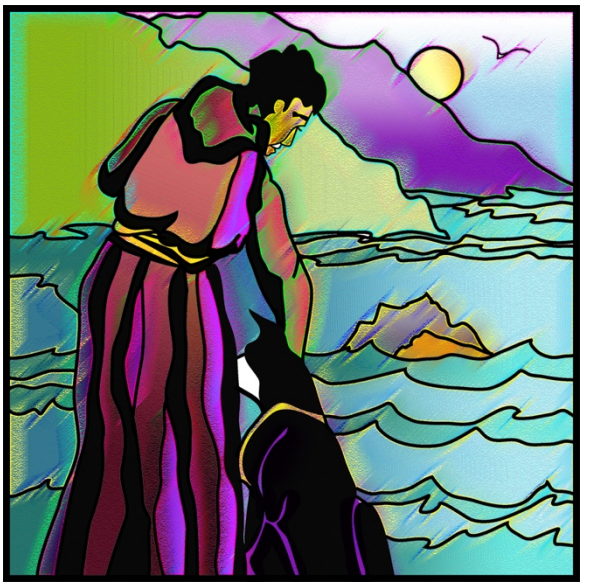
ST. JAMES

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026
The Rev. Mary Janda, Presiding

We are glad you chose to be here with us at worship today. We welcome all people looking for healing, love, forgiveness, and acceptance, and seeking to find or recover a spiritual home in Christian community; we include families, children, young people, older people, couples, singles, and LGBTQ+ persons of any ethnicity, ability, or spiritual perspective. We invite you to participate in our service as fully as you are comfortable doing. Everything you need to participate is printed in this bulletin.

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Children are a welcome sight and sound at St. James, and we have resources just for them!

- Children's Chapel begins at 9:45am in Classroom A. Children return to worship after The Peace.
- Childcare is available from 9am to 12pm in the Child Care Room by the Parish Hall.
- Children's Corner - Look in the Children's Corner of the Sanctuary for quiet Sunday activities your kids can enjoy there or take with them to their chair. New activities provided each week during the summer.

GUIDE TO THIS WORSHIP BULLETIN

This Worship Bulletin contains everything you need to follow along with our service. You will find page references throughout to use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Hymnal 1982 (H) and (S), should you wish.

