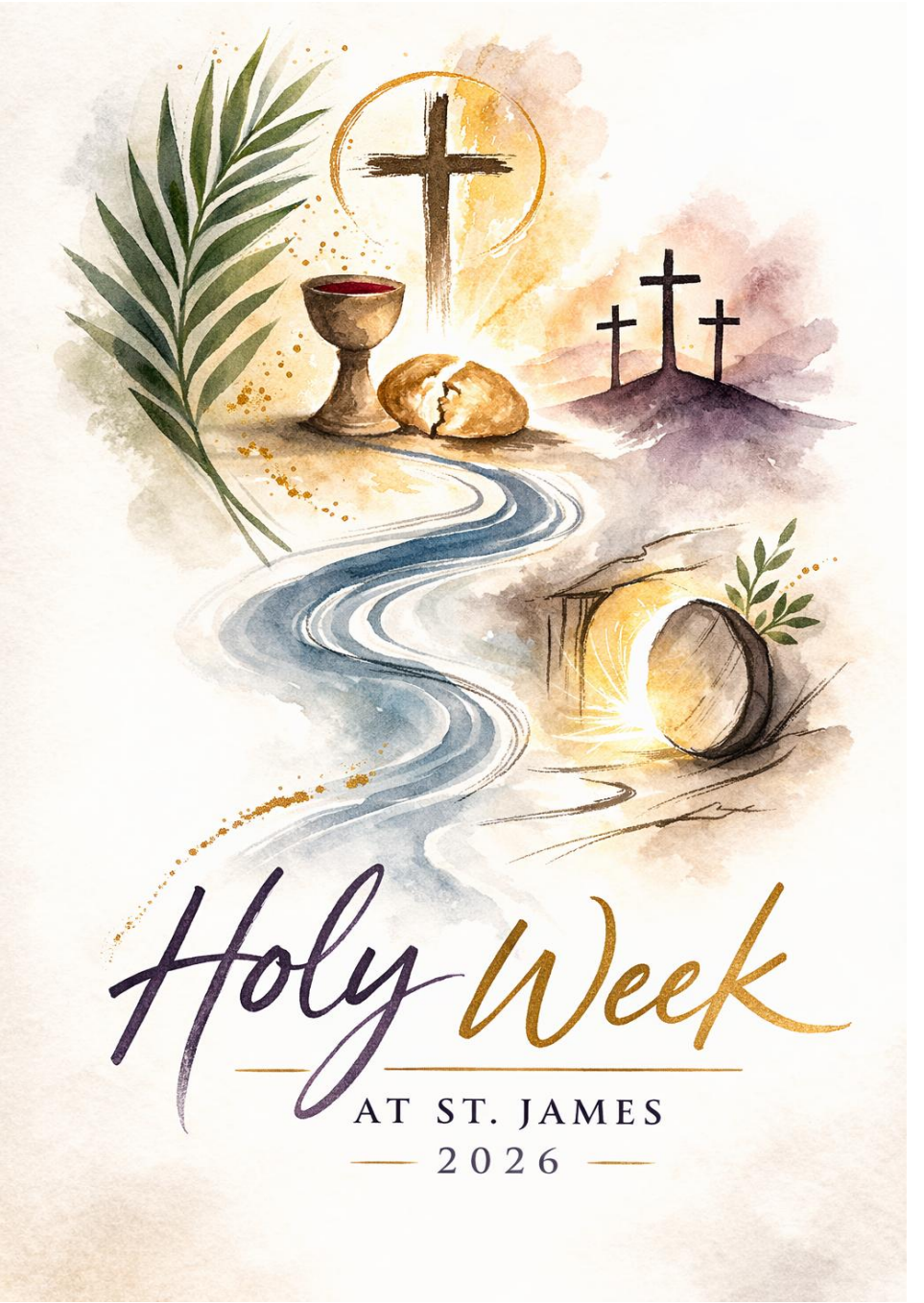
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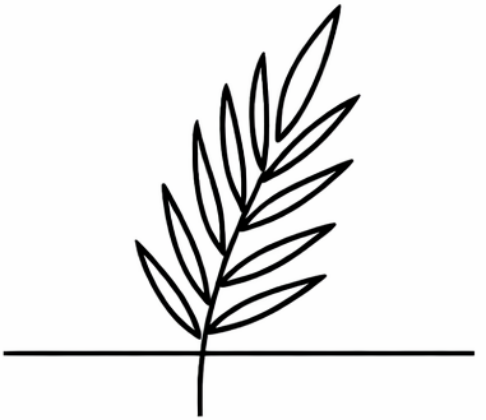

Palm Sunday

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 270)

Presider: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: BCP p. 271

The Celebrant then says the blessing.

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider:

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Amen

THE PROCESSION

During the opening procession, all hold palm branches in their hands.

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.
People: In the name of Christ. Amen

As the procession prepares to leave the parish hall, the presider prays:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: ***Amen.***

The people begin singing when they enter the church and hear the organ accompaniment

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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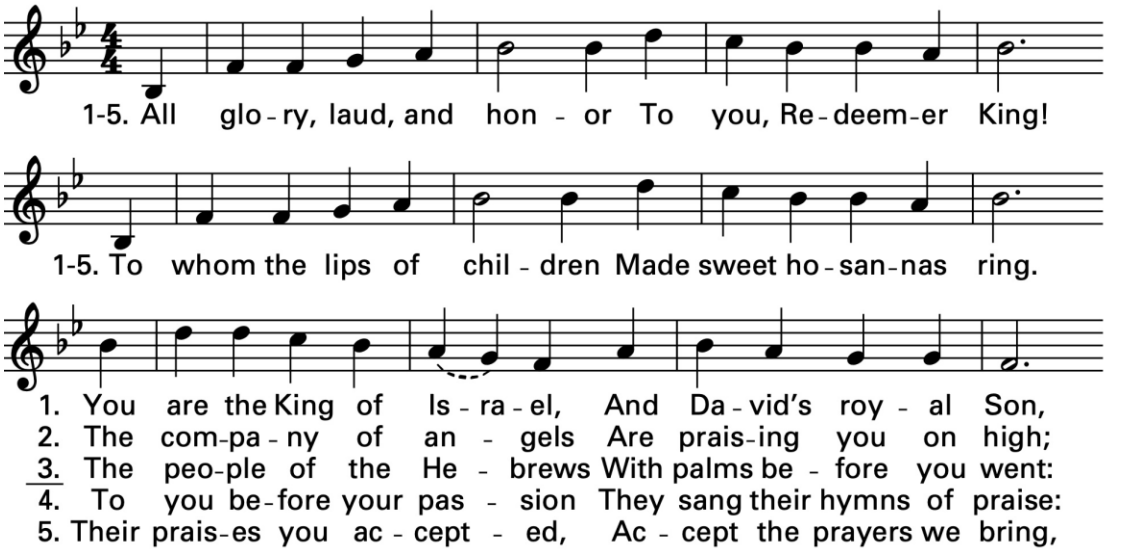

1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all _ things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt., *Hymanl Noted*, 1854.
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.

The Collect

Presider: God be with you
People: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Word

The people are seated an d listed attetively as the lector proclaims the lections.

