



## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Hope Episcopal Church  
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

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## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## A HOLY LENT AT HOPE

Lent is an invitation—to return, to remember, to be made new. For forty days, we walk the road of repentance and renewal, following Jesus through the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed. It is a season to quiet the noise, to listen for God's voice, and to turn our hearts again to the One who is always calling us home.

*"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)*

You will notice the color purple in our worship, a sign of both repentance and the coming reign of Christ. It is the color of kings, yet also of humility—the color of a Savior who took the form of a servant, walking the way of the cross for love of us. Lent teaches us that the way to resurrection always passes through surrender, that before Easter morning comes, we must stand at the foot of the cross.

Here at Hope Church, we journey together. We pray, we serve, we gather at Christ's table. And in this season, we take special care to listen—listening to the stirrings of the Spirit, to the needs of our neighbors, to the call of Jesus to follow him more nearly.

Each Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, we gather for Bible Study and breakfast, sharing in conversation, scripture, and the nourishment of both body and soul. This Lent, we turn to the voices of the Minor Prophets, those messengers of old who spoke hard truths with great love. They called the people of God to justice, mercy, and faithfulness—a call that still echoes in our time.

*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)*

Lent is not about perfection—it is about drawing near. It is about making space for grace, knowing that God meets us not because we have earned it, but because love is who God is. So come. Walk this road with us. Pray, reflect, listen, and be nourished. Let the color of the season remind you: Christ is our King, and his kingdom is breaking in—even now, even here.

Let us keep a holy Lent.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



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# Third Sunday in Lent

## HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol  $\diamond$  indicates when to stand if able.  
 The symbol  $\boxtimes$  indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude  
 Welcome + Good News & Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

$\diamond$  Processional Hymn #517 - "How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place"

#### Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest,  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings,  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

## ✠ The Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be Lord forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

## The Decalogue

*The people kneel or stand as able.*

*Please join in the leading of the Decalogue by reading the part designated "leader". If more than one person joins, read together as a "chorus".*

*Leader* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not commit murder.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not steal.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

### The Confession

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

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.

### The Absolution

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.

### The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

### ✠ The Collect of the Day

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

*Celebrant*

**A**lmighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Exodus 3:1-15*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

**M**oses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

## The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Psalm 63:1-8

*Reader:* We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

## The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

*Reader* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested

beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

✠ Gradual Music

**“Lord, Have Mercy”**

Solo

Jesus, we've forgotten the words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within our hearts have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart we follow the paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive us for our unbelief  
Renew the fire again

Chorus

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us (repeat)

Solo

We have built an altar where we worship things of men  
We have taken journeys that have drawn us far from You  
Now we are returning to Your mercies ever flowing  
Parton our transgressions  
Help us love You again

Chorus

Solo

We have longed to know You and Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end  
We bow our hearts before You in the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining  
Like a beacon in the night

Chorus



## The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

## ✠ The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ✠✠✠

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**A**t that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

## ✠ The Nicene Creed

*To be read in unison.*

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 Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

## The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

## The Prayers of the People

*The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving, either silently or out loud.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

## The Absolution

Almighty God to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ✦ The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Offertory

*The offering will be taken at this time.*

*Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:*

1. *Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin*

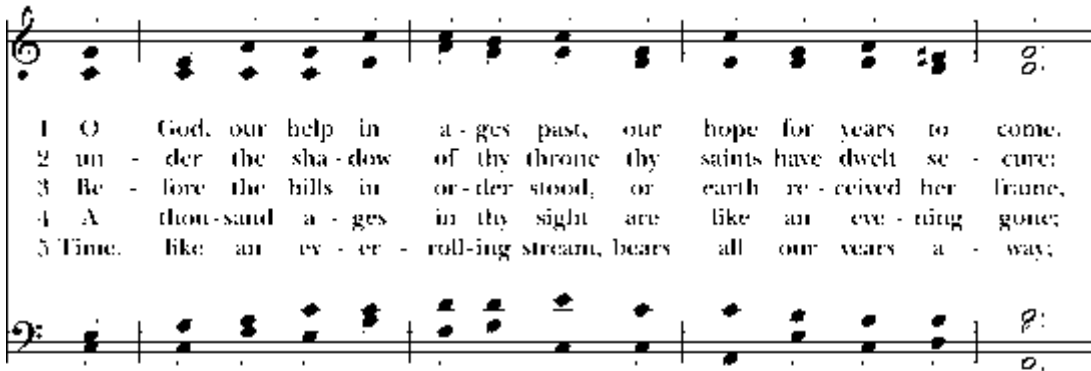
2. *Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.*

3. *Offering plate: cash or a check payable to “Hope Episcopal Church”. You may designate any ministry in the ‘memo’ line.*

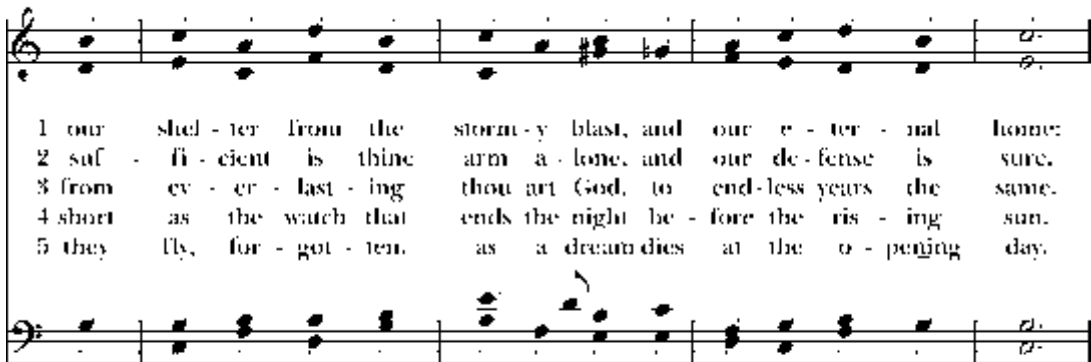
*Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

## Offertory Music

### #680 - “O God, our Help in Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come.  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eye - ring gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure,  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ’s peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ’s peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God’s forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

**Eucharist means “thanksgiving.”** This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called **Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass.** In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the **Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.**

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 **which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”**

Sursum Corda: **Literally, “we lift up our hearts.”** Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

The Doxology

*The congregation stands*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### ✠ The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*The people stand.*

The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O God.

*People* And of your own have we given you.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

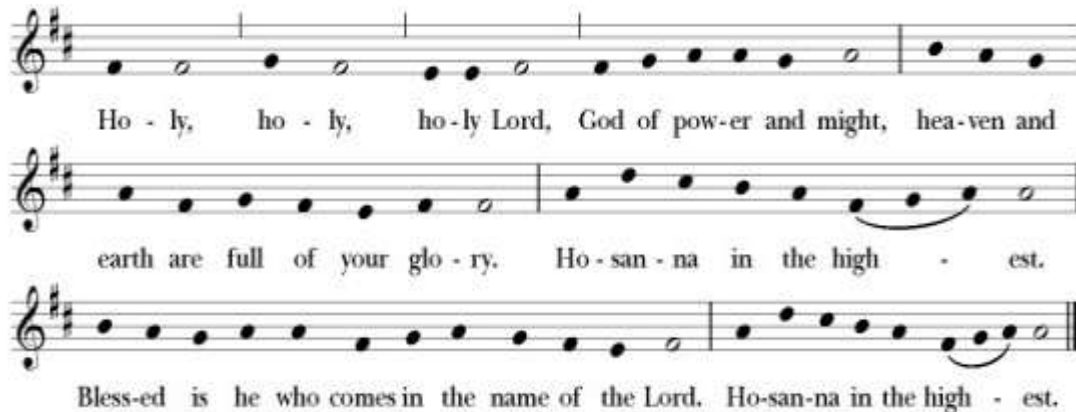
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## ♣ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

*The people kneel or stand.*



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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

Praise for the Work of God  
the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God  
the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Praise for the Work of God  
the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

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." ✠

*Celebrant and People:* We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.

*Celebrant:* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy and catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

## ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion

*Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

Breaking of Bread  
The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

### The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.



## Music During Communion

Post Communion Hymn

#301 - "Bread of the World"

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the  
soul, in mer - cy shed. by whom the words of life were  
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead;  
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the  
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

### Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

### The Thanksgiving

*The congregation stands*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ◆ The Blessing

The Recessional

#470 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty,  
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given,  
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-cies for the good;  
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word:

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head,  
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

# ◆ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

# The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

## Worship Servers

March 23, 2025

### This Month's Birthdays:

3/3 - Dave Dissinger  
3/4 - Donna Gerhard  
3/9 - Dec. Nancy Leshner  
3/10 - JD Hynick  
3/12 - Jeremiah Norton  
3/13 - Gail Edgell  
3/17 - Damion Wensel  
3/18 - Bertha Dunstan  
3/22 - Kathleen Peach  
3/27 - Brooks Brown  
3/30 - Dave Puskar

### This Month's Anniversaries:

3/20 - Steve & Gwen Norton

Thank you to Jeremy Brown  
for providing lunch this  
week.

If you'd like to sign up to  
provide lunch, there is a sign-  
up list on the whiteboard in  
the parish house. The entire  
year is listed on the sign-up  
pages. The last Sunday of the  
month is a Pot Luck, so plan  
to bring your favorite dish!

Ushers - Jeremy Brown, Tom Brown  
Lectors - LeAnne Burchik (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)  
Prayers of the People - Lynette Brown  
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims  
Altar Guild - Bob Sims  
Acolytes - JD Hynick, Max Brown

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice,  
Barbara, Angie, Katie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Nancy, Judith, Lydia, Jeff,  
Lester, Susan, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily,  
Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, the Solis Family, the Leibley Family, Betsy, Bud  
Dissinger, Steve Tribiooi and family, for the repose of Emily Garber and for  
**comfort and peace for Grant Garber and Emily's family and friends, and our**  
Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wellsboro**  
The Anglican Church in Central America

*To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the  
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The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church  
in the United States of America  
The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

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### Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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Steve Palmer, Steve Norton, Tom Brown, Brandon Peach  
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