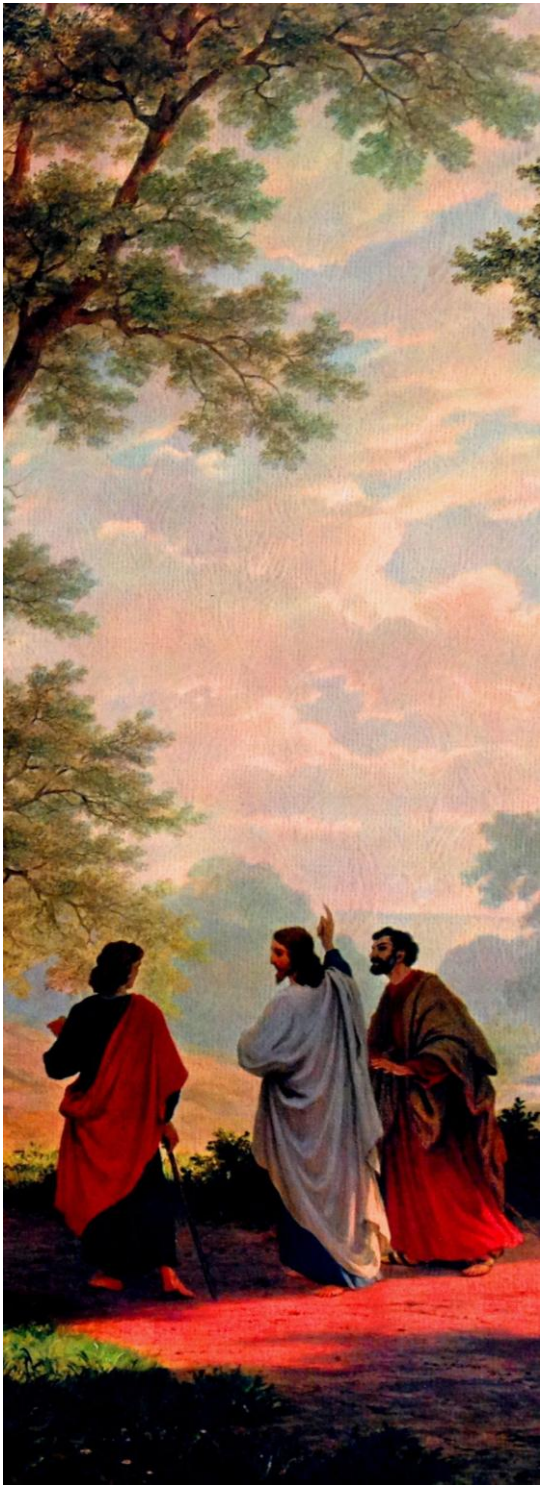


DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Permanent
Diaconate Formation Program

