St. PAUL'S Episcopal Church BURLINGAME

HOLY EUCHARIST
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026 • 10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this holy season!

Prelude — *Andante,* Kristina Arakelyan (b. 1994)

All stand to sing
Processional Hymn 423 — "Immortal, invisible, God only wise," *St. Denio*

Opening Acclamation

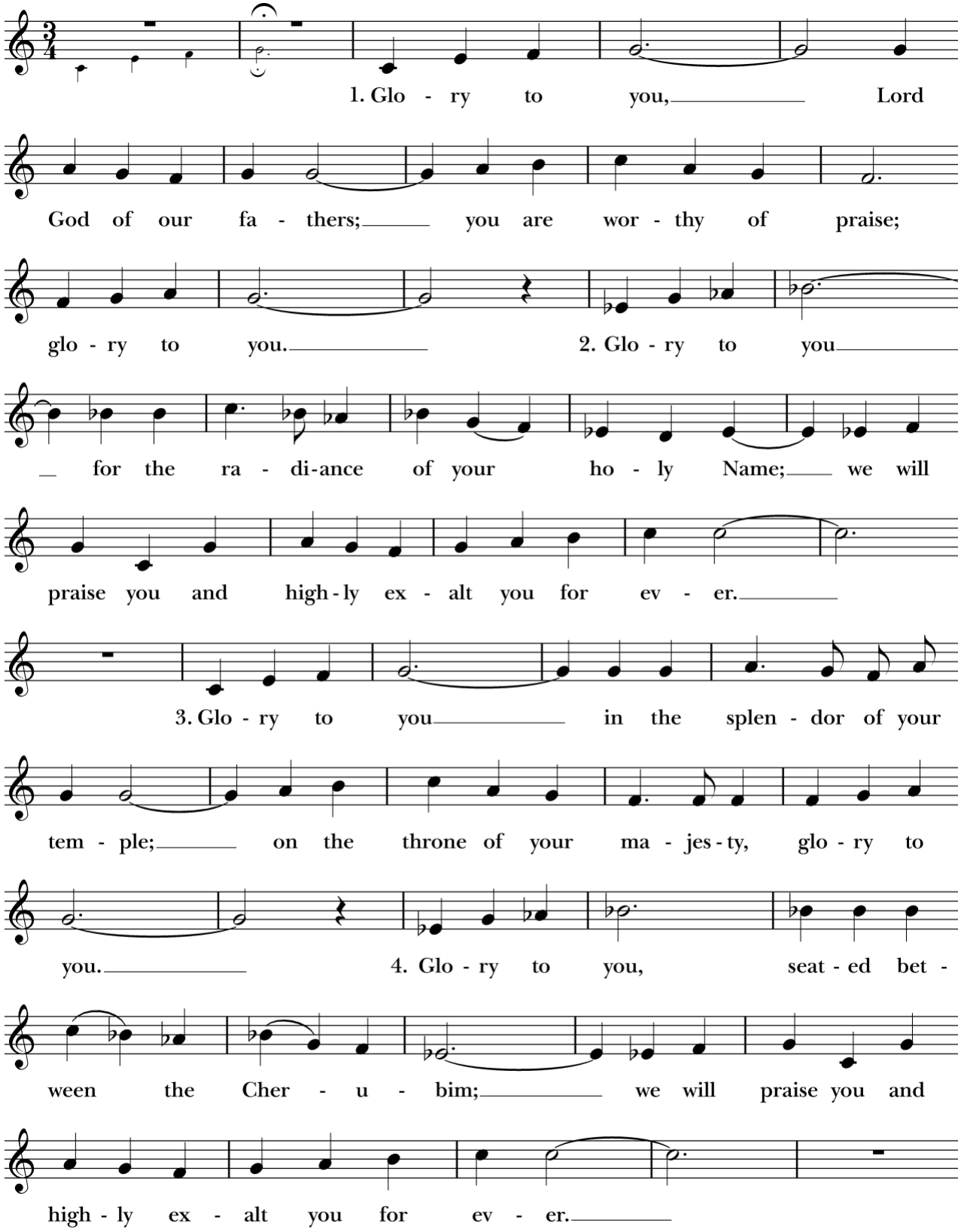
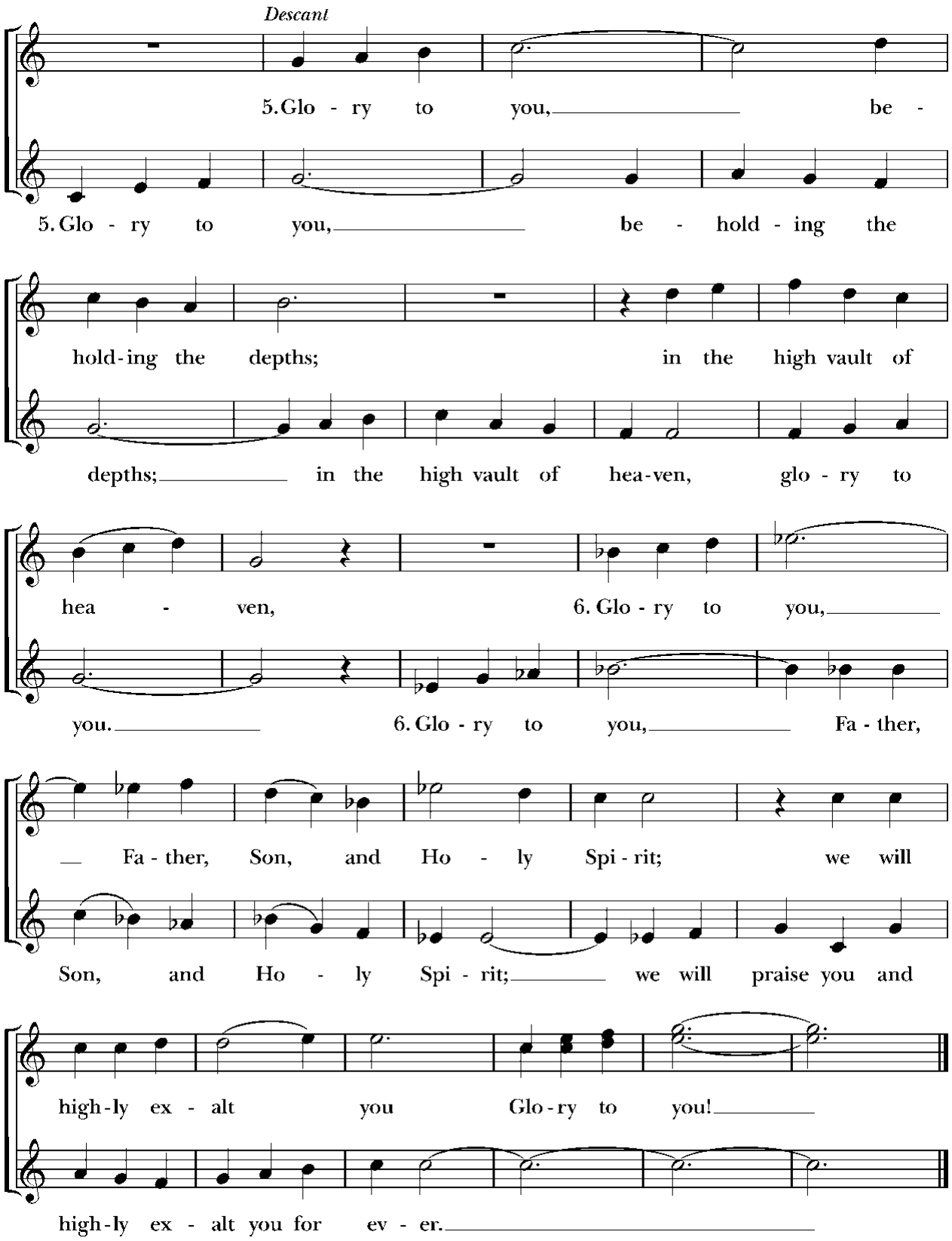
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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**.

All sing

Song of Praise

Glory to you, John Rutter (b. 1945)

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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

After the reading, the reader says

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *The Saint Helena Psalter*

**O God, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

**Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

**If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

**Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me, *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

The Second Lesson Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

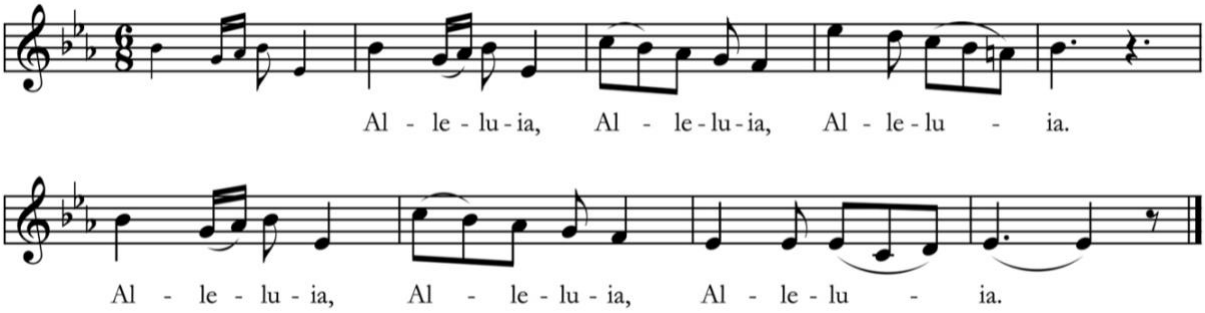
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

After the reading, the reader says

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

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia *A Centennial Mass,* Sarah MacDonald

Choir sings Refrain.

