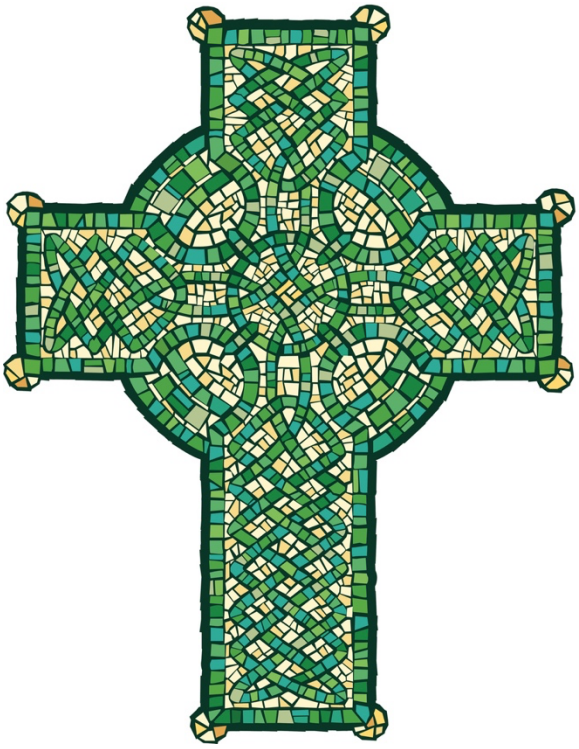


St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

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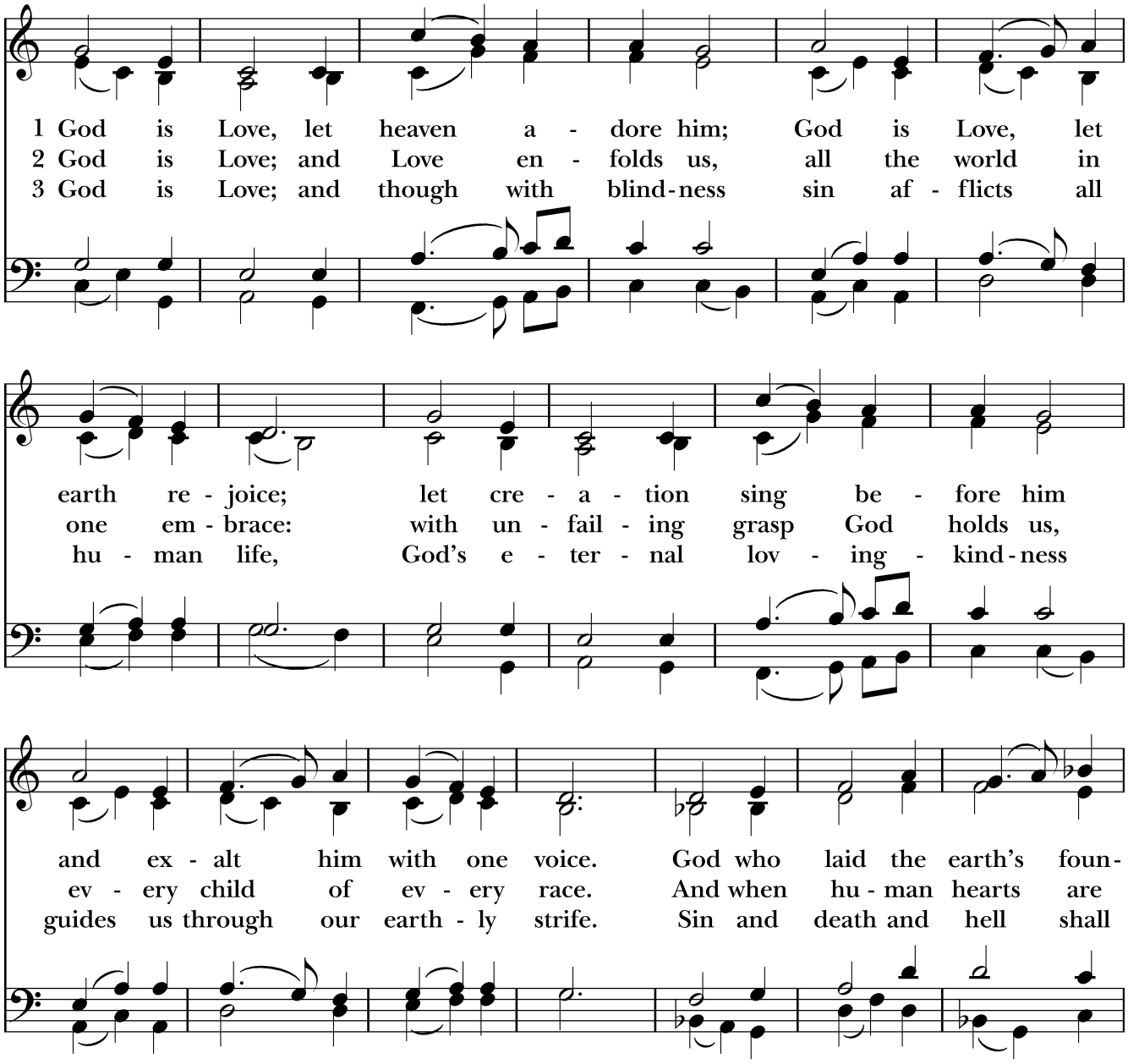
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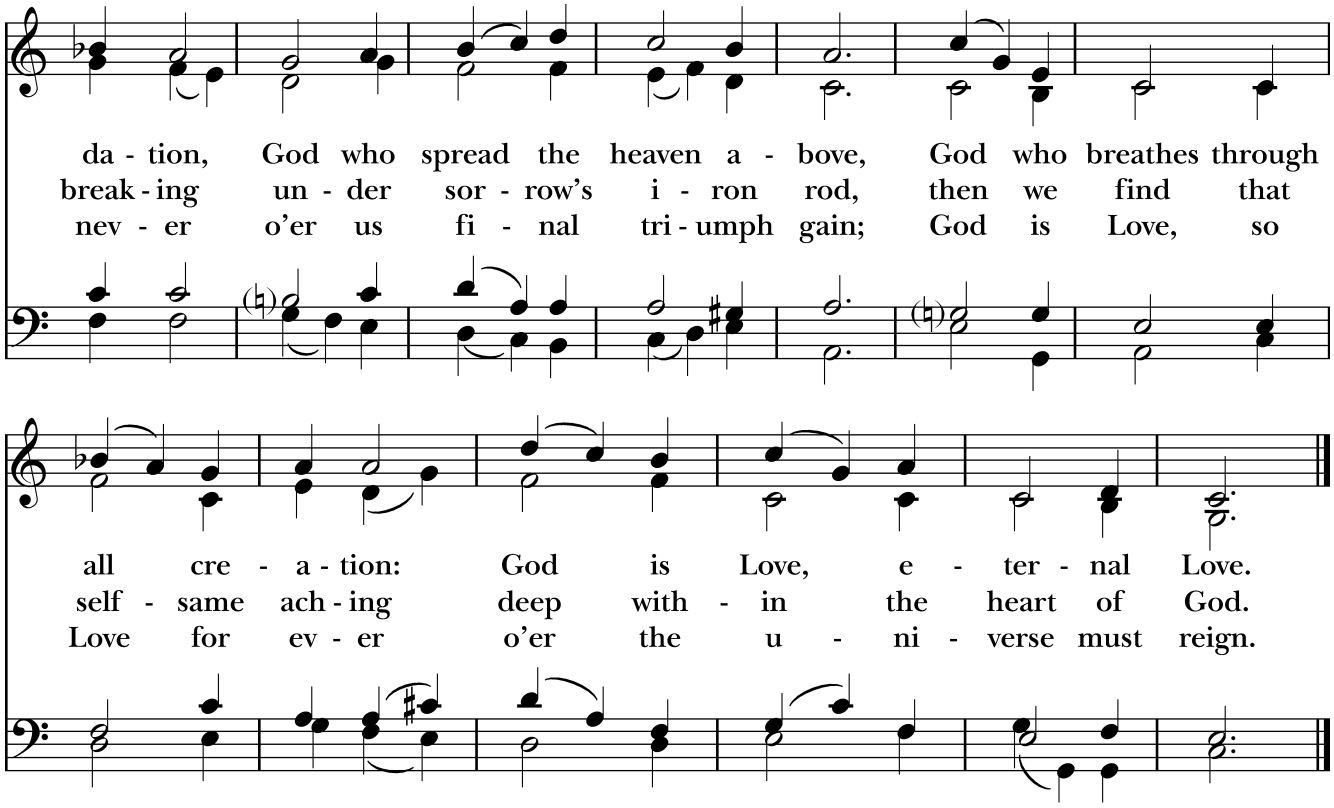
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn – God is Love, let heaven adore him H#379





