Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ

A Service of Holy Eucharist

October 11, 2026, Proper 23 – 10:30am

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd! We are delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for the service is here in these pages and in the bible found in the pews. If you are visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card at the ushers table or call the parish office. At Good Shepherd you will find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids.

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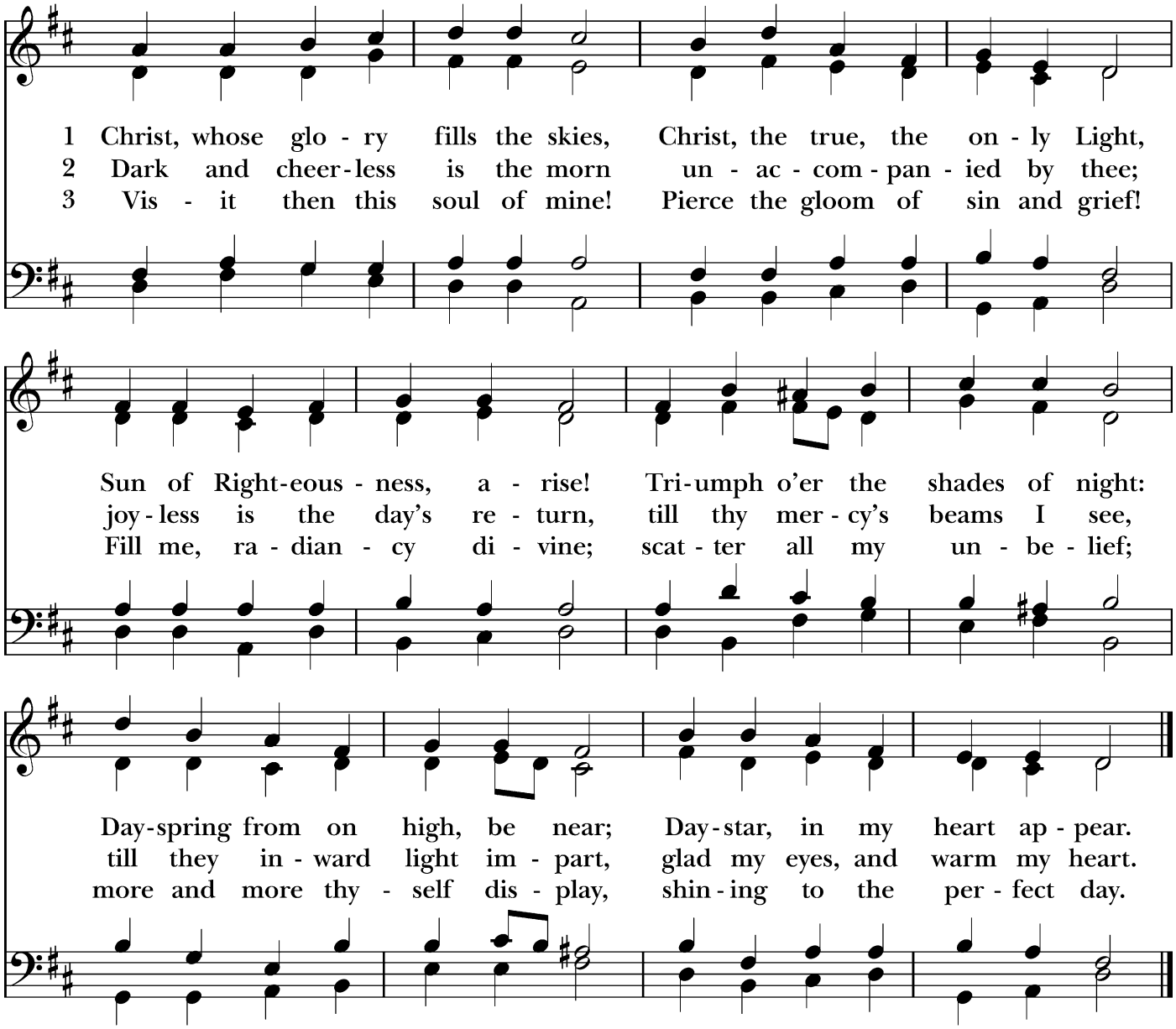
Prelude **"Prelude in d minor"** J. S. Bach

The Processional **"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"** Hymn #7

