ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
PROPER 21

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

September 28, 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

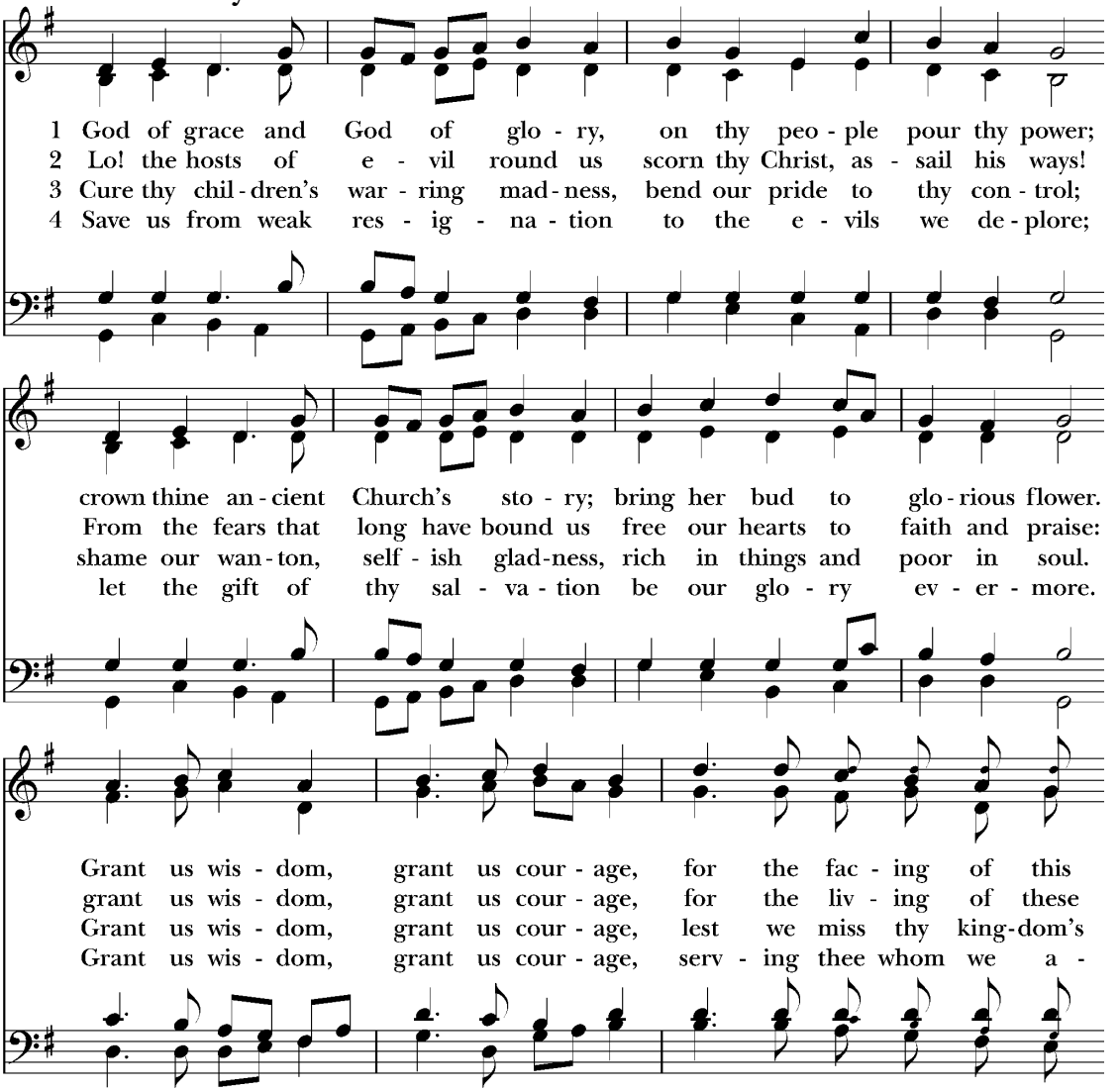
Opening Voluntary

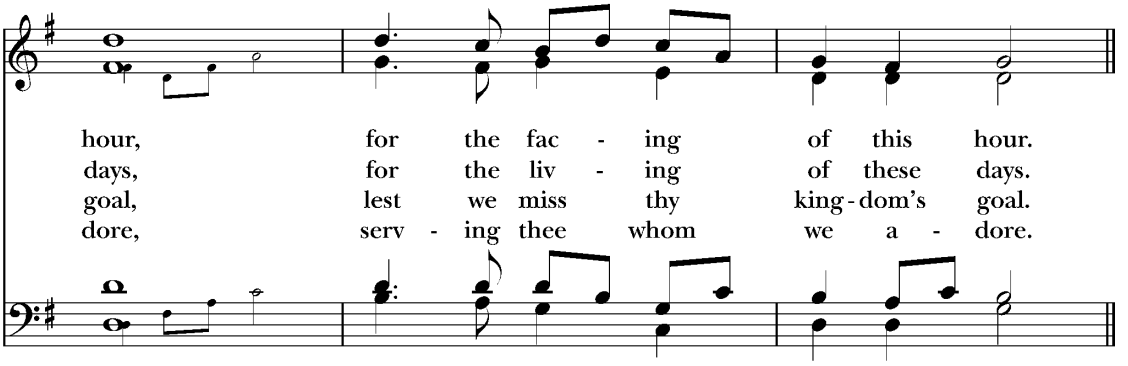
Preaeludium II (Opus 37) — Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand as the ministers enter

Processional Hymn 594

Cwm Rhondda





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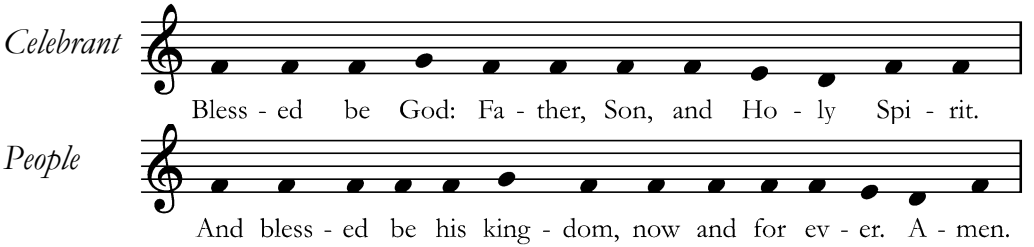
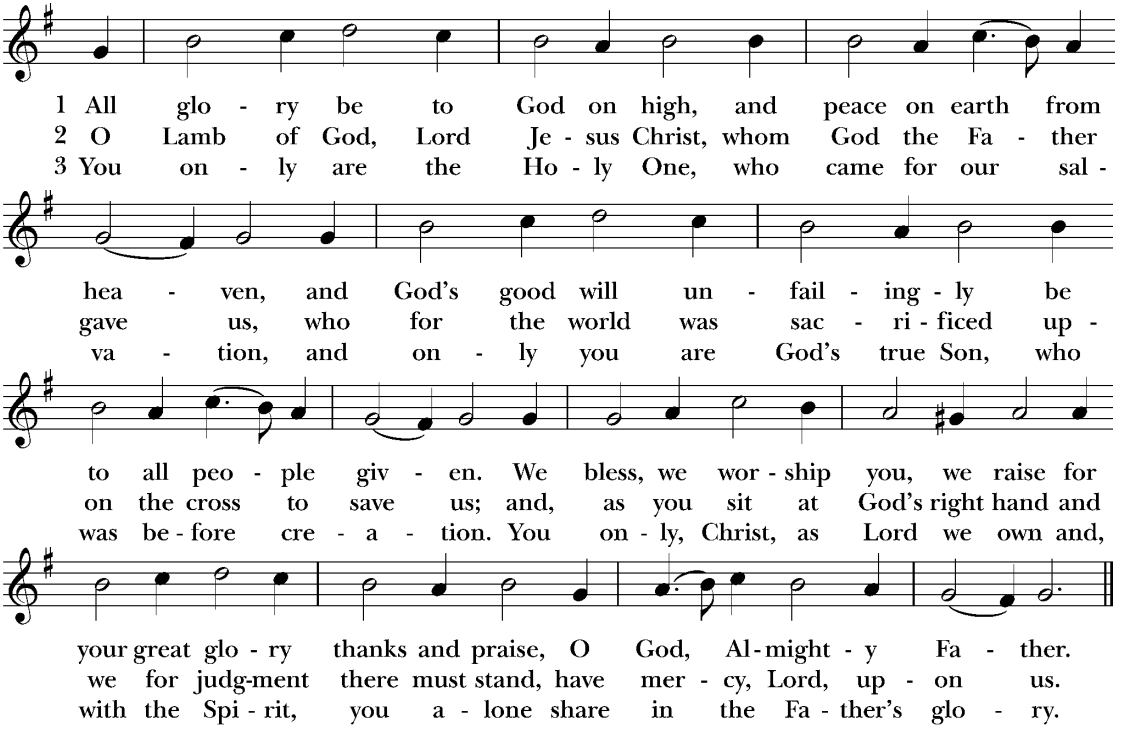


THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 421 *Allein Gott in der Höh*



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a, 4-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Amos.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samar'ia, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! "Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 146 Charles South

Sung by the choir

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the LORD; *
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; *
for there is no help in them.
For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, *
and then all his thoughts perish.
Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, *
and whose hope is in the LORD his God:
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; *
who keepeth his promise forever;
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; *
who feedeth the hungry.
The LORD looseth men out of prison; *
the LORD giveth sight to the blind.
The LORD helpeth them that are fallen; *
the LORD careth for the righteous.
The LORD careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: *
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be King forevermore, *
and throughout all generations.
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 ind. Amen.

THE EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed.

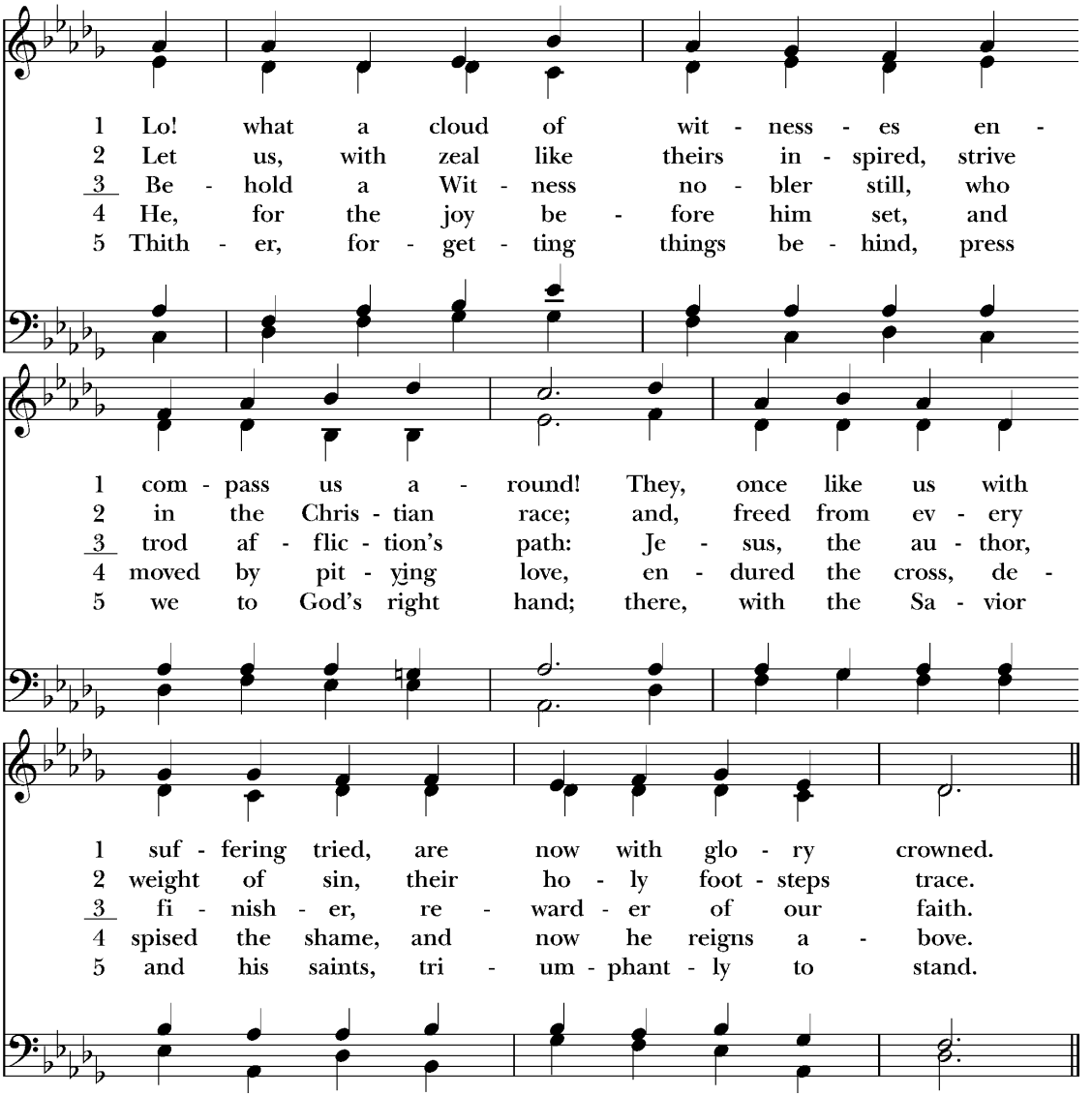
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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 545

St. Fulbert



THE GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

Jesus said his disciples, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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

The people sit

THE SERMON Father Lazo

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

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

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.

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.

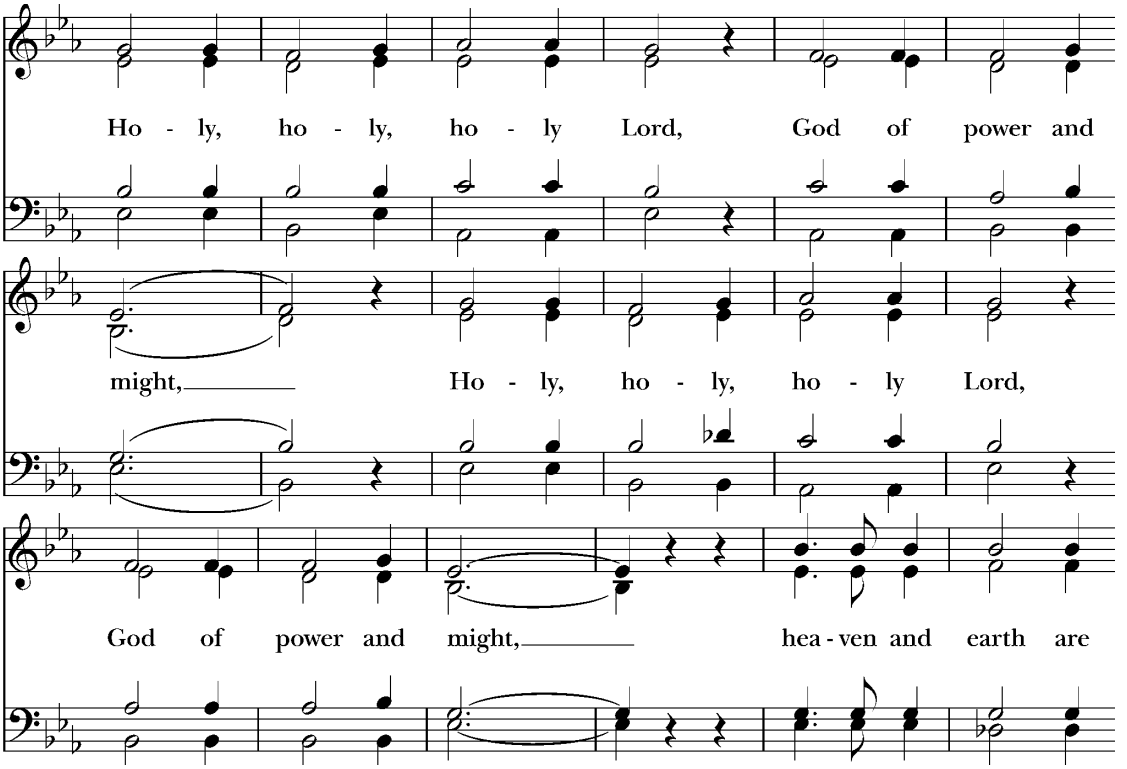
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

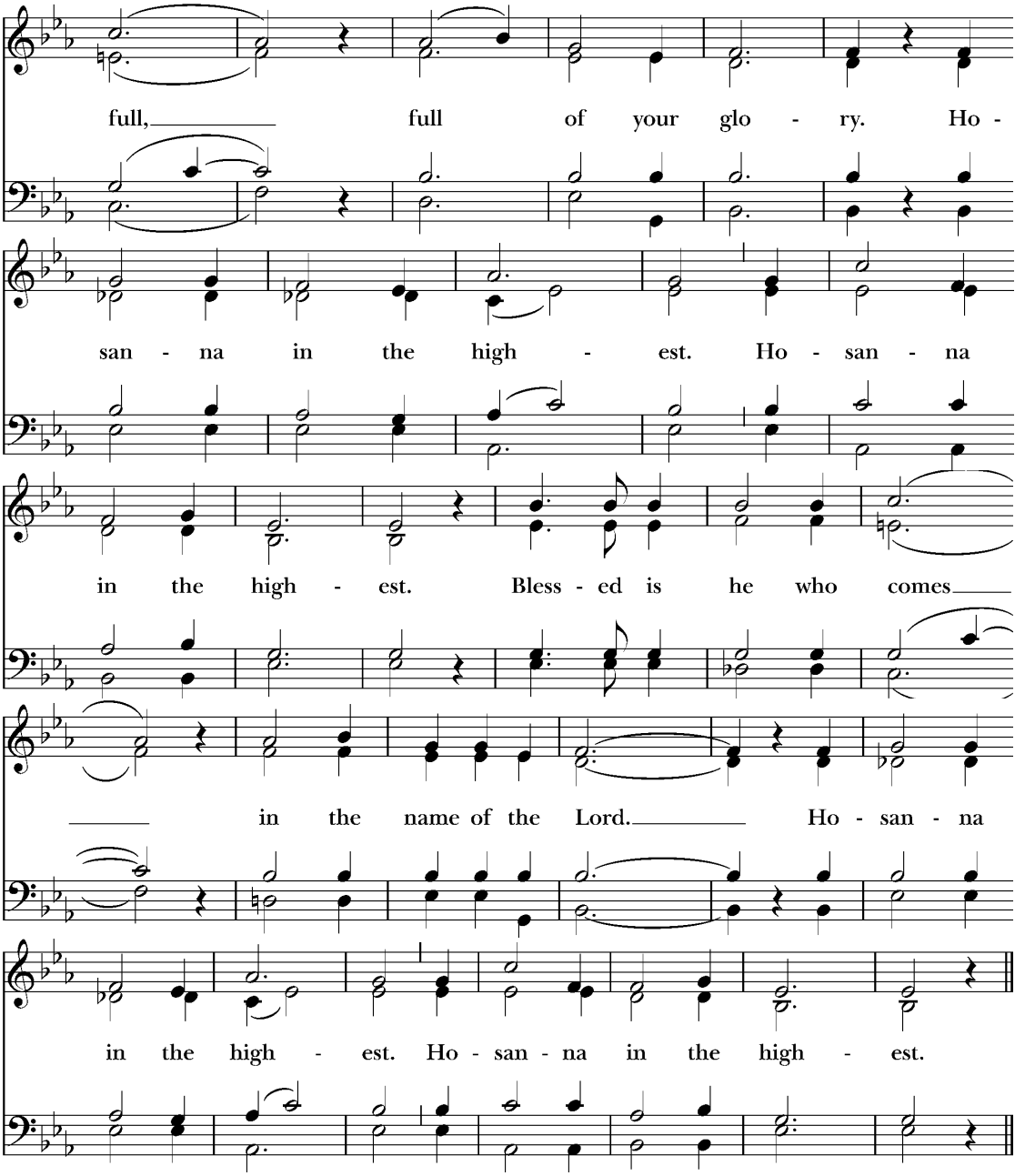
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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-130 Franz Schubert