The Word of God

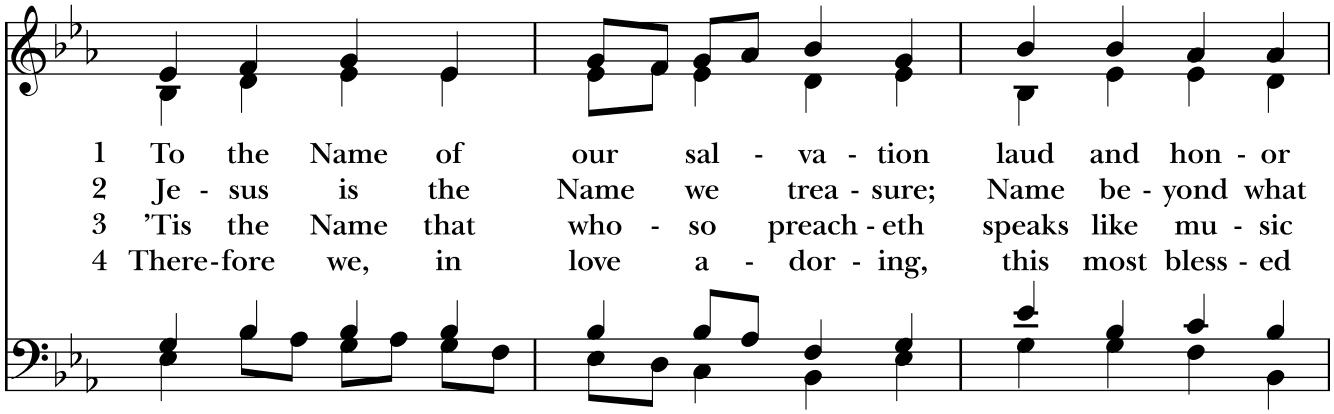
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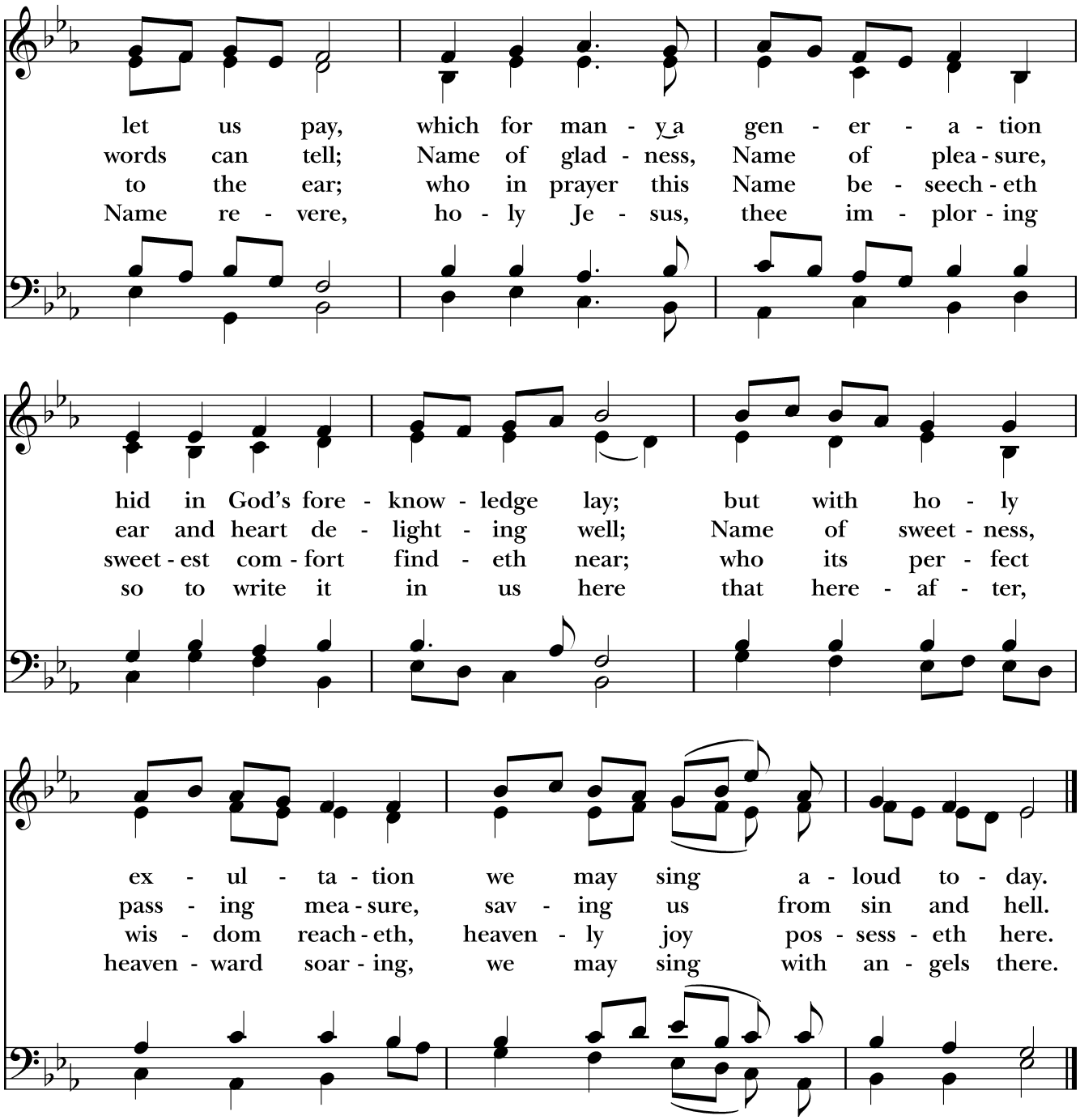
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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 – To the name of our salvation (verses 2 and 3) H#249





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

<u>Collect of the Day</u>

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson – Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson – Romans 13:8-14

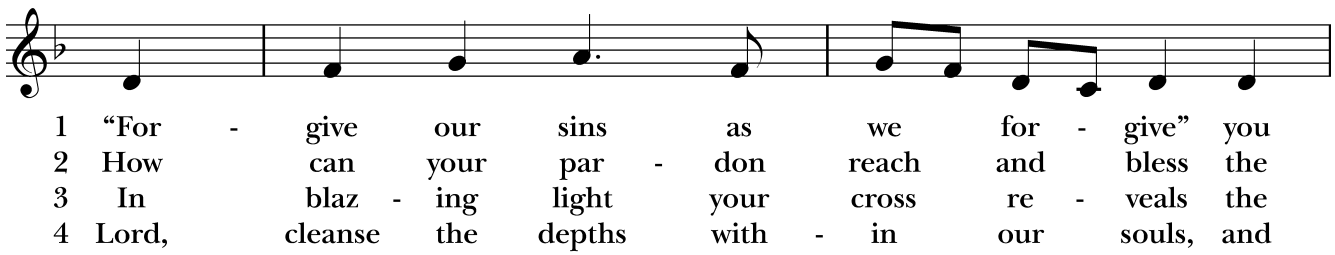
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

