

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Praise to the Lord, the al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth:
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O, my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion.
borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near:
Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been
pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - or - a - - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
who with his love doth be - friend thee.
glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

—Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS "Glory to God on high" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1 Glo - ry to God on high and peace to all on earth;
2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, you take our sin a - way;
3 You are the Ho - ly One, Most High, Lord Christ, a - lone,



Lord God, al - might - y Fath - er, King, we praise you for your worth.
Now seat - ed at the Fath - er's side, have mer - cy when we pray.
you and the Ho - ly Spir - it with the Fath - er on his throne.

—Words: Gloria in excelsis, Canticle 20
Metrical setting by Christopher L. Webber, 1986
Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (4:11–12, 22–28).

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

“For my people are foolish,

they do not know me;

they are stupid children,

they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,

but do not know how to do good.”

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;

and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,

and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,

and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,

and all its cities were laid in ruins

before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,

and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;

I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:12–17).

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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 Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (1934–2012);
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GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1–10).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Laura Airhart and Michele Smith for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God Al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - su - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cen - ded to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Rejoicing that God is ever seeking after his children, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord, through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.”

Leader: We pray for the health and healing of the earth, that from the mountains to the seas, all creation might show forth the glory of God. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for Christians everywhere, that as the body of Christ, we may be rooted in Christ and abounding in thanksgiving for all that God has done. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for justice that brings peace in all places of violence and war; and for all whose lives are devastated by poverty, instability, disease, or disaster; for all refugees far and near; and for an end to gun violence everywhere. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all those who lead in the structures of government, that they may be led by love in their service to others. We remember those in the military, especially those who have been deployed. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for this community of Knoxville and especially for this parish family of Good Samaritan, that mutual love may continue. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and we rejoice at the marriage of Alek Hopps and Rebecca Rice. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all those who need our prayers: the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts: We pray for:

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	JANE Reed
CHIP Beets	THE LISTER FAMILY	THE ROBERTS FAMILY
BEVERLY Burns	FRANCIS Lloyd	RARA Schlitt
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	BILL Manning	DENISE Tibedo
CATHY Chait	NATALIE McNutt	ALICE Towery
GAIL Cox	PAT Pagni	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	SUE Wager
DANA Downey	THE PATRICK FAMILY	ALICE Wegmann
DOUG & JENNIFER Dunn	ALLAN Philp	and
DOUG Emblar	MARILYN Randall	MICHELE Welsh
BEVERLY Guiler		

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially Harry Richard Dunn, father of Doug Dunn, and for families and friends who grieve, trusting that God is with them and will wipe away every tear. Let your grace and love overflow for us, O Lord,

People: Through the faith and love we have in Christ Jesus.

Silence may be kept.

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

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

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 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

The Ninety and Nine

A shepherd in the wilderness
Who has a hundred sheep
When one is lost, does he not seek the one
And leave the ninety-nine themselves to keep?

The shepherd goes into the night
On mountaintop or desert bare
To seek the one, the truly lost and lone,
The one who needs the shepherd's love and care.

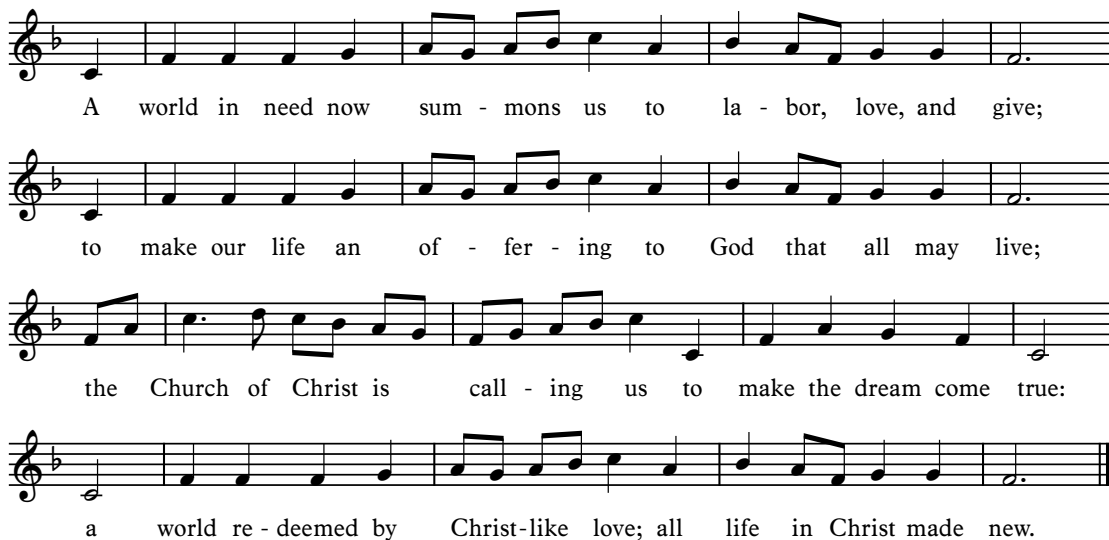
And when the shepherd finds his lamb,
So frightened and alone,
He lifts it to his shoulders and gives thanks to God
That now his flock is whole.

When he is once again returned,
Rejoicing for the one he holds,
All heaven sings and celebrates far more for this lost one,
Than for the ninety-nine within the fold.

Make us your shepherds, loving Christ,
That we might each become
One who will seek the lost,
When one is found,
Your kingdom comes, Lord Christ, your kingdom comes.

