HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Holy Trinity is an active, inclusive, and loving church. No matter who you are, where you come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this church. Holy Trinity is guided by our shared baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. (BCP, p. 305)

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity. We are thankful that you are here and hope you will fill out the visitor card in the pew if you are new.

We recognize that our Episcopal order of service (or liturgy) is more complicated than some other traditions. The bulletin is intended to help make worship as accessible as possible. All you need is right here: scripture, music, and prayers. All the material in this bulletin comes from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982*, both of which can be found in the pew racks, though you won't need to use them during this service. Throughout the bulletin, directions (or rubrics) give a heads up about what is coming next.

Our style of worship tends to involve the whole body and all the senses, thus we offer our whole selves in praise and thanksgiving.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (✠). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Eucharist. Those not baptized or who choose not to receive communion may come to the altar rail for a blessing. Full details about how to receive communion can be found on the card in the pews.

Children are always welcome in worship at Holy Trinity. Green worship bags in the Narthex during both services contain a variety of quiet ways to occupy small hands. Please return the bags and their reusable contents to the baskets after the service.

During the 10:30 a.m. service, the Eucharist will be a time of discovery and full participation for children. When the alms basins are brought forward at the Offering, all young people are invited to follow the ushers to the altar. There, the young people may stand or sit all around the altar for the whole eucharistic prayer. This way, the young people can clearly see all that is happening at the altar. Their presence also helps remind everyone that the celebration of the Eucharist is our communal feast of eternity. Children will return to their families to receive communion.

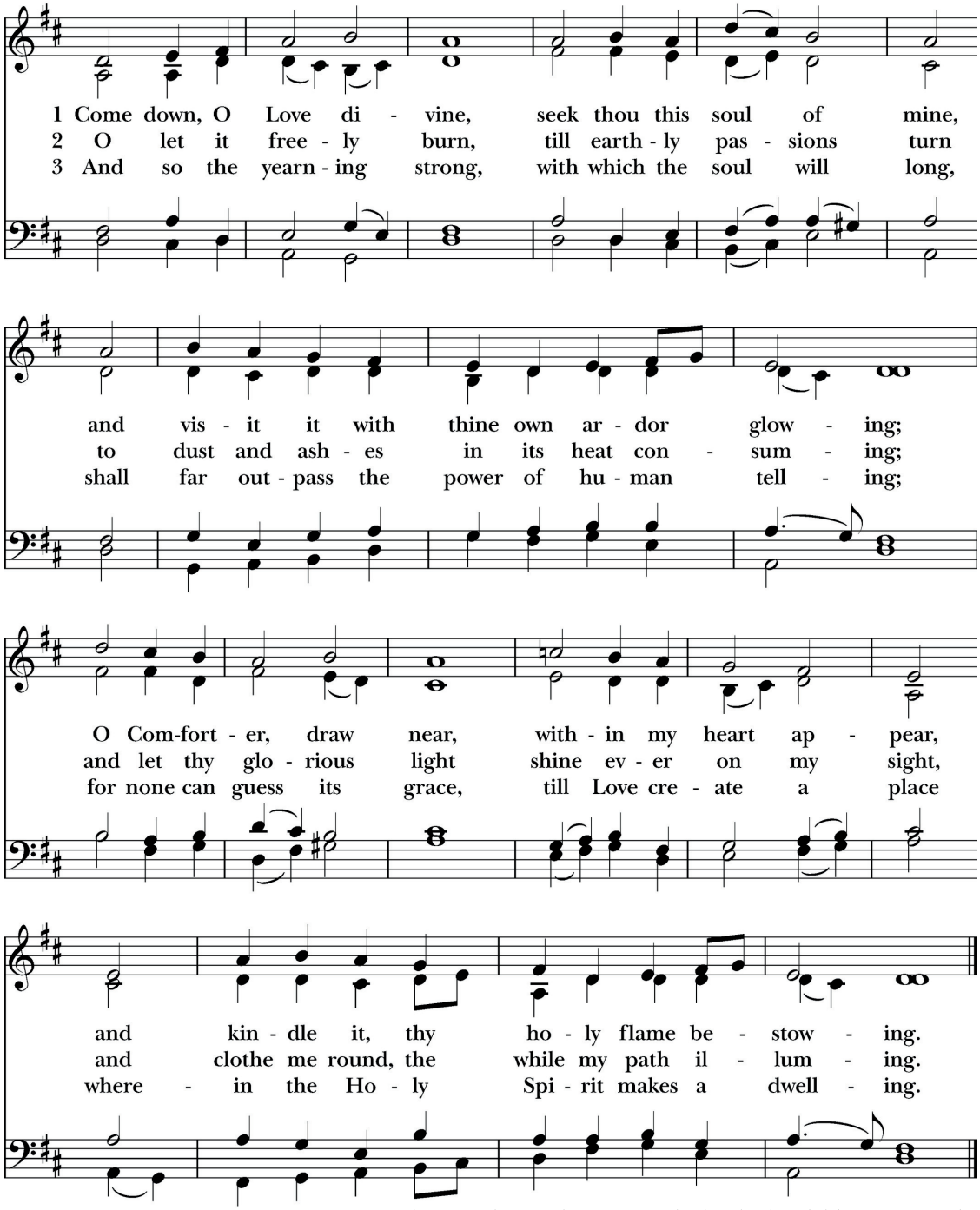
We look forward to greeting you at the Peace and at the door after the service.

