# The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**(Proper 28A)**

**November 15, 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.*

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## 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
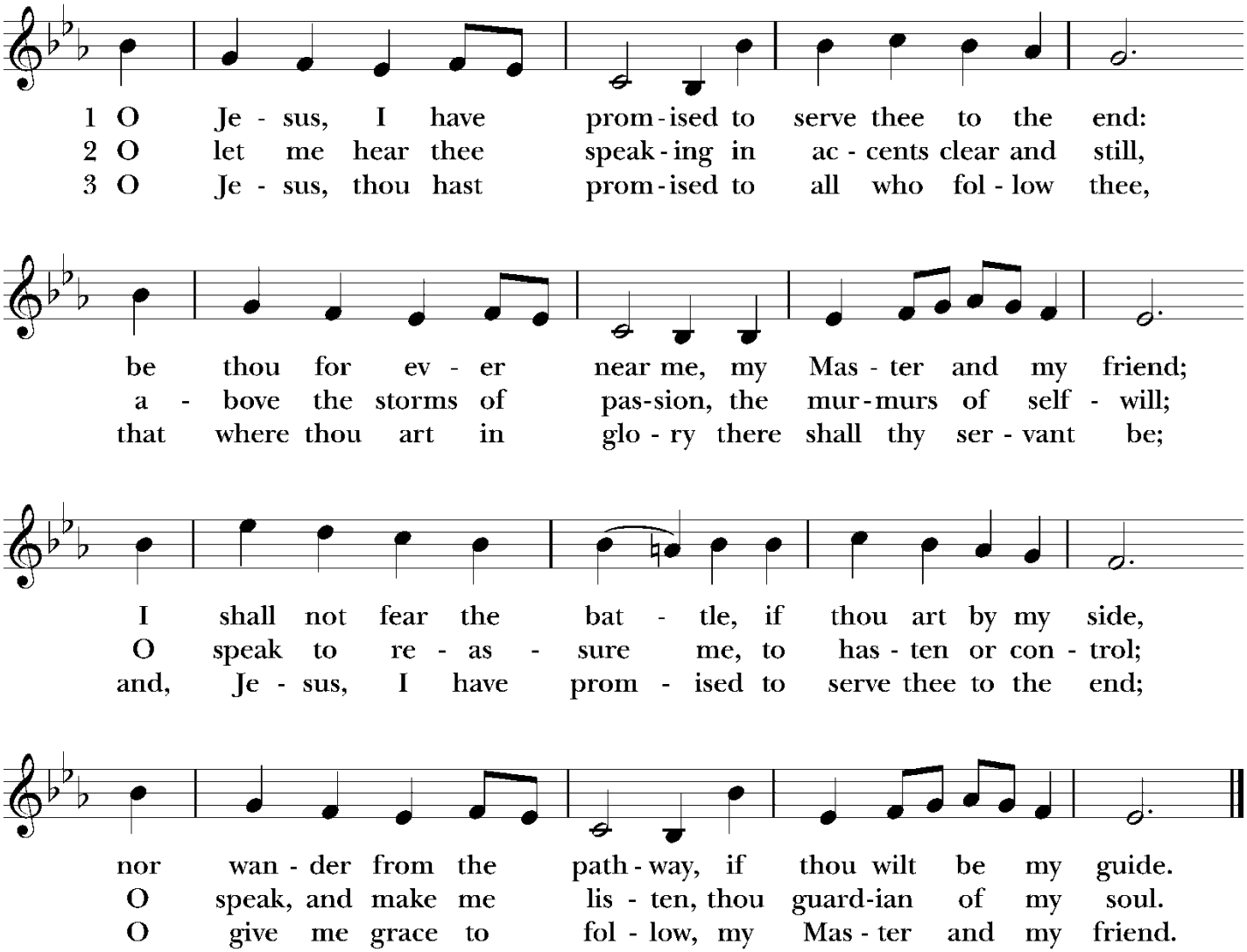
We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the Puyallup (puyallup-tribe.com) and Coast Salish People, who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step 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:** O Jesus, I Have Promised (*The Hymnal 1982* #655)




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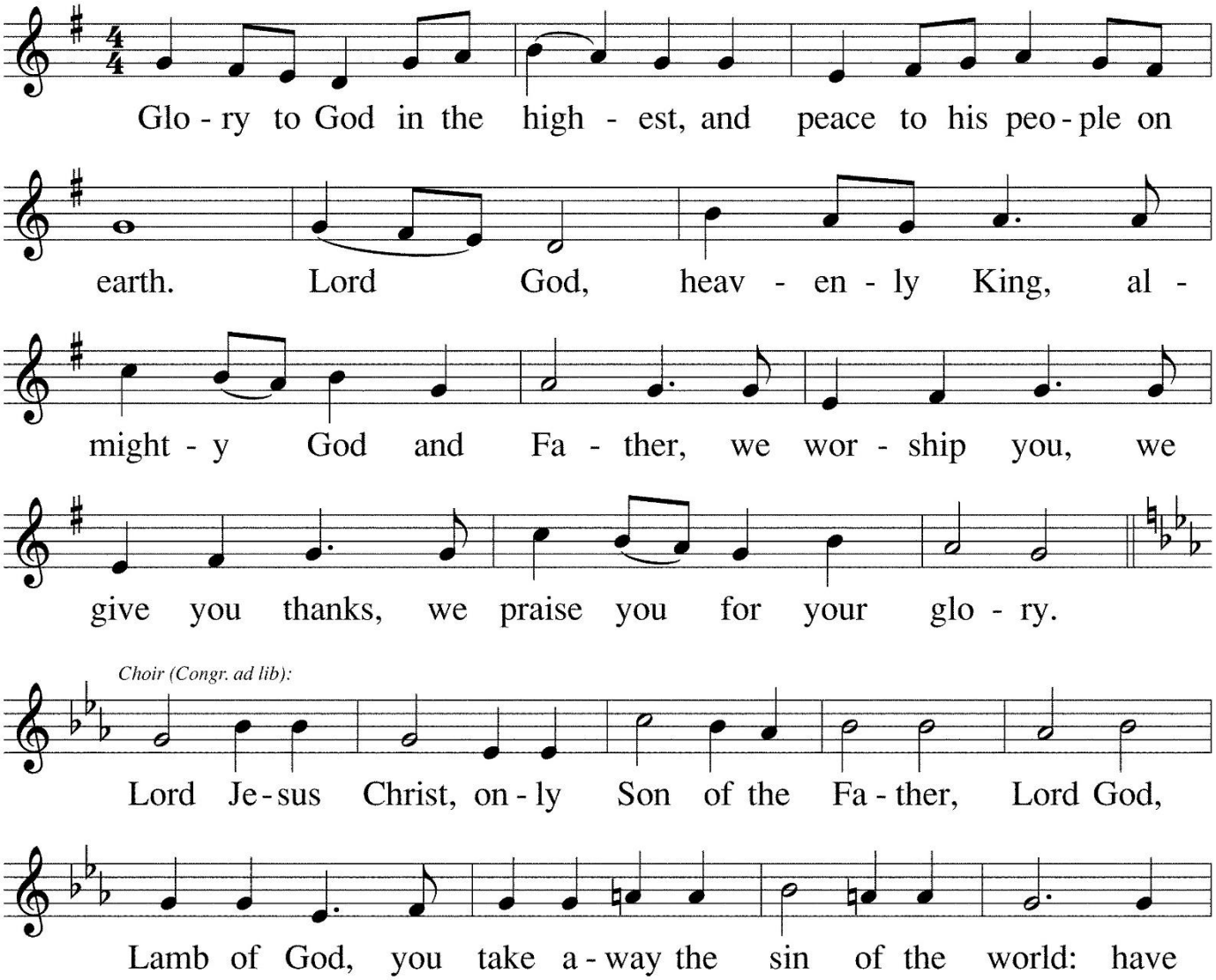
*Presider:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
*People:* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

