# *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. November 8, 2026*



# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*


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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

# -Our Vision Statement-

*We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.*
*We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.*
*We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.*

**Newcomers and Guests:** Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

**Families with Children:** We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.
The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos. Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith*

*The Holy Eucharist*

8 November 2026

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**Gather**

**Share**

*The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.*

**Participate**

*A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

**Acknowledge**

*Presider* We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.

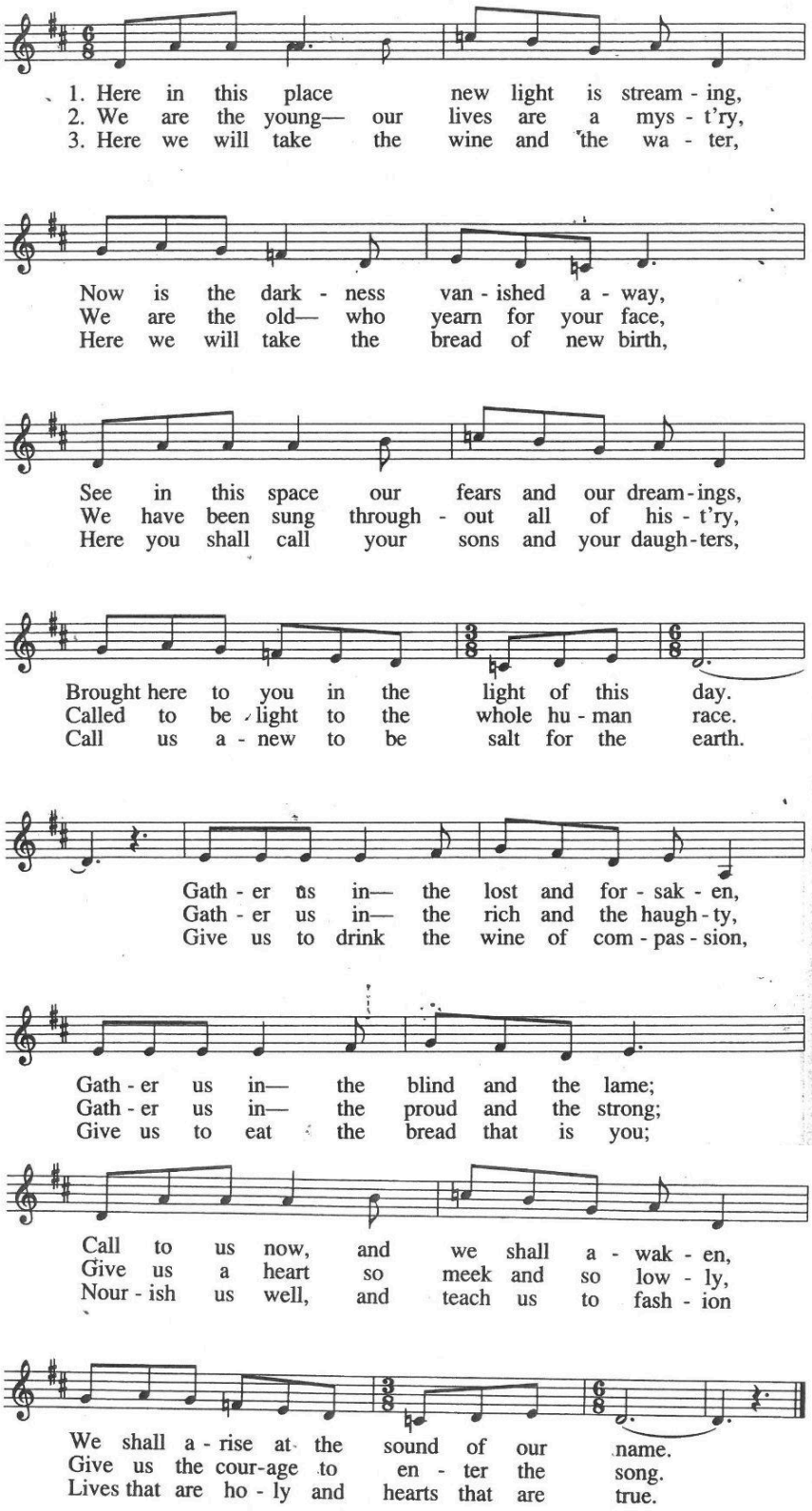
*People* **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

