WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Stewardship Season

October 25, 2026

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Pastoral Associate
The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Director of Music
Jeff Kempskie

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Director
Lisa Ramish

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill

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To view the **parish calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher. St. Mark's is also equipped with a hearing loop. This allows many hearing aid wearers to use their hearing aids' telecoil, or *T-coil,* setting to transmit speech picked up by the microphones directly to their aids. Enabling this setting on your hearing aids may make it easier to hear and understand people using wireless mics or speaking at the podiums.



Restrooms are available in the foyer, with more downstairs.

Childcare – The Nursery is open until 12:30 PM. Children up to PreK-3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, the last room on your right.

Land Acknowledgment – We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgment mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward for meaningful, mutual healing.
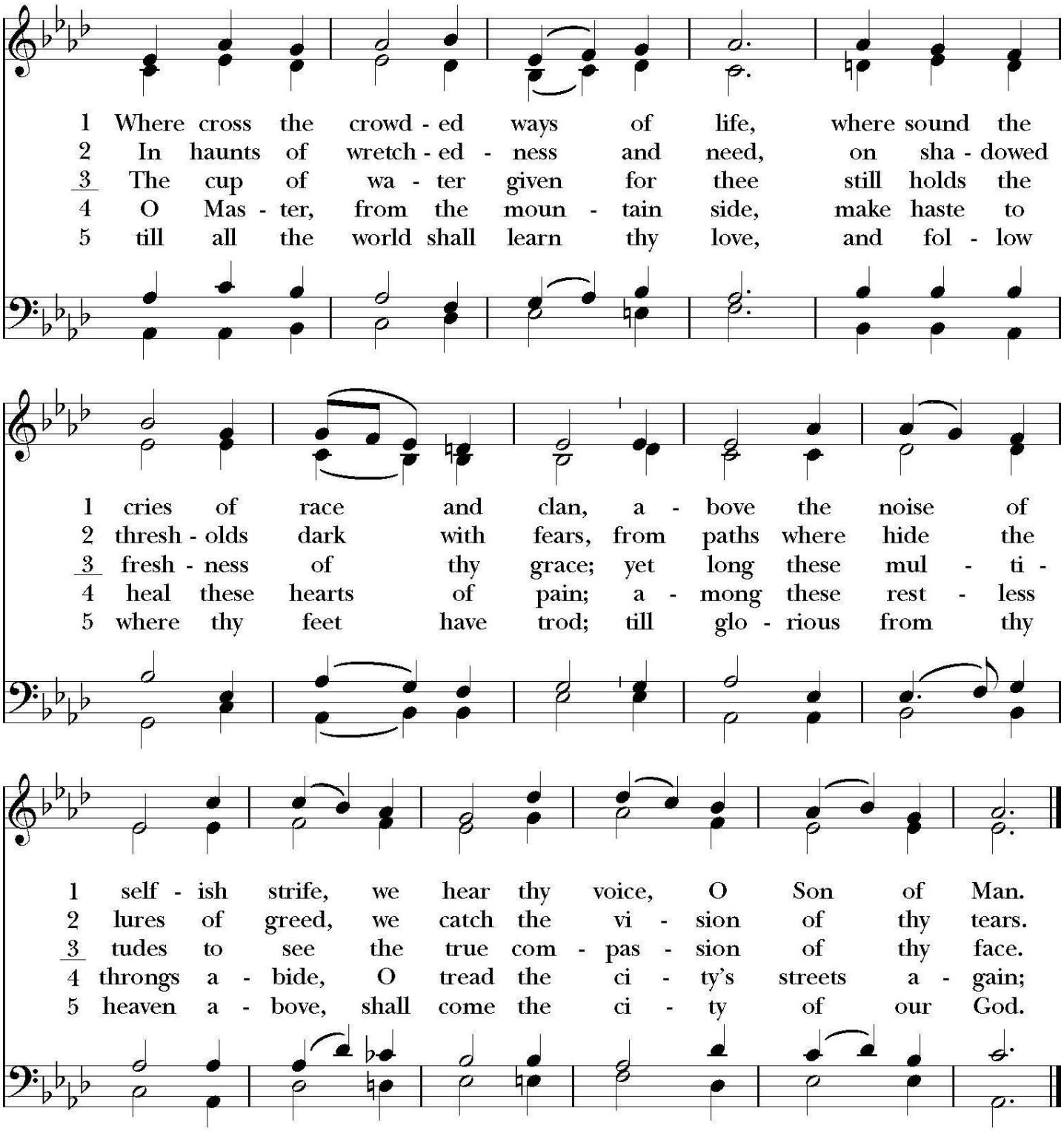
Our Guest Preacher today is Annmarie Quigley, a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington who serves on the Bishop's staff.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE III. Priere à Notre Dame, Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)
from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

OPENING HYMN 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life *Gardiner*



OPENING SENTENCES

We are stewards of God's creation.
We honor our Creator by caring for ourselves.

We follow Jesus by loving and caring for one another.
We embody the Holy Spirit by nurturing and caring for the world entrusted to us. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you!
And also upon you!

Let us pray,

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

The people sit.

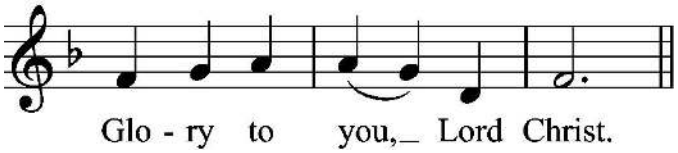
THE FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



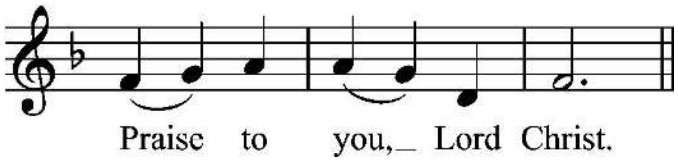
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,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

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

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

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

The Gospel of Jesus.



SERMON The Reverend Annemarie Quigley

AFFIRMATION

I believe in the Source Eternal, the creator of the universe, who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Light that shines in the darkness; the darkness cannot overcome him. He manifests God in our midst, suffered under sin on the Cross, and lives as God's saving grace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of God in our world, who conquers the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the images of God we are meant to be.

I believe in the power of transformation, here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You, Creator God, have made us into one body, endowing each of us with gifts which we can share. Unite us in our faith and strengthen us with love so that we may be All In, Together.
That we may be united as the body of Christ.

Bless your Church, our clergy, lay leaders, and all who serve your mission. Help each member share their gifts faithfully and generously. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

We pray for our annual stewardship campaign; open our hearts to your abundance so we may give our time, talents, and treasure with gratitude and love, so our ministries may be sustained and our community strengthened. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

Guide the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority. Grant them wisdom and compassion so that they may pursue justice, safeguard the vulnerable, and strive for peace. May we be, **All In, Together as the Body of Christ.**

Bless your creation and all who care for the earth and its resources. Teach us to be faithful stewards of the world entrusted to us. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

May our community and our neighbors, both near and far, be blessed. Let us welcome all people, acknowledge each individual's gifts, and respond generously to the needs among us. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

Show compassion to everyone who is suffering, mourning, feeling lonely, or struggling. Support those who care for them, and let us be a means of their healing and peace. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

We remember those who have died, especially those whose lives strengthened our faith and society. Grant them eternal rest, and let light shine upon them forever. May we be,
All In, Together as the Body of Christ.

All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with "This is my prayer" to which all will respond "Amen."

Gracious God,

unite our gifts in love, strengthen us in service, and guide us to care for your creation. May we be All In, Together, as this community through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Todd Thorpe

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you!
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

Gifts to St. Mark's can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code. Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

Food offerings may be brought forward to the baskets under the altar at this time.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

As members of the one body in Christ, let us offer our time, talents, and treasure with grateful hearts, that we may be All In, Together, in the work of God's love.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River *Hanson Place*, arr. John Karl Hirten

Chancel Choir

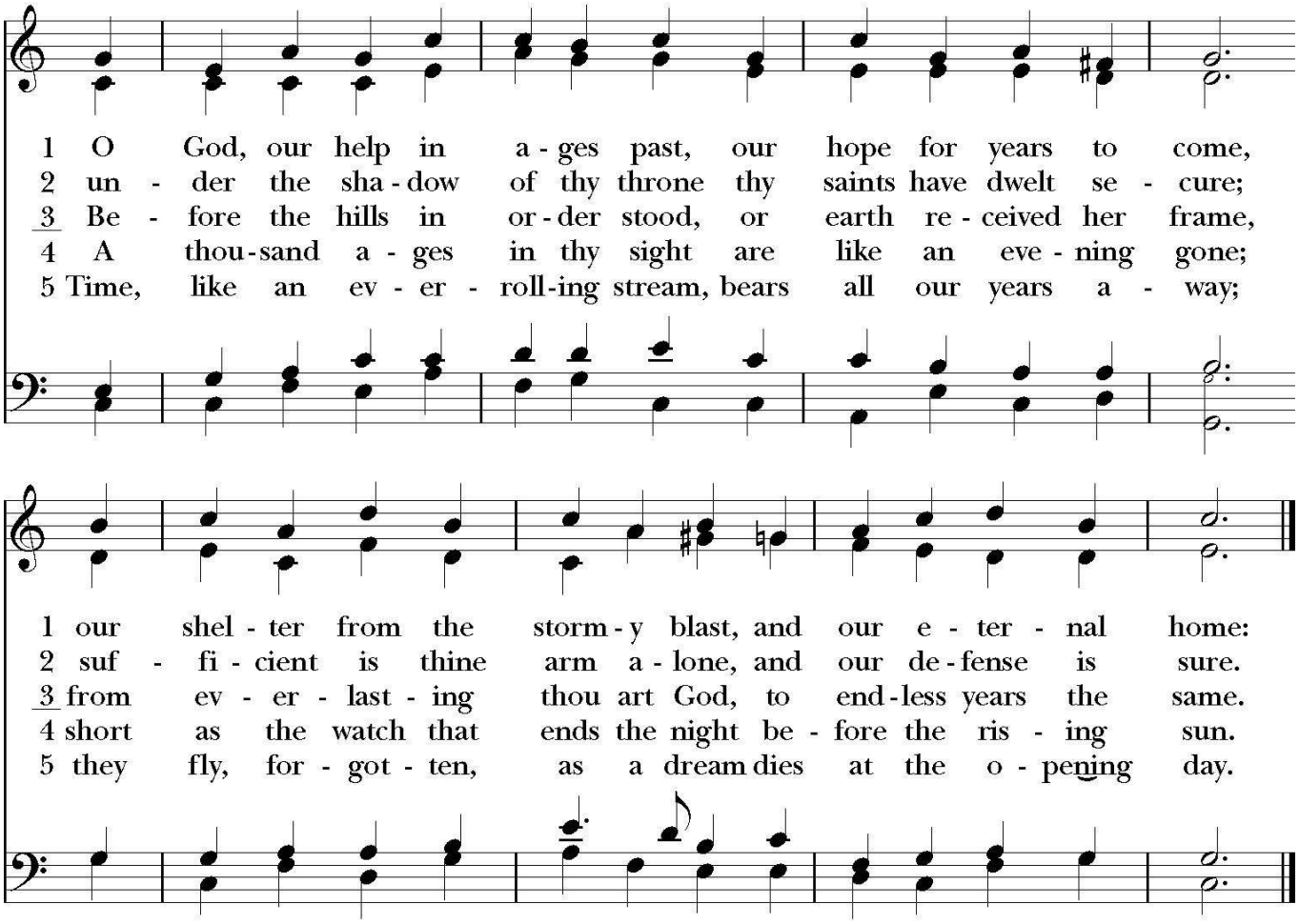
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

PRESENTATION HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past, vv. 1-4 *St. Anne*



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

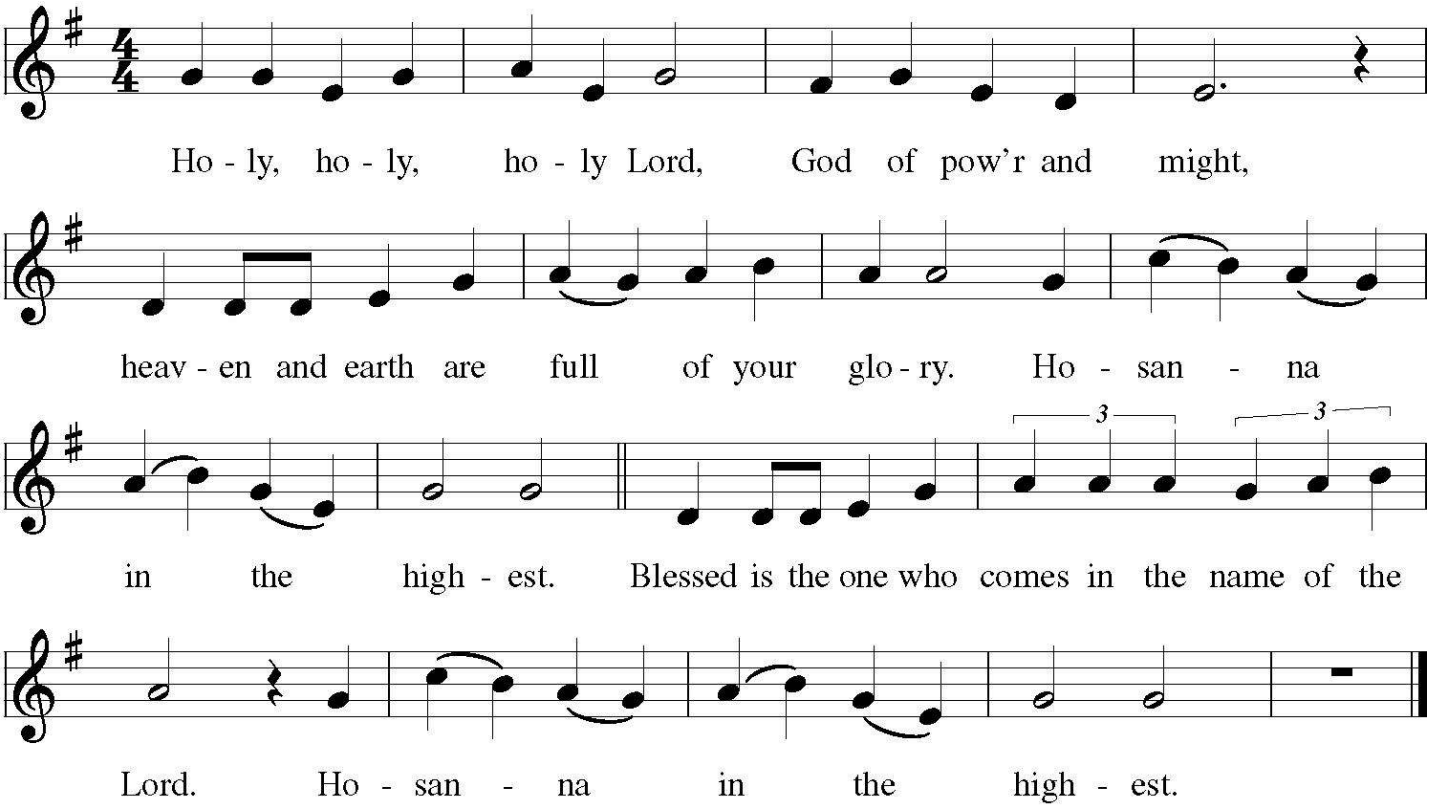
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels, and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS WLP 851 Jack Warren Burnham



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons that with Mark and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

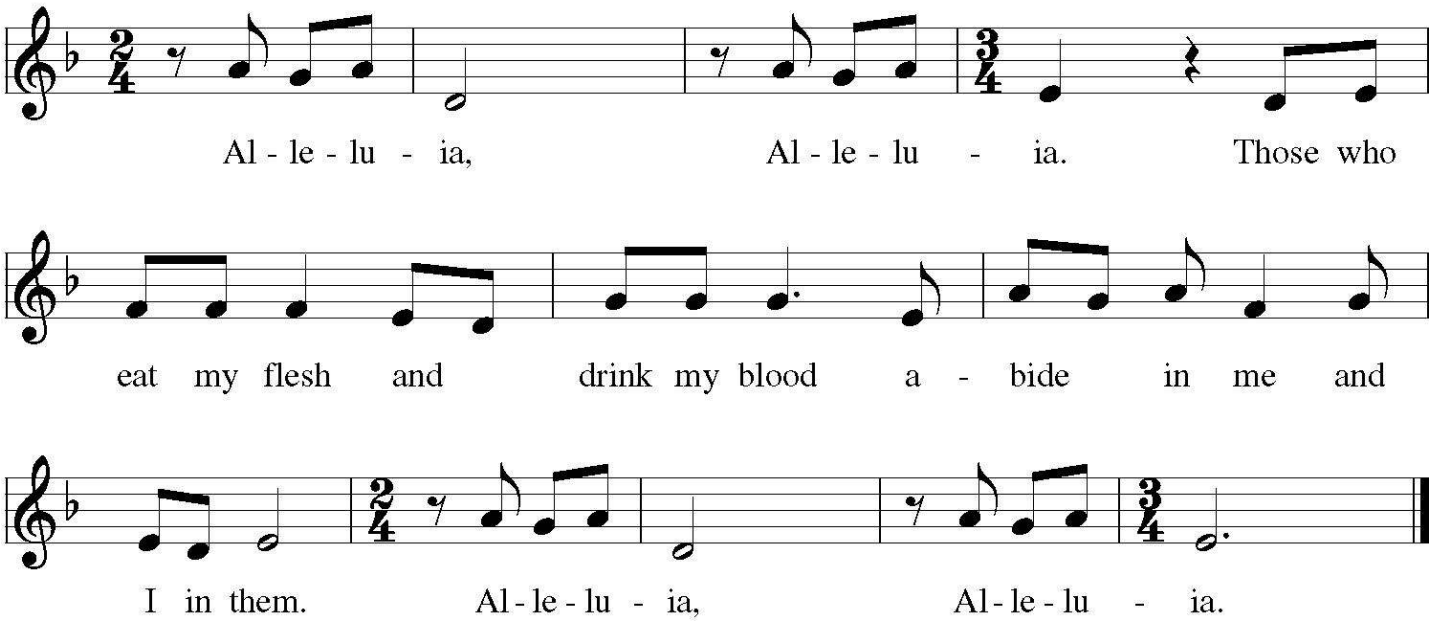
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 873 Carl Haywood



