# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
**November 8, 2026 + 10:30 a.m.**

# The Holy Eucharist

## Preparation for Worship in God's Name

**PRAYER OF MEDITATION**

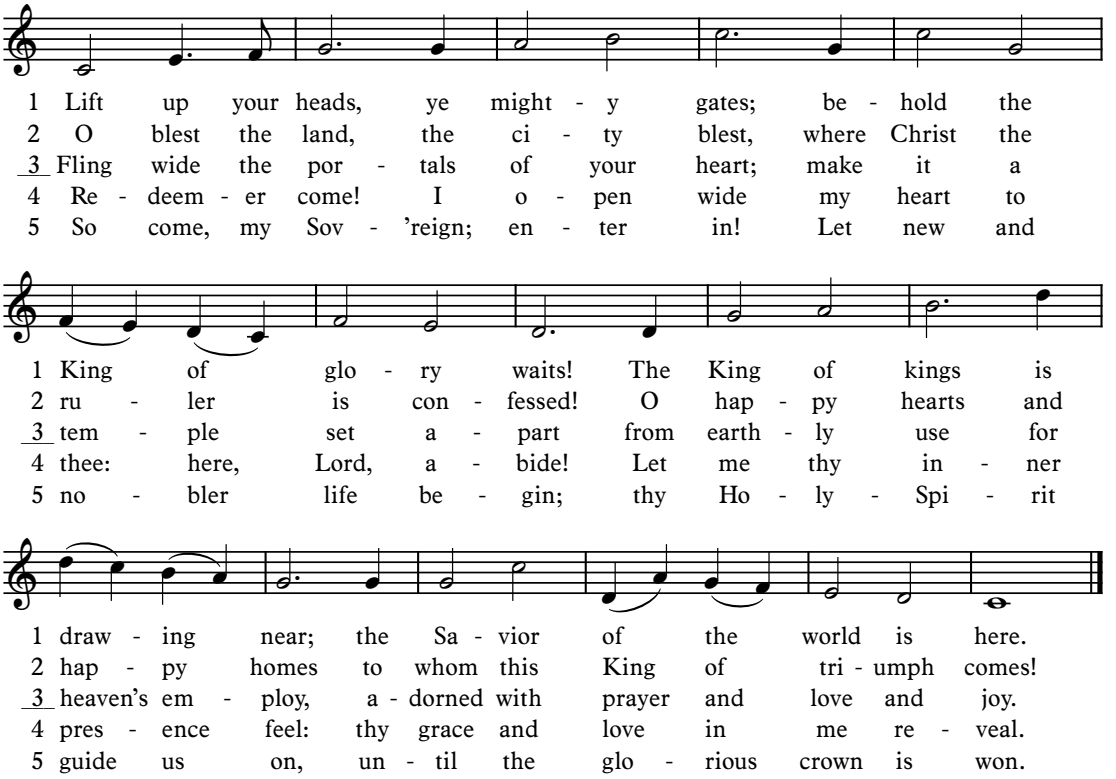
*As the people gather before the service begins,*
*we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Amen.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

