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

9:00 AM
FAMILY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM
SERMON SEMINAR

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.
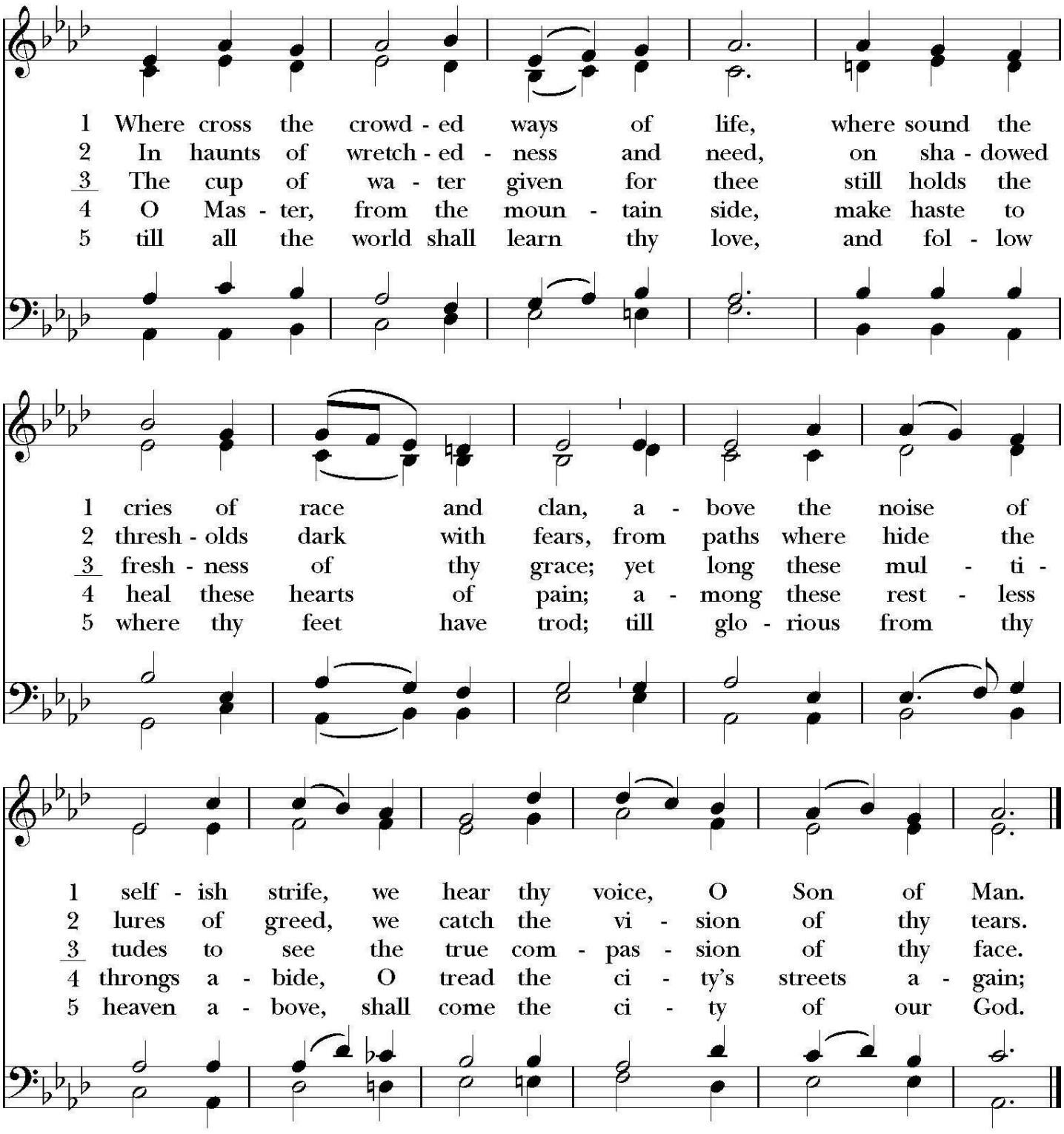
Our Guest Preacher today is Annmarie Quigley, a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington who serves on the Bishop's staff.

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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.

ACOLYTE INSTALLATION

Reverend Morgan: It is our privilege to present these new members for service to the parish, to the clergy, and to God.

Head Youth Acolyte Maddie Thorpe:
They have been instructed and completed the training for acolytes.
Caleb Collins, Blythe Giron, John Haines, Clara Silva, Aurora Wilson, and Deven Wilson.

Reverend Morgan: Light has special meaning for us:

When God created the world, He separated the light from the darkness to show His creation and glory. God led the Hebrew people to the promised land by a pillar of fire to light the way in the dark.

Jesus said. "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."

Maddie: The light that you carry—to the altar and in the service—is a reminder of God's light, the light we follow.

Reverend Morgan: The cross you carry in procession calls us to worship and, as you carry it at the close, to remind us that we carry God's word and work into the world.

Maddie: As an acolyte, you wear a cross to show your role in the service

Reverend Morgan: I ask you in the presence of your family and friends: are you willing to undertake this responsibility and role in worship?

Acolytes: Yes, with God's help

Maddie places a cross on each new acolyte

Reverend Morgan: We welcome your service to us, to God, and this parish.

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.

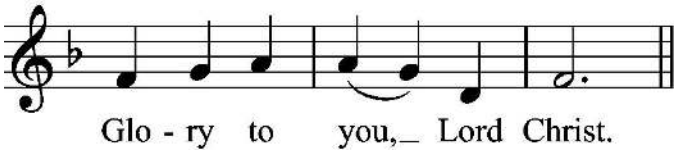
THE FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *God's Word, My Voice Translation*

Brothers and sisters, we're so glad we were able to be with you, and we hope you found it productive, as well. When we came to you, we'd been beaten up in Philippi, and I have to say, it took a lot of courage to keep preaching the Good News. You know we don't do this to please ourselves, or even to please you, but to please God and to tell everyone his Good News. We tried to be humble and gentle with you. We care about you so deeply, and shared the gospel with you and also our hearts. You have become very special to us.

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46 *God's Word, My Voice Translation*

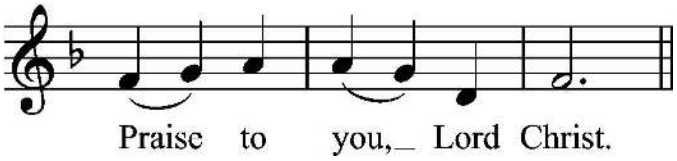
The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had bested the Sadducees, they sent a lawyer to ask Jesus this question: "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest one of all?"
Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your heart and with all your mind. That is the first commandment and the greatest one there is. And there's another that goes along with it, love your neighbor as yourself. All the other commandments are built on these." Then Jesus asked them a question: "So, what do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said, "He's the son of David." Jesus said, "How can David call him Lord if he's David's son, like it says in the scriptures?"

No one was able to give him an answer. After that they didn't bother to ask Jesus any more questions.

The Gospel of Jesus.



SERMON The Reverend Annemarie Quigley

The sermon will be delivered after the service during the sermon seminar.

CHILDREN'S REFLECTION Lisa Ramish

CHILDREN'S CREED

Let us pray. I have faith in God: Our creator,
I have faith in God: Our creator,

who made everything in the world out of love.
who made everything in the world out of love.

I have faith in Jesus: God on earth,
I have faith in Jesus: God on earth,

who lived among us and showed God's love to everyone.
who lived among us and showed God's love to everyone.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit: God at work in the world today,
I have faith in the Holy Spirit: God at work in the world today,

who helps us show God's love to each other.
who helps us show God's love to each other.

Please stand as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Written by the Nilakanta Family

O God, you created life and the world. We pray to you.

We pray for wisdom for our leaders.
Through Christ our Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation, for the animals and the humans all around the earth. We pray they have clean water, healthy food, and safe shelter.
Through Christ our Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders and teachers. We thank you for teaching us how to be kind.
Through Christ our Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or hurting that need extra help.
Through Christ our Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, you created life and the world. We pray to you.

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

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Jeremy Sierra

THE PEACE

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

VESTRY GREETING & 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

God loves a cheerful giver, so let's give to God with happy hearts today.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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

Chancel Choir

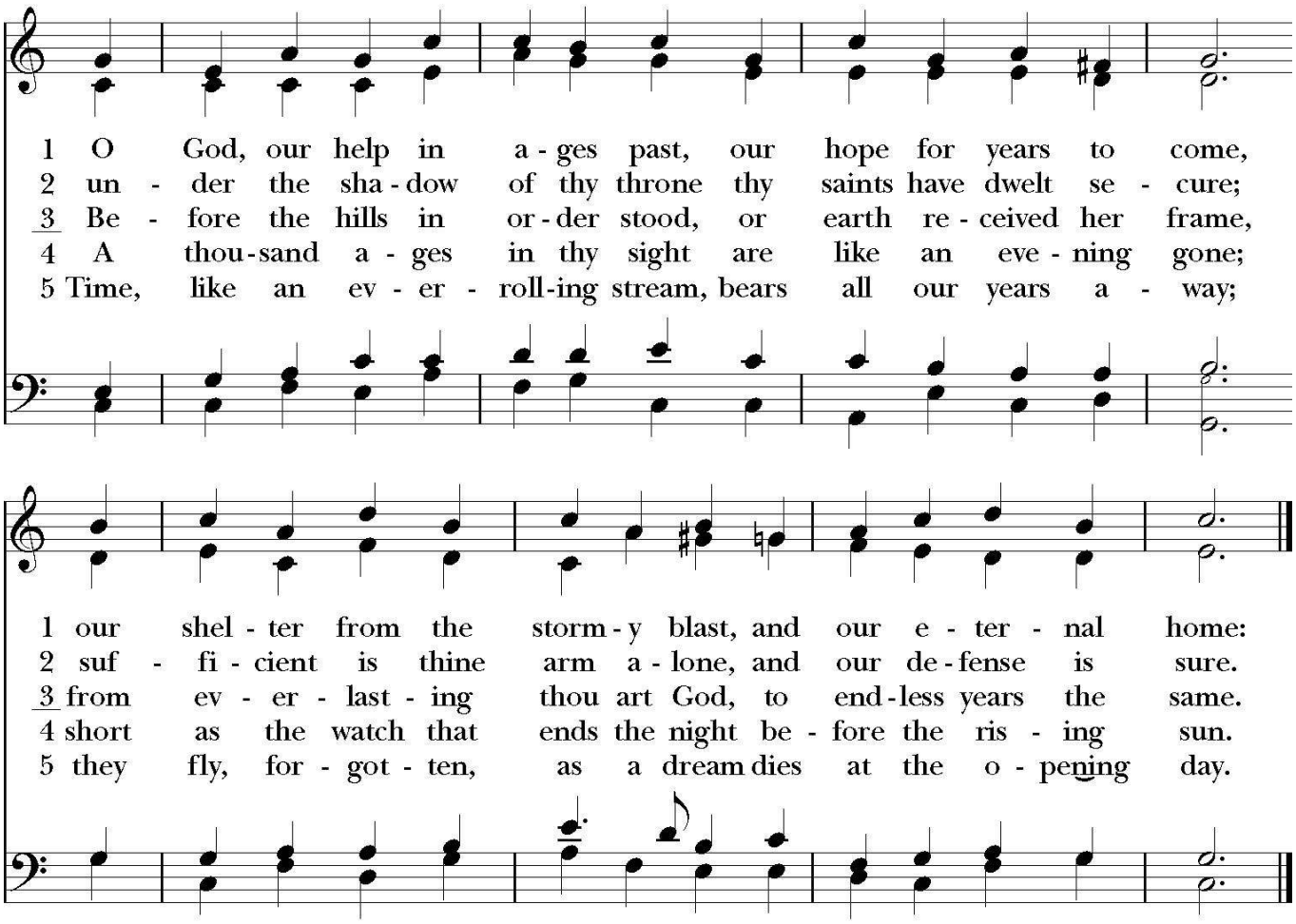
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

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*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is here.
We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God
who has done so much for us.

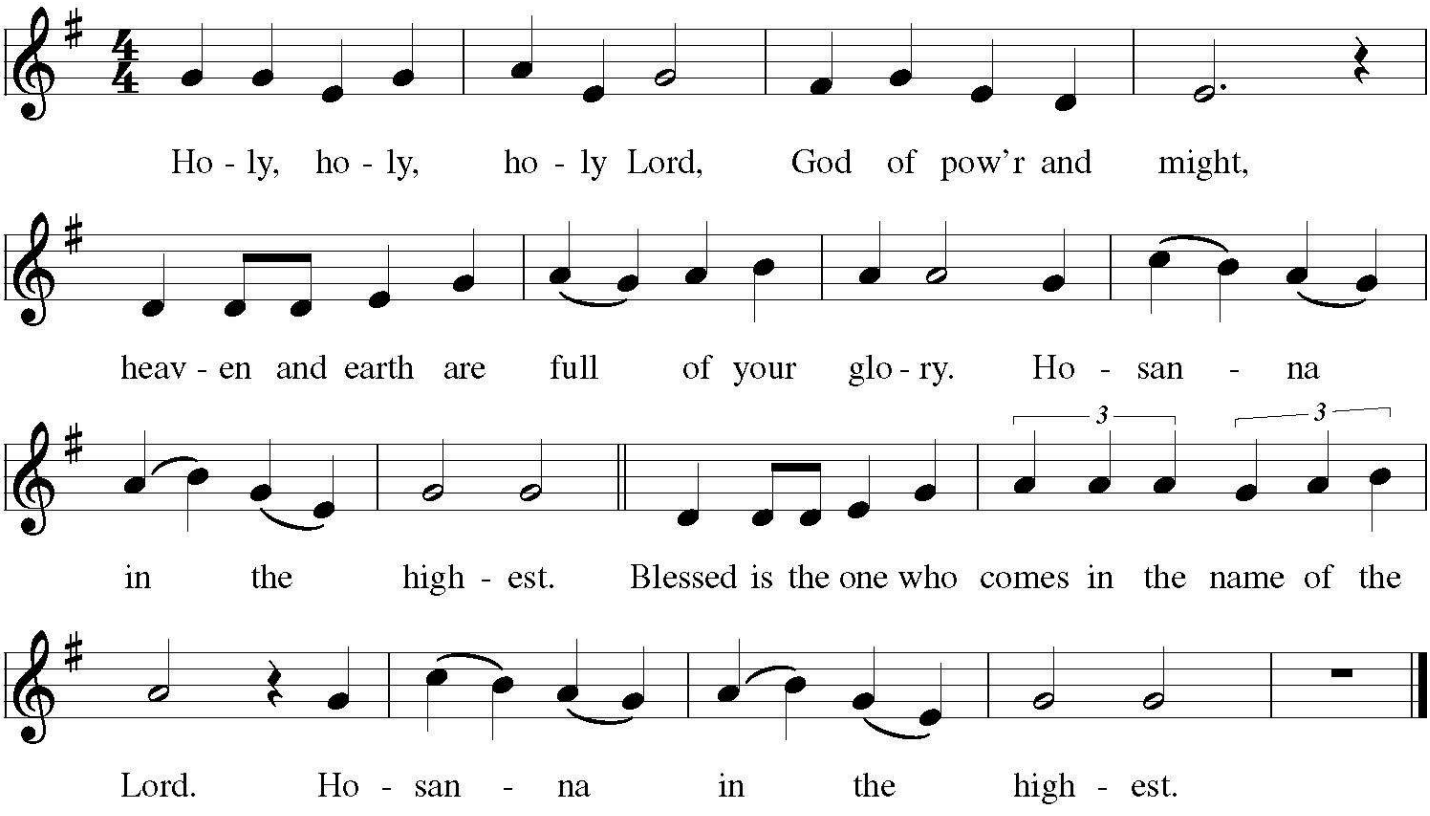
God, you made us and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but we have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. So with thanks, we praise you.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

SANCTUS WLP 851 Jack Warren Burnham



We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said. "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you."
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

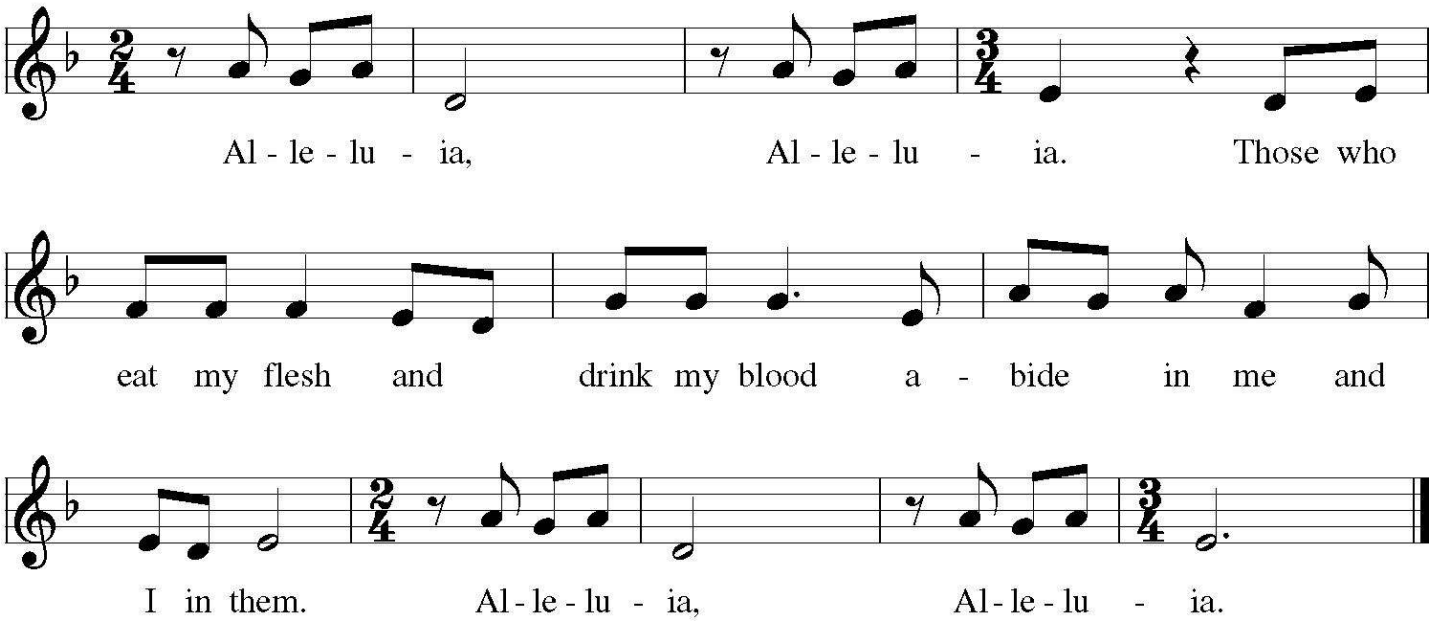
Help us care for your world and for each other as Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land, we worship you and say:

We praise you. We thank you. We honor you. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us, let us pray:
Our Creator, 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
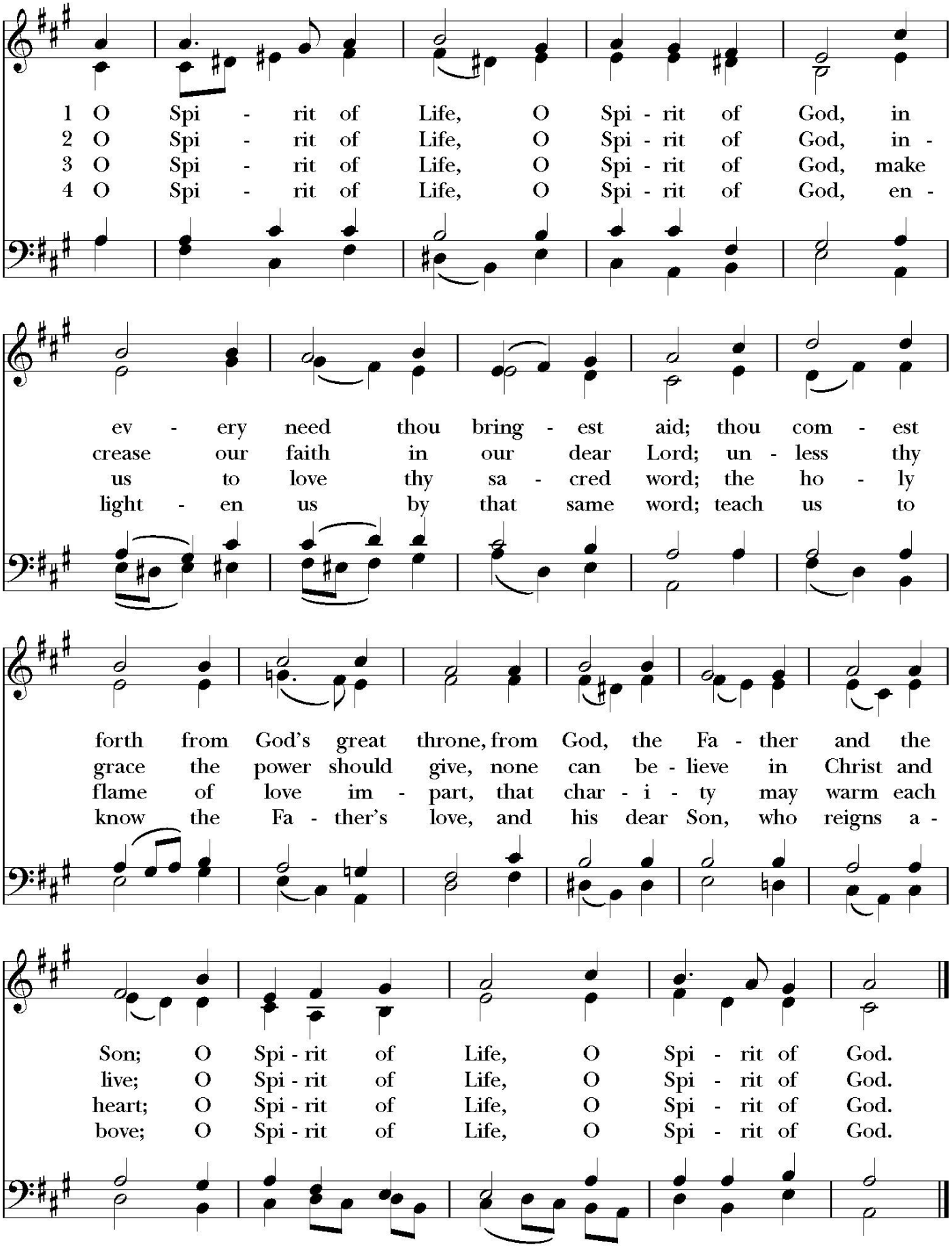
St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

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.

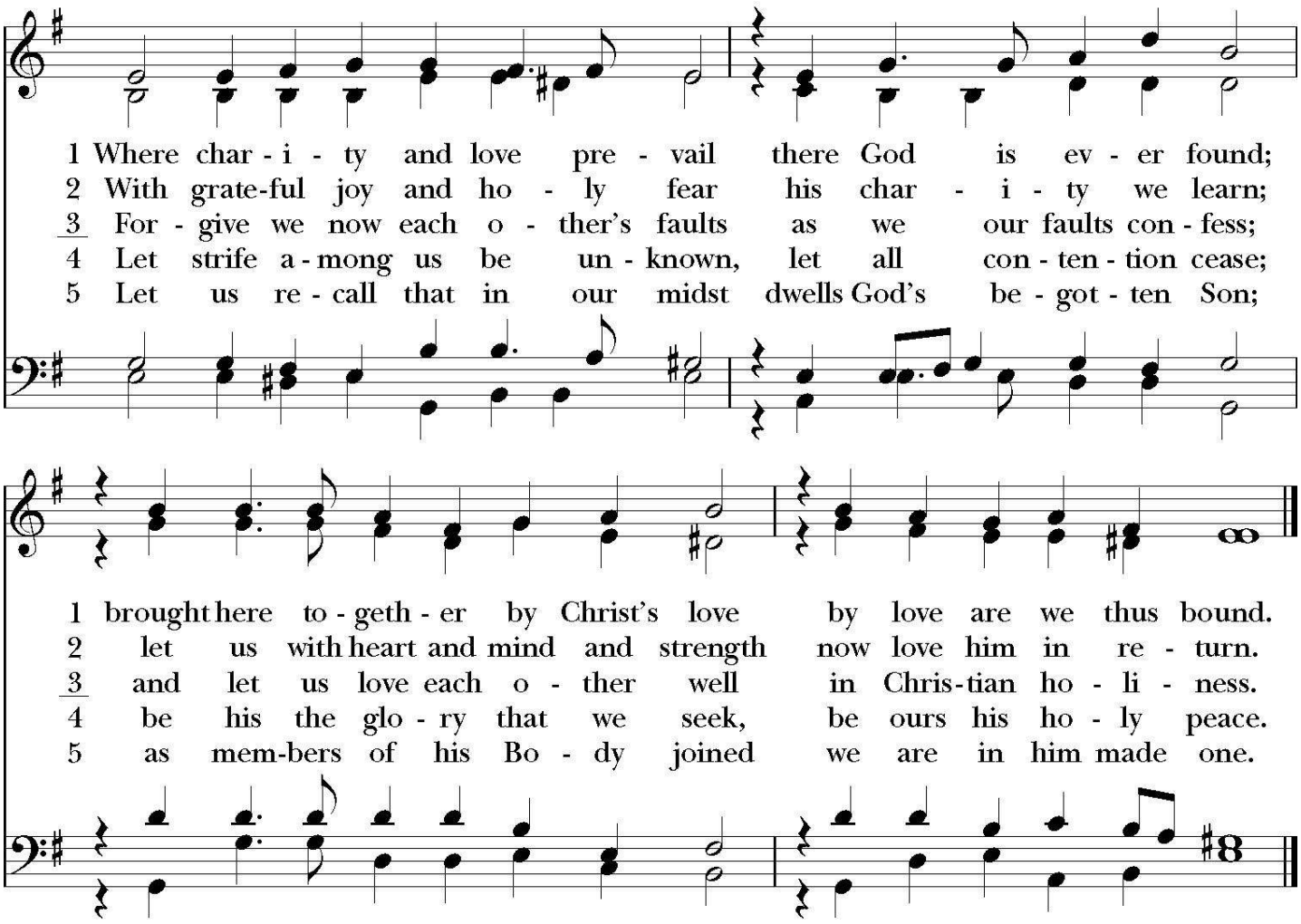
If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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

