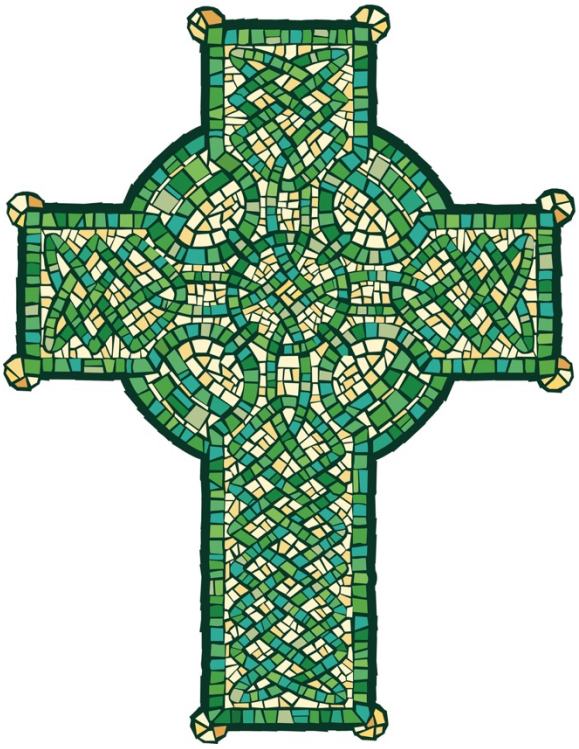


St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

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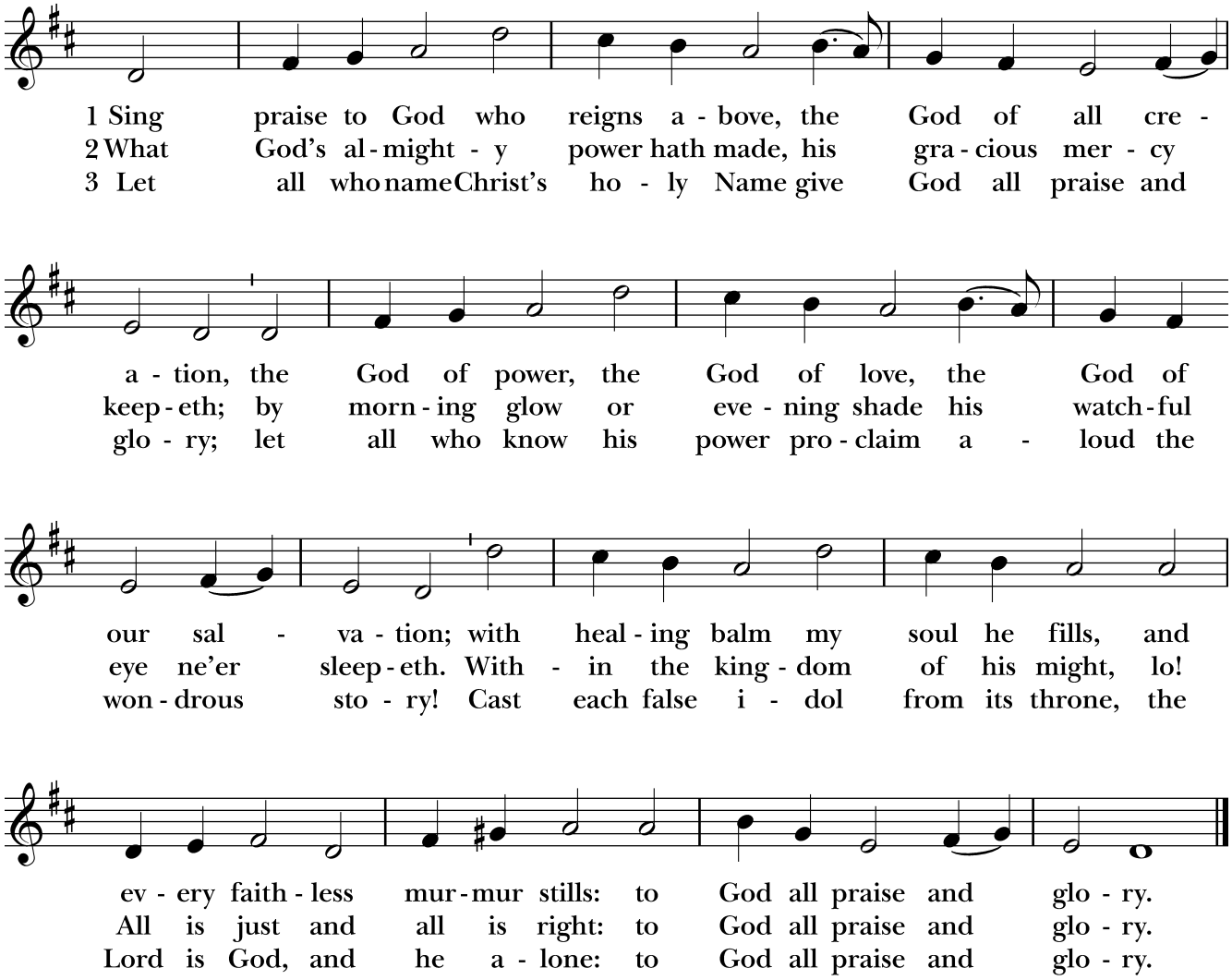
The joyful noise of children and families is always invited and celebrated.

