



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Feast of Saint James

**July 23, 2023
9:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

9:30 am Saint James Day, Holy Eucharist, Rite II


<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Tamasin Milner-Wohlers, Lauren Rigsby
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Isaac Sackton, Ivy Saltzman
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Agard
<i>Videographer</i>	John Irvine
<i>Welcomer</i>	JT Kittredge

The Word of God


Words of Welcome



I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres - ence of ho - ly




an - gels. With - out mal - ice or jeal - ous - y, en - vy or fear, with - out



ter - ror of an - y - one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be - lov - ed to shield me.



O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my



neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the



brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love - li - est Ma - ry, from the



low - li - est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all.

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God, forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

All then 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.**

Song of Praise: God of the sparrow

MHSO 129



1 God of the spar - row
 2 God of the earth - quake
 3 God of the rain - bow
 4 God of the hun - gry
 5 God of the neigh - bor
 6 God of the a - ges



God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 God of the sick God of the prod - i -
 God of the foe God of the prun - ing
 God near at hand God of the lov - ing



stars _____ How does the crea - ture say
 blast _____ How does the crea - ture cry
 grave _____ How does the crea - ture say
 gal _____ How does the crea - ture say
 hook _____ How does the crea - ture say
 heart _____ How do your chil - dren say



Awe _____ How does the crea - ture say Praise. _____
 Woe _____ How does the crea - ture cry Save. _____
 Grace _____ How does the crea - ture say Thanks. _____
 Care _____ How does the crea - ture say Life. _____
 Love _____ How does the crea - ture say Peace. _____
 Joy _____ How do your chil - dren say Home. _____

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 45:1-5

Isaac Sackton

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 7:1-10 (To be said by all in unison)

Isaac Sackton

O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; *
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

O LORD my God, if I have done these things: *
if there is any wickedness in my hands,

If I have repaid my friend with evil, *
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, *
trample my life into the ground,
and lay my honor in the dust.

Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; *
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

Awake, O my God, decree justice; *
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; *
O LORD, judge the nations.

Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O LORD, *
and according to my innocence, O Most High.

Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous; *
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

The Second Reading: Acts 11:27-12:3

Isaac Sackton

A reading from the Book of Acts.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

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People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Zimbabwe Alleluia



The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: A - le - lu - ia - A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia - A - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith



We be - lieve__ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
 We be - lieve__ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 We be - lieve__ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints_ with - in



Mak - er of__ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky__ and sea.
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
 one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees__ from sin;



We be - lieve__ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us__ both Lord__ and Christ,
 We be - lieve__ that on the third_ day Christ was raised up from__ the grave,
 in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of__ death's chain



of__ the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.___
 then_ as - cend - ed to__ God's right__ hand. He will come to judge and save.___
 gives the life__ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith_ that we have claimed._

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Prayers for Saint James Day

Ivy Saltzman

O Loving God, we bless you for the openness and eagerness of Blessed James son of Zebedee, who with his brother John heard the call of Jesus Christ and immediately left their nets and their father to follow your son and become fishers of people.

O Loving God, we bless you.

We bless you for the faithfulness of Blessed James the Apostle, who bore witness to the Gospel even to the end, becoming the first of the Twelve to suffer death for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.

O Loving God, we bless you.

We bless you for your Holy Spirit, who inspired a group of your people in 1864 to found a Christian community at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Beech Street, and who has continued to help us bear witness to the Christian faith and life in Porter Square.

O Loving God, we bless you.

We bless you for all the prayers that have been said in this place, and for all the eucharists, baptisms, marriages, and funerals that have been celebrated here. We bless you for the lives of all the faithful who for 159 years have worshiped here, and who, by their words and their lives, have testified to your goodness and the power of your Gospel.

O Loving God, we bless you.

We bless you for all the good things that you continue to shower upon us, especially for those which we now name before you, silently or aloud.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

For all your gracious gifts.

O Loving God, we bless you.

Hear our prayers, O God, for our priest Matthew; for the wardens, vestry, and people of St James; for our bishops Allen and Carol; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for the whole Body of Christ throughout the world; and for all people of faith everywhere.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For your creation, that we may repent of the damage that we do to it, and that we may take action to heal the earth so that all who share it may thrive.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For the people of this community, this commonwealth, this nation, and the world, that we may dwell in freedom and peace, and that an urgency for justice and an intolerance of hatred may suffuse our nation and all the nations.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For the people of Saint James, that through your grace we may seek, not to be served, but to serve for our neighbors in Porter Square, in the United States, and in the world.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For our own needs and those of others, which we now name before you, silently or aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

For all these concerns which we bring before you.

Hear our prayers, O God.

For all who have died, that they have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those whom we now name before you, silently or aloud:

The people may add their own petitions.

That your loving kindness may be upon them who put their trust in you.

Hear our prayers, O God.

In the communion of Blessed Mary the Godbearer, Blessed James the Apostle, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin 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

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you;
May God keep you;
May God's love be with you;
May God grant you peace and wisdom;
May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: Lord, I don't feel noways tired African-American, arranged
The Adult Choir, The Greenleaf Choir and adapted by Jester Hairston
Soloist: Janet Hobbs

Presentation Hymn: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

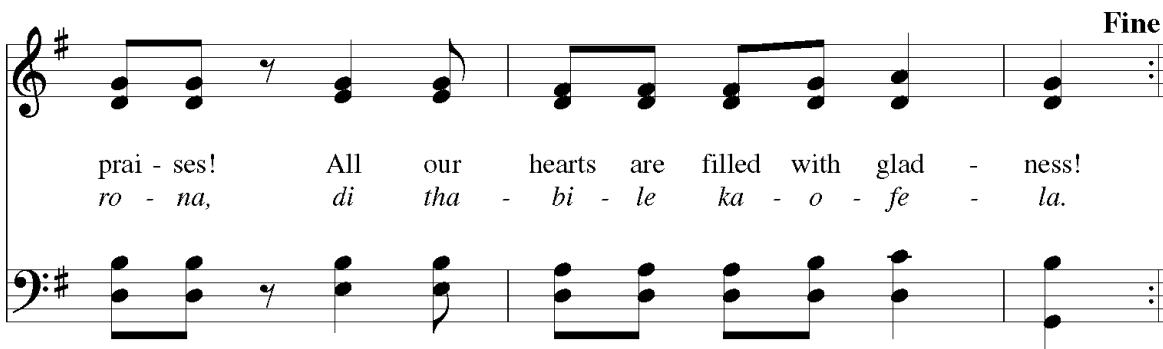
Sing in English, then Sotho, then English again



Refrain Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -



hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa



prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer (Enriching our Worship 2)

- Presider* God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

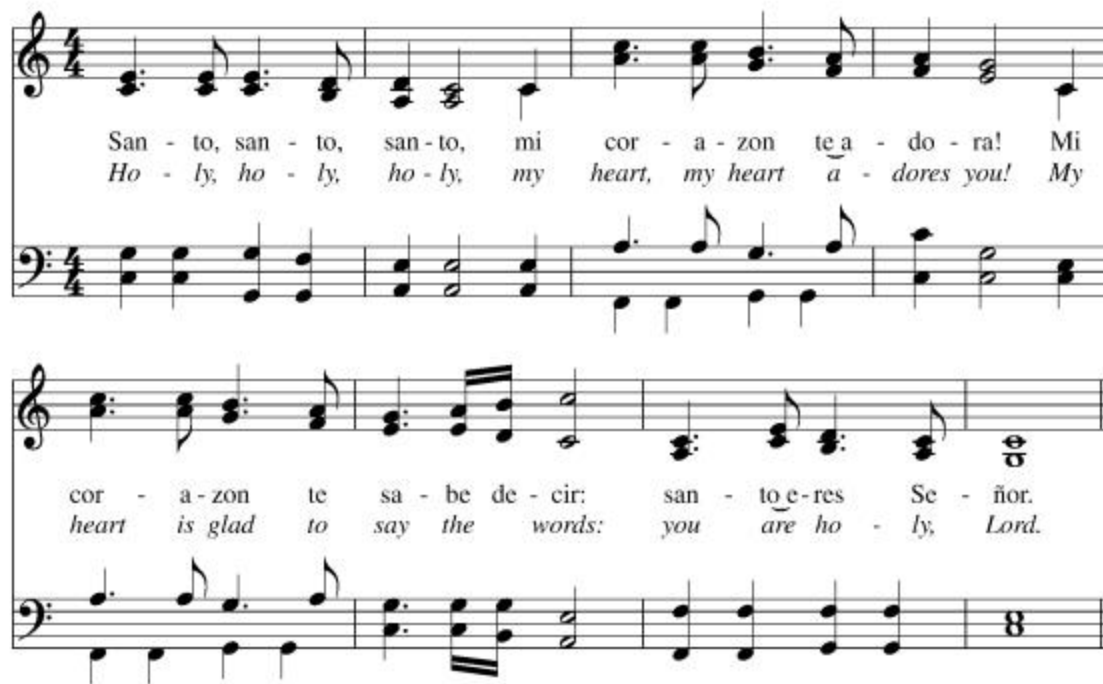
The Presider says

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet,
 as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
 Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise
 that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
 "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
 and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,
 we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
 that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
 the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, James, and all your saints,
 from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet
 prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer

Caribbean Mass

Cantor:
 Our Father, who art in heaven, holy, holy, holy be thy name.
 Our Father, who art in heaven, holy be thy name.

