The Holy Eucharist — Full Text — *Proper 28 in Ordinary Time*

St. Paul's on the Green — November 15, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

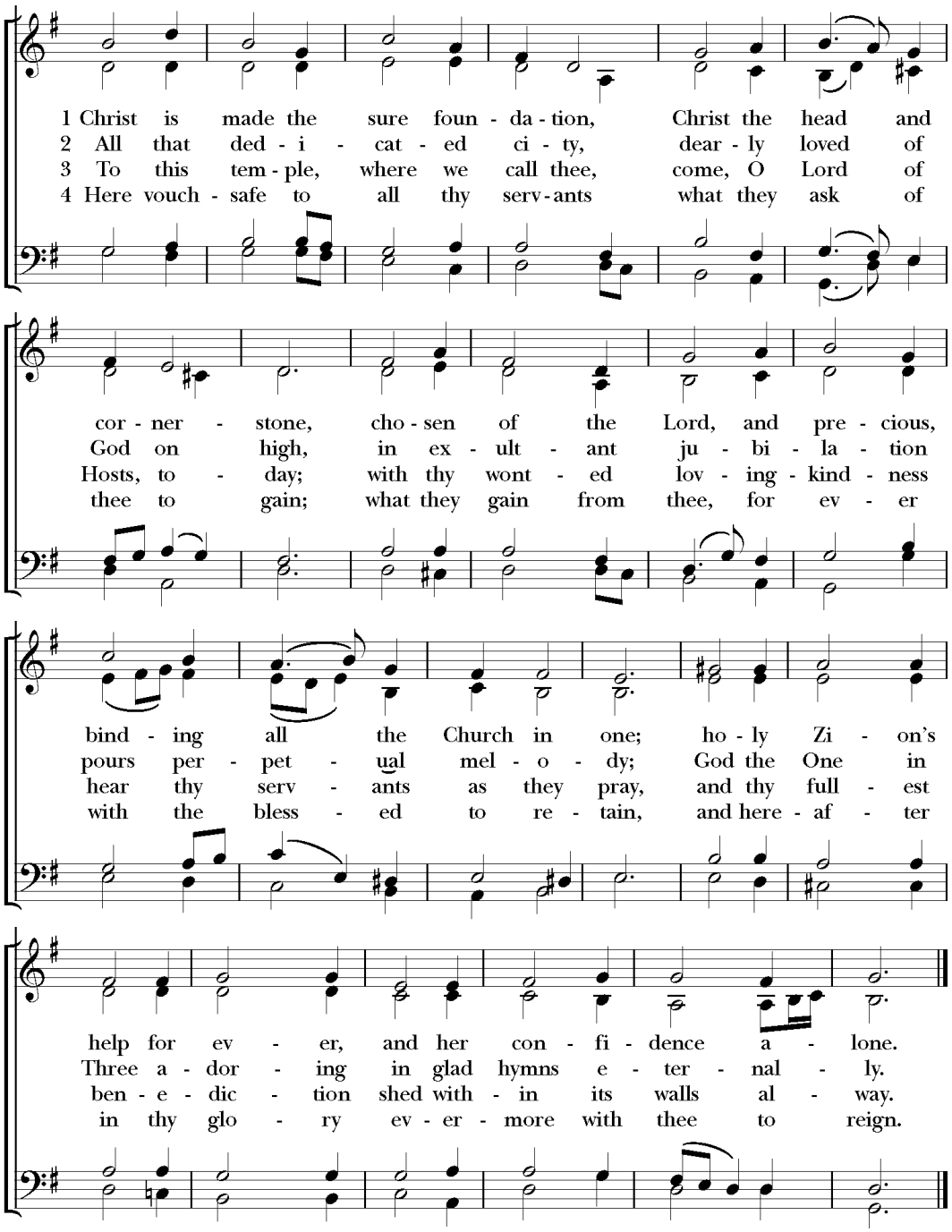
Prelude

Fugue in D Minor BWV 565 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 518