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn –Sing praise to God who reigns above H#408



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

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.*

Song of Praise – For the beauty of the earth (verses 1 and 2) H#416



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

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Lesson – Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

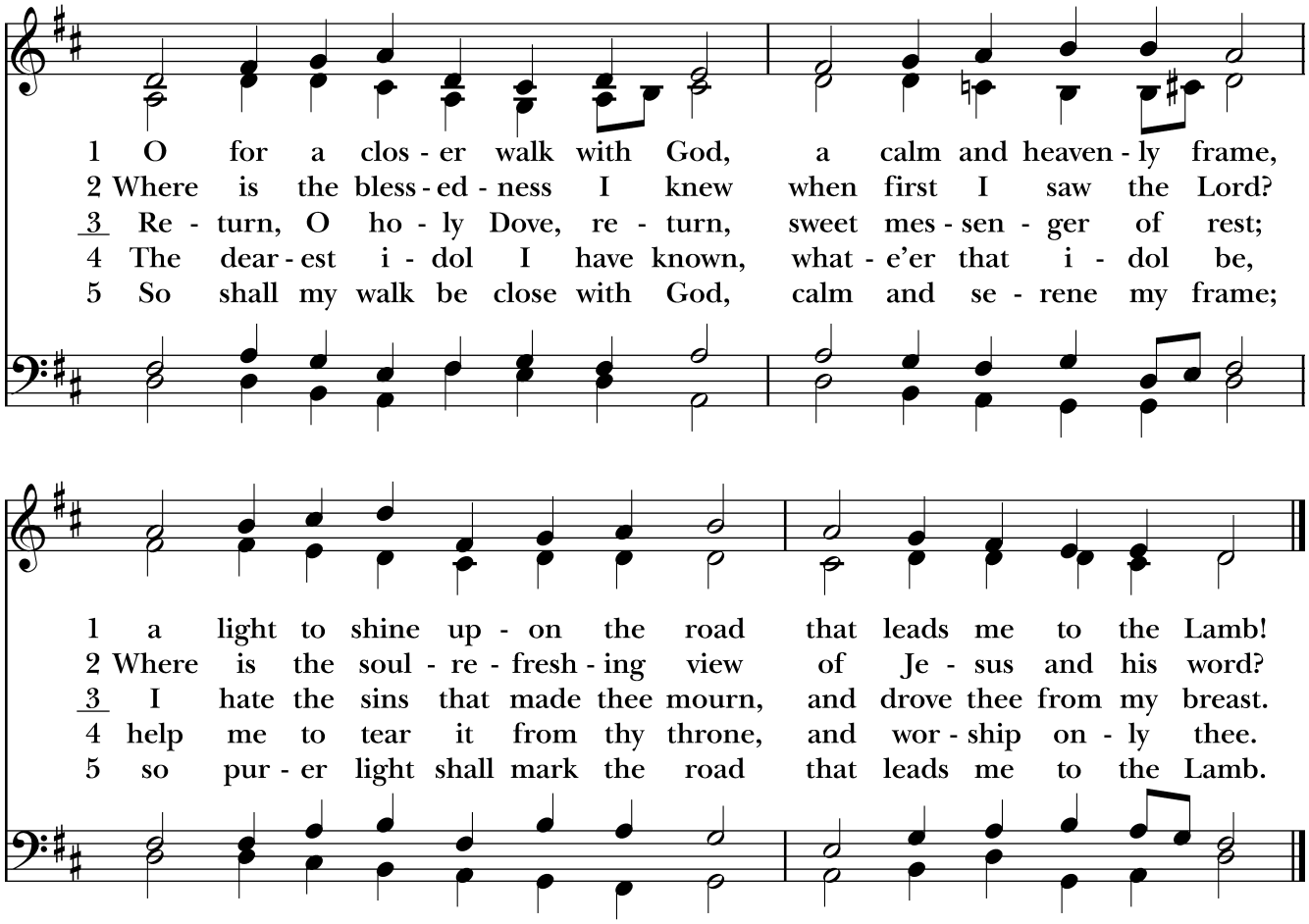
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Sequence – O for a closer walk with God H#684

