



# We've Come This Far by Faith

*The Season after Pentecost: Stewardship 2022*

**October 24, 2021**

**St. George's Church**

**Glenn Dale Parish**

**The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

"We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, continually remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" ( 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a)

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.*

## **Anthem Prelude: *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* by Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)**

*My eyes for beauty pine  
My soul for God des grace,  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed  
from all the stars above;  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly love.*

*And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

## **Opening Hymn: – Hymnal # 529 *In Christ, There Is No East or West***

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In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North, but  
Join hands dis - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who  
In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North; All



one great fel - low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
serves my Fa - ther as a child is sure-ly kin to me.  
Christ-ly souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

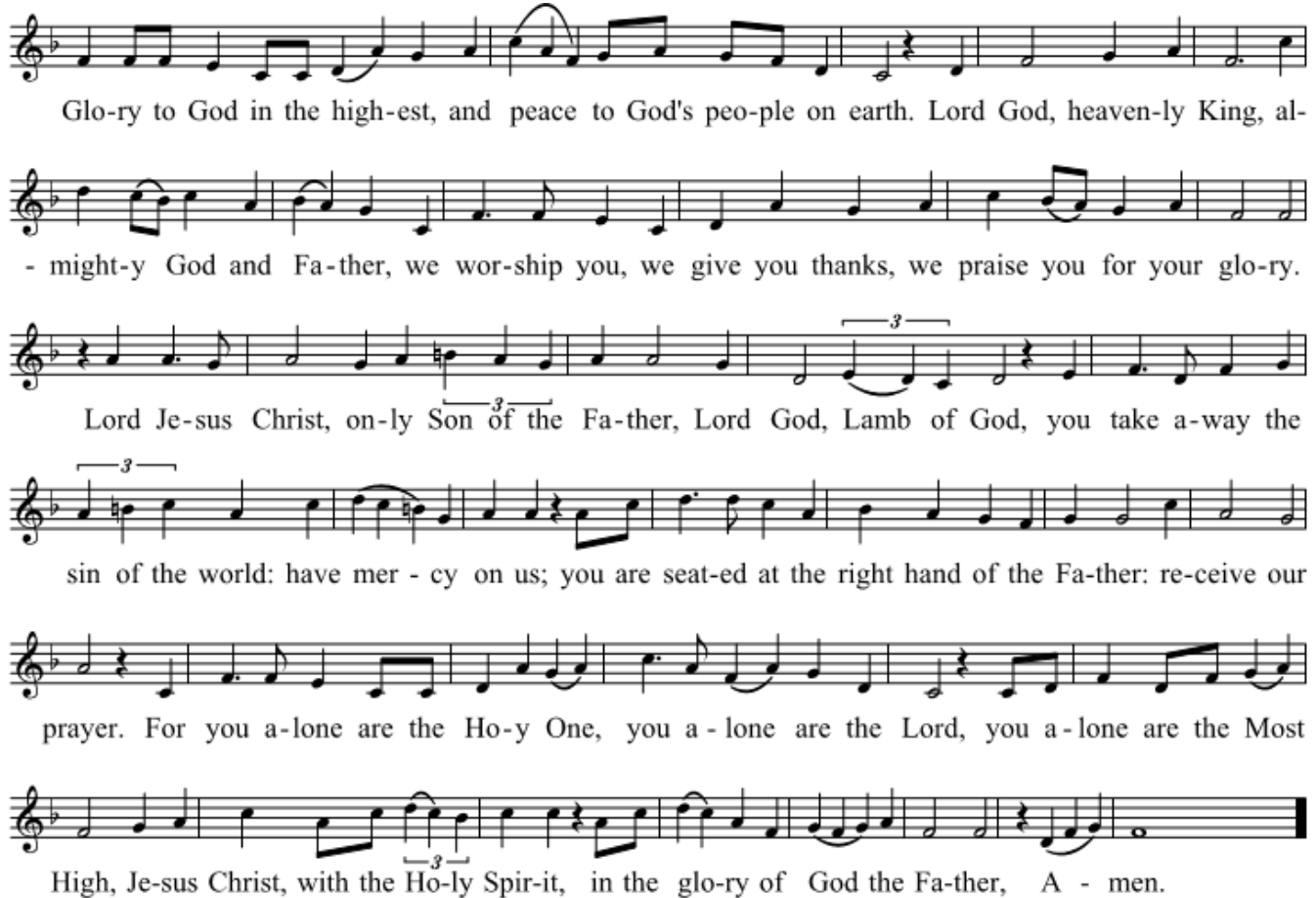
*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*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.**

### **Gloria: Hymnal 1982 #S280**

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our  
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

### **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 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.**

### **A Collect for Stewardship**

**Good and gracious God, at baptism we accepted the call to follow Jesus. As we continue to live out that call to love, serve, pray and grow in Christ, we ask you to transform us through the power of your Spirit and nurture in us a stewardship way of life.**

**May we be inspired to continue our work of faith, our labor of love, and our steadiness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and may our lives be marked by prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing of what we have. Amen.**

### **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

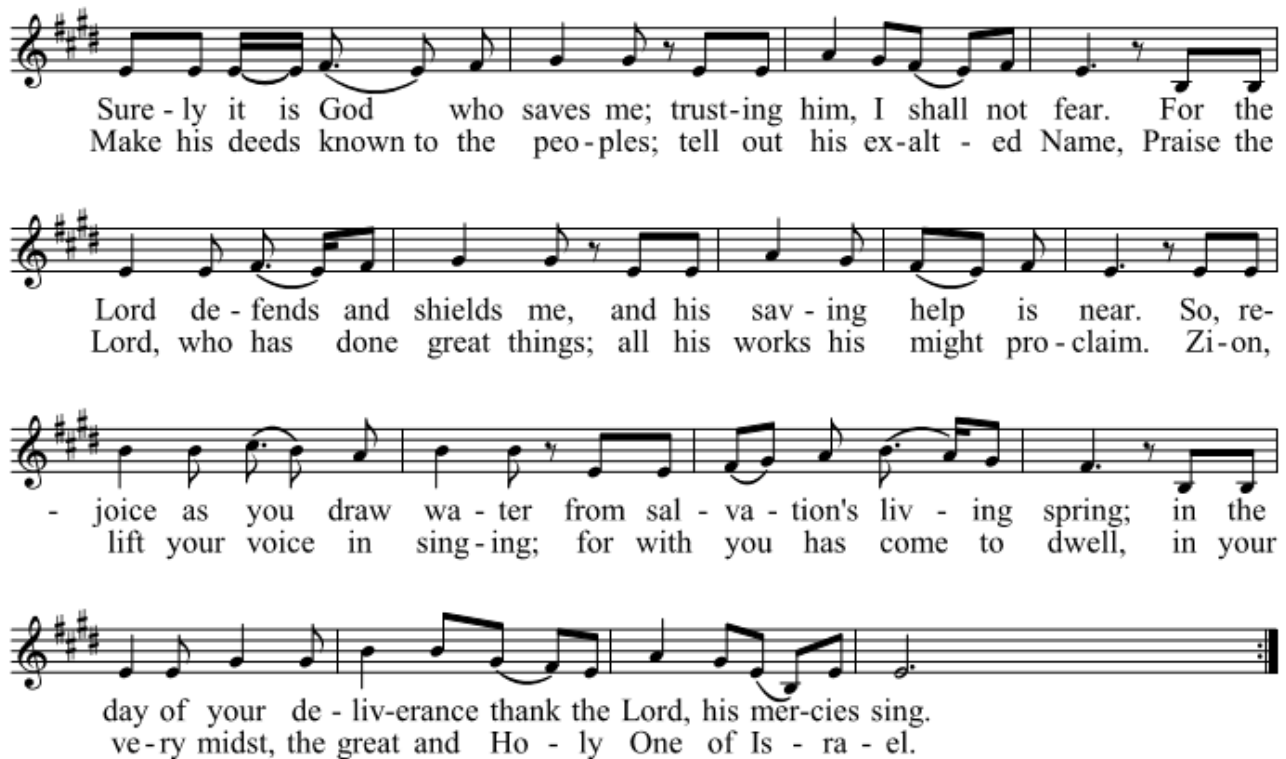
Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of this people: **it seemed to us like a dream.**  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter: **and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.**  
Then they said among the nations: **'The Lord has done great things for them.'**  
Great things indeed the Lord has done for us: **and therefore we are glad.**  
Restore again our fortunes O Lord: **as when streams refresh the southern dry-lands.**  
Those who sow in tears: **shall reap with shouts of joy.**  
Those who go out weeping with seed for sowing:  
**shall come back in gladness, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #679 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me**

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the next two lines. The fourth staff contains the final two lines and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the  
Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name, Praise the

Lord de - fends and shields me, and his sav - ing help is near. So, re -  
Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on,

- joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the  
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your

day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Mark 10:46-52**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon      The Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffery**

**The Creed *We Believe in God Our Creator***

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We be-lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,  
We be-lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,  
Christ now con- quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's ho ly throne,  
We be-lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of Life sus - tain - ing Earth.  
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one Church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe. All things vis - i -  
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one. Je - sus born of  
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run. Christ now comes a -  
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth. And the Spir - it  
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, trust - ing in God's mer - cy and love. As God's lov - ing



- ble and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.  
Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.  
- gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.  
now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.  
kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

## The Prayers of the People

O God, you have brought us this far by faith. We know that trusting in you and your holy word has never failed us. You have shown us many times over that you are a God of graciousness and generosity; and you call us to give with gratitude from what we have, knowing that everything comes from you. For all the abundance of our lives, with faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the church, and for our community, offering our thanks and praise to you, and asking for your guidance and wisdom. With faith in you we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

You give us responsibility to govern and lead. We pray that all in authority may use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole church and its leaders who model faith in you. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, Anne-Marie, Sarah and Thelma as they offer pastoral support, and for the lay leadership and congregation of St. George's. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, for those caught in violence and war, for those experiencing homelessness, and for those who suffer storms and natural disasters. We pray especially for the families of Gaywood Elementary School and the guests of the Warm Nights program. Inspire us to put our faith into action by serving those in need. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, and those who are in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in our hearts. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer, and ask for your presence with those who mourn. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving as we celebrate the joys of our lives. Accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace, as we pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for other blessings of this life. With faith in you, we pray: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge you, O God, as the source of all that we have and all that we are, with the sure knowledge that it is you who has brought us this far and with you we will be able to face any discouragement. Continue to nurture our faith and grant us the wisdom and courage to live lives of generosity, today and always. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **Announcements and 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.

*Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.*

## **Offertory Anthem: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day by John Gardner (1917 - 2011)**

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;*

*[Chorus]*

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance. [Chorus]*

*In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance. [Chorus]*

*Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance. [Chorus]*

## **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.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy God, creator of heaven and earth, and author of all good gifts. You are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In this new life, Jesus calls us to the work of faith, to labor in love of him, and to the steadiness of hope we find in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore we praise you, lifting our voices with all creation as we sing:**

**Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas # 255**

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *A Mass for Soulful People* © 1979 North American Liturgy Resources.

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho-  
- san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

We thank you, loving God, because when we turned away from you, you did not reject us but sent us Jesus, your Son. In his life, he revealed to us the way of compassion; before he was handed over to suffering and death he embodied for us self-giving love as he washed the feet of his disciples; in his laying down his life for his friends, he opened for us the way of new life. He gave himself for us on the cross, and continues to show us the way to live in love.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, shared it with them 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, blessed and shared it saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

**It is the mystery of our faith, O God, that with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.**

And now we ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us Christ's body and blood. As you feed us with these gifts, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us also, that we may more closely live and walk in the way of Jesus, our Savior.

**Help us to love one another, to give generously to those in need, to welcome the stranger, and to give rest to the weary, as we look forward to that day when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.**

With all your saints we give you glory O God, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 and silence is kept, all sing the fraction anthem.*

#### **Fraction Anthem: *Be Known to Us Wonder Love and Praise # 875***

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*Cantor or choir*  
Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the

*1. Congregation* *2. Cantor or choir*  
bread. be bread. One bod-y are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though

*Congregation*  
man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the

*WLP 875*  
break - ing of the 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**

*If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.*



*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.*

### **Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS # 137 Just as I am**

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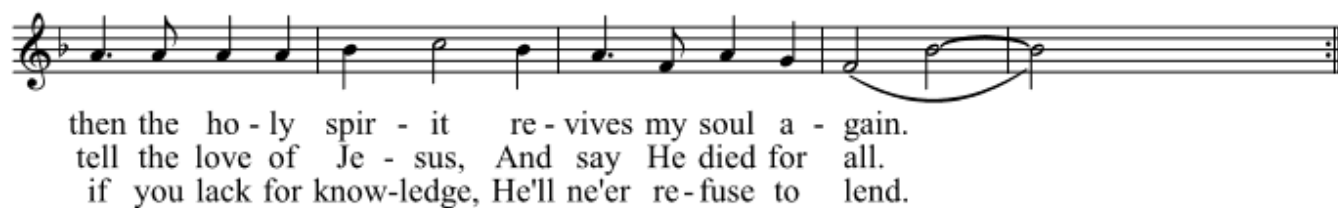
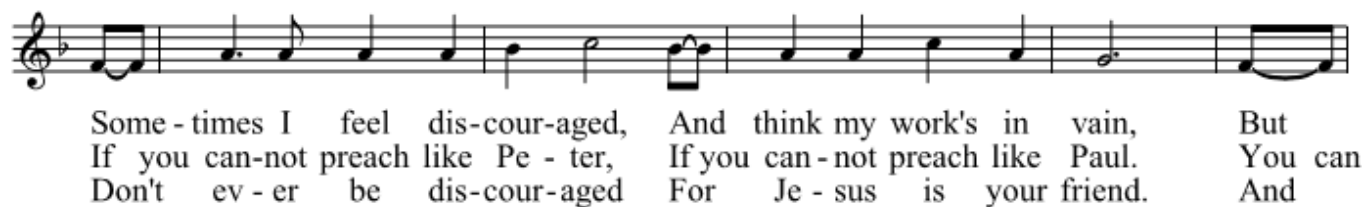
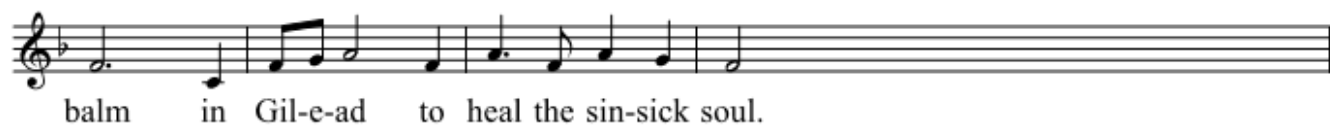
Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was shed for  
 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya con - flict, man - ya  
 Just as I am, poor, wreth-ed, blind; sight rich - es, heal - ing of the  
 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re -  
 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rior  
 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to



me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 doubt; fight-ings and fears with - in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 mind, yea all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 prove, here for a sea - son, then a - bove; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS # 203 *There is a balm in Gilead*

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray: **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread and wine. May this holy Communion give us strength and courage, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be renewed for your service to others, embody your desire for justice, and live lives of generosity in the steadiness of hope through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant:* Life is short, and 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. And may the God of all Grace, the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, bless you and keep you in peace, this day and always. **Amen.**



## Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #208 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the first line of lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in his ho-ly'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'word, He's nev-er failed me yet. O can't turn a-round,'. The third staff is labeled 'Verse 1' and contains the lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'life. He'll bear your bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and dynamic markings like 'D.S.' at the end.

Just the other day I heard someone say  
He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way  
And he never failed me yet  
That's why we've (refrain)

### The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** *In Christ There Is No East or West*, arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

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