Emmanuel Episcopal Church



19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship:
in the pews, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.
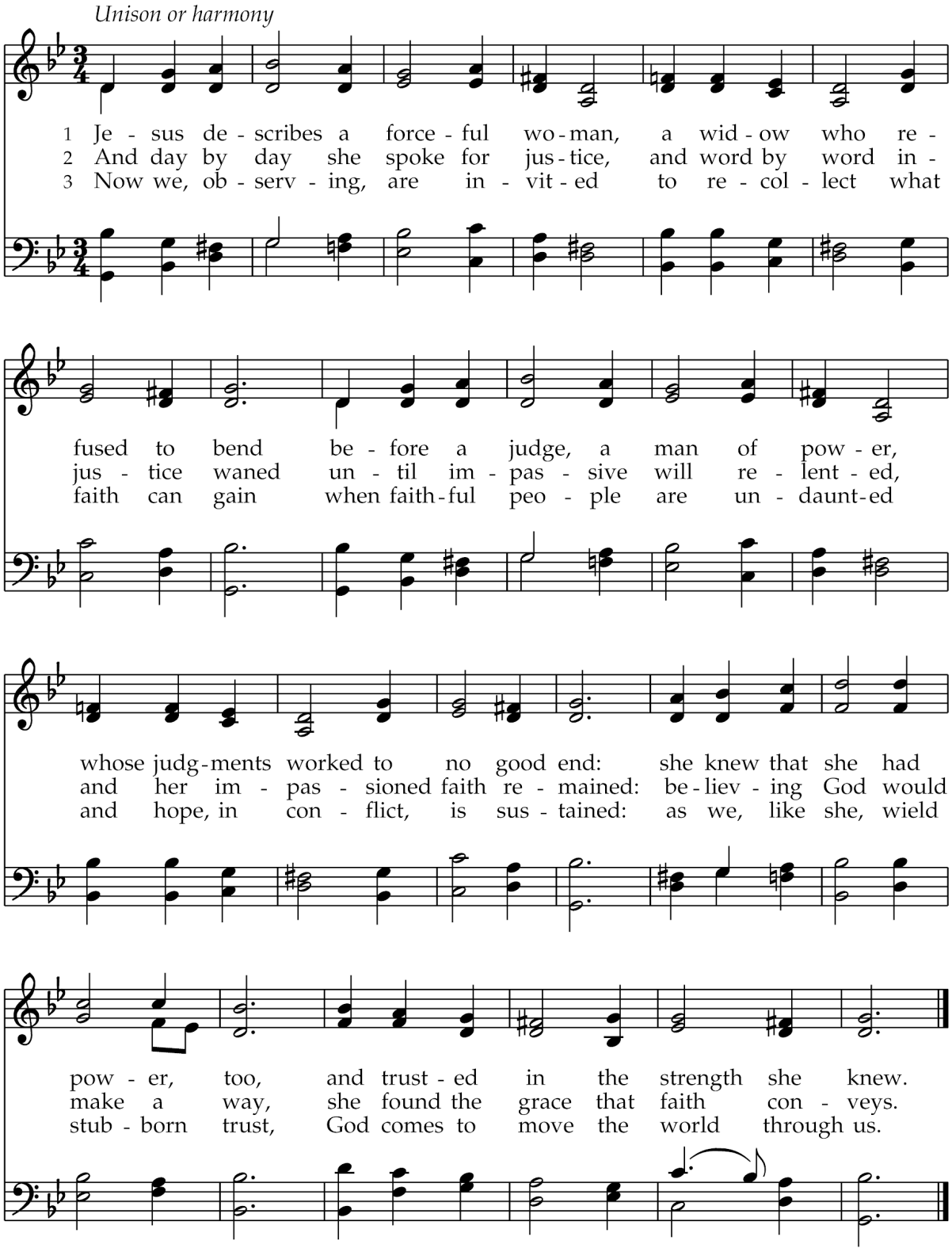
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with Indigenous communities today as we all work toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.