The people stand, if able, and sing facing the procession



The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

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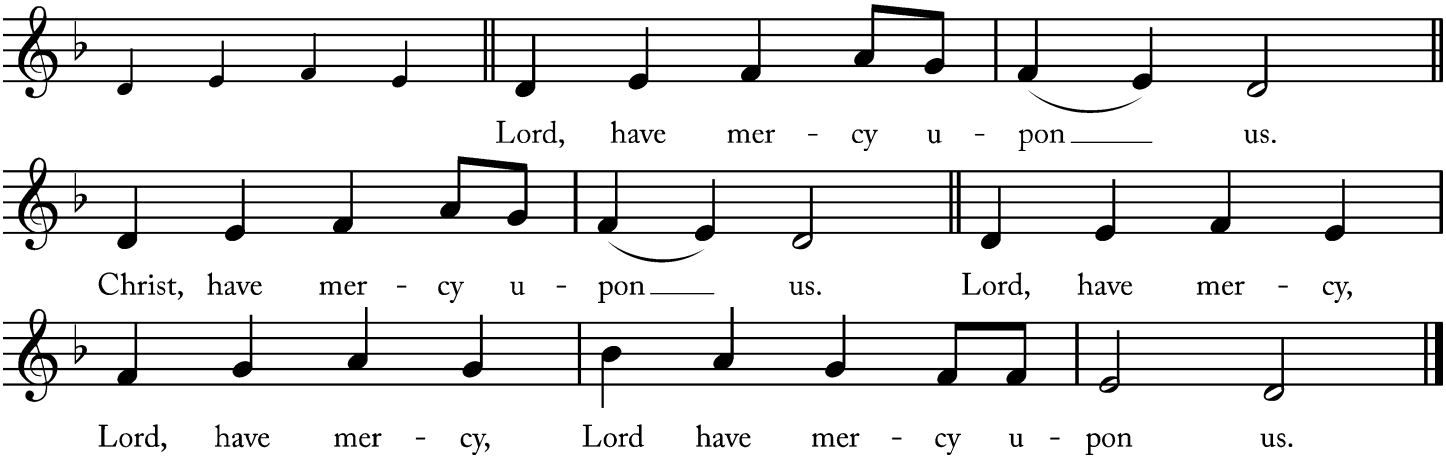

The Gloria

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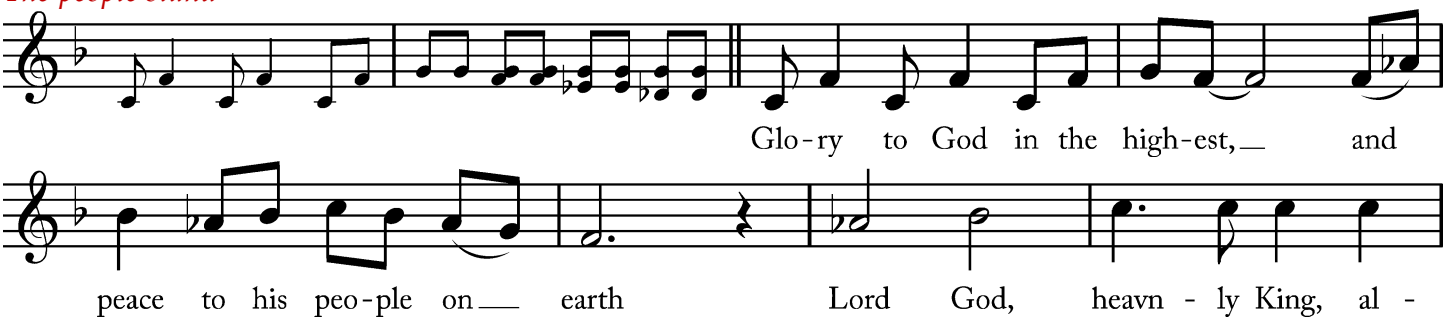
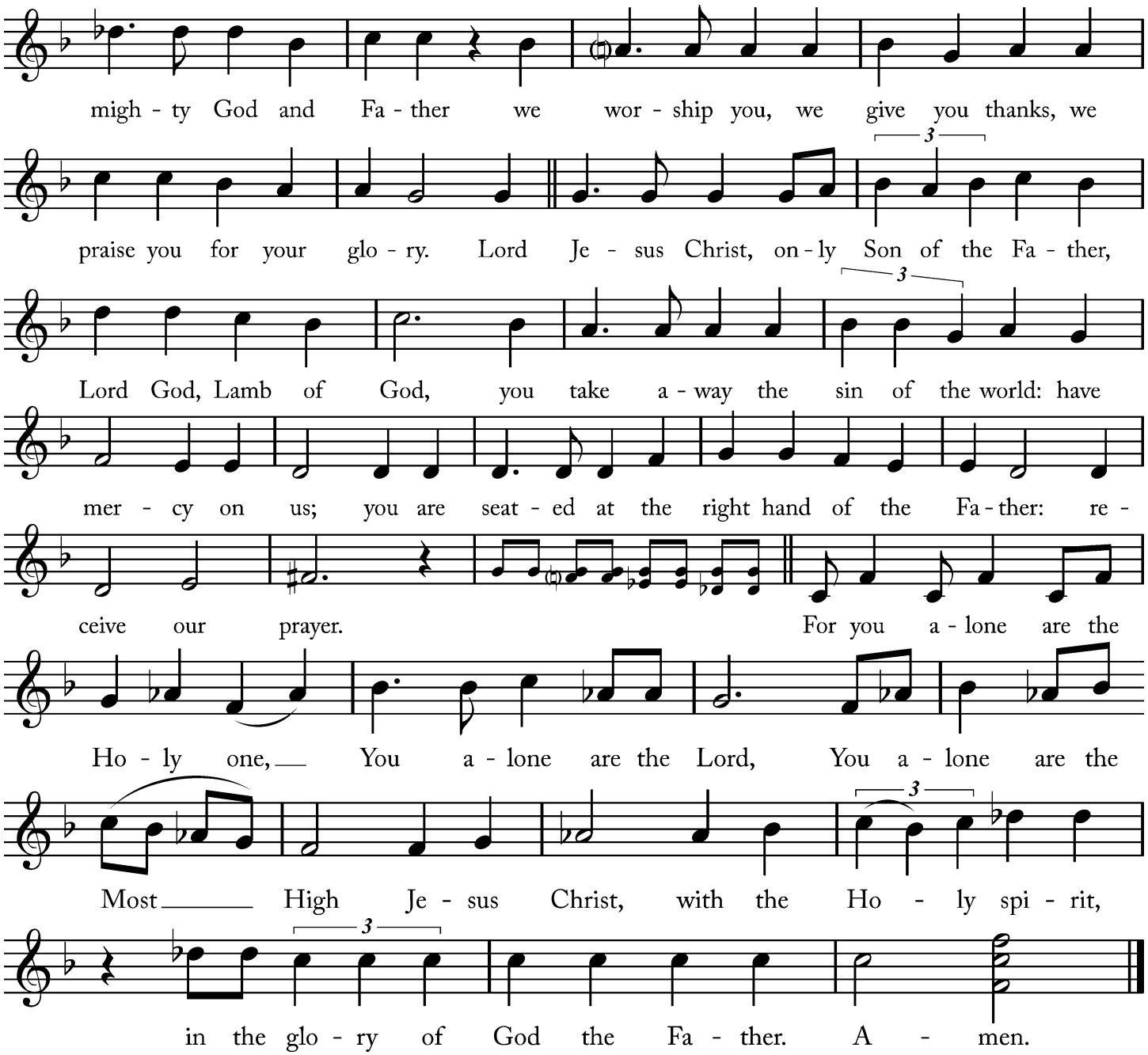
The people stand





