CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026 + 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.

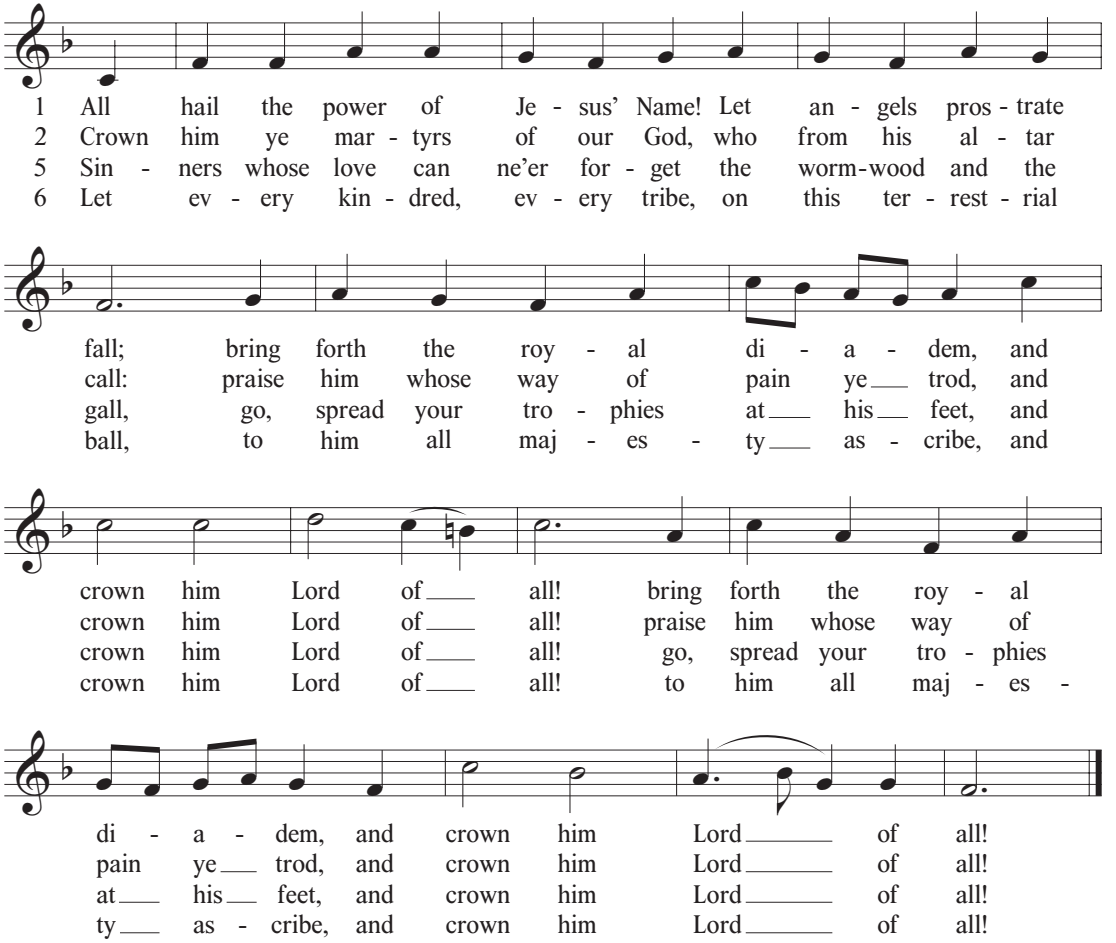
O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—St. Benedict of Nursia (480–543)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



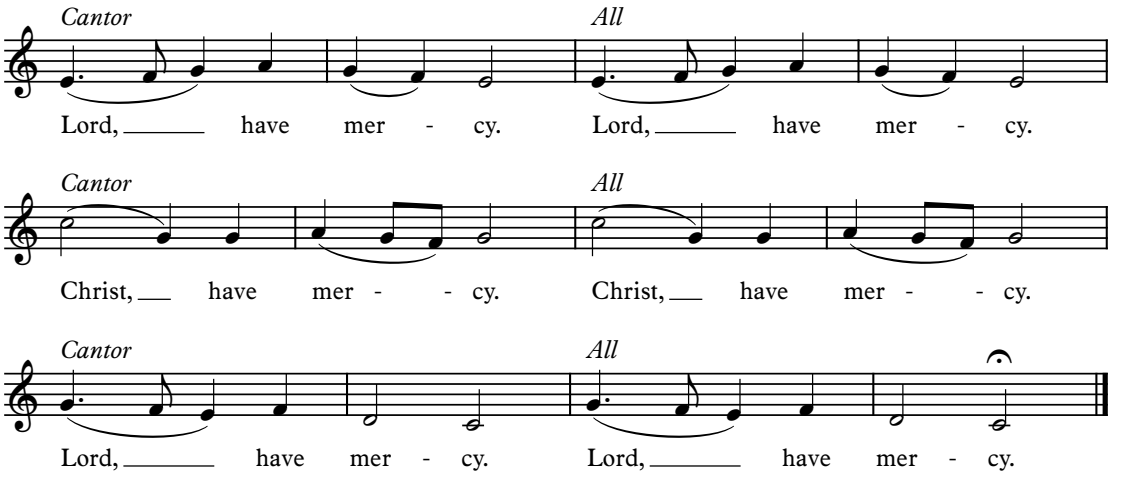
—Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.
Music: *Coronation,* Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.

