



**THE ORDINATION
OF**

ELIZABETH ABBOTT-WELLS MCELROY

**TO THE
SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS
BY**

**THE RIGHT REVEREND BETSEY MONNOT
BISHOP OF IOWA**

**Episcopal Church of St. Martin
Davis, CA**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023
Four o'clock in the afternoon**

PREFACE TO THE ORDINATION RITES

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishop, priest, and deacon.

(Book of Common Prayer, page 510)

SERVICE NOTES

We are glad you have joined us for this wonderful occasion. The hymns can be found on pages 15 to 19 of this bulletin, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Thank you and welcome!

THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

PRELUDE Selected Preludes

Scott Nelson, Organist

Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn and Procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 657 “Love divine, all loves excelling” (*Hyfrydol*)

See page 15.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop

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 PRESENTATION

The Bishop and people sit.

Presenters

Betsy, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Iowa, we present to you Elizabeth Abbott-Wells McElroy to be ordained a priest in Christ’s holy catholic Church.

Bishop

Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the ordinand

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Answer

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present; the presenters sign as witnesses.

All stand. The Bishop says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Elizabeth McElroy for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Bishop Is it your will that Betsy be ordained a priest?

People **It is.**

Bishop Will you uphold her in this ministry?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words.

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

THE LITANY OF ORDINATION *Led by the Cantor.*

Cantor *People*

God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor *People*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

People

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Megan, Bishop of Northern California, for Betsey, Bishop of Iowa, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Betsy, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Martin, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

People

and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Cantor *People* *Cantor and People*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1–8

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Please join in singing from Psalm 132.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Psalm 132:8-19 *Memento, Domine*



- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David’s sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David;*
in truth, he will not break it.
- 12 “A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them,*
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

- 14 For the Lord has chosen Zion,*
he has desired her for his habitation.
- 15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

A reading from the Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN H 528 “Lord, you give the great commission” (*Rowthorn*)

See page 16.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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

THE SERMON

Silence is kept after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand as you are able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
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 EXAMINATION

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the ordinand.

My sister, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Answer I believe I am so called.

Bishop Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer I do.

Bishop Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family, in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Answer I will.

Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

Answer Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE PRIEST

All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop and the priests, who stand to the right and left of the Bishop. The Bishop invites Episcopal priests and other presbyters to come forward.

HYMN "Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Jacques Berthier

Melodis:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Harmony:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *The Bishop prays.*

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son Jesus our Lord, who is the image of your eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn among many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank you that by his death he has overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, has poured his gifts abundantly upon your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, the priests who are present also laying on their hands.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Betsy; fill her with grace and power, and make her a priest in your Church.

May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

The People in a loud voice respond

Amen.

The Bishop anoints the hands of the new priest. Then the new priest is vested according to the order of priests.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember Christ’s death,
 we proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
 we await Christ’s coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Saviour of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 784 "Hallelujah! We sing your praises!" (*Hallelujah! Pelo tso rona*)

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

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Fine

The Bishop then asks the new priest to bless the people.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN H 400 “All creatures of our God and King” (*Lasst uns erfreuen*)

See page 19.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE “A Trumpeting” Dale Wood

*All are cordially invited to greet the new priest and each other
at a reception in the parish hall immediately following the service.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Bishop of Northern California: The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair

Bishop of Iowa: The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins

Master of Ceremonies: The Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan

Deacon: The Ven. Margaret Grayden

Bishops’ Chaplains: The Rev. Katherine Frederick, Emily Hyberg

Ordinand: The Rev. Elizabeth McElroy

Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan, The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins, The Ven. Margaret Grayden, The Rev.

Michael Monnot, The Rev. Karen Lawler, Laura Duke, Jim Colgan

Readers: Evan McElroy, Kyle McElroy

Acolytes: Ben Brophy, Claire Qian, Kathleen Dolan

Streamer Bearer: Carole Hom

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Holm, Kimo Kimokeo

Music Ministers: Oliver Steissberg, Scott Nelson

Cantor and Soloist: Laura Duke

Ushers: Joan Cavanagh, Ben Guthrie

Livestream Coordinator: Janet Lane

Flowers: Arranged by Carole Hom and gathered from the gardens of St. Martin’s parishioners

Reception Coordinator: Maria Acuna-Feldman

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally-recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

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Hymnal 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" (*Hyfrydol*)

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Hymnal 528 "Lord, you give the great commission" (Rowthorn)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bo - dy,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



