

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026



ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist

Rite II

St Patrick's extends a most cordial welcome to all visitors. We are an inclusive and intentionally affirming parish, dedicated to growing in faith, spirit, and community. We are pleased that you are with us today, and we invite you to participate fully in the liturgy and the Eucharist.

We would like to get to know you better!
Please let us know you worshipped here by emailing us at
pastorstpatricks@gmail.com.

Entrance Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – #706 In your mercy, Lord

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else for this world had
grace you set me free; for my heart would
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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The Liturgy of the Word

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

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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.*

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 – #S-280 Glory to God in the highest

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Creator of all, you have called us and chosen us to be your people. By the power of your Holy Spirit may we bear witness with joy and conviction to the good news of Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [45:1–7]

Read by Theresa Anoskey

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I am you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm [96]

The Hymnal 1982 – #S-415 Simplified Chant Tone



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Sing to the LORD a new / song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole / earth.
Sing to the LORD and bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to / day.
Declare his glory among the / nations *
and his wonders among all / peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be feared than all / gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the / heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and / power.
Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name; *
bring offerings and come into his / courts.
Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be/fore him.
Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is / King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with / equity."
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is / in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is there/in.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he / comes, *
 when he comes to judge the / earth.
 He will judge the world with / righteousness *
 and the peoples with his / truth.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians [1:1–10] Read by Mary Bostick

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

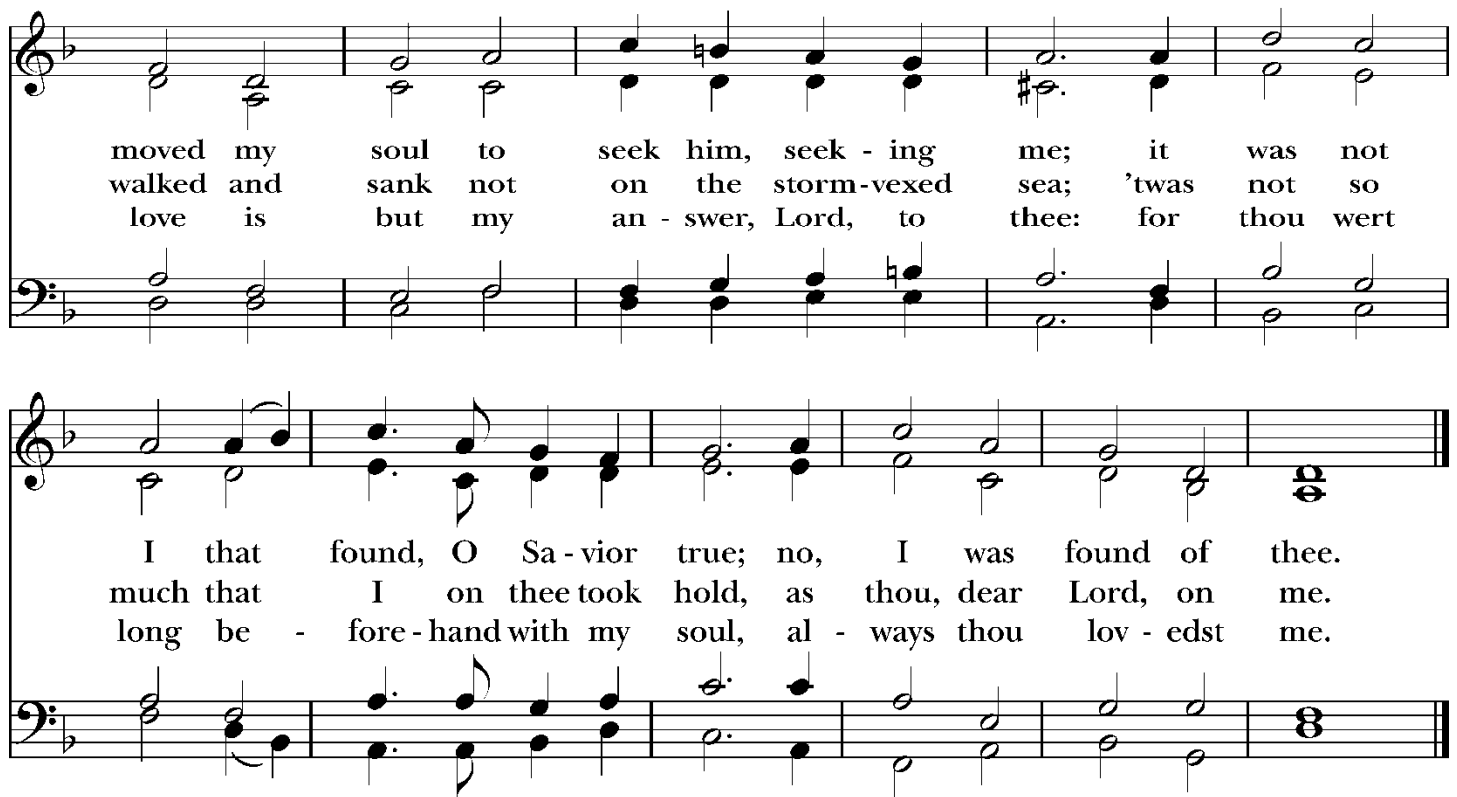
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – #689 I sought the Lord

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1	I	sought	the	Lord,	and	af -	ter -	ward	I	knew	he
2	Thou	didst	reach	forth,	thy	hand	and	mine	en -	fold;	I
3	I	find,	I	walk,	I	love,	but	oh,	the	whole	of



moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
 walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so
 love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee: for thou wert
 I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
 much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
 long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Words: Anon., Pilgrim Hymnal, 1904. Music: *Faith*, J. Harold Moyer (b. 1927). Mennonite Publishing House.

The Gospel *(Please stand)* [Matthew 22:15–22]

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jane Bearden

Affirmation of Faith

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

Prayers of the People

The congregation may offer intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings

Intercessor

Jason Trumble

Lord, you call us to give to you those things that belong to you. Give us such an awareness of your presence that we might respond with generosity to the needs of those who call upon you. Hear us as we pray, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of God throughout the world; help us to find unity in mission and to recognize your wondrous diversity in our differences. Lead us ever deeper into relationship with you.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of our country, that elected officials and civil servants may work with integrity. We pray also for the neediest among us who need relief that only our common action can provide. Help us to find common purpose.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of the world, especially for those who experience violence, disasters, oppression, and endemic poverty. Help us to respond to the needs we see with personal discipline and generous giving.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the places where we live, work, and learn. Bless our communities and families with good health, and the resources to adequately meet all our needs. Make us grateful for what we have and passionate about the needs of our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from illness, anxiety, homelessness, guilt, shame, or apathy. Give strength and healing to all who are in need and give us compassion when we see the afflictions of others. Especially we pray for Alex, Anne, Barbara, Bear, Brad, Brody, Bruce, Caison, Cheryl, Chris, Craig, Dolores, Donna, Dottie, Eddie, Francis, Gary, Garry, Irina, Jason, Jean, Jim, Joyce, Judy, Judy, Kayla, Kathy, Krystal, Marlin, Martina, Mary, Mary, Maureen, Michael, Mick, Nancy, Norah, Norm, Patricia, Patricia, Reneé, Rick, Robin, Rosie, Sarah, Scott, Susan, Teri, Terrell Jr, Theresa, Tina, Tracy, Trish, William, and the Matherne family. *(Pause)*

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed, especially for those who have died needlessly and alone, for those who died too soon, and for those who died at the hands of others. Make us aware of the preciousness of life.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for St. Patrick's and St. Thomas, and in the Diocese of Mississippi Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Resurrection, Starkville.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, you alone search the hearts and test the minds of your people: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning a call to Holy Orders, especially Carllene, Jason, and Laureli. Guide their uncertain steps, open their ears to your still, small voice, and grant them the courage to embrace your will. Give them pure motives, wisdom, and steadfast faith, that if it be your will, they may be found worthy to serve at your altars as shepherds of your flock; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant

We pray these things in humility, acknowledging that we often fail in the very things we ask of you. Give us courage and a willingness to change. Make us the instruments of your reign in this life and always. In Jesus' Name. ***Amen.***

An Invitation to Seek God's Forgiveness

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

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 our Savior 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.*

Celebrant

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

The Peace and Announcements

<i>Celebrant</i>	Beloved of God, the peace of Christ is always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Formation — History of the Bible

Sunday, October 18th, 6:00 PM & Wednesday, October 21st, 6:00 PM

Lecture on Sunday at St. Patrick's, with discussion with each other following on Wednesday at St. Patrick's.

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Loose monies in the plate on the first Sunday of the month will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Craft Day is after the service on the second Sunday of the month. Feel free to bring your crafts, be willing to show/teach a craft, or have a desire to learn a new craft.

Braille Class will be offered by Andy Weller on the third Sundays after the service.

Vestry meeting is the third Sunday of each month, at 12:30. All members of St. Patrick's have seat and voice at meetings of the Vestry.

The third Sunday of each month is designated for food and other offerings for the Blessing Box and the Long Beach Food Pantry. Items brought will be blessed at the Peace, and loose plate monies will be donated to the Long Beach Food Pantry. *Items needed are cup o' soups, ramen noodles, and **boxed/packet instant mashed potatoes.***

Consider joining the Altar Guild, reading scripture in church, joining the once-a-month clean-up crew, training to become a Lay Minister or Worship Leader, and/or more. See Mtr Jane, Doug MacCullagh, or Jason Trumble if interested.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Doxology The Hymnal 1982 – #380 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C (Expansive)

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 – #S129 Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.** ✠

The Contemporary Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (The Fraction)

Musical setting by John Paul

Cantor, then all

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor

Be - hold what we are.

All

May we be - come what we re - ceive. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Invitation to the Table

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's Table, and all who seek God and all who seek to be found by God are very welcome here.

Administration of Communion

The 1979 Prayer Book refers to spiritual communion in the form for Ministration to the Sick, directing the priest to assure a person unable to eat and drink the bread and wine "that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth" (BCP 457). The Prayer Book for the Armed Services suggests a prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand)* The Hymnal 1982 – #370 St Patrick's Breastplate

**Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep and guard your hearts in Christ Jesus our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier—be among you, those you love, and those you struggle to love, this day and always. ***Amen.***

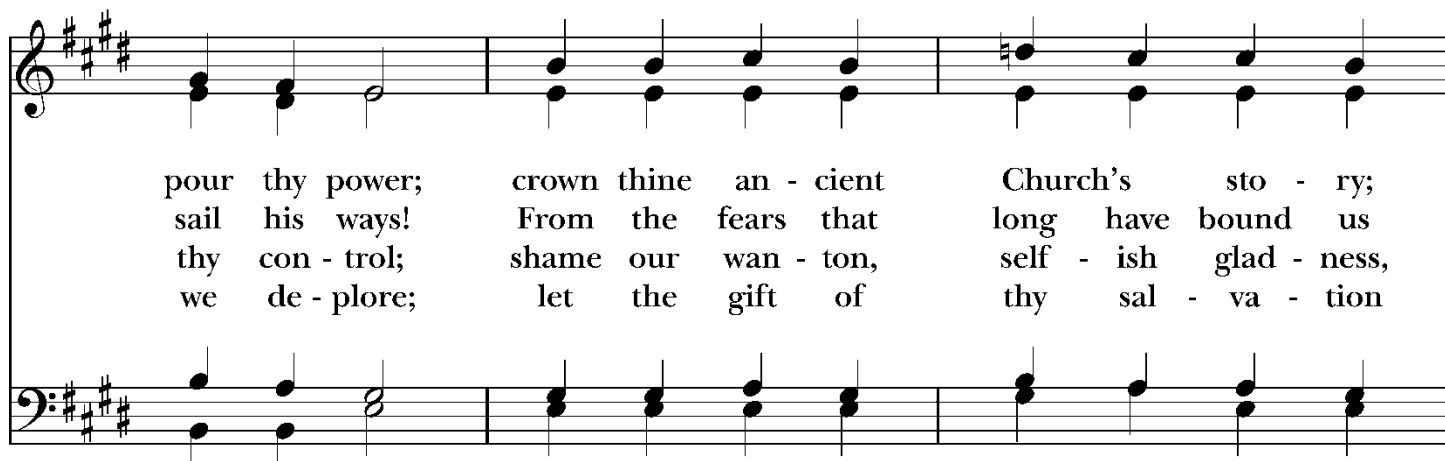
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Closing Hymn

