



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Organist

The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL | *Morning Light* Stand up for Jesus

Hymnal 561

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.**

GLORIA | Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 66:1-11 *Jubilate Deo*

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector: A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Gospel

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Jesus, name above all names
Sing through twice.

See back page

THE GOSPEL | Luke 17:11-19

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Proper 23

from *Planning for Rites and Rituals: A
Resource for Episcopal Worship (Year C)*

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

For all who need healing, let us offer prayers in the name of the Lord.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Rob our Bishop, for this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peoples of all nations and for those seeking refuge. **Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth and peaceful times. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our county and those who live in it and for our families, companions, and all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless, Especially we pray for Ryder, Katherine, and Ashley. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. **Lord have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord of Life.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God the fount of all life, hear the prayers we offer this day and help all peoples in their weakness to approach you in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

It's the first Sunday of the month! All cash in the offering plate (unless otherwise designated) will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund is one of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people, by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities – and the need has been great this year.

OFFERTORY HYMN | Praise him! Praise Him!

See insert

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

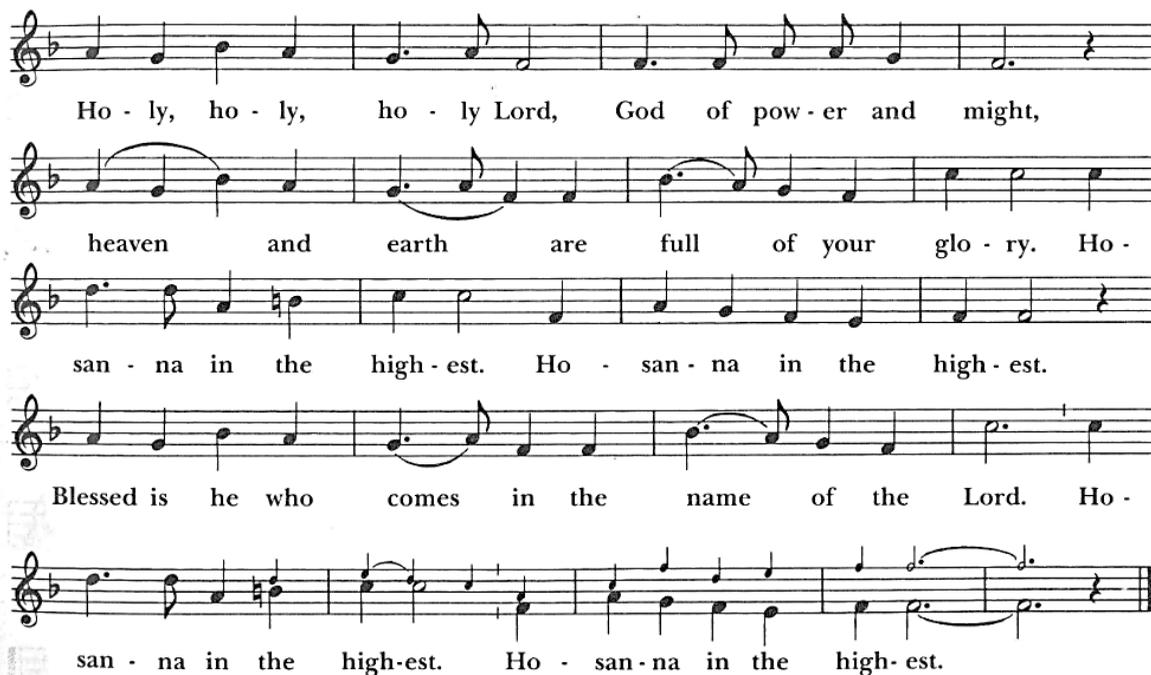
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel as able.

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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: *Alleluia*. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia*.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | *Agnus Dei* Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation is identical in format to the first, with treble and bass staves and lyrics below the treble staff. The melody and accompaniment continue from the first system.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant:

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 SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN | Lord, I'm coming home

Performed by Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

RECESSIONAL

| *St. Gertrude* Onward Christian soldier

Hymnal 562

vv. 1, 4-5

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in The Gathering Room, to the left as you exit the nave.

