# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

# THE NINTH SUNDAY
# *after* PENTECOST
# PROPER 14

## Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

August 10, 2025

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.*
*Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;*
*after the service speak to one another.*

# The Rector's Welcome

Happy new academic year! The hustle and bustle of this thriving parish is upon us again! The children are back in school, singing like little angels. The Choir has returned from a well-deserved break, and we are ready to put the pedal to the metal to make Jesus Christ known, worshipped, and adored here in Tampa!

Sunday School and Children's Chapel will return soon on Sunday mornings. Look out for some incredible once-per-month Wednesday night activities this year as we gear up for some of the most fun this parish has ever had.

All are invited to join us in these various ministries, and all visitors are especially encouraged to join Saint John's and be welcomed into this incredible parish and day school. Nothing makes us happier here at Saint John's than welcoming visitors and new members. If you are looking for a church home, look no further; you have found your home! Please make yourself known at the welcome table in the courtyard so we can get to know you better. We aspire to be a blessing to all who come through this church's doors, and we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in greeting you and making you feel welcome.

On top of all that, we are back in the Church! Our time in the wilderness, otherwise known as the Parish Hall, has come to an end, and we can all take in the marvelous nave and sanctuary of the church once again. We have restored much of this sacred space with only the bell tower remaining. I personally give thanks to God for all of you who have made this possible, from the volunteers to the Vestry to all those who gave so generously to make this all a reality. But what we must always remember is to God be the glory. Thanks be to God, and God bless us all.