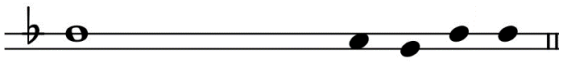


Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.
Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

Opening Acclamation

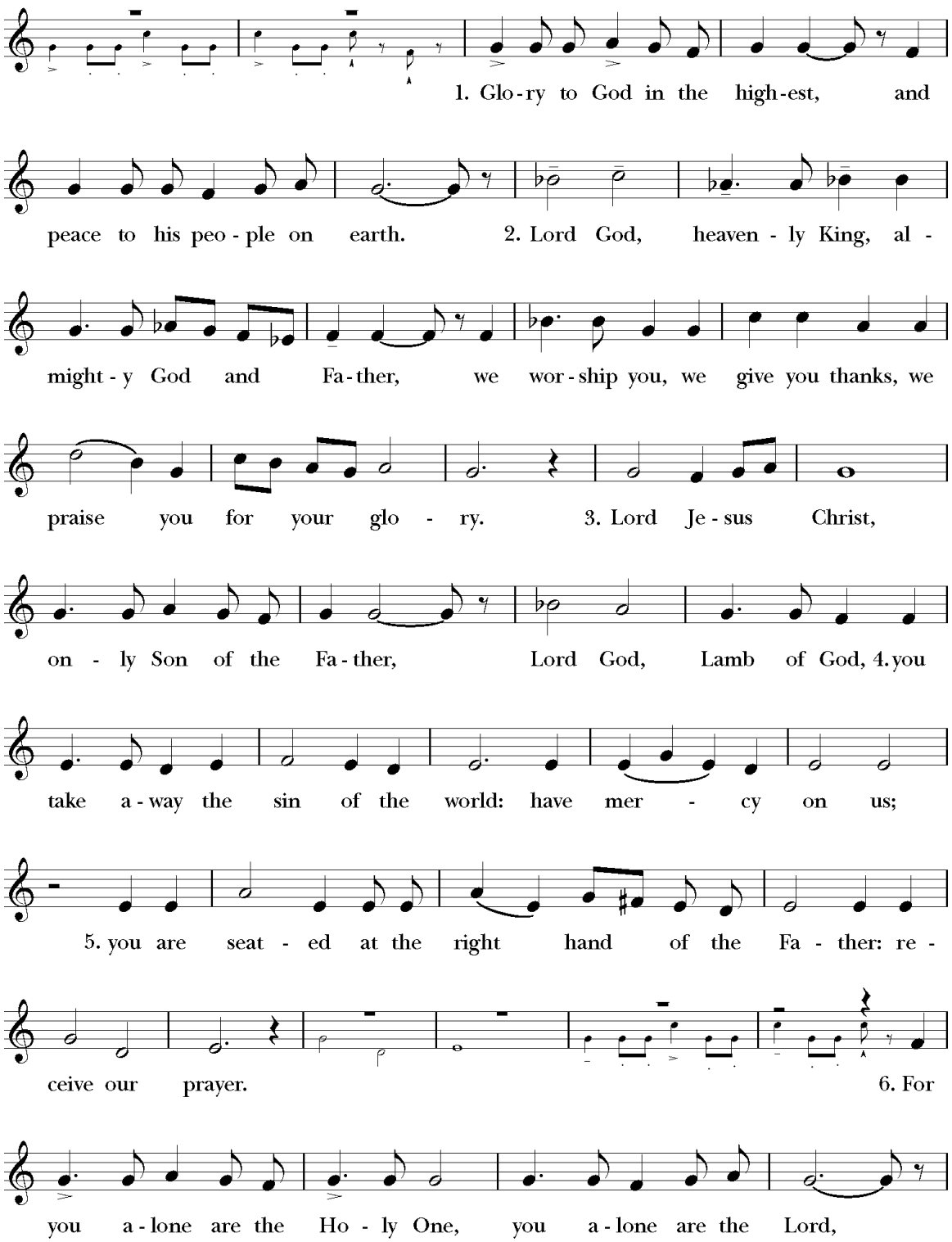
The Celebrant intones Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

