Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 6, 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: *Come, All Ye Saints Who Dwell on Earth*

Music: William B. Bradbury arr. by Keith D Rowley

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

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

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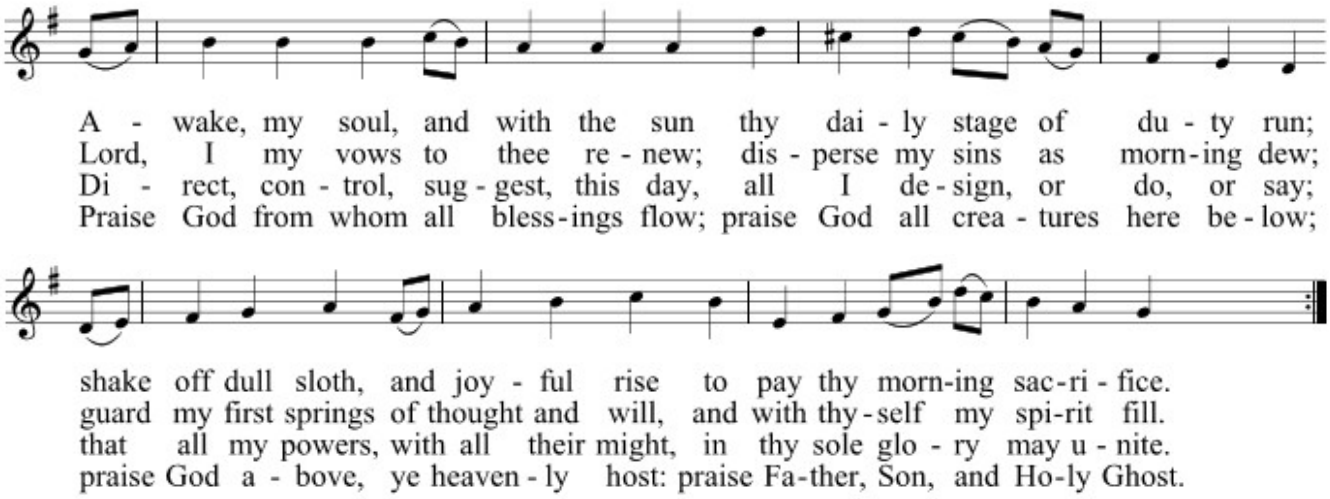

Celebrant: We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:
People: For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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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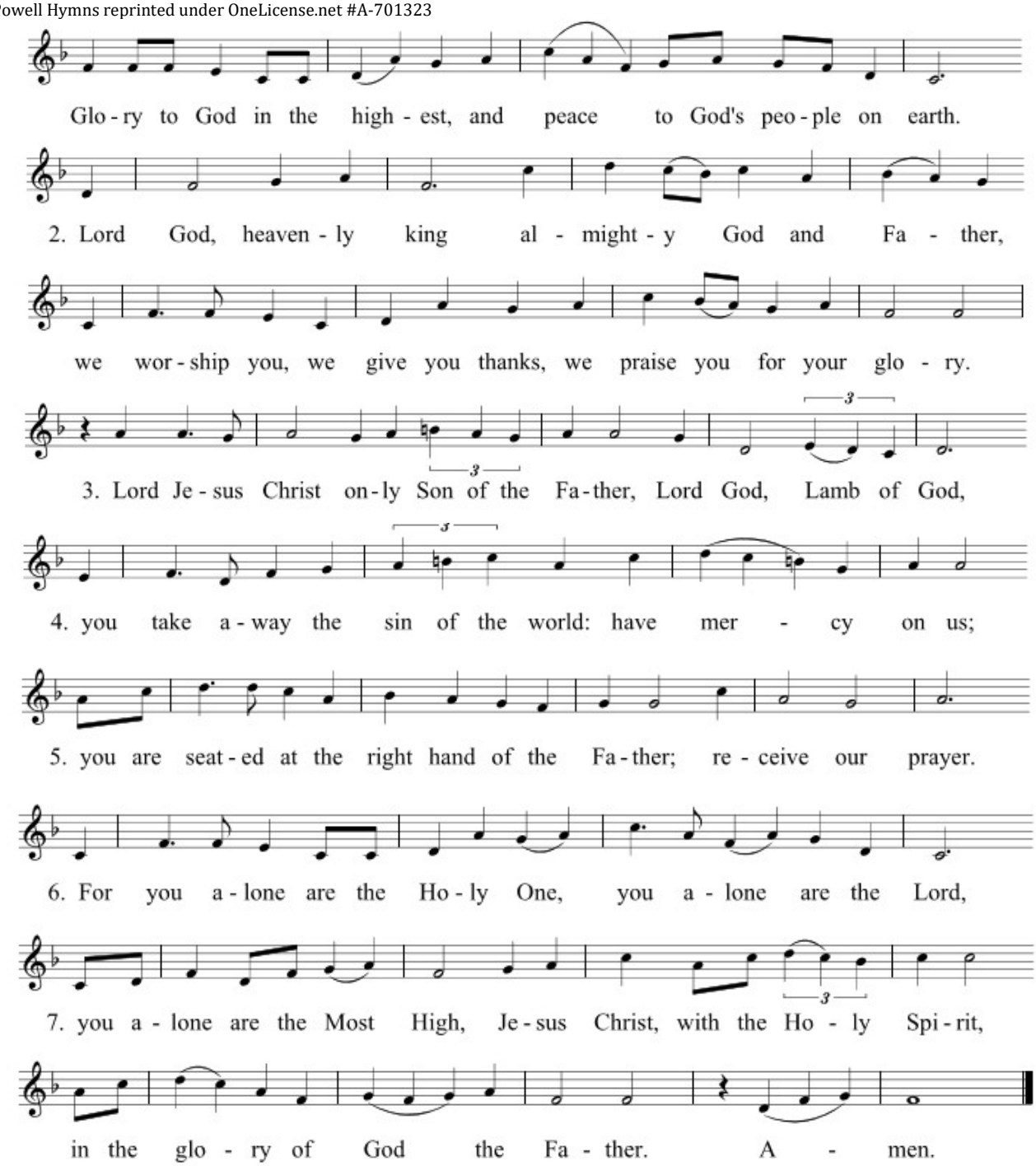

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.**

A Collect For Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Romans 13:8–14

Owe nothing to anyone except to love and seek the best for one another; for one who unselfishly loves neighbor has fulfilled the essence of the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and any other commandment are summed up in this statement: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; it never hurts anyone. Therefore unselfish love is the fulfillment of the Law.

Do this, knowing that this is a critical time. It is already the hour for you to awaken from your sleep of spiritual complacency; for our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed in Christ. The night - this present evil age - is almost gone and the day is almost here. So let us fling away the works of darkness and put on the full armor of light. Let us conduct ourselves properly and honorably as in the light of day. We must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Instead, clothe yourselves with love; put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Psalm 149

Hallelujah! O sing to the Lord a new song:
give praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let the people of God rejoice in their maker:
and let the servants of the Most High exult in their king.
Let them praise God's name in the dance:
let them sing God's praise with timbrel and harp.
For you O Lord take delight in your people:
and crown your humble folk with victory.
Let the faithful exult in their triumph:
let them shout for joy as they feast.
Let the praises of God be on their lips:
and a two-edged sword in their hand. 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 #554 *'Tis the gift to be simple* (sung twice)

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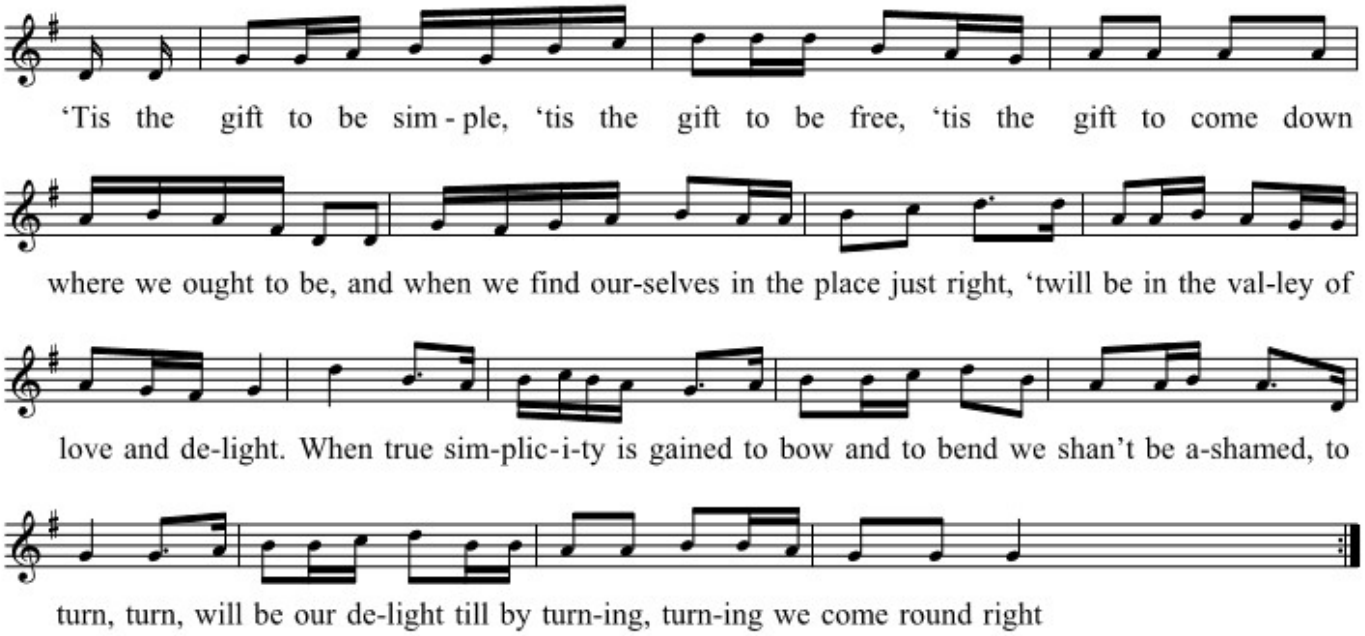

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**.

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

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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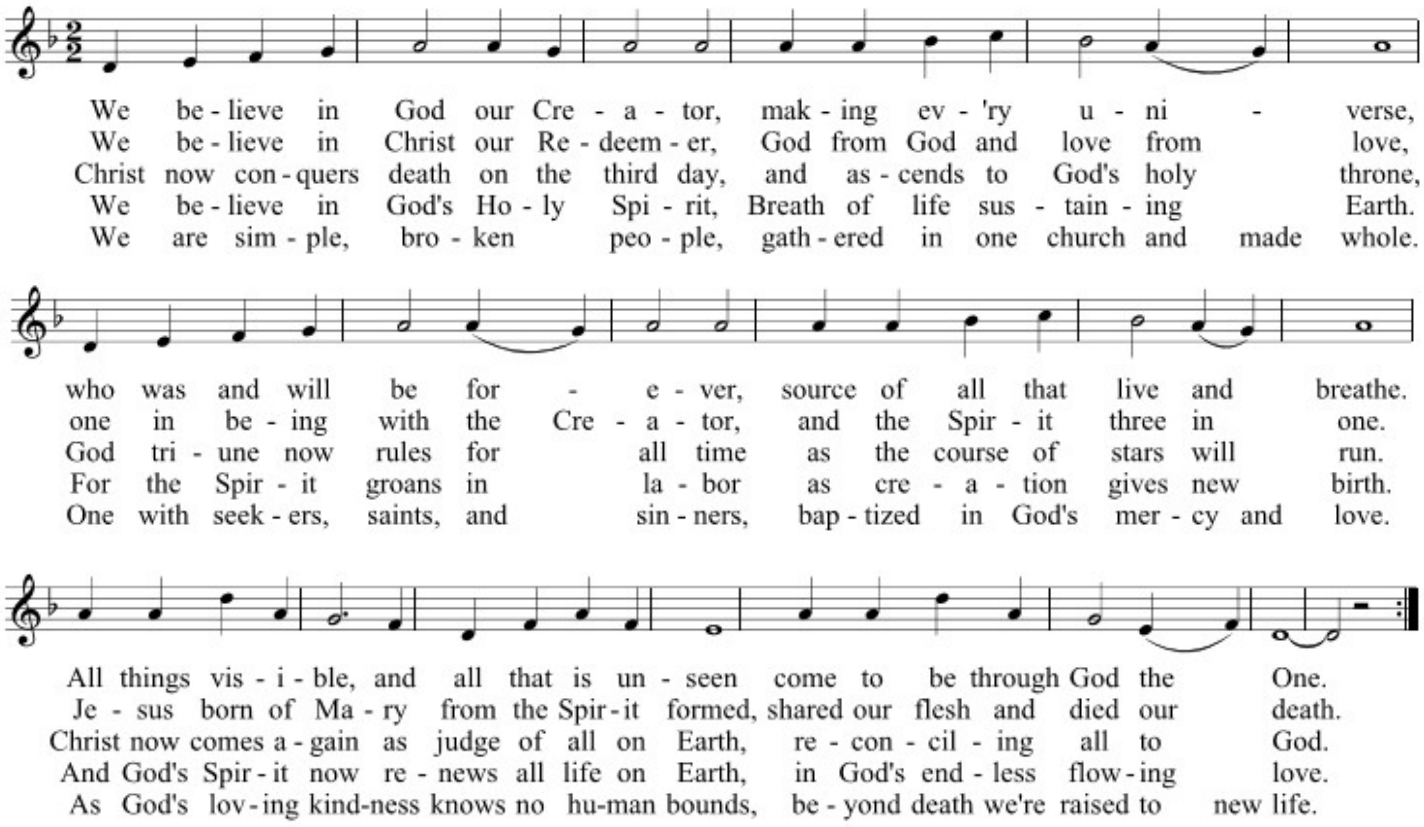

The Prayers of the People

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 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 Hymn: New Century Hymnal #337 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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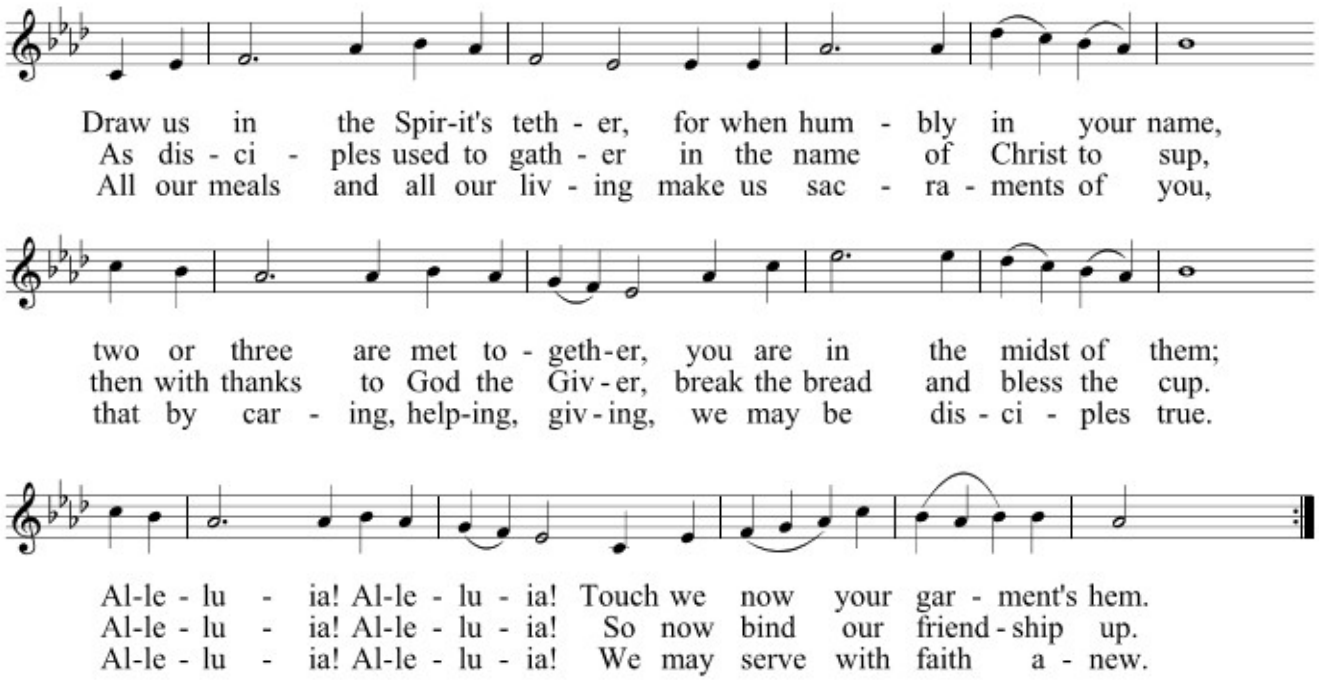

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances 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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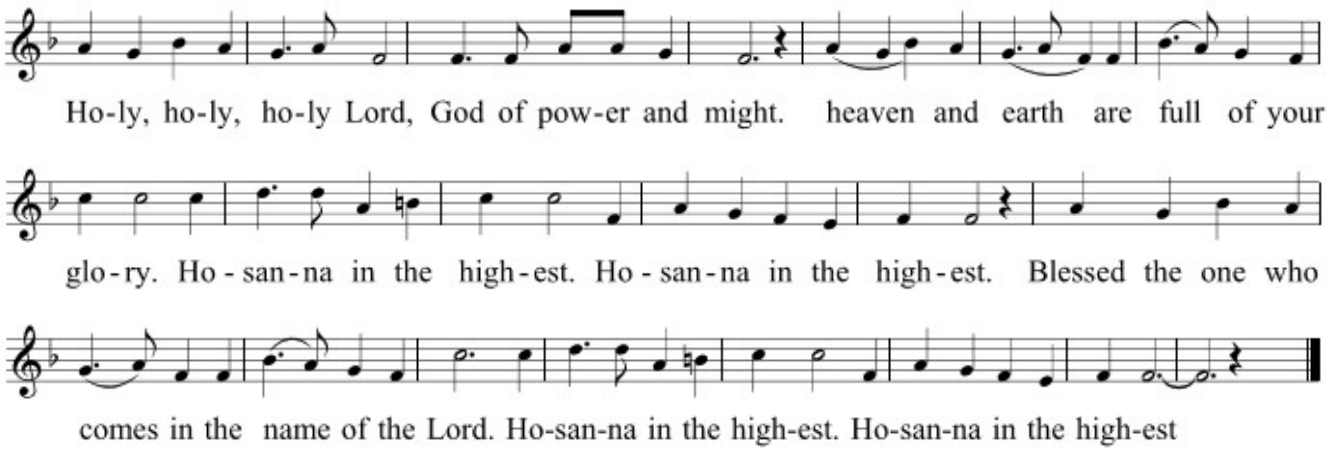

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed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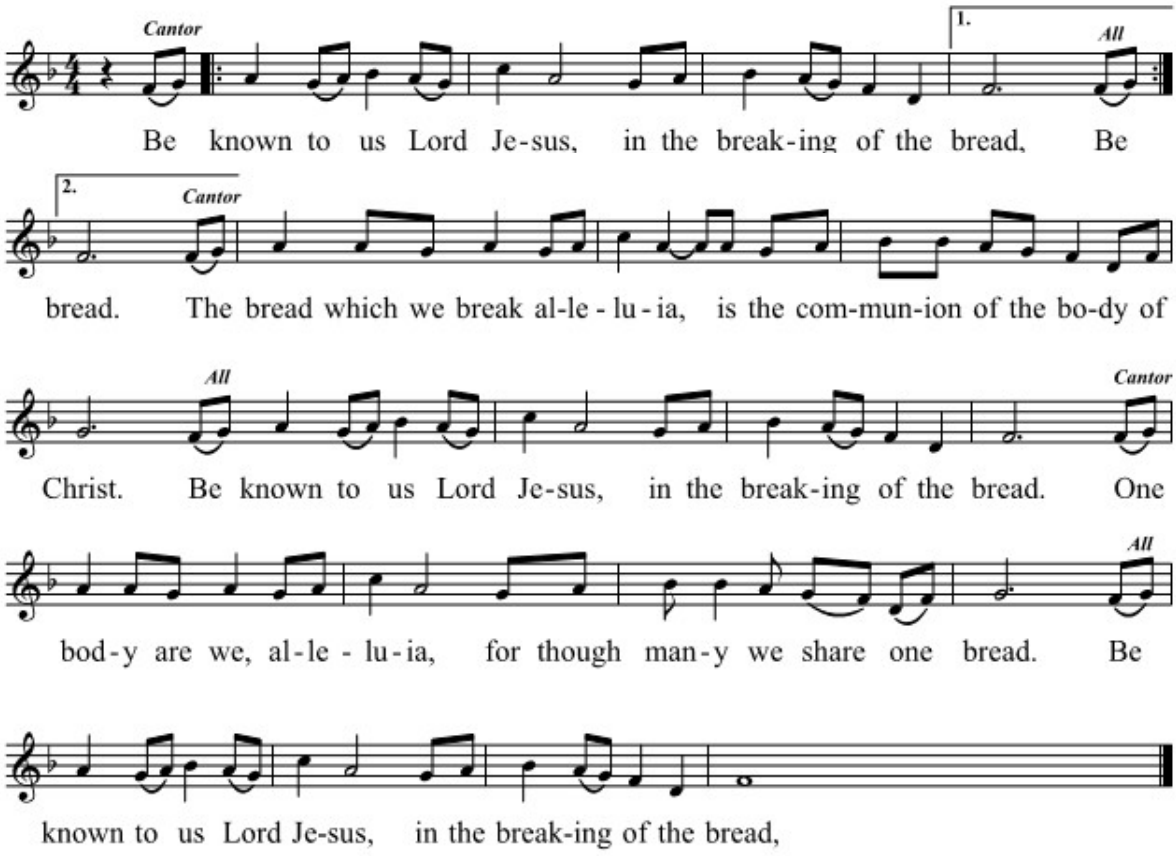

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

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: Wonder, Love and Praise #765 *O blessed spring*

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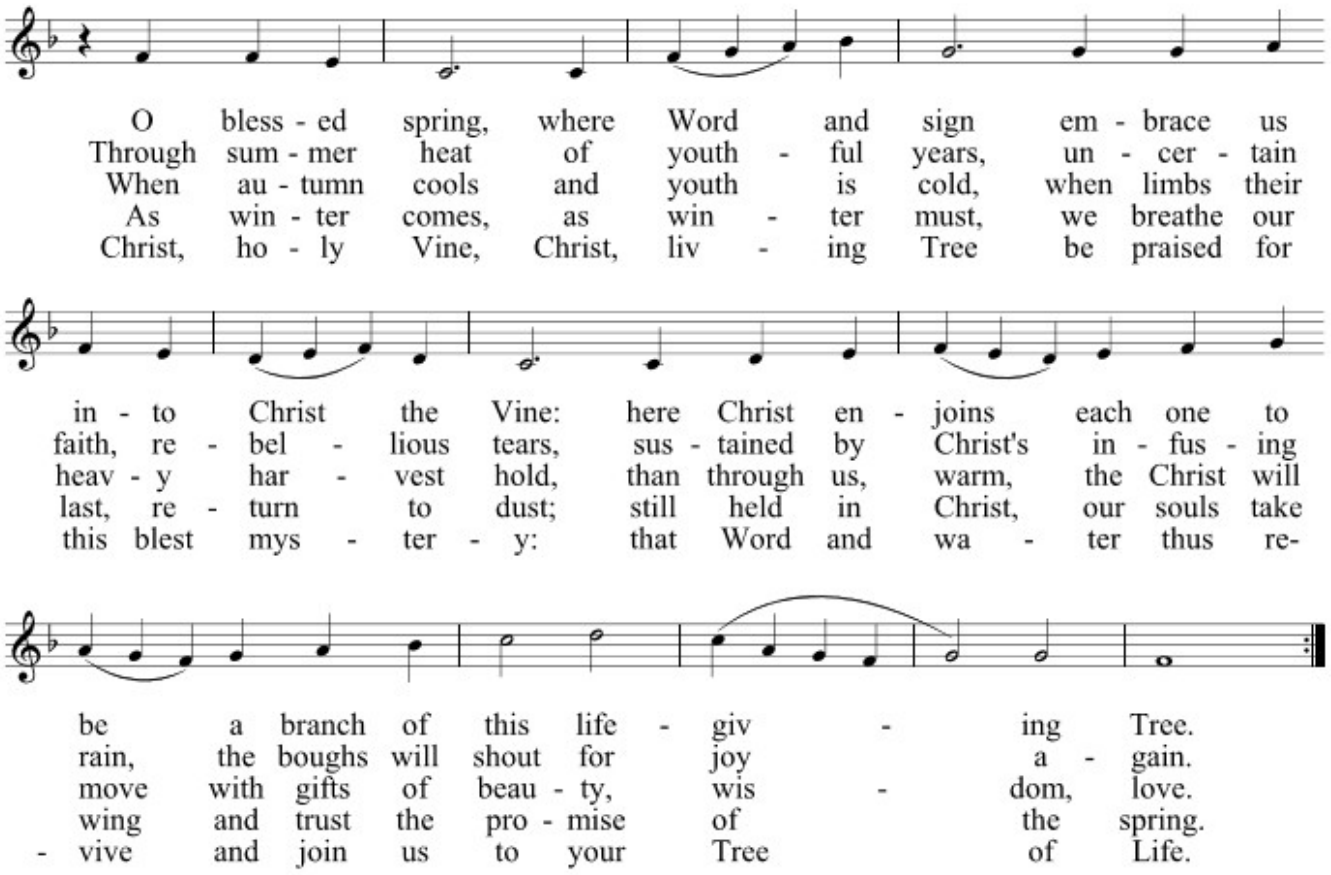

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #13 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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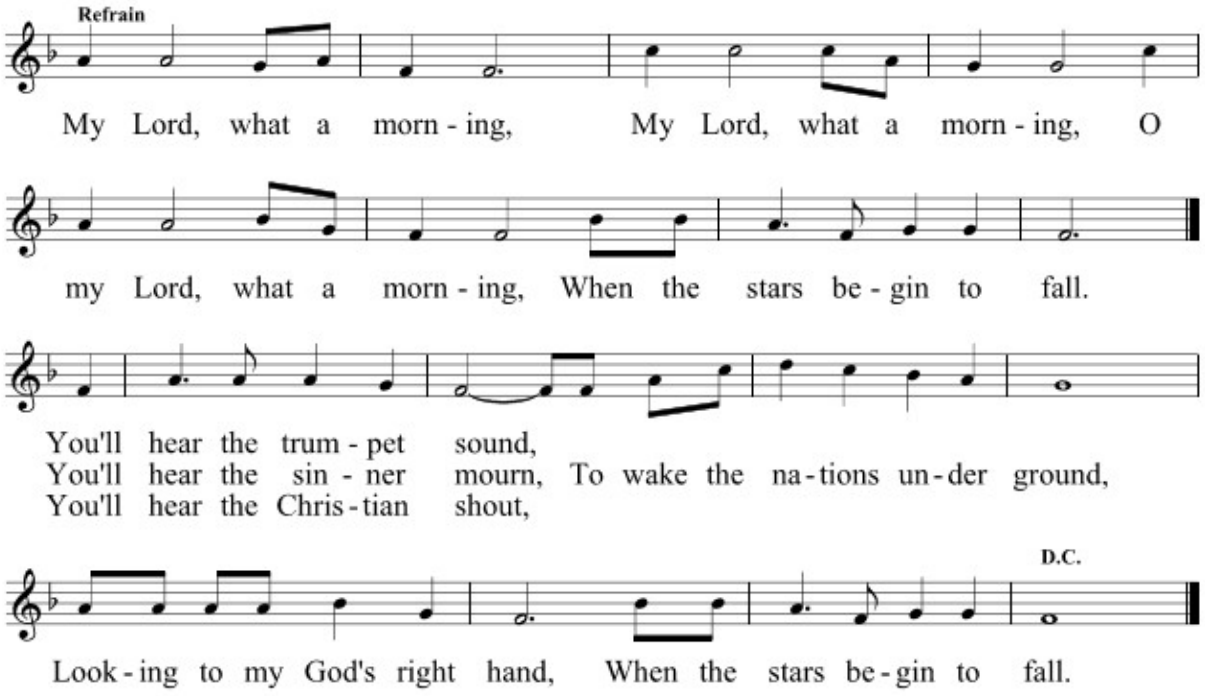

Communion Hymn 3: Voices Found #102 *Creator of all time and space*

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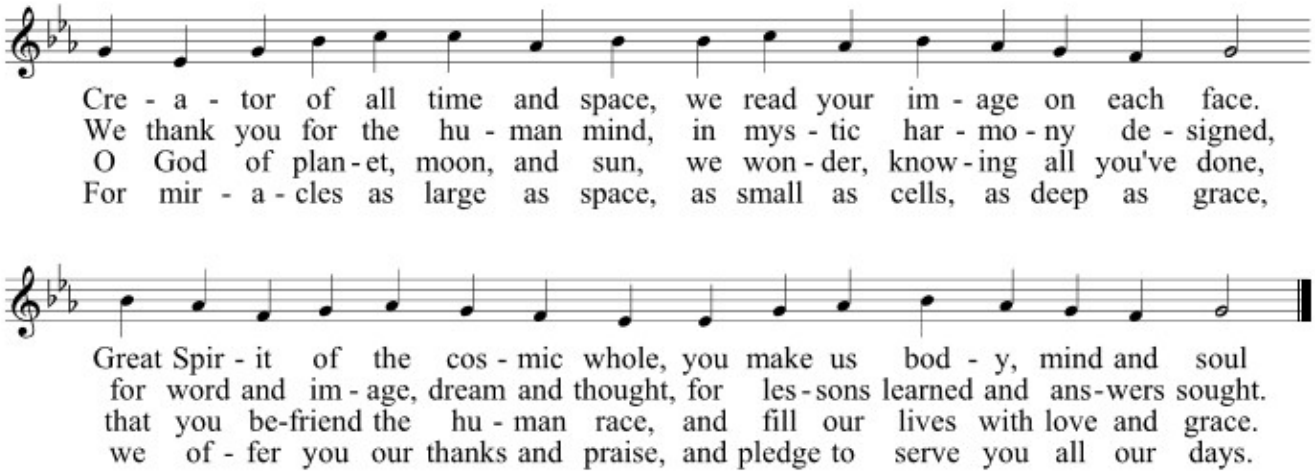

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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: Hymnal 1982 #376 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) Music: *Hymn to Joy,* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) adapt. Edward Hughes (1796-1867)
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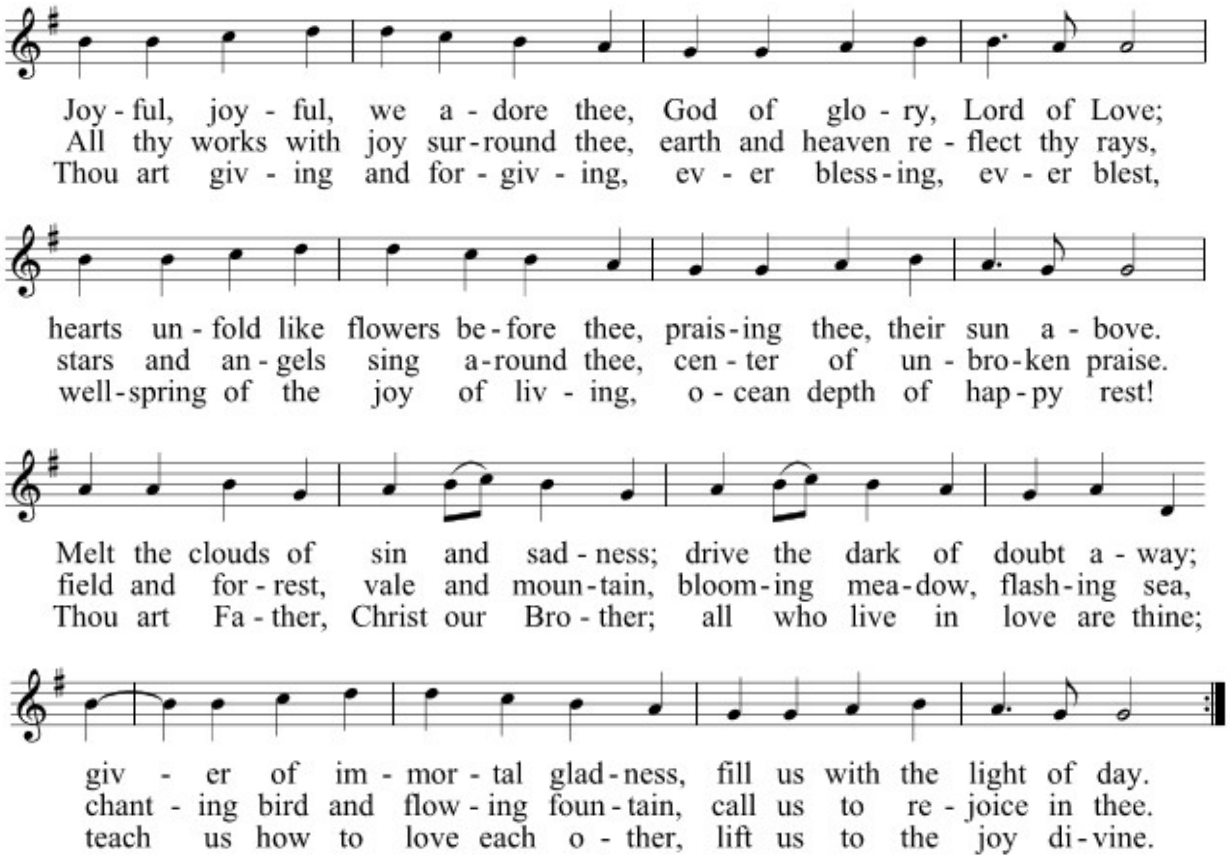

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Prelude in C Major*

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Chapter 15 about the return from exile in Babylon: Go Up and Rebuild