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and this bread and wine as God's food for all. **Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or do not believe, all are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

THE COMMUNION
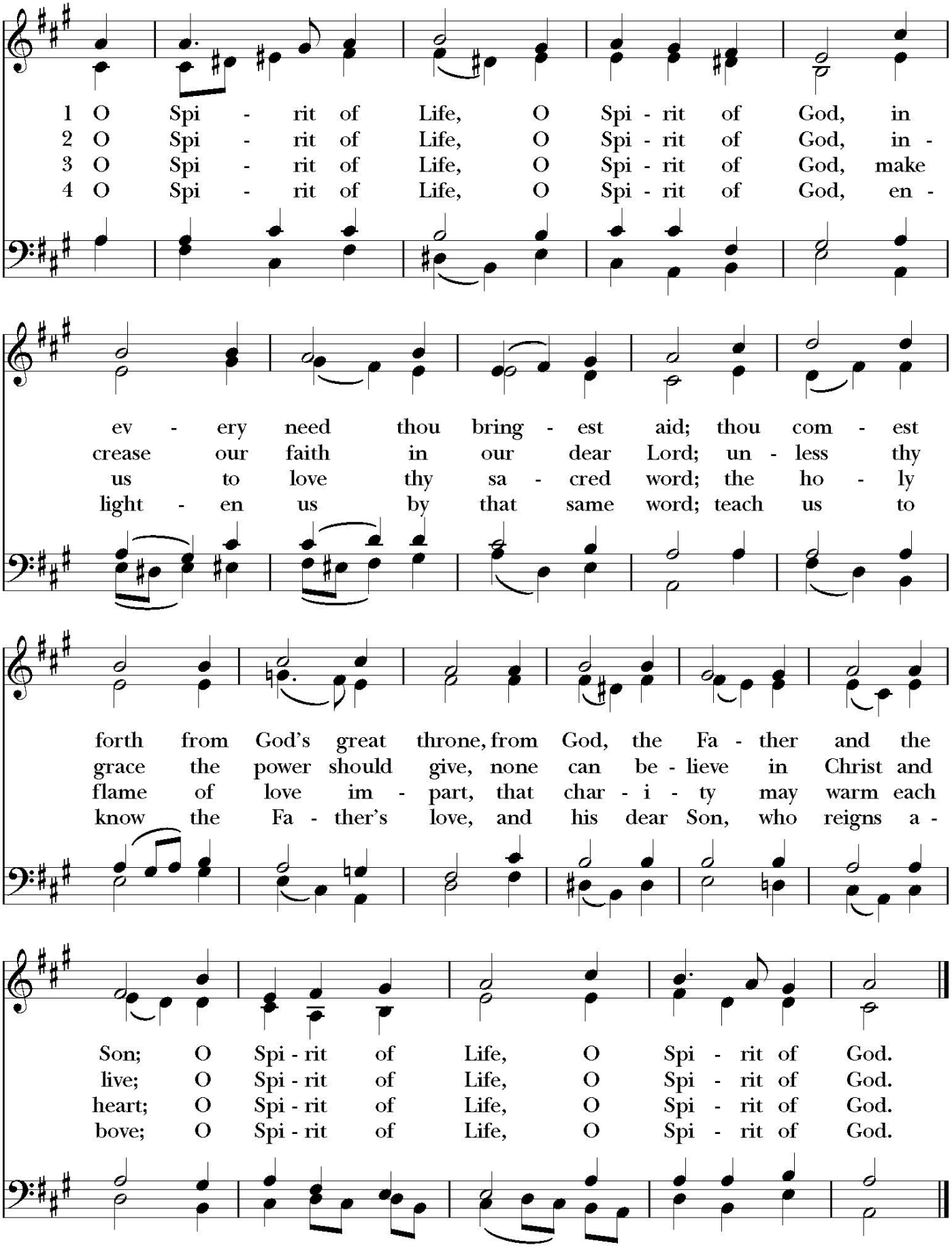
St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

You will be offered bread by a celebrant and invited to drink from the common cup. Please put out your hands to help guide the cup to your lips, and drink.

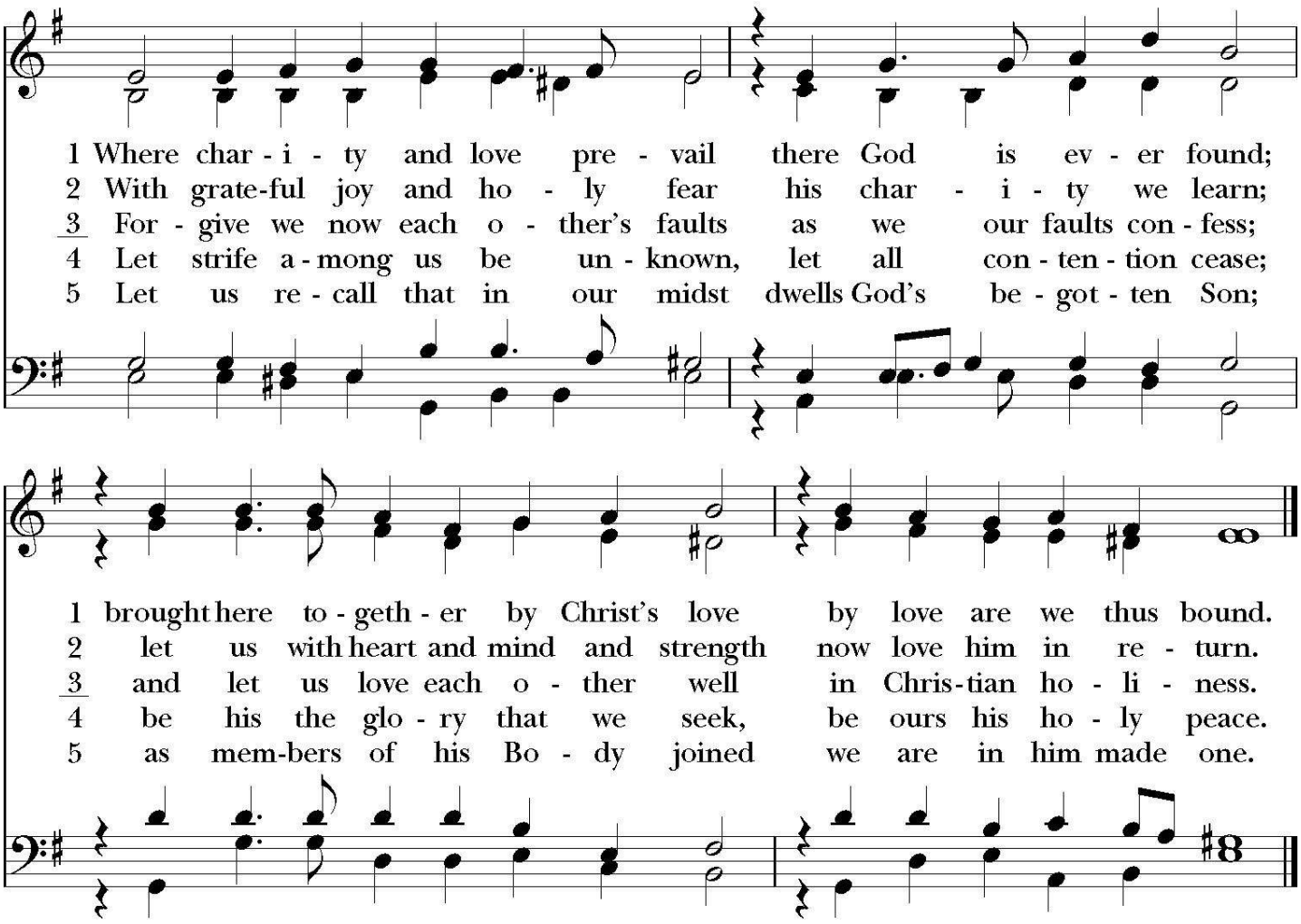
If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 505 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God — *O heiliger Geist*

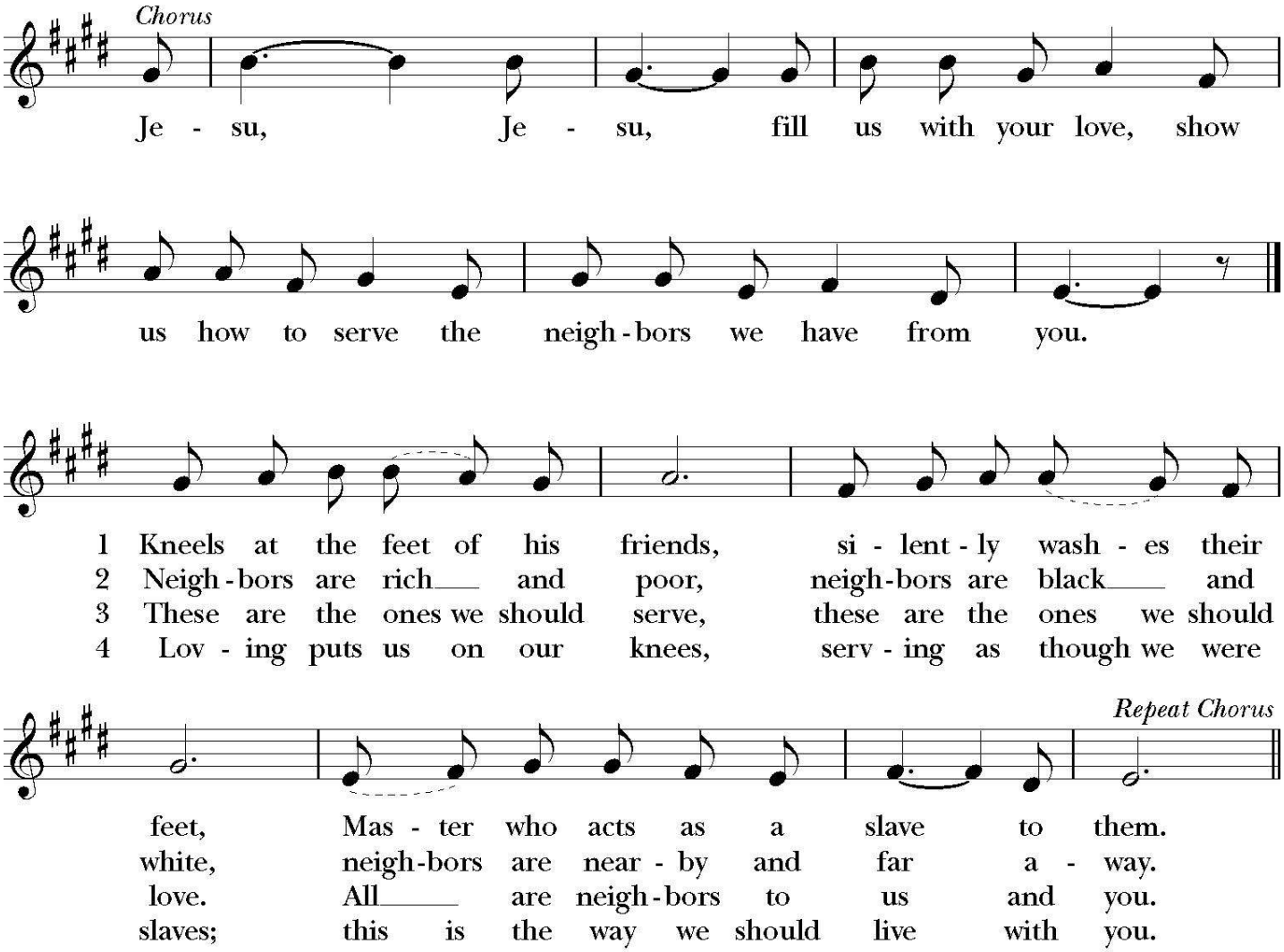


Hymn 581 Where Charity and love prevail *Cheshire*



6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Hymn 602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love *Chereponi*
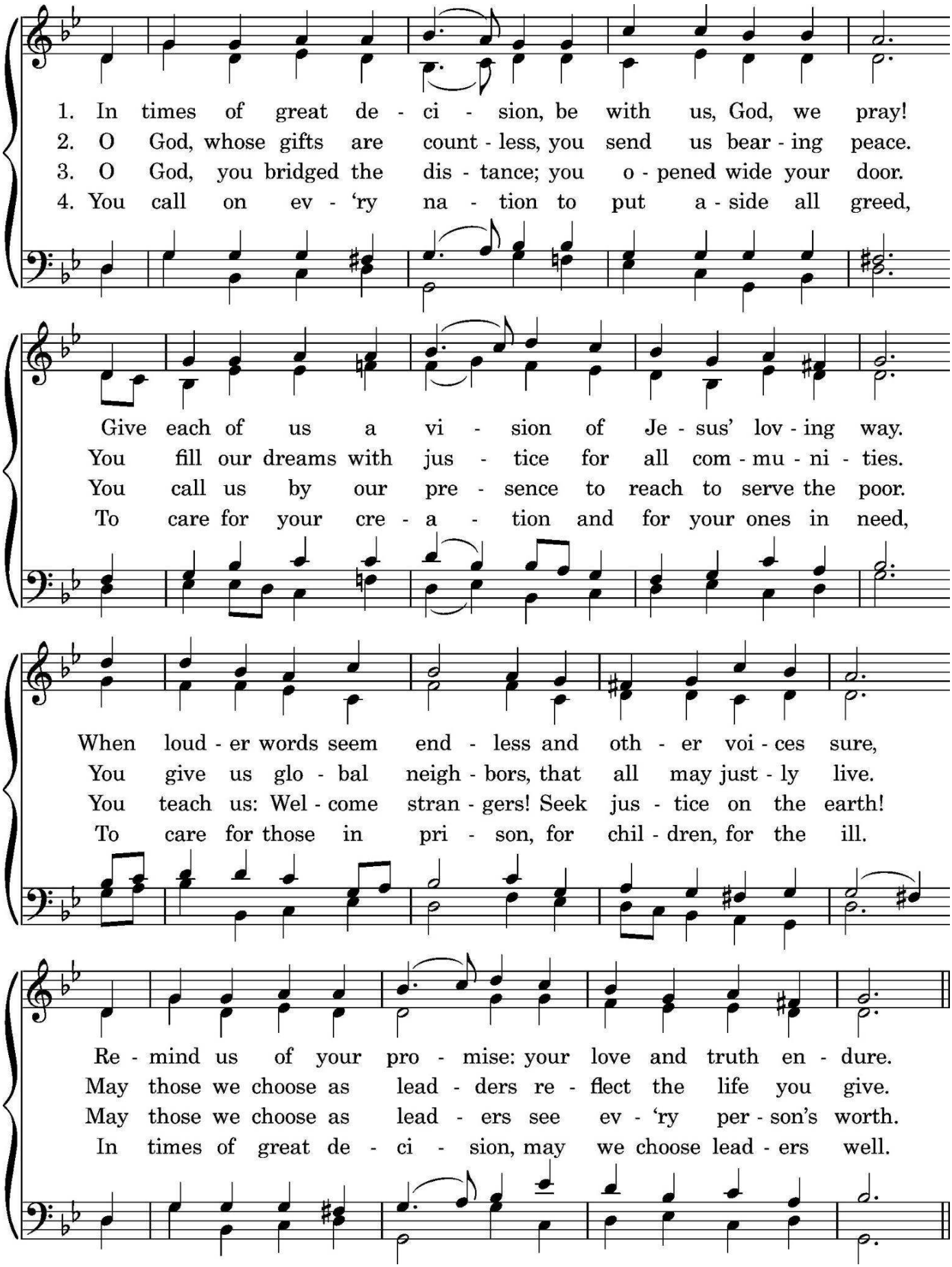


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and each other, in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN In Times of Great Decision *Llangloffan*



THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE IV. Toccata, from *Suite Gothique* Leon Boëllmann

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Worship Participants

We'd love to talk to you if you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles! For more information, contact Nick Rogers, our Worship Coordinator.

Ministers	All the Members of St. Mark's
Presider	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Preacher	The Reverend Annemarie Quigley
Director of Music	Jeff Kempskie
Verger	Jan Lipscomb
Greeters	Hannah Harkey & Mary Tarnowka
Acolyte	Clare Cody
Readers	Charmian Crawford & Kelly Dickinson
Bread & Wine	Judith Jones
Altar Guild	TBD
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Knipe
Video Director	Chris Berendes
Technical Director	Matt Dodge

Our **Pentecost Paraments** (hangings) were designed by the Altar Guild and financed by the Endowment Board. The pulpit fall, lectern fall, and veil reflect the symbols of the three regions from which our membership comes. They illustrate the bird, tree, butterfly, fish, and flower of DC, Virginia, and Maryland. They were made by English needle artist, Jacquie Binns, who designed and created our banner.

Liturgy Request: At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Rector at michele@stmarks.net

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

We pray for parish administrators, sextons, and staff and for all who volunteer to take care of our churches, church buildings, and grounds.

Anglican Communion

The Diocese of Karachi – The Church of Pakistan (United)

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Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

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We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service.

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I attended: _____ 11:15 a.m. Worship Service on October 25, 2026

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Anything else you would like to share?

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Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today. *Go in peace and return often!*