

**July 30, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist
Bishop Lucinda Ashby Visitation**



**St. Stephen's in-the-Field
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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.

WORD OF GOD

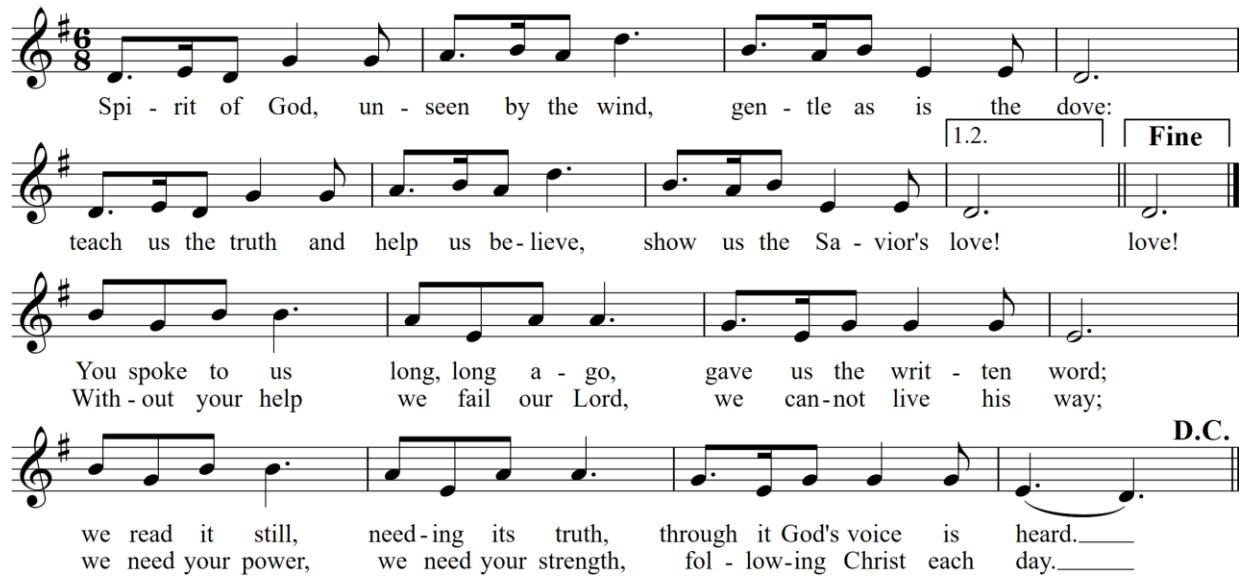
Opening Hymn:

Spirit of God, Unseen

Margaret Old (1932-2002)

Voices Found #53

SKYE BOAT SONG
Scottish Traditional melody



Spir - it of God, un - seen by the wind, gen - tle as is the dove: 1.2. **Fine**
teach us the truth and help us be - lieve, show us the Sa - vior's love! love!
You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ - ten word;
With - out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;
we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day. **D.C.**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

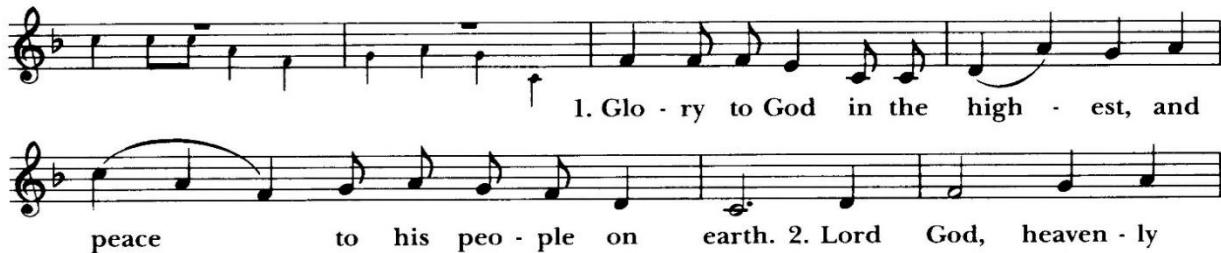
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

All

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



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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Scandalous God, sowing weeds among the crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad: throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the Son of man show us your inclusive, provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; *
 his judgments prevail in all the world.
8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
 the promise he made for a thousand generations:
9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
 the oath that he swore to Isaac,
10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
 an everlasting covenant for Israel,
11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
 to be your allotted inheritance."
45b Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

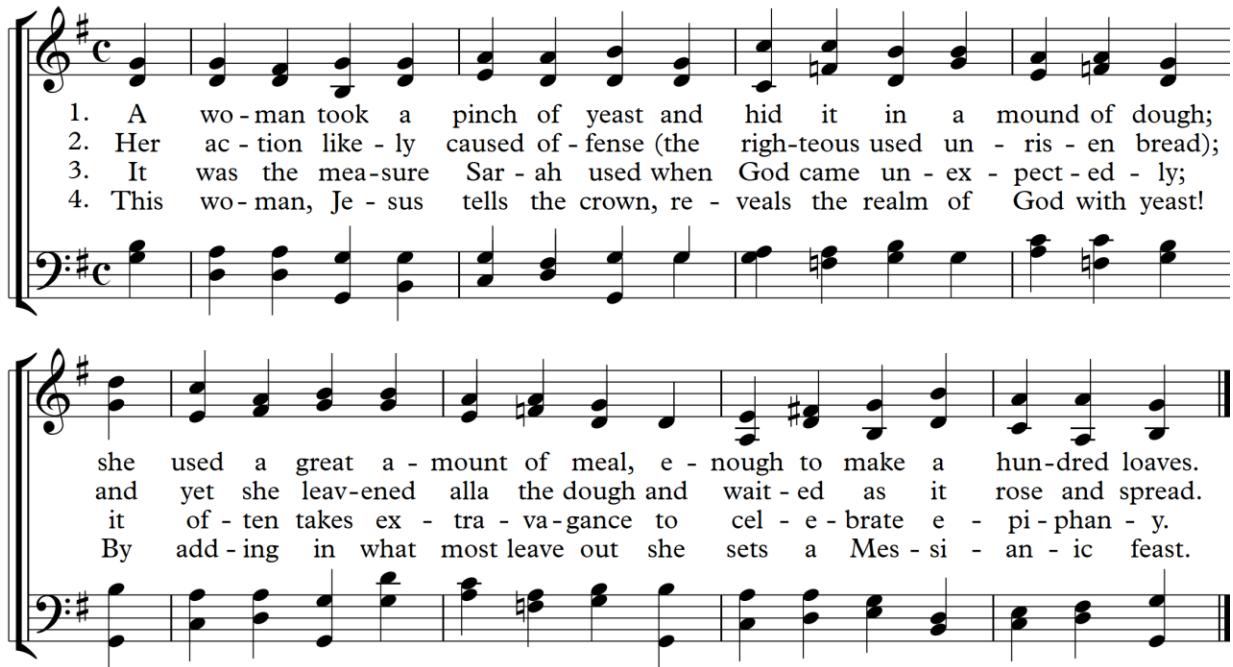
A Woman Took a Pinch of Yeast

Songs for the Cycle, p. 41

Michael Hudson, 2004

THE EIGHTH TUNE

Thomas Tallis (1505? - 1585)



1. A wo - man took a pinch of yeast and hid it in a mound of dough;
2. Her ac - tion like - ly caused of - fense (the righ-teous used un - ris - en bread);
3. It was the mea-sure Sar - ah used when God came un - ex - pect - ed - ly;
4. This wo - man, Je - sus tells the crown, re - veals the realm of God with yeast!

she used a great a - mount of meal, e - nough to make a hun-dred loaves.
and yet she leav-ened alla the dough and wait - ed as it rose and spread.
it of - ten takes ex - tra - va-gance to cel - e - brate e - pi - phan - y.
By add - ing in what most leave out she sets a Mes - si - an - ic feast.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All stand

Bishop: Karen, people of St. Stephen’s: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God’s grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

Priest & People: **We will, with God’s help.**

Water is poured into the font

Bishop: The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water

Bishop: We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Priest: Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God’s holy catholic church.

The Bishop leads the renewal of baptismal vows

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and Earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop concludes

Bishop: May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Asperges

Prayers of the People

Leader: Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name!
Let us pray to God, saying,
Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: Intercede for us.

