Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

August 16, 2026
A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Prelude: *Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning!*

Music: Edwin F. Parry arr. by Keith D Rowley

Opening Hymn: Gather #539 *Gather Us in*

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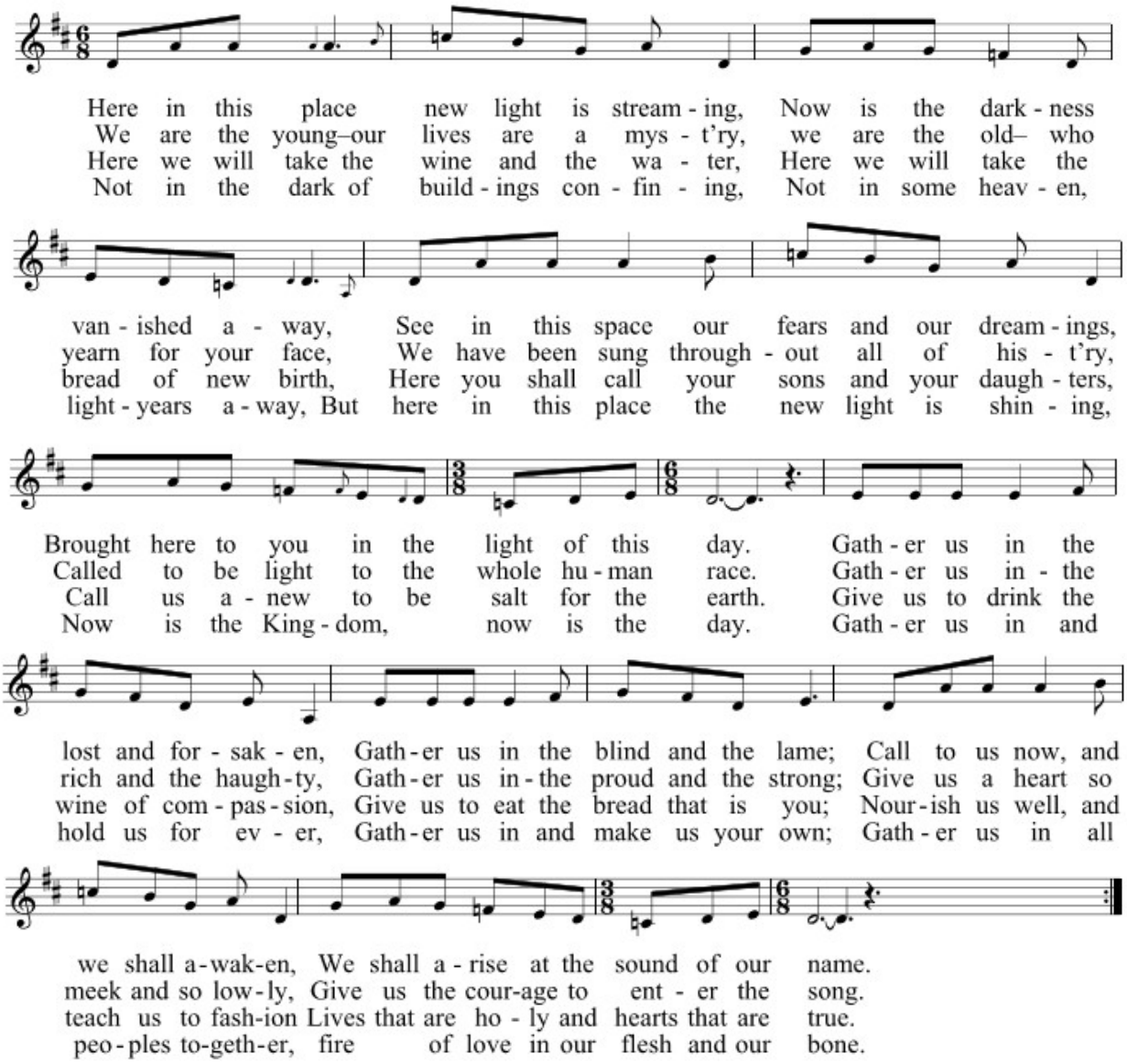

Celebrant: As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:
People: Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.
Celebrant: In your Wisdom, speak in us:
People: and bring us strength, healing and peace.
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

All pray together: **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.**

My Heart Sings Out #34 *Amen, we praise your name*

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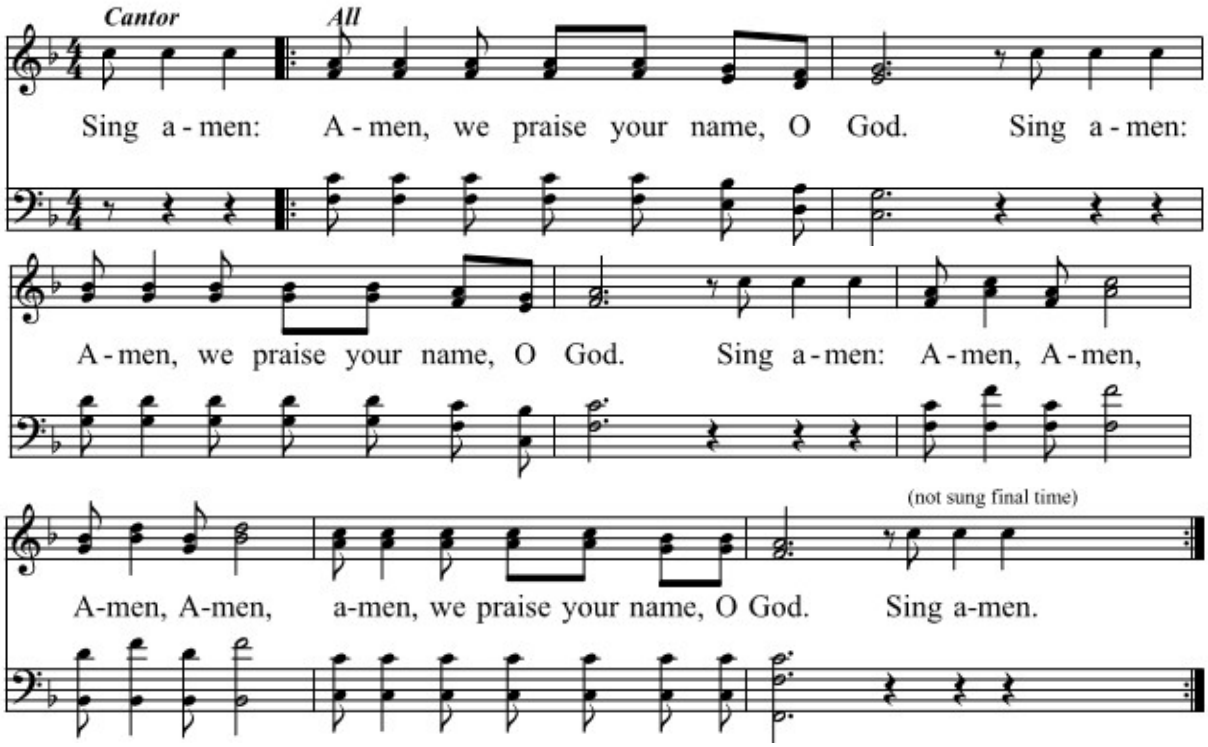

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Genesis 45:1–15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant a thing it is:
when God's people live together in unity.
It is like the precious oil on Aaron's head, which ran down on to his beard:
and over the collar of his vestment.
It is like the dew of Hermon:
falling upon the hill of Zion.
For there the Lord promised the blessing:
which is life for evermore.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Gather #410 *O Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 15:10–28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Annemarie Quigley

The Creed: Wonder, Love and Praise #769 *I believe in God almighty*

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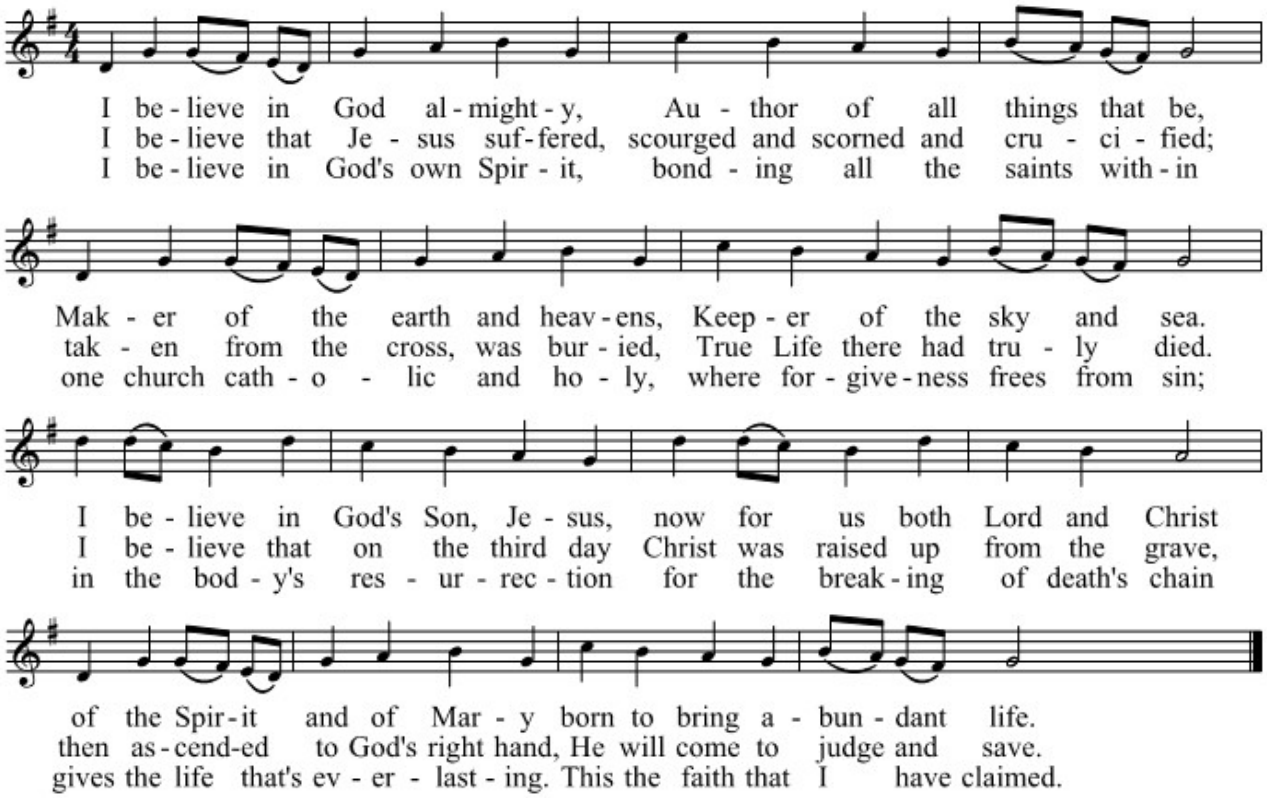

The Prayers of the People

God our Strength, in this challenging time in our life together as a people, as a country, as a world, we pray to you, offering our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

God our Light, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of this world and the bounty your good earth provides. We thank you for science and knowledge and for the wisdom to use them wisely. We ask you to give us courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Peace, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Wisdom, we pray for those in authority in our country and across the world, that they may govern in truth and compassion. Prosper the labors of those seeking justice and peace we pray, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Protector, we pray for those in places of conflict around the world and all who are in harm's way. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and Gaza, Lebanon and Haiti, Sudan and anywhere there is war. Shelter them under your wings, O Lord we pray, saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Compassion, we pray for those who are hungry, those who are poor, those who are afraid, those who seek compassion and justice, especially immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. May we be moved to action on their behalf, we pray saying **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Hope, we pray for those who are sick or suffering; we pray for those who have died. *The people may add their own petitions*. We pray saying **O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

God our Grace, we pray in gratitude for the many blessings of our lives and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, saying **O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

We offer our prayers to you in the presence of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together: **God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. We dishonor your generosity by withholding ourselves and our resources from those in need; we disregard your compassion by judging the sins of others. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Spirit, renew us and free us from our bondage, that with open hearts we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing on all creation. Amen.**

May 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.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

