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# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 25, 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*

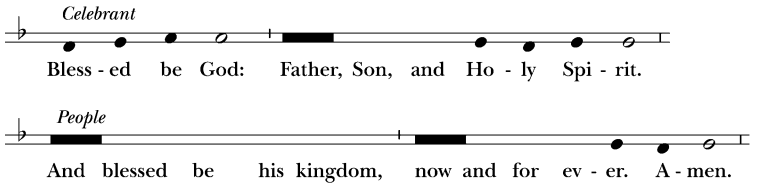
Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes

Abundant Grace • Intentional Worship • Beloved Community

# THE WORD OF GOD

**VOLUNTARY** Festival Prelude on 'Ein' feste Burg' William Faulkes

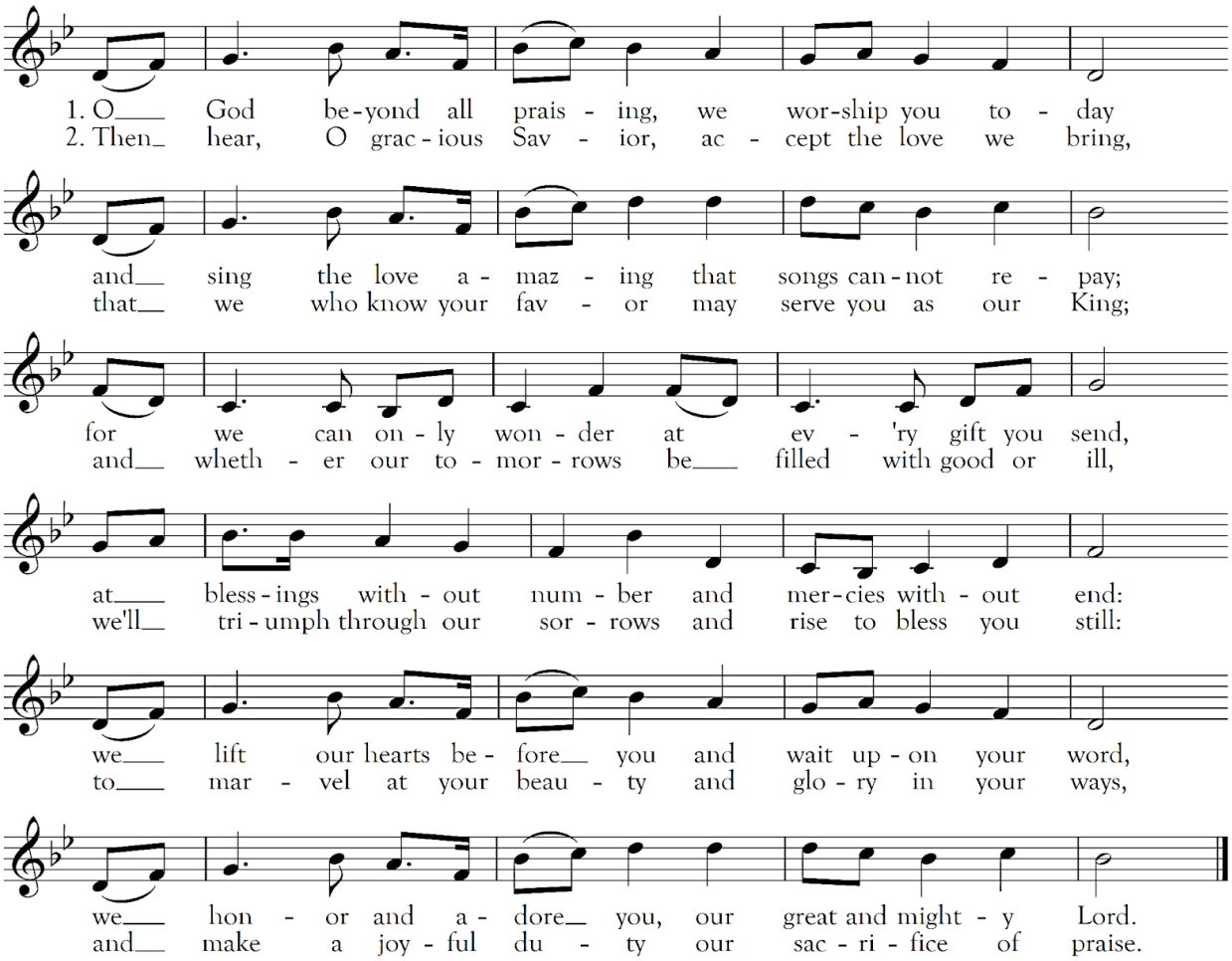
**HYMN IN PROCESSION** #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise *Hymnal 1982*




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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.* **Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

## PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 *Sung by choir.* chant, John Bertalot

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in
which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our
hands; prosper our handiwork.
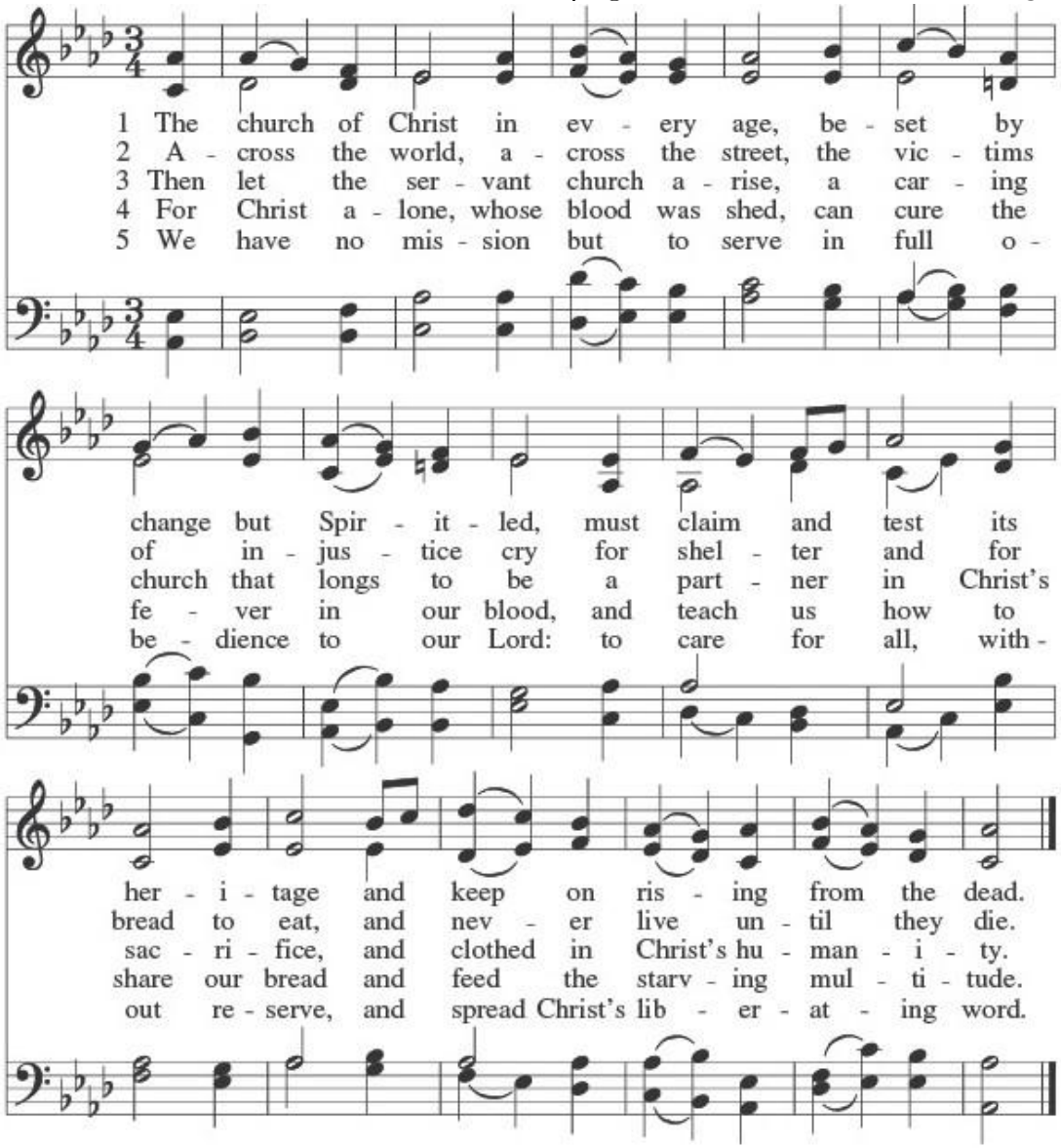
**THE SECOND READING** **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** The church of Christ in every age *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 22:34-46**

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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 Marilyn; 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, 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 — Sing, My Soul — Sarah MacDonald

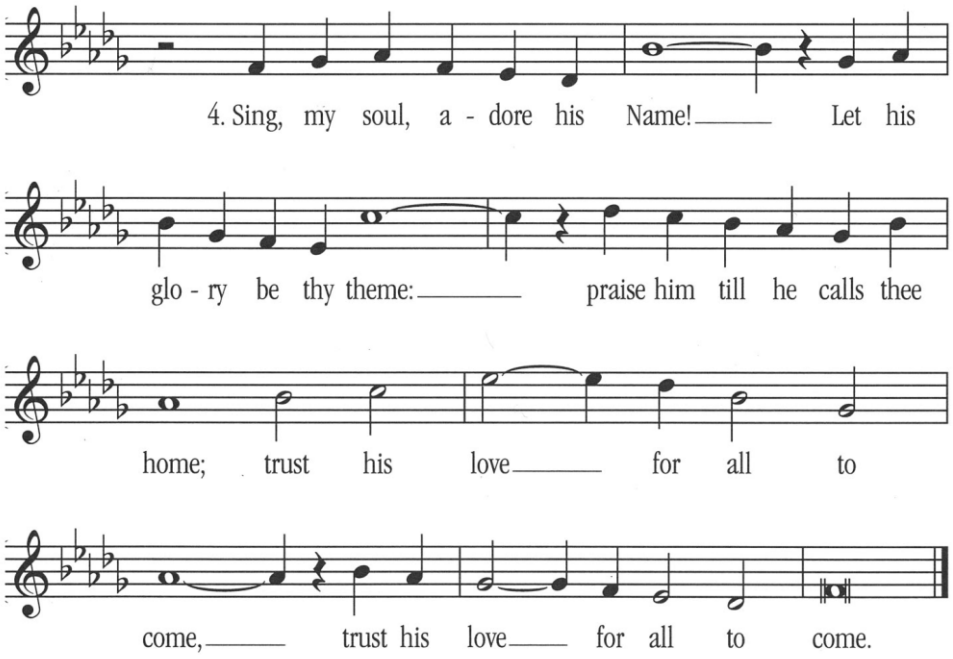
*Choir*

1. Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still extends to us his grace.

2. Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?

3. God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.

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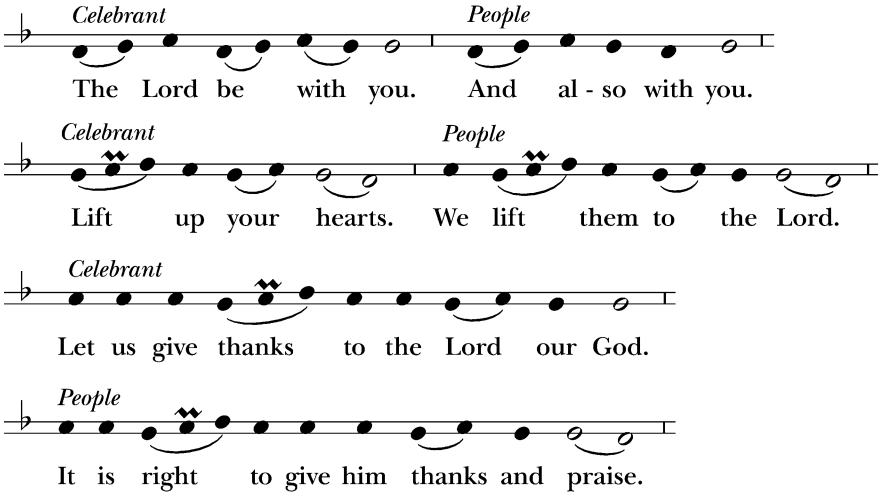


## THE DOXOLOGY 493.6 *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*

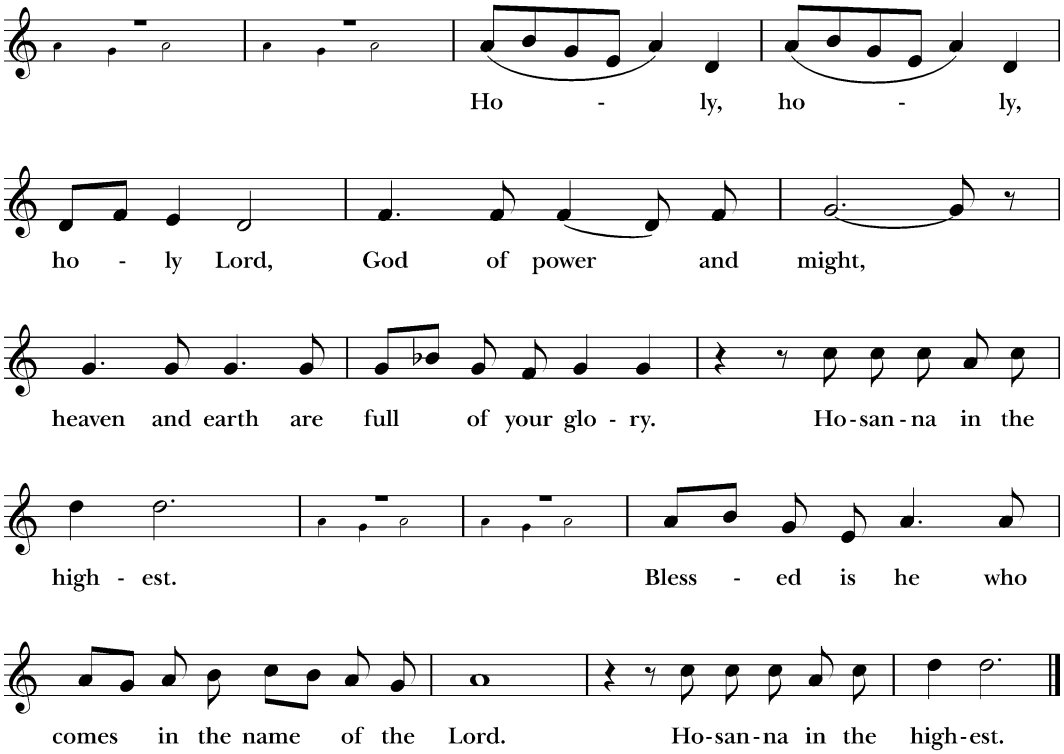
*Glory to God and praise and love*
*be now and ever given*
*by saints below and saints above,*
*the Church in earth and heaven.*

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *Please remain standing.* BCP 367

## SURSUM CORDA S-120 *Hymnal 1982*




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




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*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;**

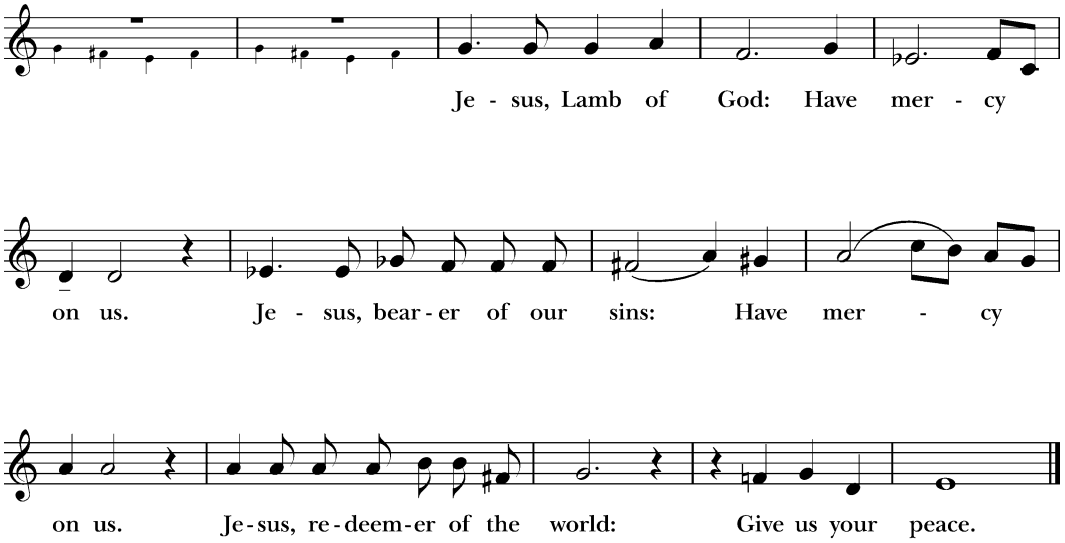
*The Celebrant continues...* all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*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*




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*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** #348 Lord, we have come *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.*

#688 A mighty fortress is our God *Hymnal 1982*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY Placare Christe Servulis — Marcel Dupré

*O Christ, be reconciled to thy servants*

| **Servers** | *Today* | *Next Sunday* |
|---|---|---|
| *Ushers* | Malachi Whitson, Brian Whitson, Hank Newman, Don Don Clement | Andy and Susanna Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb |
| *Greeter* | Malachi Whitson | Andy and Susanna Lund |
| *Emergency Response* | Brian Whitson | Pennie Martin |
| *Lectors* | Pennie Martin, Graham Corriher | Ruby Corriher, Michelle Whitson |
| *Chalicists* | Stephen Collins, Pennie Martin | Chip Carter, Penny Roemer |
| *Intercessor* | Kathy Carter | Robin Swanson |
| *Verger* | Graham Corriher | Graham Corriher |
| *Acolytes* | Nick Clement, Pierce Ellis, Salem Griffith, Duncan Griffith | Malachi Whitson, Ruby Corriher, James Stephenson, John Graham Corriher, Clara Tinsley |
| *Choir* | St. Luke's Choir | St. Luke's Choir |
| *Nursery* | Katie Leckonby, Tyler Breese | Katie Leckonby, Mary Plumley |
| *Children's Church* | Caroline Stephenson, Andrew Jacobson | Caroline Stephenson, Hannah Jacobson |
| *Vestry Deposit* | Sarah Wooten, John Cowan | Tyler Ellis, Penny Roemer |
| *Altar Guild* | Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson | Pennie Martin, Anne Scott Clement, Lisa Godbey |
| *Wednesday Server* | Cathy Green | Ray Swann |

**Eucharistic Candles given by:** David zumBrunnen in memory of Thomas Park zumBrunnen Sr., Veda Beaver zumBrunnen, Chester David zumBrunnen, Betty Jean zumBrunnen

**Office Candles given by:** Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hamaty in memory of Daniel and Lenore Hamaty

**Sanctuary Lamp given by:** Reg Boland in memory of Maria Hall

**Altar Flowers given by:** Brian and Michelle Whitson in thanksgiving for their marriage

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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## Parish Officers and Vestry

2026: Kathy Carter, Tyler Ellis (Jr. Warden), Andrew Jacobson, Jane White (Sr. Warden)
2027: Penny Roemer, Ray Swann, Brian Whitson, Sarah Wooten
2028: David Cline, John Cowan, Mary Ann McCubbin, Luanne Short
Parish Officers: Davis Cooke (Secretary); Will Goodnight (Treasurer); Chip Short (Chancellor)

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