THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2024 AT 10:15 AM



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ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

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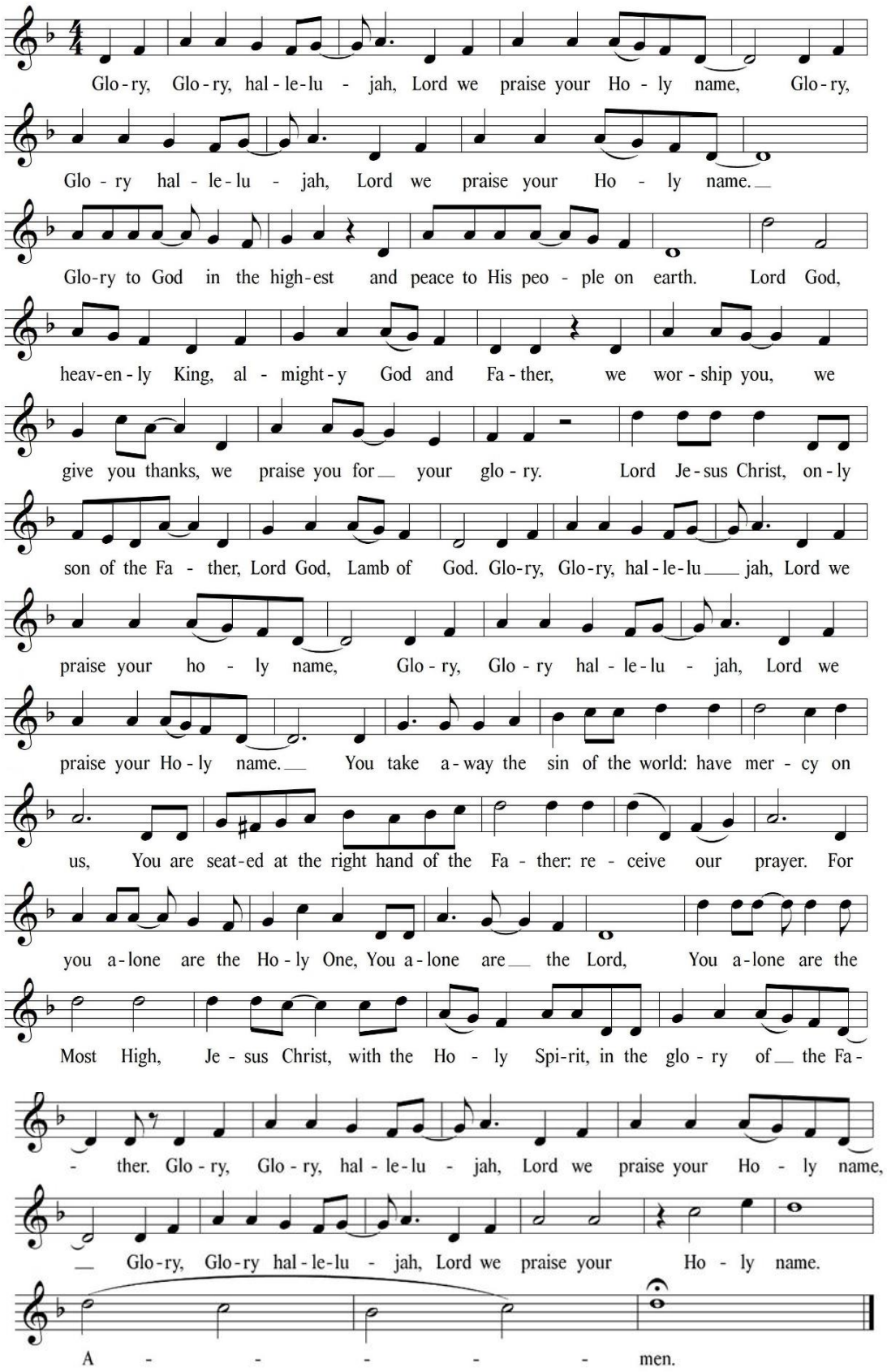
Processional Hymn: When morning gilds the skies — Hymnal 427

Opening Acclamation — Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity — BCP, p. 355

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God *Lift Every Voice and Sing 243*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons.

