St. David's episcopal church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

WELCOME!

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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The flowers are given by the Very Rev. Katherine Lewis in thanksgiving for the people of St. David's and in gratitude for time away for rest and restoration.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* Hymnal #636

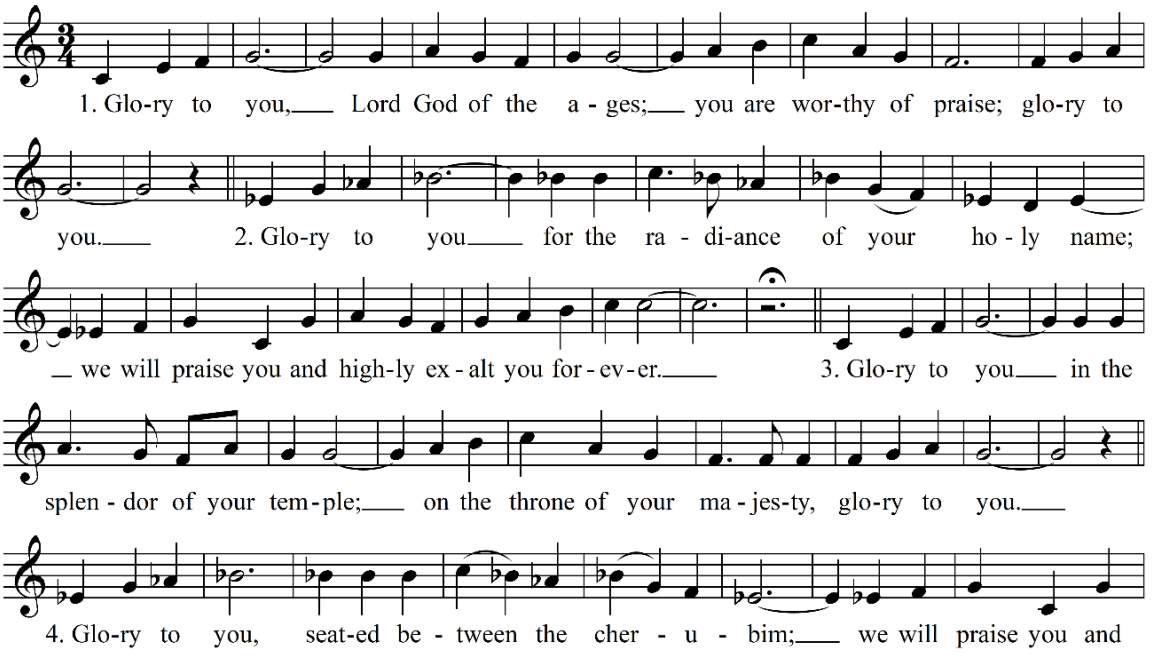
Opening Acclamation

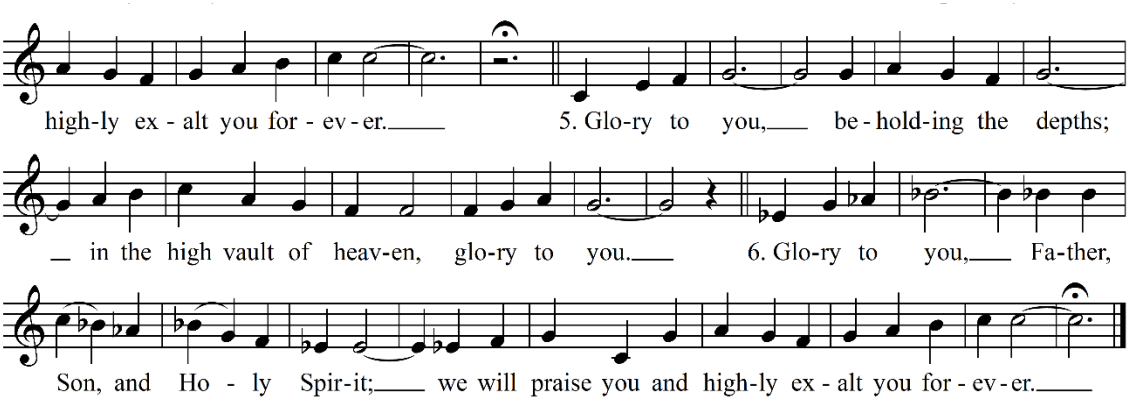
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise





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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

The Leader and People pray responsively. Please join in reading the bold text.

12 Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High; *
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!

13 You look down from heaven *
and behold all the people in the world.

14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 You fashion all the hearts of them *
and understand all their works.