Image on front cover: Holy Trinity's theme for the year is inspired by this quote by Henri Frédéric Amiel: "Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

VOLUNTARY

At the sound of the bell, the People stand to sing.

The Hymnal 1982 No. 516 **Come down, O Love divine**



Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.;
Music: Down *Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider ✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

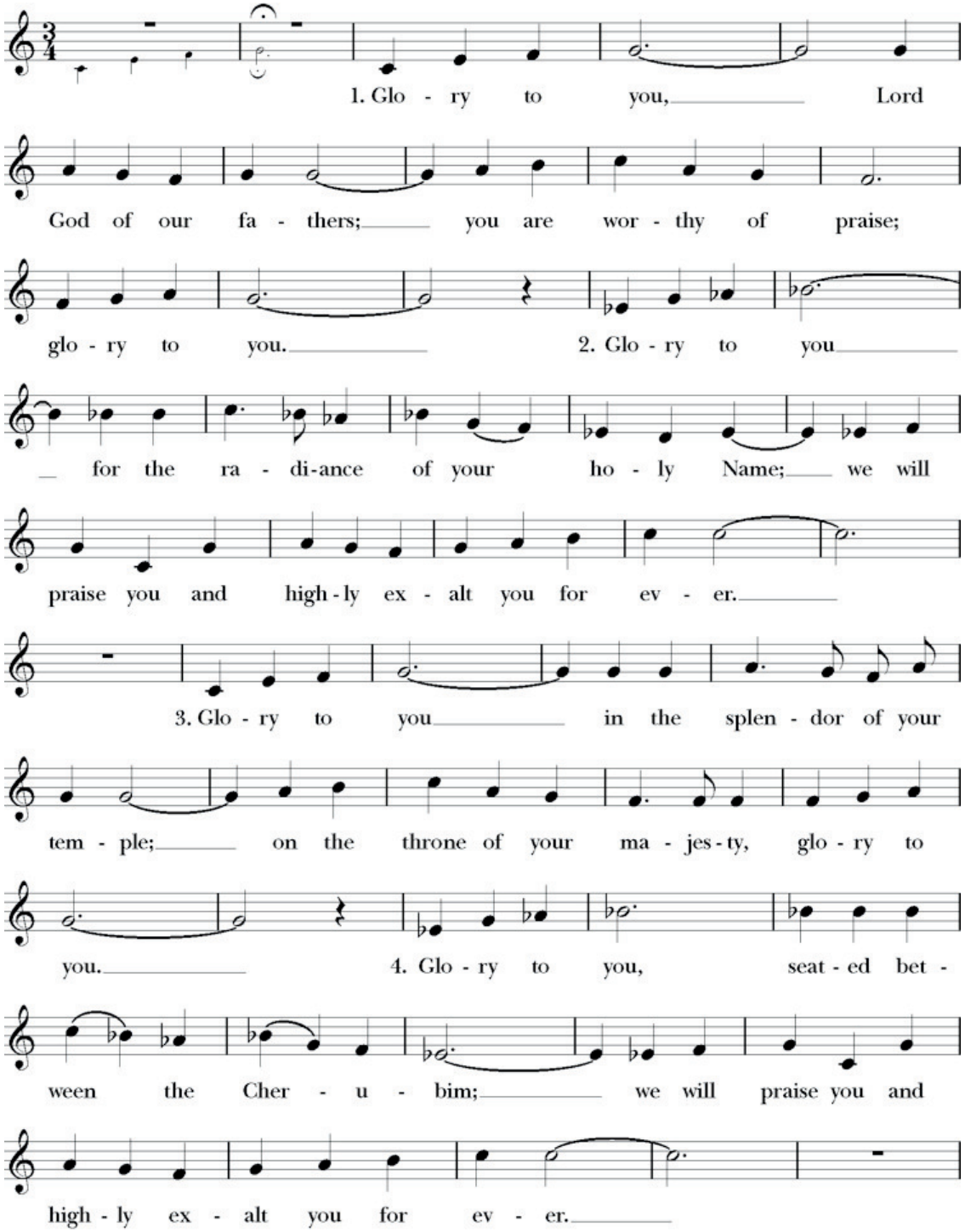
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

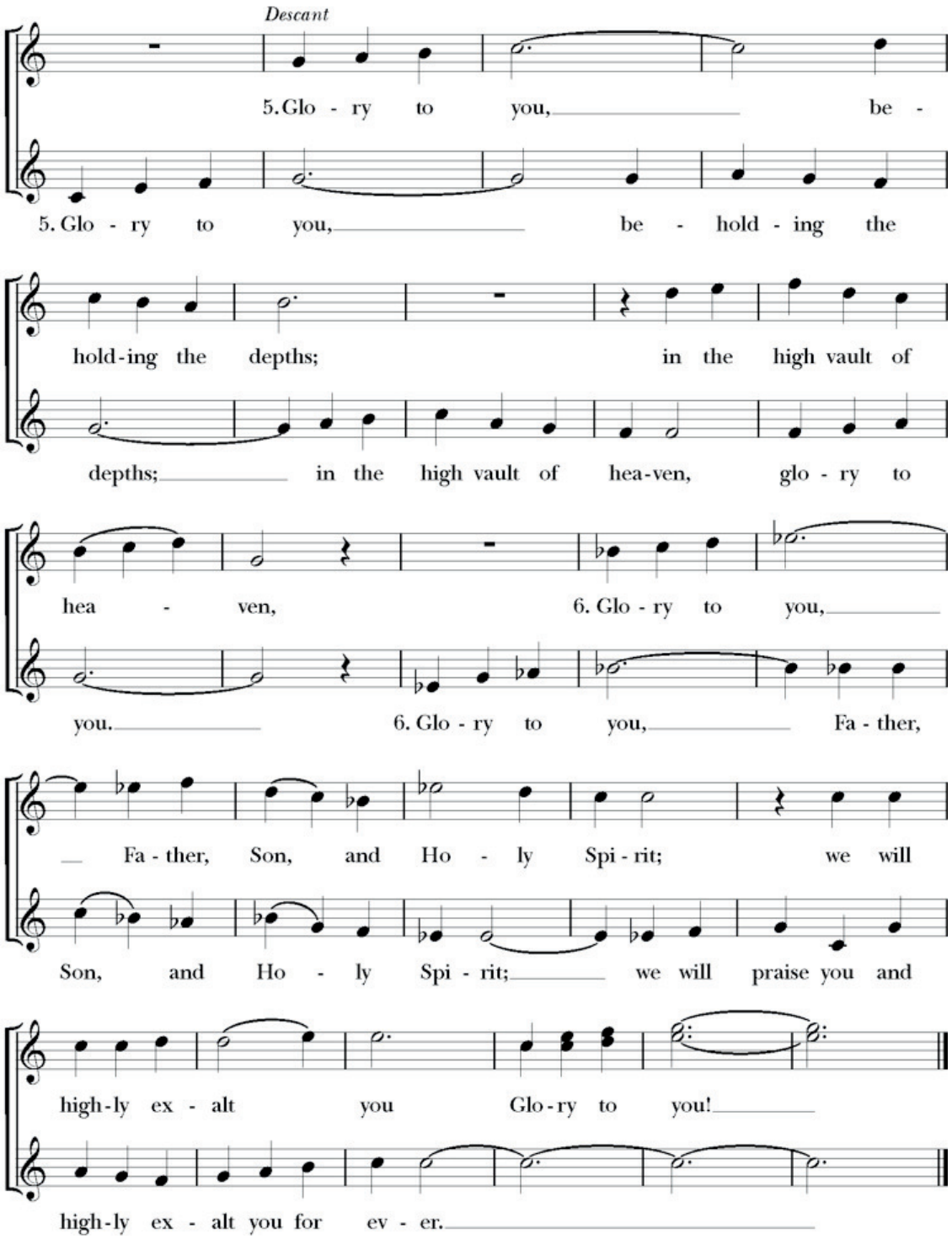
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

SONG OF PRAISE

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Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The People are seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

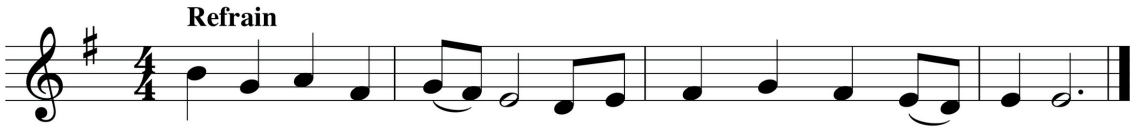
"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45 Hopson



*How our hearts with joy abound, with your beauty all around; we would try our love to express, we would speak your righteousness. (**Refrain**)*

*Fairer still than human frame, to our eyes for years the same; steadfast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace. (**Refrain**)*

*Yours the scepter, yours the throne; you to us are God alone; mercies, vast, to all are giv'n: wealth of earth, and joy of heav'n. (**Refrain**)*

*Glorious gifts, for mercy's sake, we are chosen, we partake. Come with joy and highest praise; come to God's house, your voices raise. (**Refrain**)*

*Let your song of praise recall: God alone is Lord of all. All the earth and heav'n above, join to praise the God of love. (**Refrain**)*

