



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

All are welcome to this service of communion;

All are wanted at the table of the lord.

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

TO JOIN THIS SERVICE LIVE VIA ZOOM

To join either service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the link.

To join this service by phone, call 312-626-6799

8:30 am Service:
Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300
Password: 246040

10:30 am Service:
Follow the link on our website to watch the livestream on our Facebook page.

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Opening Hymn: Down to the River to Pray

As I went down to the riv - er to pray,
stud - y - ing a - bout that good old way. And who shall wear the
star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
Oh *broth - er let's go down, come on down, don't you
want to go down? Oh broth - er, let's go down,
down to the riv - er to pray.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 4/4 time signature, which changes to 2/4 for the second measure and back to 4/4 for the remainder. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Sister, father, mother.

OPENING ACCLAMATION: from *Feasting on the Word*

Celebrant: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

People: We give glory, honor and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

GLORIA

At the early service:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

At the later service:

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to God on high

y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-qué-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
and on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 130

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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The Gospel Hymn: I am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life, I am the bread of life.

Antiphon

I am the bread of life, I am the bread of life.

This system contains the first vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1. Who - ev - er comes to me shall nev - er hun - ger,
 2. This is the liv - ing Bread which comes from heav - en,
 3. None come to me un - less the Fa - ther draw them,
 4. All they who eat my flesh and drink my blood

This system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a '5' marking, indicating a fifth interval.

Repeat Antiphon

who ev - er trusts in me shall ne - ver thirst:
 the bread which all may eat and ne - ver die:
 and I will raise them up at the last day:
 a - bide in me and I a - bide in them:

This system concludes the hymn with a repeat of the antiphon. The vocal melody and piano accompaniment are repeated. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a '5' marking, indicating a fifth interval.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

We observe a brief silence for reflection.

The Affirmation of our Faith

At the early service:

The Nicene Creed

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.**

At the later service:

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort and strengthen them. **We pray to you, O God.**

For our state, country and world during this changing time of the pandemic, may we continue to work for the safety of all people as we revise and end social regulations. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of peace in the world that all regional and national violence may end so that all people, groups and nations in conflict may live in harmony. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the world's poor, destitute and homeless: may our political, business and religious institutions work to provide all people with the food, shelter and hope that they need. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country, that our diversity may make us strong and our pluralism make us rich. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all those who are sick or infirmed and for those suffering because of COVID – 19, And for all who have asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Carol, Candy, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Donna, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine, Reggie, Pam S, Roy, Karen, Martha, Ollie, Janet, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Jessica, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette, Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Norm, Brenda, Jeff, Lindsay, Mary.**

Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch. **We pray to you, O God.**

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace. **We pray to you, O God.**

Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

The Offering Song: I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By



giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to



to re - call, In love laid down for
ty of love In Christ's com - mun - ion
makes us one, And stran - gers now are
bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us
give the world The love that makes us



me, In love laid down for me.
bread, In Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
here, A - live a - mong us here.
one, The love that makes us one.

Doxology: To God, Creator

To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem - er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er

7
be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be

13
praise for - ev - er, A - - - men.

OFFERTORY BLESSING

Awesome God, Jesus fed thousands of people with seemingly little effort. Yet, we have grave difficulty feeding children in our own country — let alone the entire world. Even while we are praying this prayer, someone has died from starvation and the lack of food. When we share resources with care-giving ministries, your hand is upon our shoulders, just like it was upon Jesus' shoulders the day he fed his followers. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to change lives by becoming generous caregivers of the resources that you first gave to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN. (John 6:1-21)

Everyone: Which we are blessed, we offer our gifts to our God, to carry on the works of Jesus Christ our Lord for all he has given us.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Season After Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Everyone **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

