



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

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JESUS MAFA. *Transfiguration*. 1973.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

*At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Lift Every Voice & Sing"

Lift Every Voice & Sing II #1

1. Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the
2. Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas-t'ning rod, Felt in the
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast
har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise High as the
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, Have not our
brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in-
lis - t'ning skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
to the light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,
Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get
us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -
tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at
Thee; Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for ev - er
gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

African American Heritage Hymnal 540

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Tune (ANTHEM 66 10 66 10 14 14 66 10): J. Rosamund Johnson, 1873-1954

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

The Celebrant continues

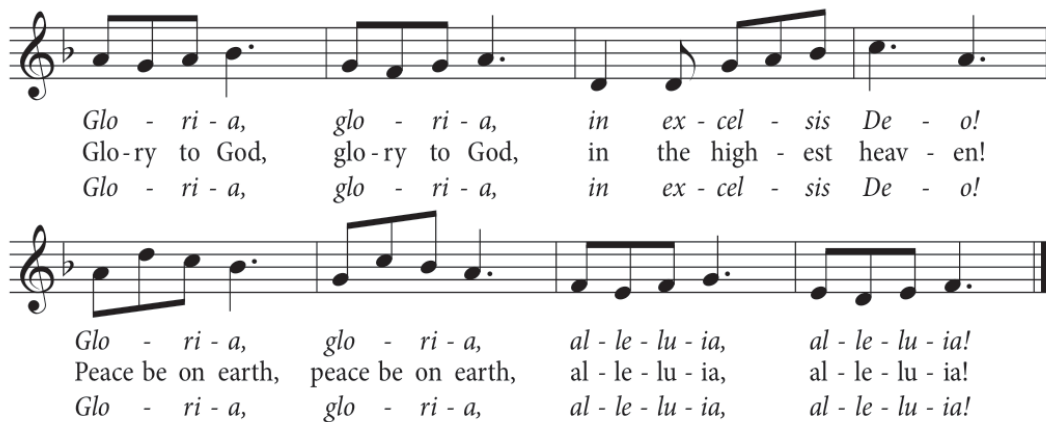
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Gloria, Gloria”

Take Up The Song #17



The musical notation is written on two staves in a single system. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, in the high - est heav - en! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! The second line of the staff contains: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Luke 2:14. Music: GLORIA, GLORIA, Jacques Berthier, 1979.
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

Lector A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

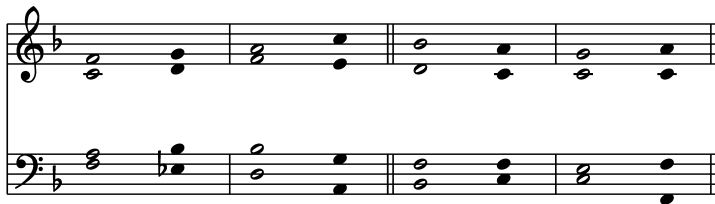
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Sung by all.

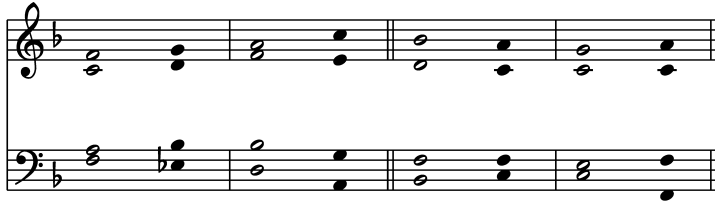
Psalm 2

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Why are the nations in an | **uproar?** *
Why do the peoples mutter empty | **threats?**
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot to | **gether,** *
against the Lord and against his A | **noointed?**



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- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they | **say; ***
“let us cast off their bonds | **from us.”**
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is | **laughing; ***
the Lord has them in de | **rision.**
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his | **wrath, ***
and his rage fills them with | **terror.**
- 6 “I myself have set my | **king ***
upon my holy hill of | **Zion.”**
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the | **Lord: ***
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I be | **gotten you.**
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in | **heritance ***
and the ends of the earth for your pos | **session.**
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron | **rod ***
and shatter them like a piece of | **pottery.”**
- 10 And now, you kings, be | **wise; ***
be warned, you rulers of the | **earth.**
- 11 Submit to the Lord with | **fear, ***
and with trembling bow be | **fore him;**
- 12 Lest he be angry and you | **perish; ***
for his wrath is quickly | **kindled.**
- (last part of chant)*
- 13 Happy are they | **all ***
who take refuge in | **him!**

