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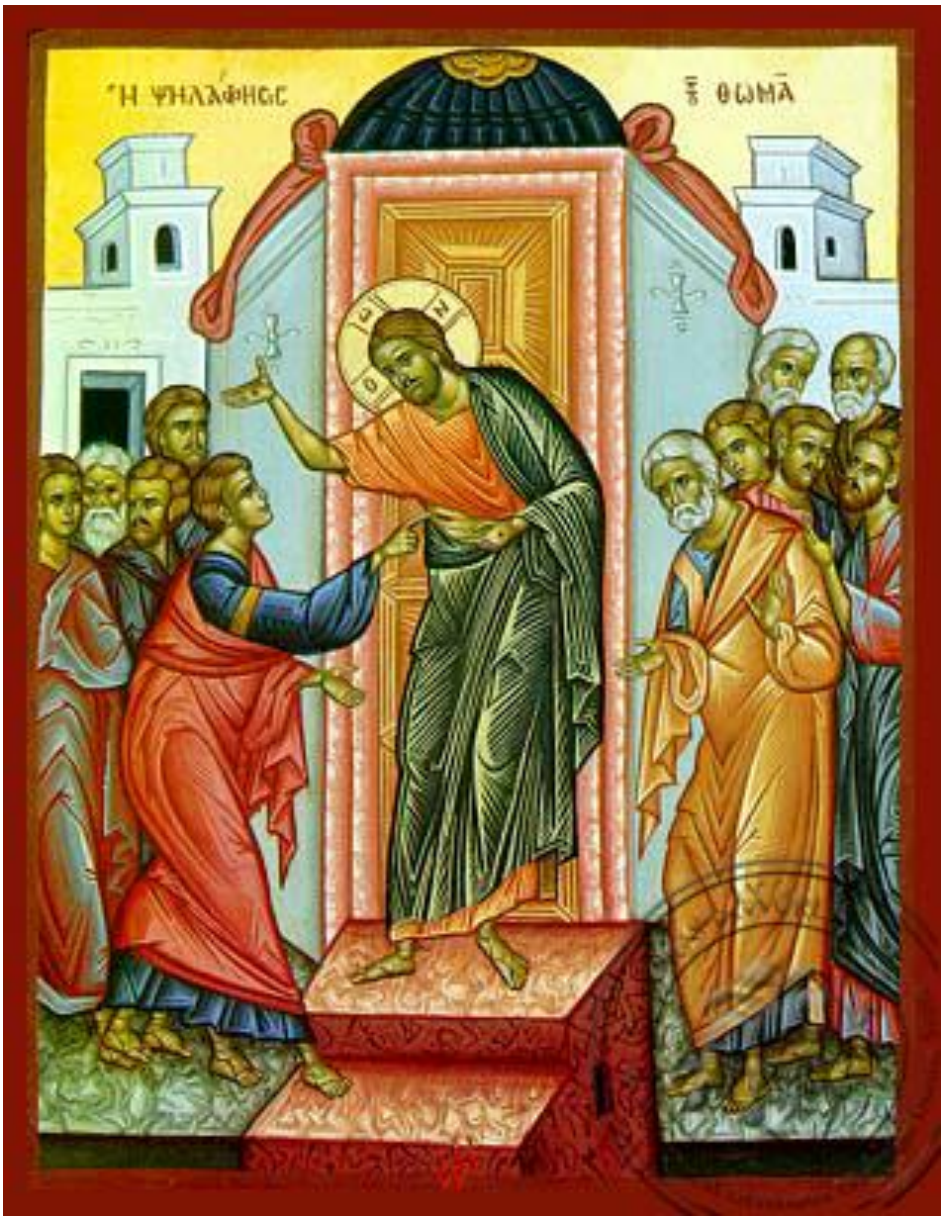

The 2nd Sunday of Easter
April 24th, 2022

Saint Pauls
Downtown Empowered to Serve

"Christian Discipleship should challenge us to wake up, climb out of our ruts, venture out of our church buildings and become better people who live the Good news of Jesus Christ in our daily lives."

Brian McLaren, "Way of Life"

Our Mission

St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

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2nd Sunday of Easter **Rite 2**

THEME: *We know the risen Christ through faith, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29b) We may not see the risen Christ, but we will know the risen Christ as we gather in faith-filled community on the "eighth dav"*

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32-35

We hear the enthusiasm and spirit of sharing and caring for one another in the early Christian community.

Psalm 118:14-29

A festival hymn sung in procession of praise of the Lord's salvation and deliverance from death.

EPISTLE: Revelation 1:4-8

John the Seer addresses seven representative churches in Asia Minor with a hymn of praise to Christ, the firstborn from the dead and now ruler of all.