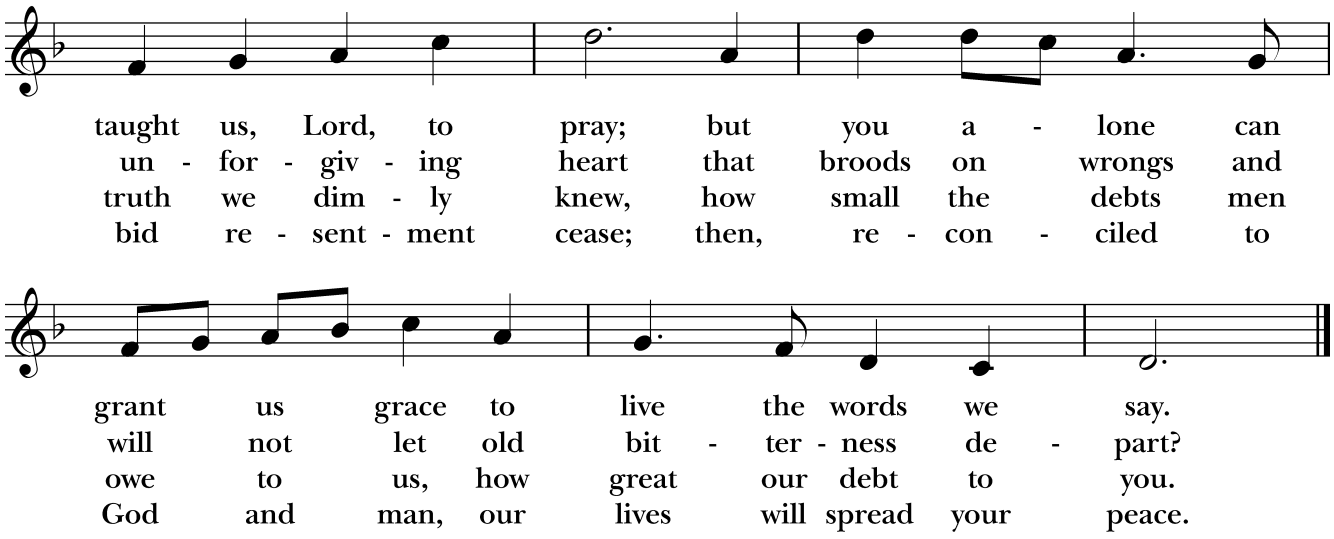
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence – Forgive our sins as we forgive H#674