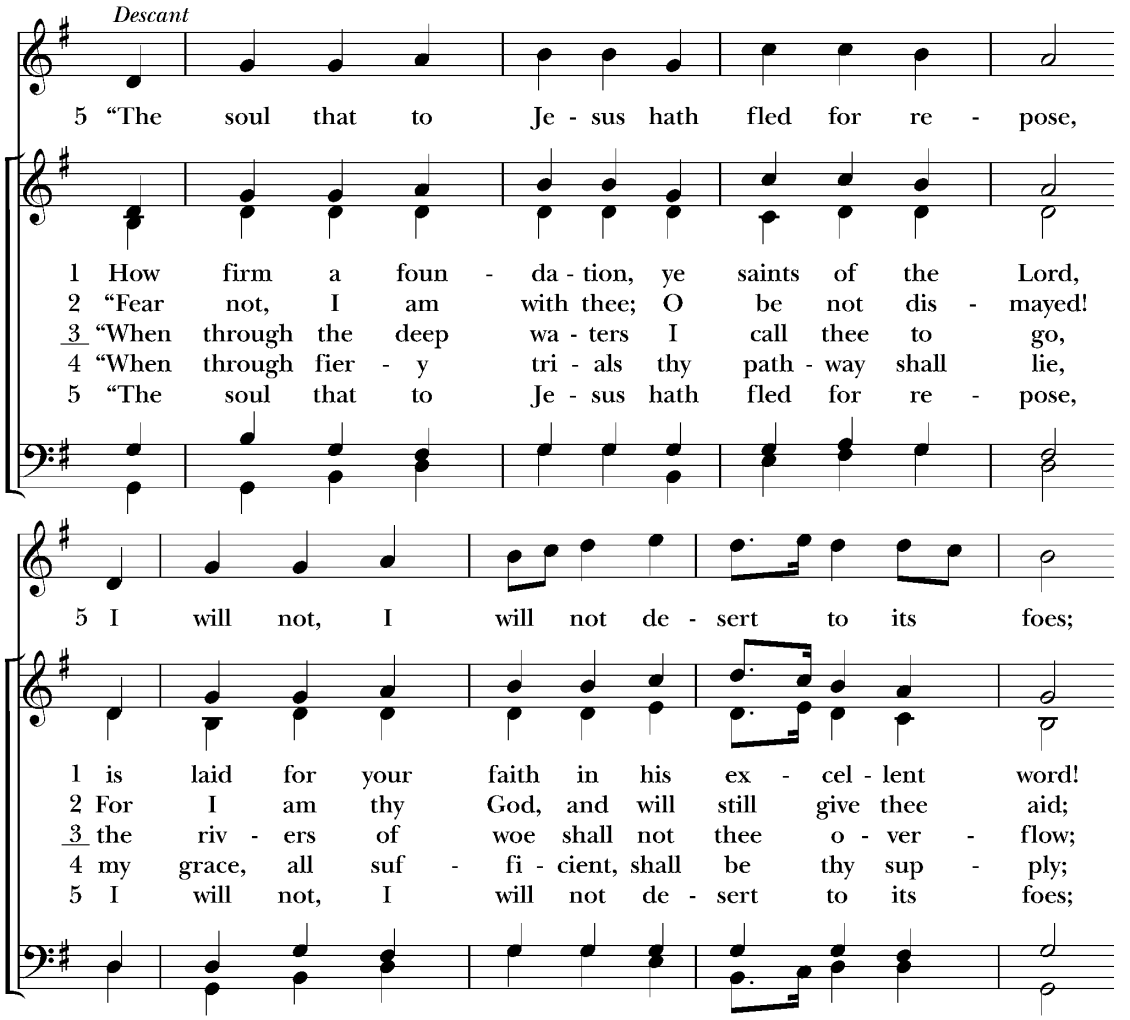
Fr. Chris Wood+

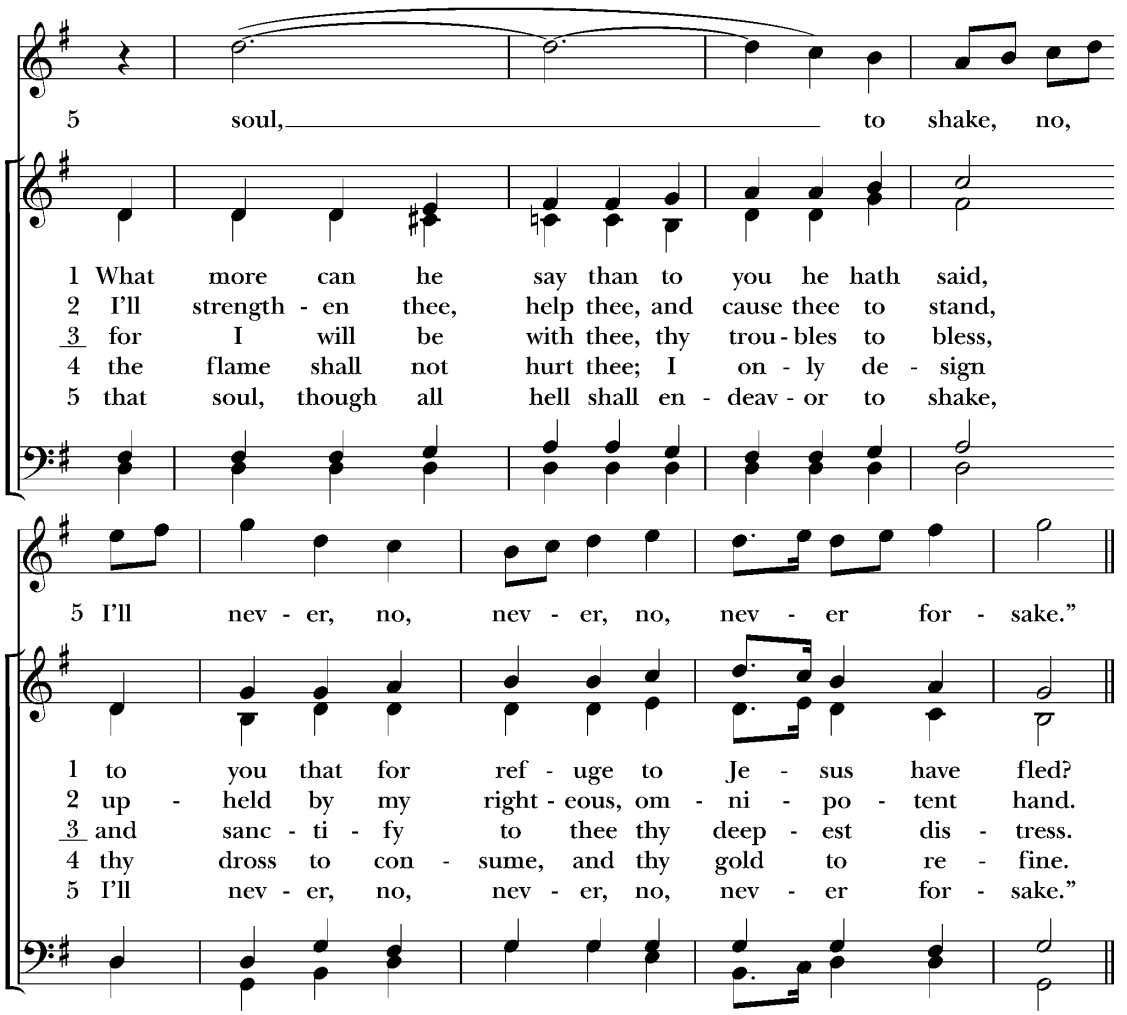
The Rev. Christian M. Wood
*Rector*

*The people stand as the ministers enter*

## Processional Hymn 637

*Lyons*



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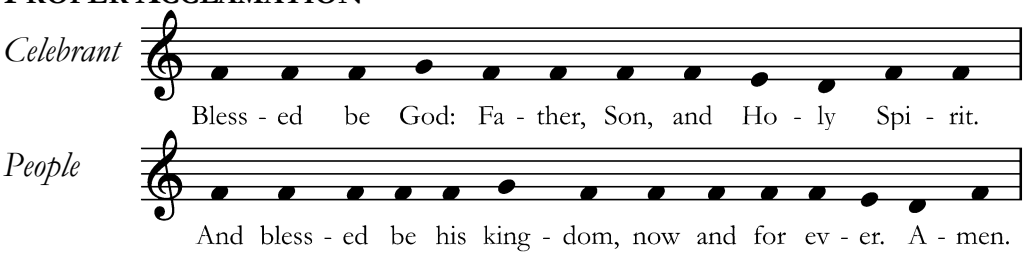


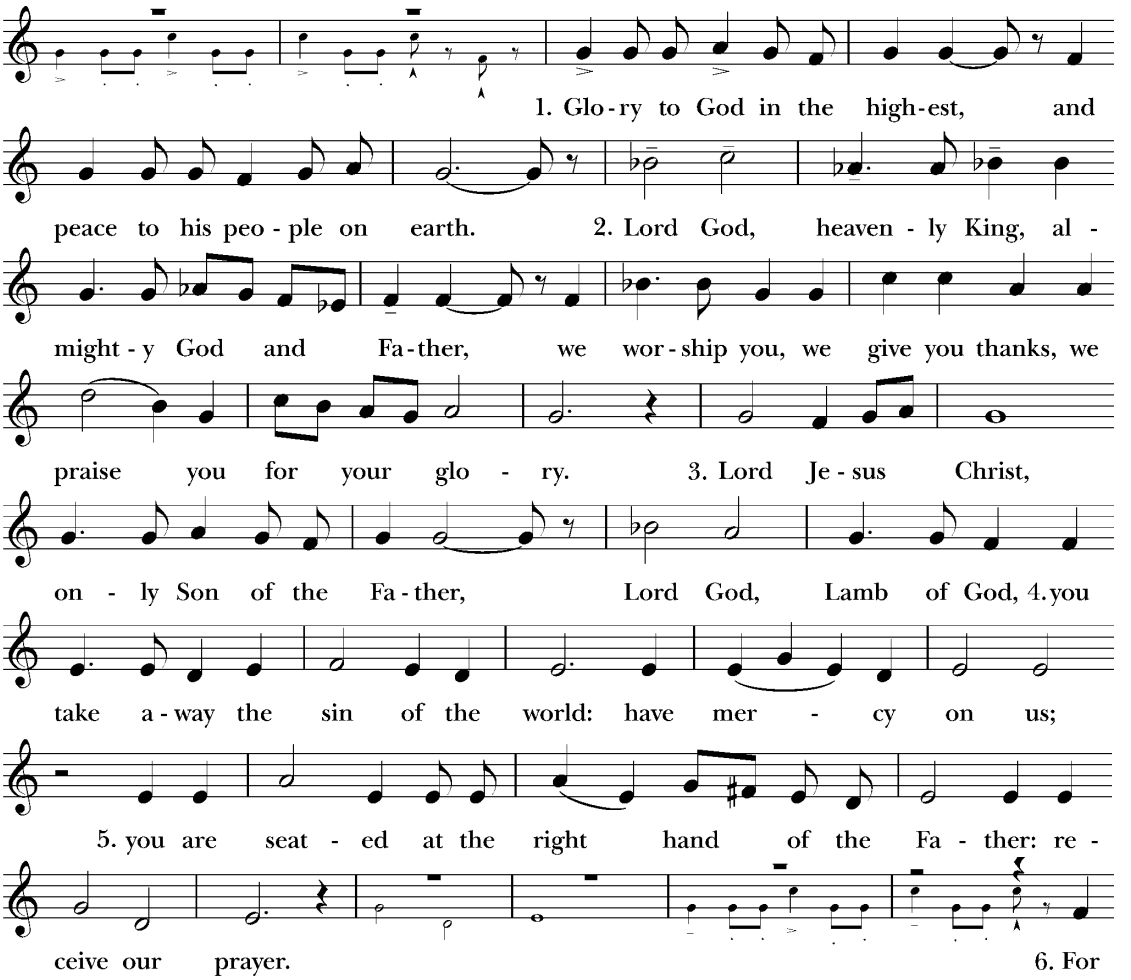
## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

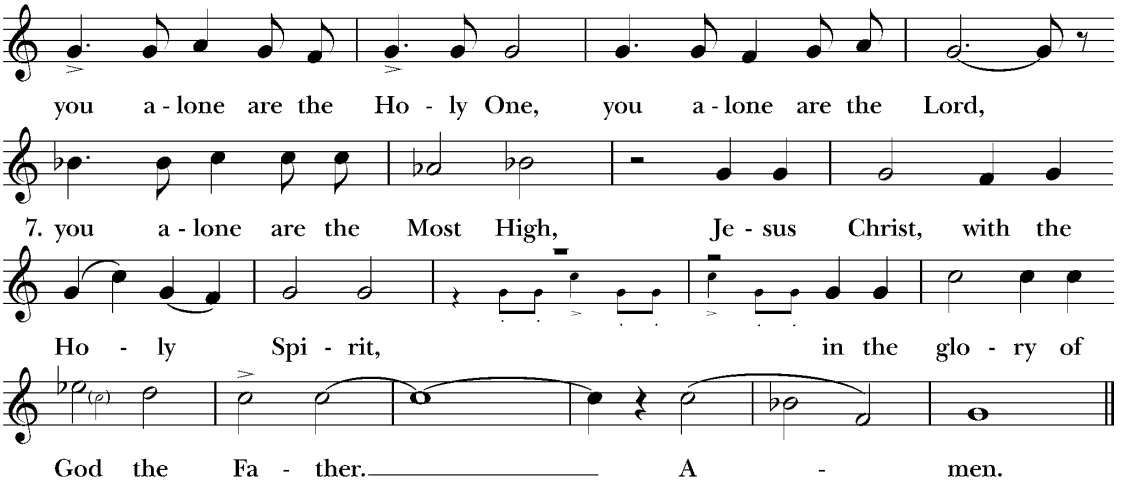
*Celebrant*

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S278

*William Mathias*






## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 people sit*

**THE LESSON** Genesis 15:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:** PSALM 33:12-22 *Kellow Pye*

*Sung by the choir*

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah *
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men *
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
He fashioneth all the hearts of them *
and understandeth all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host *
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man *
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him *
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death *
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord *
for he is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us *
like as we do put our trust in thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