Lector A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

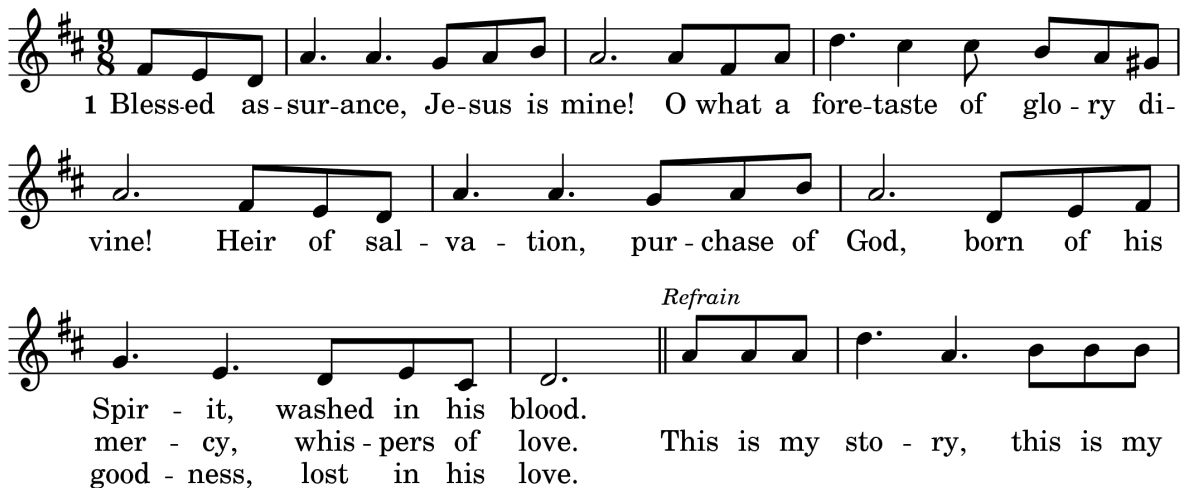
People **Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** as able.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Sung by all.

Worship & Rejoice #426 v.1



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his
Refrain
Spir-it, washed in his blood.
mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my
good-ness, lost in his love.



Worship and Rejoice 426

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

MUSIC (ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9.Ref.): Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom
Rector

*All **STAND** as able.*

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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

FORM VI

BCP 392

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| <i>Deacon</i> | In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For all people in their daily life and work; |
| <i>People</i> | For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For this community, the nation, and the world; |
| <i>People</i> | For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the just and proper use of your creation; |
| <i>People</i> | For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; |
| <i>People</i> | For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For peace and unity of the Church of God; |
| <i>People</i> | For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. |

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For: Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Kris; Maria Luz & Eusebio; Shain; Betsy; Judy; Diane; Gloria; John & Pam; Zeke; Gloria; Jim; Marian; Rhyn; Evan; Payton; Hana; Kathy; Terry; Sharon; Brenda; David; Gordon; Elsie; Elizabeth; Luis; David; Gilbert; Temple; Fola & Yinka; Marsha; Eduardo, Milagros, Clemente, & “Tia” Maria; Frank; Charlotte; Rachel; Donna; Marianne & Peter; Charlotte; Nancy; Margie & Jeff; John & Joyce and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

The people may add their own thanksgiving.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, especially for Liz, and for Jim, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The people responding Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are **SEATED**.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then **SEATED**.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Jesus Calls Us”

Joy Patterson

During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and Deacon prepares the table.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“People of God”

Voices Found #109 v.3

*The people **STAND** for the Hymn as the Offering is presented.*

3 Bear-ing your gifts, en-ter God's pre-sence; come, let us
share in the hea-ven-ly feast. Mend-ing all rifts,
heal-ing di-vi-sions, come and from sor-rows and hurts be re-leased.
Refrain
Come, let us join in the hea-ven-ly dance,
prais-ing in joy-ous ce-le-bra-tion.

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Creator of heaven and earth.

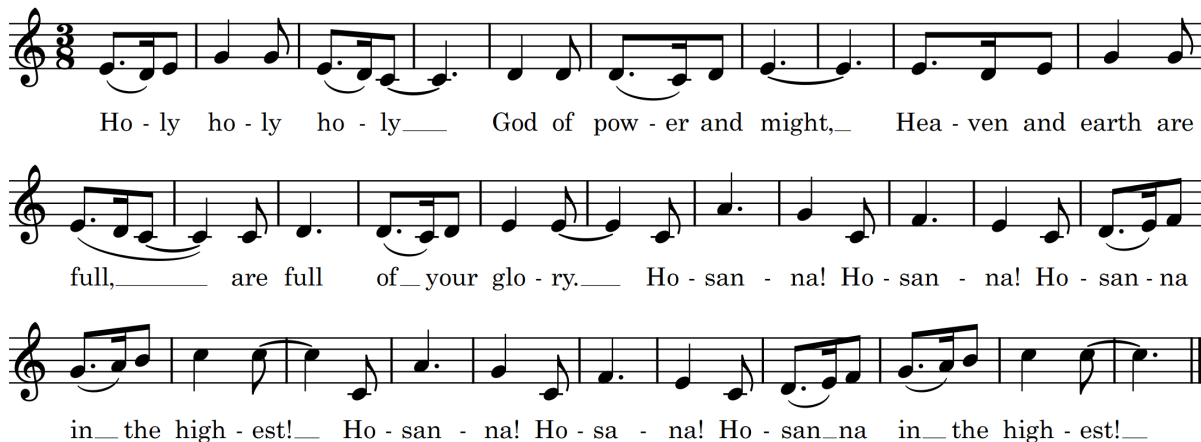
[Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.]

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

Sung by all.

MHSO #38



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly — God of pow - er and might, — Hea - ven and earth are
full, — are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na
in the high - est! — Ho - san - na! Ho - sa - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! —

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you,
from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

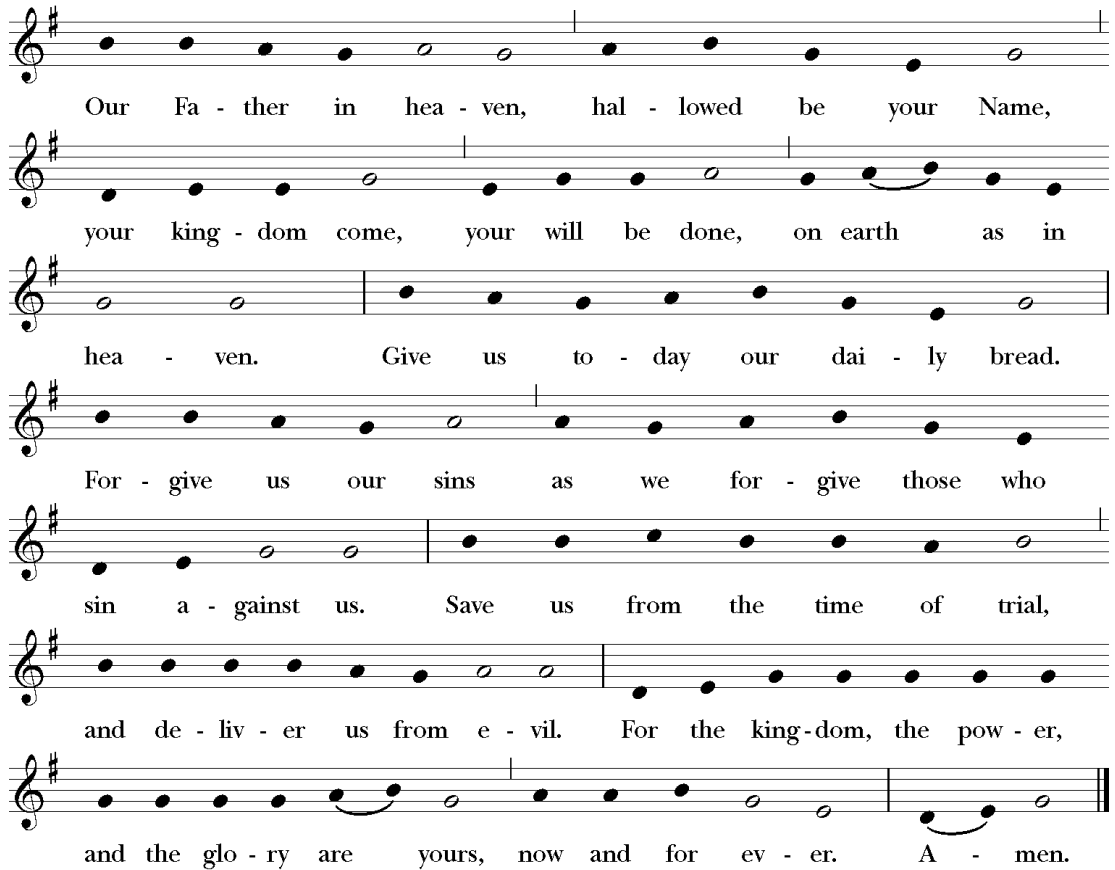
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



The musical score is written on eight staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
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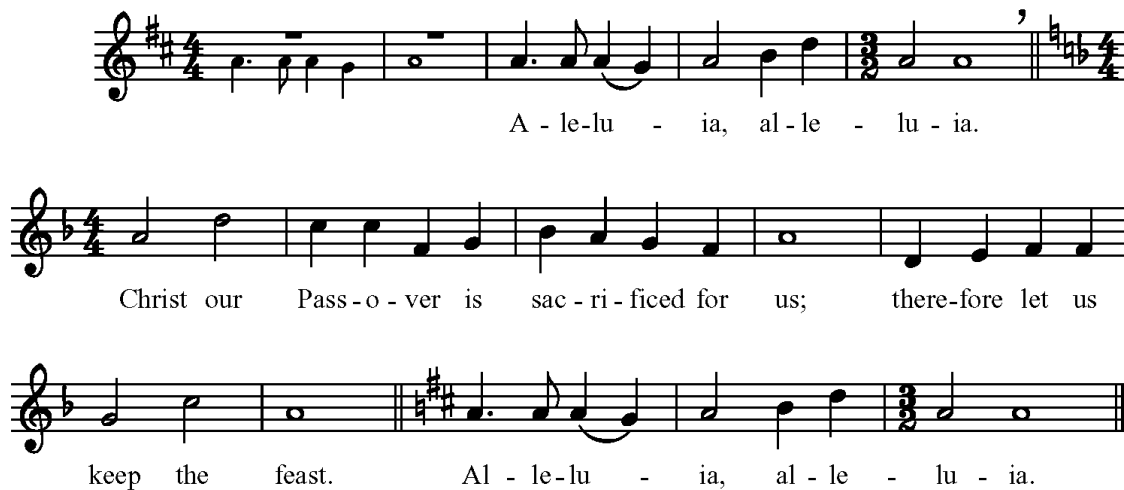
THE FRACTION

We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.

THE ANTHEM

Sung by all.

EOM 1 #37



A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

About Receiving Communion

All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.

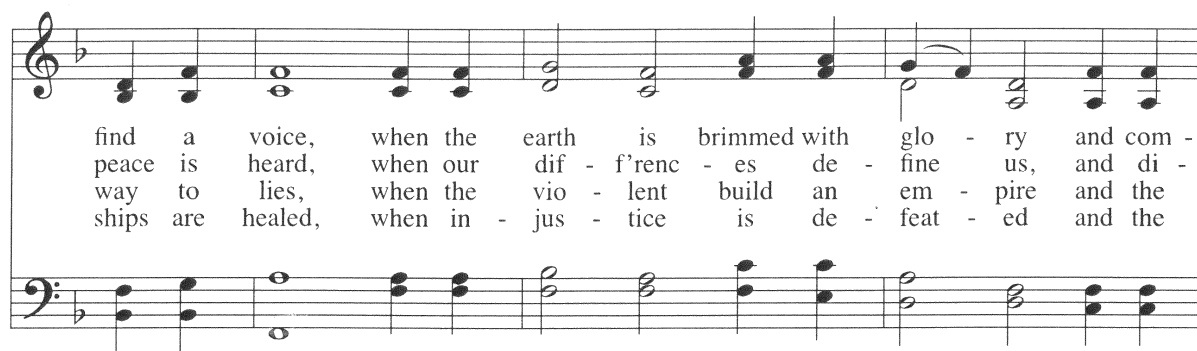
If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.

Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.

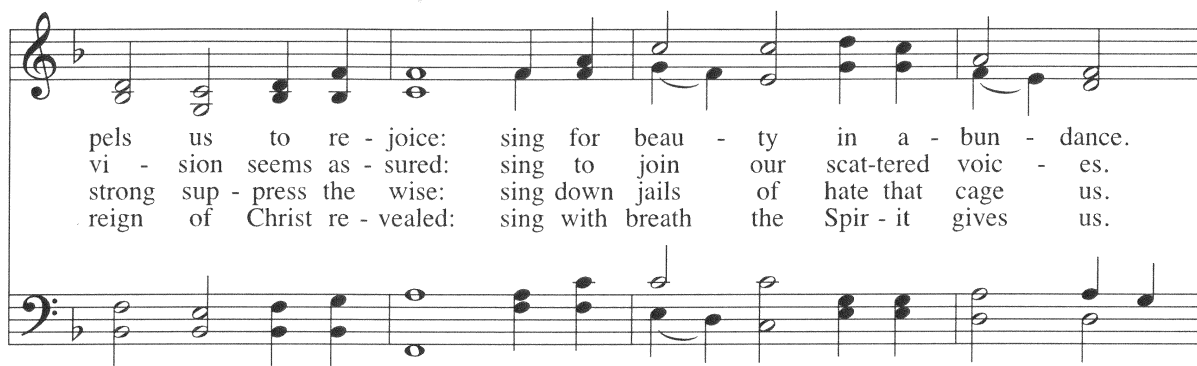
Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.