Sing verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after





All stand

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

The Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

Leader: 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.**

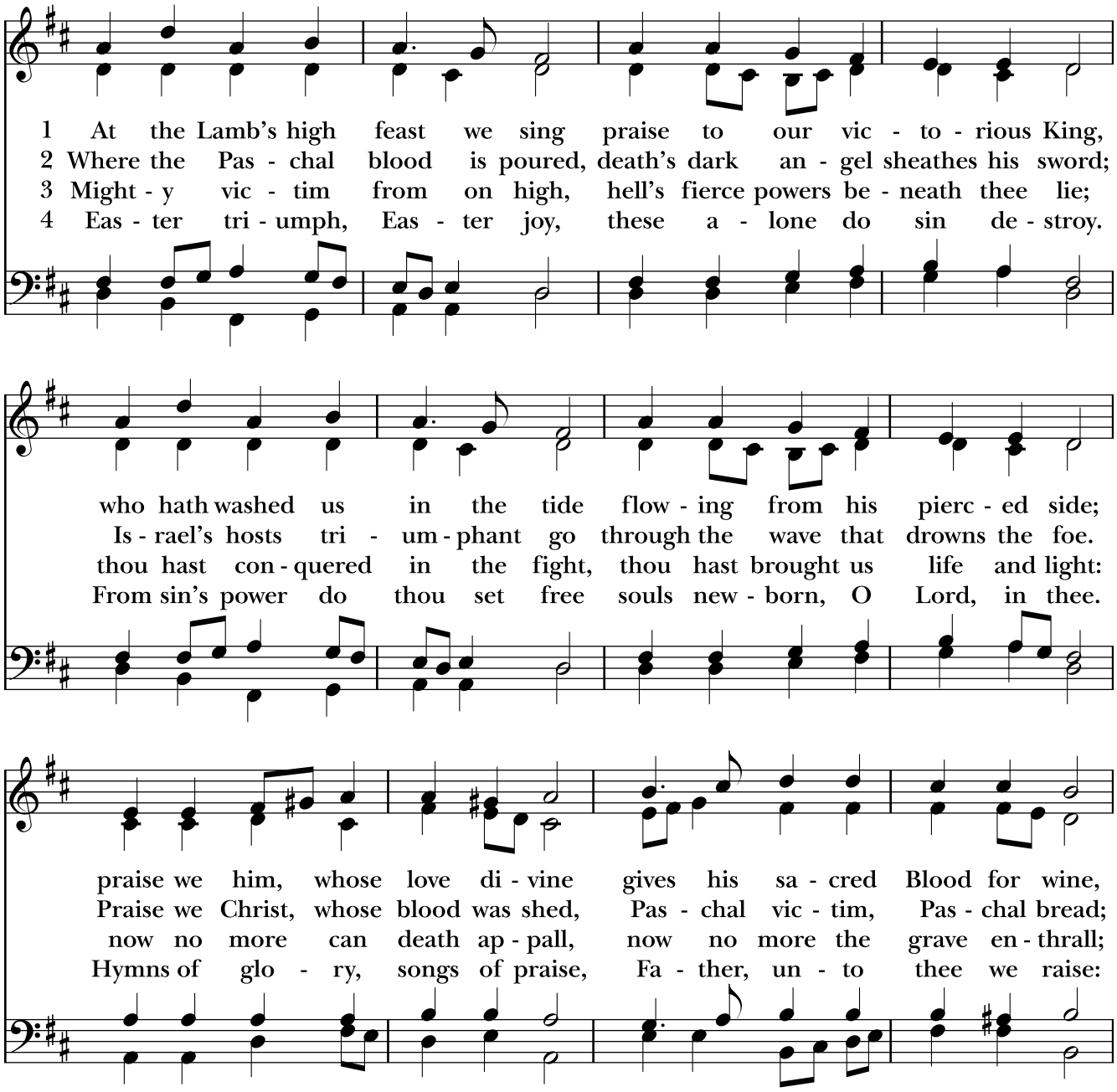
The Peace

