# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## PROPER 20

**Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.**

September 21, 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,



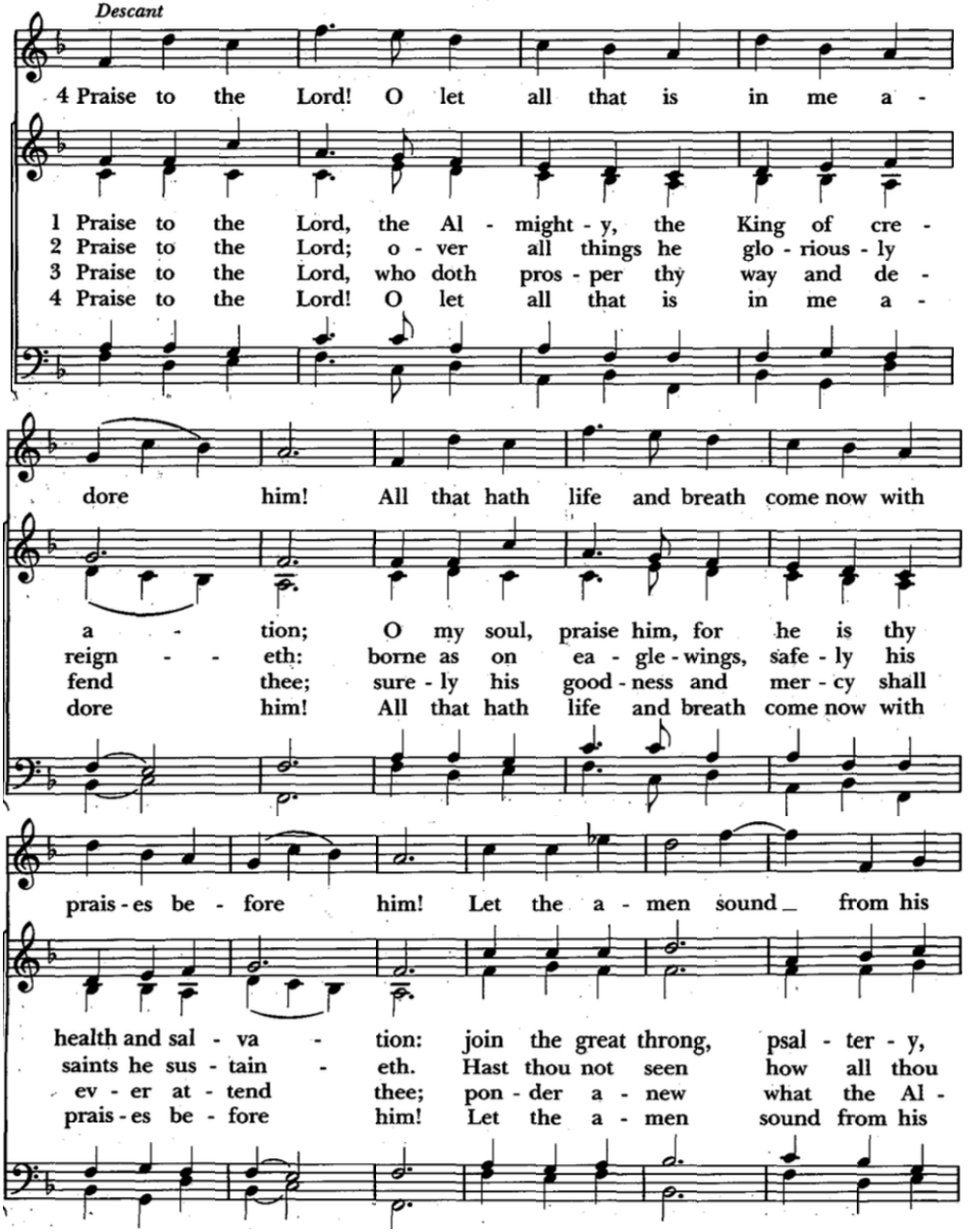