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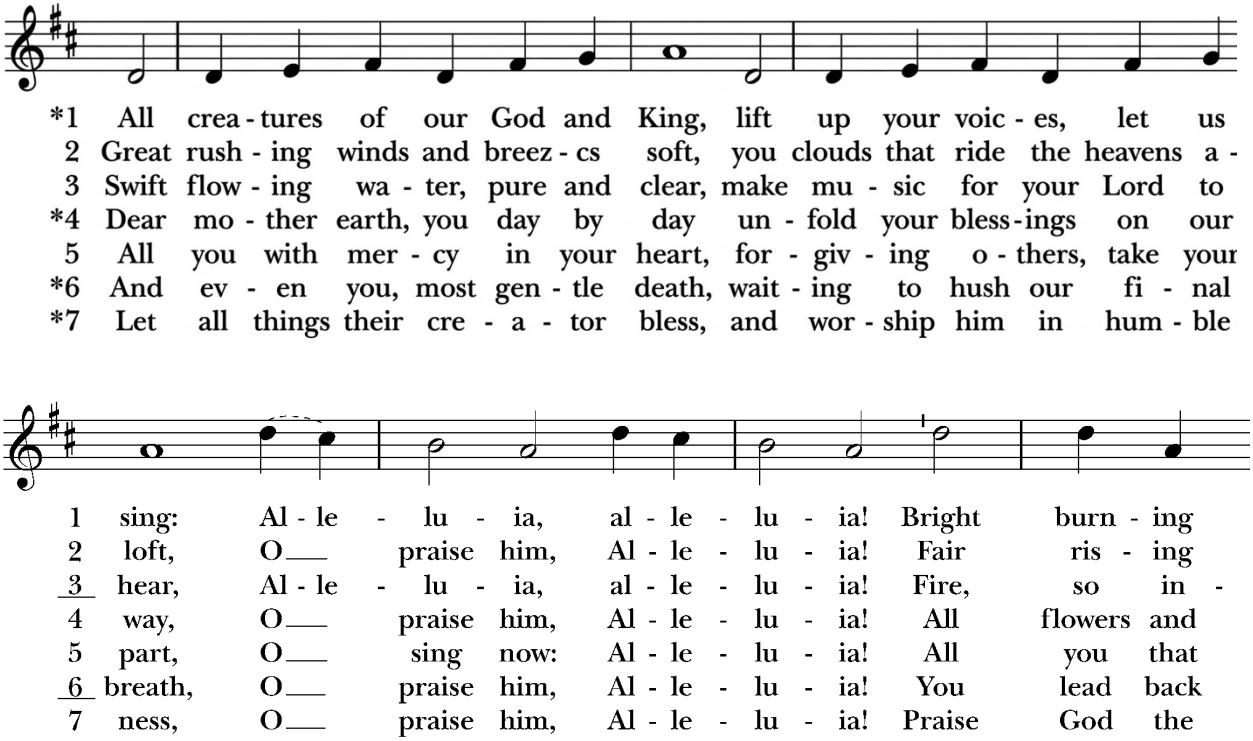
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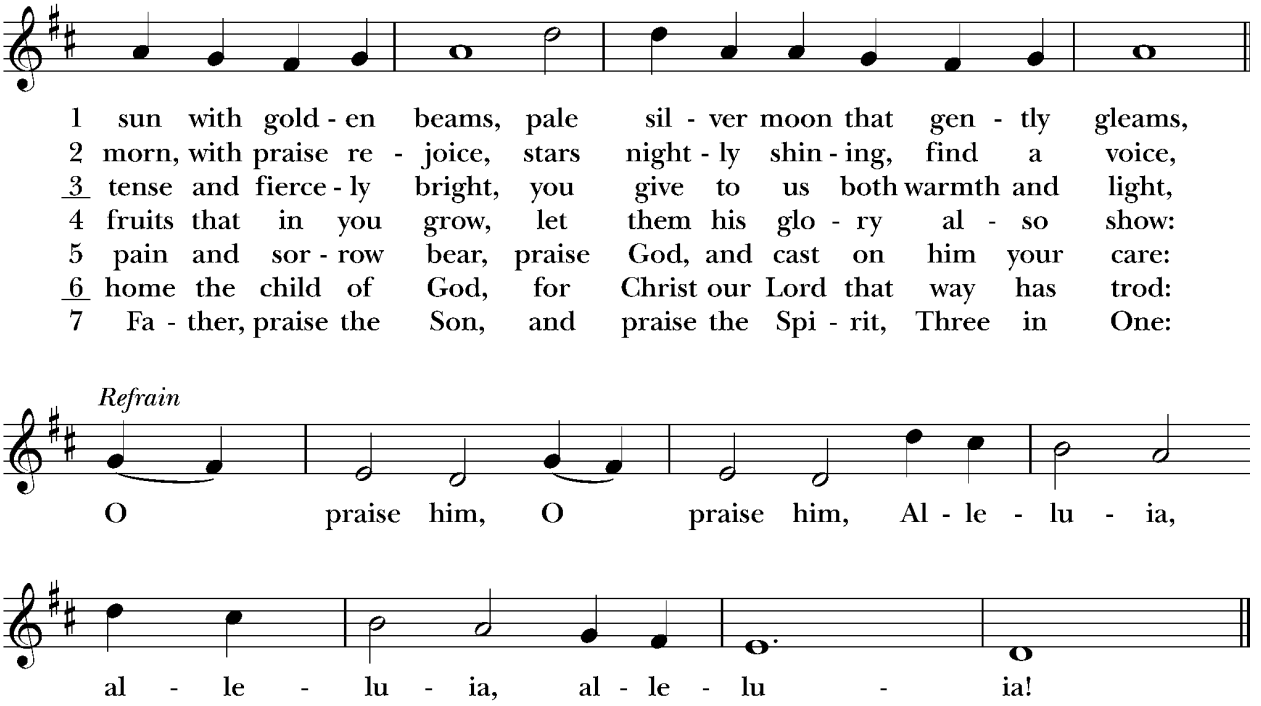
PRELUDE - *Abide with Me, Arr. Marvin Goldstein*