# The Liturgy of the Word

**HYMN** "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



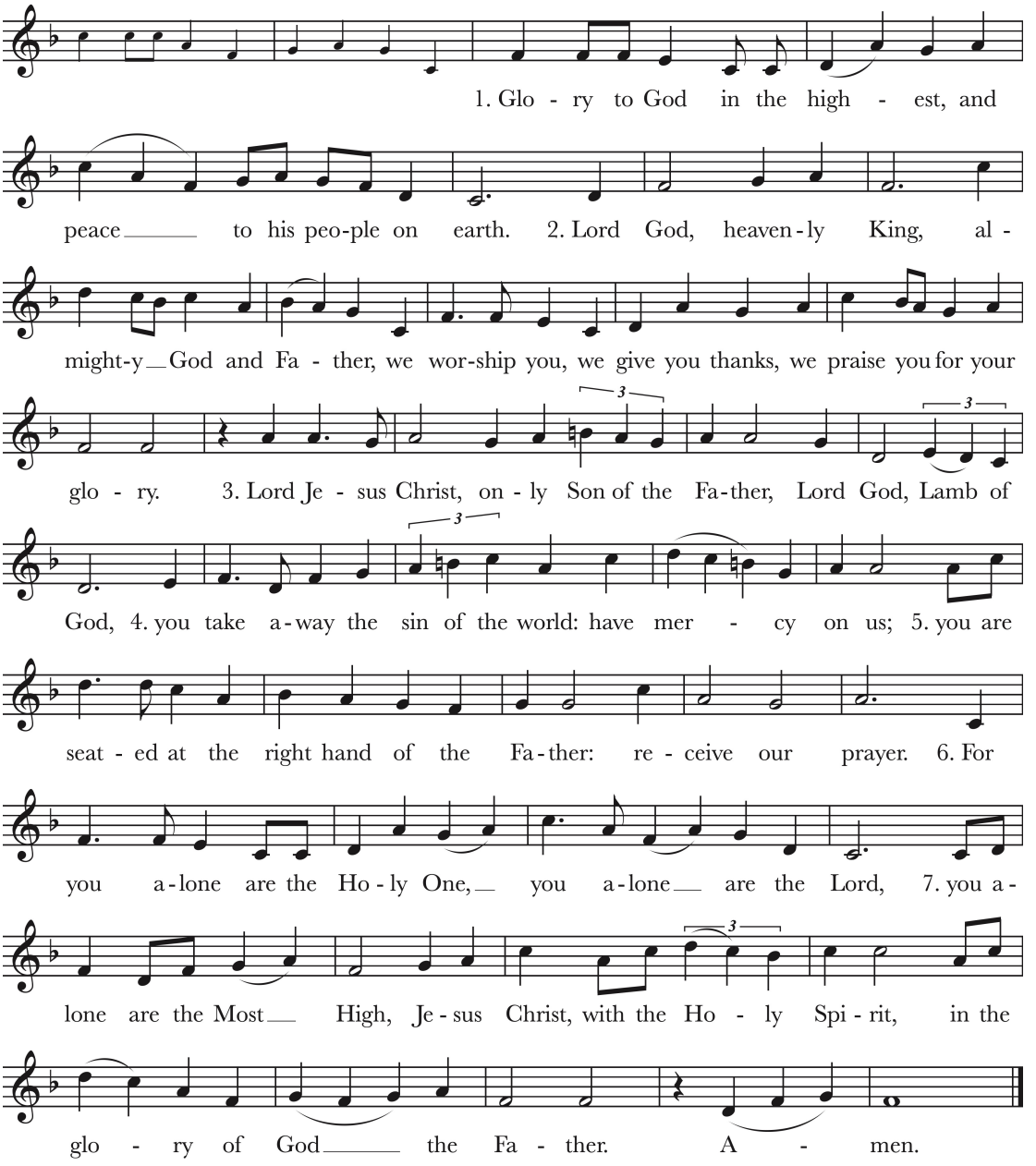

—Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
Music: *Truro,* melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II,* 1789

**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.*




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

**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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

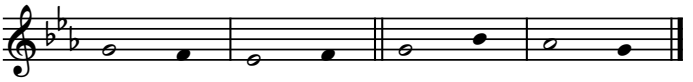
**FIRST LESSON** *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1–3a, 14–25).

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors–Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor–lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.' Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

