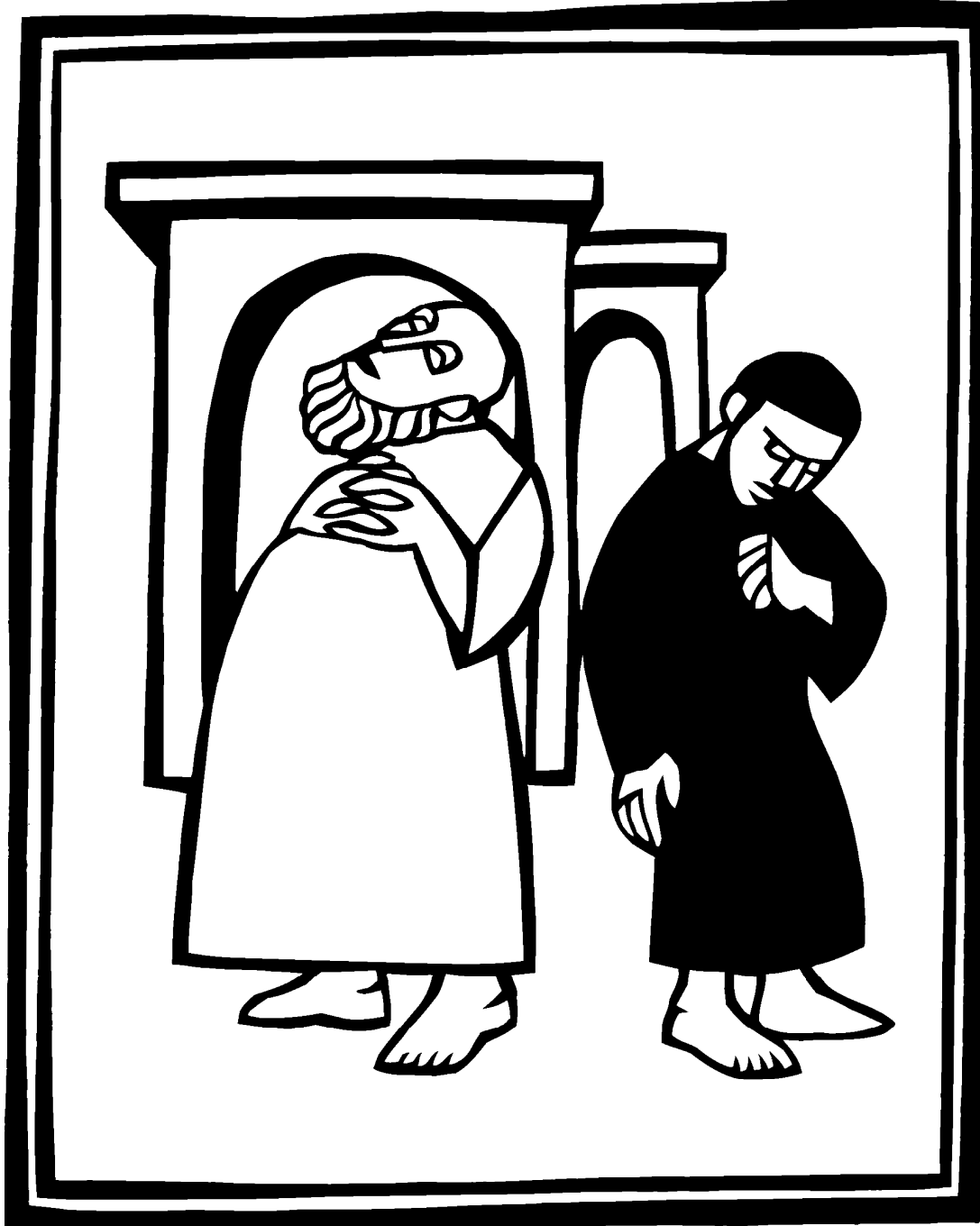


# Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



Proper 25  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Sunday, October 26, 2025