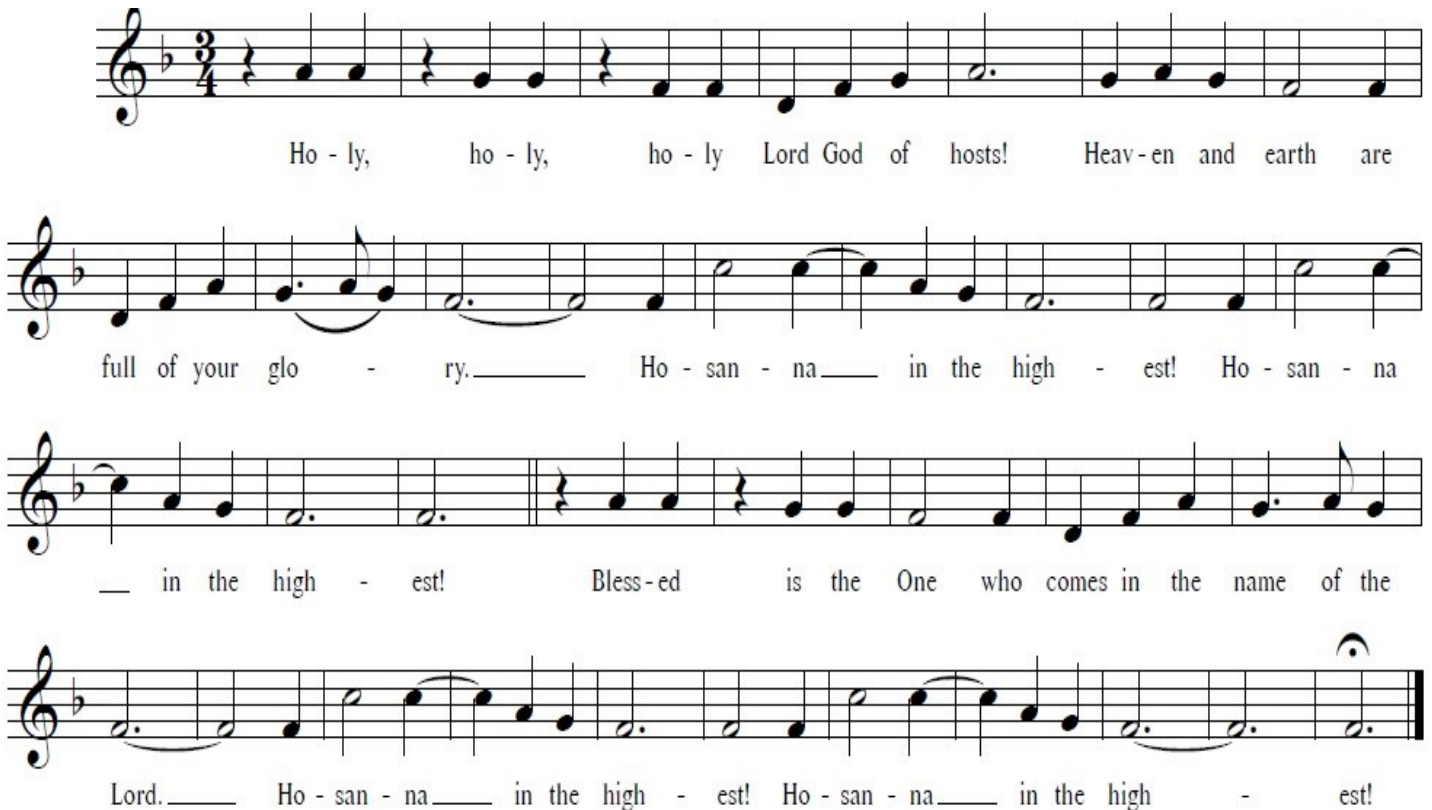
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you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

Everyone at the Early Service

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

At the Later Service

SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts! Heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Celebrant continues

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 prepared the way of salvation for all people.

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.”

