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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

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**Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

October 2, 2022



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Welcome to St. John's, we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *Come, Holy Traveler*                      *Patricia Lou Harris*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
 your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**                      *God Is Here!*                      *ELW 526 (vv. 1, 2)*

*(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991; Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company; Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company)*

This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship 2 pm Blessing of the Animals
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 6:30 pm Budget Build Meeting (Smith Building) 7:30 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	10 am 1st Communion Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 83	2022	
9/25	Offering: \$4,492		August Offering Income      \$20,049
	Homebound: 20		August Other Income          \$ 1,406
			August Total Income          \$21,455
			August Expenses                \$25,423
			YTD Offering Income          \$165,035
			YTD Other Income              \$ 6,858
			YTD Total Income              \$171,893
			YTD Expenses                    \$239,419



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Bill Spink, Wayne Byers, Jim Morrow, Joan Kraft, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Julie Hastings, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Frances Schoenfliess, David Warren, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Joe Erpenstein, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Daniel Germaine, Jon O’Leary, Renee’ Sprecher, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

**For the military and their families:** Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm’s way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Helen Taylor, Evelyn George

**For St. John’s Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul and Alberta Nolder, Patrick O’Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
 make it plain on tablets,  
 so that a runner may read it.  
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
 it will surely come, it will not delay.  
 Look at the proud!  
 Their spirit is not right in them,  
 but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* **Psalm 37:1-9**

*Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)*

Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
 do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
 and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
 dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**Take delight in the LORD,  
 who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
 and see what God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
 and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil  
 schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
 do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off,  
 but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**St. John's Youth Ministry invites you to their Corn Maze event** at  
 Beachmont Christian Ministries on Saturday, October 29th from 5 to 10  
 pm. Flyers are located in the weekly emails, on our website and on the  
 third floor counter outside of the Sanctuary.



**Volunteers are needed** for the Christmas Bazaar. We will need help with  
 set up, help the day of the event, and clean up after the event. More  
 information will be provided in the announcement on Sunday mornings and in  
 the weekly emails. Whether you can help all day or just a few hours, your  
 help is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Ushers Needed!** For more information, contact Tony Jasinski at  
[polishfossil29@verizon.net](mailto:polishfossil29@verizon.net).



Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Simon B., James W.
Lector	Amanda Hartman
Communion Assistant	Amanda Hartman

## Announcements & Upcoming Event

### Next Week— Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**  
† 10 am— **Worship in-person with 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns lutheran church parkville md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Malcolm and Janet Neifeld's wedding anniversary.

There are only a few dates left to sponsor altar flowers for 2022. The cost is \$50. The dates available are: November 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

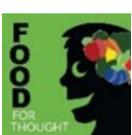
**Nursery Care** for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



 **This afternoon, we will be having our Blessing of the Animals.** Bring your pet or a picture of your pet and join us at 2 pm at the labyrinth. A blessing bag will be available for you and your pet.

**St. John's Preschool Flower pick up** is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am—Noon in the church parking lot.



 **Food for Thought is back.** We will make our 1st delivery to Carney Elementary on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There are a few changes in our collections this year. We will no longer be packing applesauce (unless it is in pouches), fruit cups (unless they have a metal lid) and pudding cups. The reason for this change is they may puncture and make a mess in the bags. **Items that we need at this time are: snack cracker, breakfast bars and cereal (single serving in bags or boxes).**

**Venmo is Here!** We are happy to announce that you can now give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



 **St. John's Family Ministry will again be hosting our Trunk or Treat** event on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> on the parking lot. Set up will begin at 5 pm and the event begins at 6 pm. We need plenty of trunkers to make this event successful. Contact the office to sign up for the car decorating contest. Bring your family and friends!

## SECOND READING

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL****Luke 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***What Is the World Like*** (See insert) **ACS 1047**

*(Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979; Music: Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952; Text and music © 2009 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition*

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

***O Master, Let Me Walk with You***

**ELW 818**

*(Text: Washing Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.; Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898)*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table,

You have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****SENDING****BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***We Walk By Faith***

**ELW 635**

*(Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Will Exalt in the Lord*

*Lani Smith*

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**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive;  
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.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

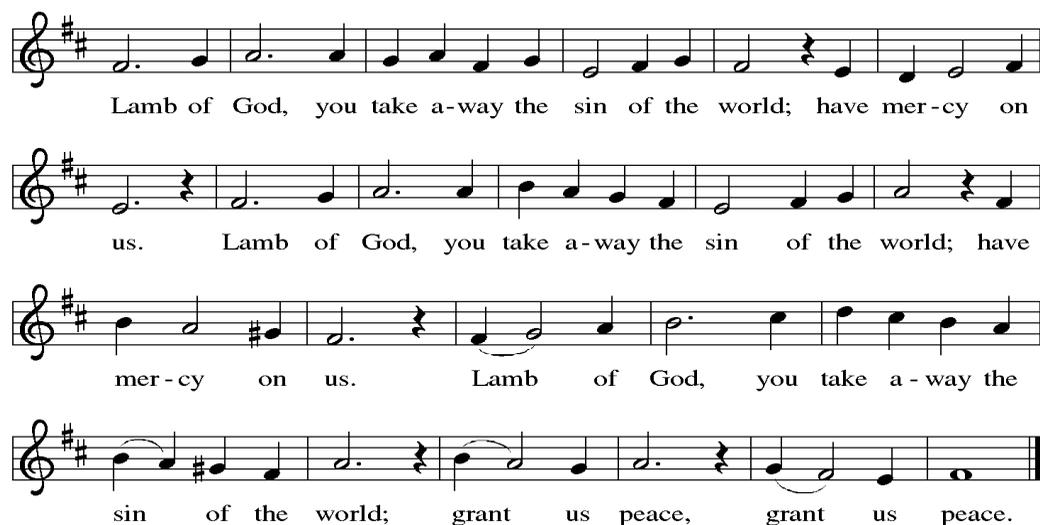
Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,  
crossing your arms over your chest.*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

### MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace* Adult Choir  
*(See Insert)*

*Text: Marti Lunn Lantz; Music: David Lantz III; (© 1998 Harold Flammer Music)*

*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)  
(Please stand as you are able.)*

**OFFERING HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW 885

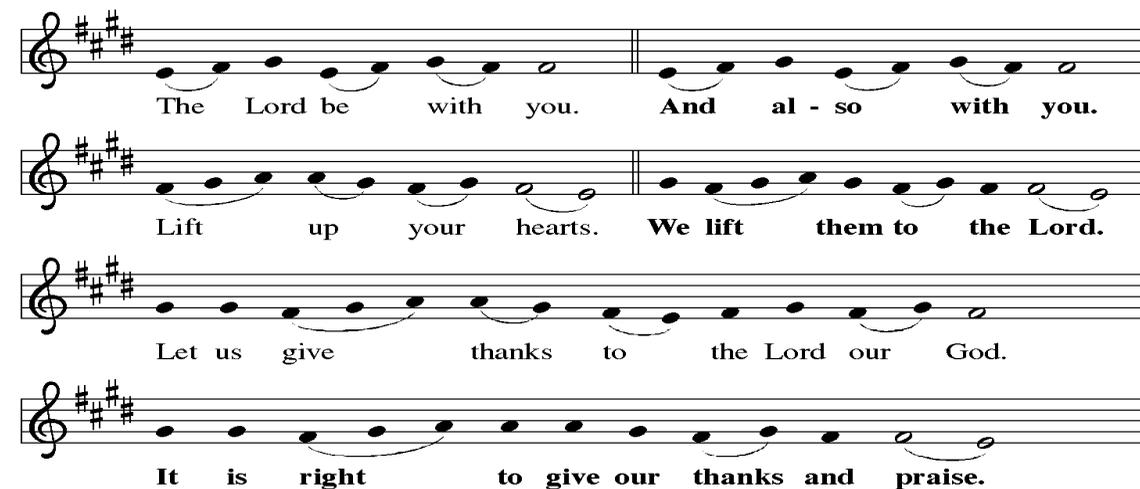
*(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711; Music: Louis, Bourgeois 1510-1561)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of  
blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a  
table for all.  
**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

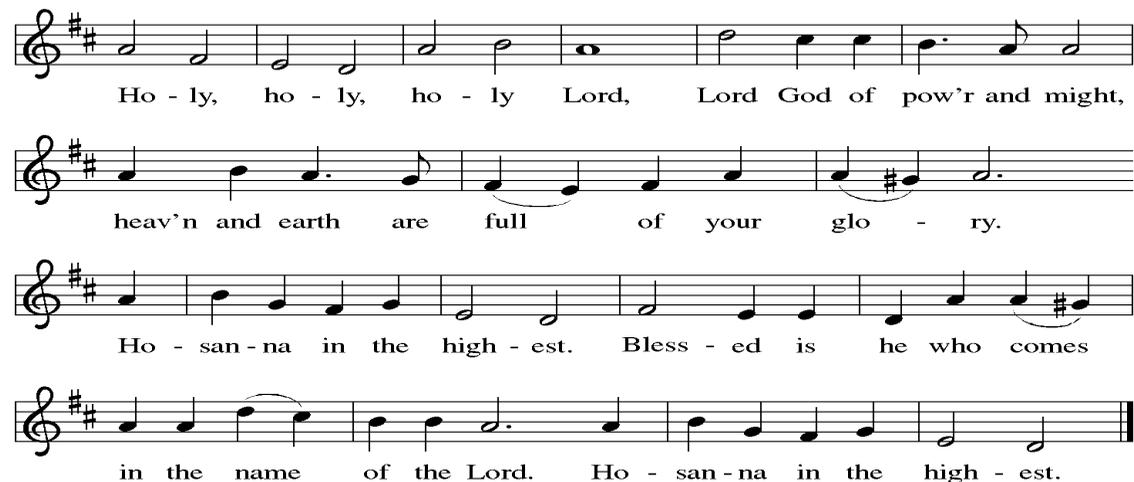


The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
mighty and merciful,  
your people praise you saying,  
Your mercy endures forever.  
**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise  
you join yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish  
beneath the rainbow in the clouds,  
a sign of your love and faithfulness.

By your promise  
you join yourself to your people of old,

blessing them with family outnumbering the stars  
and calling them to be a blessing to others;  
showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations.  
Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise  
you joined us to Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son,  
grafting us into your Living Vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-  
giving love.  
Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With the bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon this gathering  
and these gifts of bread and wine.

Make us an image of your divine blessing  
and a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with steadfast love.

With Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, and all the saints in light,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*(Sung call-and-echo)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come thy will be done,  
on earth.**