**THE EPISTLE** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

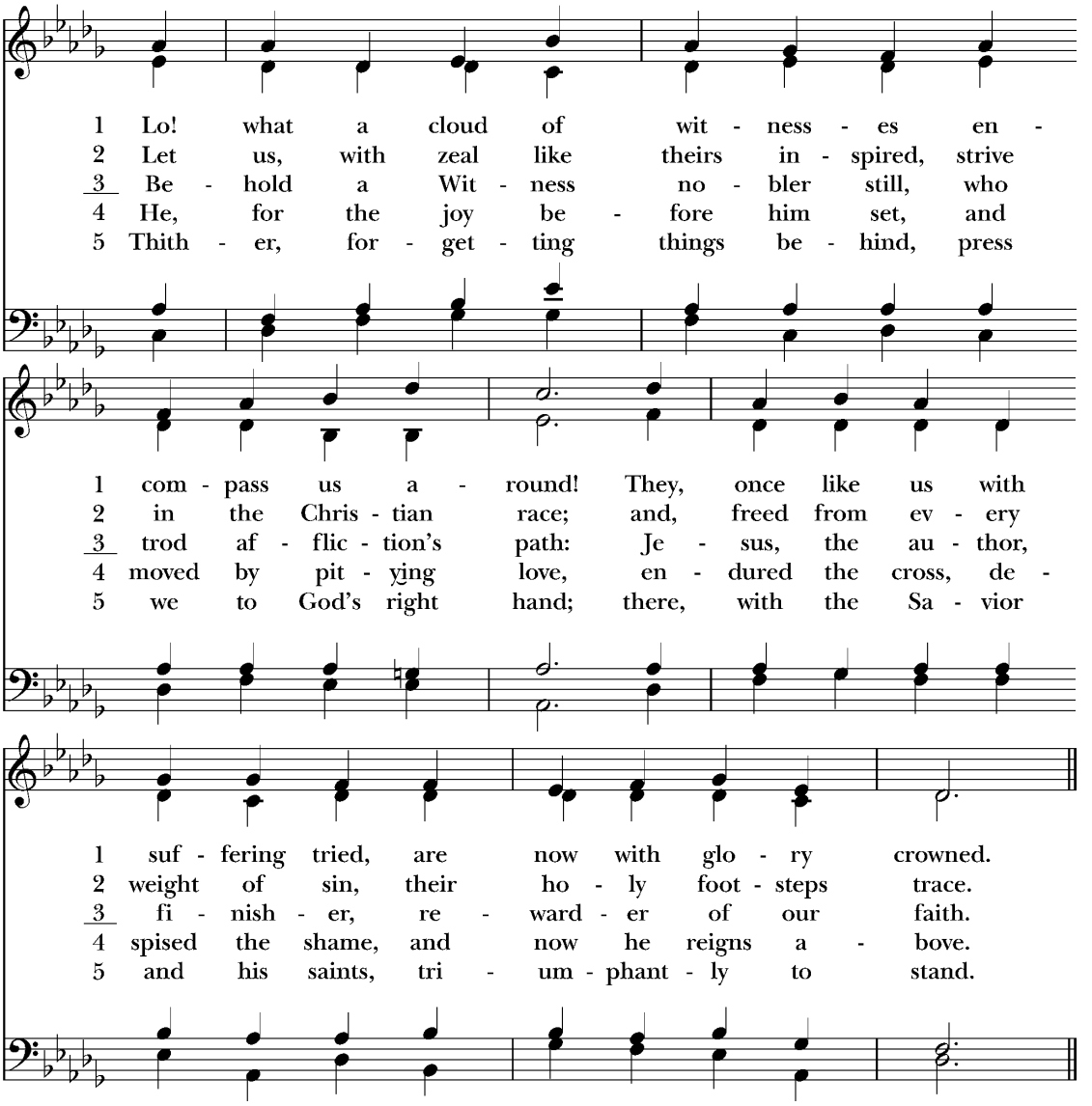
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 545

*St. Fulbert*



**THE GOSPEL** Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
"Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

*The people sit*

**THE SERMON** Father Wood

**THE NICENE CREED** *(standing)*

*Celebrant and people*

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 III)*

*The people kneel*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Additional prayers are added*

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

*All* 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**.

