# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**July 26, 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

## Hymnal 1982 #450 *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* verses 1-3, 6

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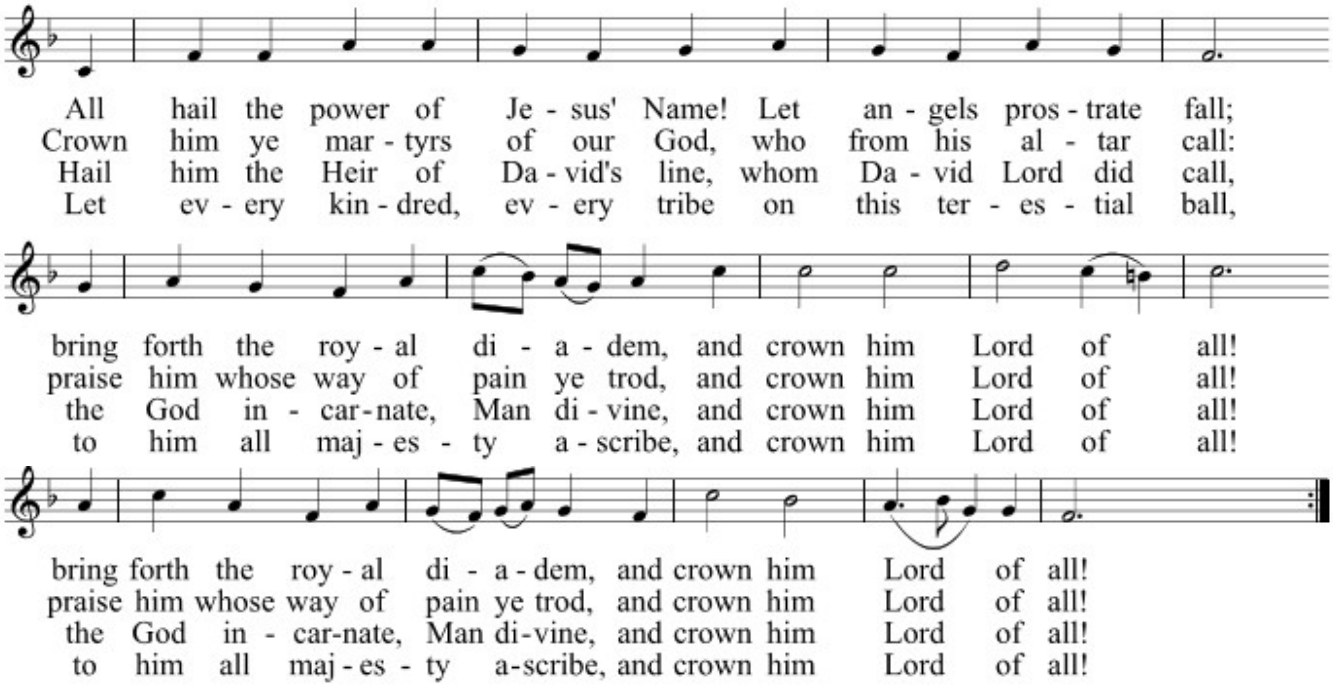


*Celebrant:* As we gather in gratitude and praise to you. O Holy One:
**People: Breathe on us breath of God, and fill us with your saving power.**
*Celebrant:* In your Wisdom, speak in us:
**People: and bring us strength, healing and peace.**
*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
**People: 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: **Scandalous God, sowing weeds among the crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad: throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the Son of man show us your inclusive, provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. Amen.**

## Romans 8:26–39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

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.**
You are the Lord our God:
**and your judgments are in all the earth.**
You are mindful of your covenant always:
**and of the promise you made to a thousand generations,**
the covenant that you made with Abraham:
**and the oath that you gave to Isaac,**
which you confirmed to Jacob as binding:
**as your everlasting covenant with Israel,**
saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan:
**as your appointed inheritance.' 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 #711 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God***