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* **(VS 1, 4, 6-7 ONLY)**





The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

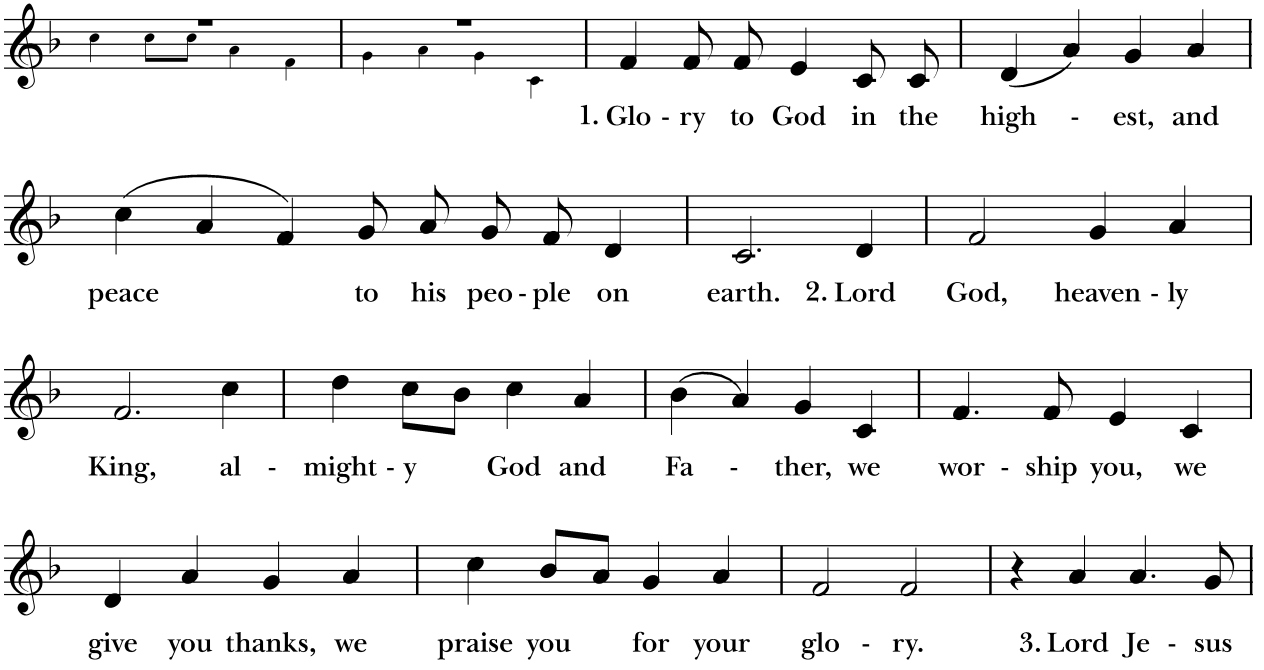
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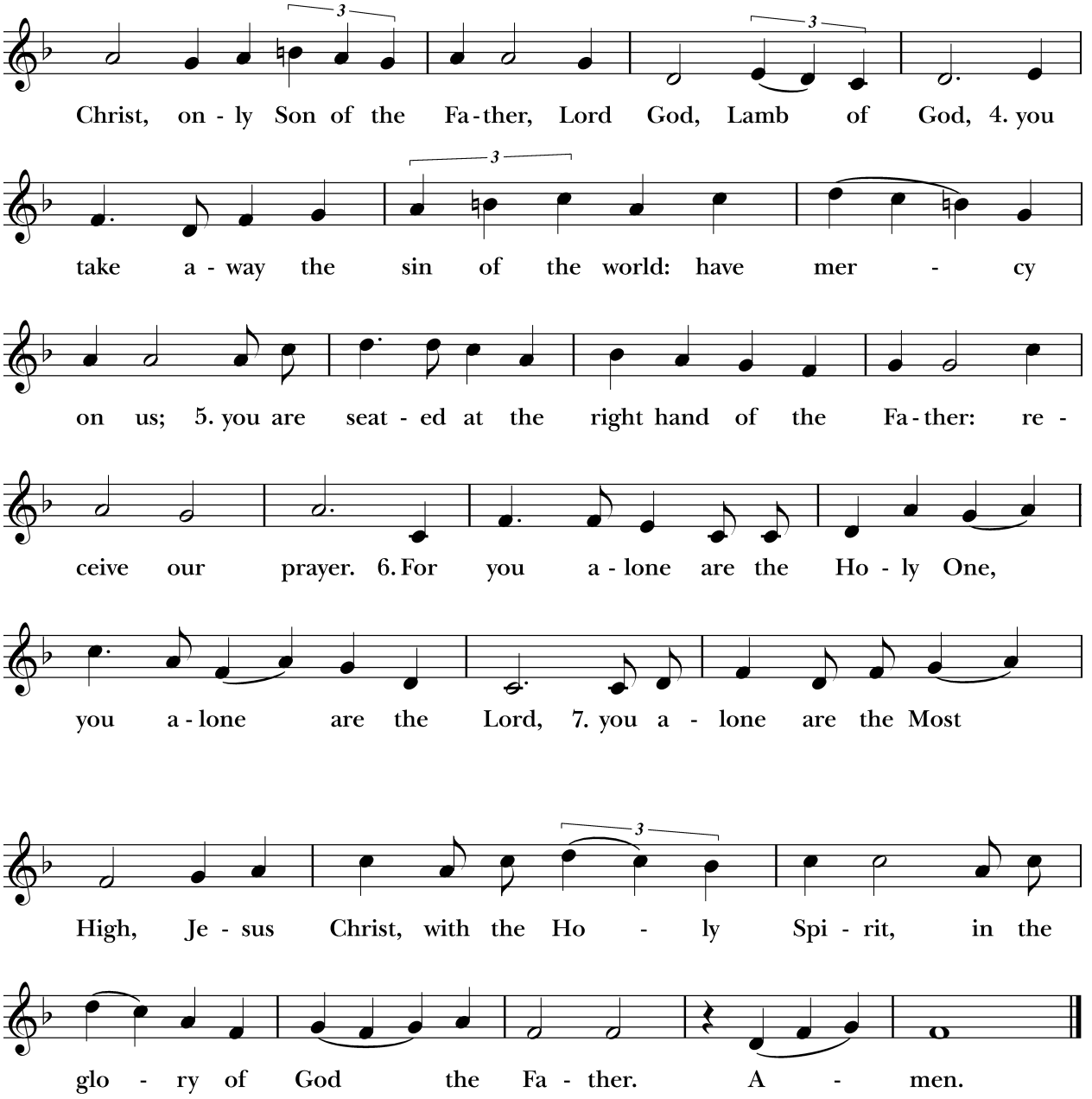
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM - ❽ *Spoken together* ❿ *Sung together*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)





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THE GATHERING
The Celebrant says:

Loving God, we gather with all your creatures in this circle of life. We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us. God of all, as we join in celebration with you and all creation, We ask for your blessing on the creatures present here that we love and on all creatures celebrating in the wild. In the name of God, who creates all life, In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life: Give us your blessing, O God. *Amen*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-25
A Reading from the book of Genesis.