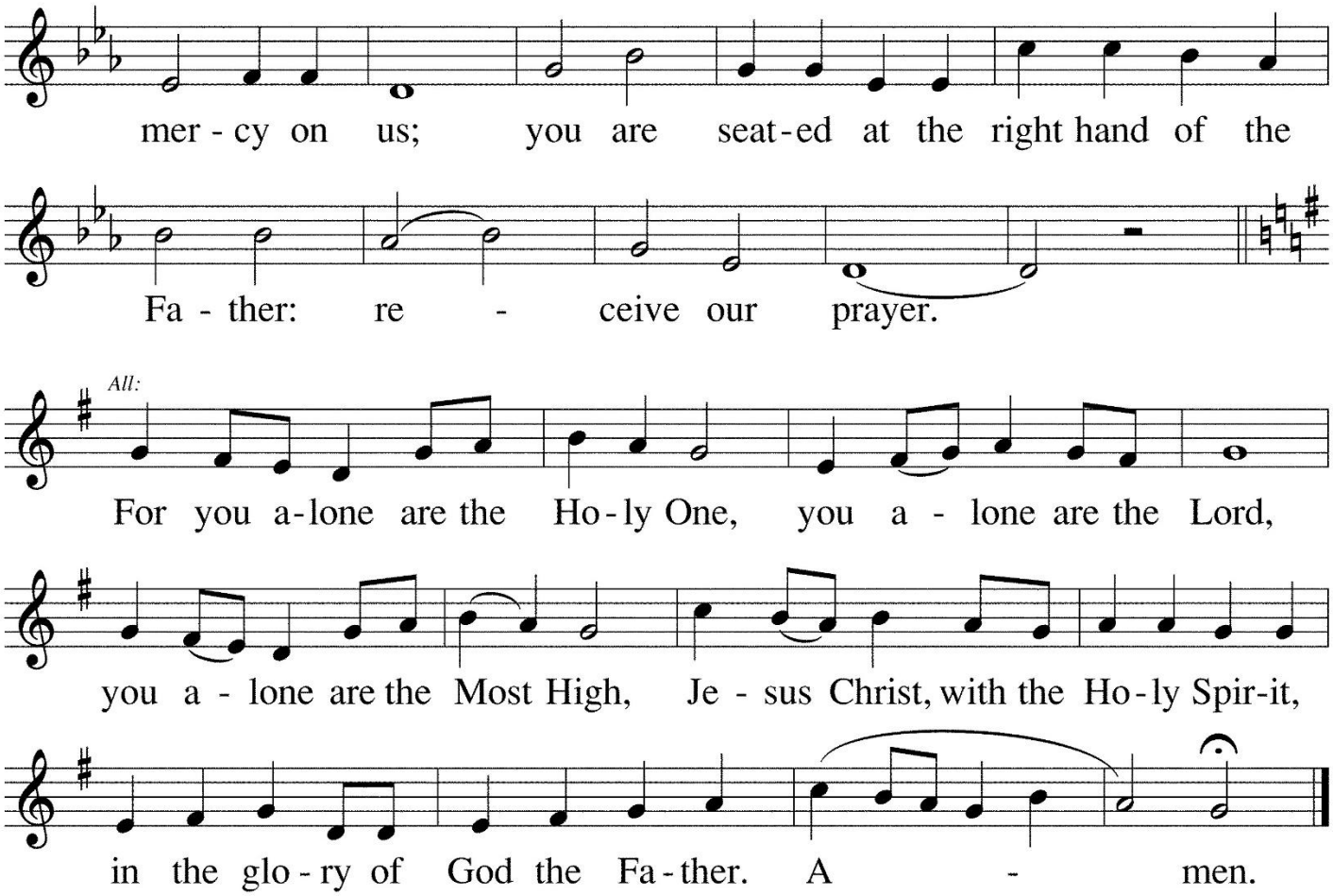
## The Collect for Purity

*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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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** (Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18)

*Lector:* A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

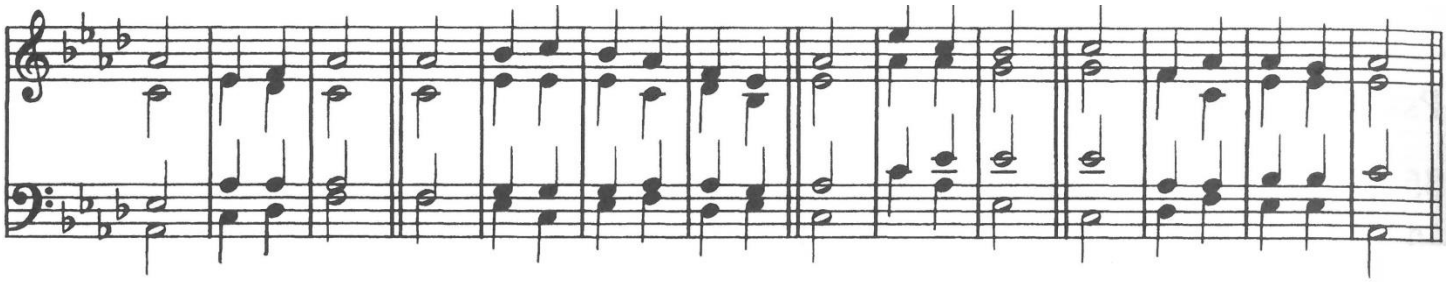
… Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90:1–8, 12**

*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 Lord, you have ' been our ' refuge *
from one gene ' ration ' to a ' nother.

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 a ' way 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.

7 For we consume away in ' your dis ' pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your ' wrathful ' indig ' nation.

