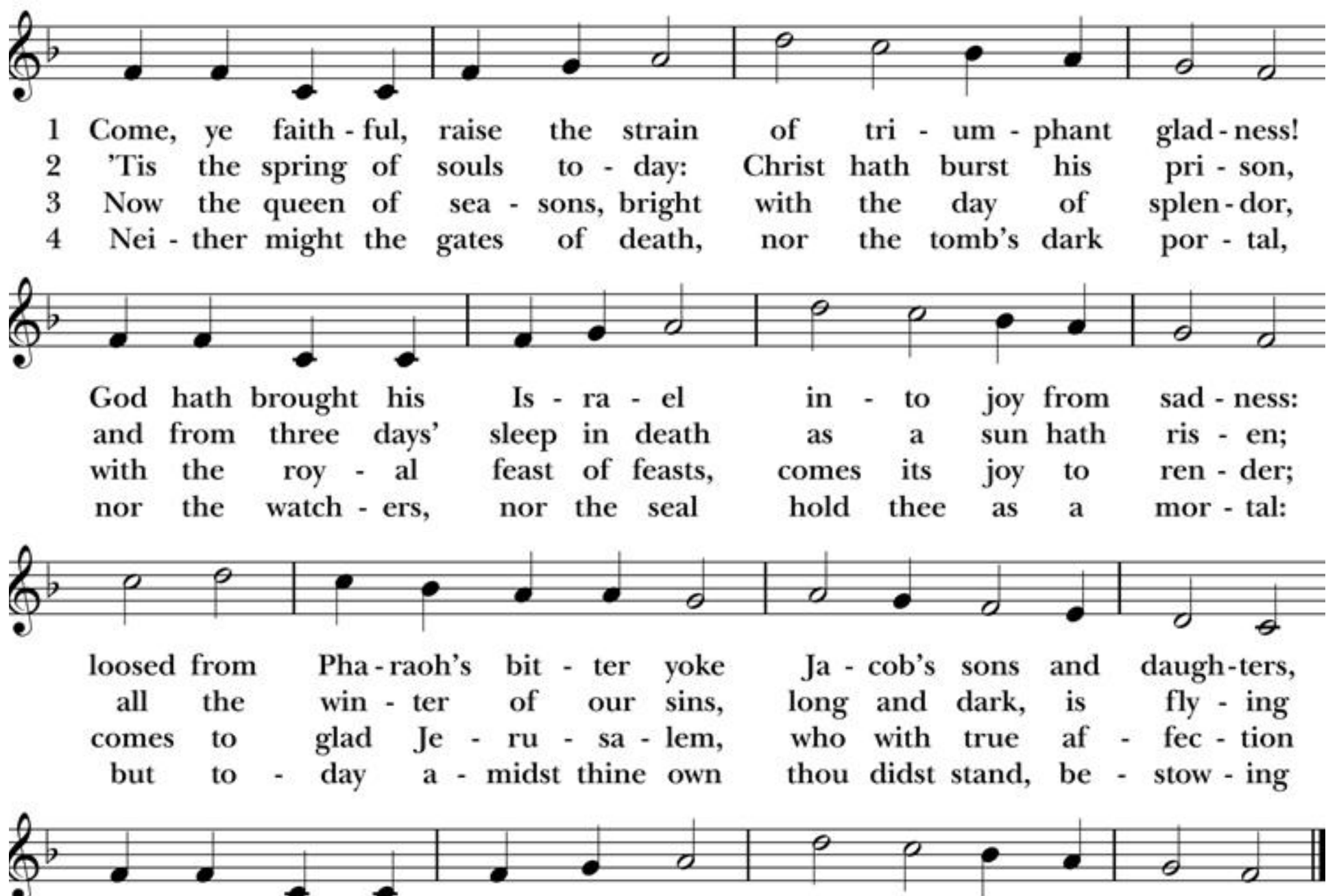


All Angels Episcopal Church



May 18, 2025



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second commandment is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is in two parts. The first part begins with Peter addressing the Jerusalem Council which occurred fifteen to twenty years after Jesus's ascension. All the apostles and disciples gathered to decide what to do about non-Jewish people (called Gentiles or "uncircumcised") who had converted to The Way (later called Christianity). The group was angry at the chief apostle, Peter, because he had baptized an entire Gentile household without them first converting to Judaism! Peter tells them the story of how his heart was converted first, by a direct vision from God, and then how the Holy Spirit appeared on people of the Jewish faith and upon Gentiles too.

A reading from Acts

Acts 11:1-12

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him,

"You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a vision of something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven.

At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. Even though they were Gentiles, the Spirit told me to go with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 148

Ps 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted,

his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

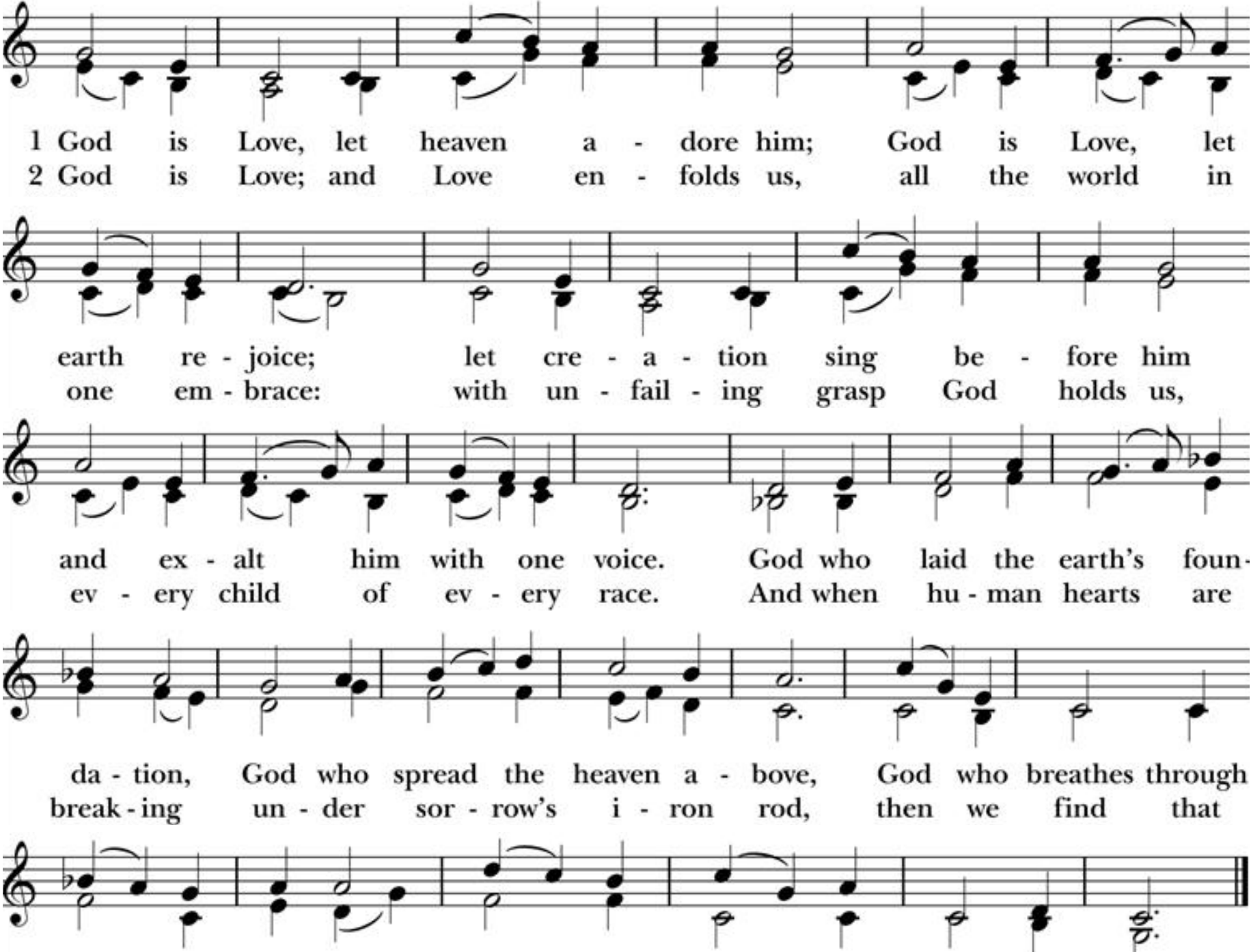
[After the vision of the linen sheet, three men from Caesarea arrived looking for Peter.] Peter said: “The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. The man reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house. The angel said, ‘Send men to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ At his house, when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?” Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

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

Gradual Hymn

God is Love

1982 Hymnal #379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

1982 Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

The Nicene Creed *(The word “catholic” means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

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 *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, you commanded your servant Peter to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. Equip your Church with every good gift so we may continue to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation to show love to others. Kindle our hearts to seek the lost, lift up the broken-hearted, and invite our neighbors to hear your life-changing Word.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and strengthen all who take counsel for the nations. Guide them in pathways of justice and righteousness. Use their labors to feed all people, to live in friendship with their neighbor, and to walk humbly before you.

Breathe your peace on Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring the healing of your touch to all those who suffer in body or spirit. We pray for those undergoing surgery this week, especially John and Nancy. We remember before you Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Alyssa, Joe, Denise and Zachary, and Chris.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George, Denise, Mark, and John.

We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, and Kim. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Jeanne and Regina.

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we entrust into your care those for whom we love but see no longer.

(Silence) Give us faith to trust your Word. Give us compassion to care for those in need. Give us joy, which is the inheritance of all whom you love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, Lord Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

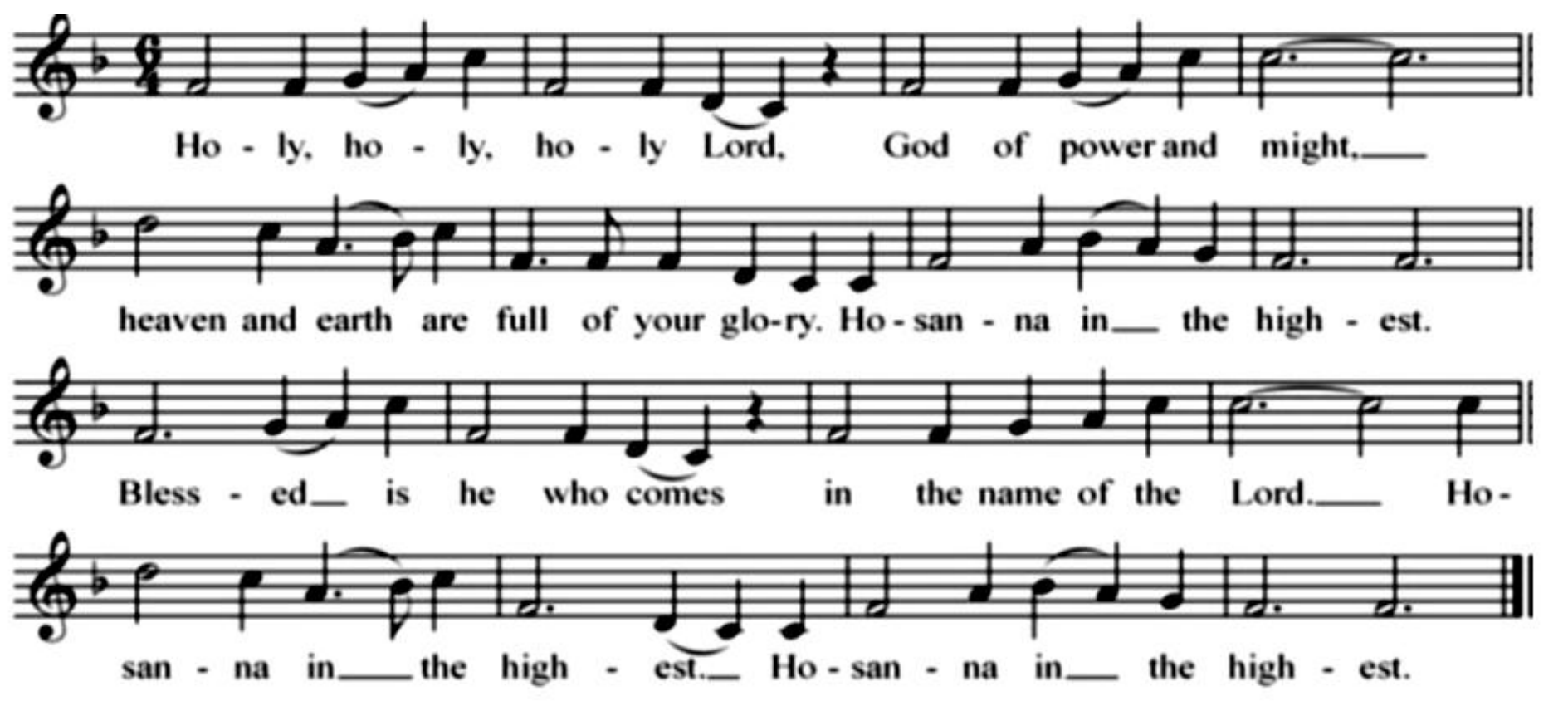
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

Bless - ed___ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.___ Ho -

san - na in___ the high - est. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be
the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being
sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to
that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage
of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

David Stasney

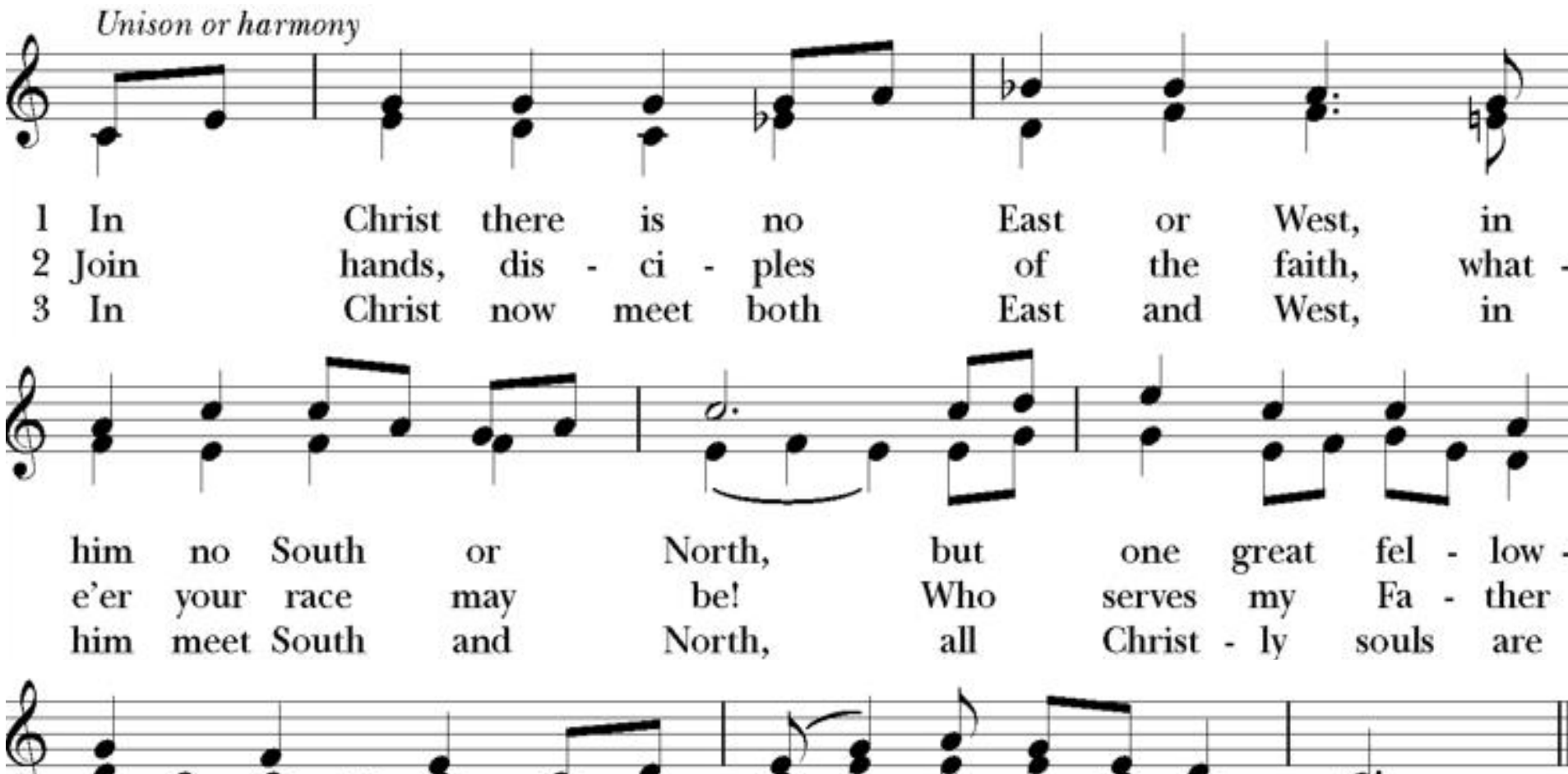
Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual
food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living
members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love
and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and
to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Unison or harmony



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Barbara Pickrell
in loving memory of all her mothers: Veronica, Adela, and Pleasance.



Announcements

Gallery Artist The Gallery Artist for May is Zerbe Sodervick. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

Men's and Women's Discussion Group Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in person and via Zoom.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am.
New members are always welcome!

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Centering Prayer Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Today's presenters

Ed Upshaw — Chalice

Justus Doenecke — Lector

Mackenzie Marshall — Prayers

Russ Callahan, Hank Kochan — Ushers

David Stasney — Organist

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Daphne Walker — Altar Guild

David Stasney — Flowers

Hank Kochan — Offering Counters

— Coffee Hour

Vestry

Cade Sibley

Carol Erker

Allen McGee

David Bishop

Hank Kochan

Larry Elder

Brian Davis

Junior Warden

Reuben Fernandez

Senior Warden

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ
to those inside and outside the church.

Reflection

Tzitzit (TSIT-sis)

Have you ever wondered about symbolism in our church? In particular, do you know why the altar has a cover, what the color means, and why the priest wears a scarf?

First, it's not a scarf, it is a stole. Although it keeps my neck warm, the stole is designed to show my "rank" which is priest. Deacons wear a stole, but it is worn diagonally across the chest to show their rank. Bishops wear a stole, but they have four additional items that indicate their rank (the hat [miter] and shepherd staff are the most obvious).

Second, the color of the stole and altar cover is designated by the season. The Easter season is white. The next season, Pentecost, is green, followed by Advent which is blue, then Christmas/Epiphany – white and green respectively – and then Lent which is purple. When you see someone wearing a white stole, you will know that they are a priest and that the season is either Easter or Christmas.

The color-coded Church calendar, vestments, and altar covers are ancient designs with origins from Jewish tradition. This Sunday at church I will be wearing a white stole that has a total of ten red and gold tassels – five on the right, five on the left. Those tassels (*tzitzit* in Hebrew) match the altar cover fringes that ring the front cover. It is a beautiful set and displays deeply religious symbolism.

I've been reading about Jewish prayer, in particular, *Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad*; Hebrew for "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." The *Shema* is a foundational prayer in Judaism in three parts. The first part listed here is a declaration of faith in one God. The second part is to love God with all one's being, and the third part is a declaration to obey God's commandments. Comprising of three passages from the Torah, it is recited multiple times a day usually in the morning and evening.

You might wonder what this has to do with my stole and the altar cover. My answer is this: *tzitzit*. The *tzitzit* are fringes or tassels tied to each of the four corners of a Jewish prayer shawl. They are widely considered a reminder to think of God at all times (like a string tied around one's finger). In particular, one is to think of God's commandments.

My stole has ten tassels which correspond to the Ten Commandments. As far as the fringe around the altar cover, it reminds me of a prayer shawl that one would wear back in the 1st century. In particular, Jesus had a garment that was woven as one that most likely had *tzitzit*. The altar is our representation of Christ's presence. As such, the altar – the centerpiece of our sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving – is draped in a prayer shawl.

Symbolism and beauty transcend time and language. They are also indicators of our spiritual unity with our ancestors. *Hear this: the Lord is One*. The stole and altar cover point to our unity, our one-ness with God and one another, in beauty and symbolism.

- Fr. Dave