St. Wilfrid of York
The Episcopal Church in Huntington Beach

St. Wilfrid's is a Christian community seeking to know and unconditionally share God's unfailing love.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4 October 2026, 10:30 am



The Two Sons by Jorge Cocco

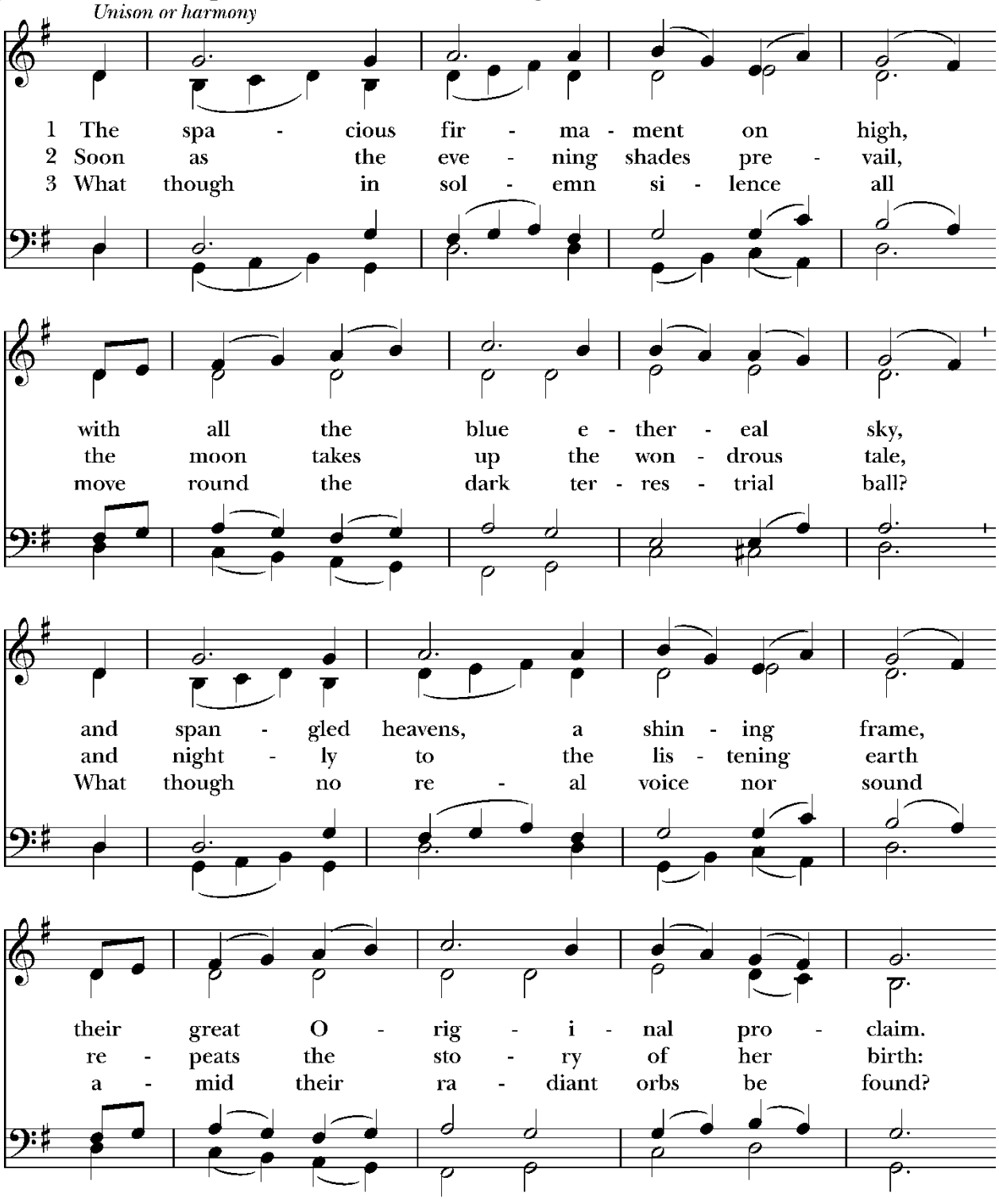
Kindly silence your cell phone before the service begins.

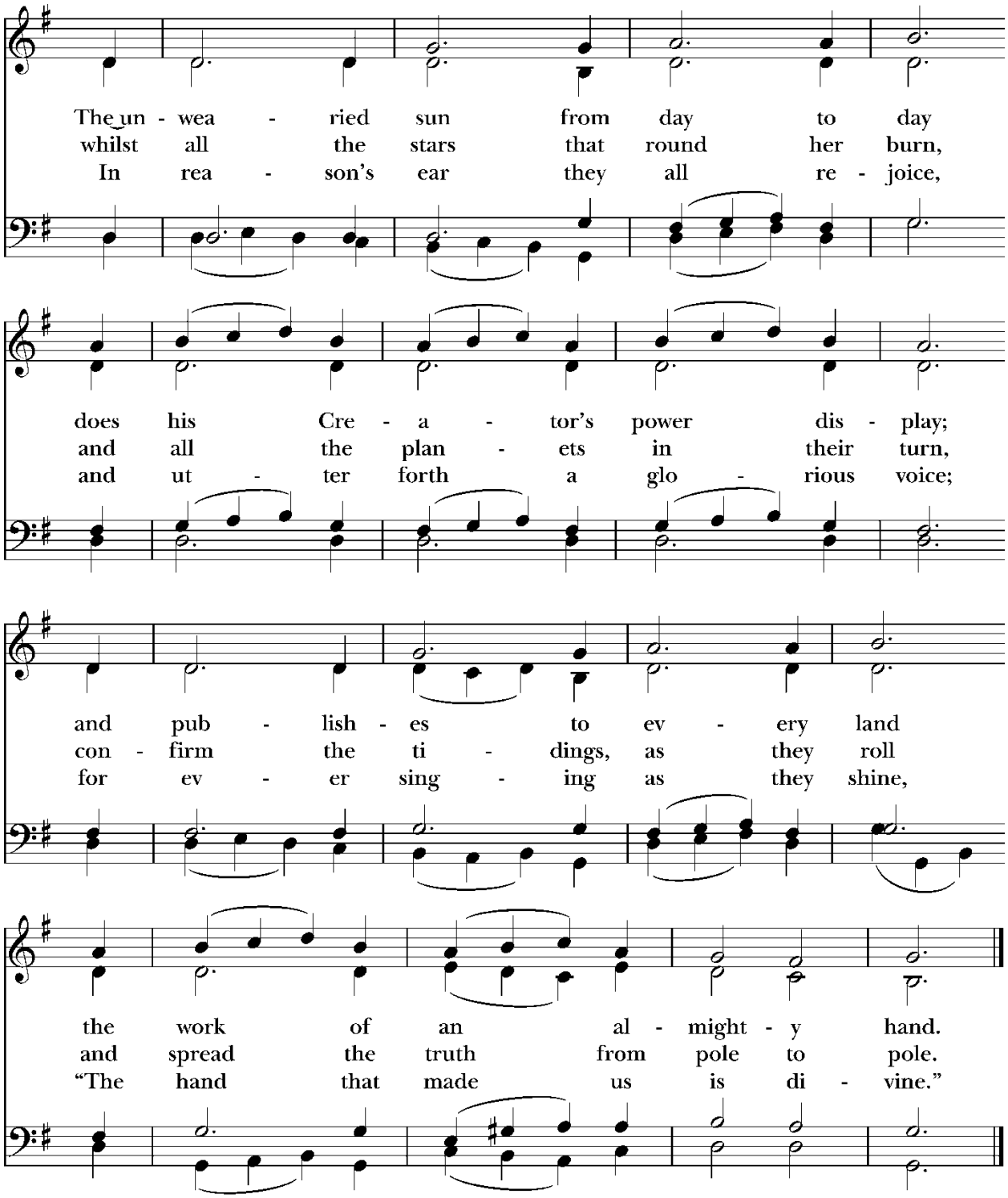
Voluntary Sinfonia No. 11 in G Minor, BWV 797 J.S. Bach

The Introductory Rite

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

Hymn 409 The spacious firmament on high CREATION





Opening Acclamation

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

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

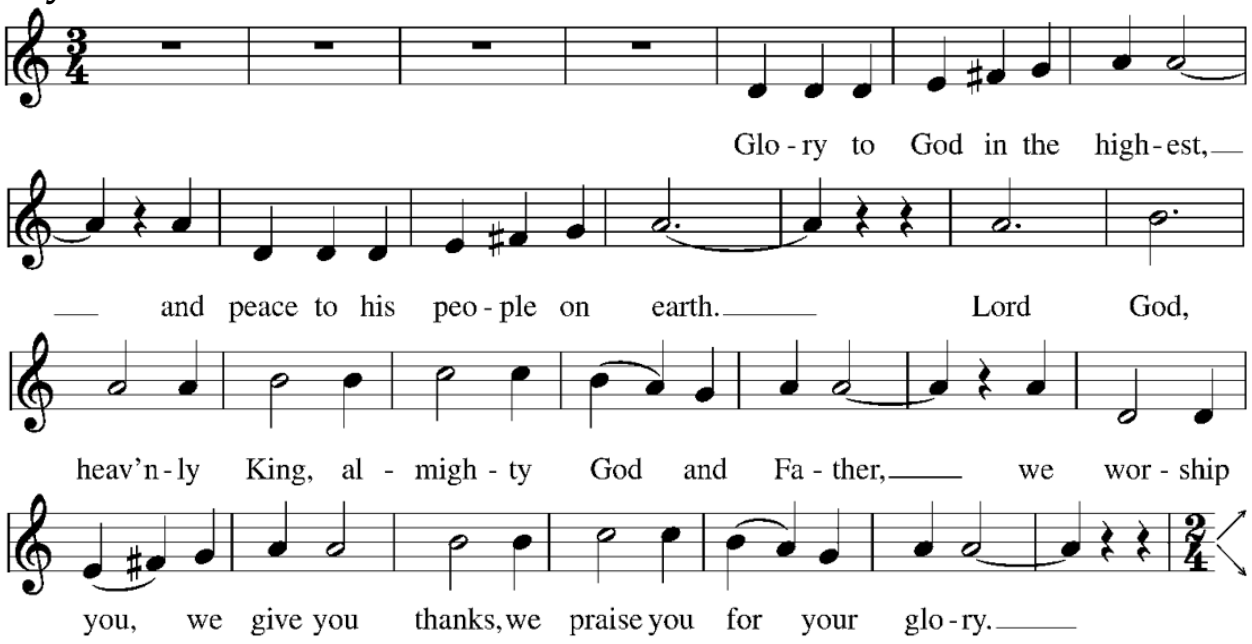
Presider: Let us pray.