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN (BCP p. 355)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

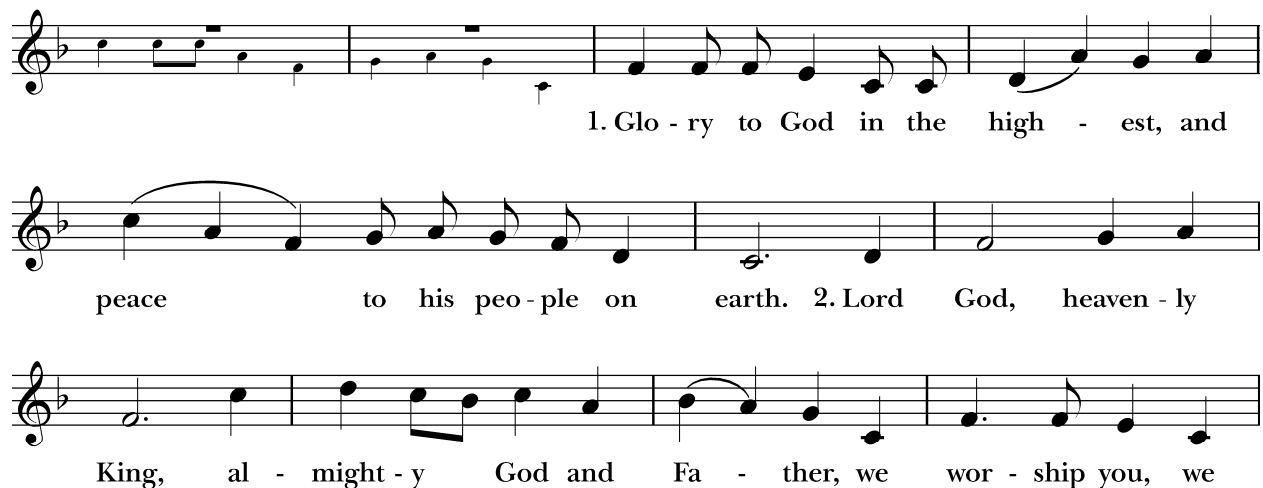
COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20)*  
*(Powell)* (BCP p. 356)

*The following is sung, all standing*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-17

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach.

<sup>12</sup>Give to the Most High as he has given to you,  
and as generously as you can afford.

<sup>13</sup>For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and he will repay you sevenfold.

<sup>14</sup>Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;  
<sup>15</sup>and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,  
and with him there is no partiality.

<sup>16</sup>He will not show partiality to the poor;  
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

<sup>17</sup>He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,  
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM: Psalm 84:1-6

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>3</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
<sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.  
<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God.     |

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN (BCP p. 357)**

*All stand.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

*All stand.*

|               |                                                             |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Priest</i> | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. |
| <i>People</i> | Glory to you, Lord Christ.                                  |

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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| <i>Deacon</i> | The Gospel of the Lord. |
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*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

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 (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing.*

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.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray 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.

*Silence*

*Names from the Prayer List may be inserted here.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

|                  |                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant</i> | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| <i>People</i>    | And also with you.                        |

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.  
*Psalms 50:14*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN (BCP p. 361)**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)**

*The People remain standing.*

|                  |                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant</i> | God be with you.                           |
| <i>People</i>    | And also with you.                         |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts.                       |
| <i>People</i>    | We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.    |
| <i>People</i>    | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*



