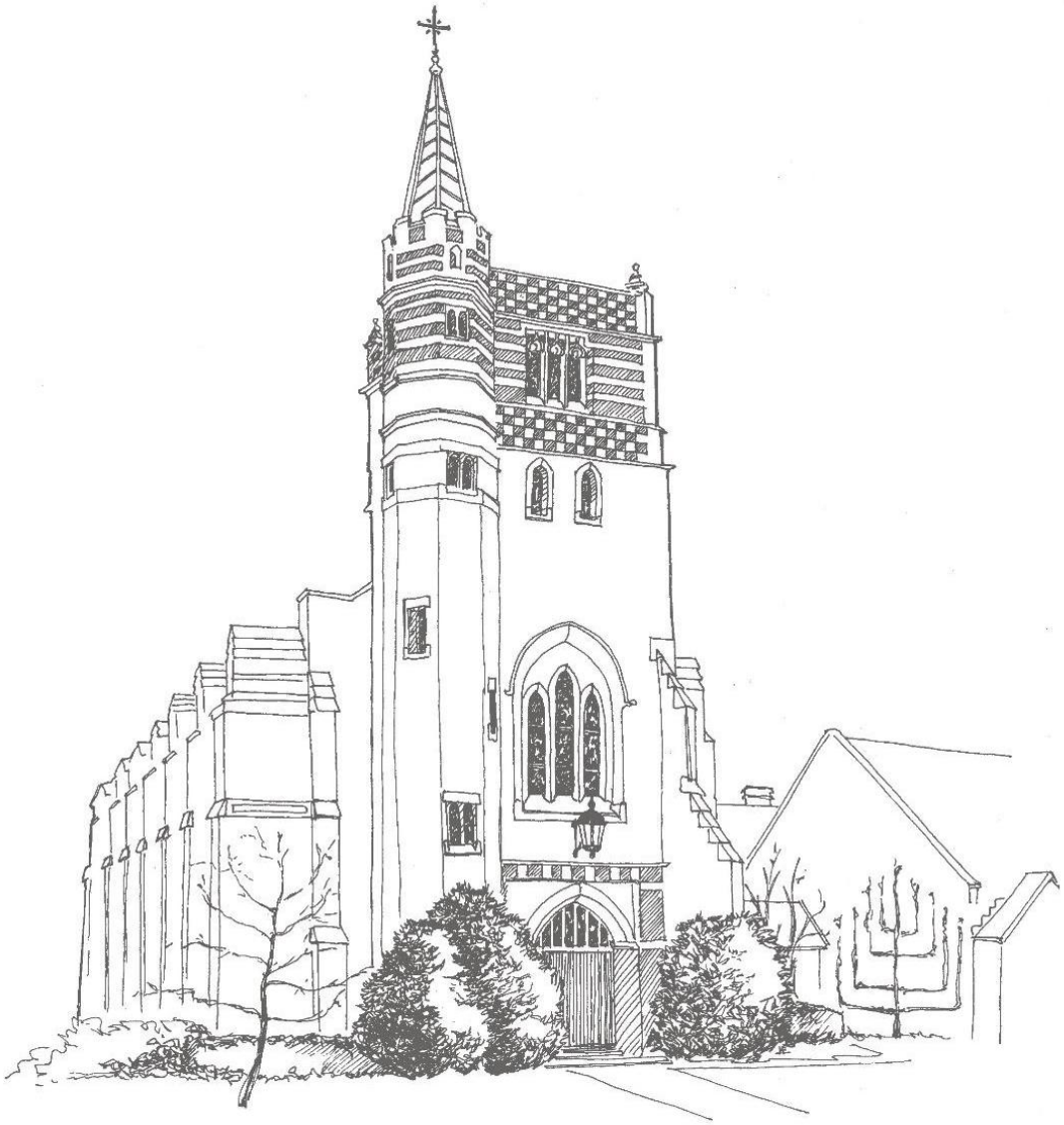

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

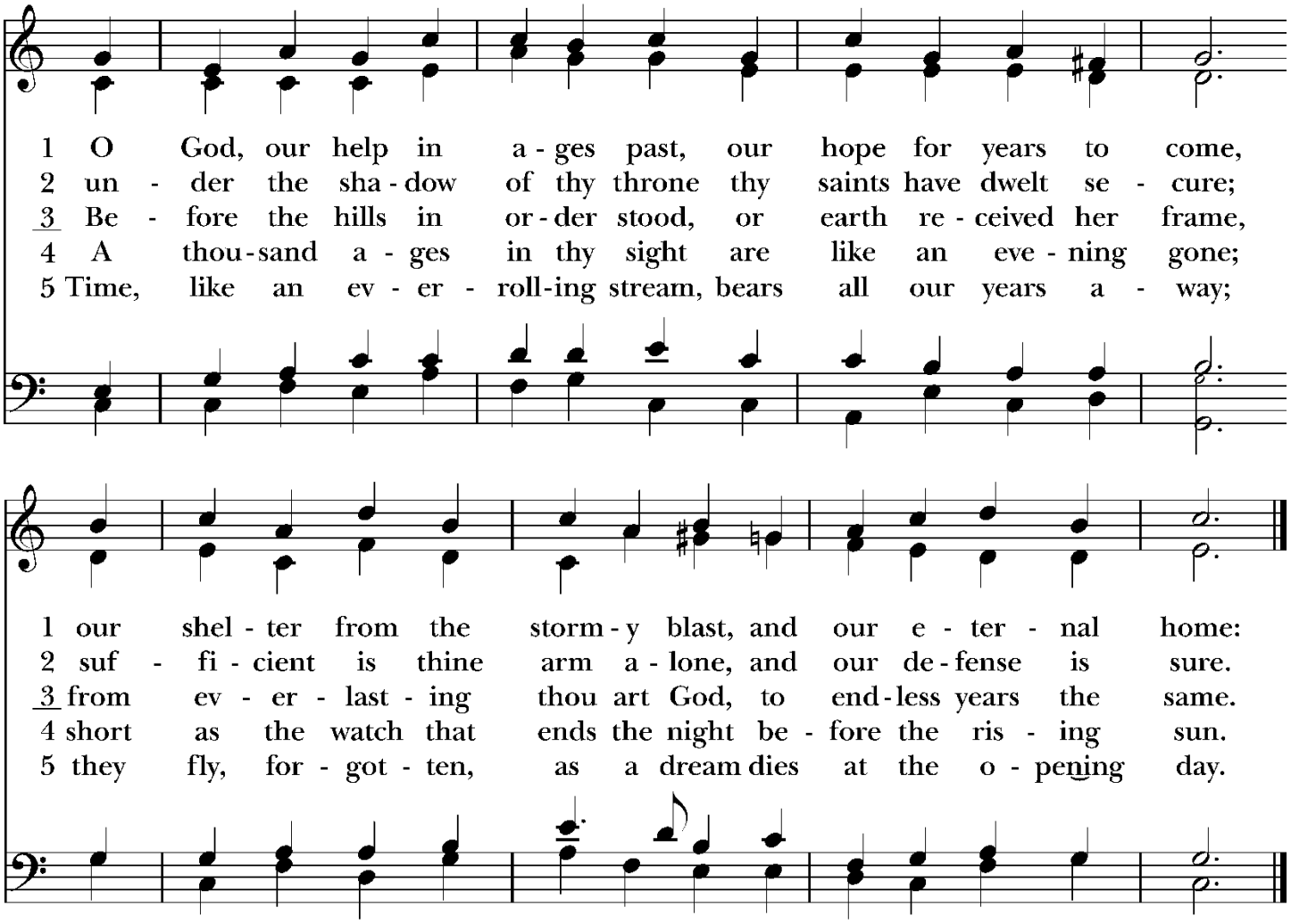
October 25, 2026 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand for the procession. Children in preschool through sixth grade are invited to follow the children's cross and their teachers to Church School. Visitors and parents are always welcome.