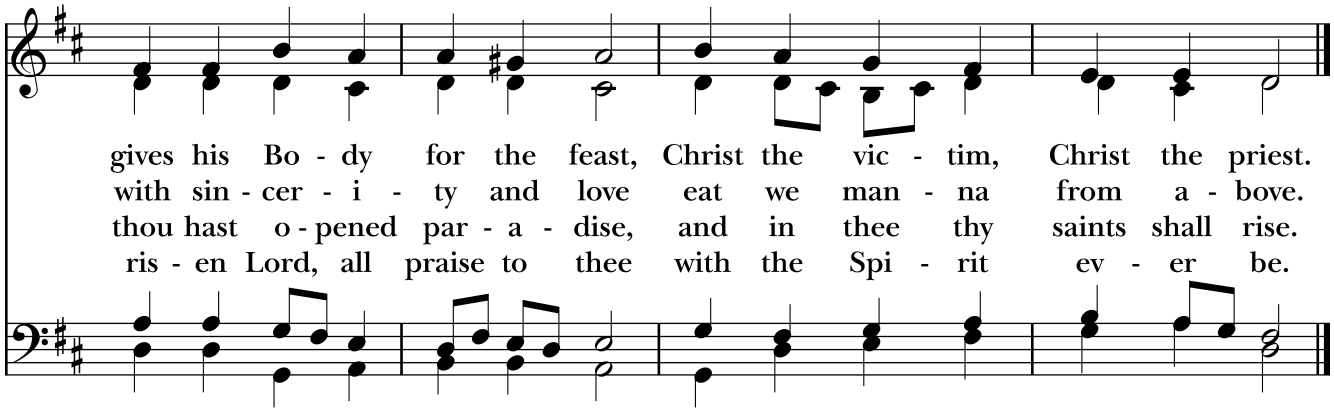
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory – At the Lamb's high feast we sing (verses 1 – 3) H#174





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.

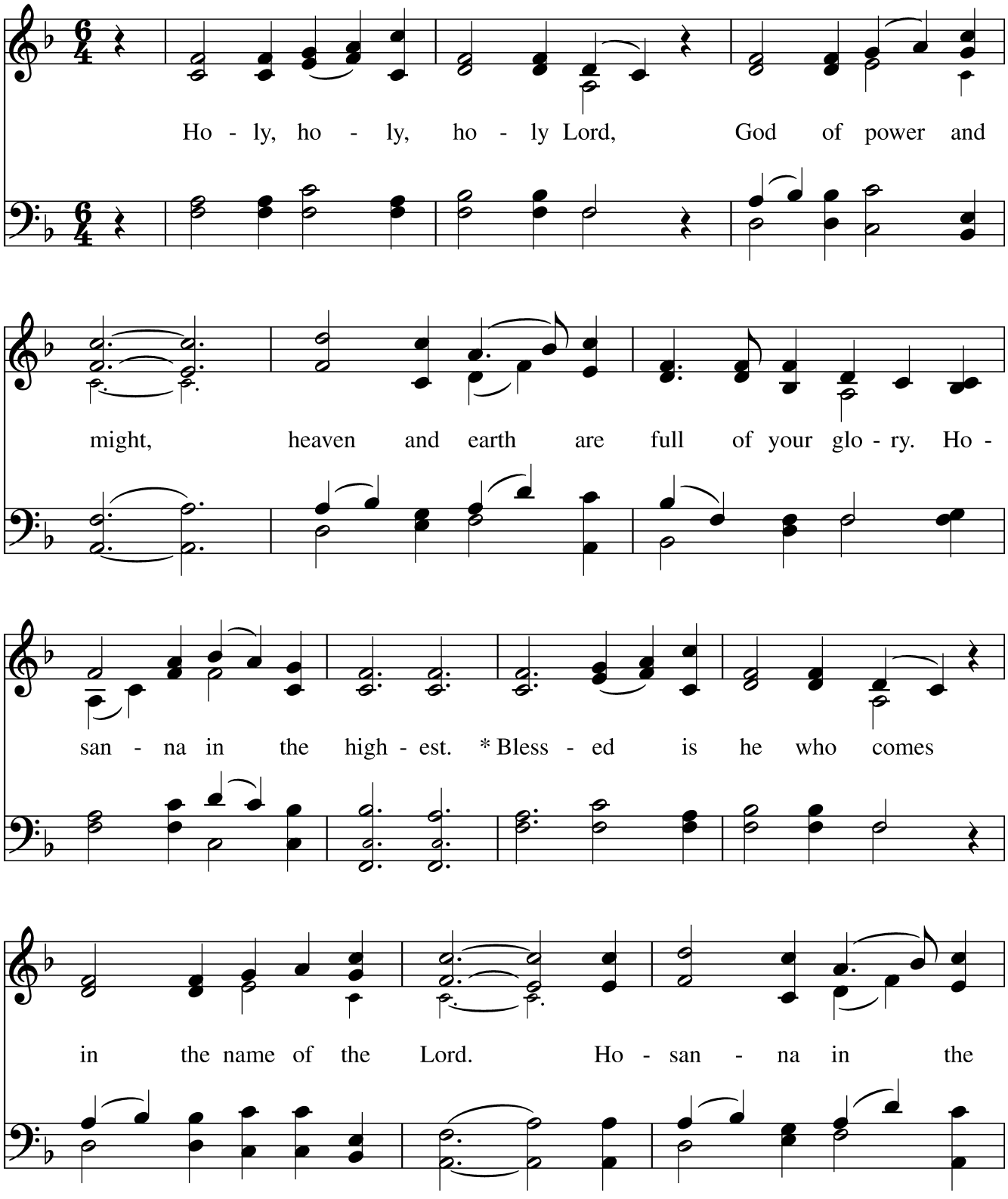
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