**We Listen for God**

*Presider* Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

*The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.*

## The Word of God
## Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #848 "Gather Us In"



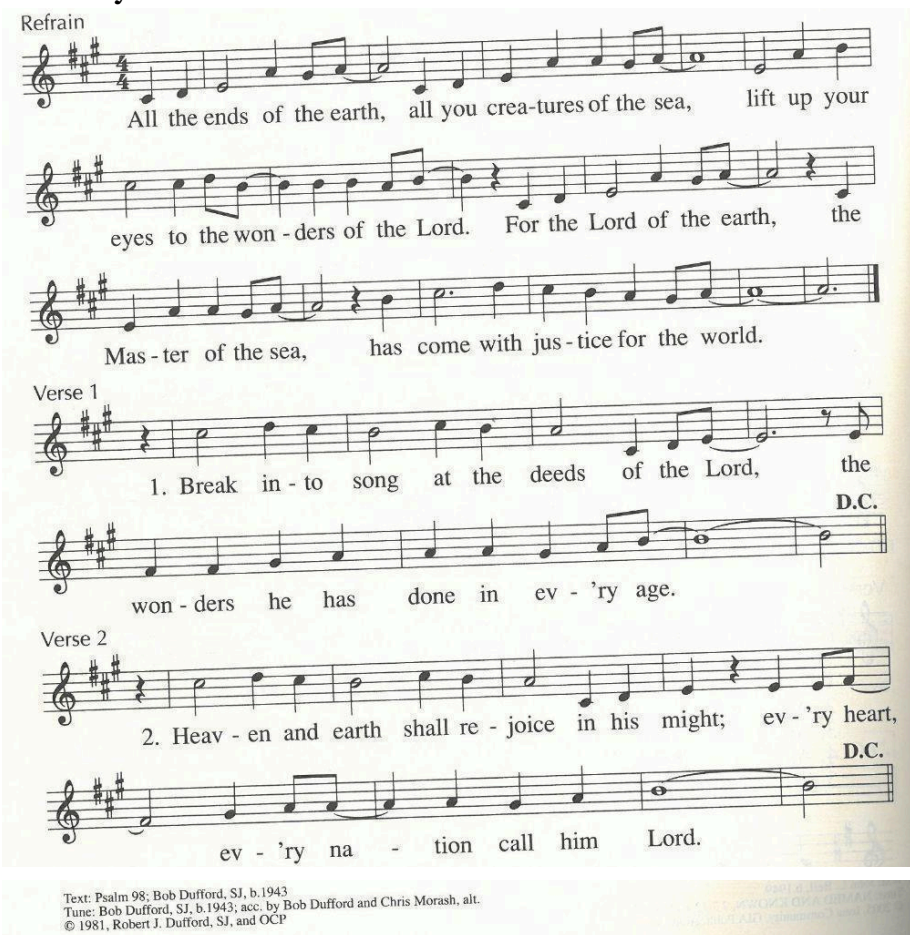

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*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gloria** *(8 am)*
**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Gloria** *(10 am)***: Gather Hymnal #604 "All the Ends of the Earth" vv. 1-2**




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**The Collects**
*Presider* Let us pray together.
*All* **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.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**A Reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:1-7** *Attendite, populе*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will

not hide from their children.

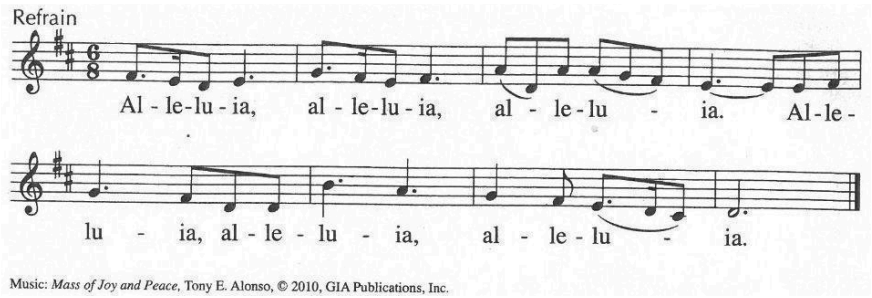
4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.**
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 **That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
7 So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

**A Reading from the Book of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 "Alleluia"**



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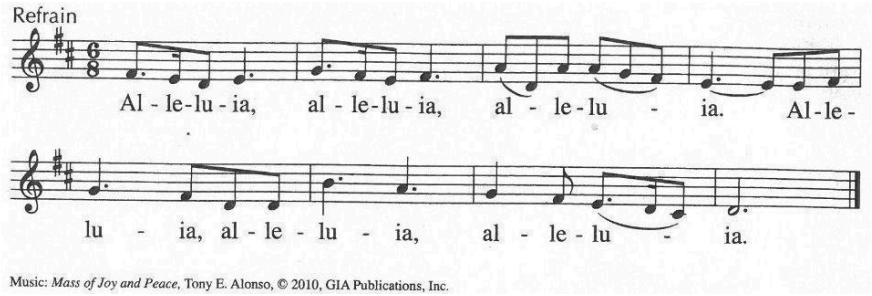
*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25:1-13**
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the

wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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**Sermon:** The Rev. Arienne Davison
*Silence follows the sermon*

**The Nicene Creed** *(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*
*Presider* Let us affirm our faith together.
*All* **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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** *(from Form VI Prayers of the People, adapted for Expansive language)*
*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, O God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Phil our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
**For all who serve God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Grace, Sarah, Georgann, Shayne, Mike, Declan, Darrell, Steve, Deacon Bill, Rolly, Brandy, Darlene, Allen, Linda, Elaine, Anne, Gianna, Pricilla, Alexa, Ramond, Beth, and Becky.
*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
*The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
*Silence may be kept.*

