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*on*  
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Sunday June 09, 2019  
6.00pm

The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels  
Bridgetown

**CELEBRANT**

The Most Rev'd Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa  
**ARCHBISHOP OF TANZANIA AND BISHOP OF  
TANGA**

**PREACHER**

The Right Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell  
**BISHOP OF BARBADOS**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## PROCESSION

## INTROIT HYMN 292

Praise the Spirit in creation,  
breath of God, life's origin:  
Spirit, moving on the waters,  
quickenning worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing,  
life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion  
of our inmost thoughts and ways;  
who, in showing us God's wonders,  
is himself the power to gaze;  
and God's will, to those who listen,  
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened  
priests and prophets with the word;  
his the truth behind the wisdoms  
which as yet know not our Lord;  
by whose love and power, in Jesus  
God himself was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus  
armed a people for his own;  
how a hundred men and women  
turned the known world upside down,  
to its dark and furthest corners  
by the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,  
on our lives descend in might;  
let your flame break out within us,  
fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
till, white-hot in your possession,  
we, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,  
praise the Father, praise the Word,  
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,  
Trinity in deep accord:  
through your voice which speaks within us  
we, your creatures, call you Lord.

**WELCOME:** *The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson*  
*Dean of The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels*

**PRESIDENT:**

When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. *John 15:26,27*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL**

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL**

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**ALL**

**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 KYRIES**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;**

**you alone are the Lord:**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**PRESIDENT:**           The Lord be with you.

**ALL:**                    **And also with you.**

## THE COLLECTS

PRESIDENT:           Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Holy Sacraments, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### USPG Collect

Blessed Lord, ruler of time and space, whose children, our forebears in times past, sowed again the work of mission in your beloved Church: renew in us, their heirs, the vision enshrined in the Gospel of your Son, giving us wisdom to en flesh it anew, within the fellowship of the worldwide Church, and grant us grace to grow and share, and die if need be, in the years and places to which you lead us, giving you alone the glory. *Amen*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** - *Mrs. Mary Weekes*

*The St. Michael Centre For Faith & Action*

**READER:**    **A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Joel, Chapter two: beginning at the first verse.**

Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. In response to his people the Lord said: I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations. I will remove the northern army far from you, and drive it into a parched and desolate land, its front into the eastern sea, and its rear into the western sea; its stench and foul smell will rise up. Surely he has done great things! Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has

done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

READER:     The Word of the Lord

ALL:           **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN 376**

### ***Refrain***

*O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord!*

*Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord!*

*O praise ye the Lord! O praise ye the Lord!*

*Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord.*

In the firmament of his power, praise him!  
For his mighty acts, let us praise him!  
For his excellent greatness, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

***Refrain:***

With the sound of the trumpet, praise him!  
With the psaltery and harp, O praise him!  
With the dance and the timbrel, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

***Refrain:***

With stringed instruments, let us praise him!  
And with organs, O let us praise him!  
With the high and loud cymbals, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

***Coda:***

Let every thing that hath breath,  
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING - *Mr. John Neilsson***  
*Chair of Trustees of USPG*

**READER: A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter two, beginning at the first verse.**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.



READER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 290**

On the day of Pentecost,  
when the twelve assembled,  
came on them the Holy Ghost  
in fire that tongues resembled,  
in fire that tongues resembled.

In the power of God he came,  
as the Lord had told them,  
in his blessed, holy name  
with wisdom to uphold them,  
with wisdom to uphold them.

In the Spirit then they stood  
to proclaim Christ dying,  
and that he for all men's good  
doth live, true strength supplying,  
doth live, true strength supplying.

Still the might by which we live  
from our God descendeth;  
still his Spirit Christ doth give,  
who guideth and defendeth,  
who guideth and defendeth.

Praise, O praise our heavenly King  
for his grace towards us;  
gladly now his glory sing,  
who doth his power afford us,  
who doth his power afford us.

**THE GOSPEL:**        *The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn*  
                                 *Assistant Priest, St. John*

**READER:**            The Lord be with you.

**ALL:**                 **And also with you.**

**GOSPELLER:**    **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, written in the fourteenth chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.**

**ALL:**                 **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**GOSPELLER:**        This is the Gospel of Christ.

**ALL:**                 **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen or 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,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in fulfillment of 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

*The Rev'd Duncan Dormor*

*Chief Executive Officer/ General Secretary USPG*

**LEADER**

Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ, and for all  
God's creatures.

**LEADER**

With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and Saviour, we  
offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit and in truth.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL:           Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER**

With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to  
intercede for us, we uphold all ministers of God's Word and  
Sacraments, that they may fulfill their high calling in the faith.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL:           Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER**

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who  
are called to interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL:           Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their work may edify the people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

For the leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

For our Judges, Magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people. Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

In our schools, and in all other places of learning, may true knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and discrimination of any kind, may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice and protection.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

To all who suffer now from pain and disease, discomfort or misery, may God in Christ bring healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

That we may use aright the fullness of the Earth, that our pursuits in science, and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity, which is created in the image of God.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

That we may never become slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may rather strive for victory through the power of love.

Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER

That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed, we may ever rejoice in the blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won for us in Christ. Father in Heaven.