RITE OF INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES

Saturday, October 24, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

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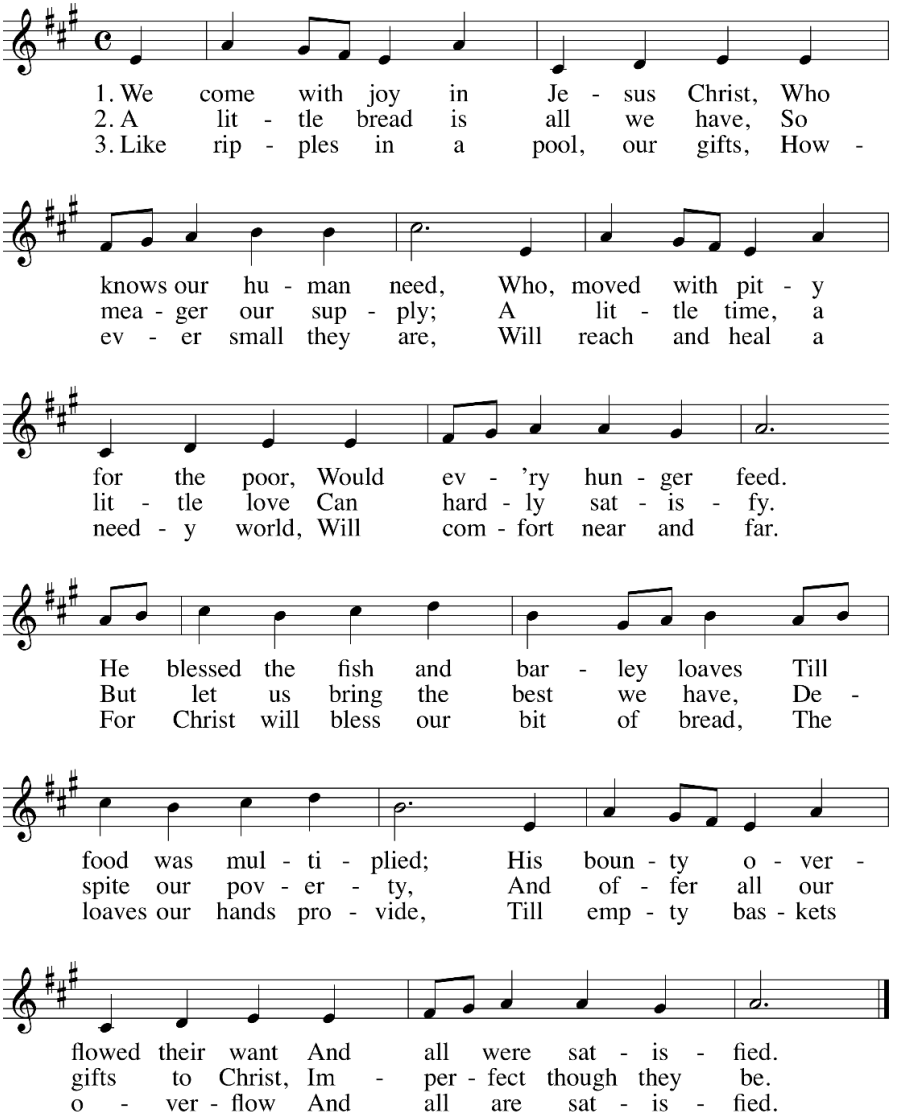
LITURGICAL MUSIC
Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, *Doreen Ignatovich, Director*
Mark Ignatovich, *Director of Music Ministry, Cathedral Organist*
Gina Pascolini, *Cantor*

LITURGICAL ART AND ENVIRONMENT
William J. Manley

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

"We Come with Joy in Jesus Christ"



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Tune: ELLACOMBE, CMD; *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, Wirtemberg, 1784

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Primera lectura
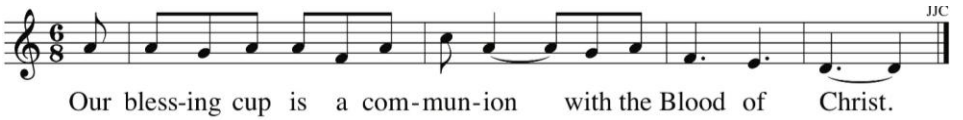
1 Reyes 19, 9a. 11-13a

Al llegar al monte de Dios, el Horeb, el profeta Elías entró en una cueva y permaneció allí. El Señor le dijo: "Sal de la cueva y quédate en el monte para ver al Señor, porque el Señor va a pasar". Así lo hizo Elías y, al acercarse el Señor, vino primero un viento huracanado, que partía las montañas y resquebrajaba las rocas; pero el Señor no estaba en el viento. Se produjo después un terremoto; pero el Señor no estaba en el terremoto. Luego vino un fuego; pero el Señor no estaba en el fuego. Después del fuego se escuchó el murmullo de una brisa suave. Al oírlo, Elías se cubrió el rostro con el manto y salió a la entrada de la cueva.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:12-13, 15,16ab,17-18,39



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SECOND READING

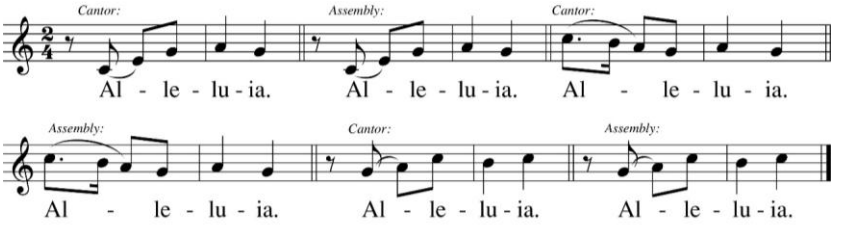
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Palabra del Señor. **R. Te alabamos, Señor**.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



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EVANGELIO

Lucas 9, 11-17

En aquel tiempo, Jesús habló del Reino de Dios a la multitud y curó a los enfermos. Cuando caía la tarde, los doce apóstoles se acercaron a decirle: "Despide a la gente para que vayan a los pueblos y caseríos a buscar alojamiento y comida, porque aquí estamos en un lugar solitario". Él les contestó: "Denles ustedes de comer". Pero ellos le replicaron: "No tenemos más que cinco panes y dos pescados; a no ser que vayamos nosotros mismos a comprar víveres para toda esta gente". Eran como cinco mil varones. Entonces Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Hagan que se sienten en grupos como de cincuenta". Así lo hicieron, y todos se sentaron. Después Jesús tomó en sus manos los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y levantando su mirada al cielo, pronunció sobre ellos una oración de acción de gracias, los partió y los fue dando a los discípulos para que ellos los distribuyeran entre la gente. Comieron todos y se saciaron, y de lo que sobró se llenaron doce canastos.

The Gospel of the Lord**.** **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

(sit)

Father DeCelles: Those to be instituted in the ministry of acolyte please come forward.

William Chechel
Thomas J. Krzan
Stephen O. Muntzenberger
Paul M. Zwolan
Jeffrey R. Kovaleski
Kevin J. Martin
dJusto Paula-Martínez

Candidate: Present.

HOMILY
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

INVITATION TO PRAYER
(stand)

Bishop Bambera: Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord for those chosen by him to serve in the ministry of acolyte. Let us ask him to fill them with his blessing and strengthen them for faithful service in the Church.

(Silent prayer)

PRAYER

Bishop Bambera: God of mercy,
through your only Son you
entrusted the bread of life to your Church.
Bless our brothers, who have been chosen for the ministry of acolyte. Grant that they may be faithful in the service of your altar and in giving to others the Bread of Life;
may they grow always in faith and love,
and so build up your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

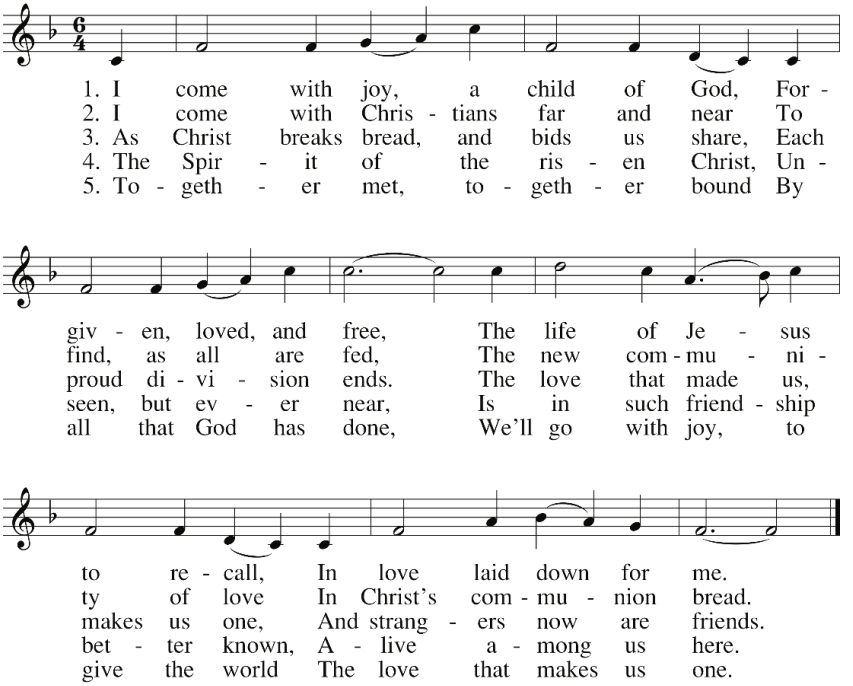
INSTITUTION
The candidates go to the Bishop, who gives them a vessel with the bread to be consecrated.