8 Our iniquities you have ' set be ' fore you, *
and our secret ' sins in the ' light of your ' countenance.

12 So teach us to ' number our ' days *
that we may ap ' ply our ' hearts to ' wisdom.

**Second Lesson** (1 Thessalonians 5:1–11)

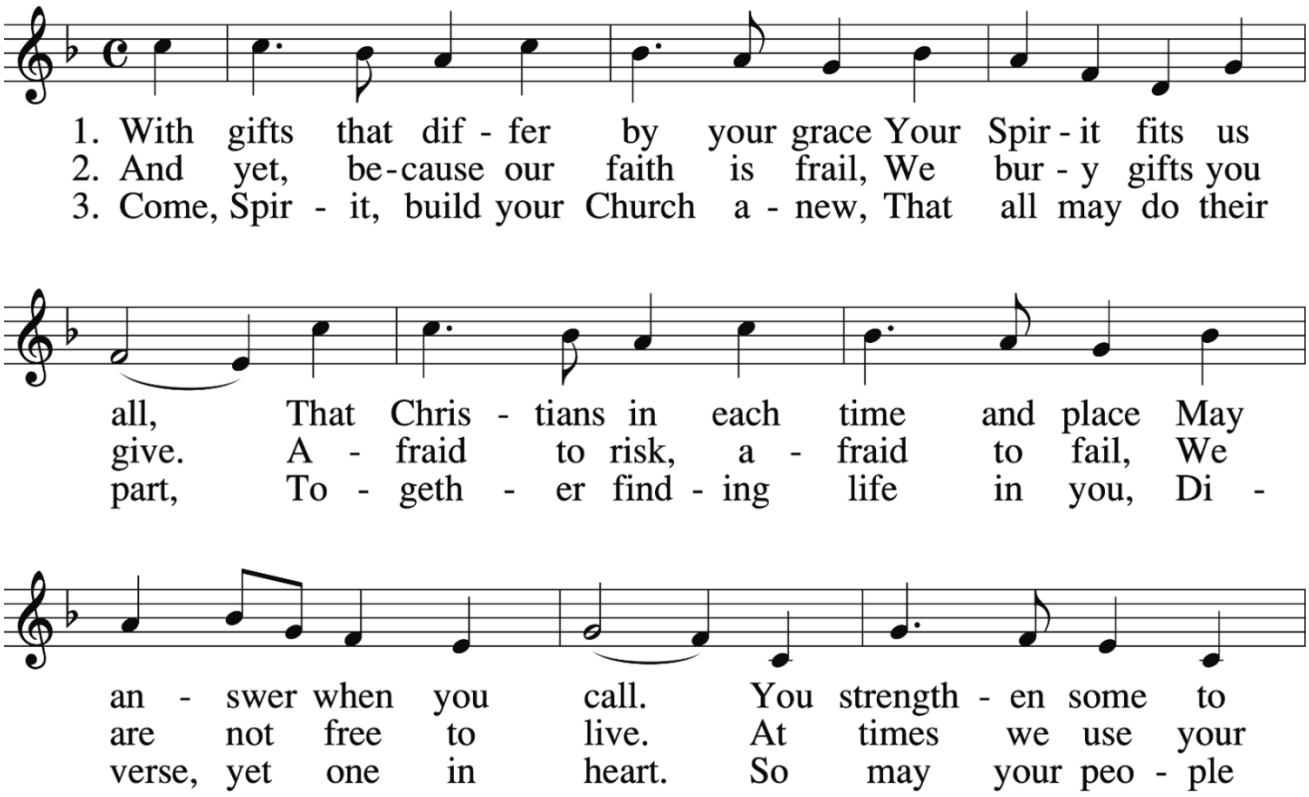
*Lector:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

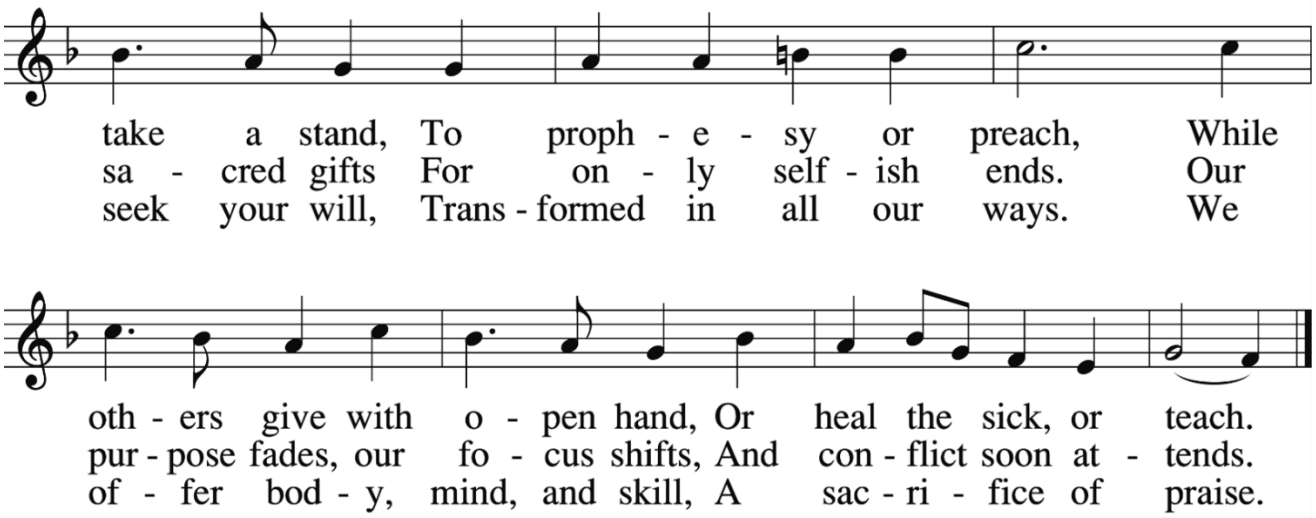
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*The congregation stands as able.*

**Gradual Hymn:** With Gifts that Differ By Your Grace (*Worship 4th ed.* #810)






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**The Gospel** (Matthew 25:14–30)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*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 (Healing Prayers)

*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. A link to this list can be found 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:* The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything; but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will preserve your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus.

*Intercessor:* In this week's cycles of prayer, we pray for the Good Shepherd Outreach Team; for Annie Wright School and Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma; and for the Anglican Church of Chile … Before God, let us name aloud or silently in our hearts those for whom we offer our prayers for healing.

*The deacon reads the names of those on our prayer list who seek healing and pauses for additional spoken and silent prayers from the congregation.*

*Intercessor:* We pray for those who have died, including those whom we name aloud or silently in our hearts.