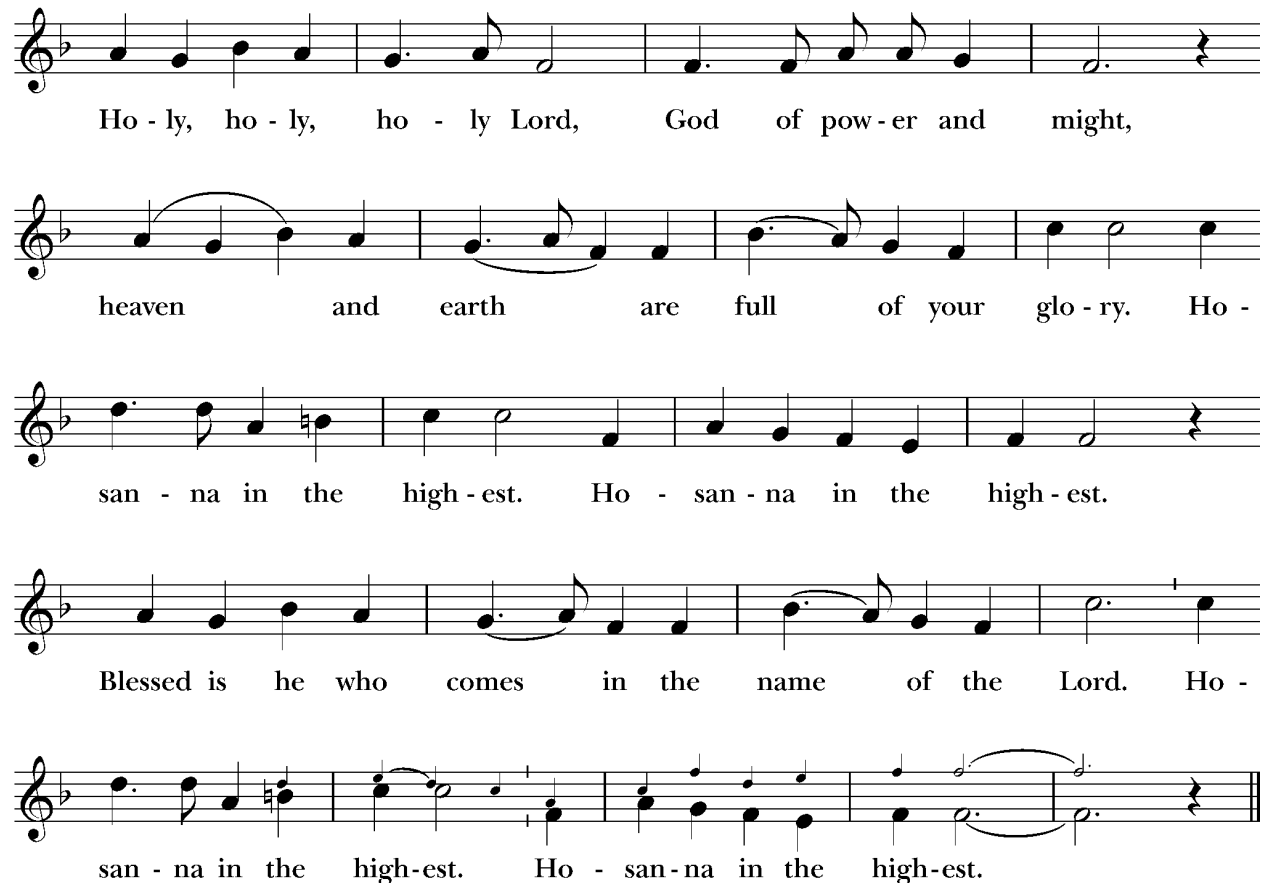
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (BCP p. 362)**

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)**

*The Celebrant continues*

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*.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM *S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)* (BCP p. 364)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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.

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.*

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*(source: from Saint Clare)*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN (BCP p. 366)**

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

|               |                                        |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
|               | Let us go forth in the name of Christ. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God.                      |

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## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Alfred, King, 899  
Sunday, October 26, 2025**

**James Hannington, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885, or  
Wednesday, October 29, 2025**

**John Wyclif: Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384  
Thursday, October 30, 2025**

**Paul Shinji Sasaki, Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946, and Philip Lindel Tsen,  
Bishop of Honan, China, 1954  
Friday, October 31, 2025**