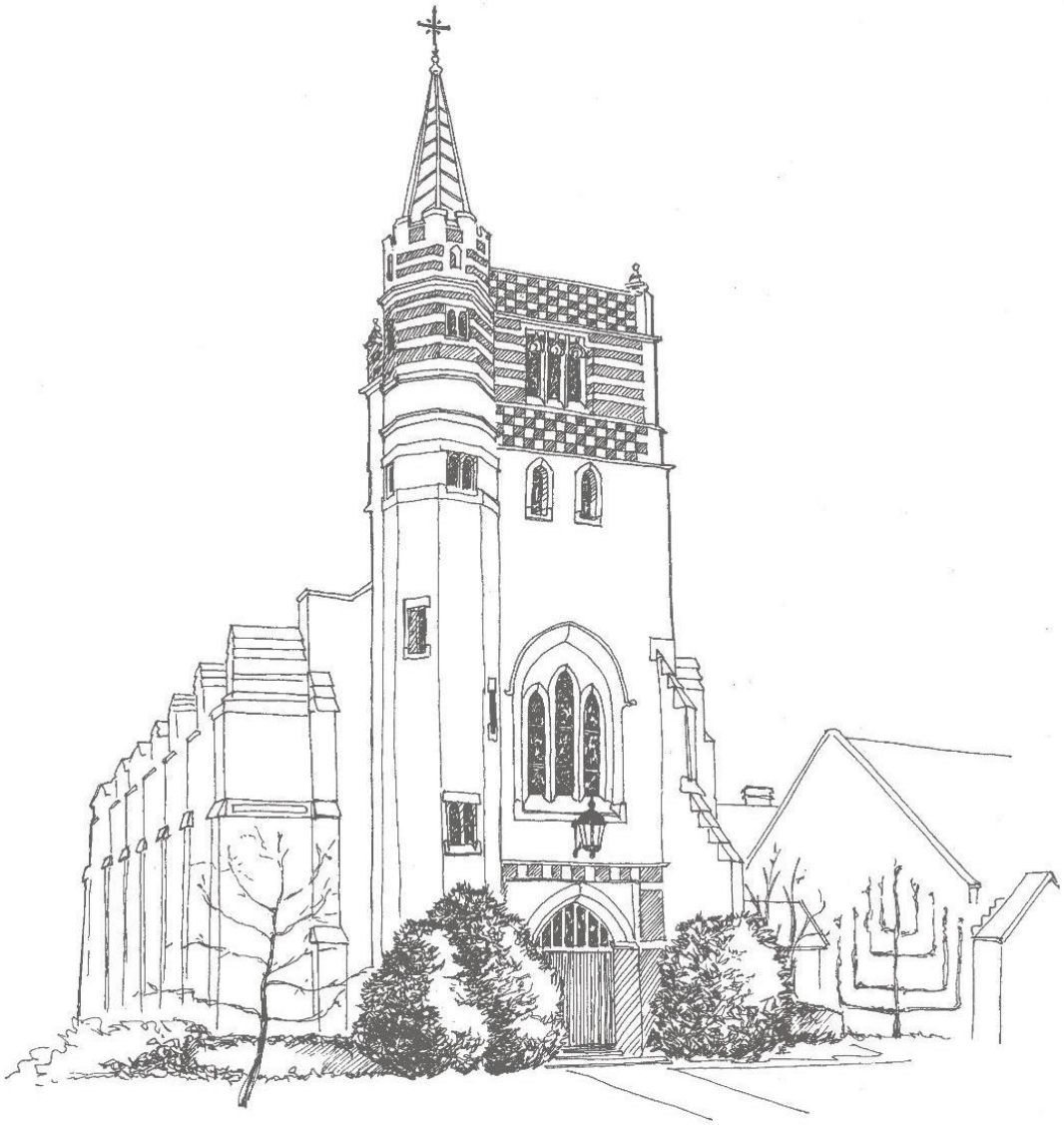

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 27, 2026 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE Tranquilly Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

Please stand for the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN At the Name of Jesus *The Hymnal* 1982 #435

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.
Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

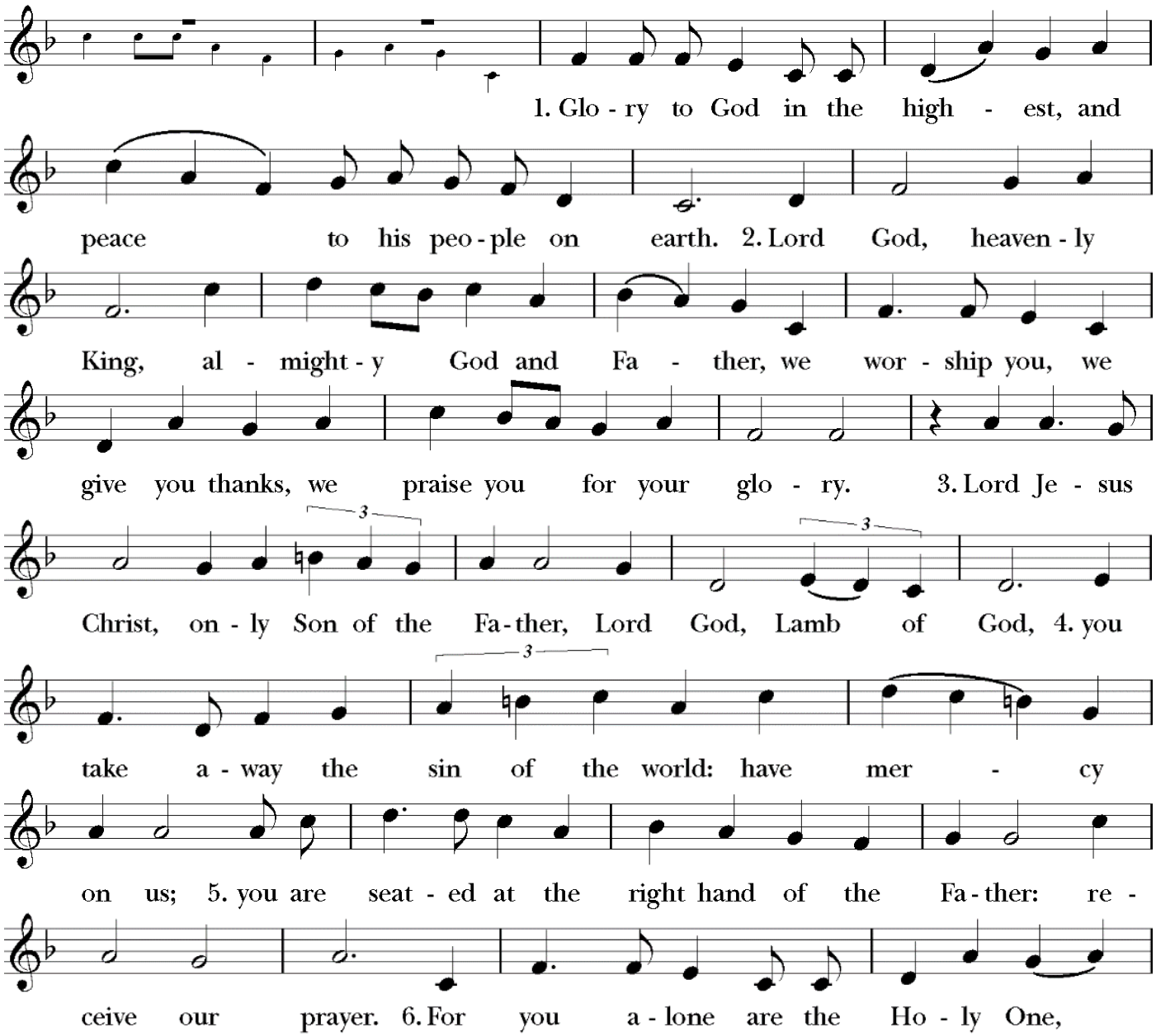
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

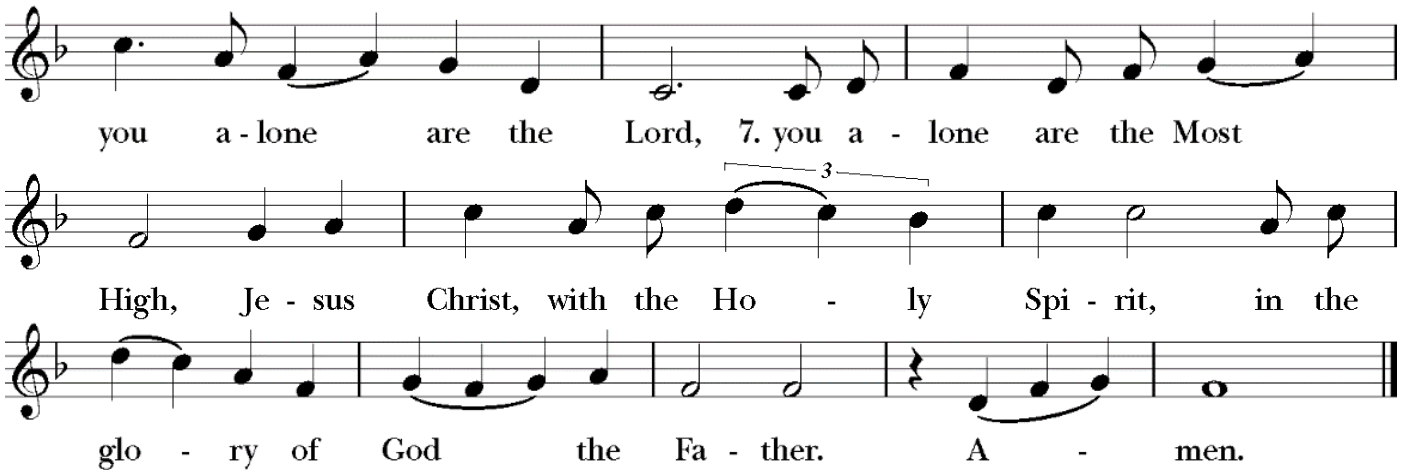
All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All remain standing to sing the

GLORIA

The Hymnal 1982 #S-280





Setting: Robert Powell (1932-2025)

All remain standing for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

All remain seated to sing

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse.

[1] Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

[2] I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

[3] That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

[4] We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

[12] He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

[13] He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

[14] He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

[15] He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep. *[2nd half of chant]*

[16] He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
    did not regard equality with God
    as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
    taking the form of a slave,
    being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
    he humbled himself
    and became obedient to the point of death--
    even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
    and gave him the name
    that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
    every knee should bend,
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,
    to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel procession.

GRADUAL HYMN O Spirit of the living God

The Hymnal 1982 #531

Verses 1-2 sung before the Gospel reading, verses 3-4 sung after the Gospel reading.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

All stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The response to "God of love," is "***Hear our prayer.***" Please add your own prayers during any of the silences.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please stand or kneel for the confession.*

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

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support Parish of the Epiphany's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet.

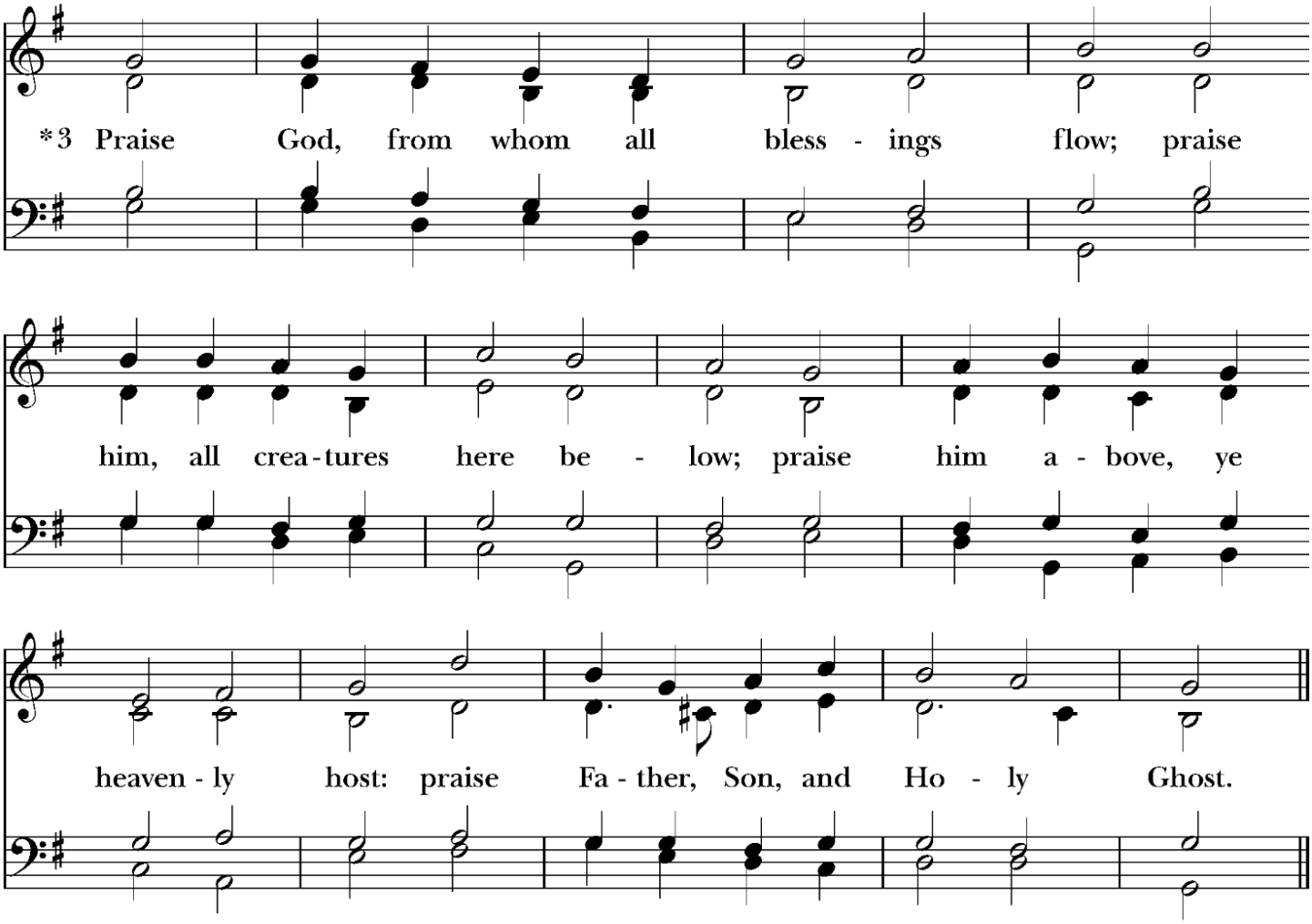
OFFERTORY ANTHEM With a voice of singing Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

(*from Isaiah 48:20 and Psalm 66*)

All stand to sing this hymn while the ushers present the people's offerings.

PRESENTATION HYMN From all that dwell below the skies *The Hymnal* 1982 #380, v. 3



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

In the Great Thanksgiving, we thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts, focused on Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. In this mystery, we are invited to be taken, blessed, broken open, and given for the life of others.

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 our thanks and praise.**

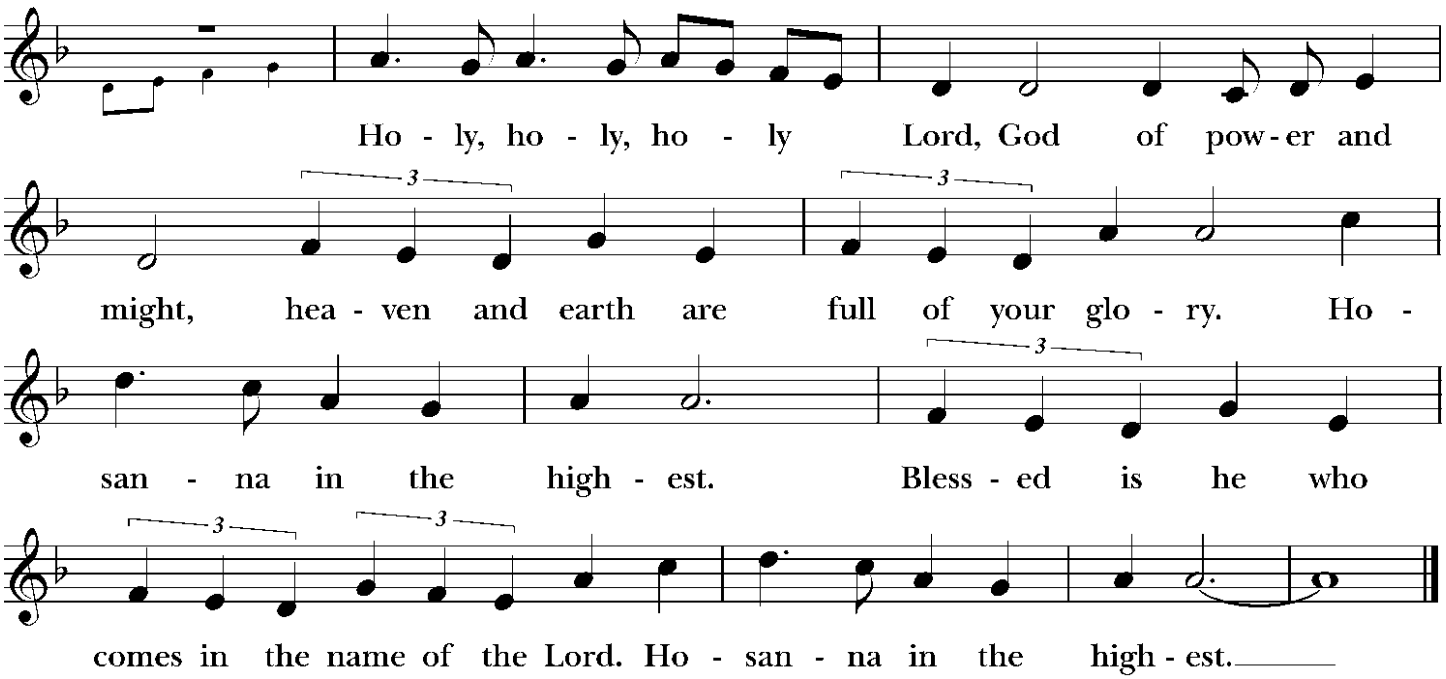
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

(Sung together)

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129



Setting: Robert Powell (1932-2025)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember Christ's death,**
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