✝ FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

At the end of the reading the Lector says:

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

PSALM RESPONSE

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

9**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; ***
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
11 **I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,**
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
13 **For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;**
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
15 **My times are in your hand; ***
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

✝ SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

At the end of the reading the Lector says:

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***Take Up Your Cross*** **Gather4 - 871**

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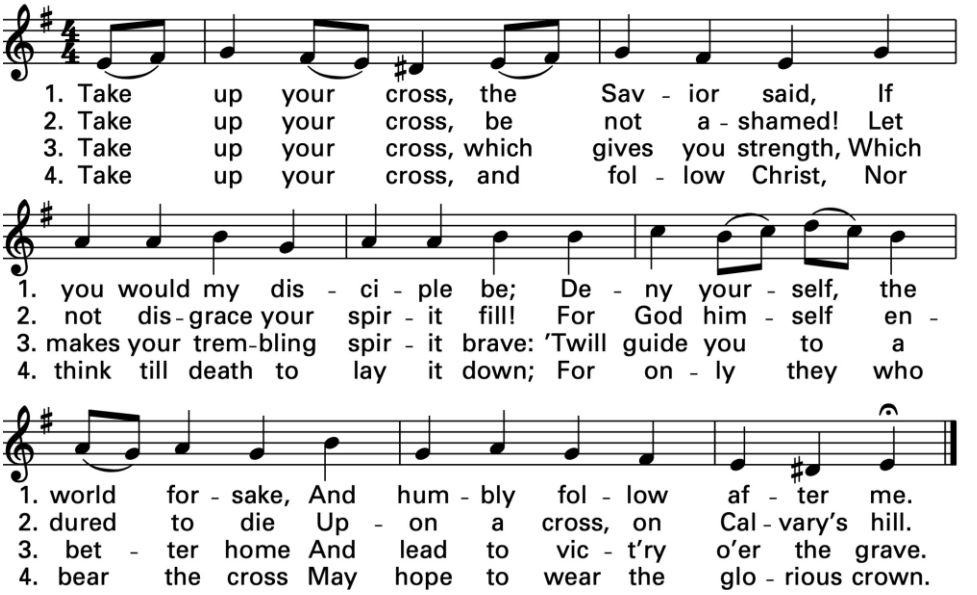

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Music: J. Klug's *Geistilche Lieder*, 1543.

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:14 —27:66

During the proclamation of the Gospel the people are seated until signaled by the presider to stand.

THE SERMON The Very Reverend Lewis D. Crusoe, Rector

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)
The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

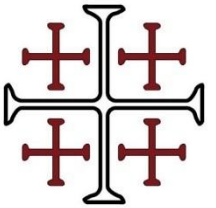
Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE & THE GREETING OF THOSE ONLINE



OFFERTORY HYMN ***Heal me, hands of Jesus*** **WLP 773**

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Presider: God be with you
People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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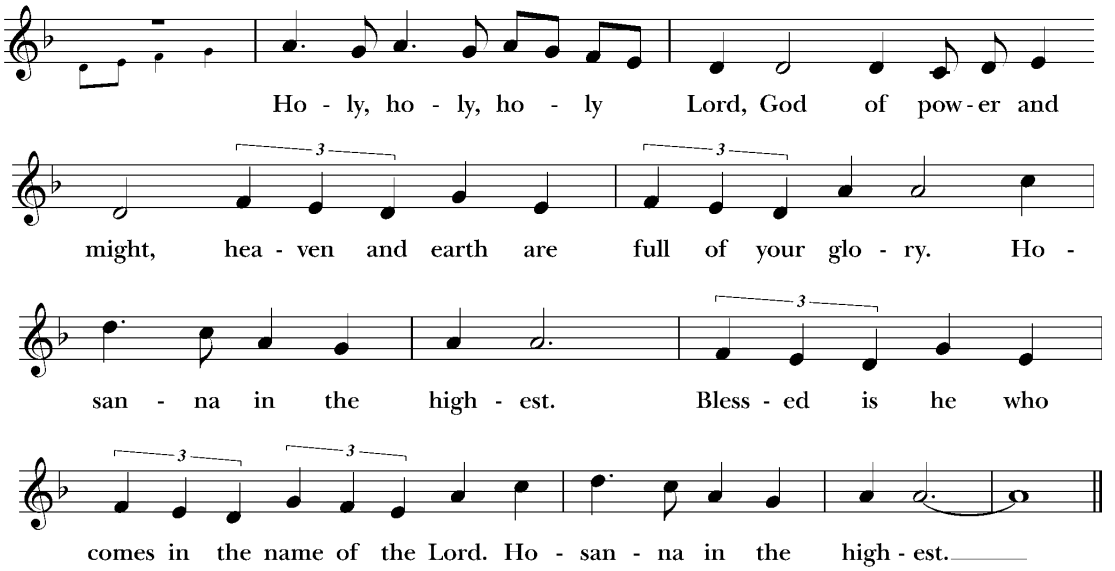
SANCTUS ***Holy, holy, holy*** **H82-*S 129***



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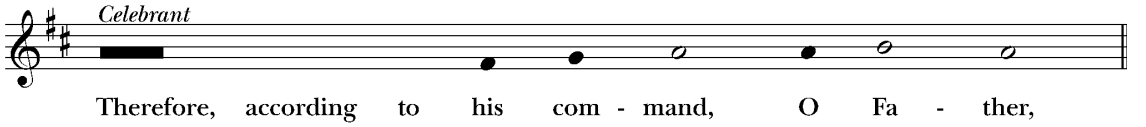