**PSALM 78:1–7** *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

‡7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

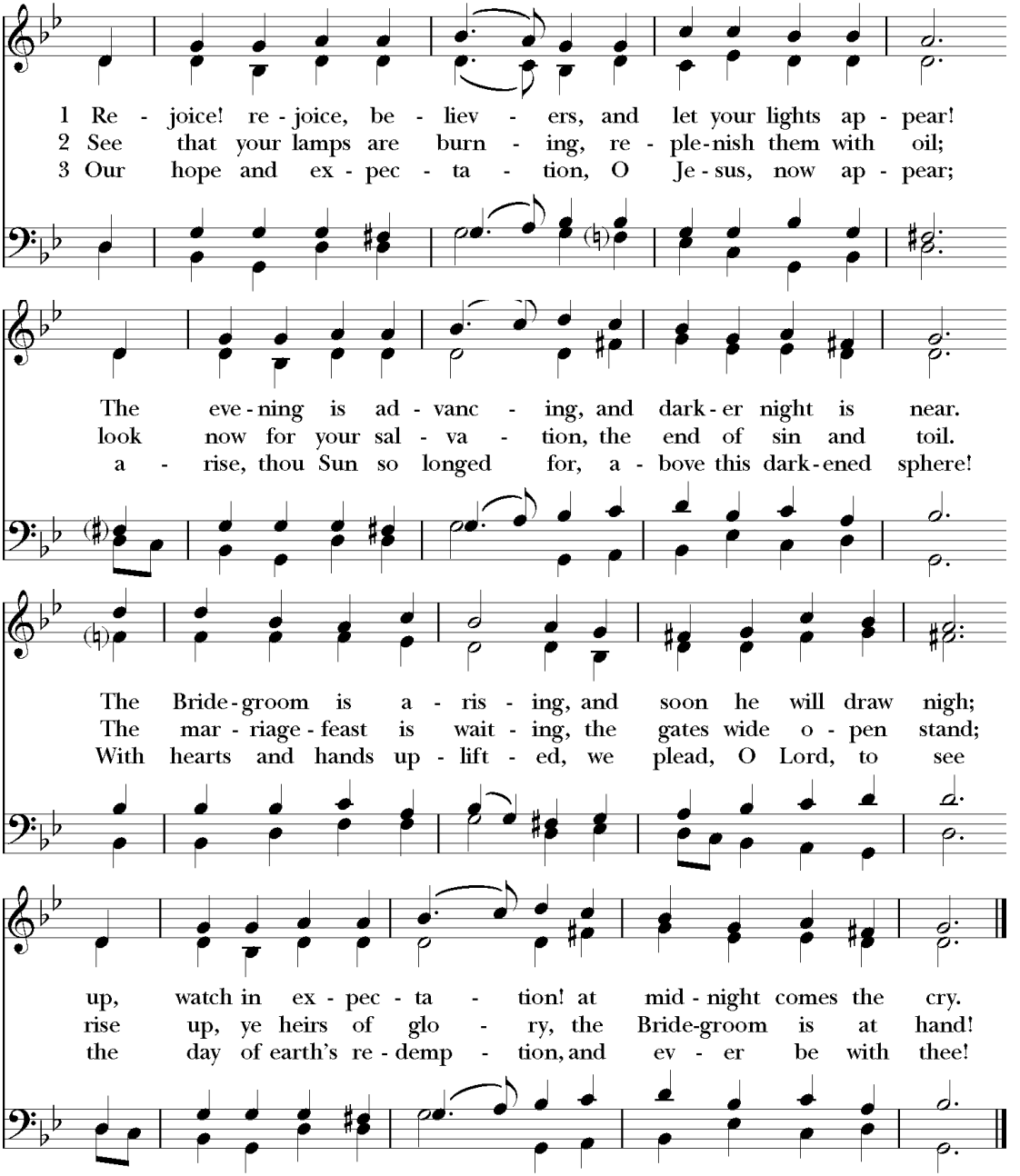
**SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13–18).

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**HYMN** "Rejoice, rejoice believers" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

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Music: *Old 124th,* melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David,* 1551

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1–13).
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