St. Nicholas' Mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Ryder Hughes, Ashley Patel, and Katherine Johnson. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*
Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*
Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody,
Kathy McMurtry
Alex Garrett, Clerk of the Vestry
Jim Gilliam, Treasurer

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: John Brent
Ushers: William Morgan & Steve Morse
Virtual Minister: Katherine Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox
Flowers: Margaret Zachry

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

TODAY: Confirmation Class kick-off and planning session.

Blessing of the Animals 5:00 p.m. on the Square in Hamilton

A **Hospitality Committee** is being formed and needs members. This team will welcome visitors and coordinate Sunday coffee, 1st Sunday Brunch, and the Christmas meal, along with other special events. Contact Erin or Rose if you are interested in this ministry.

Do you feel called to serve your church at a deeper, more spiritual level? **Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry** may be what you're looking for. Eucharistic Ministers serve the members of the congregation who minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

Adult Formation: Join us after the service on these dates in The Gathering Room for thought-provoking discussion.

OCTOBER 19: Guest Speaker Paul Pierce of the Springer Opera House will talk about his work with the Muscogee Indian Tribe.

NOVEMBER 9: Sainthood in the Episcopal Church

On **Sunday, October 19**, St. Nicholas will host guest speaker **Paul Pierce**, known for his many years as Artistic Director of the Springer Opera House in Columbus, Georgia. Mr. Pierce will deliver the homily: "Storytelling - The Eighth Sacrament." Following the service, Mr. Pierce will provide an Adult Formation class on his work with the Muskogee Indian tribe.

Directory Update: We are working our way toward a new printed edition of the Church Directory for the convenience of those who don't use the online version. The time to update your information is before it's printed!

If you need a new photo, see Lynn Hall after the service on October 26. If you are not sure your information is current, check with Erin in the office; you can also contact her if you are not in the directory and would like to be, or if you have lost your log-in information.

New Wednesday Fellowship Group – What's Your Interest? There has been interest expressed in both a needle arts group and bridge or card-playing group. Why not both at the same time? Or even more activities? What's your interest? Is after Evening Prayer a good time? Talk to Erin, Rose, or Father Bob if you have an idea or are interested in being informed about developments.

Truck & Treat! October 23: St. Nicholas will once again participate in Harris County's Halloween celebration at the Ag Center from 5 – 8 p.m. **Bring donations of treats** to Erin in the church office.

St. Nicholas Book Club News: The November read is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. See your weekly newsletter for more. The Book Club next meets after Evening Prayer on November 5.

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.'

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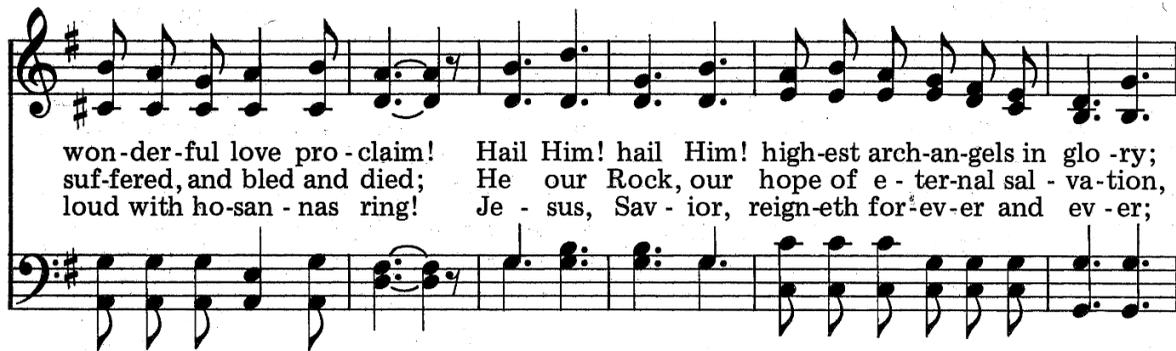
TEXT and MUSIC: Naida Hearn

