The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
September 8, 2024
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. You may notice a creation theme in this week's liturgy. This is part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to Creation Care, and so this month some of our prayers and hymns will reflect this theme.

Prelude: *Crusaders' Hymn*

Arranged: Rudy Atwood

Opening Hymn: Gather #539 *Gather Us in*

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Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People: For your love is new every morning, O Holy One.

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* (sung three times)

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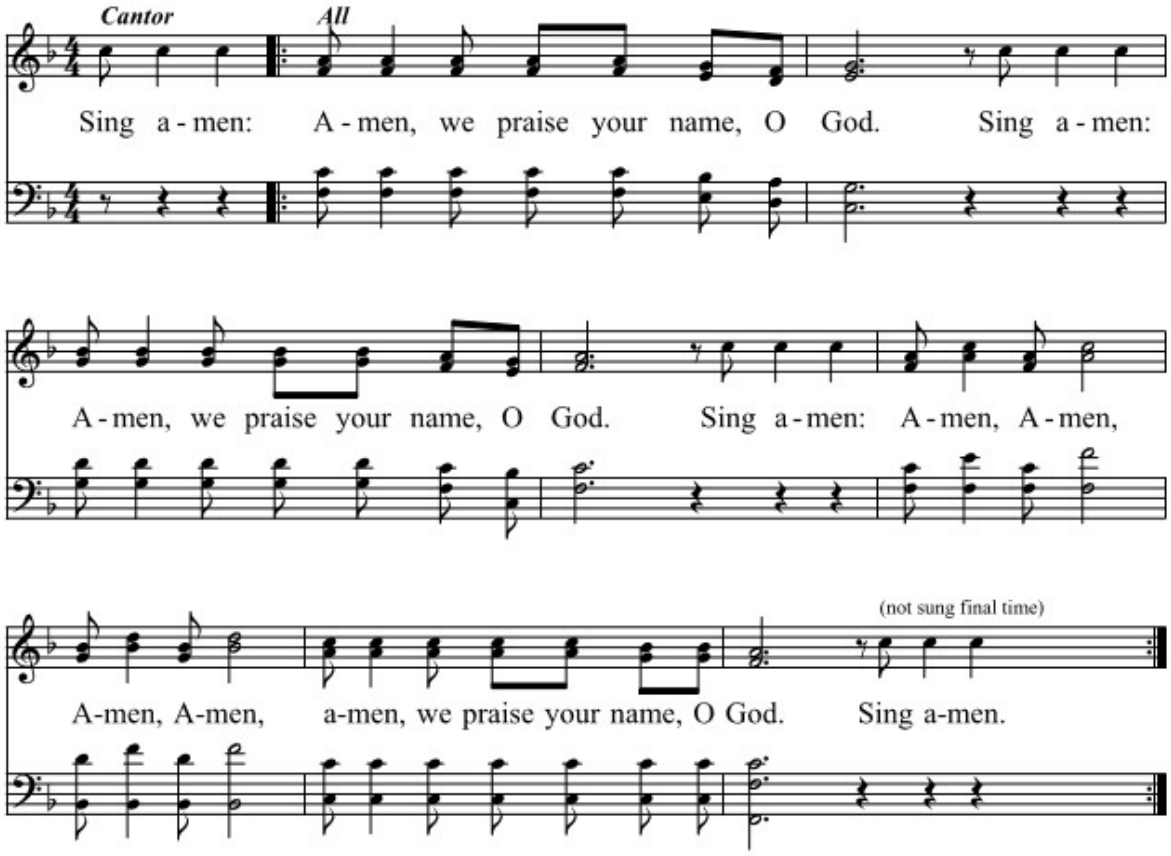

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken but stands for ever.
As the hills enfold Jerusalem:
so you enfold your people O Lord, now and for ever.
The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land assigned to the just:
lest the just should put out their hand to do evil.
Do good O Lord to those who are good:
to those who are upright in heart.
As for those who turn aside into crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away with evil-doers:
but upon Israel there shall be peace.

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: One Lord One Faith One Baptism #559 Be Still and Know

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

Mark 7:24–30

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

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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* Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

The Prayers of the People

O God, You invite all people into your grace.
You feed us with the bread of life and bless us with living water, and to you we are grateful. With the woman at the well we ask you to give us the water that gushes up to eternal life and to feed us with your presence. And so this morning we pray saying, Lord, make us hungry.

For your Word and for your Spirit, **Lord, make us hungry.**
For the bread of life, **Lord, make us hungry.**
For understanding and compassion, **Lord, make us hungry.**
For freedom, justice and peace, **Lord, make us hungry.**
For an equal sharing of your good gifts, **Lord, make us hungry.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "If you then, who are broken, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will God give good things to those who ask!" So today we turn to the Jesus again and say: Lord, fill us.

With your hope and strength, **Lord, fill us.**
With your boundless love and self-giving, **Lord, fill us.**
With the power of your death and resurrection, **Lord, fill us.**
With your sensitivity to the needs of others, **Lord, fill us.**
With trust in your will to save us all, **Lord, fill us.**

For our communities, our country, and our world, that we have responsible leaders who act for the well being of the most vulnerable, we pray: **Lord, make us bread broken for others.**

That all may be fed and none go hungry, and that we serve the poor, those in any need or trouble, and those in need of your healing grace, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now, we pray. *The people may add their own petitions.* **Lord, make us bread broken for others.**

For those caught in violence, war, and conflict, especially those in Gaza, Haiti, Sudan, and Ukraine, we pray for peace and healing. Where there is conflict Lord, let us sow reconciliation and love, we pray: **Lord, make us bread broken for others.**

That we may give thanks to you not only with our lips but in our lives, and that we celebrate with those who have birthdays, anniversaries, and other blessings of this life, we pray: **Lord, make us bread broken for others.**

We offer our prayers to you, O God, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, 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: **Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ 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

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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: Hymnal 1982 #493 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* verses 1-4 and 6

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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 up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity and your simplicity into our corruption.

Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: LEVAS #255 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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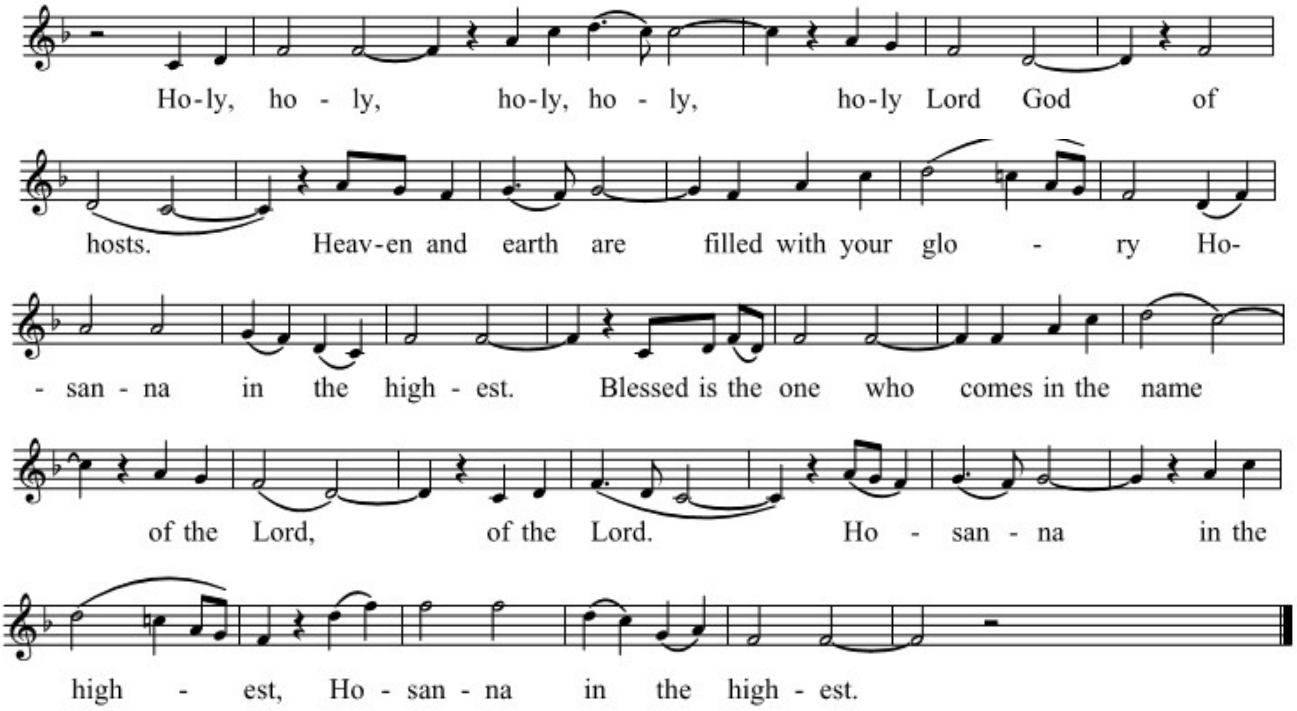

We give thanks to you for Jesus, your Beloved. He was baptized in the Jordan and tested in the wilderness. He traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

And so we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

When supper was ended, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, and passed the cup among his friends, saying "Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood, of the new and everlasting covenant. Do this in memory of me."

And now remembering Jesus' life, that he gives for all people, we offer you this sacrifice of thanksgiving: **We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Holy One, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them, together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of all creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, of broken and whole, where we will praise your name forever. For All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Celebrant: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
People: All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

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: New Century Hymnal #332 *As We Gather at Your Table*

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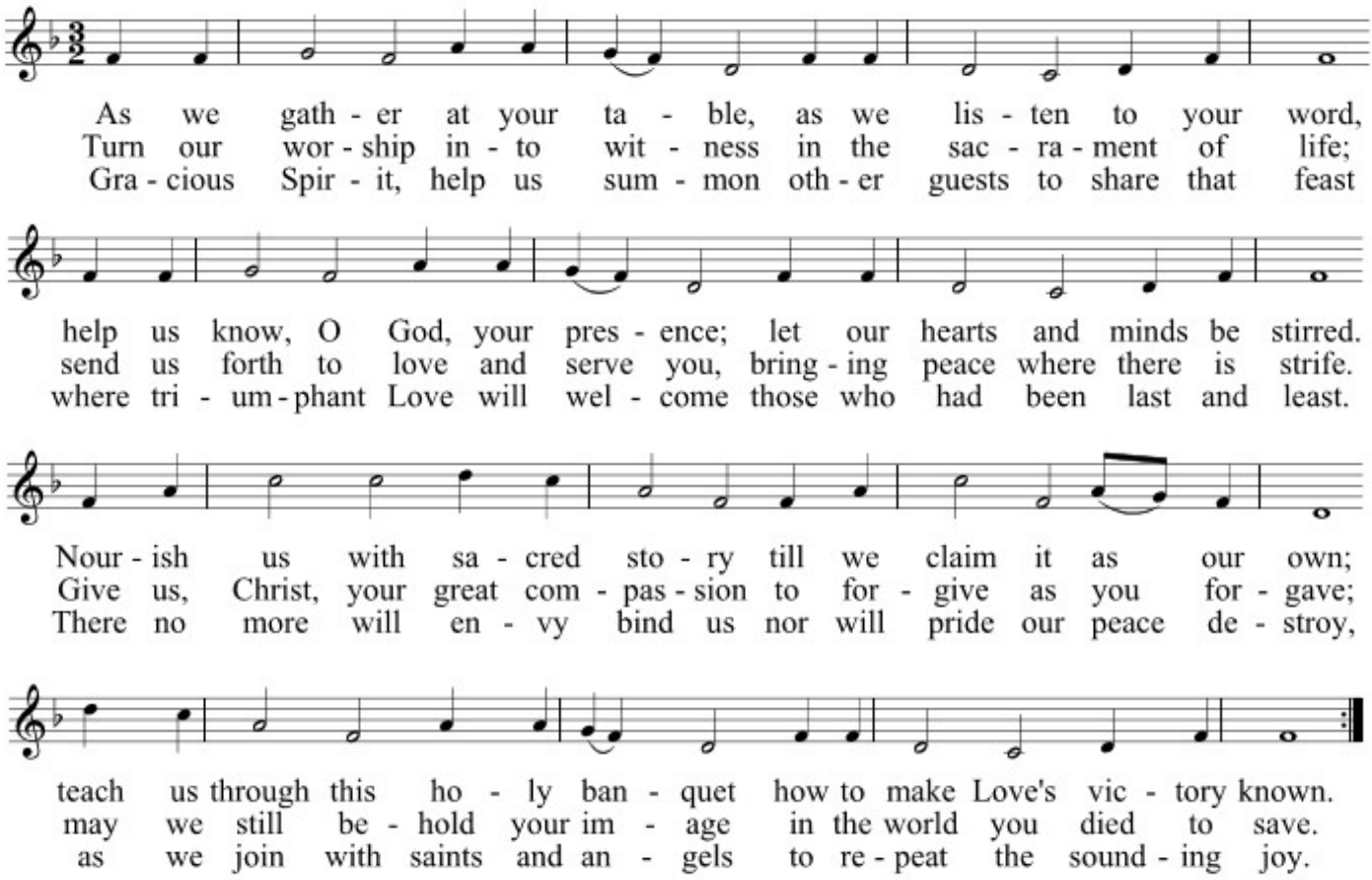

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #345 *Song at the Center*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of Mother Earth. We pray that you create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew your creation. May we be one with you and one with each other so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

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 #376 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

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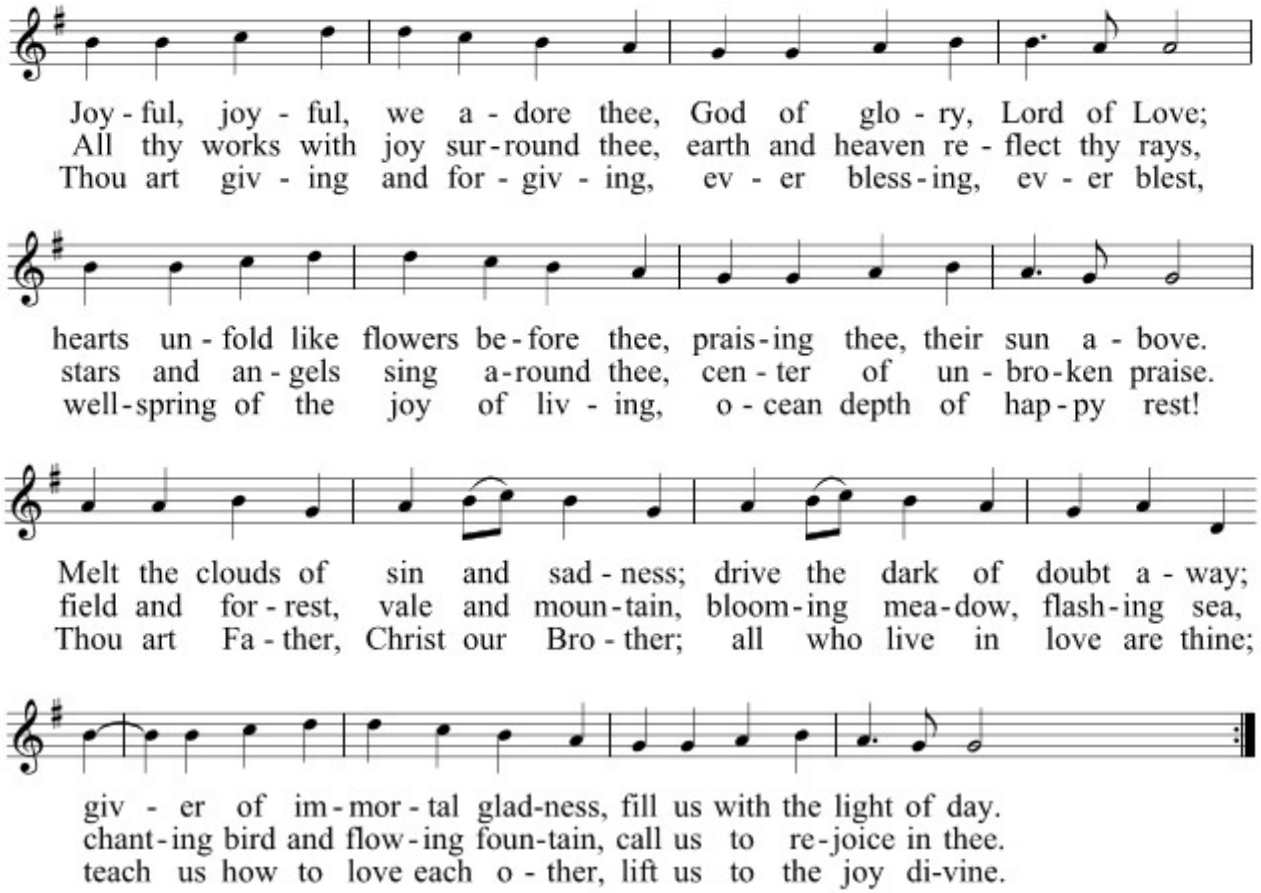

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: *My Heart Ever Faithful*

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach