Celebration of Holy Eucharist



November 1861 – November 15, 2026

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at St. Philip's.

You are invited to join us in our mission to ***"Where LOVE lives, YOU matter,***

and ALL are welcome.

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Historical Sketch of St. Philip's Episcopal Church

in the Diocese of Virginia · Richmond

In May 1861, St. Philip's Episcopal Church officially opened in the 600 block of North Fourth Street in historic Jackson Ward, providing a separate worship location for African American Episcopalians in Richmond. The congregation combined the colored Sunday Schools of Monumental and St. James Churches and provided a church home for African Americans who had previously been set apart in the balconies of St. James' and other local Episcopal Churches. St. Philip's received white clergy funded by the Diocesan Missionary Society as well as local Richmond Churches.

Unfortunately, St. Philip's stood in the path of the April 1865 fire that destroyed much of Richmond.

The congregation did not perish with the building. Its members continued to meet in one another's homes, and the Sunday School grew to more than two hundred pupils — a centre of Christian education and a place where newly freed people learned to read and write. In 1867 the church building was pictured on the front page of Harper's Weekly as part of its cover story "Educating the Freedmen," held up to the nation as an example of a successful school for African American children. That a congregation born in the shadow of slavery should, within six years, be teaching its own people to read and be celebrated for it in the nation's press is among the proudest chapters in this parish's history.

Through the assistance of the Diocese of Virginia, St. James's, St. Paul's, and Monumental Churches of Richmond, however, a new St. Philip's was erected in 1869 on the southwest corner of Leigh and Foushee (later St. James) Street. That same year the parish recorded its first extant vestry minutes and called its first Black priest, the Rev. Joseph Sandiford Atwell — a Barbadian educated at Codrington College and the Philadelphia Divinity School, and the first Black man ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Virginia. The 1878 establishment of Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Virginia, for the education of African Americans for holy orders in the Episcopal Church provided St. Philip's with a steady source of rectors and seminarian assistance through Bishop Payne's closure in 1949. In 1879 the parish called the Rev. Thomas White Cain, an 1879 graduate of Bishop Payne and St. Philip's first permanent Black rector; from his call forward the parish would be served exclusively by Black clergy.

Such leadership enabled the congregation to emerge from mission status in 1920, under the rectorship of the Rev. Dr. Junius L. Taylor and the wardens Dr. William H. Hughes and J. Thomas Hewin, Sr. The parish did not receive full representation in the diocesan convention until 1937, a measure of the "polite" segregation that shaped Richmond in those decades. Even so, by the 1870s and after, St. Philip's had become the church of choice for many of Richmond's Black professional and civic leaders — among them Josiah Crump, one of the first Black men to sit on the city's Common Council; Dr. John C. Ferguson, surgeon of the Central Lunatic Asylum; and Addie Johnson, the church's choir director and a member of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. That tradition continued through the challenges of both Jim Crow segregation and the Civil Rights Movement, when members of this parish — among them the future federal judge Spotswood Robinson and students of the "Richmond 34" — helped break barriers beyond these walls even as the congregation held its ground within them.

In 1939 the parish established the second African American Brownie troop in the South, and its care for its young people ran deep from that day forward. In 1959, changing Richmond residential patterns prompted St. Philip's to move to 2900 Hanes Avenue in Barton Heights, Northside — the former Church of the Epiphany, whose own congregation had relocated to the Lakeside area of the city — and it is the home the parish occupies today. In 1993, St. Philip's expanded its facility with a new Parish Hall, and there it has worshipped through the ministries of ten rectors and into its 165th year.

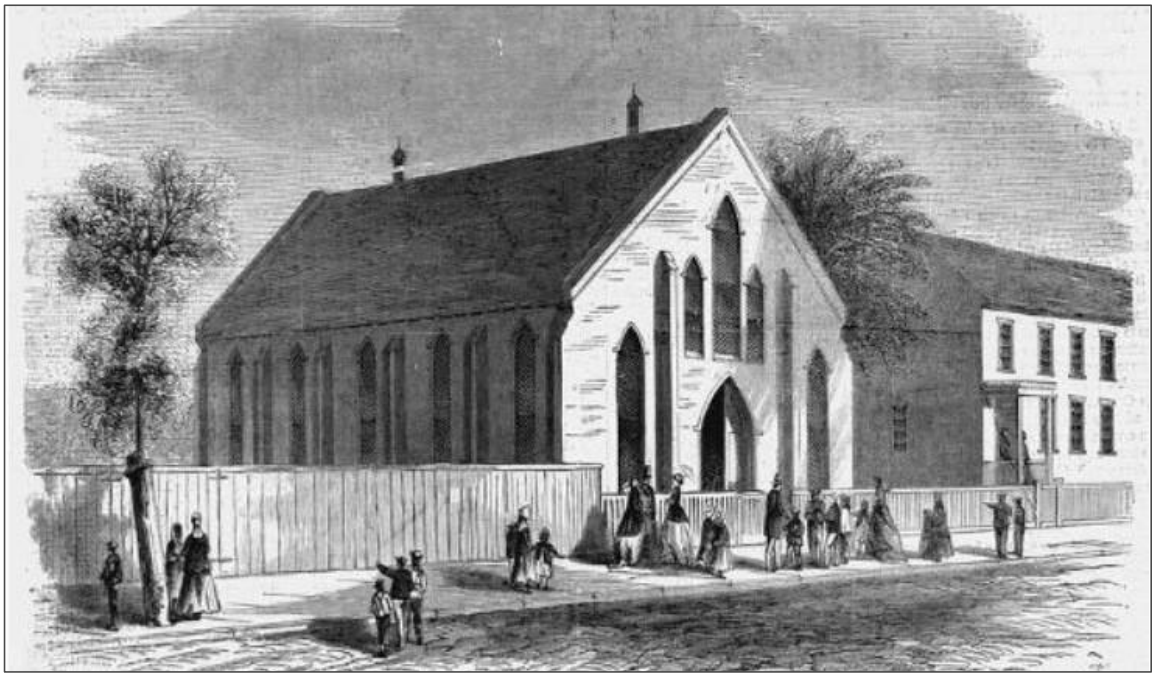
On November 17, 2018, their rector, Phoebe A. Roaf, was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee on the first ballot — the first woman and first African American to serve as bishop in that diocese's history. Today an active St. Philip's is shepherded by their current Rector, the Rev. Marlene E. Forrest, who carried the parish through the pandemic by taking its worship online, and who serves the wider diocese on its Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing and as chaplain to its Truth and Reparations Task Force.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL AND FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

165 TH ANNIVERSARY

NORTH FOURTH STREET

1861–1865



The first St. Philip's, on the 600 block of North Fourth Street

The congregation's first home stood on the 600 block of North Fourth Street, between Jackson and Leigh. The property had been deeded to the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1860 by a Mr. and Mrs. Brazeal, and the first service was celebrated there on the first Sunday of November 1861, by the Rev. H. S. Kepler — even as Richmond became the capital of the Confederacy.

For four years the young congregation thrived in this building, offering its members a school and a full round of services. Then, at the end of the Civil War in 1865, the church burned under circumstances the parish has long described as mysterious. Some accounts link the loss to the great fire that swept the cityduring the Confederate evacuation that April.

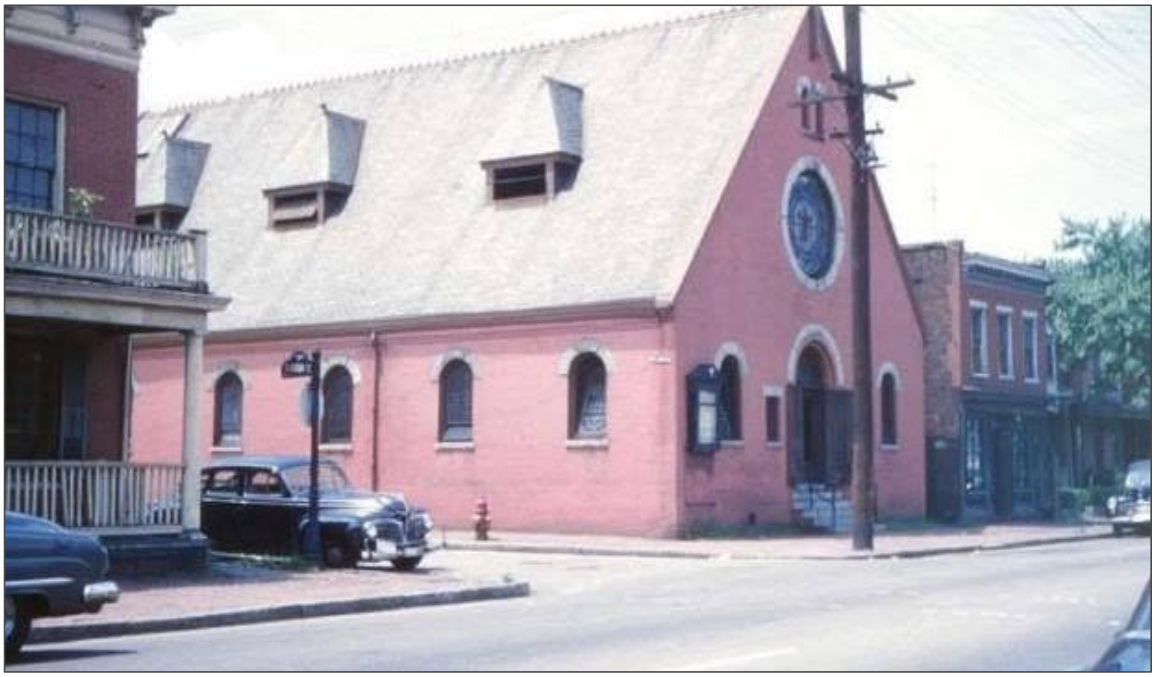
The building was lost, but the congregation was not. Its members kept meeting in one another's homes, and its Sunday School flourished with more than two hundred pupils.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL AND FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

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LEIGH AND ST. JAMES STREETS

1869–1959



The church at Leigh and Foushee (later St. James), rebuilt 1869

The parish rebuilt in 1869 with the support of the Diocese of Virginia, of St. James's, St. Paul's and Monumental churches, and of the family of the Confederate general J. E. B. Stuart. The new St. Philip's rose at the southwest corner of Leigh and Foushee Street — later renamed St. James Street.

Remodelled about 1890, the architect took as the basis of the design H. H. Richardson's Allegheny Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh: essentially a rectangular box with a steep roof, its round-arched openings in light-coloured sandstone set off against red brick.

For ninety years this was St. Philip's. Here the parish drew many of Richmond's Black professional and civic leaders, became a self-supporting parish in 1920, welcomed its first Black rector in 1879, and raised up the generations whose descendants still worship here today.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL AND FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

165TH ANNIVERSARY

2900 HANES AVENUE

1959–Present



The parish's home in Barton Heights, Northside

As Richmond's residential patterns shifted in the 1950s, the parish purchased the former Church of the Epiphany at Hanes and Essex Streets and moved to 2900 Hanes Avenue in Barton Heights in 1959. The congregation that had once been set apart in the balconies of other churches now had a church of its own in the Northside, with red doors opening onto a welcome for all.

It is here that St. Philip's has worshipped through the civil rights years and the long work of desegregation, through the ministries of ten rectors, through a pandemic that closed the doors of the world but not this congregation, and into its 165th anniversary.

From this building the parish continues to feed the hungry at the St. Francis Food Pantry, to tend its garden, and to walk the city in the "Walking with the Enslaved" pilgrimage — still the church its founders made, in a new century.

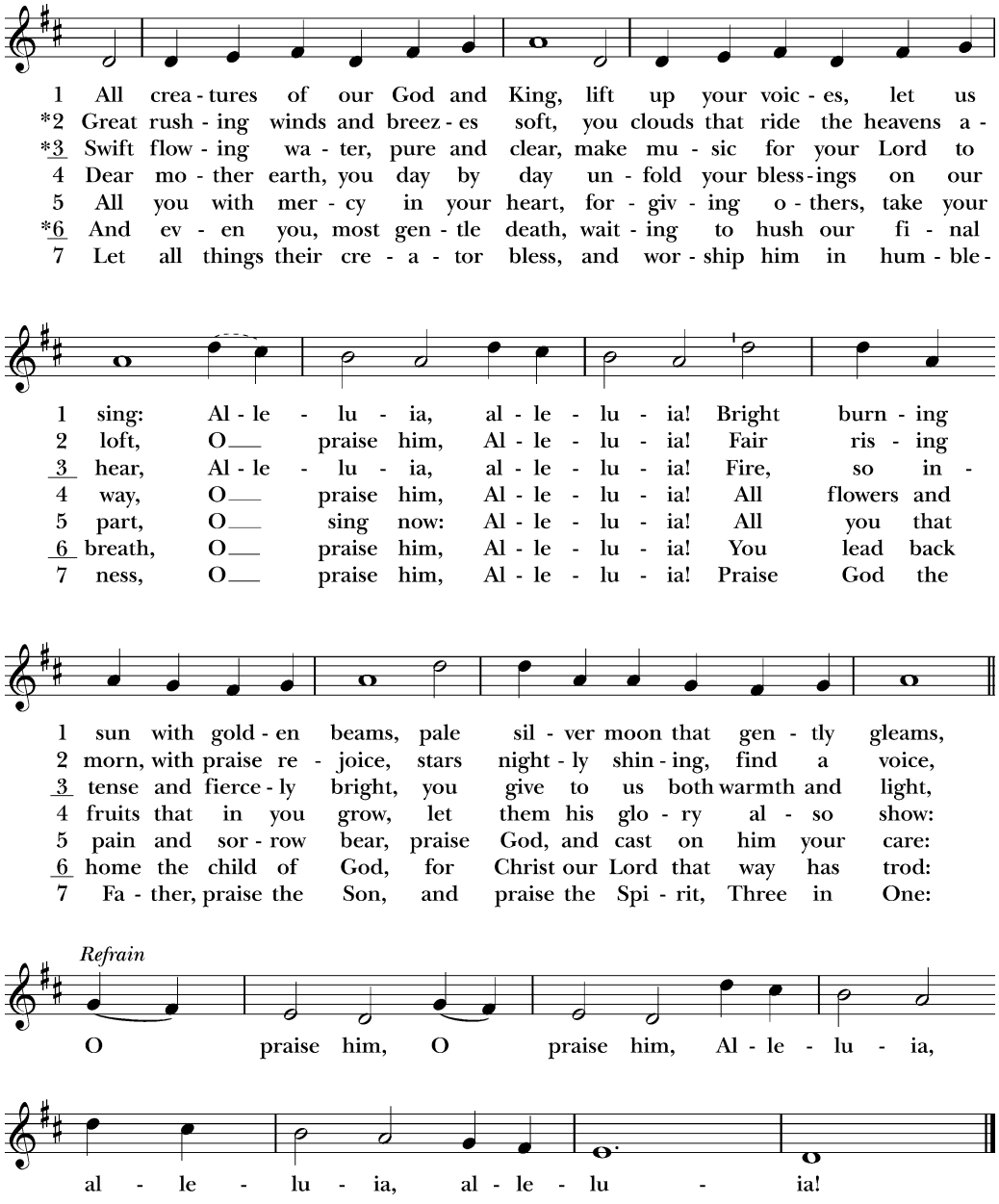
HOLY EUCHARIST – Rite II

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev'd. Marlene E. Forrest, Rector

Please stand as able

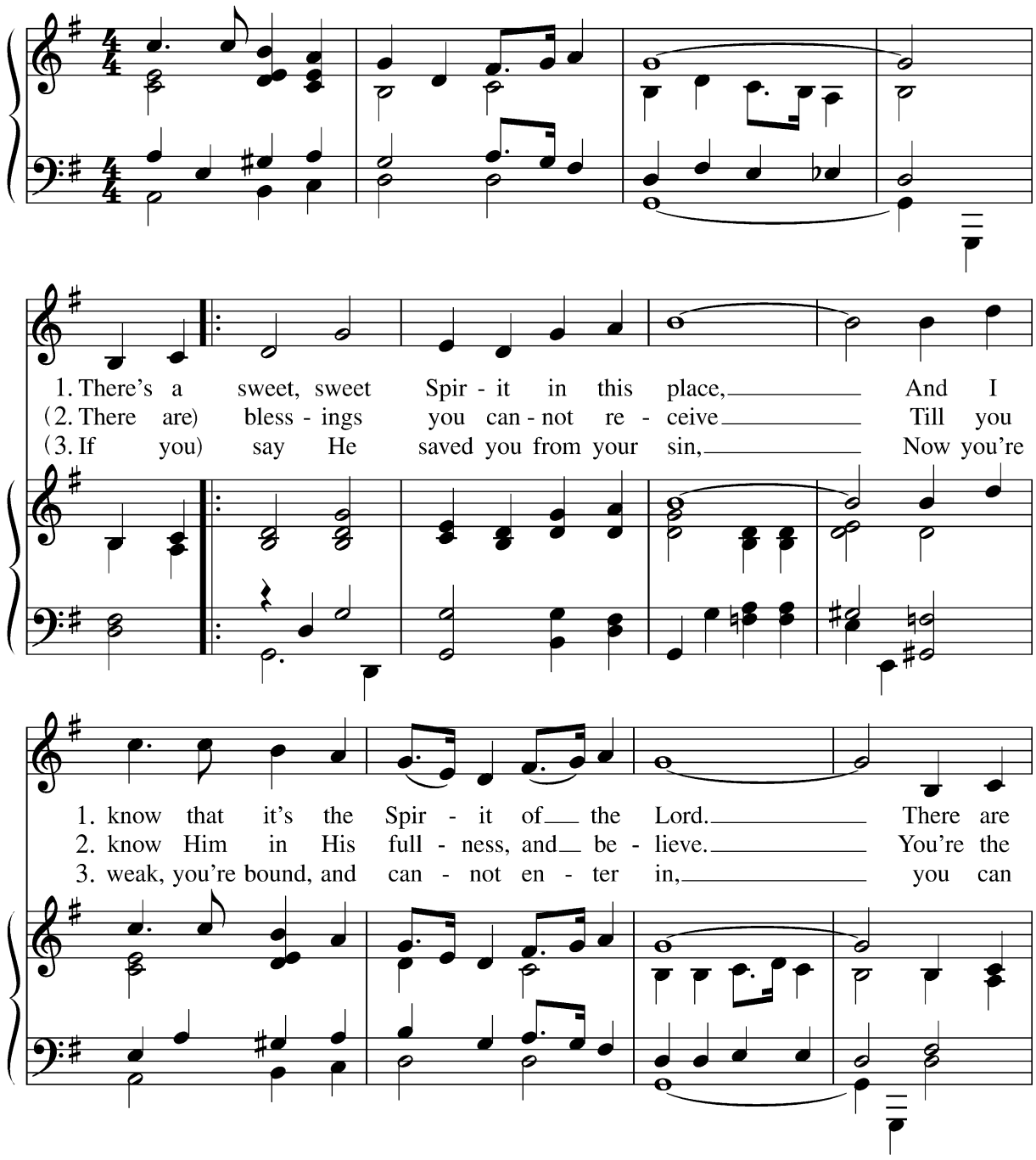
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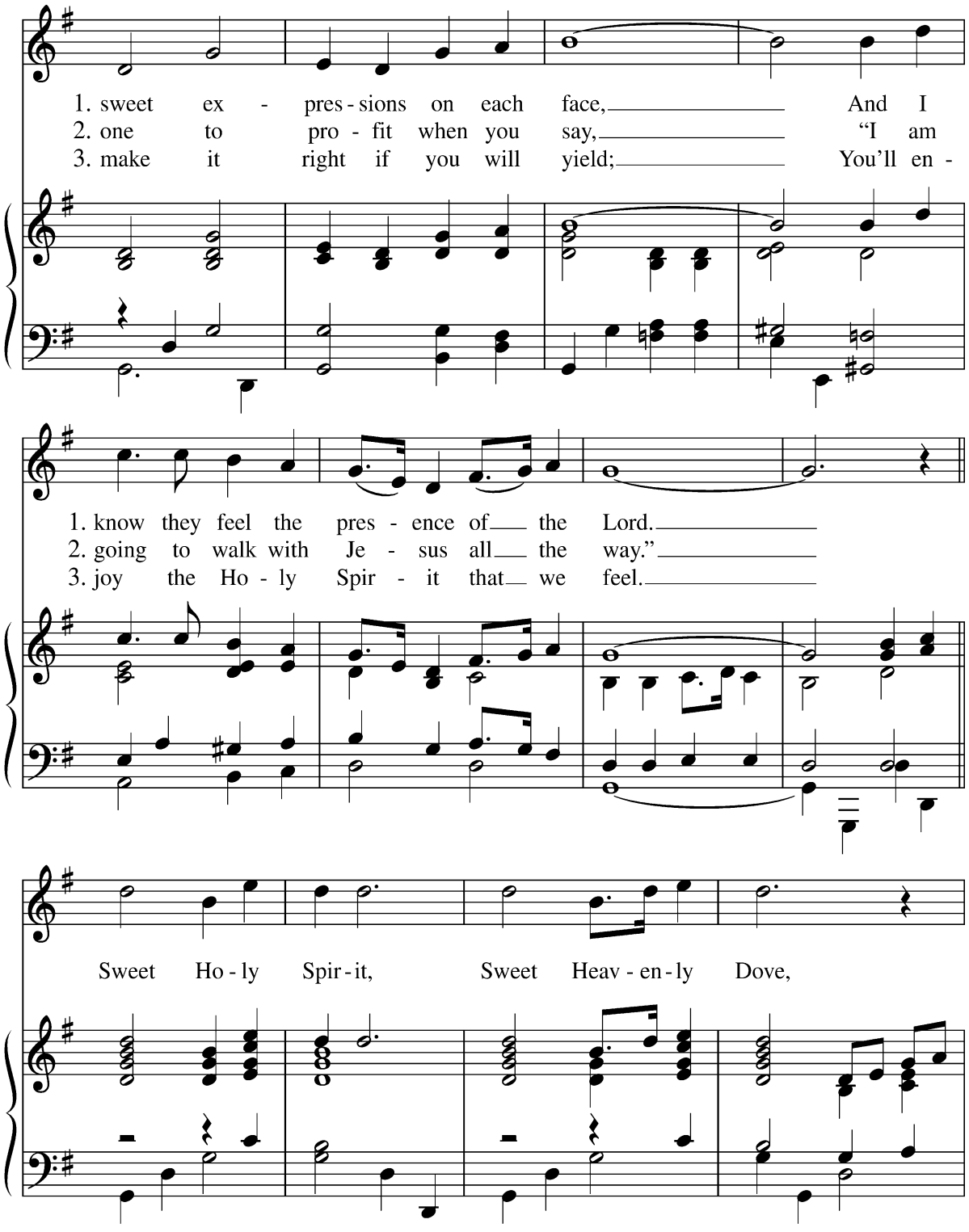


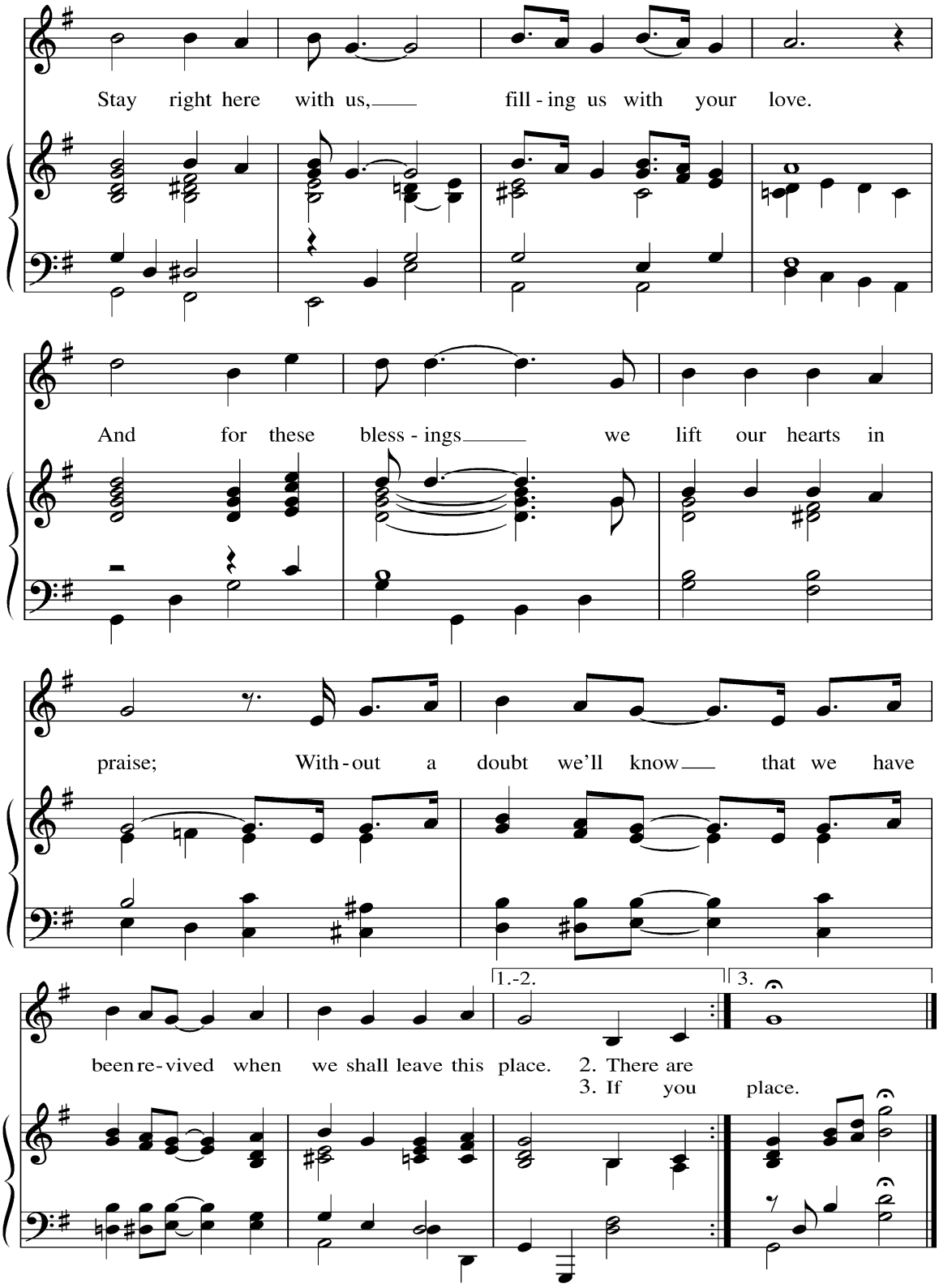
The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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Hymn: There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit LEVAS Hymnal Hymn 172




1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; You'll en -
1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.
Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



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OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing as able, the Bishop says

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Bishop 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.**

Remain standing for the Gloria and the Collect.

Gloria

Add Music

THE COLLECT

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

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:10-17
This lesson is appointed for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church.
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Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

PSALM 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
[9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!]

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn: Total Praise African American Hymnal Hymn 113

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-9

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry The 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church (Ret.)

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. 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. 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF LIBATION IN HONOR OF OUR ANCESTORS, SAINTS & ELDERS OF ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating 165 Years of Faith, Resilience, and Witness
Richmond, Virginia • Founded 1861

Rector: LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Before we begin this sacred act of remembrance, we pause to honor the original stewards of the land on which St. Philip's Episcopal Church now stands, the Indigenous peoples of the Powhatan Confederacy, including the Chickahominy, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Nansemond, Rappahannock, and Monacan Nations.

We acknowledge that St. Philip's rest upon their ancestral homelands. We honor their enduring presence, their wisdom, their care for creation, and their sovereignty. We lament the injustices they endured and continue to face.

And in the spirit of Sankofa, going back to fetch what we must remember, we commit ourselves to honoring the earth as they did: to protect it, to sustain it, to cherish it, and to steward this land with reverence, humility, and responsibility. We pledge to walk gently, to listen deeply, and to care for creation in ways that reflect the values of those who first tended this sacred ground.

People: May our remembrance lead us toward truth, healing, justice, and right relationship with the land and all who dwell upon it.

Rector: Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ, we gather today as a people formed of the earth, baptized into one Body, and rooted in a legacy 165 years deep. On this sacred anniversary, we come to give thanks for our ancestors, to call to mind our blessed saints, and to celebrate the elders whose shoulders we stand upon.

There is an African proverb that teaches: "People who lack the knowledge of their past are like a tree without roots." And so today, we embrace the sacred principle of Sankofa, the wisdom that we must go back and fetch what we have forgotten, retrieve what was taken, and reclaim what is ours,
so that we may move forward with strength, clarity, and purpose.

In the spirit of Sankofa, remembrance, and thanksgiving, we pour this libation of water.
We pour to honor the past, that we may learn from it. We pour to acknowledge the God who is the Source of our life and the Keeper of our story. We pour cool water as a symbol of the continuity of life, to purify, to refresh, and to nourish our souls. For it is said that through others, we are somebody. And so, we remember our heritage and recall those who gave us life, faith, courage, and hope.

We call upon our ancestors, our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers; our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers; our uncles, aunts, cousins, godparents, and kin, the foundations of our families, immortalized in our hearts.

We call upon our elders, whose wisdom steadied us; our teachers and mentors, who shaped us; our friends, who walked beside us; and our beloved dead, who could not be here in body but remain with us in spirit.

Libation Bearer 1: On this Day of Remembering and Celebration, let us honor those who hallowed this earth by their prayers and by the way they walked in the light of God.
Let us remember the giants of faith on whose shoulders we stand.

People: We remember the ones who walked with God before us. We honor their faith, their courage, and their witness. May their stories guide our steps.

Libation Bearer 2: On this Day of the Ancestors, let us honor those who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, established God's Church — giving life, blood, soul, and strength so that we might have a right to the tree of life.

People: We remember the ones who built the Church with their prayers, their labor, and their lives. May their devotion strengthen our own.

Libation Bearer 3: On this Day of the Freedom Fighters, let us honor those whose belief in the God of Freedom was so fierce that freedom rings stronger and longer today.
Let us remember these warriors of liberation and service on whose shoulders we stand.

People: We remember the ones who chose liberation over fear and justice over silence. May their courage rise in us.

Libation Bearer 4: On this Day of the Justice Seekers, let us honor those who hallowed the struggle for justice by the love they showed in building a beloved community.
Let us remember these blessed ones whose example we strive to follow.

People: We remember the ones who loved mercy, sought justice, and shaped a beloved community. May their example lead us forward.

Libation Bearer 5: On this Day of the Pioneers, let us honor those who led the way, the first to stand up and be counted, the trailblazers who opened doors that others might walk through. Let us remember these forerunners in whose shadow we stand.

People: We remember the ones who opened doors, broke barriers, and made a way out of no way. May their boldness inspire our own.

Libation Bearer 6: On this Day of the Saints, let us honor those who sacrificed, established, and sustained our churches, those who braved the storm, fought the good fight, and whose witness still strengthens us.

People: We remember the ones who built our churches, nurtured our faith, and kept the flame burning. May their faithfulness endure in us.

Libation Bearer 7: On this Day of Sacred Gathering, let us honor all those whose names are known to God alone, the unnamed, the unrecorded, the overlooked, the ones whose stories were never written down yet whose lives shaped our own. Let us remember the great cloud of witnesses who surround us still.

People: We remember the ones whose names were never recorded, yet whose lives shaped our own. May their spirits never be forgotten.

Rector: Beloved, on this Day of Sacred Gathering, as we stand held up in the hands of 165 years of faith, resilience, and holy memory, let us lift our voices together. Let us honor all who came before us — the ancestors behind us, the saints beside us, and the generations whose prayers built this very place. In the spirit of Sankofa, let us gather their wisdom, reclaim their strength, and carry their hope forward.

People: We remember. We honor. We give thanks. For the ancestors behind us, the saints beside us, and the generations before us, we remember, we honor, we give thanks. Amen

The community is invited to call out the names of the Ancestors, Saints, and Elders they wish to honor from their families and communities.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet your siblings with gestures of Peace.

THE PEACE OF GOD Eudora L. Forrest

The peace of God be always with you, and may God's grace be always in your heart.
And may His love keep you in perfect peace, The love of God, The love of God,
The love of God, Keep you in perfect peace.

Greetings & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Marlene E. Forrest, Rector, St. Philip's Church
The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop, The Diocese of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop, The Diocese of Virginia

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support St. Philip's ministry of sharing God's love.

All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or scan the QR code for ways to make a payment.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *St. Philip's Choir*

Please stand.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

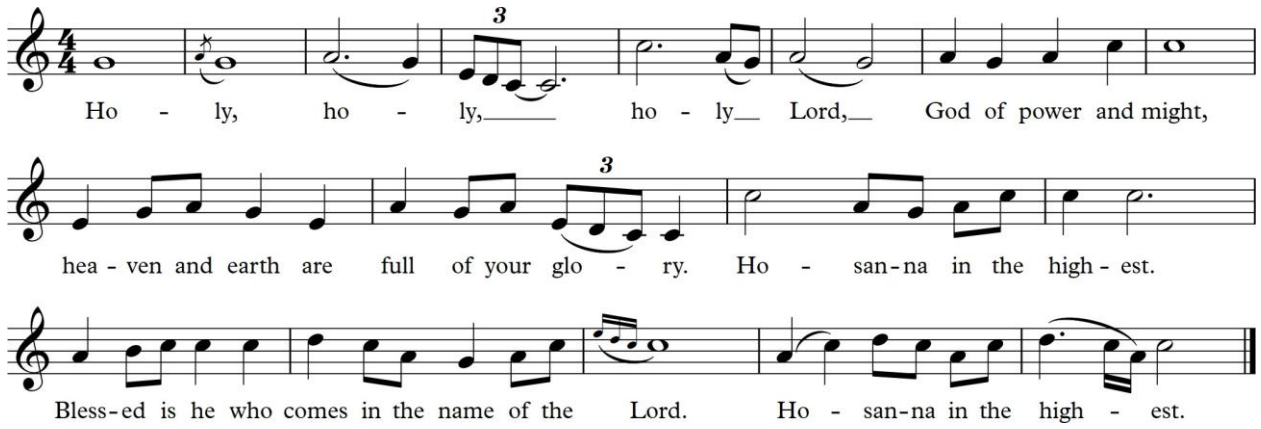
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the light of the world in their generations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

LEVAS #252 - *from* Eucharist of the Soul Lena McLin



The Bishop continues

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of your sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again. O deep in my heart, I do believe: Jesus Christ will come again.**

The Bishop continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and the Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be Known to us Lord Jesus Wonder Love and Praise #875 Gary James

Refrain*: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.*
The bread which we break, alleluia, Is the communion of the body of Christ. ***[Refrain]***
One body are we, alleluia, For though many we share one bread. ***[Refrain]***

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers will direct the People to the Communion stations. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Simply let the priest know that you need one.