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

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 daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

BREAKING OF BREAD

Everyone: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

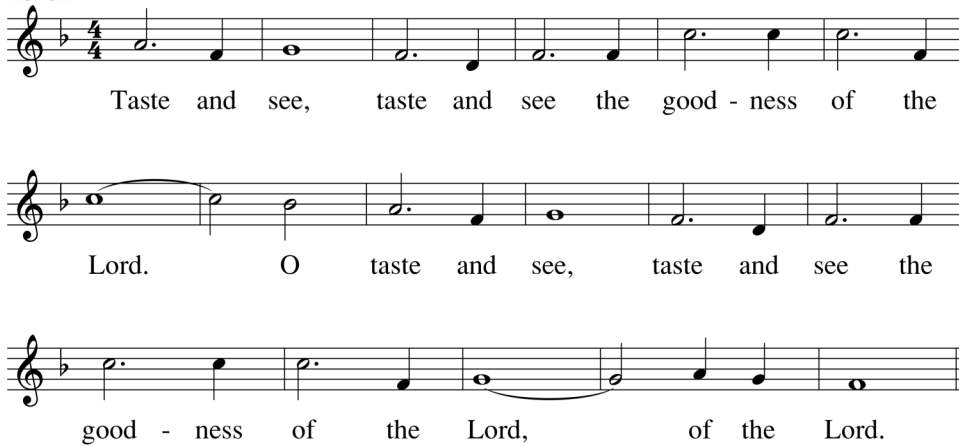
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Celebrant: *Celebrant* The Gifts of God for all of us, the Holy People of God.