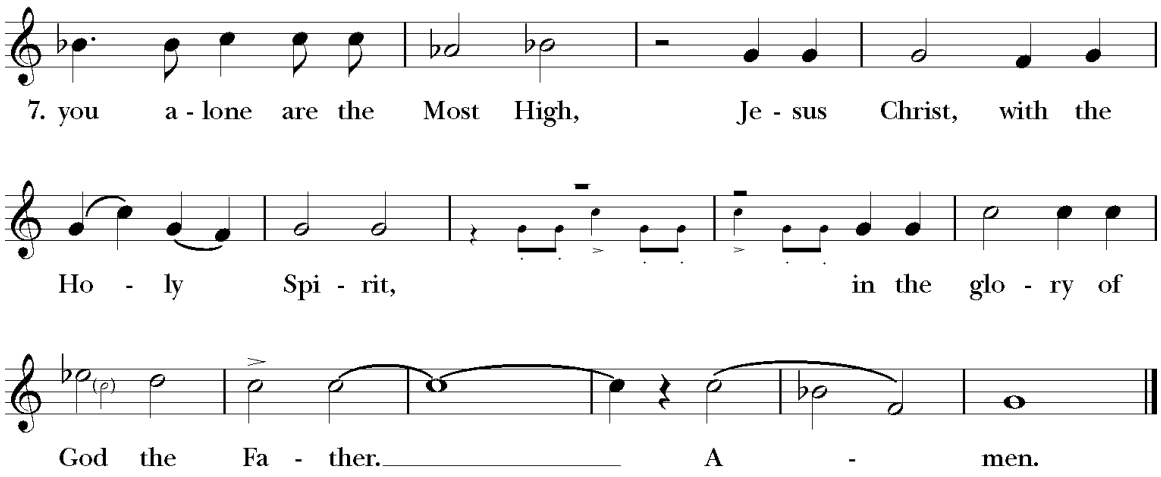
The People respond



Gloria

S278





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.

O God, from whose own abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed, encourage us to use our talents is generously as you have allotted them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may become sharers in your glory. We make our prayer 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.

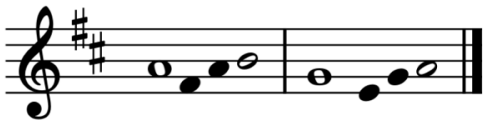
THE LESSON *seated* *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone* *Psalm 90:1-8, 12*
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



O God, you have | been our refuge *
from one generation | to another.

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

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

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

You sweep us away | like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

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

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

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

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

Setting: attr. Martin Luther

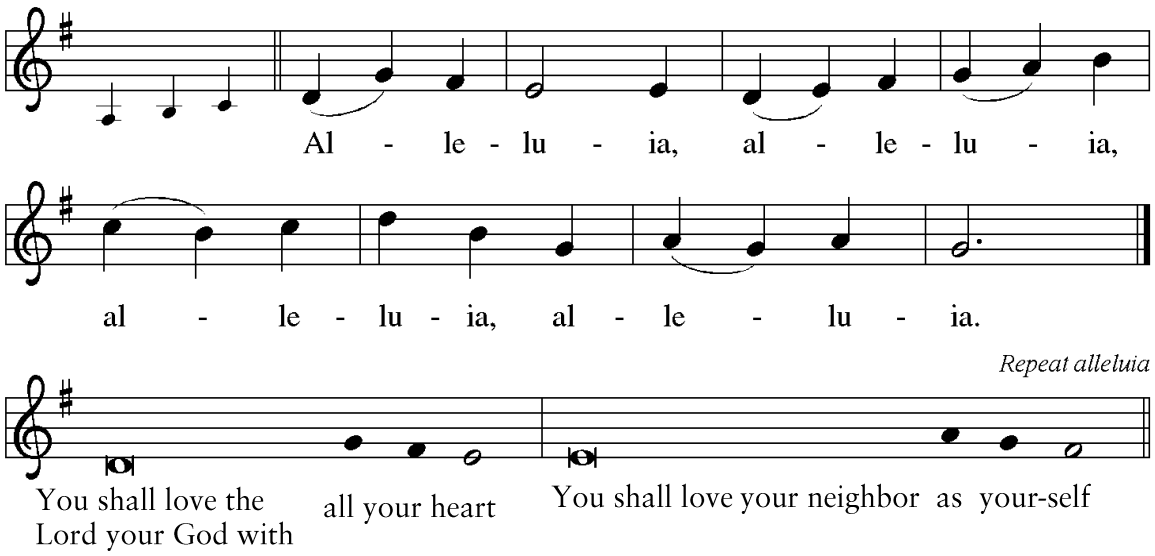
THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

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.

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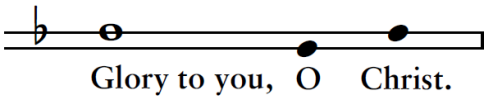
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



ELW Setting One

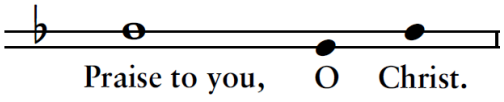
THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones* *Matthew 25:14-30*

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



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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Rev. Daniel Simons
Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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*

I Lift Up My Eyes

Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heav'n and earth.

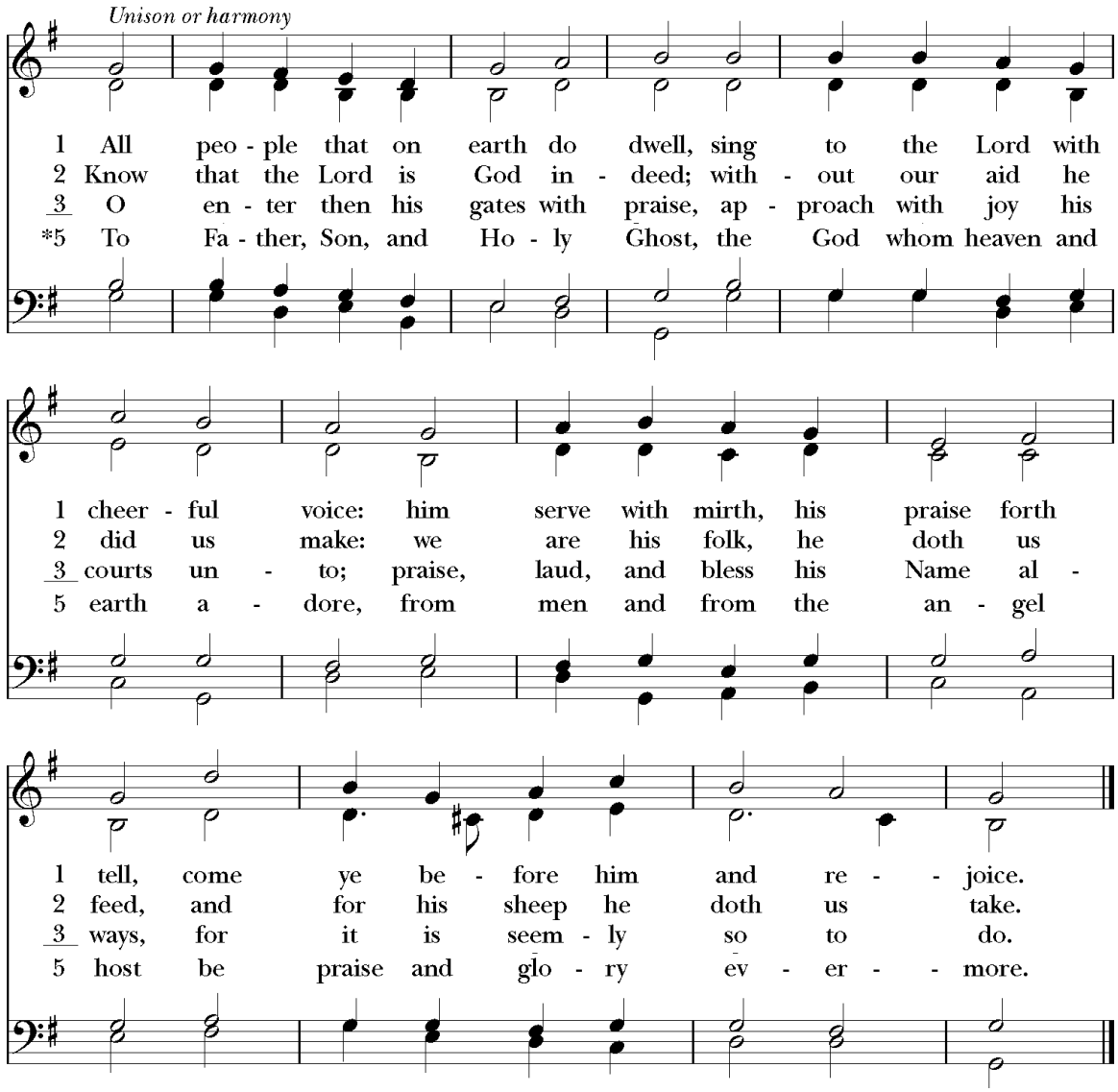
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep.