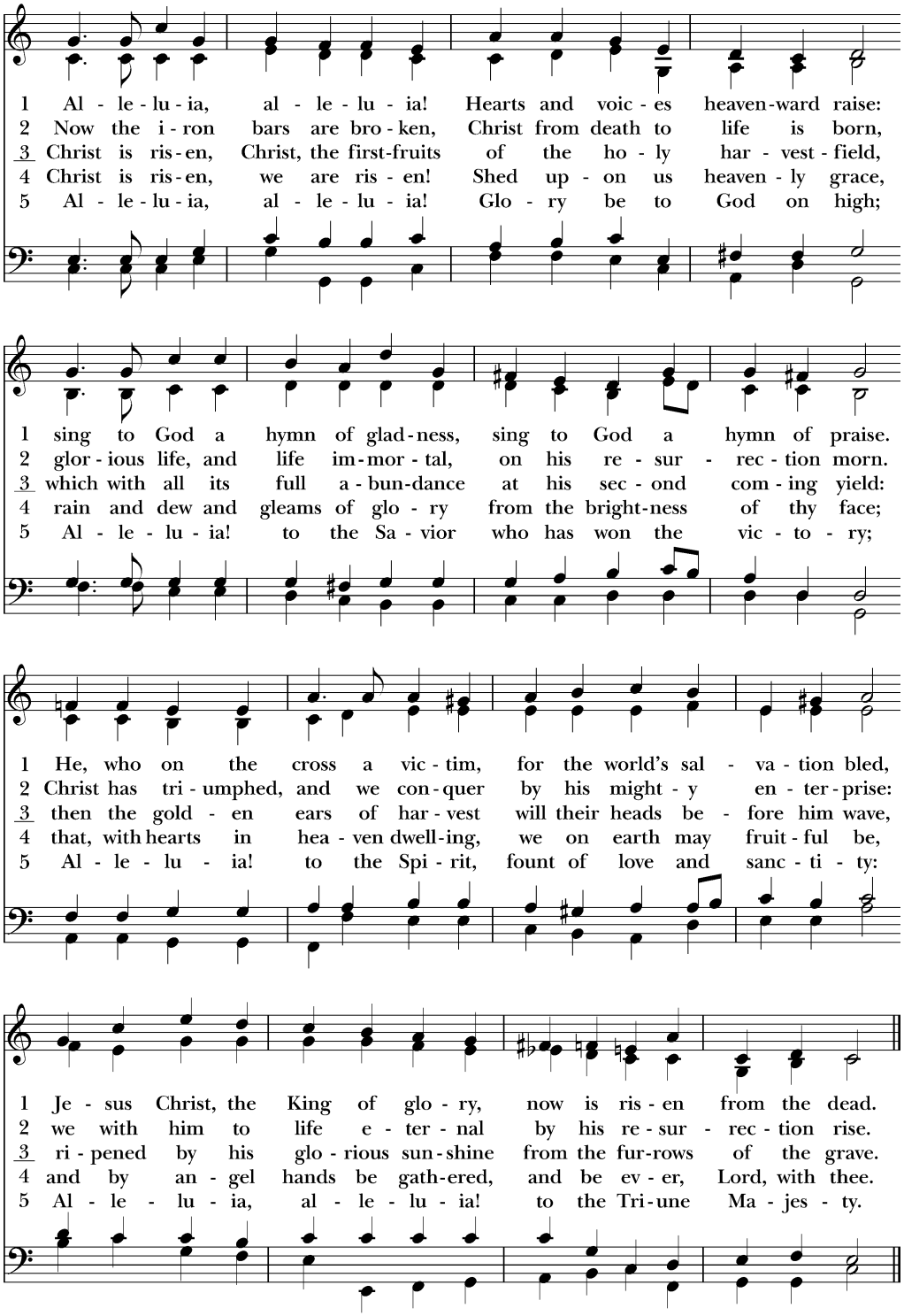
HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

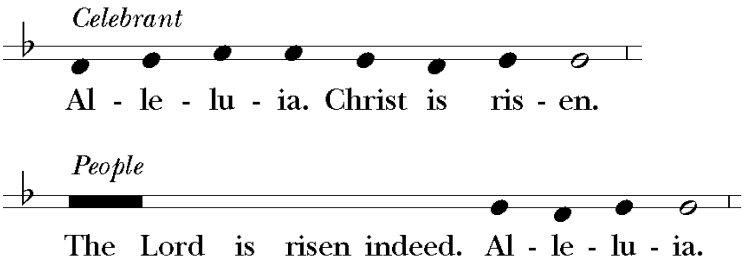
Two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples.

Prelude *Hymn Prelude on Thaxted* by John Ignatowski

Welcome/Prayer before Worship

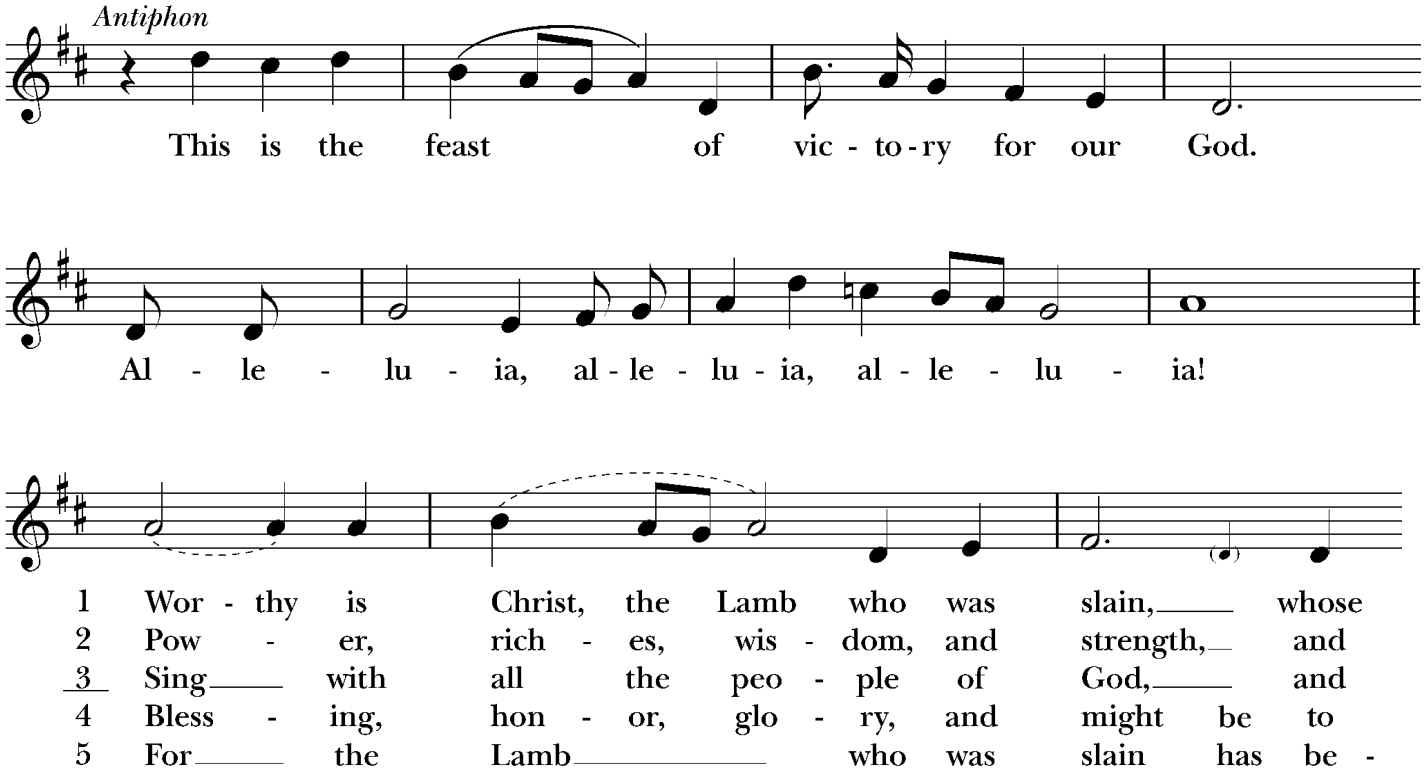
At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

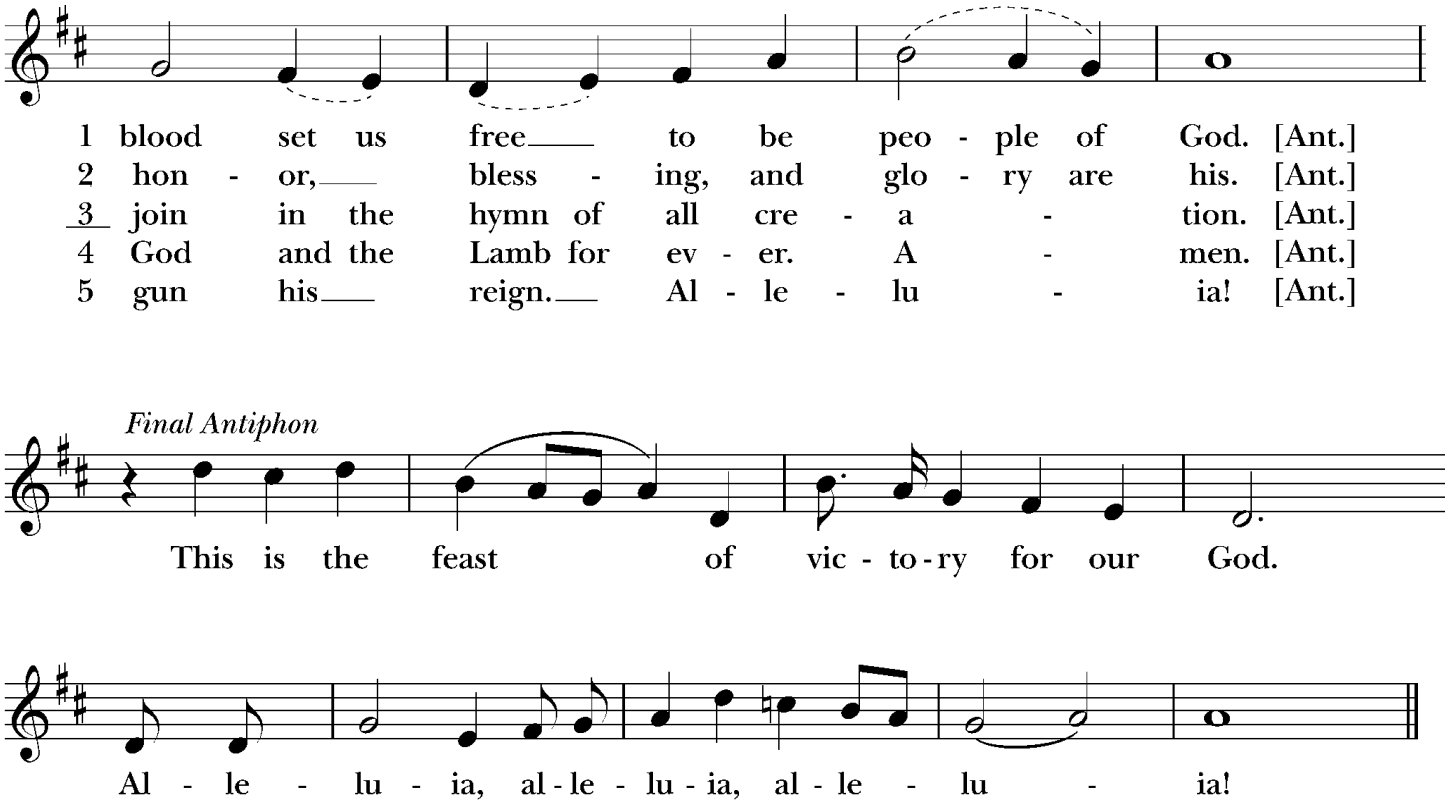
Entrance Hymn ***H1982*** **"***Alleluia, Alleluia!"* #191

