ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## NOVEMBER 15, 2026

### INGATHERING SUNDAY

### HOLY EUCHARIST

### 10:00 AM

*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

**For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance.**

***Matthew 25:29a***



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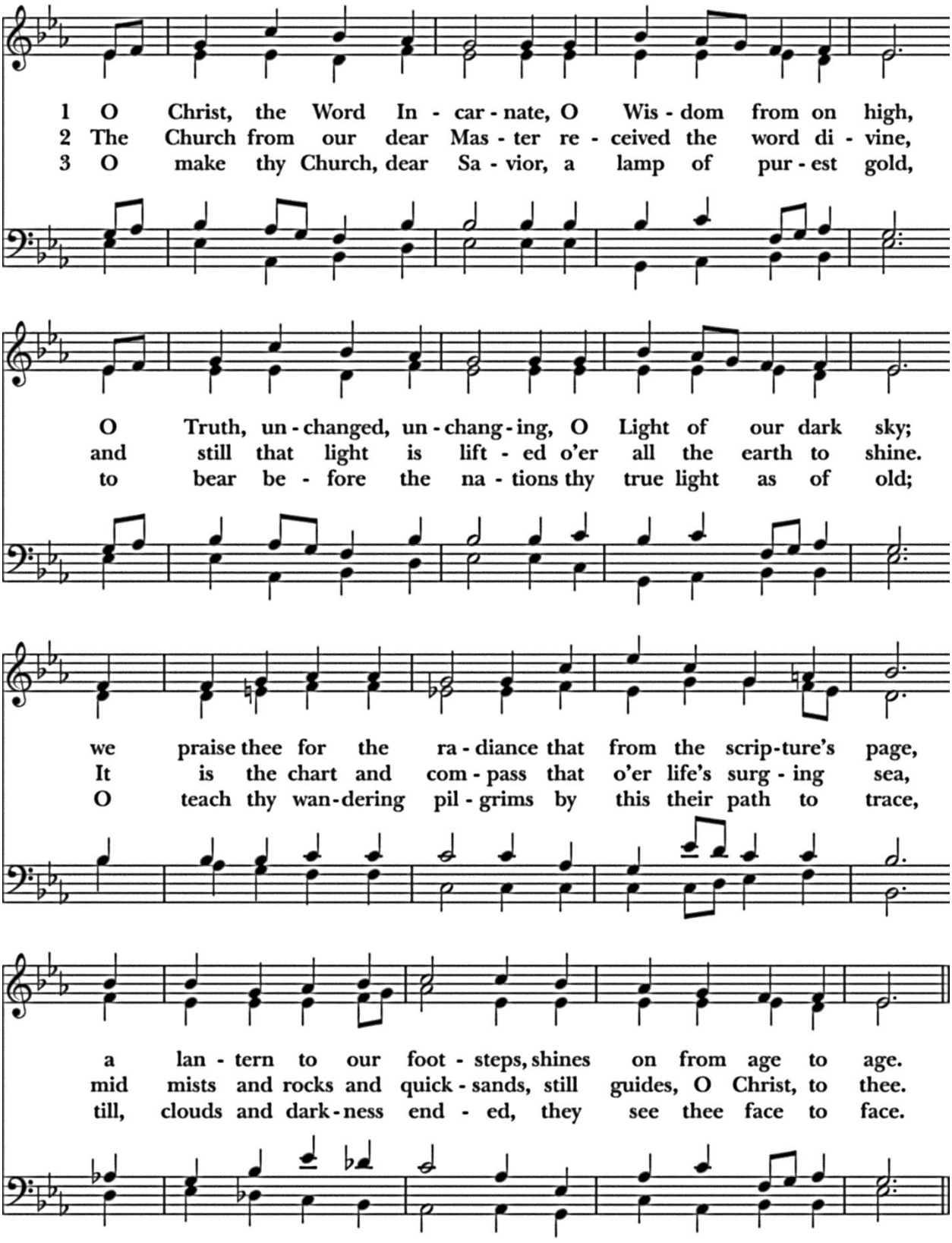
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**VOLUNTARY** *Nun danket alle Gott*, BWV 79/1 Johann Sebastian Bach

*All rise as able as the bell tolls.*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

*All sing.*




*Hymnal 1982*, 632 ©; Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerishtetes Meiningisches Gesanbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## Opening Acclamation

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

***All*** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
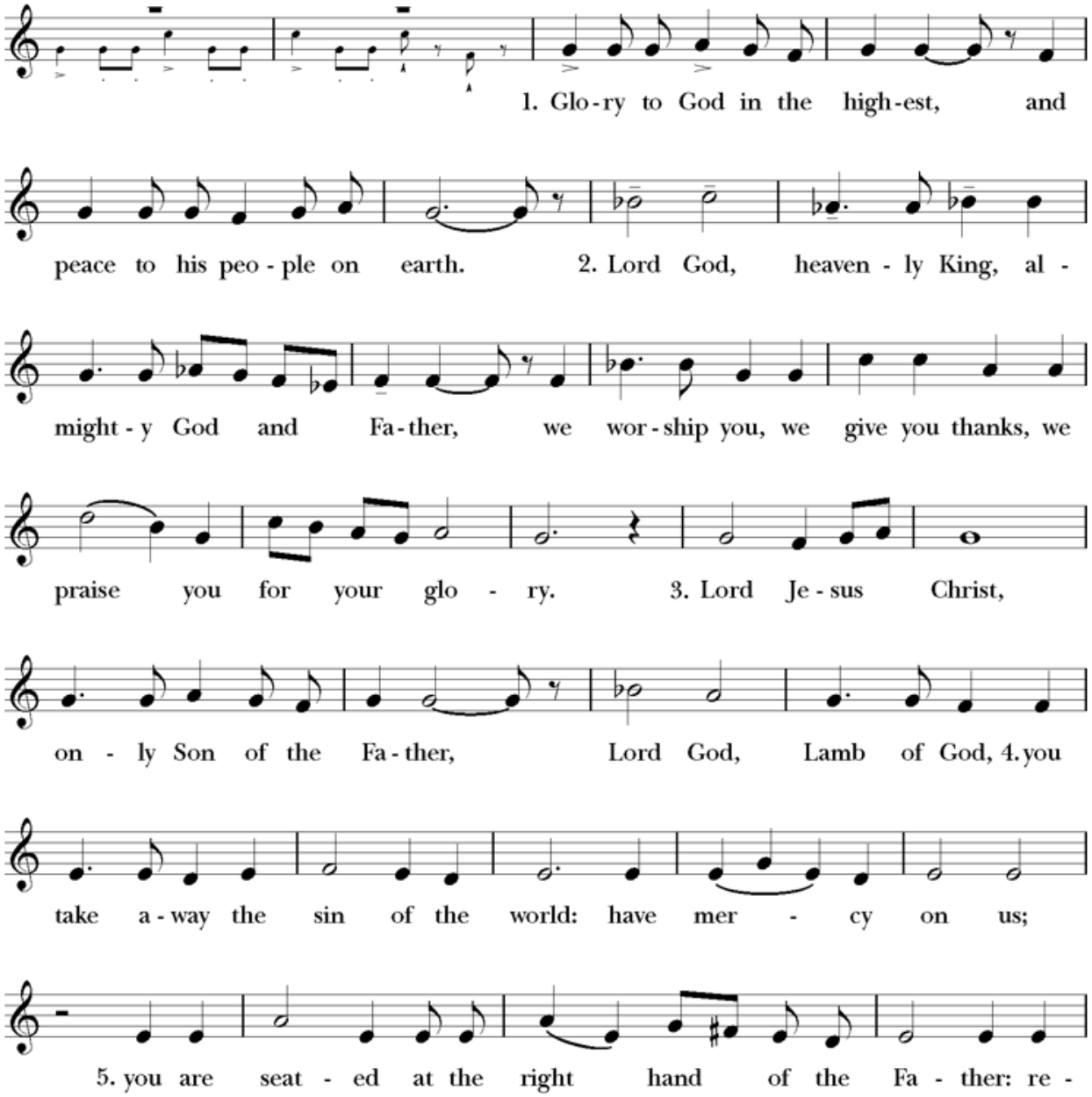
## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* 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.
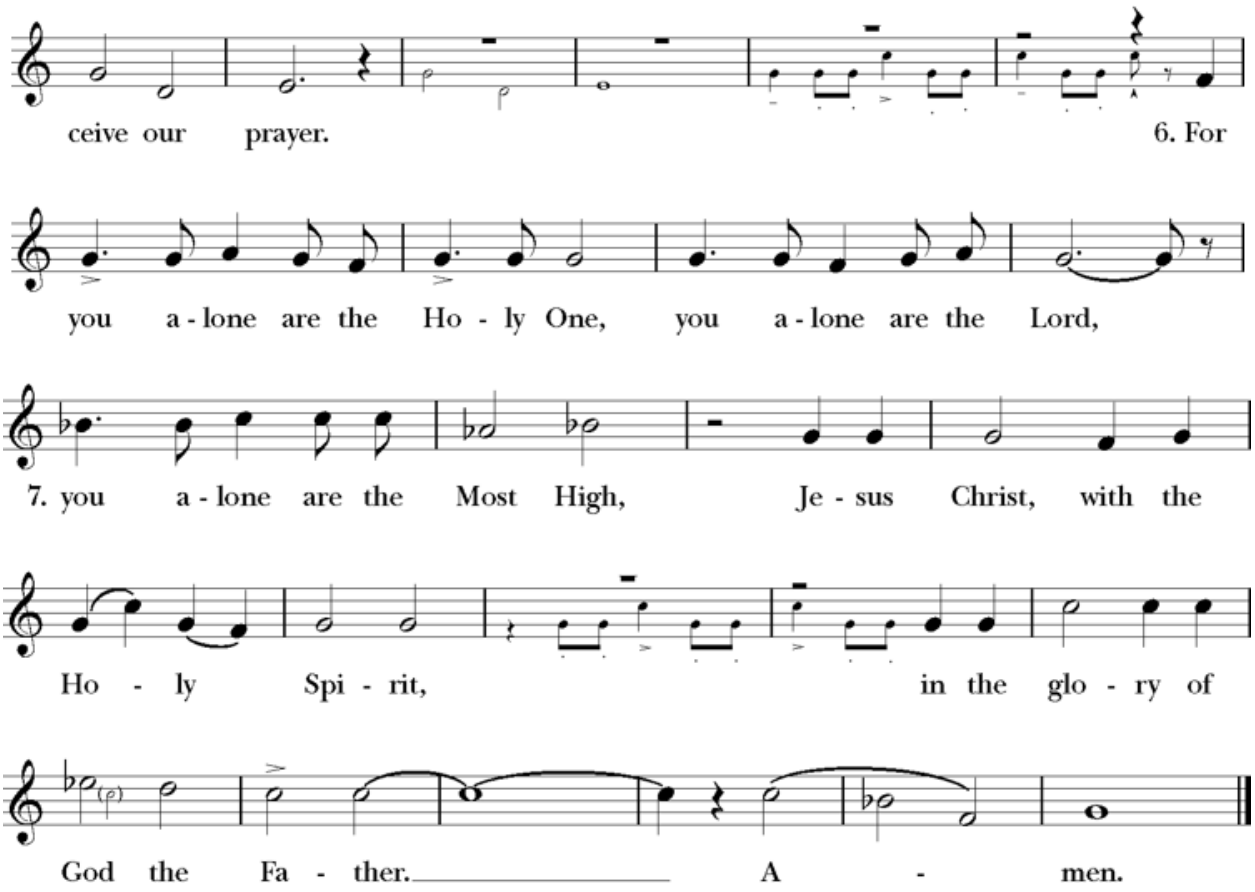
***All*** **Amen.**

## Gloria

*All sing.*




*Hymnal 1982*, S 278 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)




## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***All*** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***All*** **Amen**.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18).

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***All*** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 90:1-12 chant by Jonathan Battishill

***Domine, refugium***

*Sung by the choir.*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## THE SECOND READING

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11).
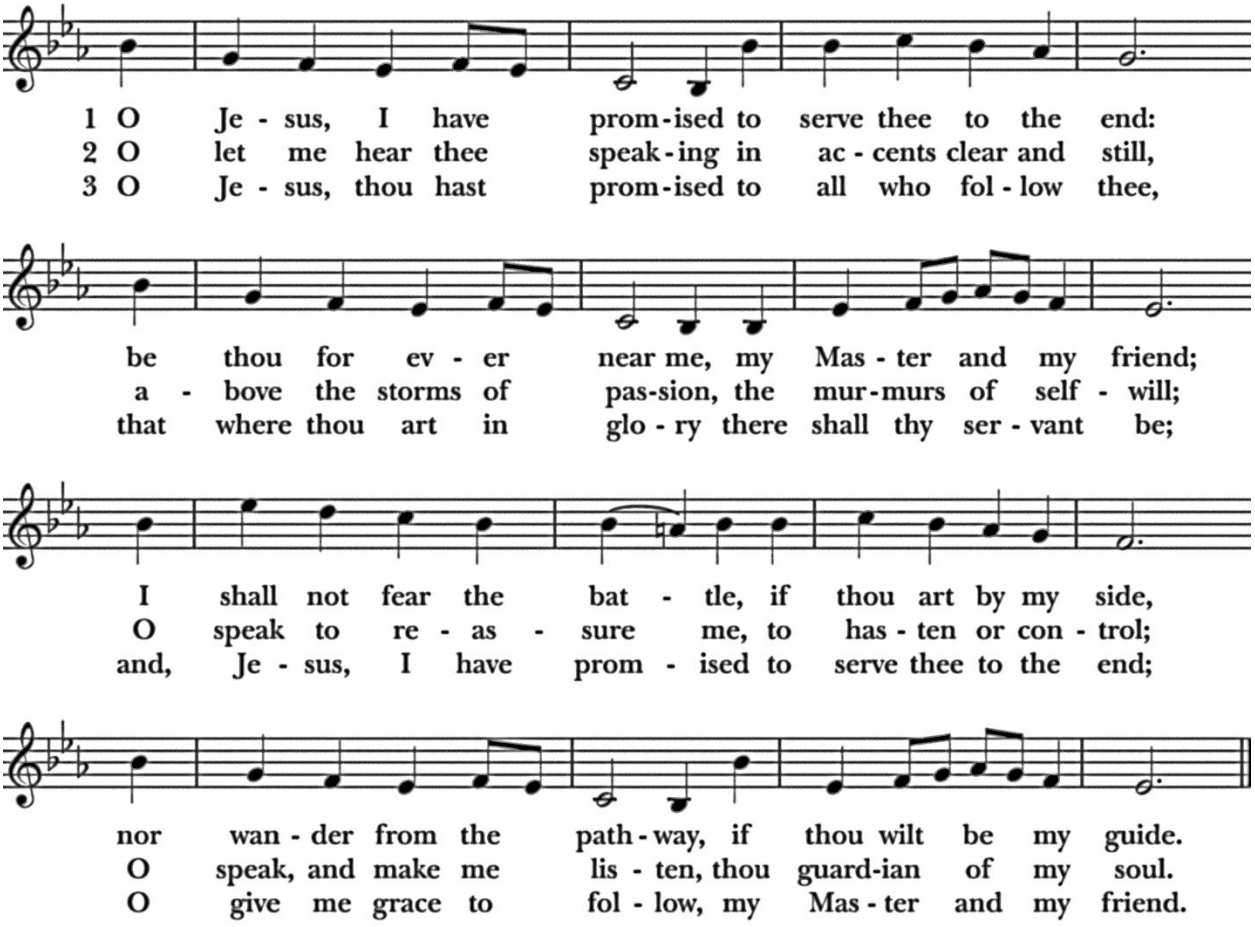
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***All*** **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN *O Jesus, I have promised*

*All rise as able and sing.*




*Hymnal 1982*, 655
©; Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

*All rise, as able.*

**THE GOSPEL**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30).
***All*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.
***All*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Tom Ortung

*All may be seated.*

*Silence follows the sermon.*

*All rise, as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

***All*** **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* Trusting in the God whose kingdom grows from the smallest seed and works quietly like yeast in the dough, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need**.**

For the Church throughout the world, that we may faithfully sow the seeds of God's kingdom and bear witness to Christ's love in all we do In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. In the Diocese of Olympia, we pray for Annie Wright School, Tacoma and Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma.

Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For St. Thomas Church and for our Profile Committee, that in this season of transition we may treasure both the gifts of our past and the new things God is bringing forth among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the nations of the world and all who hold authority, that justice, mercy, and peace may take root and flourish for the good of all people.
Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened by any trouble. We pray especially for:

***All*** **Laurie, Lilian, Tyler, Edward, Phyllis, Debbie, Fr. George, Laura, Nora, Jeremy, Estelle, Alan, The Carson Family, Richard, Dave, Robyn, Joan, Louise, George, and Martha.**

*Intercessor* Grant them healing, comfort, and hope.
Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially:

***All*** **Meredith Blundell, William Cahill, and Dorothy Bishop.**

*Intercessor* May they be gathered into the fullness of your kingdom, where every tear is wiped away.
Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Please add the intercessions and thanksgivings you hold in your heart, either silently or aloud.