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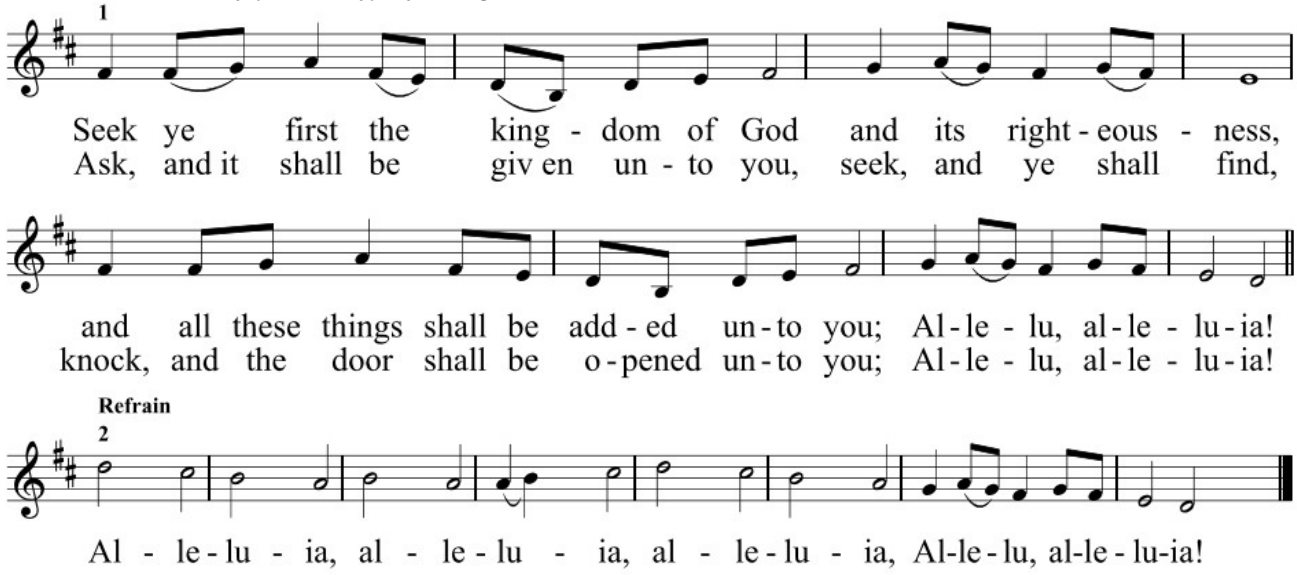


*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**.

**Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*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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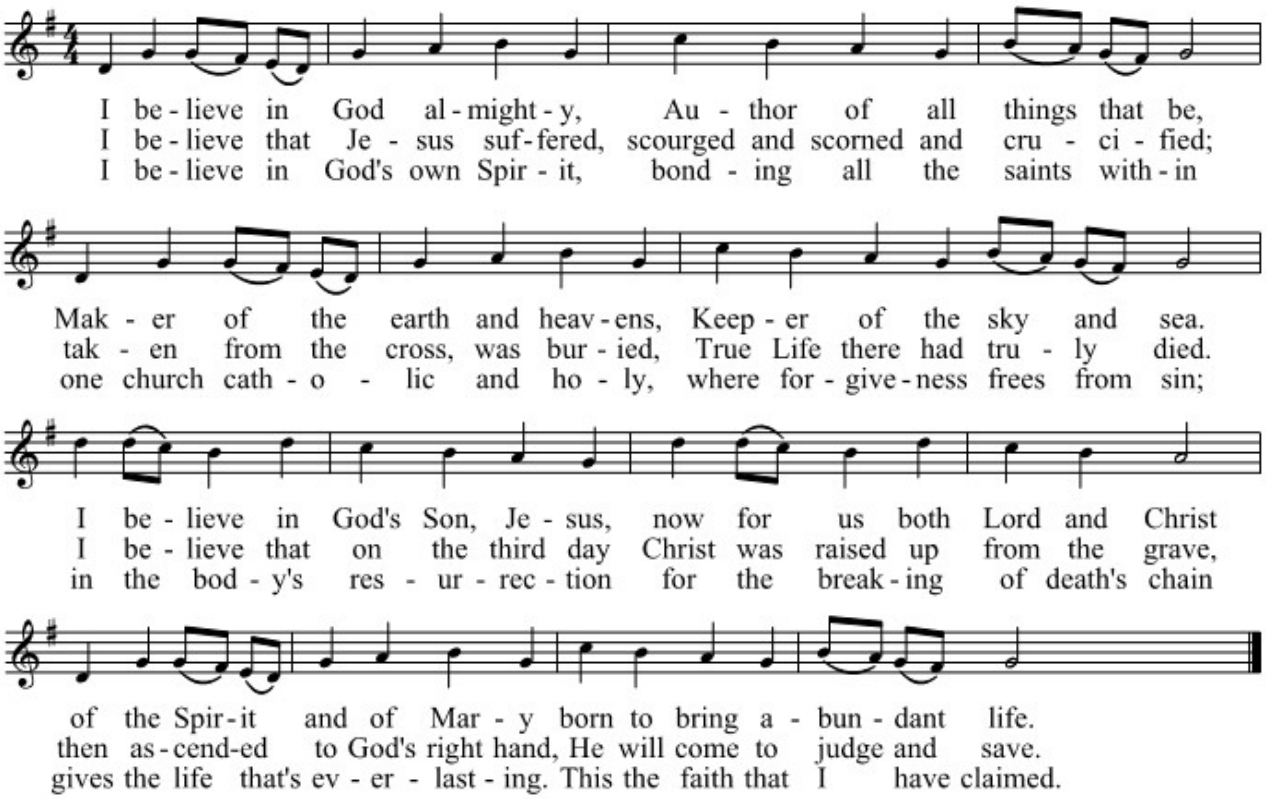


## The Prayers of the People

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: New Century Hymnal # 521 *In Solitude*

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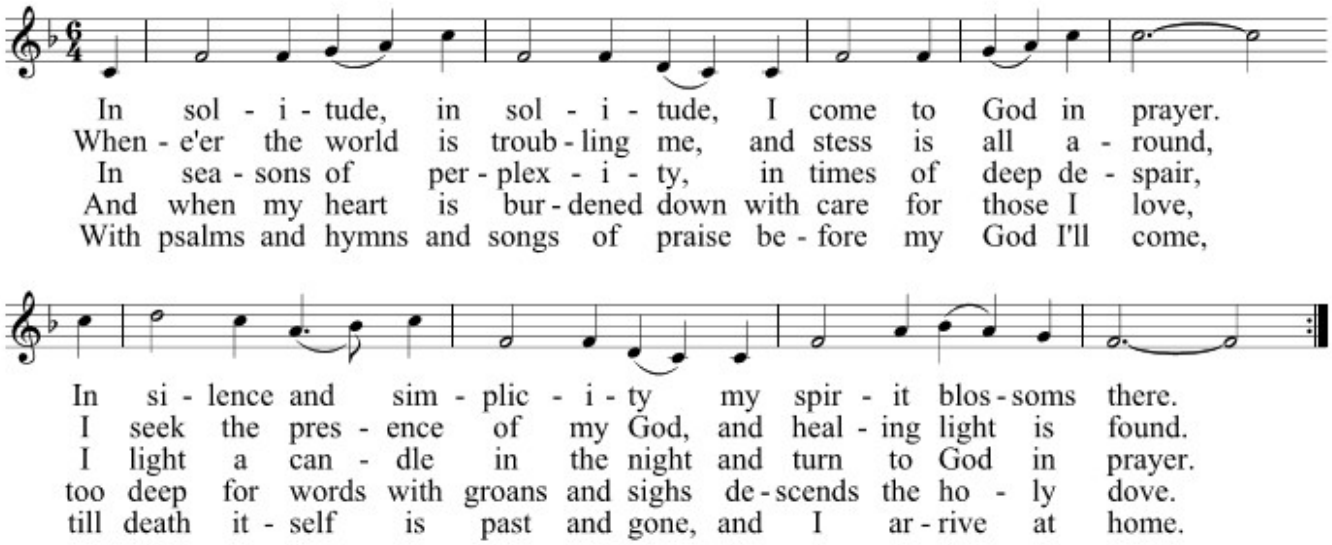


