



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THIRTEENTH Sunday after Pentecost



September 7, 2025

10:00 am

# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

## PRELUDE

*Blessed be your name*  
(Trinity Plaza Worship Musicians)

Phil Wickham

## WELCOME

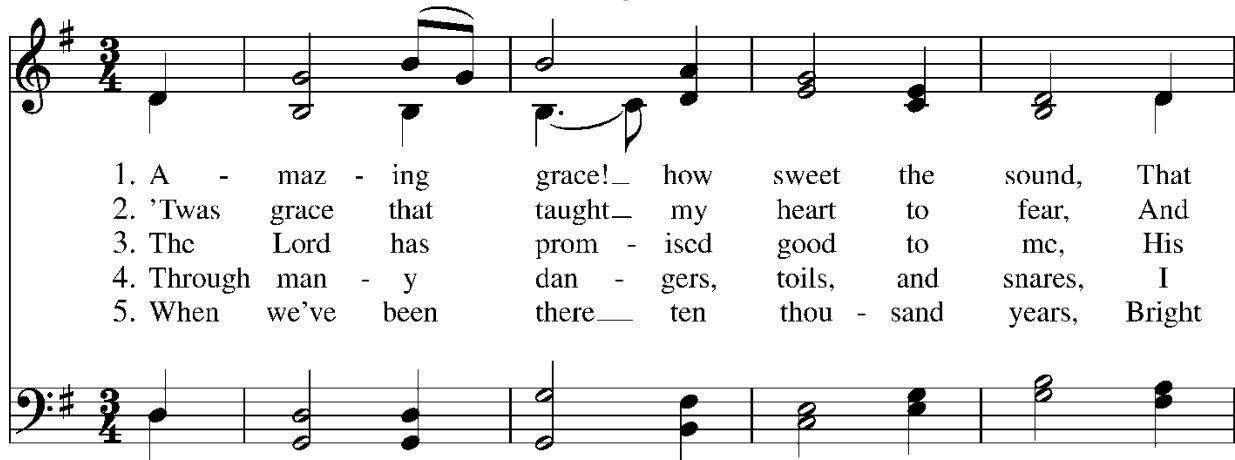
*Please stand.*

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

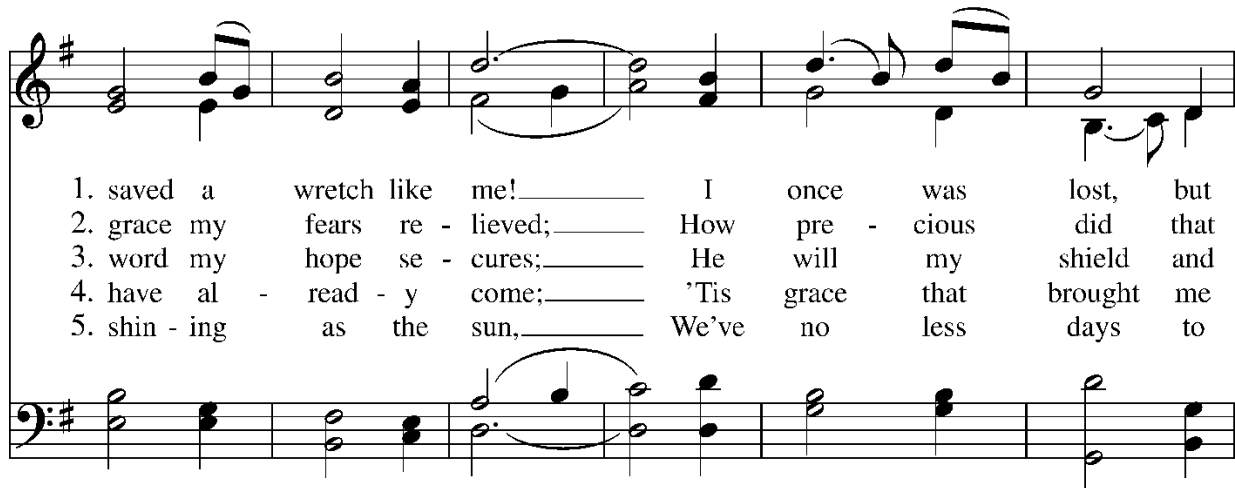
## OPENING SONG

### Amazing Grace

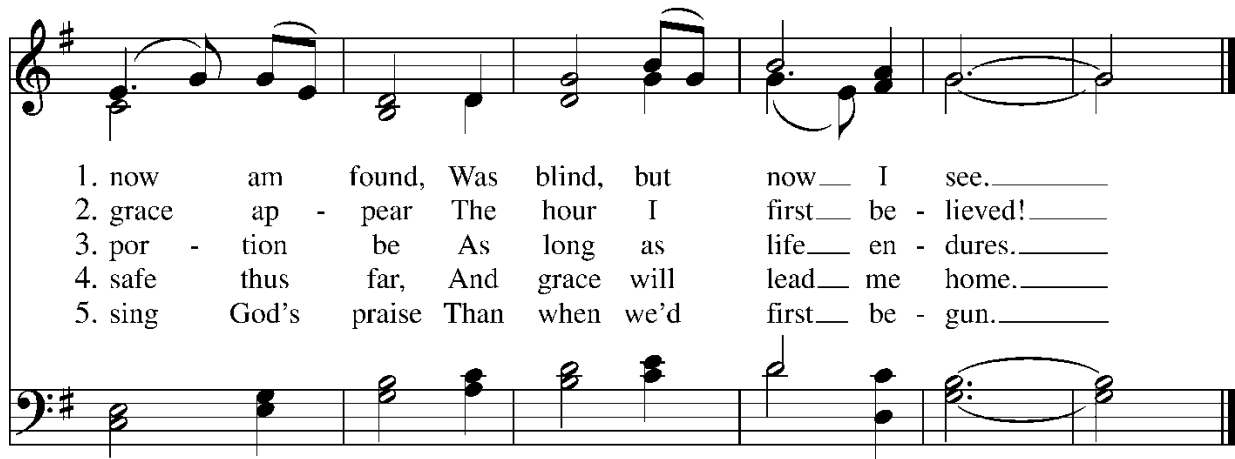
LEVAS #181



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound, That  
2. 'Twas grace that taught— my heart to fear, And  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
5. When we've been there— ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!— I once was lost, but  
2. grace my fears re - lieved;— How pre - cious did that  
3. word my hope se - cures;— He will my shield and  
4. have al - read - y come;— 'Tis grace that brought me  
5. shin - ing as the sun,— We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now— I see.—  
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first— be - lieved!—  
3. por - tion be As long as life— en - dures.—  
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead— me home.—  
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first— be - gun.—

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Priest:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Priest:* 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 Savior. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

*Francisco Manoling*

*Sung twice.*

C G/B Am C/G F F/G C F/G

Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to God's peo-ple on earth

C G/B Am C/G Dm7 F/G C F/C C

Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* God be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Grant us, O God, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20**

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## PSALM 1

from The Saint Helena Psalter

The first verse is demonstrated by the cantor. Then everyone proceeds in unison, following the bold text.



*Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked,\*  
Nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats / of the scornful!*

***Their delight is in the law of the / Holy One,\*  
And they meditate on that / law day and night.***

***They are like trees planted in streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not / wither;\****  
***Everything they / do shall prosper.***

***It is not so with the / wicked;\****  
***They are like chaff which the / wind blows away.***

***Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes  
Nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous;\****  
***For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the / wicked is doomed.***

## THE SECOND LESSON

PHILEMON 1-21

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

## GRADUAL

*Living Hope*

*Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham*

22

3 Chorus

Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Praise the

One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Death has lost its grip on me. You have

25

bro - ken ev - 'ry chain, there's sal - va - tion in Your name. Je - sus

Christ, my liv - ing hope! Hal - le - Christ, my liv - ing

28 30

hope!

Praise to you, O Christ.

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## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with

ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Nicene creed *Please rise.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

from *Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation*

*Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, with lyrics 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.' The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.' Chord symbols are written above the notes: E, G#m, A, E/G#, F#m7, B7, B7/A, G#m7, A, B on the first staff; and E, G#m, A, E/G#, F#m7, B7, E on the second staff.

**REFRAIN:** *Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word*  
*Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love is grown and peace is understood*