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

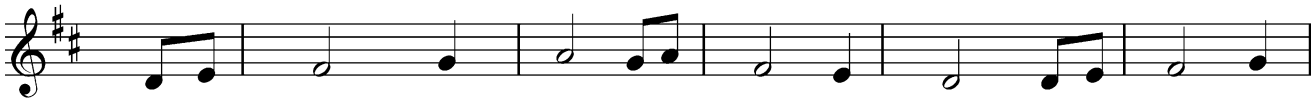
Isaiah 25:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 586, LP pg. 696

Reader The Word of the Lord.

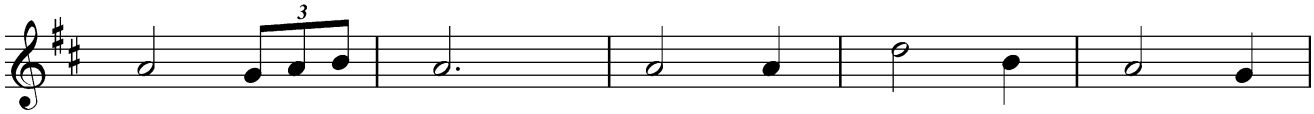
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 **"The King of Love"** Hymn #645

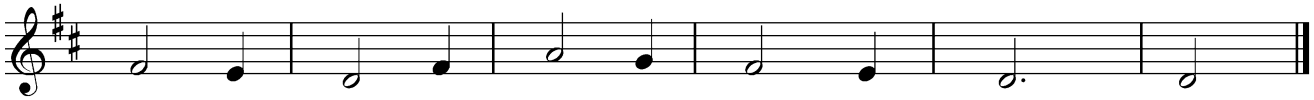
The people remain sitting



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness



1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-13 Pew Bible pg. 982, LP pg.1166

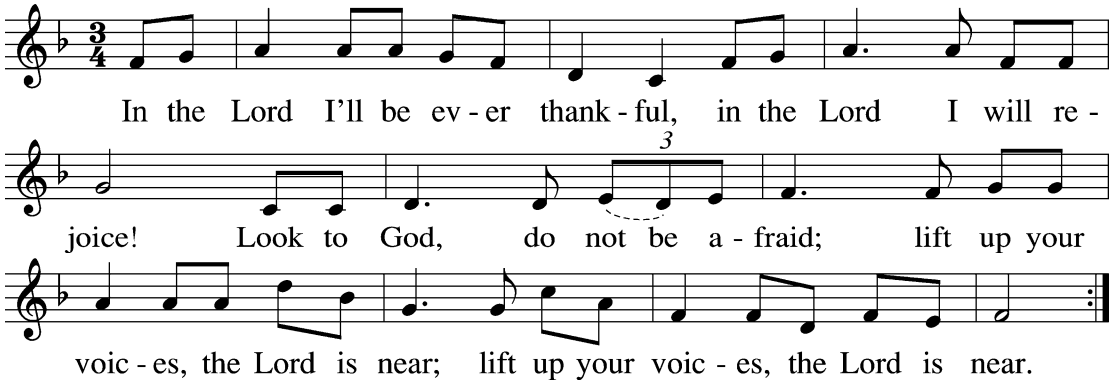
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All children between the ages of three and six are invited to Children's Chapel with their parents' permission.

The Gradual **In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful** Taize

The people stand and sing, facing the procession



The Gospel

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

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 22:1-14

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Jonathan Groves

The Nicene Creed

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially President Trump, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Kraham that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to Stephen, Julian and Marc, our Bishops, to Matt, Jonathan, Roy, and all who minister at Good Shepherd, to Bob at St. Andrews, to Ife at Holy Trinity, and for all the clergy and people of our Province and diocese.

In the ACNA: Today, we pray for the Diocese of Pittsburgh: for Bishop Alex Cameron and his wife, Tamara; and Archbishop Bob Duncan and his wife, Nara.

In the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word: We pray for Church of the Good Shepherd Ellicott City, Maryland; The Ven. Richard Lafferty. Persecuted and Suffering Christians around the world. And The Rev. Adam Rick

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission. Bless, we pray, the work of Carrie Nelson and her work with InterVarsity Campus Ministries.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We pray especially for Christians in Kyrgyzstan, Mali, and Nigeria.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those you might name now.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, praying that you will grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Your own additional prayers and thanksgivings are invited.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

~Matthew 11:28

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Offertory

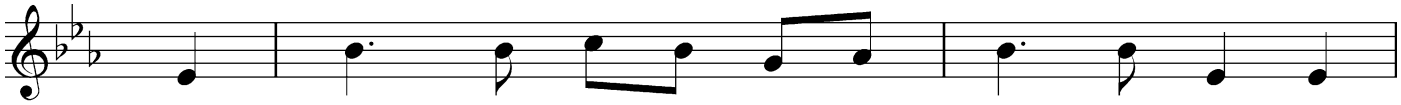
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~2 Corinthians 9:6-7

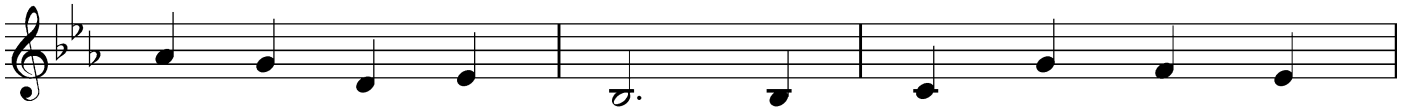
If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. An offering plate will be passed and you are welcome to give your offering there. There is also an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through Breeze or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a PayPal account. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

The Offertory Music "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Hymn #653

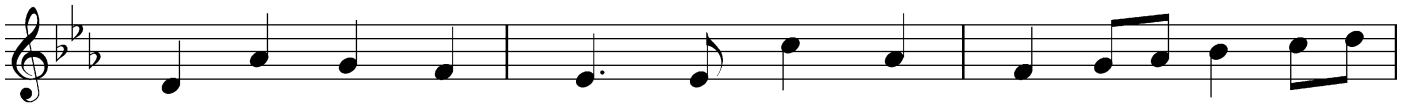
The people remain sitting



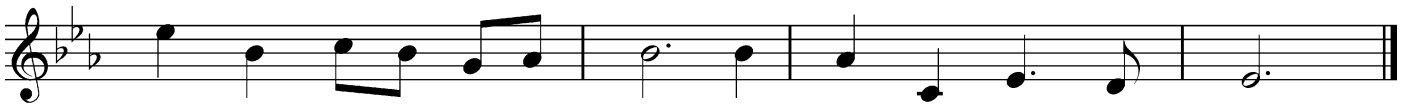
1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

