# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

***November 15, 2026 – LARGE-PRINT EDITION***

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God*
*During the Service — Let God speak to you*
*After the Service — Speak to one another*

### LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a liturgical season with a common focus, rather, it is just the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This period is often referred to as "Ordinary Time" and the liturgical color is **green**. These are the ordinary days in which we live our Christian faith in the regular routine of daily life. This seems simple enough, but the way the Sundays are counted on the calendar gets a bit confusing. It begins with the First Sunday after Pentecost and then counts sequentially until the 24th Sunday after Pentecost which is Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If it stopped here that would be clear, but each Sunday during this time is also given another title: Proper 7-29 where the numbers do not coincide with the numbered Sundays after Pentecost. This proper numbering system is based on the moveable date of Easter. Honestly, there is no need to be concerned about this numbering framework, just focus on the ordinary daily life of Jesus as he goes about teaching, healing, and loving people as you live your ordinary life each day!

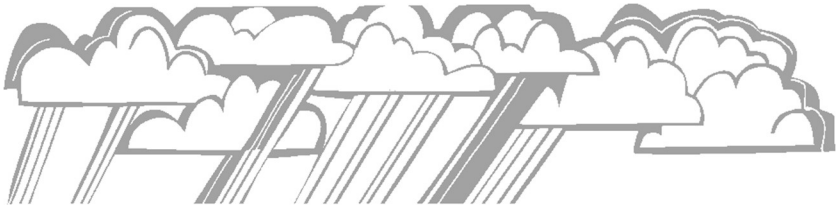
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**To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.**

**To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799**
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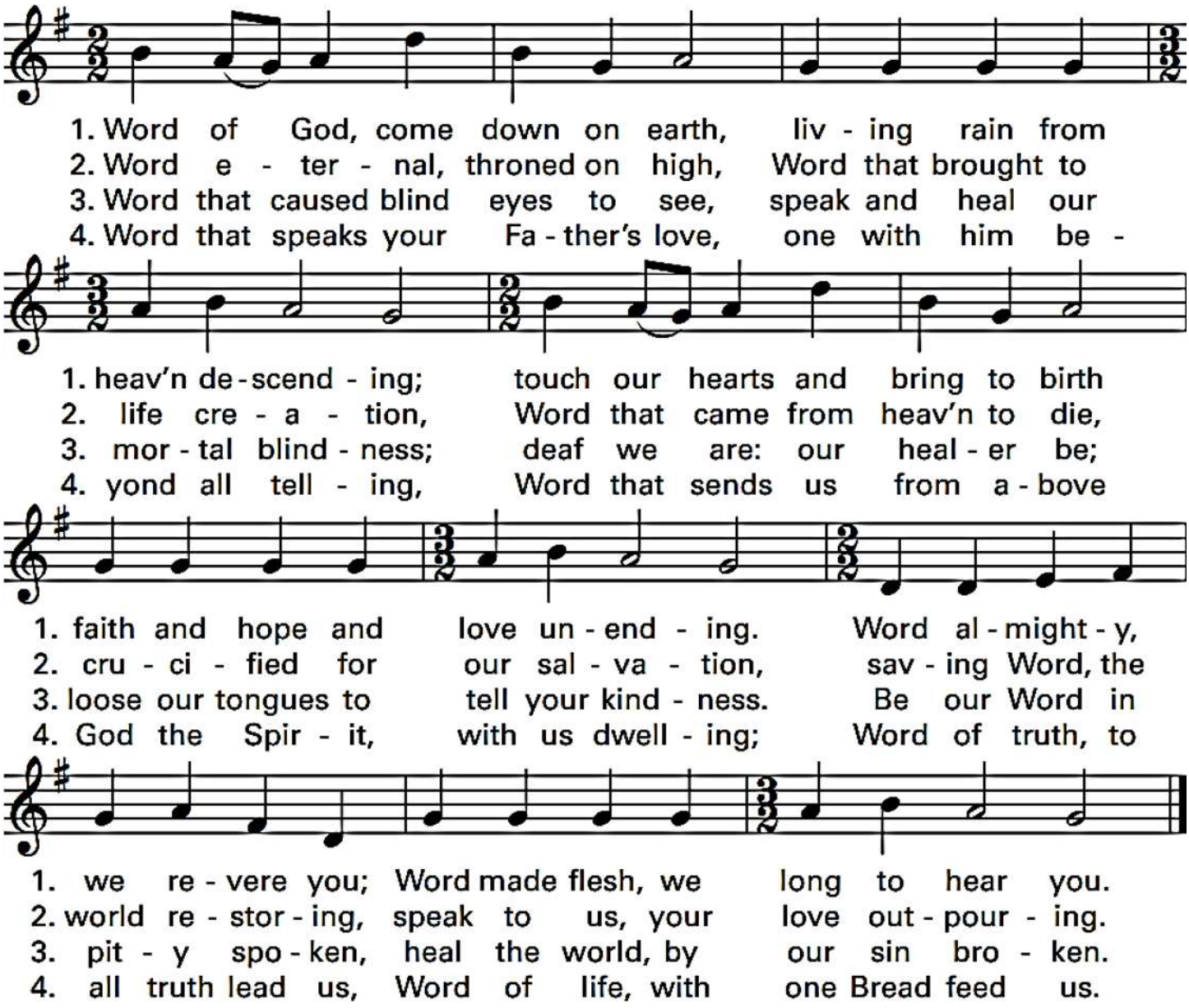
**Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.**