Sing verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel, verse 5 after



All stand

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

The Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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 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 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 *Inspired by the Irish BCP*

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith.

Lord of your people: strengthen your Church in all the world; renew the life of this diocese of Colorado; bless our bishop, Kym, and build us up in faith and love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of creation: look with favor on the world you have made; instruct the nations in the ways of justice and peace, and guide Donald our President and all in authority. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of our relationships: comfort and sustain the communities in which we live and work; help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, enable us to serve our families and friends and to love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of all healing: relieve and protect those who are sick or suffering, be with those who have any special need (…), and deliver all who know danger, violence or oppression.

The People add their own petitions, silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord of eternity: bind us together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with and all who have died in the peace of Christ, that we may entrust ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to you, Lord God, and come with all your saints to the joys of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Confession and Absolution *From the Scottish Liturgy, 1982*

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Celebrant says

God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

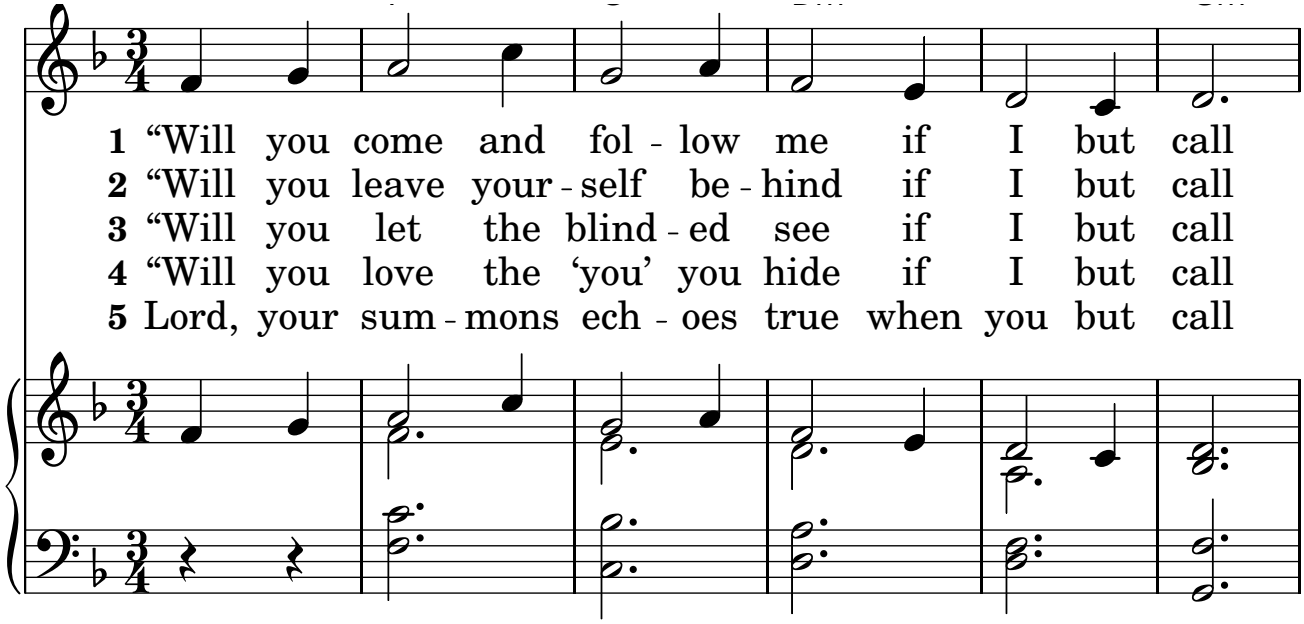
The Peace

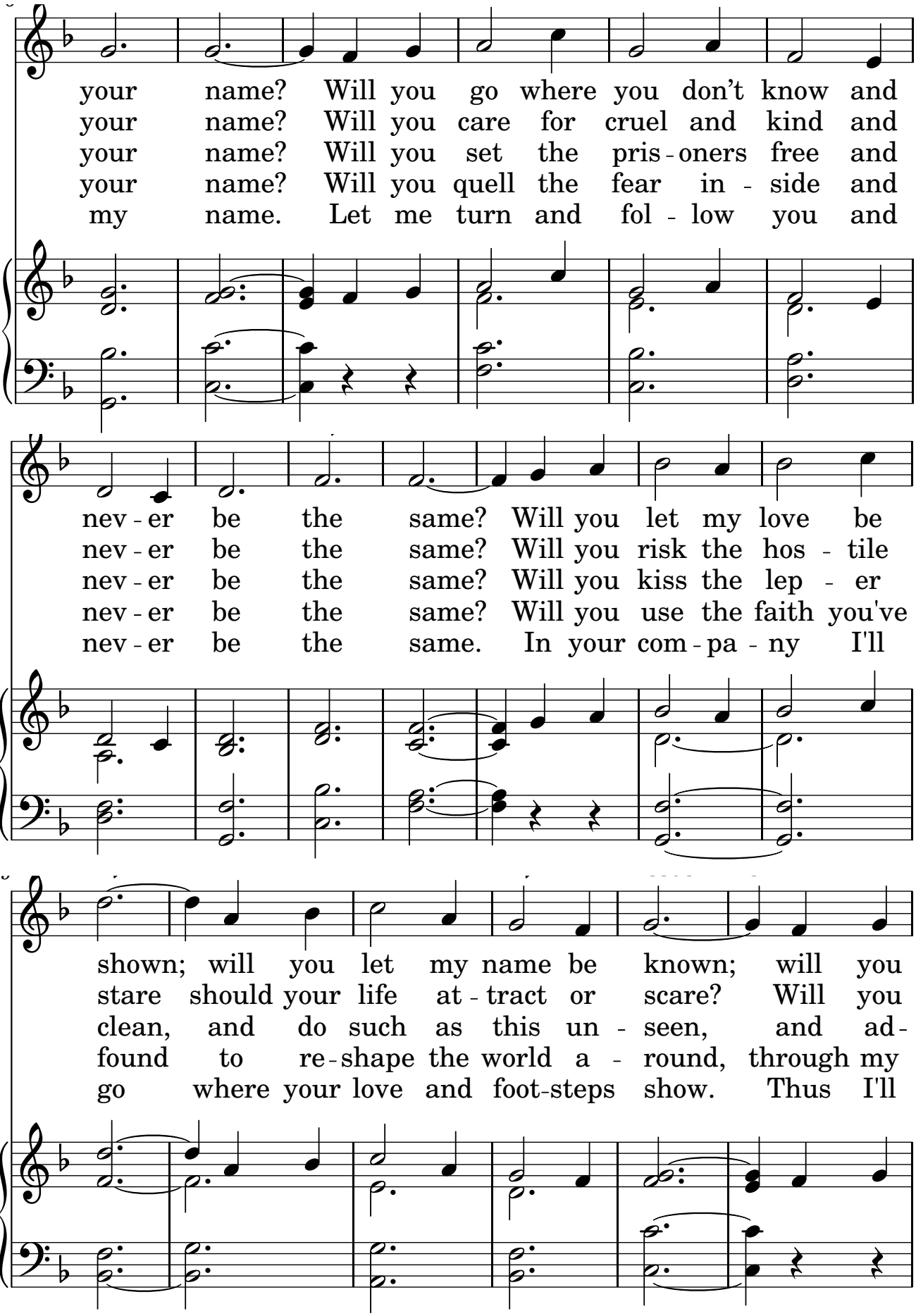
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

