The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

August 25, 2024

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.

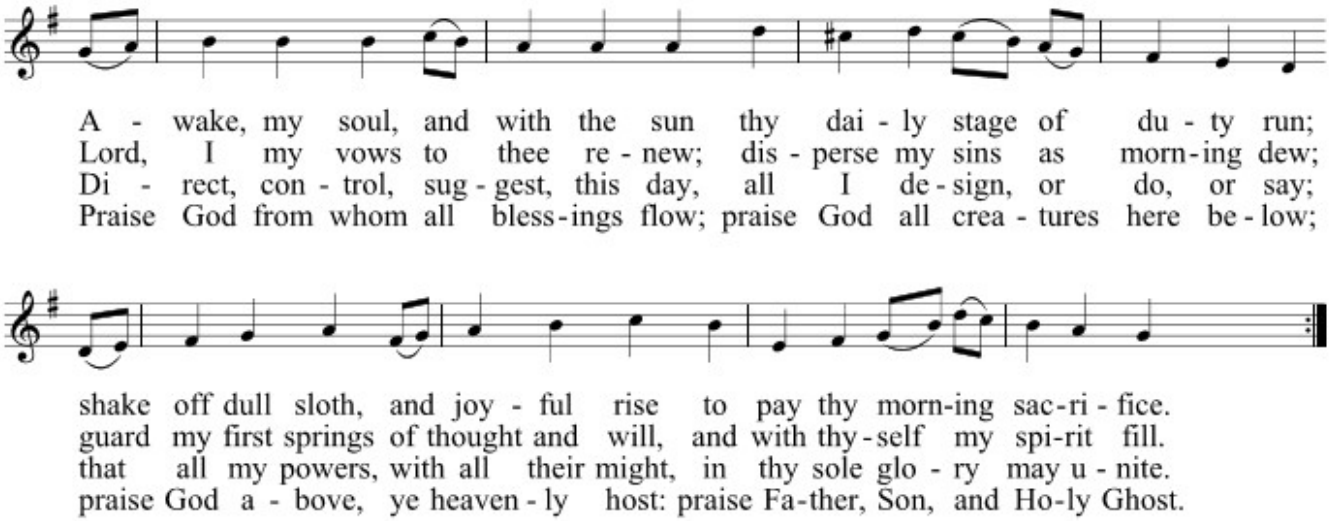
A unique feature of today's service will be our incorporation of prayers for healing. At the time of Communion, you are welcome as you feel comfortable to go to stations where a member of our Pastoral Care Team will offer prayers for healing and laying of hands.

Prelude: *Prelude in B-Minor*

Music: J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #11 *Awake, my soul*

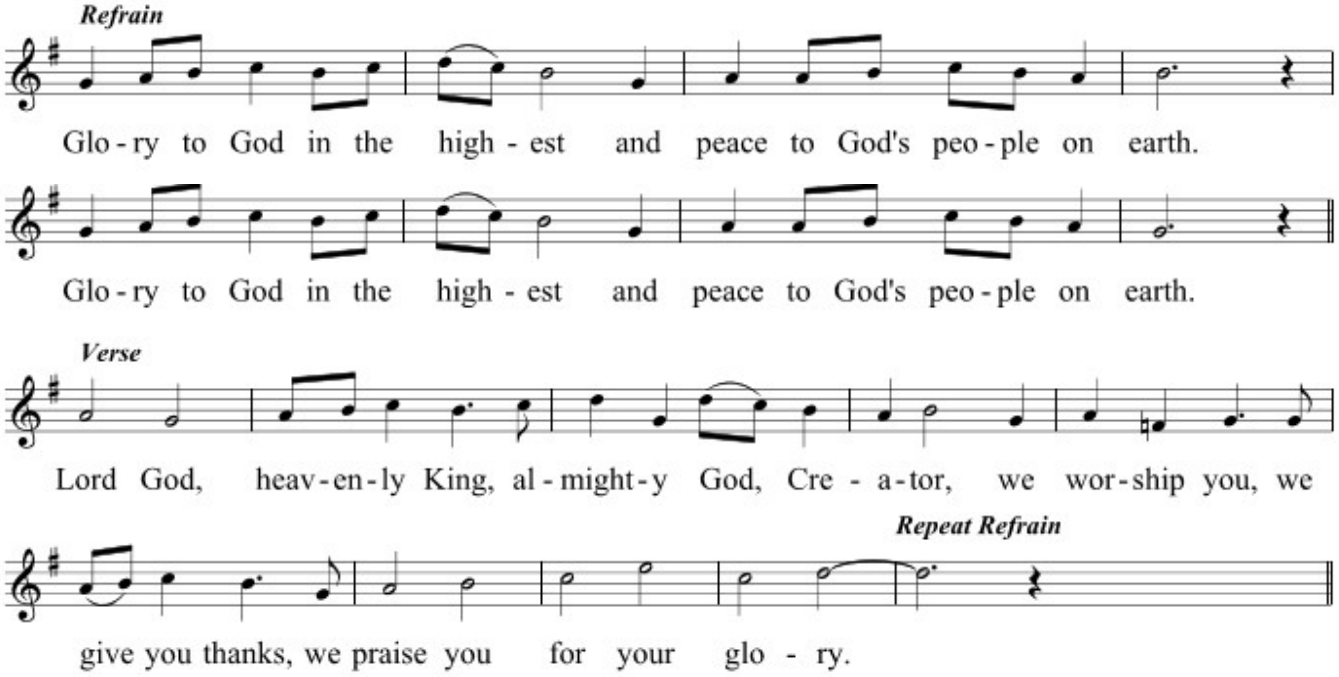
Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Morning Hymn.* Francois Hippolyte Barthelemon (1741-1808)



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.**

Gather #164 *Glory to God in the Highest*



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:

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

The people may be seated.

2 Kings 20:1–5

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, "Remember now, O Lord, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart and have done what is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him, "Turn back and say to Hezekiah prince of my people: Thus says the Lord, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

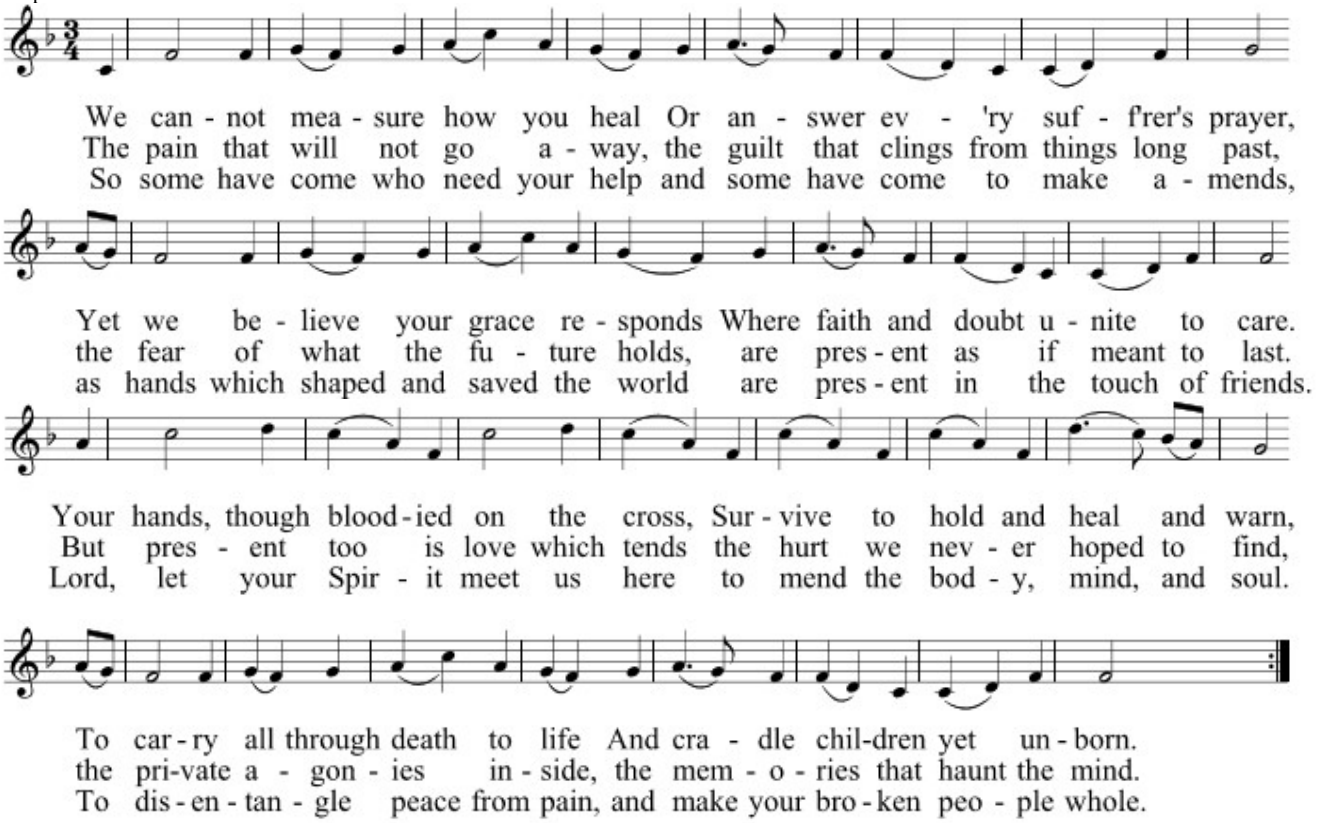
Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I look for help?
My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
The Lord will not let your foot stumble:
the one who guards you will not sleep.
The one who keeps watch over this people:
shall neither doze nor sleep.
The Lord is the one who will guard you:
the Lord at your right hand will be your defense,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day:
nor yet the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:
yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.
The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in:
from this time forth and for ever.

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.

Gospel Hymn: Gather #401 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*



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

Luke 13:10–17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Affirmation of Faith

As children of God, we affirm:

That God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful; therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit: discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

A Litany of Healing

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.
The people are invited to name those for whom they pray.

God of Light and Life, your will for all people is health and salvation. You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord**.

We pray that you would grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or in pain, for those who are suffering and need your healing, that all may be made whole: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

We pray that you grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence and your solace: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

We pray that you would mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit: **Hear us, O Lord of life**.

We pray that you would bless nurses, physicians, caregivers, and all others who minister to those who are suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, empathy and patience: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

We pray that you would grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold those who are bereaved with the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

God of Light and Life, we pray that you would restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

For you are the Lord who does wonders; you have declared your power among the peoples. With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **And in your light we see light.**

Be near to us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

The celebrant then prays:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, give us the strength and courage for us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, O God, now and to the ages of ages. **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

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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: LEVAS #177 *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

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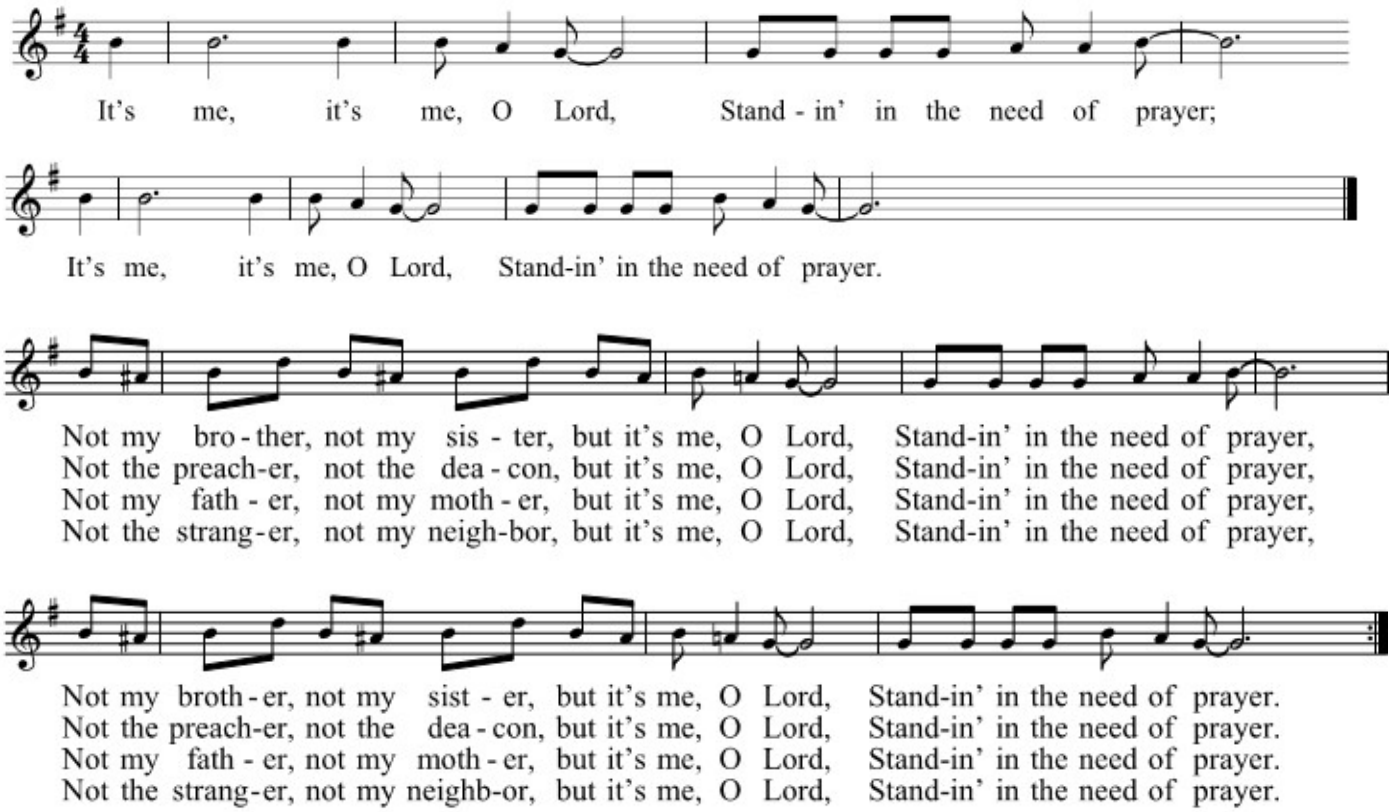


The Great Thanksgiving

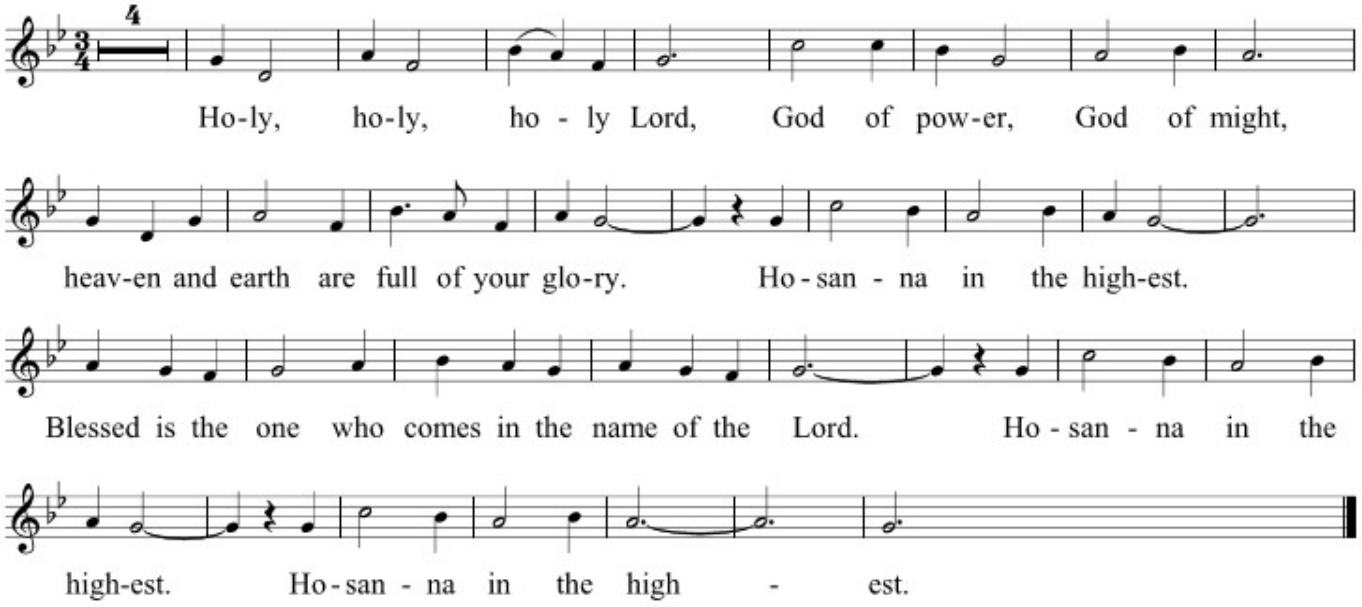
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be. From dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world. He fed us and feasted with us; he healed us and suffered for us. His dying and rising have freed us from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

Therefore with all whom who have made, cherished and called, with broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise, singing:

Sanctus: Gather #144 *Holy, holy, holy*



And now O Gracious One, we ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile and earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

For we remember that the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond what words can hold.

Great then is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now in our eating and drinking around this table may we be filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; may we know ourselves to be guests at his table, as he transforms poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

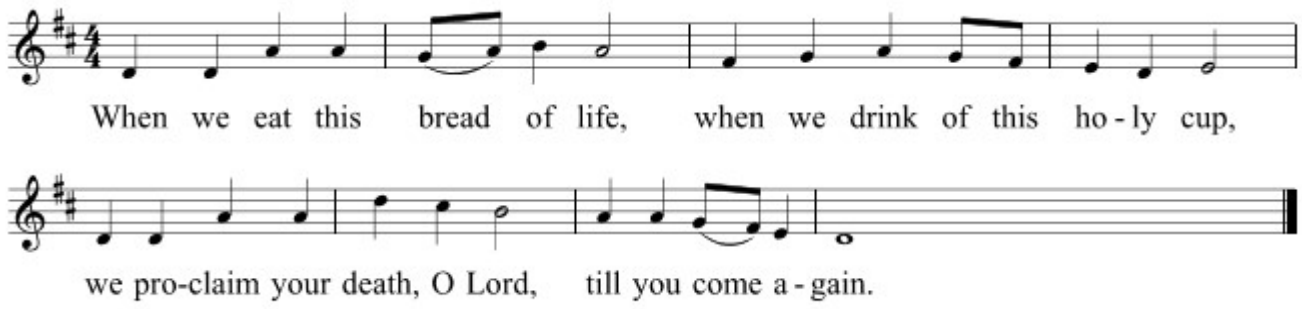
Celebrant: And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

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 Hymn: *When We Eat This Bread*



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.