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## OPENING HYMN: Word Of God, Come Down On Earth

*Please stand as you are able*




## ACCLAMATION

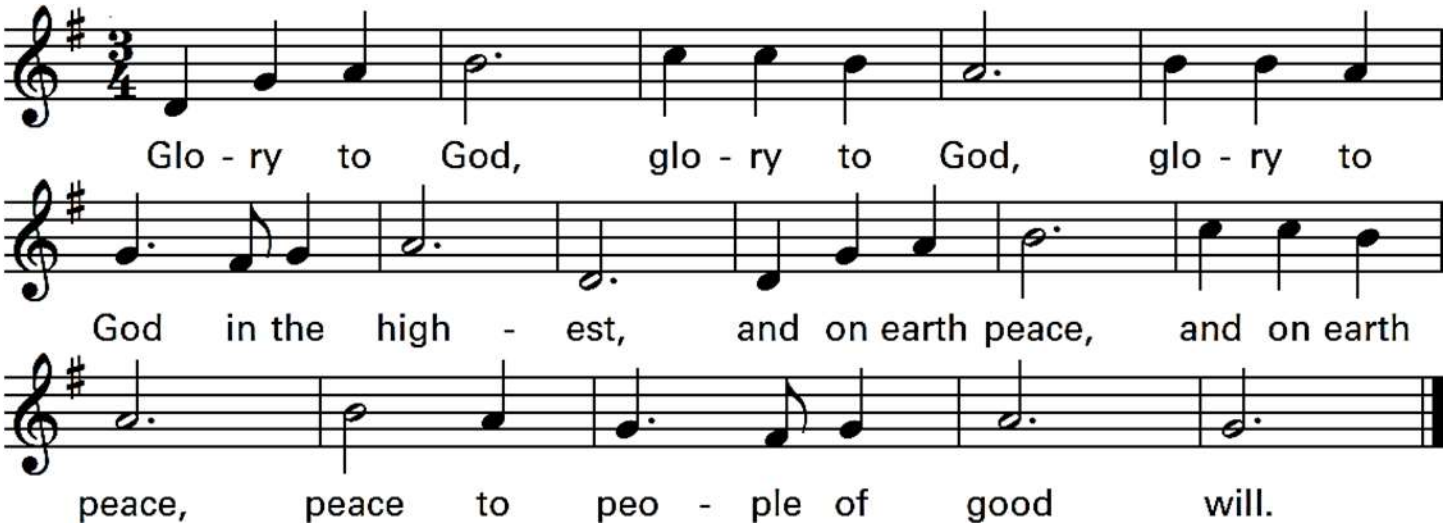
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People*** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

*Celebrant continues:*

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




*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

*This Week's Readers:* ***Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***
*Next Week's Reader:* ***Nora Heath***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

*Reader* A reading from the book of 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSE** Psalm 90:1-12 – *Domine, refugium*

[1]Lord, you have been our refuge*
**from one generation to another.**

[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,*
**from age to age you are God.**

[3]You turn us back to the dust and say,*
**"Go back, O child of earth."**

[4]For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past*
**and like a watch in the night.**

[5]You sweep us away like a dream;*
**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

6In the morning it is green and flourishes;*
**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7For we consume away in your displeasure;*
**we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

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

9When you are angry, all our days are gone;*
**we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

10The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;*
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**
**for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