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

*All stand*

## THE PEACE

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

*All greet one another with the sign of peace then sit for any necessary announcements.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Anthem

*Almighty and Everlasting God* – Orlando Gibbons

*Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*All stand*

**Doxology 380 Stanza 3** *Old 100th*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.

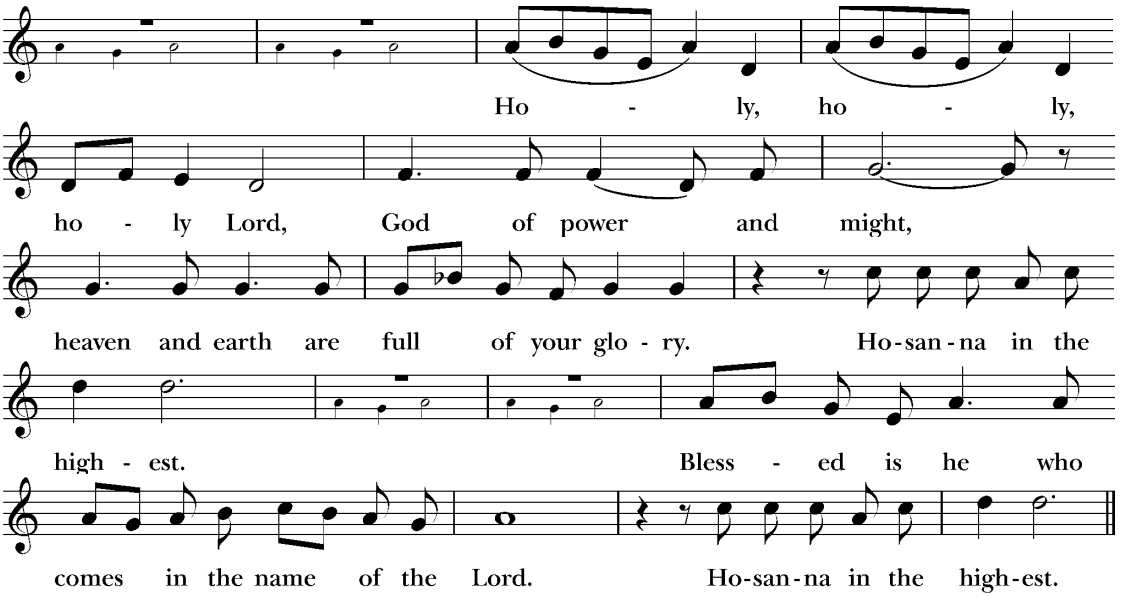
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is sung or said*

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S-128** William Mathias




*The people kneel*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people*

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

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

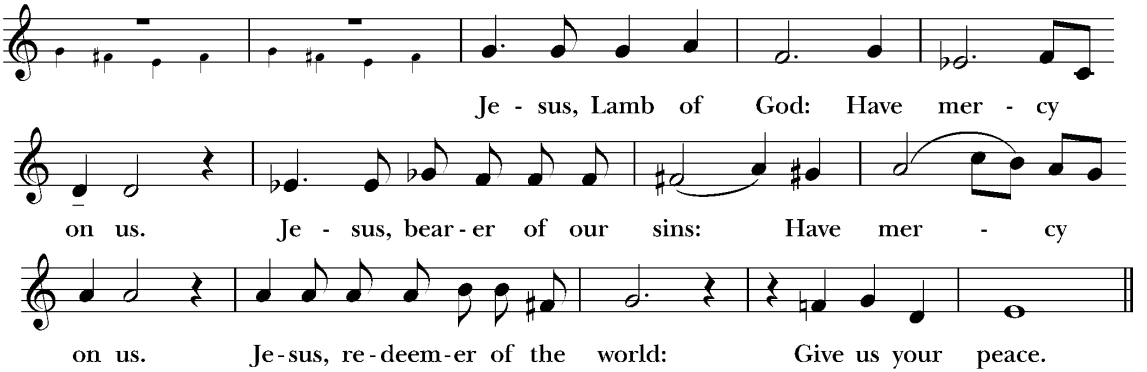
*Celebrant and People*

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

**Fraction Anthem S-165** William Mathias




*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host only or the host by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

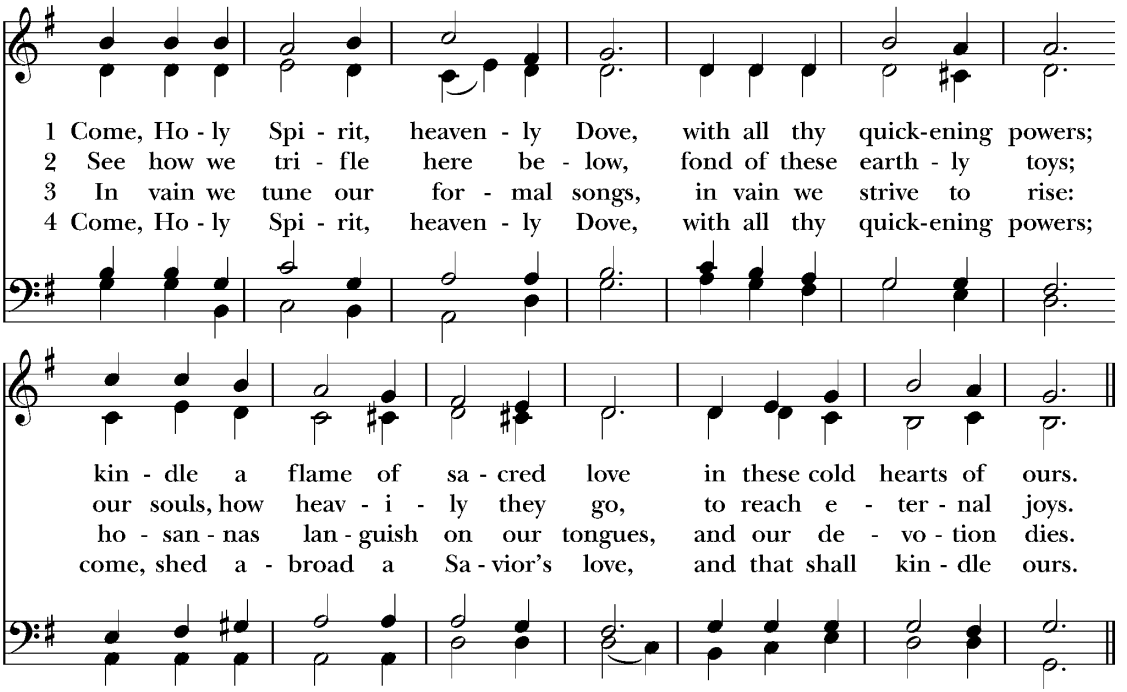
## Communion Motet

*Give Almes of Thy Goods* – Christopher Tye

*Give almes of thy goods; and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 510

*St. Agnes*




*All stand*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant gives the Blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