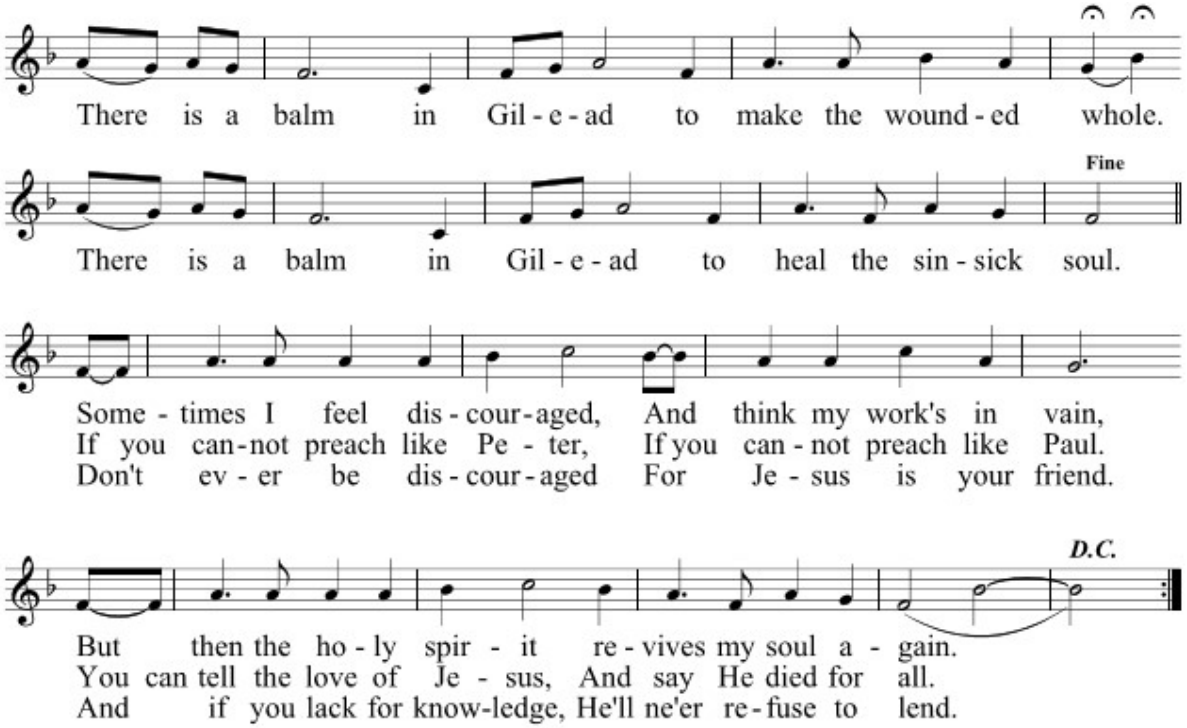
The Communion

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.

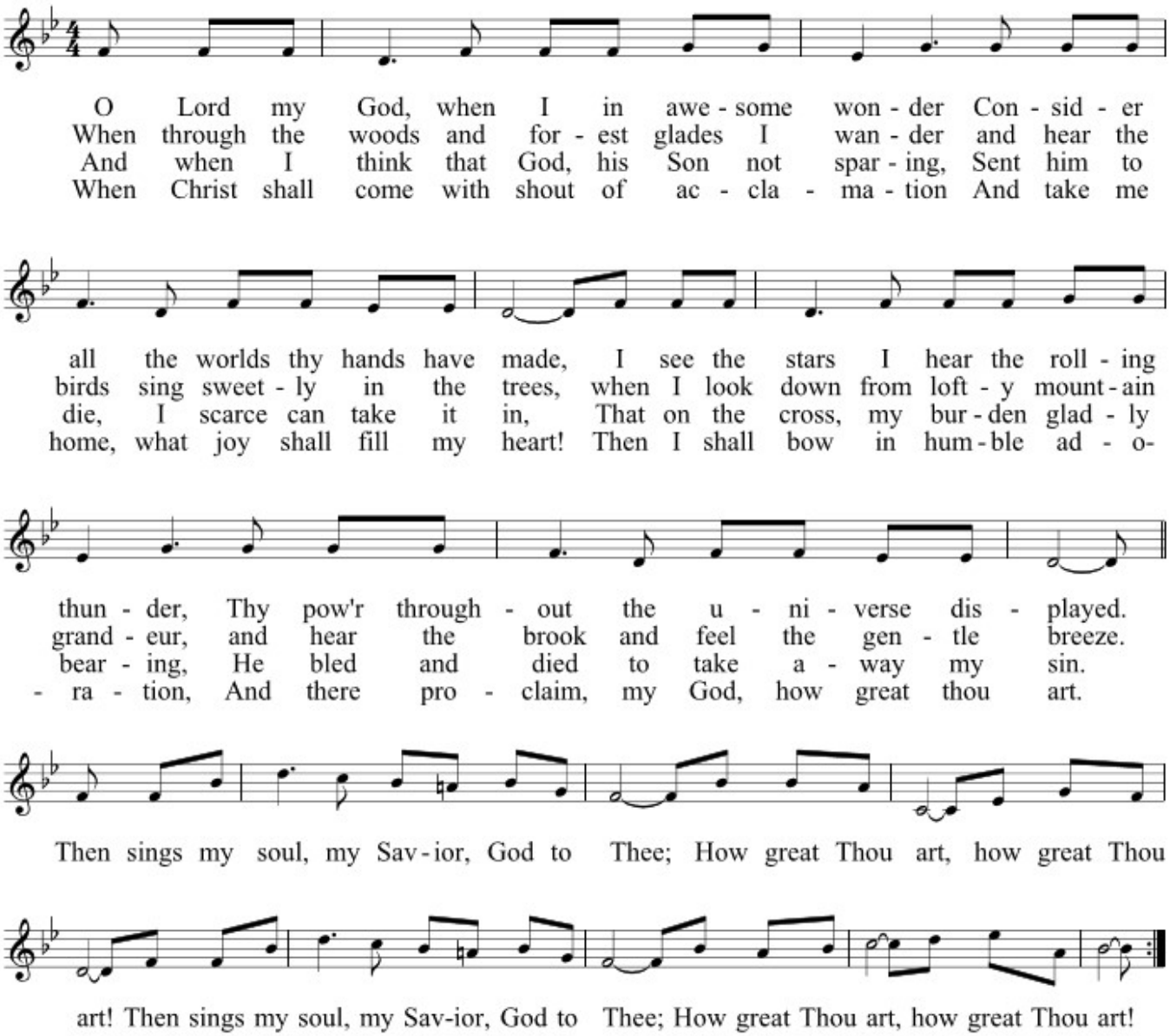
If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are available in the back corner of the sanctuary to pray with those who would like healing prayer. You may share a particular prayer request if you wish.

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #203 *There is a Balm in Gilead*



Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #60 *How Great Thou Art*



Concluding Healing Prayer

May the God who goes before us through desert places by night and by day be our companion and guide; may our journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be our strength, and Christ our clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

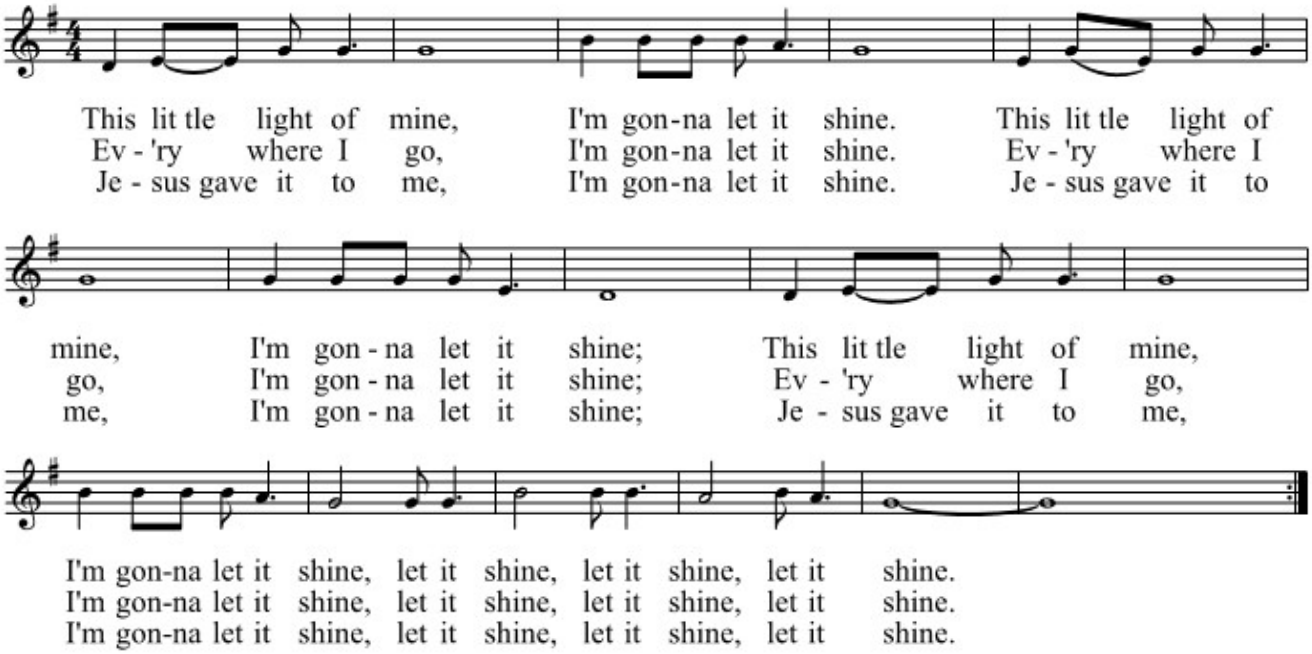
Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious One, we give you thanks that through Word and Sacrament Jesus has once again shared himself with us. As we leave this place we pray that you send us out inspired by your Spirit to be Christ's love to others. May our daily living show forth our gratitude and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

Announcements

The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love.
And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #221 *This Little Light of Mine*



The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Rondo in C-Minor*

Music: Beethoven