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night,

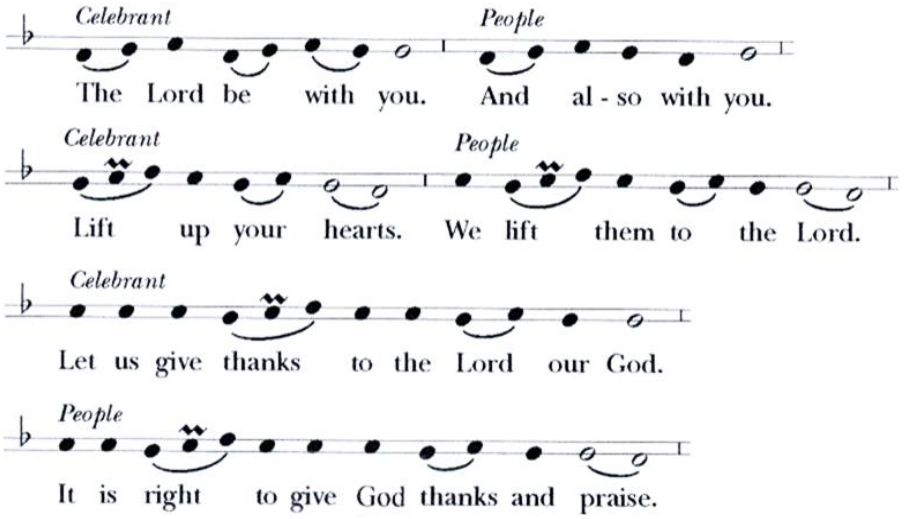
The Lord shall preserve you from evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over
your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 377



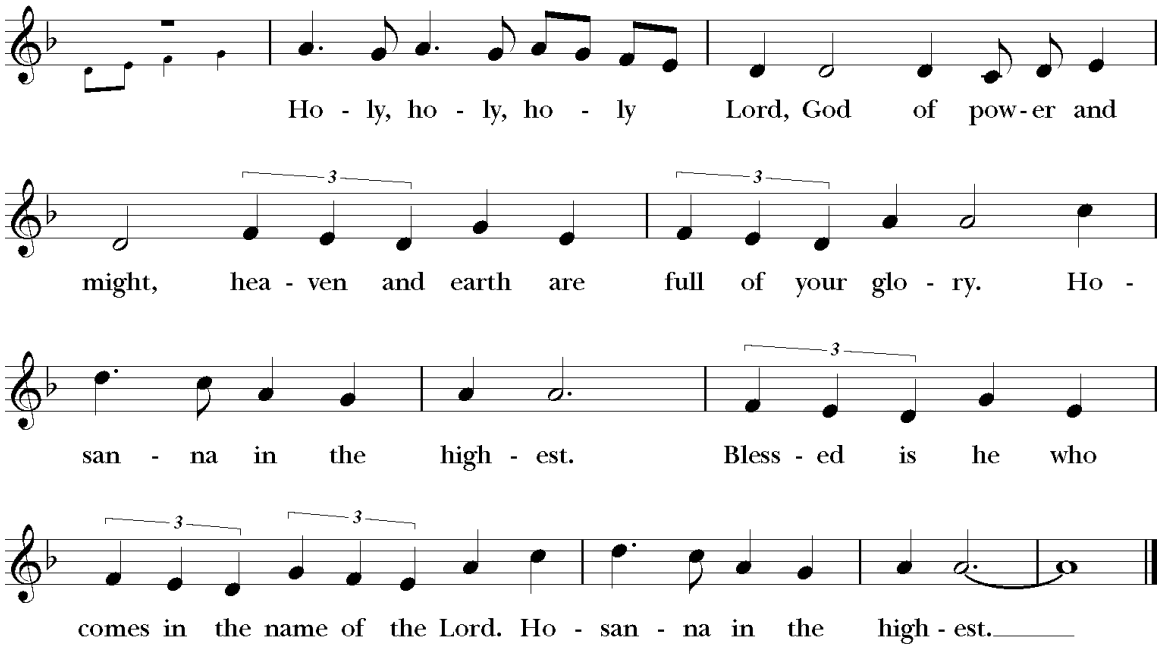
Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)



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:

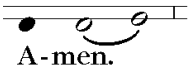
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

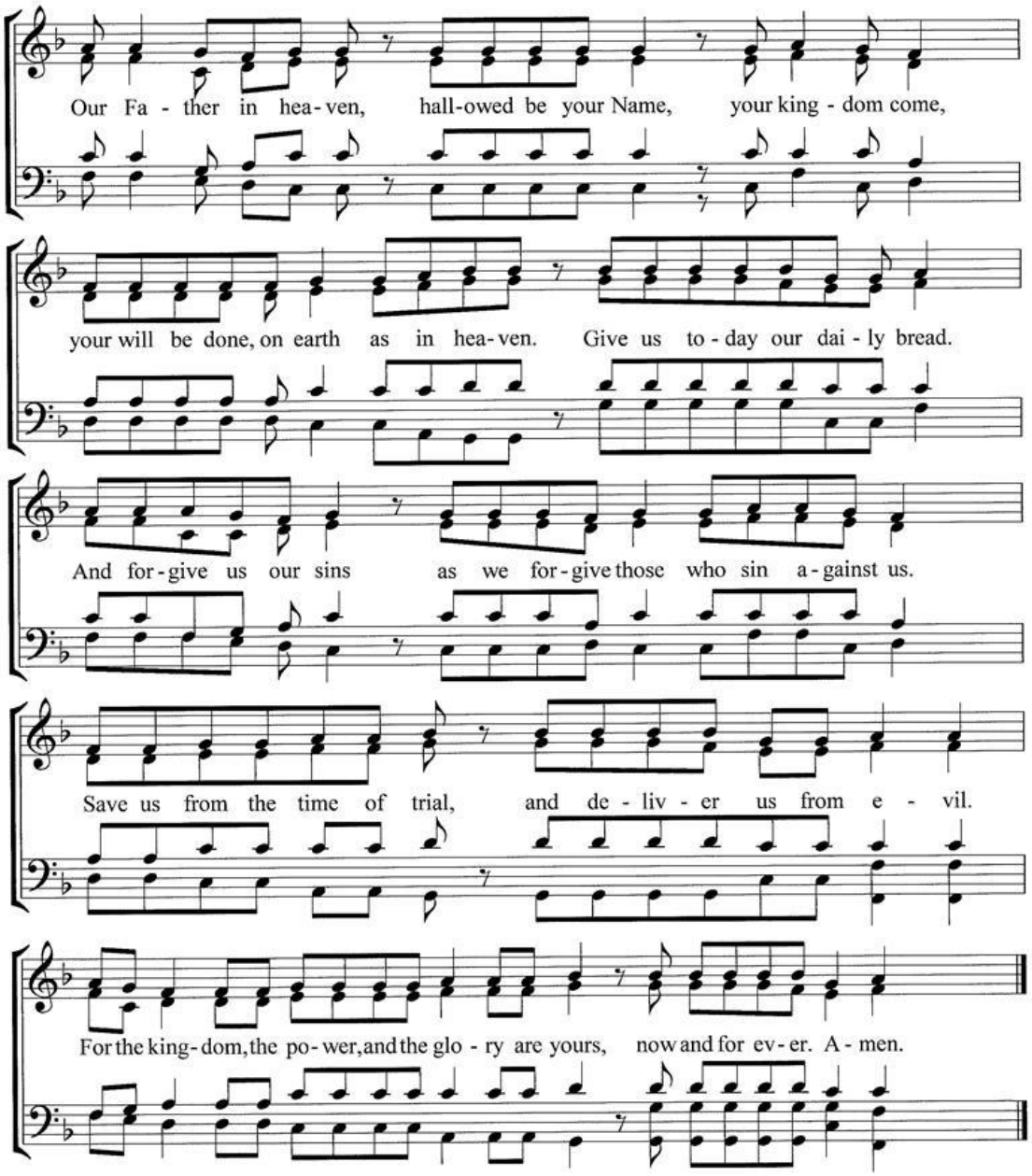
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People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

