

The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

The 16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is a house of prayer for all people.

PRELUDE

All stand as able and sing.

PROCESSIONAL

Praise my soul, the King of heaven - *Lauda Anima*
From *The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration*

See insert.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 FIRST LESSON | Genesis 50:15-21

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 103:8-13



The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. You're welcome to join in. If you don't read music, the note changes on the italicized words.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and *mercy*, * slow to anger and of great *kindness*.

9 He will not always accuse *us*, * nor will he keep his anger for *ever*.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our *sins*, * nor rewarded us according to our *wickedness*.

11 For as the heavens are high above the *earth*, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear *him*.

12 As far as the east is from the *west*, * so far has he removed our sins from *us*.

13 As a father cares for his *children*, * so does the Lord care for those who fear *him*.

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 | Romans 14:1-12

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their

own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Hymnal 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth - *St. Botolph*

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: 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
for the 16th Sunday After Pentecost

From *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the
Revised Common Lectionary*

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Almighty Deliverer, you have heard and lifted up your people again and again;
hear us now as we pray, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Grant your church wisdom in discerning your call to us that we might be the
beacon of hope you have intended us to be. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us courage and determination in our civic life, that we might be witness to the
power of repentance, reconciliation, and justice to our neighbors. Lord, in your
mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead us into a way of life that is sustainable and equitable, that all might participate
in the bounty of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to respond to the needs of those around us who suffer from the lack of basic needs; show us how to respond in love to the wants we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families, and on the children held in detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, who face illness, or who are wounded; mend what has broken in our lives. Especially we pray for Linda, Nonie, the grieving family of John, Joshua and the grieving family of baby Gianna, the grieving family of Doris, Eleanor, Michael, Scott, Kim, Bob, David, and Hollis. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Embrace the dying in your grace, grant them and us new life in the kingdom to come. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, grant us deeper understanding and love of you, that we might grow to the stature you intended for us and answer our prayers through Christ, our only Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN

See insert.

On Jordan's stormy banks
From *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal II*

THE DOXOLOGY

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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.

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.

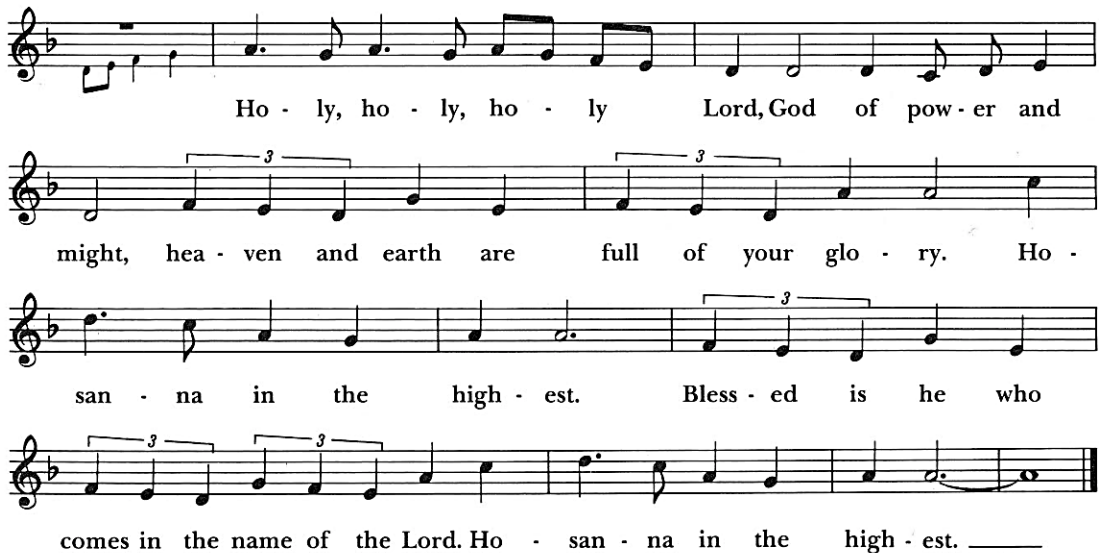
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

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.

All people are invited to receive Communion. The ushers will come stand by your pew, at which time you may go kneel or stand at the railing. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have mobility challenges and need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN

Go down, Moses

The hymn will be 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

Hymnal 347

Go forth for God - *Litton*

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 Linda Wilson-Sterling at Christian Valley Church, Nonie Bueche, the grieving family of John Wilson, Joshua Freese and the grieving family of baby Gianna, the grieving family of Doris McCullohs, Michael Davis, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale. Continuing prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

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

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,
and Steve Morse
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Ministers: Bob & Judy McCracken
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

SEP 16: ~~Gookies, Crafts, and Conversation~~ CANCELED

SEP 20: Vestry meeting

SEP 23-29: Erin Vacation (office closed)

SEP 30: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen Alison Larkin's *The People We Keep* for their next selection. (From *GoodReads*) A lyrical coming-of-age novel about a young woman's journey through heartbreak, chosen family, self-discovery, and creative resilience in 1990s upstate New York. See your newsletter for more! The book club meets on the first Wednesday of the month after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.



Get all the news: Use this QR code to go to the most recent newsletter!



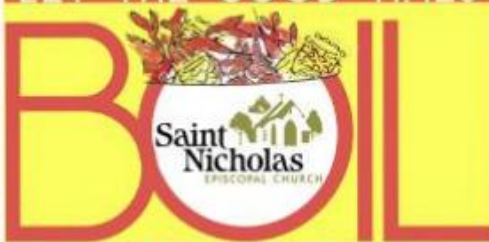
Blessing of the Animals

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OCTOBER 4, 2026
5:00 P.M.