The Rev. Christian M. Wood
*Rector*

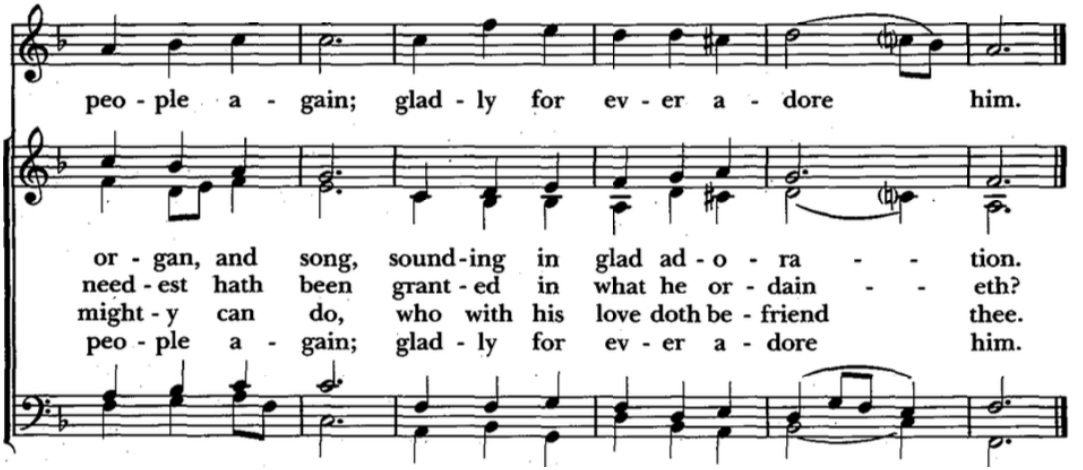
**Opening Voluntary**

*Andante Tranquillo* — Percy Whitlock

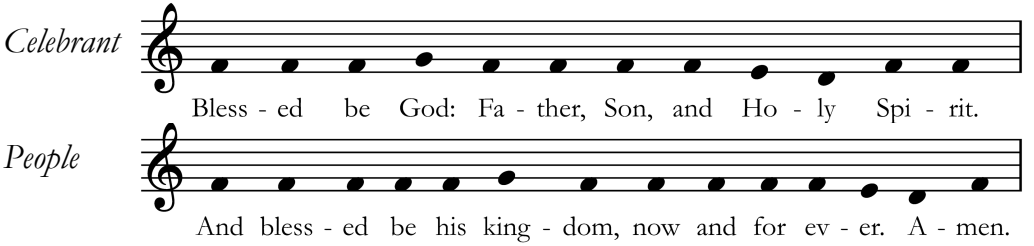
*The people stand as the ministers enter*