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.

KYRIE ELEISON *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



—Setting: James Kriewald (1940–2024)

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Deuteronomy (34:1–12).

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1–6, 13–17 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
    from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
    from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
    "Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
    and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
    we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes, *
    in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
    be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
    so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of days that you have afflicted us *
    and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
    and your splendor to their children.

‡ 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
    prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (2:1–8).

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Blest be the tie" *Everyone sings.*



—Words: John Fawcett (1739–1817), alt.
Music: *Boylston,* Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34–46).
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

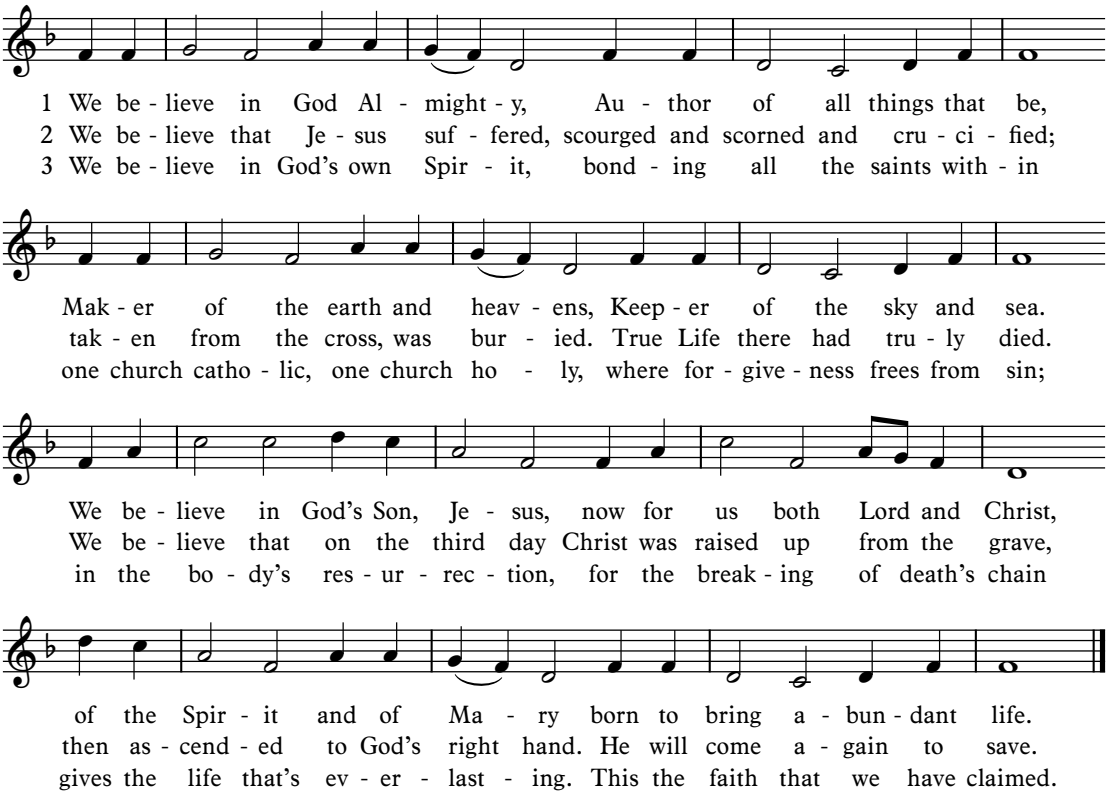
Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann Backus 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.*



—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: Beloved in Christ, the Lord has been our refuge from one generation to another. Let us pray to God, saying, "Show your servants your works, O Lord, and be gracious to us."

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Give bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders gentle and loving hearts. Empower us to share the gospel and ourselves with those in need. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray for all humankind. Prosper the work of our hands. May all those who work earn a fair wage. May those without work find strength and encouragement in your love. Give us hearts to respect the dignity of every human being. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray for all creation. You brought forth the mountains. You gave birth to the land and the earth. Give us the desire and will to care for all you have made. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray the community of Knoxville and all the areas in which we live.O God, we want to obey what you command. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray for the afflicted and the suffering. And we pray for those who weep and mourn. Nurse them back to health as a mother tenderly nurses her children. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those who cannot be with us today; for in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers:

ED Archer
THE BELL FAMILY
KEN & DEBBIE Bell
BEVERLY Burns
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet
RON Dearolf
NANCY Deatherage
DOUG Embler
BEVERLY Guiler
BRONWYN Hogan
MARGE Hudson
FRANCIS Lloyd
ANN McClain
DOLORES Miller
PAT Pagni
KENT Parish
JUDI Perry
ALLAN Philp
MARILYN Randall
KRISSA Randolph
PAUL Ridgeway
TERRY & ZANE Scarlett
THE STAPLETON FAMILY
JAN Travins
IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
MICHELE Welsh
and
THE WILSON-MINOR FAMILY

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

(continued)

Leader: We pray for those who have died, and we pray especially for the repose of the soul of parishioner Dave Travins. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us. *Silence.* Show your servants your works, O Lord,

People: And be gracious to us.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The people may kneel or bow. Silence is kept for a space.

All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)*

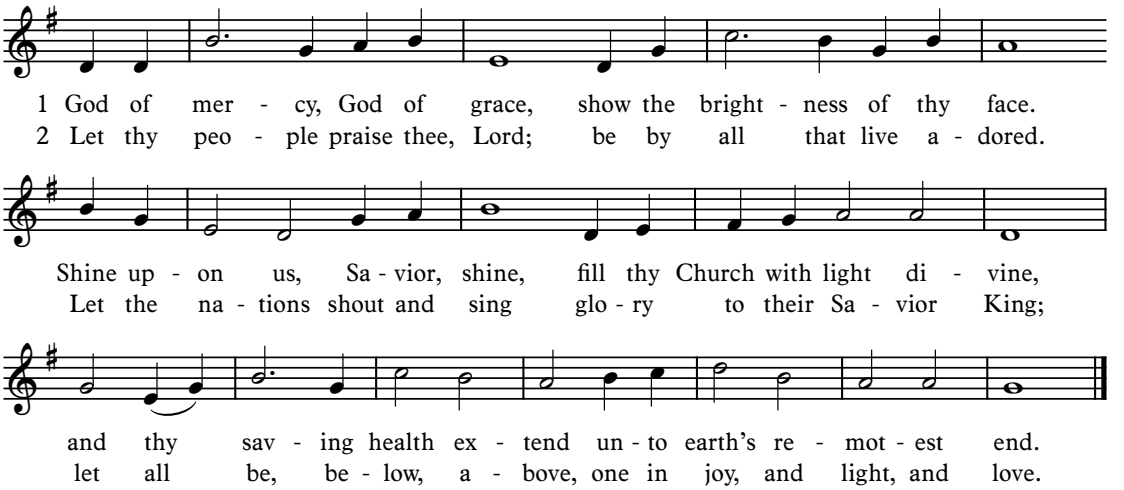
ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

—Words: Martin Janus, (1620–1682);
transl. attrib. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)
Music: *Werde munter mein Gemüthe*, melody by Johann Schopp (1590–1667),
setting by J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN "God of mercy, God of grace" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



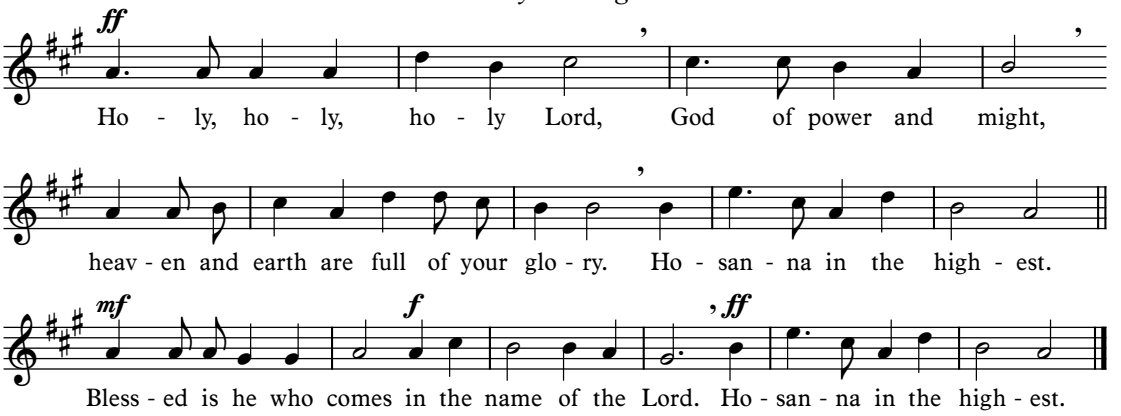
—Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874–1948)

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



—Setting: *From Mass in Honor of St. Andrew,* Jonathan A. Tuuk (b. 949)

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.

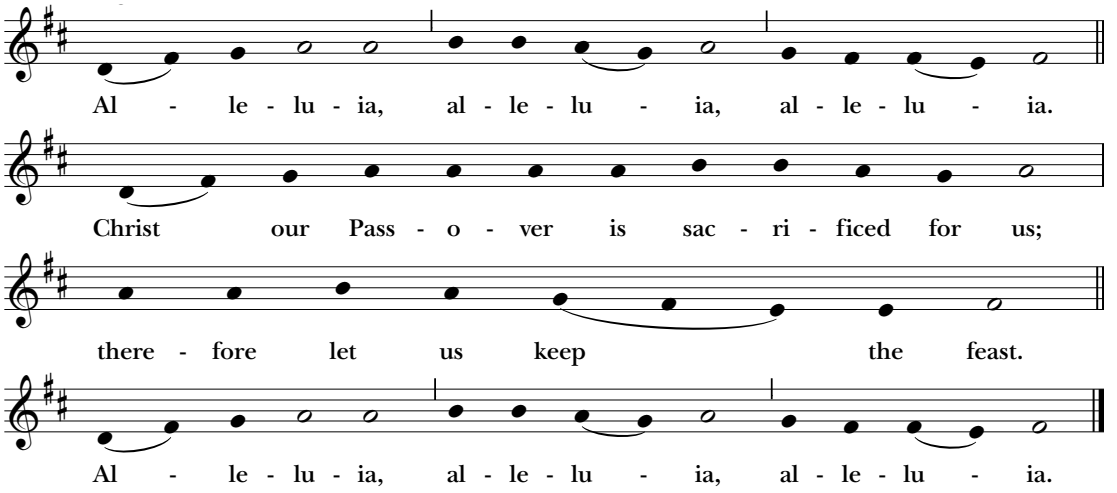
Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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:



—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 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" *Everyone sings.*



—Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7
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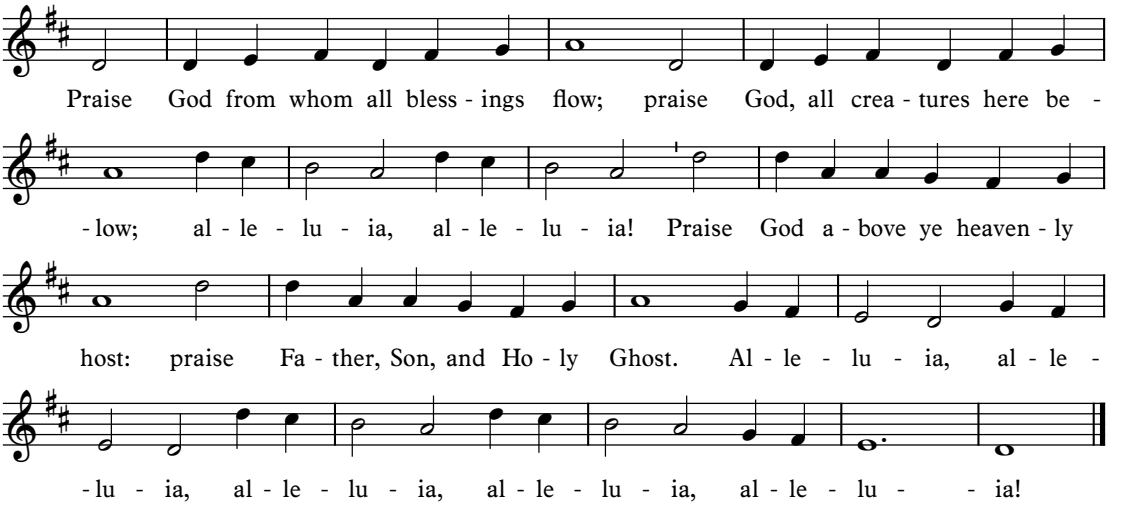
HYMN "Here I am Lord" *Everyone sings.*



—Words and Music: Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

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



— 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 "Sent forth by God's blessing"



—Words: Omer Westendorf (1916–1997)
Music: *The Ash Grove*, Welsh folk tune

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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