*The deacon reads the names of those on our prayer list who have died and pauses for additional spoken and silent prayers from the congregation.*

*Intercessor:* God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

*Intercessor:* God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

*Intercessor:* God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

*Intercessor:* Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

*Intercessor:* Jesus, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Intercessor:* You are the God who does wonders.
*People:* **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

*Intercessor:* With you, O Christ, is the well of life.
*People:* **And in your light we see light.**

*Intercessor:* Hear us, O Lord of life:
*People:* **Heal us, and make us whole.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Intercessor:* Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the people of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

*Presider:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;
*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

## 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.**

*Anyone desiring prayer and anointing for healing is invited to come forward. Those presenting themselves are privately prayed with by clergy and assistants and anointed with holy oil.*

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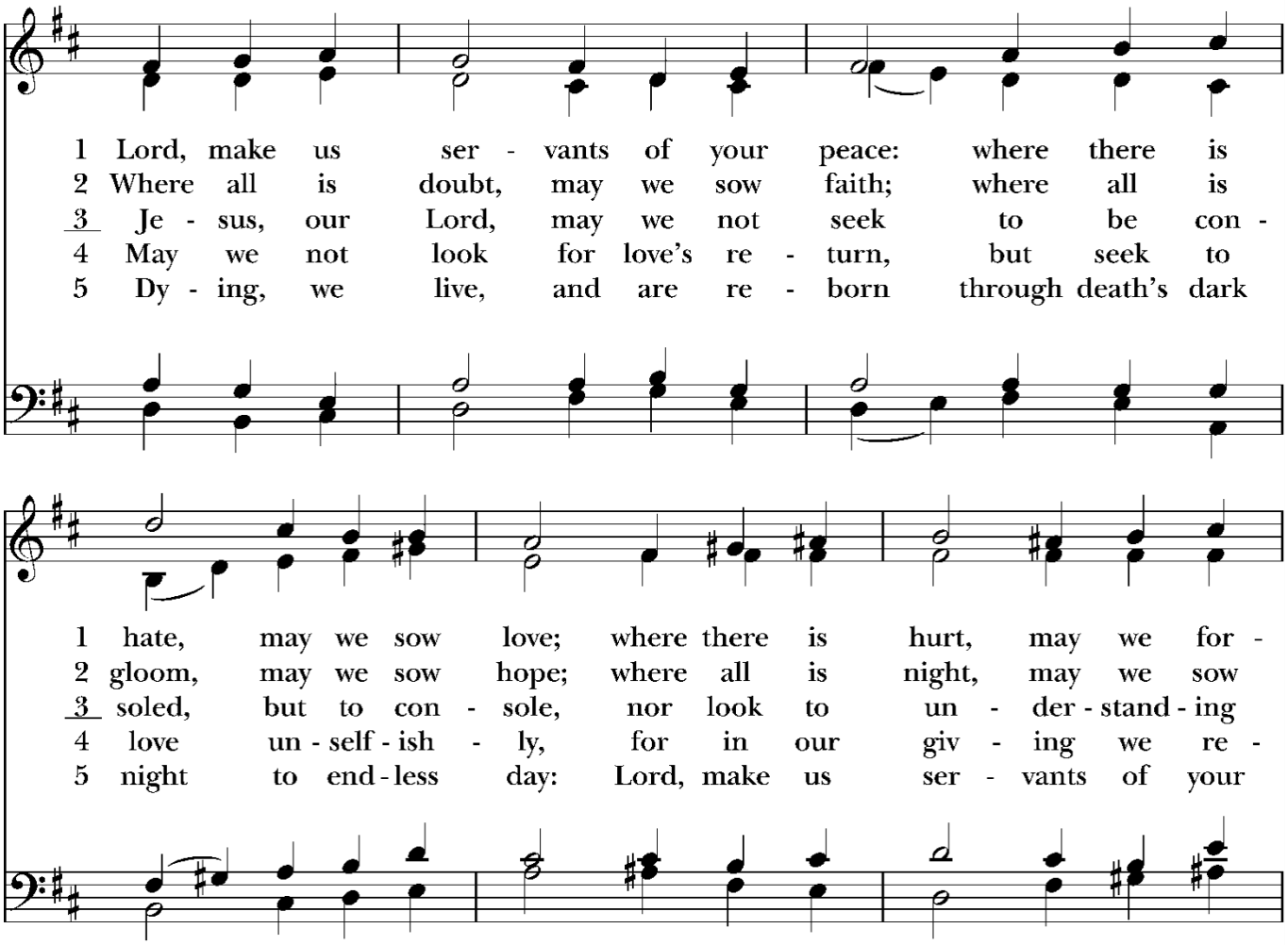
*Presider:* We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord. *– Nehemiah 10:35*

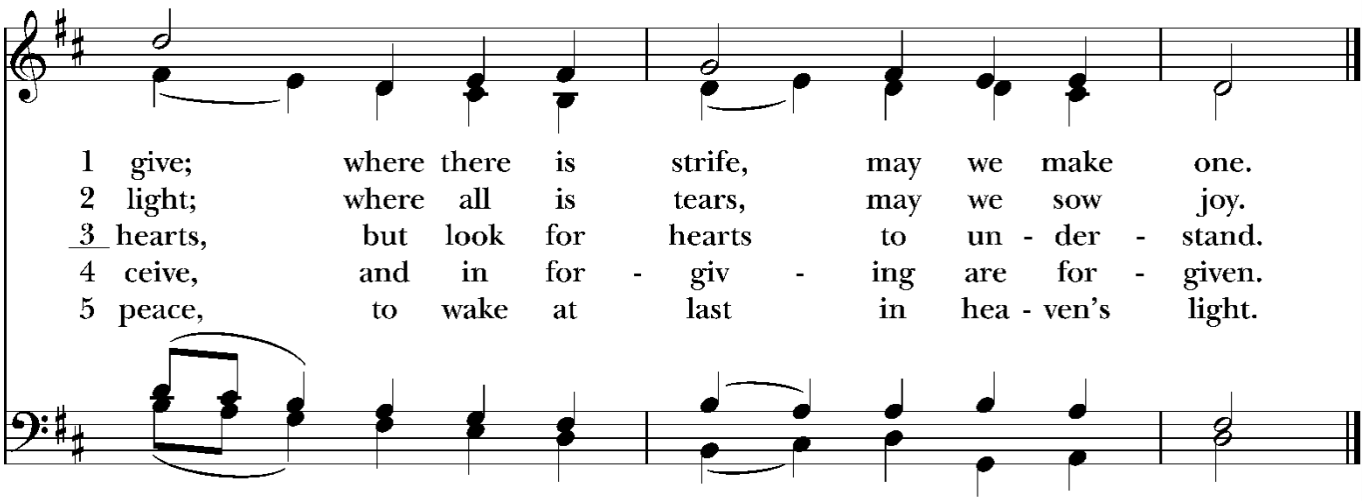
*The congregation may remain seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.*

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*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.*

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord, Makes Us Servants of Your Peace (*The Hymnal 1982* #593)