All standing, the Celebrant says



Celebrant says
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*.

Song of Praise H1982 #417 Festival Canticle.





Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

All sit.

First Reading **Acts 4:32-35**

A Reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

[27]When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, [28]saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

[29]But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. [30]The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. [31]God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32]And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:14-29 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

[14]The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
[15]*There is a sound of exultation and victory* *
in the tents of the righteous:
[16]"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
[17]*I shall not die, but live,* *
and declare the works of the LORD.
[18]The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
[19]*Open for me the gates of righteousness;* *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
[20]"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
[21]*I will give thanks to you, for you answered me* *
and have become my salvation.
[22]The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
[23]*This is the LORD's doing,* *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
[24]On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
[25]*Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!* *
LORD, send us now success.

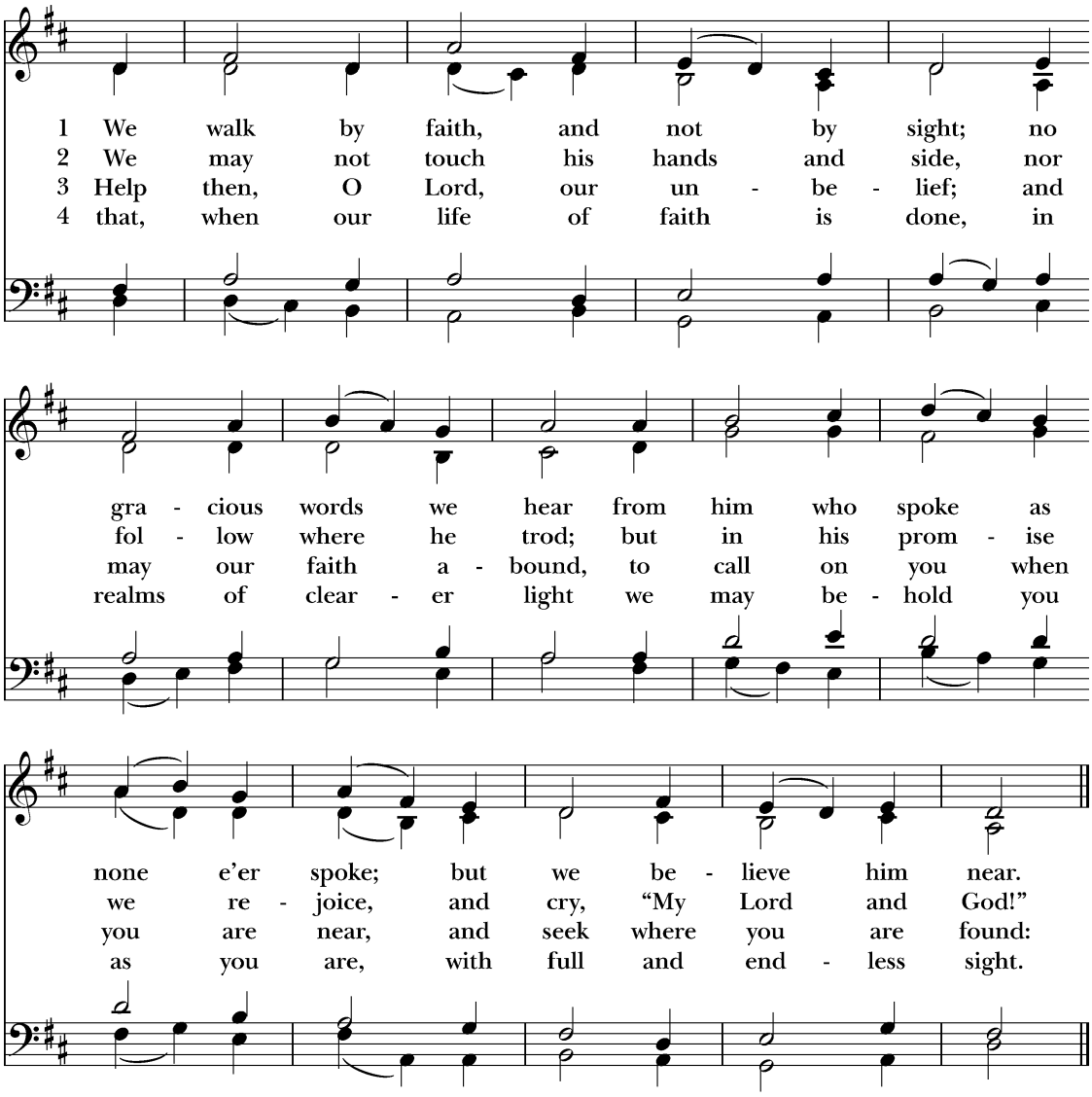
[26]Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
[27]*God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; **
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
[28]"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
[29]*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **
his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading **Revelation 1:4-8**

A reading from Revelation

[4]John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5]and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, [6]and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen [7]Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. [8]"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn H1982 *"We walk by faithful"* **# 209**

All stand.

