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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!
Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today.

Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations.

Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building – exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the Offering Plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*
VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.
Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.
The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*
Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*
Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*
Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*
Lynn Frick, *Director, The Children's Space*

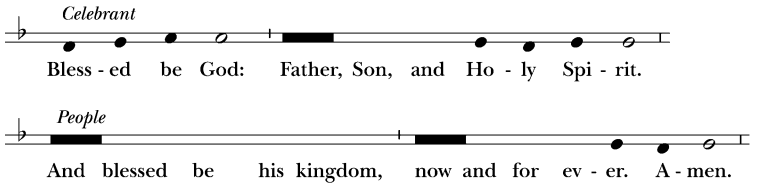
Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes

Abundant Grace • Intentional Worship • Beloved Community

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY Paean Kenneth Leighton

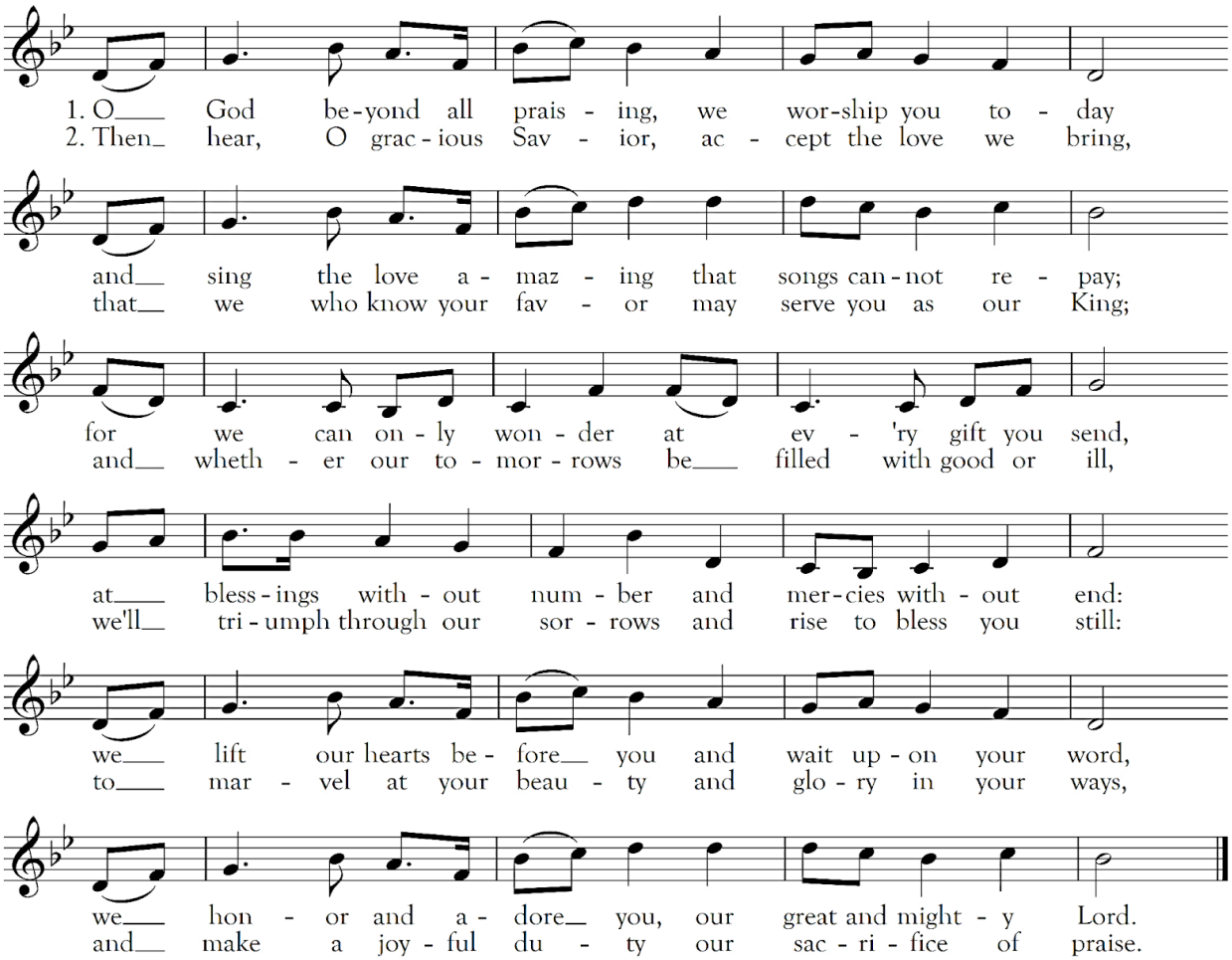
HYMN IN PROCESSION #494 Crown him with many crowns *Hymnal 1982*



Book of Common Prayer, 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA O God beyond all praising *Sung by all.* *Hymns Ancient & Modern*



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.* **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 *Sung by the choir.* chant, Thomas Norris

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

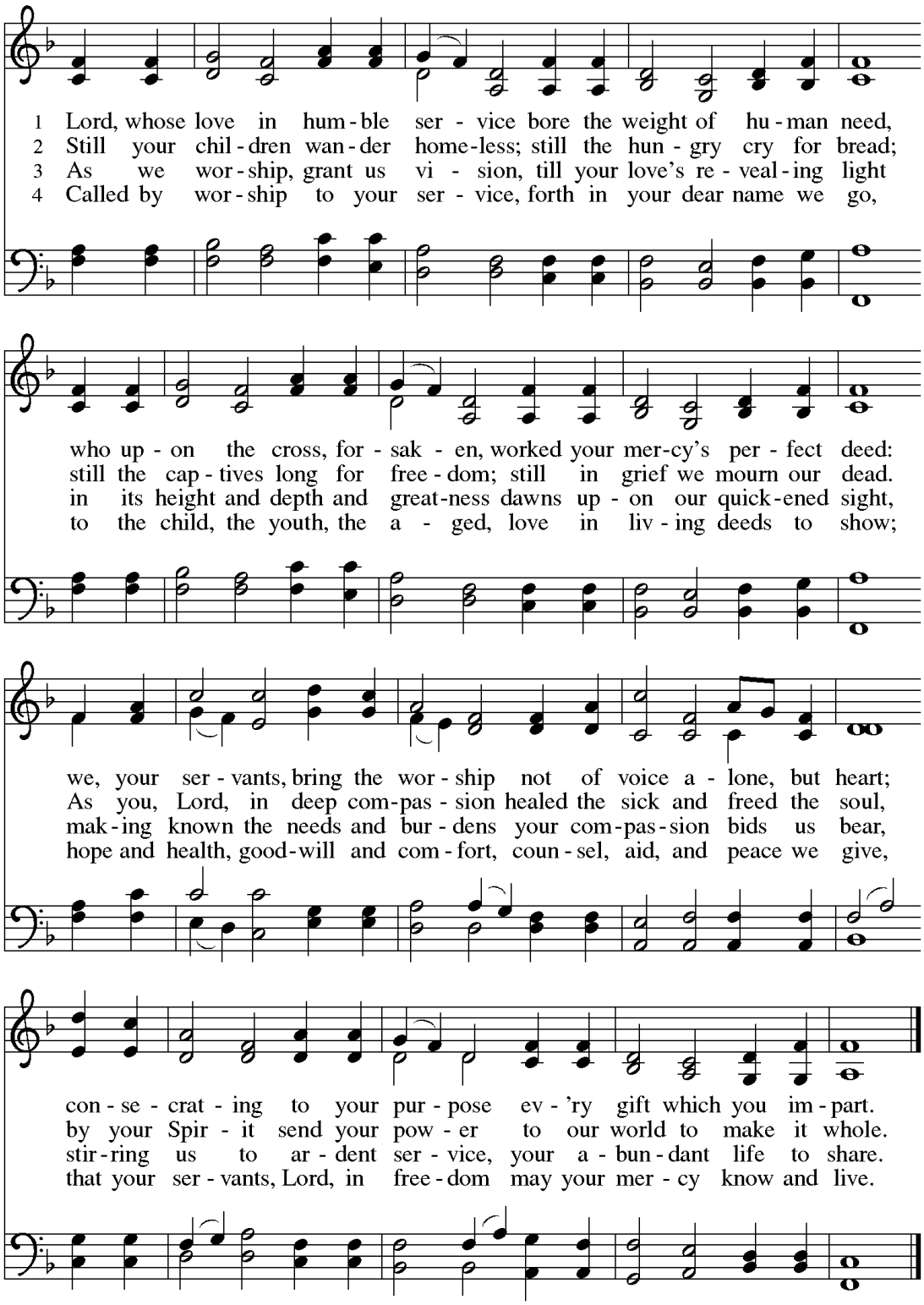
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

Lord, whose love in humble service — *Beach Spring*



THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.* The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand, as able.* BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please remain standing or kneel.*

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially +Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Sean, our Presiding Bishop; +Samuel, our Diocesan; +Jennifer, our Assistant Bishop; +Joseph, Bishop of the Diocese of Mumias, Kenya; +William, our Interim Rector; and Bonnie, our Deacon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Nancy, David and Charlie; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Bud Koonts and Jim Spencer, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

[Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.]

A Prayer for Our New Rector

Most gracious and loving God, who gives us diverse gifts and calls us to diverse ministries in which to use these gifts, we give you thanks that through Christ in the power of your Spirit, you have guided us through the process of discerning the one you have called to be our new rector. We give you thanks that Fr. Christopher has heard and accepted your call to him through us. We ask your blessing on Fr. Christopher and his family, Anne, Andi and Elena. May their transition to Salisbury be smooth and easy. Bless this parish as we prepare to receive the Wilkersons among us. Bless us all as we enter into the new chapter of our life with You. Grant that we may all enter into our future with You, with openness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

A Prayer for Sound Government BCP 821

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.
Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their

fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel, as able.* BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *Please remain kneeling.*

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

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

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Prayed by all.*

Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

2027 Pledge Cards may be submitted in the bowl near the Altar during Communion or in the Offering Plate. Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at www.SLS.church/give

OFFERTORY ANTHEM King of glory, King of peace J. S. Bach, arr. William Harris

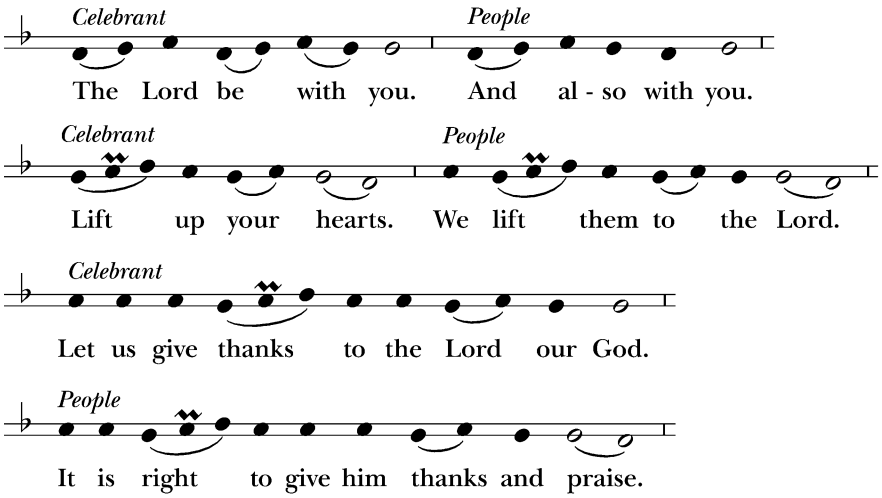
King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee:
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst not my working breast, Thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is in this poor sort To enrol Thee:
E'en eternity's too short To extol Thee.
(Text from George Herbert)

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #400.7 *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*

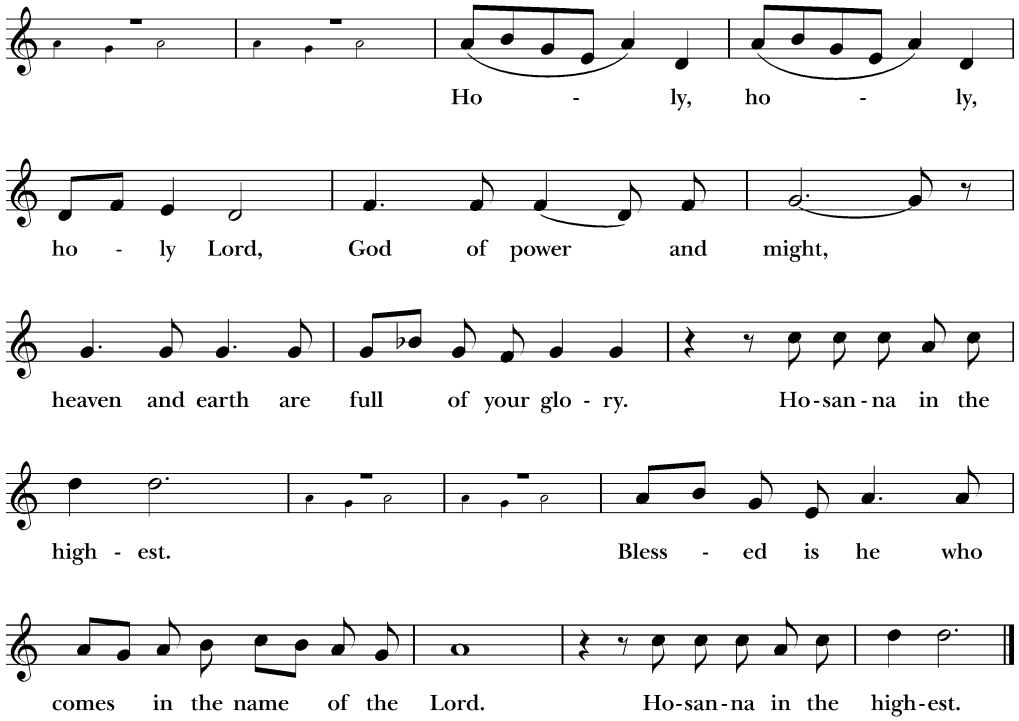
Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *Please remain standing.* BCP 367

SURSUM CORDA S-120 *Hymnal 1982*



SANCTUS S-128 *Sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982*



Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues: We give thanks to you, O God ...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

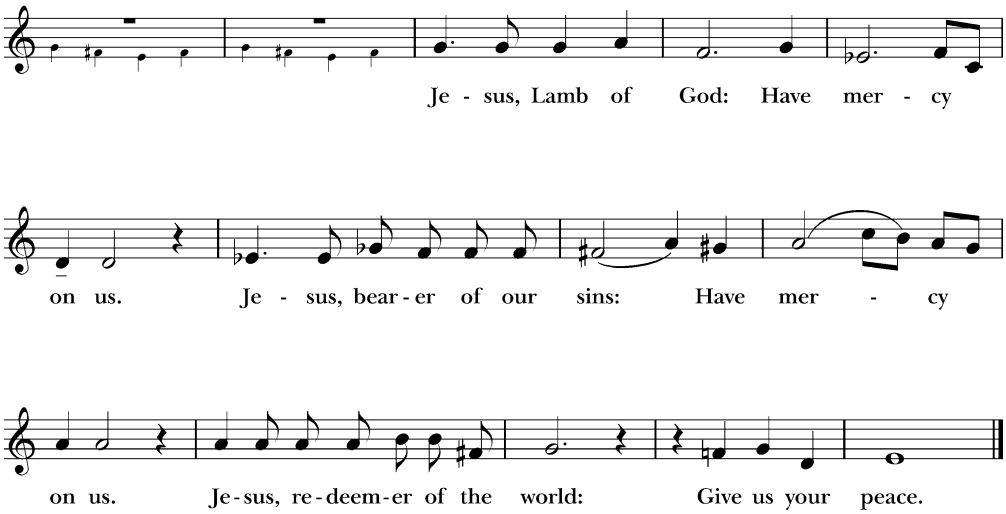
The Celebrant continues... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-165 *Sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982*



All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.

For health and safety reasons, it is not possible to allow intinction as a means of making your Communion. If you do not wish to receive the sacramental Blood of Christ / Wine from the chalice (which is quite alright), you may cross your arm over your heart to indicate you do not wish to receive or you may leave the Altar rail after you receive the sacramental Body of Christ / Bread. Either option is fine. Please know that to receive Communion in one Kind is to receive the whole sacrament and is in no way deficient.

COMMUNION HYMN #435 At the name of Jesus *Hymnal 1982*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.* BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Sung by all.*

#460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! *Hymnal 1982*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Toccata (on *Old 100th*) Shean Bowers

Servers	*Today*	*Next Sunday*
Ushers	Malachi Whitson, Brian Whitson, Trevor Eppehimer, Hank Newman	Andy and Susanna Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb
Greeter	Malachi Whitson	Andy and Susanna Lund
Emergency Response	Brian Whitson	Pennie Martin
Lectors	Lee Piper, Pennie Martin	Graham Corriher, Ruby Corriher
Chalicists	Pati Carter, Pennie Martin	Stephen Collins, Penny Roemer
Intercessor	Davis Cooke	Robin Swanson
Verger	Davis Cooke	Graham Corriher
Acolytes	Nick Clement, Pierce Ellis, Salem Griffith, Duncan Griffith	Stephanie Collins, Ruby Corriher, Rachel Tinsley, John Graham Corriher
Choir	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
Nursery	Katie Leckonby, Cris Leckonby	Katie Leckonby, Tyler Breese
Children's Church	Caroline Stephenson, Danielle Corriher	Caroline Stephenson, Laura Greene
Vestry Deposit	Brian Whitson, Luanne Short	John Cowan, Andrew Jacobson
Altar Guild	Barb Whenal, Ann Dandison, Reg Boland	Lynn Bolick, Eunice Gladey
Wednesday Server		Cathy Green

Eucharistic Candles given by: Penny Roemer in memory of Hans E. Roemer, Rosina and Sidney Fyson, Jack Dobie, Beverly Fyson, Doris Harding, Patrick Daly

Office Candles given by: Mr. and Mrs. Donny Clement III in memory of Murtis Maynard Nicholas, Dan Miller Nicholas, Richard Maynard Nicholas, Ruth Ritchie Miller Clement, Don Clement Jr., Joseph Duane Gilliam, Betty Dan Nicholas Spencer

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Reg Boland in memory of the Rev. Kenneth R. Terry and the Rev. Uly H. Gooch

Altar Flowers given by: Richard and Pennie Martin in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beaver and Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Martin

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Parish Officers: Davis Cooke (Secretary); Will Goodnight (Treasurer); Chip Short (Chancellor)

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