18 Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make
him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every
animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what
he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its
name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every
animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the
Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of
his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken
from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."
24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they
become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not
ashamed.

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

CIRCLE OF PRAISE – A VARIATION OF PSALM 148

The people respond with Praise the Lord!

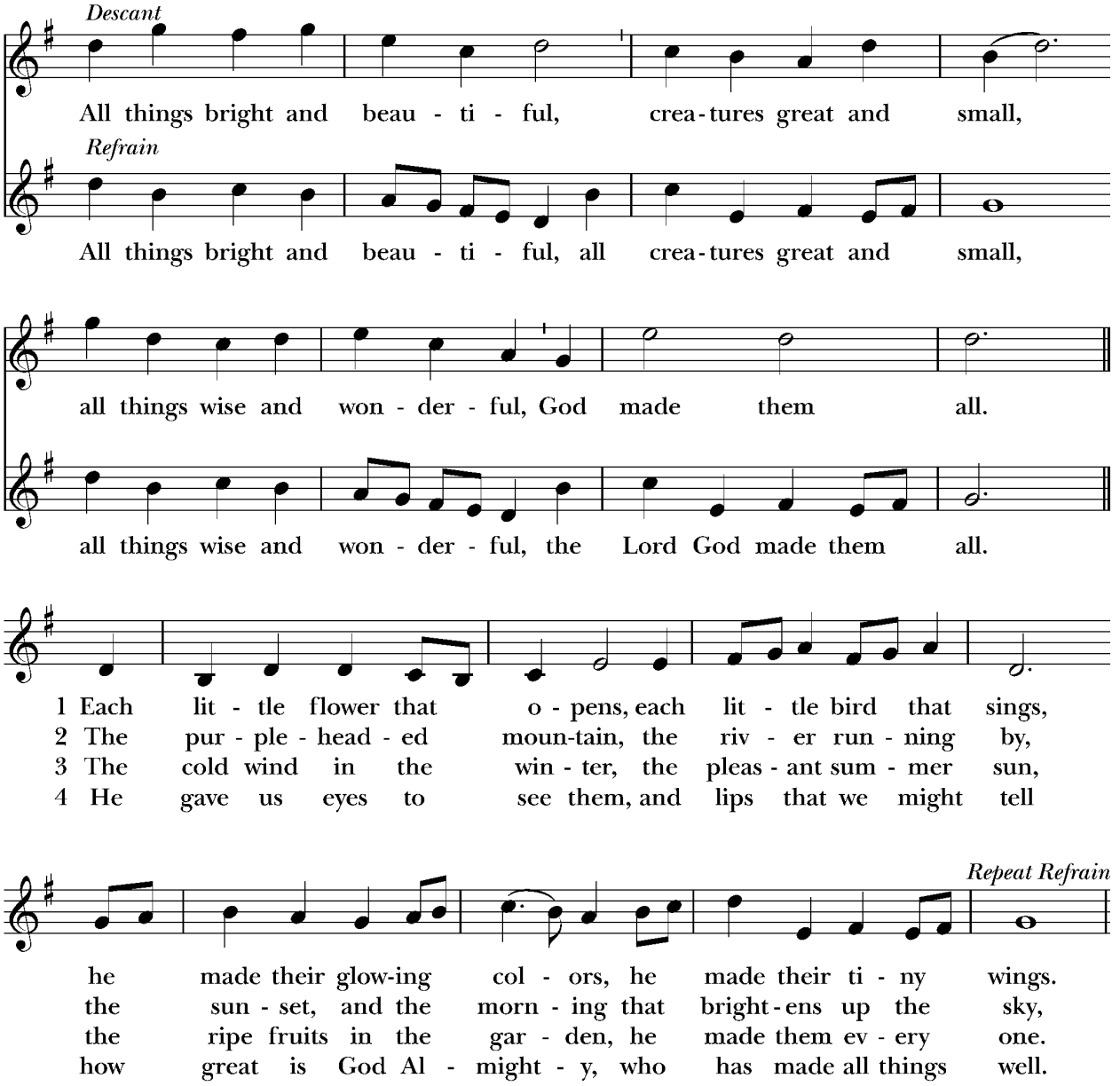
All dogs and cats, large and small: *Praise the Lord!*
All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs: *Praise the Lord!*
All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures: *Praise the Lord!*
All robins, wrens, and singing birds: *Praise the Lord!*
All raccoons, squirrels, mice and deer: *Praise the Lord!*
All horses, cows, and sheep: *Praise the Lord!*
All lizards, snakes and creeping things: *Praise the Lord*!
Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest: *Praise the Lord!*

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14
A reading from the book of Revelation.

