



# **The Season After Pentecost**

**St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale, Maryland**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Washington**  
***The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***September 13, 2020***

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music for online participants.*

## **Prelude: *My eyes for beauty pine* by Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983) Performed by Dr. Joshua Fishbein**

*English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983) and poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) composed the music and words for today's prelude and opening hymn. The hymn tune Michael for "All my hope on God is founded" is named after the composer's son, Michael, who tragically died from Polio at the age of nine in 1935.*

Lyrics by Robert Seymour Bridges (1844 - 1930):

My eyes for beauty pine,	One splendour thence is shed	And every gentle heart,
My soul for Goddes grace:	From all the stars above :	That burns with true desire,
No other care nor hope is mine,	'Tis named when God's name is	Is lit from eyes that mirror part
To heaven I turn my face.	said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly	Of that celestial fire.
	love.	

## **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #665 *All My Hope on God is Founded***

All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be-  
God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom,  
trust re - new, me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on-ly  
- tray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to  
pas-sing thought: splen - dor, light and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring-eth out of  
true. God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
naught. Ev - er - more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

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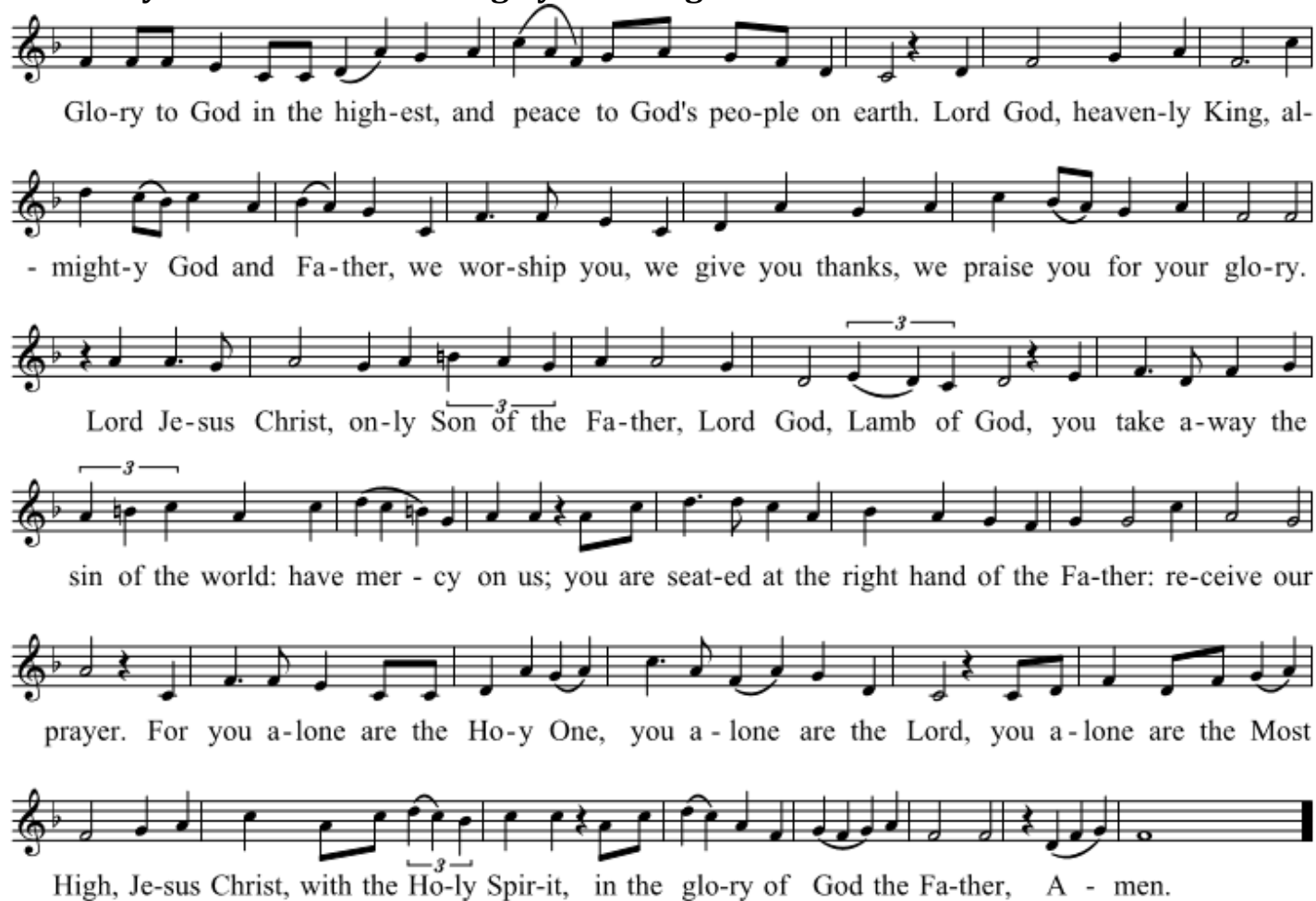
***Celebrant:*** We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life:  
***People:*** For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.

**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 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir**



The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket). The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text reads: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray together the Collect of the day: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Prayer for Racial Justice:**

O God who calls us to love kindness and do justice: in the midst of violence and injustice in our country we pray that you grant us grace to fearlessly contend against the evils of racism, and that you give us strength and courage to stand against oppression with our words and with our deeds, through Jesus Christ our strength and our guide. Amen.

## **Genesis 50:15-21**      *Read by William Bultman*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

## **Psalms 103: 1-13**

Praise the Lord O my soul: **and all that is within me praise God's holy name.**

Praise the Lord O my soul: **and forget not all that God has done for you.**

The Lord forgives you all your sin: **and heals you of all your infirmities.**

The Lord saves your life from the grave: **and crowns you with love and mercy.**

The Lord fills your life with good things: **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

You Lord are righteous in your acts: **and bring justice to all that are oppressed.**

You showed your ways to Moses: **your deeds to the children of Israel.**

You are full of compassion and mercy: **slow to anger and rich in kindness.**

You will not always accuse us, **nor will you keep your anger for ever.**

You have not dealt with us according to our sins: **nor repaid us according to our faults.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth:

**so great is your mercy O God upon those who hold you in awe.**

As far as the east is from the west: **so far have you removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children: **so do you O God care for those who hold you in awe.**

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

## **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon:      The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People      *Led by Renée Moore***

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and the blessings of harvest, and for the bounty your good earth provides. We pray for your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for leaders who truly care for your people. We ask that all leaders of nations, including our own, may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor and those who are hungry. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn. O God, **we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.**

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.*

**People:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Blessing of a New Icon

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him.

**Congregational response: The word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, your son our Savior manifested his glory in your flesh, and sanctified and outward and visible to be a means to perceive what is unseen: We ask you to bless this icon as a representative of Jesus, and grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith. May this icon draw us closer to him and to you, and help us ever to see ourselves in him. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### The Offertory

*The Celebrant says*

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

*Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. 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. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.*

### Offertory Hymn: MHSO 86: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*



In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree; in co-coons, a hid-den  
There's a song in ev-'ry si-lence, see-king word and mel-o - dy; there's a dawn in ev -'ry  
In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; in our doubt there is be-



prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of wint - er there's a  
dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it  
- liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the



spring that waits to be, un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.  
holds, a mys-ter-y, un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.  
last, a vic - to - ry, un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

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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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name 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.

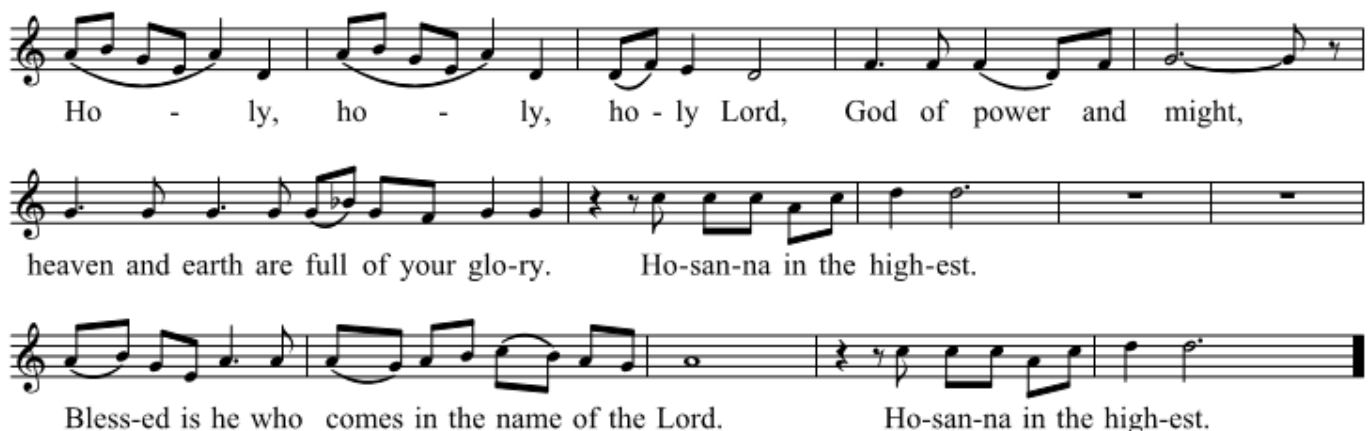
From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

**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:

### ***Hymnal 1982 S 128 Sanctus***

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 Celebrant says*

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

**Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I pray that you come spiritually into my heart and strengthen me with your grace. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. I pray that I may never be separated from you. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of 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. 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*



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

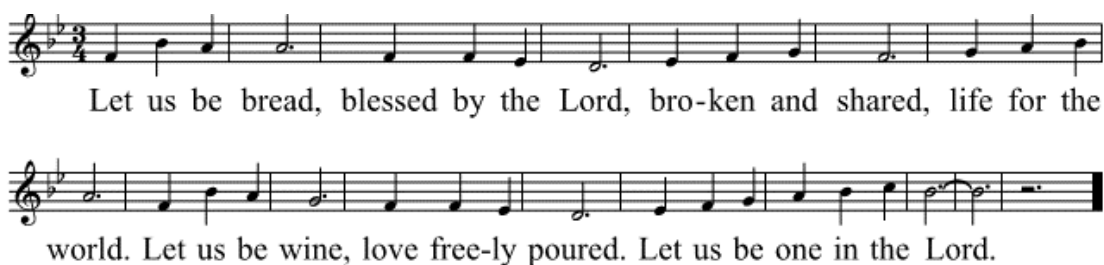
**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.*

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



1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.
2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants, but friends
3. See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.
4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.

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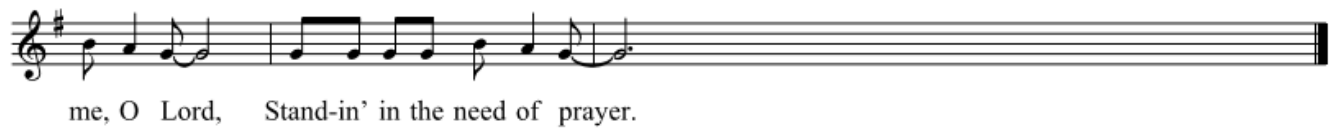
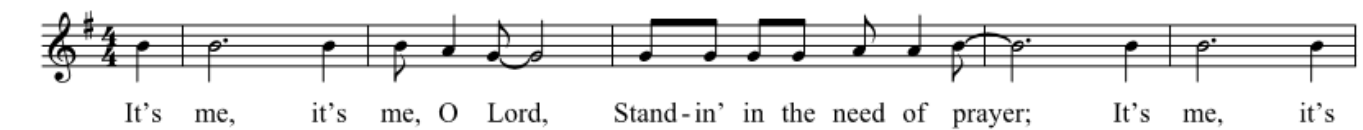
## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. 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 177 *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*



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## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* arr. Sharon Wilson