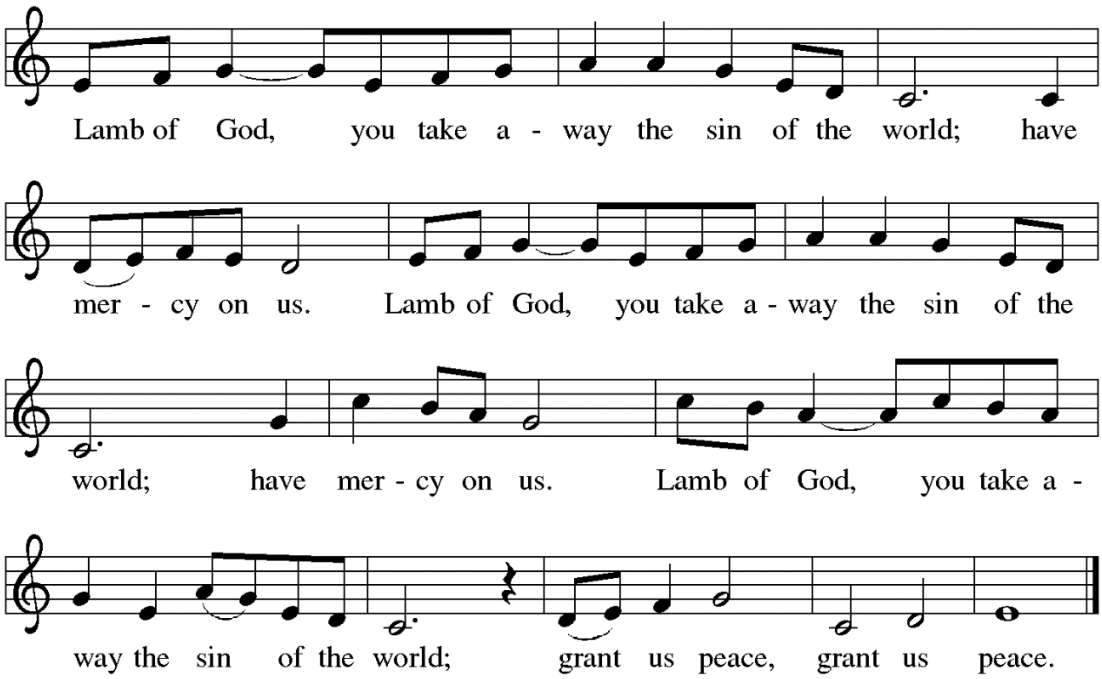
The Communion

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*

In Paradisum from 'Requiem in D Minor Op. 48' *Gabriel Fauré (1845 - 1924)*

In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise:
may the martyrs receive you as you arrive,
and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

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.