Offertory Hymn: Gather #542 *In Christ There Is a Table Set for All*

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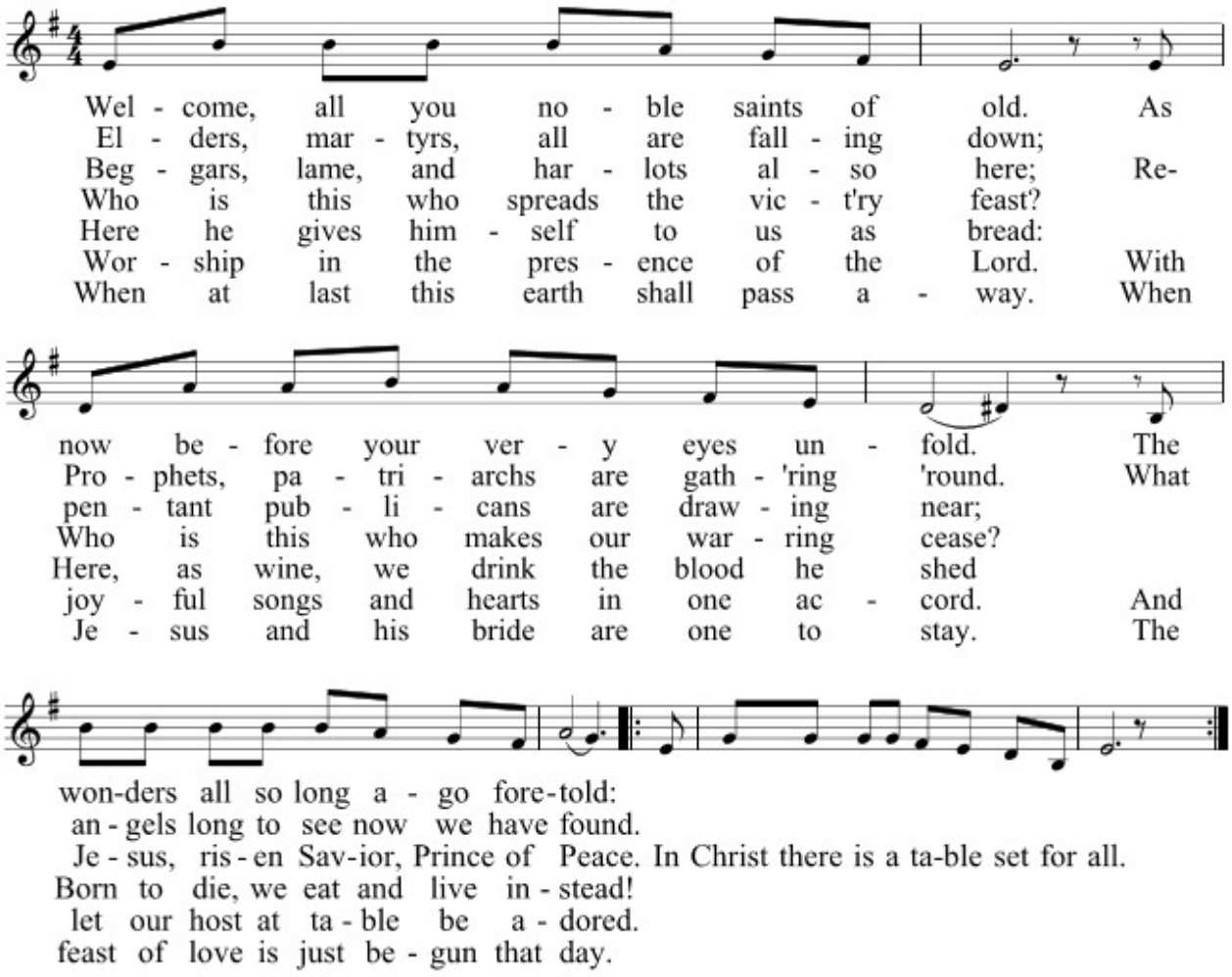

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise Holy God, lover of creation, for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we were faithless, your love never failed. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin, so that you might judge us, forgive us, and teach us, sharing with us the vision of your new creation.

And now you have called us from our wilderness and wandering to this place, where you feed us with your Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we praise you with every gift we have to offer, as we join in the song of the universe, proclaiming your glory as we sing:

Sanctus: Gather #223

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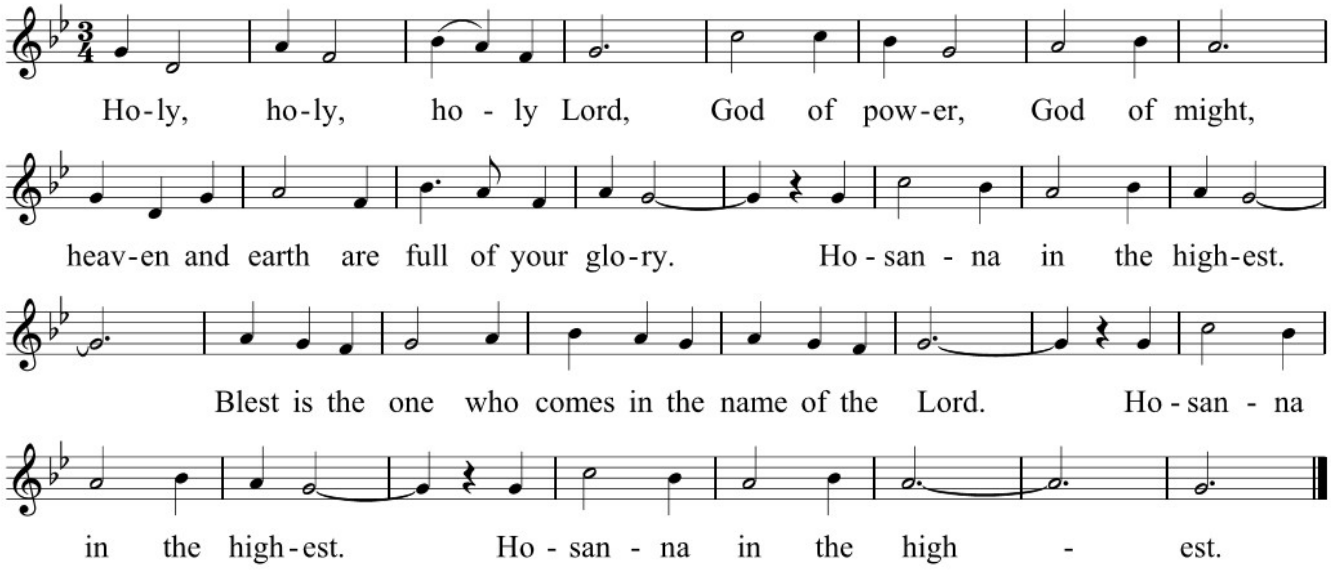

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed, breathing his grace and love into our fear and making us whole.

He came among us as the Word made flesh and through his life and teaching he invites us into the dance of your Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. As he blessed them with his love around that table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you O Holy One, broke it and gave it to them, saying "take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper had ended Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying "drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Therefore, remembering all that was done for us, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and the ascension, we acclaim you, O Christ:

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

As we share the feast that Christ has prepared,

We pray that you O God would receive the gifts of our lives, and make them beautiful, true, and good.

And now Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts that this bread, this cup, and we your people may be your body and blood, given in love for the world.

Make us one body in Christ, and keep us faithful in our calling until we meet again at the feast of beauty and joy that we will share in your eternal realm.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we give you all honor and praise, Living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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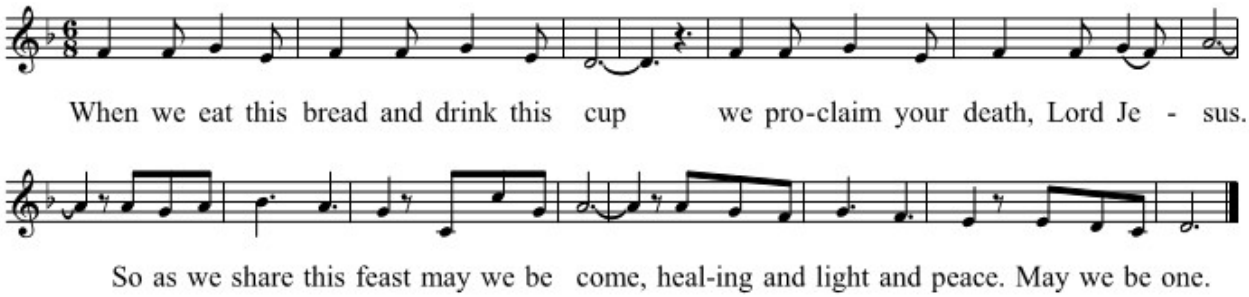

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe,
know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.
If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 1: Levas #191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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Communion Hymn 2: New Century Hymnal #179 *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

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Communion Hymn 3: Voices Found #94 *In boldness, look to God*

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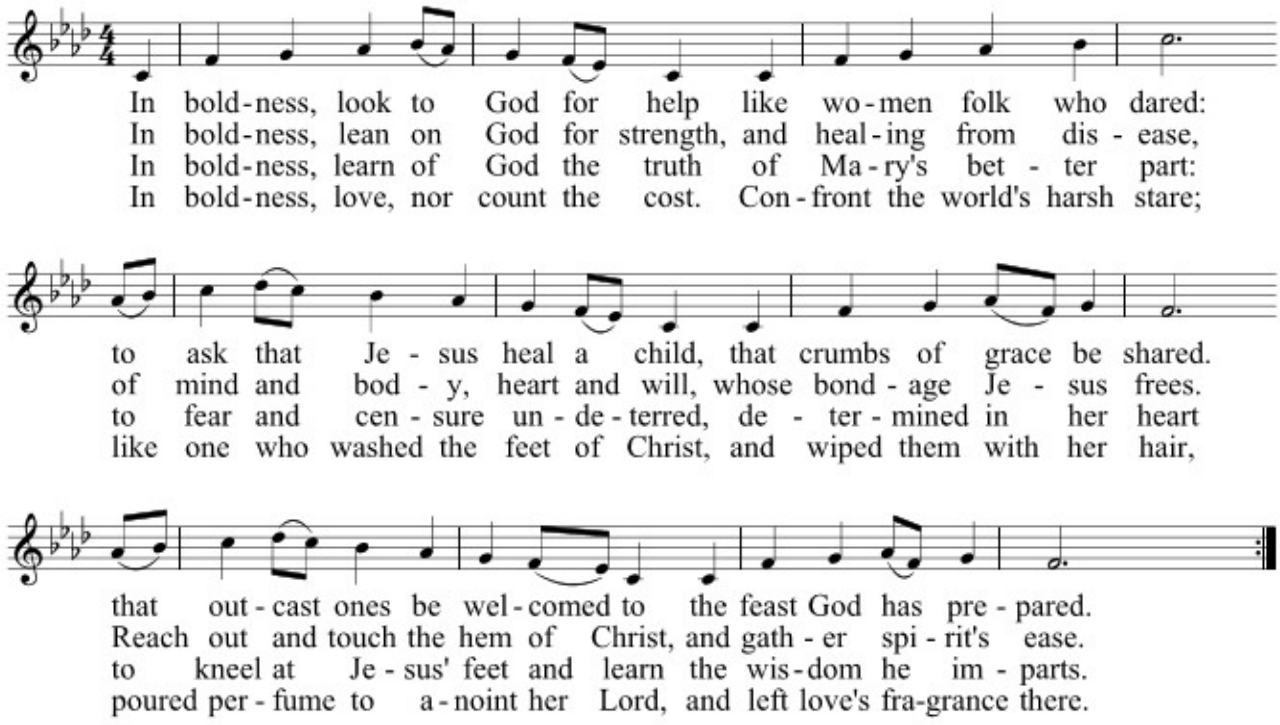

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament, Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place, we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others, that our daily living may show forth our gratitude and our lives become a praise to you, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements

Announcements

The Blessing

We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #60 *How Great Thou Art*

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The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *The Swan*
Music: Camille Saint-Saens

Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:45 for our Zoom Meeting
for *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*
as we explore Chapter 12 stories about Solomon.

1 Kings 3:1-28 | 4:29-30, 32-34 | 7:51| 11:1-13
2 Chronicles 3:1-14 | 4:19-22 | 5:2, 6-8, 10-14 | 7: 1-5, 12-22