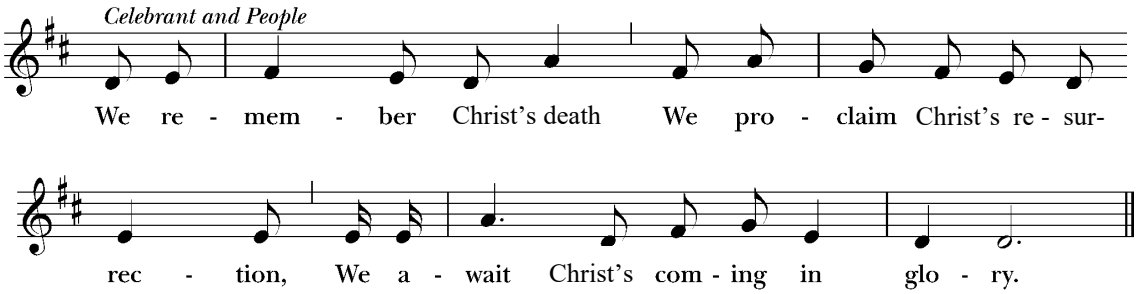

THE GREAT AMEN

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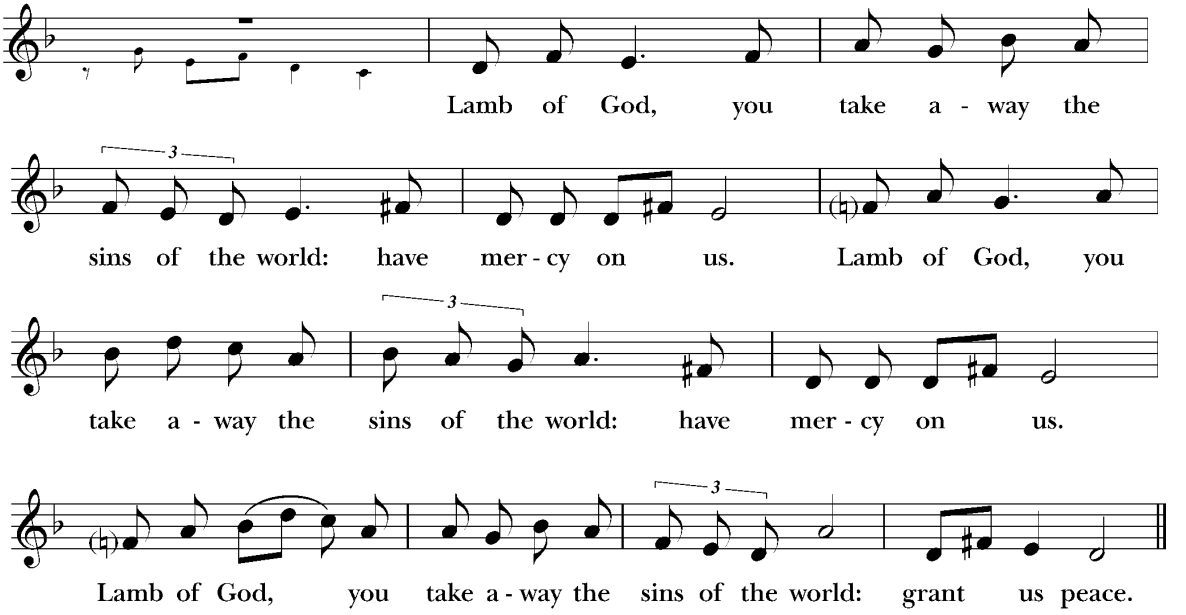
LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

Presider: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM ***Lamb of God*** ***S 163***



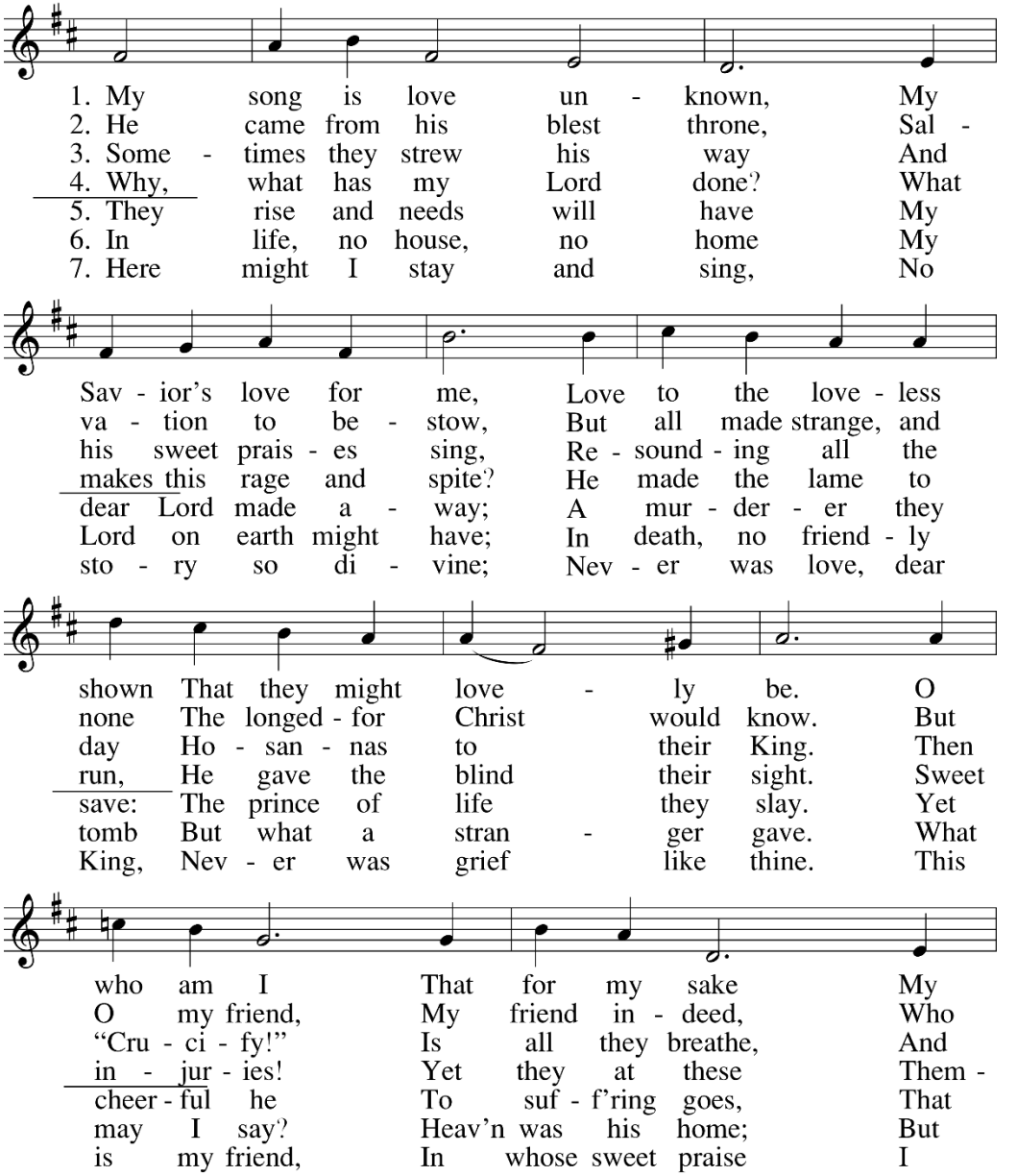
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All the baptized are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The Consecrated Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words: "May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you unto life everlasting."
The communicant responds "Amen".

The Communion Song follows on the next page

Communion Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown



Lord	shall	take	Frail	flesh,	and	die?
at	my	need	His	life	did	spend.
for	his	death	They	thirst	and	cry.
selves	dis -	please,	And	'gainst	him	rise.
he	his	foes,	From	thence	might	free.
mine	the	tomb	Where -	in	he	lay.
all	my	days	Could	glad -	ly	spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1683
Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 44 4; John Ireland, 1879-1962, © John Ireland Trust

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

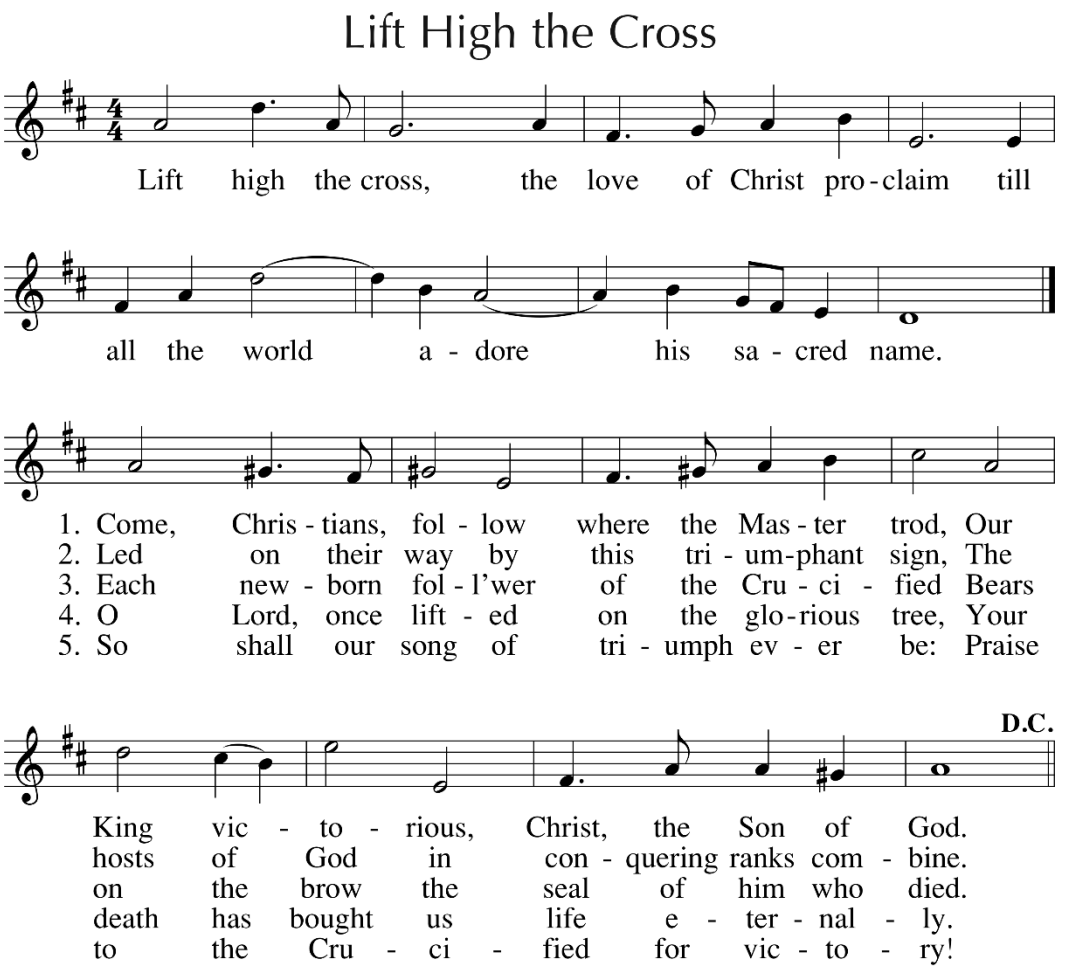
Announcements,

Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: Live without fear, your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and love you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

People: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN



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Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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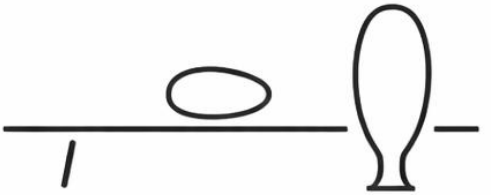
INVITATION

As we begin Holy Week, we invite you to return for the sacred days that follow. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter together form one great act of worship—the heart of the Christian year. From the table of self-giving love to the solemn prayers at the cross, to the lighting of the new fire in the dark, we are drawn step by step into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

These liturgies are not separate observances, but one unfolding celebration of the Paschal Mystery. If you are able, we encourage you to make the fuller journey with us, and to experience the power and beauty of these holy days as one sacred whole.



Maundy Thursday

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

As We Gather at Your Table

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. b.1944; © 1989, Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Pt. II,* 1813

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The people are seated

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 12: 1-14a

At the end of the reading, the Lector says:

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

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 ***(Right [pulpit] side prays verses in bold print)***

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people, (continued next page)

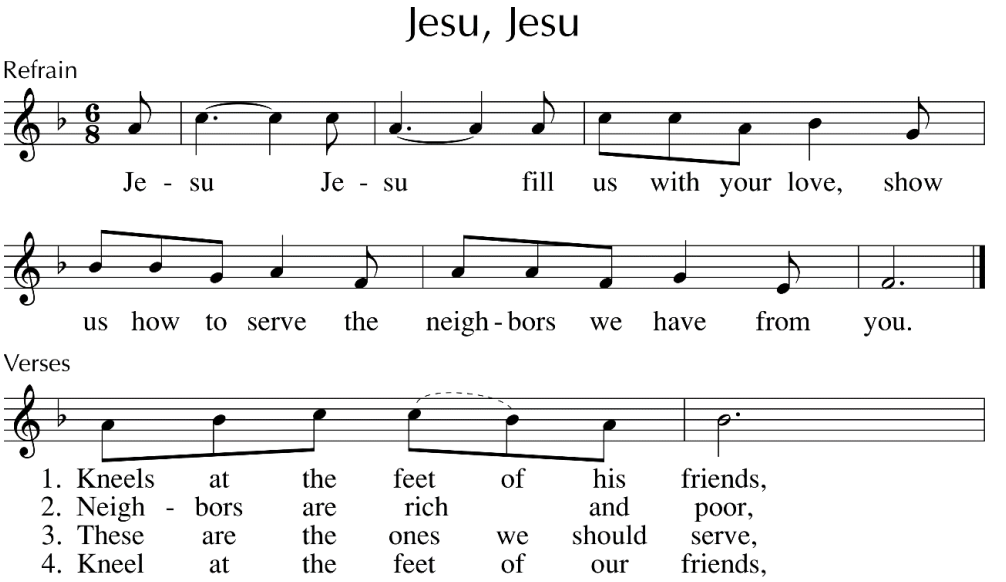
17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

At the end of the reading, the Lector says:

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

SEQUENCE HYMN



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✝ GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Lewis D. Crusoe, Rector

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Church prays for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community, those who suffer from any trouble, and for the faithful departed.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,

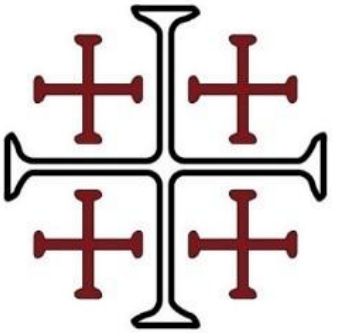
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