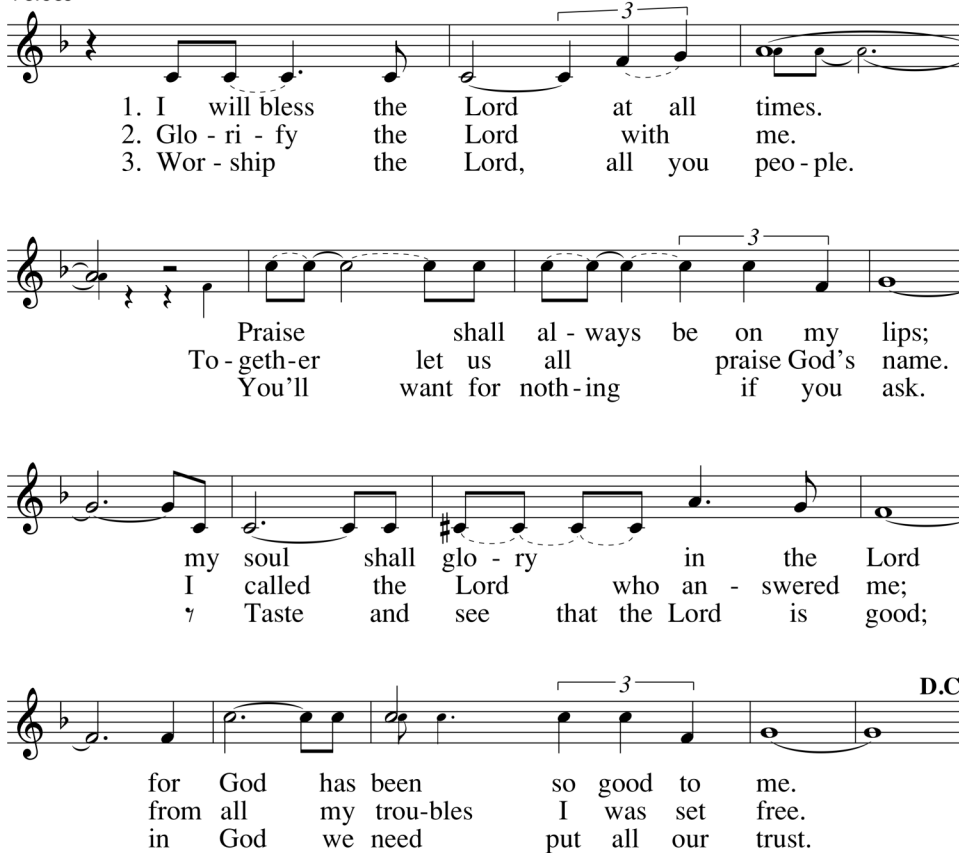
Music for Communion: Taste and See

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Everyone

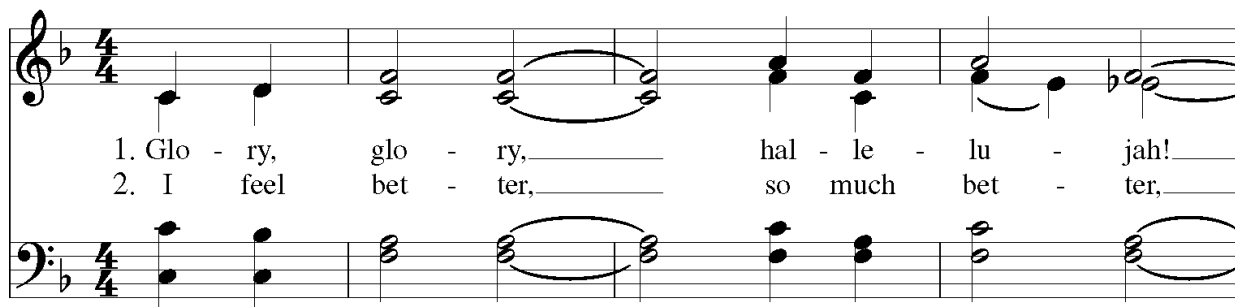
Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus your Christ, AMEN.

BLESSING

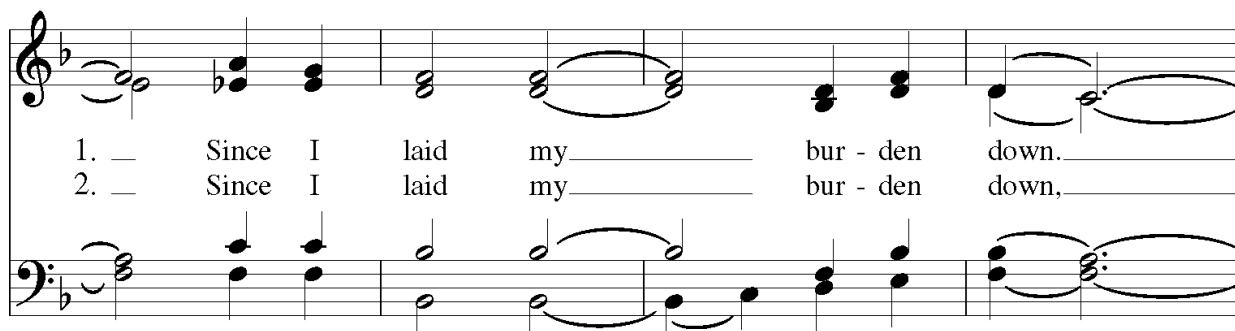
Celebrant

May Christ who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength, courage and boldness to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. AMEN.

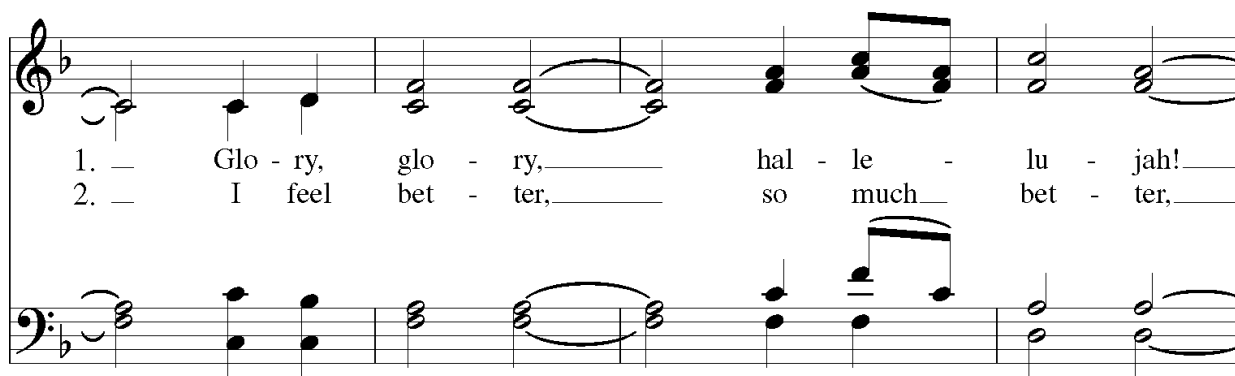
Closing Hymn: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!