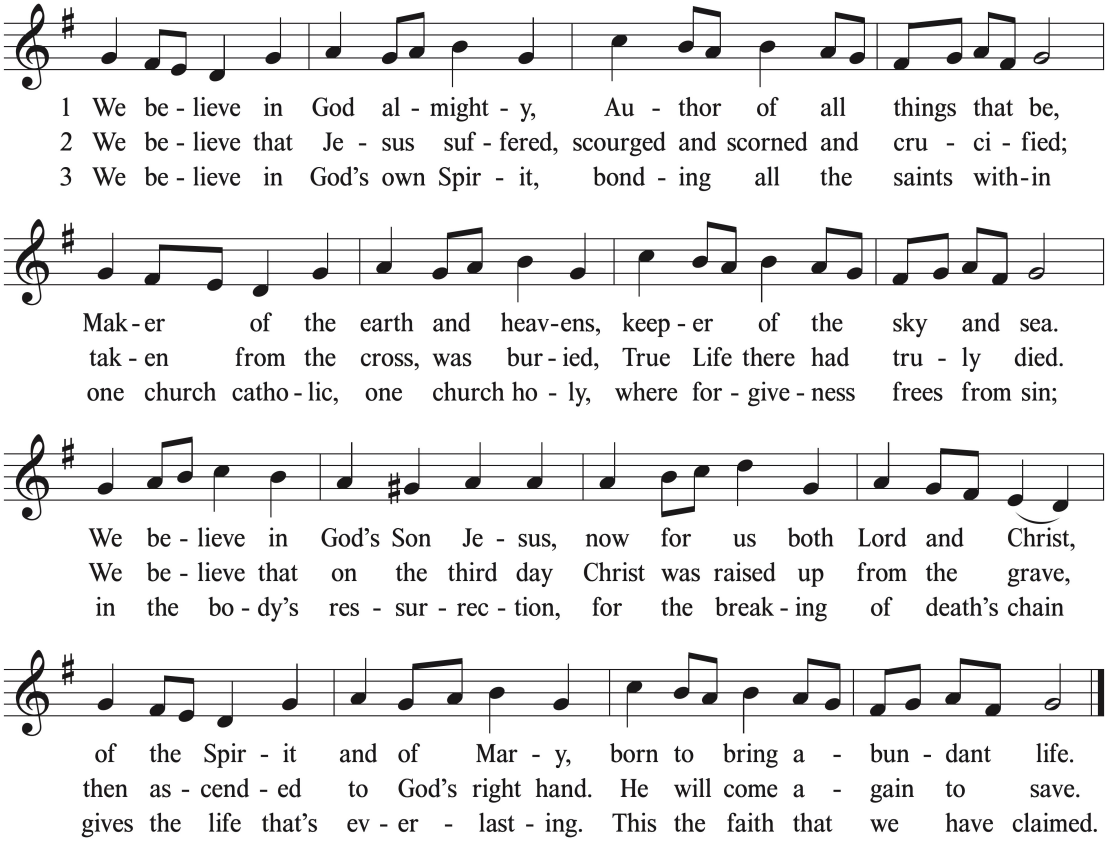
Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Angela Lister 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.*

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Music: *In Babilone,* melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu,* 1710

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those 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
**ANDY & TOMMIE** Brantley/Rowe
**BEVERLY** Burns
**DAVID & NANCY** Cazalet
**RON** Dearolf
**DOUG** Embler
**KATHY** Gray
**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** Ridegeway
**THE STAPLETON FAMILY**
**JAN** Travins
**IDALEE** Vogel-Jackson
and
**MICHELE** Welsh

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve.

*Silence.*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.

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.*

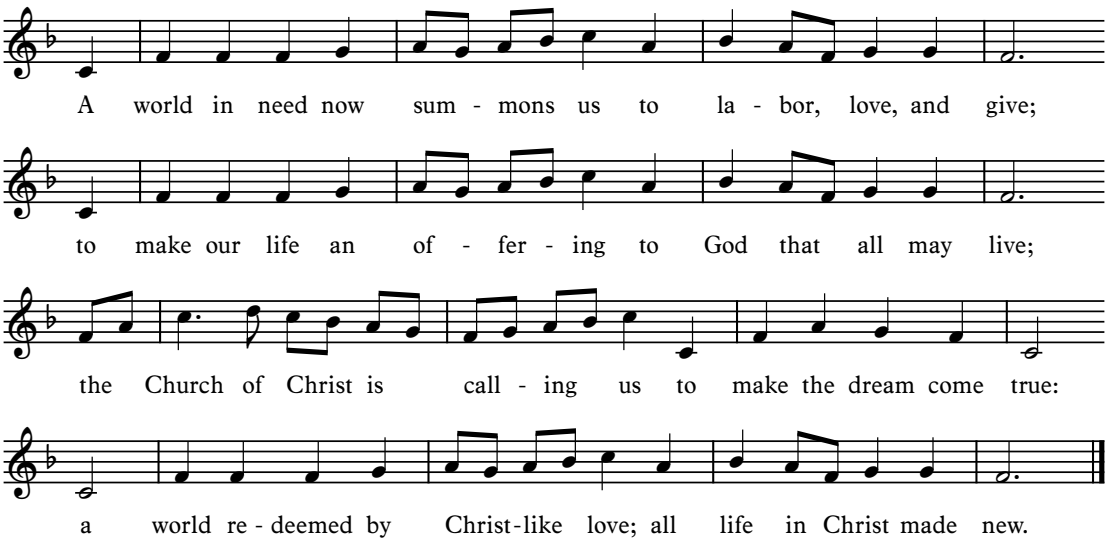
# Holy Communion

**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.*

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



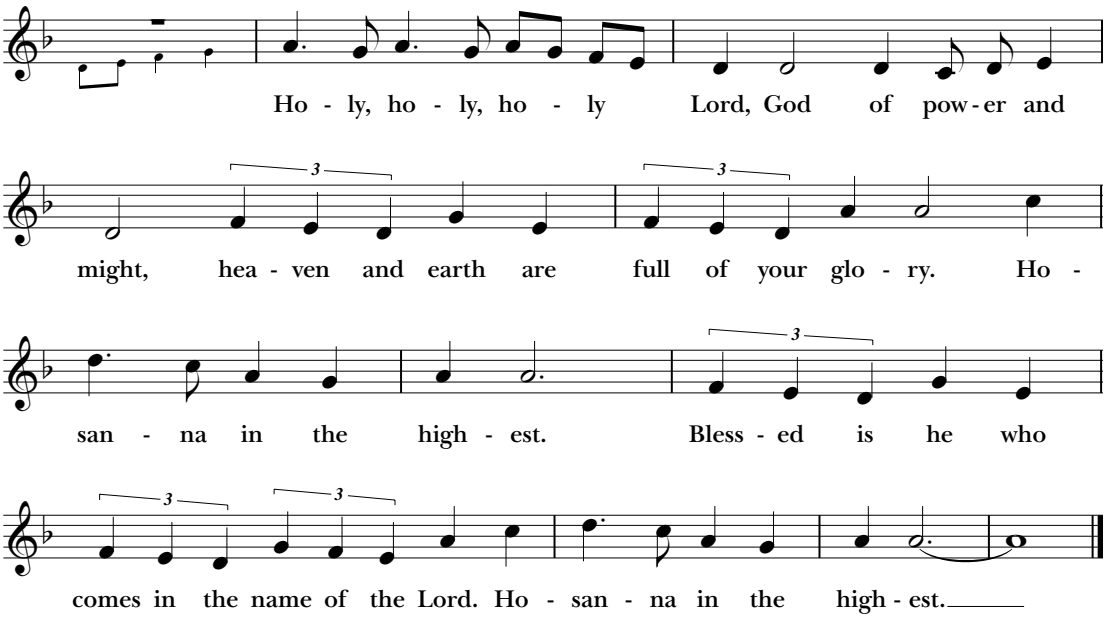

—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 3)
Music: *Forest Green,* English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

**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. 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. world. 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:*




—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*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.

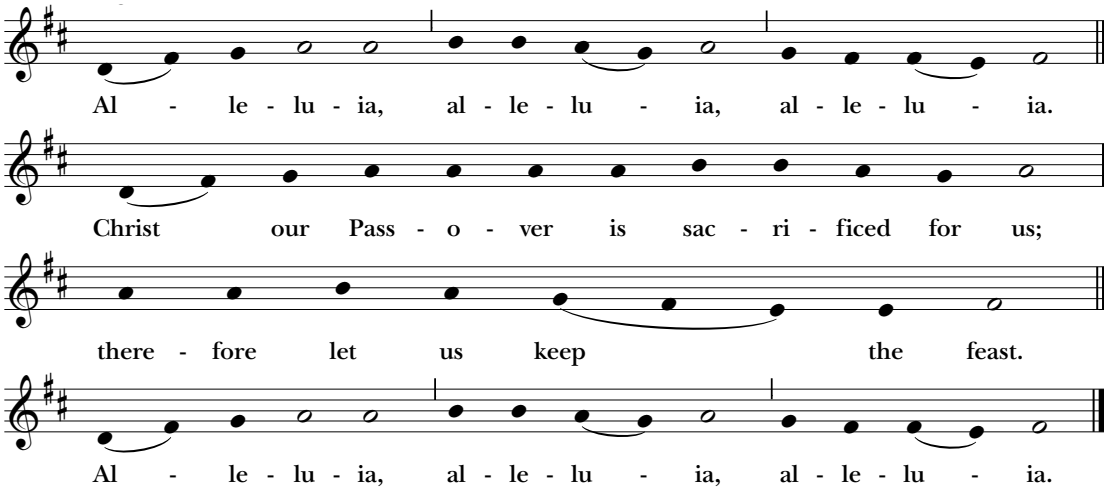
*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

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:*



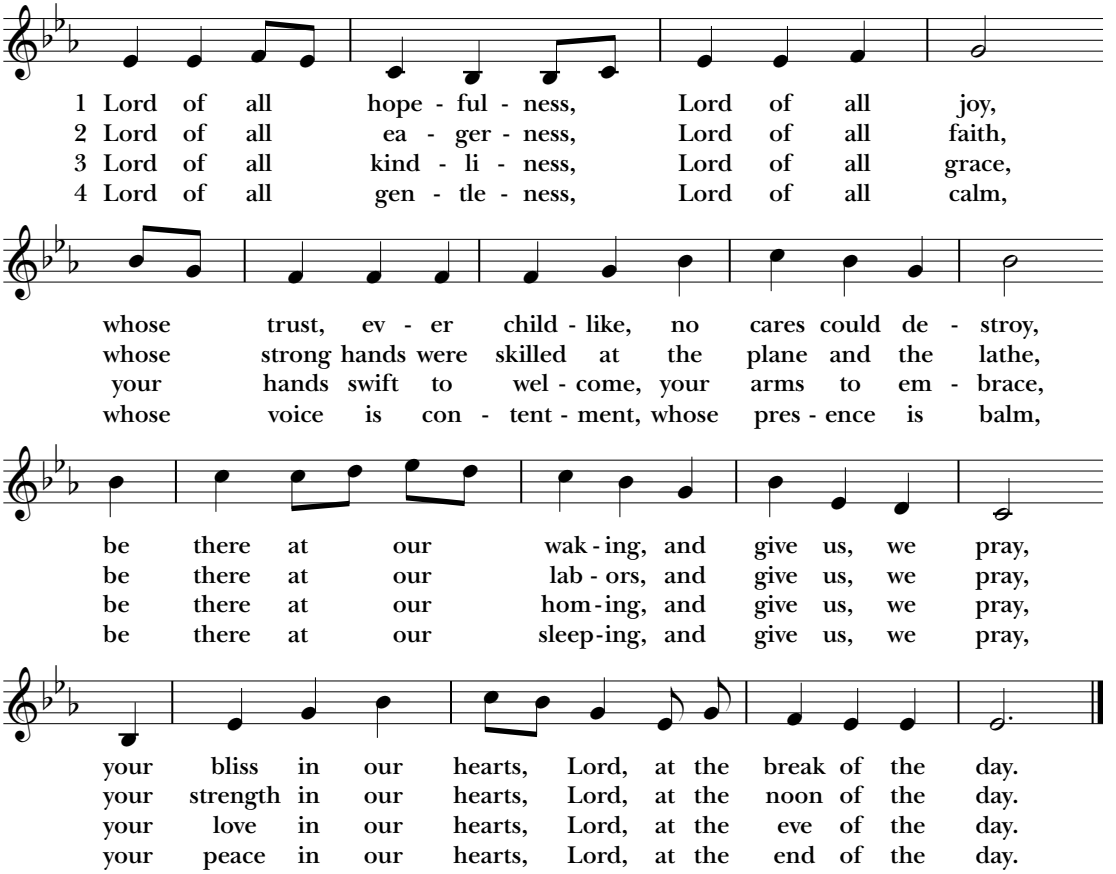

—Setting: From *New Plainsong,* David Hurd (b. 1950)

## 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.

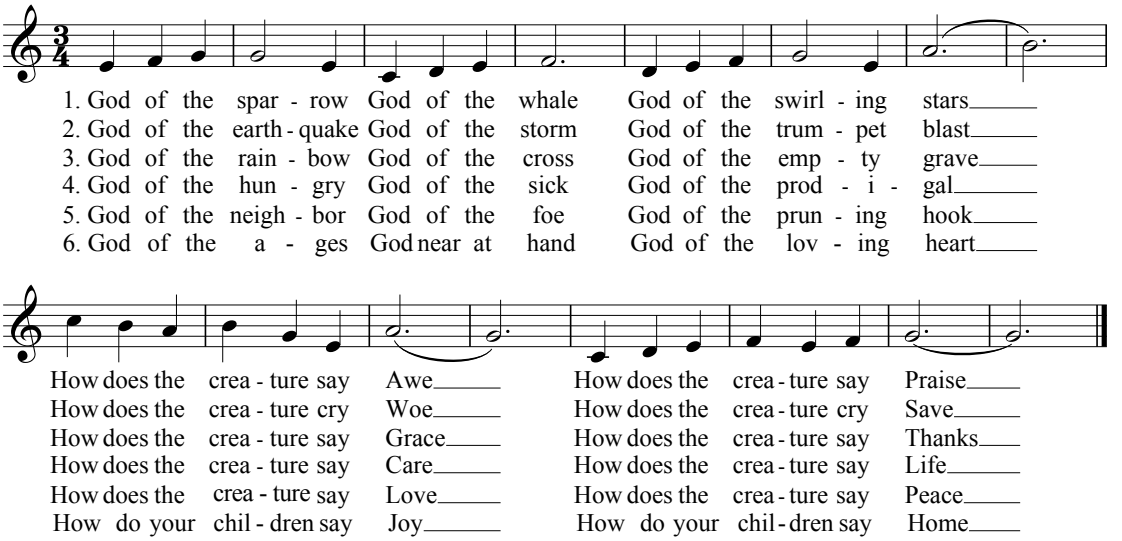
## DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN** "Lord of all hopefulness" *Everyone sings.*



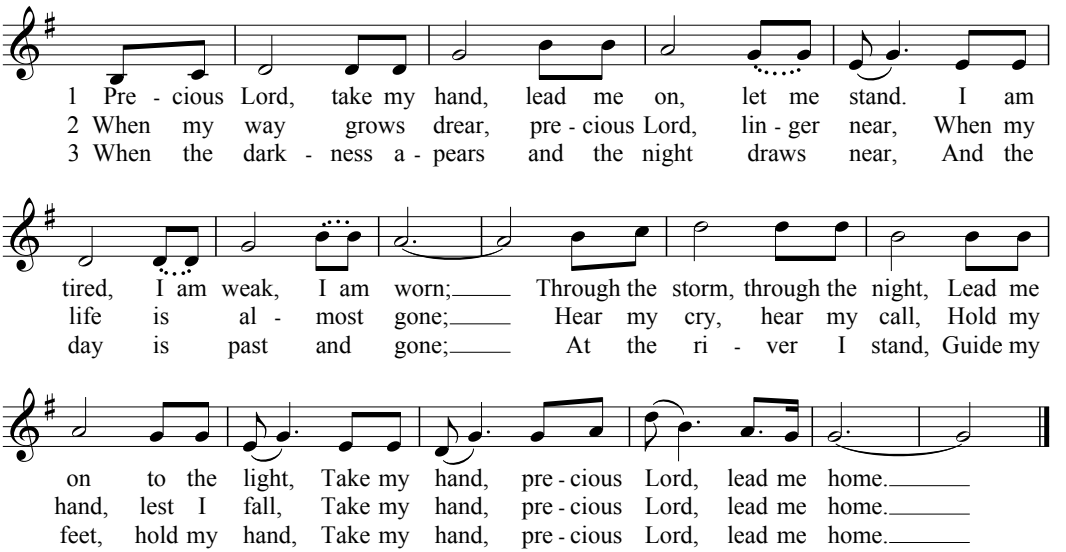

—Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953)
Music: *Slane,* Irish ballad melody

**HYMN** "God of the sparrow, God of the whale" *Everyone sings.*



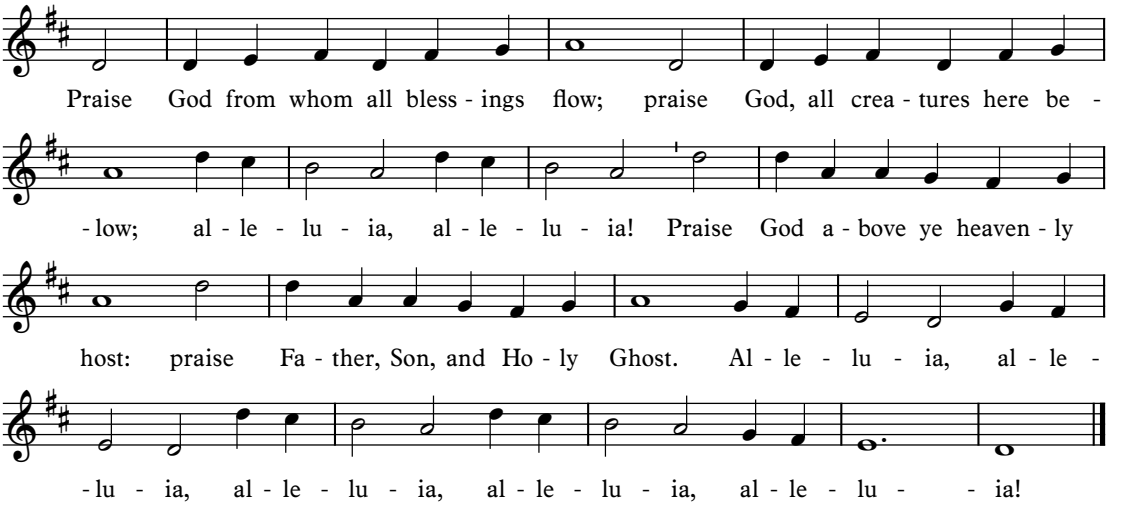

—Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)
Music: *Roeder*, Carl F. Schalk (1929–2021)

**HYMN** "Precious Lord, take my hand" *Everyone sings.*




—Words & Music: Thomas Dorsey (1899–1993)

**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.

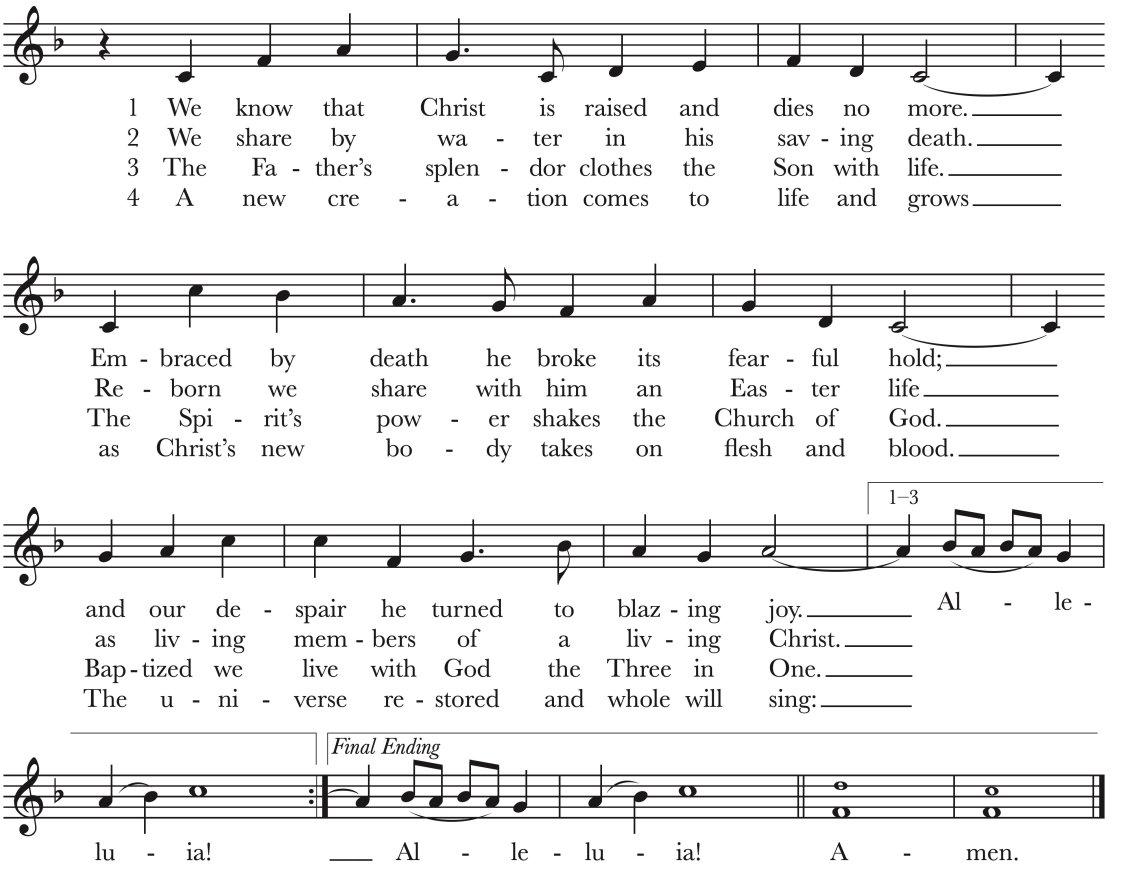
**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

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** "We know that Christ is raised" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*




—Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
Music: *Engelberg,* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**DISMISSAL**

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

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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