In this vision of the future, it is not only angels that praise Christ on the throne, but also the living creatures of Earth and sky. They are an integral part of our hope and our future. I heard a company of Angels around the Throne, the Animals, and the Elders-ten thousand times ten thousand their number, thousand after thousand after thousand in full song: The slain Lamb is worthy! Take the power, the wealth, the wisdom, the strength! Take the honor, the glory, the blessing! Then I heard every creature in Heaven and earth, in underworld and sea, join in, all voices in all places, singing: To the One on the Throne! To the Lamb! The blessing, the honor, the glory, the strength, for age after age after age. The Animals called out, "Oh, Yes!" And everyone fell to their knees and worshiped God.

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

GOSPEL HYMN – *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (H 405)



GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and
the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and
said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as
these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the
kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up in his arms,
laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - THE REV. MARY JANDA

CONTEMPLATION FROM ST. FRANCIS

The Celebrant says:

My brother and sister birds, you should greatly praise your Creator and love God always. God gave you feathers to wear, and wings to fly, and whatever you need. God made you noble among the creatures and gave you a home in the purity of the air, so that, though you do not sow nor reap, God nevertheless protects and governs you without your least care. *Amen*.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon	Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,
People	We thank you, God!
Deacon	Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,
People	We thank you, God!
Deacon	Lord, for all of the time we have hurt or neglected animals,
People	We are sorry, God!
Deacon	Lord, for all the time we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forest, oceans, and fields,
People	Forgive us, God!

Celebrant: For all your sins against the creatures of Earth, I forgive you and I call upon you to honor and protect all the animals. May the animals of Earth be your companions in life and lead you to celebrate your place among them in the circle of life.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Lord our God, you desire that your people be not afraid: Pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus the Christ. We pray for the families and loved ones of Jill T., Dave K., and Clive O. We pray for Carolyn C., Zachary B., Nancy & Jonathan B., Frank & Leslie W., Shannon T., Don & Sandy S., David T., Judy L., Alison S., Sheila I., Dan W., Justin N., Charlene C., John G., Jason S., Alesha R., Kristine D., Ryle L., Marina J., Leo & Family, Art, Marsha & Family, Zander & Family, Christine M., Mark

R., Barbara B., Denise M., Cliff B., Kale K., Suzanne S., Terry B., Peggy J., Su W., Joe M., Jim M., Diana C., Ladonna G., Aaron, and Ken S.

Silence: Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Deacon: Lord our God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son. We pray for Jill Thompson, Dave Kortev, and Clive Oliver.

Silence: Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY PRAYERS & WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS - This week we celebrate Kent DiFiore, Grace Loertscher, Leslie Williams, Ace Brady, and Jakob Steinbach.

Watch over your 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 thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VESTRY WELCOME - BECKY PARKER

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THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Bring your beloved animals, stuffies or pictures one at a time to receive a blessing.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