*Intercessor and People* Have mercy upon us, **most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**
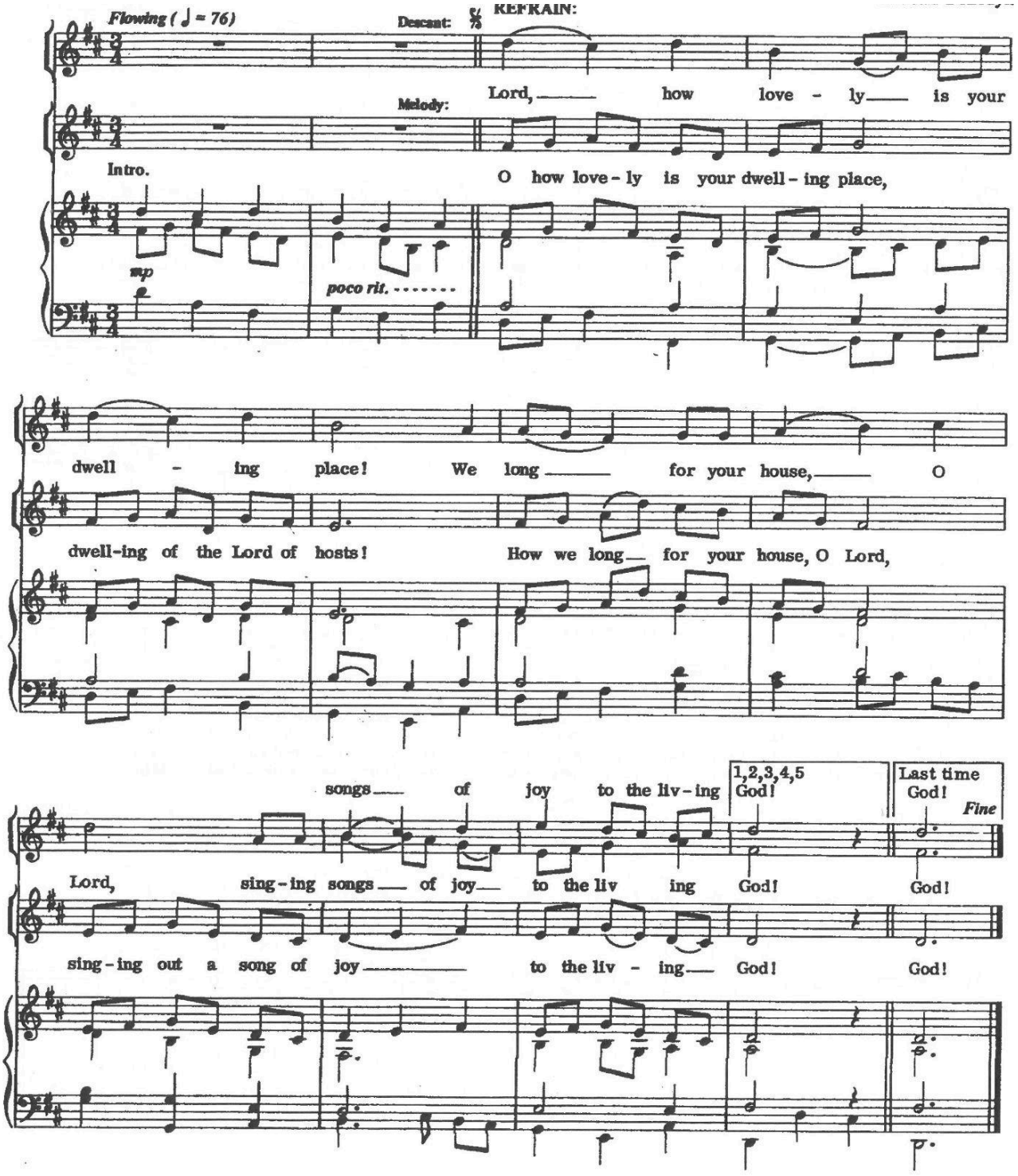
*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**
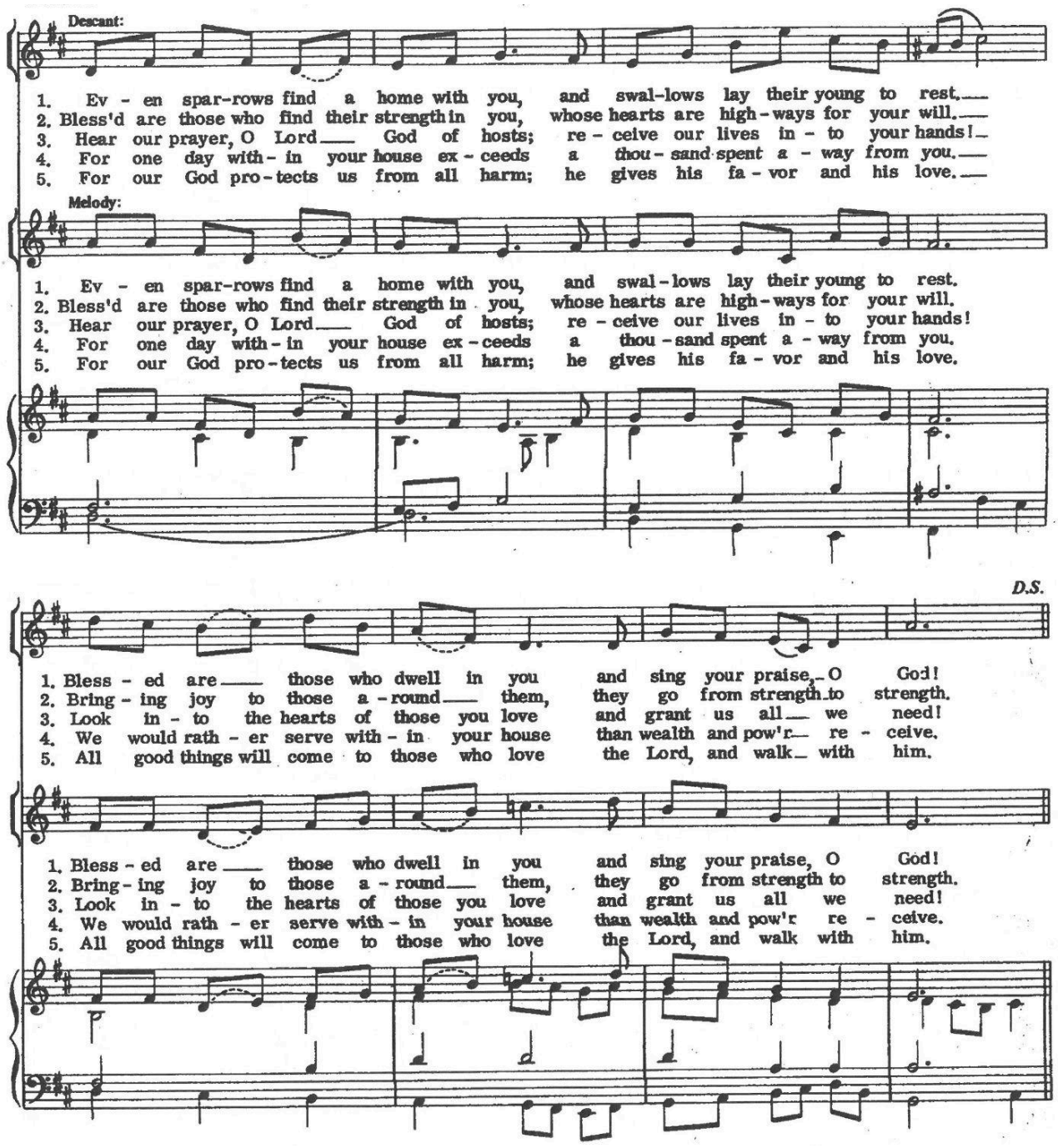
*Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.*

