

# GRACE AND ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 14, 2025

8:00AM & 10:30AM

#### GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

We are very pleased that you are joining us this morning. At Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church you will find a vibrant community gathered to offer God our best worship, to help each other follow Jesus, and to invite the Spirit to guide us in ways of love, justice, and truth. At Grace and St. Stephen's, we believe that you will experience the beauty of God's grace and the love of Jesus. Grace and St. Stephen's welcomes you and your family.

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## HOLY EUCHARIST

All are welcome at God's table. Baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion at Grace and St. Stephen's. We commune by intinction or common cup. If you are gluten-intolerant, tell the priest when you come forward to receive. If you prefer a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for the priest to pray God's blessing over you. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please let an usher know. A minister will bring Communion to you where you are sitting.

## Announcements

- Today, Get to Know the Episcopal Church, 9:15am, Rm 211. Sundays through September 21.
- Little Pantry, 9:15am, Taft Hall.
- Sunday School, 10:15am, Children's Education Wing, Lower Level.
- Parish Picnic & Welcome for Fr Robert & Family to follow the 10:30am service.

## This week at Grace and St. Stephen's

- Mon. Sept. 15** Noontday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Tues. Sept. 16** Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Women's Book Group, 10am, Room 211
- Wed. Sept. 17** Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel  
Music Theory Training, 5pm, Supper, 5:30pm, St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
- Thur. Sept. 18** Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Centering Prayer, 10am, Weir Conference Room  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4pm, Blaik Library
- Fri. Sept. 19** Chanted Noontday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Sat. Sept. 20** Men's Bible Study, 8am, Weir Conference Room

## Looking ahead

- Sun. Sept. 21** Get to Know the Episcopal Church, 9:15am, Room 211  
Grace Cafe for Newcomers, following 10:30 service, Taft Hall  
Youth Group, 12pm, Youth Rm (2nd Floor Education Wing)  
Noisy Sunday benefiting Catholic Charities
- Sun. Sept. 28** Youth Group Bowling & Laser Tag, 4pm, Main Event  
Compline, 8pm

*For more information on these, and all programs here at Grace and St. Stephen's, please visit [www.gssepiscopal.org](http://www.gssepiscopal.org)*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings  
and come into his courts. (PSALM 96:8)*

*Give here:*



The Rev. Dr. Robert Black, *Rector*  
Sr. Marcella Taylor, *Children's Formation Minister*  
Joel Trekell, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Amily Beidelman-Almy, *Financial Administrator*  
Clare Davis, *Nursery Director*

The Rev. Kris Lewis, *Deacon*  
Denise Gustafson, *Interim Youth Director*  
John Herman, *Assistant Director of Music*  
Emily Rueber, *Church Administrator*

# THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: *Arietta*

Thomas H. Kerr

*The people stand.*

HYMN 410: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN (*8am: vv. 1-3*)

*Lauda anima*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.**

## TRISAGION (8:00am)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING (10:30am)

*Thaxted*

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,  
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;  
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,  
and whe-ther our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,  
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:  
We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your Word,  
To mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,  
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah. [4:11-12, 22-28]

**A**T THAT TIME it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*8am: Read responsively by whole verse; 10:30am: Sung by the choir*

**T**HE FOOL has said in his heart, "There is no God."  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear,  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## THE EPISTLE

*Reader* A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy.

[1:12-17]

**I**AM GRATEFUL to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

HYMN 708: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US (10:30am)

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830

Music: melody from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

## THE GOSPEL

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

[15:1-10]

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**LL THE TAX collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

### *Questions for Reflection*

- When was the last time God surprised you?
- When have you experienced the joy of the Gospel?
- Where do you feel lost? What are you anxious about?
- How does “but” function in your faith?
- What relief do you long for?
- What is the peace that you have been given in this place?
- Who is the Spirit nudging you to reach out to?

*A period of silence is observed before the Creed.*

## THE NICENE CREED *(The people stand)*

**W**E 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 *(The people stand or kneel)*

*Form III*

### *Intercessor*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**M**OST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### *Celebrant*

**A**Lmighty 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.**

## THE PEACE *(The people stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (EPHESIANS 5:2)*

Give here:



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Behold, the Tabernacle of God (10:30am)*

William Harris

*Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy. Which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*Nun danket alle Gott*