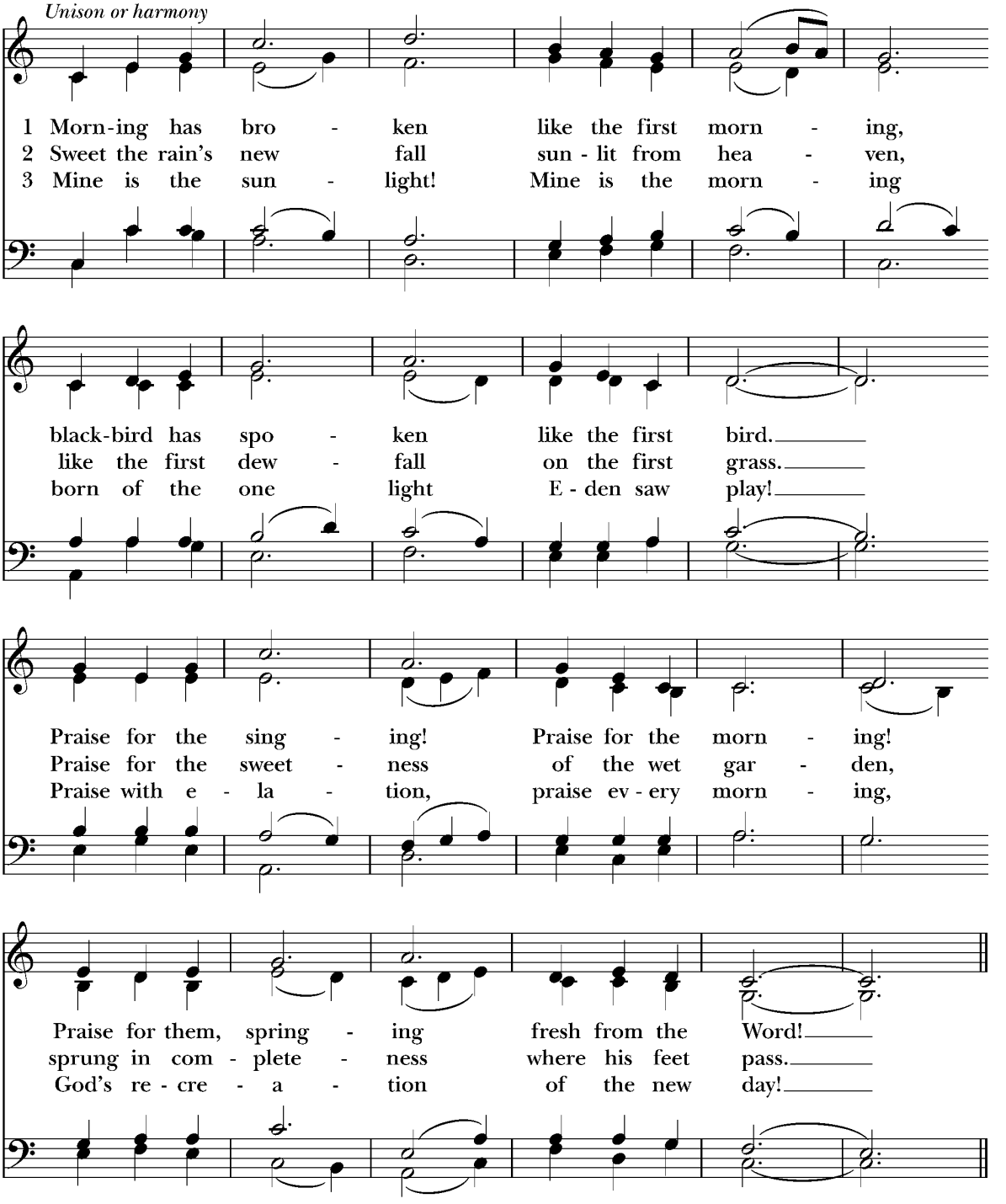




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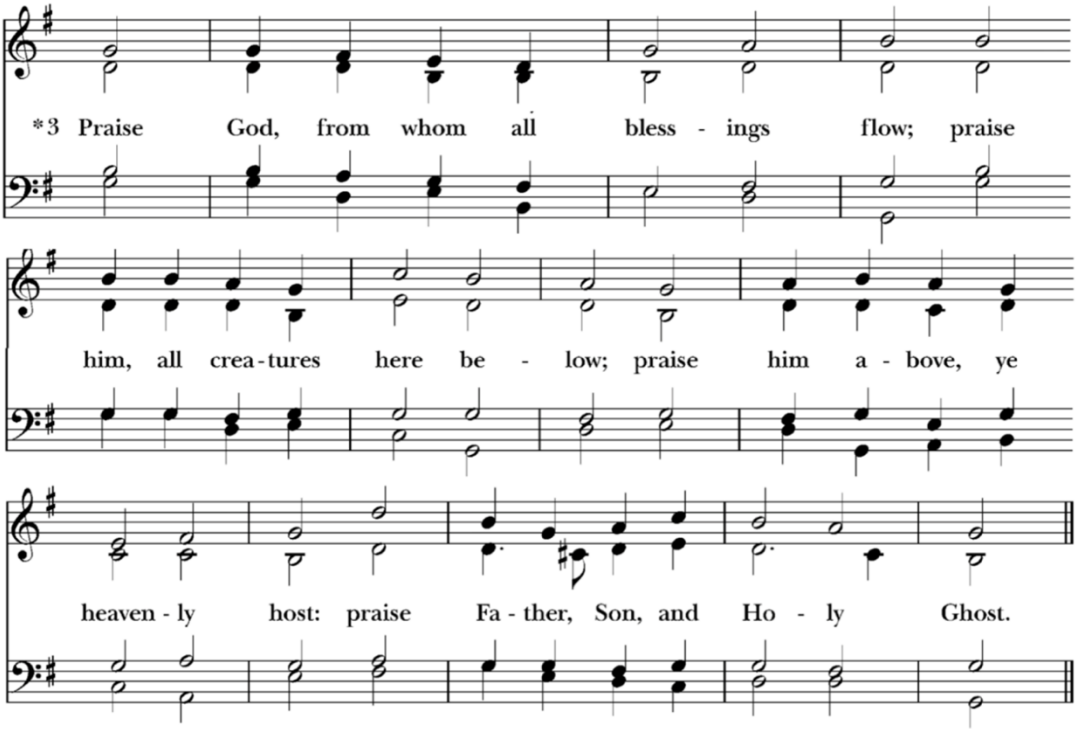
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OFFERTORY HYMN *Morning has Broken* **(H 8)**



DOXOLOGY

All stand. Sung together.



