# 159<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island



## LITURGY BOOK

NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2025 MELVILLE, NEW YORK

#### THE OPENING OF CONVENTION

The Feast of the Consecration of Samuel Seabury - 1:00 pm

¶ The prelude begins as the bishops walk through the congregation, greeting people as they go. When they reach the dais, all sing:



#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.
Bishop	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.
Bishop	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Bishop	Let us pray.

#### THE COLLECT

Bishop

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop Dear friends, I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy

Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised

to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord.

*People* I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new

birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of

sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it, the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation. Through it, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it, your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it, we are buried with Christ in His death. By it, we share in His resurrection. Through it, we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

¶ As the bishops bless the People with baptismal water, all remain standing to sing:

THE HYMN AT THE ASPERGES

Take me to the water



THE NECROLOGY

¶ All are seated for the necrology.

**Bishop** 

As we begin this convention, we also draw to mind all those in our diocesan family who have died this past year. They were washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for their lives, their witness, and the love they shared with us. May their memory inspire us to continue the work of justice, mercy, and faithfulness to which you have called us.

¶The Reverend Canon Patricia Mitchell, Canon for Pastoral Care, reads the necrology while the following is sung intermittently throughout the reading:

Jesus remember me, when you in come into your kingdom

Taize



¶At the conclusion of the Necrology, a profound silence is kept.

Bishop May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

People Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon

them.

Bishop God, the King of saints, we praise and thank you for all your faithful servants

who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Grant us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and

glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Bishop Let us pray.

People O God, by your grace you have called us in the Diocese of Long Island to a holy fellowship of faith: Bless Lawrence, our Bishop, Geralyn our Assistant Bishop, William our Assisting Bishop, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard,

your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received.

By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

#### AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EVENING

5:00pm

¶ Convention is invited to gather in contemplation and prayer.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Leader

"Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:11-12

Silence.

For God alone my soul in silence waits. From him comes my salvation. *Psalm 62:1* 

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¶ Those who wish to pray in small groups led by the youth of the diocese should make their way to the nearest prayer station, observing the direction of the vergers and staff. During prayer, the following is sung:

In God Alone My Soul Taize

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

¶ At the sound of the bell all return to their places in the congregation, maintaining silence as they go. Vergers and staff should assist people as needed. All gather to sing "In God Alone My Soul" together one more time once the congregation has reassembled.

*Leader* Let us lift our hearts in prayer.

Leader I lift my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?People My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

People God will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry

and saves them.

*Leader* Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear me; save your servant who trusts in you.

People Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.

Leader O Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry.

People Let my prayer rise before you like incense, and the lifting up of my

hands as the evening sacrifice.

Leader I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.

*People* My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

*Leader* Blessed be the Lord, who hears the voice of our prayers.

People Let us pray without ceasing, for the Lord is near and faithful.

Leader Gracious God, we thank You for this day—for the gift of life, and for the

community gathered here in Your name. Open our hearts to Your Spirit. Guide

our thoughts, shape our words, and strengthen our actions.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Be present with us, Lord, now and always, and fill us with Your power and

peace. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



#### THE CONVENTION EUCHARIST

The Feast of Herman of Alaska - 9:00 am

¶ The Convention Eucharist begins at the rear of the ballroom with an invitation to worship and the Collect for Purity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Bishop Please stand.

In silence, let us examine our hearts and acknowledge the presence of the living God: in the Word we will hear proclaimed, In the Sacrament we celebrate, and in this community of Christ's Body here gathered.

¶ A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Let us pray.

People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you

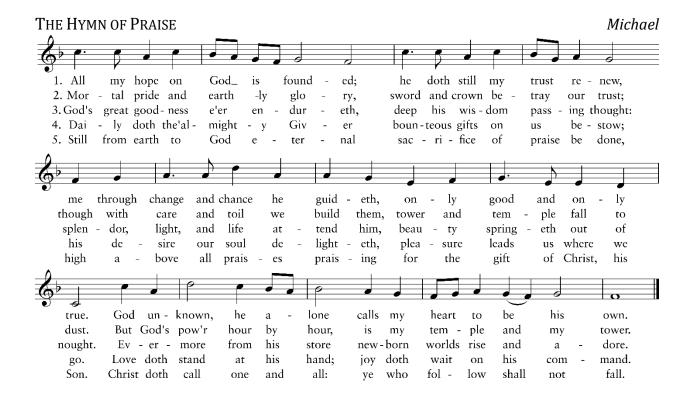
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify

your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.