Communion Hymns: Spirit Song LEVAS Hymn 118

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Hymn: I really love the Lord! African American Hymn 577

I really love the Lord!
I really love the Lord!
You don't know what He's done for me.
Faith is the victory. I love Him, I love Him;
I really love the Lord

Hymn: The Blood Will Never Lose its Power African American Hymn 256

The blood that Jesus shed for me Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength From day to day
It will never lose its power

It reaches to the highest mountain It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength From day to day
It will never lose its power

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
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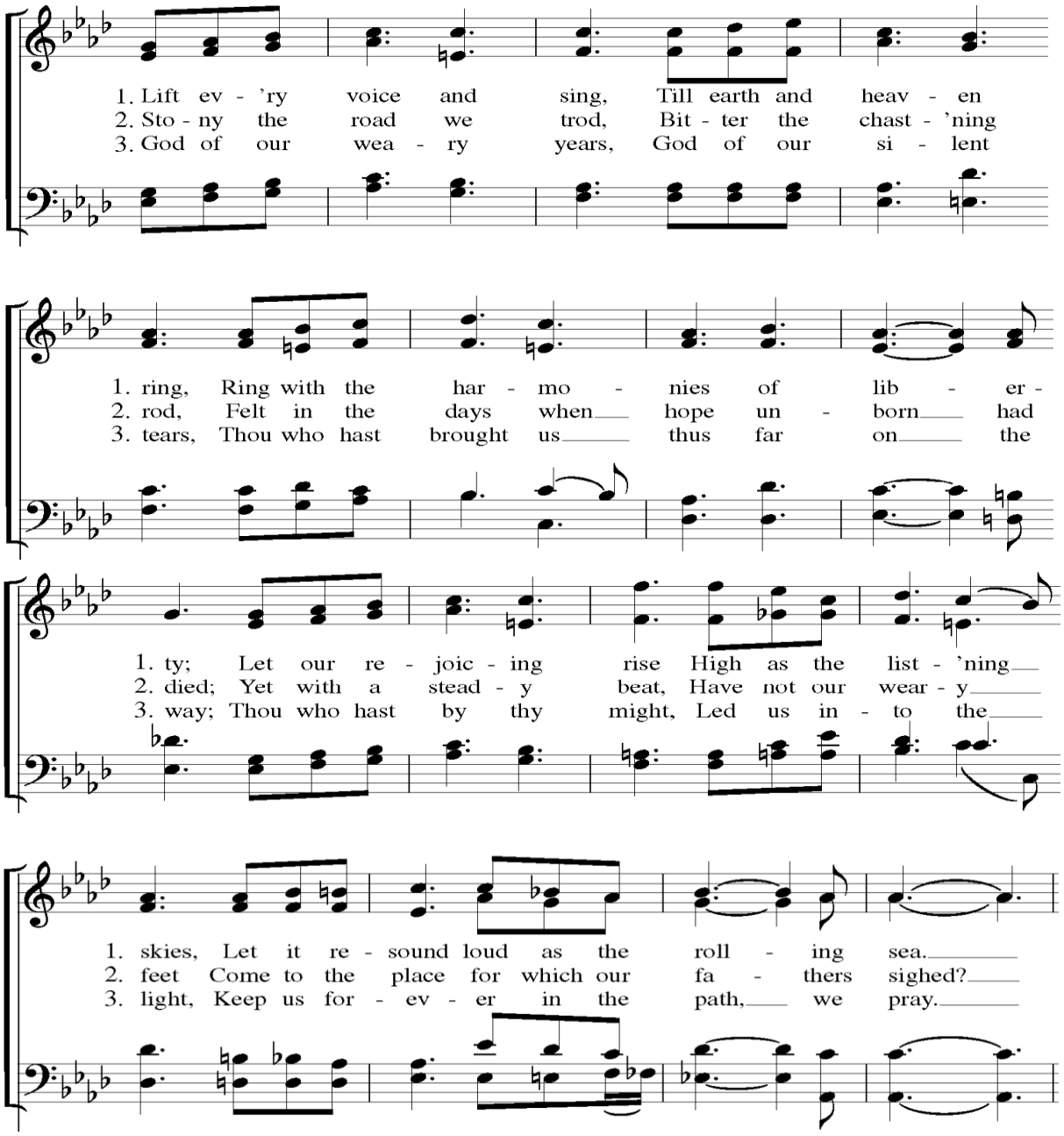
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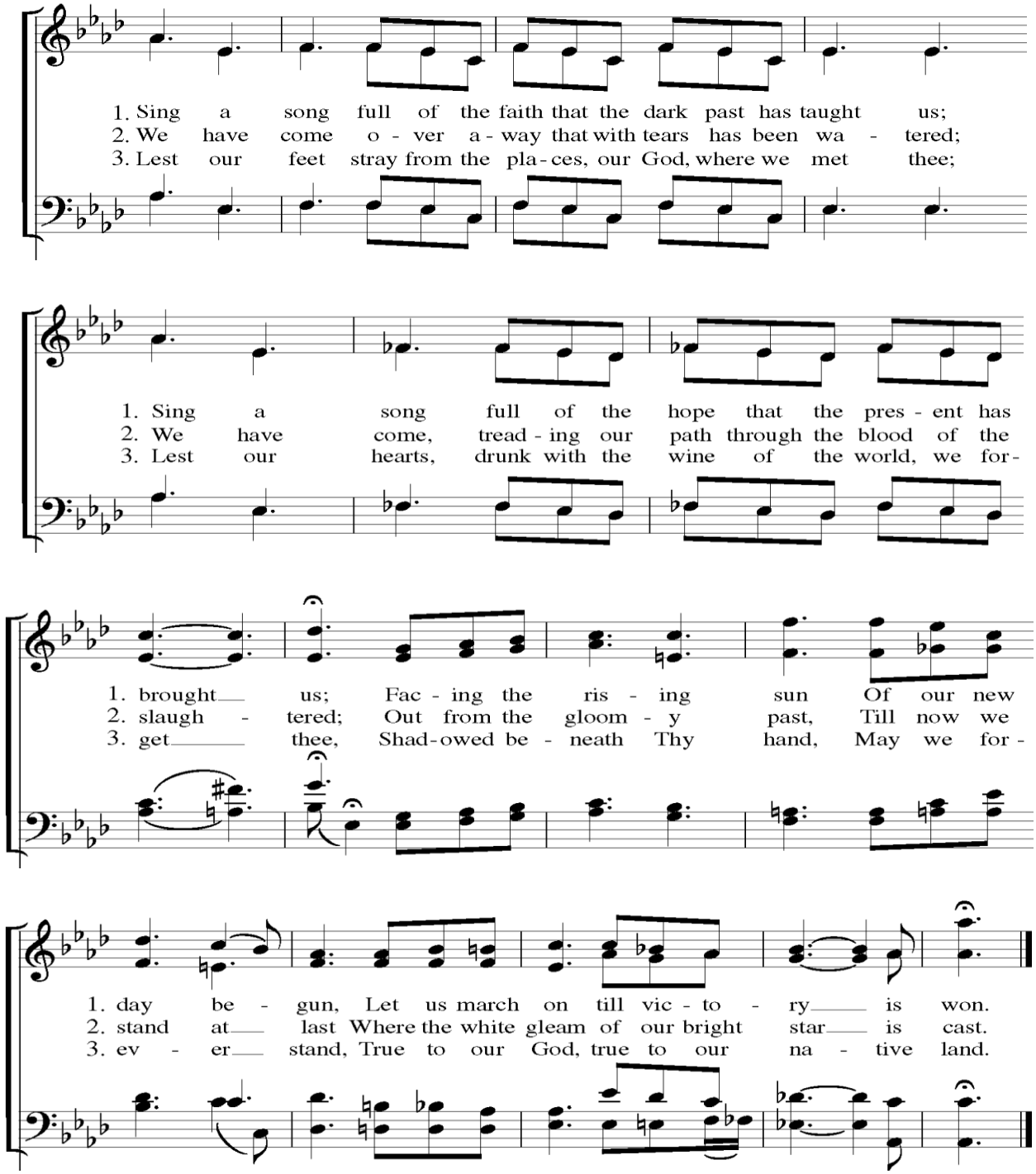
Let us pray.