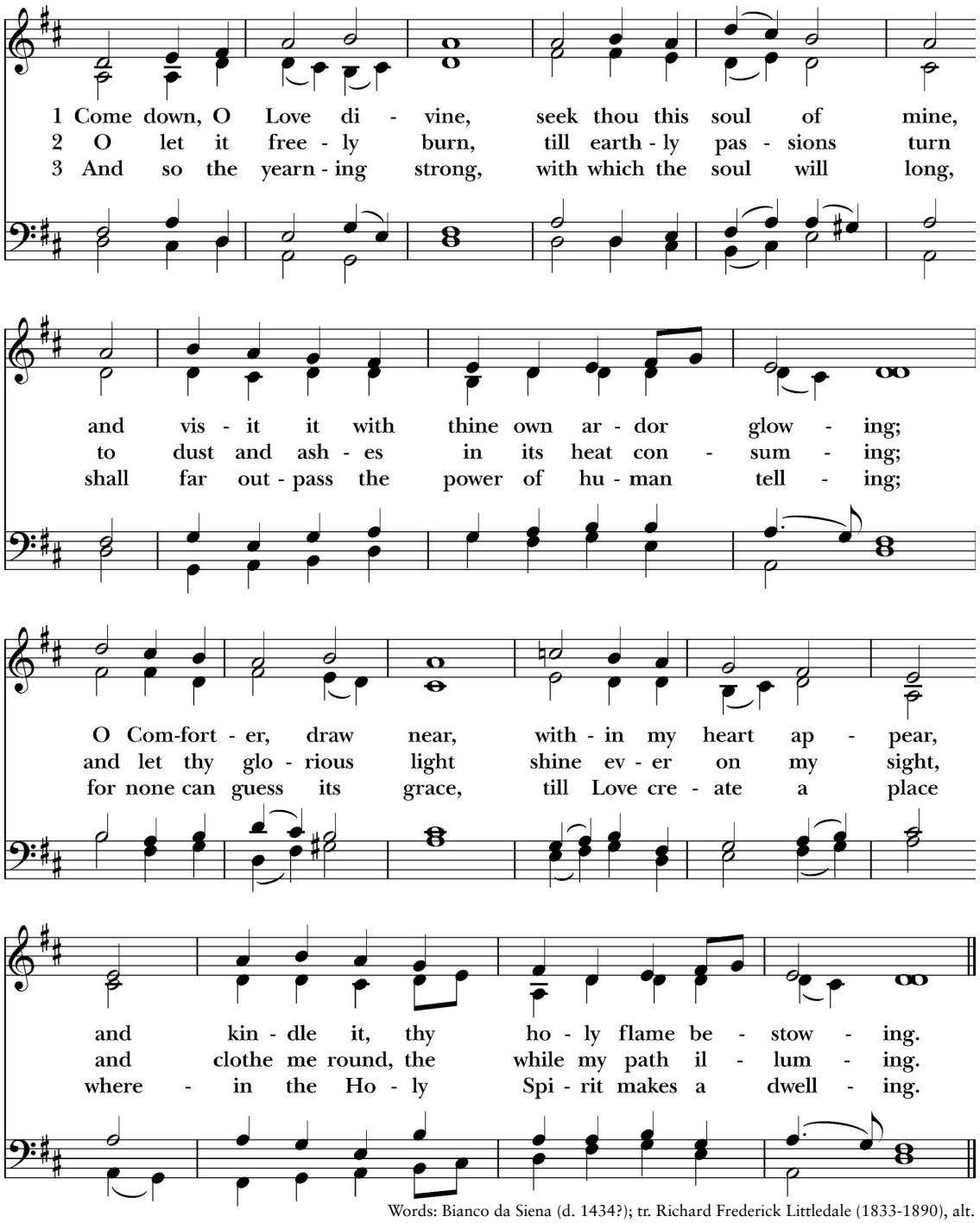
The Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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The Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Deacon ✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Grubb

(A brief period of silence follows the Sermon)

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those newly born, and for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including those listed in our bulletin, that as they grow in years they may also grow in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list (*see insert*), and those whose names are offered at this time silently or aloud. *(The intercessor will pause for the congregation to offer personal prayers)* that they may know the healing power of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including Elaine Weller, Elinor and Edward Malthouse, Mary Lewis and Robert Holt Edmunds, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes,
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Deacon
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel.

Silence is kept.

Minister and People
Most 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.

The Presider says
✠ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through your Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider 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.

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY **Lord I Want to be a Christian** arr. Joel Boyd

(Jared Hernandez, soloist)

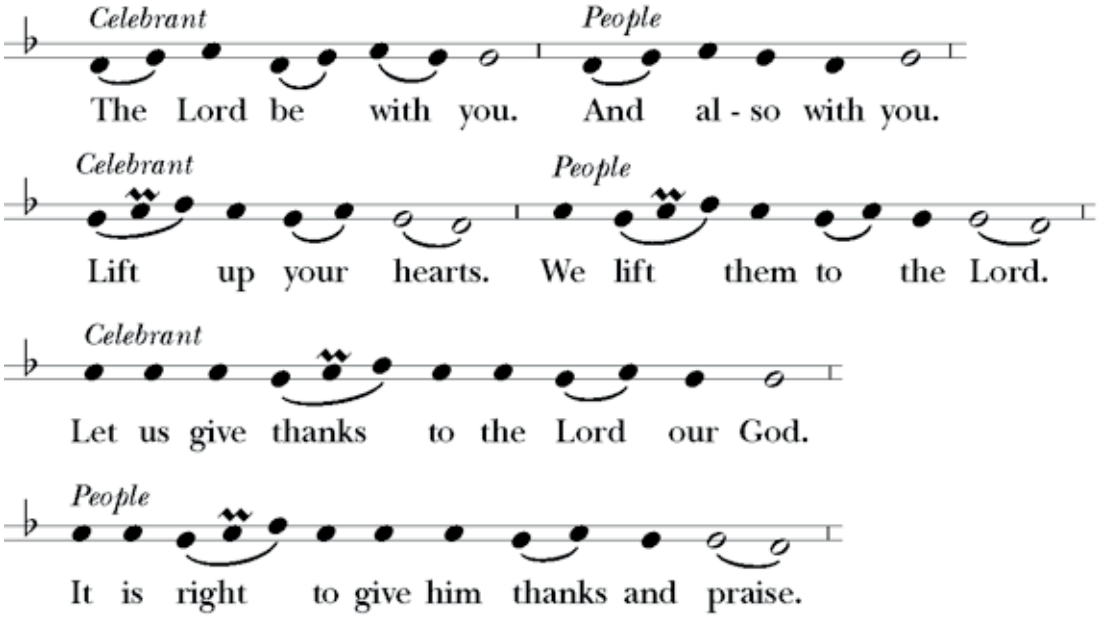
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

This QR code directs you to Realm, our online directory, where you can sign up for an account or log into your existing account to make an offering online.

As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer B

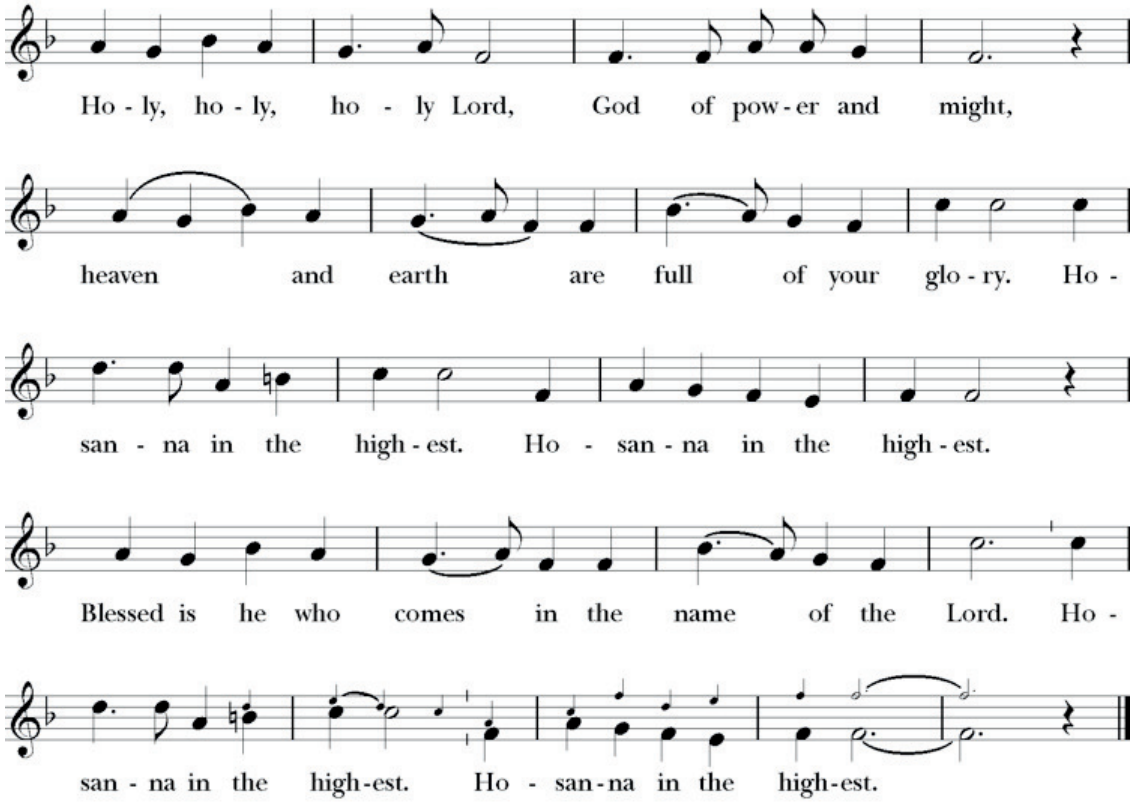


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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

The Presider continues with 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:



Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The People stand or kneel.