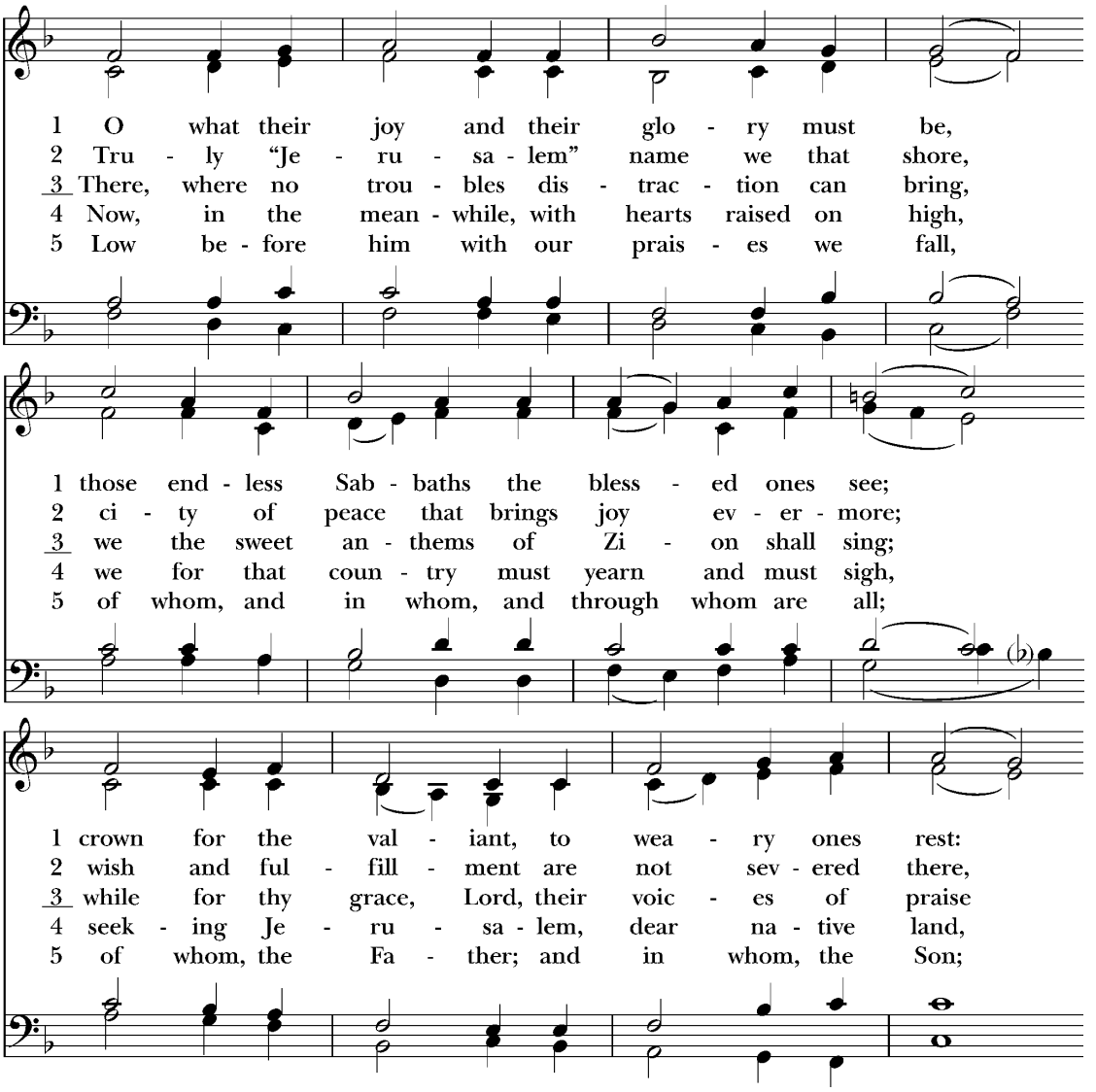
*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

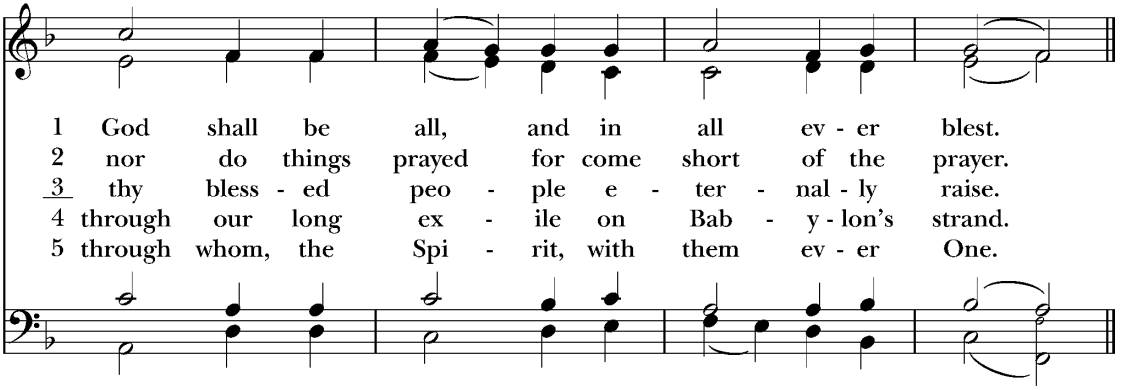
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

*(See next page)*

**Processional Hymn 623** *Q quanta qualia*




1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

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*VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

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Douglas F. Arthur
*Treasurer*

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