11Who regards the power of your wrath?*
**who rightly fears your indignation?**

12So teach us to number our days*
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Paul 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.
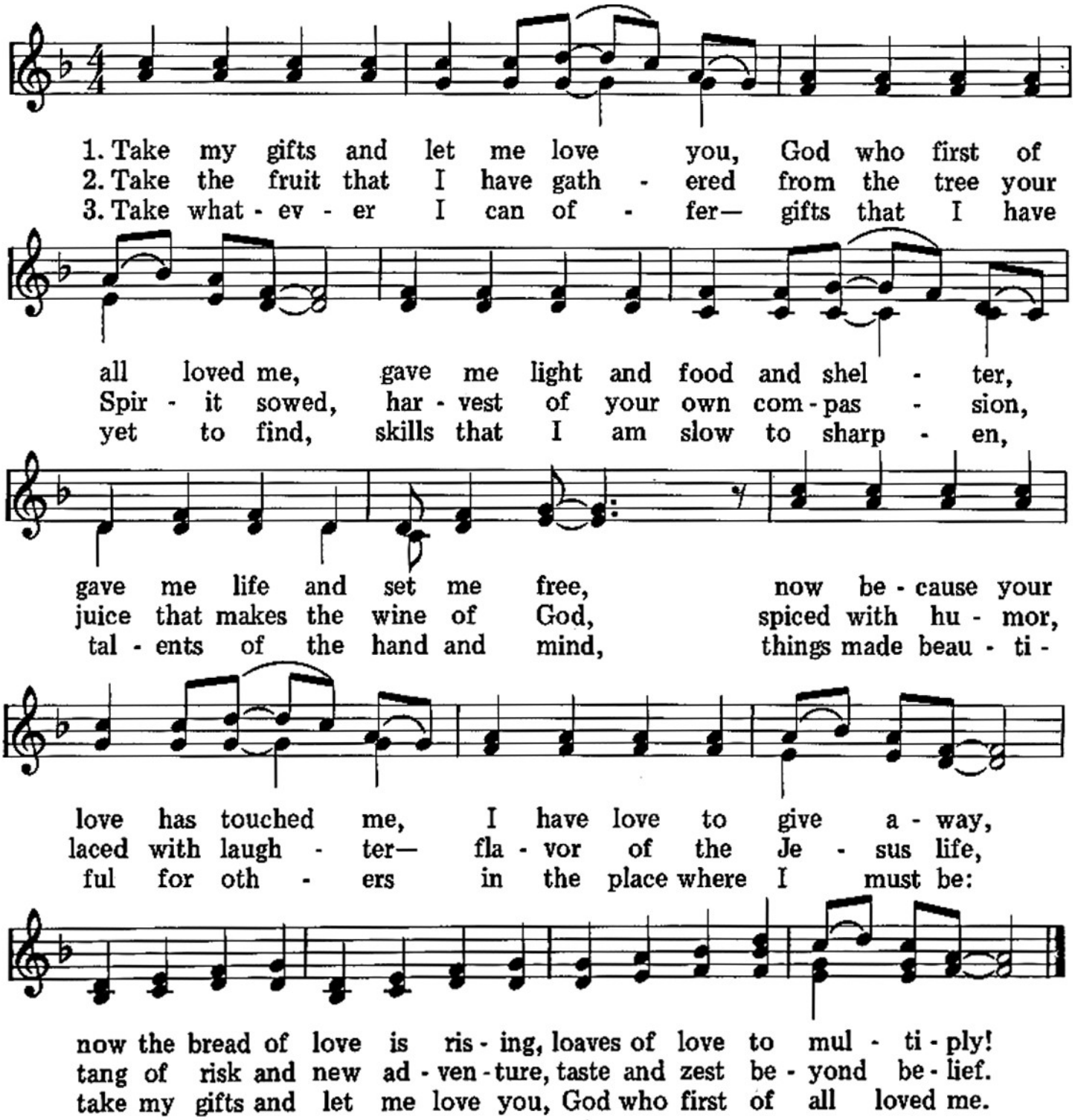
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



## GOSPEL HYMN: Take My Gifts

*Please stand as you are able*



**GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30
The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

***People*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY** The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik *Please be seated*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Please stand as you are able*

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* Holy and gracious God, you created us in your image. Help us to recognize and honor your image in ourselves and in one another, especially those whom we are at odds with. God our Creator,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and life-giving God, look with compassion on all those in this world suffering from violence and broken relationships. We especially pray for women and children living in poverty and those living in fear of abuse. God of Hope,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and faithful God, hear our prayers for all your people who are silent because of oppression, and for those who feel that their voices are not heard. God who speaks,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and magnificent God, you have filled the earth with beauty and diversity. Look graciously upon all of us with our varied gifts, characteristics, and qualities, and give us all a respect for the dignity of others that we may treat all people with love and care. God of Grace,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* All-knowing God, you see the pain of your people who suffer and fear because of war, especially those in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan; may you comfort them and keep them safe. Open the eyes of all those who advocate for and promote war that they may see their atrocities and pursue peaceful resolutions. God of Peace,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings and wisdom we have received from those who have died. Receive them into eternal life and comfort those who mourn. God of Abundant Life,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Healing God, we pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

May you bless, comfort, and heal those who are struggling with physical, emotional, social, and relational pain, especially those affected by the ongoing Ebola outbreak

and disasters both natural and human-made. God of Healing,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Nurturing God, we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. God of Caring,

***People*** **Hear our prayer.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant:*

In the name of the true and living Holy One, who made us for love, who saved us by love, and who loves us still. **AMEN.**