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.

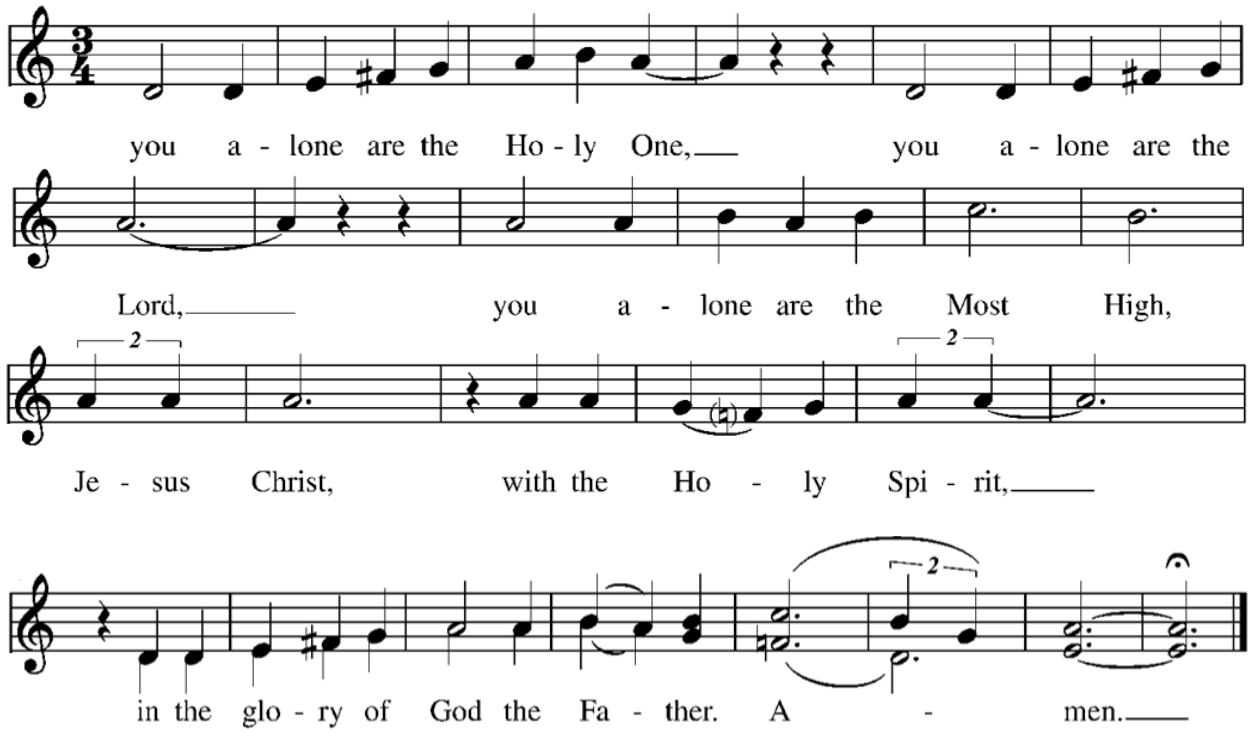
Glory to God

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 (*Attributed to St. Gertrude*)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. **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 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

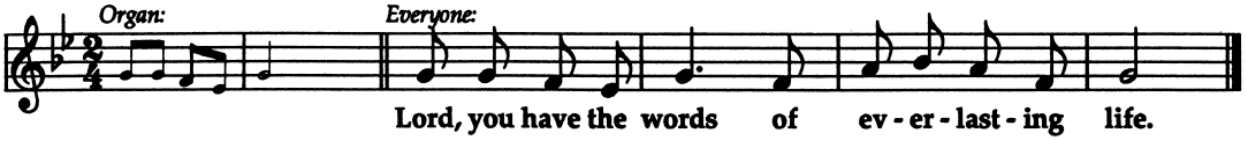
People: **Thanks be to God.**

-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 19 *Caeli enarrant* 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: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSV)

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

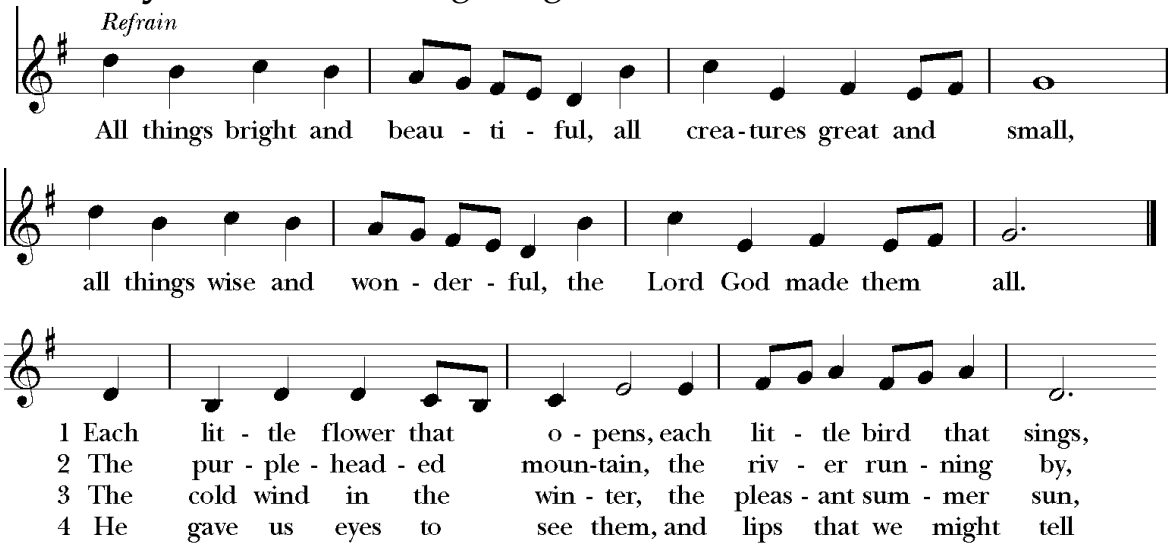
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

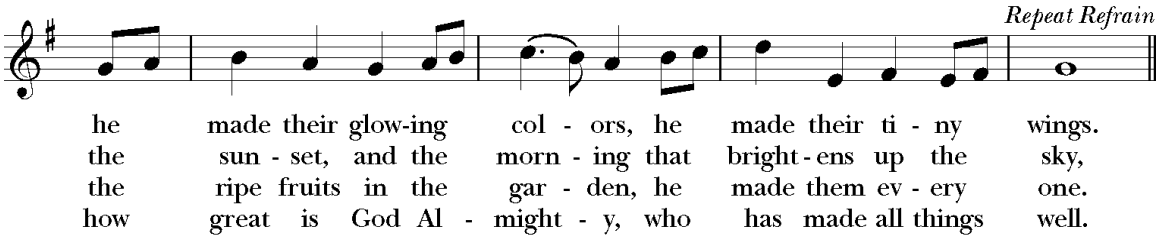
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sequence Hymn 405 All things bright and beautiful ROYAL OAK





Gospel Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. William Wells
Associate & Minister of Music

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: Dear household of God, the law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul! So let us appeal to our Lord God, saying, "Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight," and responding, "O Lord, our strength and our redeemer."

Loving God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be distracted

by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Loving God, you command us to not bear false witness against others: help us to live in peace with one another. In a world of harmful rhetoric, may we use our words to encourage and love, especially those whom we consider different.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Loving God, you command us to keep a holy Sabbath: make us generous stewards of this planet that it may be renewed and refreshed.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Loving God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this region.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Loving God, you desire that your people be not afraid: pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing. Bring peace and comfort to caregivers. Be with them so they do not feel alone. We pray

especially for Brooke, Chris, Chuck, Frank, Gina, Jeanette, Jill, Leith, Tamara, and Tor, and for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Loving God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, rest in the resurrection and abundant mercy of your Son. We pray especially for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight;

People: **O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Prayers of the People

In Our Prayers: Caroline Anderfaas, Carol Collacott, Diane Coy, the Rev. Tamara Green, the Groth and Weber families, the Hughes family, the Hyde family, Ginger Leachman, Chuck Lumia, Nicole Maka'ena, Esther Manguramas, 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

St. Wilfrid's Shares

Have you ever thought about writing your family history? Or maybe wondered how family photos could help tell your story? Join us for St. Wilfrid's Shares on Wednesday, October 7th at 6pm in Sacquety Hall, as newcomer John Donzer shares his experience and ideas for writing a family history using tools such as family photos.

Holy Baptism

Baptisms will be offered on All Saints Sunday, November 1st. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Fr. Nathan at nathan@stwilfridschurch.org by Monday, October 19th.

OC Pride Festival

Saturday, October 10 from 12pm to 10pm

Join GLEAM-OC and EPA at the 2026 OC Pride Festival and Parade in Downtown Santa Ana as we celebrate community, visibility, dignity, and belonging.

Volunteers are invited to help with booth set-up, welcome and greet visitors throughout the event, and assist with take-down at the end of the day. Timeslots two hours each. Use the links in the weekly email to sign up.

"Murder at St. Wilfrid's" Halloween Party

Join us for an evening of mystery, mischief, and murder! Step into character, mingle with fellow guests, uncover clues, and put your detective skills to the test as you try to identify the murderer before the final reveal.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required—just come ready to play, investigate, and have fun! Sign up using the link in the email or at the Sign-up Table.

All Saints' Sunday

Join us for All Saints Sunday on November 1st at both services, as we remember and celebrate our loved ones who have passed. You are invited to bring framed photos of those who have died to place on our Memorial Table in the apse (between the altar and altar rails). Photos can be dropped off at the Greeter's Table or the office beginning on October 18th. Please label the back of your photo for return. If you've lost a loved one this year and want their name included in our prayers, contact Laurie at admin@stwilfridschurch.org by October 27th (please provide a pronunciation guide if you are concerned about mispronunciation).

An American in Paris

Saturday, October 24th at 5:30pm in Sacquety Hall

Limited Silent Auction	Opportunity Drawing
Cuisine by Chef Erol	*Tickets* Adults: $40
	Children (under 12): $20

Chili Cookoff

Sunday, October 11 after the 10:30am service (approx. 11:45am)

Don't miss one of St. Wilfrid's hottest events of the year! Bring a friend and your empty stomachs, the rest is on us. Want to enter the competition? Sign up on Sunday on the patio or by calling the office.

Meals for Leith and Nancy

Thank you for your loving generosity in providing dinners for Leith and Nancy. You have been so generous, in fact, that Nancy is running out of freezer space! We have plenty of dinners through October 9, but we'll need some for October 16, 23, and 30. Kindly sign up using the link in our weekly email or use the sign-up sheet at the Sign-up Table.

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. –

GIVE HERE

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Offertory Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale,
and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth,
and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,

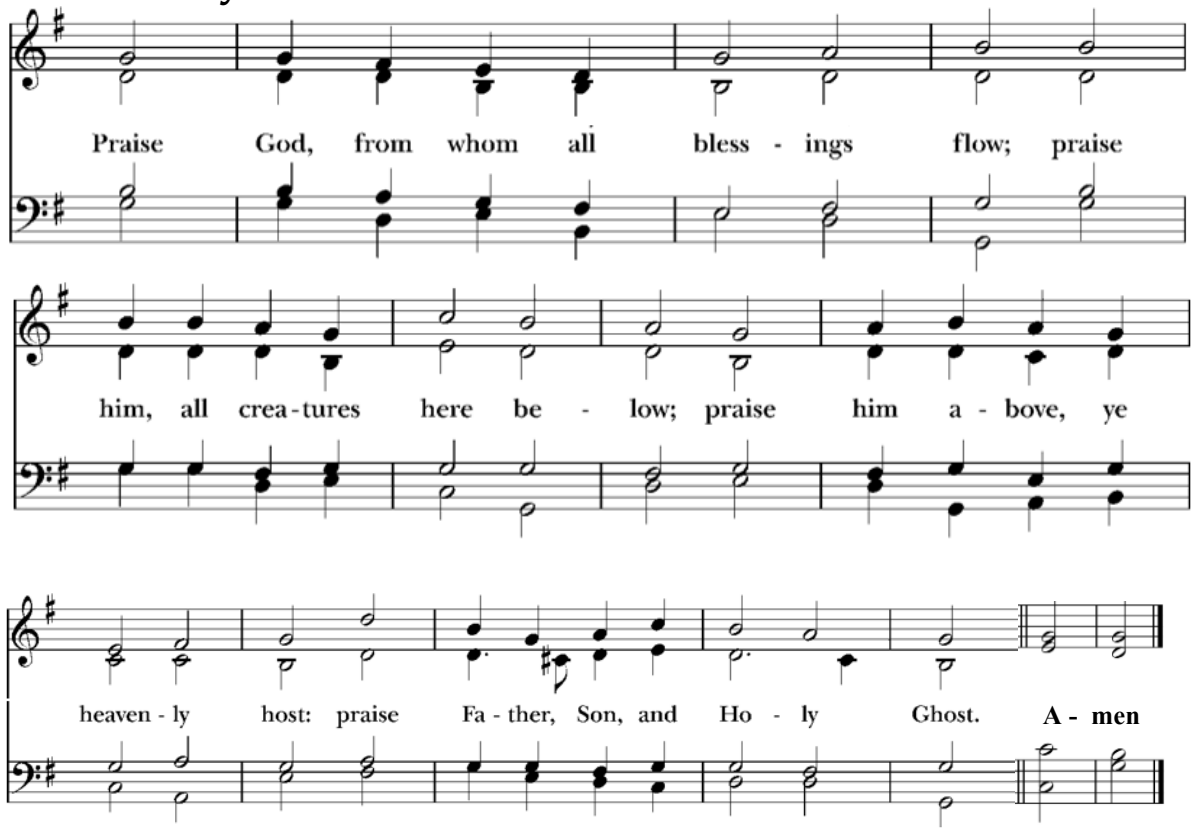
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise,
our hymn of praise.

