ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

PROPER 22

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

October 5, 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!

We offer Sunday School for all school-aged children; please be sure to receive communion first before heading to Sunday School. 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.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

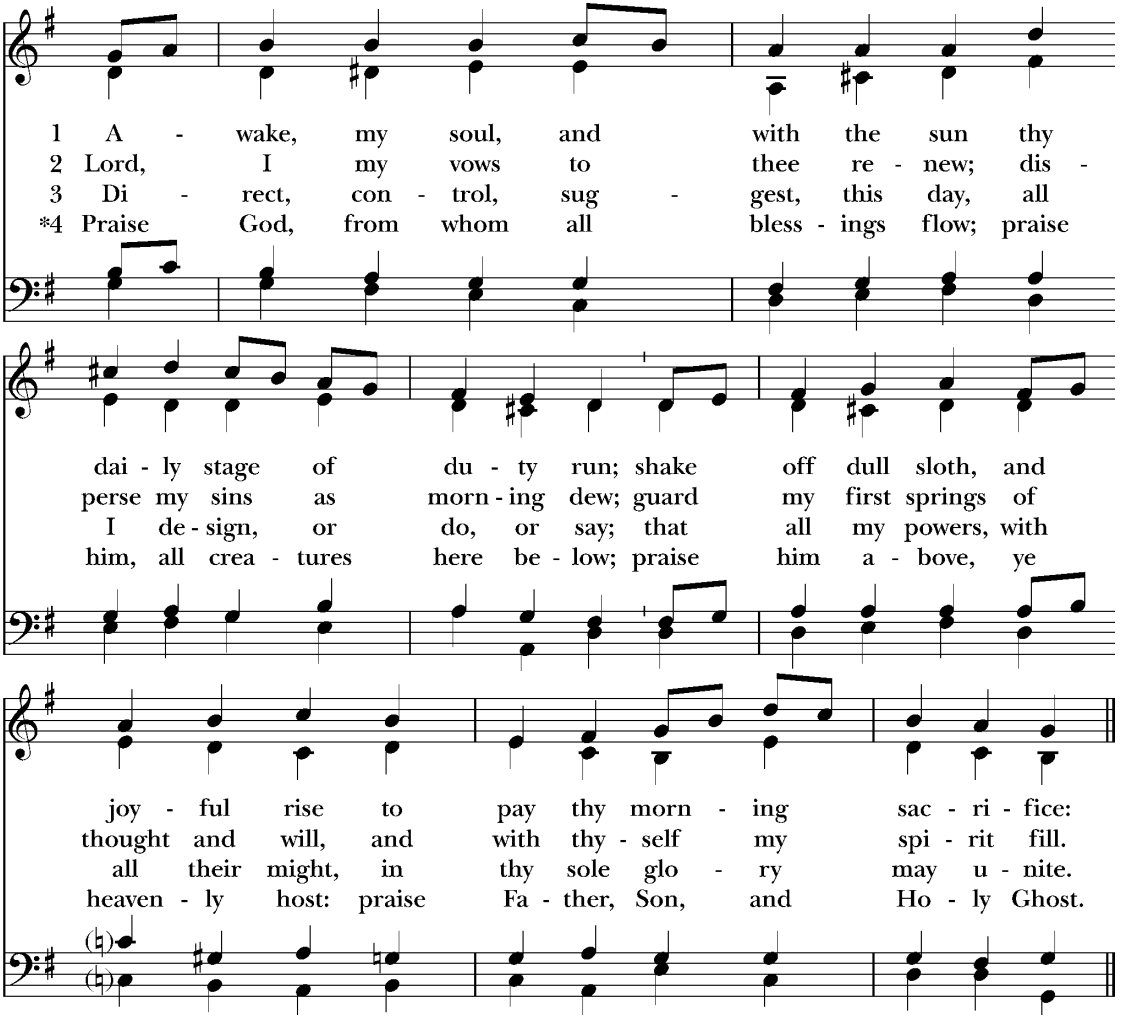
Voluntary

Chorale Prelude "O Jesu Christ, Thou Fount of Grace" — Bedrich Janacek

The people stand as the ministers enter

Processional Hymn 11

Morning Hymn



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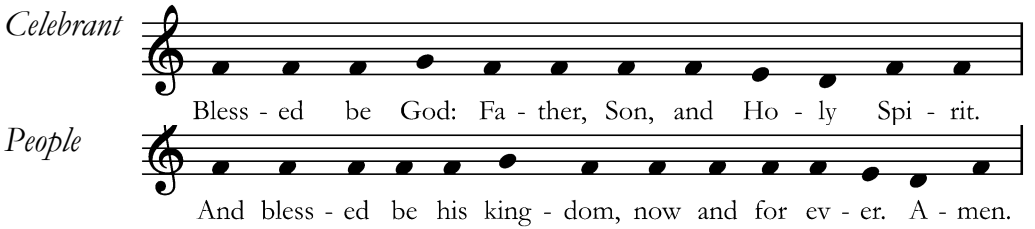


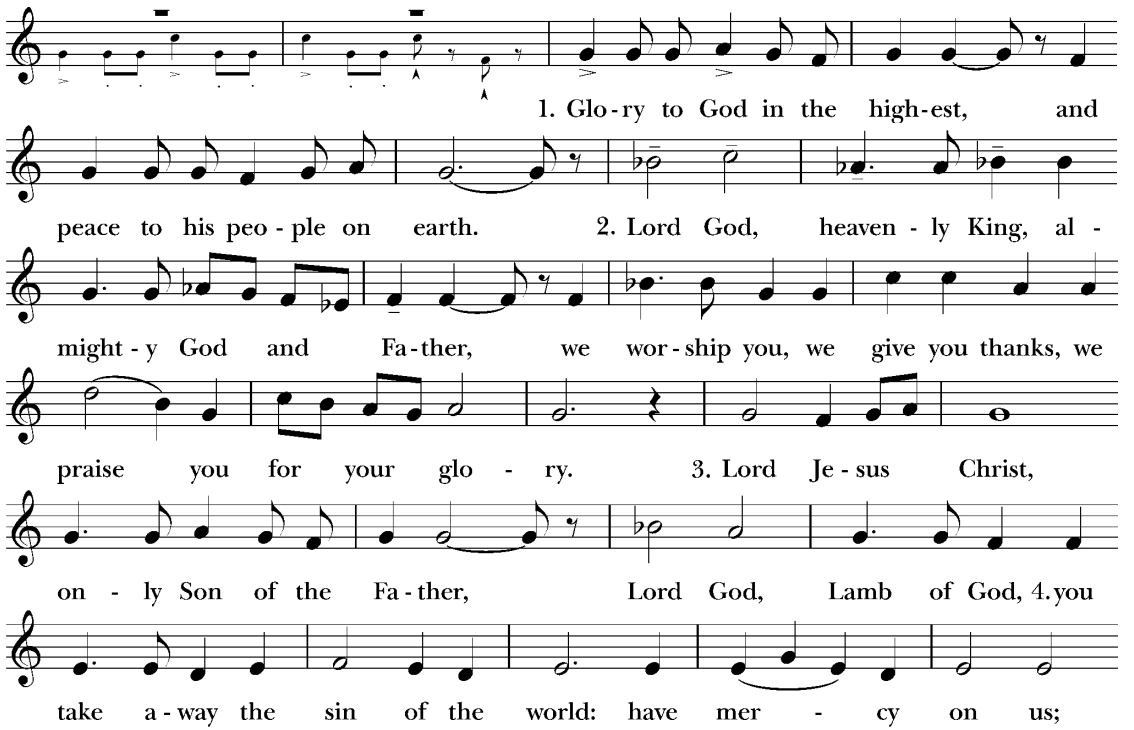
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

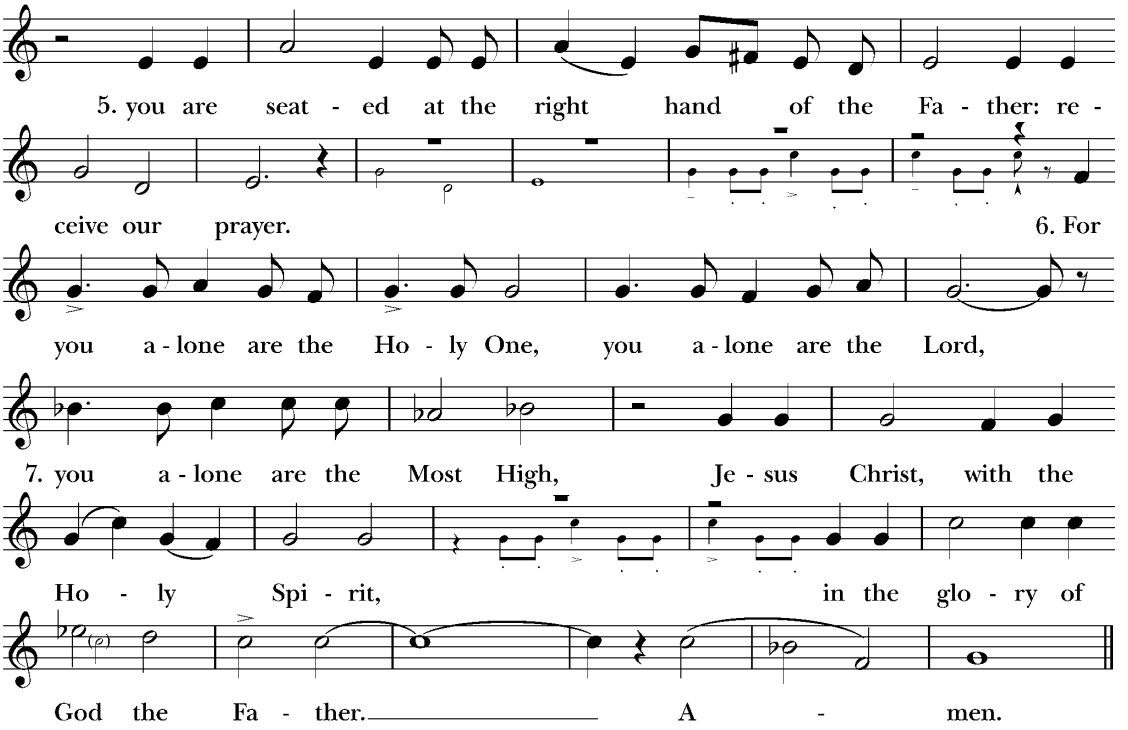
Celebrant

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 S-278

William Mathias





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Lector A reading from the Book of Habakkuk.

The oracle of God which Habak'kuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and thou wilt not hear? Or cry to thee "Violence!" and thou wilt not save? Why dost thou make me see wrongs and look upon trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is slacked and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous, so justice goes forth perverted. I will take my stand to watch, and station myself on the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 37:1-10 Herbert Howells

Sung by the choir

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly;
neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
and be withered even as the green herb.
Put thou thy trust in the LORD, and be doing good;
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thou in the LORD,
and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
Commit thy way unto the LORD, and put thy trust in him,
and he shall bring it to pass.
He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light,
and thy just dealing as the noonday.
Hold thee still in the LORD, and abide patiently upon him
but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure:
fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
Wicked doers shall be rooted out;
and they that patiently abide the LORD, those shall inherit the land.
Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:
thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
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 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector A reading from the second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lo'is and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you. Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