The Great Thanksgiving

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The People remain standing.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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

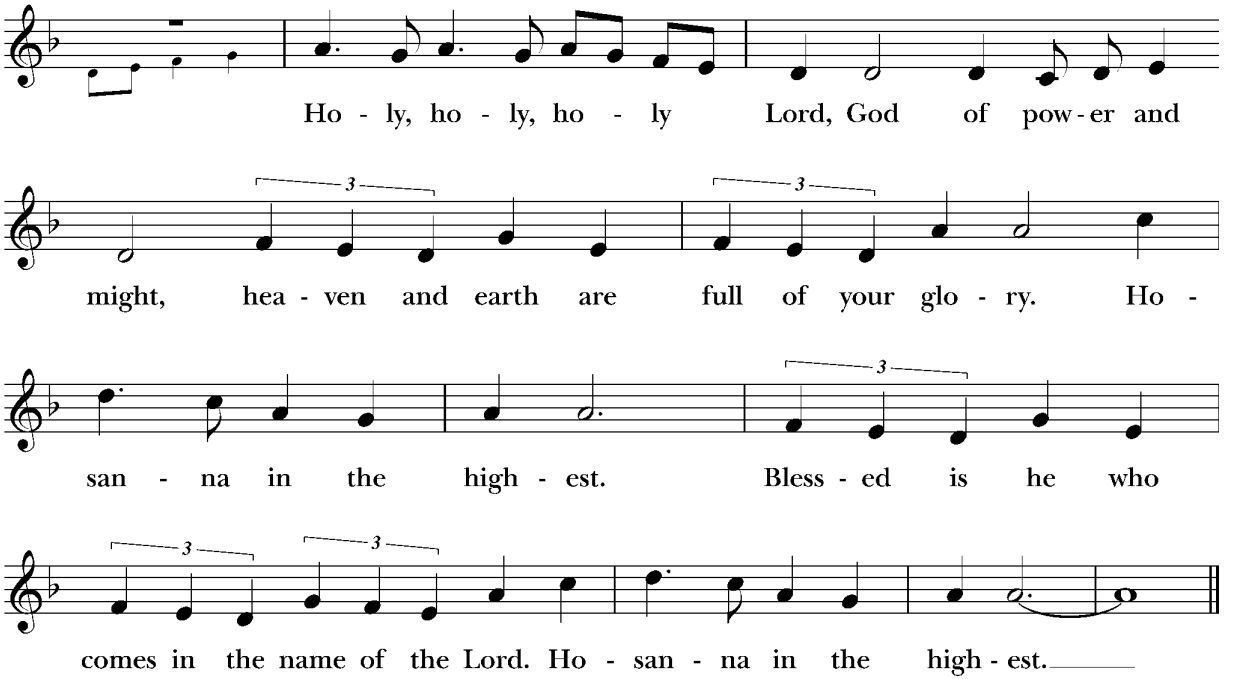
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 ❽ *Spoken Together* ❿ *Sung Together*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

SANCTUS - 10AM ***S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)*** **(S 129)**



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:

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*.

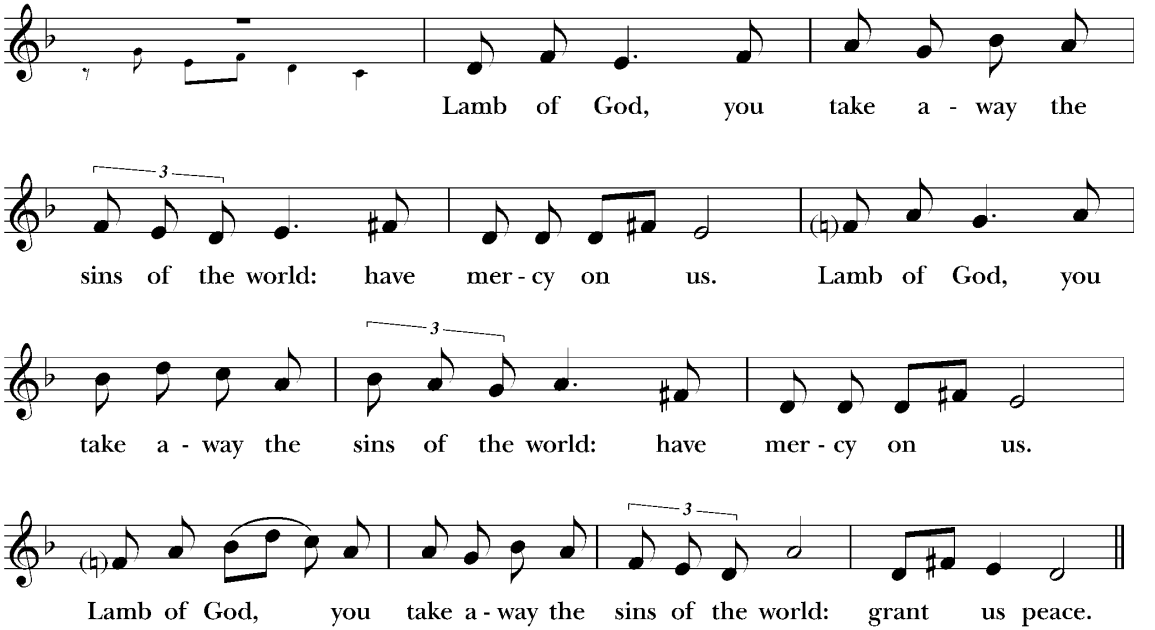
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10 **FRACTION ANTHEM** ***S 163 Lamb of God (Powell)***



INVITATION & DISTRIBUTION

The Celebrant says

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 Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

8 COMMUNION PIANO MUSIC

10 COMMUNION CHOIR ANTHEM "*For the Beauty of the Earth", John Rutter*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