Text: F. S. Pierpoint
Music: John Rutter

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

Presentation Hymn

Old 100th



The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

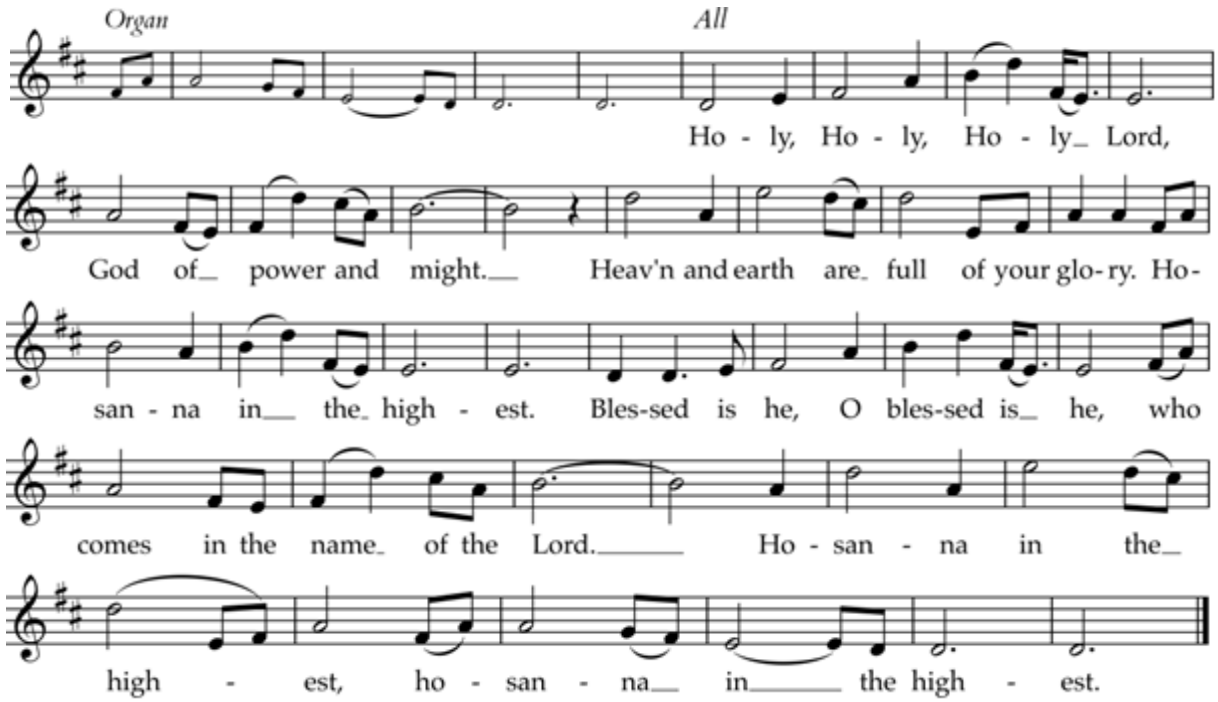
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus James MacMillan