*The people stand*



Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

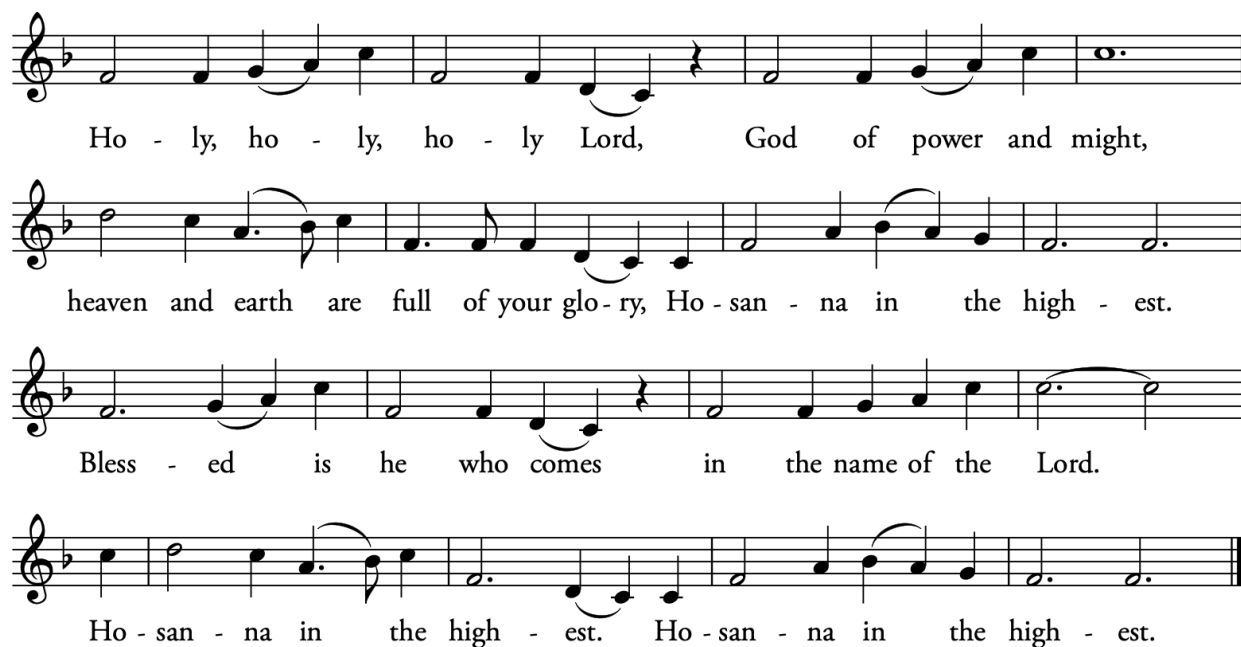
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here follows a Proper Preface.*

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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Land of Rest* (WLP 858)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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

8:00am service:

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### FRACTON ANTHEM (10:30am)

Carl Haywood (WLP 878)



*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace* (10:30am)

S. S. Wesley

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light and with Him is no darkness at all. Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.*

**HYMN 469: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY** (10:30am)

St. Helena

*Introduction*



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy  
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

*Interlude/Conclusion*



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

# HYMN 671: AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND (10:30am)

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

Music: Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010)

*The people stand or kneel.*

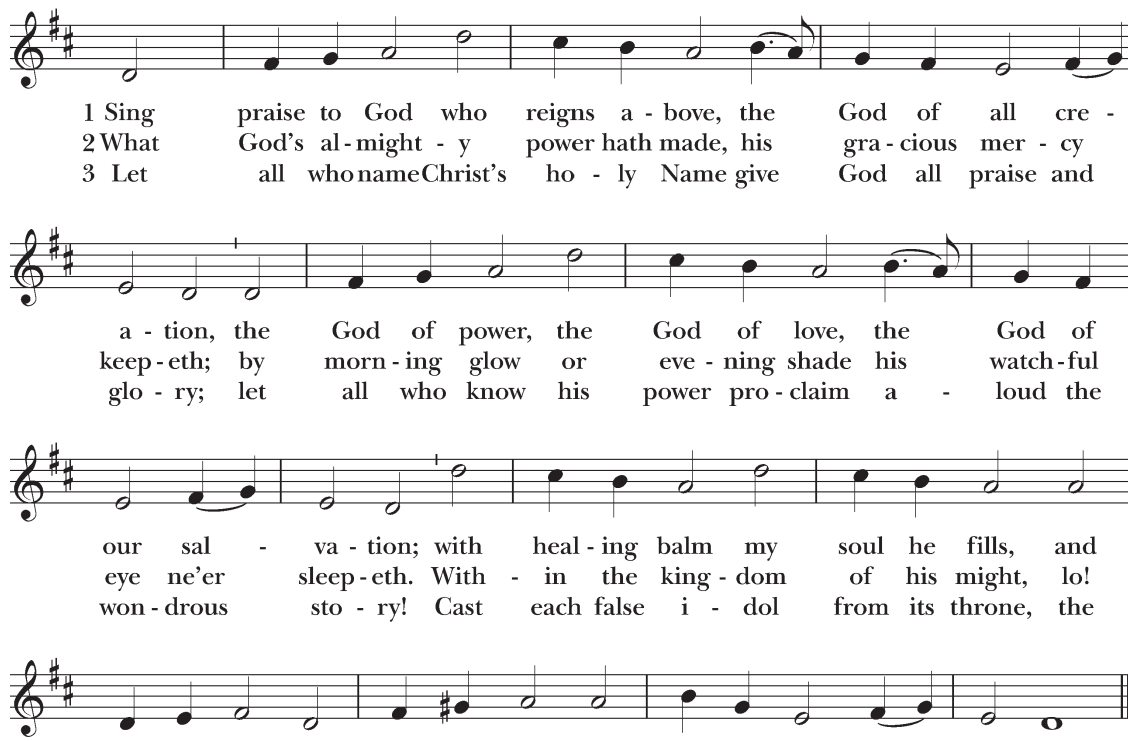
## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

HYMN 408: SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE (*8am: vv. 1-2*) *Mit Freuden zart*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690)

Music: Melody from "Une pastourelle gentille" (1529)

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Gospeller dismisses the people, who respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY:** *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Birthdays:** Brandon Jaynes, Mary Paul, Lindy Robinett, David Brockway, Wyne Palermo, John Hough

**Anniversaries:** Russell & Heather Moses, Linda Balcom & Mark Stritzel

**We pray for those who are sick, in trouble, or in harm's way:**

*For healing:* Cindy, Jim, Tad, Max, Gio, Andrew, Marti, Lee, Mike, Jill, John, Christina, Vonnie, Terry, Alice, Oliver & family, Annika, Ericka, Mary, John, Val, Charles, Pete, Edie, Jennifer, Nancy, Ed, Wes, Laura, Dorothy, Devon, Sharon

*In harm's way:* Adam, Rachel, Bill, Marcus, those suffering in the Middle East, Ukraine, Africa

*For repose:* Mary Woolley

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