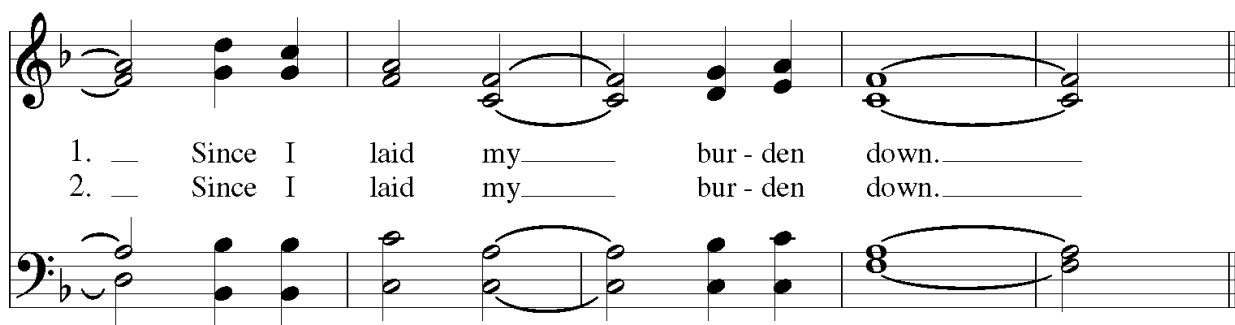
1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,



1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,



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 2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,



1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down.

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

DISMISSAL

Priest Our worship has ended, let our service begin, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers of this Congregation

For all refugees, especially those at our southern border; for the farmers across our country who are struggling; for Bonnie Perry, our Bishop, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our retired bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; Stewart Wood, our retired bishop; and our whole diocesan household, including Holy Comforter in Dajabon DR, St. John's in Clinton, Holy Cross in Novi; for Gretchen, our Governor; Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon, Jennifer Holland, Nina DiGaetano, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Donna Hanes, Helen Stein, Matthew Bishop, Jennie Berube, Katherine Domienik, Reggie Chrzanowski, Pam Sherry, Roy Lawrence, Karen Blackburn, Ollie Denham, Janet Seewald, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Donna Chapman, Tom Krell, Jessica Wilhite, Martha Houser, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Norm & Brenda Zawierucha, Jeff Lepkowski, Lyndsy O'Malley, Mary Duda.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.

Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

SUMMER READING GROUP

Join Pastor Steve in reading the book FIVE DAYS by Wes Moore. This is the story of the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray while in the hands of the Baltimore Police Department. We realize this is a difficult topic but our bishop has asked all our members to educate ourselves on the issue of racial disparity and justice and to look for ways to be a part of the solution.

We will meet on the following Wednesdays from 6:00 -7:00 pm:

June 23, July 14 and August 11. You may join us in person at Grace or on Zoom.

Books will be available after both services today and next week so you do not have to buy one. You may also call Pastor Steve to arrange a book pickup.

SINGLE 10:30 SERVICE ON UPCOMING SUNDAY

On August 22, there will be a single service at 10:30 am.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom (*Meeting info will remain as follows each week*)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89732417015?pwd=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYelB3WXoyUmFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015 Password: 683930 Or call: 312-626-6799

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH
Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, online 8:30 & 10:30 am. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Thursdays at 10 am.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:30, take-out meals only

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 am -12 noon, curbside pickup
Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

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

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

Grace's Income and Expenses

June total expenses: \$20,338.12

June total income: \$ 19,840.13

August offering income: \$5,559.07

August outreach income: \$482.00

August rental income: \$00.00

Capital Campaign

Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00

Pledged to date: \$98,850.00

Received to date: \$40,895.00