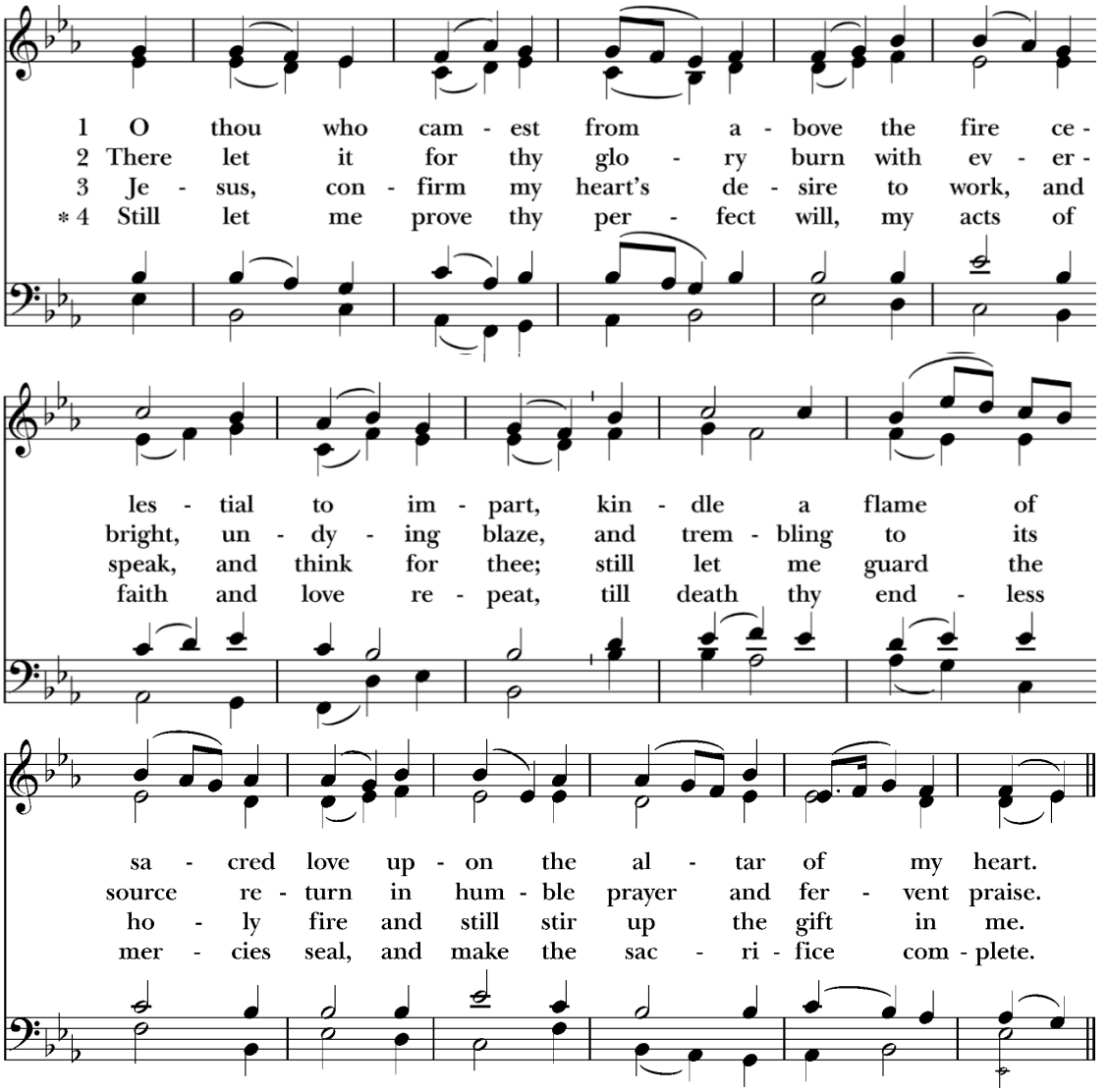
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN 704

Hereford



THE GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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 Donald, our president, Ron, our governor, Jane, our mayor, and 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

Stewardship Speaker

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Vox Ultima Crucis - William H. Harris

> *Tarry no longer; t'ward thine heritage Haste on thy way, and be of right good cheer. Go each day onward on thy pilgrimage; Think how short time thou shalt abide here. Thy place is bigg'd above the starres clear, None earthly palace wrought in so stately wise. Come on, my friend, my brother most entere! For thee I offer'd my blood in sacrifice.*

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.

