

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 5, 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.*

Great God of mercy and compassion, our anchor in the storms of life: this day we gather as a community to celebrate your glorious promise of life over death and to praise your holy name. Help us to offer to you all of life—all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. Help us in the midst of the challenges of our world to remember that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from your love. In this hope we prepare to worship you. Amen.

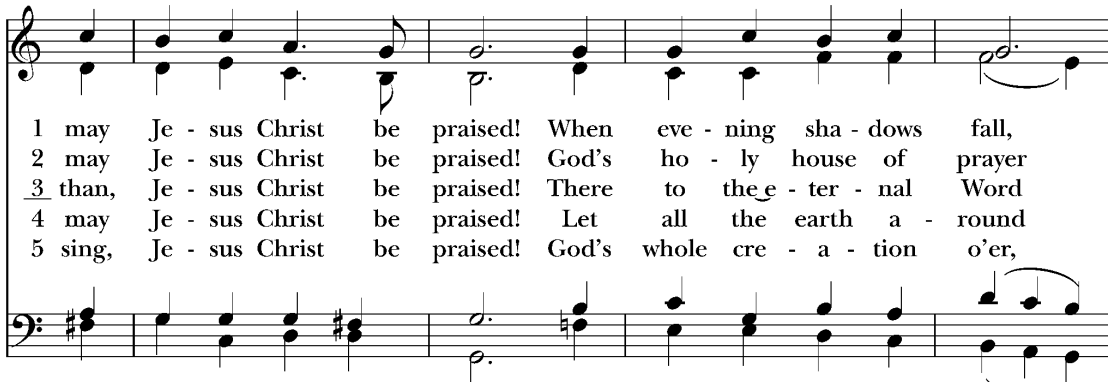
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# The Liturgy of the Word

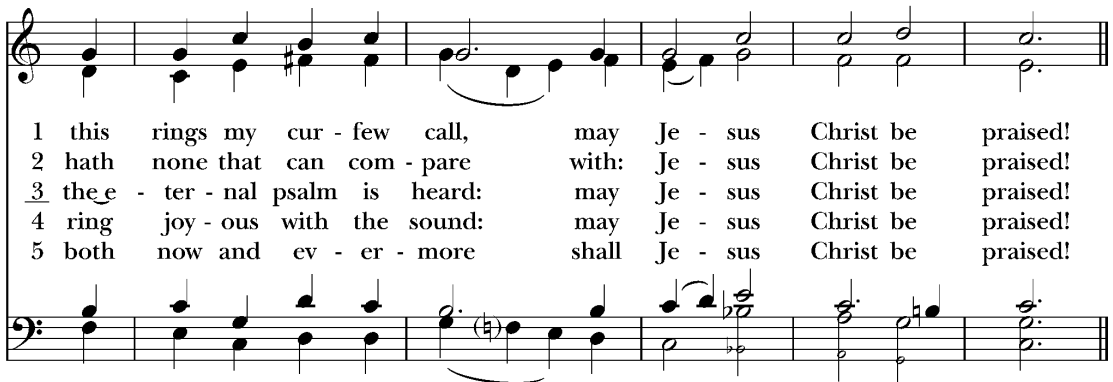
HYMN “When morning gilds the skies” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

—Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.  
Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

## 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 *Remain standing; everyone sings the refrain three times.*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Setting: Jacques Berthier (11932–1994), Taizé

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Lamentations (1:1–6).

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE “A Song of Waiting” *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: James Frazier (b. 1947)

- 1 The thought of my trouble and my homelessness \*  
is as bitter as wormwood and gall.
- 2 My mind dwells on it continually; \*  
my soul is weighed down within me.
- 3 When I remember this, I have hope: \*  
by God’s kindness, we are not destroyed;
- 4 for God’s mercies are never-ending \*  
and are new every morning.
- 5 How great is your faithfulness, O God! \*  
“You are my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I hope in you.”
- 6 You are good to those who wait with patience, \*  
to every soul that seeks you.
- ‡ 7 It is good to wait, even in silence, \*  
for the salvation of the LORD.

—Lamentations 3:19–26

## SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the First Letter to Timothy (6:6–19).

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Rise up, ye saints of God!" *Risen, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first three lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

—Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt.  
Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:5–10).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Laura Airhart and Michelle 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



Mak - er 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 - ur - 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 - cend - ed 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: *Beach Spring*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Putting our trust in God, whose grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, let us offer our prayers, saying, “How great is your faithfulness, O God; your mercies are never ending.”