Then the Presider continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

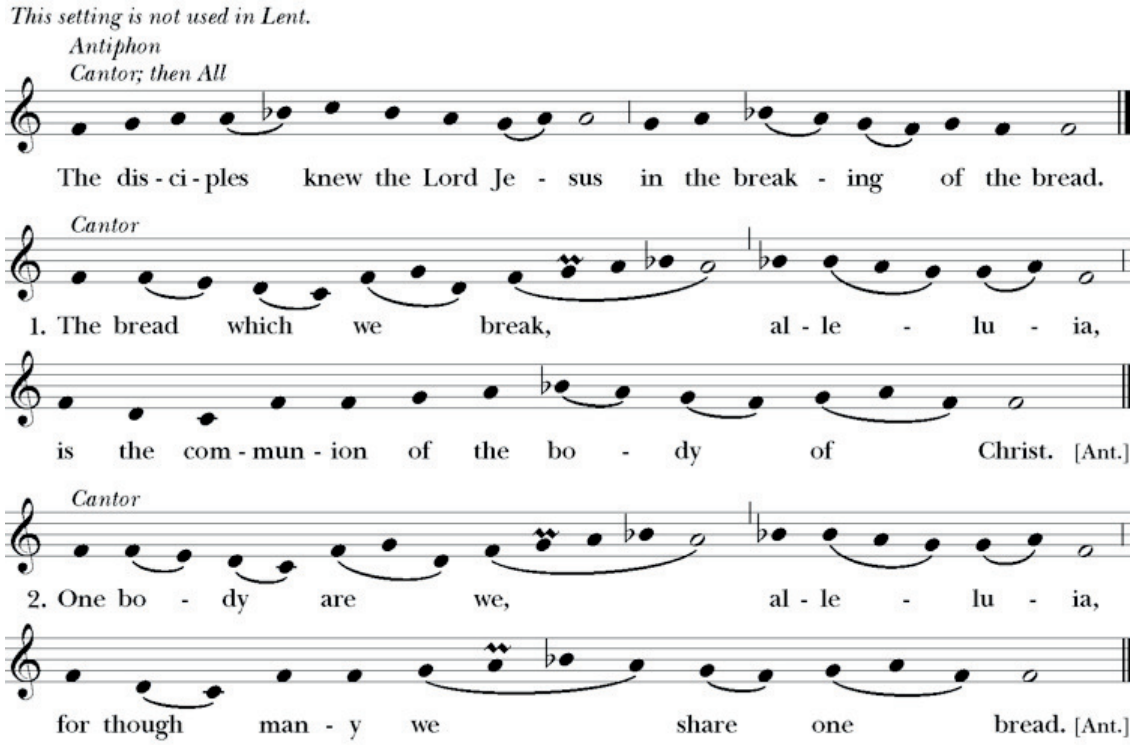
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our 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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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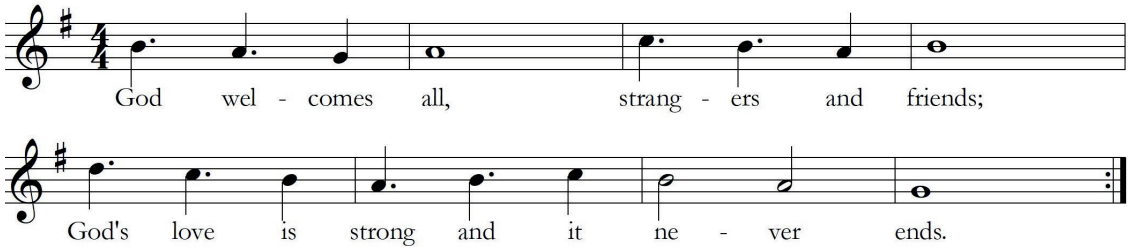
Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Presider
The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