— 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. —

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

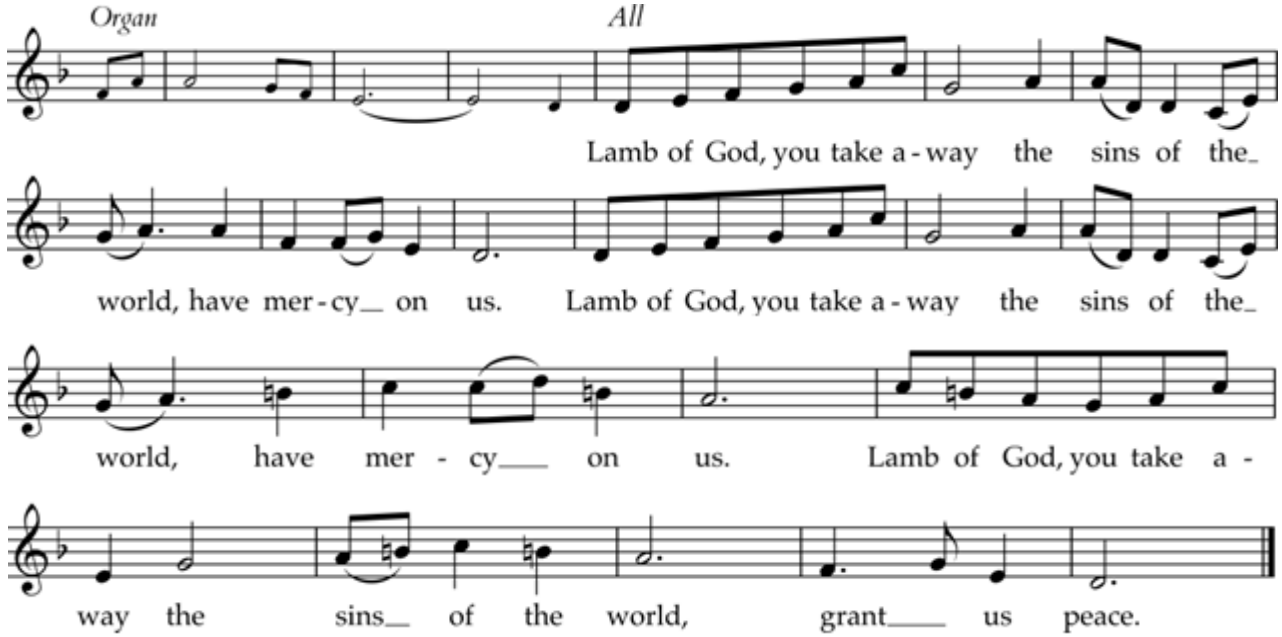
— The fraction (breaking) of the bread is a crucial link between what has come before and what comes after it. Christ has offered his life for us, and the breaking of the bread makes it possible for all to share in that life. —

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!

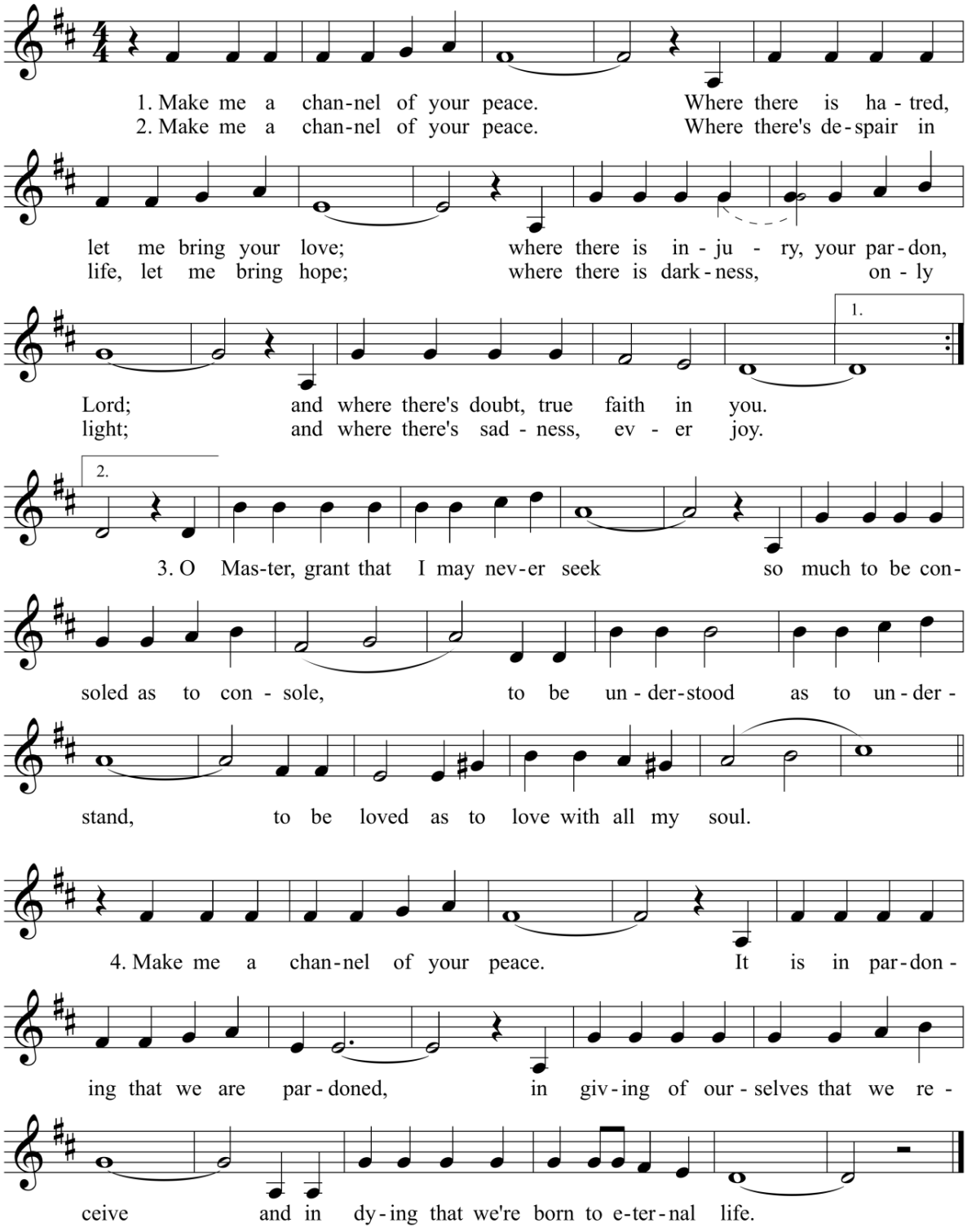
During Communion, Prayer Partners are available at the front of the sanctuary on both the north and south sides of the altar. They are present to pray with you and will gently anoint your forehead with holy oil that has been blessed by the Bishop.