16 There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army; *
the strong are not delivered by their great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 But your eye, O God, is upon those who fear you, *
on those who wait upon your love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for you; *
you are our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, *
for in your holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

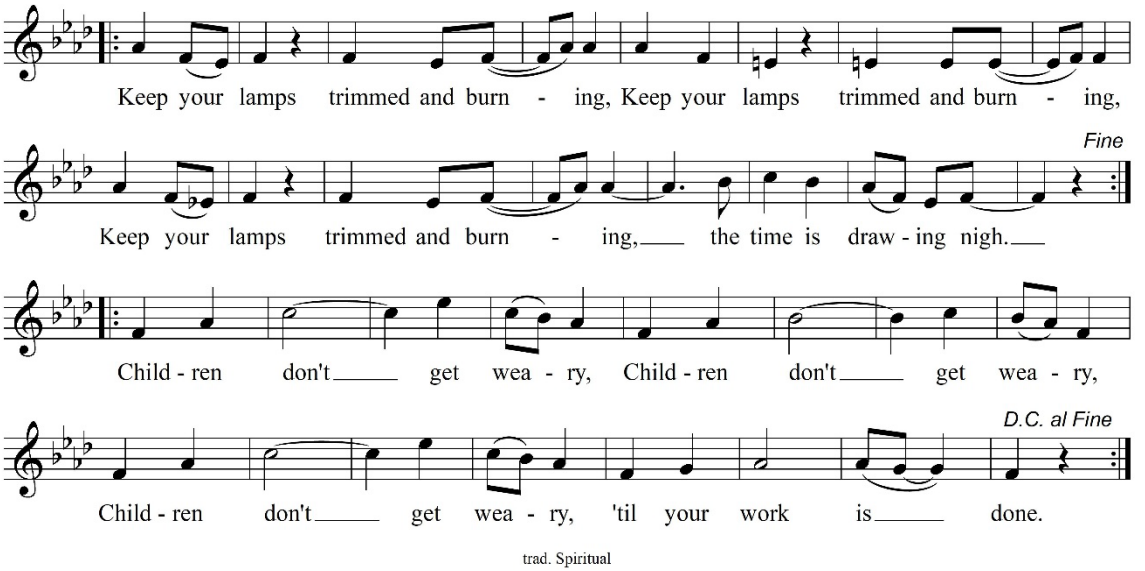
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Gospel Hymn *Keep Your Lamps*

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.



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The Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon Huldah Niles, Postulant for the Diaconate

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Deacon — You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves; let us offer prayers for all people in every place.

Leader — For Christians, Jews, and Muslims, for all who know You by a different name or no name at all, we pray:

People — **Lord, have mercy**

Leader — For this holy gathering, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop, for all clergy and lay leaders, that we might live with courage and in hope, we pray:

People — **Lord, have mercy**

Leader — For mercy, justice, and peace in the world, we pray:

People — **Lord, have mercy**

Leader — For farmers and a good harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms, we pray:

People — **Lord, have mercy**

Leader — In thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives, for our families and friends, and for our community at St. David's.

Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Leader — We pray:

People — **Lord, have mercy**

Leader — For those who travel roads of danger, for the sick, especially ... for the poor, the oppressed, and for all who are lonely, fearful, and anxious.

Please add your own prayers for those in need, either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray:

People **Lord, have mercy**

Leader For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially ...

Please add your own for those who have died, either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray:

People **Lord, have mercy**

Leader Lifting our voices with all creation, with David and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord**

Celebrant God of mercy and kindness, who gave us the great commandment of love, hear the prayers we offer this day and write your word in our mouth and in our heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence
You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

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.

Absolution

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

People **Amen.**

The Peace

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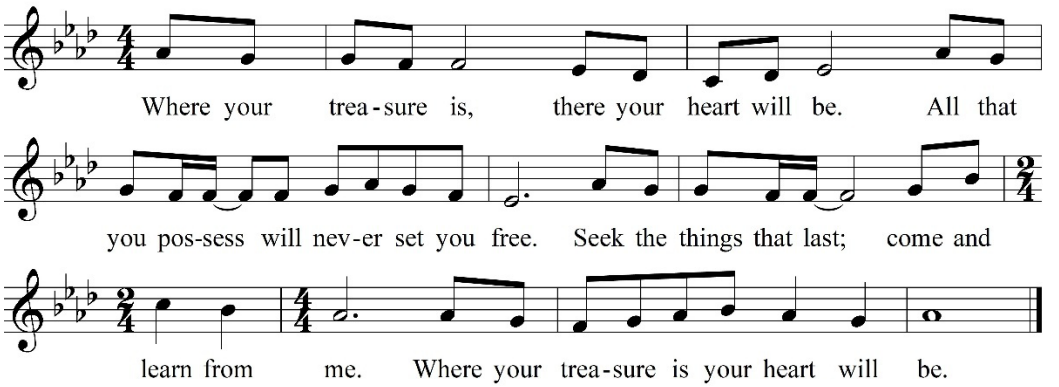
People **And also with you.**

We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.