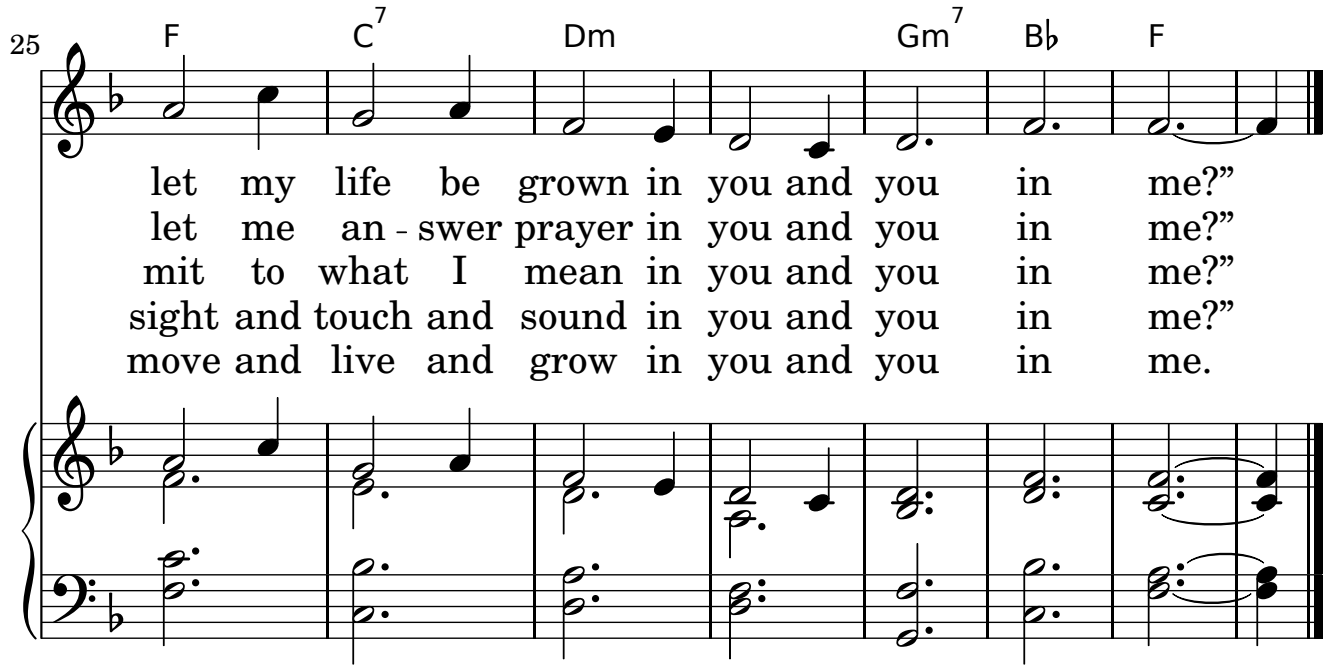
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory – Will you come and follow me (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)




your name? Will you go where you don't know and
your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and
your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and
nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll
shown; will you let my name be known; will you
stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
found to re - shape the world a - round, through my
go where your love and foot-steps show. Thus I'll



The Doxology (all sing)
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer *Scottish Liturgy, 1982*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

Celebrant: The God of love is with us.
People: The Spirit of love is in us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

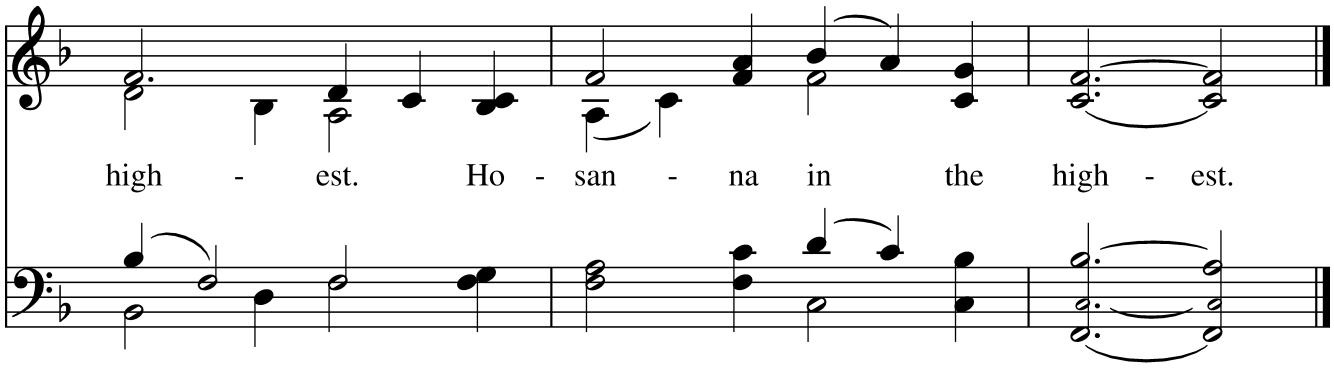
The Celebrant continues

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus – WLP858





The people stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Ever-Blessed Mary, the apostles and prophets, and all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

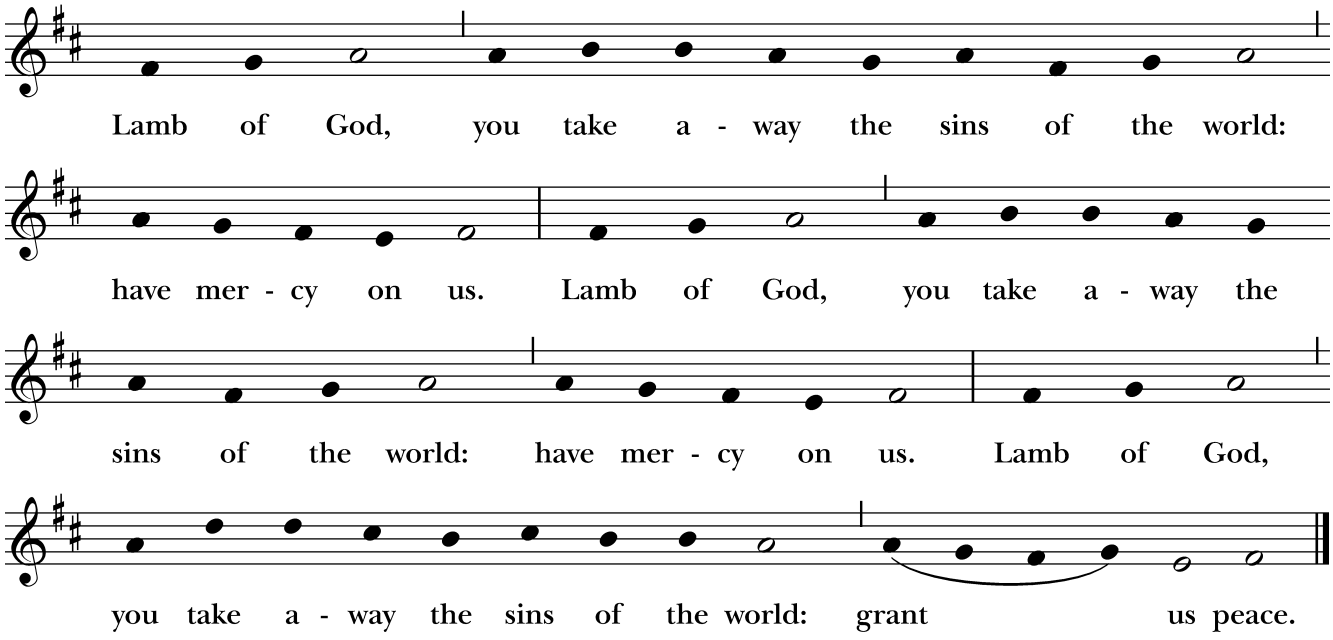
The Lord's Prayer – Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem – S161



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Celebrant: Behold what you are.
People: May we become what we receive.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Communion. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please wave to an Usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to you. (Gluten-free wafers available upon request.)

Music at Communion

Communion (SJB Choir)

Communion (Congregation): Let all mortal flesh keep silence H#324



Post-Communion Prayer

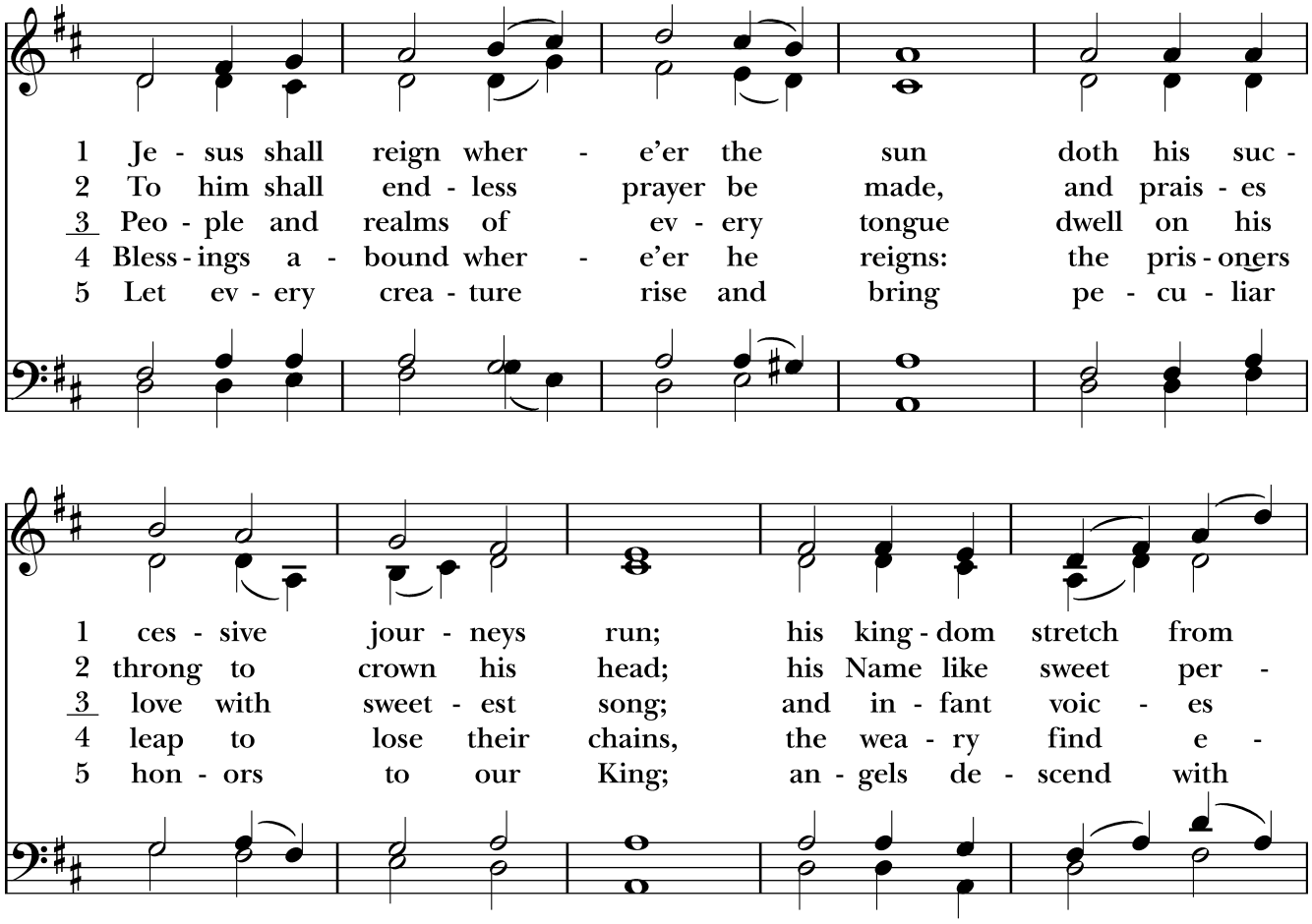
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Holy and life-giving God,
we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life.
We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation
which is your will for all the world;
through him who died for us and rose again,
your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun (verses 1, 3, 4, & 5) H#544





Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Ringing of the Bell

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A Note to the Children and their Families

We know it's hard, but thank you for all you do to get here on a Sunday morning to be with us in church. Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy – is not simply tolerated; you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

Welcome Cards / eBlast / Name Tags

If you would like to be on St. John's "radar screen" and receive the eBlast newsletter, please fill out a Welcome Card and leave it with an usher, place it in the offering plate, or hand it to the clergy. These cards are available by the bell rope at the back of the church, and by the coffee in the Parish Hall. If you would like a name tag, we'd be delighted to make one for you – please contact Natalie Boyer at administration@stjohnsbreck.org

The Offertory

At St. John's we count on the generosity of our visitors and guests to help us carry on our vital work within and beyond this church. Please leave a gift in the offering plate as it passes or go to the stjohnsbreck.org website and use the Give tab to donate online. You can use the QR code on the right to go directly to the St. John's Vanco Giving Page.

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