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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

15 NOVEMBER 2026, 10:30 AM



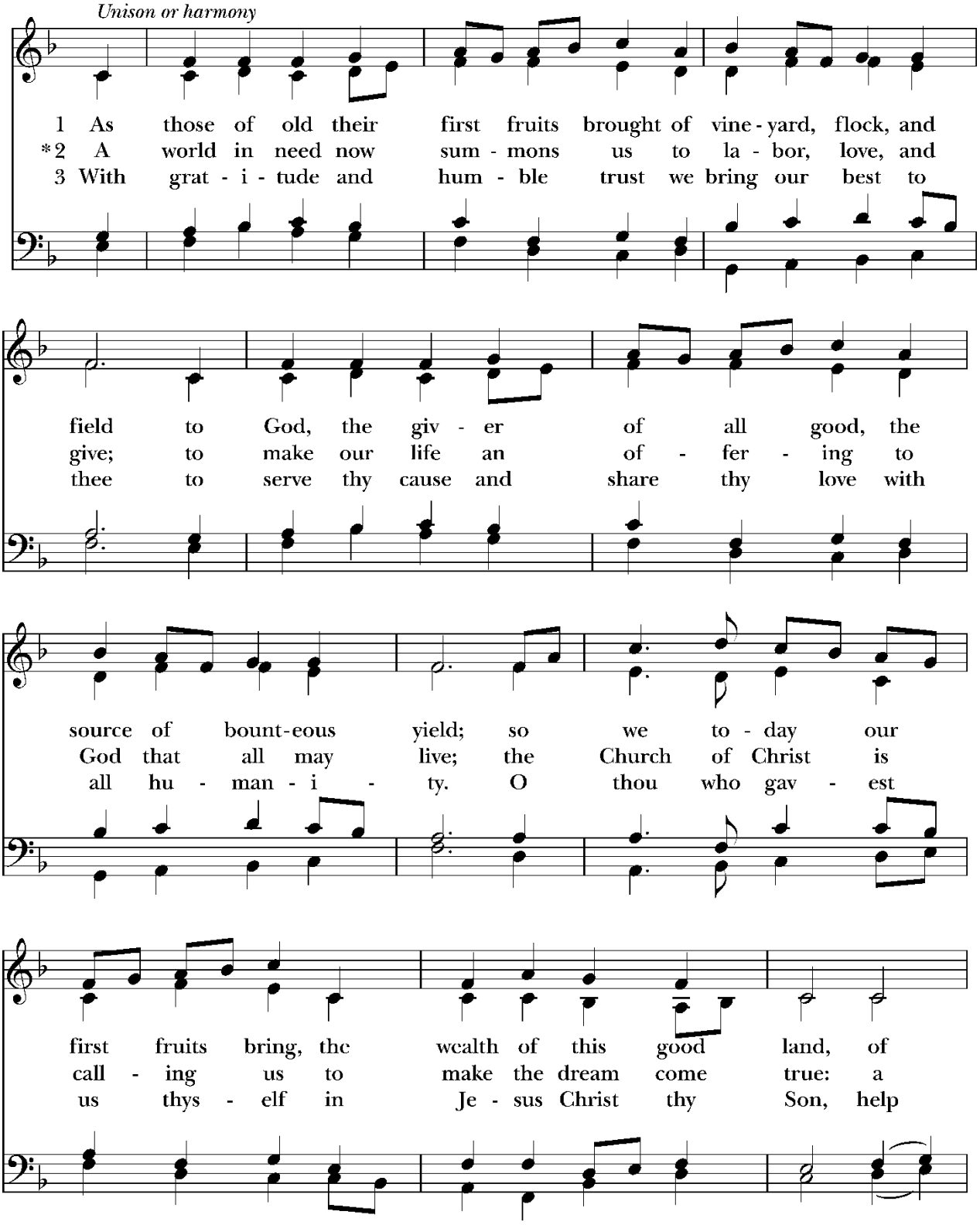
Kindly silence your cell phone before the service begins.

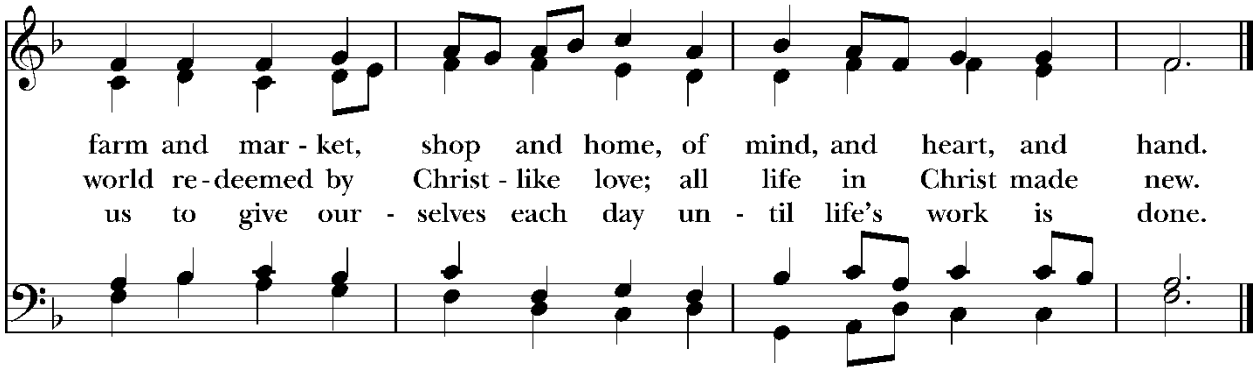
Voluntary Aria Flor Peeters

The Introductory Rite

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

Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought FOREST GREEN





Opening Acclamation

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

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

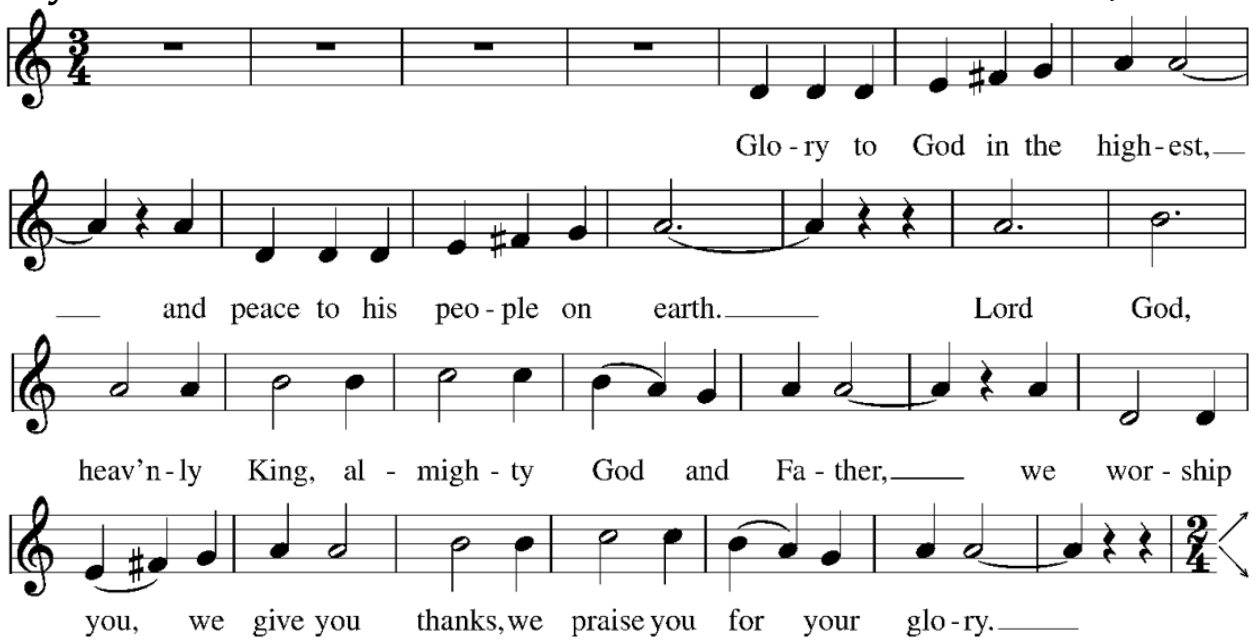
Presider: Let us pray.

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.

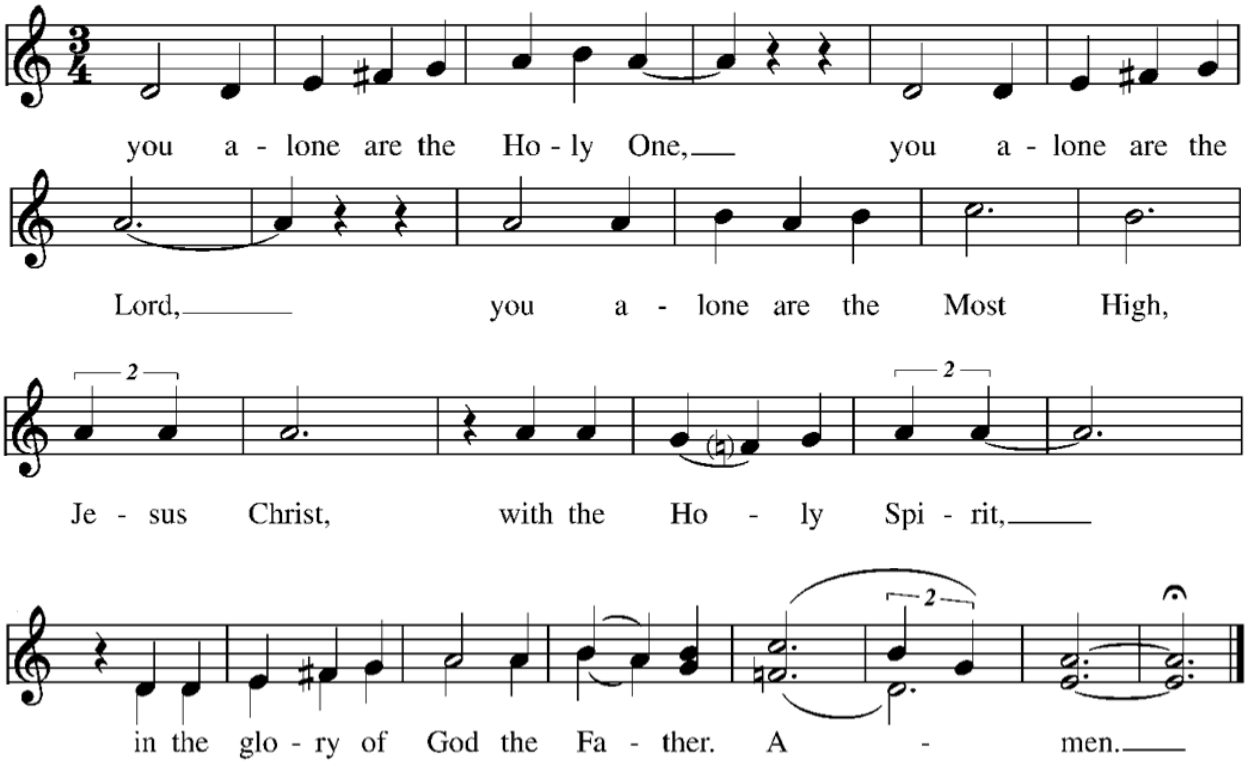
Glory to God

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 Judges 4:1-7 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and

summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

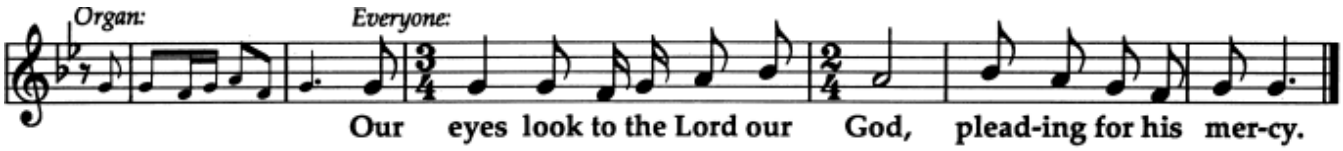
People: **Thanks be to God.**

-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 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos* 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: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love,

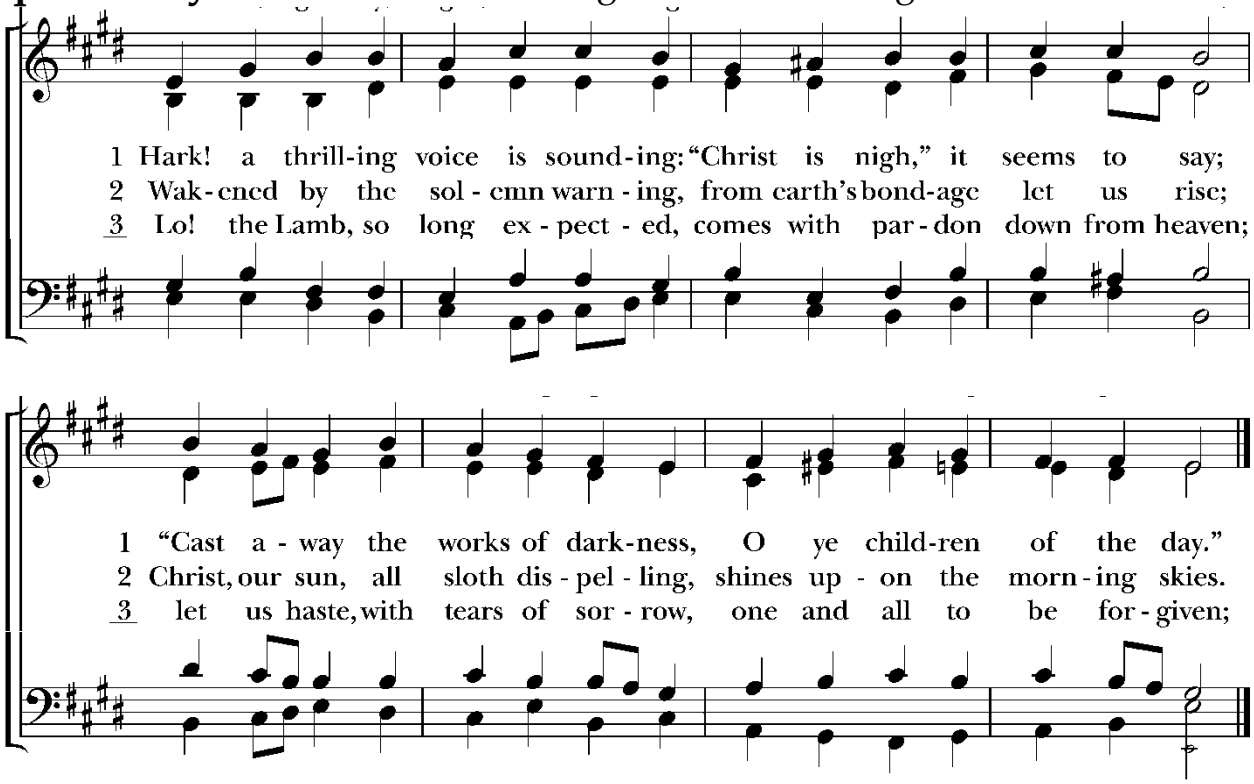
and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding MERTON



Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had

received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

-The Sermon or Homily helps us apply the words of the early prophets and Christ in our lives.-

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: Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy," and responding, "Hear our prayer."

Leader: Dear Lord, in a world full of hate, let us remember that your greatest commandment is to love. Make these words more than words for your people.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us remember that your kingdom is on earth as well as in heaven. Give us strength to do your good and mighty work.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Turn us from ourselves toward those whose needs are greater. Teach us compassion. Plant empathy in our hearts so that we might be your hands on earth.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us not be complacent facing difficulty, hunger, poverty, loneliness, and fear in our midst.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Help us use our talents and gifts to reduce suffering. Ease the pain and bring comfort to those who suffer. We pray especially for Chris, Chuck, Deborah, Donald, Greg, Jeanette, Siham, and Tamara, and for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Shed your light and hope on all who mourn and help us give thanks for all those gone to your earthly kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Blessing of the Pledge Cards



Announcements & Blessings

Newcomer Luncheon

Have you joined St. Wilfrid's in the last year or so? Join us for a Newcomer Luncheon with Fr. Nathan and our church leadership on Sunday, November 22nd at 12pm. Sign up at the Sign -up Table on Sundays or by emailing Laurie at admin@stwilfridschurch.org.

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.

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 I Lift Up Mine Eyes

I lift up mine eyes to the hills,
And I wonder from where comes my help?
My help, it comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.
I lift up mine eyes to the hills,
And I wonder where is my help.

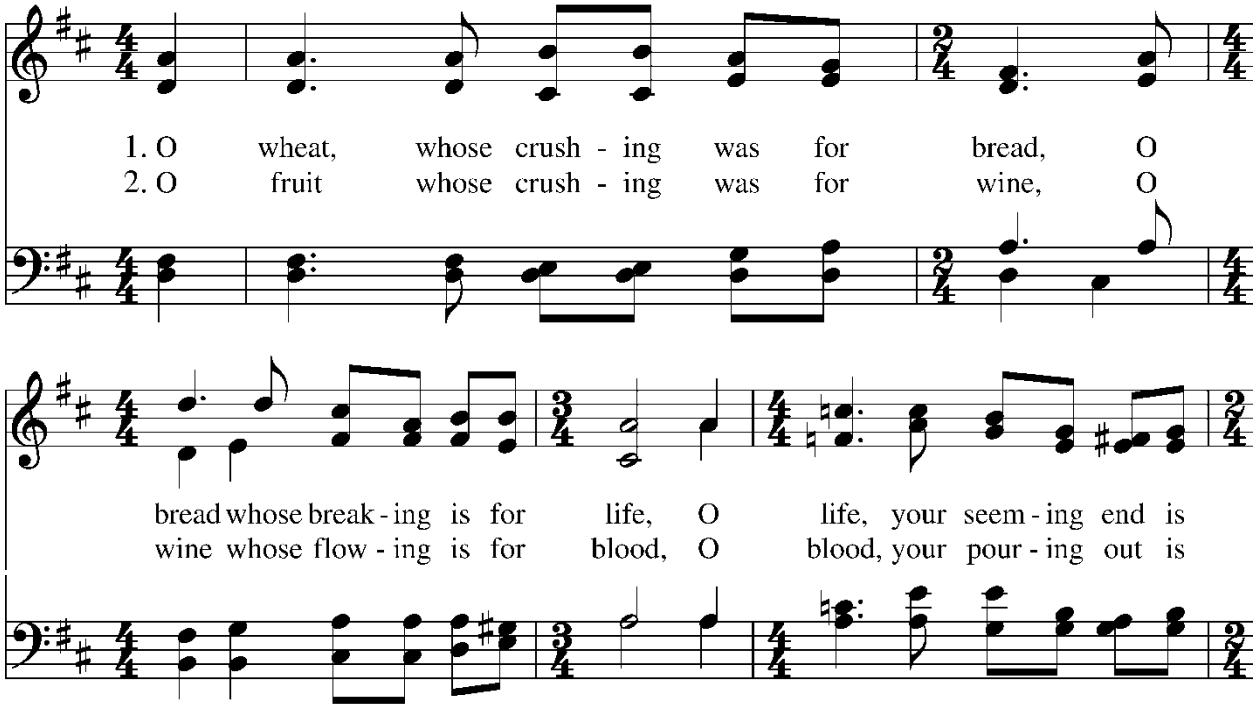
He will not let you stumble,
He will not let you fall,
The Lord is your keeper.
The Sun will not strike you by day
Nor the moon by night,
The Lord will keep your life
I lift mine eyes to the hills,
And I wonder where is my help?

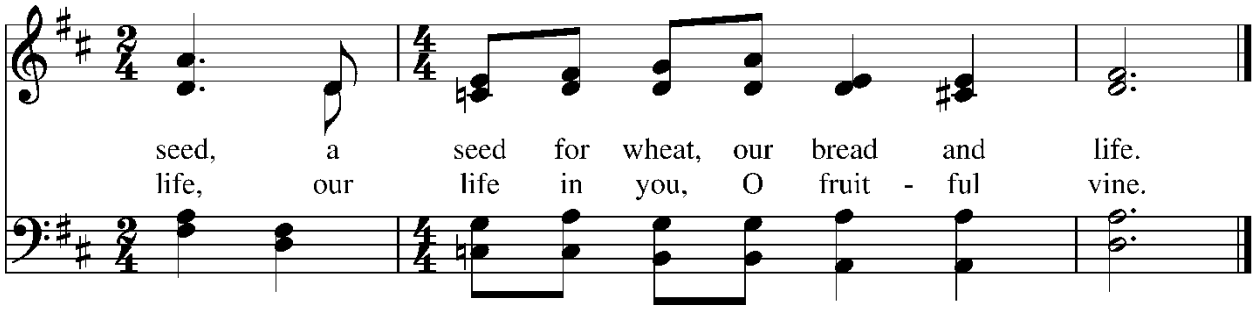
The Lord will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your life.
He will keep your going out, and your coming in
From this time forth, and forever more.

Text: Psalm 121
Music: Allen Pote

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.

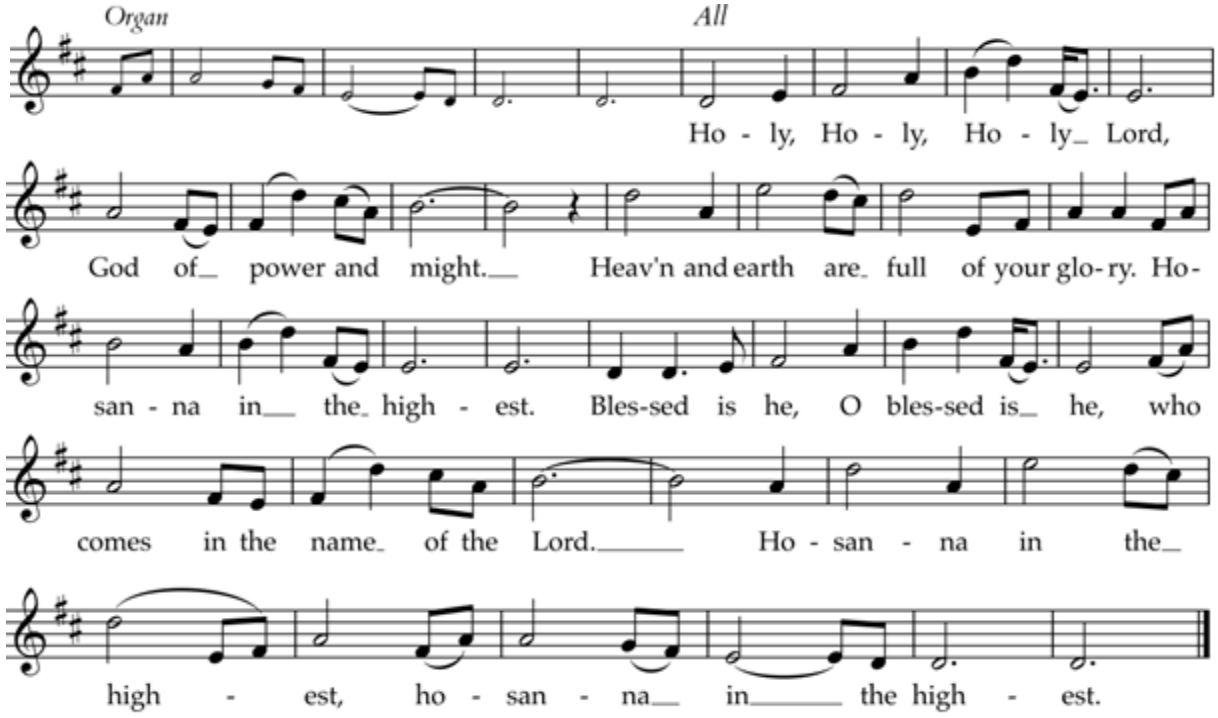
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

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

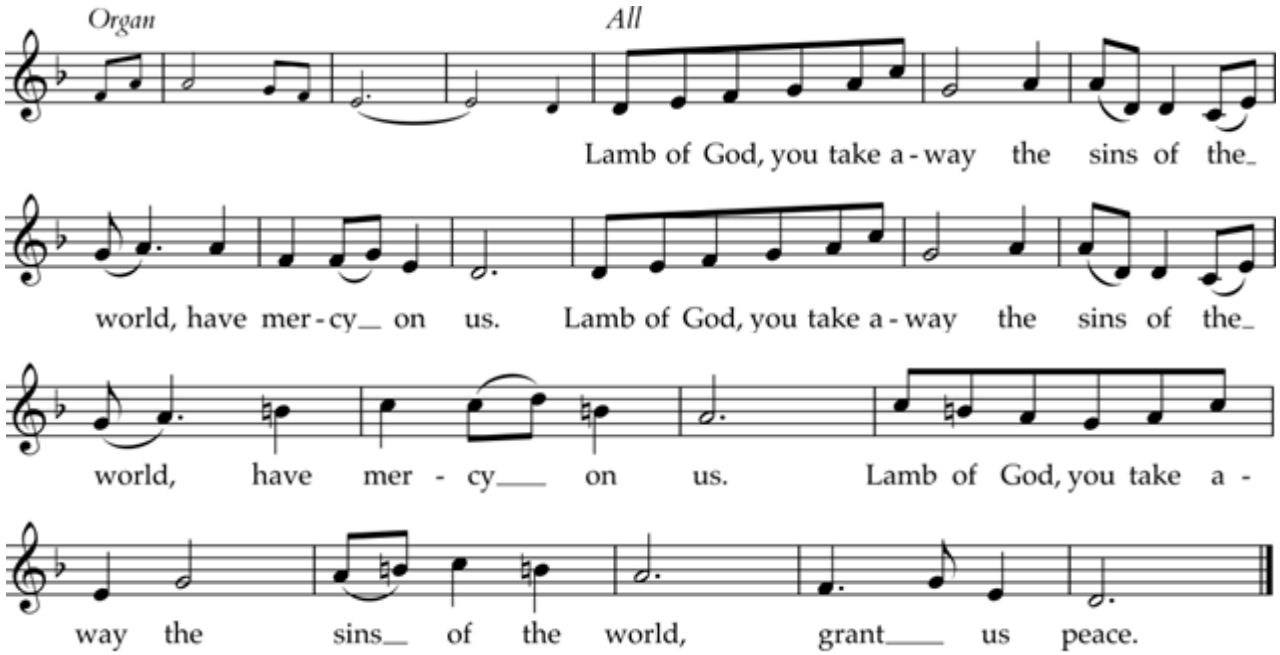
— The fraction (breaking) of the bread is a crucial link between what has come before and what comes after it. Christ has offered his life for us, and the breaking of the bread makes it possible for all to share in that life. —

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.*

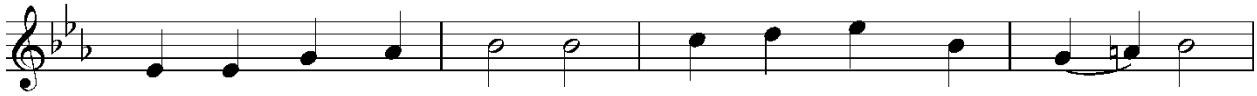
Prayer Partners & Anointing with Holy Oil - Let us pray with you!

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.

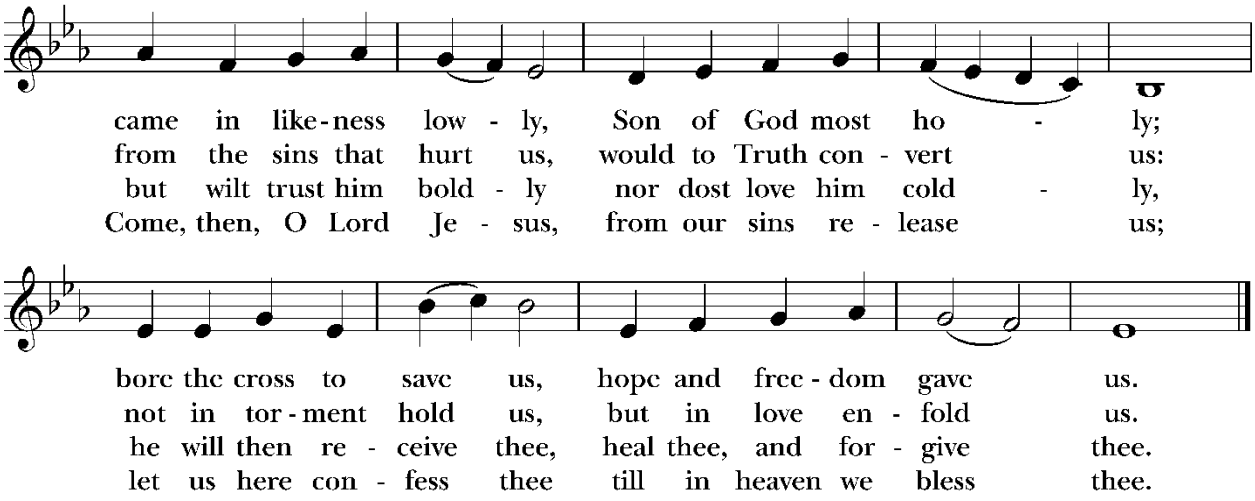
If you would like more time for prayer, simply inform a Prayer Partner. They are happy to meet you in the Chapel after the service or at another time that works best for you.

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 53 Once he came in blessing GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



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.

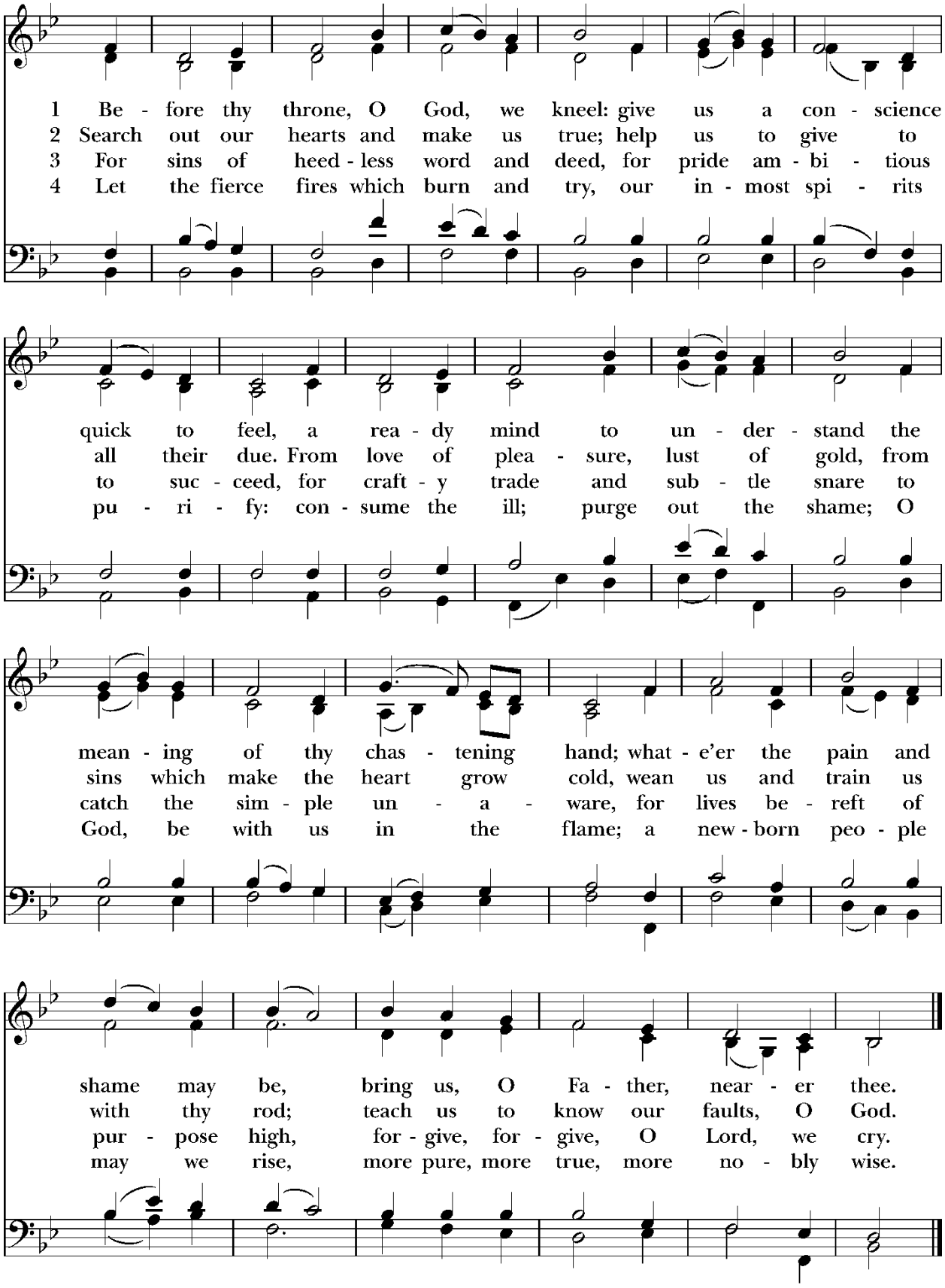
The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

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 574 Before thy throne, O God we kneel ST. PETERSBURG



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 Pasticcio Jean Langlais

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

THE REV. NATHAN BIORNSTAD, RECTOR
THE REV. WILLIAM E. WELLS, ASSOCIATE & MINISTER OF MUSIC
SHARON MAKA'ENA AND JILL MCKENNA, LECTORS
JILL MCKENNA AND SUZANNA BYRNE, PRAYER PARTNERS
THE ST. WILFRID CHOIR
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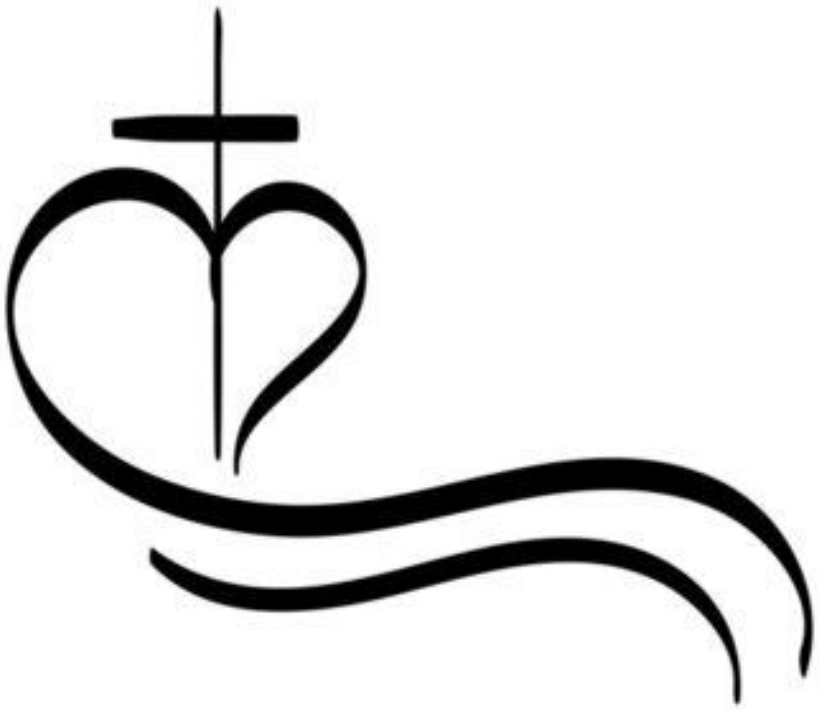

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's Word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come 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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