Prelude: If Thou But Suffer God (Wer nur den lieben Gott) Paul Manz

Opening Hymn: Jesus describes a forceful woman Voices Found 25



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Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

The Word of God

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God forever and ever.

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.**

The Song of Praise

Celebrant: Let us glorify the Holy One as we proclaim: Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors,

Celebrant and People

You are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Holy and undivided Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen. (BCP, 90)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 Lessons

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was

their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (31:27-34)

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

Psalm 119:97-104 ***Quomodo dilexi!*** BCP, 763

97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.
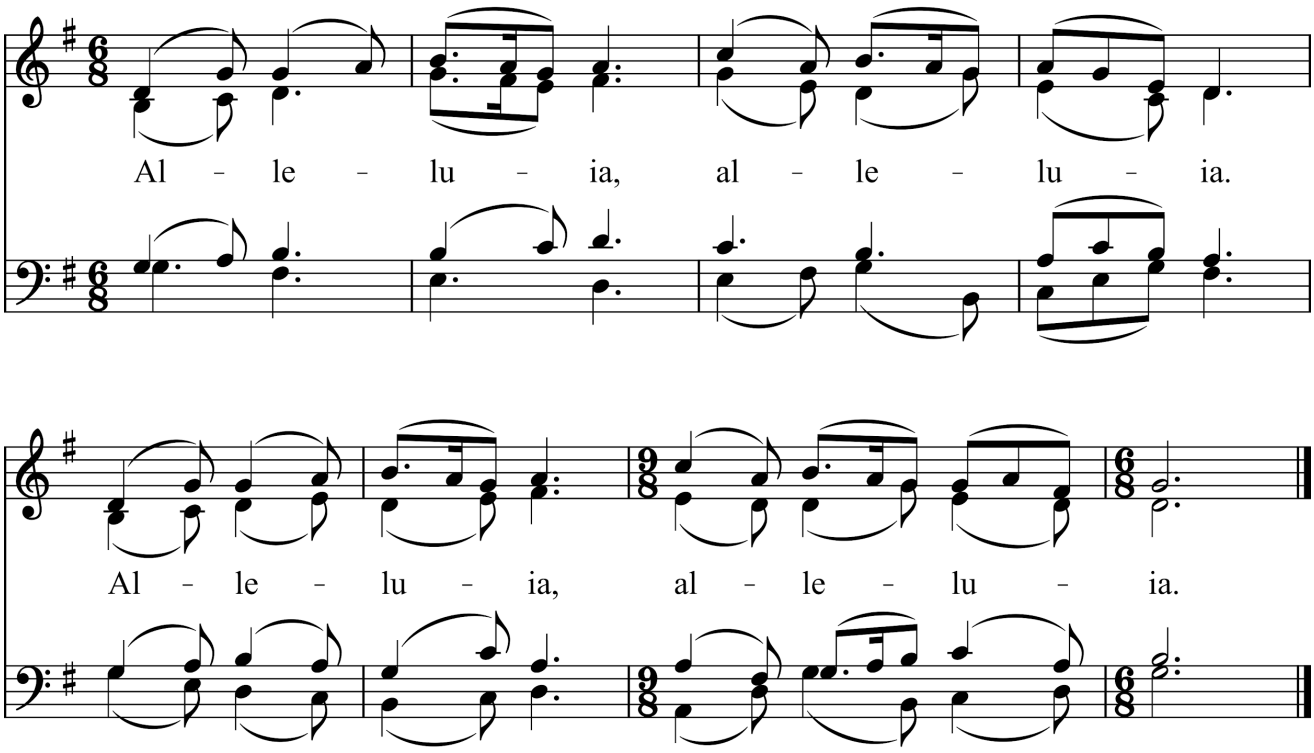
A reading from the letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn Celtic Alleluia My Heart Sings Out 20
Before the Gospel: Sing twice (1st time in unison; thereafter, in harmony). | After the Gospel: Sing once.