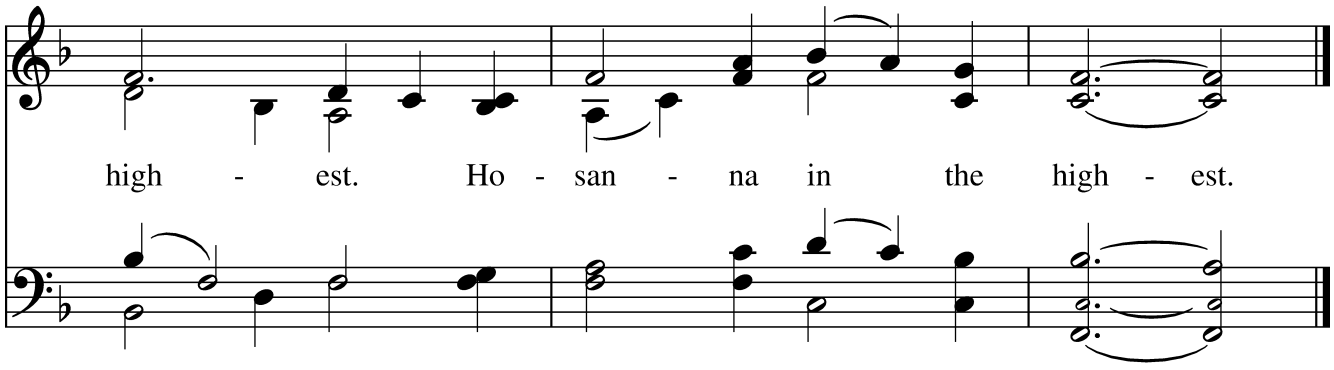
The Celebrant continues

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.**

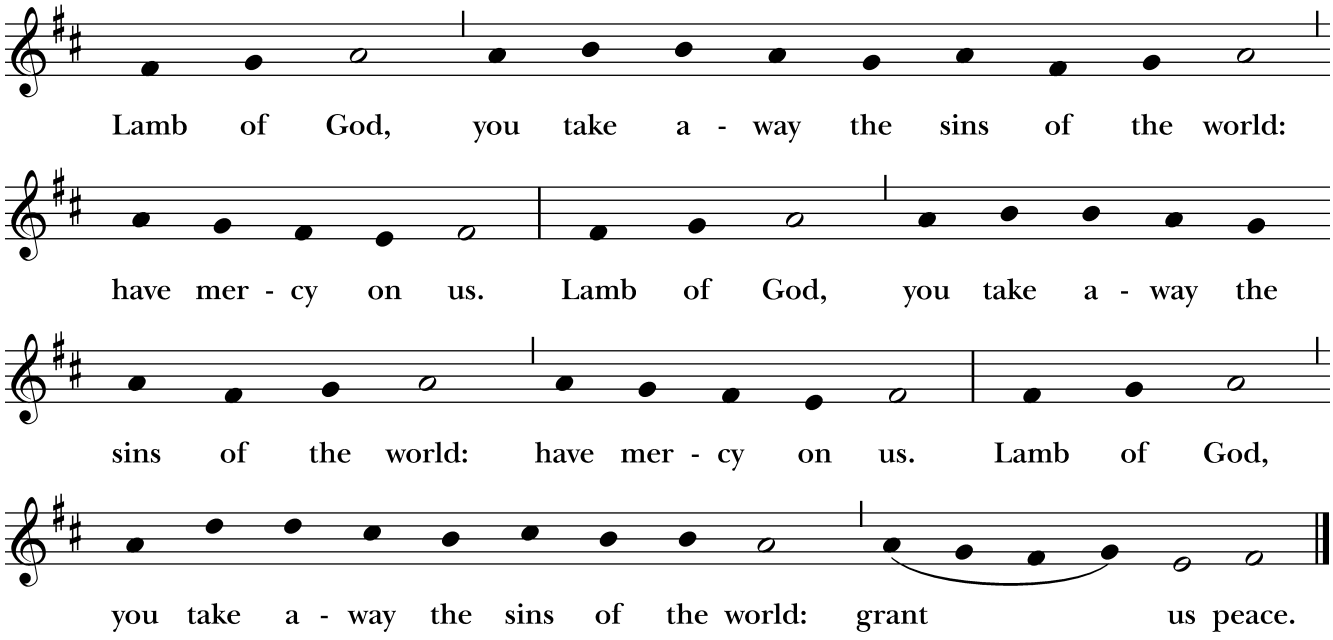
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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