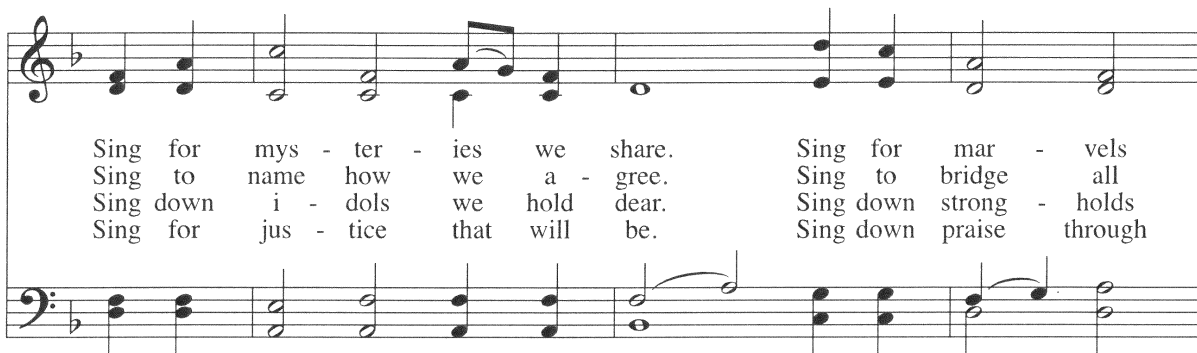
1. When the gifts of God sur - prise us and our joy must
 2. When re - la - tion - ships are bro - ken and no call for
 3. When in - jus - tice grows a - round us and the truth gives
 4. When the love of God de - fines us and re - la - tion -



find a voice, when the earth is brimmed with glo - ry and com -
 peace is heard, when our dif - f'renc - es de - fine us, and di -
 way to lies, when the vio - lent build an em - pire and the
 ships are healed, when in - jus - tice is de - feat - ed and the



pels us to re - joice: sing for beau - ty in a - bun - dance.
 vi - sion seems as - sured: sing to join our scat-tered voic - es.
 strong sup - press the wise: sing down jails of hate that cage us.
 reign of Christ re - vealed: sing with breath the Spir - it gives us.



Sing for mys - ter - ies we share. Sing for mar - vels
 Sing to name how we a - gree. Sing to bridge all
 Sing down i - dols we hold dear. Sing down strong - holds
 Sing for jus - tice that will be. Sing down praise through

that re - vive us. Sing for won - der ev - 'ry - where.
 that di - vides us. Sing to form com - mu - ni - ty.
 of op - pres - sion. Sing down for - tress - es of fear.
 end - less ag - es. Sing for grace that sets us free.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

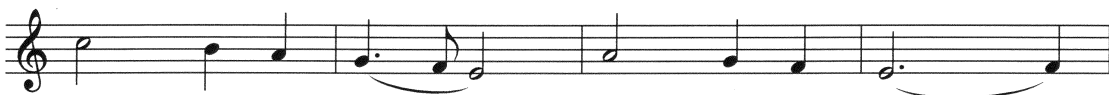
The Priest may bless the people, the people responding **Amen.**



1. We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come,
 2. We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand,
 3. We shall live in peace, We shall live in peace,
 4. We are not a - fraid, We are not a - fraid,
 5. God will see us through, God will see us through,



We shall o - ver - come some - day. Oh,
 We'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh,
 We shall live in peace some - day. Oh,
 We are not a - fraid to - day. Oh,
 God will see us through to - day. Oh,



deep in my heart I do be - lieve
 deep in my heart I do be - lieve
 deep in my heart I do be - lieve
 deep in my heart I do be - lieve
 deep in my heart I do be - lieve



We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 We shall o - ver - come some - day.

6. We shall stand together...
 7. The truth will make us free...
 8. We shall be like him...
 9. The whole wide world around...

Text: Spiritual

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME, 5 5 7 9 7; Spiritual; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VESTRY

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