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 Make me a channel of your peace TEMPLE



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

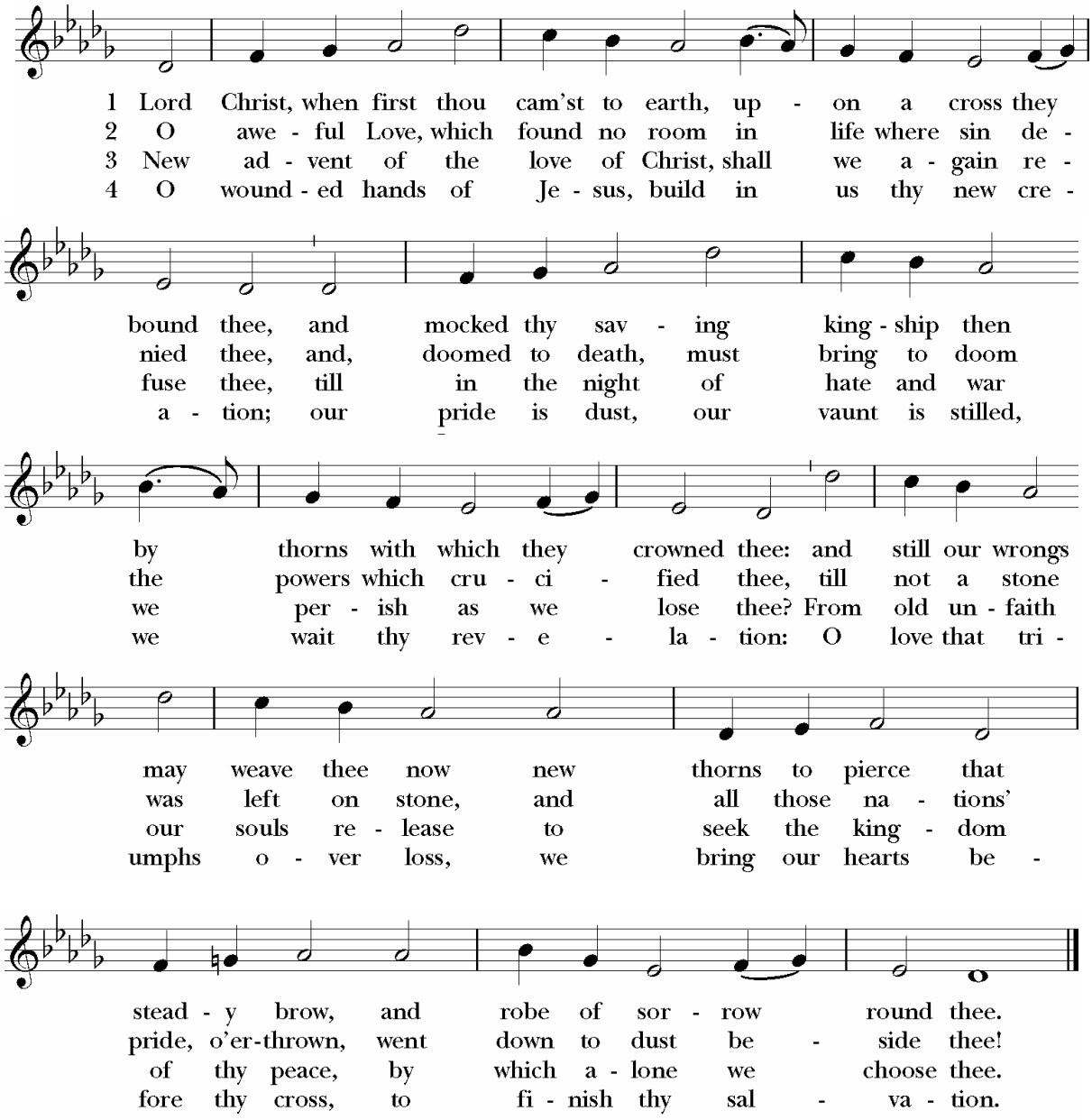
spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth MIT FREUDEN ZART



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 French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816 I. Allemande J.S. Bach

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