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O God, our help in ages past

The Hymnal 1982 #680



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt., harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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

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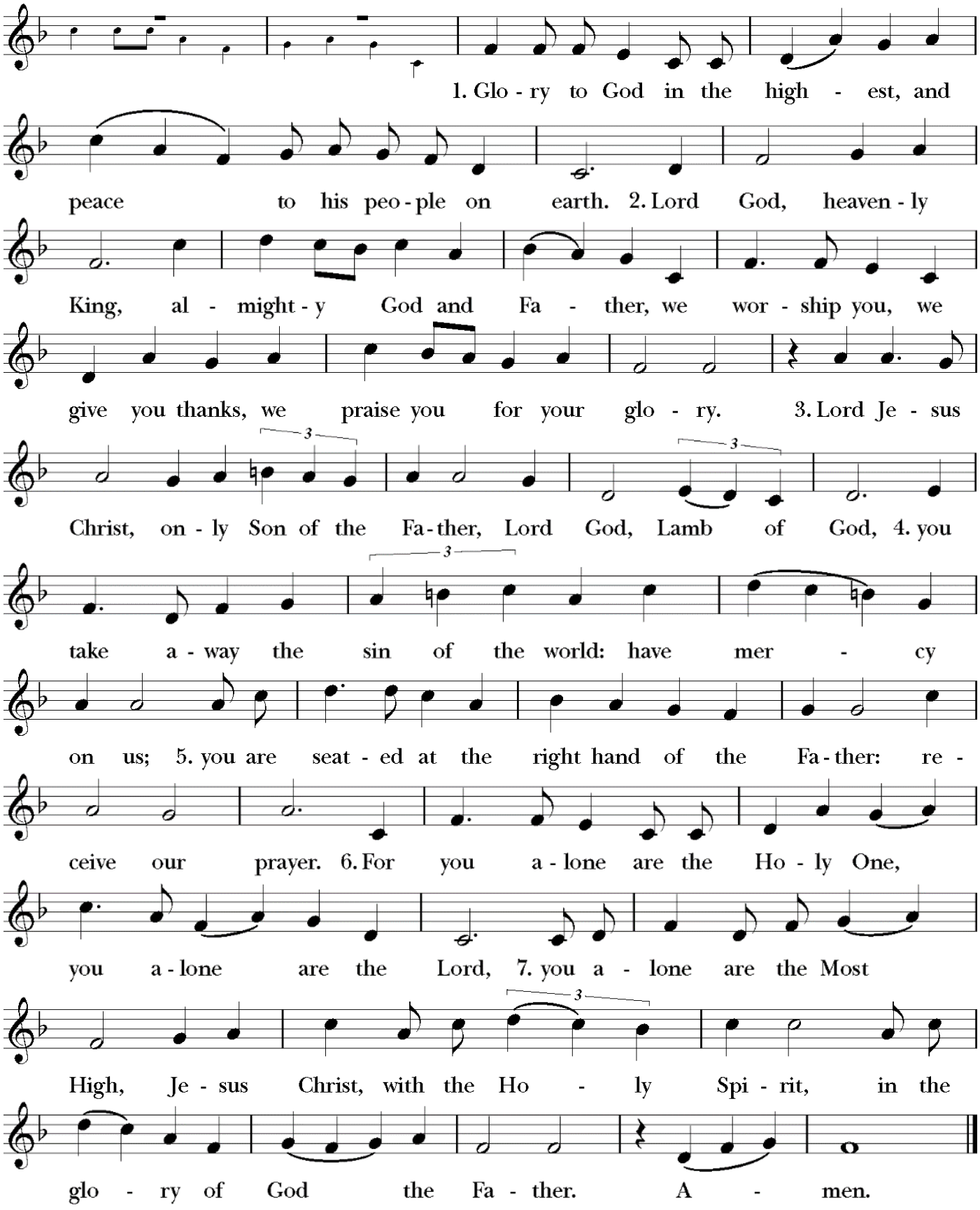

Setting: Robert Powell (1932-2025)

All remain standing for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

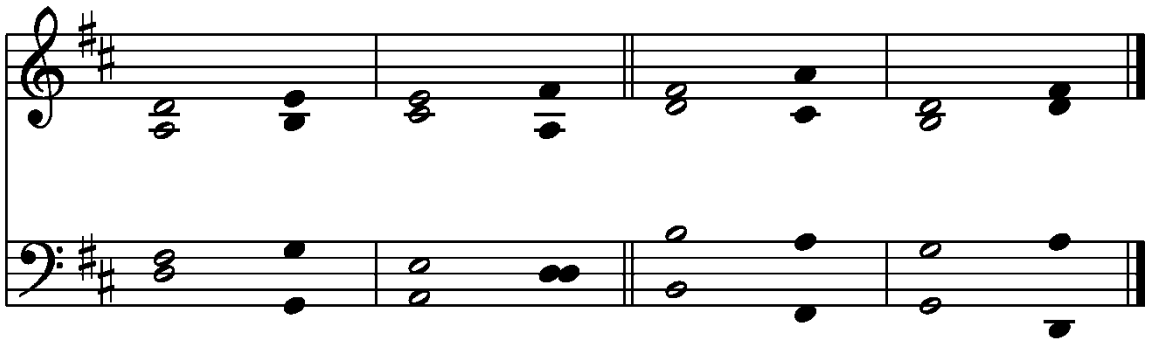
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated to sing

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

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. The checkmark indicates a slight breath or pause.



[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.

[13] Return, O Lord;✔ how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

[14] Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

[15] Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

[16] Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children. *[2nd half of chant]*

[17] May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;✔ prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

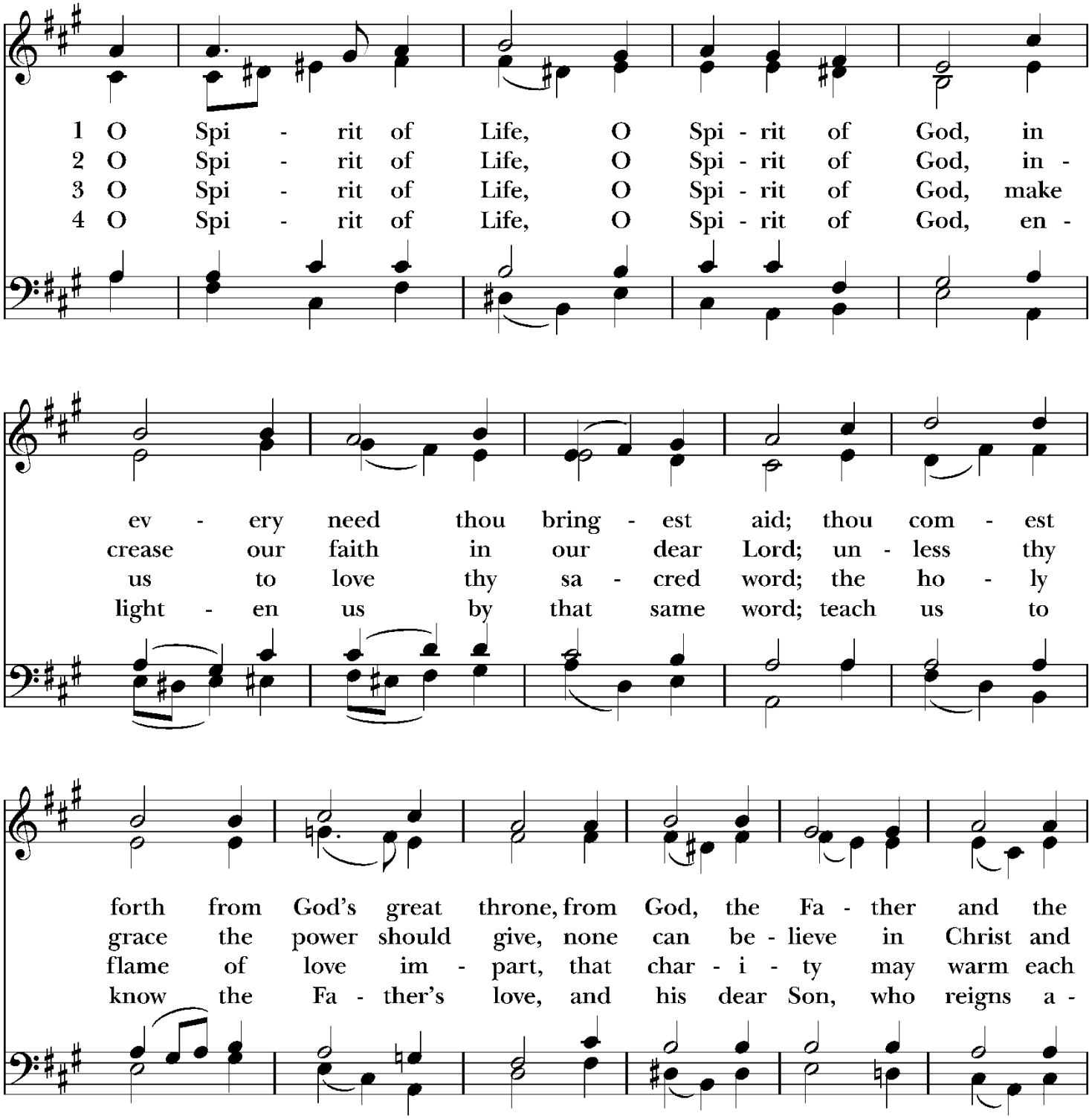
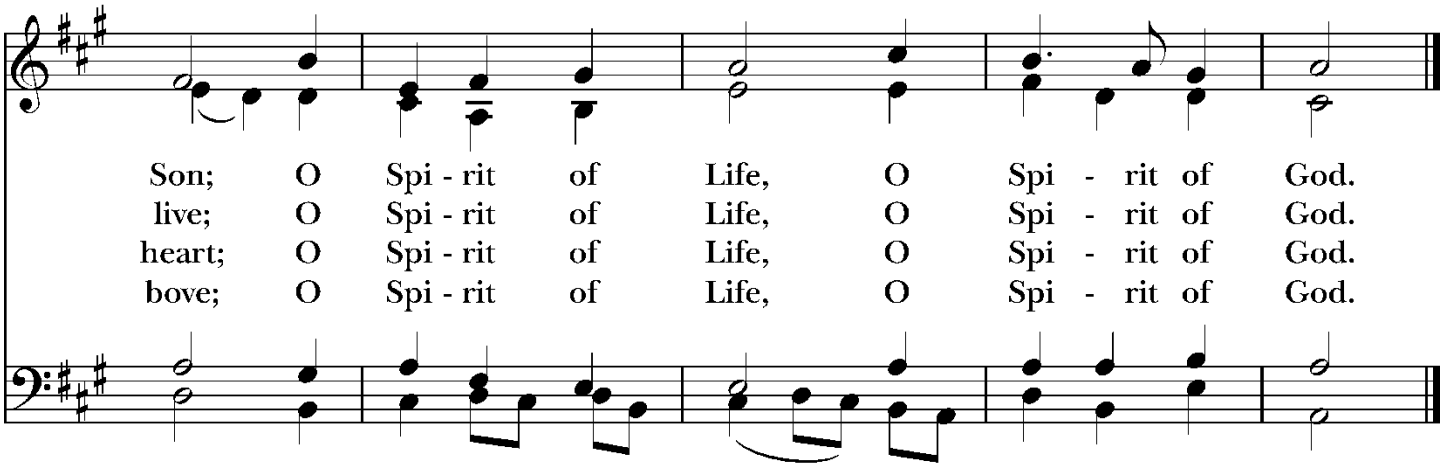
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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 Life, O Spirit of God

The Hymnal 1982 #505

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



Words: Johann Niedling (1602-1668); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt. Music: *O heiliger Geist*, melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Alastair Cassels-Brown (1927-2001)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 "Lord, in your mercy," 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.

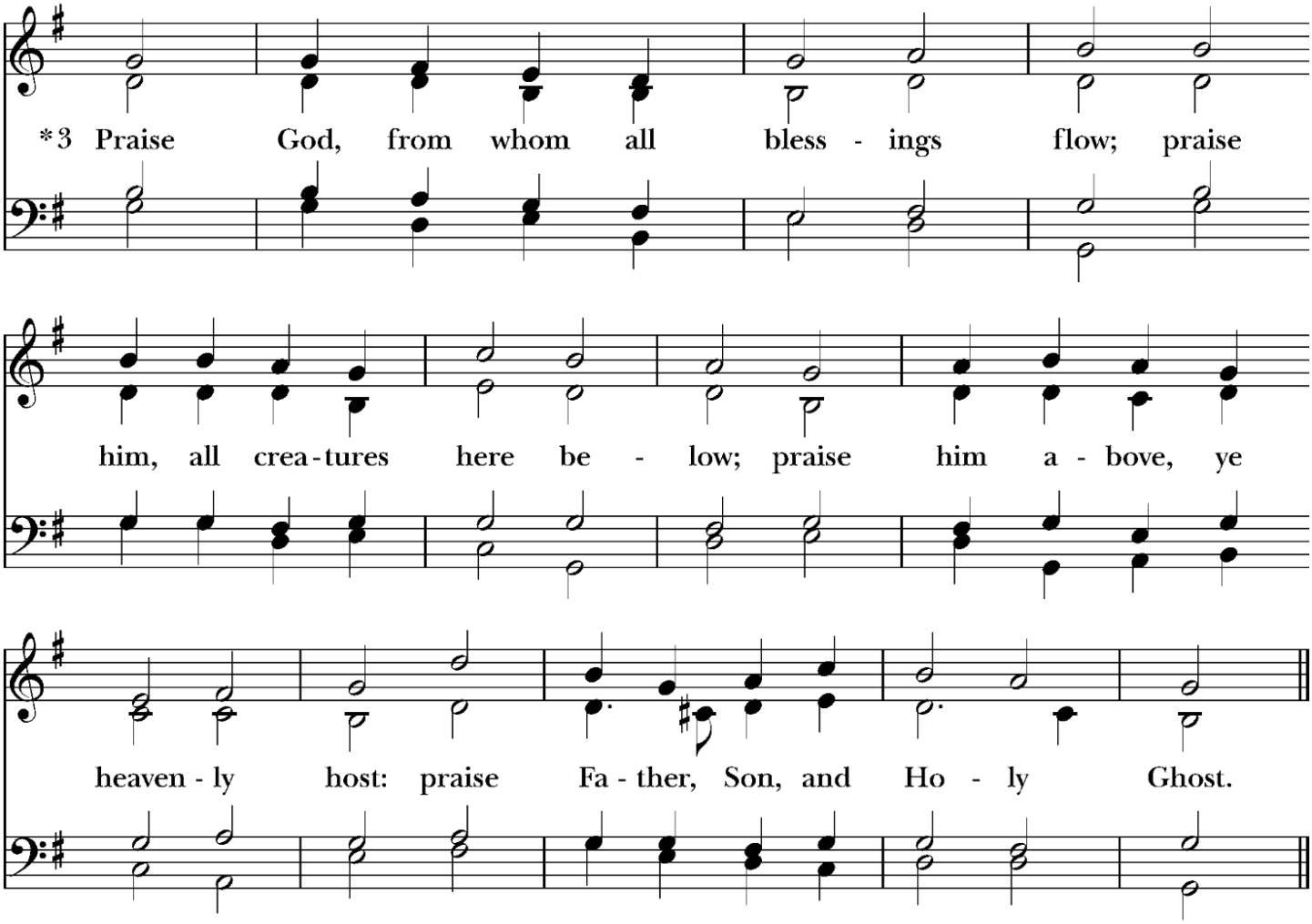
OFFERTORY ANTHEM O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Text from Psalms 84 and 90

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.**

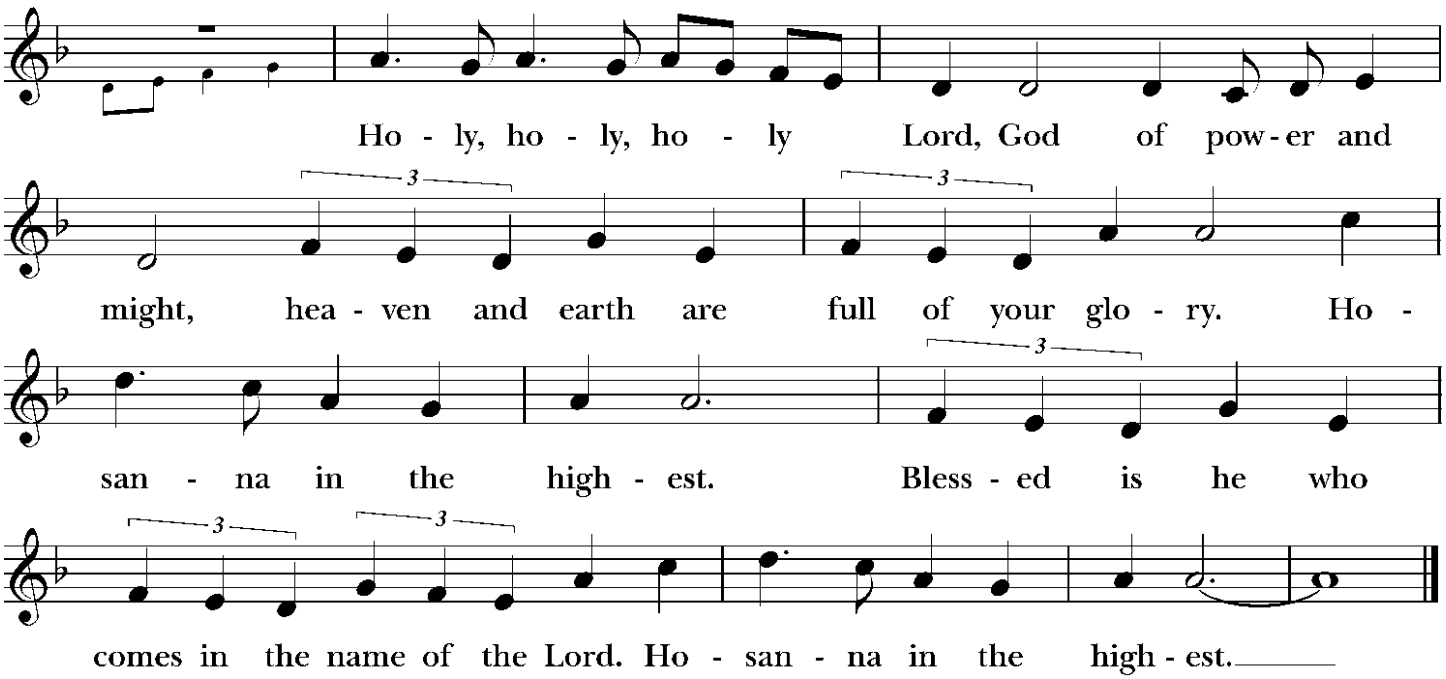
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

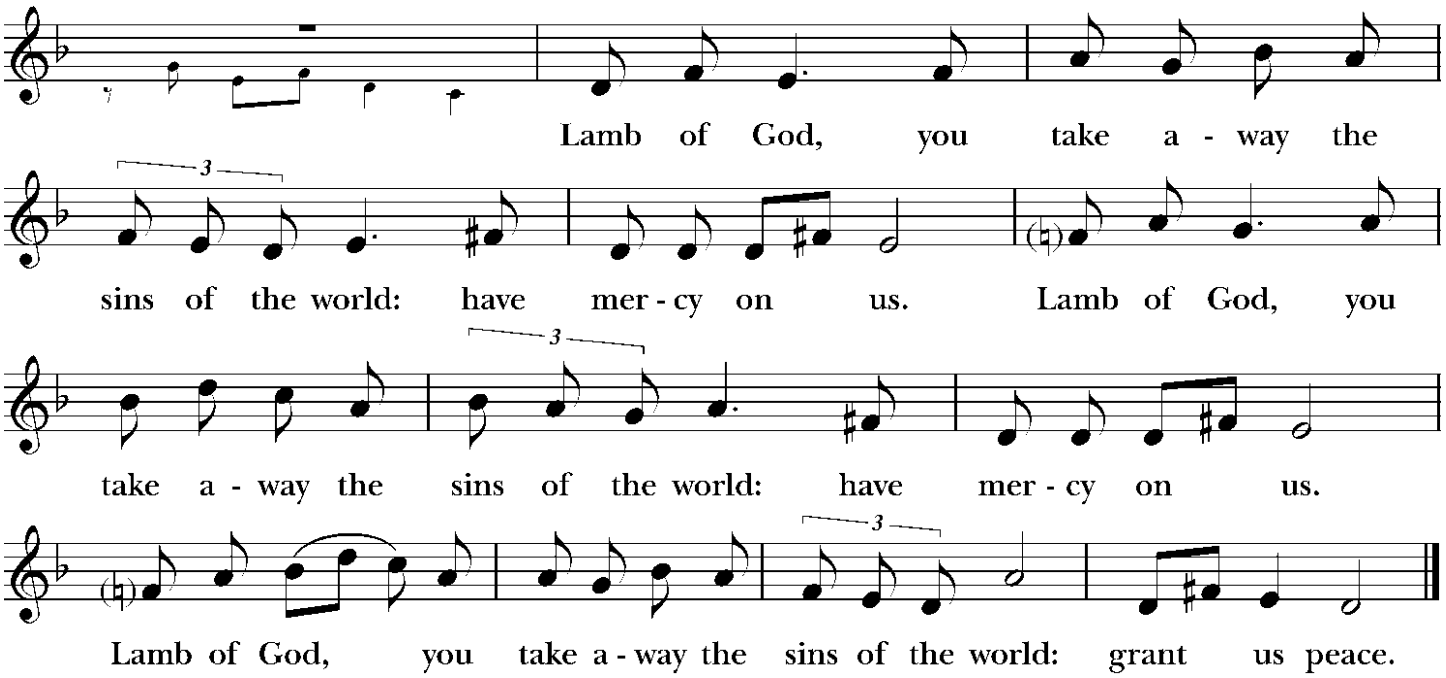
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler near the lectern at the front of the nave during Communion. Whether you are seeking healing, comfort in grief, guidance for an upcoming decision, support during a challenging season, or wish to offer prayers of gratitude—for yourself or a loved one—our prayer team welcomes you to come forward.