Holy Gospel **John 20:19-31**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[9]When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21]Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22]When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." [26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [30]Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31]But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon **Fr. Phil+**

A period of Silence for Reflection

Nicene Creed *All stand.*

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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, "You are our God; *and we thank you*."

Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry of reconciliation: grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.

A period of Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world.

A period of Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes: give us a respect for all you have made.

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin.

A period of Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

Almighty God, we give thanks for the faithful and steadfast life and ministry of Fr. Phil+ for the past 4 years, here at St. Paul's. Continue to bless and empower him to serve you and your church.

A period of Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn.

A period of Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

Alpha and Omega, you do not hand your beloved ones over to death, but promise life eternal to all those baptized into your Son: to you be glory and dominion forever.

Silence

You are our God; ***And we thank you.***

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant: 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.*

Confession of Sin *All kneel.*

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

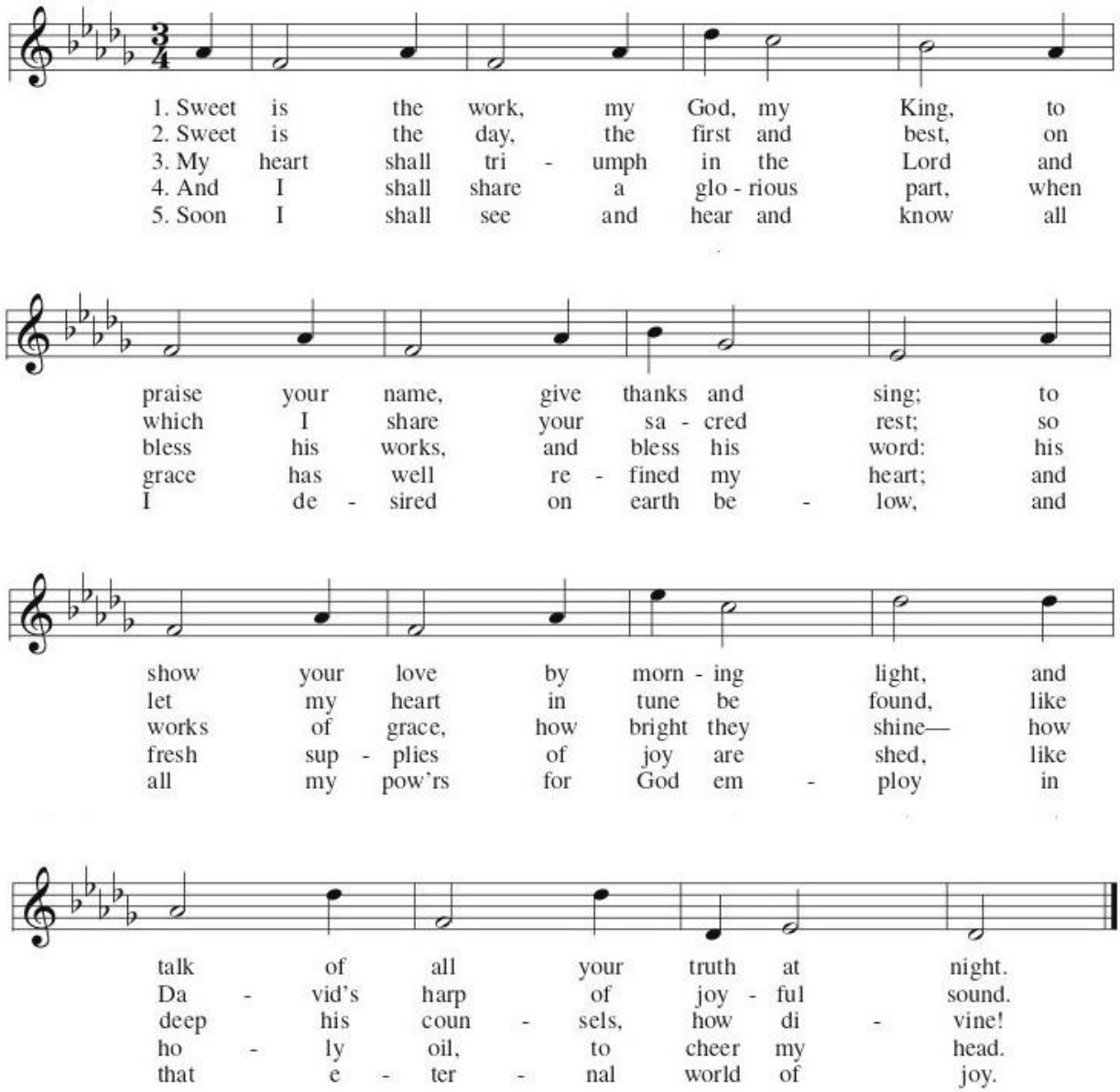
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.

The Priest stands and says

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*.

Announcements

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

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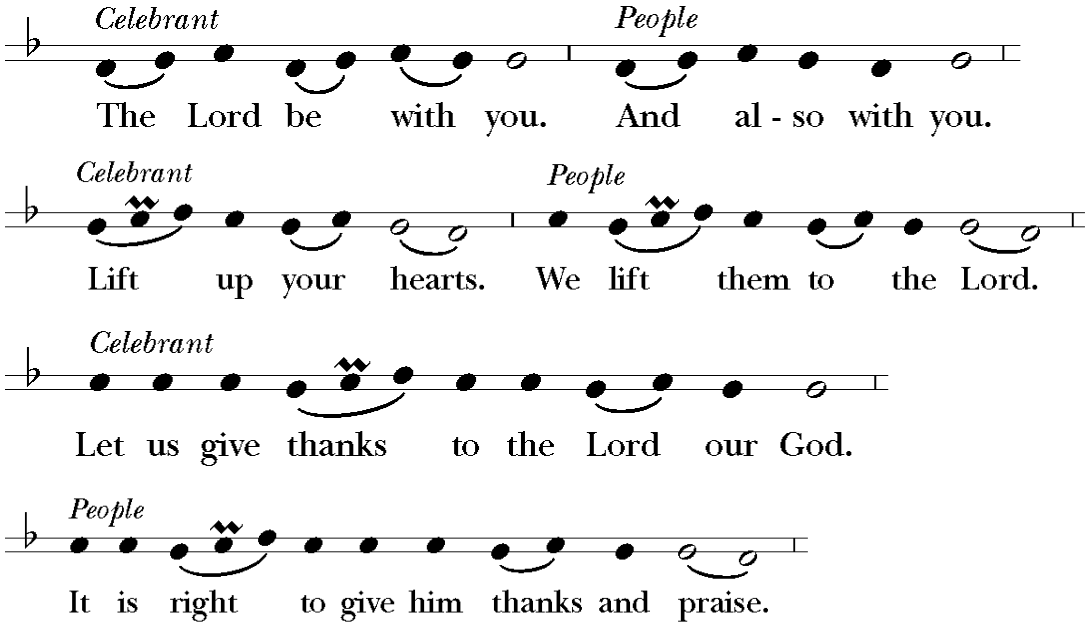
Great Thanksgiving *The people remain standing.*



The Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus **S-125**

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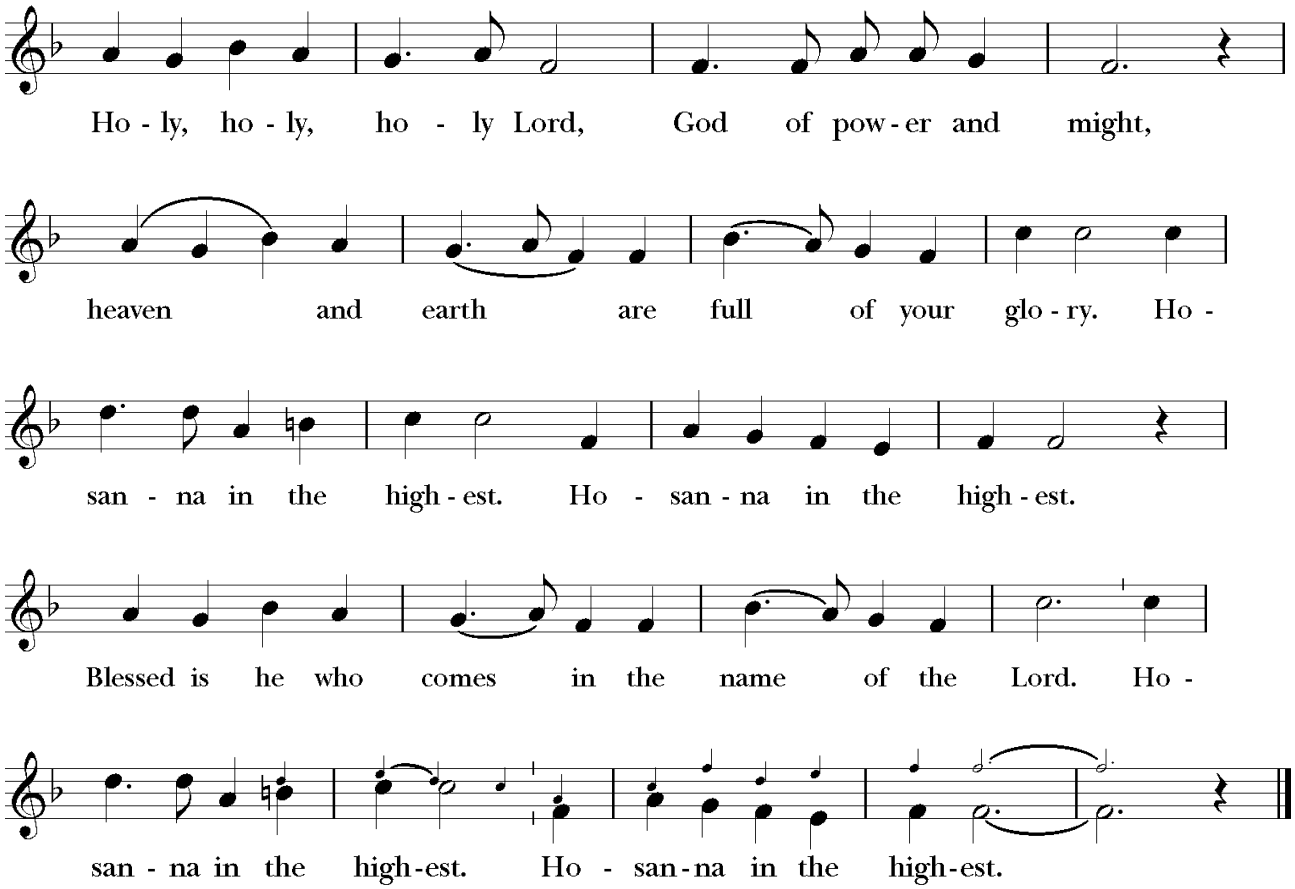


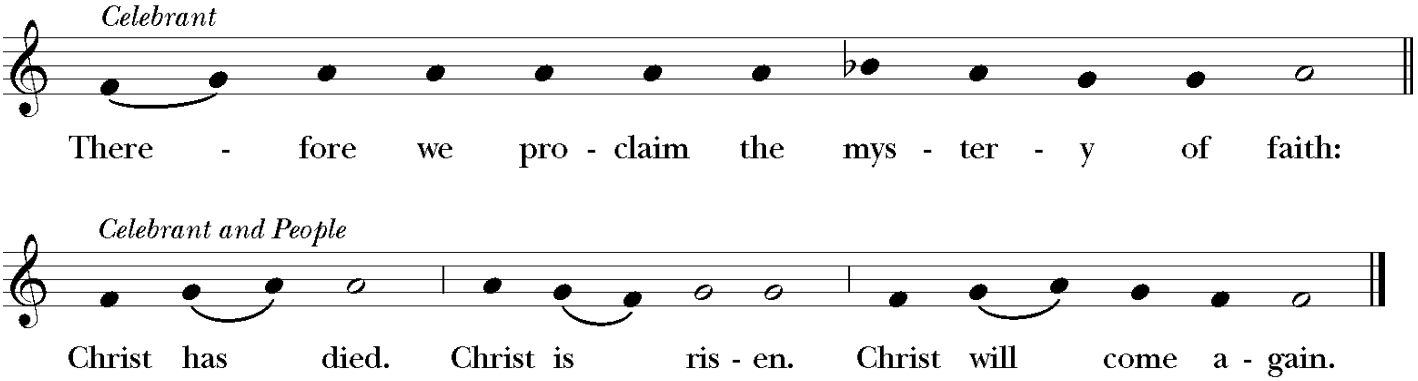
The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

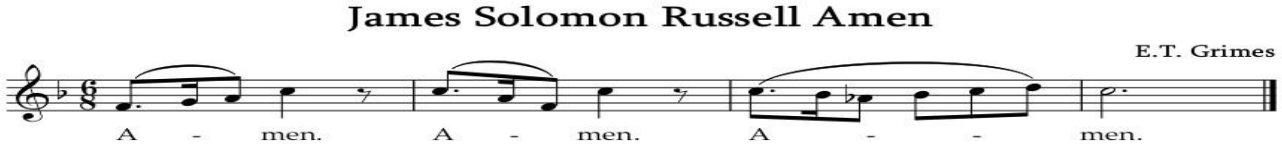
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

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." ♪



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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The Celebrant then continues:
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

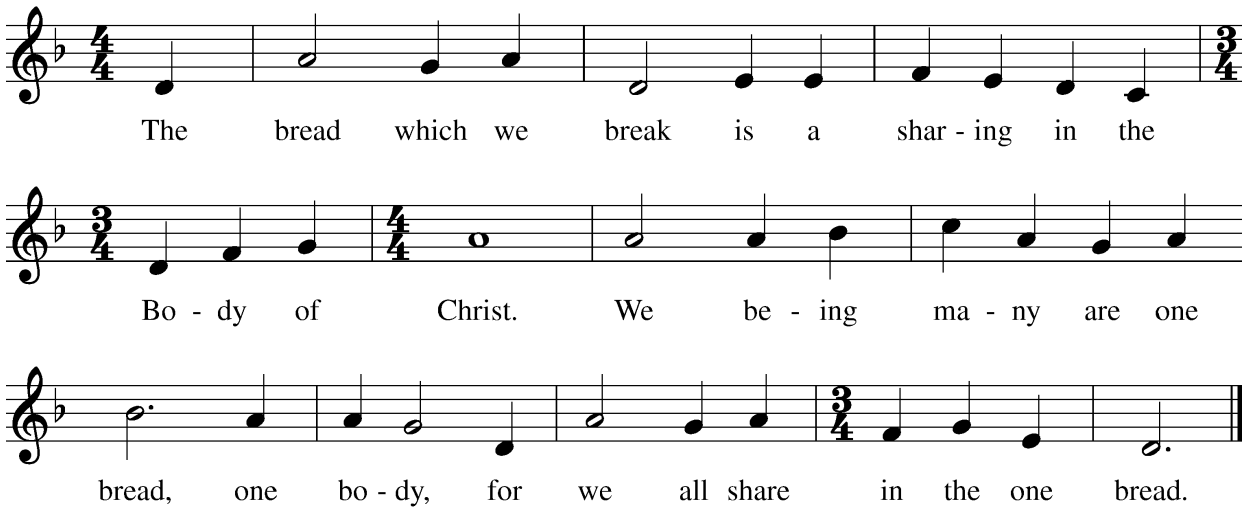
People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: **WLP#867**