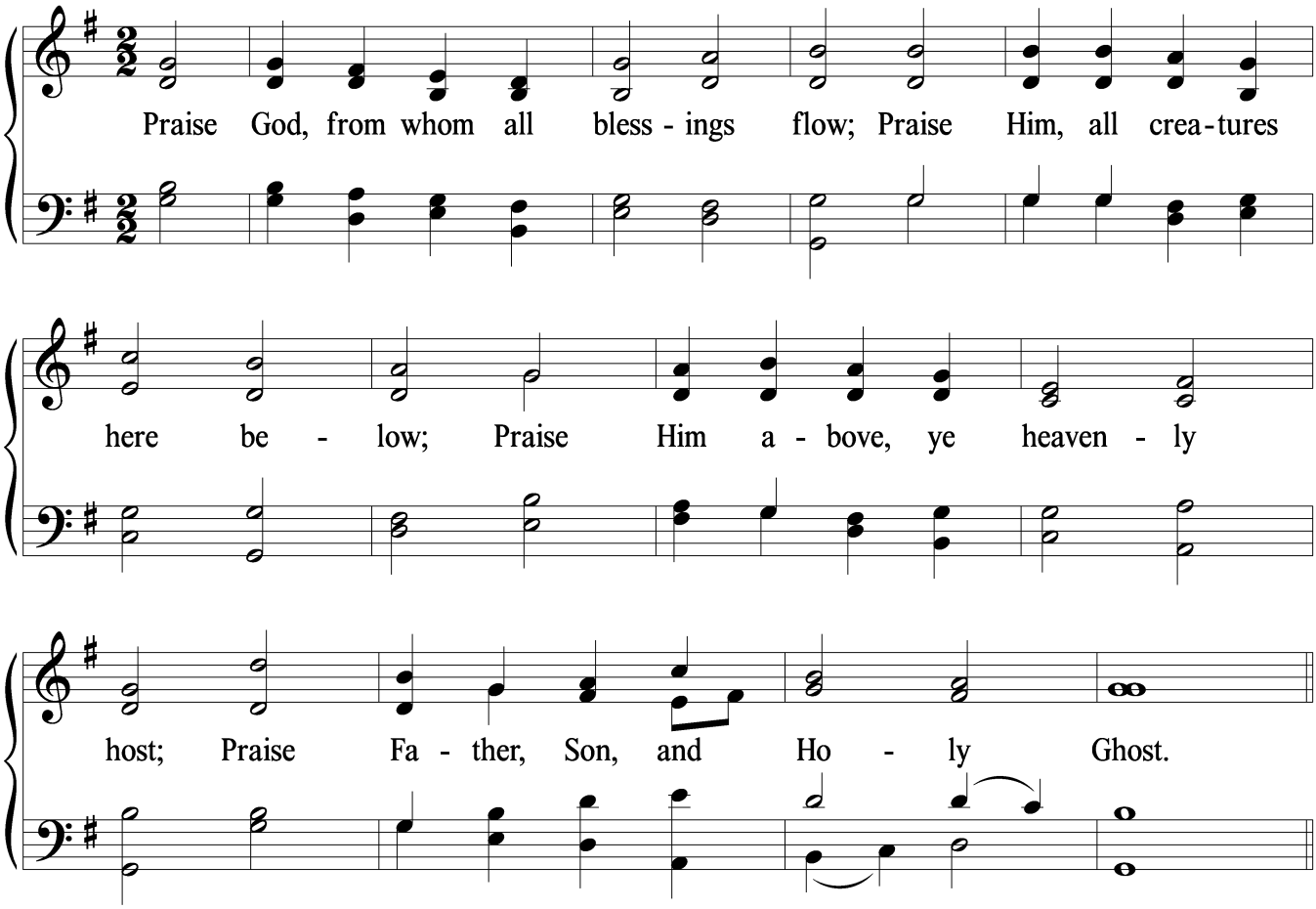


1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

The Presentation of the Gifts

Ken | Bourgeois

The people stand, if able, and sing



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is just and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

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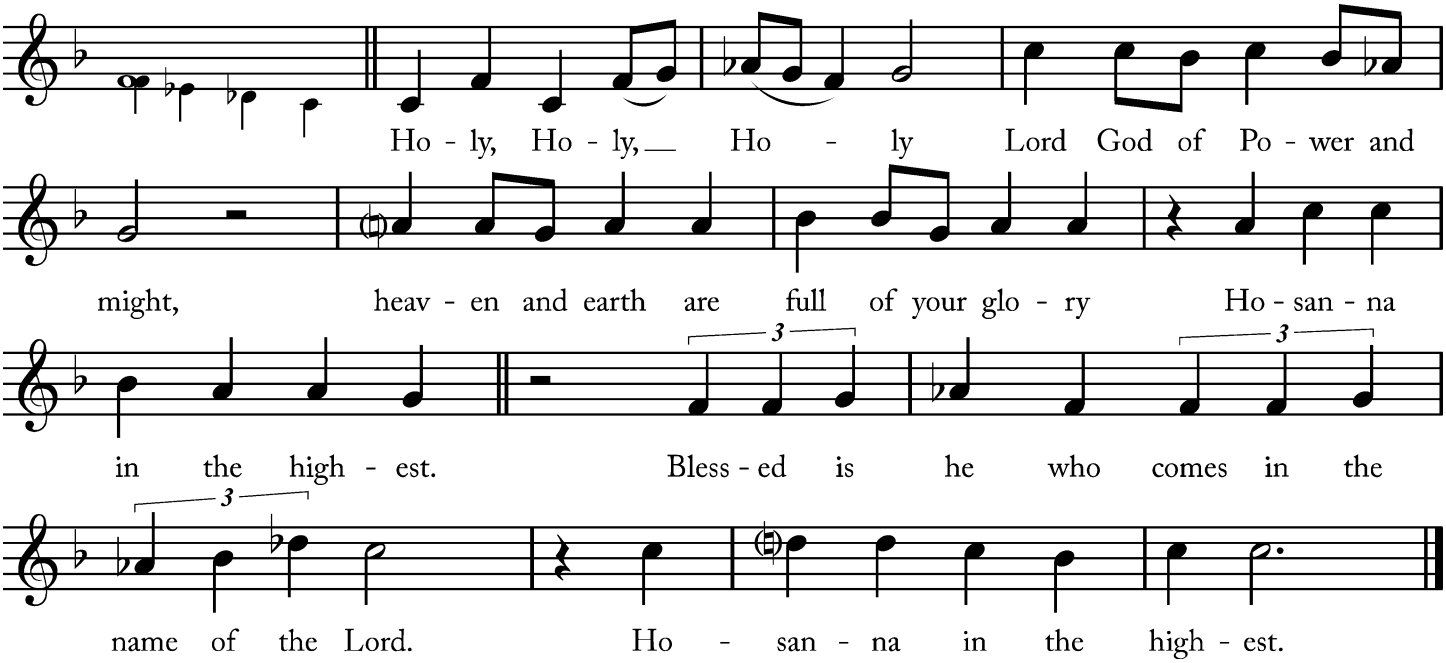
The people remain standing and sing



The Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

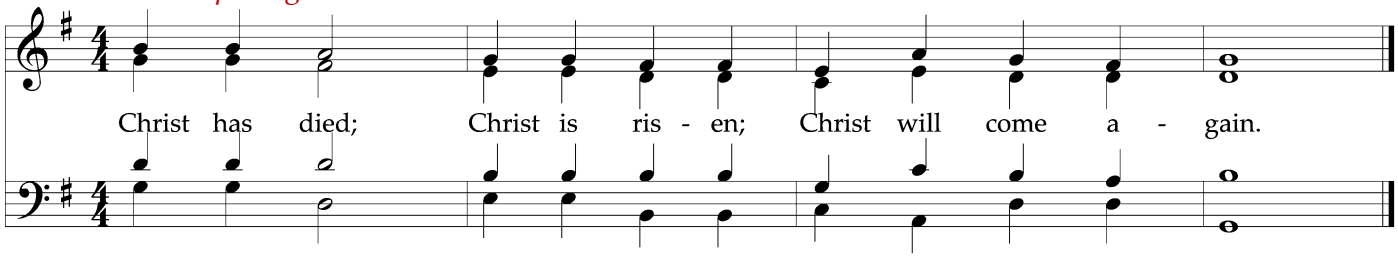
So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

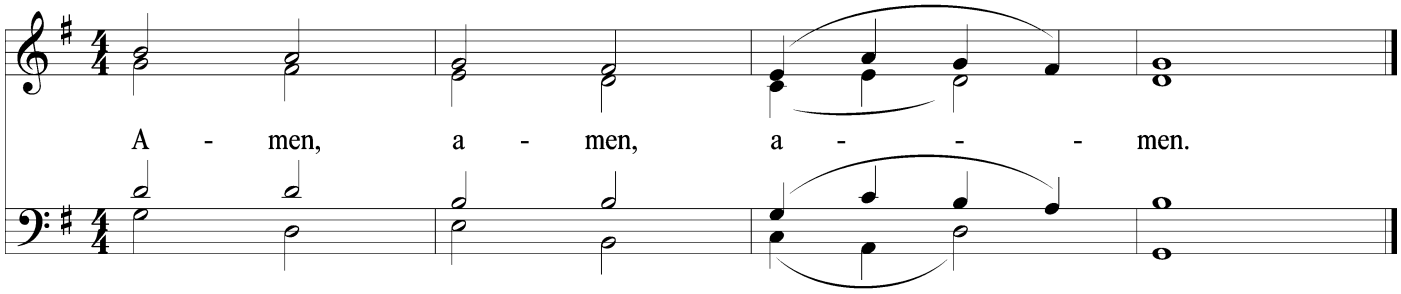
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People together



And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

The Lord's Prayer

Dixon

The people remain kneeling

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Our Fa- ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name,

13

Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on_ earth as in Heav'n, give us this day

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18

our dai-ly bread and for-give our sins as we for-give those who sin a -

23

gainst_____ us, *cresc.* lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from

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e - vil, for thine is the king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry

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for- e - ver and e - ver, A - men____ men.

(men) (men)

mf-mp

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The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table,

O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table.
But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

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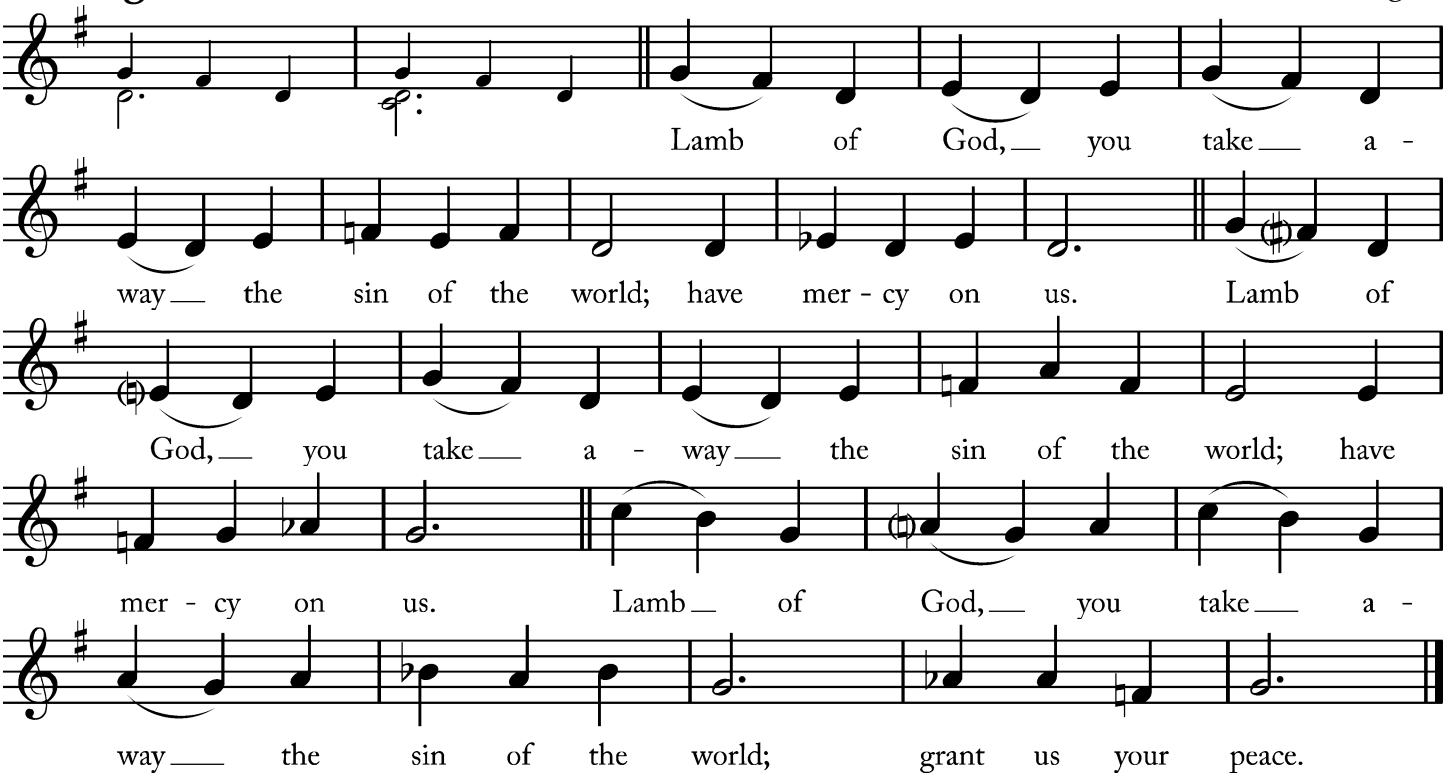


