



St. William Catholic Community

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Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, *Pastor*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass.
 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class.
(By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Creed Classes - Sundays, 9 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy - Sundays during 10:30am Mass.

Youth Group - Sundays at 5p.m.

RCIA - Sundays at 11:30am, September thru Easter.

Parish Administrator

Stacey Bristol - (Office) 638-2647
 (Cell) 269-7243

Director of Religious Education

Nancy Power - 638-2651

Music Minister

Kate Hamer - 634-5040

Parish Engineer

Jim Spaeder - 399-7145

Parish Council

Burt Davitte - 269-0756, 638-6000

Finance Committee

Fred Zeh (Cell) 770-401-0570
 (Office) 912-634-4531

Sacristan & Grotto Religious Goods

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Trainer
 Barbara Pelletier - 638-2957

Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Altar Servers

Mike Cherne - 223-9048

Bereavement

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

Lauren Bailey - 912-222-7755

Council of Catholic Women

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 279-0526

Helping Hugs, Inc. (Haiti Mission)

Robert "Bob" Hochwald - 638-3143

Manna House

Maggie Hodges - 404-862-3460

Primetimers

Spiritual Direction

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Martial Arts - Jim Keane - 638-0763

Men's Group, Adult Ed

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society - 262-6027

Maureen Horn - 638-4538

Secular Franciscan Order

Larry Lynch - 638-0148

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

Head Usher

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week II

SAT., MAY 1	8:15AM	+ANNA MULHOLLAND O'CONNELL
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., MAY 2	8:00AM	+FR. JOHN FLATTERY
	10:30AM	1ST COMMUNICANTS
MON., MAY 3	8:15AM	+ELIZABETH HANSEN
TUES., MAY 4	8:15AM	+LARRY ROSS
	6:00PM	+NINH TRI TRAN
WED., MAY 5	8:15AM	+SAMUEL CONDELUCI
THURS., MAY 6	8:15AM	+ESTEBAN MALLAR
FRI., MAY 7	8:15AM	+GLADYS & JOSEPH TURSKI
SAT., MAY 8	8:15AM	+MARILYN MCCARTHEY
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., MAY 9	8:00AM	MOTHERS LIVING/DECEASED
	10:30AM	+JOSEPH WASKO



Mario Artesiano, Larry Anderson, Lois Baker, Wiltz Bernard, III, Gail Blanda, Tommye Cashin, Sal Cenicola, David Clarke, H.C., Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Lucy DeSanctis, Peggy

Eades, John Fedak, Mary Ann Ferguson, Bob Galland, Rebecca Gaylor, Jacqueline Grady, Micheal Grey, Keith Griffin, John Grimsley, Charlotte Guido, John Hamer, Mary Hammill, Mark Hanly, Martha Hawkins, Fred Hegeman, John Helton, MJH, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, **Deanna Kavel**, Mary Keane, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, NHK, Jim Loisel & Family, Denise Margavich, Mary McCaughey, Charlotte McGranaghan, George Metz, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Ed Nickey, George Nies, Fran Owen, Frank Paul, Stephenie Powell, MJR, Patricia Reilly, A.J. Salimando, Julia Schneider, Richard Sedlacek, Eddie Michael Smith, Brian Trill, Richard Wineman, the priests serving St. William, and our service men and women.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Help us keep our above prayer list current.

You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net.

*Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list. These names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish church through use of donation boxes, the **online giving** icon on our website and via mail.

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

- Christopher Columbus

Offertory Stewardship

APRIL 25, 2021 - \$13,314.00 (APRIL 26, 2020 - \$8,380.00)
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 103
HOME MISSIONS - \$1,316.00
PRIESTS' RETIREMENT - \$15.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DATE

Goal - \$2,162,000 Received to Date - \$2,097,105

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?"
Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple?
Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs?
If not, it's not too late to start!

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

James Christopher Brogdon
Olivia Jane Cartwright
Harper Delia Evans
Lila Marie Evans
Coral Rae Chasse-Fernald
Anna Rose D'Amico
Kathleen Rose Gilreath,
James Francis Hartmann



Addison Kay Spears

Charlotte Ryann Holtzer
Bryan Alexander Keane
Charles Francis Kennedy
David Miso Kukucka
Thomas Walter Lawhorne IV
Cailee Simplicia Santos
Delaney Claire Showalter
Tessa Ansley Sicotte

First Communion will be at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, May 2. Seating may be somewhat limited as there are 17 First Communicants, and 120+ of their family members will be attending. The First Communicants and their families will be seated first, then parishioners as space is available.

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP

In conjunction with the 2019 celebration of Monsignor John Kenneally's 50th anniversary of priestly ordination, a scholarship was established to support students who are entering Grades 6-8 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School who show a financial need. Since Monsignor Kenneally's death, on March 31, and in the aftermath of his funeral Mass on April 10, many parishioners have asked if there is a particular charity to which Monsignor Kenneally would wish to have any memorial gifts directed. It is clear from Monsignor's expressed wishes while he was still living that he would be honored to have any memorial donations made toward the scholarship.



If you wish to make a memorial contribution to the Monsignor John A. Kenneally Scholarship, envelopes are available in the back of the church and in the office.

TWIN PARISH NEWS

FIRST-TIME DONOR? DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

If you're a first-time donor to Helping Hugs' Education Campaign, you can double your donation! Make a gift online or mail a check by May 14th to see your money doubled. Our campaign is half over, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$26,000. To reach our goal and reach new donors, a member has offered up to \$5,000 in matching funds. Visit our website, www.helpinghugsinc.org to make a donation. Or, mail your gift to Helping Hugs Inc., P.O. Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Sixty-five dollars (\$65) will support an elementary student. One hundred thirty dollars (\$130) will fund a high school student.



Wilgens Civil, student, St. Joseph Parish School

Thanks to everyone for your support.

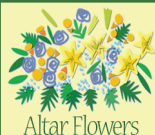


PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUN., MAY 2	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass 10:30am - 1st Communion
MON., MAY 3	8:15am - Daily Mass
TUES., MAY 4	8:15am - Daily Mass 9am - Adoration in Church 10:30am - Tuesday Morning Women's Disc 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:00pm - Mass
WED., MAY 5	8:15am - Mass
THURS., MAY 6	8:15am - Mass 9am - Twin Parish Exec Comm
FRI., MAY 7	8:15am - Mass 5pm - Rehearsal
SAT., MAY 8	8:15am - Daily Mass 4:30pm - Reconciliation 5:30pm - Vigil Mass
SUN., MAY 9	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am - Mass 10:30am - Mass - Outdoors

LIVE STREAMING MASS!

To be able to participate in these Masses from home, you can click on either the **red** Youtube icon above or go to the parish website, www.stwill.net. Then go to the Live Streaming tab. Click on the blue link [StWilliamonSSI](#), and select either the **LIVE** Mass or any of the recordings.



*Flowers are placed at the altar
in honor of the marriage of
Kari Butler and William Podres*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 2, 2021



Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, "how is God bearing fruit in my life?" and "have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?" The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation



May 22-30

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join in the praying the Novena from May 22nd - May 30th.

Sign up at respectlife.org/visitation



Marriage, Family, and Respect Life

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

Outside the Ordinary.

The 10:30am Mass on Mother's Day will be held outdoors in the parking lot! Bring a chair!



Names for Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards should be returned to the office by May 5 to be in the bulletin.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Glynn County National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6, 2021, 12 Noon

First Baptist Church, 708 Mansfield Street, Brunswick, GA

America needs prayer. There has never been a more crucial time for people of faith to come together before God on behalf of our nation. The past year has presented enormous challenges.

The Glynn County National Day of Prayer Committee hopes that you will join them in participating in the National Day of Prayer. The event at First Baptist Church will be livestreamed on Facebook and posted on YouTube.

For more information visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

VIRTUS COMPLIANCE - In June, the entire Diocese will be audited to make sure every ministry is in compliance. We have been asked to make sure that all our ministries are in compliance by May 1. You may receive emails regarding VIRTUS, please complete the requirements (background checks and SERT (Safe Environment Refresher Training) in the emails. Everything is done online and takes only a few minutes to do. If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, please call Joan Altmeyer at the Diocese (912) 201-4074, for the information. If you changed your email you may contact Nancy Power 638-2651 or Joan and we will be able to help you. Ministries that need to do this range from the bloomers, to priests, and all in between. The most vital roles are parents, catechists, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and choir members. We appreciate your cooperation with the enormous task.



We are Here to Listen and Take Action

DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE

888-357-5330

Abuse hotline for bishops only.

Abuse Hotline Number:

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, (912)201-4074. The diocesan policy on abuse is available at www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Graduate Mass will be held on Sunday, May 16, at 8am.

GRADUATION BREAKFAST for graduates and their immediate families will be held in the parish hall following the Graduate Mass. RSVP by May 7, to Nancy Power, DRE, 638-2651.

The **GEORGIA VETERANS OUTREACH PROJECT** will host two free, virtual legal clinics this summer.

June 5, 2021
Northwest Georgia
(Dalton Region)

July 10, 2021
Northeast Georgia
(Gainesville Region)



All veterans who live in Georgia are eligible. The Outreach Project helps connect veterans in Georgia with lawyers for quick advice on most civil legal issues. **This is not a webinar.** Veterans will meet with lawyers one-on-one to talk about their legal issues. Veterans will talk with lawyers by computer or by phone. Veterans without good service can come to in-person locations to connect.

Lawyers will provide brief service on issues that include veterans and military benefits, family law, housing, and other civil legal issues. **Lawyers will not help with criminal law issues.**

To register, call or email (706) 542-6439, or UGA.veteransclinic@gmail.com.



School of Law
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Georgia Legal
Services Program

IT'S BACK!!!

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



\$18/ticket includes all-you-can-eat concessions!

Children 3 and under are FREE.