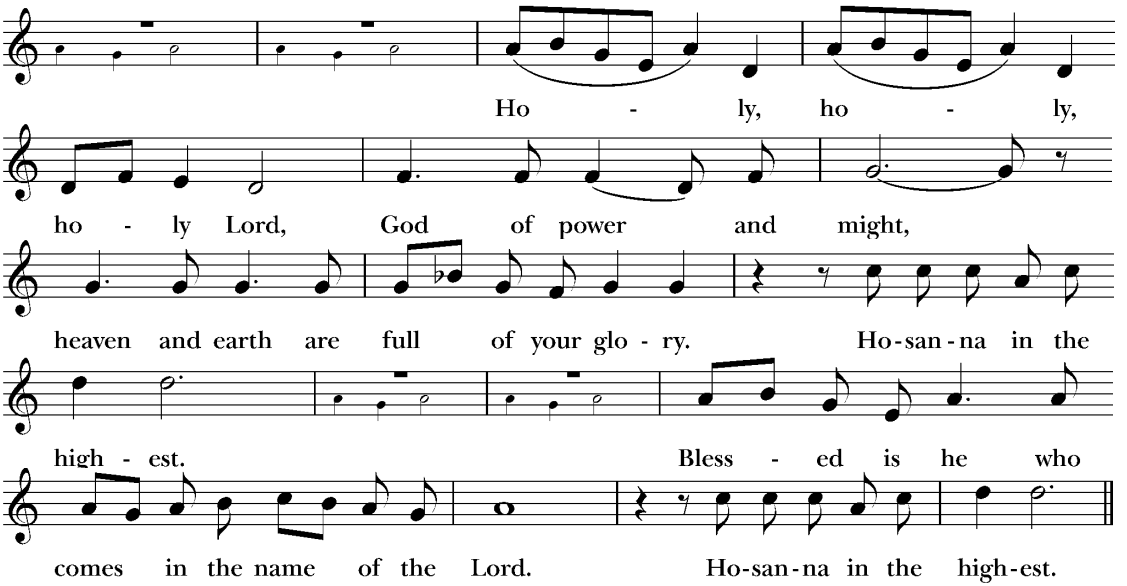
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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,

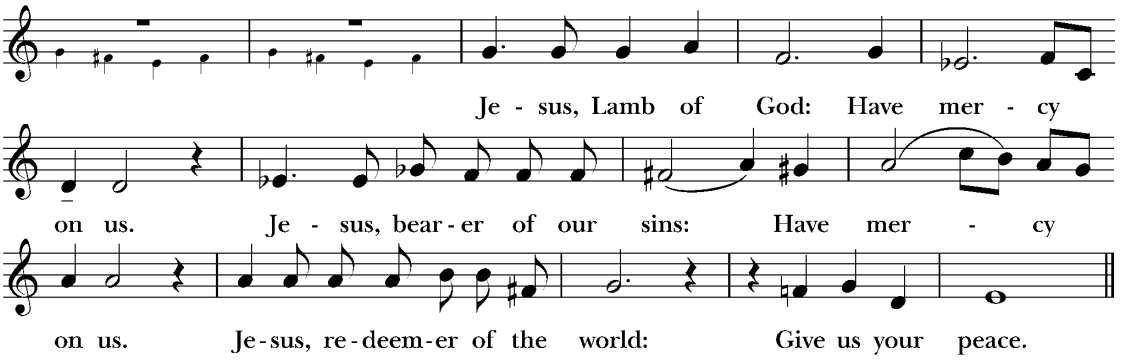
Celebrant and People

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.

Sunday School students and teachers receive communion first and then go to their classes.
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

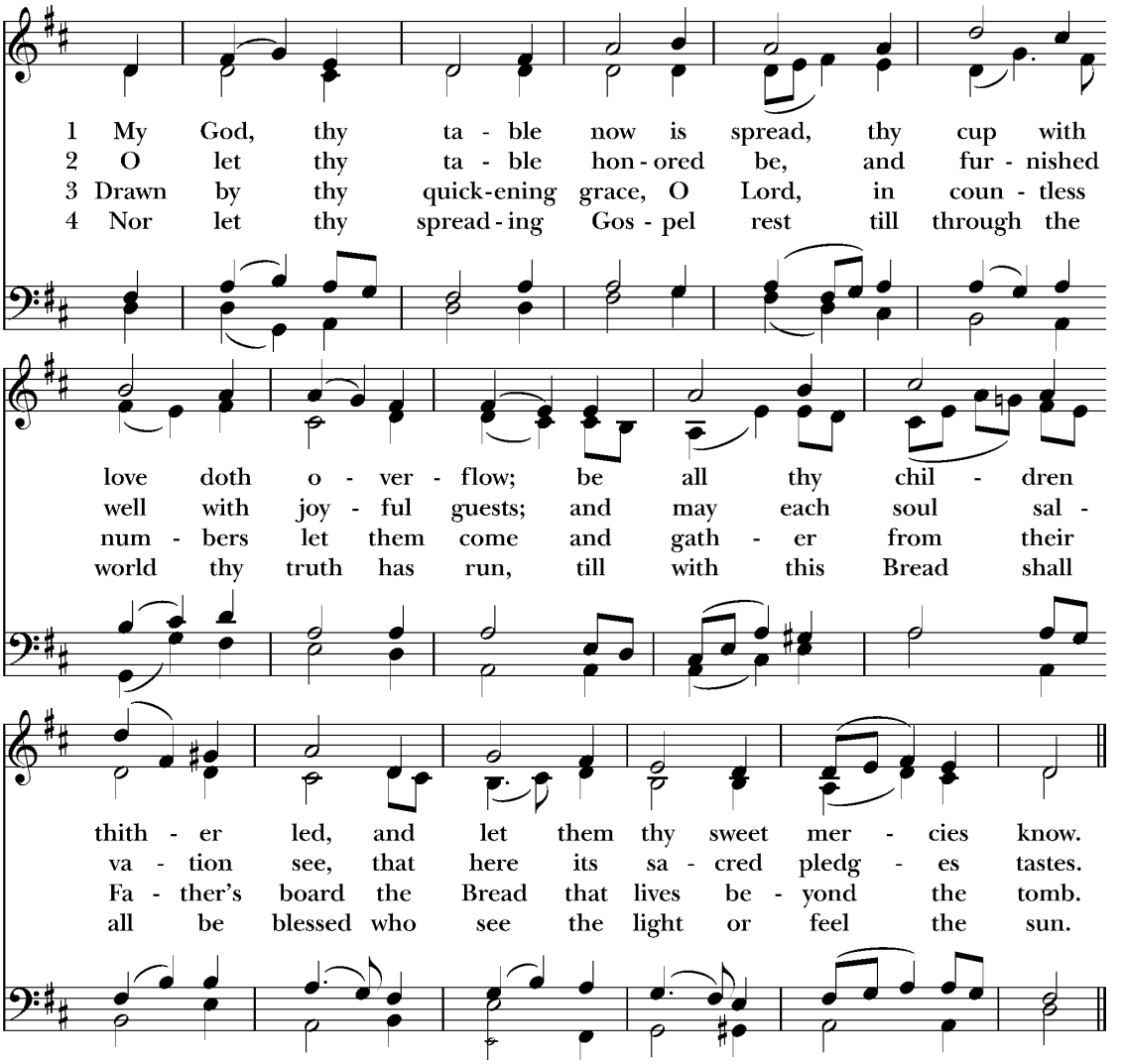
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Motet

Ave verum corpus - Sir Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

COMMUNION HYMN 321 *Rockingham*



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

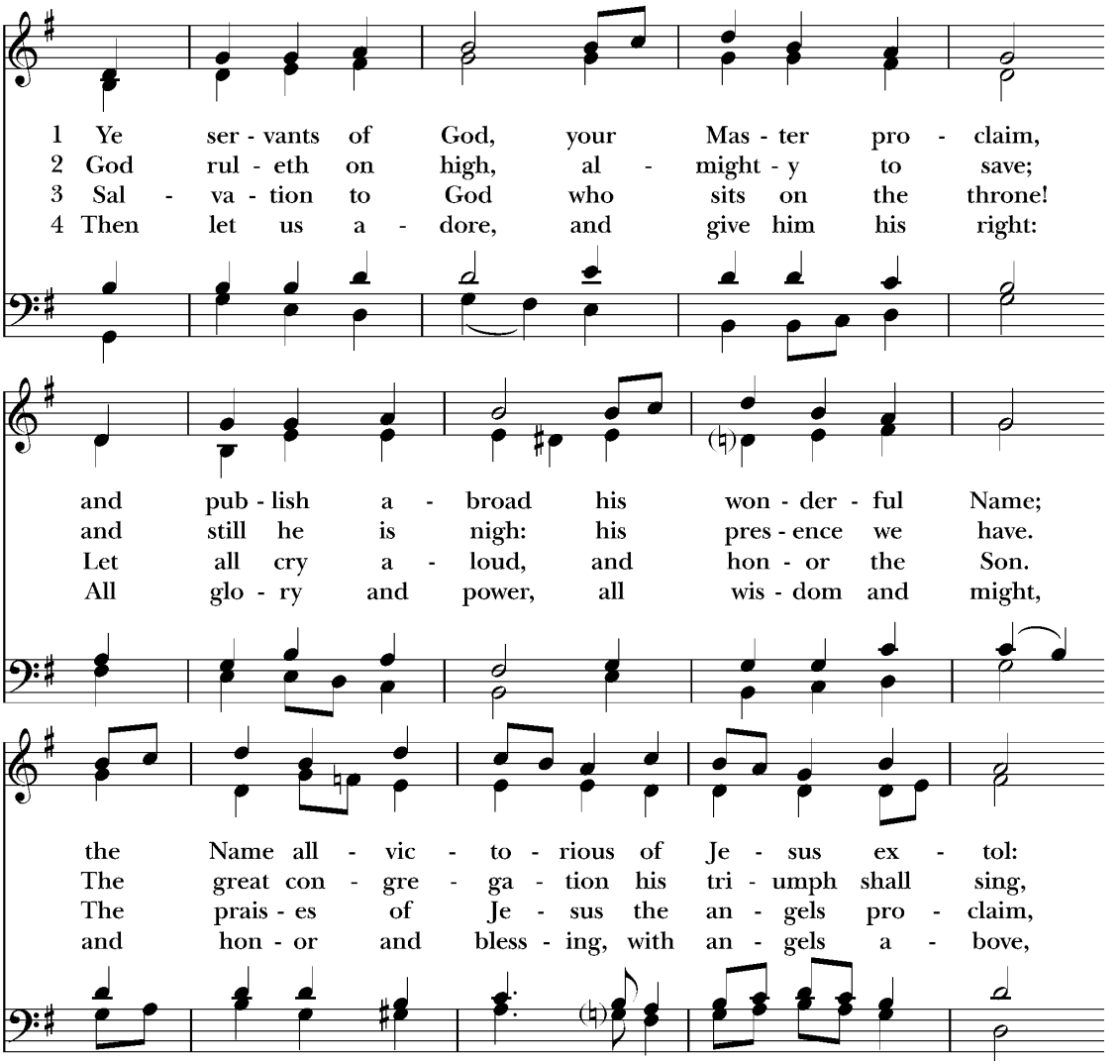
The Deacon gives the Dismissal

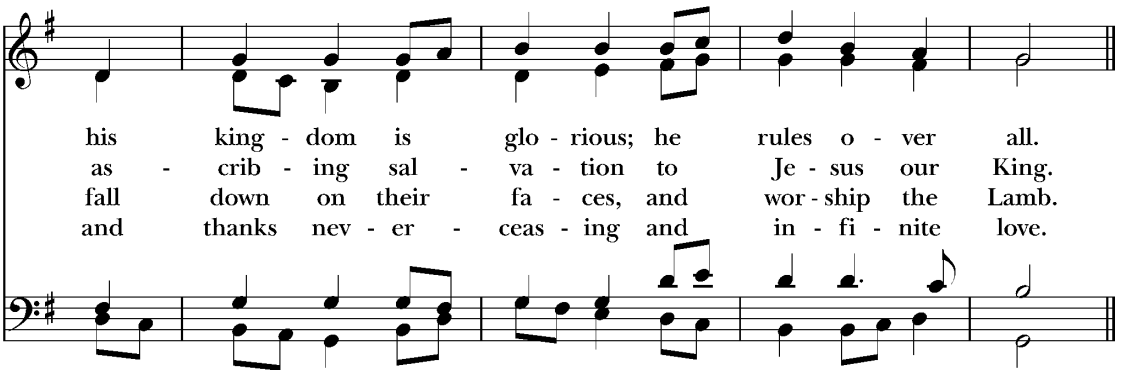
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 535

Paderborn





Organ Voluntary

Postlude in D minor — Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Assisting in Today's Services

Altar Guild: Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Phyllis Mitchell, Miriam Faircloth

Linens: Laura Silva, Pat Wilson

Acolytes: 8:00 Eric Williams

9:30 Bailey Turnquist, Charlie Williams, Haydon Swanson, Witt Graff, Olivia Rainey

Chalice: Andy Brown

Lectors: 8:00 Michael Eachon, Eric Williams

9:30 M.C. Jenkins, Norman Allen, Andy Brown

Ushers: 8:00 Ben Nelson, Jr., Frank J. Reif III

9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

Verger: Eric Williams **Subdeacon:** Michael Eachon

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Southwest Florida its parishes, especially Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya)

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:
October 5: John McKay, Laura Hobby, Turner Martin
October 6: Virginia Hobby, Patrick Crevasse
October 7: Mary Pekkala, Kristie Salzer, Hyatt Sbar
October 8: Mercer Mackie, Helen Straske
October 9: Pene Herman, Elizabeth Burkett, Isabelle Lowke, Pam Shives, Luke Eatman, Jelianne De Jong
October 10: Peyton Purdy, Robert Frick, Laura Capen
October 11: Frank Hancock, Jay Singletary, Shannon Sampson, Frances Galavis, Scott Lee, Mackenzie Moore, Francisco Coll

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Carleton Compton, Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Ron, Carey, Scott, Nancy C., Lane, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Peter, Armando, Berta, Elias, Charlie, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Pat, the Painter Family, David W., Piper, Tyler, Craig, Gwen, Helen and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed:

John Thompson, Bonnie Hough, Krista McLain

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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The Right Reverend Douglas Frederick Scharf
VI Bishop of Southwest Florida

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Andrew M. Brown (2025)
Junior Warden

Douglas F. Arthur
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CLERGY AND STAFF

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Associate Rector

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The Reverend Mary Alice Lopez
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