The Holy Eucharist Full Version *Proper 25 in Ordinary Time*

St. Paul's on the Green October 25, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Prelude

Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 390

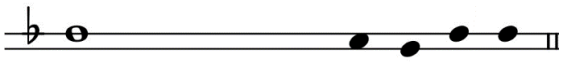


Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant intones Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

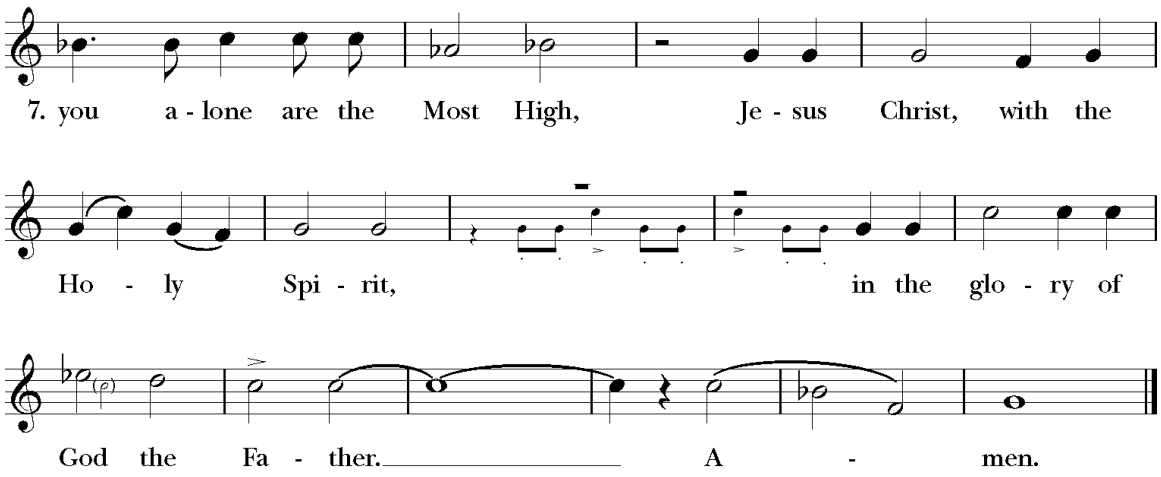
The People respond



Gloria

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Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

Your love, O God, is boundless.
We who were strangers have been made your children.
We who were defenseless have been brought into your household.
Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy,
that we may love you with our whole heart and love your neighbor as ourselves.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSON *seated* *Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 1*

At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the | Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law | day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; *
everything they | do shall prosper.

It is not so | with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous;

For the Holy One knows the way | of the righteous, *
but the way of the | wicked is doomed.

Setting: William Crotch

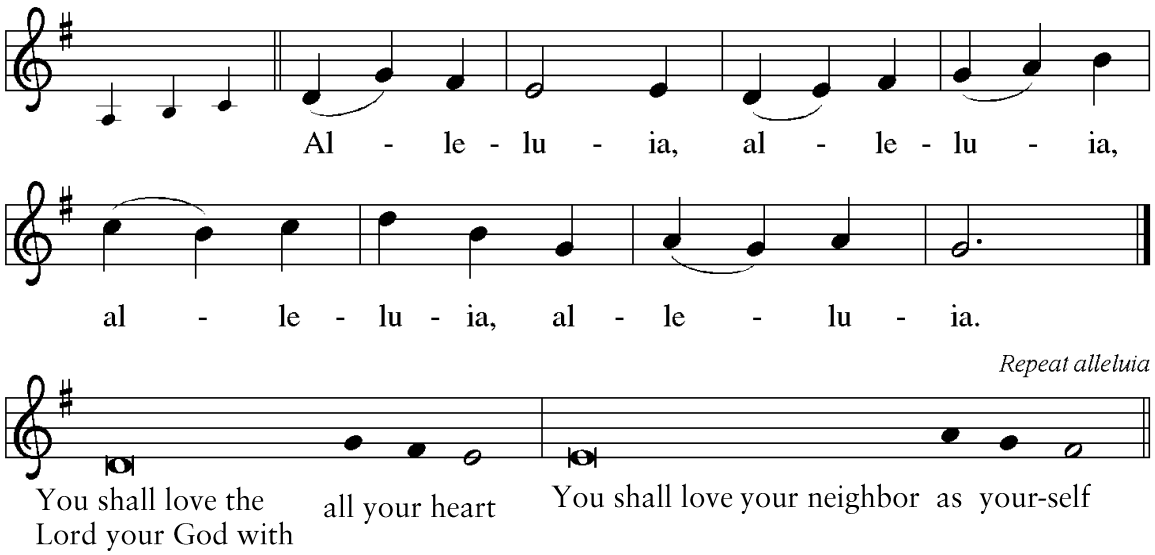
THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