*Silence is held.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,

***All*** **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God, you have revealed your kingdom in hidden treasure, in a pearl of great price, in a mustard seed, and in yeast that leavens the whole loaf. Give us eyes to recognize your presence, hearts to value your gifts above all else, and courage to follow wherever you lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***All*** **Amen**.

*The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile is the Anglican Church in Chile and an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion since November 4, 2018, when it became the Communion's 40th province. It is organized into four dioceses—Santiago, Valparaíso, Concepción, and Araucanía (Temuco)—serving congregations across the country. The church includes roughly 20,000 members in around 90–100 congregations, supported by bishops, clergy, and lay leaders. Its ministries emphasize evangelism, discipleship, social outreach, theological education, and church planting. Anglican witness in Chile began in the 19th century through British and missionary communities and has steadily grown into a distinctly Chilean expression of Anglican faith and mission.*

**CONFESSION**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All*** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

***All*** **Amen.**

*All rise, as able.*

**THE PEACE**

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

***All*** **And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of peace.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We share some of the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, at stthomasmedina.org/giving, or at Paypal with email donations@stthomasmedina.org.*

**STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING**

*Please place your pledge card in the basket as it passes.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *O how amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

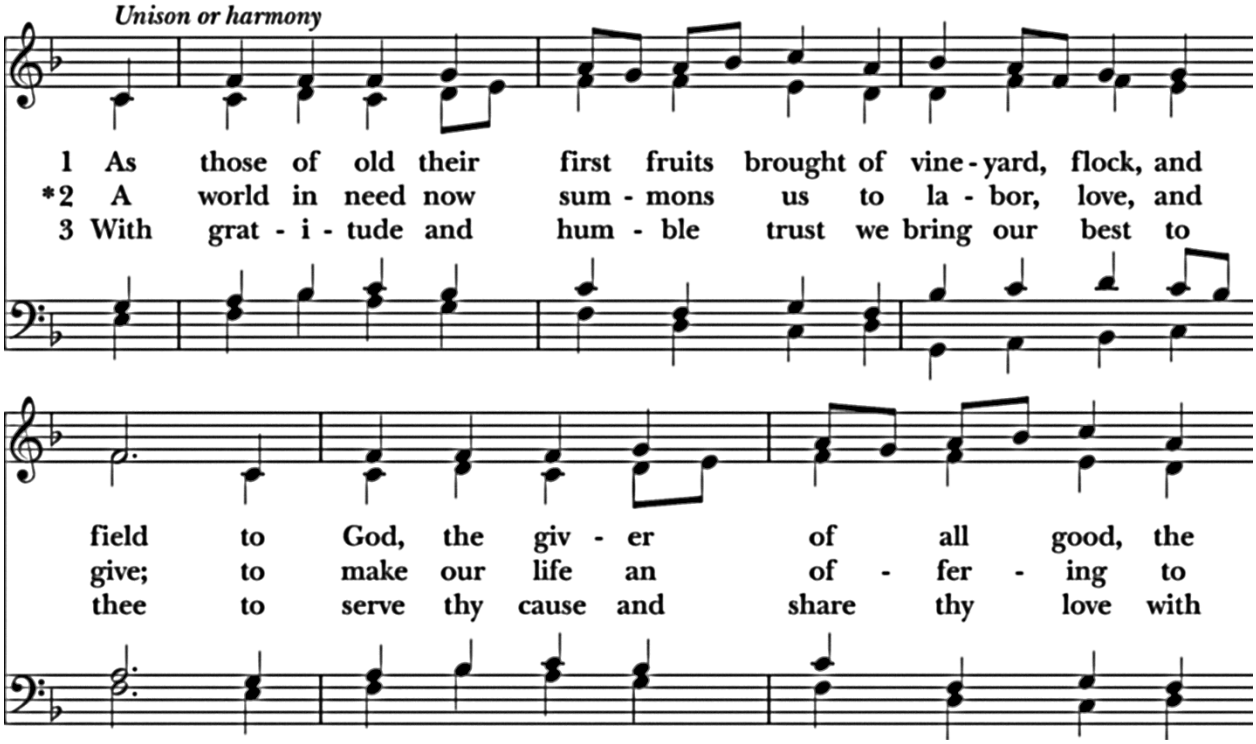
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
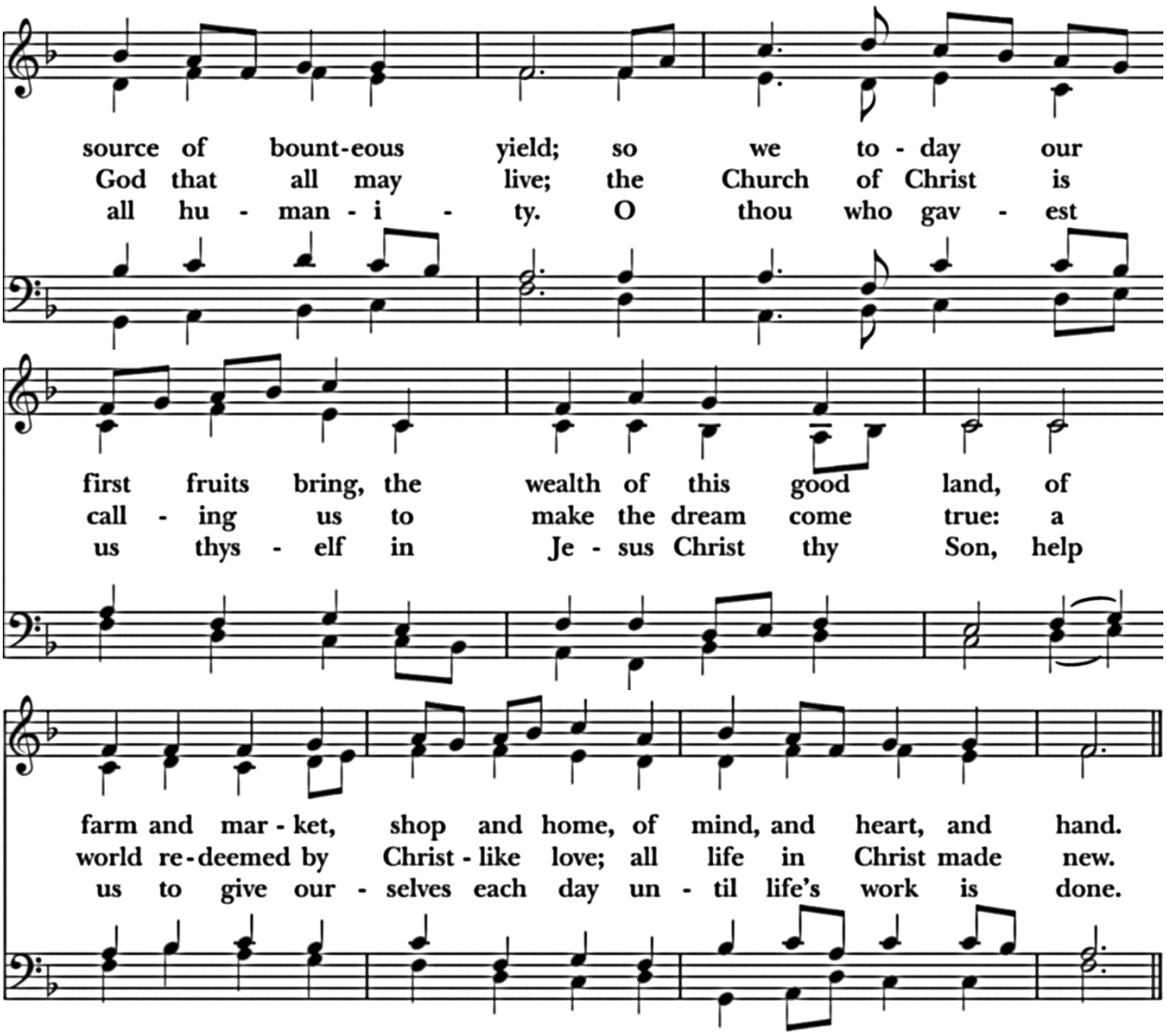
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**THE PRESENTATION HYMN** *As those of old their first fruits brought*