LOW COUNTRY

LET THE GOOD TIMES



*Let the Good Times Boil
at St. Nicholas Church!*

**Good food. Live music. Family fun.
And the warmth of community spirit.**

Join us as we share stories, make new
friends, and come together to raise
funds for St. Nicholas!

\$65 per adult.

Low Country Boil Buffet Dinner

Saturday, October 17

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church (outdoors)

69 Mobley Road, Hamilton

5:00 Family Fun & Fellowship
Games for kids and big kids!
Live Music with Lee Daniel
50/50 Raffle

6:00 Dinner catered by Chef Chris
of J's Catch Market & Grill

Traditional Low Country Boil

Shrimp, Sausage, Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
or Pork Tenderloin, Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes

Fresh, warm Beignets for dessert!

Tea and Lemonade. Cash bar.

\$5 Kids Plate: Hot dog, Chips, Fruit and Ice Cream



**Make your reservations online
at www.stnicholashamilton.org**

or by phone: 706-587-3243

Reservation deadline: October 12

PROCESSIONAL

Praise my soul, the King of heaven - LAUDA ANIMA From *The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration*

Unison

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To His feet thy
 2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
 3. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish; Blows the wind and
 4. An - gels in the height, a - dore Him; Ye be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same as ev - er,
 it is gone; But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 face to face; Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him;

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Al - le - lu - ia!
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Gath - ered in from ev - ery race; Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high E - ter - nal One.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

TEXT: Henry F. Lyte; based on Psalm 103

MUSIC: Mark Andrews

Alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE, No. 241

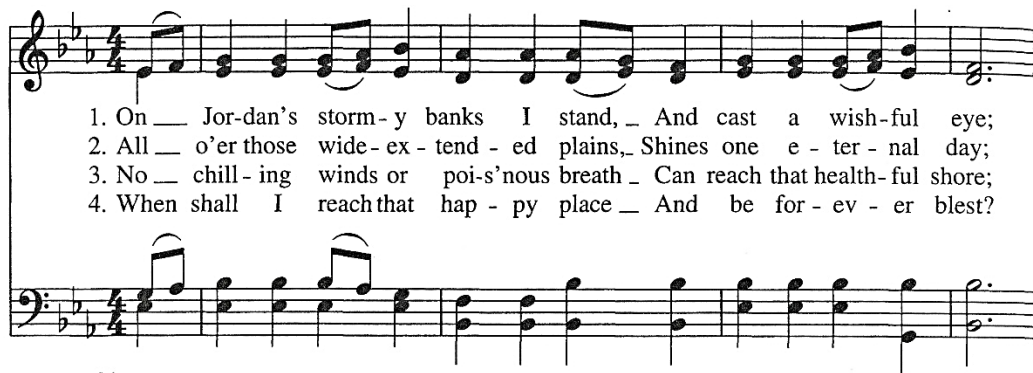
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LAUDA ANIMA (Andrews)

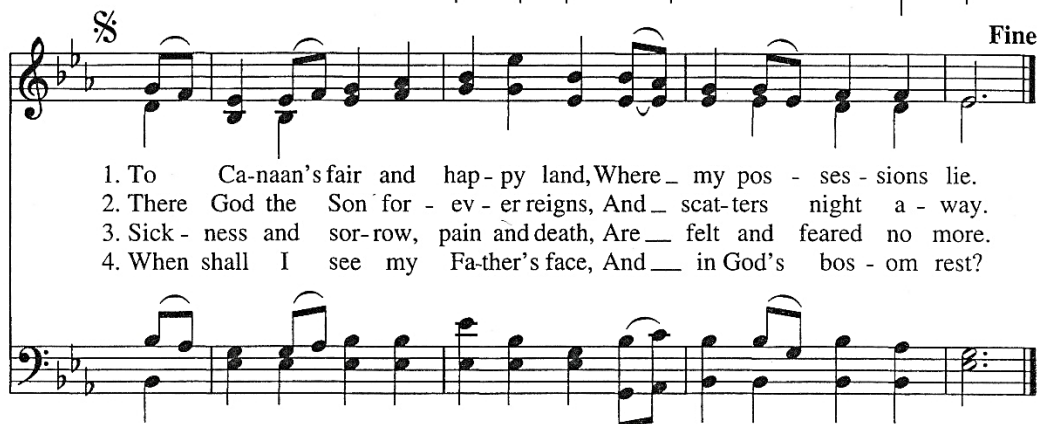
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OFFERTORY HYMN

On Jordan's stormy banks From *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal II*



1. On — Jor-dan's storm-y banks I stand, — And cast a wish-ful eye;
2. All — o'er those wide-ex- tend - ed plains, — Shines one e - ter - nal day;
3. No — chill - ing winds or poi-s' nous breath — Can reach that health-ful shore;
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place — And be for - ev - er blest?



1. To Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land, Where — my pos - ses - sions lie.
2. There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, And — scat - ters night a - way.
3. Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, Are — felt and feared no more.
4. When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And — in God's bos - om rest?

D.S. Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.



I am bound for the prom - ised land, — I am bound for the prom-ised land;

Words: Samuel Stennett (1727-1795)

Music: American Melody; adapt. Rigdon McCoy McIntosh (1836-1899); arr. Norman Johnson

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