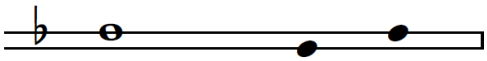
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



ELW Setting One

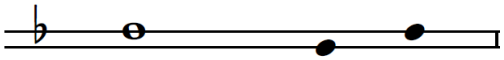
THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones* *Matthew 22:34-46*

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



When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *The Rev. Milton Gilder*
Curate

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Stewardship Testimonial *Tina Hlinka*

Affirmation of Faith *standing*

We believe in God,
the Source of all Being,
who creates us in love
and holds us in blessing.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Incarnate Word of God,
who walked among us,
welcomed us to God's table,
gave his life for the life of the world,
and is risen in glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us in faith,
empowers us in hope,
and sends us into the world in love.

We believe in the life of grace,
gathered in community
and sustained through all time
and for all eternity.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for:

The welfare of the world and those in authority
Those who minister in Christ's name
The thanksgivings and concerns of the local community
Those who are suffering and in any trouble
Those who have died

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world and the church, for this community, for all who suffer, and for those who have died; and let us give thanks for all we have been given.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in ***bold****, above.*
The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.

For the world, and for all who hold authority in it: that the gifts of the earth would be shared, and that all would be welcome at the table.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who minister in Christ's name, here and in every church: that all we give would bless others far beyond our imagining.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, and the grieving, and for everyone carrying more than they can bear: that they would know they are not abandoned, and that we would uphold them in their need from what you have given us. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who have died, and for those who remember them in love. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

God of plenty, open our hearts ever wider to the needs of the world, and give us grace to see your provision in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

Announcements *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

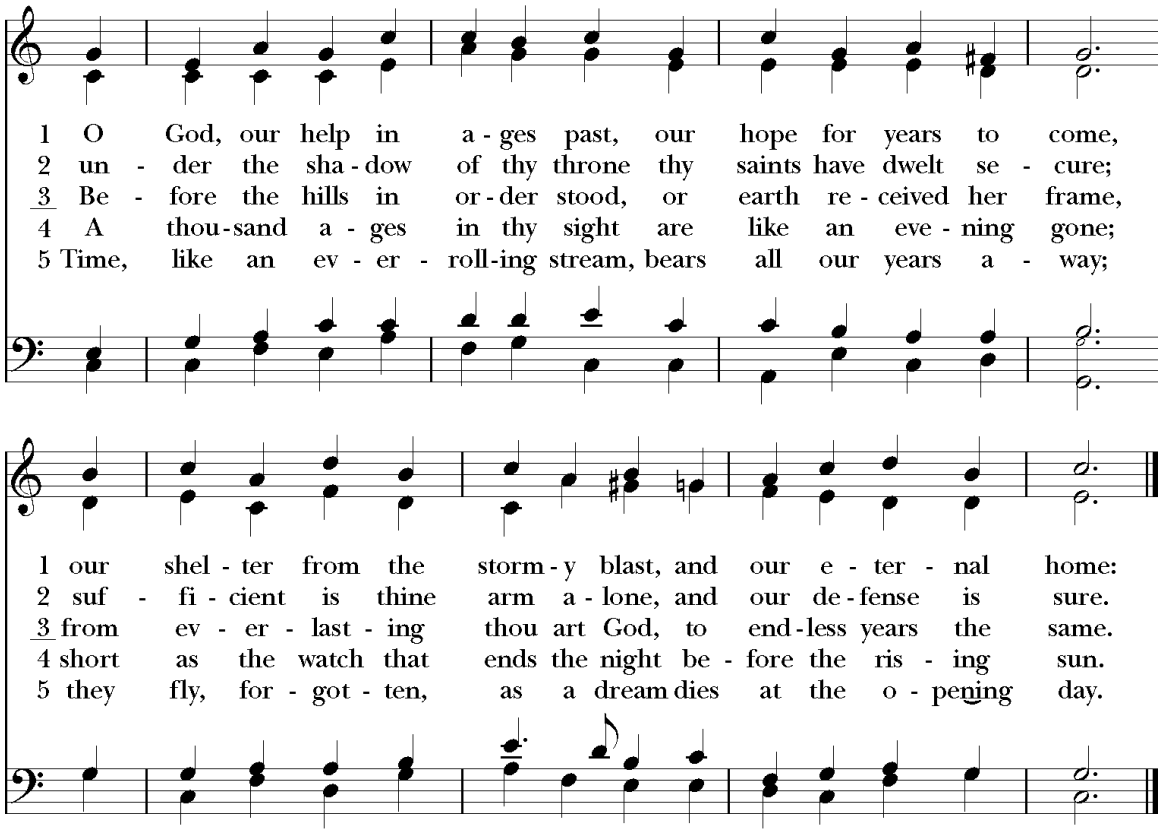
If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 680