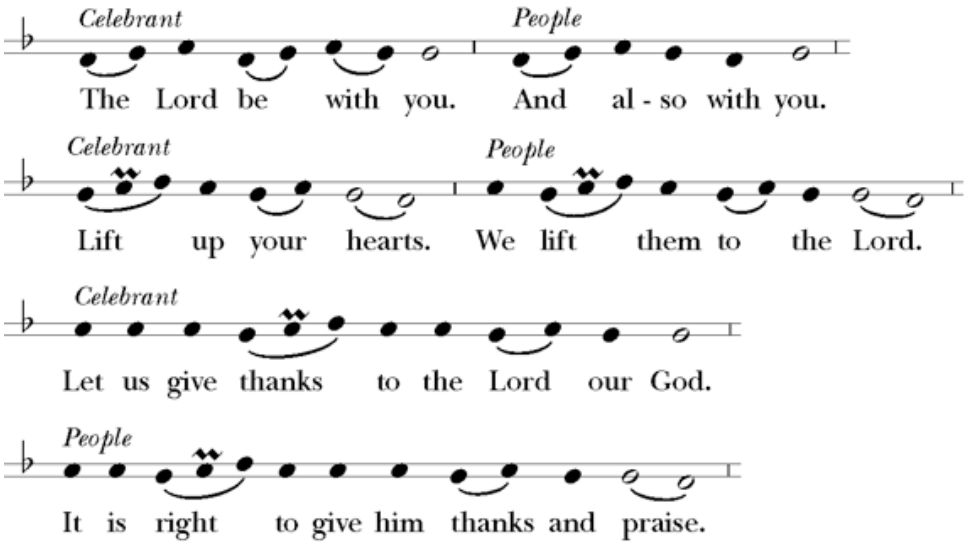
*All rise as able and sing.*




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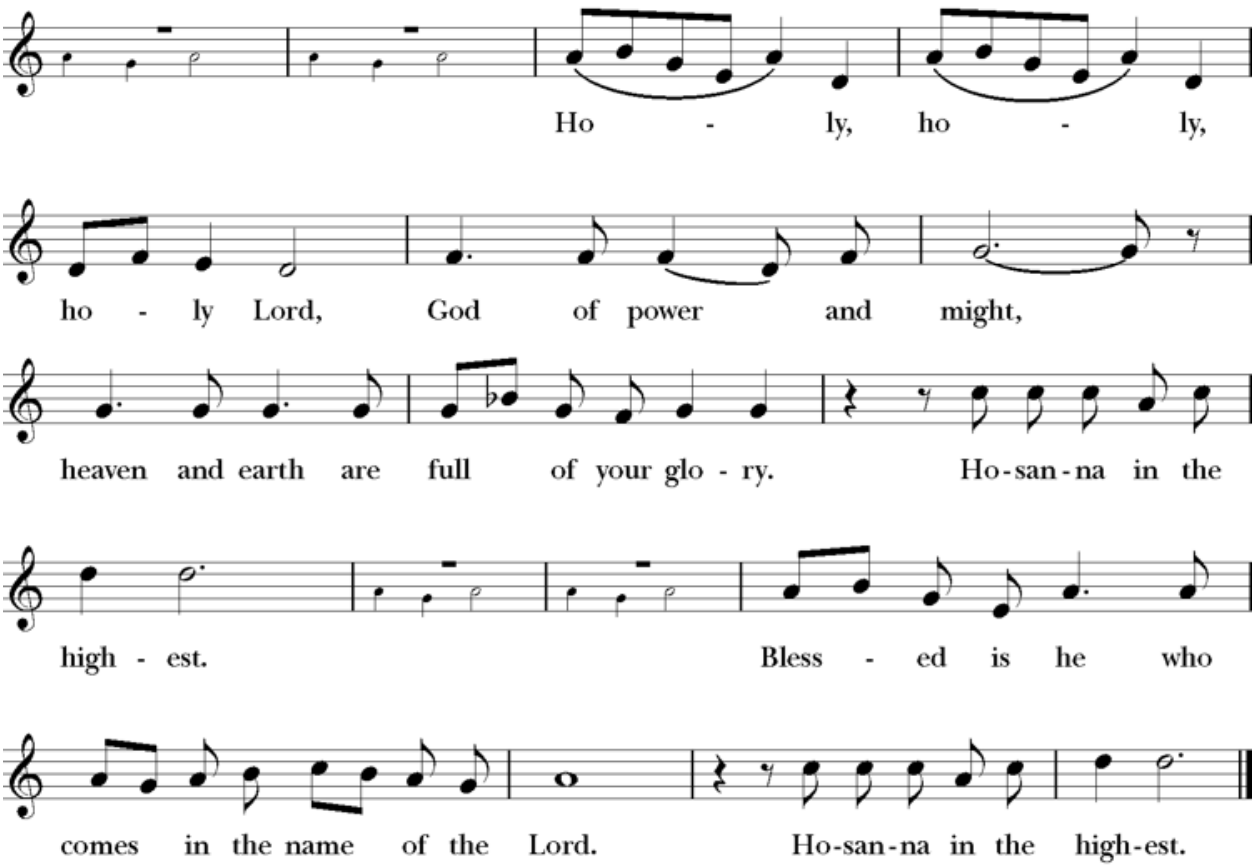



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Celebrant* 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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 & BENEDICTUS**

*All sing.*




*Hymnal 1982,* S 128 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)

*Celebrant* 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."

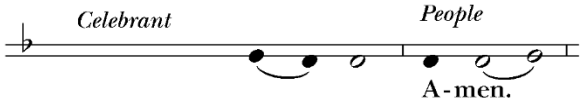
*Celebrant* After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All*** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* 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.




**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

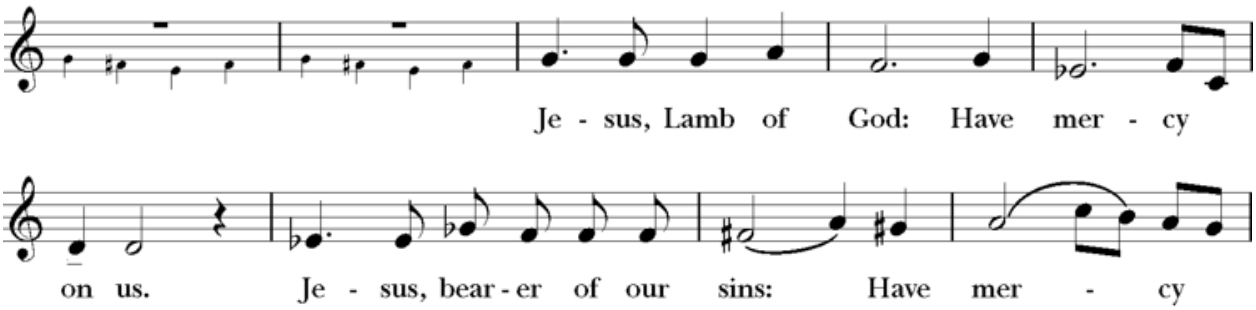
*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All*** **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.**
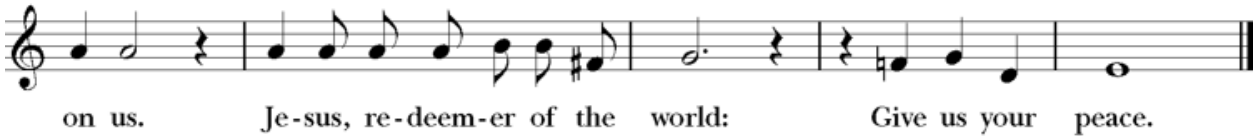
*The Bread is broken.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Agnus Dei*

*All sing.*




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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