## The Great Thanksgiving

*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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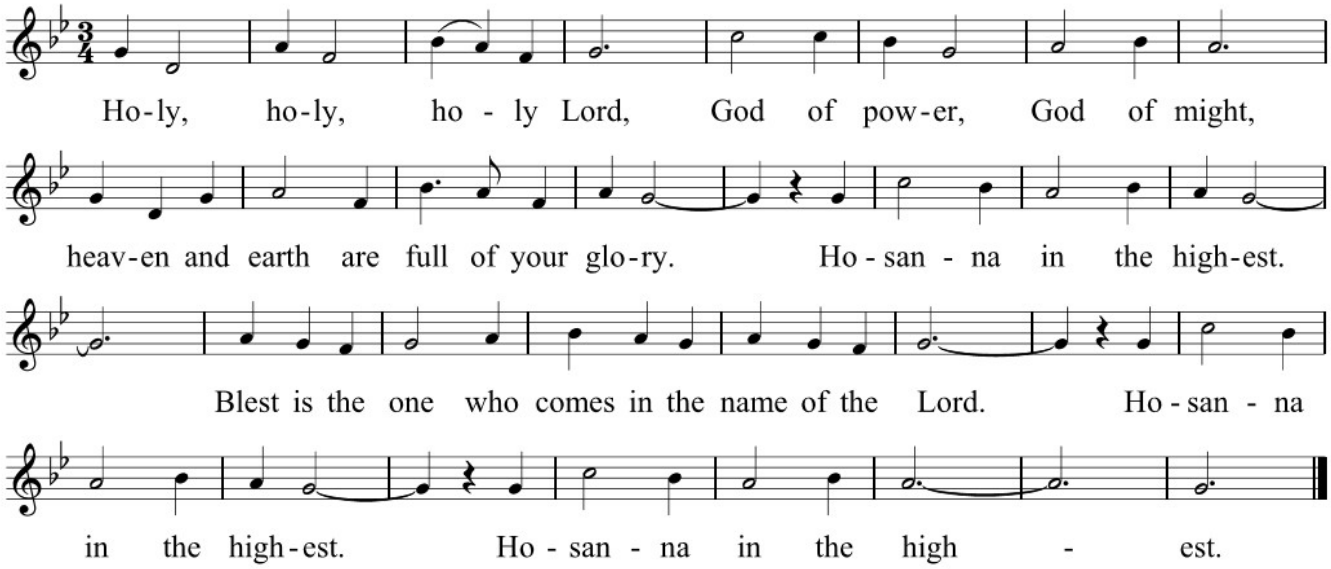


Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed, breathing his grace and love into our fear and making us whole.

**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, 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 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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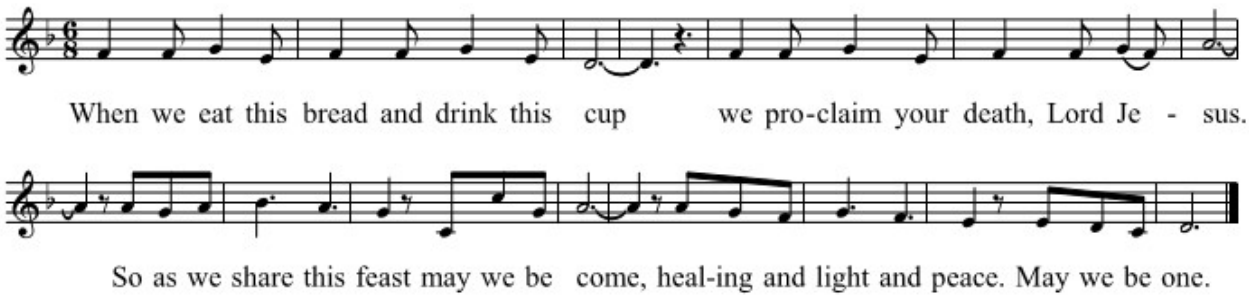


*Celebrant:* Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**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: Gather #585 *Let Us Be Bread*