God Welcomes All

Bell

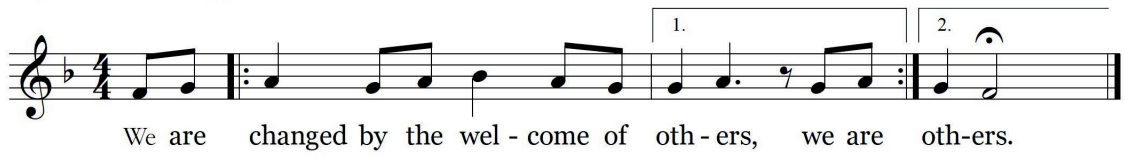


We are Changed by the Welcome of Others

Brafford

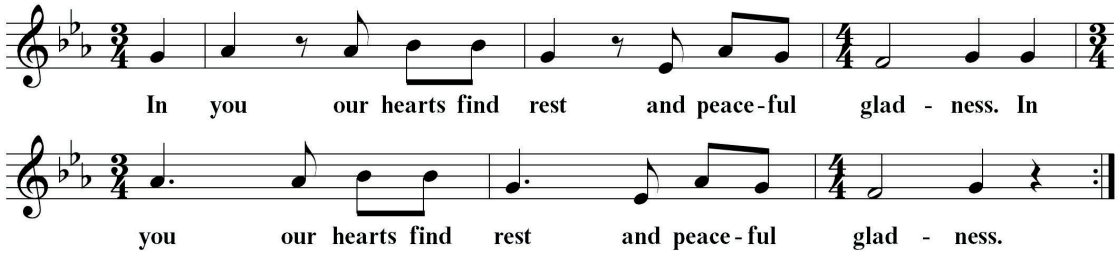
In memory of Rachel Holmes

From Romans 15:17, submitted by Mark Lile-King



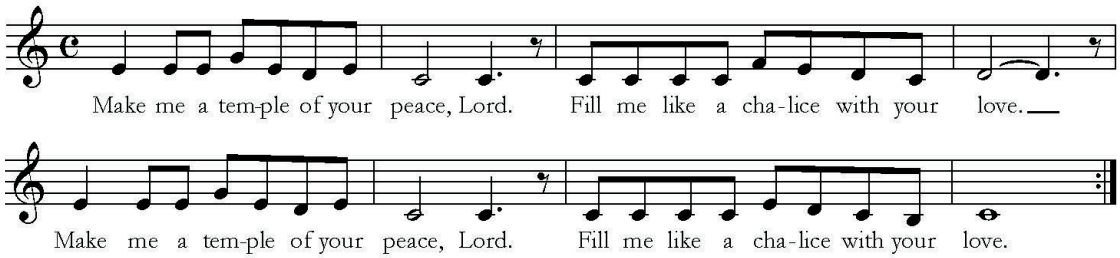
In You Our Hearts Find Rest

Bell



Make Me a Temple

Wertz



The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

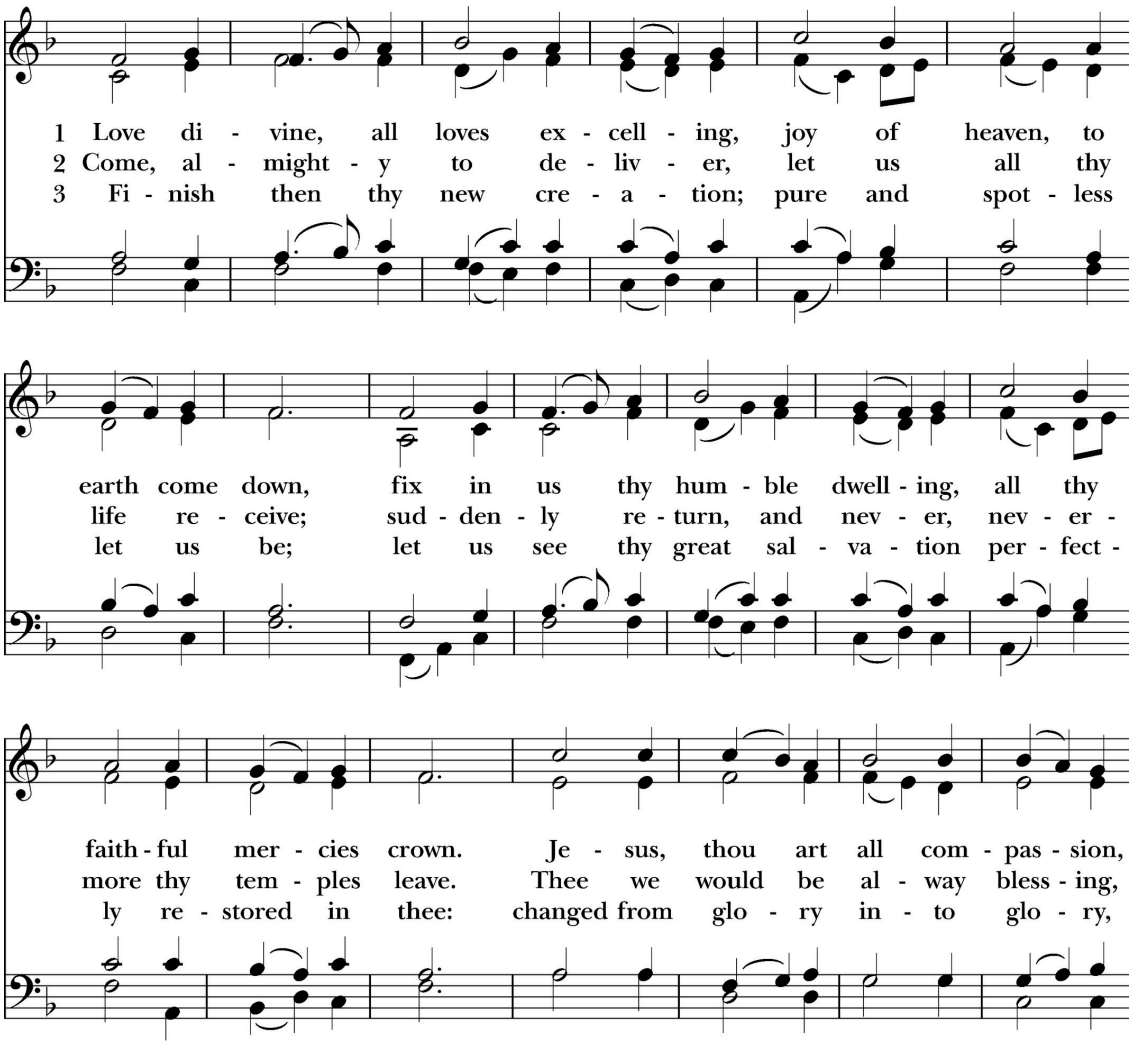
THE BLESSING

The People stand.