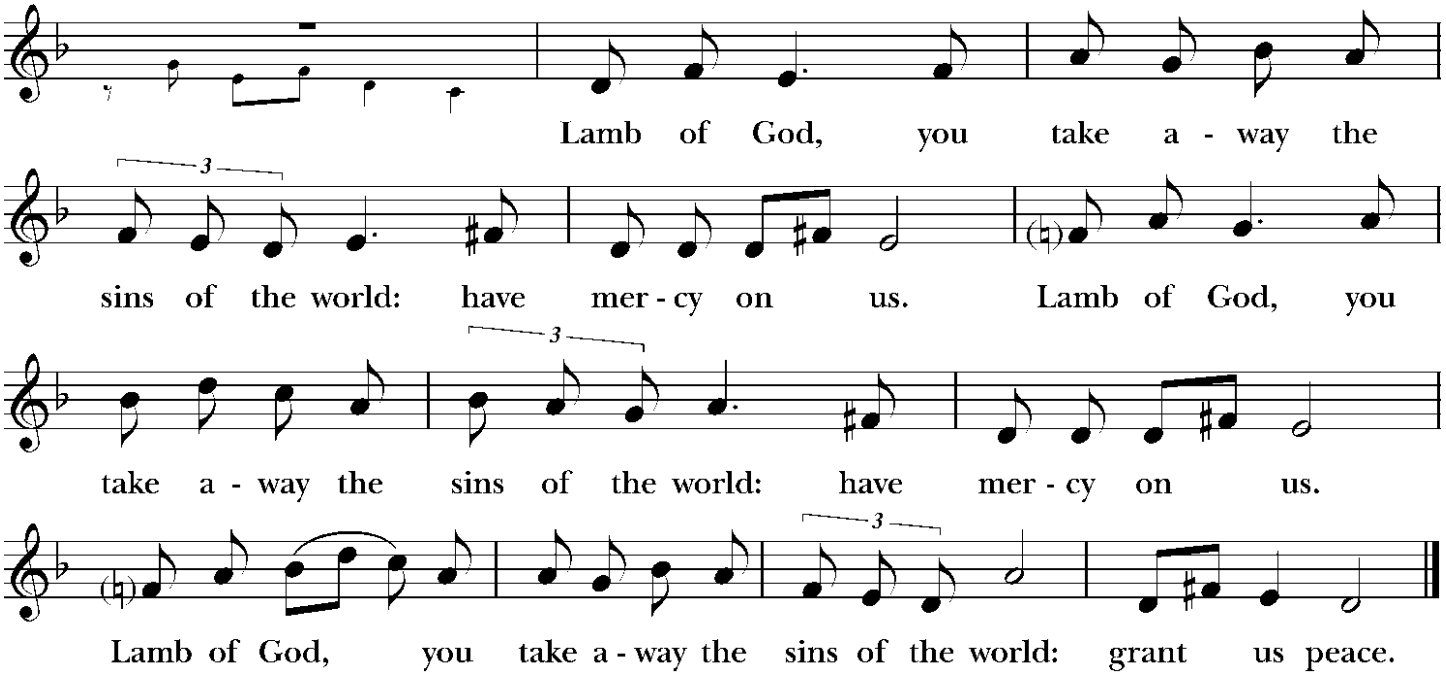
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 consecrated bread is broken. After a period of silence, all sing the

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 #S-163



Setting: Robert Powell (1932-2025)

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler located near the lectern at the front of the nave for those who would like prayer.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine at the high altar or the station near the pulpit. (Alcohol-free wine is available at this station.) Return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free host is available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Wondrous Love

from *The Southern Harmony* (1835)
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul,
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
O my soul,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul.