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. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

Leader: We pray for Christians everywhere, that we may be rooted in Christ and abounding in thanksgiving for all that God has done. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

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. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

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. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

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. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

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

DOUG Embler

JANE Reed

ANNA Bass

BEVERLY Guiler

RARA Schlitt

CHIP Beets

MARGE Hudson

GORDON & SALLY Sisk

BEVERLY Burns

FRANCIS Lloyd

DENISE Tibedo

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

BILL Manning

ALICE Towery

CATHY Chait

NATALIE McNutt

IDALEE Vogel-Jackson

GAIL Cox

PAT Pagni

SUE Wager

RON Dearolf

KENT Parish

ALICE Wegmann

DANA Downey

ALLAN Philp

and

DOUG & JENNIFER Dunn

MARILYN Randall

MICHELE Welsh

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

Leader: We pray for all who have died and for families and friends who grieve, trusting that God is with them and will wipe away every tear. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Sisk, mother of Gordon Sisk. How great is your faithfulness, O God;

People: Your mercies are never ending.

*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

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

*The people may kneel or bow. 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.*

God Be In My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.  
God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Words: *Sarum Primer*, 1514, alt.  
Music: George Bayley (1927–2016)

HYMN “For the beauty of the earth” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

For the beau - ty of the earth, sing, O sing to - day.  
Of the skies and at our birth, sing, O sing al - ways.  
Na - ture hu - man and di - vine all a - round us lies.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise grate - ful hymns of praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a whole note, the third with a half note and a slur over the next two notes, and the fourth with a double bar line.

—Words: Folliot Pierpoint (1835–1917)  
Music: *Adoro te devote*, French melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*;  
adapt. 1997 by Paul Winter (b. 1939)

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 through your Holy Spirit you have gifted us with power, love and truth; and through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and light through the Gospel, you rekindle our hearts with faith and trust for 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 "Great is thy faithfulness" *Everyone sings.*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## Hymn, "Great is thy faithfulness," continued

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily homophonic, with chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

The second system continues the hymn with two staves. The melody remains homophonic, with a slight change in rhythm for the phrase "I see;". The lyrics are printed below the notes.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

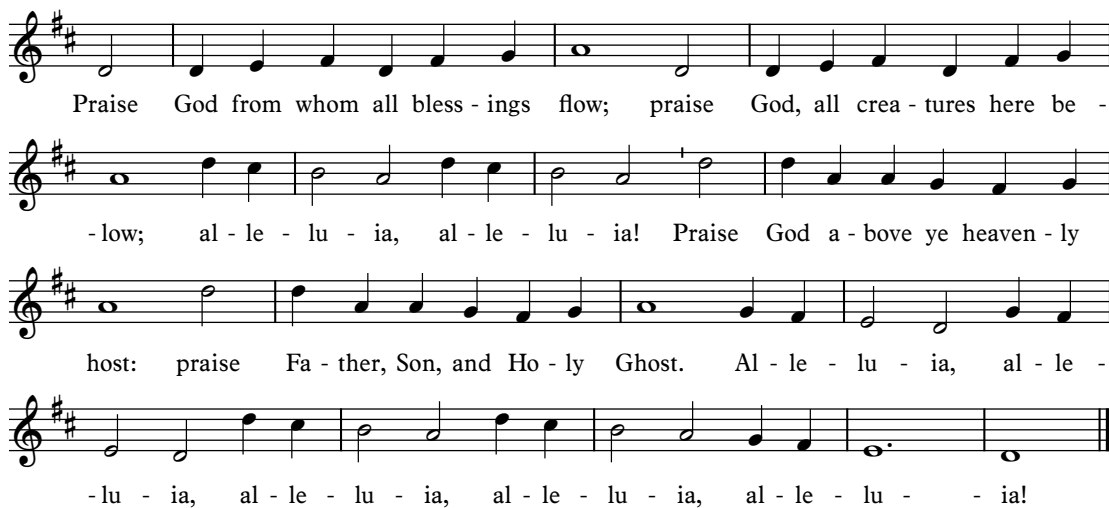
The third system continues the hymn with two staves. The melody is homophonic, with a final note in the phrase "pro - vid - ed,". The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

The fourth system concludes the hymn with two staves. The melody is homophonic, ending with a final chord. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

—Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)  
Music: *Faithfulness*, William M. Runyon (1870–1957)

**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.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body  
and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

HYMN “For the healing of the nations” *Everyone sings.*



1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we  
 2 Lead us, Most High, in - to free - dom; from de -  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great



pray with one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 spair your world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 from the earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 name on hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,



of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our re -



love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice, may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

—Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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