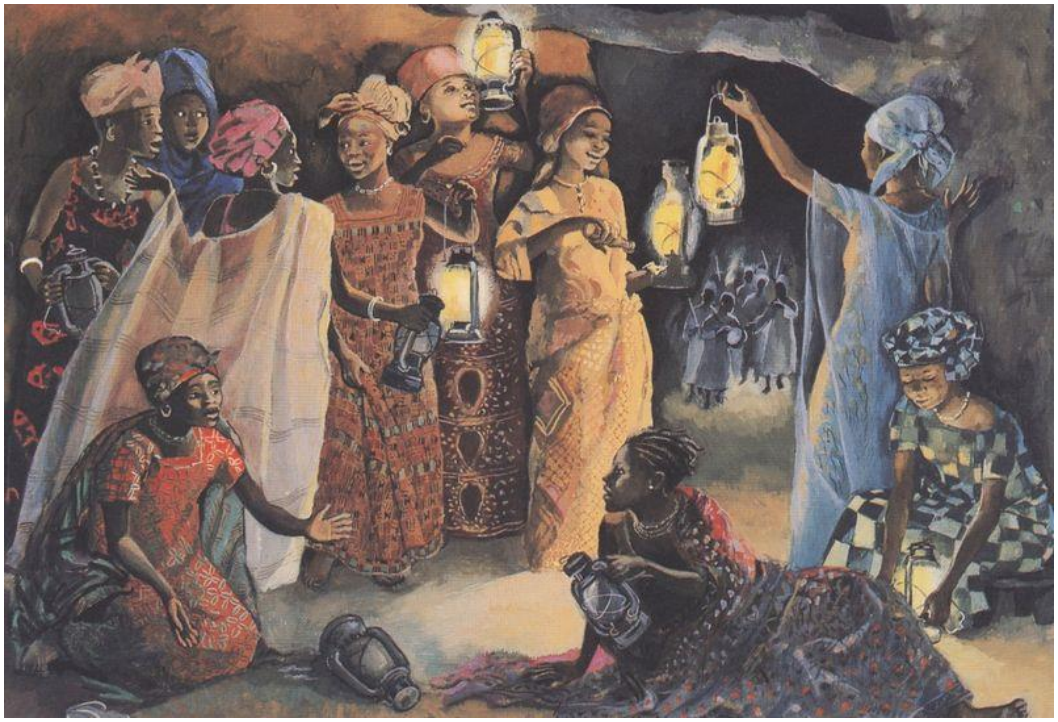
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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 27A)

November 8, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Good Shepherd
1:00 p.m. – Emmanuel All Nations



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The Church of the Good Shepherd practices inclusion, inspires healing, and promotes justice as we journey with Christ in love.

Join our email list: **https://tinyurl.com/goodshepemails**

Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

This is Christ's House. Come, you who feel weak and unworthy. Come, you who come often and you who have stayed away. Come, you who love Jesus, and you who wish you could. Come, sinners and saints, women, men, and gender non-conforming, gay and straight, young and old. Come, you who are lonely and long for friendship. Come, you who are homeless and you who have a place to rest your heads. Come, you who are citizens of this land and you who are not. Here you are citizens of the kingdom of God. Come join God's people at the feast prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

In addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we consistently offer a variety of other opportunities to connect—for people of all ages.

- Our website: **goodshepherdfw.org.**
- Our YouTube page: **tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube.**
- Sign up for *The Shepherd's Crook,* our weekly newsletter, at **tinyurl.com/goodshepemails.**
- To go even deeper, join *Realm,* our online community of worshipers: **onrealm.org/goodshepfw.**
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): **tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.**
- Make a financial pledge to Good Shepherd for 2027: **tinyurl.com/goodshep2027.**

Recording and Streaming in Use

Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our 10:30 worship service, and that the resulting content is being transmitted online. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the worship space or on Zoom, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area toward the back of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

Land Acknowledgment
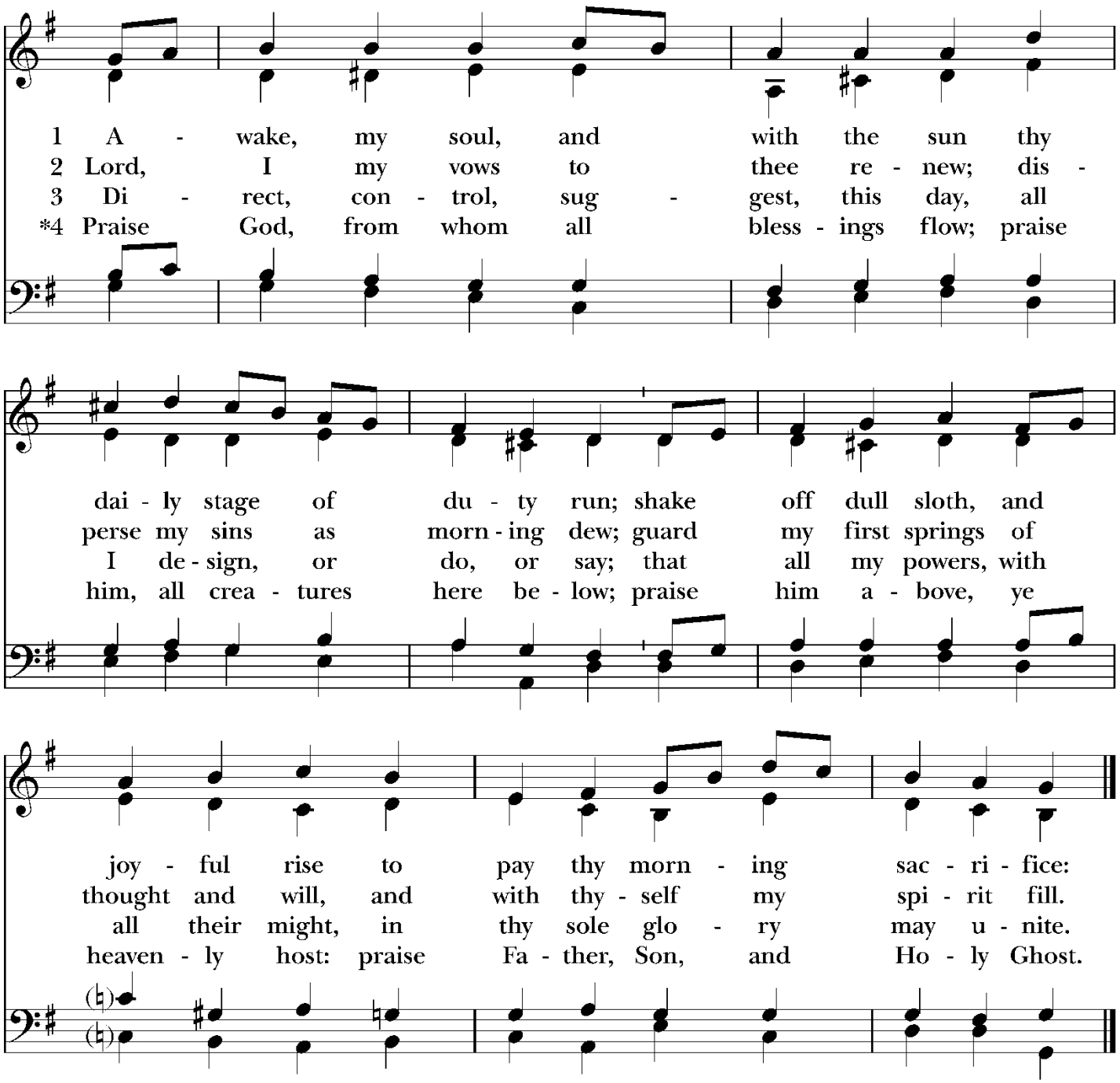
We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the Puyallup (puyallup-tribe.com) and Coast Salish People, who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

How can you make this Land Acknowledgment more than a performative gesture? Go to the tribe's news website (https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/) and sign up for their newsletter. Notice what issues are important to the Puyallup people and decide how you can begin to forge a learning relationship.