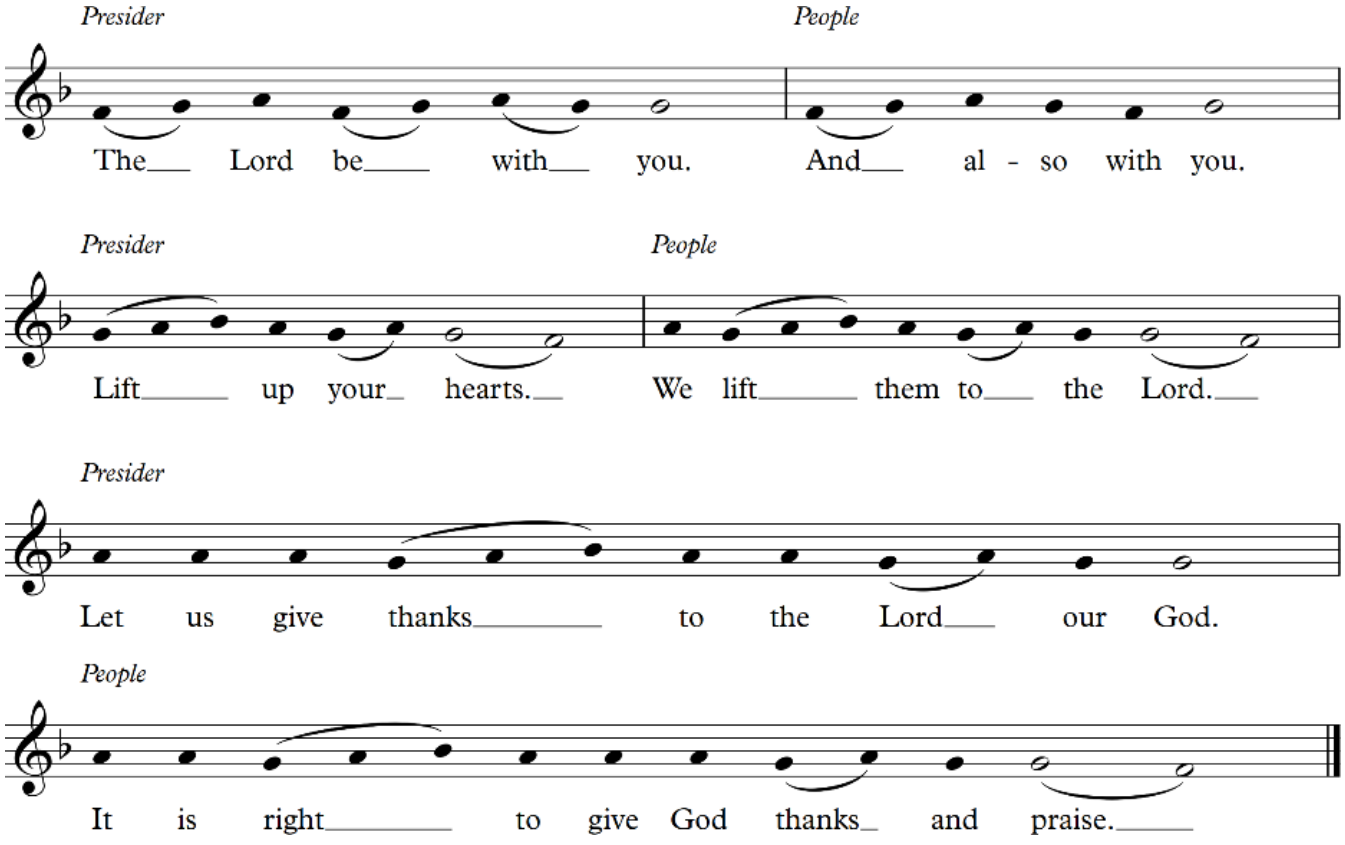

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### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer 1 *(Enriching Our Worship)*