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,

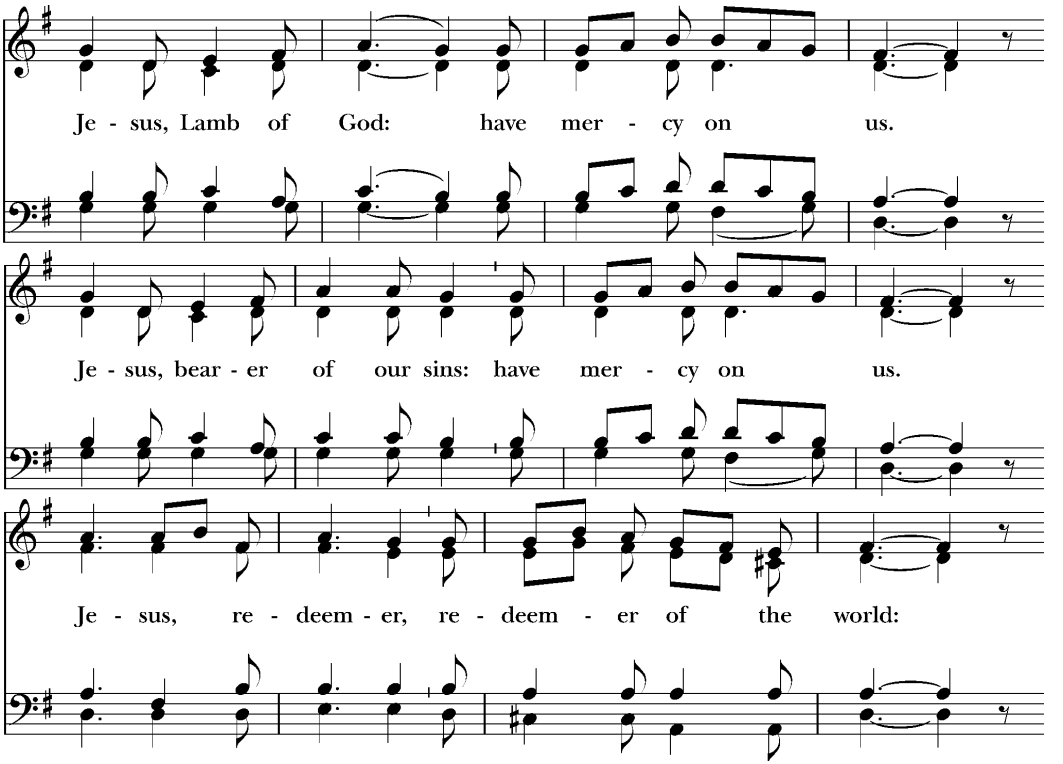
Celebrant and People

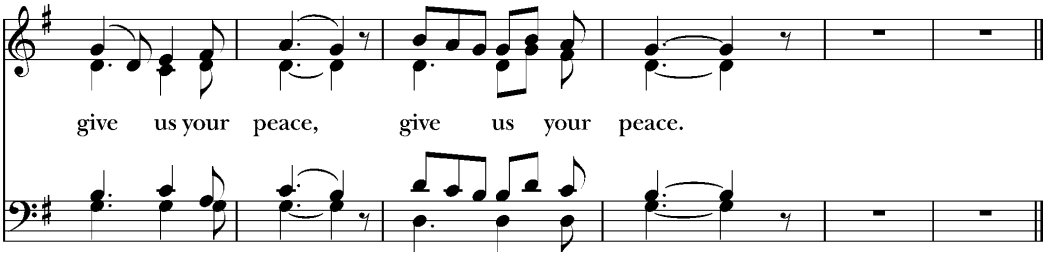
Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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-164 Franz Schubert





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.**

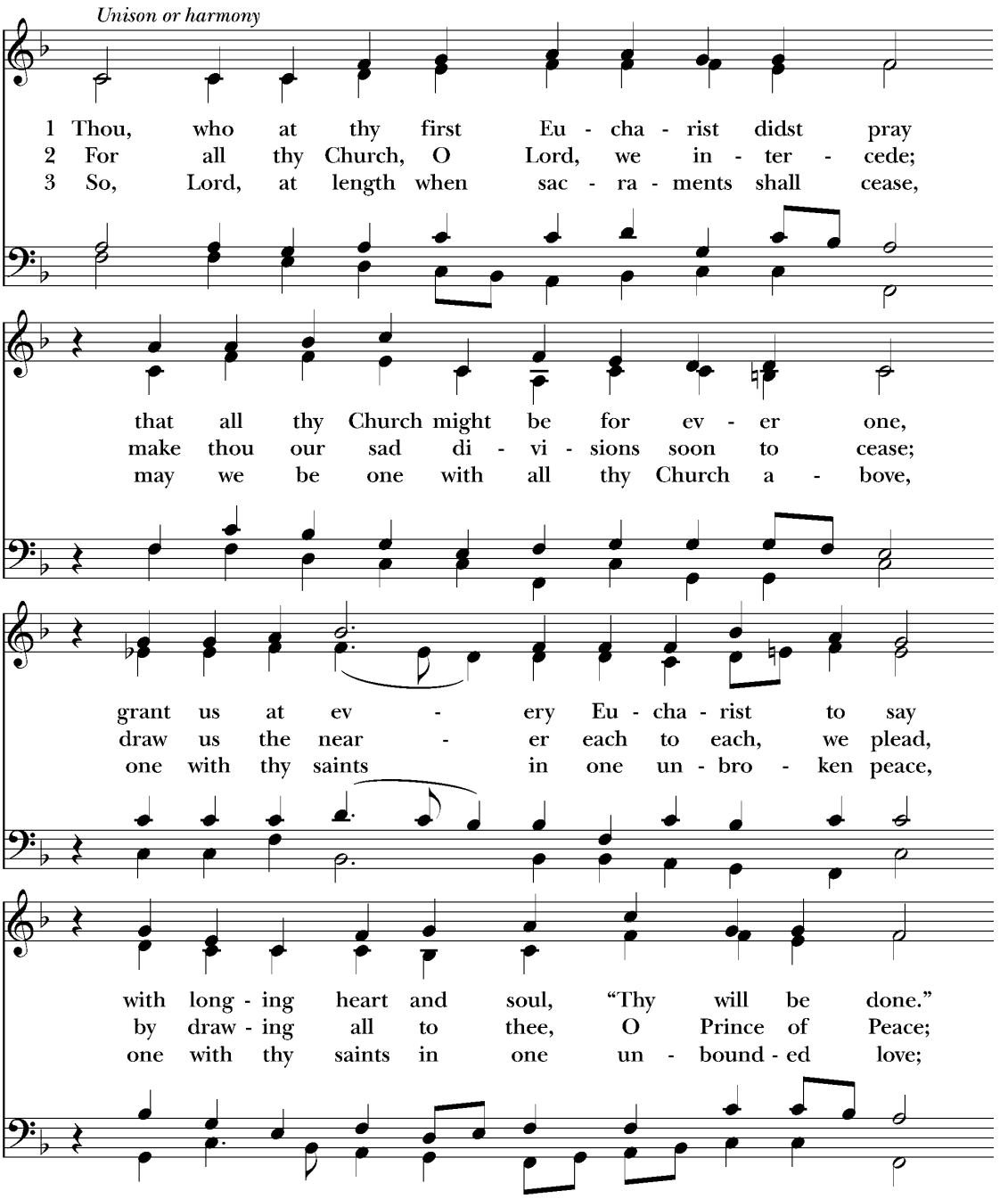
Communion Motet

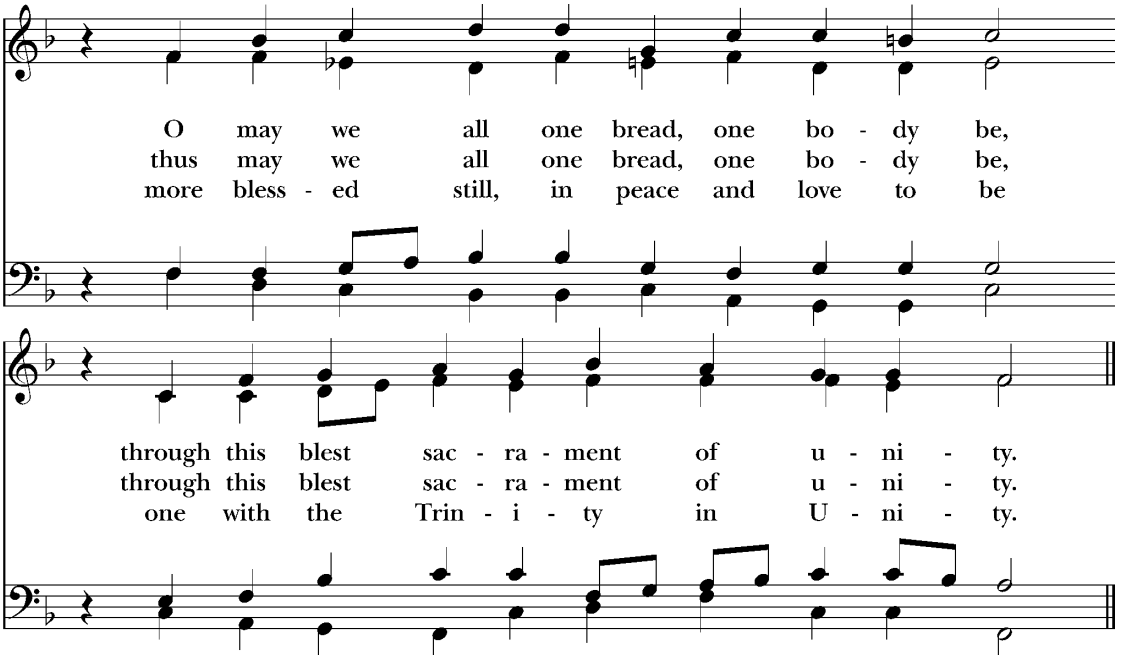
Verily, Verily I Say Unto You – Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have not life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.

COMMUNION HYMN 315

Song 1





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.**

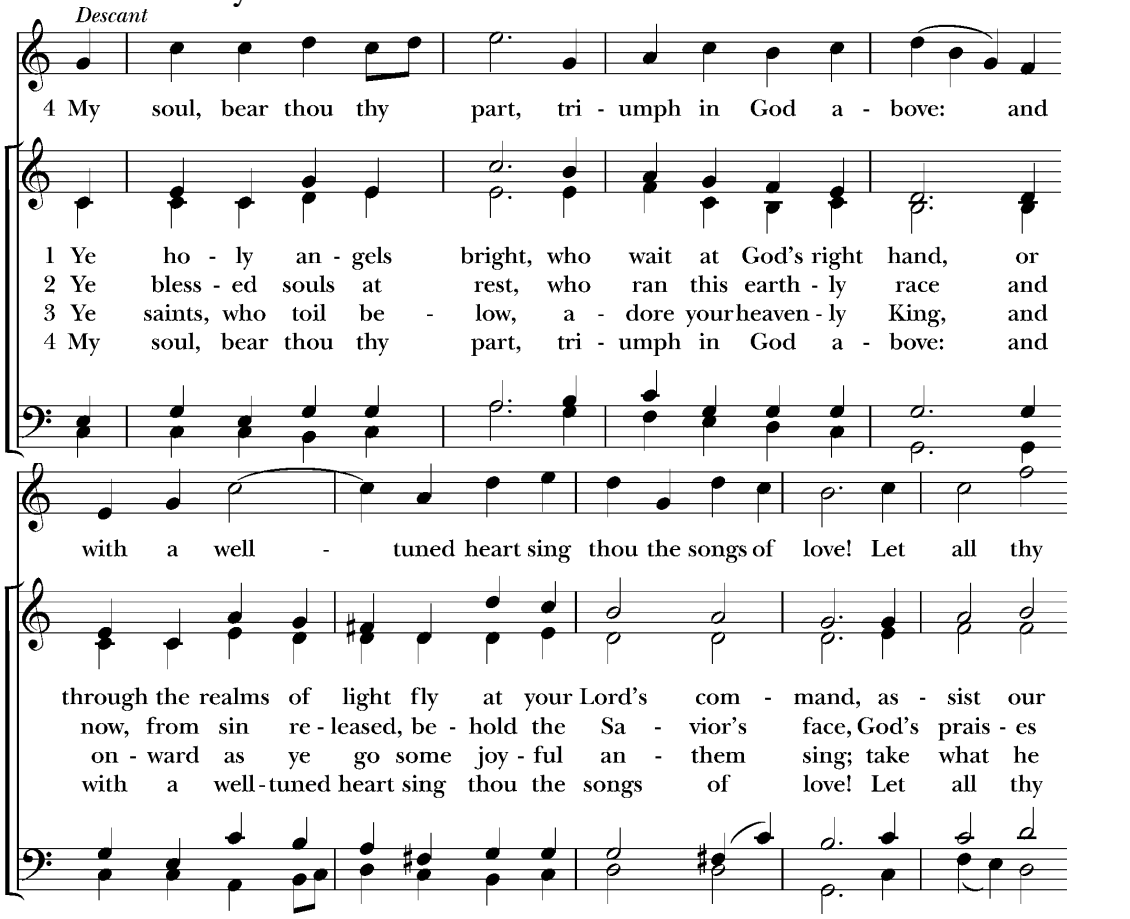
THE DISMISSAL

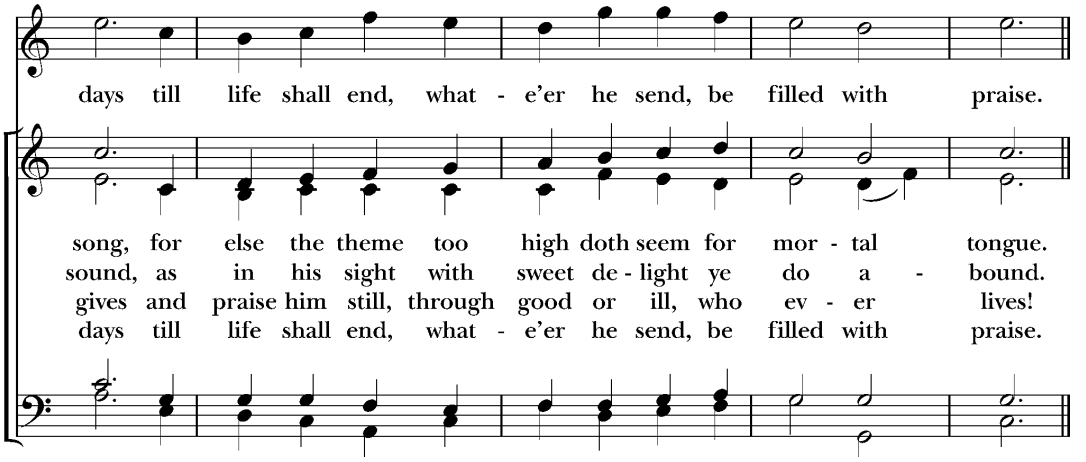
The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 625 *Darwall's 148th*





Closing Voluntary

Fuga in C major (Sonata II, Opus 65 No. 2) — Felix Mendelssohn

Assisting in Today's Services

Altar Guild: Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette, Laurie Lackman

Linens: Laurie Lackman

Acolytes: 8:00 Helen Turnquist

9:30 Rowan Cruse, Michael Wood, Martha Wood, Cindy Gardner, Tommy Bricklemyer

Chalice: Lisa Leal, Paul Brokaw

Lectors: 8:00 Richard Hadlow

9:30 Lisa Leal, Drew Graham, Paul Brokaw

Ushers: 8:00 Brien Burkett, Charles Harden

9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norman Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce Yost

Verger: Helen Turnquist **Subdeacon:** Bailey Turnquist

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 Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater;. St. John's, Clearwater; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of 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 28: Tim Killgoar, Amy Patenaude, Jack Mitchell

September 29: Patti Cowart, Cynthia Hunter

September 30: Witt Graff, Kaivon Madani, Hailey Stricker, Perry Soash, Ayla Masella

October 1: Greg Gaar, Peter Hubbell, Janice Straske, Frank Shelton, Frances Gardner, Virginia Galavis, Christopher Poor

October 2: Ginny VanOsdol, Daniel Blanner

October 3: Virginia Bever, Carolyn Hardy, John Koch, Liz Hinckley, Dalton Whittemore

October 4: Cole Jeffries, Mary Jane Stagi, Jim Clark, Kate Light, Jacob Woolf, Bishop Blackwell

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, Trevor, Ann, Pat, the Painter Family, David W., Piper, Tyler, Krista, Craig, Gwen and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed:

Bob Garlie, Lee Osler and John Thompson

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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