COMMUNION ANTHEM O Lord, increase our faith

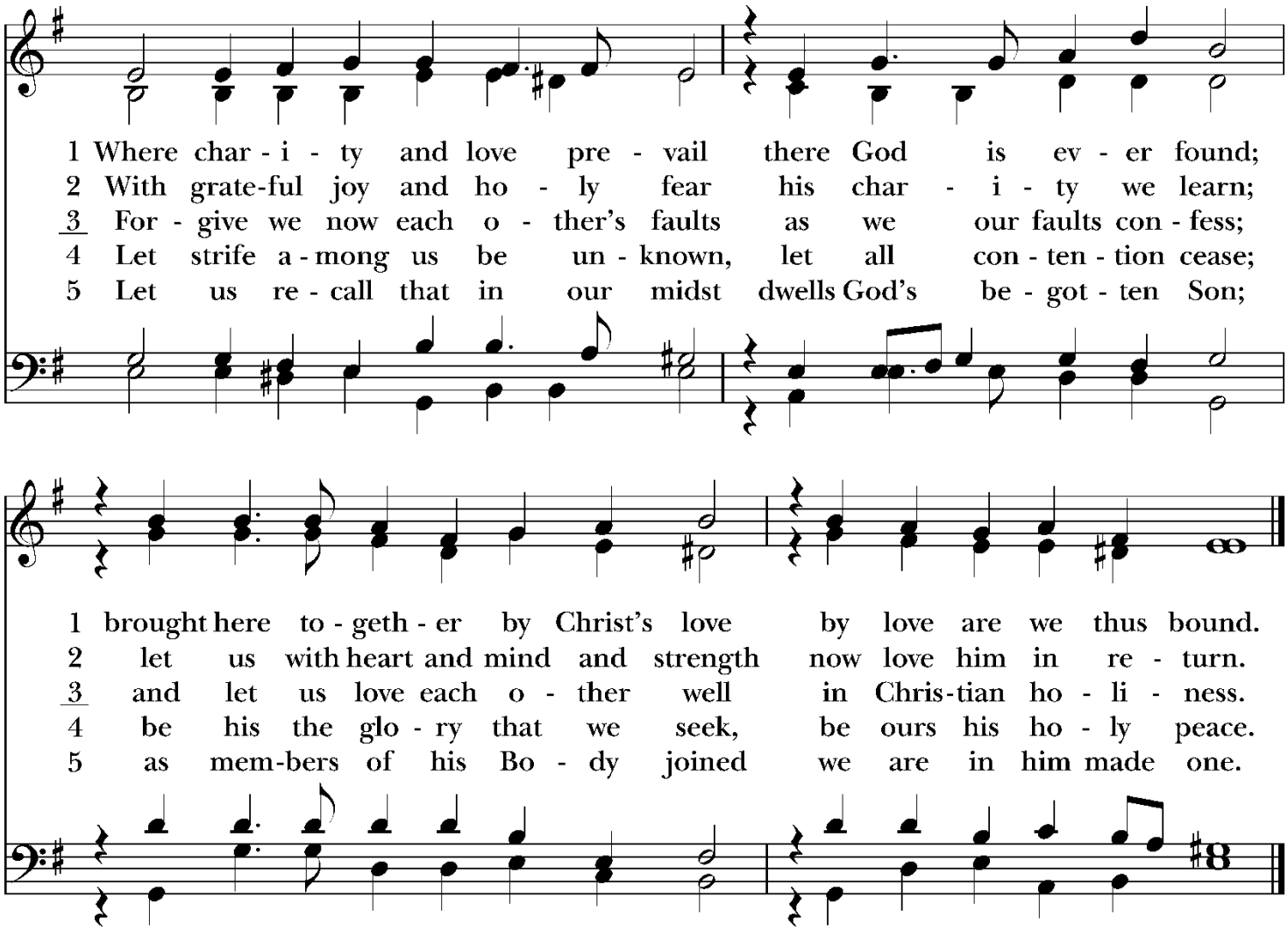
Henry Loosemore (c.1607-1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom, charity and patience, in all our adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

All are invited to sing the

COMMUNION HYMN Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982 #581



6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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Music: *Cheshire*, melody and bass from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592, alt.; harm. *Hymns III*, 1979