**Processional Hymn 390** *Lobe den Herren*






## PROPER ACCLAMATION



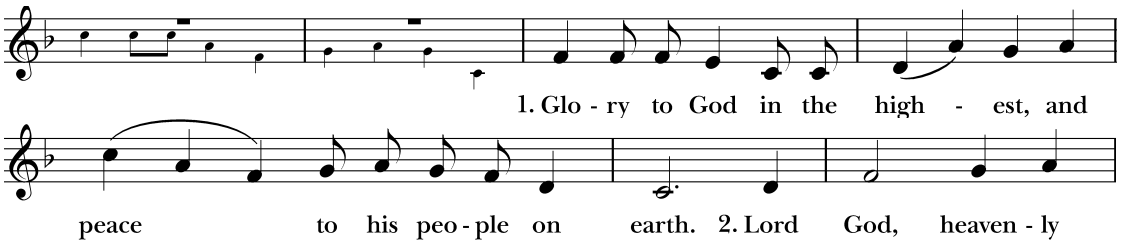

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

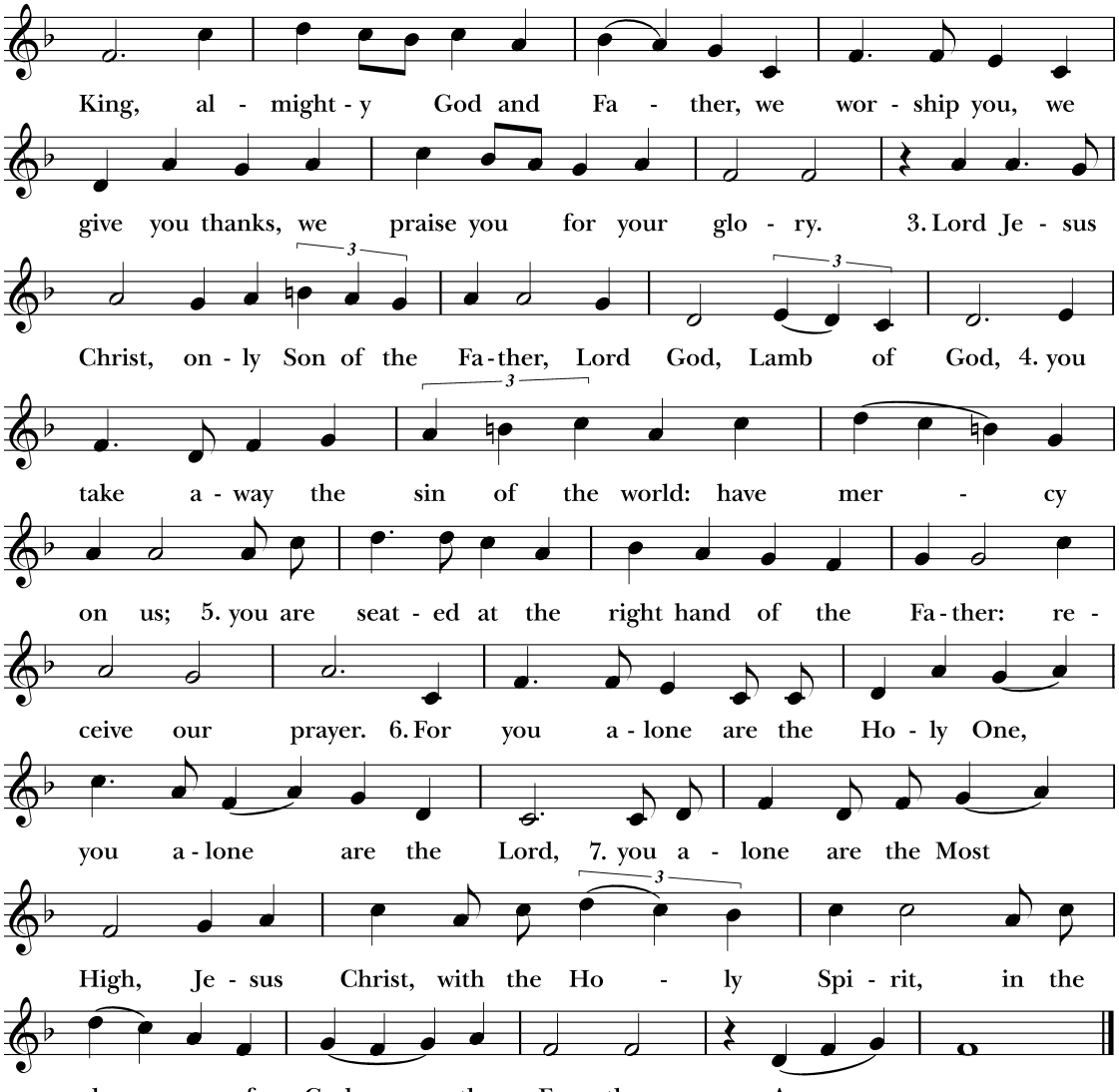
*Celebrant*

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-280

Robert Powell




King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
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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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Amos 8:4-7

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Amos.

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great, and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of the wheat?" The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

**GRADUAL:** PSALM 113 *Plainsong Tone VIII.I*

*Sung by the choir*

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants; *
O praise the Name of the LORD.
Blessed be the Name of the LORD *
from this time forth forevermore.
The LORD's Name is praised *
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, *
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
He taketh up the simple out of the dust, *
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he may set him with the princes, *
even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *
and to be a joyful mother of children.
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** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