## THE PEACE

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

***People*** **And also with you.**
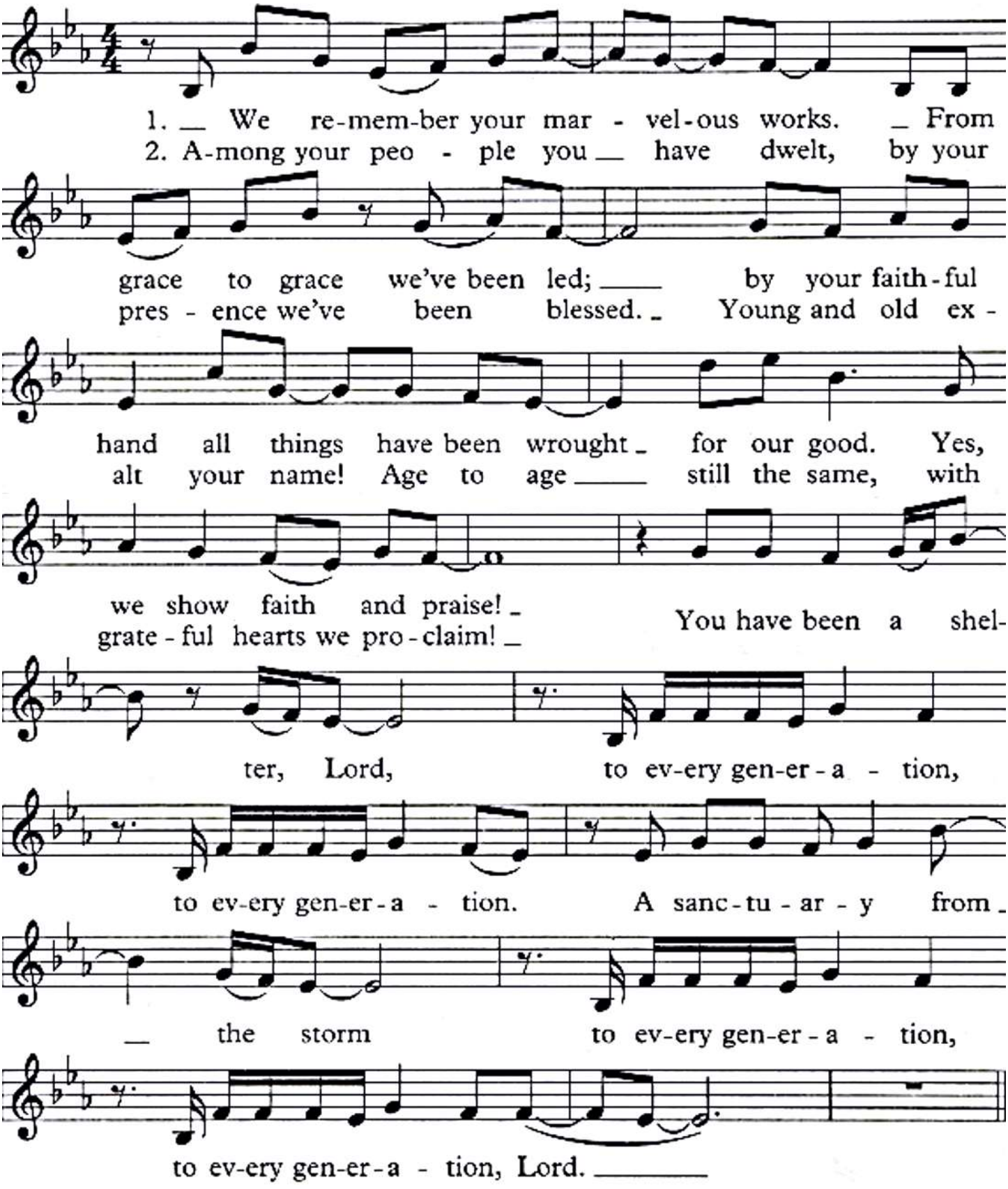
*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

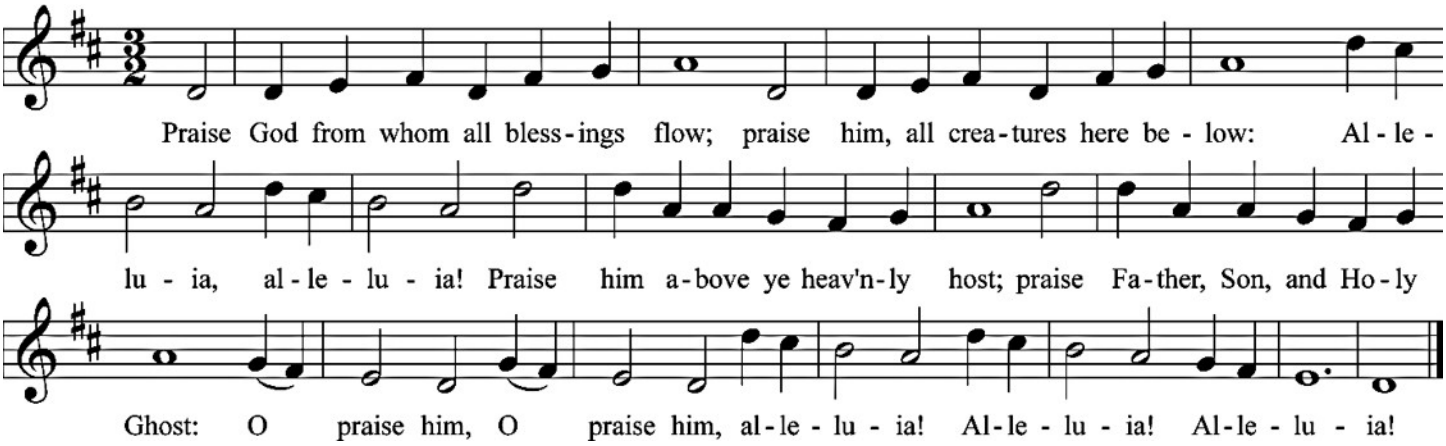
*Please be seated*



## OFFERTORY HYMN: To Every Generation



**DOXOLOGY** *Please stand as you are able*




# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***People*** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

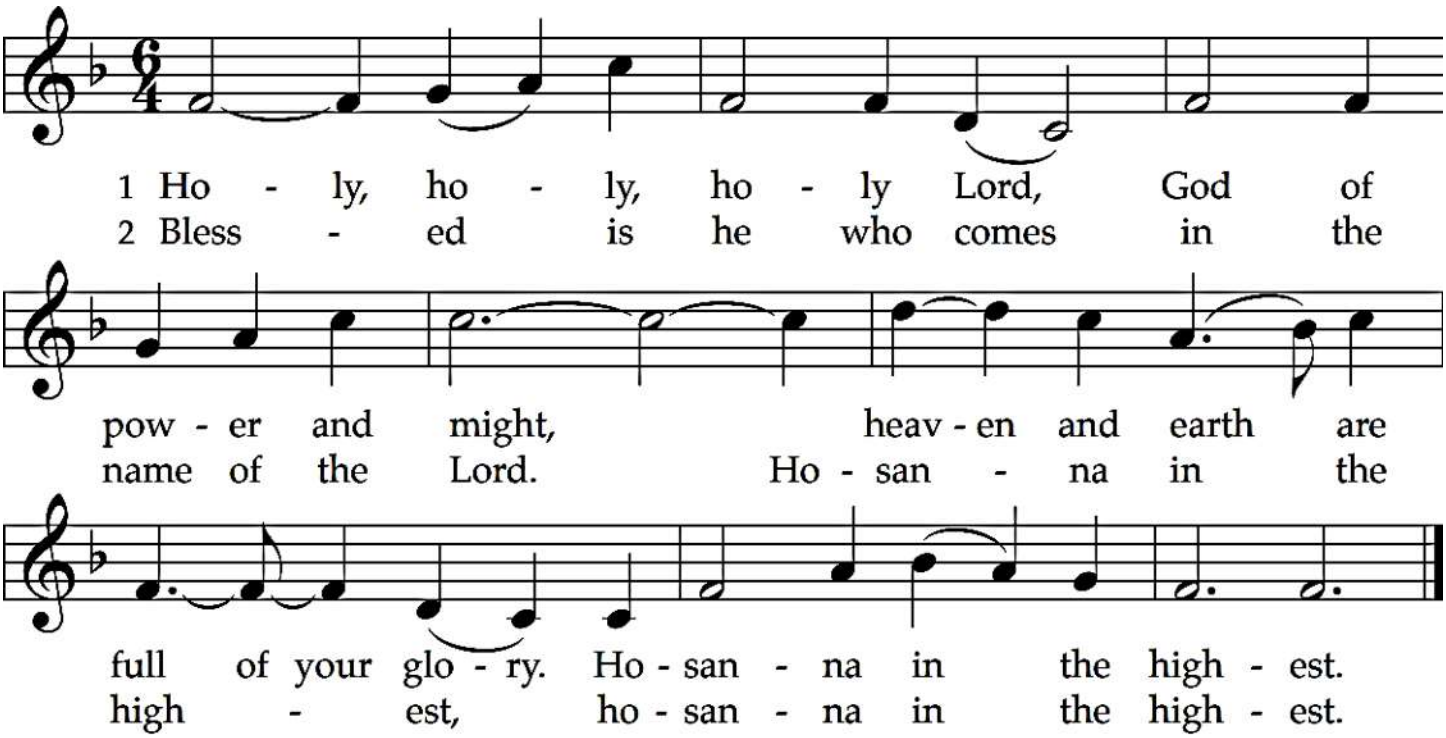
***People*** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion, you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice and mercy. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you as we sing:

**SANCTUS**




*Celebrant continues:*

Lord, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for the salvation of the world, you reveal the glory and power of your love.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Embracing our humanity, he taught us the way of salvation. Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us. Dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

On the night you gave up your Son for us all, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, and we long for his coming in glory.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit, let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, free the oppressed, and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen. Alleluia!**