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

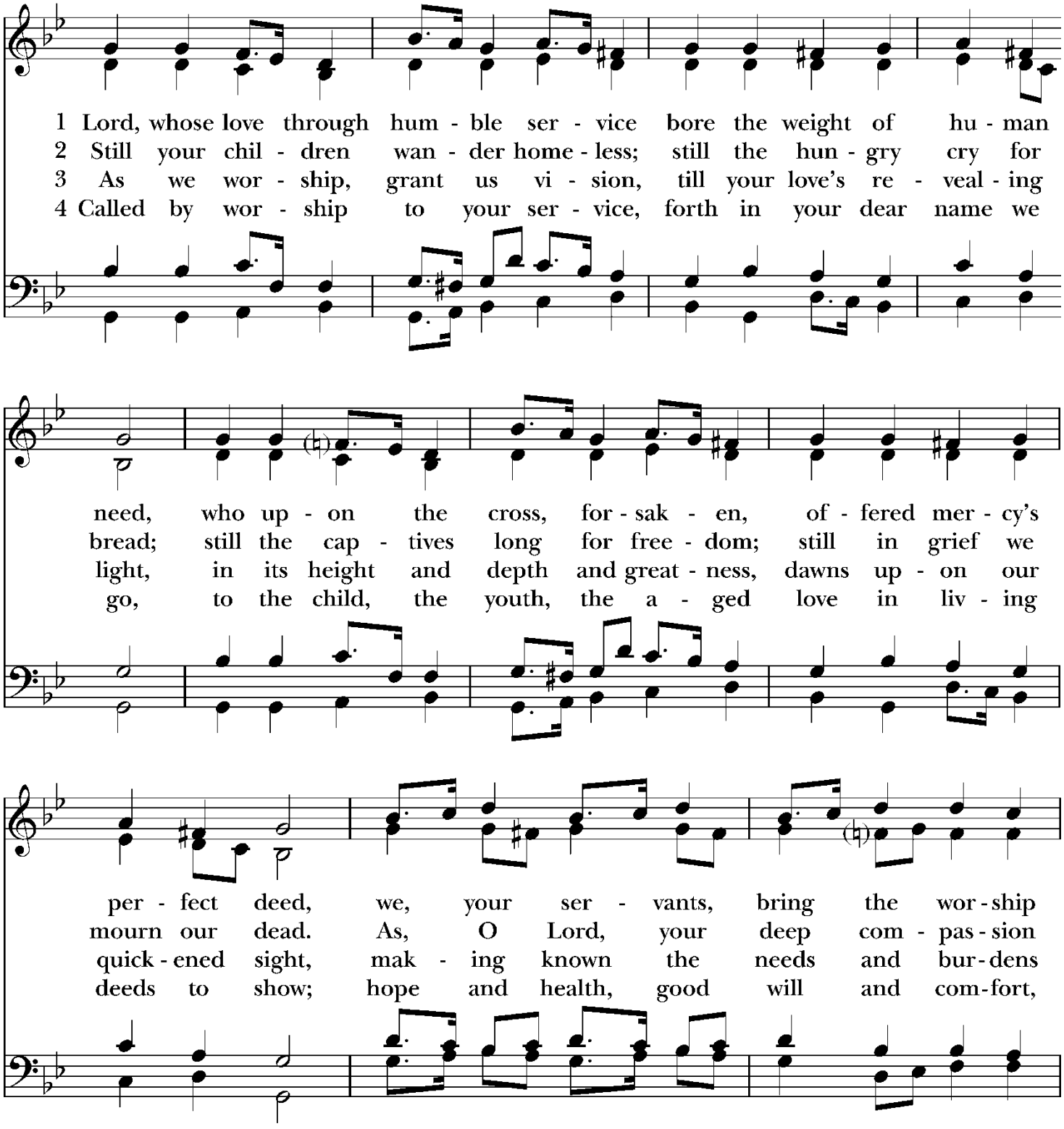
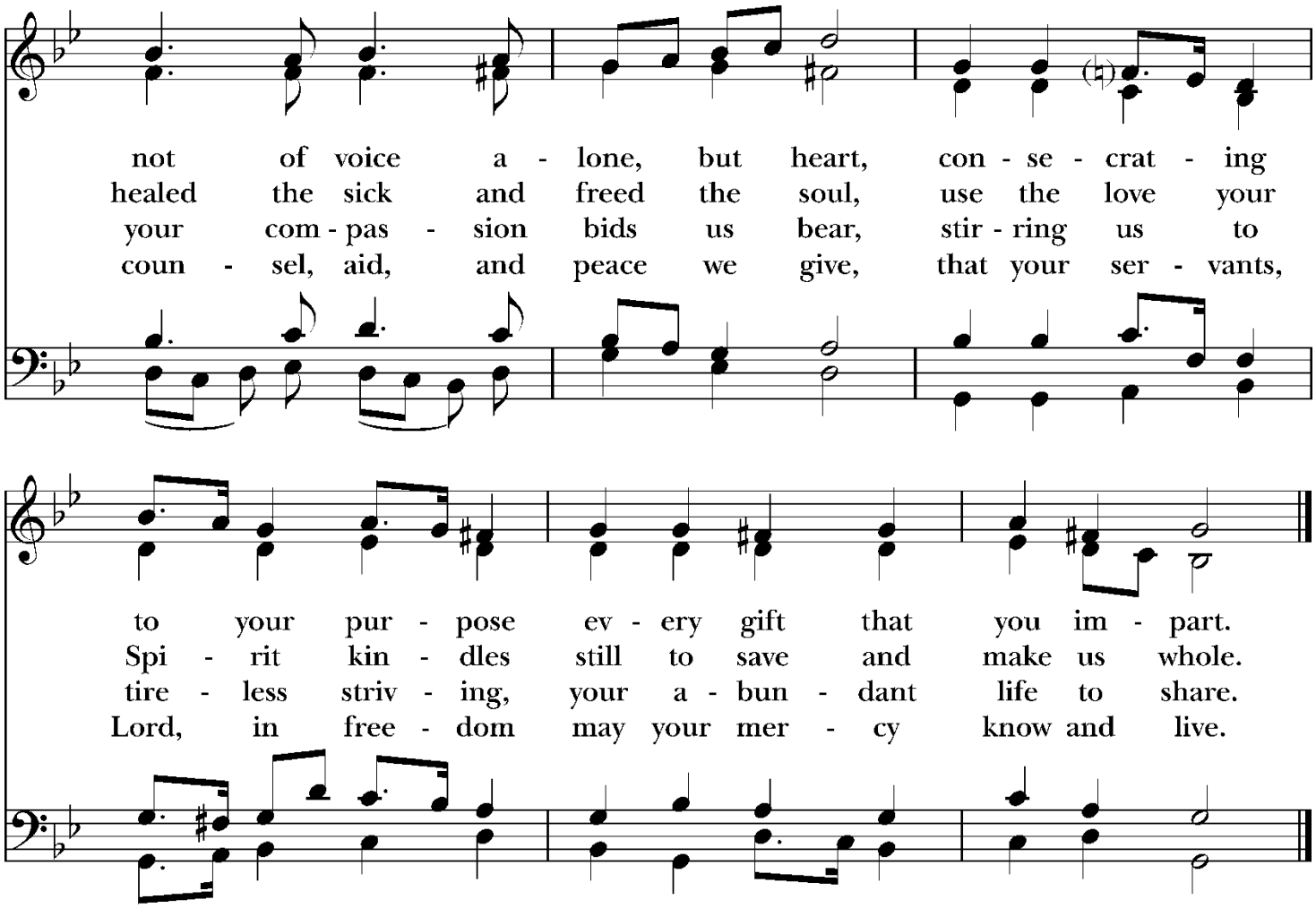
from Church of England, Common Worship

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 Lord, whose love through humble service *The Hymnal* 1982 #610



Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)
Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Menuet gothique (Suite Gothique, Op. 25) Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

The altar flowers are given by Roger McNeill in memory of Clifton W. and Frances P. McNeill, Joan McNeill Bird, Diane McNeill Williams, and Sheryle Ann McNeill Preston.

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.)

Church School for those in preschool through 6th grade happens during the first half of the service. Children (including visitors) are invited to follow the children's cross and teachers during the procession, to church school. We all return at the Passing of the Peace. 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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Ean Fergusson and Finn Aldrich, *Acolytes*
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