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

**The Holy Communion**
**Offertory Hymn: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place**




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*Presider* Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Book of Common Prayer 1979, Rite II Prayer C (Expansive Language)*

*The Presider and people pray back and forth. The people say bolded text together.*

*Presider* The Lord 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 the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

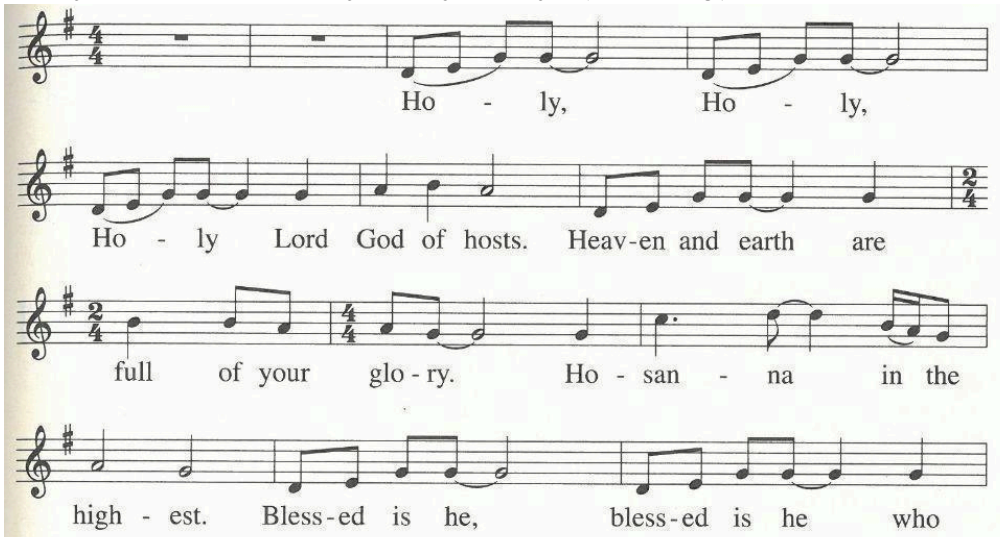
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

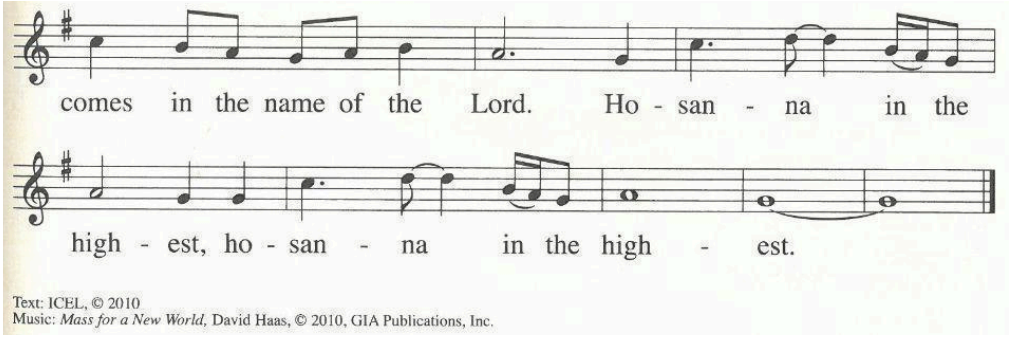
**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Spoken Sanctus:** *(8am only)*
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 "Holy, Holy, Holy"** *(10am only)*






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*The Presider continues:* Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord's Prayer.*

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

*All* 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, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** [*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*]
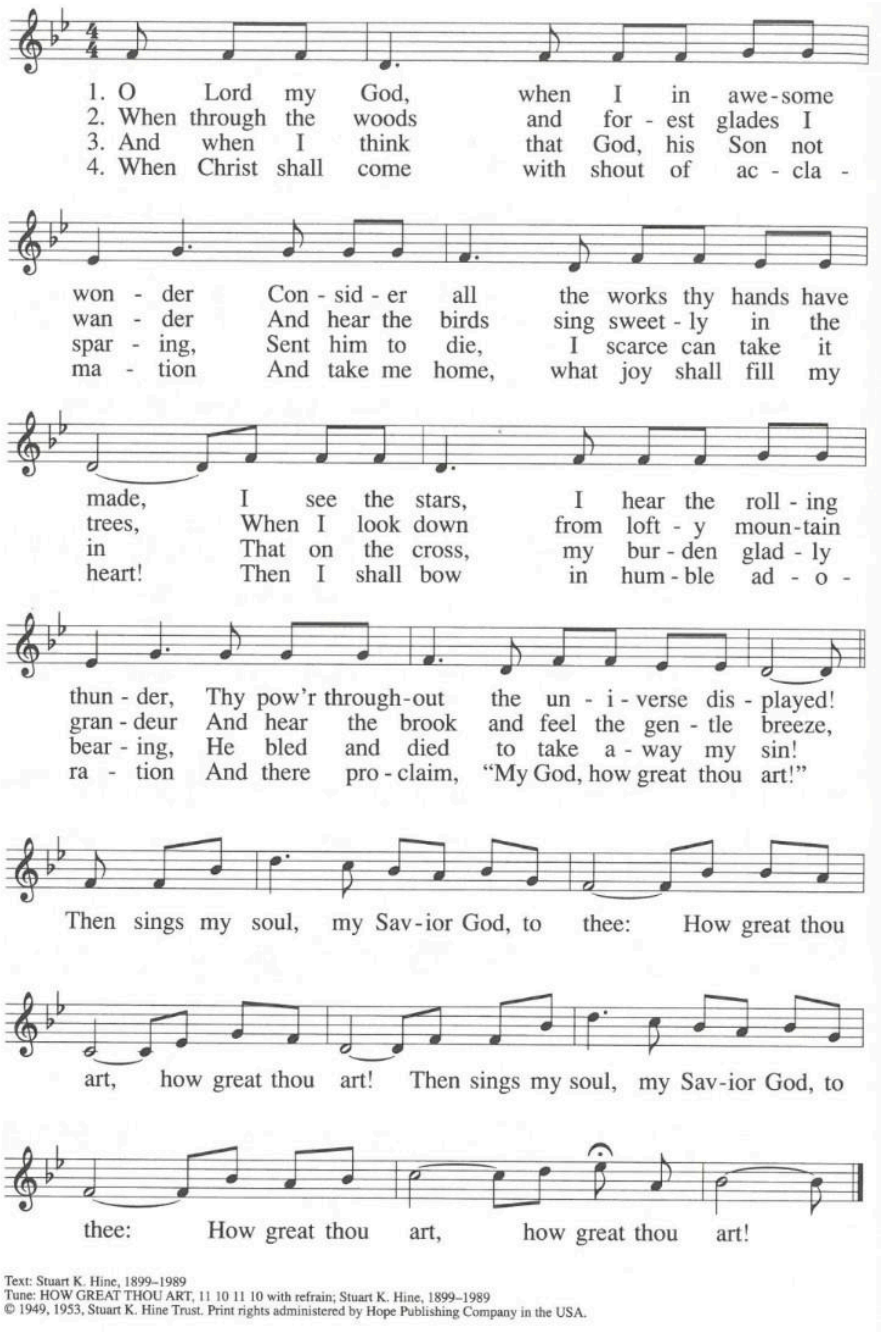
*Presider* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*People* **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

**The Invitation**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

**Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #578 "How Great Thou Art"**




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**The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori** (*for those livestreaming from home):*
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* In thanksgiving, let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

*The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,*

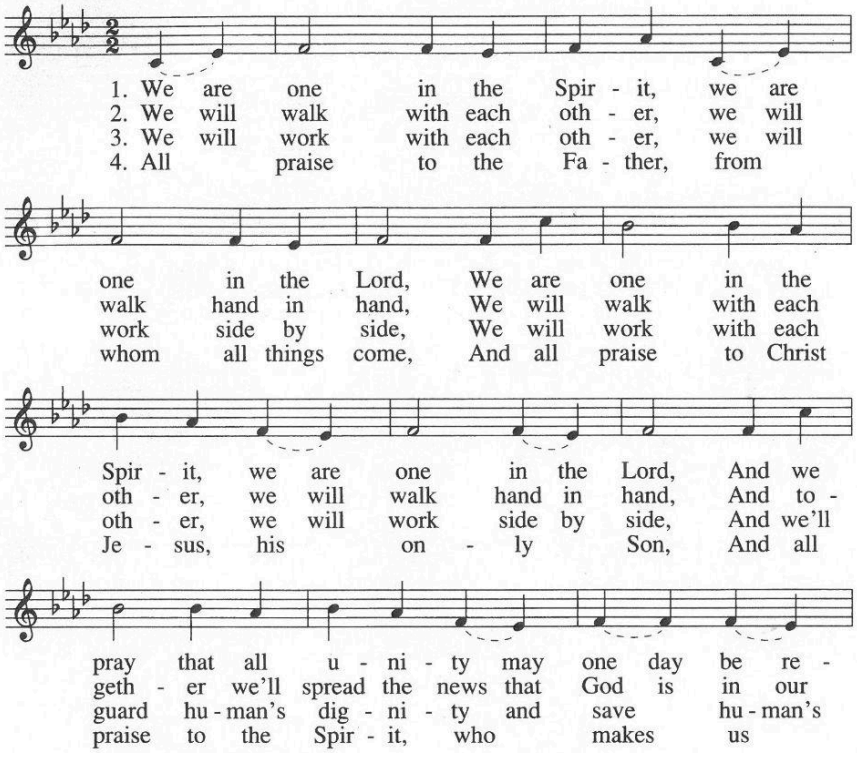
We who have received the gift of Christ,

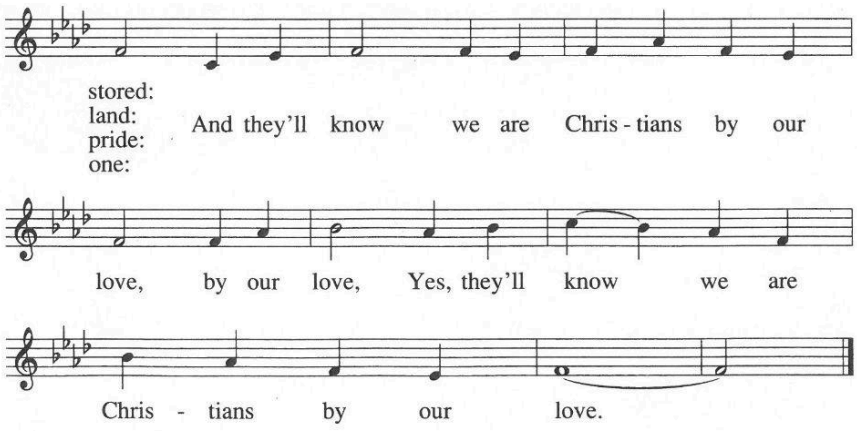
**Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

**Blessing**

*Presider* May the God who created and sustains you keep you whole and holy. May Christ who walked among us, walk before us to our homecoming. And may the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #835 "They'll Know We Are Christians"**






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## The Great Beginning

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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**Altar Memorial**

*This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.*

**Today's Ministry Team:**

*Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison*
*Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete*
*Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker*
*Media Arts: Tara Curran, Terri Anderson*