*At 8:00: Spoken*
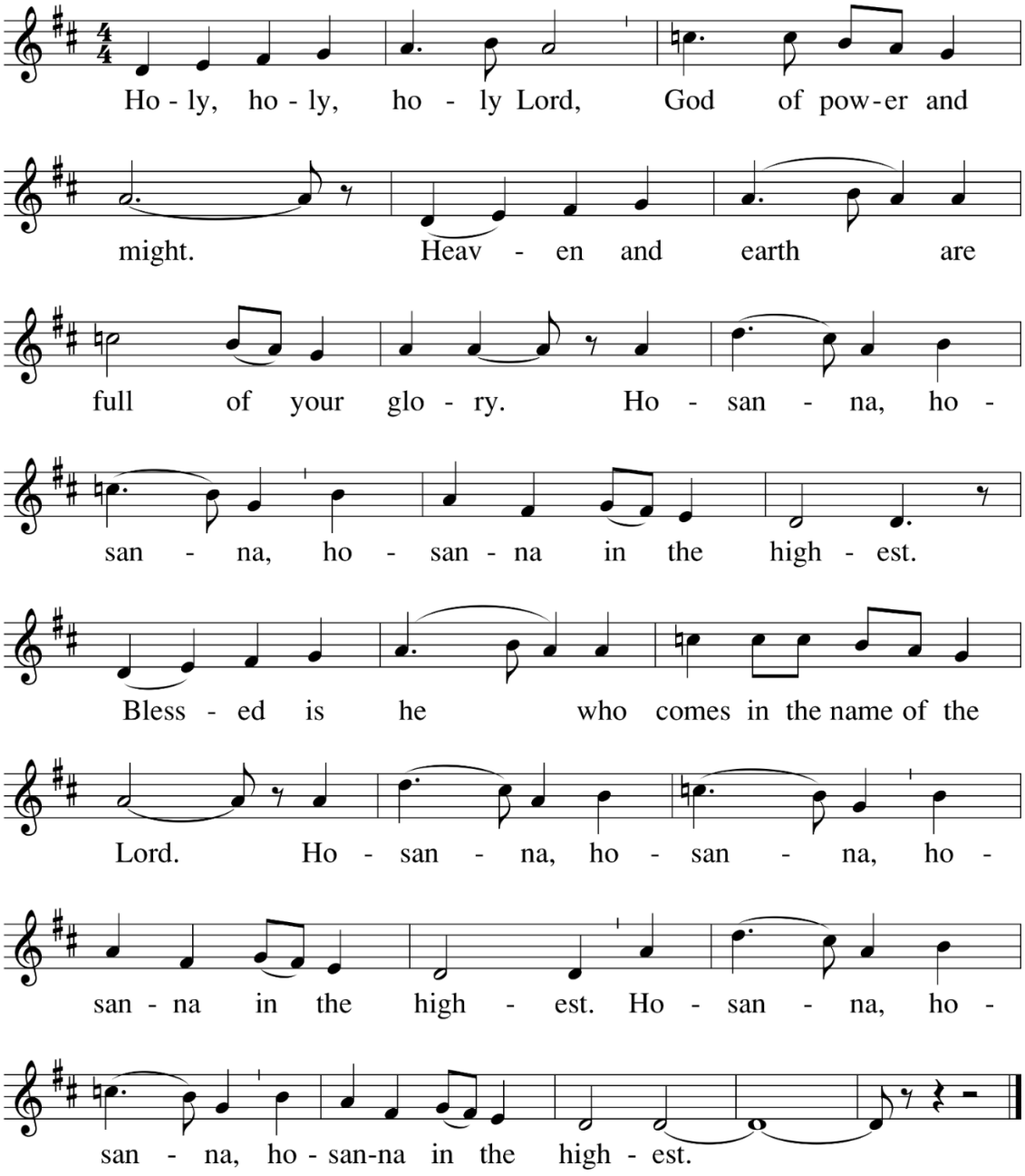


*Presider:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you 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.**
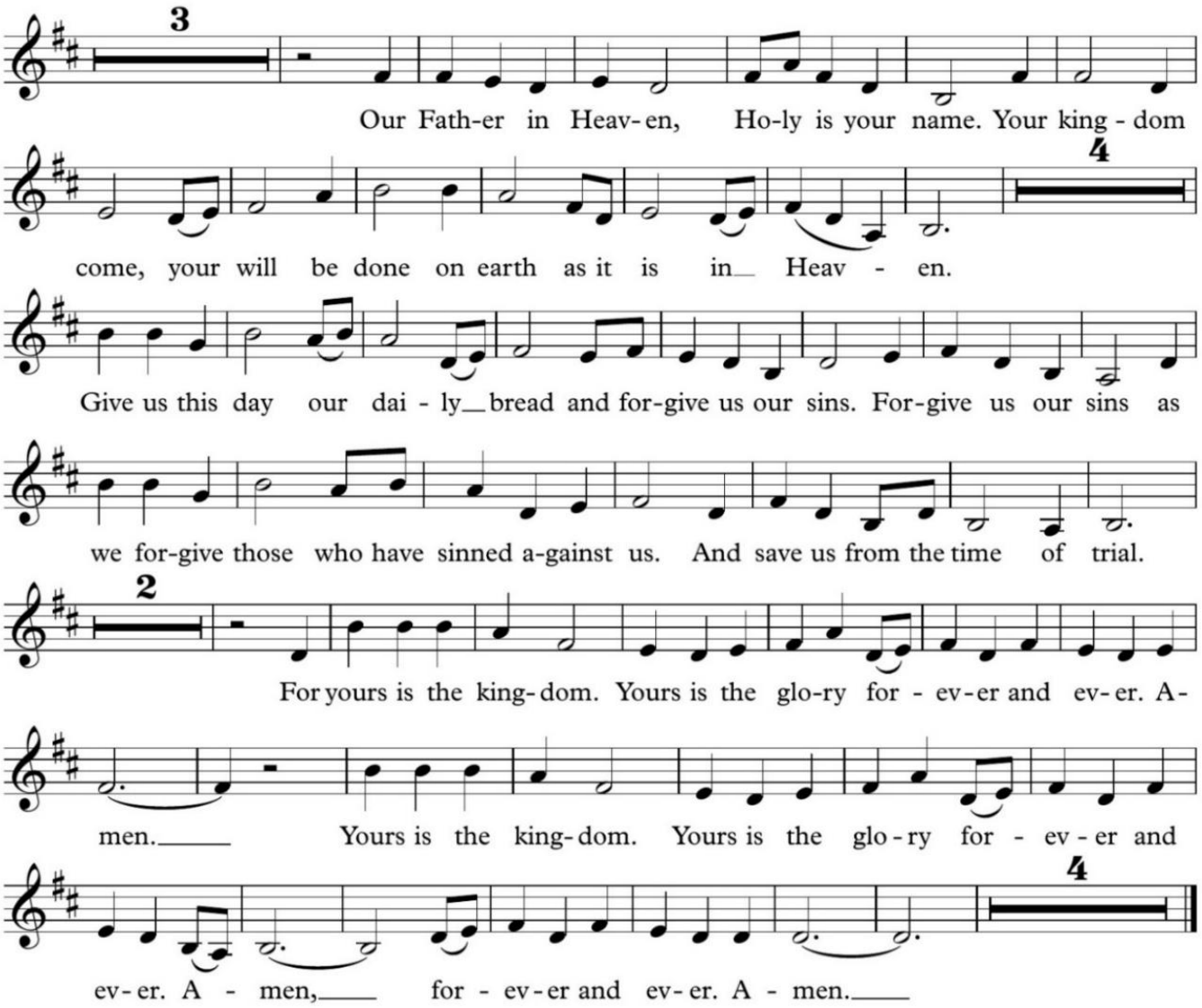
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