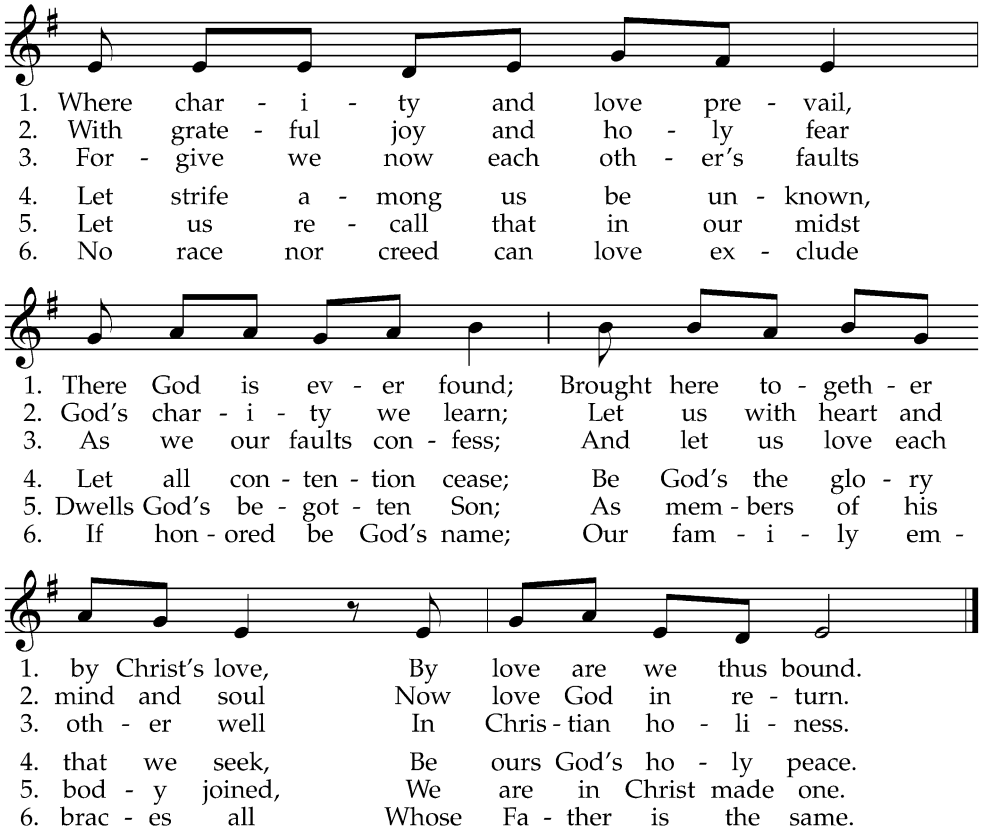
THE PEACE

Those present share a greeting of peace with those around them.



As the collection is taken up and the gifts of bread and wine are presented, the following song is sung.

OFFERTORY SONG *Where Charity and Love Prevail* *G4 - 774*



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Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Paul Benoit, 1893–1979
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The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Presider: God be with you
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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 FRACTION

Presider: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The presider will distribute the Eucharist under both kinds saying "May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you unto life everlasting." The communicant responds "Amen".

COMMUNION HYMN

Prepare a Room for Me

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Tune: SOUTHWELL, SM; William Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory for ever. Amen

After the presider carries the holy sacrament from the Church, the altar is stripped while those gathered recite Psalm 22.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

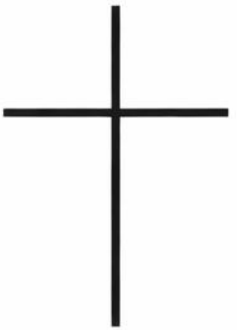
18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

All leave the church in silence.
This service continues tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.



Good Friday

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be our God
People: For ever and ever. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✠ **Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 52: 13—53:12

At the end of the reding the Lector acclaims:

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

PSALM RESPONSE (Recited in Unison)

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

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9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

✠ Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10: 16-25

At the end of the reding the Lector acclaims:

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: **H82-446**

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

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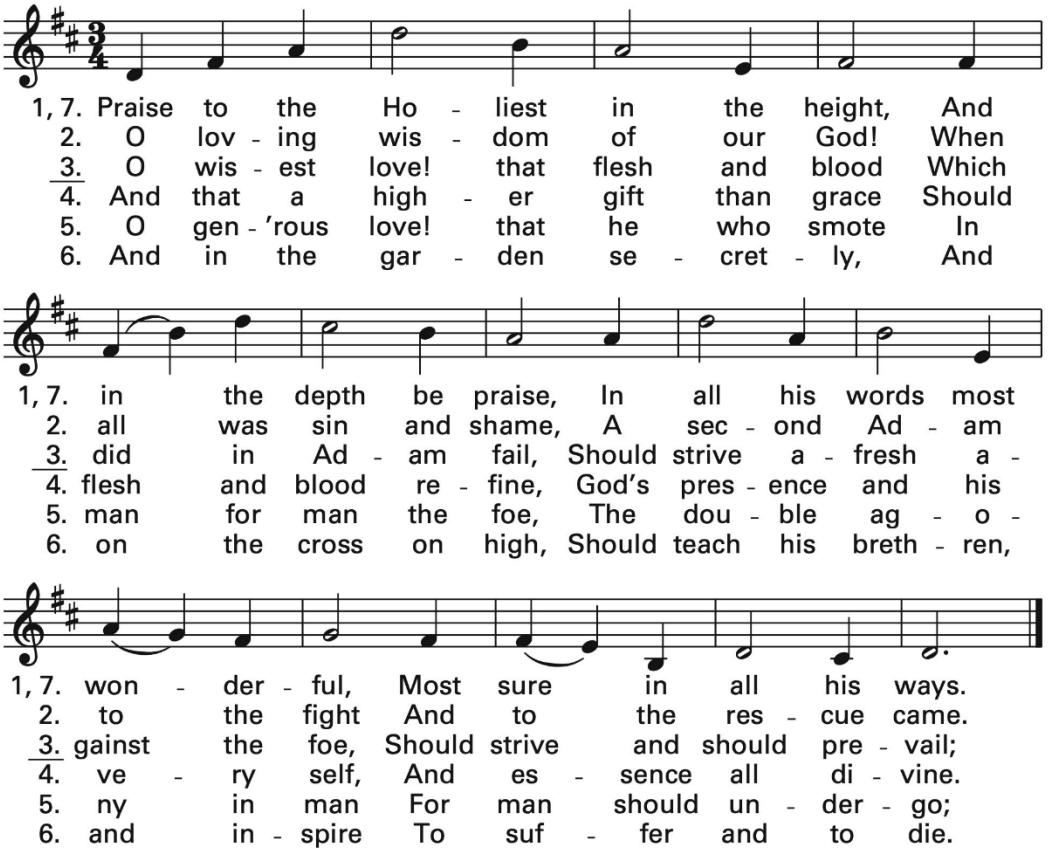


Text: CM; St. John Henry Newman, 1801–1890. Music: Richard Runciman Terry, 1865–1938.

THE PASSION NARRATIVE - See separate booklet

SERMON: The Rev. Lewis D. Crusoe, Rector

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the person appointed, says to the people.

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The people may be directed to stand or kneel.
The biddings may be read by a Lector. The Celebrant says the Collects.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world.

For its unity in witness and service
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve
For our Standing Committee, and all the people of t*his* diocese
For all Christians in this community
For all those about to be baptized at the Easter Vigil

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them.

For *Donald,* the President of the United States;
For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good.

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Presider: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom.

For their continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them.
For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love;
For safety from all malice and harm;
For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name.

That unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

Silence

Presider: O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed;
For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For those who are sorrowful and bereaved
For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ
For prisoners, refugees, and captives
For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Presider: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Let us pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin and indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Presider: Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. *Amen*.

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Presider: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS (BCP p. 281)

A wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. As the cross is carried in, three stations are made at the same places where the Paschal Candle will stop at the Great Vigil of Easter and "The Light of Christ" is sung.

Priest: Behold the wood of the cross, on which was hung the world's salvation.
People: Come let us adore him.

Devotions

The people stand

ANTHEM 1 (BCP p. 281) *The people read parts in italic.*

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

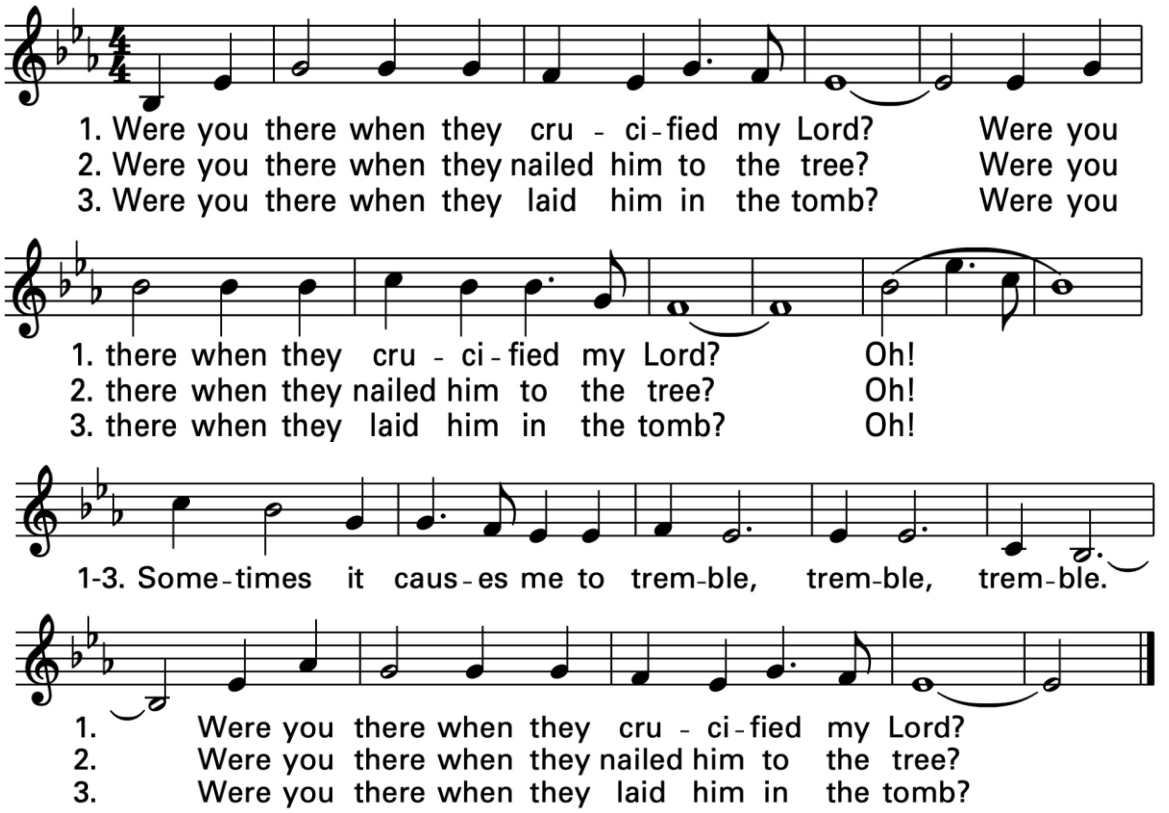
ANTHEM 2 (BCP p. 281)

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

CROSS HYMN *Were You There?* (LEVAS 37)



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ADMINISTRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The presider goes to the place where the Eucharist has been reserved since yesterday and brings it to the altar. Then the Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.
Continued on the next page.

Presider and 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.

The Presider says

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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 COMMUNION (BCP p. 282)

The Consecrated Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven. [*Amen*.]

If any consecrated bread remains at the end of the communion rite, it is distributed to the people who consume it.

FINAL PRAYER (BCP p. 282)

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Presider and people

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

All depart in silence.

This service concludes tomorrow night at The Great Vigil of Easter.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, the fire is kindled, after which the presider addresses the people.

OPENING PRAYER

PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The procession forms after the people have lit their candles from the Paschal Candle. The people follow the presider carrying the Paschal Candle into the church.

As the presider carries the Paschal candle into the Church he stops three times to sing:

PRESIDER:

Each time the people respond.

The Exultet—
The Easter Proclamation

The presider sings the verses of the Exultet and the people sing the refrain below.

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The Liturgy of the Word

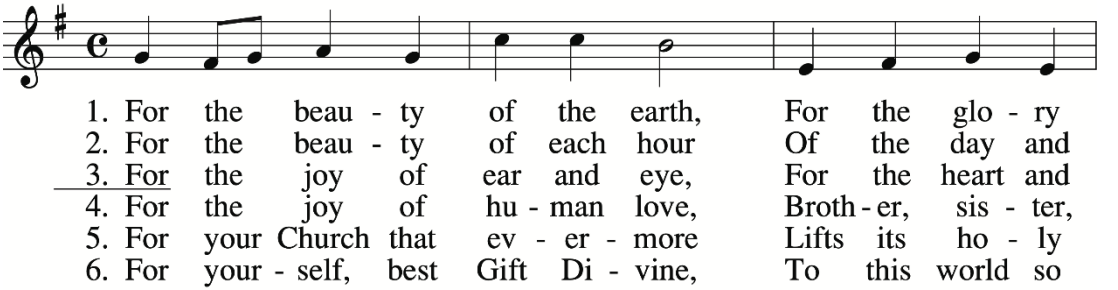
INVITATION

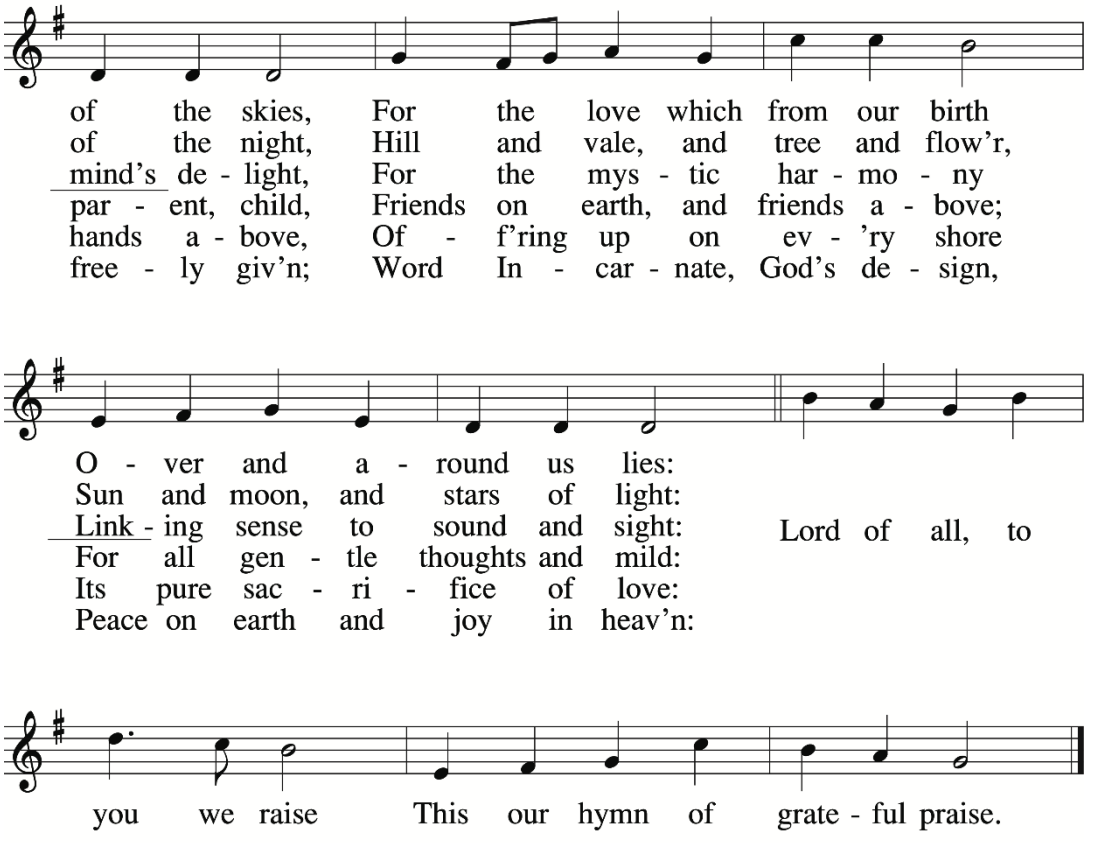
Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