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two
The Liturgy of the Word

At the 8:00 service, we skip all musical portions or, where indicated, read the text of them.

Processional Hymn: Awake, My Soul (*The Hymnal 1982* #11)



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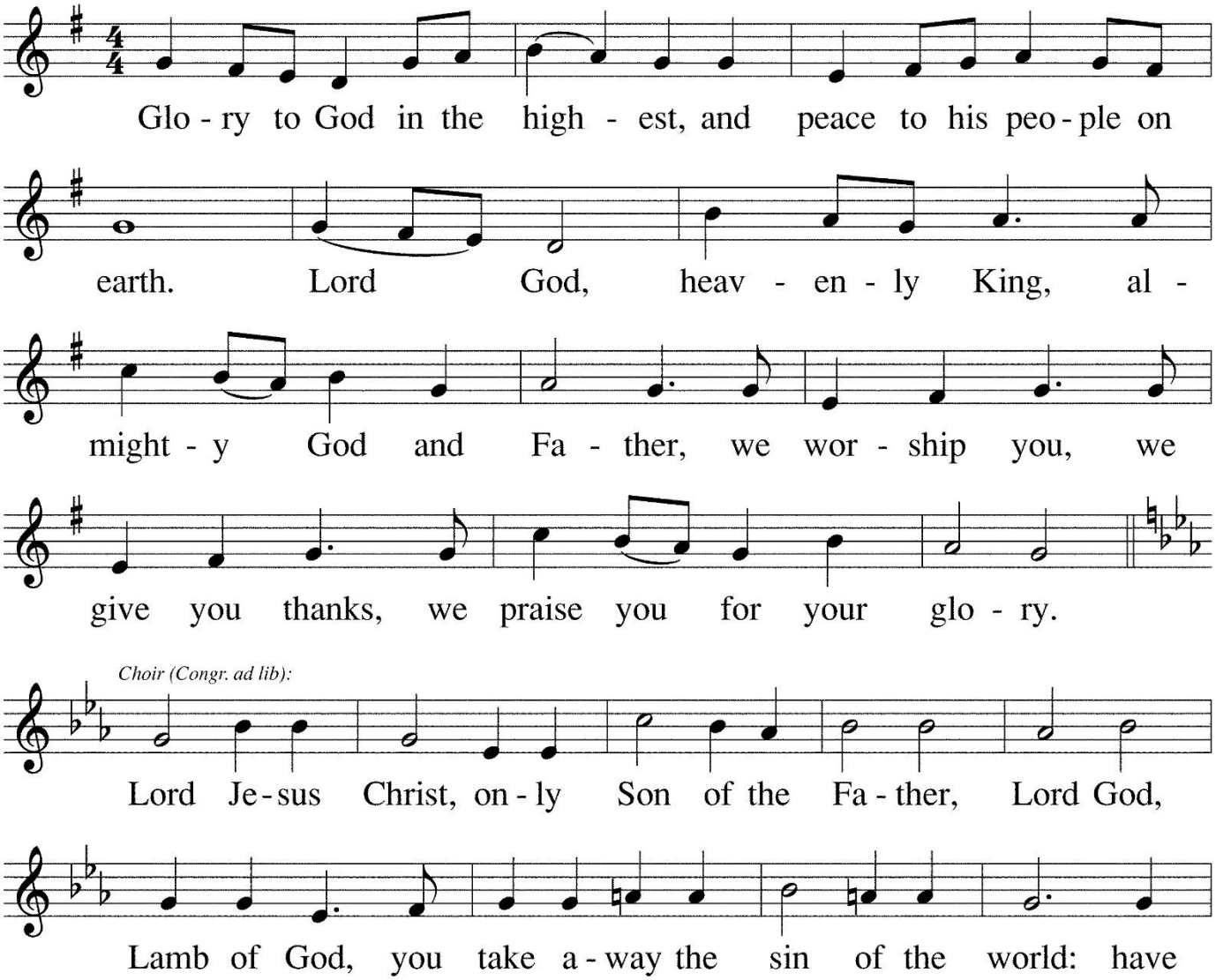
Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

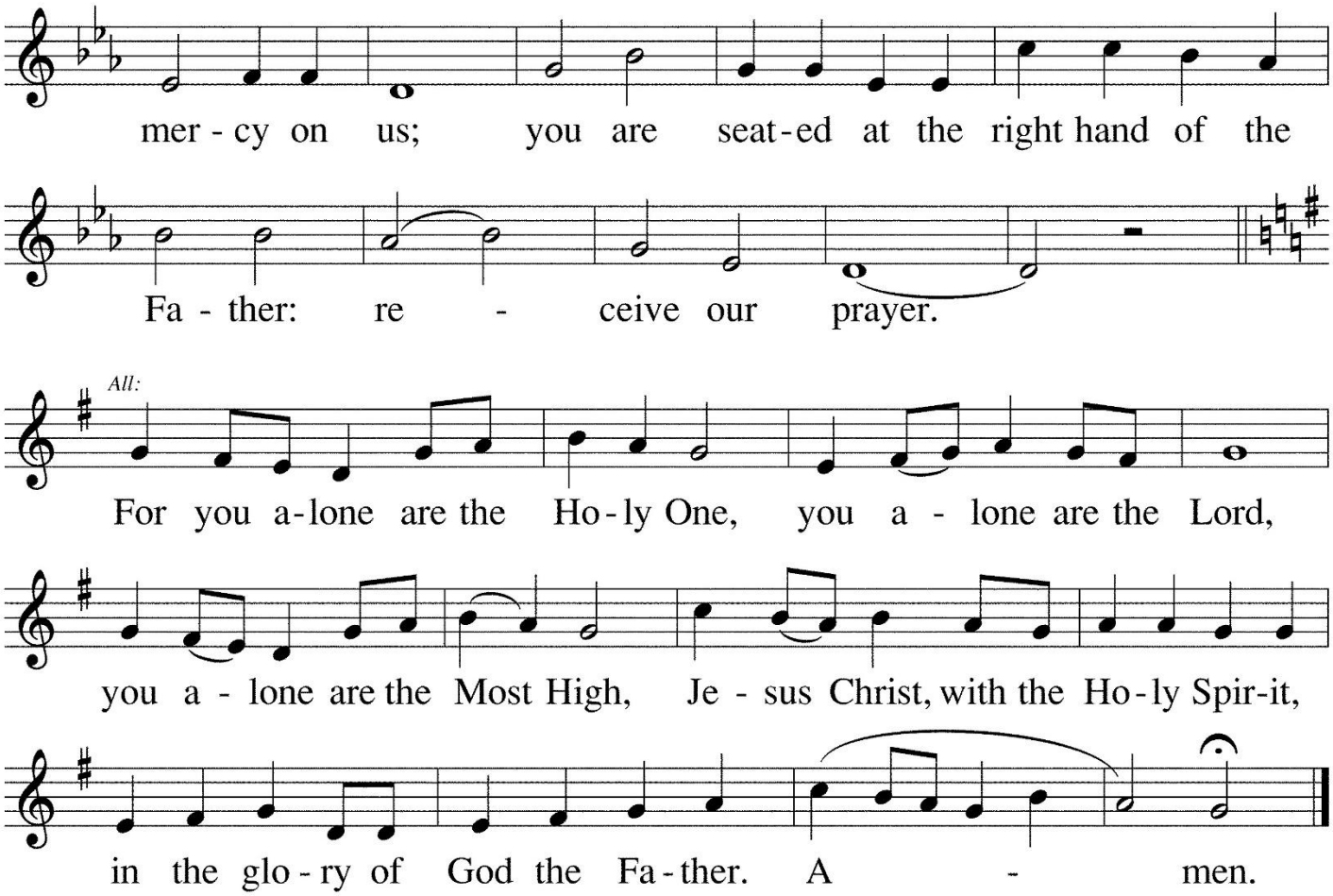
The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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 (*Carroll T. Andrews*)

At 8:00: Spoken





Music: *A New Mass for Congregations*, Carroll T. Andrews, © 1970, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

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**.

The people are seated.

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week include one from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm; one from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures; and a reading from one of the four Gospels, the accounts of the life of Jesus.

First Lesson (Wisdom 6:12–16)

Lector: A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

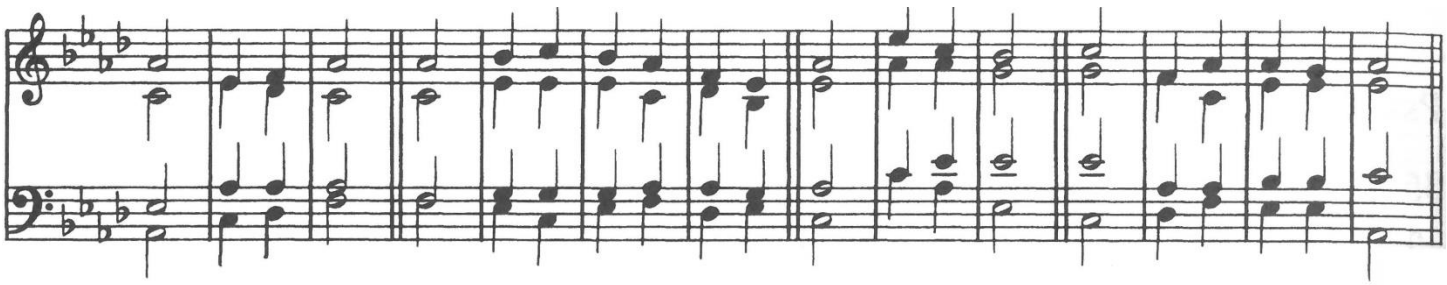
… Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text as follows:

Let us pray the psalm responsively by verse.

At 10:30, the congregation is invited to sing along with the cantor or choir.



1 Be pleased, O ˈGod, to deˈliver me; *
O ˈLORD, makeˈhaste toˈhelp me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altoˈgether disˈmayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
drawˈback andˈbe disˈgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over meˈtürnˈback, *
beˈcause theyˈare aˈshamed.

4 Let all who seek you reˈjoice and beˈglad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
ˈ"GrëatˈisˈtheˈLORD!"

5 But as for me, I amˈpoor andˈneedy; *
come to meˈspeediˈly, OˈGod.

6 You are my helper andˈmy deˈliverer; *
OˈLÖRD,ˈdo notˈtarry.

Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)

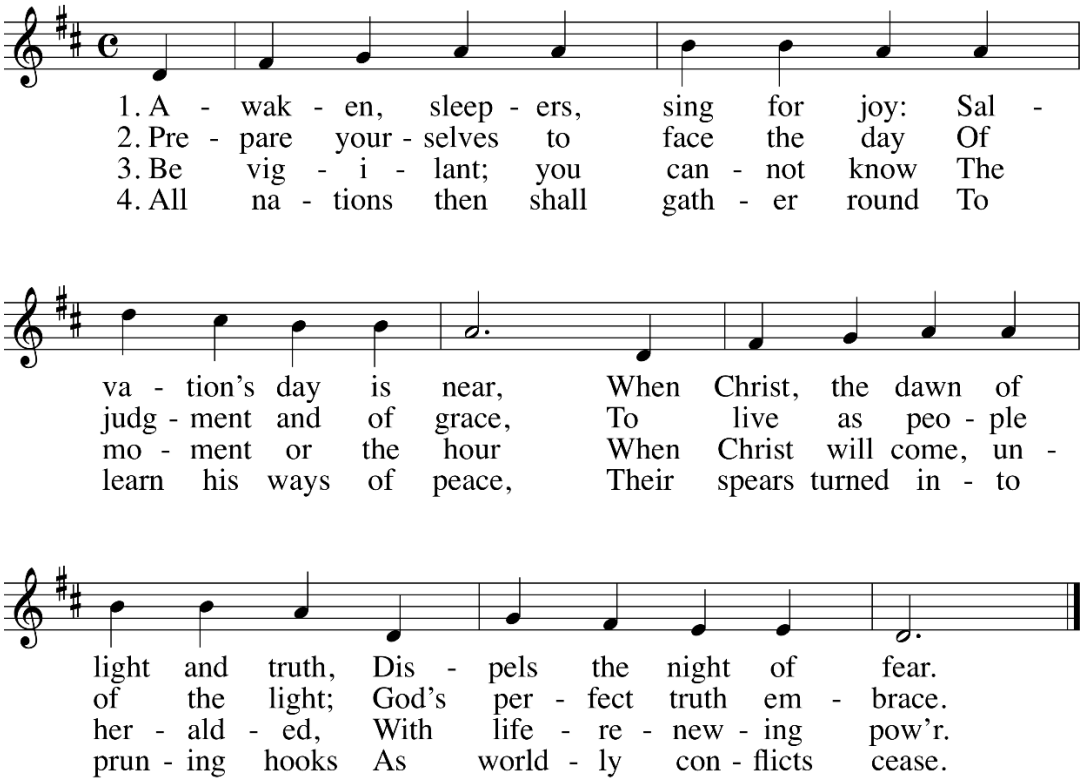
Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

… Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands as able.

