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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Stewardship Season

November 8, 2026

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Prelude on *Kremser* arr. Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)
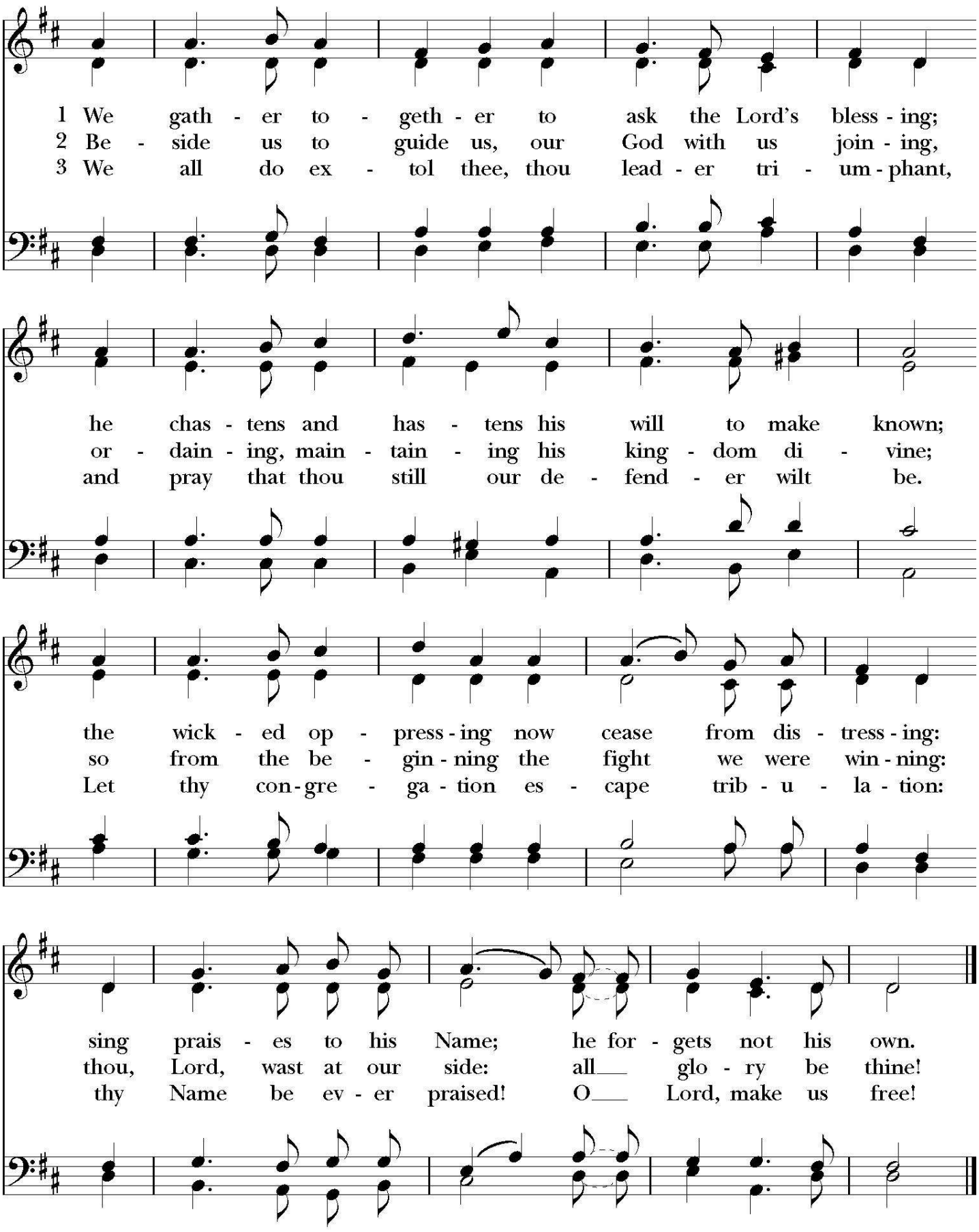
Please stand as able.

INTROIT Kyrie Eleison Traditional Round

Treble Singers; Judith Rautenberg, director

Kyrie eleison,	*Lord have mercy,*
Christ eleison,	*Christ have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy.*

OPENING HYMN 433 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing *Kremser*



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,

Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing. We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand; in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(9:00) *Children up to 7 years old wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the leader at this time.*

(9:00) *Children ages 7 and up wishing to participate in the Next Gen Reflection may go downstairs to the Adams Room.*

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING 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.

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

(9:00) **MUSIC** I Can Do All Things Words & Music by Mark Burrows

Treble Singers; Judith Rautenberg, director

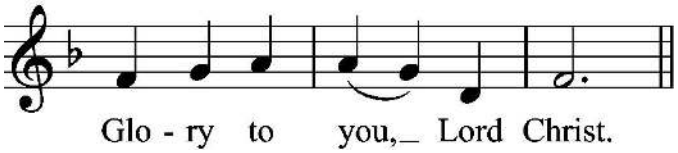
Refrain: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun.
I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about. Refrain

I can jump, I can play, I can cheer, I can pray.
I can dance, I can sing, I can do most anything. Refrain

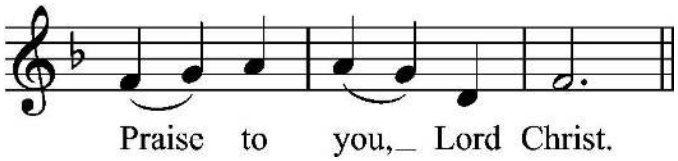
THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



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."

The Gospel of Jesus.



SERMON The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

The sermon for the 9 AM service will be delivered during Sermon Seminar.

AFFIRMATION

I believe in the Source Eternal, the creator of the universe, who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light, setting all of creation in motion 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, God's guiding light in our world, who conquers the darkness of human sin and 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.

MISSION MOMENT Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos Michael McCabe

THE PEACE

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

VESTRY GREETING

(11:15) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the church's work. 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

Hold On! African American Spiritual, arr. Norah Duncan IV

Chancel Choir

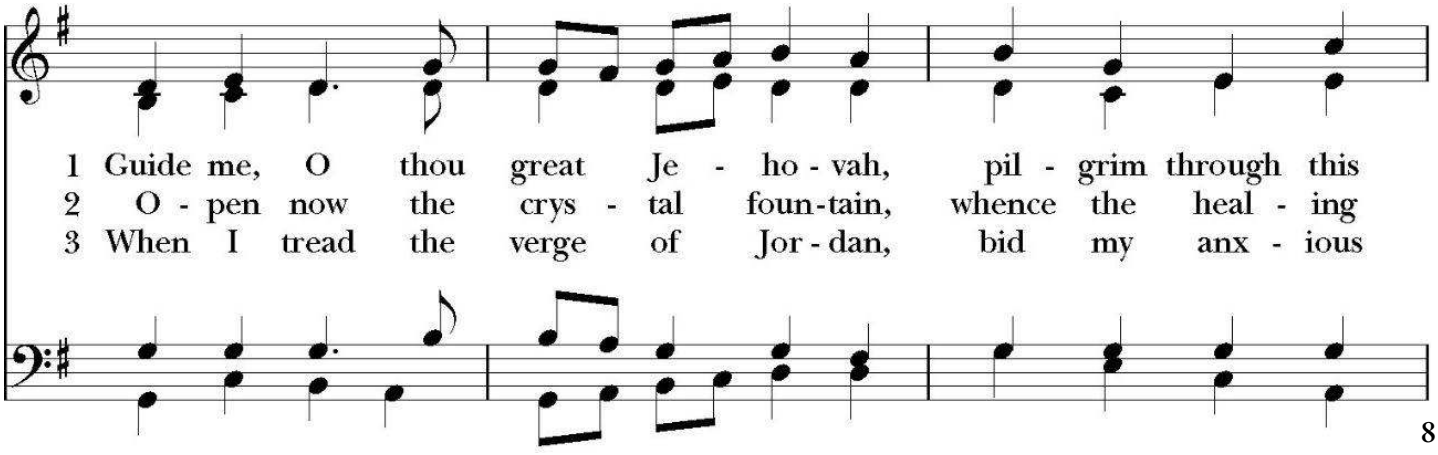
Keep your hands on the plow. Hold on!
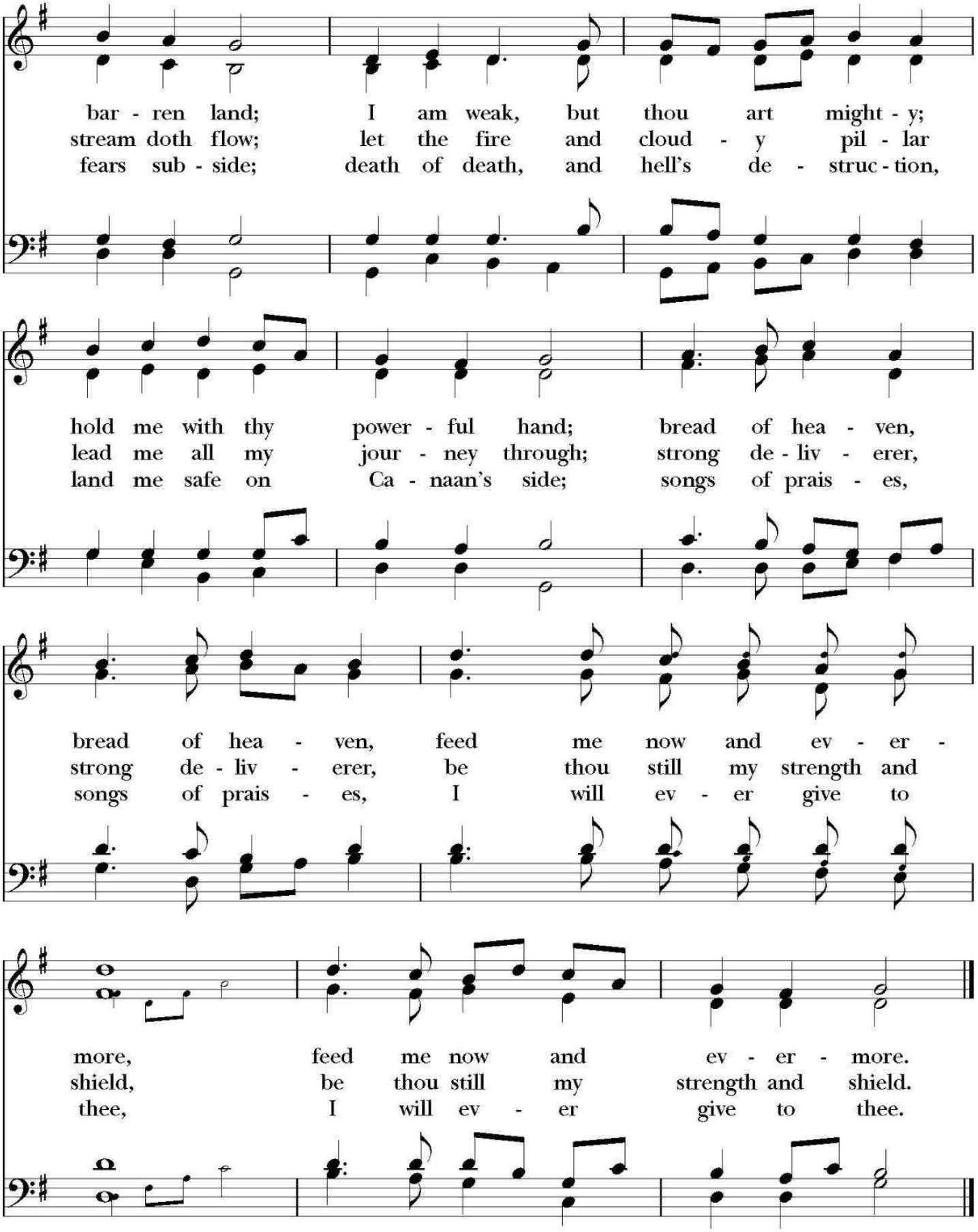
Got my hands on the gospel plow; won't take nothing for my journey now.
Keep your hands on the plow. Hold on!

Heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come to me. I am the way."
Keep your hands on the plow. Hold on!

If you wanna get to heaven, I'll tell you how: Keep your hands on the gospel plow.
Mary wore three links of chain. Ev'ry chain bore Jesus' name.

PRESENTATION HYMN 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*




bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,
hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,
bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to
more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

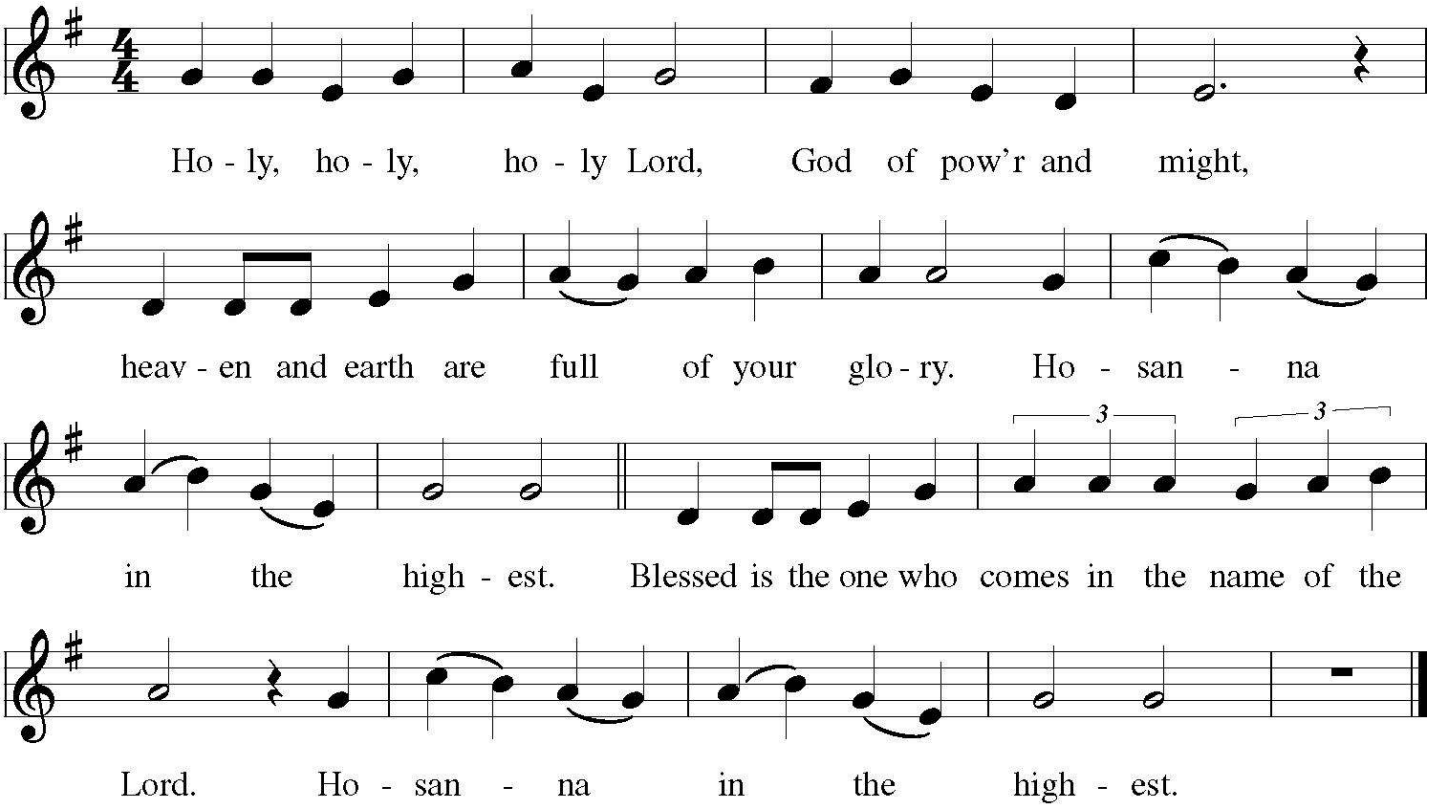
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

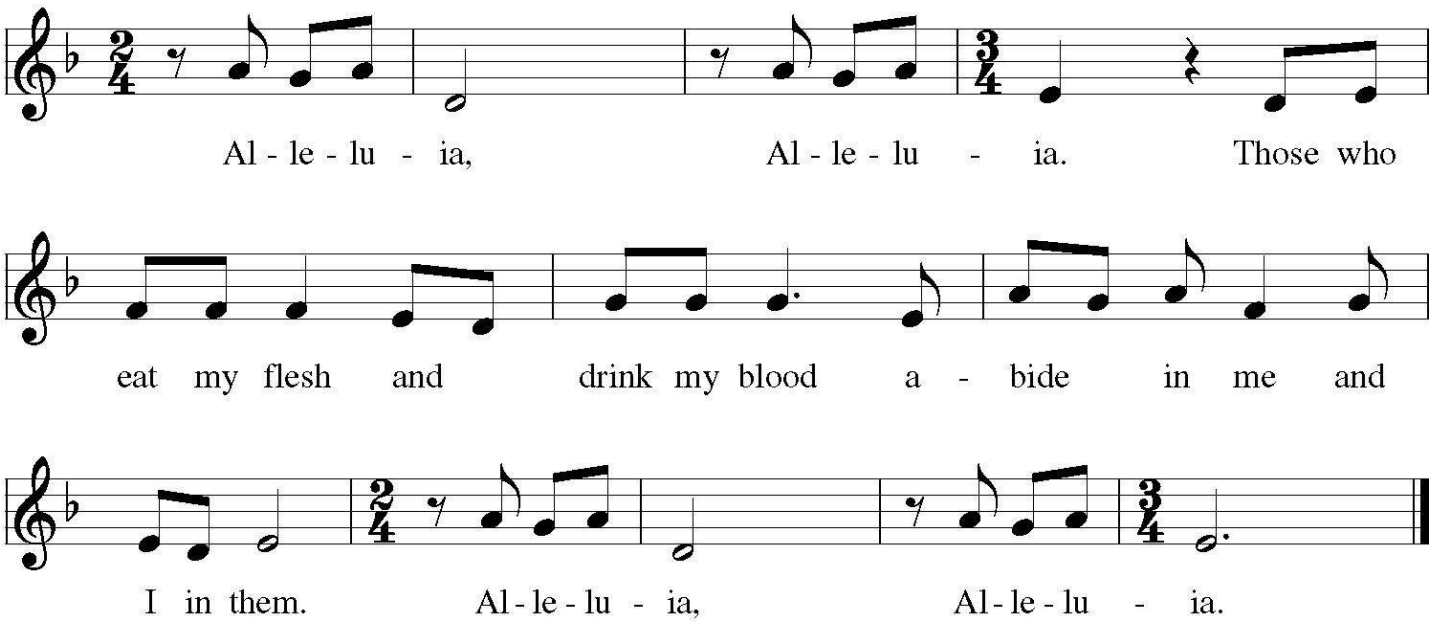
AMEN.

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

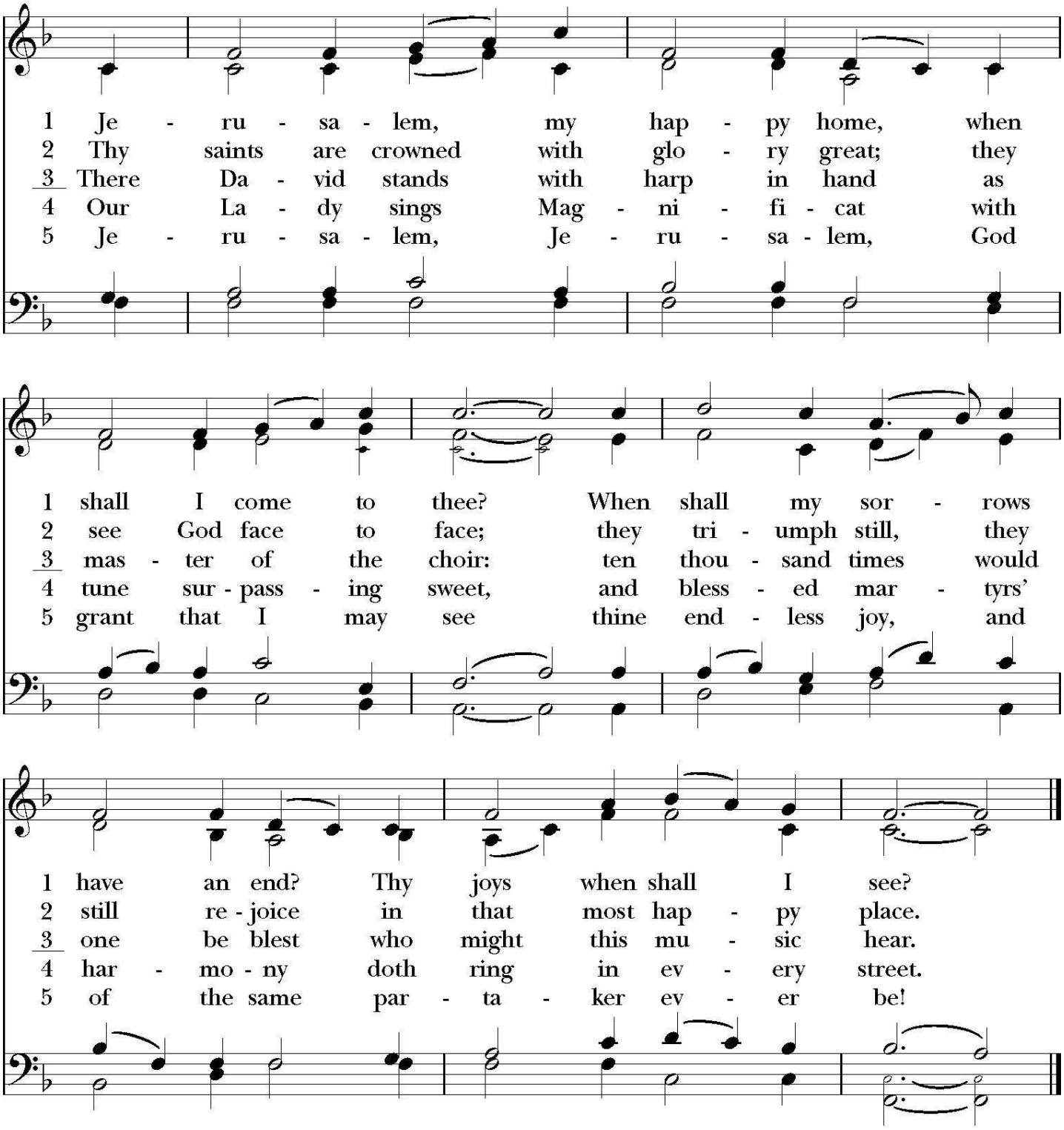
St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

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.

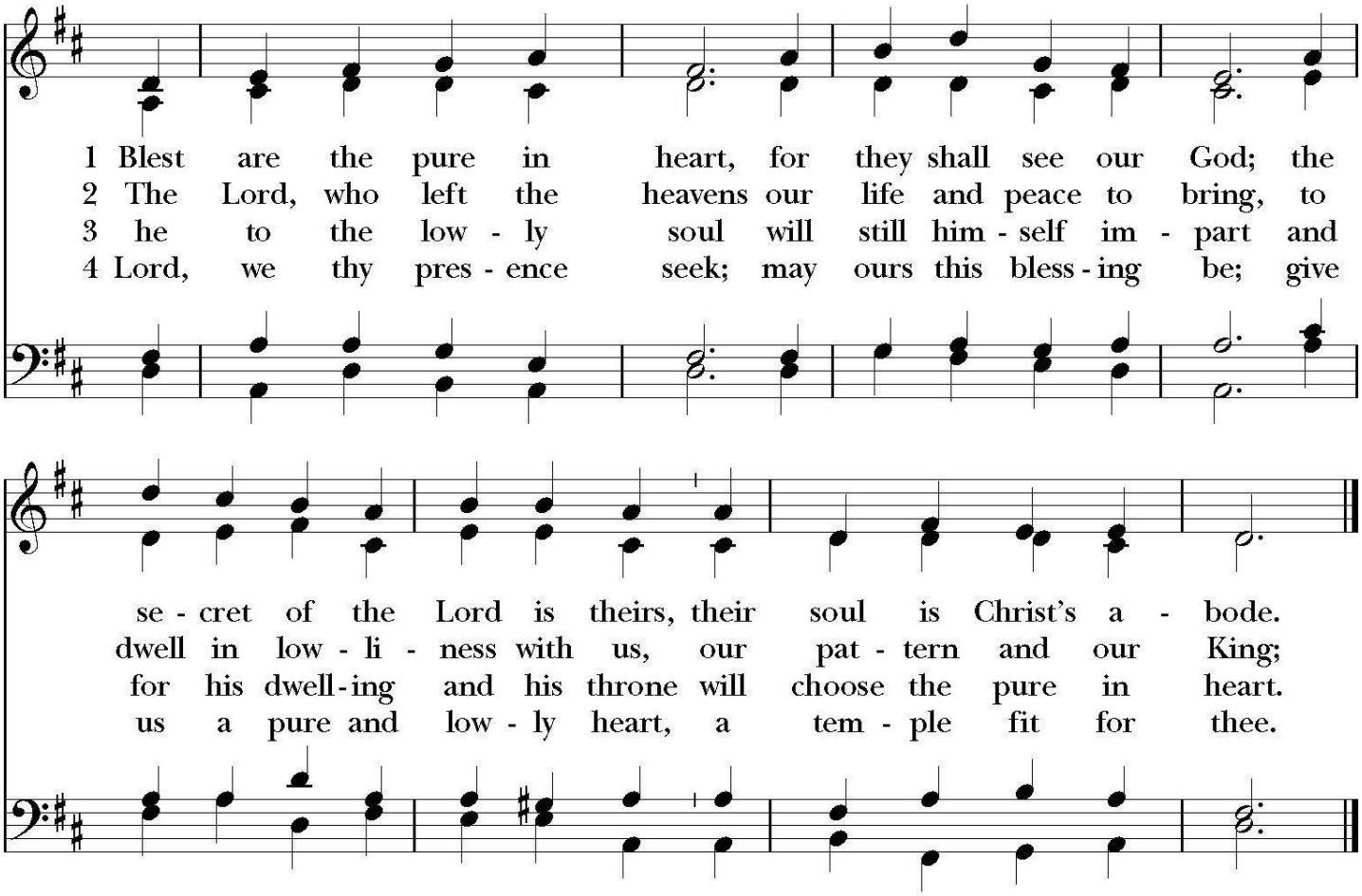
If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

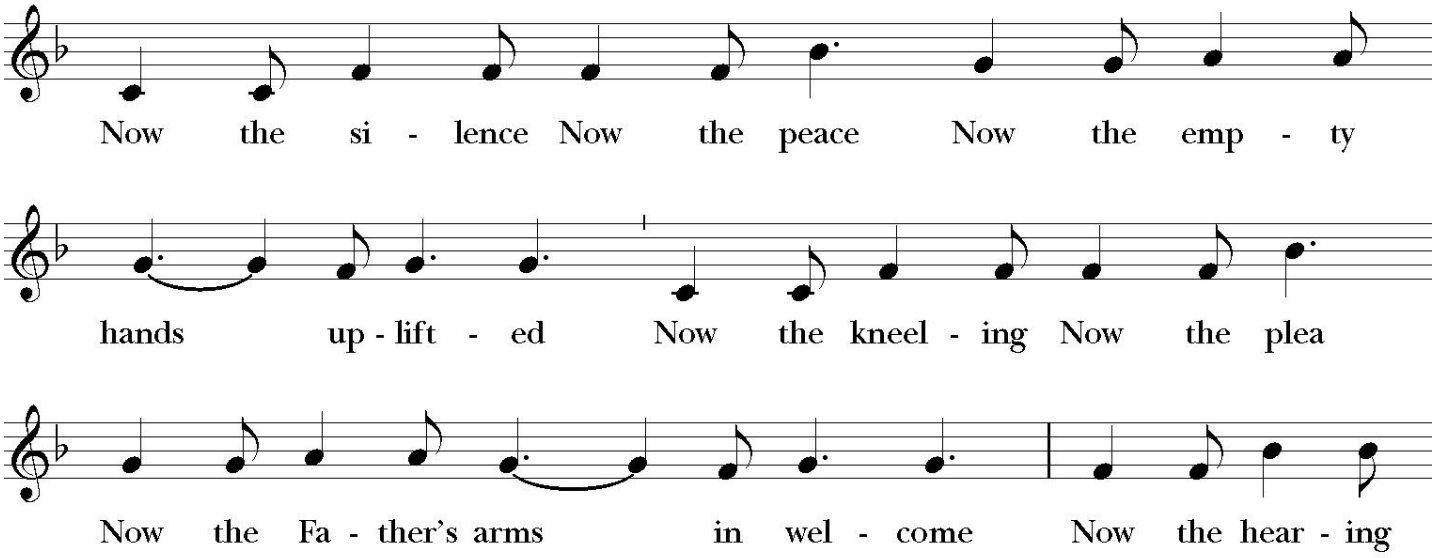
Hymn 620 Jerusalem, my happy home *Land of Rest*

