Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 20, 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: *As the Dew from Heaven Distilling*

Music: Joseph J. Daynes arr. by Keith D Rowley

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #410 *Praise, my soul the King of heaven*

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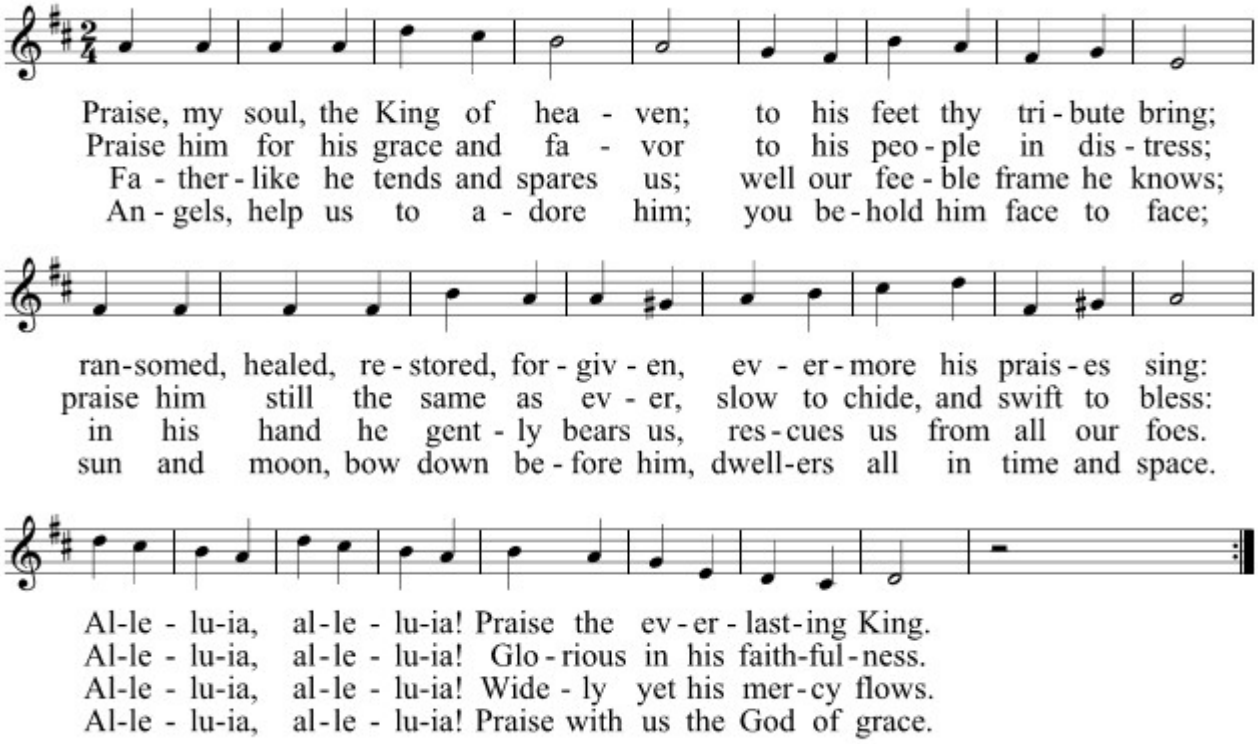

Celebrant: We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:
People: For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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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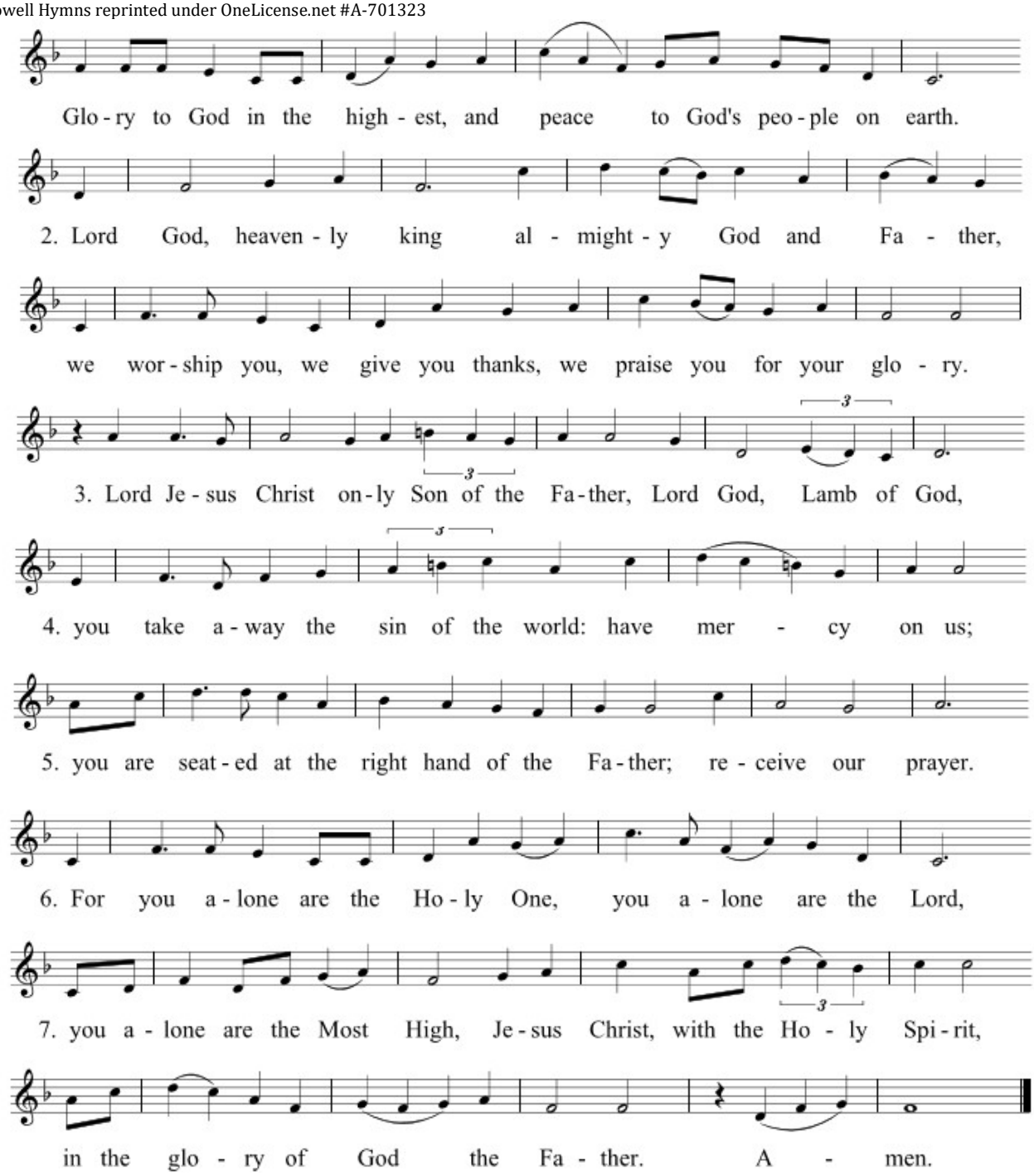
The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Exodus 16:2–15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

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 led Israel out, with spoil of silver and gold:
among the tribes not one person fell behind.
The Egyptians were glad when they went:
for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.
You O Lord spread out a cloud as a screen:
and fire to give light at night.
The people asked, and you sent them quails:
and you filled them with bread from heaven.
You opened a rock and water gushed out:
it flowed like a river through the arid land.
For you remembered your sacred promise:
which you had made to Abraham your servant.
So you led out your people rejoicing:
your chosen ones with songs of gladness.
You gave them the lands of the heathen:
and they took possession where others had toiled,
so that they might keep your statutes and o′ bey your ′ laws:
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.

Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Hymn: One Lord One Faith #154 *Sanctuary*

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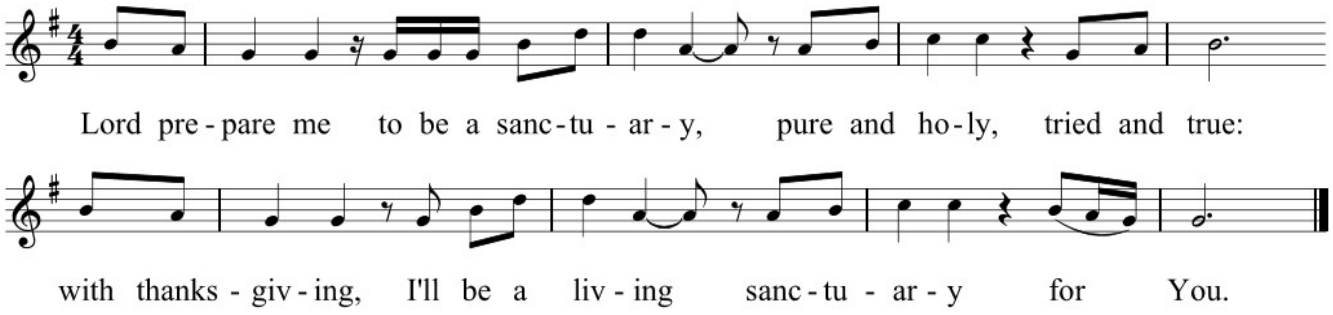

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**.

Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Rondesia Jarrett-Schell

The Creed: *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed para. Terry Doyle, TSSF. Music: 17th Century French Carol, *Picardy;* Hymnal 1982 #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*
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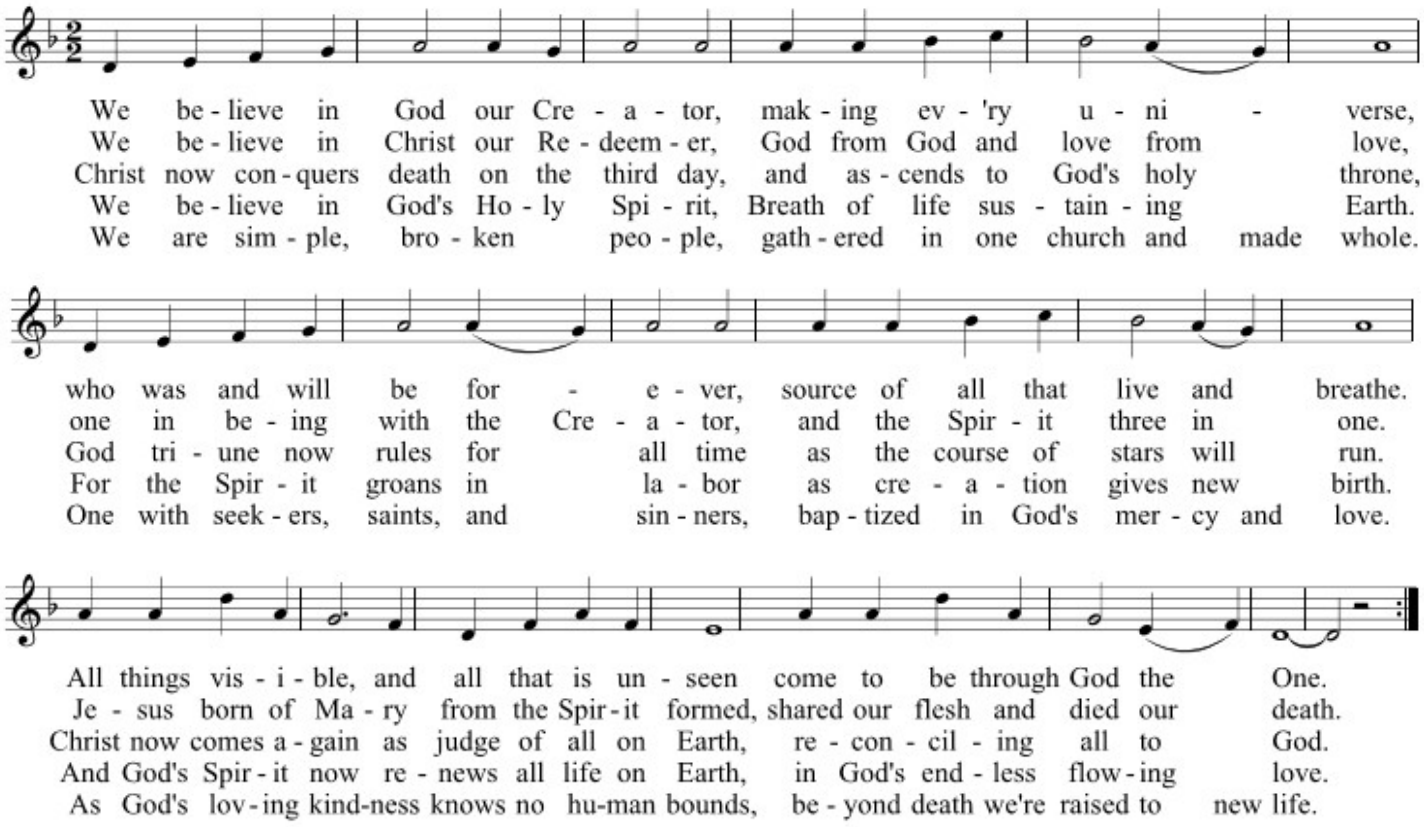
The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for our communities, the church, and the world:

Ground of all being, you escape our feeble attempts to capture you in words but you hold us always in your own heart. May our ears be open to discern the whisper of your Spirit; may our eyes be open to see Christ in our neighbor, and may our hearts be open to make room for all your creatures. We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you.**

Word of life who calls us from darkness into light, may the character of Jesus Christ be formed in us so that we may truly be your hands, your feet and your compassion in this broken and divided world. We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you.**

Spirit of holiness, move gently but irresistibly through our lives, our homes, our churches and our work places. Raise up what is fallen, heal what is broken, reinvigorate what has become tired and renew the face of the earth. We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you.**

Healing presence, we pray to you for those who are sick or suffering in our communities and across the world. We pray for refugees and immigrants, and for all caught in cycles of poverty and war. We pray for all who are hungry or homeless in our community, our country and our world. For those who have asked for or need our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you.**

Foundation of our lives, we pray for the church. For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Mariann our bishop, for Connie our rector and for this community of St. George's, we pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you**.

Giver of life, we pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions*. May they who have died go from strength to strength in your heavenly reign; may those who mourn be surrounded by your comforting embrace. We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you.**

Bestower of all good gifts, we celebrate and pray for those marking birthdays and anniversaries, and we give thanks to you for all of the blessings of our lives. We pray, saying: **Spirit of God, we live and move in you**.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

All pray together: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Offertory Anthem: Locus Iste

Music: Anton Bruckner

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.)*

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.**

O God of grace and blessing, we thank you for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name and presence with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, with people of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 #S 125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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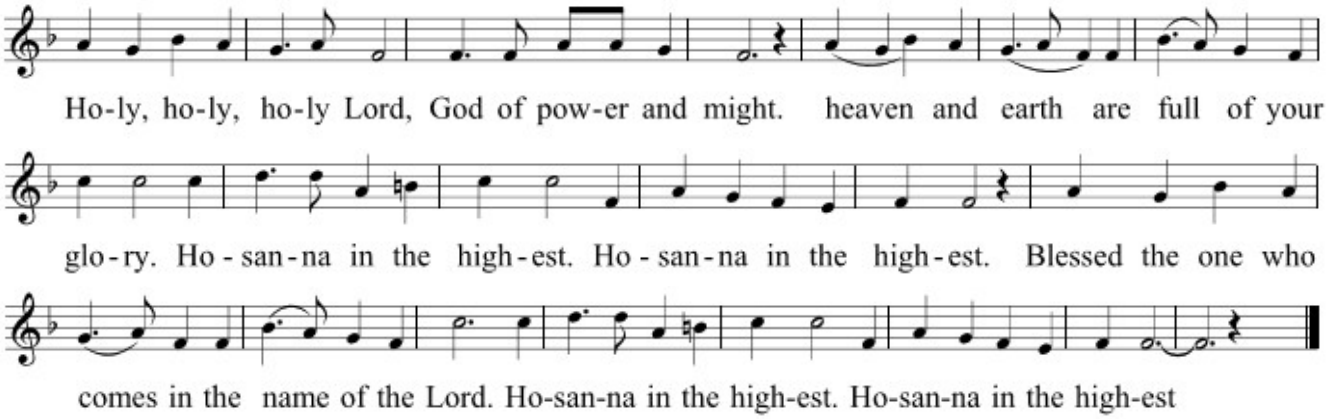

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus 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."

Great then is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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: Wonder, Love, and Praise # 875 *Be known to us*

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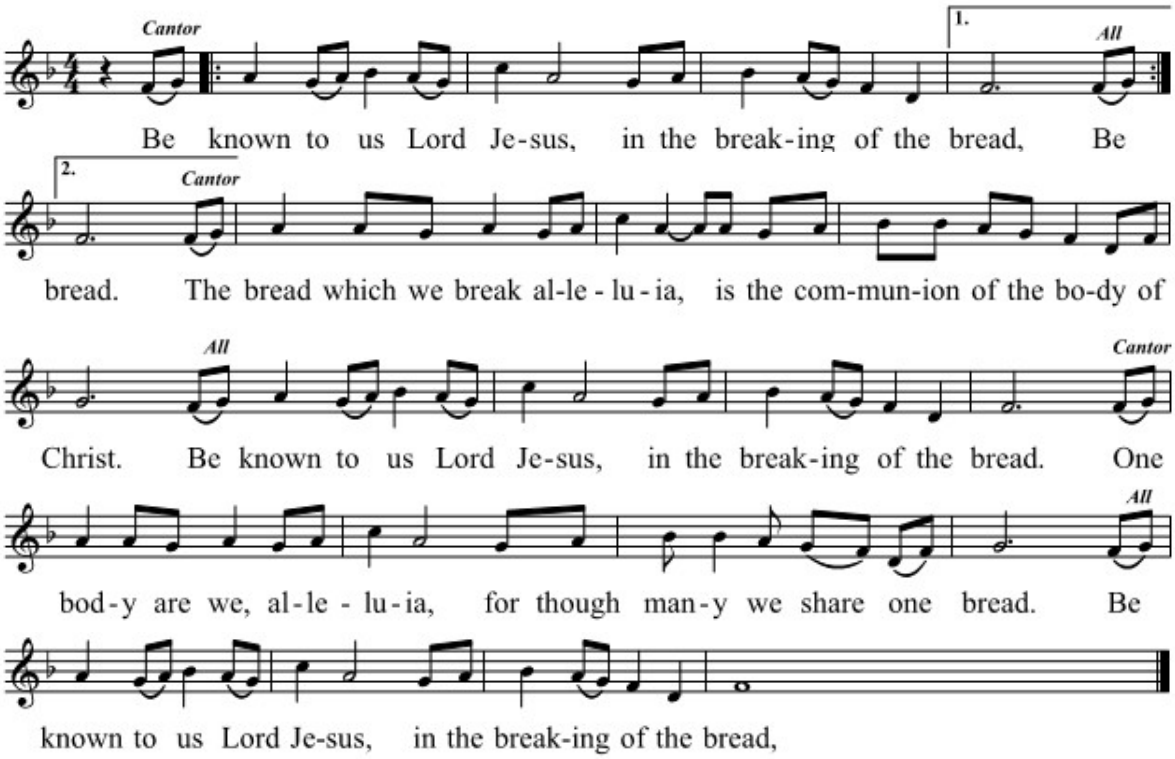

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

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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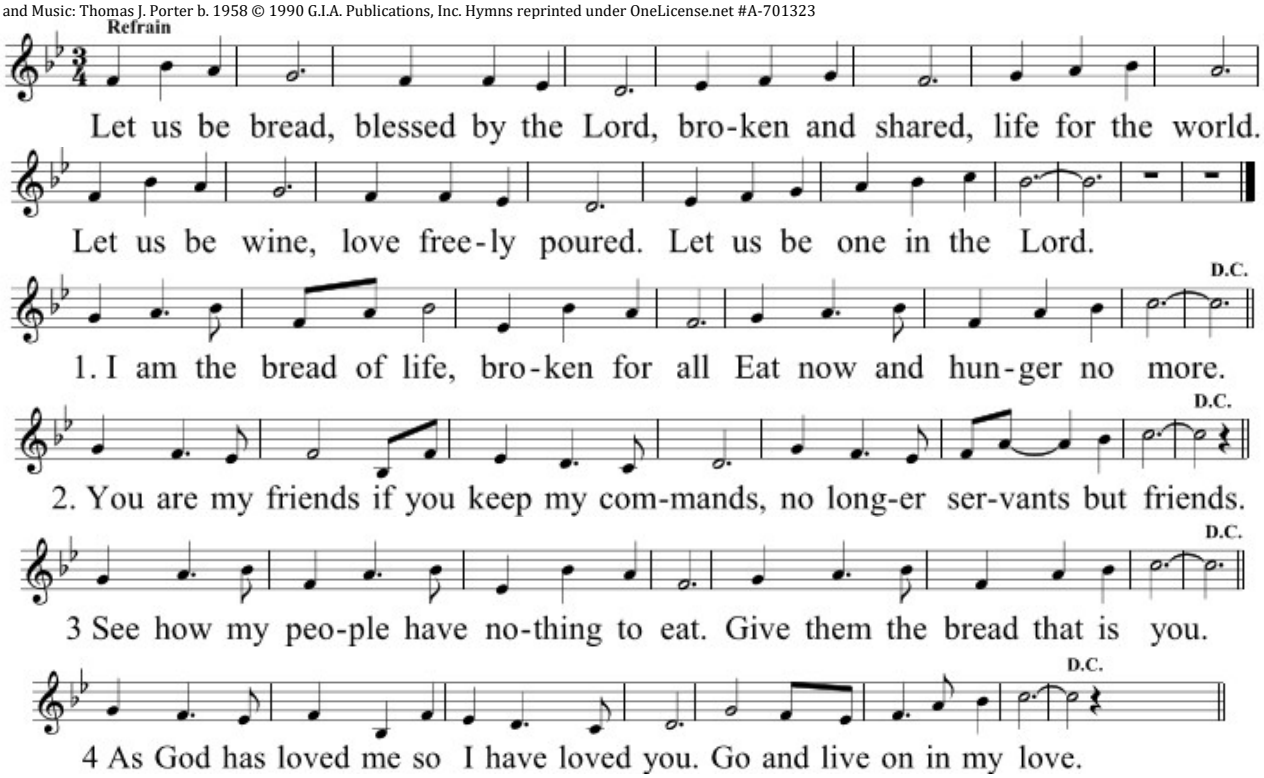

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #154 *Taste and See*

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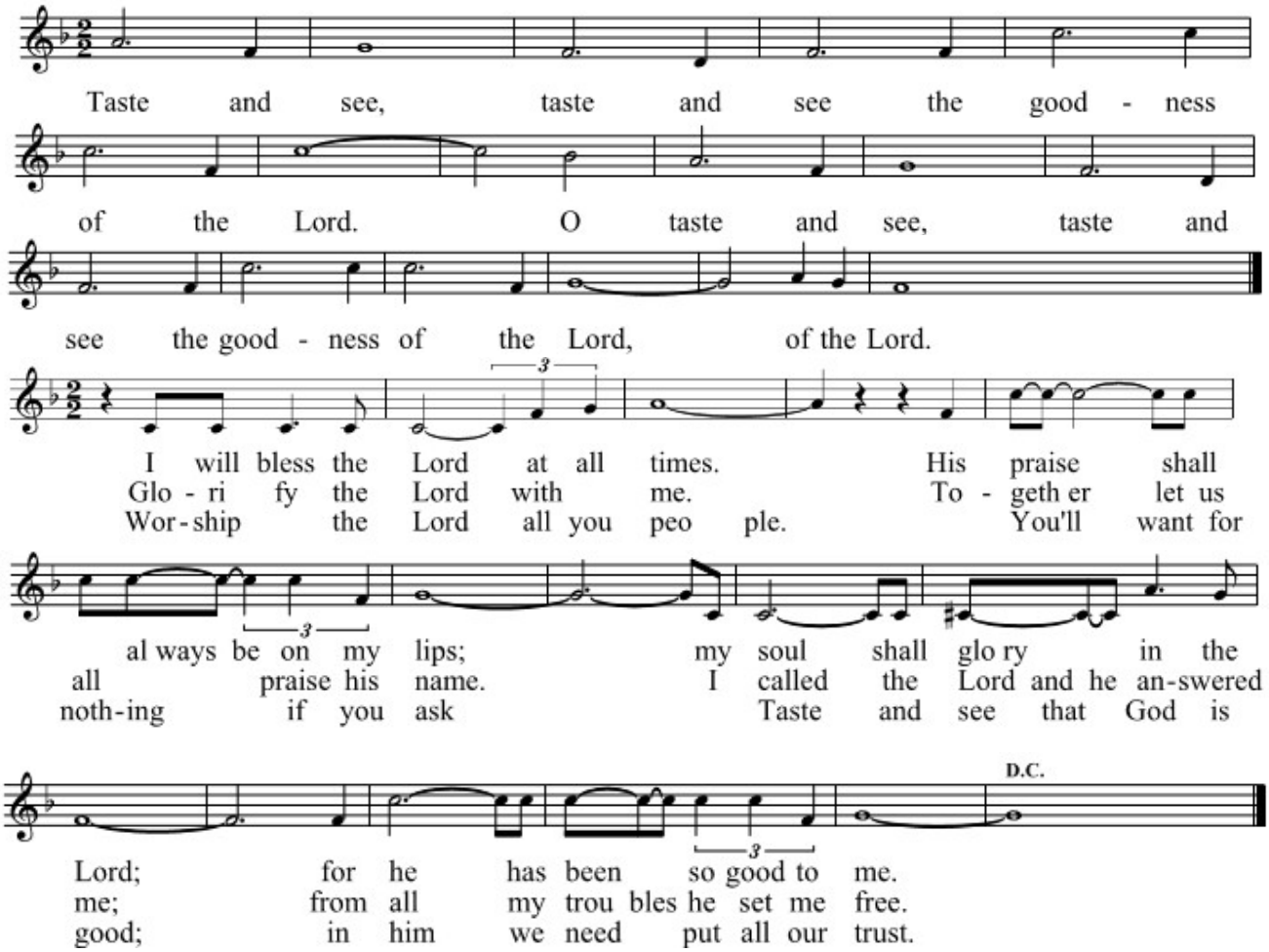

Communion Hymn 3: Hymnal 1982 #482 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). Music: *Slane,* Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church hymnary, 1927.*

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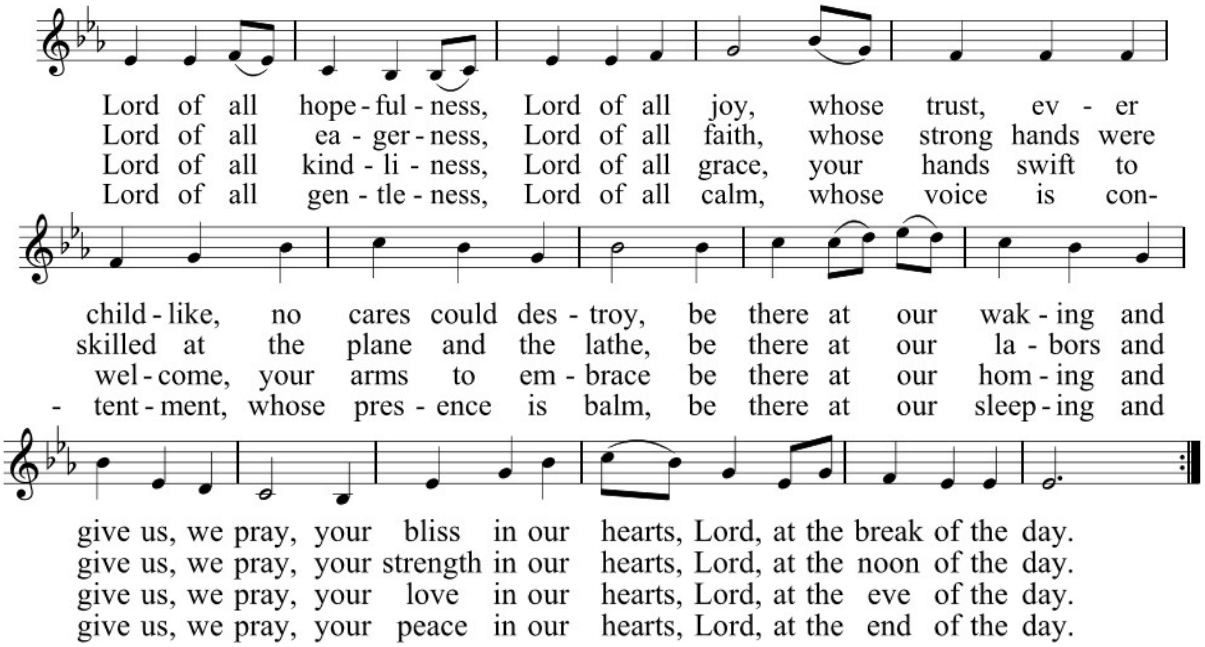

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 people may be seated for announcements

Announcements

The Blessing

May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessings upon all creation, and upon us God's people, that we may use the gifts God has given us to do justice and bring peace. 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 #126 Here Am I, Send Me

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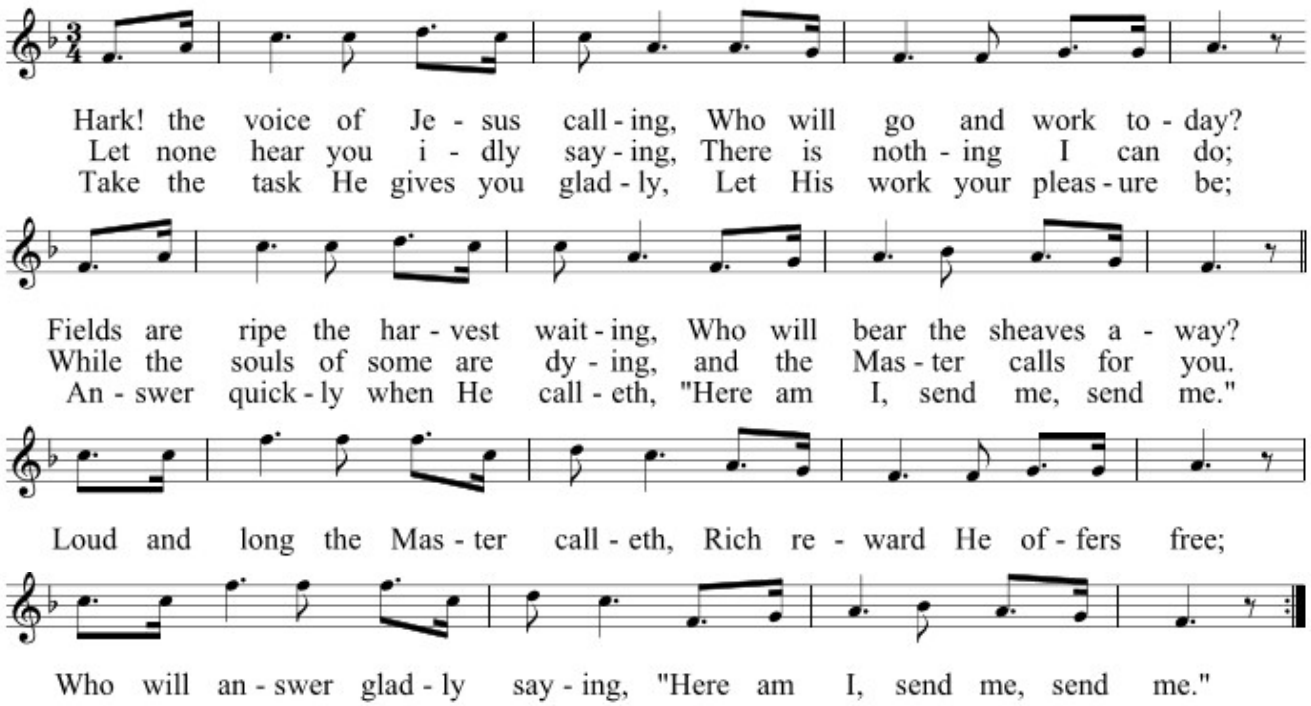
The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *For Elise*

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:45 for our Zoom Meeting
for *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*
as we turn to the New Testament to explore
the stories from Chapter 17, *Follow Me,*
about the Ministry and Teachings of Jesus.