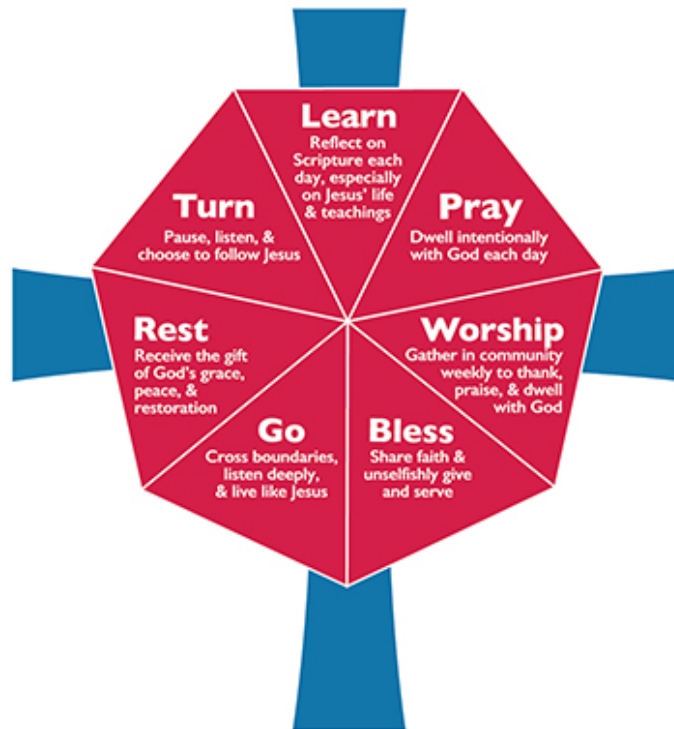


# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana Opening Eucharist



**By Word and Example: The Way of Love**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

## The Liturgy of the Word

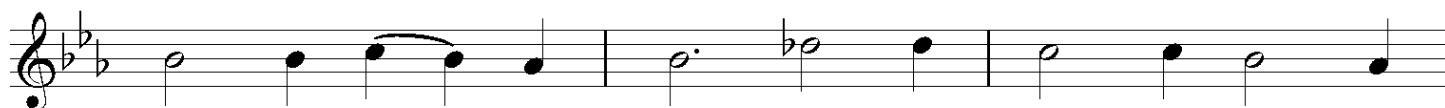
Opening Hymn 487

Come my Way, my Truth, my Light

*Herbert, George*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

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### Opening Acclamation

*Bishop* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*The Bishop may say*

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.**

*Bishop* Lord have mercy

*People* **Christ have mercy**

*Bishop* Lord have mercy

## The Collect of the Day

*Bishop*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 58:9b–14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 86:1–11

### *Inclina, Domine*

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

**2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

**4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

**8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.**

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.

**10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.**

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

### The Gospel

Luke 5:27–32

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After healing the paralyzed man, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan  
*Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Texas*

## The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People (Form V)

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jake our Bishop, for Kai our guest and preacher, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, John Bel, our Governor, all legislative bodies, and the courts, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this gathering, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*The Necrology Report is read at this time*

*The Bishop then says the following Collect*

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

*The Bishop says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 your Son 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.**

*The Bishop stands and says*

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

### The Peace

*All stand*

<i>Bishop</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion


*The Bishop says an offertory sentence*

### Offertory Hymn


Hymnal 470

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

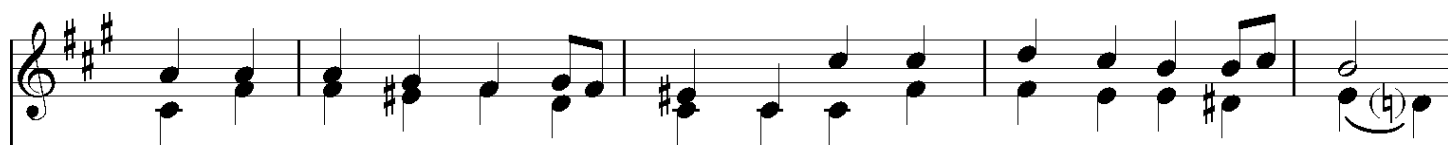
*Faber, Frederick W.*




1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Sanctus*

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

*Then the Bishop continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Bishop and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Bishop continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*Bishop*            And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Bishop*

**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

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #161 The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

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.

### Invitation to Communion

#### The Communion of the People

*The people stand as they are able and move to the nearest Communion station.*

Communion Music

Jude Geiger, Steve Rogge and Alan Rothermel

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen**

## The Episcopal Blessing

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 404

We Will Extol You, Ever-blessed Lord

*Greive, J. Nichol*

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

*The first stanza may be repeated at the end.*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The*  
**Episcopal**  
**Church**  
*in* WESTERN LOUISIANA

## The Ministers of the Service

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD IV Bishop of Western Louisiana
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. (Kai) Ryan Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Texas
<b>Deacon of the Table</b>	The Venerable Bette Jo Kauffman
<b>Deacon of the Word</b>	The Rev. Deacon Lois Maberry
<b>Paten</b>	The Very Rev. Madge McLain
<b>Chalices</b>	The Very Rev. Seth Donald The Very Rev. Jaime Flowers The Very Rev. Rich Snow The Very Rev. Dawnell Stodghill
<b>The Isaiah Reading</b>	Mr. Mason Garner
<b>The Psalm</b>	Ms. Mary Brooks Donald
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	The Rev. Deacon Michael Parham
<b>Acolytes/Altar Guild</b>	Mr. Jimmie Haise & Mr. Roy Rosenthal
<b>Organist</b>	Ms. Jude Geiger



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