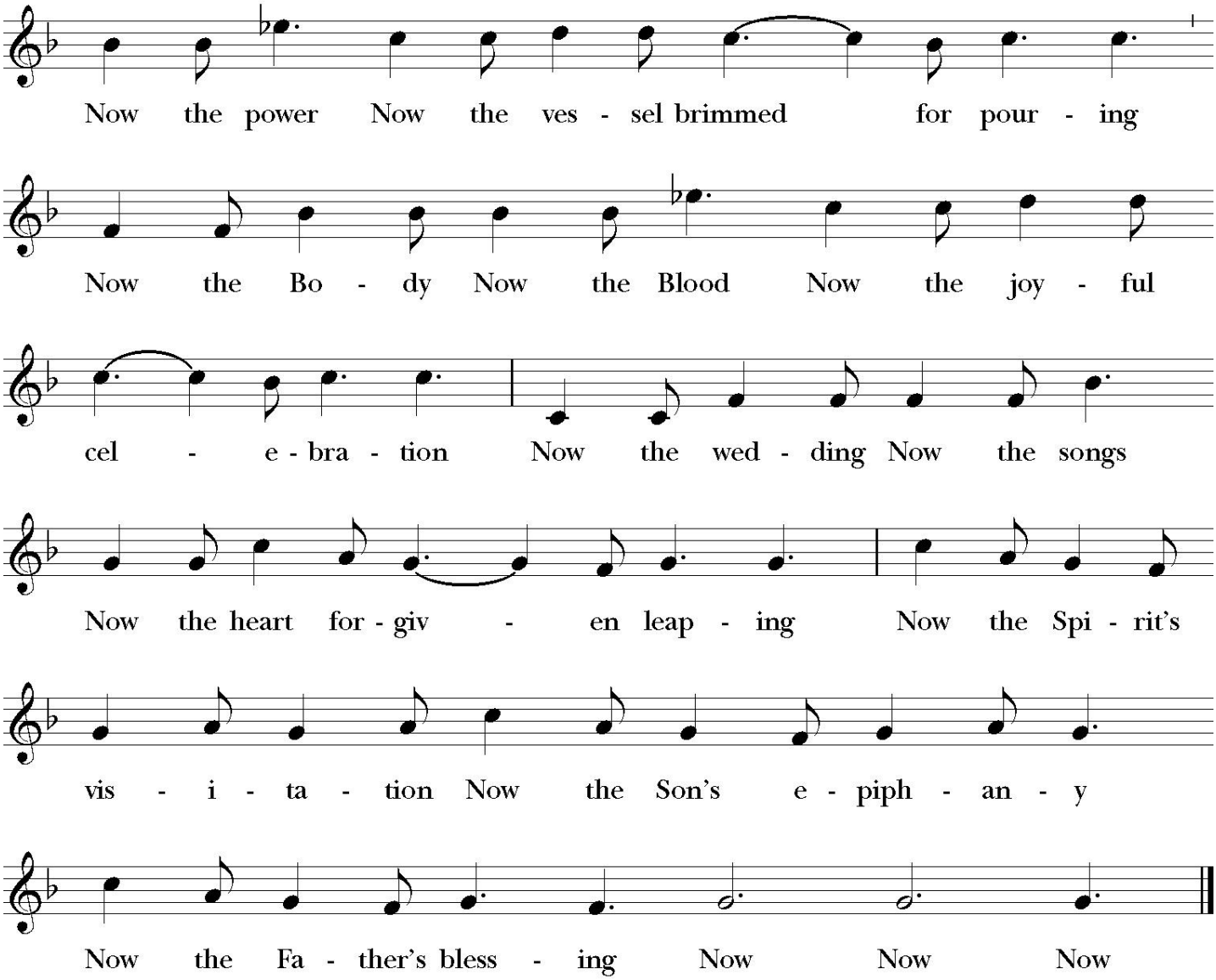


Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart *Franconia*



Hymn 333 Now the silence *Now*
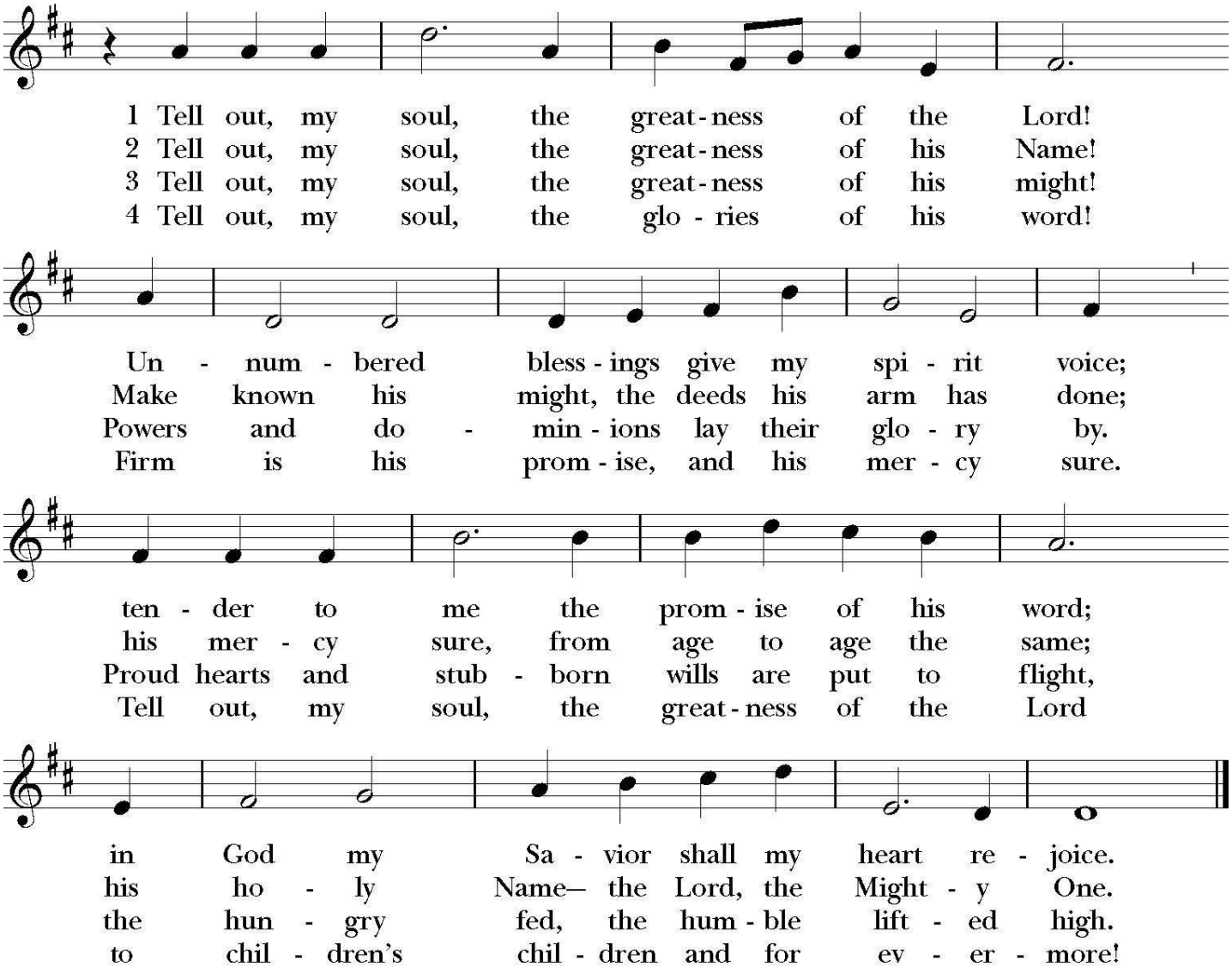




POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, 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 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! *Woodlands*



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 Postlude on *Woodlands* Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

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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 Michele H. Morgan

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?

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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 & Preacher	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Director of Music	Jeff Kempskie
Verger	Mathew Viator, *9:00*; Emily Dickinson, *11:15*
Greeters	Reeve & Kathryn Tydall and Grace Aspinall, *9:00;* Judith Jones & Abby Attia, *11:15*
Acolytes	Blythe Giron (crucifer), John Haines & Clara Silva (torch), *9:00* Clare Cody, *11:15*
Readers	Amilcar Viator & Susan Ryerson, *9:00;* Charmian Crawford & Jackie Boddie, *11:15*
Bread & Wine	Edna Boone, *9:00;* Katherine White, *11:15*
Altar Guild	Elizabeth Arthur & Gretchen Willson, *9:00;* Doris Burton, *11:15*
Eucharistic Ministers	TBD, *9:00;* TBD, *11:15*
Video Director	Elin Whitney-Smith, *11:15*
Technical Director	Chris Berendes, *11:15*

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

Veterans' Day (Nov 11) – Pray for all military veterans and their families.
Diocesan Confirmation Service (Nov 14) – Pray for those who are to be confirmed.

Anglican Communion

Province de l'Église Anglicane du Congo

Parish Prayer List

Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • William Aycock • Pam Baugh • Alex Beau
Diane Burke • Jackie Boddie • Joseph Boone • Suzanne Burnette
Mark, Karen, Abby & Aimee Dahl • Martin & Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly
Leonard "Toby" Ellison • Brian Empsall • Karen Falk • Jack Guza • Dianne Hall
Anwar Ul Haq • Michael Henely • David Hoffman • Jack Howell • Gale Johnson
Shadi Khoury • Hatcher Byrd Kincheloe • Sara L. • Pat Latin • Mary Law
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Ruth Slocumb • Elin Whitney Smith • Richard Smith • Helen Soheilli
Martha Kincheloe Spain • Barbara Starkey • Anthony Sullivan • Yasser & Jawaher
Toshtash • David Thacker • Stephanie Toth • Khafi Weekes • Kevin White • Karen
Clarke Wiedemann • Roger Williams • Stephen Wolf • Geoffrey Wood • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military

Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen
Ensign Andrew Loevinger • Lt. Tyler Gray-Hoehn • 1st Lt. Colin Gray-Hoehn

If you would like to request to add or remove a name,
please email the Bulletin Coordinator at bulletin@stmarks.net

Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 November 8, 2026
_____ 11:15 a.m. Worship Service on November 8, 2026

Name _____

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I am interested in learning more about:

_____ Becoming a member
_____ Service and Social Justice
_____ Adult education classes and prayer groups
_____ Volunteer during worship (Greet, Lay Serve, Altar Guild, Read, etc.)
_____ Baptism/Confirmation (child, adult)
_____ Music (choir, lessons)
_____ Children/youth classes & programs including Sunday School
_____ Affinity groups (20s/30s, Men's Group, Women's Group)
_____ Getting married at St. Mark's
_____ Meditation Center
_____ Yoga classes
_____ 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!*