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

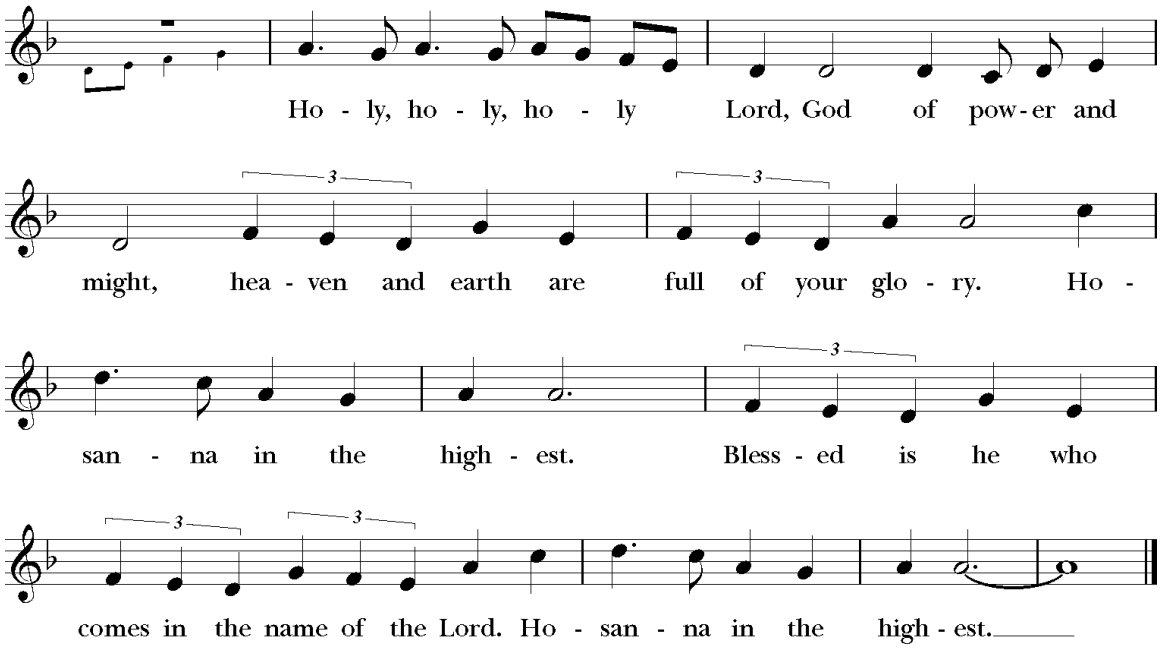
Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)



The prayer continues until

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being,
to give you thanks in every time and place.
You made us in your image and likeness,
and the abundance of your grace has never ceased to follow us
even when we ceased to follow you.
In the Word made flesh you came among us,
called us to your table, and loved us to the end.
Therefore, with all creation, and with the whole company of heaven,
we join the eternal song as we sing:

SANCTUS



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God,
in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, born of Mary,
to share our life, and to offer his life for the life of the world.
At table on the night before he died for us,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, 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."
After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, 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."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

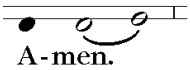
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again,
we offer you these gifts of your own creation,
this bread and this cup, and with them ourselves.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.
Send your Spirit upon us, that we may be Christ to others
and make room at the table for everyone you call.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, Source of all Being,
now and for ever.