✝ Genesis 1:1–2:4a — Creation

Response **For the Beauty of the Earth** **G4-698**

VERSE 1 and REFRAIN ONLY





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COLLECT

✠ Genesis 22:1-18 — Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

Psalm Response: Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

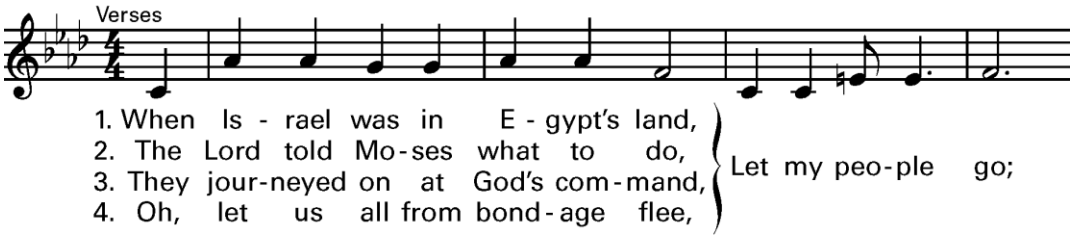
11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

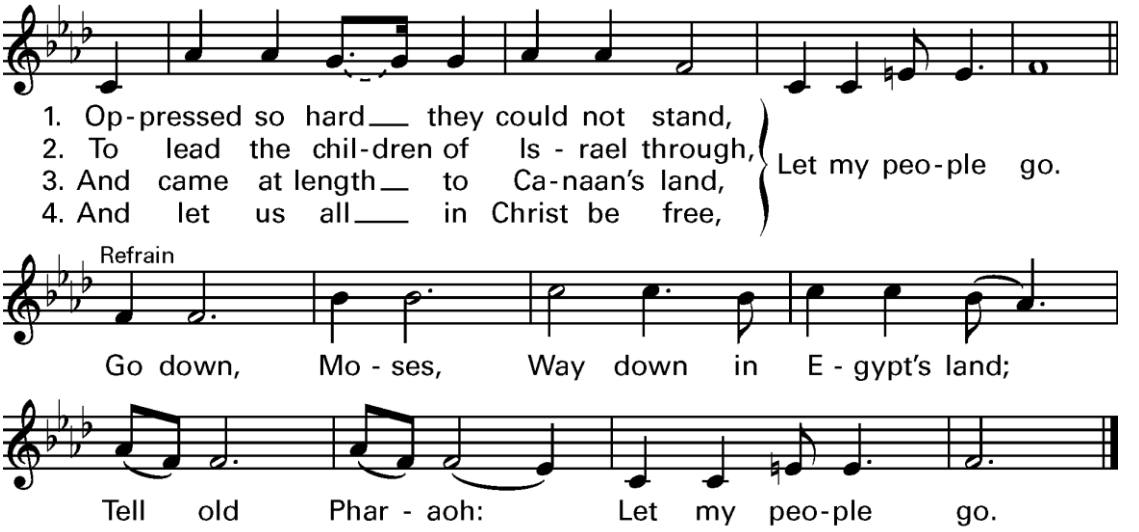
Collect

✠ Exodus 14:10—15:1 Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response: <u>VERSES ONE AND THREE ONLY</u>

GO DOWN, MOSES





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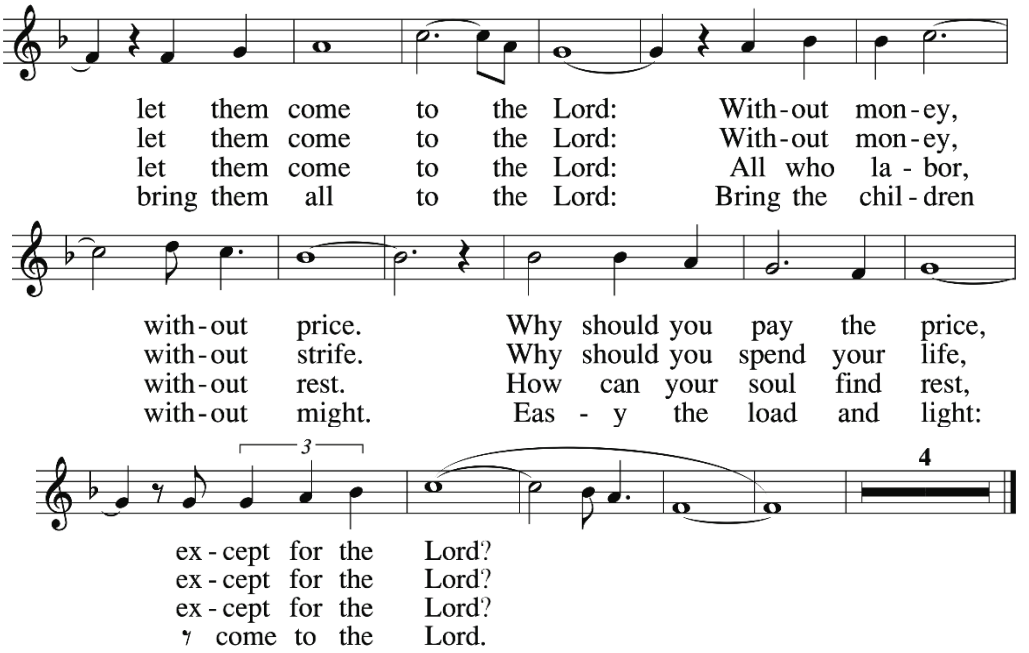
COLLECT

✝ Isaiah 55:1–11 — Salvation offered freely to all

RESPONSE: VERSES 1 AND 4

Come to the Water



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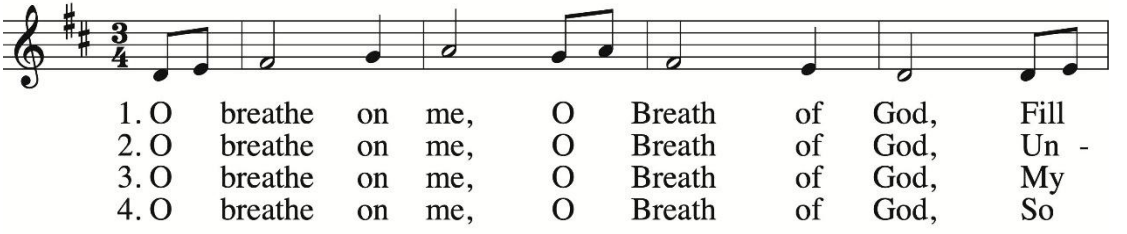
COLLECT

✠ Ezekiel 37:1–14 — The Valley of Dry Bones

RESPONSE: VERSES 1 and 2 ONLY

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God



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Tune: ST. COLUMBA, CM; Irish melody

At the Eucharist

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Gloria: ***Glory to God – Gloria in Excelsis***

Please see the enclosed leaflet for the common mass parts.