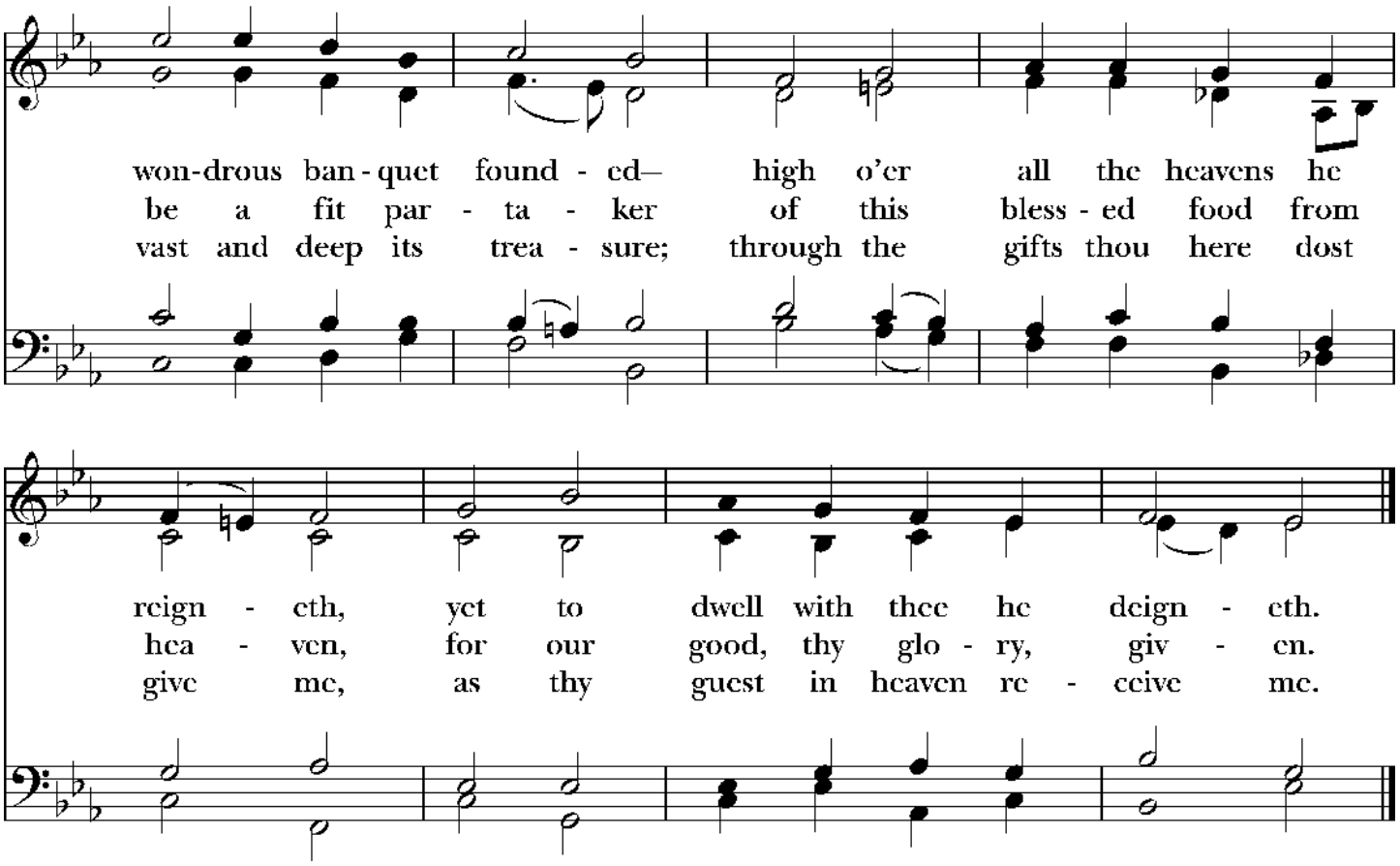
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme
I will sing.

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity
I'll sing on.

American folk hymn, ca. 1835

All are invited to sing the

COMMUNION HYMN Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *The Hymnal* 1982 #339



Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt.
Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

We remain seated for the

COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(if applicable)*

Celebrant In the name of God and 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. For, we, who are many, are one body.

All **Because we share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

Please stand or kneel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

from Church of England, Common Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