The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

The people remain sitting or kneeling

"And He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah *G. F. Handel*

"Sheep May Safely Grace" from Cantata 208 *J. S. Bach*

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

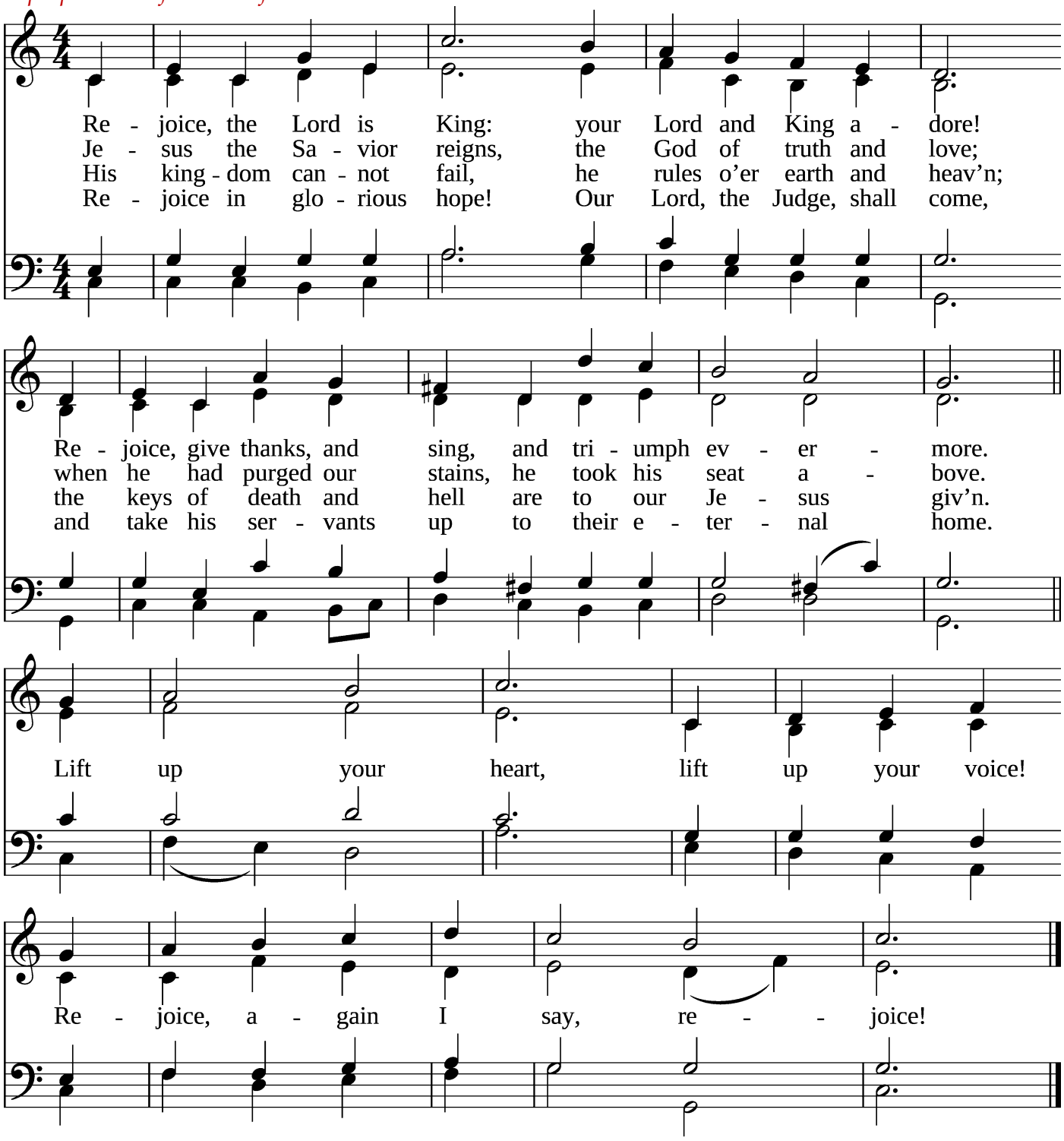
Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recession

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Wesley | Darwall

The people stand if able and face the recession



The Dismissal

The people stand if able

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Postlude **"Andante Largo"** John Stanley

Thank you for worshiping at Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!

Did you have trouble reading the bulletin? Large Print copies are available upon request at the usher's table in the entryway.

We would be so grateful if you would deposit your used bulletins in one of the recycling bins located near the exits of the sanctuary or parish hall as you pass by.

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