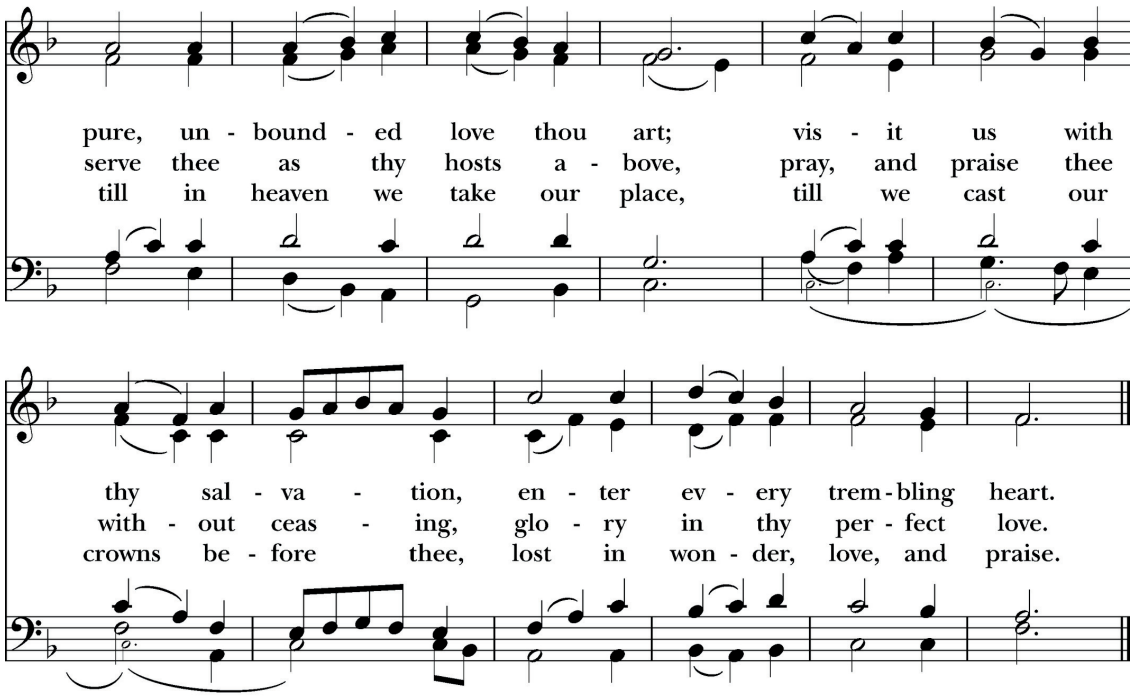
THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymnal 1982 No. 657 **Love divine, all loves excelling**



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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

VOLUNTARY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt Edmunds, Jr, and in loving memory of Elinor and Edward Malthouse, Mary Lewis and Robert Holt Edmunds, and in thanksgiving for the many blessings of American Citizenship.

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Lector	Hattie Aderholdt
Intercessor	Jeff Bowen
Chalicists	CP Eldred
Acolytes	Samantha Maley, Sara Maley, and Tatum Burns
Oblation Bearers	Melodie Moore
Ushers	John Aderholdt, Brian Pearce, Dan Pierce, Rich Crutchfield, John McCarty
Altar Guild	Hattie Aderholdt, Missy Akin, Jackie Bell, Bonnie Black, Liz Blackwell, Helen Brooks, Lynda Coletrane, Mary Wood Copeland, Louise Courts, Kathy Creekmuir, Marty Keeton, Grey Lineweaver, Kathryn Long. Carole May, Joan May, Kerrie Ellison, Jane Peterson, Mitzie Weatherly

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The Rev. Eric Grubb, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care
The Rev. Mark Lile-King, Deacon
Annie Slaughter, Verger
The Rev. David Umphlett, Rector
Eli Wanner, Associate for Adult Christian Formation & Community Life (starting Aug. 10)

VESTRY

Class of 2026: David B. Craft, Anne Crutchfield, Mary Currie (Secretary), Robert Holt Edmunds, Jr.
Class of 2027: Hattie Aderholdt, Bruce W. Bunce (Senior Warden), Manning Connors, Paige B. DuBose (Junior Warden)
Class of 2028: Phillip W. Dalton II, Missy Fields, Jeffrey Finn, Melody Smith Young
Treasurer: Joe Brower

PROPERS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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