give them light, your



love draw near to your ser - vants gath - ered here; from their
truth to see; give them life, your own to be; dai - ly



bright bap - tis - mal day you have led them on their way.
power to con - quer sin; pa - tient faith, the crown to win.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-22

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

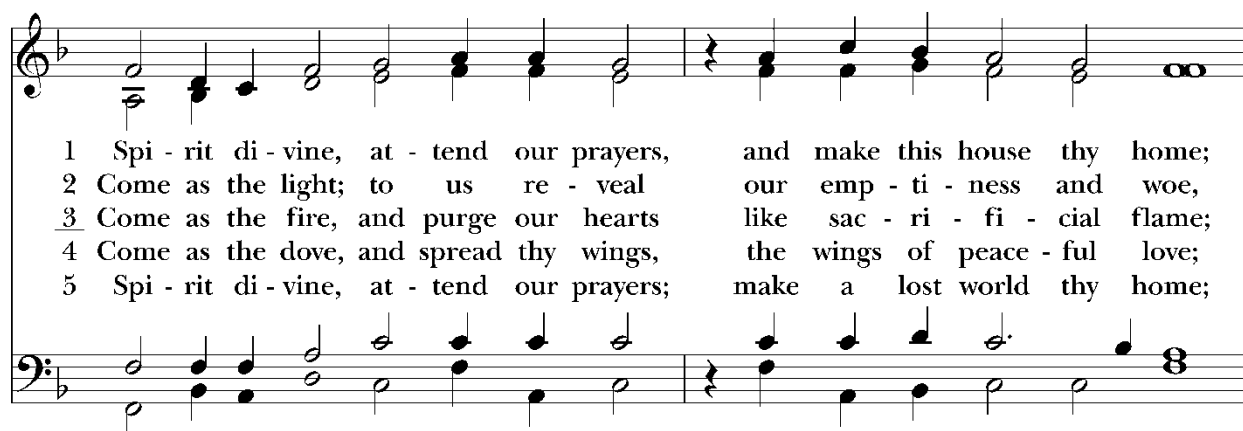
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

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

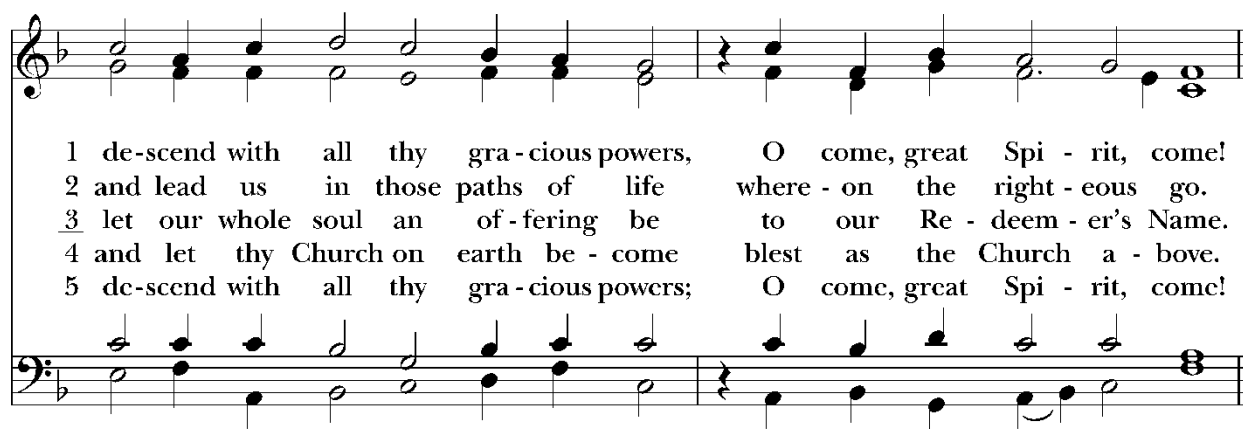
THE SERMON – The Right Reverend Carol Gallagher

HYMN *Sung by all, standing.*
"Spirit divine, attend our prayers"

The Hymnal 1982 #509
Tune: *Nun Danket all*



1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;



1 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
5 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Candidates and their sponsors stand when their parish name is called and remain standing

Presenters On behalf of (*church name*), I present *these persons* for Confirmation.
 On behalf of (*church name*), I present *these persons* to be received into
 this Communion.
 On behalf of (*church name*), I present *these persons* for Reaffirmation of
 their Baptismal Vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

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.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

People **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Bishop then says

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

All stand.

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 life 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.**

Bishop 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 the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A deacon leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O God, 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 Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Explanation of Confirmation Process

The candidates, presenters, family and friends from each congregation will go forward as a group as they are called.