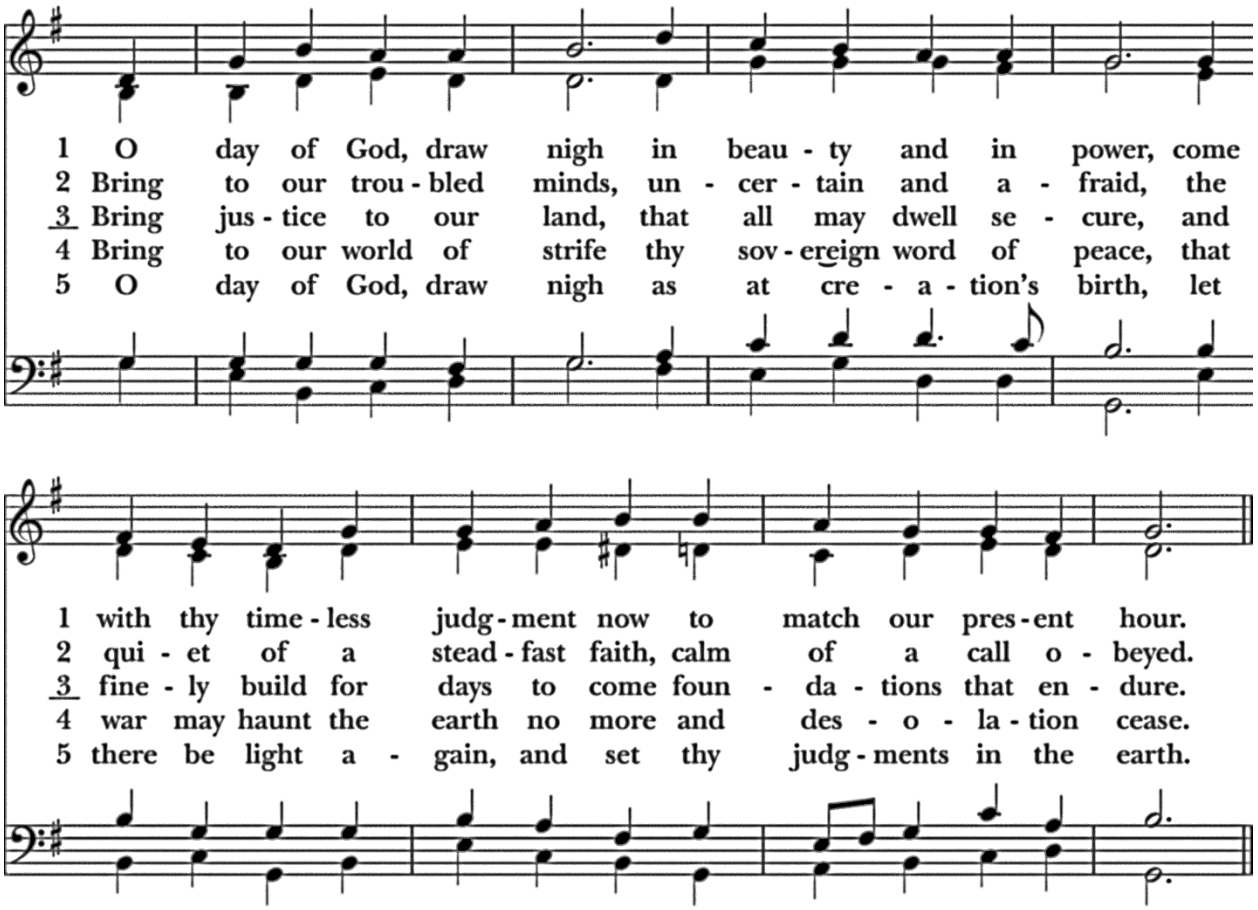
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All may be seated for the time of Communion.*

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is* ***not*** *available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

## COMMUNION HYMN *O day of God, draw nigh*

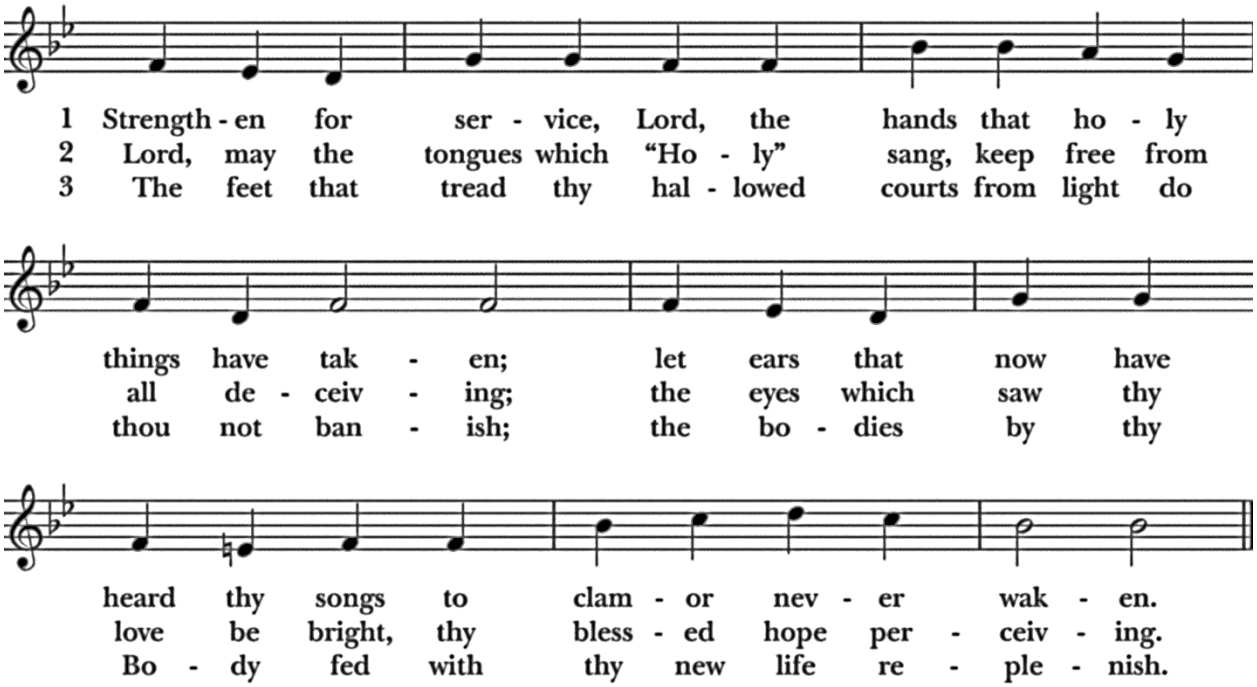
*All sing.*




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Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Strengthen for service, Lord*

*All sing.*




*Hymnal 1982*, 312
©; Words: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921); alt. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: *Malabar*, David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

*All rise as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*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.**

**EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING** ** *When appropriate.*

*Celebrant* 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.