Bishop and People

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

LEVAS #1 – Lift Every Voice and Sing *Please stand.*




1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;
1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -
1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -
1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Bishop: Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Bishop: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Bishop: For the fellowship of St. Philip's and of all your Saints,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

THE BLESSING

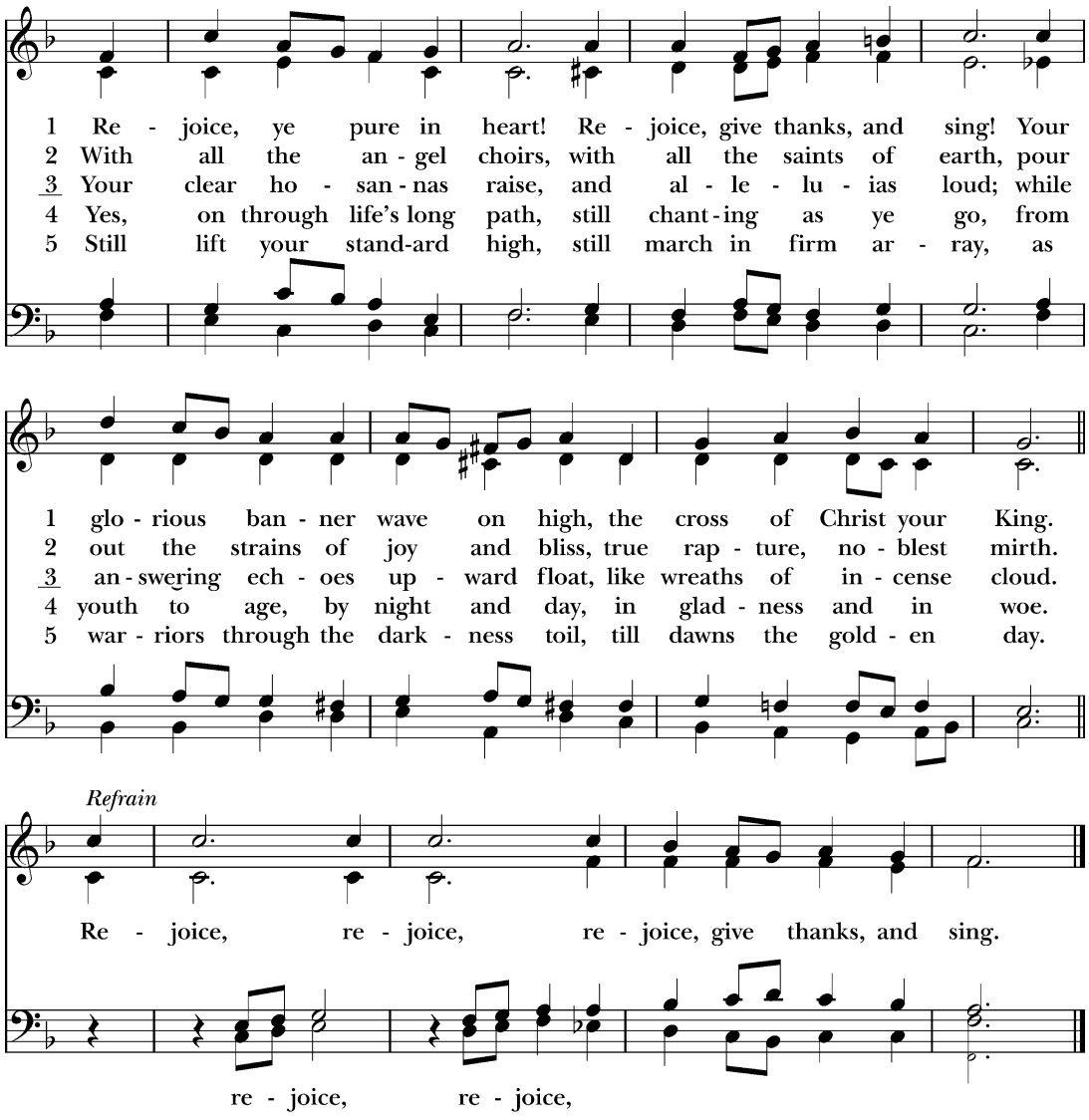
Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day, and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Hymn: Rejoice, ye pure in heart 1982 Hymnal Hymn #556



*6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891). Music: *Marion*, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing, in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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