Offertory

Where Your Treasure Is



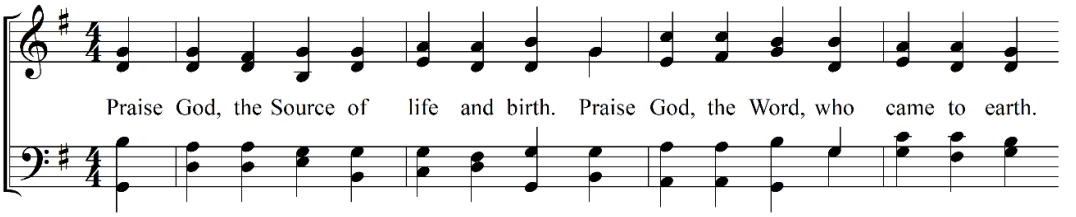
What do you gain from all your worry, what you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stresses or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care? **R**
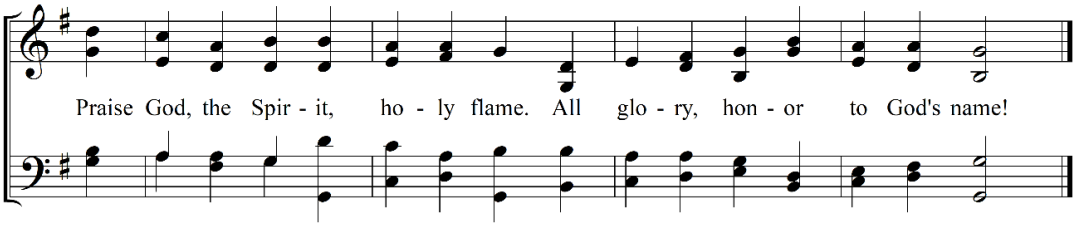
Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through.
And yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you? **R**

Do not fear, little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God.
Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade. **R**

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Doxology





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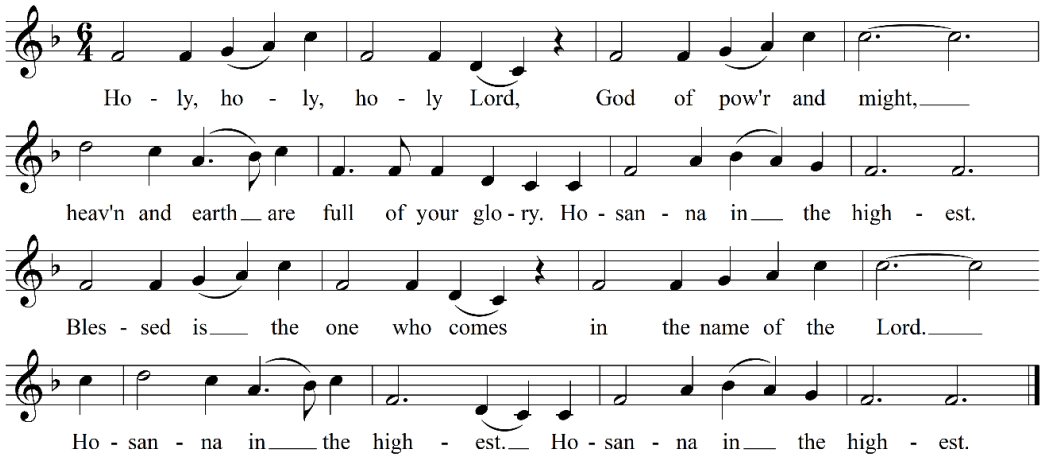
The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, © Church Pension Fund

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. David, St. Non, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

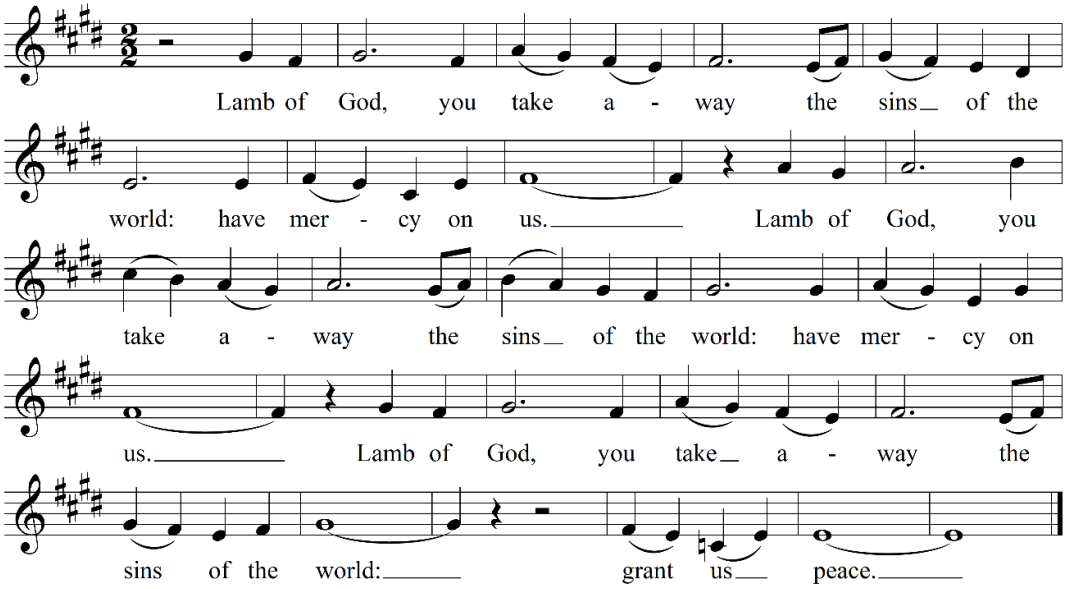
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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



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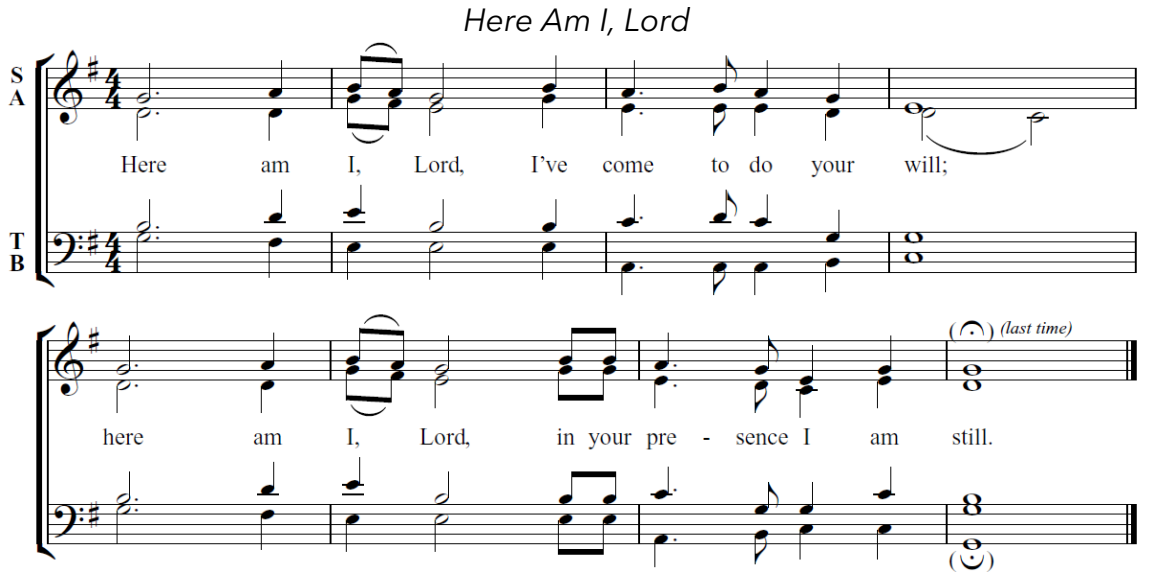
The Communion

Everyone, without exception and regardless of age or faith tradition, is invited to share in Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

The communion bread offered to all is gluten-free. The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

A prayer station is available in the All Saints' Chapel (Narthex) during the distribution of communion. Any who wish may ask for prayers for themselves or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymns *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread* Hymnal #321



Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I 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 **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All **God of abundance,**
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Blessing for Huldah Niles, Postulant for the Diaconate

Gracious God, you gave life to Huldah and called her to service in your Church: Enlighten her mind with your wisdom and truth, deliver her from preoccupation with self while reminding her of the beauty of her radiant light, and confirm her daily to the image of your Son, that her ministry among your people may be an offering of prayer and praise to you, for the upbuilding of your Church and the in-breaking of your reign of justice; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen*.

--The Very Rev. Martha J. Horne, Women's Uncommon Prayers, adapted.

The Blessing

Departing *For the Fruit of All Creation* Hymnal #424

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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