The First Lesson 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm— when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.
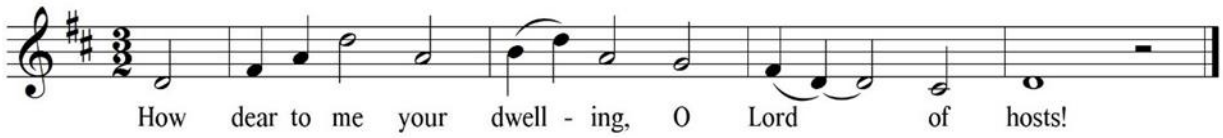
Lector The Word of the Lord.

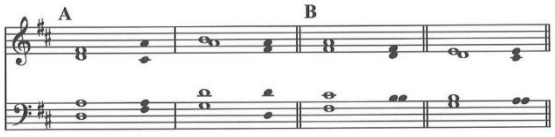
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 84**

Quam dilecta!

All sing refrain; all sing verses





[1] How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

[2] The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

[3] Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

[4] Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. REFRAIN

[5] Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

[6] They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

[7] Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

[8] Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed. REFRAIN

[9] For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

[10] For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

[11] No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

[12] O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you! REFRAIN

The Second Lesson **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Lector A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: My faith looks up to thee Hymnal 691

The Gospel **John 6:56-69**

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Nancy Allison

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People New Zealand Prayer Book

Intercessor Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church. Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

All **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Intercessor Breathe fresh life into your people.

All **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Intercessor We pray for our community. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

All **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.**

Intercessor Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

All **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Intercessor We pray for the needs of the world. For the hungry and the overfed,

All **May we have enough.**

Intercessor For the mourners and the mockers,

All **May we laugh together.**

Intercessor For the victims and the oppressors,

All **May we share power wisely.**

Intercessor For the silenced and the propagandists,

All **May we speak our own words in truth.**

Intercessor For the unemployed and the overworked,

All **May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.**

Intercessor For the troubled and the sleek,

All **May we live together as wounded healers.**

Intercessor For the homeless and the cosseted,

All **May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming.**

Intercessor For the vibrant and the dying,

All **May we all die to live.**

Intercessor O God of many names, lover of all peoples; we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world; the peace of your will, the peace of our need.

All **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Van and Gigi Giersch in thanksgiving for our 63rd wedding anniversary and in loving memory of our brothers, Dick Giersch and Elbert Jackson, and our parents, Otto & Betty Giersch and Elbert & Gladys Jackson.

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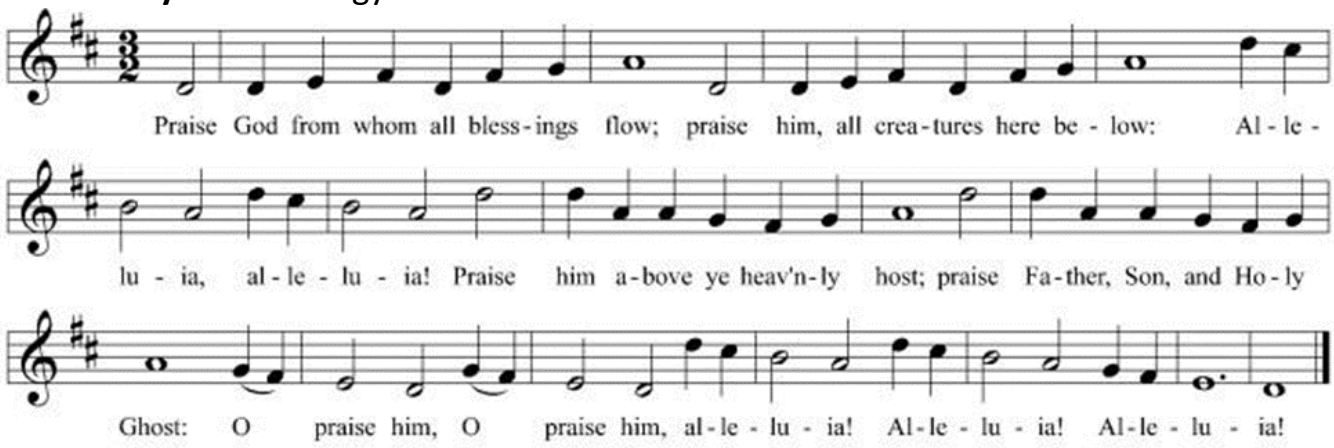
Use the QR code to the right to give or pledge online to CGS.
Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: So art thou to me K. Lee Scott