**ALL: Receive these our prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ACT OF PENITENCE**

*The congregation kneels.*

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

**ALL:**

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

**PRESIDENT:**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF THE PEACE**

**PRESIDENT:**

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL:**

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**PRESIDENT:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **HYMN 296**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

***Refrain:***

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love,  
And for these blessings,  
we lift our hearts in praise,  
without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness, and believe.  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way,'

***Refrain:***

**GREETINGS & NOTICES:** *The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson*

**OFFERTORY HYMNS: 279, 294**

**HYMN 279**

Let every Christian pray,  
this day, and every day,  
come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love  
commissioned from above?  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth  
the church of Christ on earth  
to seek and save the lost:  
never has he withdrawn,  
since that tremendous dawn,  
his gifts at Pentecost.

Age after age, he strove  
to teach her how to love:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!



Age after age, anew,  
she proved the gospel true:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Only the Spirit's power  
can fit us for this hour:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite;  
and make us see the light:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!

## HYMN 294

Spirit of God within me,  
possess my human frame;  
fan the dull embers of my heart,  
stir up the living flame.  
Strive till that image Adam lost,  
new-minted and restored,  
in shining splendour brightly bears  
the likeness of the Lord.

Spirit of truth within me,  
possess my thought and mind;  
lighten anew the inward eye  
by Satan rendered blind;  
shine on the words that wisdom speaks,  
and grant me power to see  
the truth made known to all in Christ,  
and in that truth be free.

Spirit of love within me,  
possess my hands and heart;  
break through the bonds of self-concern  
that seeks to stand apart;  
grant me the love that suffers long,  
that hopes, believes and bears,  
the love fulfilled in sacrifice  
that cares as Jesus cares.

Spirit of life within me,  
possess this life of mine;  
come as the wind of heaven's breath,  
come as the fire divine!  
Spirit of Christ, the living Lord,  
reign in this house of clay,  
till from its dust with Christ I rise  
to everlasting day.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

### PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down (on this day) from heaven, lighting

upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Congregation kneels as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.*

**PRESIDENT**

All Holy and glorious Father,  
our Creator God,  
we give you thanks  
because in your loving wisdom  
you brought all things into being,  
and are truly worthy of praise  
from every creature you have made.

Again and again we have turned away from you;  
yet in every age your steadfast love  
has called us to return,  
to live in union with you:  
for it is your eternal purpose  
to put new life into all things  
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,  
to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to his disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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."

## **PRESIDENT**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

## **ALL**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **PRESIDENT**

And so, Heavenly Father,  
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;  
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice  
made once for all upon the Cross;  
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;  
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;  
and looking for His Coming in glory;  
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept  
this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and grant that all who eat and drink  
of the Body and Blood of your Son,  
our great High Priest,  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love unite in us.  
Unite us with all Bishops,  
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,  
and with the whole people of God,  
living and departed,  
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready  
to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Holy Apostles, and all your saints,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:  
Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(To be recited in the native languages of the congregation)*

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**ALL**

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in  
one bread.**

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **THE INVITATION**

**PRESIDENT:**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**ALL**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad  
songs of praise to Him.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS: Motet, 584, 627, 327,278**

## HYMN 584

Father God, the Lord, Creator,  
by whose hand we all are fed,  
in your mercy re-create us  
at the breaking of the bread.

Christ our Lord, be present with us,  
risen victorious from the dead!  
In your mercy may we know you  
in the breaking of the bread.

Holy Spirit, God's empowering,  
by whose life the Church is led;  
in your mercy, send us strengthened  
from the breaking of the bread.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
hear our praises — sung and said.  
From our hearts comes our thanksgiving  
for the breaking of the bread.

## HYMN 627

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,  
O Jesus Christ, we pray;  
so may we well approach thee,  
if thou wilt be the Way:

thou, very Truth, hast promised  
to help us in our strife,  
food of the weary pilgrim,  
eternal source of life.

And thou, creator Spirit,  
look on us, we are thine;  
renew in us thy graces,  
upon our darkness shine;  
that, with thy benediction  
upon our souls outpoured,  
we may receive in gladness  
the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,  
O Unity most high,  
on thee alone relying  
thy servants would draw nigh:  
unworthy in our weakness,  
on thee our hope is stayed,  
and blessed by thy forgiveness  
we will not be afraid.

### **HYMN 327**

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim.  
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!



We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.  
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,  
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting king!

## **HYMN 278**

Holy Spirit, truth divine  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
voice of God, and inward light,  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle every high desire;  
perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine,  
fill and nerve this will of mine;  
by thee may I strongly live,  
bravely bear, and nobly strive.  
Holy Spirit, law divine,  
reign within this soul of mine;  
be my law, and I shall be  
firmly bound, for ever free.

Holy Spirit, peace divine  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
gladden thou this heart of mine;  
In the desert ways I sing,  
spring, O well, for ever spring.

## **POST COMMUNION**

**ALL:**

**Almighty Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BISHOP:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** The Maker of heaven and earth.

**BISHOP:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord:

**PEOPLE:** From this time forth and for evermore.

## **THE BLESSING**

The spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL: Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 295

There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."

Lose your shyness, find your tongue;  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today.

When believers break the bread  
when a hungry child is fed:  
praise the love that Christ revealed  
living, working in our world.

Still his Spirit leads the fight,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today.

When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

**PRESIDENT:**            Go in peace and serve the Lord

**ALL:**                    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE