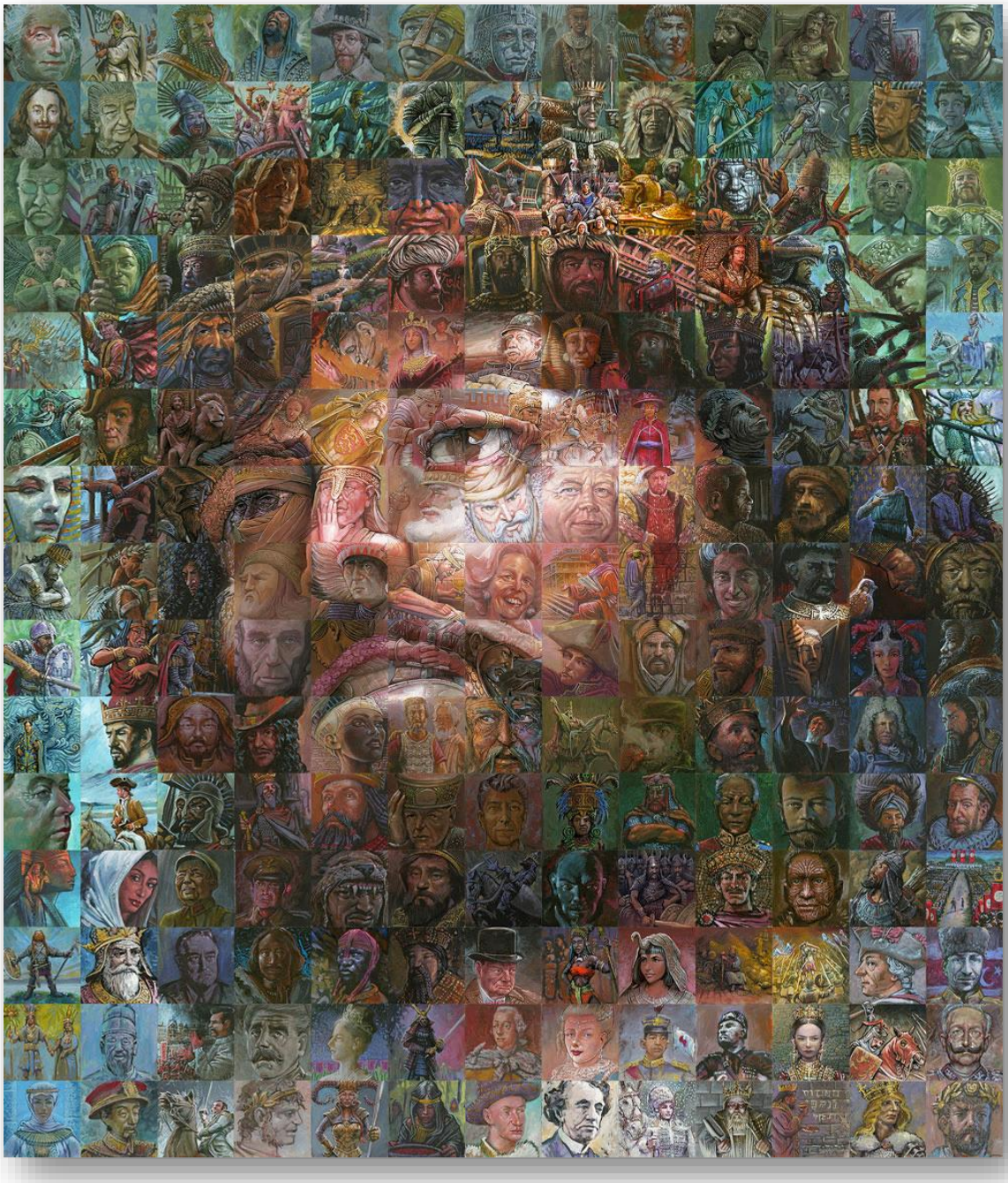
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The Episcopal Church in Huntington Beach

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Christ the King Sunday

22 NOVEMBER 2026, 10:30 AM



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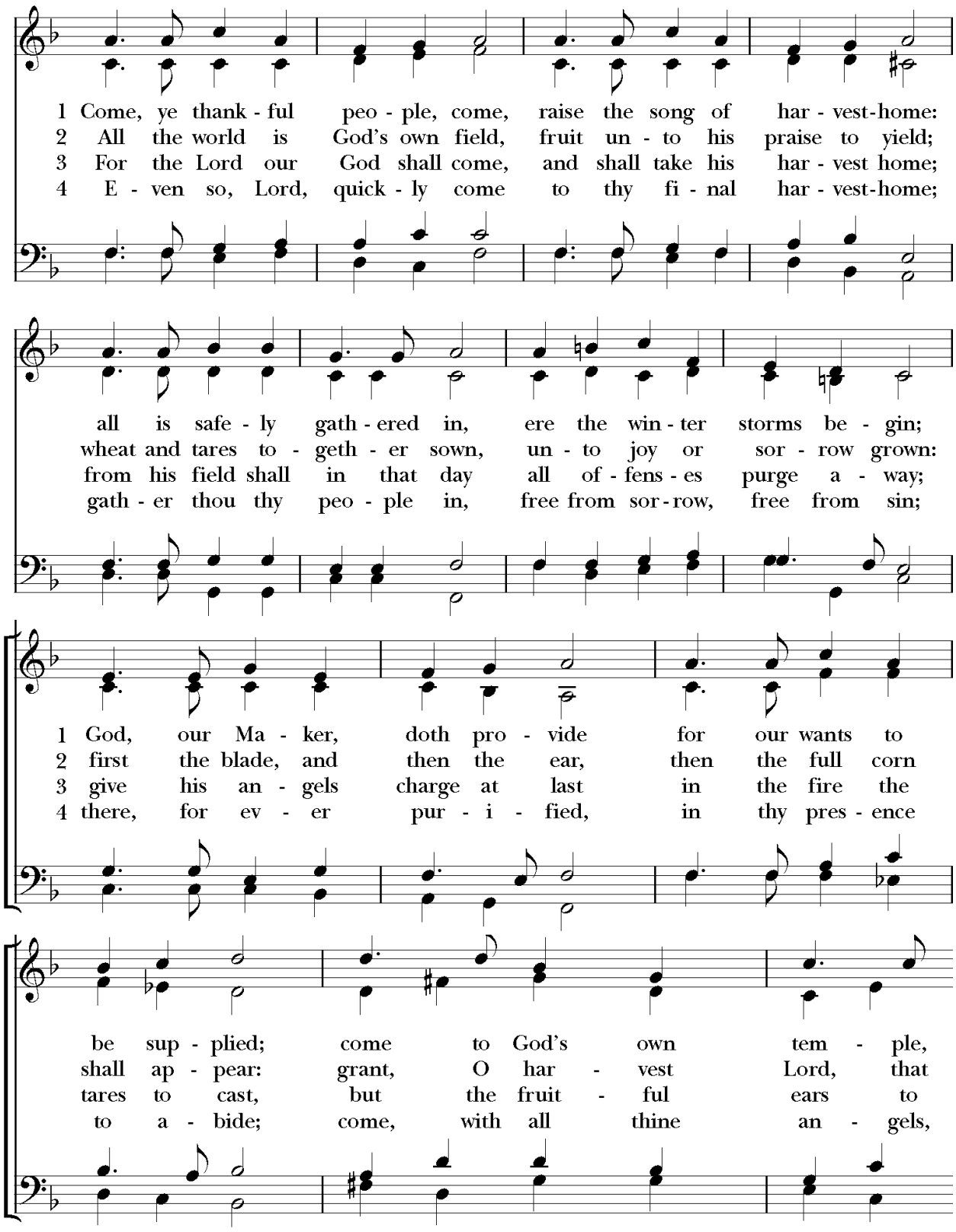
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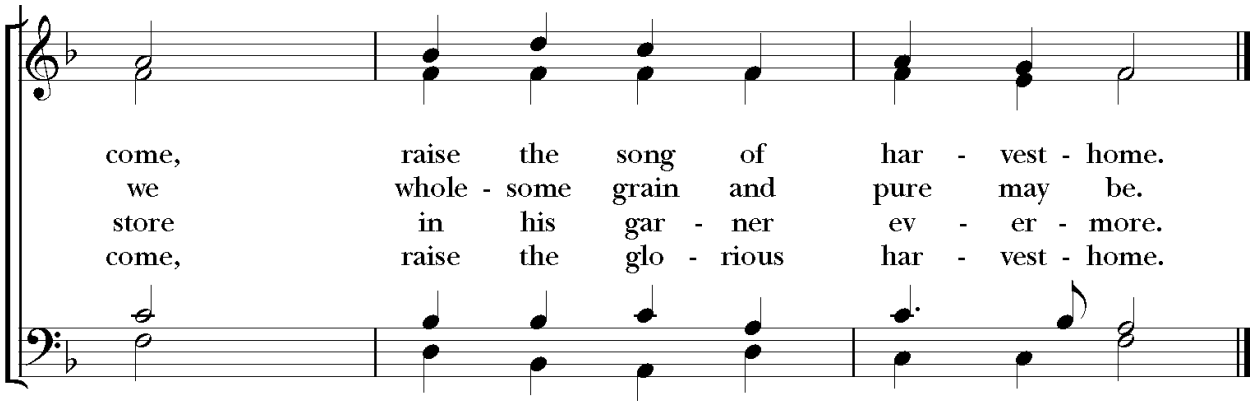
Voluntary Allemande (French Suite, No. 5 in G Major, BWV816) Johann Sebastian Bach

The Introductory Rite

Please stand as you are able when the procession enters the nave.

Hymn 290 Come, ye thankful people, come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR





Opening Acclamation

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

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

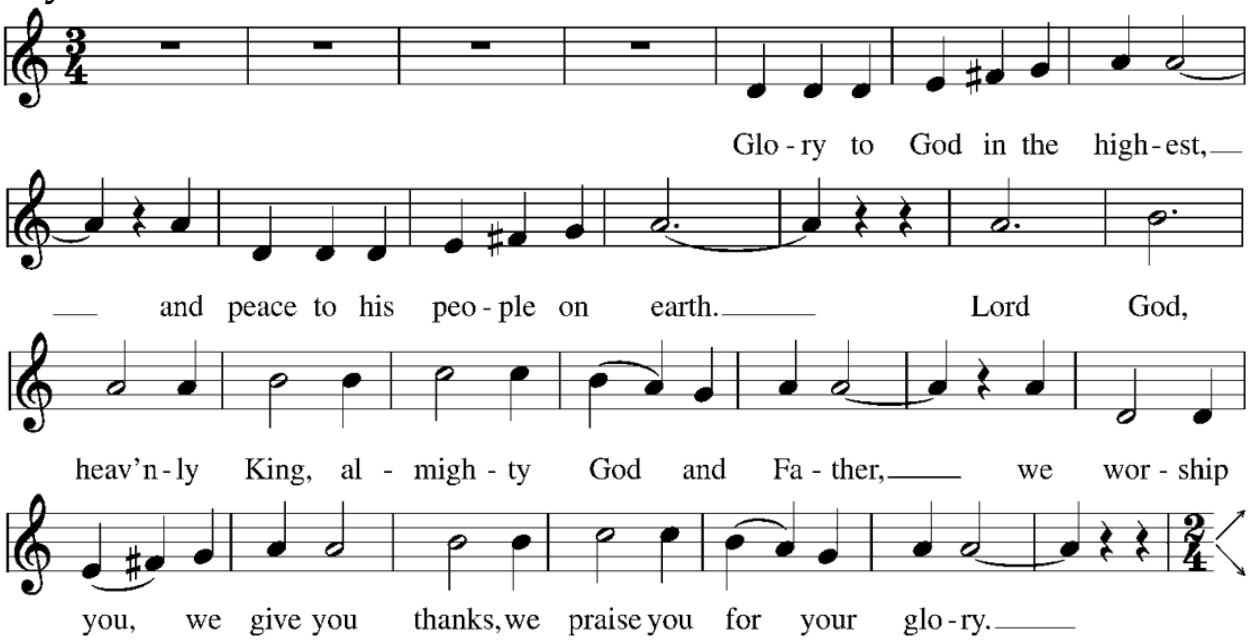
Presider: Let us pray.

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**.

The People remain standing and join in singing the Gloria as notated below.

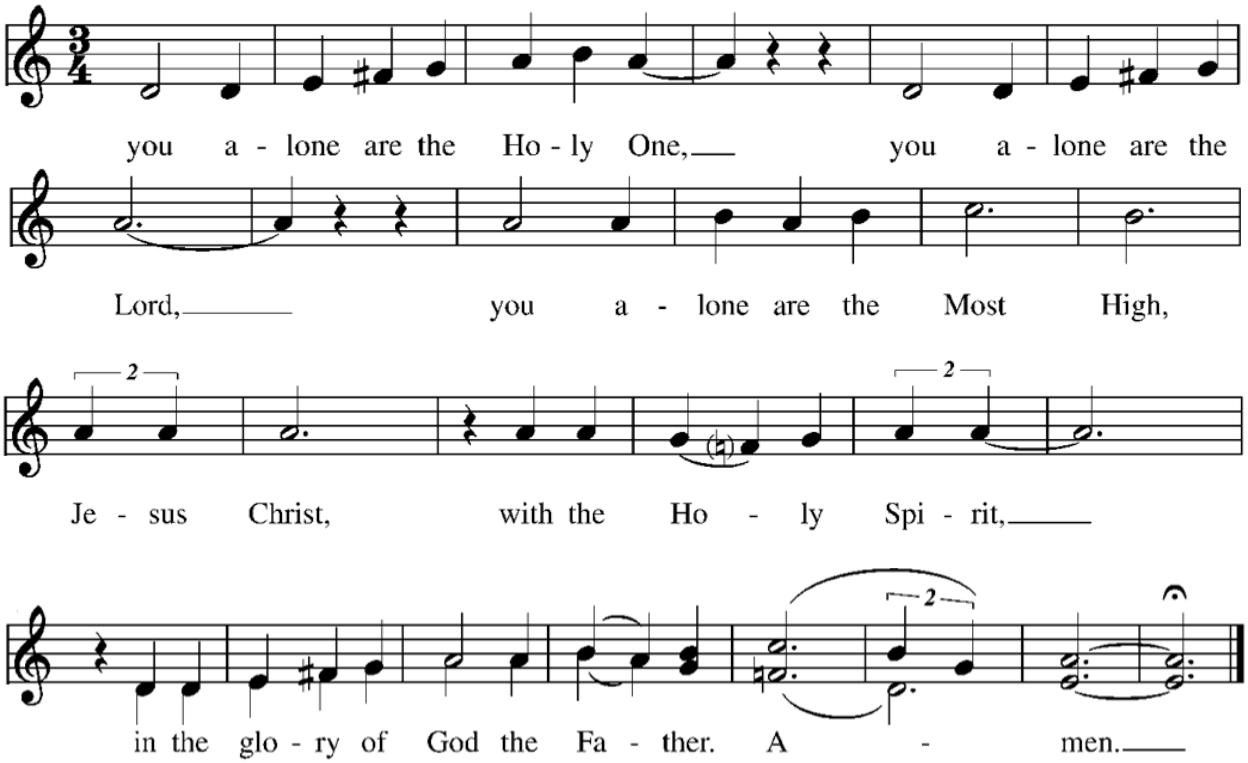
Glory to God

John Rutter



Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

ALL CONTINUE SINGING THE GLORIA



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The People may be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

– The *liturgy* is God's community gathered to actively share the Word and the Eucharist. The Old Testament is a collection of the canonical books of the Hebrew Bible that are authoritative for both Christian and Jews. –

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSV)

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them

into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

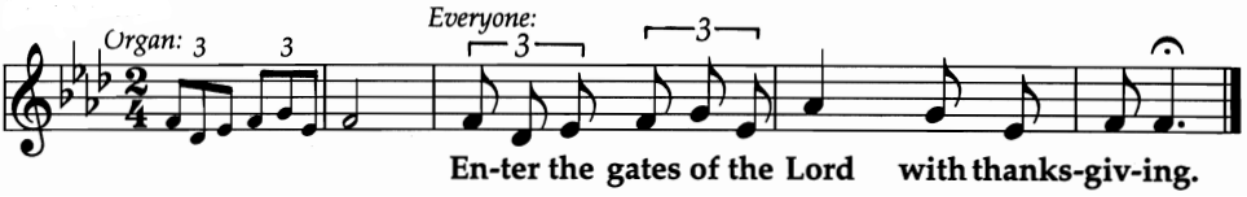
People: **Thanks be to God.**

-The Book of Common Prayer has always placed great importance on the *Psalms* in worship. They are sung or said in every service of the church, and their words make up the petitions and language of our liturgy.-

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo* Peter R. Hallock

The People remain seated for the singing of the Psalm. The antiphon printed below is first sung by the Choir, then by the everyone. Thereafter, it is sung by all as indicated.

ANTIPHON



Choir: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

The Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

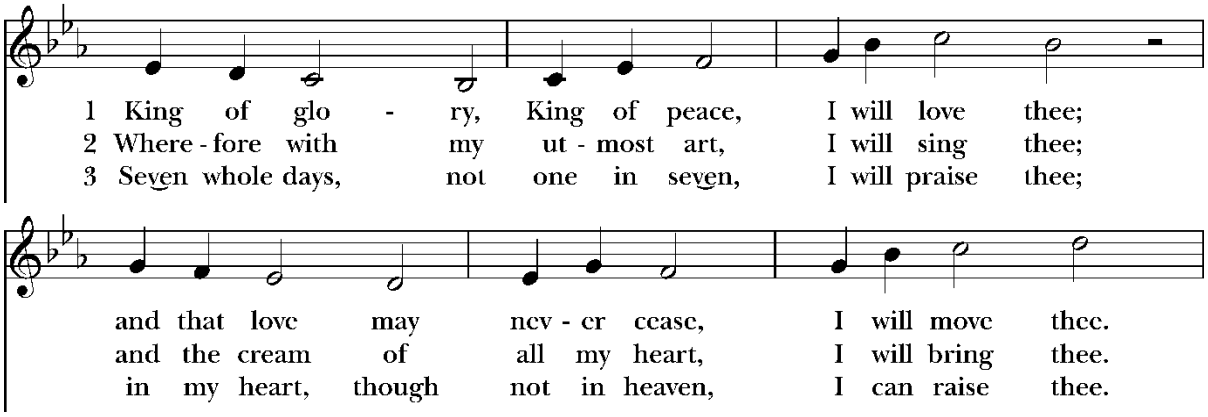
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