THE OPENING COLLECT

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:16-28

Read in Mandarin by Erica Kan

*Lector* A reading from the book of Joshua.

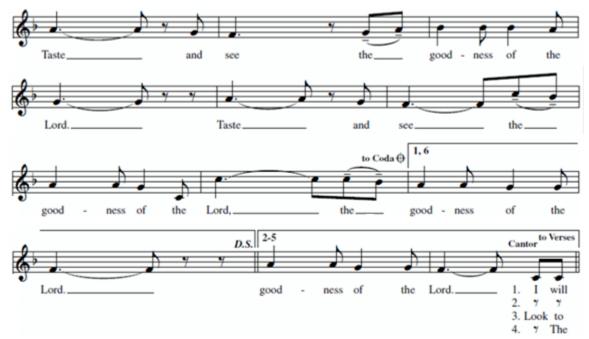
Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Ioshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord. Joshua said to all the people, 'See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God.' So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances. After these things Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old. They buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Ioshua and had known all the work that the Lord did for Israel. The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem, in the portion of ground that Jacob had bought from the children of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred pieces of money; it became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph. Eleazar son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of his son Phinehas, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

### THE PSALM 34 Benedicam Dominum

Rawn Harbor

¶ The Cantor sings the verses of the Psalm, and the People respond with the following after each verse:



I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; The lowly will hear me and be glad, The lowly will hear me and be glad. R

Glorify the Lord with me; Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. And delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, And your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor called out, the LORD heard And from all his distress he saved him, And from all his distress he saved him. R

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; Blessed the man who takes refuge in him, Blessed the man who takes refuge in him. R

*Lector* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia (Repeats)

Sinclair

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Proclaimed in Creole by The Reverend Myldred Previl

Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the

righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

THE NICENE CREED

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Lena Mullings, Intercessor

From a Litany for God's Mission of the Church

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor* O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your

kingdom in this time and place.

People Hear us, O Christ.

*Intercessor* Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People Hear us, O Christ.

*Intercessor* Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and

stories of refreshment.

People Hear us, O Christ.

*Intercessor* Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.

People Hear us, O Christ.

*Intercessor* Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all

parts of the world.

People Hear us, O Christ.

*Intercessor* Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and

unresponsive places.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every

place.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Bishop O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole

Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Bishop Let your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works,

and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

¶ At the Offertory, a collection will be taken up to support the people and Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands who are in urgent need of our help following the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa, and in support of our diocesan food pantries. Please place your offering in the small metal basin on your table, and the vergers and ushers will come around to collect them while the choir sings:

THE ANTHEM

How Excellent is Thy Name

John W. Higdon, arr. Joseph Joubert

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

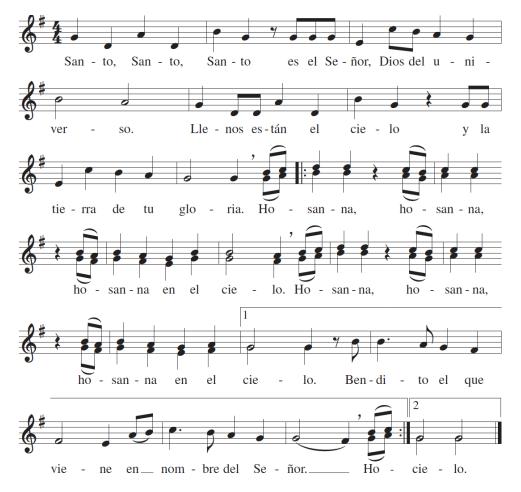
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop 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 by water and the

Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:



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**Bishop** 

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:

#### People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop 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.

#### All AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ¶ A period of silence is kept.

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

Bishop 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.

¶ During communion, please follow the direction of the Vergers and Ushers. There are five communion stations – three in the front of the ballroom and two in the rear of the ballroom. Each station will have one ciborium and two chalices. Gluten-free hosts are available at the front center communion.

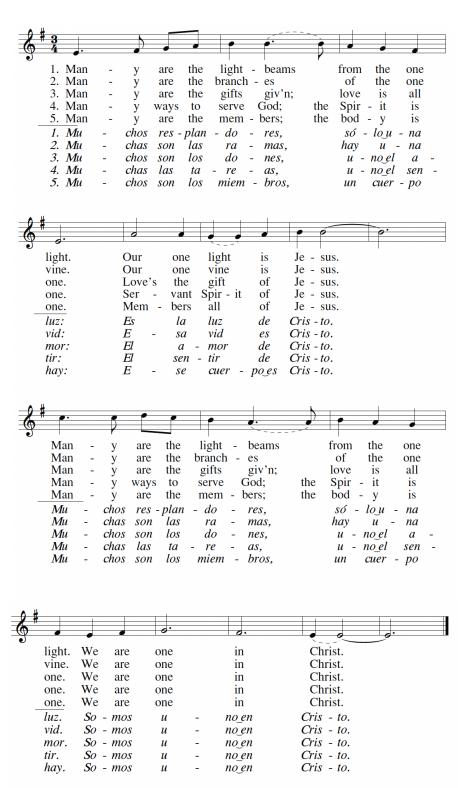
#### HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

#### Let us break bread together



#### Muchos resplandores

Sung in Spanish



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#### Lord I have seen thy salvation

Lord I have seen thy salvation, Lord I have seen thy salvation, drank of the blood, held the body, Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my heart.

#### Chorus:

Fell on my knees, down at the altar, bowed down my head, whispered a prayer. have mercy Lord, I'm not worthy, I believe, Yes, I believe, now I am sure.

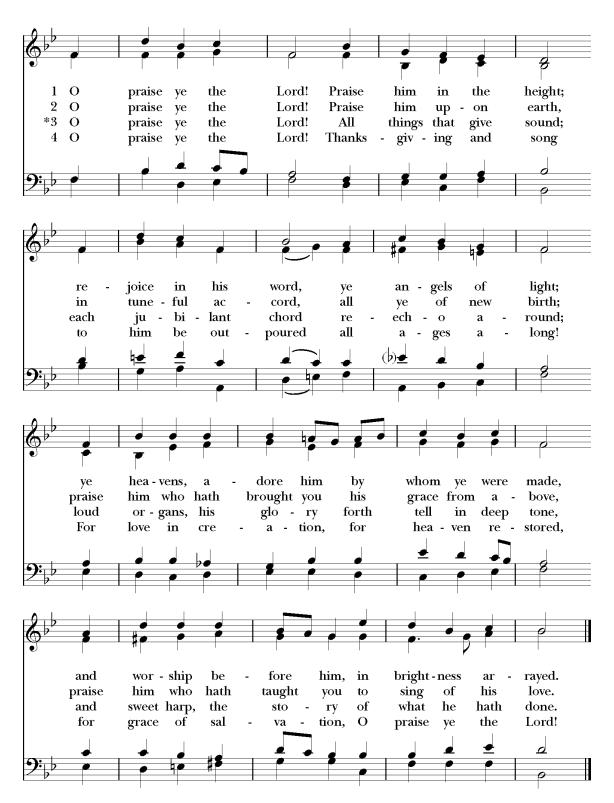
Lord I have heard of thy kingdom, Lord I have heard of thy promise, looked on thy birth, cried at Calvary, Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Let us pray.

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.



#### THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Bishop
 People
 Bishop
 Pessed be the Name of the Lord,
 People
 From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

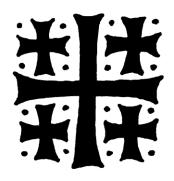
People Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### THE POSTLUDE



#### **UTO INGATHERING AND CLOSING OF CONVENTION SERVICE**

The Rev. Casey Jones, Officiant

**Officiant** 

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### Officiant & People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.





Lord, lead

Lord, lead

Lord, lead

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Lead me, O

Lead me, O

Lead me, O

THE PSALM 119: NUN

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*

and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*

to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*

preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*

and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*

yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*

but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*

truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*

for ever and to the end.

Officiant The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that

has been given to us.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer.

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy

Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

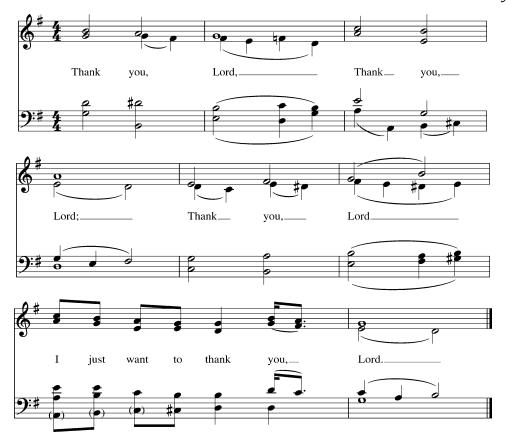
Bishop With gratitude to God for all that we are and for all that we have, we present

these offerings to God through the United Thank Offering.

 $\P$  Representatives from the parishes of the diocese now come forward to present their UTO offerings while all sing:

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Thank you, Lord



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Officiant People Let us pray.

Source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Bishop** 

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Bishop Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

THE SENDING HYMN Sicilian Mariners





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