REFRAIN:

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 be thy name. Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, ho - ly be thy
 name. Thy king - dom come on earth, — thy will be done on
 earth. Thy king - dom come on earth — as it is in heav - en. —

to Verses

(Continued on next page)

VERSES 1 & 2:



1a, 1b. Give us ___ this day ___ our ___ dai - ly ___ bread. ___
 2a. Do not ___ lead us in - to temp - ta - tion. ___
 2b. de - liv - er us ___ from all e - vil. ___



1a, 1b. Give us ___ this day ___ our ___ dai - ly ___ bread. ___
 2a. Do not ___ lead us in - to temp - ta - tion. ___ But
 2b. De - liv - er us ___ from all



1b. dai - ly ___ bread. } And for-give us our tres - pass - es,
 2b. e - vil. }



and for-give us our tres-pass - es, as we for - give those ___ who



tres-pass ___ a - gainst us, ___ for - give us ___ our tres-pass-es.

VERSES 3 & 4:



3a. Do not ___ lead us in - to temp - ta - tion. ___
 3b. de - liv - er us ___ from all e - vil. ___
 4a, 4b. A - men, ___ a - men, a - men. ___



3a. Do not ___ lead us in - to temp - ta - tion. ___ But
 3b. De - liv - er us ___ from all e - vil. ___ (to Vs. 4)
 4a. A - men, ___ a - men, a - men. ___
 4b. A - men, ___ a - men, a - men! ___

The Breaking of the Bread (Silence is kept)

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei*

Caribbean Mass

Cantor:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us.

Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us.

All:

Lamb of God, — you take a-way — the sins of — the
world: have mer - cy, — have mer - cy — on us.
Oh — Lamb of God, — you take a-way — the sins of — the
world: have mer - cy, — have mer - cy — on us.

Cantor:

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, take away our sins.

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, grant us peace.

All:

Je - sus Christ, — Lamb of God, — Lamb of God, —
— take a - way our — sins. — Je - sus Christ, —
— Lamb of God, — Lamb of God, — grant us peace. —

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The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower

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1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

We live in a moment of uncertainty, in an age of uncertainty, in a world of uncertainty.

May you be blessed with an abiding faith that God walks with you on the road ahead wherever it may lead.

We live in a moment of inertia, in an age of inertia, in a world of inertia.

May you be blessed with the vibrancy of the Holy Spirit which will carry you forward even when you can't find the energy in yourself.

We live in a moment of tyranny, in an age of tyranny, in a world of tyranny.

May you be blessed with vision to see that Christ's just and compassionate rule does come and soon.

We live in a moment of dread, in an age of dread, in a world of dread.

May you be blessed with a deep joy that cannot be uprooted by life's vagaries and injustices.

We live in a moment of isolation, in an age of isolation, in a world of isolation.

May you be blessed with awareness that the world is saturated with connection. Connection with each other. Connection with the natural order. And chiefly our connection with that God who never ever lets us go.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 She sits like a bird,
wings o - ver earth,
dan - ces in fire,
is the Spi - rit,



brood - ing on the wa - ters, hover - ing on the cha - os of the
rest - ing where she wish - es, light - ing close at hand or soar - ing
start - ling her spec - ta - tors, wak - ing tongues of ec - sta - sy where
one with God in es - sence, gift - ed by the Sav - iour in e -



world's first day; she sighs and she sings,
through the skies; she nests in the womb,
dumb - ness reigned; she weans and in - spires
ter - nal love; she is the key —



moth - er - ing cre - a - tion, wait - ing to give birth to all the
wel - com - ing each won - der, nour - ish - ing po - ten - tial hid - den
all whose hearts are o - pen, nor can she be cap - tured, si - lenced
o - pen - ing the scrip - tures, en - e - my of ap - a - thy and



Word — will say. 2 She
to — our eyes. 3 She
or — re - strained. 4 For she
heaven - ly dove.

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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