**Leader:** Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures,  
For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure,  
For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:  
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

**REFRAIN:** *Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word*  
*Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love is grown and peace is understood*

**Leader:** For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life,  
For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God,  
For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

**REFRAIN:** *Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word*  
*Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love is grown and peace is understood*

**Leader:** For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity,  
For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

**REFRAIN:** *Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word*  
*Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love is grown and peace is understood*



*Priest:* Gracious God:  
Grant that your people may have in them  
the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,  
and guide us into harmony of relationship  
through loving-kindness and the wise use  
of all that you have given;  
for you are drawing all things into communion with you  
and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins to God.  
*(Silence may be kept.)*  
**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Priest:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
***People:* And also with you.**  
*Priest:* Please greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

## Announcements and offertory invitation

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## OFFERTORY

*Indescribable  
(Trinity Plaza Worship Musicians)*

Chris Tomlin

# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

**Presider:** God be with you.

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

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to God.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

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

**Presider:** God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever**

**Presider:** At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Presider:** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** **Have mercy, O God, where we fall short of your ideal.**

**Presider:** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

**Presider:** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*The Hymnal 1982 #S-130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Presider:* Blessed are you, God who reigns, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of Christ's coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LEVAS #151

**Priest:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and gluten free crackers. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we serve only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.*

**1 In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
my Comforter, my All in All;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2 In Christ alone who took on flesh;  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'til on that cross as Jesus died  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

communion MUSIC

Will you come and follow me?

Gather Third Edition #790

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be  
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be

the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my  
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?  
an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
what I mean in you and you in me?  
touch and sound in you and you in me?  
live and grow in you and you in me.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**BLESSING**

**Grant that we may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*The Hymnal 1982 #594*

*See next page.*

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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