Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

August 30, 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

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #401 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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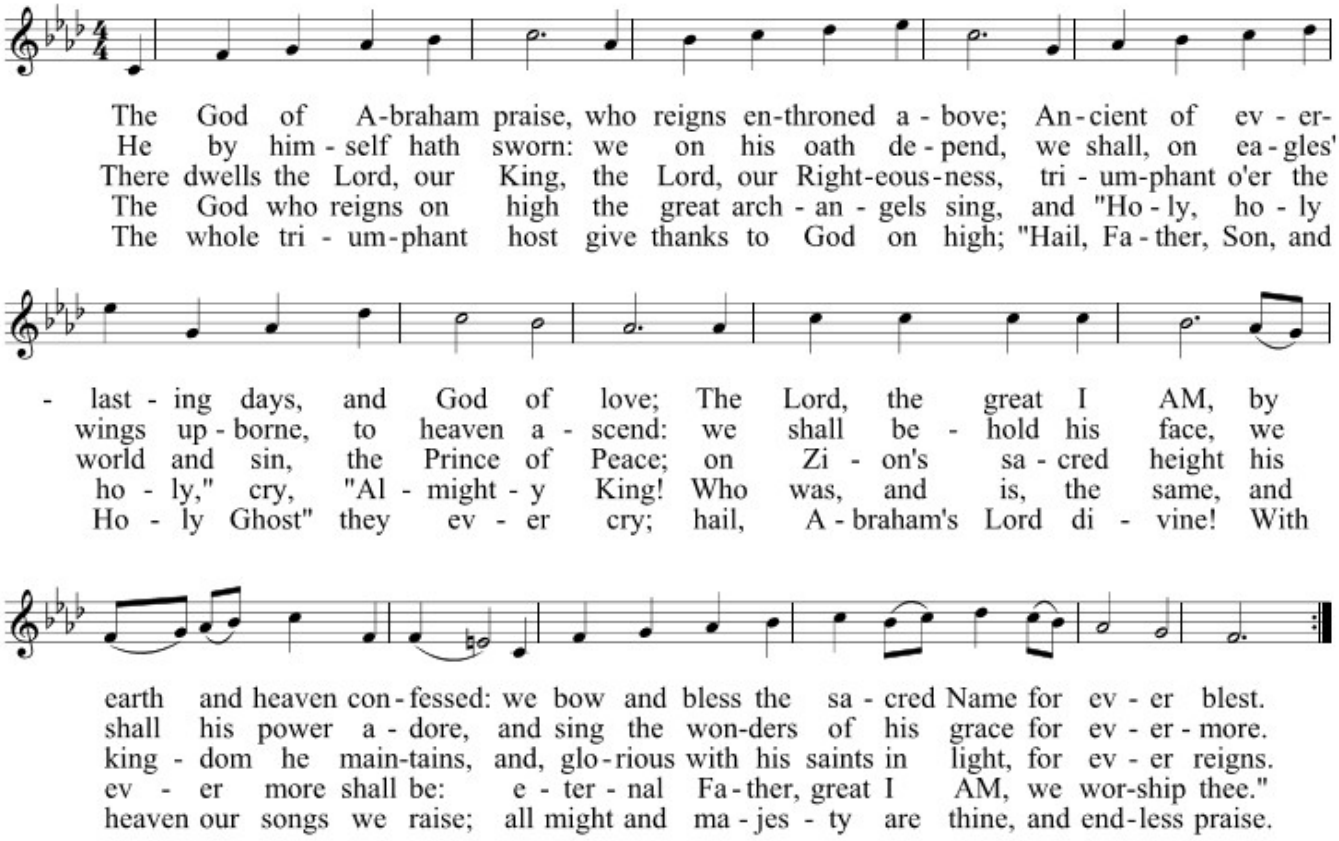

Celebrant: As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:
People: **Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**
Celebrant: In your Wisdom, speak in us:
People: **and bring us strength, healing and peace.**
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory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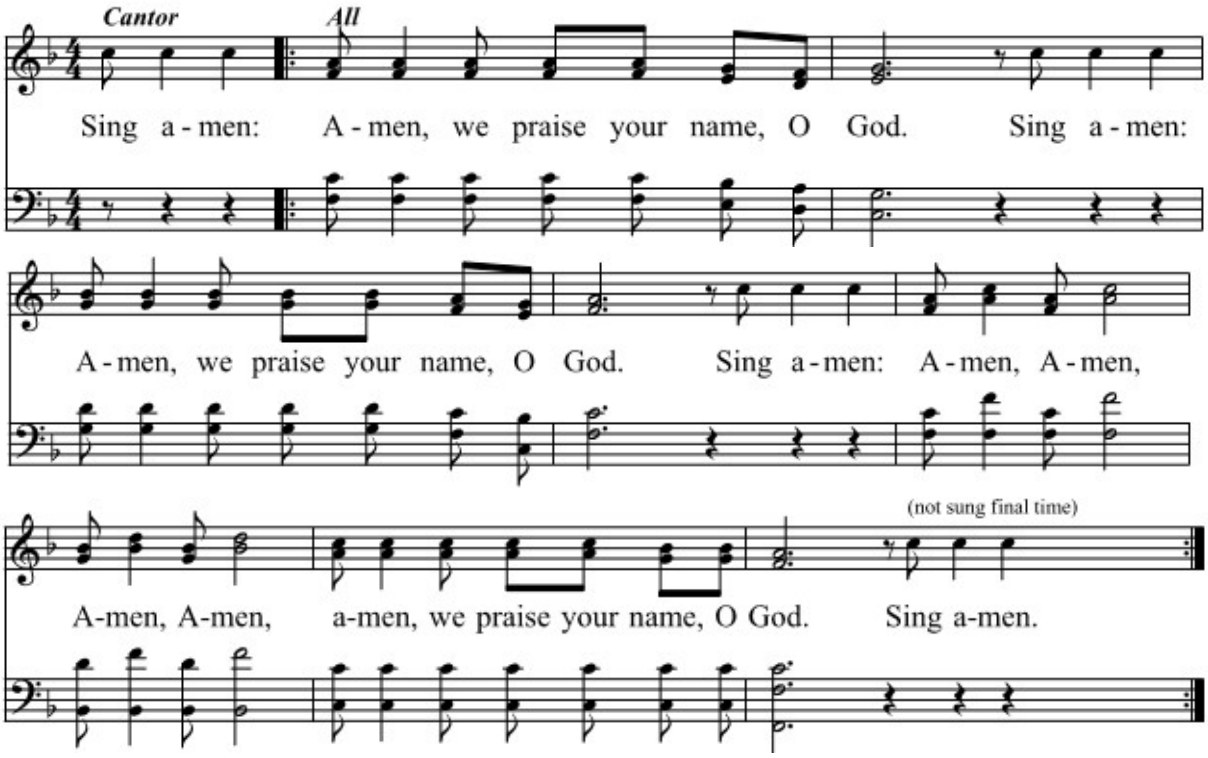

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c

Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord:
make known to the nations what God has done.
Sing to God, O sing God's praise:
tell of all the wonderful deeds of the Most High.
Exult in God's holy name:
let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Turn for help to the Lord your strength:
and constantly seek God's presence.
Remember the marvelous things the Most High has done:
the wonders, and the judgments God has given,
O children of Abraham the servant of God:
O offspring of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.
Then Israel came into Egypt:
Jacob settled in the land of Ham.
There Lord you made your people fruitful:
and they became stronger than their enemies,
whose hearts you turned to hatred of your people:
and to deceitful dealing with your servants.
Then you sent Moses your servant:
and Aaron whom you had chosen.
Hallelujah!

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: Hymnal 1982 #707 *Take my life and let it be*

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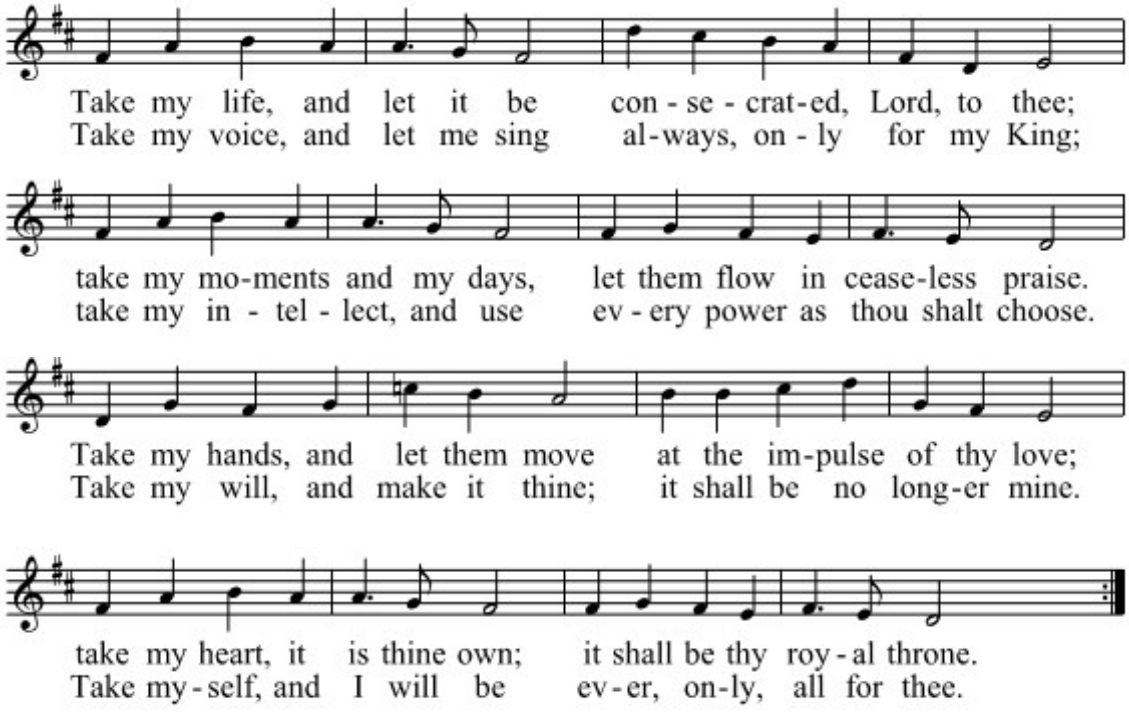

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**.

Matthew 16: 21–28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

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

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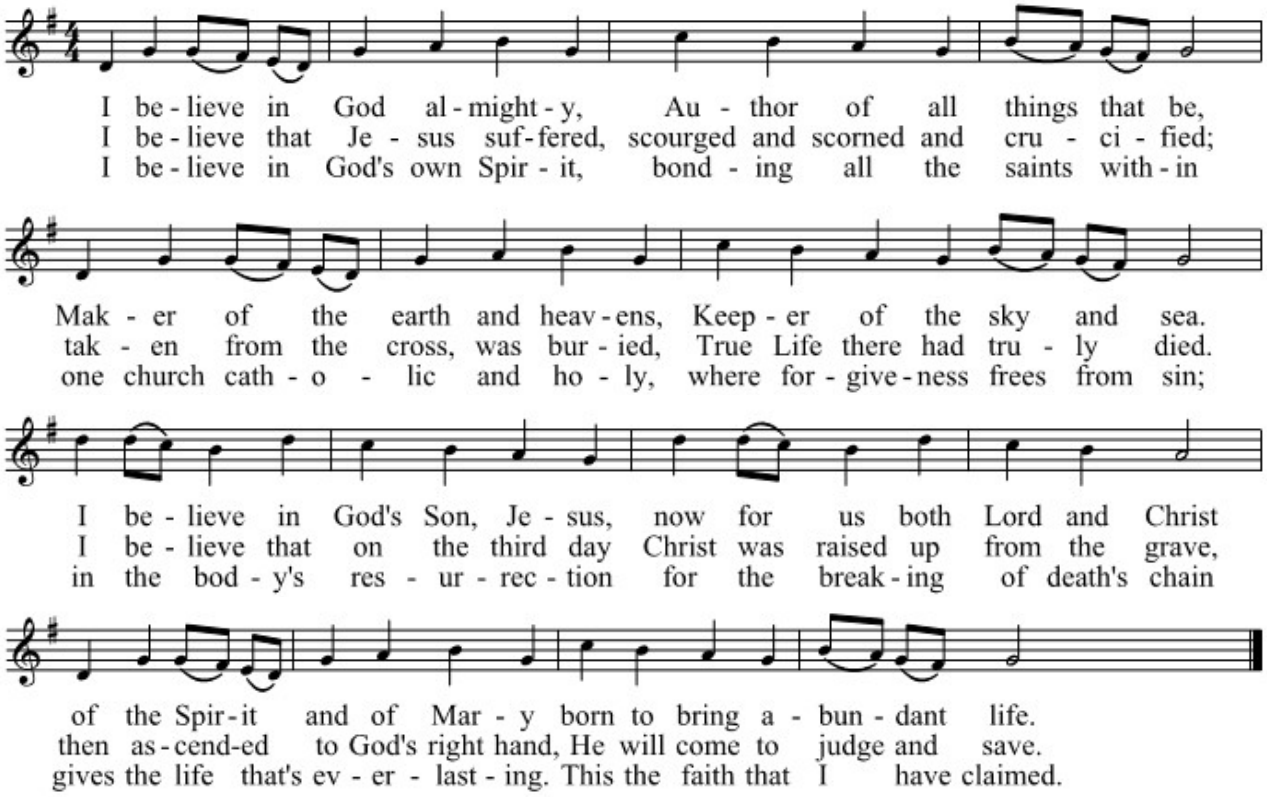
The Prayers of the People

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: LEVAS #144 *Where He Leads Me*

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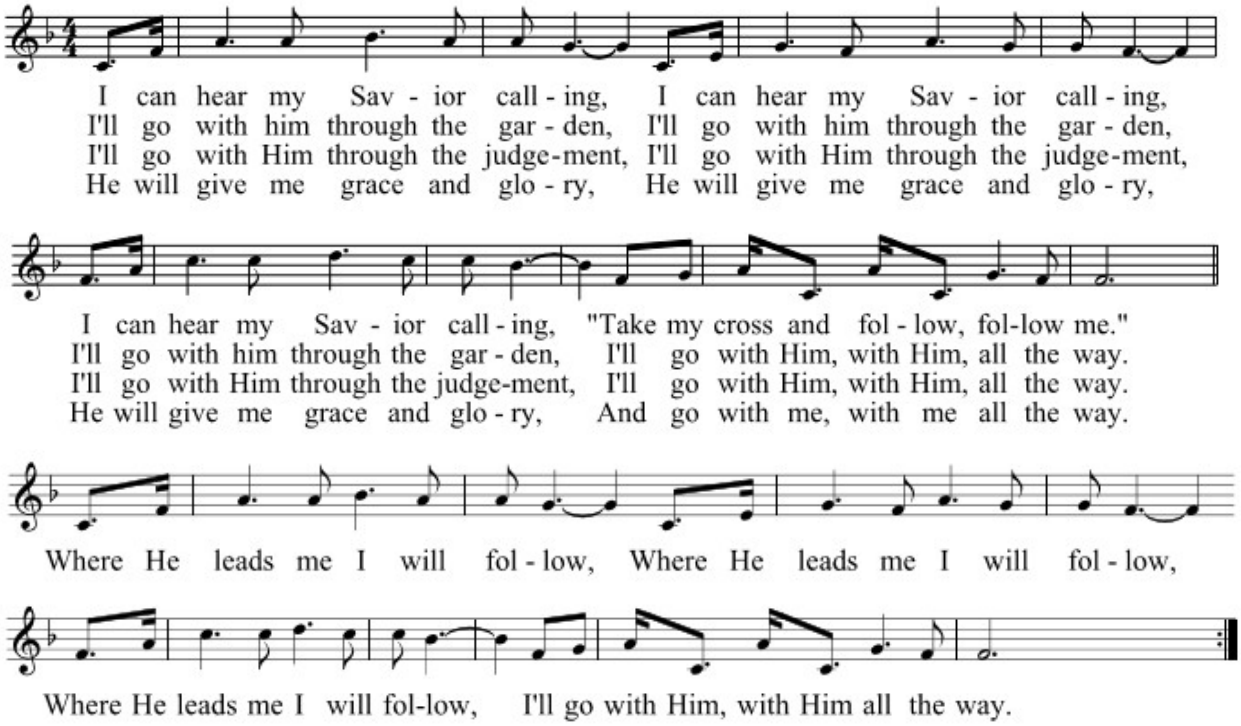

The Great Thanksgiving

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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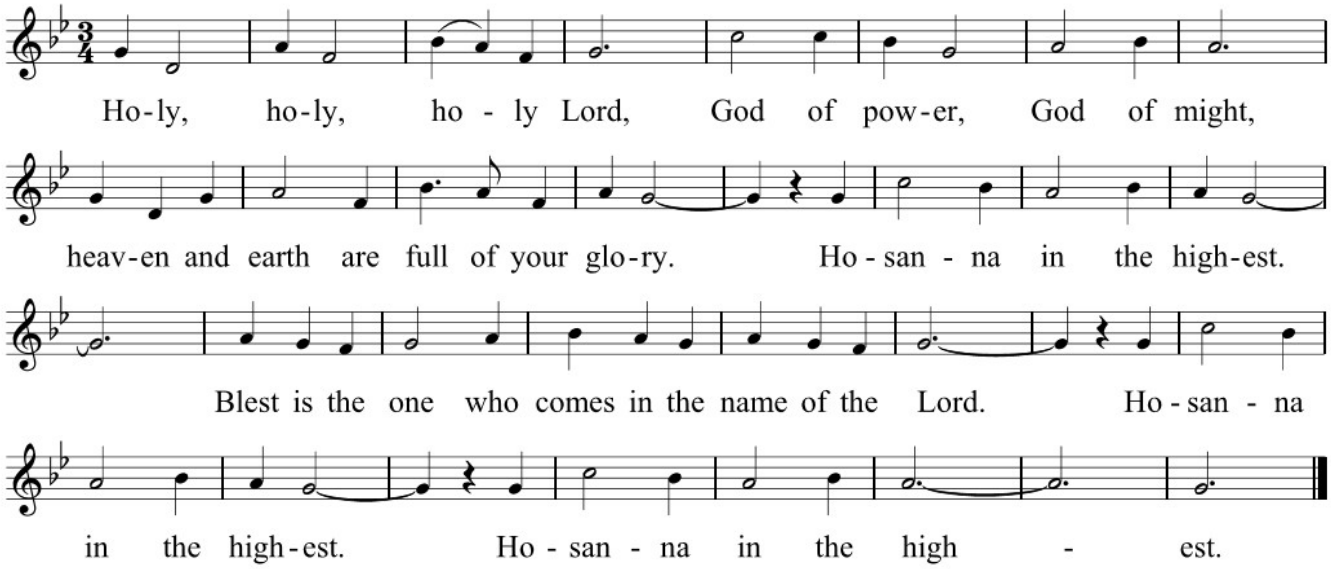

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed, breathing his grace and love into our fear and making us whole.

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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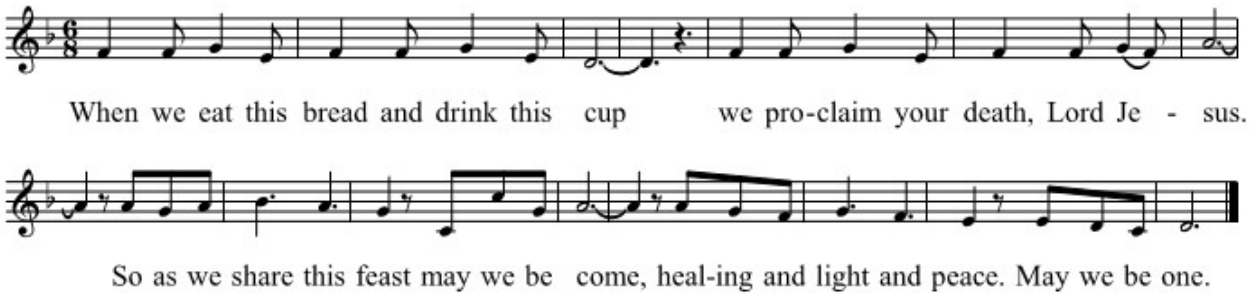

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

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.

Choir Anthem *The Clouds' Veil* by Liam Lawton

Even when the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when
storms shall rise,
God is by my side
You are by my side

Bright the stars at night
That mirror heavens way to you.
Bright the stars in light
Where dwell the saints
in love and truth.

Even when the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side.

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #671 *Amazing Grace*

Words: stanzas 1-4 John Newton (1725-1807) stanza 5 from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads,* 1790' compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus
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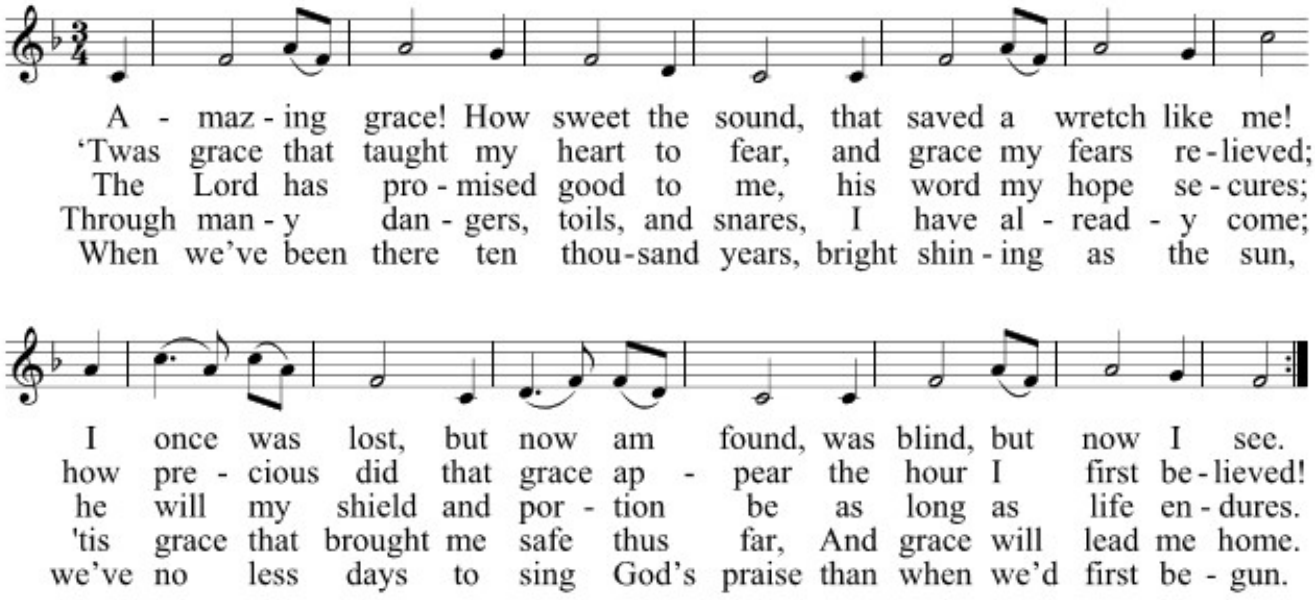

Communion Hymn 2: Wonder, Love and Praise #831 *Ubi Caritas*

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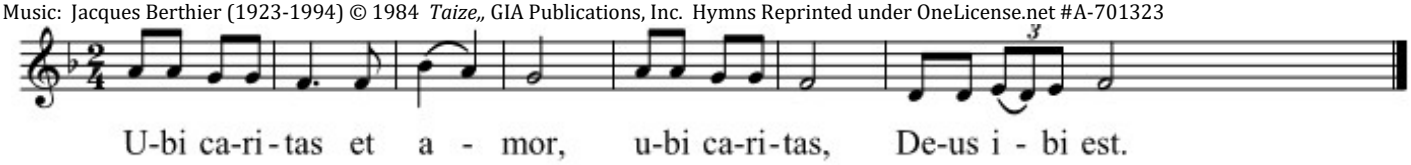

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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: Hymnal 1982 #473 *Lift high the cross*

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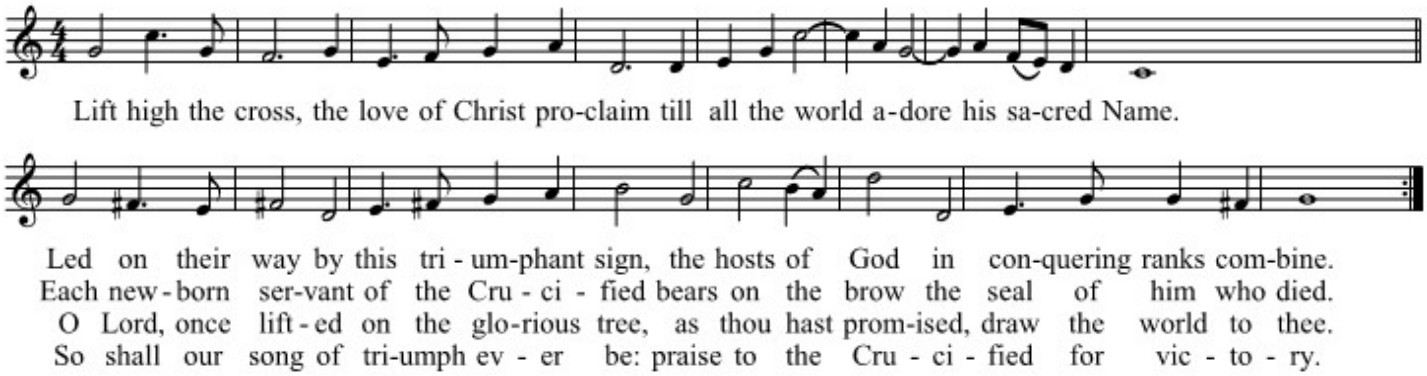

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:45 for our Zoom Meeting
for *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*
as we explore Chapter 14 with stories about Daniel as well as passages from Isaiah and Ezekiel

Daniel 3:12-30 | 5:1-9, 13-17, 23-31| 6:1-28
Isaiah 61:1-4 | 40:1-11 | 9:2-7 | 65:17-25
Ezekiel 37:1-14