***All*** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**
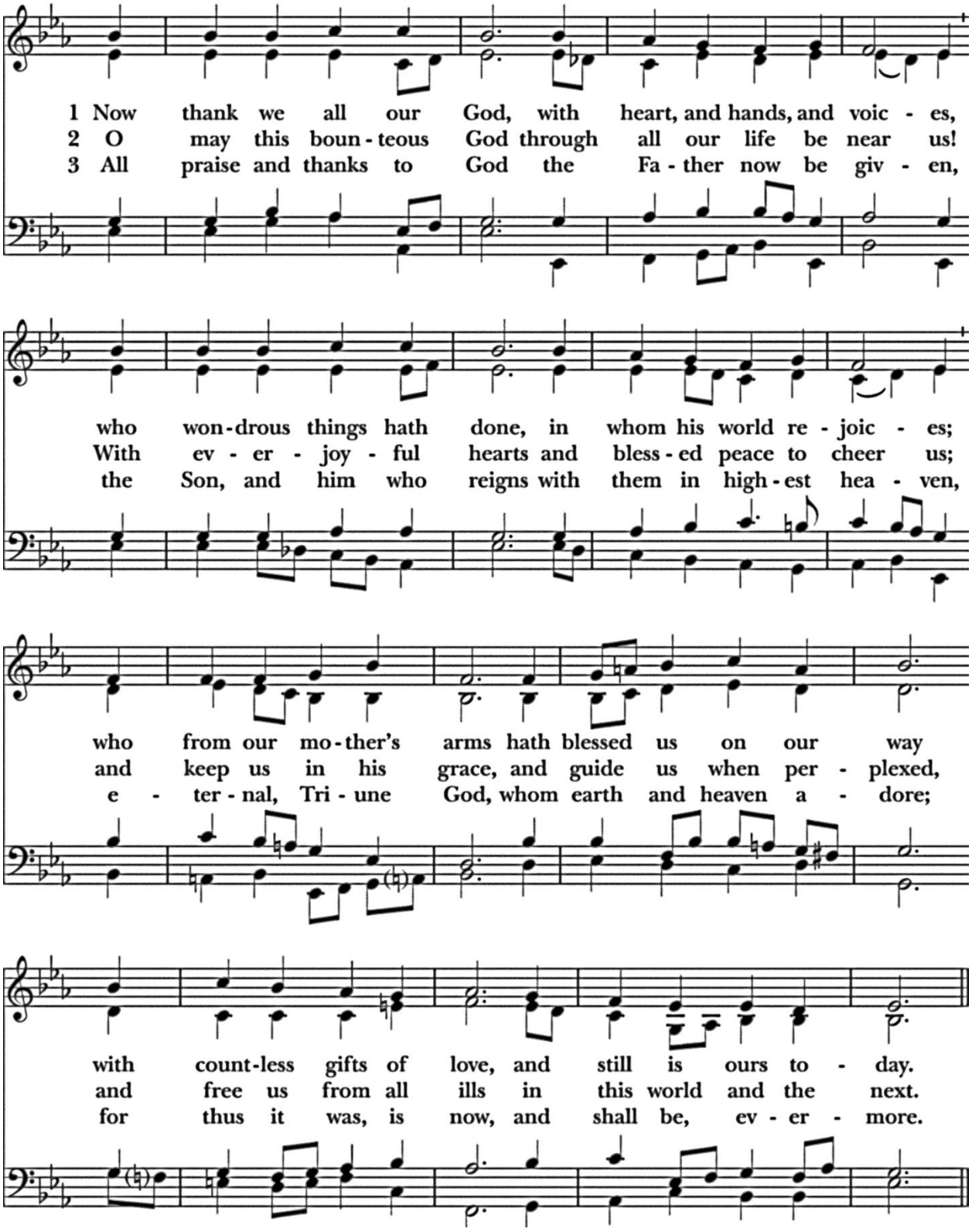
**BLESSING**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

***All*** **Amen.**

**HYMN AT THE CLOSING** *Now thank we all our God*

*All sing.*



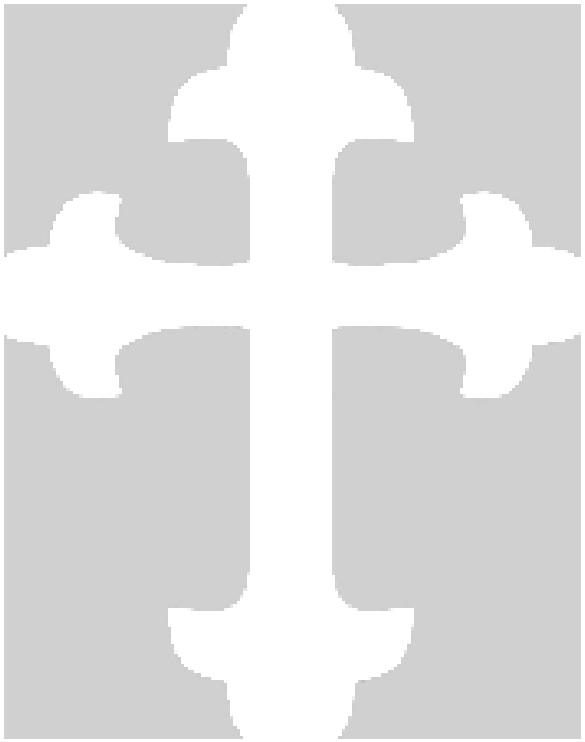

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Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
***All*** **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY** *Nun danket alle Gott*, op. 65 no. 59 Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments, immediately following the service,*
*in the Great Hall of the Ebsworth Life Center,*
*just across the courtyard.*



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