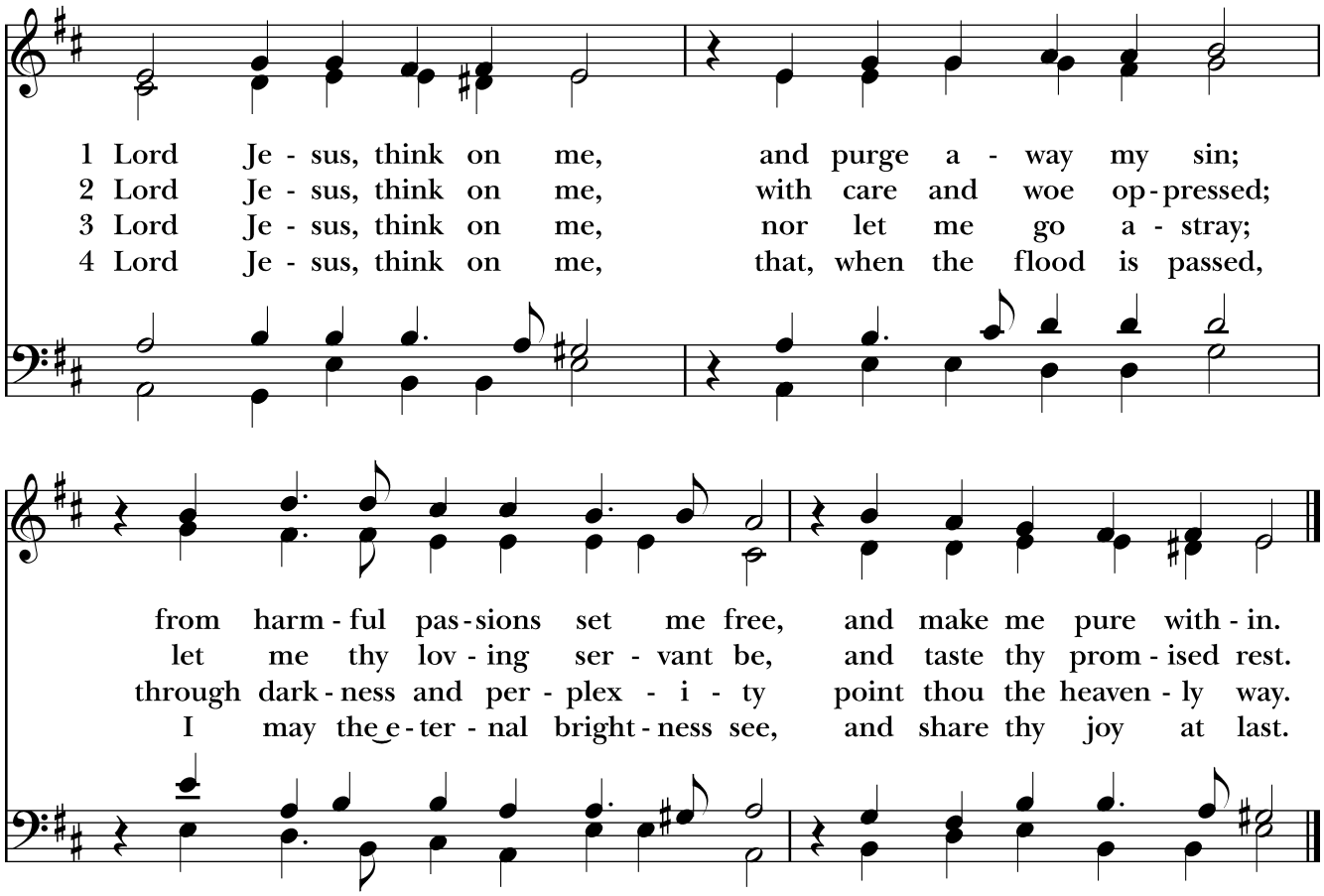
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 Anthem SJB Choir:

Communion (Congregation): Lord Jesus, think on me H#641



Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

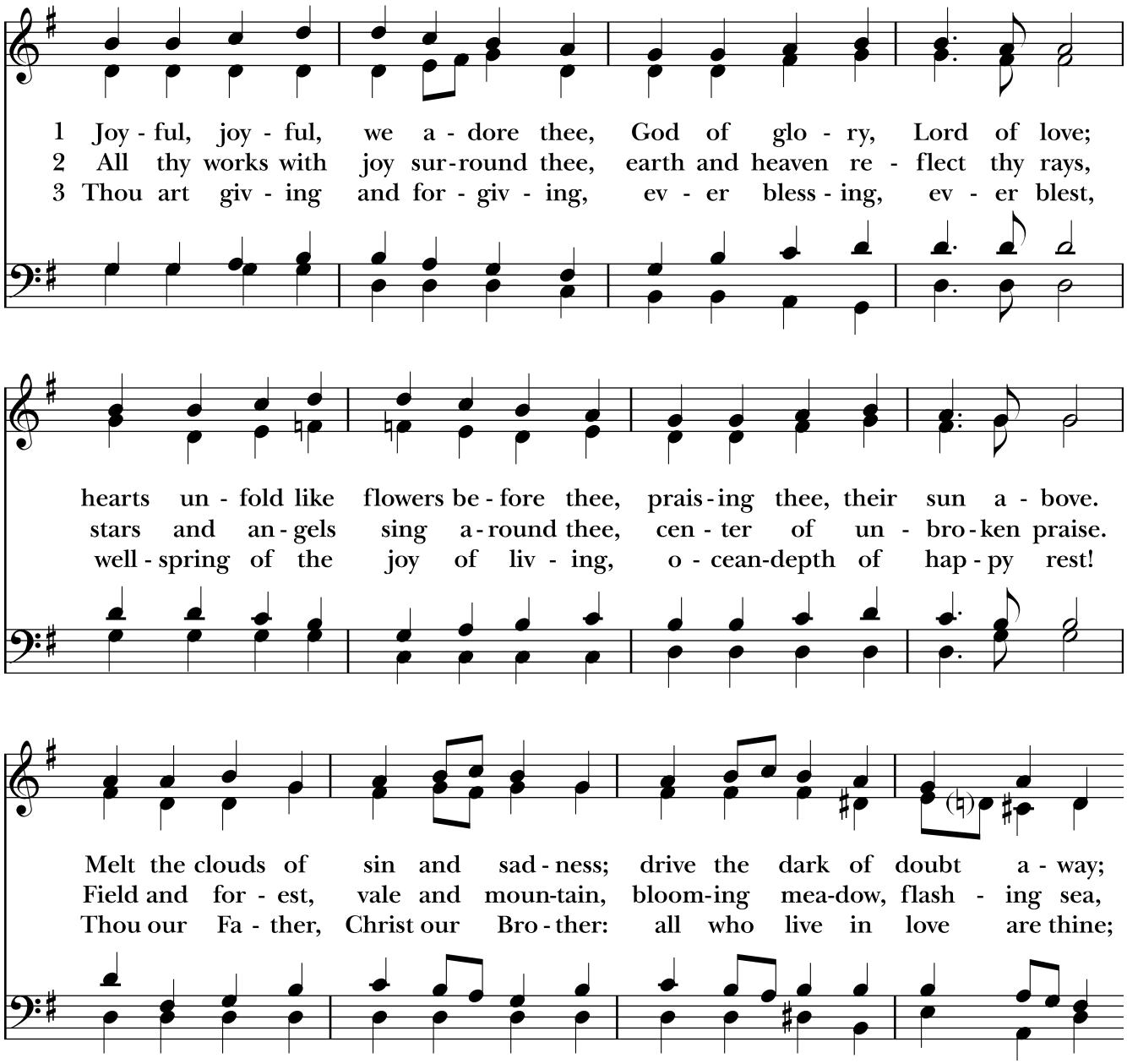
Celebrant and People

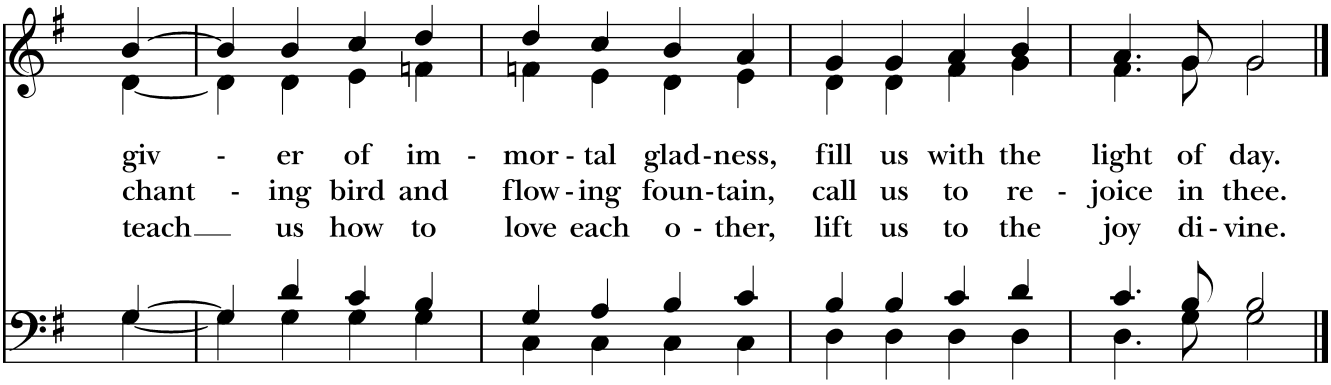
Holy and life-giving God,
we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life.
We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation
which is your will for all the world;
through him who died for us and rose again,
your Son,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

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Joyful, joyful we adore thee H#376





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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