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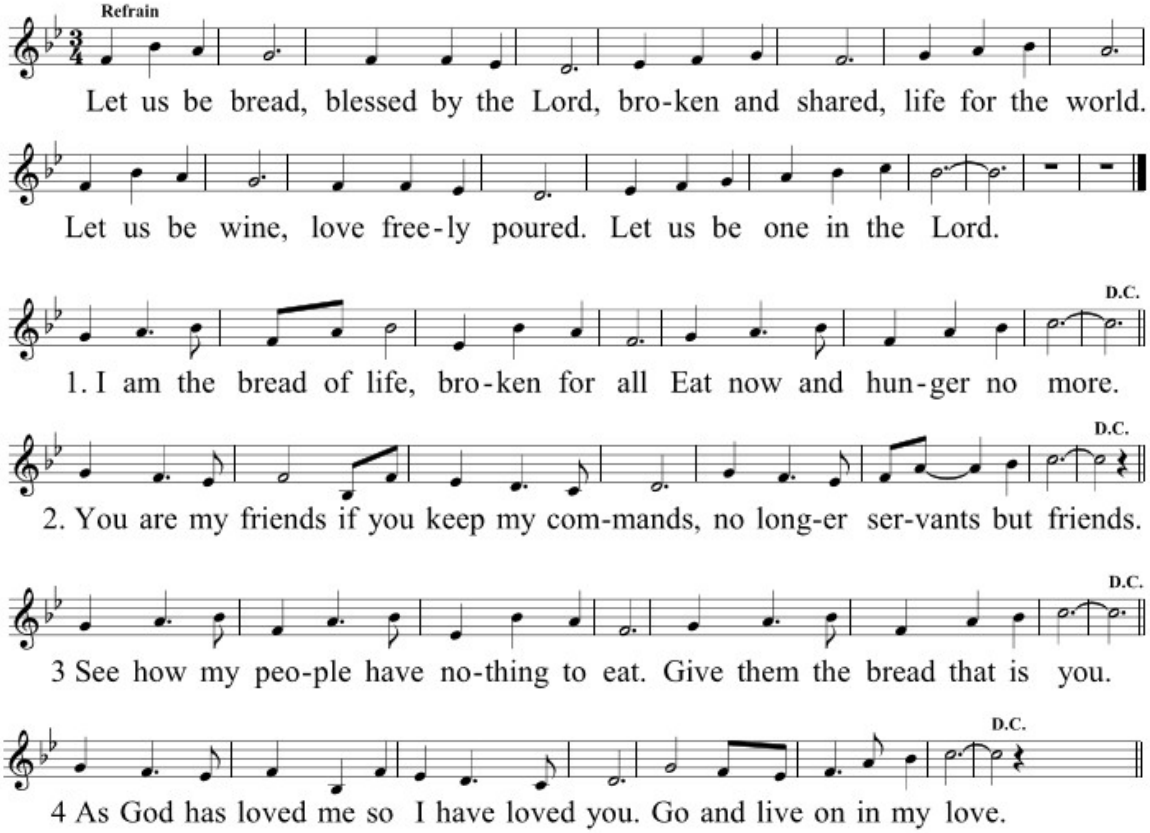


## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #145 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

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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: Wonder Love and Praise #819 *Guide My Feet Lord***

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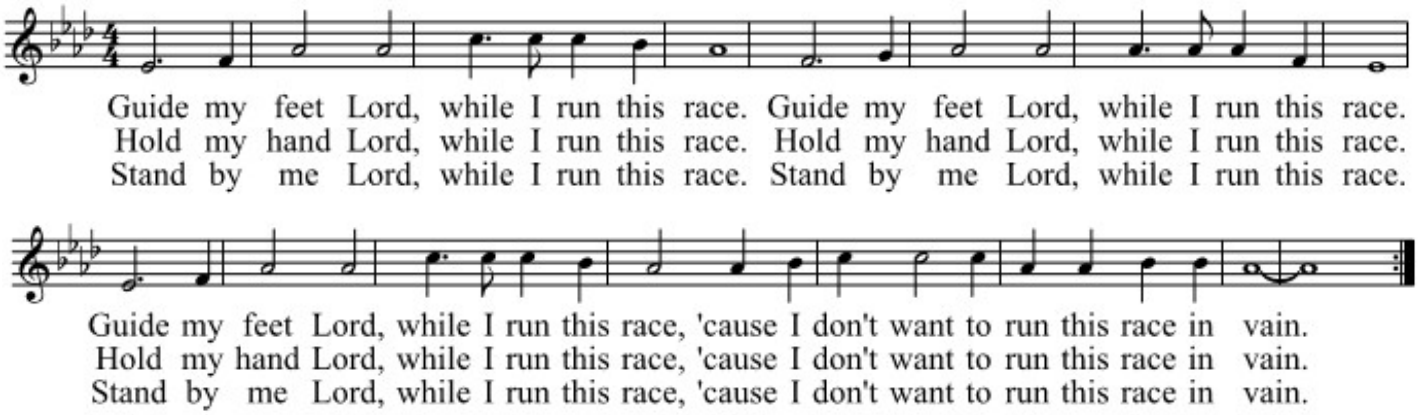


**The Dismissal**

*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 the stories from the Book of Ruth and 1 Samuel
Ruth 1:7-18, 22 | 2:1-23 | 41:1-17 |
1 Samuel 1:19-28 | 2:12-13a | 31-21