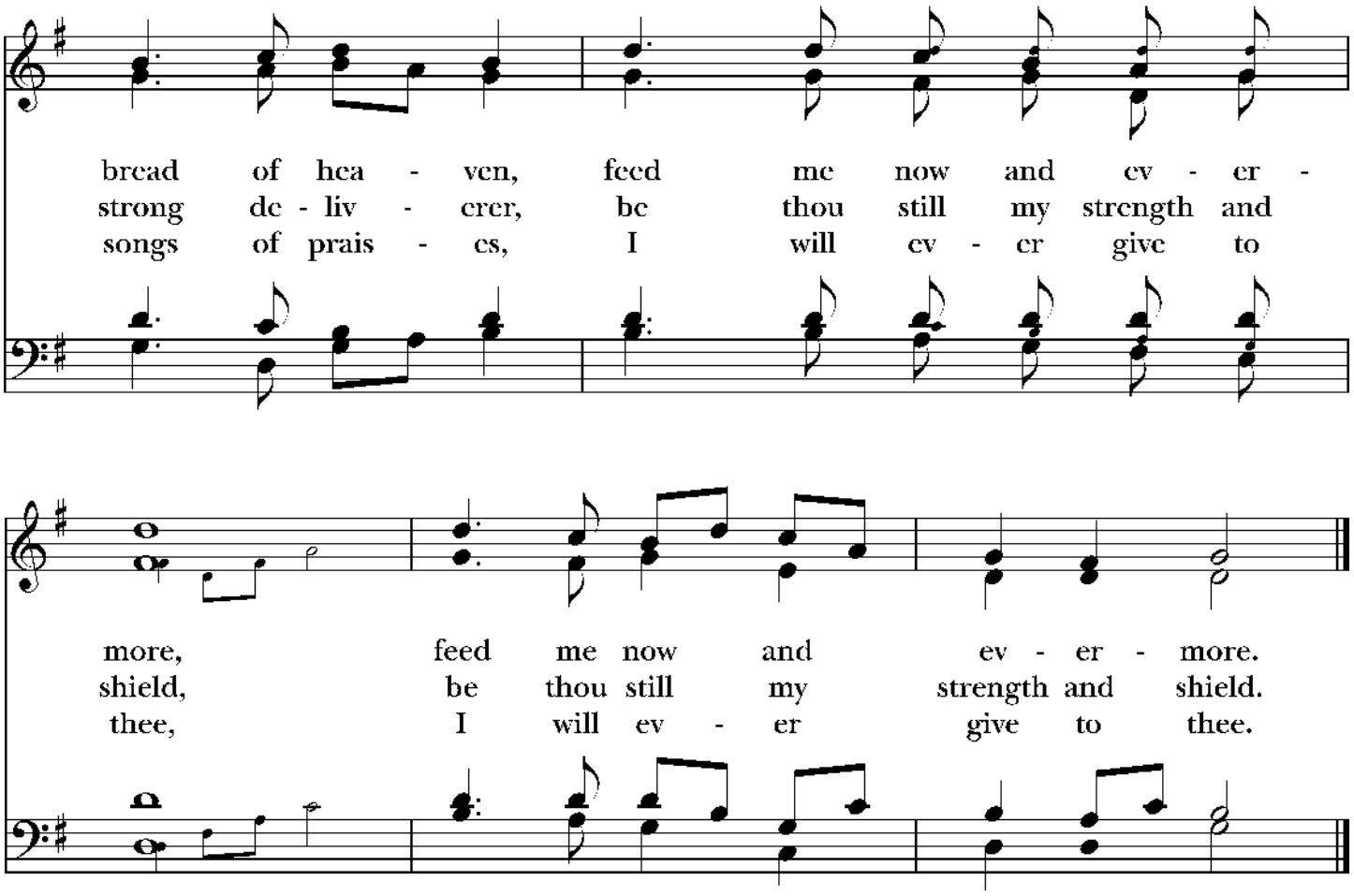
All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Hymnal 1982 #690



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune in D

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

Thank you for joining us for worship. All are invited for fellowship and refreshments in Hadley Hall.

GIVE TO EPIPHANY

All are invited to make a gift to support Parish of the Epiphany's ministry of sharing God's love.

To make a one-time contribution to Epiphany or to pay your pledge online, please scan the QR code.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Parish of the Epiphany joyfully welcomes children and the energy, sound, and movement they bring. Children and babies are welcome in all of our services. Our nursery is available for drop-off care during the service, for infants and toddlers through three years old. (Exit the sanctuary through the front right door, and you will find the nursery.)

This weekend, around 100 parishioners are at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire for our annual retreat. **There is no Church School** (most of our teachers are at the retreat). Church School for those in preschool through 6th grade will resume on Sunday, October 11. Worship Bags, full of quiet activities to help children worship, are available in the vestibule off of Hadley Hall.

Please visit our website, epiphanywinchester.org, for more information about our children and youth programs. Visitors are always welcome! New to our programs? Please take a moment now to scan this QR code and share important information about your child or teen's name, age, allergies, and parent contact number.

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Jeremy Bruns, *Director of Music and Organist* ~ The Parish Choir
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