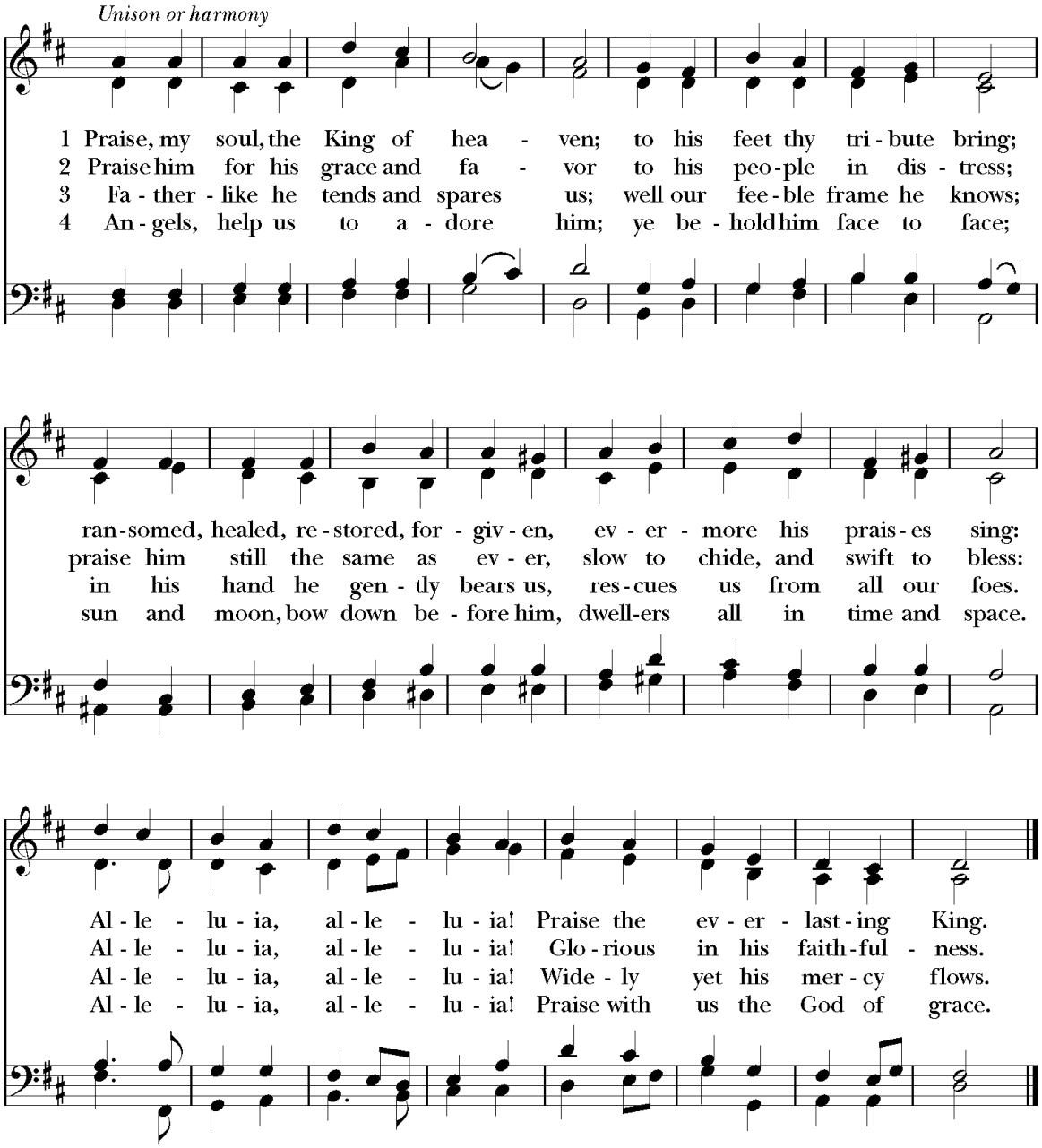
The Blessing

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 410*



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

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

Fugue in D Minor BWV 565 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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