—Words and Music: Laura Lea Duckworth (b. 1951)

HYMN “A world in need now summons us” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;
the Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

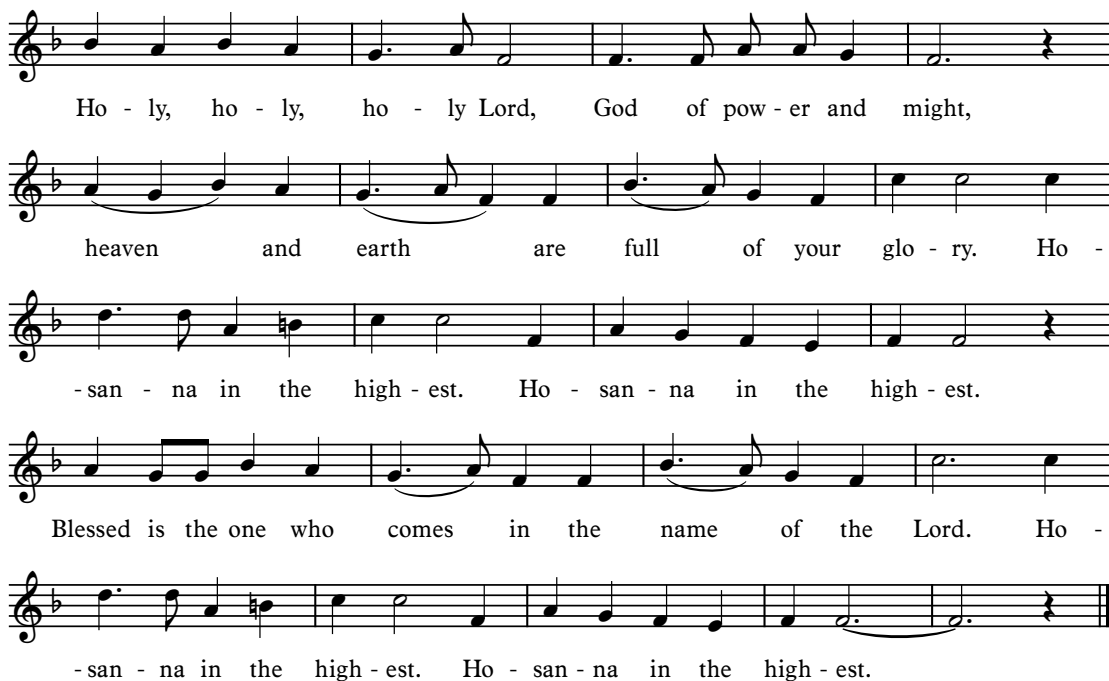
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in your Son Jesus Christ we are called to true and faithful discipleship and to lives dedicated to the coming of your kingdom and to work and service in your name. 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:

Everyone sings:



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

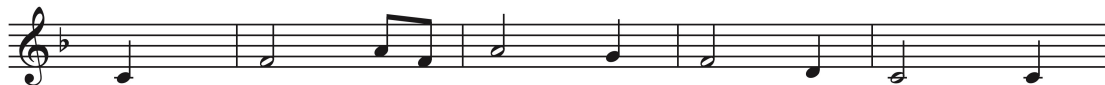
—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound” *Everyone sings.*



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less — days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

—Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.;
st. 5 from *A Collections of Sacred Ballads*,
Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

HYMN “I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew” *Everyone sings.*



1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he
2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I
3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of



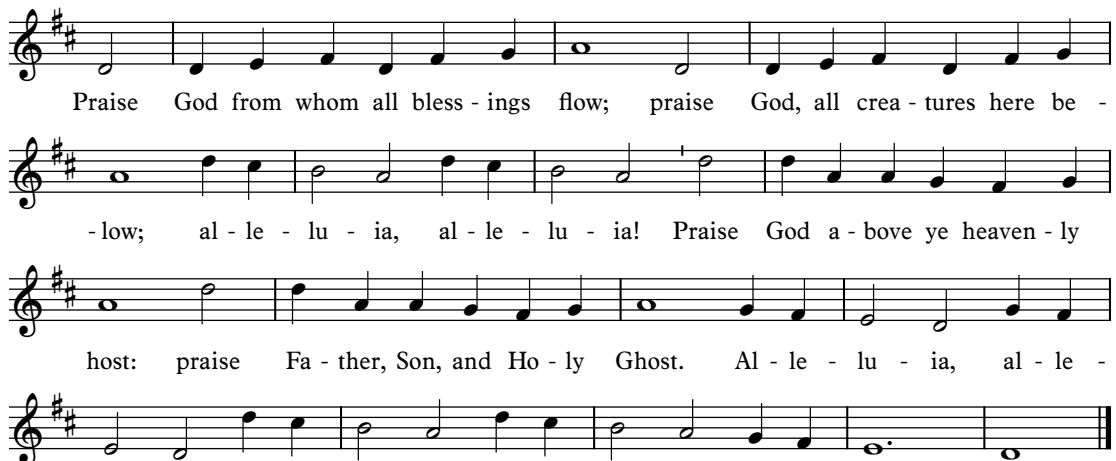
moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
walked and sank not on the storm - vexed sea; 'twas not so
love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee; for thou wert



I that found, O sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

—Words: Anon., *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1904
Music: *Faith*, J. Harold Moyer (1927–2012)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
- low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” *Everyone sings.*



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de - vo - tion voic - ing;
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly, one voice hear - ing,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a - lert and liv - ing



glo - ry be to God on high! Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing,
ears at - ten - tive to your word; by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing,
in your Spi - rit strong and free. Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion,



by this Eu - cha - rist de - clar - ing yours the fin - al - vic - to - ry.
in your Bo - dy, firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
seek - ing peace in ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

—Words: Charles William Everest (1814–1877), alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780–1859)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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