

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

The Day of Pentecost  
Whitsunday  
May 31, 2020



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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## Prelude

## Welcome Greeting and Service Information

## Hymn 521 "Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might"

*Descant*

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and  
2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -  
3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be  
4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in  
fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -  
ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our  
Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.  
ment - ing fear, pass with the pass - ing night.  
u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.  
ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

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# The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray

**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.**

*Celebrant:* And we say together:

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through Jesus Christ, your Son Our Lord, who lives and reign with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Readings from Scripture**

### **Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed

and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

    ` In the last days it will be, God declares,  
    that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
        and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
    and your young men shall see visions,  
        and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
    in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
    and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
    and signs on the earth below,  
    blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious  
day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.' "

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

**There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.**

**All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

**You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good  
things.**

**You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

**He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

**May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

# Hymn 504

# "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire"



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en  
3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,  
5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -



with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing  
life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -  
bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give



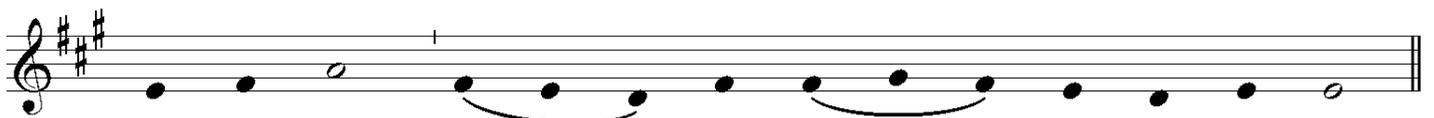
Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.



7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges



all a - long, this may be our end - less song:



9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

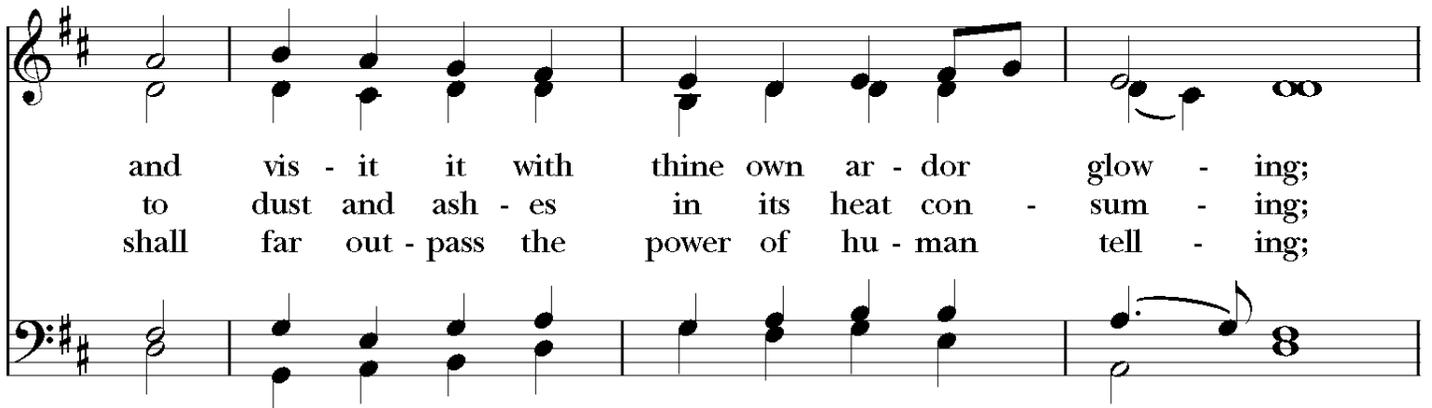
**Fr. Jim Seipel**

# Hymn 516

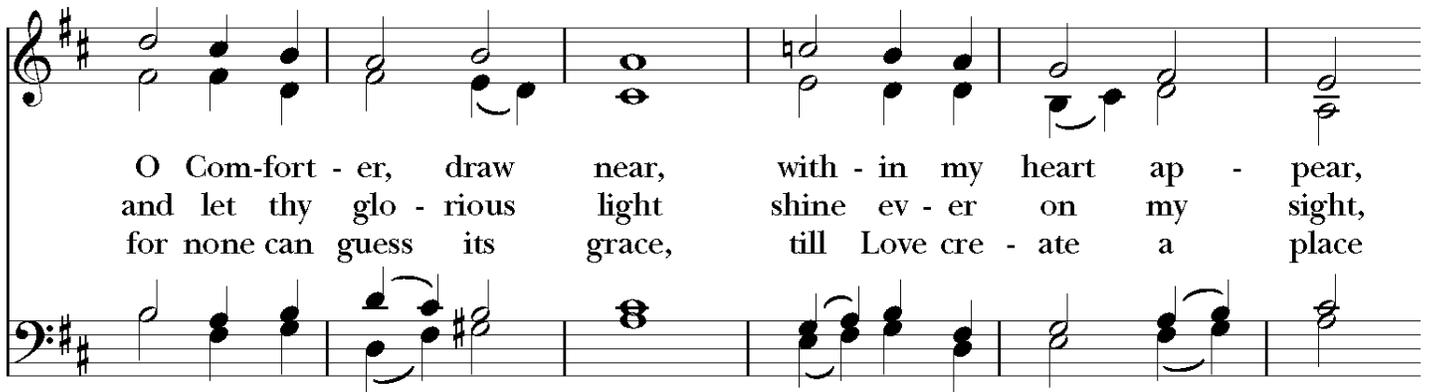
# "Come down, O Love divine"



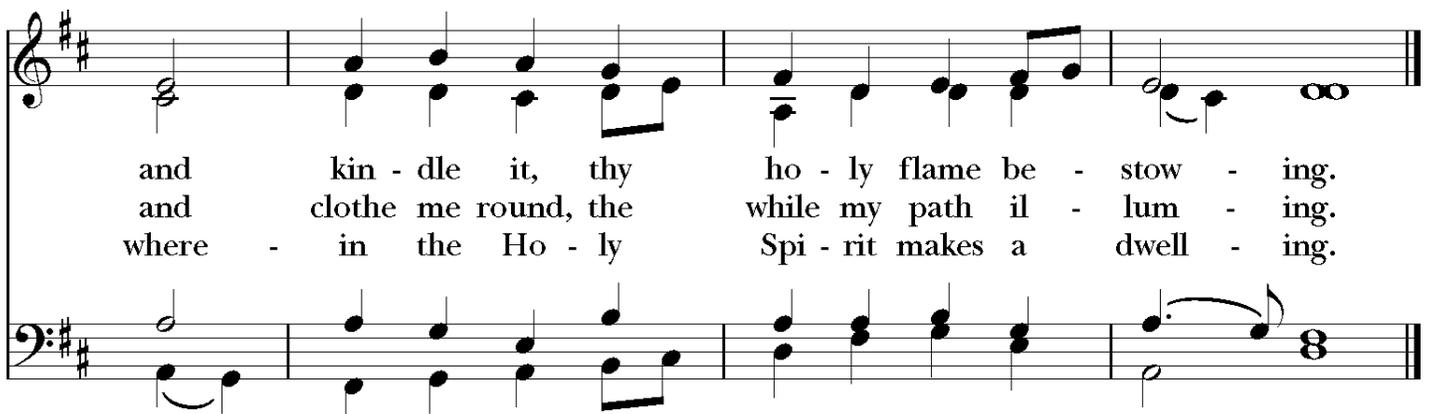
1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



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 Nicene Creed**

**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**

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.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and John and Diane, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

For Donald, our President, and Gavin, our Governor, and 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;

**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;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*(A period of Silence is kept. Please add your petition and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.)*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Please acknowledge one another with a word of peace.

### **The Offertory**

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

***People:* It is right to give him 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. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving your church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

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.**

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 Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **The Prayers of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot**

**now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Presiding Bishop Curry)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.** (From ELCA Bp. Erwin)

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you,**

**and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.** (From The United States Military Prayerbook)

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of the Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

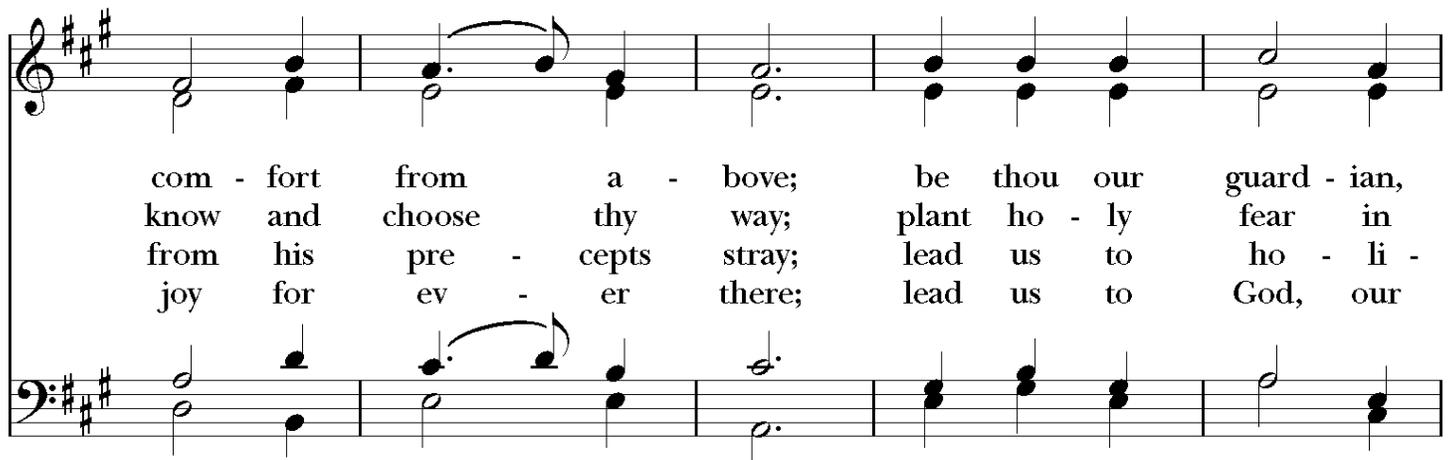
*Celebrant:* And now, May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

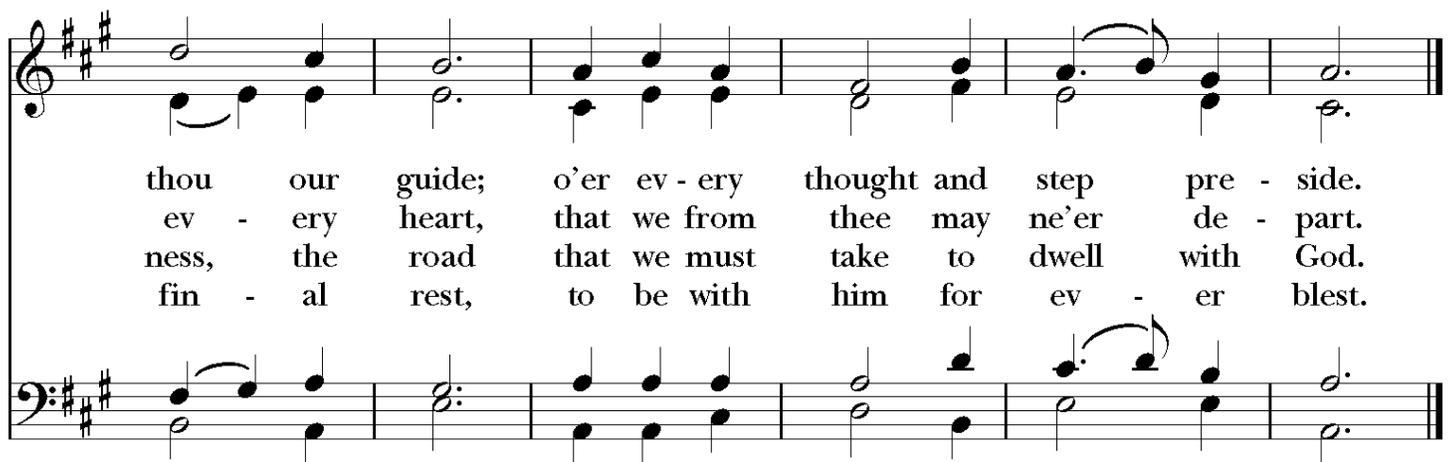
# Hymn 512 "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"



1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -  
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our



thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

## Postlude