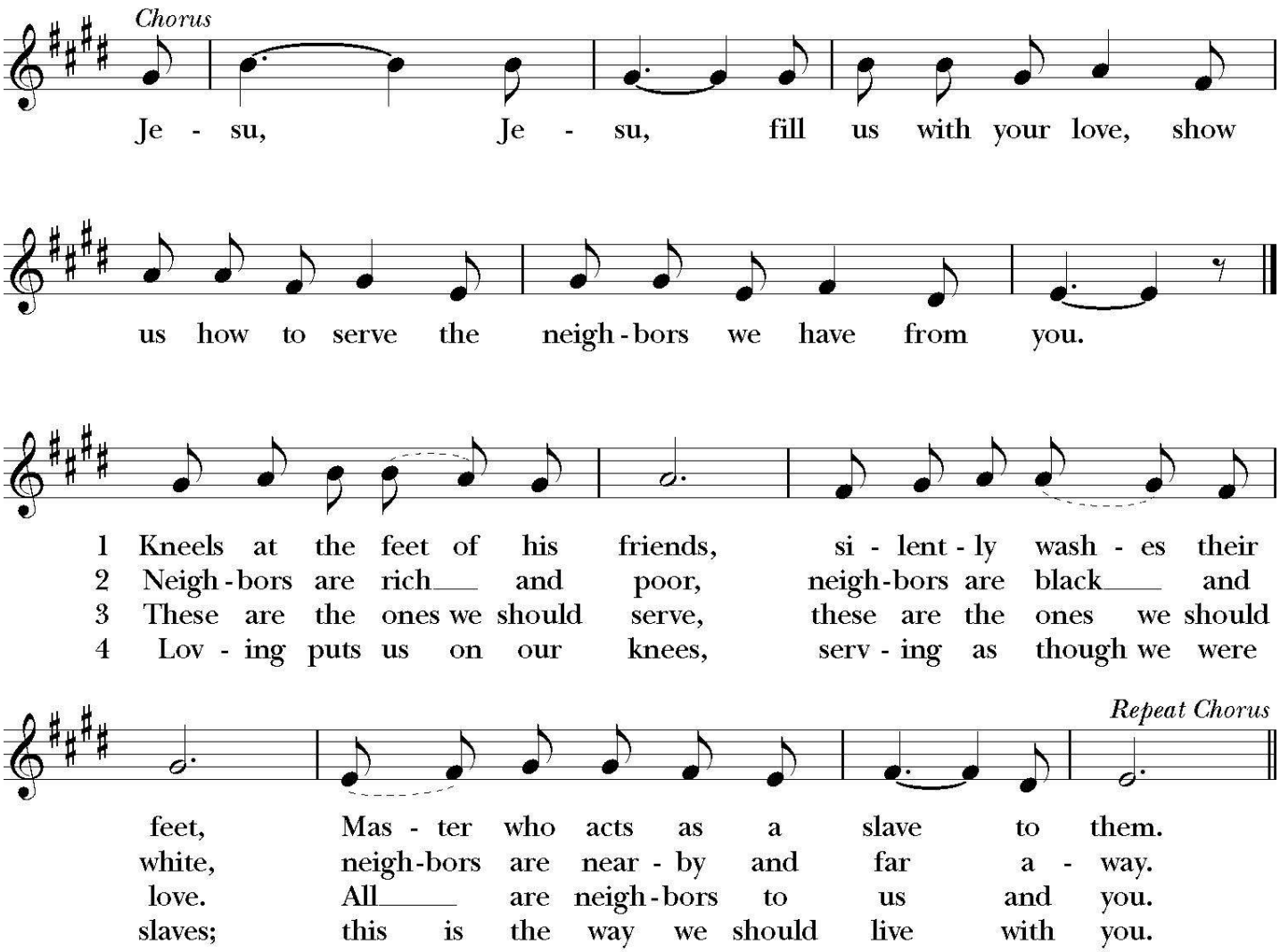


Hymn 581 Where Charity and love prevail *Cheshire*



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*
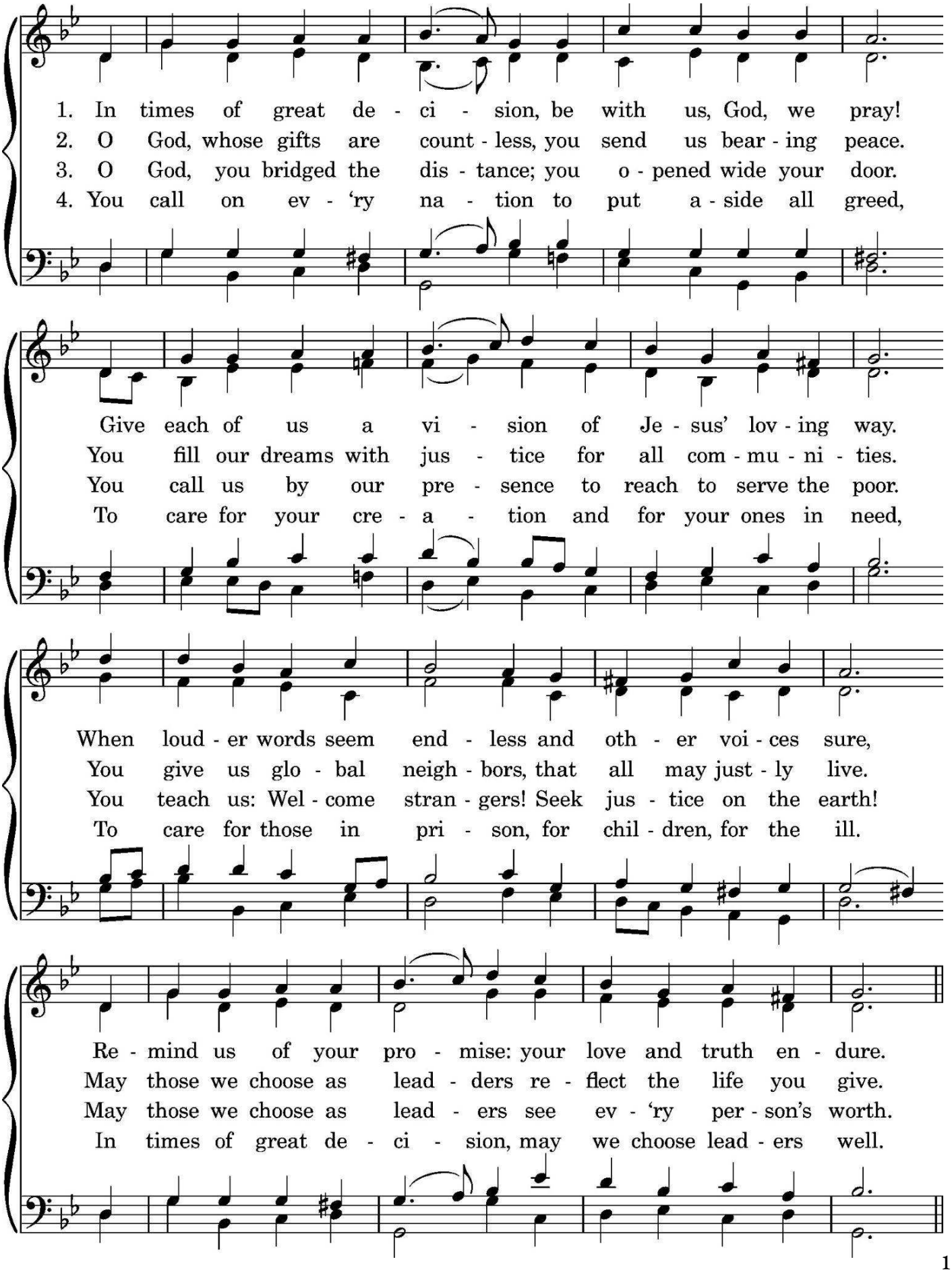


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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, Redeemer, and Sustainer, 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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Sermon Seminar *at 10:00 am*

Announcements *Please limit announcements to <u>one minute or less.</u>*

The Sermon The Reverend Annemarie Quigley

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I be brief?
4. Will I later regret having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?

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	Josie Jordan
Greeters	Terri Poxon-Pearson & Cristina Pardo Nilakanta
Acolytes	Cora MacDonald-Beatty, *crucifer*
	Deven Wilson & John Haines, *torchers*
Collect Reader	Caleb Sherman
Epistle Reader	Lorel Reyna
Prayers of the People	Nilakanta family
Bread & Wine	Maureen Shea & Kenn Allen
Altar Guild	Jenn Dalzell
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Jordan & Jeremy Sierra
Bread & Wine Bearer	Aria Sherman
Offering Plate Distributors	Matteo Reyna & Sylvia Poxon-Swift

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.

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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.

To complete this form online, or sign up for our weekly newsletter, use this QR code:

I attended: _____ 9:00 a.m. Worship Service on October 25, 2026

Name _____

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I am interested in learning more about:

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_____ Affinity groups (20s/30s, Men's Group, Women's Group)
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_____ Dance classes
_____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

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!*