Gradual Hymn: Awaken, Sleepers (*Worship 4th ed.* #493)



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The Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then 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."

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

The people are seated.

The Sermon (*The Rev. Josh Hosler*)

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our website.

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands as able. This statement of belief dates from the 4th century. Here we use it as a prayer. In our post-Enlightenment times, it is helpful to think of the word "believe" not as meaning merely "I intellectually assent," but rather, "I place my trust."

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

Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the ***Prayer List*** *and the* ***Prayer Chain.***

Prayer List: *To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact the Rev. Josh Hosler at rector@goodshepherdfw.org. This list is published in Realm Resources for you to use in your private devotions; the link appears in the Shepherd's Crook email.*

Prayer Chain: *To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at alisajohnson@hotmail.com.*

Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: In this week's cycles of prayer, we pray for the New Hope Center; Democratic Republic of the Congo; for the Diocesan Council, Board of Directors, and Standing Committee; and for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo … For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop Phil, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Federal Way, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon adds here the names of those on our parish prayer list.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon adds here the names of those on our parish prayer list.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Presider: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our ignorance cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence. The people may kneel or stand.

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

A Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin*[s]* another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Presider: We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord. *– Nehemiah 10:35*

The congregation may remain seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.

***To make a gift today** using your mobile device, scan the QR code on the right … or drop a check in the offering plate … or mail a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063. On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.*

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small.



First Fruits Update

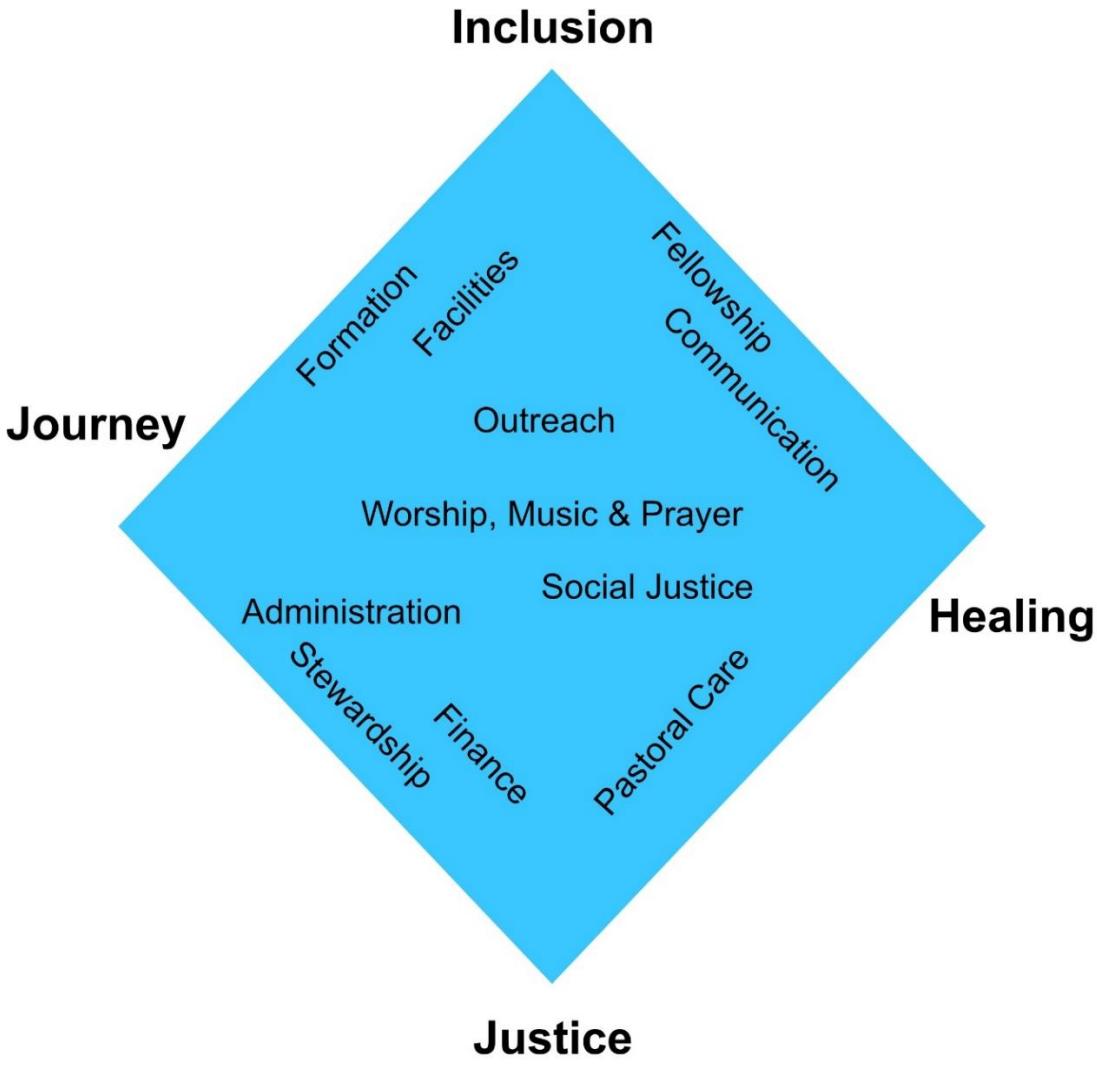
***Our annual pledge campaign has concluded,** but we'll continue to update you on its progress as pledges continue to come in.* **The Stewardship Team thanks you for your direct involvement in helping the Church of the Good Shepherd plan for 2027!**

***As of the printing of this service leaflet, we have received 61 pledges on our way to a goal of 80. Of these, 23 have qualified for the matching challenge:** that is, new pledges and pledges that increased by 25% over last year! **To make a pledge today for 2027,** go to tinyurl.com/goodshep2027 or use the QR code. Paper pledge cards are also available.*

How Our Ministries Flow from Our Mission

The Church of the Good Shepherd practices inclusion, inspires healing, and promotes justice as we journey with Christ in love.

In September, the Vestry discussed our mission statement and how our many ministry groups engage its various components. This is the chart they came up with.
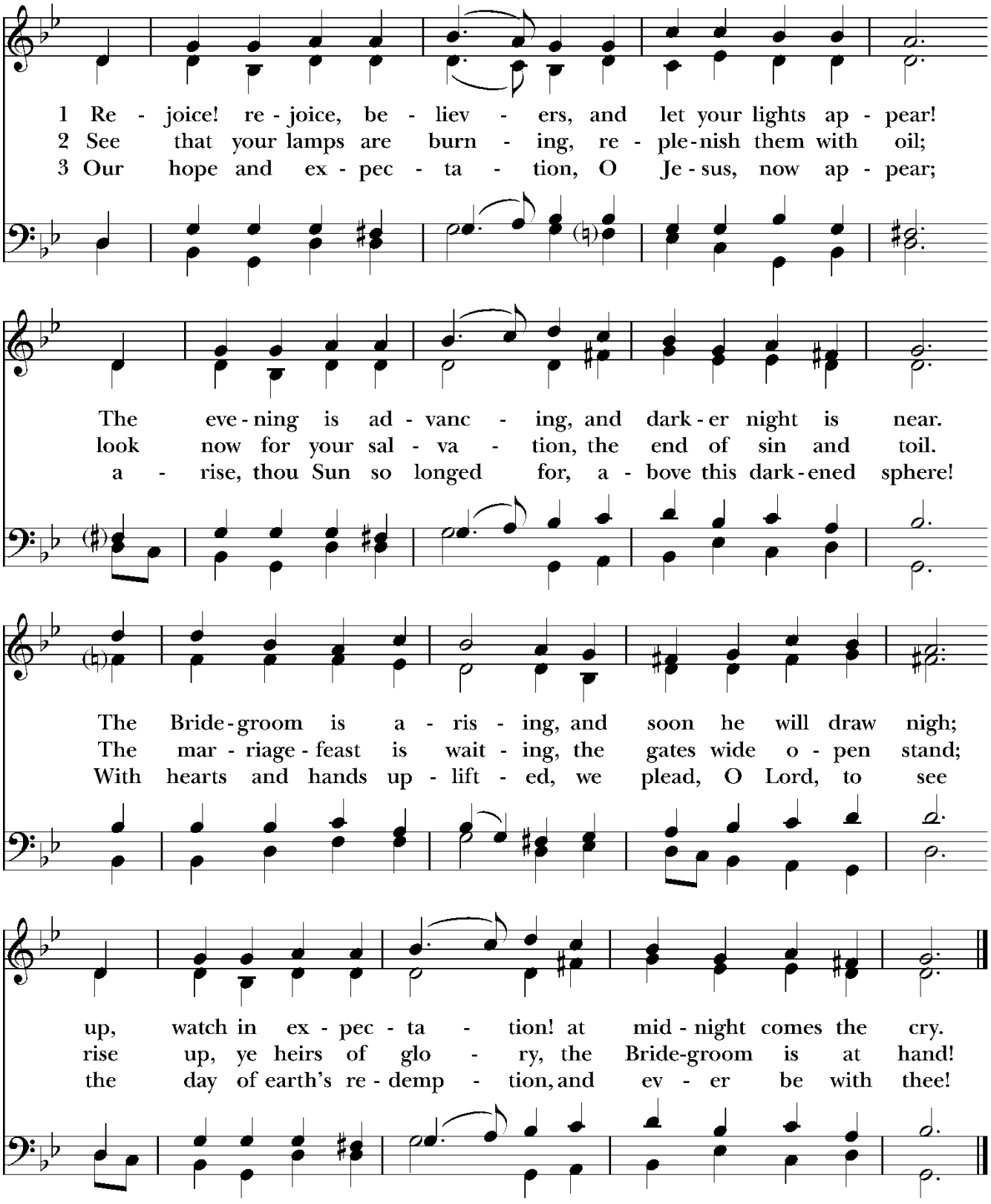


Perhaps *all* of our ministry groups help bring about Inclusion, Healing, Justice, *and* Journey. How have you experienced these things at Good Shepherd?

Be a part of Good Shepherd's mission in 2027.
Pledge today!

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Offertory Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (*The Hymnal 1982* #68)



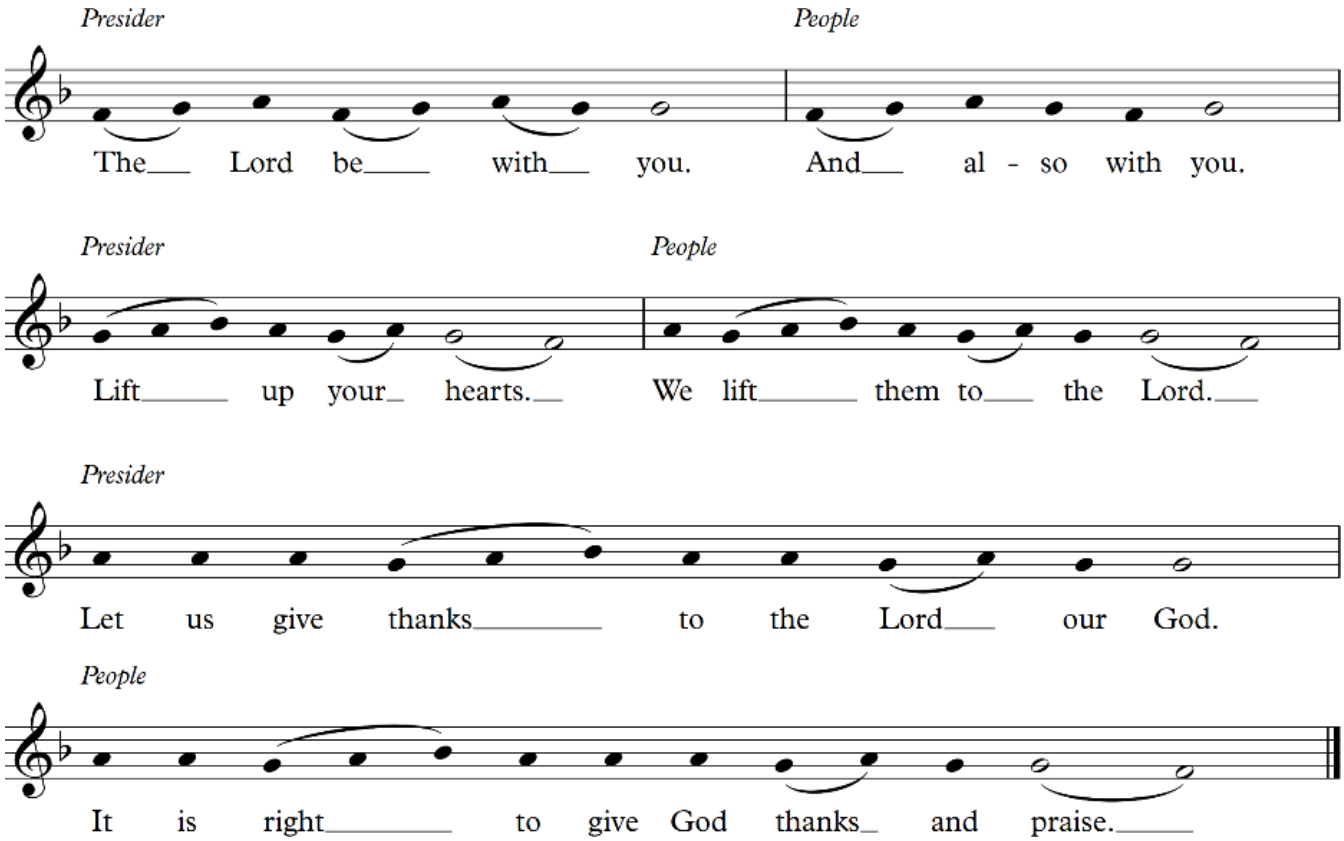
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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 *(Enriching Our Worship)*

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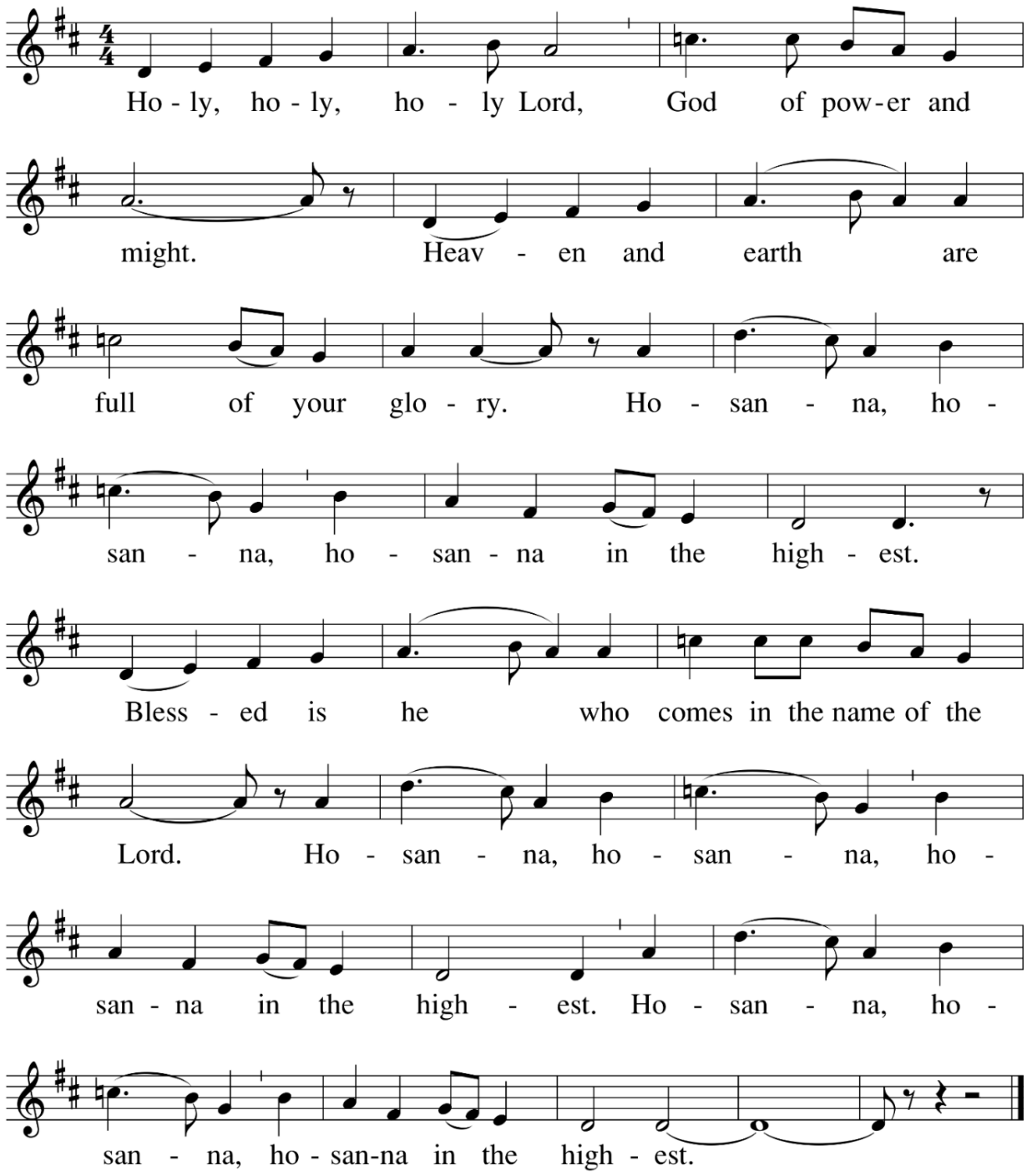


Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: Mass for the City (*Richard Proulx*)

At 8:00: Spoken



Music: *Mass for the City*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and you prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.
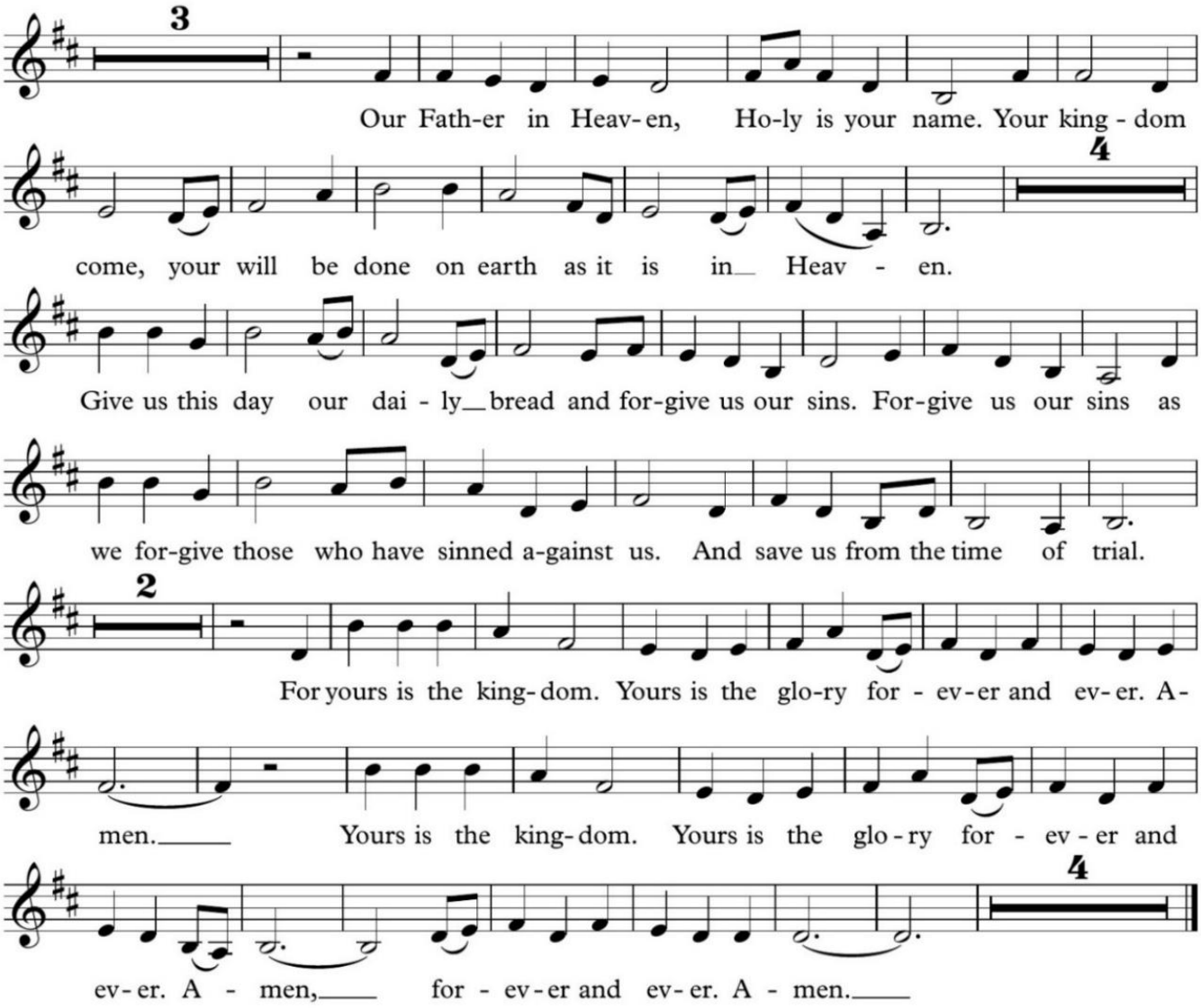
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer

At 8:00:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

At 10:30:
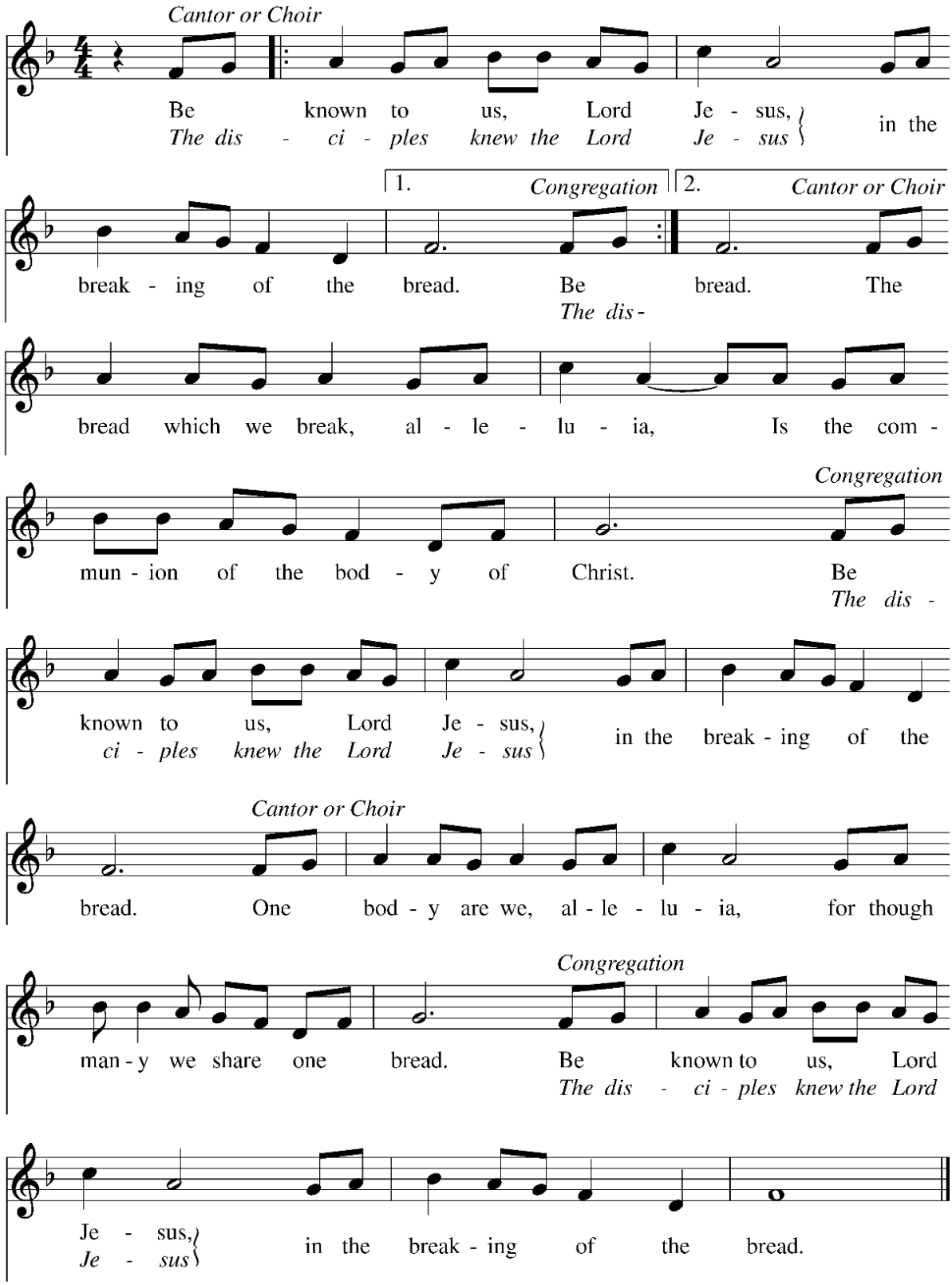


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The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem: Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus (*Wonder, Love, and Praise* #875)



Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy Communion is Christians' weekly participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, so it properly flows from the vows made at our baptism. Even so, all are invited to the table: the baptized of any Christian denomination who have committed to follow Jesus Christ, and any guests at Jesus' table. If you are not baptized and would like to begin to explore the possibility, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

If you require gluten-free bread, tell the priest when he comes to you and it will be provided. To abstain from Holy Communion, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer that the priest bless you. In addition, it has always been our understanding that those who receive communion in only one kind (bread or wine) have received communion in the fullest sense.

Communion Music: Teach Me, O Lord (*Philip Stopford*)
Sung by the Good Shepherd Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee, may fear thee. Amen.

Text: Psalm 119:33-39a, KJV, alt. Music: Philip Stopford.

Sending Out Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to some who could not attend in person today, this prayer follows at the end of Holy Communion. Please stand as able.

Presider: 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.
People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Prayer