1 preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
 2 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 3 this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glo - ry,
 4 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 5 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1 and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 2 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 3 dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 4 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 5 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



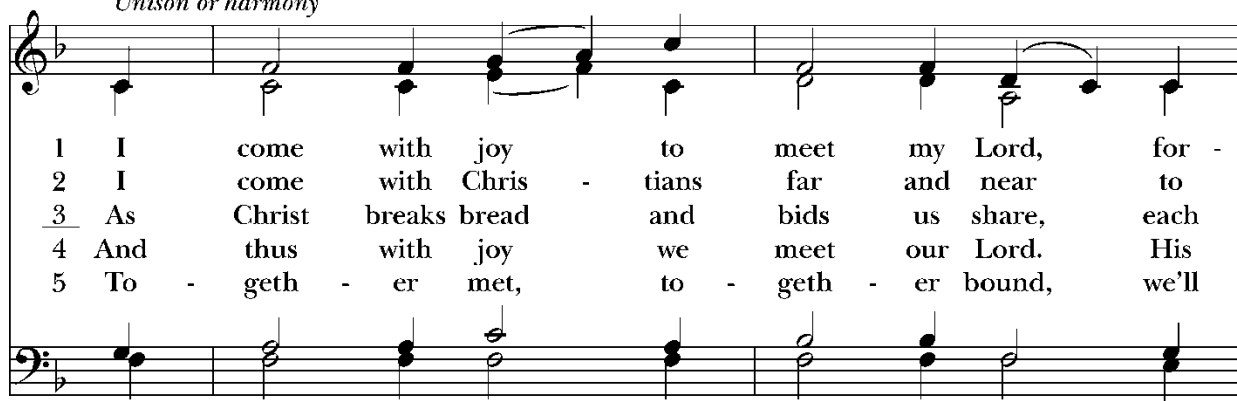
1 pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 2 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
 3 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty; with the
 4 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 5 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Spi - rit's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Hymnal 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" (*Land of Rest*)

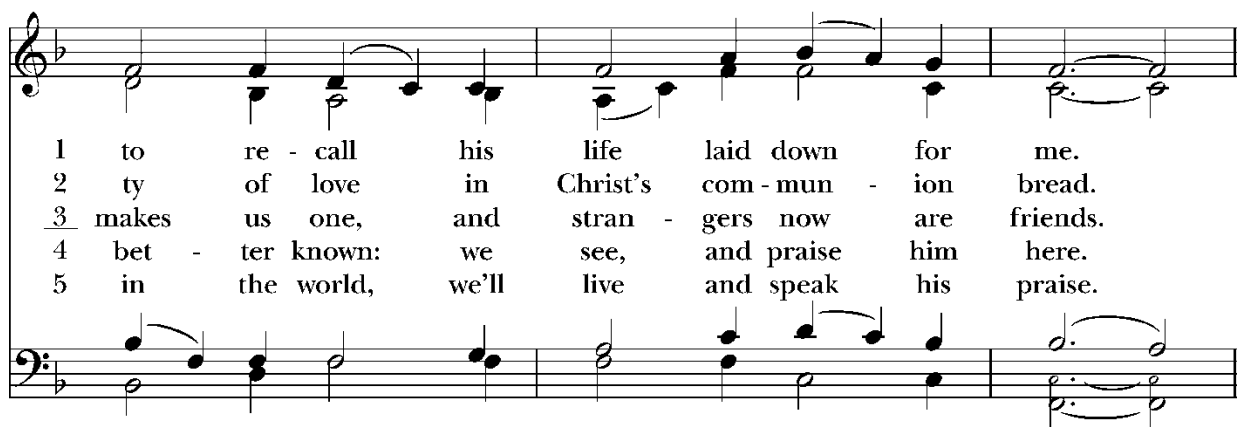
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Hymnal 315 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray" (Song 1)

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - ce -
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Hymnal 400 "All creatures of our God and King" (*Lasst uns erfreuen*)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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It is with great joy and gratitude that I welcome you all here to celebrate with me. Whether you traveled from nearby or far away or are joining via the gift of the internet, your presence strengthens and nourishes me as I step into my new ministry as a priest in Christ's Church.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

I am here, standing before you and God, because I have been surrounded by you, my great cloud of witnesses. I remember those who came before me, celebrate with gratitude those of you who stand here with me, and know that the Spirit will provide those who will support me in my future.

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With grace and love, Betsy+

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