

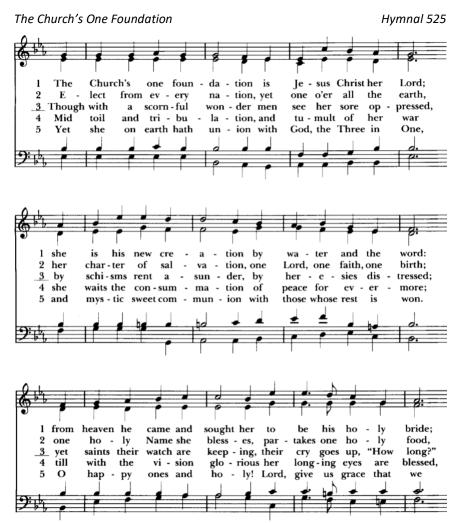
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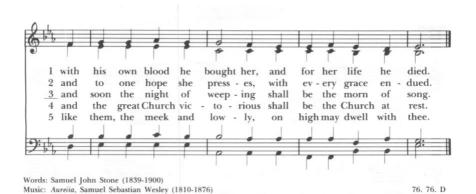
November 7-8, 2025 Ambridge, Pennsylvania

**OPENING EUCHARIST** 

# The Order for a Service of Holy Communion

# THE ENTRANCE HYMN





# THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

# THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, by your Holy Spirit you presided in the council of the blessed Apostles, and you promised, through your Son Jesus Christ, to be with your Church to the end of the world: Be with the council of your Church assembled here in your Name and presence. Save us from all error, ignorance, prejudice, and pride; and of your great mercy direct, sanctify, and govern us in our work, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit; that the order and discipline of your Church may be maintained, and that the Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed in all places, breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till all your scattered sheep, being gathered into one fold, become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The People are invited to be seated.

### THE EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-10

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

# The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 19:7-14

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; \*

the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; \*

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever; \*

the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; \* sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, \*

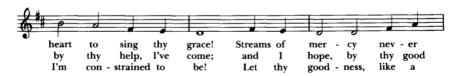
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

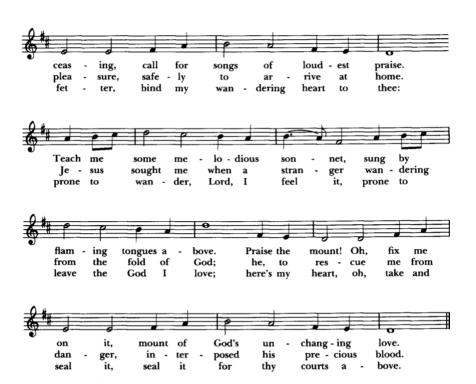
# SEQUENCE HYMN

# Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal 686







Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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# THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-11

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

### THE SERMON

# The Right Reverend Alex Cameron

# THE NICENE CREED

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the celebrant first saying Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, 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

Led by the Rev. Michael Hustead

After each bidding

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

### The Celebrant concludes

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. Deacon

Silence. Then the Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;

### The Bishop stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

### THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

# Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory's won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and

the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head

above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People And of your own have we given you.

# THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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:

# THE SANCTUS





Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

# THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here

before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: Celebrant and People together pray 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,

### THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

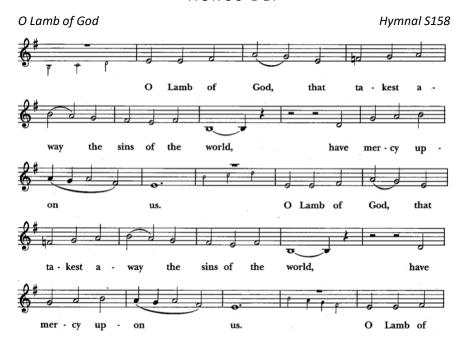
# THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

### AGNUS DEI





Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

# THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant gives this invitation

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.

### COMMUNION SONGS

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth And where the verdant pastures grow With food so heav'nly feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me

Refrain Sing praise for love that knows no end

To Christ who died for sin

For He will all your wrongs forgive The King of love my Shepherd is

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee dear Lord beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spread'st a table in my sight Thy Spirit grace bestoweth And O what pleasures of delight From Thy pure cup o'erfloweth And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever

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### Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise Strength of God go before lift me up As I wake Eyes of God look upon be my sight

As I wait Heart of God satisfy and sustain As I hear Voice of God lead me on be my guide be my guide

Chorus Above and below me

Before and behind me In ev'ry eye that sees me Christ be all around me

As I go
Hand of God my defense by my side
As I rest
Breath of God fall upon bring me peace
Bring me peace

Interlude Oh, Christ be all around me

Oh, Christ be all around me

Bridge Your life Your death Your blood

Was shed for ev'ry moment ev'ry moment

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# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together pray

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

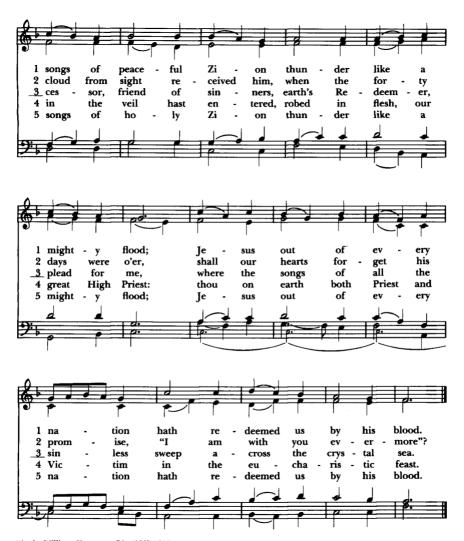
# THE BLESSING

# The Celebrant gives this blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# THE EXIT HYMN





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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# THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rt. Rev. Alex Cameron

Master of Ceremonies
The Rev. Michael Hustead

Chaplain
The Rev. Ethan Carlson

Assisting Priests
The Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Henry
The Rev. Michael Hustead
The Rev. Cody Ramer

The Rev. Lauren Scharf
The Rev. Elaine Storm

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