## 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:*
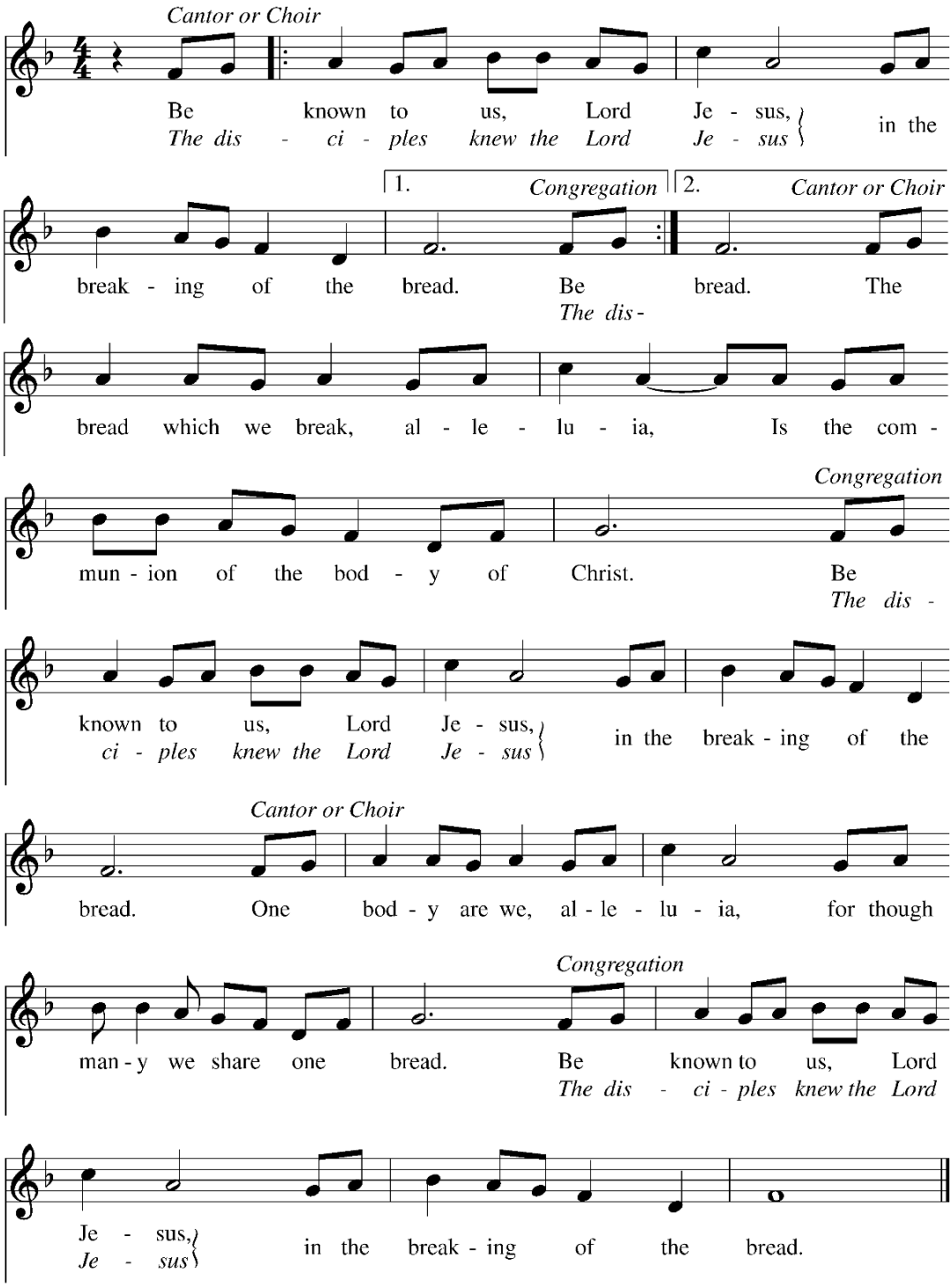



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## The Breaking of the Bread

*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)
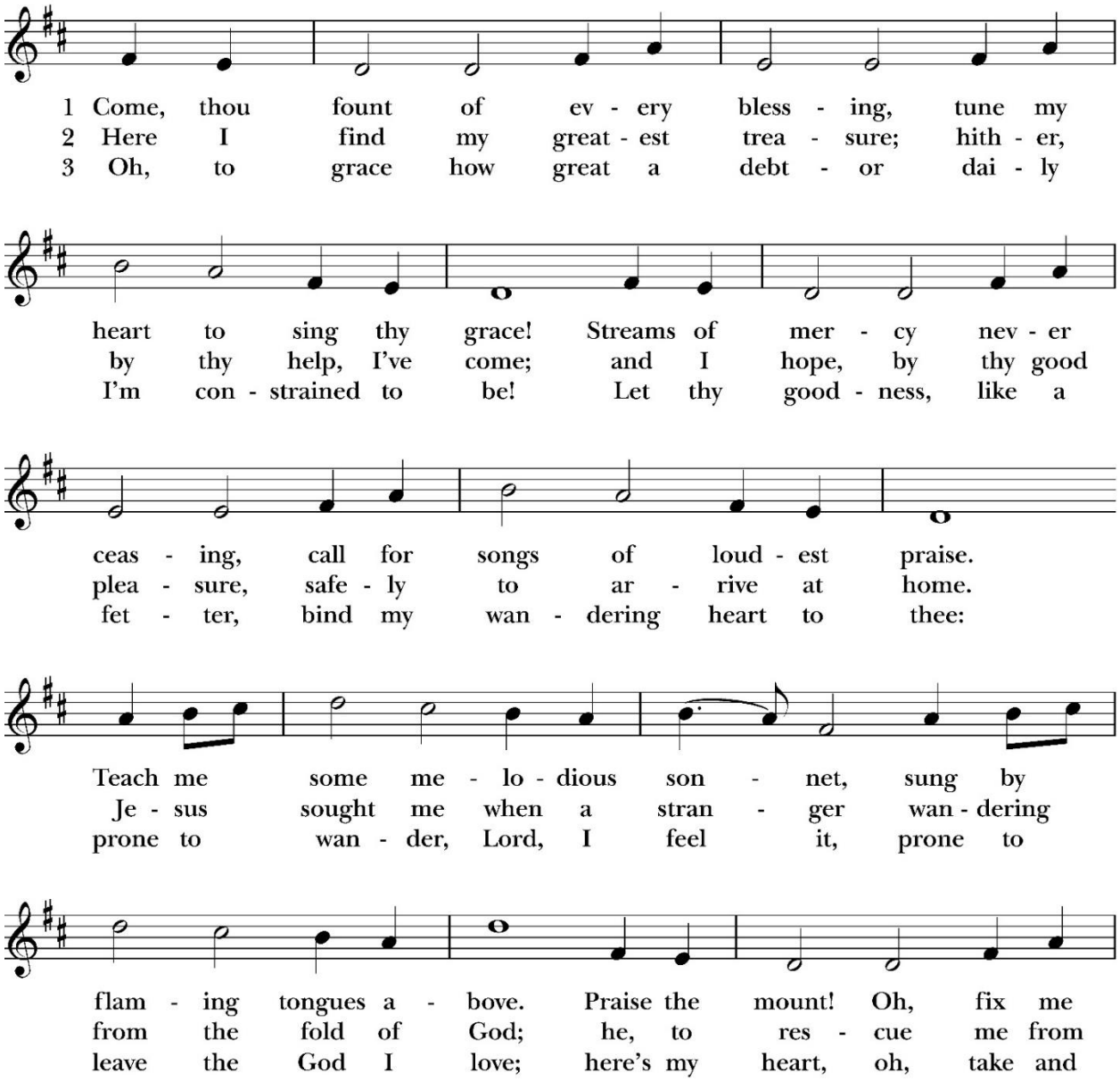


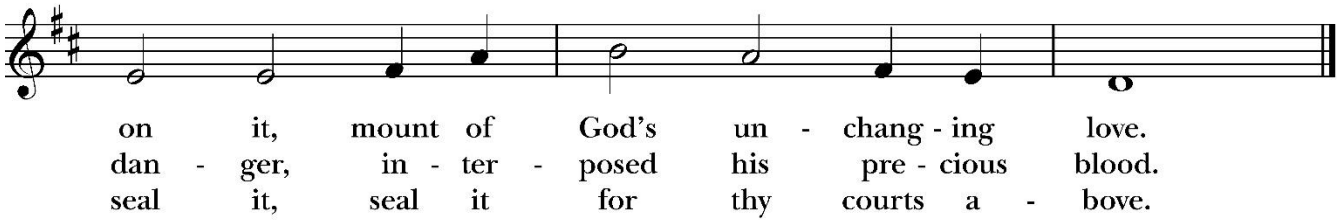
*Presider:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*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 Hymn:** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (*The Hymnal 1982* #686)






Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

## 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
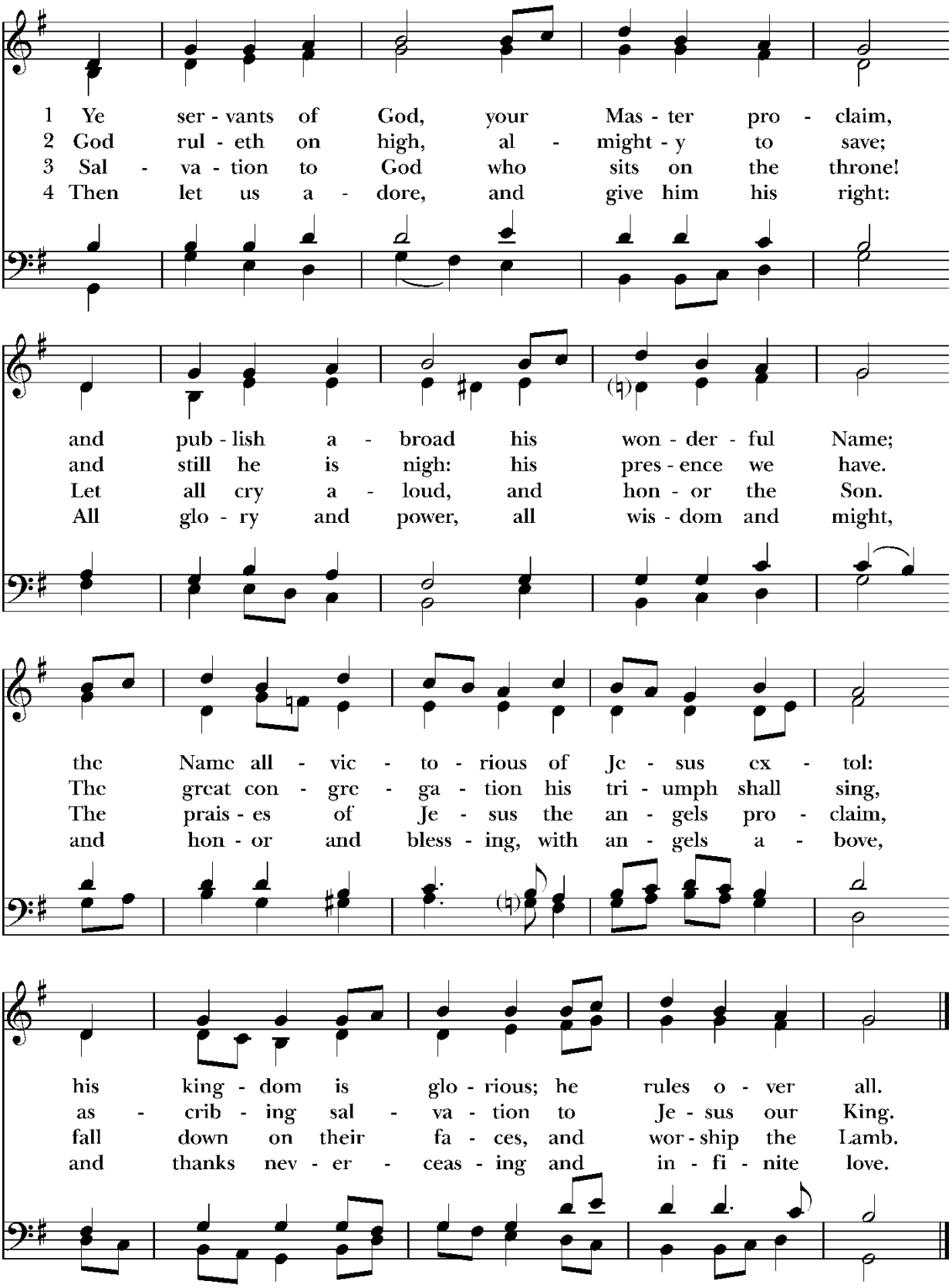
*The congregation stands as able.*

*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:** Ye Servants of God (*The Hymnal 1982* #535)




Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## 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.*

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# 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.



## First Fruits: Final Update

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 70 pledges on our way to a goal of 80. Of these, 27 have qualified for the matching challenge:** that is, new pledges and pledges that increased by 25% over last year. Not counting the anonymous donor who made the Matching Challenge, **giving by dollar amount is up nearly 20% over last year!** May your generosity be blessed by fruitful application, and may we all keep finding new ways to be generous with all that God has given us.

***To make a pledge today for 2027,*** go to **tinyurl.com/goodshep2027** or use the QR code. Paper pledge cards are also available.

## Pastor Josh Published in Magazine

*Church & State* magazine, which is produced by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has published a piece by Pastor Josh in their November 2026 issue. Read it at the QR code.

## 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**.

## 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. We have just begun reading the Book of Genesis. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh.**

## 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**.



## 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**.



## Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Curious parishioners are always welcome to attend these monthly meetings of our governing board, which take place in the Gathering Room. The vestry is the governing board of the parish, with responsibility for temporal affairs such as budgets, buildings, legal matters, etc., and aids and support the Rector in all efforts for the spiritual welfare and growth of the parish. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh.**

## Liturgy 101

**Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: November 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.



## Harvest Potluck

**Sunday, November 29 after the 10:30 service**

Join our church community in **celebrating the abundance of God's blessings** on the first day of the new church year! Bring your favorite fall harvest side dish, salad, or dessert (pies are fun!), and we will enjoy a time of fellowship in Seaman Hall after the second worship service. Questions? Contact **Rick Kincade**.

## 'O" Antiphons Service

**Sunday, November 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle**

Begin the new Christian year with stunning music and liturgy! Trek up to St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill for this annual worship service, which features multiple choirs. The 'O' Antiphons form a biblical and liturgical concept that dates back to the first millennium C.E. The service will also be available to watch via livestream at saintmarks.org/worship/livestream.



## Evergreen Regional Youth Group

**Sunday, December 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

*with Pastor Josh, Betsy Grabinski & Judith Perkins*

Youth from Good Shepherd, Emmanuel All Nations, and other congregations in our region gather monthly for fellowship and learning. Bring a friend! 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 Feast of the Epiphany

**Wednesday,**

**January 6, 7:00 p.m.**

The arrival of the Magi is Matthew's way of telling us that Christ is for the whole world! Join us to celebrate that revealed truth with Holy Eucharist.





# 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)
The Rev. Josh Hosler, *Rector* (josh@goodshepherdfw.org)
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Mary McClellan Aronen, *Ministry Coordinator*

## Today's Service Ministers

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

| November 15 | 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
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| Tech Team | | Bob Neal, Dina Johnson |
| Ushers | | Linda Butcher, Tracie Manolides |
| Altar Guild | | Sherri Jarvey |
| Flowers | | Linda Butcher |
| Worship Assistant | Beth Shoemaker | |
| First Lector | Andy Jowenson | Ania Malkowska-Leek |
| Second Lector/Intercessor | Beth Shoemaker | Betsy Grabinski |
| Eucharistic Ministers | | Anna Lynn, Carole Loudenback |
| Coffee Hour | Nancy and Ray Krueger | Rani Rose, Lee Hitzeman, Lady Bridget Akparanta |
| Counters | | Judith Perkins |

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