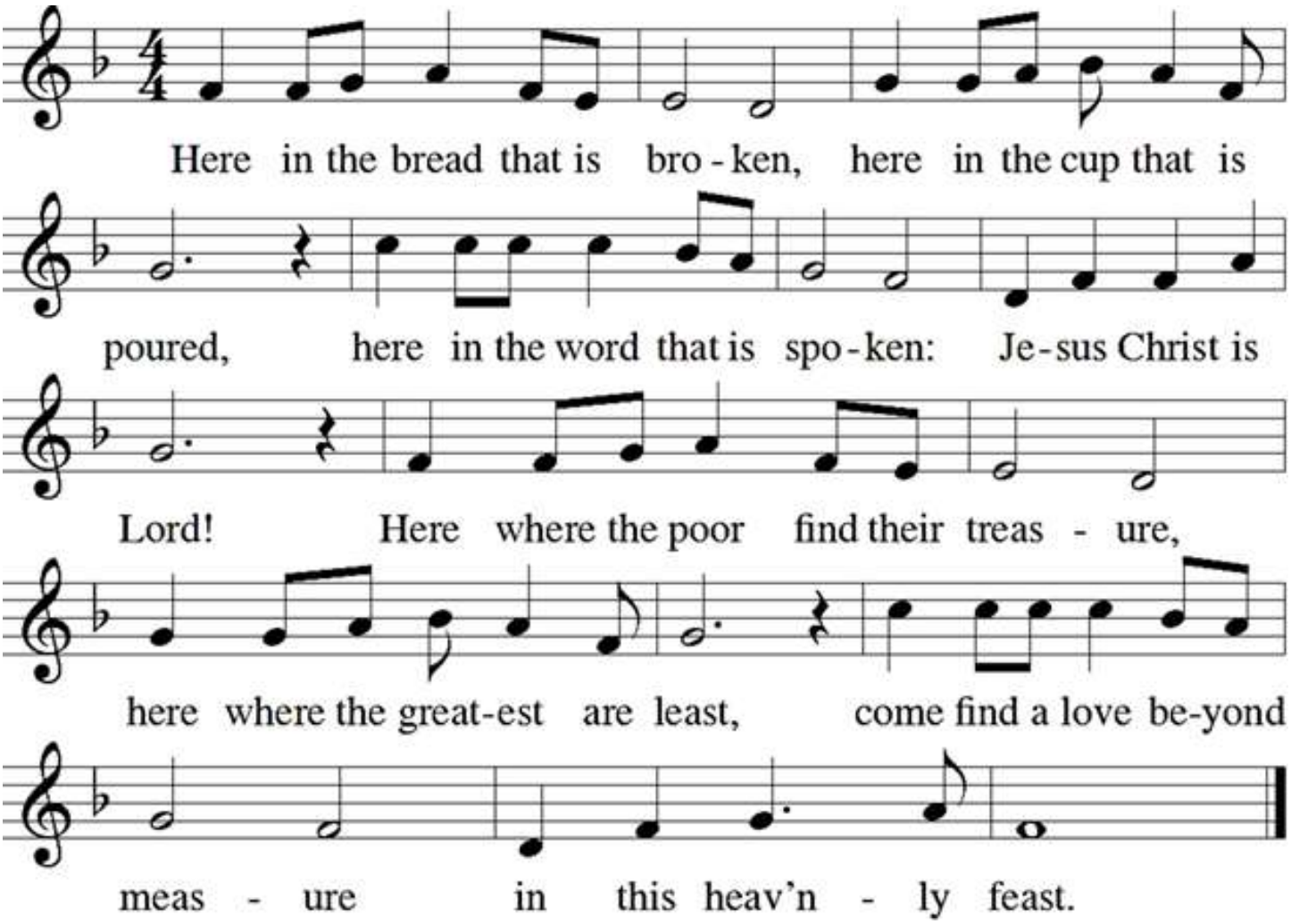
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant says:*

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

**Our Father in heaven, holy is 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 forever. AMEN.**

## FRACTION




*Celebrant* Taste and see that our God is good; come to the banquet table with joy and thanksgiving!

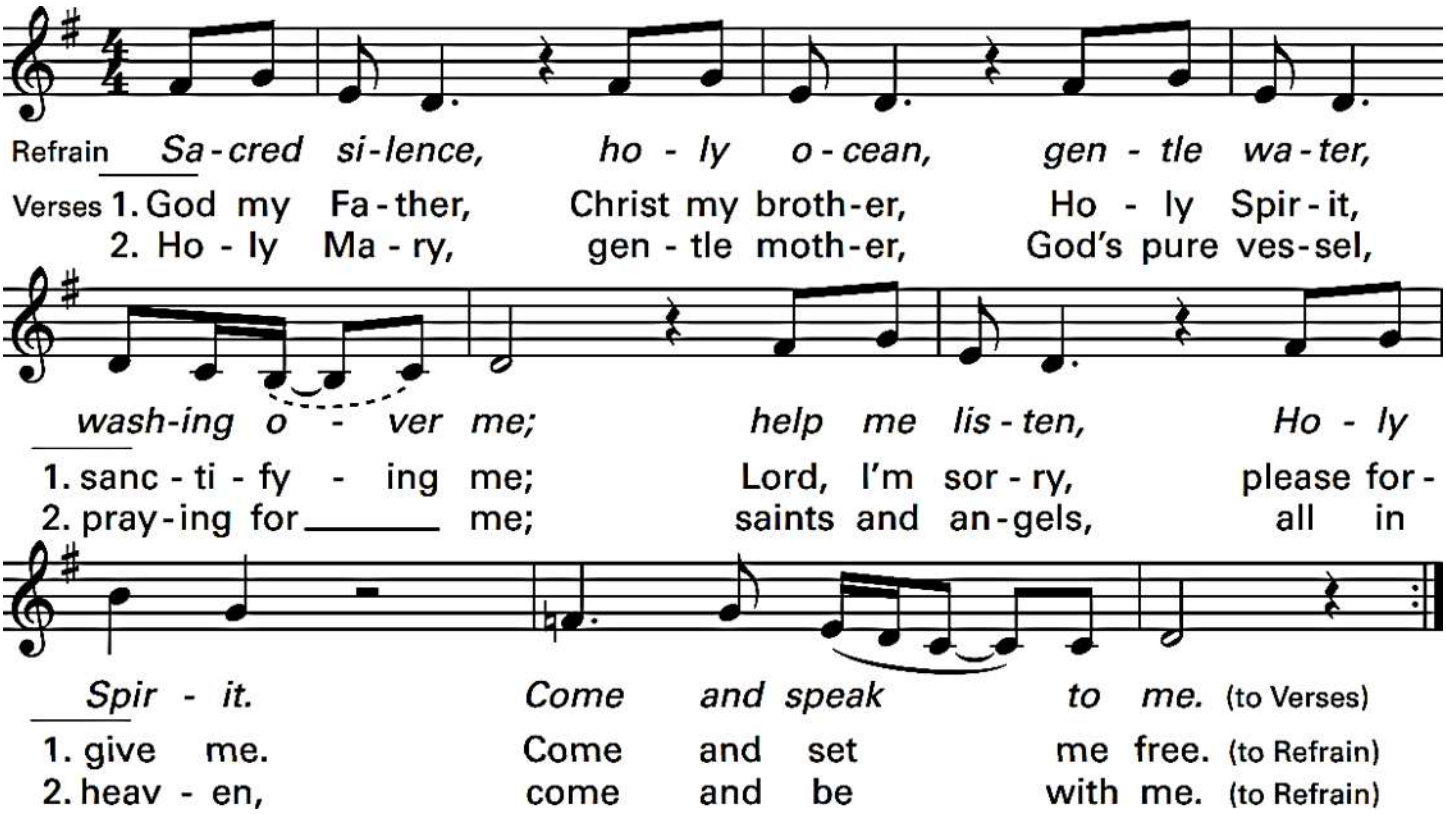
## COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