HEARN
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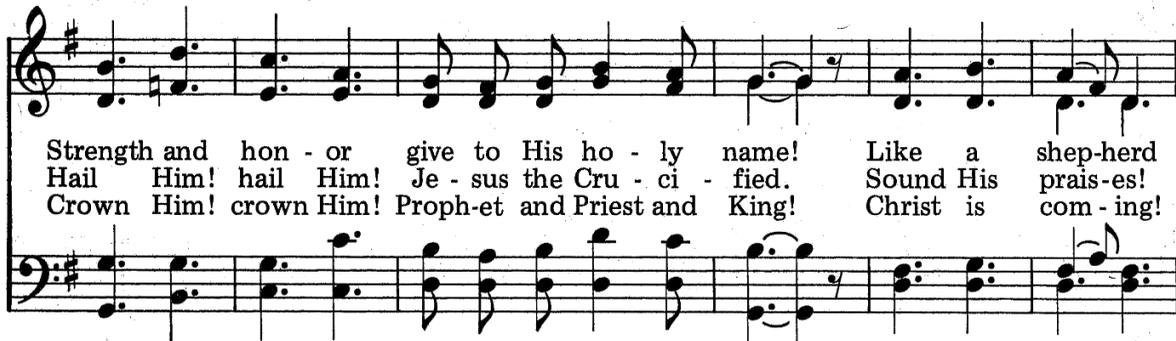
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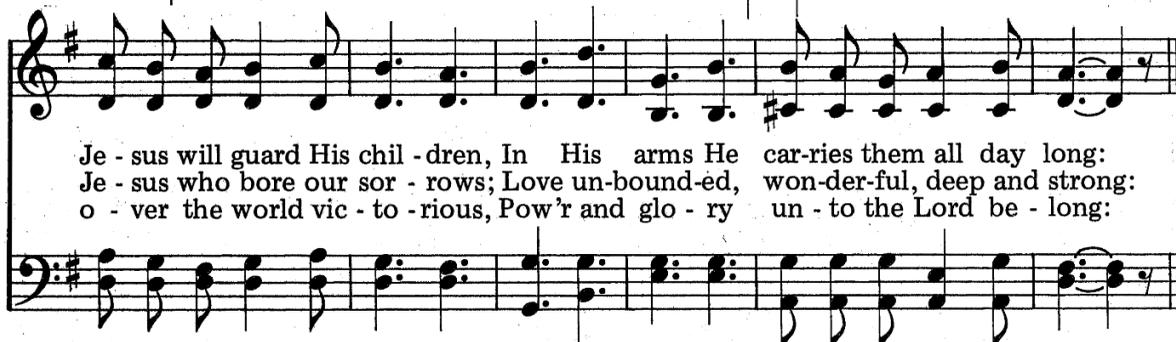
1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! Sing, O Earth, His
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! For our sins He
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! Heav'n-ly por - tals



won-der-ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in glo - ry;
 suf-ered, and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e - ter-nal sal - va-tion,
 loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for²ev-er and ev - er;



Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name! Like a shep-herd
 Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied. Sound His prais-es!
 Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King! Christ is com - ing!



Je - sus will guard His chil - dren, In His arms He car-ries them all day long:
 Je - sus who bore our sor - rows; Love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep and strong:
 o - ver the world vic - to - rious, Pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

Refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His ex - cel - lent great - ness;

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby
 MUSIC: Chester G. Allen

JOYFUL SONG
 Irregular meter

OCTOBER 12, 2025
 5:00 P.M.

Bring your leashed or crated animal friends (or a memento) to be blessed at this outdoor service. Children may bring a beloved stuffed animal.

Meet the Humane Society of Harris County's adoptable friends!

(Rain location: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 69 Mobley Rd., Hamilton, GA)



Blessing of the Animals

ON THE SQUARE IN HAMILTON, GA