Choir Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you discern my thoughts from afar.

All sing Refrain.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen.

After the Gospel, the reader says

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

The people are seated.

The Sermon — The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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 — *The Book of Common Prayer,* Form IV, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan in the Anglican prayer cycle, and for those working in prison ministries across the diocese – in county jails, federal prisons, and with those on death row in the Diocesan prayer cycle. *Silence*
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. *Silence*
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. *Silence*
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. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for John & Gitti Anderson, The Brabec Family, Diane and Peter Carey, Sally C., Renato Floresca, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Matt Leum, Sonny Liu, Carolyn Mulliken, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Ricky Sanner, Craig Tam, and Carrie Vanden Boom. *Silence*
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. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Prayers of Confession and Absolution

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People say

**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.**

The Celebrant, stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem — *You know me,* Kristina Arakelyan
Trio: Mia, Anna & Alice Malhotra

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me, you know when I sit and when I rise;
you have searched me and you know me, you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You are familiar with all my ways, Lord, you know me completely,
where can I go from your Spirit, where can I flee from your presence?

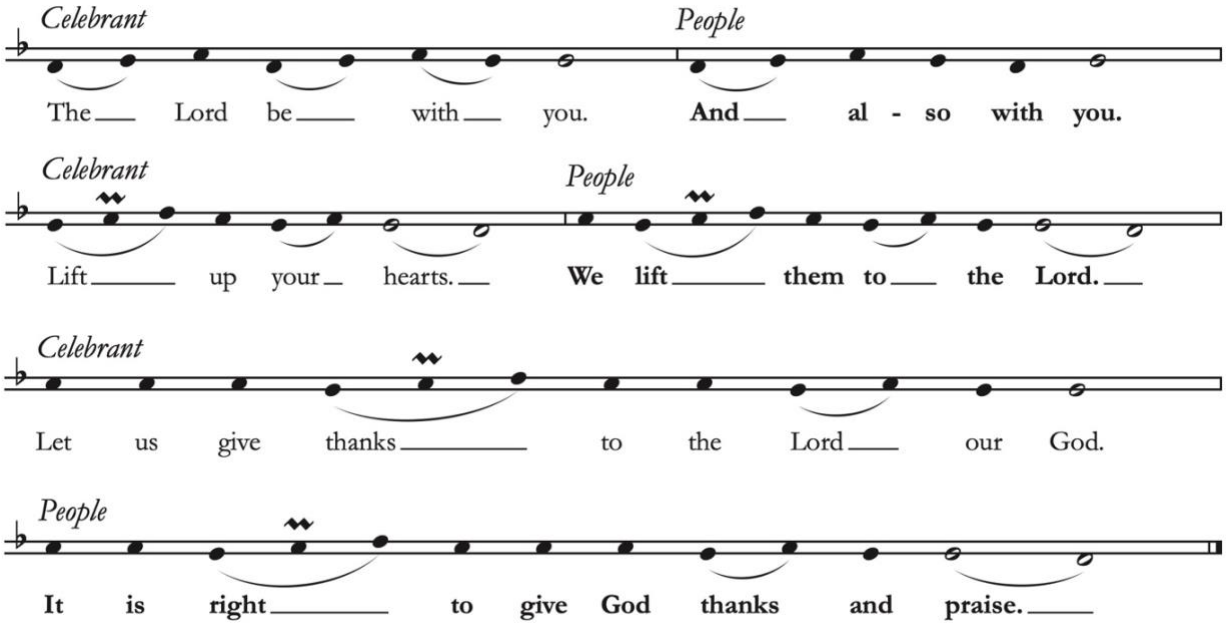
If I go up to the heavens, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there,
if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,
even the darkness will shine like the day for darkness is as light to you.
Even the darkness will not be dark to you, the night will shine like the day.
You have searched me . . .

~ Psalm 139

All stand to sing
Presentation Hymn 453 — "As Jacob with travel was weary one day," *Jacob's Ladder*

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A, *The Book of Common Prayer,* p. 361

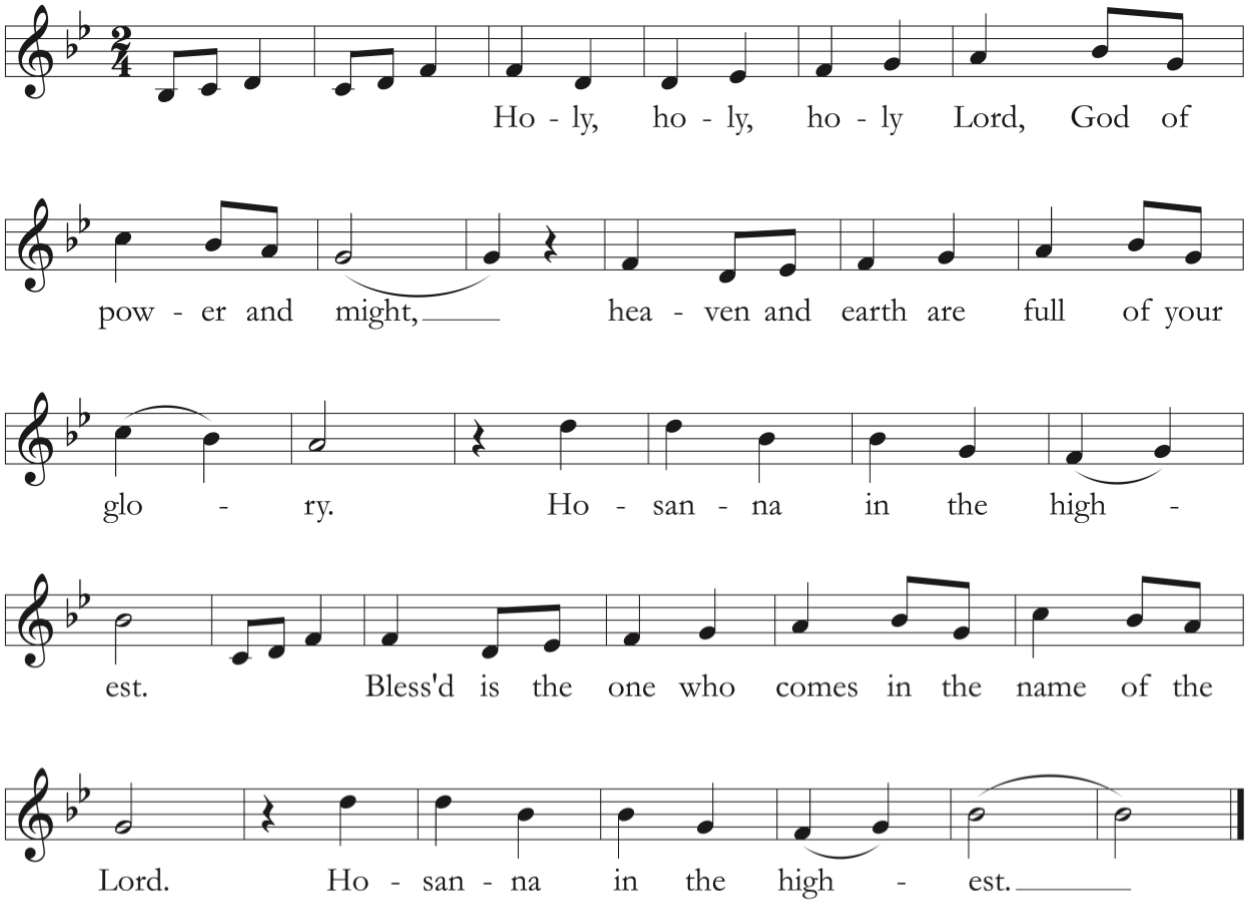


It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

All sing

Sanctus Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

…Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please participate as you feel most comfortable, by receiving 1) a prayer of blessing; 2) consecrated bread or wine; 3) the bread and a blessing; 4) the bread and a sip from the chalice.

Communion Solo

Sympathy, Florence B. Price (1887-1953)
Anna Malhotra, soloist; Olivia Guarraci, pianist

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,
And the river flows like a stream of glass;
When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals—
I know what the caged bird feels!

I know why the caged bird beats his wing
Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;
And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars
And they pulse again with a keener sting—
I know why he beats his wing!

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,—
When he beats his bars and he would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee,
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings—
I know why the caged bird sings!

~ Text by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

All stand to say

The Postcommunion Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer,* p. 365

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

All sing to sing stanzas 1, 3, 5

Hymn 665 "All my hope on God is founded," *Michael*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata (Suite for Organ),* Florence Price

The people are seated after the procession through the postlude.

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