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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (18:1-8)

Deacon/ Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

An Expression of Faith

Deacon/Priest We stand in body or spirit to affirm our faith. *Silence is kept for a time.*

Deacon/Priest We are not alone, we live in God's world.
People **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

Deacon/Priest We trust in God.
People **We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Like the widow before the judge, let us persist in crying to God for the needs and concerns of all people, praying, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be in righteousness and equipped for every good work, proclaiming your good news to the ends of the earth:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, and Warren our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisiana; we pray for our Connections partner, the Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Diocese of Perth – The Anglican Church of Australia;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Comite Asuntos Extra-Ordinarios;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for our lectors and ushers, and for our outreach ministry of the Feeding and Caring pillar of Faith in Action;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week;

We pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations that they may foster mercy, justice, and peace in the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza, and for all those seeking refuge; we pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our city and those who live in it, for the victims of injustice and violence, and those who live in fear of violence; we pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray that you grant your wholeness and healing to all who live in the grip of illness, addiction, fear, or danger; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; immigrants, and refugees, and for all those in distress; in our parish family, we pray for Mary Jane and those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for those who serve and are deployed in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who have died passing into eternal light beyond our earthly life and for those who grieve, that they may be consoled with the faith that love never dies; we pray, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect

The Confession

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father, we confess that we have believed the lie that we are not in you and you are not in us, and we have lived that lie in what we have done, and by letting things go undone. We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart; we have refused to love our neighbors, and we have failed to love ourselves. We are ready now to change this, to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness. Knowing the frailty of our humanity, we open ourselves to the strength of your divinity. We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us, for only then are we able to follow you in your way, serve the welfare of your people, and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.

Priest: 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

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.	***Y con tu espiritu**.*
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.	***Neetho kooda.***
The peace of Christ be always with you.	**And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem O Day Full of Grace arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Emmanuel Choir

O day full of grace, which we behold
now gently to view ascending,
thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
good cheer to all mortals lending,
that children of light in ev'ry clime
may prove that night is ending.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour
when God in our flesh was given;
then flushed the dawn with light and pow'r
that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that sun divine
which gloom from our hearts hath driven.

Yea, were ev'ry tree endowed with speech,
and every leaflet singing,
they never with praise God's worth could reach,
though earth with their praise be ringing.
Who fully could praise the light (Lord) of the life
who light to our souls is bringing?

With joy we depart for the promised land,
And there we shall walk in endless light.

The Doxology

The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer C

The people sit, stand, or kneel as they choose.

Celebrant: God 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 God thanks and praise.

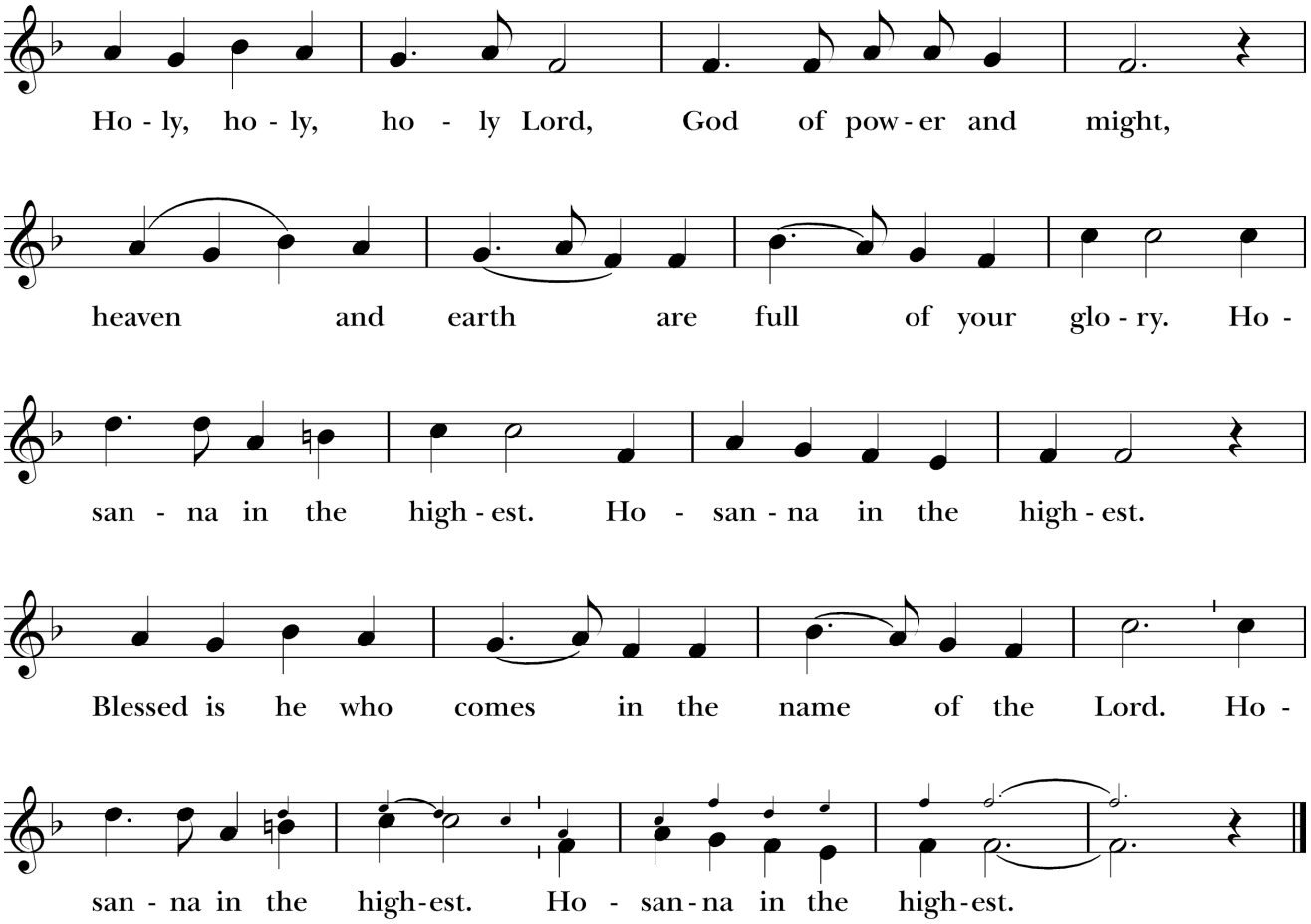
Celebrant: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People: By your will, they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. + Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

+ Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say in the language of our hearts,

Our Father, who are 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.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.
People: Holy word and Holy wisdom, satisfy our deepest needs.

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.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).

The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: *All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free.The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.*
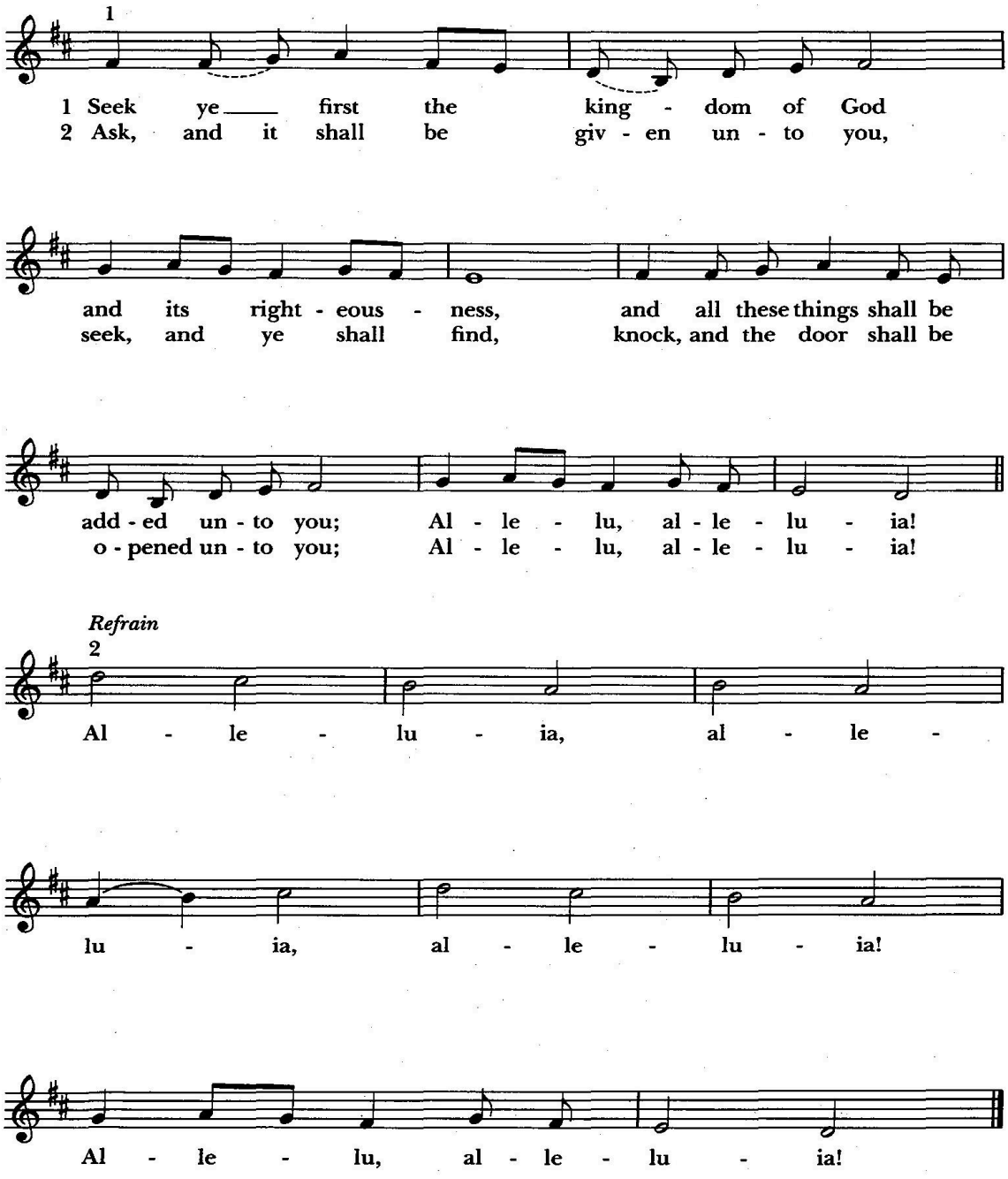
Wine: *You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine. OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.*

Blessing: *If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing*

Communion Anthem Psalm 23 Kaye Saunders
Emmanuel Small Ensemble

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul and leads me in paths of righteousness.
Yea, tho' I walk in the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me.
You anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God Hymnal 711



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.) 13. 11. 7 with Alleluias
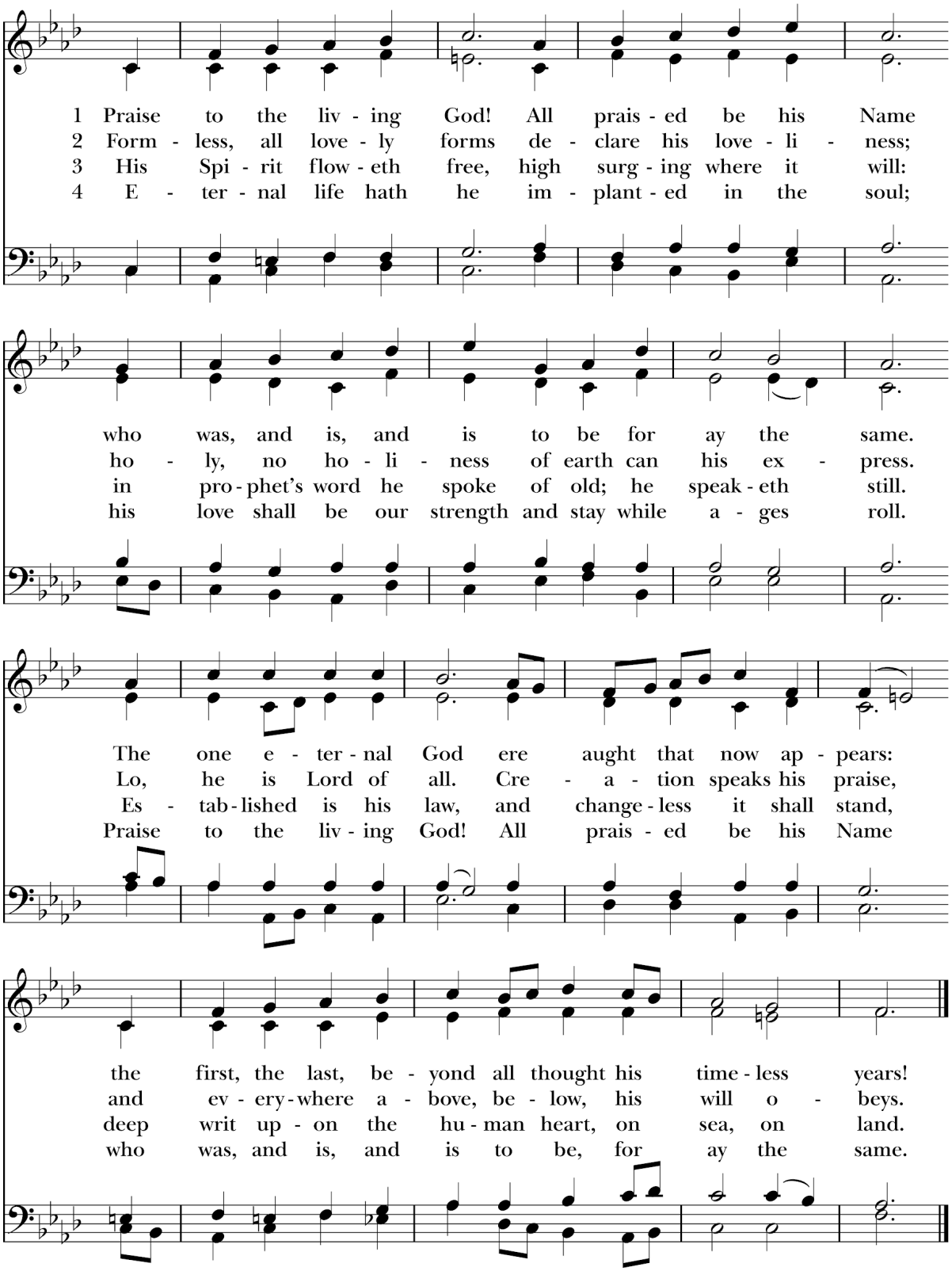
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Praise to the living God! Hymnal 372



Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Our worship has ended. Now our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Leoni (Yigdal) Michael Burkhardt

The flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Nelson, Ronald Nelson and Nyla Wachter by Steve and Norita Cunningham

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar

19 OCT, SUN	All day	Pentecost 19
	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:45 – 11:45am	Christian Education & Formation
	11:30am – 12:30pm	Newcomer Brunch
20 OCT, MON	6:30 – 8pm	Vestry on Zoom
22 OCT, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
	4 – 5pm	WU Int'l Students Dinner
	5 – 6pm	Old Testament Bible Study Behold Room
	5:30 – 6:30pm	Fellowship dinner
	6:30 – 7:30pm	Confirmation and Receptions Special Service
	7:15 – 8pm	Reception
24 OCT, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
25 OCT, SAT	All day	Racial Unity Bus Tour
26 OCT, SUN	All day	Pentecost 20
	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:45 – 11:45am	Christian Education & Formation

Please check the online calendar for the most updated scheduled events. Thank you!

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.



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