FOR CONFIRMATION

A Bishop lays hands upon each person and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower [him/her/them] for your service; and sustain [him/her/them] all the days of [him/her/their] life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that [he/she/they] may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until [he/she/they] comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

N., 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.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING THE CONFIRMATIONS (*as needed*)

Organ: Meditation on *Slane*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

“Be thou my vision”

The Hymnal 1982, #488
Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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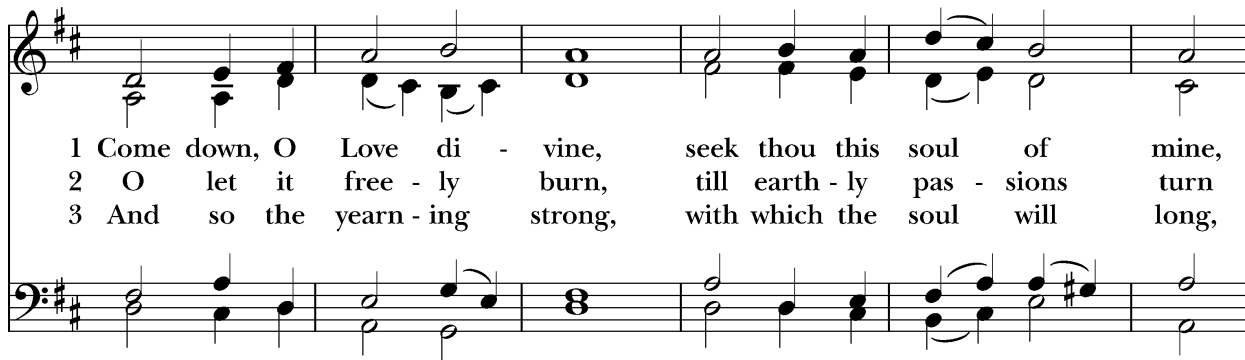
Organ: Prelude on *Down Ampney*

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

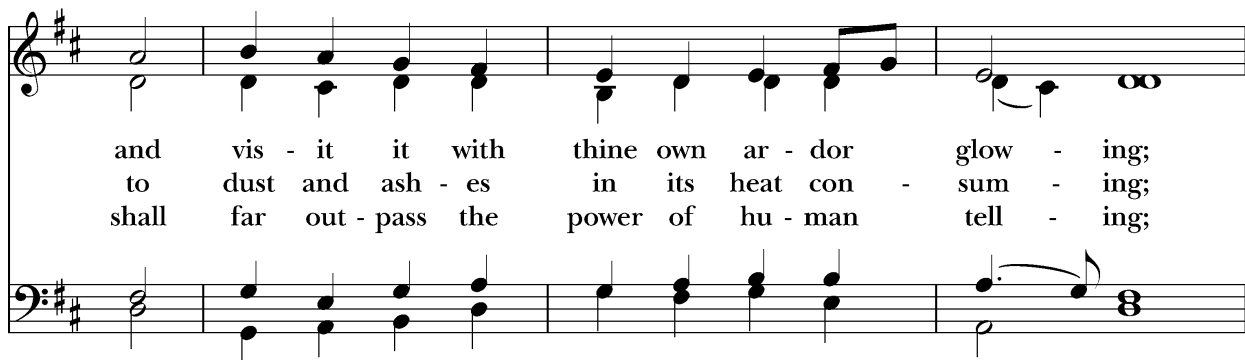
"Come down, O love divine"

The Hymnal 1982, #516

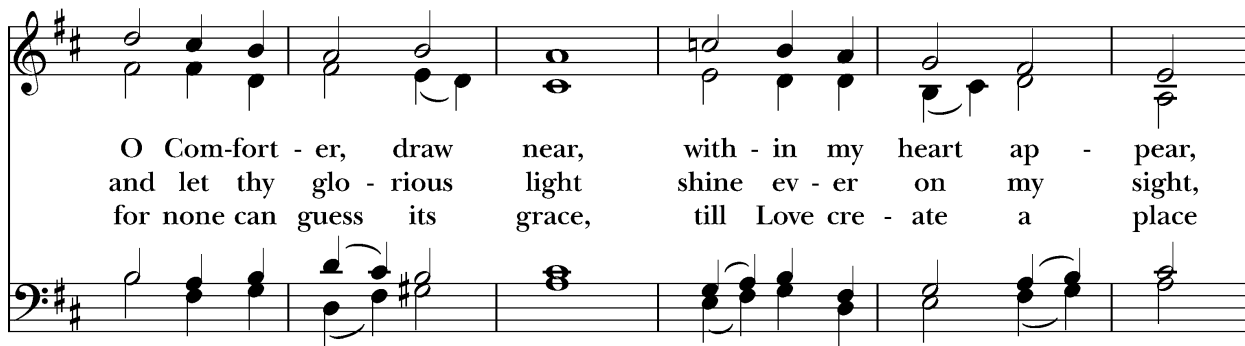
Tune: *Down Ampney*



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 Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your caring hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace is then exchanged

Bishop The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

The offering will to go to Team Together, assisting The International Institute of New England with Afghan refugees. Checks should be made out to All Saints' Church, with "Team Together" in the memo.

ANTHEM

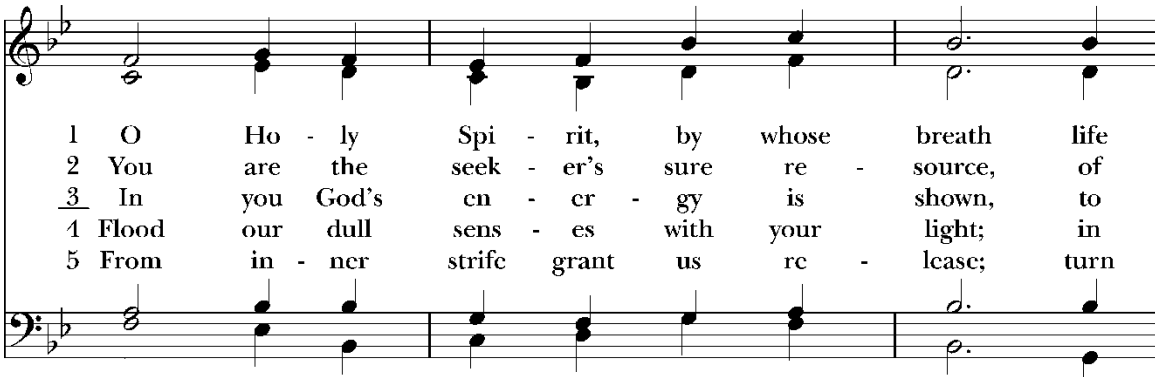
Komm Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

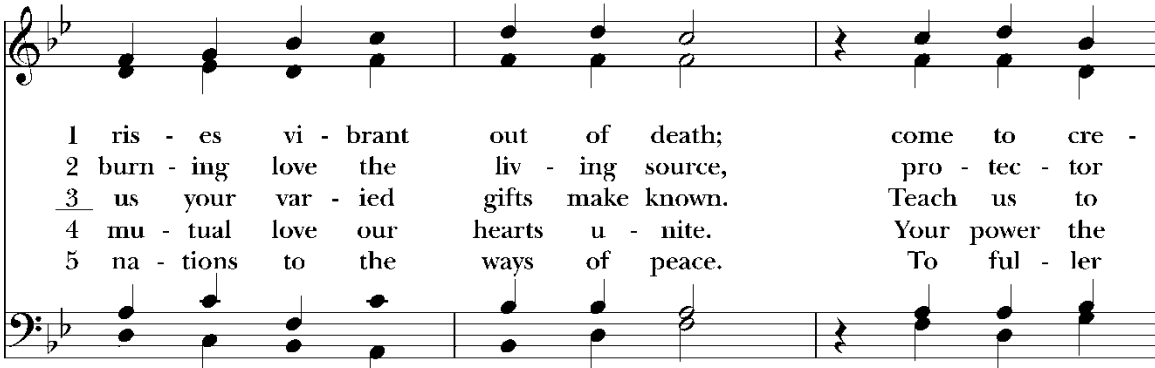
HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION
 "O Holy Spirit, by whose breath"

Sung by all, standing.

The Hymnal 1982, #501
Komm, Gott Schöpfer



1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of
 3 In you God's en - cr - gy is shown, to
 4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light; in
 5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease; turn



1 ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre -
 2 burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor
 3 us your var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to
 4 mu - tual love our hearts u - nite. Your power the
 5 na - tions to the ways of peace. To ful - ler



1 atc, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
 2 in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.
 3 speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.
 4 whole cre - a - tion fills; con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.
 5 life your peo - ple bring that as one bo - dy we may sing:

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
 and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
 to whom all honor, glory be
 both now and for eternity.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop God 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.**

The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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”

The Hymnal 1982, #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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._____

The Bishop continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all. Jesus 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

Silence may be kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop continues

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

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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

"Christ our Passover"

The 1982 Hymnal, #S154

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is a simple, flowing line with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

Setting: From *New Plain-song*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (*as needed*)

Organ: *Land of Rest*


George Shearing (1919-2011)

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

The Hymnal 1982, #304

Tune: Land of Rest

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop

Let us pray.

Bishop and People

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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.

BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

The Bishop blesses the people

FINAL HYMN

All stand.

The Hymnal 1982, #204

“Now the green blade riseth”

Tune: *Noel nouvelet*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Fas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY – Improvisation on “Veni Creator”

John Cook (1918-1984)

The congregation remains in place as the closing procession passes.

The Bishops are available for congregational group photos immediately following the service.

Leaders of Worship

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Pat Zifcak
<i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Dr. Carl Klein
<i>Handbell Director</i>	Deb Psilopoulos
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	The Rev. Sean Maloney
<i>Acolytes</i>	Des Maloney
<i>Reader</i>	Danielle Wigmore
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Linda Coles, Lisa Condor
<i>Greeters</i>	Liz Landers, Mike Condor
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Christopher Whiteman

The Candidates for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation

All Saints' Church, Chelmsford

Danielle Margaret Wigmore
Michael B. Condor
Lisa Jean Condor
Melanie Agnès-Marie Charbonnier
Rachel Susan Moore
Elizabeth Christine Moran

Trinity, Concord

James McCormick Boyle
John David Petrie
Abigail Aronson Zocher
Sheila Margaret Beardslee
Elizabeth Wilson