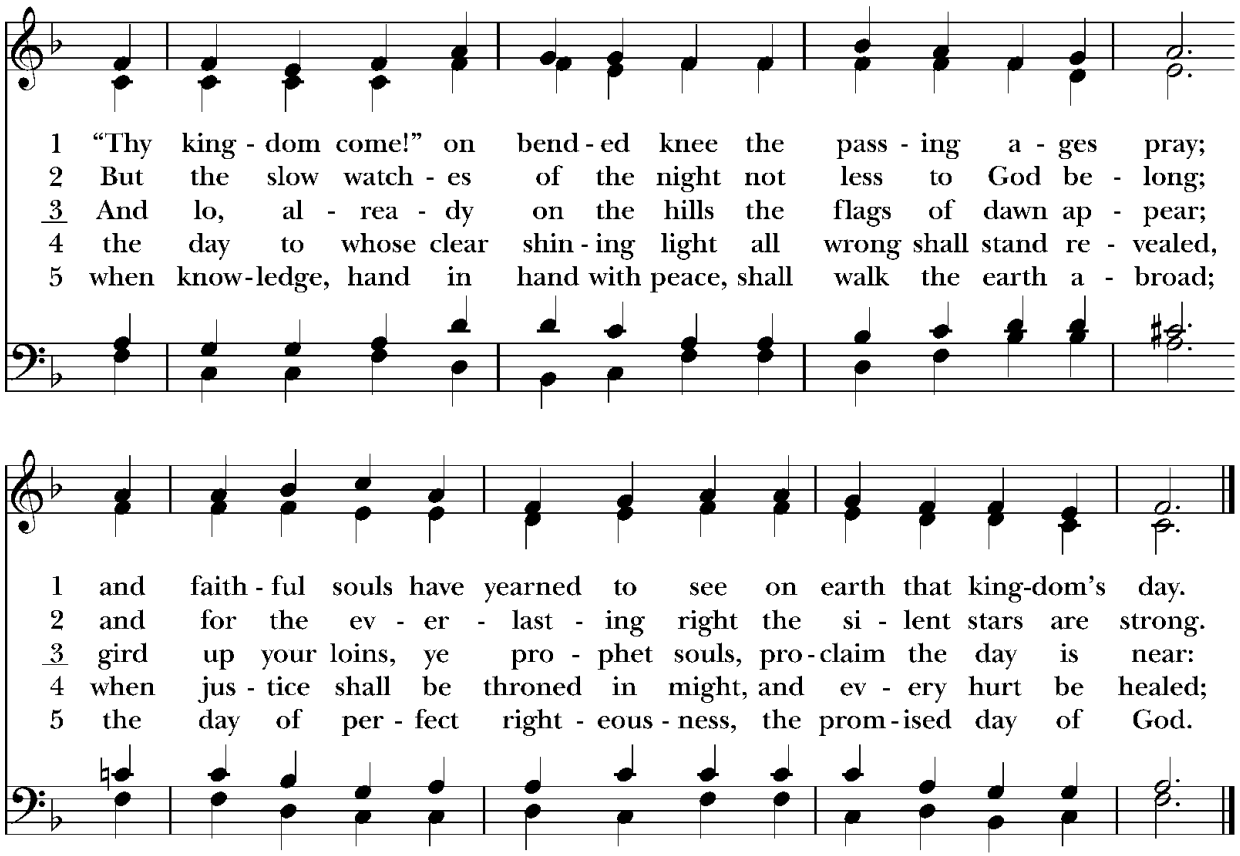
The congregation stands as able.

Presider: Let us pray.
All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee (*The Hymnal 1982* #615)



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

At this point our livestream ends. Coffee, snacks, and ongoing conversation are available after each service.

What's Happening at Good Shepherd?

Because our service leaflet is posted on the Web for all to see, we don't print here parishioners' personal contact information. Members of Good Shepherd are given a printed parish directory. If you'd like to participate in something but don't know how to contact the appropriate person, please contact the church office at office@goodshepherdfw.org.

Midweek Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room

No registration required! Drop in any time as we read a book of the Bible and discuss. September features a survey of the Psalms, and then we'll begin reading the Book of Genesis. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh.**

Winter Clothing Closet Needs

The Clothing Closet is looking for donations of new or gently used clothes for winter. Current needs include men's L-XXL coats, sweat clothes, jeans, long-sleeve shirts, and crew socks and casual shoes (sizes 9-14). Toiletry items (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, razors) are also sought, as well as sleeping bags, small blankets, gloves, and handwarmers. Donations can be dropped off during the Saturday meal (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.), on Sunday morning, or at the church office during regular hours (Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Questions? Contact **Tracie Manolides**.

Help Wanted: Tuesday Coffee Hour for the Community

Every Tuesday morning in the colder months of November through February, Good Shepherd provides coffee and light snacks in Seaman Hall during the time when the Federal Way Community Caregiving Network is providing rental and gas assistance to those in need. We are looking for more people to help out this important ministry. We open the doors at about 8:45 am, serve coffee and snacks, and then close up about 10:00 am. Interested in helping out? Contact **Nancy Krueger**.

Liturgy 101

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: November 11, 18

with Betsy Grabinski & the Rev. Ken Grabinski

When gathering for worship on Sundays, have you ever asked yourself, "What in God's name is liturgy?" What do we think we're doing? Why are we doing it this way? And does it even matter? Let's dive into what all this is about, and explore together how liturgy shapes our worship.

Evergreen Regional Youth Group

TODAY, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Our new joint youth group with Emmanuel All Nations Church is settling into a monthly routine. The youth have decided they want the group to include prayer, learning, and plenty of community-building through games and conversation. We also invite youth from other local Episcopal congregations to join us as able. For grades 5 and up. Questions? Talk to **Pastor Josh.**

Godly Play

Sunday, November 15 at 9:15 a.m.

Godly Play is a Montessori-based method of Christian formation for ages 3-11. On this Sunday, **Christine Hosler** will lead kids' engagement with the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

Christmas Eve at Good Shepherd

December 24, 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ, God who became human for us. The 4:30 p.m. service will be on-site only, while the 9:00 p.m. service will be both on-site as well as streamed online. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.



THE WAY

to Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation






EXPLORATION ENGAGEMENT COMMITMENT DISCERNMENT

A disciplined exploration of the implications of the Christian life

January – May 2027

Ages 16 and up

Baptism in water makes you a Christian. Formal rites like confirmation or reception are a great way to mark a new phase in your walk with Jesus, all the while being sponsored by a fellow believer.

While we all belong at Good Shepherd in different ways, The Way is our own local process for going deeper, and it's open to everyone. The Way unfolds over the course of several months as we share our life stories with one another, study the story of Christ in the Gospels, and listen for the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

- **Exploration: Epiphany.** We share our spiritual autobiographies with one another and begin to build trust.

- **Engagement: Lent.** We dig into Holy Scripture together and hold it up against our own lives.

- **Commitment: Holy Week & Easter.** Baptisms take place at the Great Vigil of Easter. Confirmations and other forms of reaffirmation take place on Cathedral Day.

- **Discernment: Easter & Pentecost.** We listen together for the call of the Holy Spirit to each of us.

Register at tinyurl.com/theway2027 or use the QR code.
Want to learn more? Contact **Betsy Grabinski** or **Pastor Josh.**

Good Shepherd Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle, *Bishop* (bishop@ecww.org)
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Mary McClellan Aronen, *Ministry Coordinator*

Today's Service Ministers

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler
Organist: Alan Lynch
Cantor: Alana O'Donnell

November 8	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Don Ramage, Konrad Thomas
Ushers		Frank Crane, Lee Hitzeman
Altar Guild		Carole Loudenback
Flowers		Tracie Manolides
Worship Assistant	Mary Aronen	
First Lector	Jan Barber	Alisa Kincade
Second Lector/Intercessor	Mary Aronen	Rick Kincade
Eucharistic Ministers		Betsy Grabinski, Carole Loudenback
Coffee Hour	Meg and Christopher Stone	Judith Perkins, Linda Butcher
Counters		Susan Ennaro, Jane Ely

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