



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Holy Eucharist

April 19, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

JAZZ AND JUSTICE, GROUNDED IN JESUS

Welcome to St. PJ's! Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, whatever questions dwell in your heart, and whatever your race, age, sexuality, gender identity, income, nationality, or beliefs, you are loved, affirmed, and welcomed here as we worship God and honor God's image in one another.

Today's order of service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Text in bold is read by everyone together. Our average Holy Communion service is typically around 75 minutes long.

At St. PJ's, our music is in the jazz tradition, a special gift that draws on diverse traditions, touches every God-created emotion, highlights the liturgy in new ways, and expresses deep spirituality.

Single-user restrooms are in the hall to your right (with changing table and diaper pail) and the narthex/entryway at the back. A blue lost-and-found bin is in the church office.

This service is live-streamed online. By attending, you acknowledge that you may appear in the video.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus loves the crying, laughing, and wandering little feet, and we do too! Please sit anywhere you like; the special Pray and Play area in the back is just one fun option. Most Sundays, we also offer the optional Children's Garden Sunday School in the 2nd floor classroom in the hallway to your right. Children depart the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, and return during the announcements.

STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Nathan Empsall
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and give thanks for the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger nations who resided on this land before it was taken from them, and we confess Christianity's role in forced colonization. We ask God to help us to learn from our past mistakes, to remember that the Earth does not belong to us, and to live humbly in right relationship with all God's creation as instruments of love, justice, and peace.



ST. PJ'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Wednesday Eucharist | 12:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Thursday Midday Prayers | 12:30 p.m. | Chapel





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wooster Square Cherry Blossom Festival TODAY: The St. PJ's Jazz Collective will have a table in the new arts "Engagement Zone" at the Cherry Blossom Festival from 12 - 4:30pm today. Come say hi!

Margins and Movements book club, 4/28: Our social-justice book club will meet at the church on Tuesday, 4/28, 7 p.m., to discuss "The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You" by Dina Nayeri. Looking ahead, we will also gather on Tuesday, 5/26, to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson.

ECCT Spring Training: You are invited to the diocesan "spring training," online 4/27-30 or in Berlin, CT, on Sat 5/2.

Ninety-minute courses cover everything from lay preaching and lay reading to mood disorders, women in ministry, and racial justice. The diocese has asked Rev. Nathan to teach "Resisting White Christian Nationalism." For more info and registration, visit <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training>. See Rev. Nathan if the \$25 registration fee is a barrier.

St. PJ's Jazz Collective concert, 5/11: Save the date for a concert at the church on Monday evening, May 11.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Preacher: Marilyn Bergen

Liturgical Assistant: Tudy Hill

Lector: Tudy Hill & Sally Fleming

Altar Guild: Pam Sayre

Bread Baker: Pam Sayre

With thanks to the usher, musicians, and all others who made today happen

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST: Rachel, Doug Parker, Anne Matthies, Calvin Griffin, Rev. Walter MacNutt, Kevin Gerbe, Leota Tucker, Edwina Johnson, Cynthia King, Paul D'Agostino, Richard Holcomb, Tiras Jaske, Uli Mackert, Charlie & Bridget Farrell, Alyce, Pam, Tommy, Beverly Lett, Stephen Lett, Vanetta Lloyd, Janea Barthle, Lydia Hamnquist, Rita Valenti-Piovane, Heather de Lanerolle, Marietta D'Albero, Maria Rodriguez, Marietta Coppola, Paul Mangels, Alexandra Sanseverino, Dr. Milton Coke, Pam Yesner, Rev. Carl Scovel, Karl Mini, Patrick Reynolds, Margaret Perry, Ryan Welch, Jack Welch, Andy & Karla Codney, Kyle Park, Fr. Tom, George Moore, A. J. Crosby, Adrienne Brady, Jeannie & Clemente Campos, Jean Douglas, Joan Cappella, Ruby Slade-Wooten, Yvonne Scott, Joan Farrell, Yvonne Scott, Sharyn Kessler, D.J. Multer, Al Cimino, John Ayer

✘ **Birthdays:** Dwayne McDowell (4/23)
Gilder

✘ **Candidate for Ordination:** Milton

✘ **Deported:** Christian Gilder (brother of Milton)

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ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 1: THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPENING HYMN

Come ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Please rise in body or in spirit



1. Come ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

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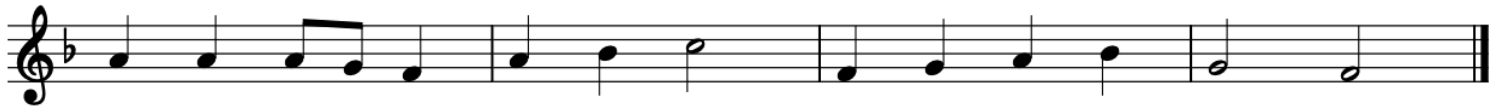
God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

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loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

13



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Source: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Tune: St. Kevin

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

***People:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory Glory Hallelujah

Please rise in body or spirit



1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Since I
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, Since I
3. Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Since I

6



laid my bur - den down. Glo - ry,
laid my bur - den down. I feel
laid my bur - den down. Feel like

10



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Since I
bet - ter, so much bet - ter, Since I
shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Since I

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laid my bur - den down.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Please be seated.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

**I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

**Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.**

O LORD, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**

**In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Hallelujah!

GOSPEL HYMN

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Please rise in body or in spirit

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

5 Hal - le, hal - le hal - le - lu - jah!

9 Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

13 -lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Marilyn Bergen

Please be seated

NICENE CREED

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Let us join together as one church with fellow Christians across time and space, centuries and continents, to pray the historic Nicene Creed.

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We pray, Loving God, for your people throughout the world; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura; for our Priest-in-Charge, Nathan; for this gathering on the third Sunday after Easter; and for all ministers and people.

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

We pray, forgiving God, to open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Jesus in all his redeeming work. We lift up the Church universal, that our broken world is restored and we are made whole in your love.

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

We pray, protector God, for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the health of this city of New Haven and surrounding communities, and for the well-being of all people.

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

We thank you, Creator God, for the beauty of creation. In your wisdom, guide those who have power to care for or destroy our environment, that by the decisions they make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations.

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

We pray, Healing God, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on the St. PJ's prayer list, and for those we name now, either silently in our hearts or aloud...

We give thanks for those who have birthdays this week, especially Dwayne.

Life-giving God, bless and surround them in love.

We pray for those who have died, especially Christian Gilder. May they rest in peace and rise in the glory of God's eternal home, where grief and misery are banished, and light and joy abide. We pray also for those departed whom we name now, either silently in our hearts or aloud...

We have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,
through the living and enduring word of God.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: After a moment of reflective silence, let us confess our sins to God.

[Silence]

All: Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.


Greet one another with a sign of God's peace – a fist bump, side hug, peace sign, etc. – and be seated for announcements.

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 2: HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY HYMN

Santo, Santo, Santo

Please rise in body or in spirit



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir. san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.


Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[The celebrant continues until:] 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[The celebrant continues until:] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

[The celebrant continues until:] By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the many languages of our hearts,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of
trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el
cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también *nosotros*
perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre.
Amén.
Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,

que ton nom soit sanctifié;
que ton règne vienne;
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en
tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le
règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.

Celebrant: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated when not in line

All are welcome at God's table. Any baptized Christian may receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church, and others may receive a blessing (and/or contact the priest-in-charge about becoming baptized, if interested!). To participate, come up the center aisle and join the line in front of the priest on your right. Approach the priest with your hands out, and they will place the bread in your palm with the words, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

If you choose to receive the wine next, join the second line, then gently guide the chalice to your lips for a small sip while the server holds it and says the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." In order to protect the health of our community, we drink from the common cup and do not offer intinction (i.e. we do not dip the bread into the wine). Return to your seat via the nearest side aisle.

Communion is a Sacrament – a visible sign of God's loving grace within us – and you can participate fully in that sign by taking just the bread, without the wine. We offer consecrated gluten-free and alcohol-free alternatives; simply ask when you reach the front of the line. And if you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to either remain seated or come forward for a blessing. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will touch your forehead to make a sign of the cross.

COMMUNION HYMN

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord



- 1 Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord;
- 2 Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord;
- 3 Christ's re - sur - rec - tion sets us free;
- 4 Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord;



sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.
lift up your hearts un - to the Lord. Sing hal-le-lu - jah,
Christ's re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.



sing hal-le-lu - jah, sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.
lift up your hearts un - to the Lord.
Christ's re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.

Tune: Nova Vita

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

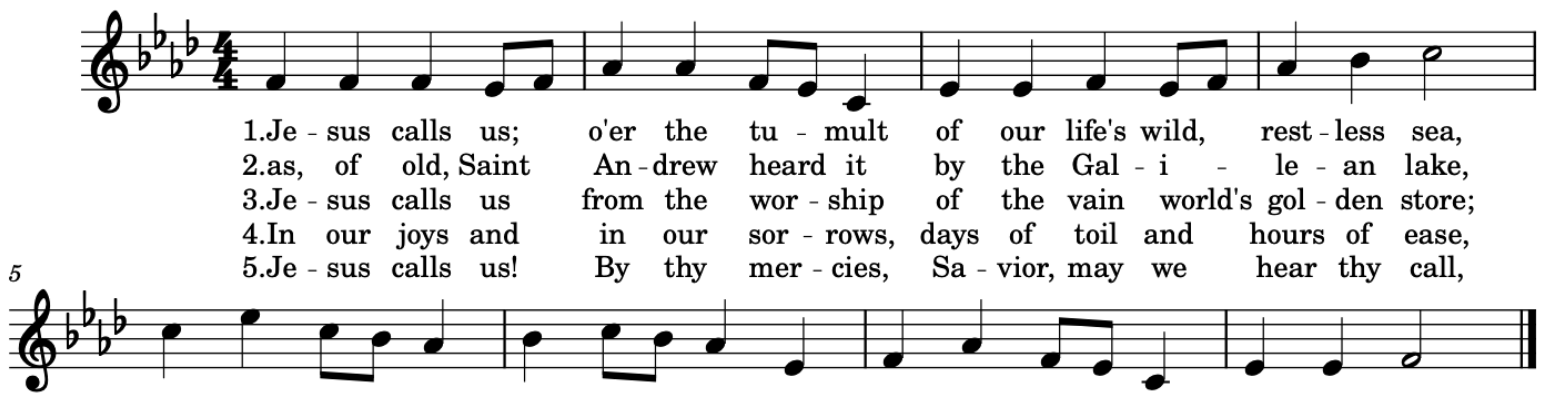
All: Eternal God, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

GOING-FORTH HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Please rise in body or in spirit



1. Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gol - den store;
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior, may we hear thy call,

day by day his clear voice sound - eth, say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
still he calls, in cares and pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Source: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Tune: Restoration

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship is over, our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

After loving God with worship, come love your neighbors with Coffee and Community!

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