Bishop Bambera: Take this vessel with bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church.

Acolyte: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
"I Come with Joy"

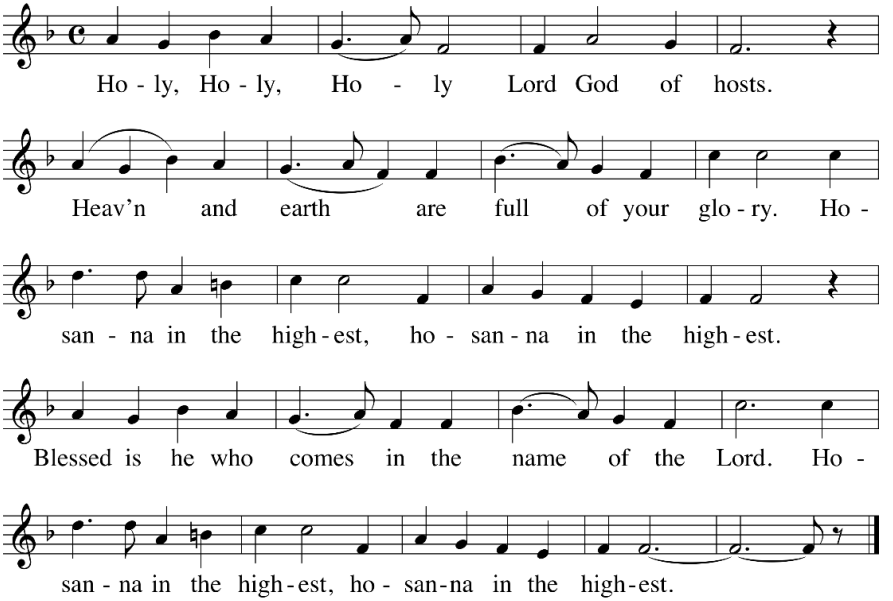


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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

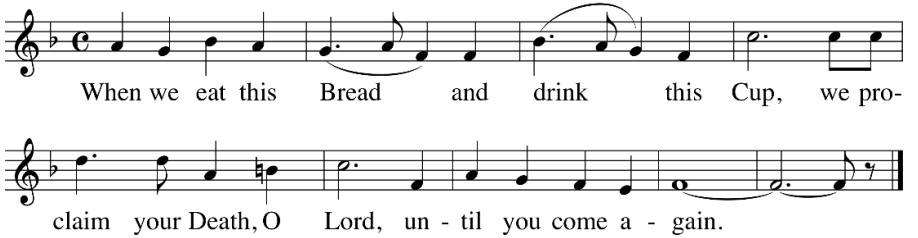
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS
"Acclamations from *A Community Mass*"
Proulx

Sanctus
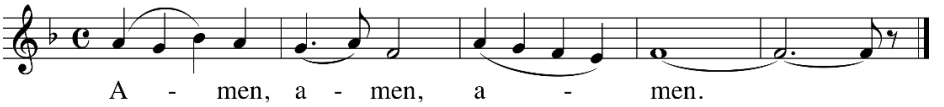


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Memorial Acclamation



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Amen



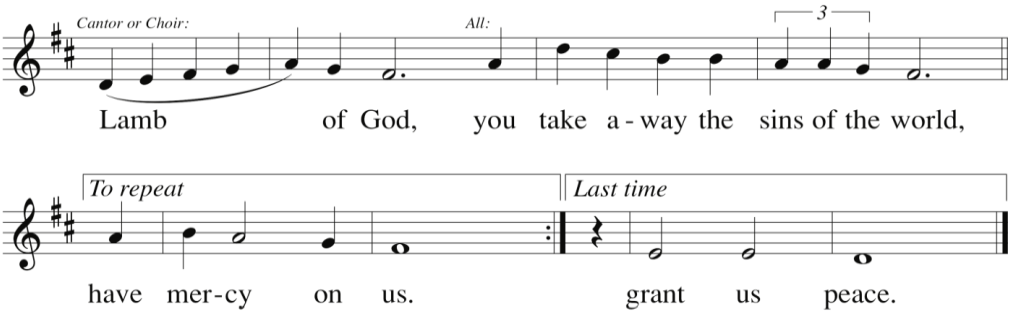
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THE LORD'S PRAYER AND SIGN OF PEACE

THE RITE OF PEACE

Bishop Bambera: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

THE FRACTION RITE
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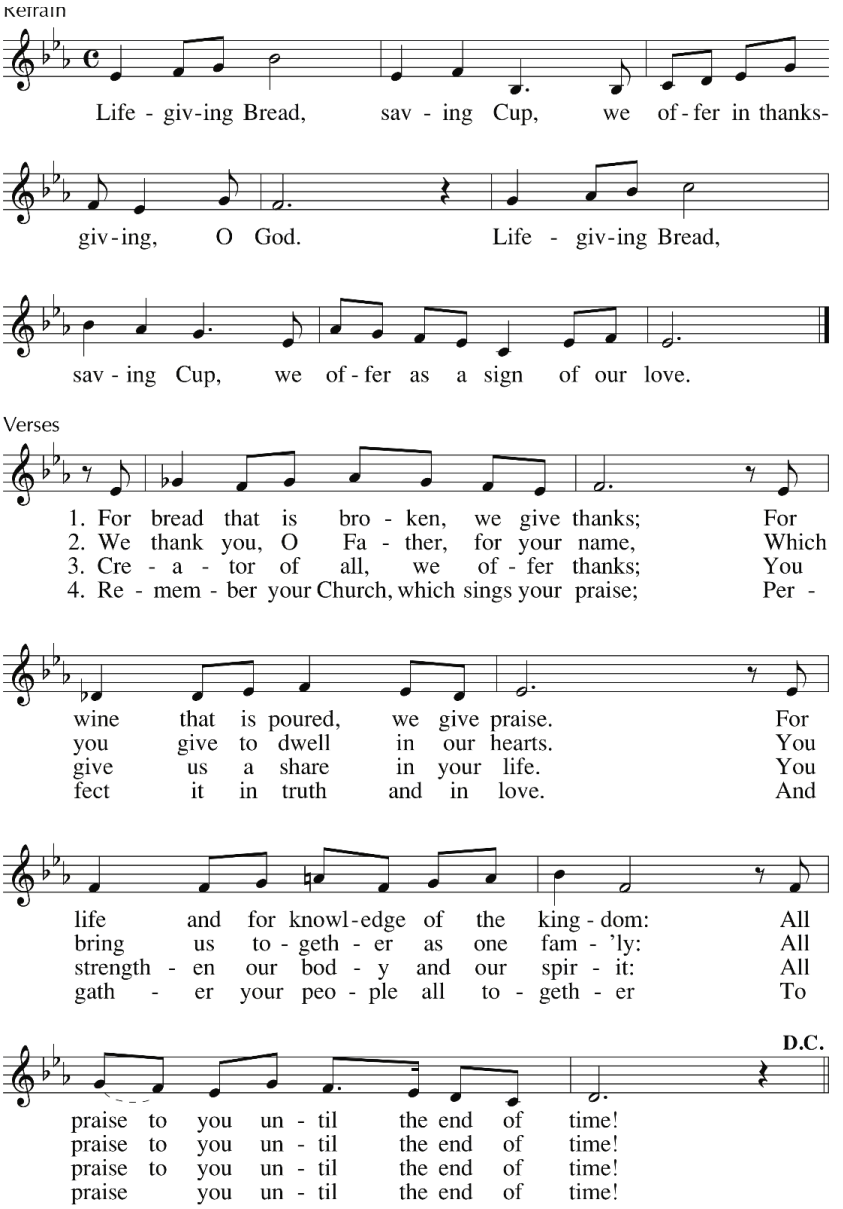


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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop Bambera: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

HYMN DURING COMMUNION
"Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup"
Chepponis



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop Bambera: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Bambera: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All: **Now and for ever.**

Bishop Bambera: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
All: **Who made Heaven and earth.**

Bishop Bambera: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**
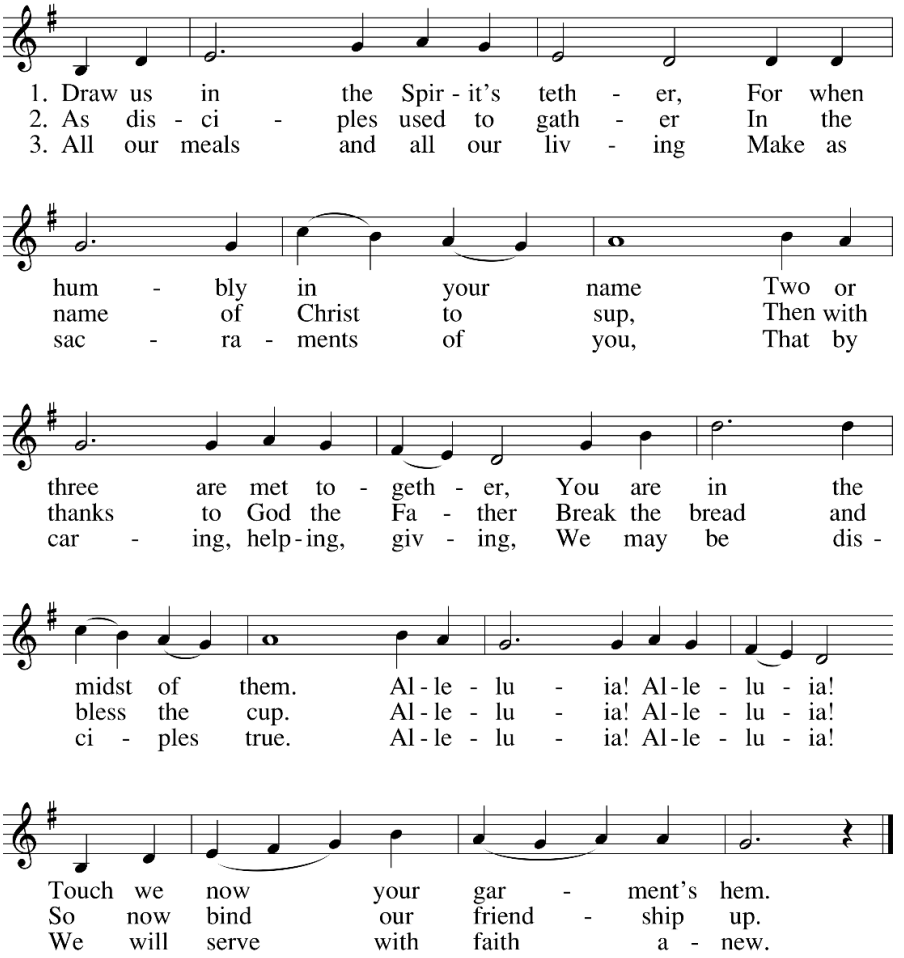
DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: **Thanks be to God.**



SONG OF SENDING FORTH

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"



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