Leader: God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for those in leadership in this diocese that they may serve with "wisdom, patience and a reconciling temper," for the Chancellor, Treasurer and Secretary of the diocese. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: Intercede for us.

Leader: God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous things.

(Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Leader: God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died grow in your eternal love.

Silence

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

People: **Intercede for us.**

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and all people. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Offertory:

Blest are God's Peacemaking Ones

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2005

Songs of Grace #74

ABERYSTWYTH

Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

$J = 44$

1. Blest are God's peace-making ones, sent to work in count-less ways -
 2. Bless-ed are God's pro-phets, too, Called to chal-lenge what we know.
 3. God, through Je-sus' love and grace, may we live what we pro-fess.

God's own daugh-ters, God's own sons, Serv-ing with-out seek-ing praise.
 Work-ing for a world that's new, Call-ing us to change and grow.
 In the chal-len-ges we face, may we know what makes us blest.

Yet like leav-en in our bread, They per-sist to change and grown.
 Though the mes-sage that they bear stands a-against what pow-ers say -
 May we stand a-against the wrong; may our thirst for you in-crease.

By God's Spi-rit, they are led To pur-sue God's peace ful call.
 It is Je-sus' word they share, News of God's new break-ing day.
 Give to us a pro-phet's song! May we work to bring your peace.

Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. John and St. Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

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

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

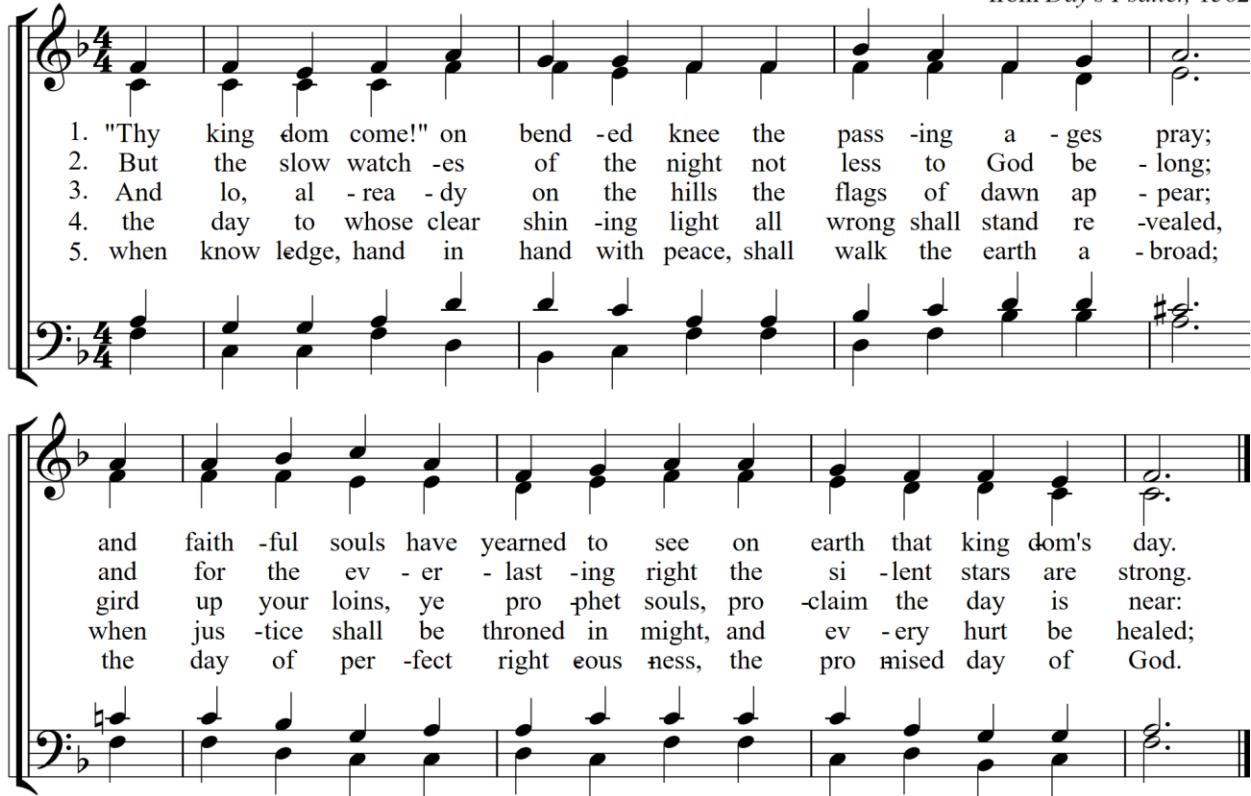
Communion Hymns:

Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

H #615

ST. FLAVIAN
from *Day's Psalter*, 1562



1. "Thy king dom come!" on bend -ed knee the pass -ing a - ges pray;
 2. But the slow watch -es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3. And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4. the day to whose clear shin -ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5. when know ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

and faith -ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king dom's day.
 and for the ev - er - last -ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 gird up your loins, ye pro -phet souls, pro -claim the day is near:
 when jus -tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 the day of per -fect right eous ness, the pro -mised day of God.



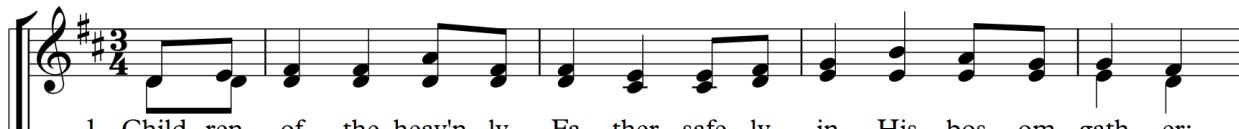
Children of the Heavenly Father

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #213

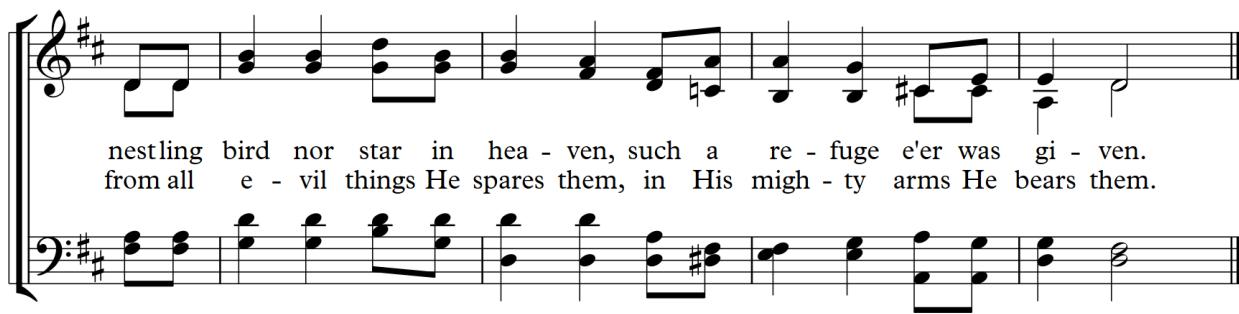
Carolina Sandel-Berg (1855)
tr. Ernst W. Olsen (1925)

Swedish folk melody

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1. Child-ren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God his own does tend and nour - ish, in His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;



nestling bird nor star in hea - ven, such a re - fuge e'er was gi - ven.
from all e - vil things He spares them, in His migh - ty arms He bears them.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us,
and reconciled your people to yourself.
May we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.
Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love. Amen

Blessing

Mission Song:

Sing a New Song

Based on Psalm 98

Renew! # 21

Words and Music
by Daniel L. Schutte

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun - tains high.

Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing "Al - le - lu - ia."

1. Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; O come be - fore the Lord. _____ And play for

2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sa - vior now has come. _____ He has

3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry of the Lord. _____ The trum - pet

him on glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound. _____

turned your sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song. _____

sounds; the dead shall be raised, I know my Sa - vior lives. _____

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, August 2nd at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 6th at St. John's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 9th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 13th at St. John's, 10am (picnic following the service)
- Wednesday Book Group, August 16th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 20th at St. Stephen's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 23rd at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 27th at St. John's, 10am
- Saturday, September 30th – St. Stephen's Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, 5pm

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