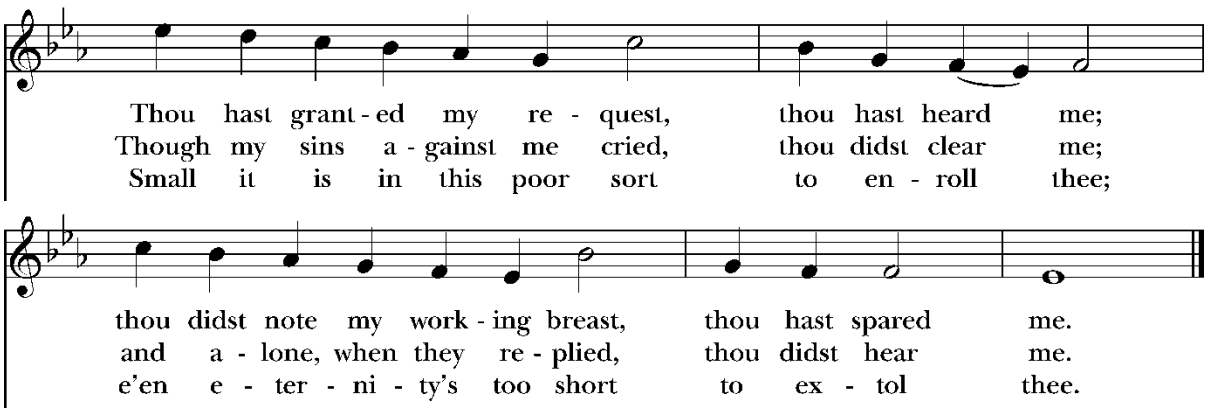
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

Sequence Hymn 382 King of glory, King of peace GENERAL SEMINARY





Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

Gospeler: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Biornstad
Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together.

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 of 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 worshipped 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.

Intercessory Prayers

Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us offer our prayers to Christ our Sovereign, for the church and the world, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord," and responding, "and call upon your name."

Leader: Christ the King, bless our parish clergy, our Bishop, and our Presiding Bishop. We give thanks for the newly baptized and for all the people of God. We pray for your steady presence in the Universal Church in all matters, instilling clarity and foresight in her leaders.

Silence

We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

Leader: Christ the King, guide our nation's leaders and all those in authority with an awareness of honesty and their own transparency. We pray especially for our president, our governor, and all our elected officials.

Silence

We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

Leader: Christ the King, we give thanks to you for the abundant gifts of this life; joy and beauty, the warmth of relationships, the birth of children, and the knowledge of and faith in you.

Silence

We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

Leader: Christ the King, bless our community, here and abroad, ennobling our humanity to make visible Christ's spirit in our lives. Grant us courage to seek, understand, and advocate justice and peace for those in need or in poverty in the world.

Silence

We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

Leader: Christ the King, comfort all those who suffer, all who need healing, those in trouble or imprisoned, relieving them of their distress with your companionship. We pray especially for Chris, Chuck, Deborah, Donald, Nawal, Siham, and Tamara, and for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

Leader: Christ the King, grant to all those departed from this world an eternal home in the loving household of God. We pray especially for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord;

People: **And call upon your Name.**

PUSH Prayer (Praying Until Something Happens)

At our September 2025 Vestry meeting, the Vestry prayerfully considered how the Holy Spirit might be guiding us and what good and important work our parish is called to do. After prayerfully discerning and asking God to reveal what God would like to do at St. Wilfrid's, the Vestry voted, and the Rector crafted the following parish prayer.

We call the prayer a PUSH prayer (Praying Until Something Happens) because we believe we are moving toward a greater alignment with God's desire for our faith community. So, when we pray in faith that something will happen, we do so confidently, knowing that our desires align with God's desires. God desires that humanity encounter the Risen Christ, be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit, and turn away from selfish desires, leaving more room for God and God's love.

Leader: Gracious God, throughout human history, you have encountered humanity time and time again. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we might be refreshed. Give us strength and courage as we share your message of hope, healing, and reconciliation. We give you thanks for answering our prayer for five new members; may your good work continue in them and in us. May fifty hearts be touched by your Spirit and join us soon. We also pray for fifteen more volunteers so that we are well-equipped to share your ministry of love with others. We also pray that you provide us with a rectory so that our future clergy might have permanent residency nearby. **Amen**.

Prayers of the People

In Our Prayers: Caroline Anderfaas, Carol Collacott, Diane Coy, Leith George, the Rev. Tamara Green, the Groth and Weber families, the Hyde family, Ginger Leachman, the Lumia family, Nicole Maka'ena, Esther Manguramas, Jeanette Moon, Barbara Pape, Claire Ross, Marianne Sparks, and John Walton.

The Confession

Presider says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The Presider and People then say together, kneeling as they are able:

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.

The Presider says:

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.**

Passing of the Peace

- The Peace is an extension of Christian greeting and teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves. It symbolizes our intent to forgive as we are forgiven, to live in peace with all people. We greet one another in the name of the Lord. –

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements & Blessings

Evensong and Rededication Service

After several years of planning, fundraising, and hard work, our Organ Restoration Project is finally in its home stretch! Join us tonight at 5pm for our Evensong and Organ Rededication Service as we celebrate this exciting milestone. Evensong is a traditional church service centered around music, scripture, and prayer. Our sanctuary was designed with music in mind, providing a beautiful setting for the music to come alive. If you enjoy the music on Sunday mornings, you'll love what we have planned for tonight!

A special thank you to our choir, Fr. Bill, and all of our guest musicians for the time and talent they've put into this service. We also want to recognize Wendell Ballantyne, who drove to Indiana with Fr. Charles to personally retrieve the organ when it was first purchased. Our choir has been hard at work preparing, and they've never sounded better. We hope you'll join us for this special evening!

Advent Bake Sale

Calling all bakers, makers, and creators! Sign up today to participate in our 2026 Advent Bake Sale taking place on Sunday, December 6th after both services.

Advent Book Study

Tuesdays in December from 9am to 10:30am

Join four local church communities for a shared four-week Advent book study and a light breakfast featuring "Walking With Angels" by Eleanor Sanderson. Each week will take place at a different church. Please see the weekly email or call the church office for more information.

Angels Among Us

Celebratory tunes, good tidings, and startling truths: The voices of angels bring them all! The Orange County Women's Chorus returns with their holiday program, filled with songs of heavenly messengers and earth angels alike. St. Wilfrid's members can use code STW online or at the door for $5 off their ticket price.

Advent Altar Flowers

During the Advent season, our altar will be adorned with greens rather than flowers. Sponsorships will return in January. Special thanks to our Flower Guild members, Lynette Hansen, Natalie Lim, Laura Groth, and Lily Tsai.

Ahoy, Mateys! We Need a Boat!

Land ho! Our preschoolers are looking for their next big adventure, and we need your help! Our playground used to have a wooden boat for little sailors to climb aboard and let their imaginations set sail. Sadly, our old boat has sailed off into retirement, and we're hoping someone in our St. Wilfrid's family might have one to donate. It doesn't need to float or even be seaworthy. It just needs to be ready for some imaginative adventures on dry land! Have an old boat you'd like to donate? Contact our Preschool Director, Ms. Peggy, via email at Peggy@stwilfridschurch.org. Full speed ahead!

The Holy Communion

- A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself. For Anglicans there are two great Sacraments: Eucharist and Baptism. The *Sursum Corda* (Lift up your hearts) is an invitation for the people joining in the Eucharistic offering, to raise minds and hearts to "things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." -

Offertory Sentence

– As a continuation of thousands of years of spiritual practice, talent, treasures, and oblations are offered before the altar in our response to God's care and nurture. –

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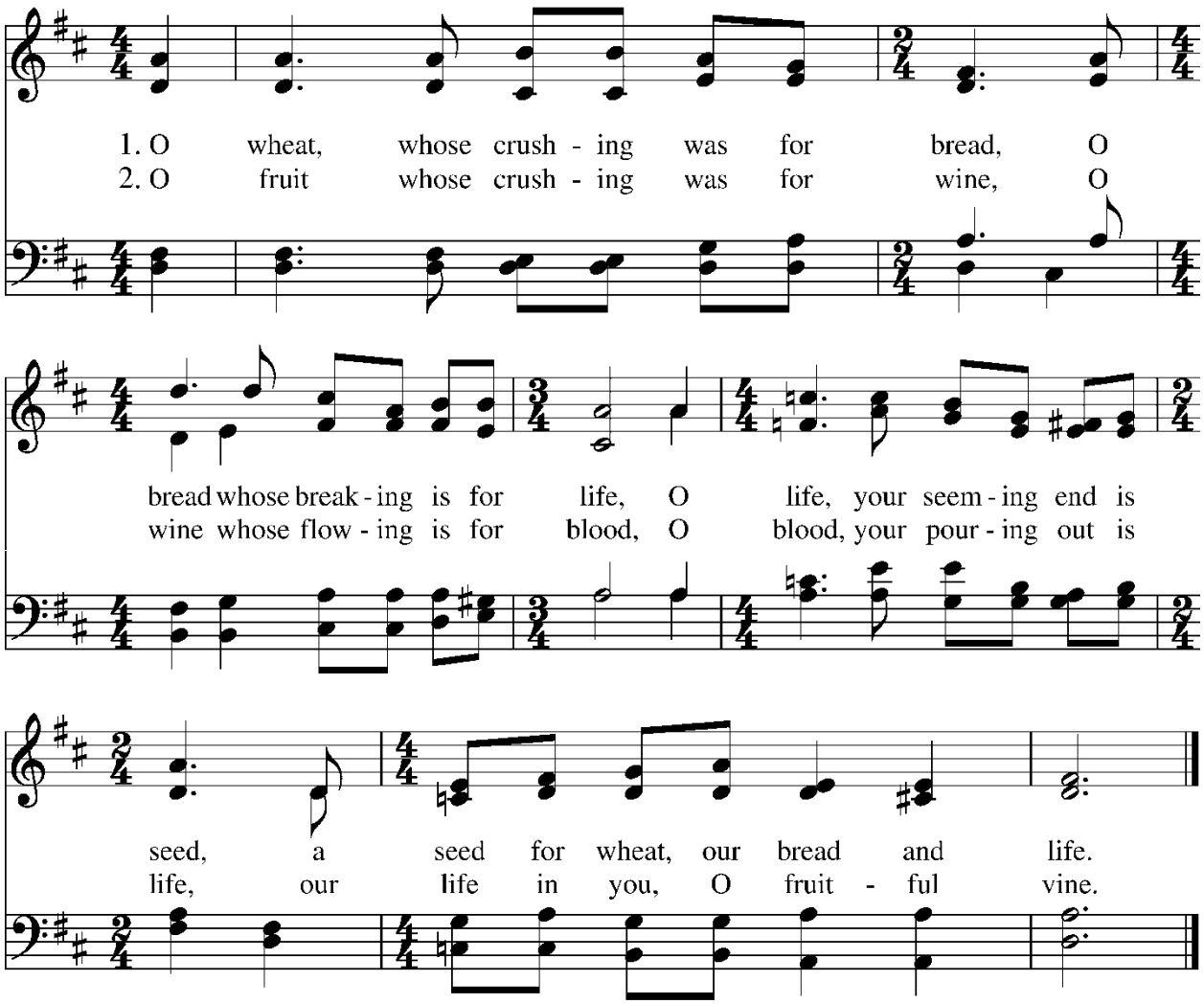
Offertory Anthem Hallelujah

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
In holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

Text: Franz Xaver Huber; tr. Rev John Troutbeck
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Presentation Hymn.

Presentation Hymn O wheat whose crushing was for bread NEW LIFE



The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

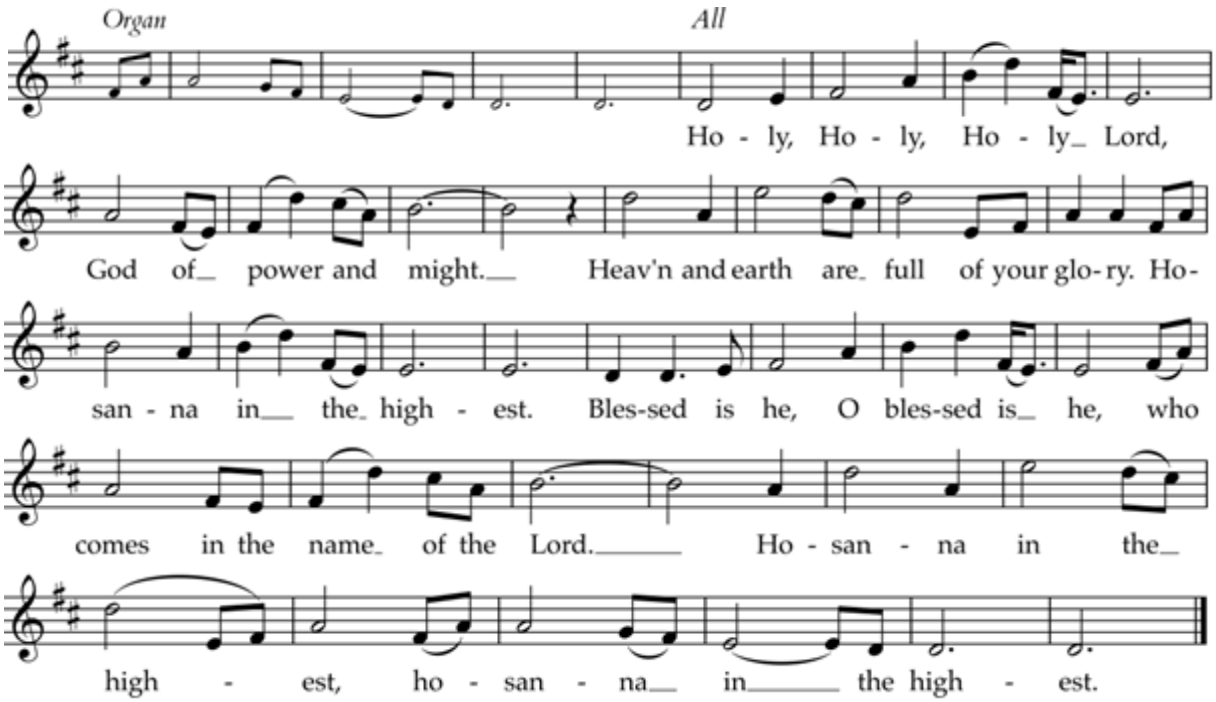
Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

— The *Sanctus* echoes the words of the high angels in the prophet Isaiah's vision of the dwelling place of God (Isaiah 6:1-3). The Benedictus, too, comes directly from Scripture as the acclamation that disciples uttered as Jesus entered Jerusalem. —

Sanctus & Benedictus

James MacMillan



The people may continue standing, or they may kneel as they are able.

Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

— The *epiclesis* is the point at which the church, through the voice of the Presider, asks God to make holy, 'sanctify', 'send', 'pour', 'breathe', both the gift of bread and wine and the people who stand around the altar in worship. —

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us ✠ and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Wilfrid and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: **Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

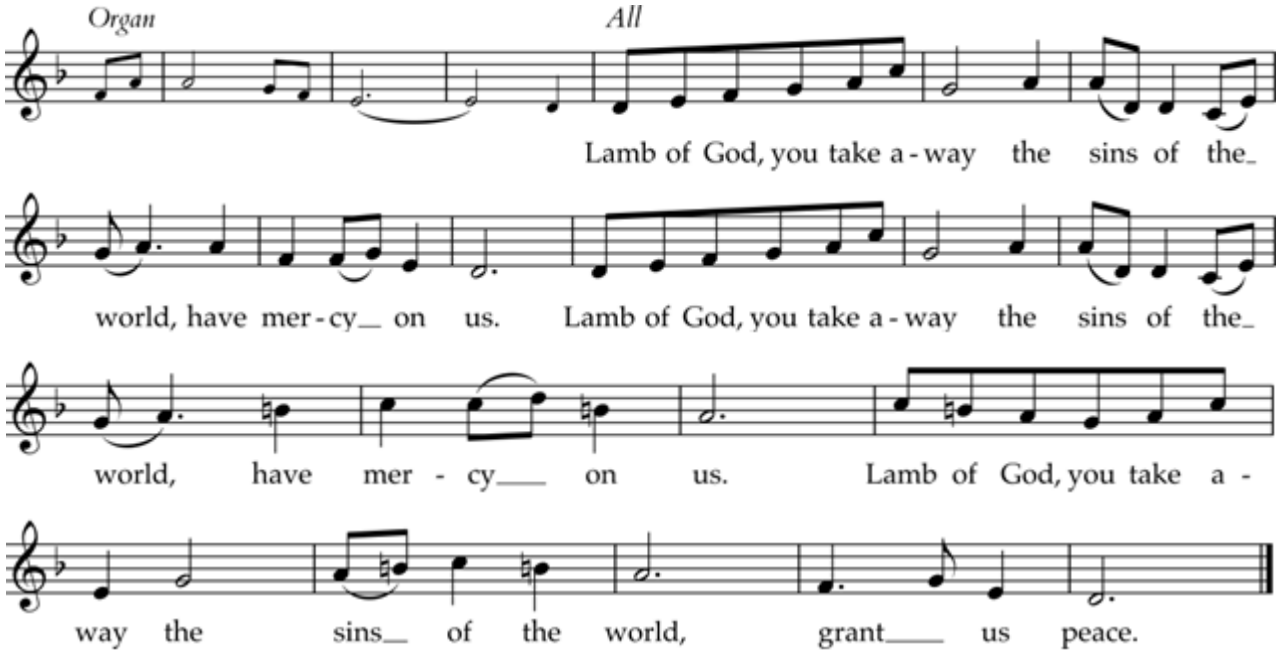
— The fraction (breaking) of the bread is a crucial link between what has come before and what comes after it. Christ has offered his life for us, and the breaking of the bread makes it possible for all to share in that life. —

A period of silence is kept. The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

James MacMillan



—We eat and drink the sacramental foods. Through the inward and spiritual grace of this sacramental action we are reconstituted as Christ's body, infused with Christ's life, and empowered to be Christ's presence in the world.—

Invitation To Communion

Presider: We gather around the table of God. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, the Church welcomes you and Christ invites you to be known, fed and loved here.

These are the Gifts of God, for you the People of God.

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and who seek to live in peace with one another. As directed by an usher, please come forward to the Communion rail, kneel, and cup your hands to receive the bread. Those who choose not to receive, but would prefer a blessing, may indicate their desire by folding their arms across their chest. ***Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*** *Upon receipt of the bread you may cross yourself and take a few moments for prayers. Following the bread, you will have an opportunity to take the wine. You may receive the wine in one of three ways: sipping the wine via the common cup (to limit the spread of illness, the inside of our chalice has a high white gold content, and we use a high alcohol proof wine), through Intinction (if you would like to have your piece of bread {wafer} dipped into the wine, please leave the wafer in your hand and a member of the Altar Party will dip the bread into the wine for you and place the dipped wafer back into your hand), or by drinking from the small plastic chalices.*

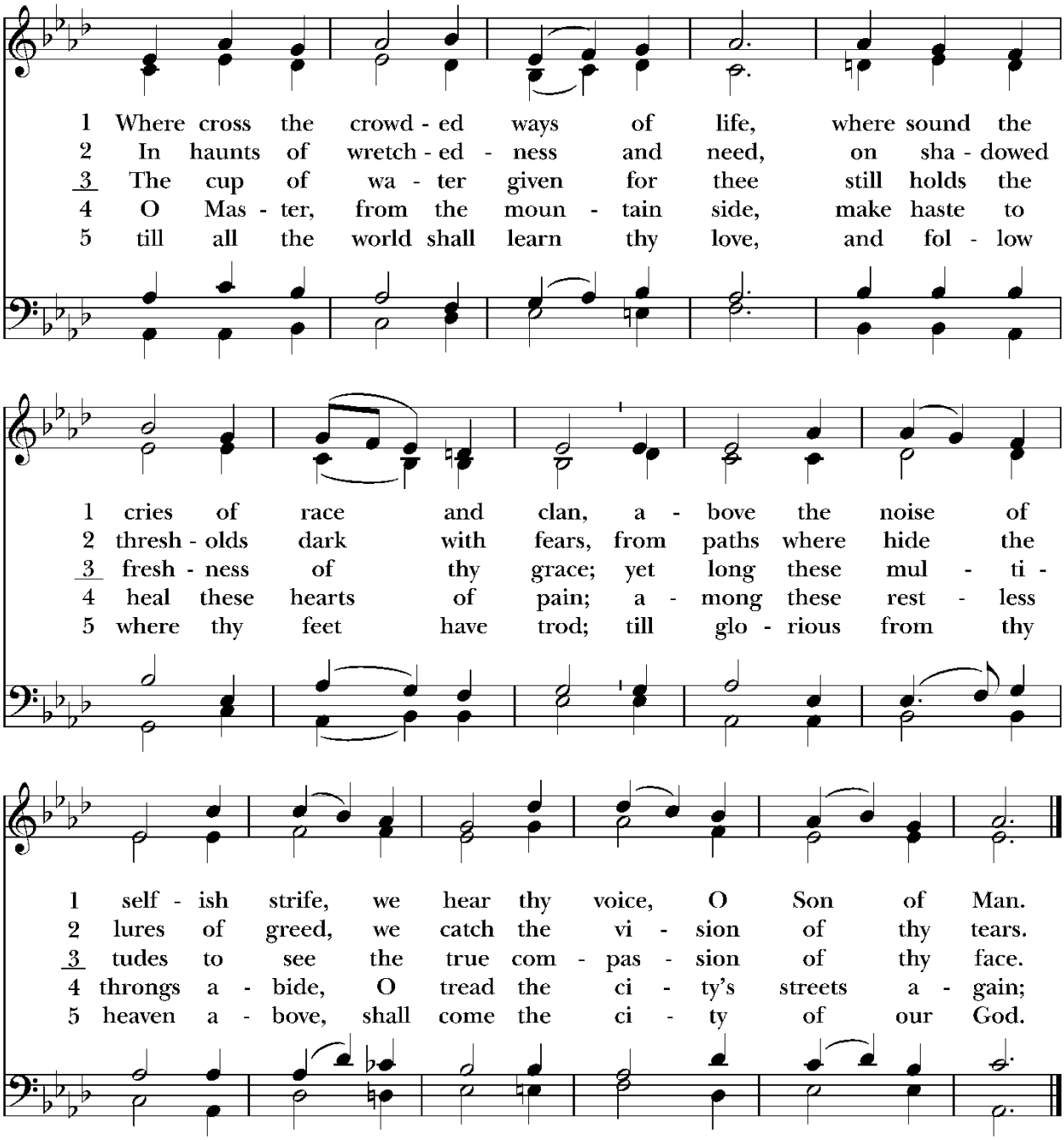
Prayer Partners & Anointing with Holy Oil - Let us pray with you!

During Communion, Prayer Partners are available at the front of the sanctuary on both the north and south sides of the altar. They are present to pray with you and will gently anoint your forehead with holy oil that has been blessed by the Bishop.

If you would like more time for prayer, simply inform a Prayer Partner. They are happy to meet you in the Chapel after the service or at another time that works best for you.

Please be assured that any prayer requests shared with the Prayer Partners are strictly confidential, except for situations of abuse or self-harm.

Communion Hymn 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life GARDINER



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able. After Communion, the Presider invites everyone to prayer.

Presider: Let us pray together:

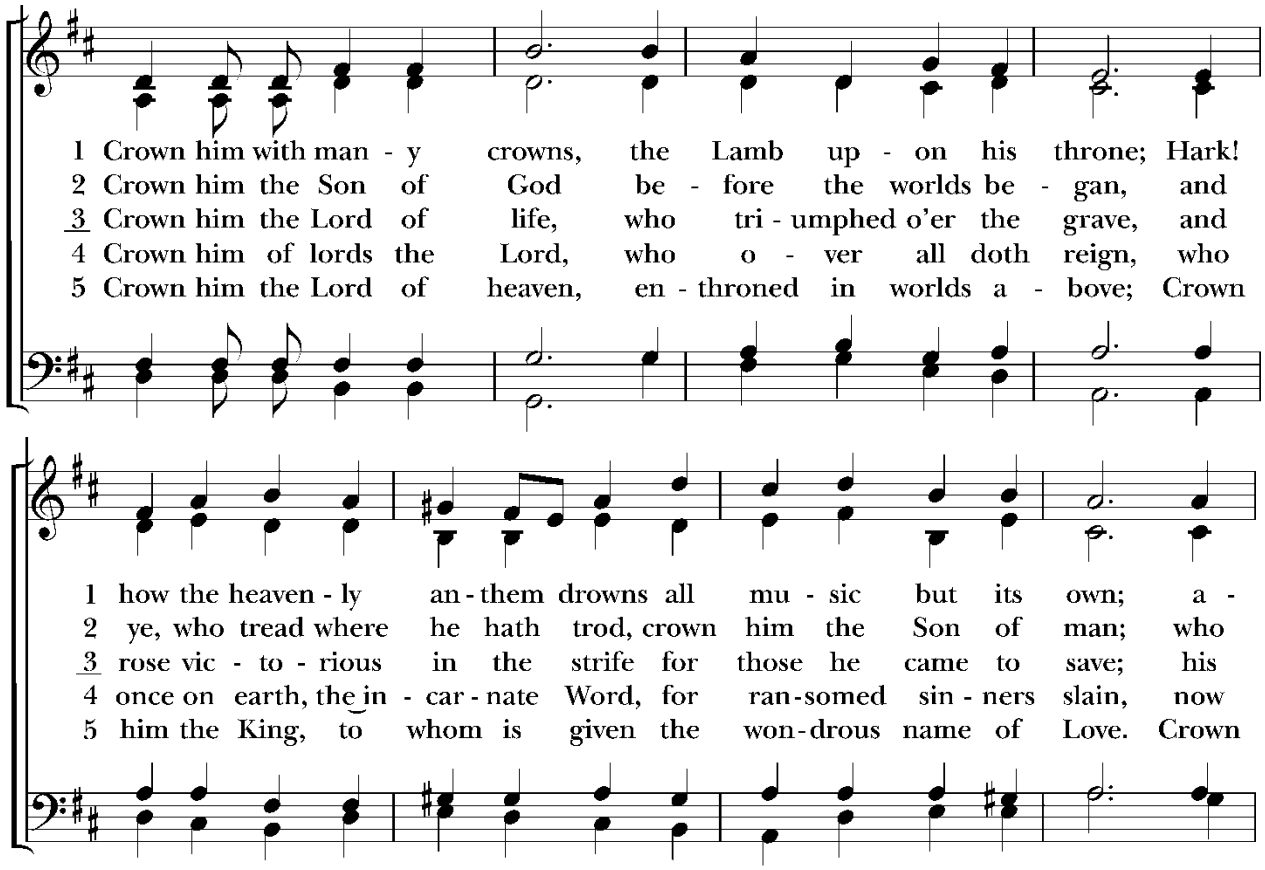
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members, of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

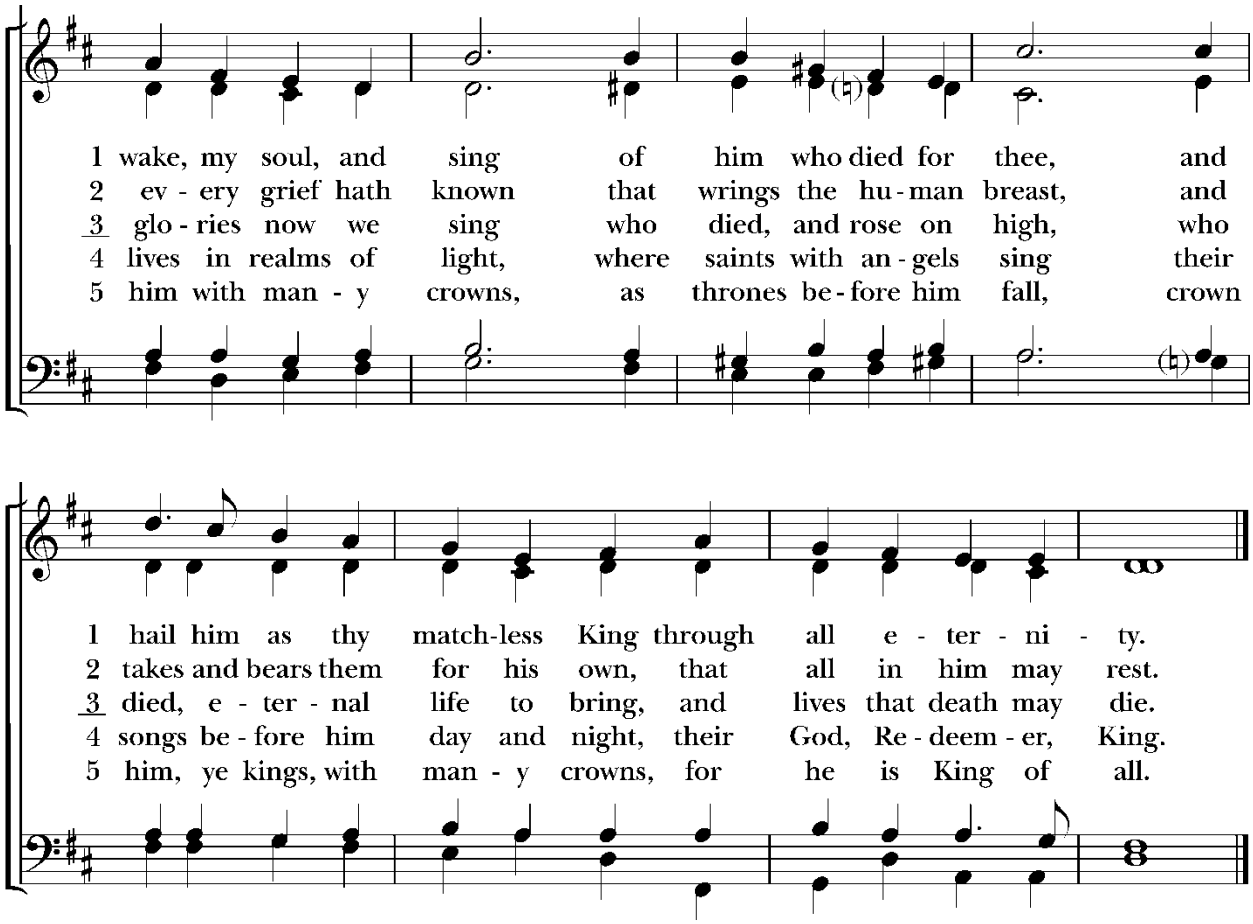
The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns DIADEMATA





Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Voluntary Courante (French Suite, No. 5 in G Major, BWV816) Johann Sebastian Bach

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By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's Word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for Communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that, if you feel touched by the Word and Sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Fr. Nathan to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

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