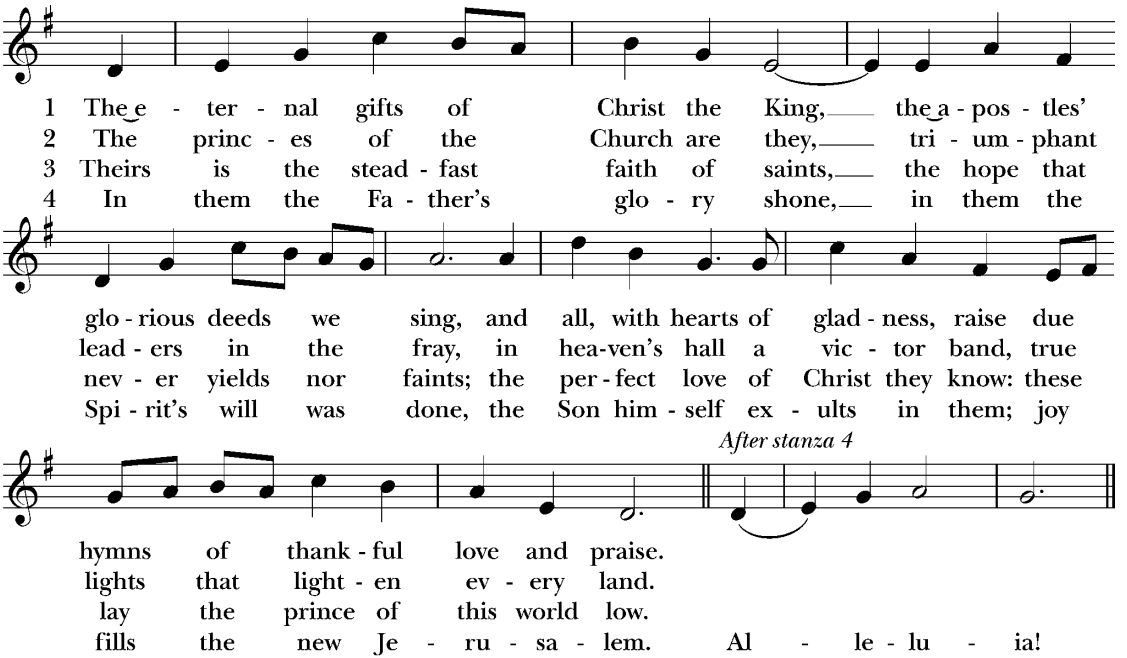
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*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 234** *Gonfalon Royal*




**THE GOSPEL** Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred

measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

*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 God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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**

*My Song is Love Unknown* – Malcolm Archer

*My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take, frail flesh and die? Christ came from heaven's throne Salvation to bestow; But people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know: But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine; Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

*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.

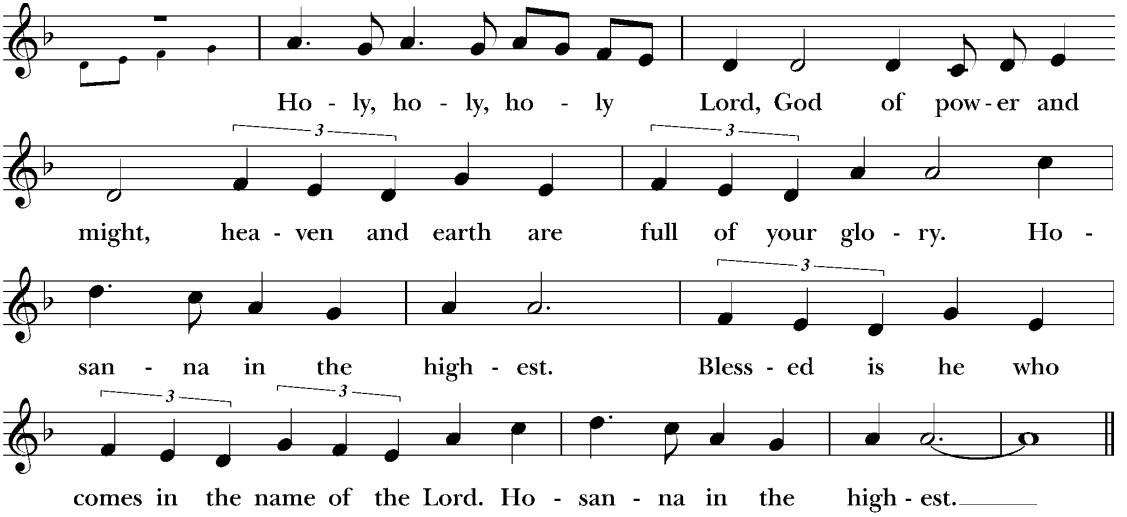
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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-129** Robert Powell




*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,

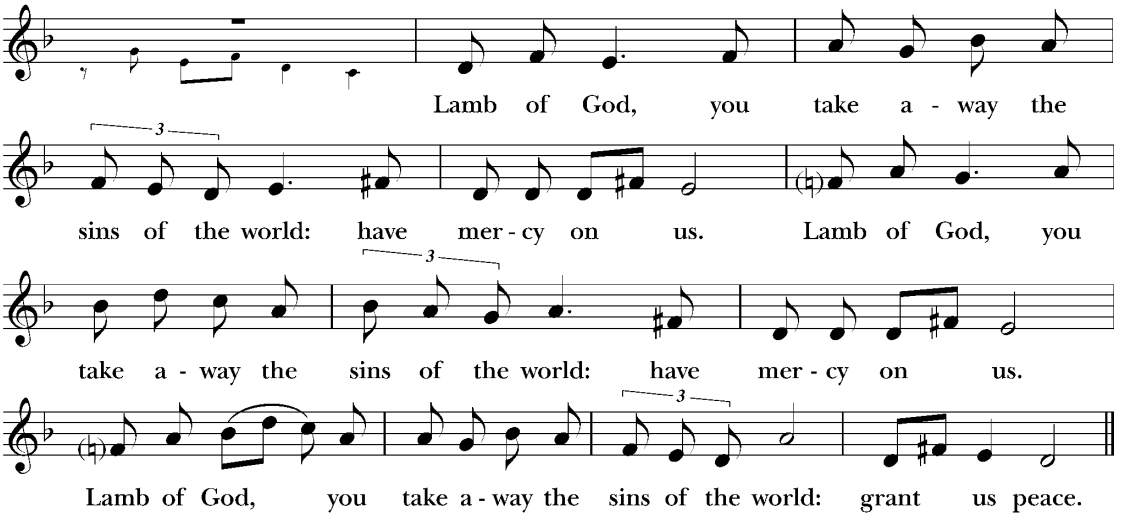
*Celebrant and People*

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-163** Robert Powell




*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.**

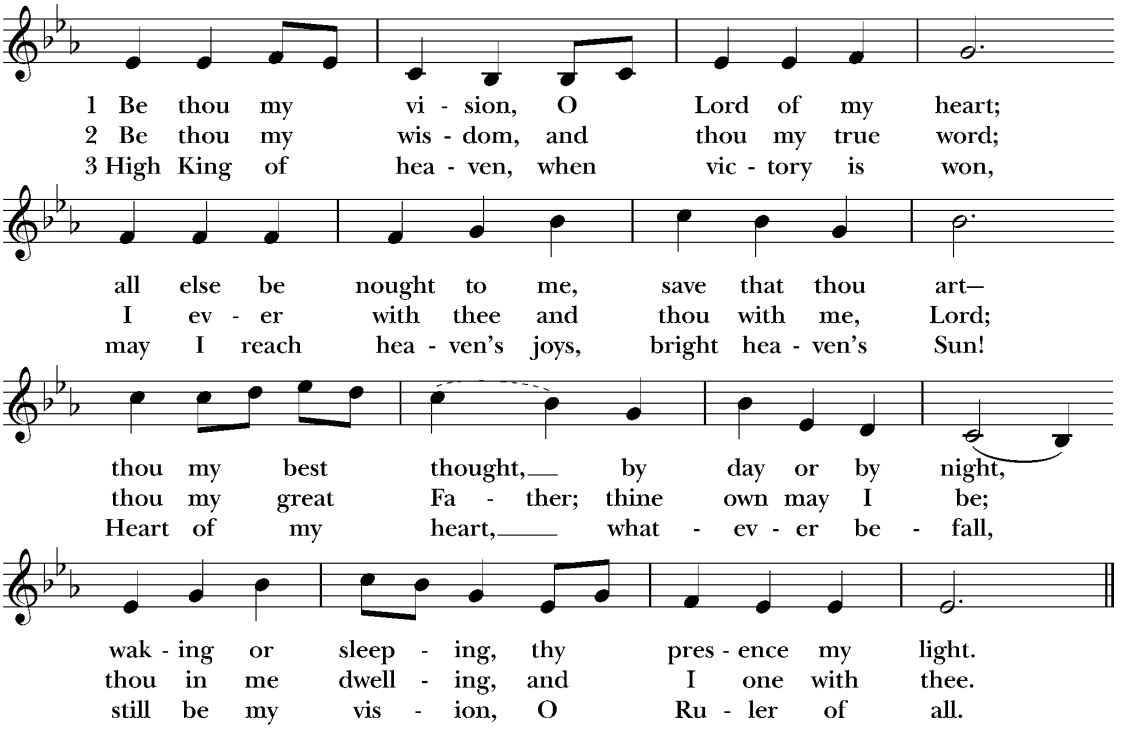
## Communion Motet

*Litany to the Holy Spirit* – Peter Hurford

*In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! When I lie with my bed, sick in heart and sick in head, and with doubts discomforted, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drown'd in sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

## COMMUNION HYMN 488

*Slane*



## 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.**

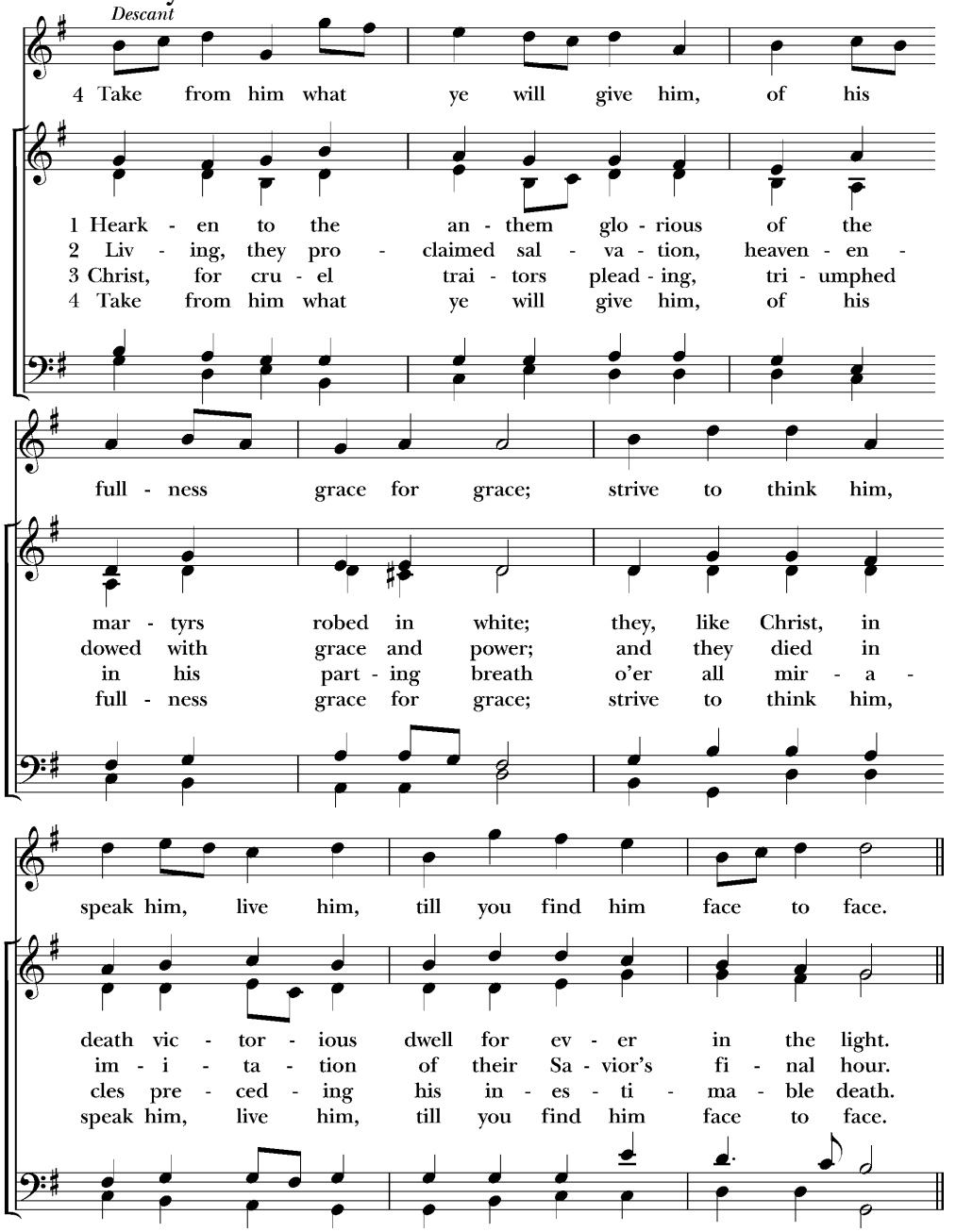
## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

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

*The people stand*

**Processional Hymn 241** *Laus Deo*




**Closing Voluntary**

*Exultemus* — Percy Whitlock

## TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERINGS

*An organ voluntary is a musical composition for the organ, typically performed during a church service, before and after the main liturgy. The name comes from the Latin "Voluntarius" and refers to the piece being played at the discretion of the organist and of their own will, rather than being a mandatory part of the liturgy. The voluntary is seen by many organists as their offering to God through the worship of the church. Now that the pipe organ has returned, I will, once again, list the before and after service voluntaries in the Order of Service each week.*

*This Sunday, the 9:30 a.m. service will be sung by the sopranos and altos of the choir. There is a significant amount of music composed for upper (S/A) and lower (T/B) voices alone. Given that we are fortunate to have all four parts in our choir, soprano, alto, tenor and bass, most of our repertoire each week consists of four-part and even sometimes eight-part pieces. However, it's good to expose our congregation to different anthems that are rarely heard in the context of a Sunday morning. This Sunday will feature Malcolm Archer's beautiful setting of "My song is love unknown" at the Offertory, and Peter Hurford's "Litany to the Holy Spirit" as the Communion Motet.*

*-Simon Morley*

## Assisting in Today's Services

**Altar Guild:** Pat Wilson, Lelia Clewis, Heddy Brown, Sally Olsson, Susan Lang, Ruth Pasquarello, Marci Thomas, Ruby McCowan

**Linens:** Chris McAdams, Lois Smith

**Acolytes:** 8:00 Dave Kenyon

9:30 Grace Tellekamp, John Lawson, James Isaacs, Allison Decelles, Trenten Decelles

**Chalice:** Dallas Coffield, Pam Scruggs

**Lectors:** 8:00 Michael Eachon, Dave Kenyon

9:30 Drew Graham, Dallas Coffield, Pam Scruggs

**Ushers**: 8:00 Oliver Roberts, Lockwood Gray

9:30 Paul Carastro, David Adams, Bob Alter, Joe Andrews, John Jenkins, Rob Kelly

**Verger:** Dave Kenyon **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:** Diocese of Southwest Florida and for its ministries: the retired clergy of the Diocese, Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida, Episcopal schools in the Diocese, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**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:**
September 21: Leigh Coursen, Bob Crowder

September 22: Mark Stillie, Heath Patenaude, Olivia Rainey, Hayden Leavine

September 23: Anne Hyatt, Mikel Peel, Elise Bexley

September 24: Bob Vawter, Mike Nolan, Lauren Brown

September 25: Tommy Bricklemyer, Wayne Capen, Lunar Sawyer, Emily Deitzer, David Wagner

September 26: David Cowart

September 27: Gwen Hedges, Ambrose Jones, Tucker Witte, Kate Shenk

**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, Trevor, Charlie Farrell, the Painter Family, David W., Sue J., Tyler, Piper, Pat W., Kristin M. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**For all the faithful departed:**

Rick LeVarge and Bob Garlie

*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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*VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

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