



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
HELENA, MONTANA

THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN

The Holy Eucharist
The Renewal of Ministry:
The Welcoming of a
New Dean and Rector
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 4, 2026
9:00 AM & LIVESTREAMED

WELCOME, ALL

We're glad and grateful that you're with us today to celebrate The Holy Eucharist together on this joyful occasion. Whether you've been worshiping here for years or today is your first time, we hope you find richness in offering your prayers and praise with others in this holy space.

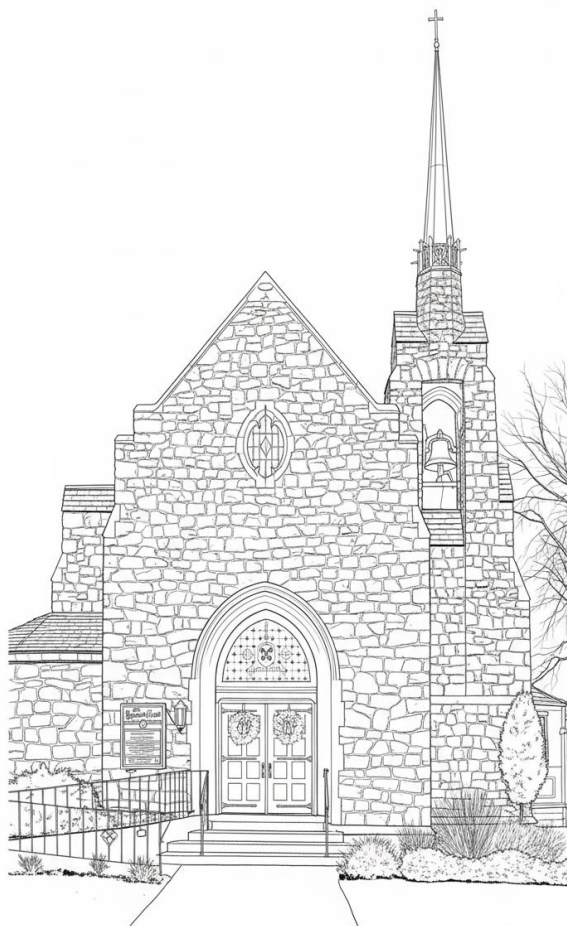
If you have a prayer request or would like a clergy visit, please fill out a "Welcome" card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.

After worship, please join us downstairs for a reception to welcome Dean Kendra and her family. It's a time to share conversation with friends old and new and to celebrate the ministries of St. Peter's inside these walls and beyond.

In worship, the People's responses are printed in boldface.

*Please silence
electronic devices.*

We draw our liturgy from a variety of approved resources. Please see endnotes for sources and permissions.



**"Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals,
yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built
into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 2:4-5**

PRELUDE *Canon in D*, Johann Pachelbel

Annie Goodwin, Violin
John Goodwin, Organ

THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE SMUDGING OF THE PEOPLE

Smudging by Elder Darcy O'Dell, Togendowagan Spirit Society

We gather and live on the Creator's lands, lands that have been blessed and cared for by the people and ancestors of the Crow (Apsáalooke), Northern Cheyenne (Tsétsêhéstâhese/So'taahe), Confederated Salish and Kootenai (Séliš/Q'ispé/Ksanka), Blackfeet (Niitsitapi – Pikuni/Kainai/Siksika), Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux (Assiniboine/Nakoda), Fort Belknap Indian Community (Assiniboine – Nakoda/Gros Ventre - Aaniih), Chippewa and Cree, Sioux (Dakota/Lakota), Shoshone-Bannock, Plains Cree, Métis and Little Shell Tribes and Nations.

We recognize and honor the many generations across time immemorial of Indigenous peoples who have lived in holy relationship with these lands, long before many of us, and who continue to live among and alongside us today. We recognize the painful legacy of colonization, displacement, and broken treaties, and we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

As members of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, we acknowledge that this is only a first step. In the spirit of Christ's call to love, justice, and reconciliation, we commit ourselves to learning, listening, and walking together toward healing and equity for Indigenous peoples, nations, and tribes.

May this acknowledgement be more than words, may it be a living prayer, a shared journey, and a sacred responsibility with Indigenous communities across Montana and beyond. —Edited by Darcy O'Dell and read by Maggie Stockwell

PRELUDE

The Magpie Singers

PRELUDE *Joy to the world*

Bells rung by congregants of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral and Our Redeemer's Lutheran, arranged and directed by Autumn Keller

The People stand, as able

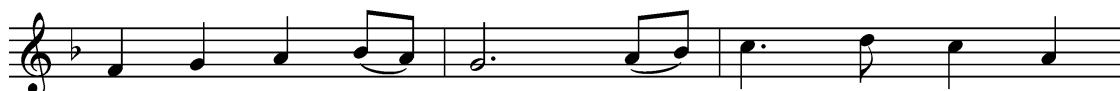
OPENING HYMN

All are welcome in this place

Tune: *Two Oaks*



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all	can	safe - ly	live,	A	place	where	saints	and
words	are	strong	and	true,	Where	all	God's	chil - dren
wa -	ter,	wine	and	wheat:	A	ban -	quet	hall
yond	the	wood	and	stone	To	heal	and	strength - en,
songs	and	vi -	sions	heard	And	loved	and	treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THE PRESENTATION

The People standing, the Bishop says

	Blessed be our God.
<i>People</i>	For ever and ever. Amen.
<i>Bishop</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Bishop</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God, Creator of all.
<i>Bishop</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Bishop</i>	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 INSTITUTION

The People are seated.

The Wardens stand near the Bishop. The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering, and concludes
People of St. Peter's, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Dean and Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called Kendra Wilde to be our Dean and Rector, and she has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution is read.

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

The Bishop continues

Are you, the people of St. Peter's, ready to continue in your ministry, with Kendra as your priest?

We are.

Wardens and Search Committee members escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly, and say

Kendra, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

Dean Amen.

The Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Montana, presents a copy of the Diocesan Canons and says

Kendra, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

Dean Amen.

Retired Deans present the Parish Register and say

Kendra, in this register, record the milestones of our parishioners' lives.

Dean Amen. I humbly follow the path worn in love by the feet of those who have served before me.

THE DEAN'S DISCRETIONARY APPOINTMENTS

The Dean continues

Raymond and Stephen, acknowledging your years of service, and on behalf of this congregation that you faithfully shepherded through times of trial and seasons of rejoicing, I am humbled to name each of you as a Dean Emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral. May Our Lord bless and keep you.

The Deans Emeriti reply Amen.

The Dean continues

Stephen and Robin, acknowledging the love, gifts, and skills you bring to our common life, I name you cathedral Canons: Stephen to help guide us in the ministry of formation and Robin in the ministry of liturgy and worship. May Our Lord bless and keep you.

The Canons reply Amen.

The Word of God

All Lectors rise as representatives present the Lectern Bible. Together all Lectors say

Kendra, from this book we proclaim and hear God's word spoken. Please join us in the ministry of sharing the messages of these sacred texts.

Dean Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation remains seated for the Psalm.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 84:1-8 *(The Leader and People alternate as noted at the whole verse)*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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Thanks be to God.

All Choristers and Instrumentalists rise as representatives present a hymnal. Together all say

Kendra, please join us in the ministry of singing texts ancient and new.

Dean Amen. Let us join our voices to the choirs of saints and angels.

The People stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Gentle Joseph heard a warning

Tune: Pleading Savior



1 Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the night;
2 Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing safe - ty, flee - ing strife,
3 Give us, God, such faith and cour - age when we move from place to place,



val - iant Mar - y, maid - en moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for flight:
leav - ing house and land and kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life;
and to those who come a - mong us, make us chan - nels of your grace.



thus the Christ - child's fam - 'ly lived out what the proph - et had fore - told,
through the des - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they went,
Let us see in ev - 'ry strang - er ref - u - gees from Beth - le - hem,



that he might be called from E - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.
guid - ed by God's prom - ised pres - ence, by that trust made con - fi - dent.
help us of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the

death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

The People sit.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Ben Quanbeck
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop, Montana Synod

The People stand, as able.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop Kendra and people of St. Peter's: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Water is poured into the font. The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Dean Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ASPERGES

The People sit after they have been asperged.

THE PRAYERS

All Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members may rise. The Bishop of the Montana Synod brings forward a symbol of prayer, as those standing say

Kendra, may this symbol remind you of our shared life in Christ and our common practices of love, for we lift our voices in prayer together.

Dean Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, we pray as one.

Togendowagan members rise as a representative offers a symbol. All Togendowagan members say

Kendra, with this symbol we offer songs and praises from the ancestors who shepherd and companion us in our walk with Christ on Creator's holy ground. Let us walk and pray together.

Dean Amen. In the Spirit of God, we honor the gifts of the ancestors and bid their ongoing presence.

All Intercessors and Worship Leaders rise, as representatives bring a Book of Common Prayer. All say

Kendra, we offer this symbol of our shared life of prayer. Please join us in praying without ceasing.

Dean Amen. Let us pray with all who yearn for Christ's reconciling, healing love.

The People may stand, kneel, or sit, as able.

A LITANY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Intercessor Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love,
Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and wherever you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

Hear us, O Christ.

The Bishop concludes

O God the Creator and ruler of all things, your reign grows like a mustard seed into abundant life: Bless those who plant and tend the new life of your Church, that it may be a sign of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation. **Amen.**

All Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers rise and say together

Kendra, please join us in our ministries of service at the altar, share Christ's reconciling presence with us, call us to repentance, and assure us of God's forgiveness and love.

Dean Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

The People stand, as able.

THE PEACE

The Bishop and Dean together say to the People

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Ushers will circulate to distribute stones for a presentation later in the liturgy.

The People sit.

The Bishop acknowledges and celebrates Kendra's family.

The Holy Communion

Oblation Bearers bring the people's gifts of bread and wine, pausing before the Dean.

All children and youth, with their families, teachers, and helpers, stand and say together

Kendra, please join us in growing in wisdom and grace. We want to be fed by Jesus. Please join us at Christ's table to offer and consecrate these gifts of bread and wine.

Dean Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The People stand as able. The Oblation Bearers continue to the altar to present the gifts.

The Bishop says an offertory sentence.

*Cash and undesignated checks given today will benefit
St. Peter's discretionary fund and the Diocesan discretionary
fund to assist those in our communities who are in need.*

OFFERTORY HYMN*O God beyond all praising*Tune: *Thaxted*

1. O — God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its — frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you our God most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;

for — we can on - ly won - der at — ev - 'ry gift you send,
but — hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be — filled with good or ill,

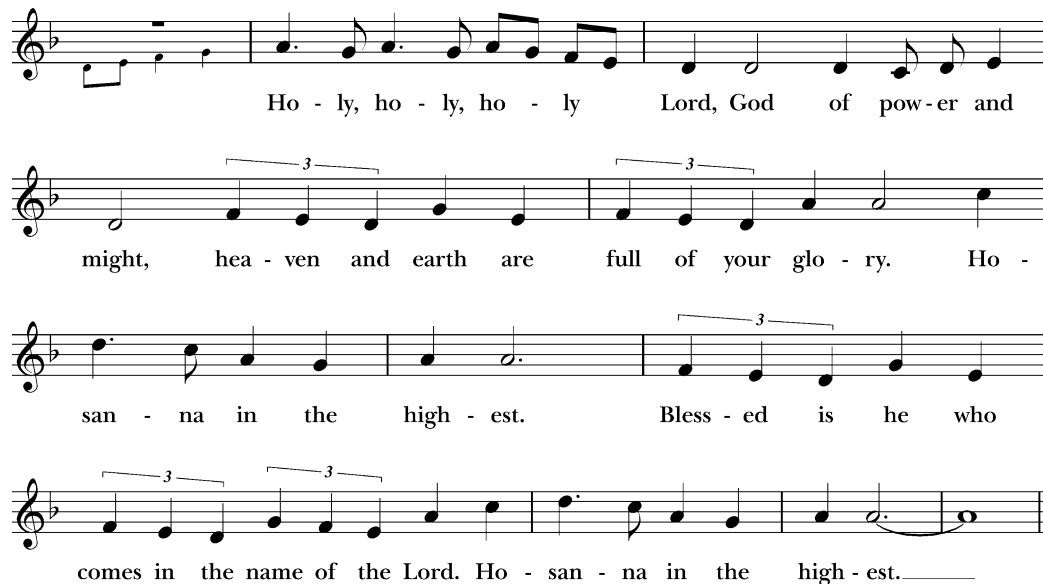
at — bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
through small im - mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll — tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we — lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for — Christ the One from heav - en from death has set us free,
to — mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we — hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*Ushers present the offering plates.***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****The Lord be with you.****And also with you.****Lift up your hearts.****We lift them to the Lord.****Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.****It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

The People may stand, kneel, or sit, as able.

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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Silence

Alleluia. We who are many are one body;
Because we share one bread and one cup. Alleluia.

The Bishop says an invitation to Holy Communion.

The People may be seated.

Please refer to the maps in the pew rack for directions to communion stations.

Ushers will indicate when to go forward.

As you come forward for communion, please bring to the ushers’ baskets your stones that symbolize the spiritual house we are building together—and to remember St. Peter the rock. (Stones are available at the back of the worship space if you need one.)

Christ welcomes all to communion at his banquet table. ■ Receive the bread in the nest of your outstretched hands, and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread alone. ■ You may respond to communion by saying “Amen.” ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements. ■ Instead of the bread and wine, if you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes receiving the bread and wine of Communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN INTERLUDE

COMMUNION HYMN

One bread, one body

Patty Dean, Cantor

The Cantor sings the refrain through. Then all join.

Thereafter the Cantor sings the verses and all join at the refrain.

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

D.C.

A SPIRITUAL OFFERING

The Magpie Singers

COMMUNION HYMN*Go to the world*Tune: *Sine nomine*

1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I

earth. place. pray. send, Go The For preach Go nights I live the of am the cross Word tears with where of give you

Christ re - news life's worth, Bap - tiz - ing
God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
till the age shall end, When all the

as pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ORGAN INTERLUDE**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION***Offered by the Bishop on behalf of those participating remotely.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The People stand, as able.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The People may be seated.

All Eucharistic Visitors and Prayer shawl ministers stand as representatives come forward. All say

Kendra, please join us in the ministry of Christ's comfort as we bring holy gifts to those who cannot come here.

Dean Amen. May we walk together bringing gentle care to those who suffer.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Dean In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Donna Church and Maggie Stockwell, bearing these holy gifts, that Mike and Steve Mattross may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please join us downstairs after worship
to welcome Dean Kendra and her family,
to share conversation with friends old and new,
and to celebrate the ministries of St. Peter's
inside these walls and beyond.*

All ministers of hospitality rise and say together

Kendra, please join us as we celebrate and share Christ's ministry of hospitality.

Altar guild Please join us as we tend this sacred space for worship.

Ushers Please join us as we welcome God's children.

Kitchen ministers Please join us as we nourish others with food and fellowship.

Spiritual Social Please join us as we share conversation, laughter, and learning.

Dean Amen. I join you in these ministries with gladness and singleness of heart.

All ministers of stewardship and outreach rise and say together

Kendra, please join us as we share the ministries of caretaking and caregiving.

Chapter members and Treasurer, and Endowment Committee members say together

Please join us in stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure.

Bargain Basement, Family Promise, Heart of Helena, and Social Concerns ministers say together

Please join us as we serve those in need and those at the margins.

Dean Amen. I join you in this work Christ has given us to do.

Together, friends, let us meet again and again in this holy place which has been sanctified by the prayers of our ancestors. In service to Christ's love and embracing all, let us make tables of welcome and joy wherever we gather in Christ's name—inside these walls or far beyond them!

The People stand as able, and sing together

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Bishop says

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Kendra, I commend to your love and care the people of St. Peter's. My siblings in Christ at St. Peter's, I commend to your love and care your new Dean and Rector, colleague and friend, Kendra.

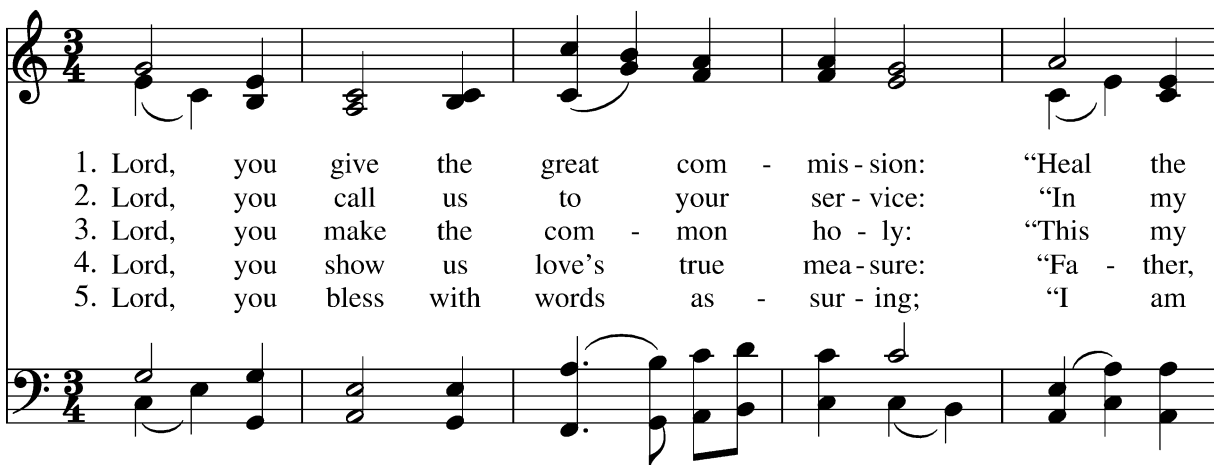
THE BLESSING

The Bishop offers the Blessing

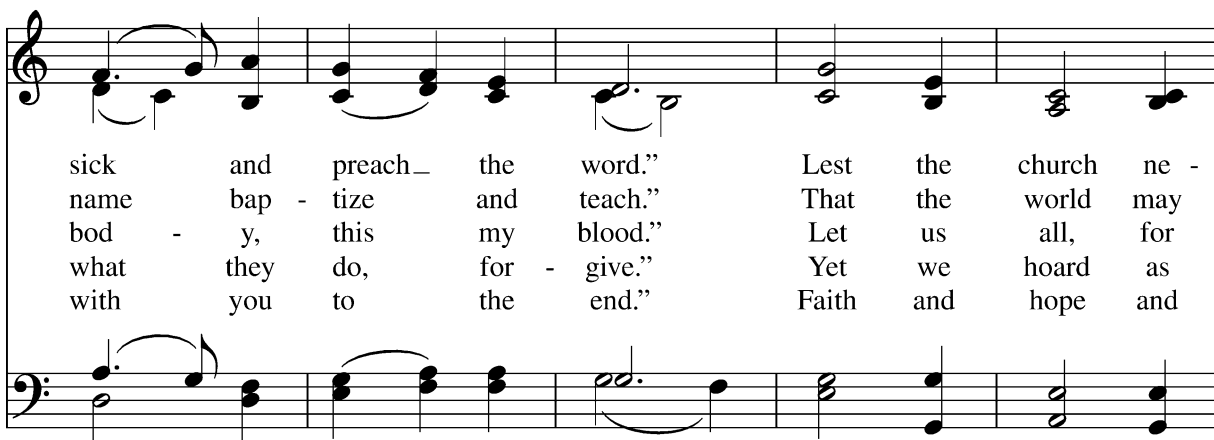
CLOSING HYMN

Lord, you give the great commission

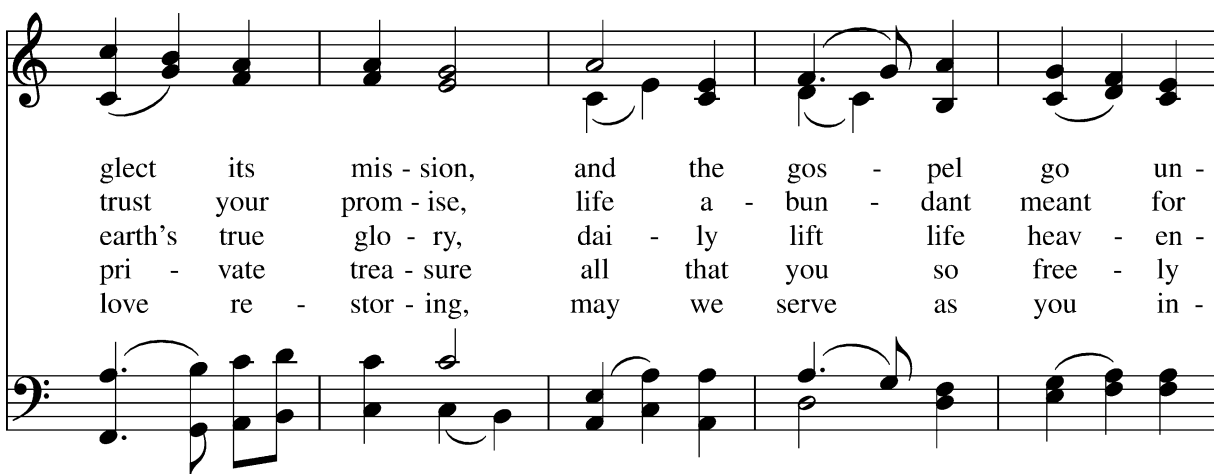
Tune: Abbot's Leigh



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

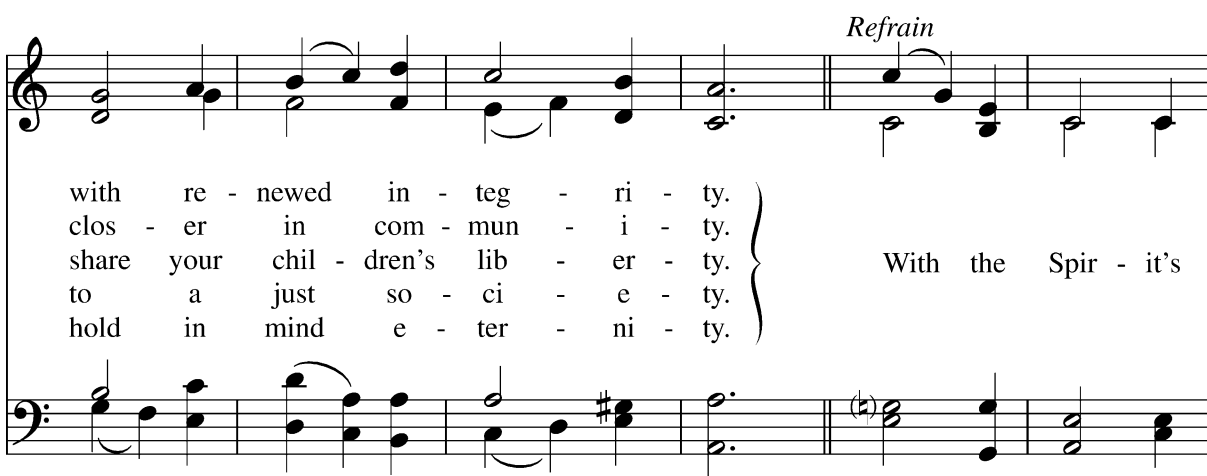


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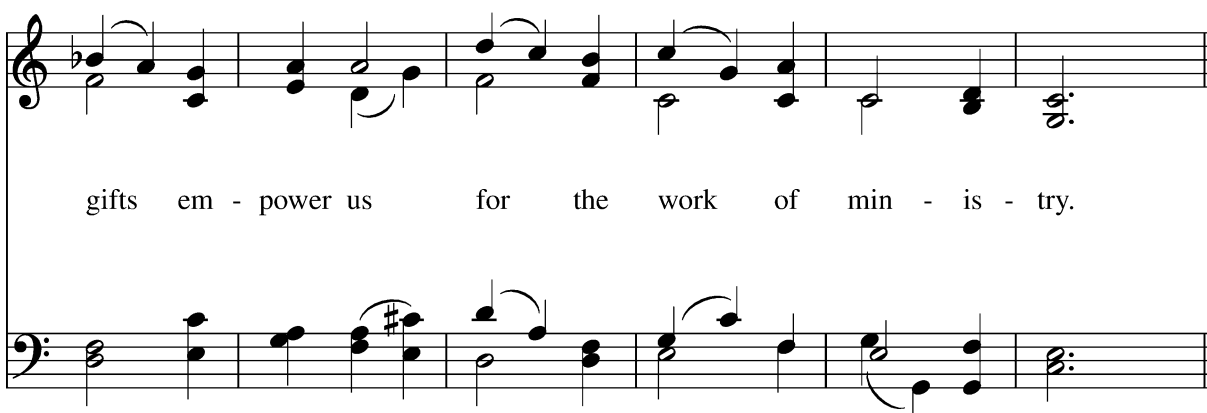
heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

With the Spir - it's



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

To God be the glory!

We thank all participants in this joyful day, including ...

Presiding

The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins, Tenth Bishop of Montana

Dean and Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde, Ninth Dean of the Cathedral

Preacher

The Reverend Ben Quanbeck, Bishop, Montana Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Deacon

The Reverend Deacon Roger Reynolds

Minister of Ceremonies

The Very Reverend Stephen Brehe, Dean Emeritus, Sixth Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral

Bishop's Chaplain

Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Musicians

John Goodwin, Organ

Annie Goodwin, Violin

The Magpie Singers, Cary Youpee - Drum Keeper
Bells rung by congregants of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral and Our Redeemer's Lutheran, arranged and directed by Autumn Keller
The Cathedral Choir, Patty Dean, Interim Music and Choir Director

Procession

Hope Stockwell, Crucifer

Annalee Curtis and Vera Towery, Torchbearers;
Chris Boyce, Banner Bearer

Presenters of the New Dean

Scott Leak, Senior Warden

Chris Boyce, Junior Warden

Sandy Gumbert, Search Comm. chair

Intercessor

Ruth Ann Shuler

Oblation bearers

Rory Fox and Audrey Towery

Eucharistic Minister

Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Ushers

Marsha Baumeister, Grace Berger, Sam Gilbert, Gretchen Hibbard, Scott Hibbard, Mark Kelly, Donna Lloyd, Sara Medley, Cathy Morris, Chris Stockwell, and Maggie Stockwell

Cathedral Chapter

Beth Demmons

Nick Jaynes

Janet Kirkland

Ray Paige

Sioux Roth

Melinda Schell

Vicky Tiberi, Secretary

Ron Gumbert, Treasurer

Chris Boyce, Junior Warden

Scott Leak, Senior Warden

The Search Committee

Sandy Gumbert, chair

Grace Berger

Dan Carlson-Thompson

Scott Hibbard

Barbara Hoag

Darcy O'Dell

Keri Jaynes

Hope Stockwell

Reception in honor of Dean Kendra and her family

Sioux Roth and Darien Scott, Co-chairs. Others serving include: Marsha Baumeister, Jackie Brehe, Robin Ericksen, Mari Jaynes, Kerry Johnson, Sharron Moran, Cathy Morris, Tammy Reynolds, Tim Roth, and Maggie Stockwell.

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first
Christmas
in her new
home!