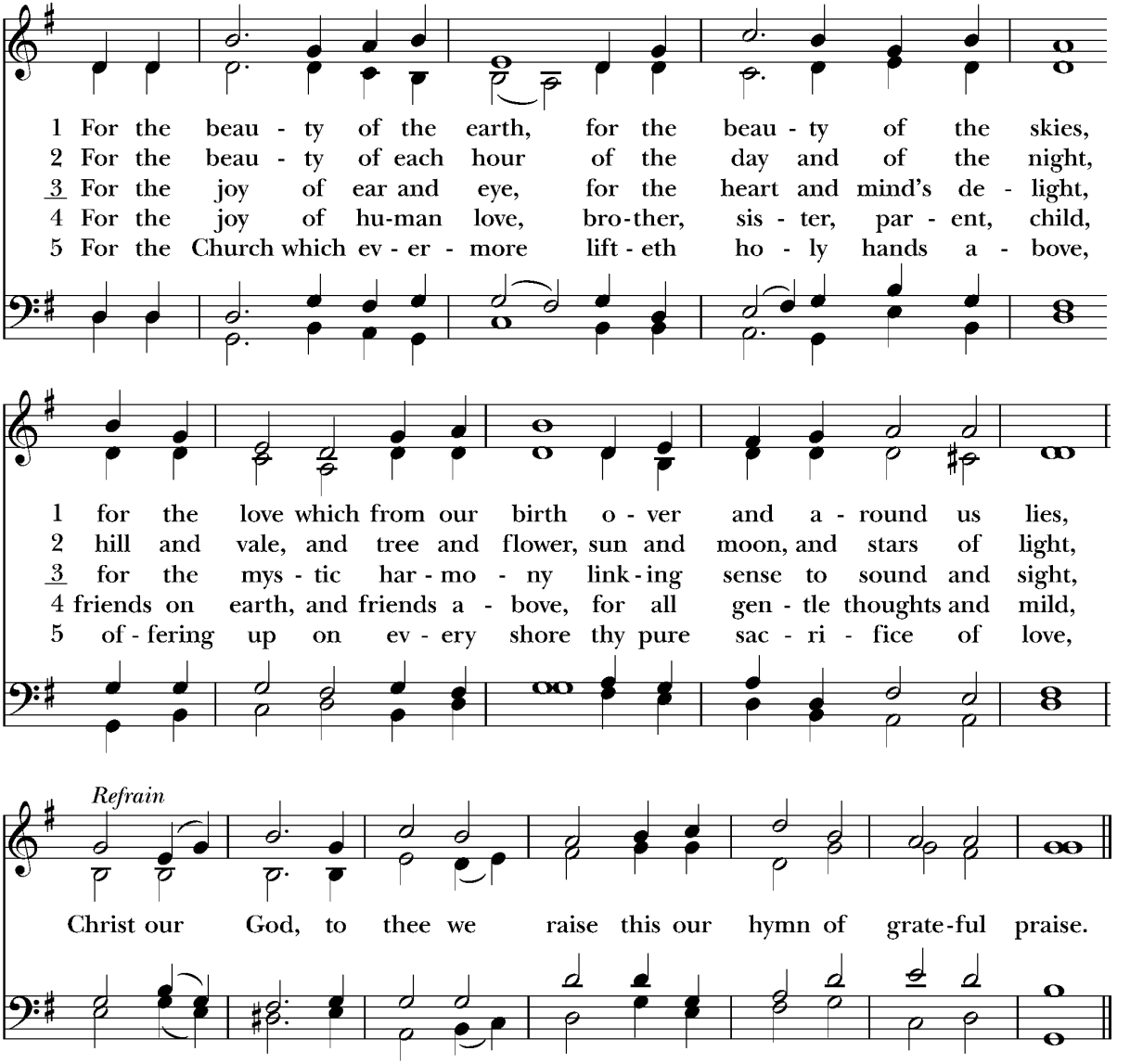
Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING BY CELEBRANT

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *For the beauty of the earth* **(H 416) (VS 1-3 ONLY)**



6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - ***How Great Thou Art, Arr. Marvin Goldstein***

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The choir anthem and the recessional hymn both use the same hymn text, but with different melodies. The melody in our hymnal may be more familiar to some of us, while the setting used for the choir anthem is a favorite among choirs, arranged by the legendary choral composer John Rutter. I think this text is especially fitting for our Blessing of the Animals Sunday, which is why you will hear it twice today. I hope hearing it in these two different musical settings gives you an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the text in a new way.

We invite you to take this bulletin home to revisit the prayers, scriptures and announcements throughout your week – and when it has served your spirit, please recycle it to care for god's creation.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED TODAY!

Celebrant	The Rev. Mary Janda
Deacons	The Rev. Angela Ferree, The Ven. Robert Shoop
Lectors and Prayer Leaders	
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duncan Fischer, Laura Orcutt
Crucifer	
Music	Dr. Seth Bott
Greeters/Ushers	Doug Sward, David Nelson
Altar Guild	Jinx Strout, Irene Eisenhut
Faith Formation	Terry Palmer
Social Hour Host	TBD, Craig George

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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