COLLECT FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

✝ EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

At the end of the reading the Lector says:

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

THE GREAT ALLELUIAS

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is traditionally sung three times by the Celebrant or by a cantor, at successively higher pitches (one whole note each time), the Congregation repeating each time.

✝ GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

Priest: God be with you
People: And also with you.

Priest: A proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to N.

At the conclusion of the Gospel proclamation, the priest says.

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

THE SPRINKLING OF THE PEOPLE

Instrumental Hymn: Baptized In Water

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you.

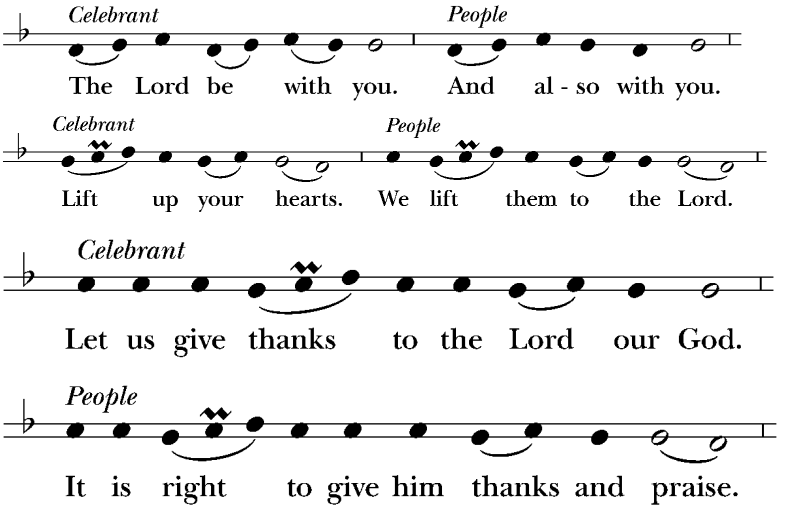
THE PEACE - *The people share the peace of Christ with those around them.*

Offertory Song: ***At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*** **H-174**

Text: 77 77 D; *Ad regias Agni dapes;* Latin, 4th cent.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA ***S 120 Lift up your hearts***



HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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THE GREAT AMEN

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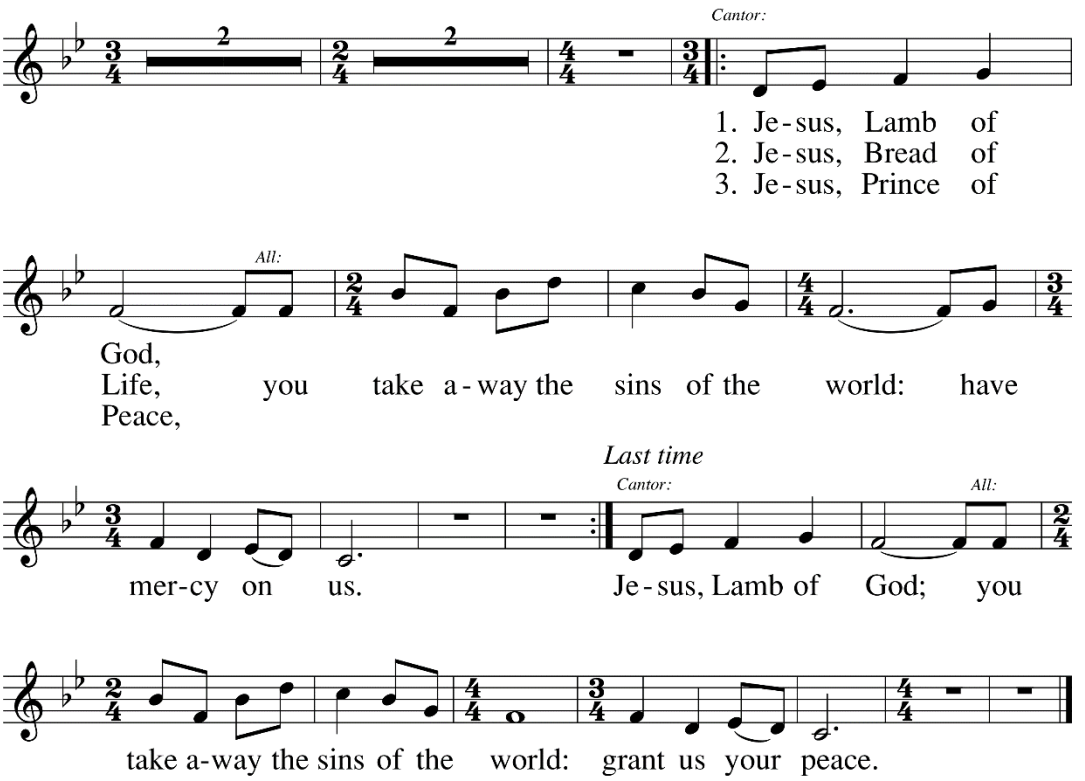
FRACTION SONG ***Jesus, Lamb of God. Mass of Creation***



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The presider will distribute the Eucharist under both kinds saying "May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you unto life everlasting." The communicant responds "Amen".

COMMUNION HYMN **H82-178**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Text: Donald Fishel, b.1950
Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, 8 8 with refrain; Donald Fishel, b.1950
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Presider says:

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

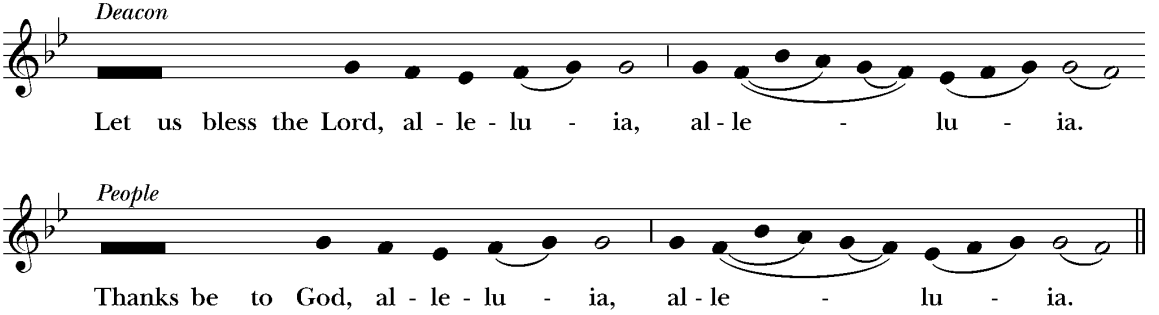
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.

DISMISSAL *S 175D Dismissal Easter* (BCP p. 366)



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie,* Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica,* 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmodist,* c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica,* 1708

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