The prayer continues until

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

The Communion

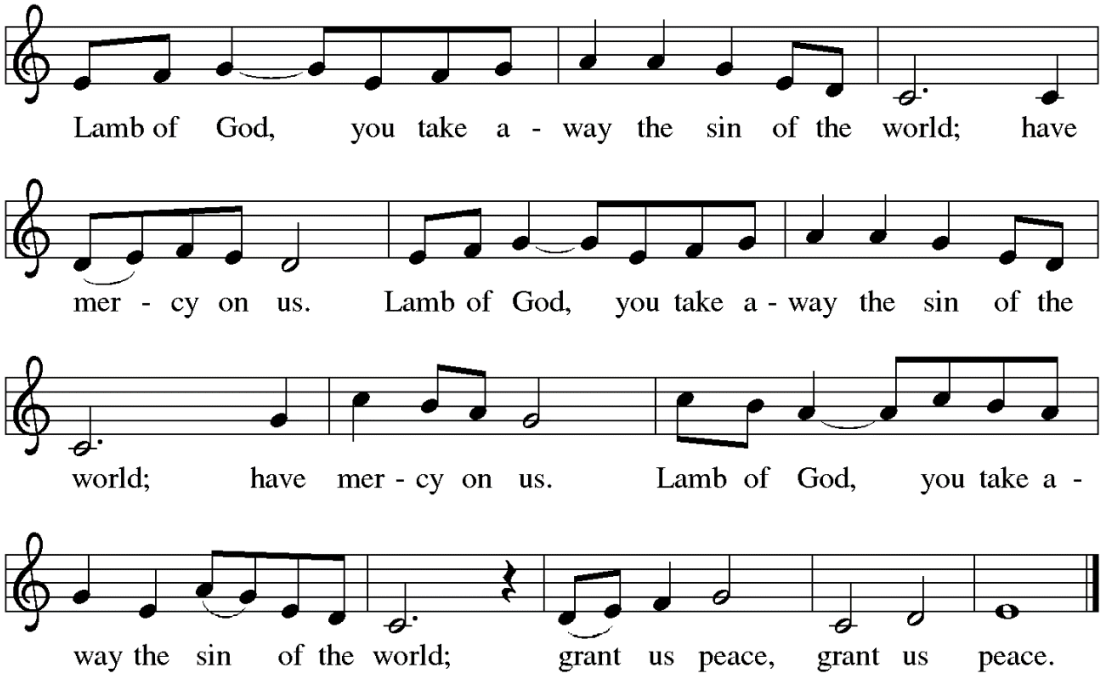
The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

God of plenty, you have called us to your table.

Gather us ever closer in your love.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: *ELW Setting One S112*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

Christ is the World's True Light

W.K. Stanton (1891 – 1978)

Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Day-star clear and bright
Of every man and nation;

New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:

When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;

The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come Prince of Peace, and reign.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors]

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:

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.

The People respond

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

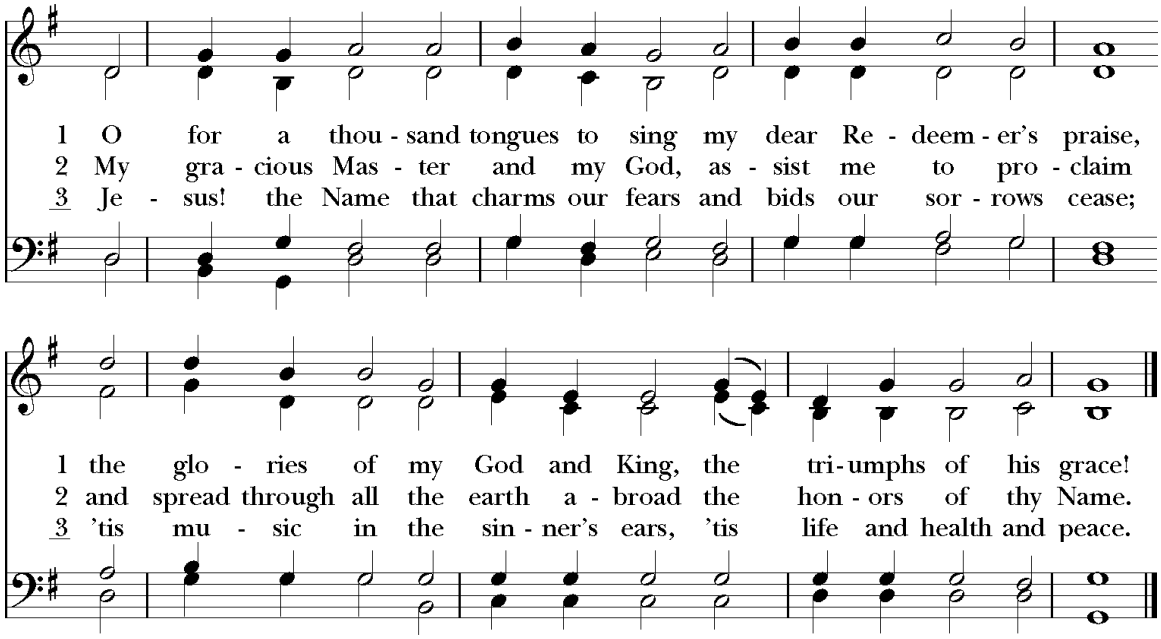
The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People.

May God fill your hands and open them,
and make your hearts glad in your giving.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Source of all Being, Word of Life, and Spirit of Grace,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN *standing* *Hymn 493*



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.
Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

THE SENDING

Go forth into the world rejoicing in God's plentiful abundance.
Thanks be to God.

The feasting continues! –
in the Parish Hall with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation.
Ask anyone around you how to get there and they will direct you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Phoenix Processional (version for solo organ, 2011) – Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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