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm, as the keep unto the castle,
as the pilot to the helm, so art thou, Lord, to me.
As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark, as the treasure in the coffer,
as the manna in the ark, so art thou, Lord, to me.
As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal, as the medicine to the fainting,
as the wine cup at the meal, so art thou, Lord, to me.
As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb, as the light within the lantern,
as the parent in the home, as the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
as the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass, so art thou, Lord, to me.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

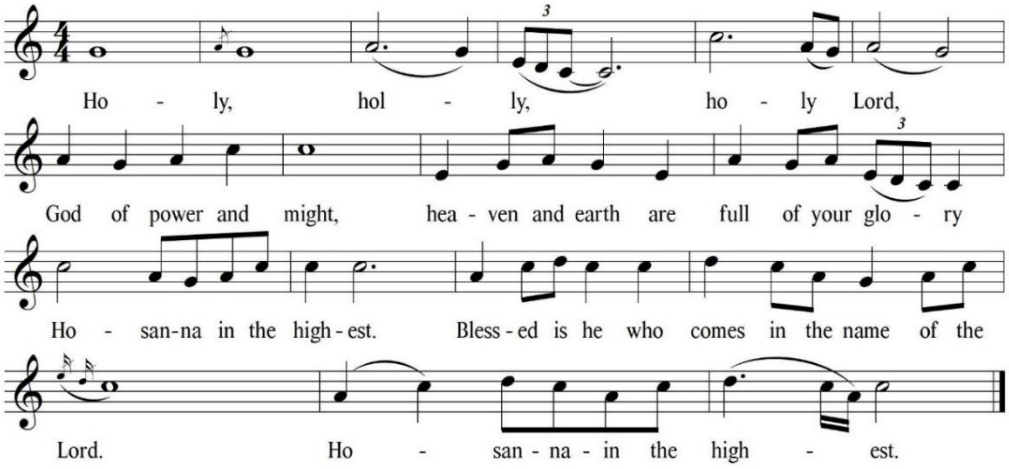
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant …Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 252



The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant …Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

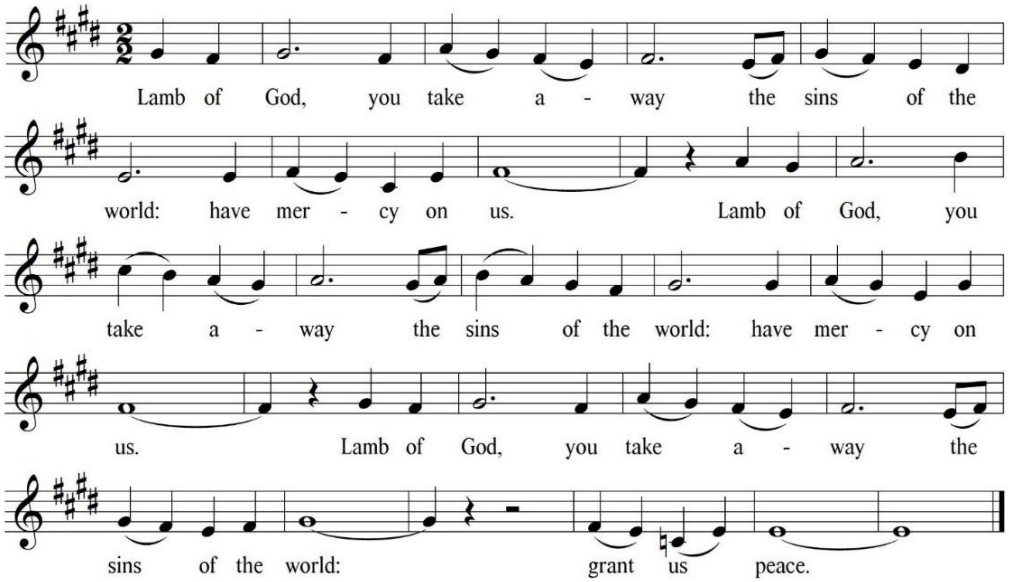
Celebrant …By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 270



Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

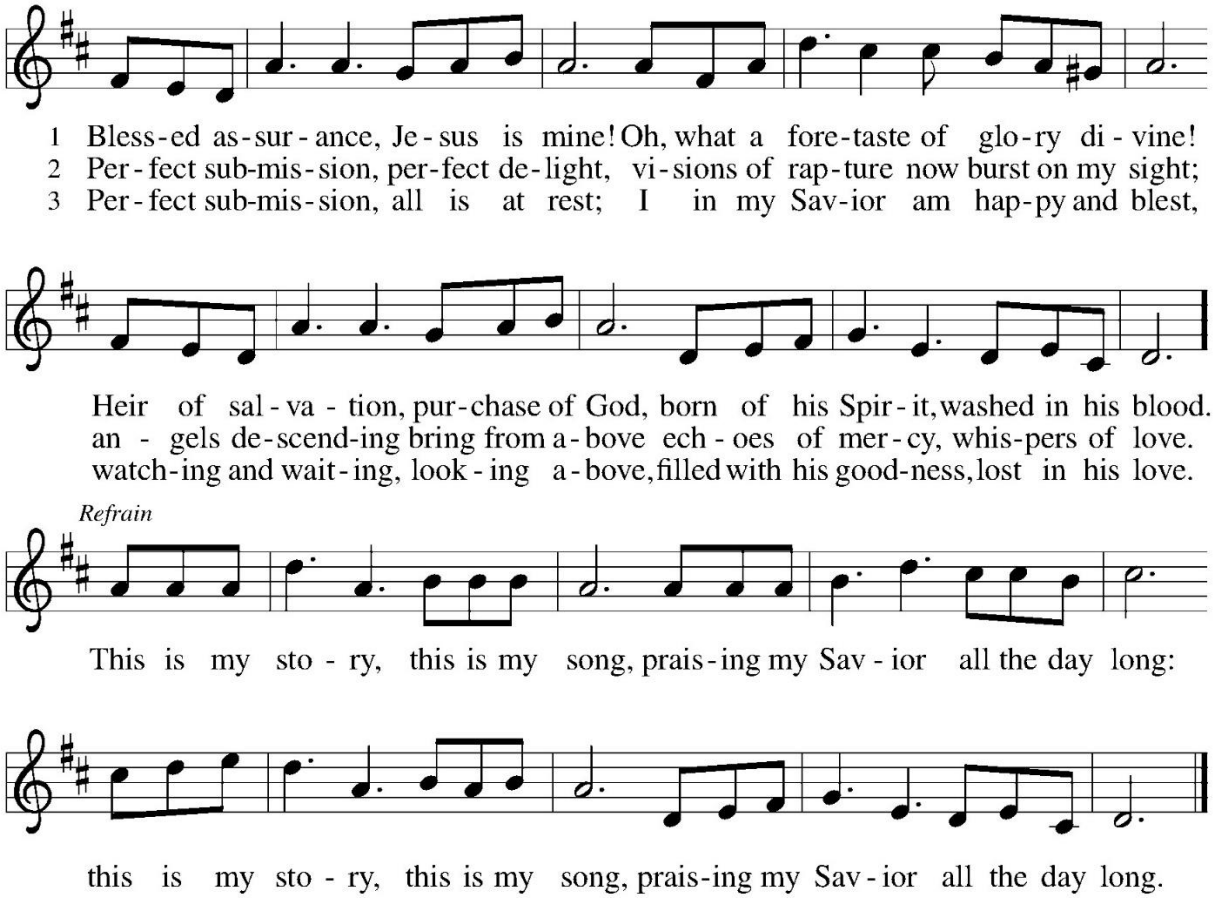
Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

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Communion Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine Lift Every Voice and Sing 185



Communion Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord Hymnal 304

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus Hymnal 561

Blessing of the Backpacks

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship and refreshments!

Serving Today

Ushers	Jeff and Kathy Whittaker
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Jack Boyne, Libby Boyne, and Juliet Gilbert
Lectors	Phyllis Vail and Todd Poston
Intercessor & Chalicist	Paul Henry
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Margaret Nordt
Fellowship Host	Tara Sumanaseni

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER LIST

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In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Emmanuel Parish, Southern Pines, and Chapel of the Transfiguration, Southern Pines.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

For August and the first week of September we will be singing service music from the Episcopal African-American Hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. LEVAS is one of four hymnals currently in use by and approved by the Episcopal Church. Carl Haywood, composer of "Glory to God," is professor of music at Norfolk State University and organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA. Lena McLin, composer of the Sanctus, is a music teacher, composer, author, and pastor. She taught school in Chicago. Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis, composer of "Lamb of God," was one of the Juilliard School's first African-American graduates (Diploma '48, piano) and had a long career as a dance pianist, including for Agnes de Mille and the American Ballet Theater.

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