[HTTPS://BANANAS.ISPORTSTIX.COM/ORDER/GROUP/SAVDIOCESE](https://bananas.isportstix.com/order/group/savdiocese)

Go Bananas!

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
GRAYSON STADIUM, SAVANNAH
GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM

BENEFITTING THE SOCIAL APOSTOLATE OF SAVANNAH



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 1-2, 2021

Gathering: **Alleluia! Love Is Alive**

Steve Angrisano/Jesse Manibusan/Sarah Hart© 2012

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Refrain

**Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!**

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

Reading 1 **Acts 9:26-31**

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The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32**

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Common Psalm 56 or 118 may be used in place of this psalm.
R. I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your peo-ple.
Music: Owen Alstott, © 1977, 1990, OCP (RSA p. 86)

R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

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All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

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To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

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And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

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Reading 2 **1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia **In 15:4a, 5b**

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Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

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Gospel

In 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of your priestly son. Amen

Presentation: **Vine and Branches**

Trevor Thomson ©2012 Trevor Thomson Spirit and Song

Refrain:

I am the vine and you the branches. Remain in me as I remain in you; You will bear great fruit in me.

A new commandment I give you: Even as I have loved you, now love one another. **Refrain**

No greater love is there than this: Than to lay down your life, your life for your friends. **Refrain**

I am the living bread from heaven; If you eat this bread, you will live forever. **Refrain**

All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood Remain in me and I remain in them. **Refrain**

The words that I have spoken are spirit and life, They are spirit and life. **Refrain**

And now as I have washed your feet, So you must do just as I have done. **Refrain**

Communion: **Unless a Grain of Wheat**

Bernadette Farrell ©1983 OCP

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. **Refrain**

If any one serves me, then they must follow me; wherever I am, my servants will be. **Refrain**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who remain in me bear much fruit. **Refrain**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you, then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**

Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them. **Refrain**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give is my gift. **Refrain**

Sending:

Sing, O Sing

Dan Schutte©1987, 1989, 1992, Daniel L. Schutte. OCP

1. Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea;
let music fill the skies!
Lift your voice like the thund'ring waves:
let songs of praise arise!
Praise God with drums and dancing!
Praise God with flute and horn!
Blessed be our God,
Mighty Lord of all!

2. Night and day we announce your praise,
O Lord of ev'ry land,
give you thanks for the sun and stars,
all blessings of your hand.
Helper of all who labor,
Comfort to all who mourn.
Praise to you, O God,
Mighty Lord of all!

3. Mighty Master of raging storm,
we kneel before your pow'r.
Loving Lord of the faithful rain
that makes the desert flow'r.
Giver of song and sorrow,
Grower of ev'ry seed.
Praise to you, O God,
Mighty Lord of all!

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
(First Communion)
May 2, 2021 (10:30 AM)**

Gathering: God Is Here

Carey Landry© 1990, Carey Landry. Published by OCP

1. Enter, enter, come in! Rejoice!
Let us come into the presence of God.
Enter, enter, come in! Rejoice!
Let us come into the presence of God.

Refrain

God is here! Come, let us celebrate!
God is here! Let us rejoice!
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2. Enter, enter, come giving thanks!
Let us come in giving thanks to our God.
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3. Enter, enter, joyfully sing!
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Presentation: May Crowning Hymn

Kate Hamer

Mary most holy we honor you today. Mary our mother, the Queen of the May. We crown you with blossoms so fair. Queen of heaven, your grace we share.

Queen of the angels, bless us as we pray. Guard us dear mother, and keep us safe this day. We come today to show you our love. Mary our Mother in heaven above.

Ave Maria grat-i-a ple-na, Do-mi-nus te-cum et be-ne-dic-ta-tu. Ave Maria, ma-ter de-i. O-ra pro-no-bis te- -cum.

Communion:

Come Be Fed

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Refrain:

Eat this bread. Come be fed. Go and feed my sheep. Take this cup. Lift it up in my memory.

1. We bring bread to the table, and there it will be transformed. Give your body and blood to us, and we will be whole once more.
2. Now we come to the table, knowing that we have sinned. With a banquet, you fill us up, and we will be strong again.
3. We are part of one body. We all have a common need. Like a shepherd, you feed your flock, so we can go forth to feed.

Sending:

Sending Song of Joy

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1. Sing a song of joy and gladness, sing of children, sing of love.

Sing of faith and sing of goodness, songs that melt the clouds above. Cup of Blessing, we have tasted, Bread of Life for all to share. Nourished by the Food of Heaven, go forth now, Good News declare.

2. We, your children, blest by Jesus, walk in faith and walk in light.

Living, loving, growing, learning, each one special, God's delight. Cup of Blessing, we have tasted, Bread of Life for all to share. Nourished by the Food of Heaven, go forth now, Good News declare.

3. On this day of celebration, we rejoice in wondrous grace. We are loved and we are cherished, we are one in God's embrace.

Cup of Blessing, we have tasted, Bread of Life for all to share. Nourished by the Food of Heaven, go forth now, Good News declare. Amen!

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