*<u>Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone</u>*

*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: Sacred Silence




## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.
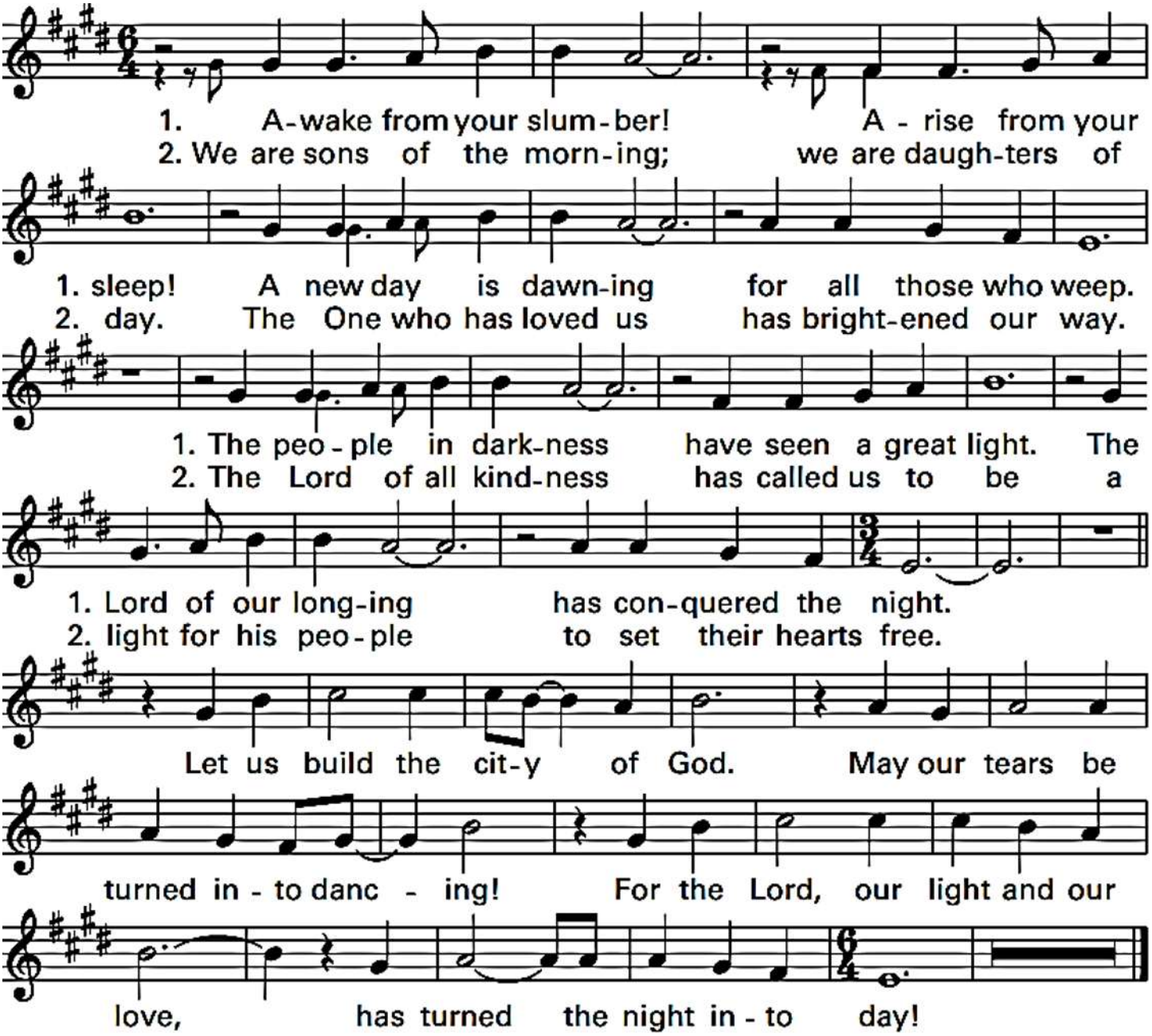
*Celebrant and People say together:*

**Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

May God lead you in marvelous ways and stir your inmost being to be light and love to those around you, and may the blessing of God—God our Creator, God our Redeemer, and God our Sanctifier—be upon you this day and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: City Of God




## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Our time of worship has now ended. Go in peace to love God and to love your neighbor! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***People*** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



## The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Julie E. Schneider-Thomas, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger–Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Jennifer Holland; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy Johnson & family; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger & family; Steve Burns; Sandy Krell; Bobby Couts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffer; Frank Davis; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo; Betty Gillis; Robert Tuten; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert; Norris Satterly; Dan Kotesky; Judy Kuase; Brian Negran; Takashi Nawafune; Mary Lang; Sue Sargent; Jess Taylor; Scott Satterly; Sue Retherford; Carole Marshall; Kris Eckert; Margaret Morgan; Bill Atkinson; Kathy Martin.

***Do you know someone who can use our prayers?***
***Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.***

**The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Community Suppers:**
**Wednesdays** at 4:00
**Sunday Suppers: Sundays** at 4:00, November-March

**Food Pantry:**
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, curbside pickup
*Serving from 250-500 people every month*

**Fueling Kids' Futures:**
Tuesdays at 11 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers, financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving: 586-465-4573***

# CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Please send all bulletin submissions to bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org***

## PLENTY GOOD ROOM

Generosity is our grateful response to God's gifts. This week, we reflect on our commitments of time, talent, and treasure—offerings that sustain the life of this parish.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

## COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

## BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

## COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN AND SING!

Join us at choir rehearsal **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. Faces and voices both new and familiar are most welcome as we lift up our praises in song and help guide our Grace community into the seasons of thankfulness, Advent, and the birth of our Lord!

## INQUIRER CLASSES

Interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by our bishop? Join us for four one-hour sessions from **2 to 3 PM** on the following **Wednesdays**: **November 11** and **18** and **December 2** and **9**. Attend in person or via Zoom. If you're interested but cannot make this time, please speak to Pastor Steve and we'll come up with a time that works for you.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please consider taking the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the contents of our new first-aid kits during today's coffee hour.

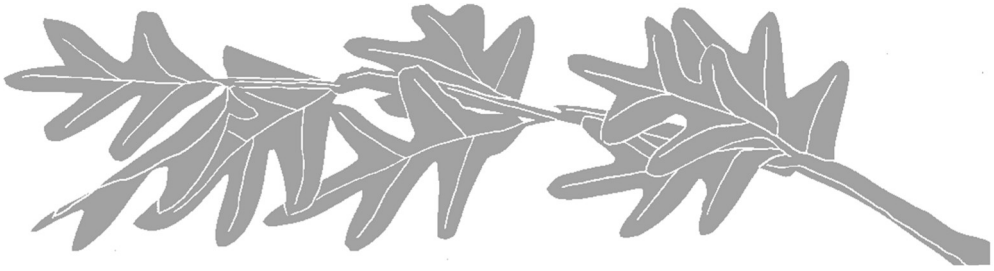
## SANTA PARADE

Please join us for the Mount Clemens Santa Parade **next Saturday, November 21**. Once again, we'll be serving coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies to the spectators, as well as offering tours of the church. We'd also like folks to march in the parade itself—20 to 30 would be a fine turnout. You just need to be at the church by **10 AM**; the route is down Main Street from Grace to Cass Avenue. We'll provide bags of candy for you to distribute to spectators. There's a sign-up sheet in the hallway, but you don't need to sign up to attend. See you there!

## WINTER SHELTER UPDATES

The Macomb County Winter Shelter has been renamed the WAVE Project Winter Shelter. Thanks to fundraisers and donations, they've raised some additional funding that will allow the shelter to open on December 20.

Grace will partner with Christian Trinity Church during the week of January 3-9; we'll be responsible for **January 7-9**. Please consider volunteering! See Ann Farrell for more information.



## For Diplomacy to Prevail in the Iran War

**God** of peace, who **calls us to repentance** over warfare and commands us to live peaceably with those who are different from us, **we pray that diplomacy may prevail** among the United States, Israel, and Iran. We know that you weep with those who grieve and you give your angels charge over the fearful. **We ask that the leaders of the nations pursue peace and reconciliation**, not war. **Keep safe** all those at risk in Iran and across the region, and **help all governing authorities** discern a just future for the world. **Inspire all people to advocate** for a world free of violence and filled with relationships marked by mutual respect and forbearance. **Protect** the armed forces, humanitarian aid workers, and **all people who put themselves in danger** to serve others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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