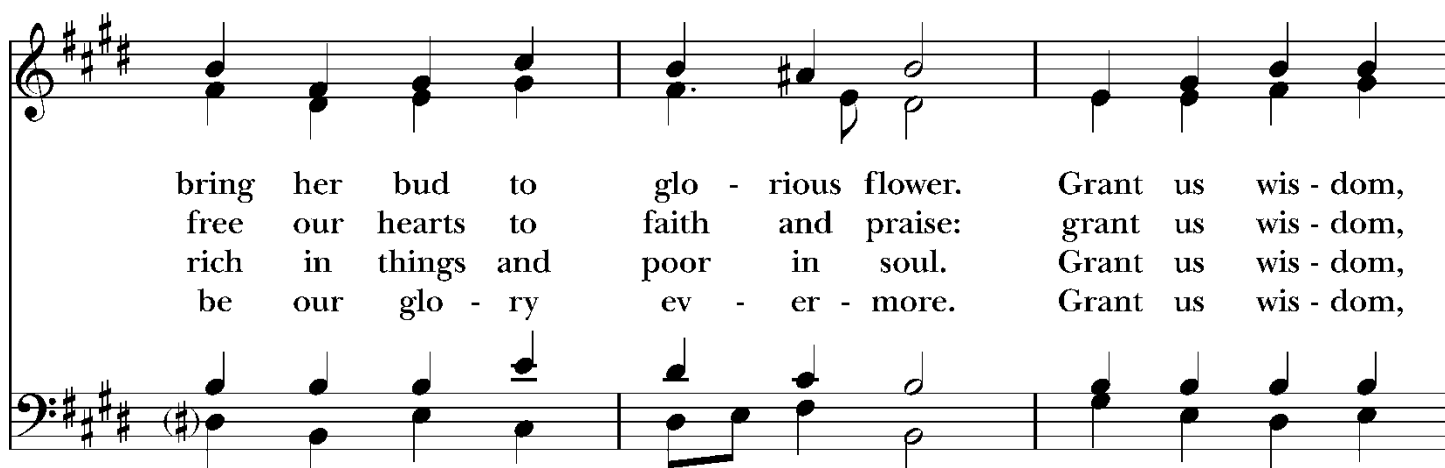
The Hymnal 1982 – #595 God of grace and God of glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: *Mannheim*, melody from Vierstimmiges Choralbuch 1847; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Dismissal

Celebrant [Alleluia, alleluia.] Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia.]**

Our Celebrant, Gospeler, and Preacher this morning is the Rev. Jane Bearden

Deacon-in-Training is Carllene MacMillan

Doug MacCullagh as Lay Minister

Dr. John Paul on piano

Technical support provided by Brad Bishop and Justin Pope

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Altar set-up and clean-up: Doug MacCullagh and Jason Trumble

Readers: First Lesson—Theresa Anoskey; Second Lesson—Mary Bostick

Intercessor—Jason Trumble

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