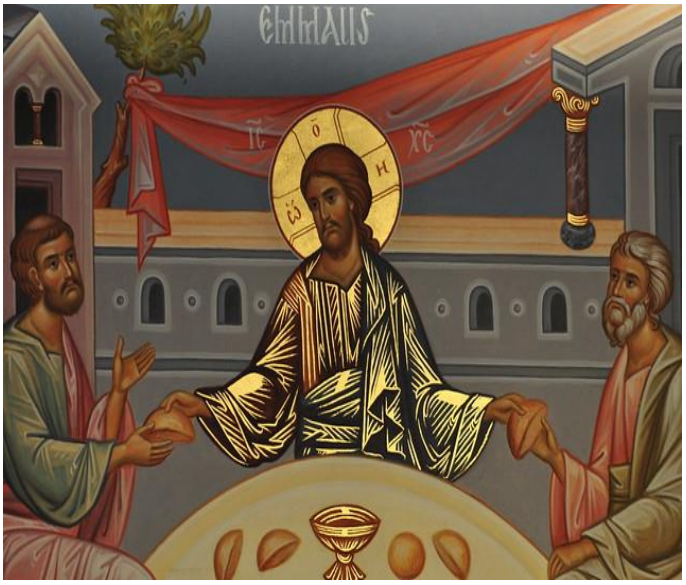
The Celebrant says
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

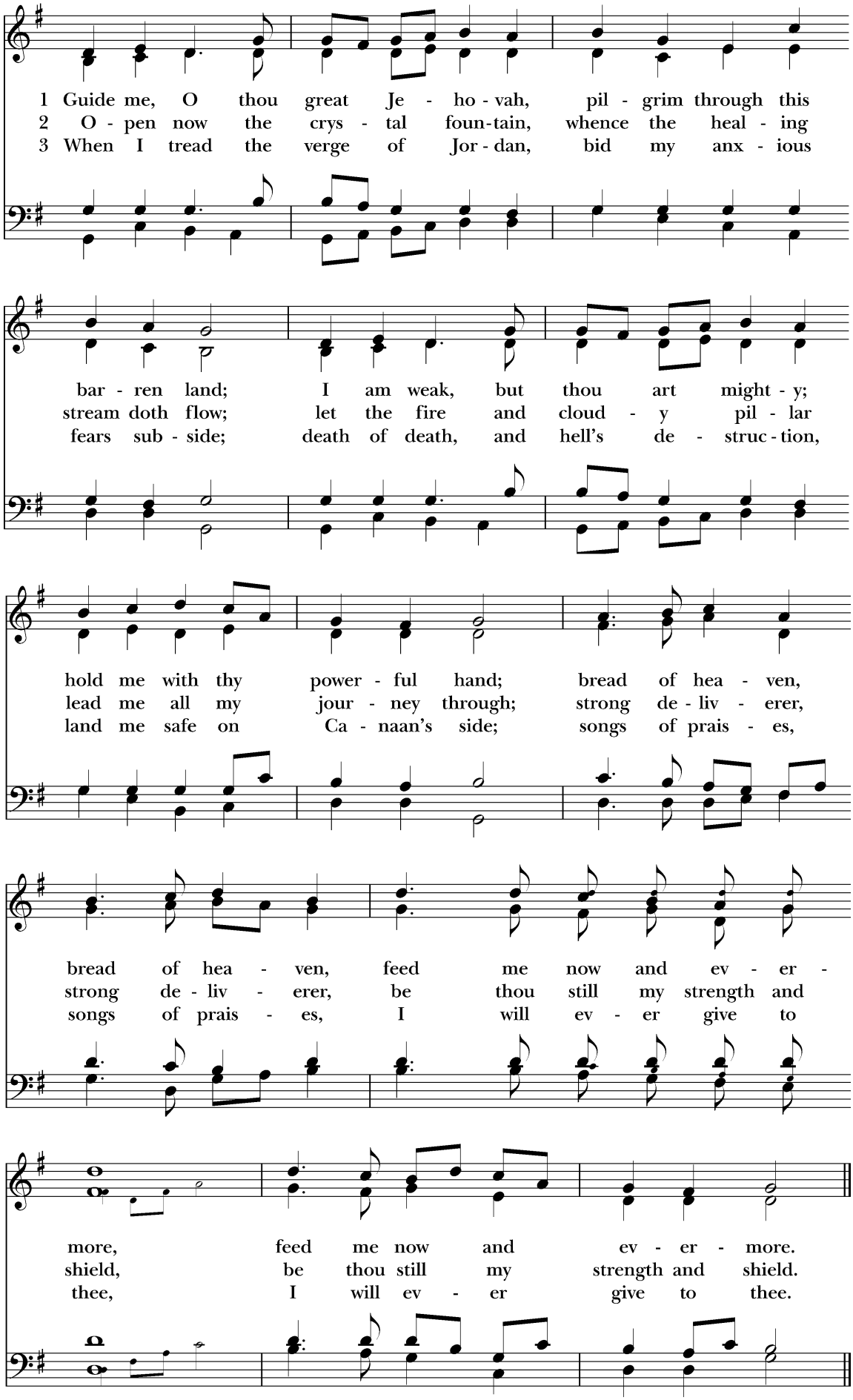
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For those who are in person who are not planning to receive the Sacrament and those who are joining us online

PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER WHILE OTHERS ARE COMMUNING)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Communion Hymn *H1982 "Guide me Great Jehovah"* **# 690**

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People *Almighty and everliving God,*
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Recessional Hymn

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

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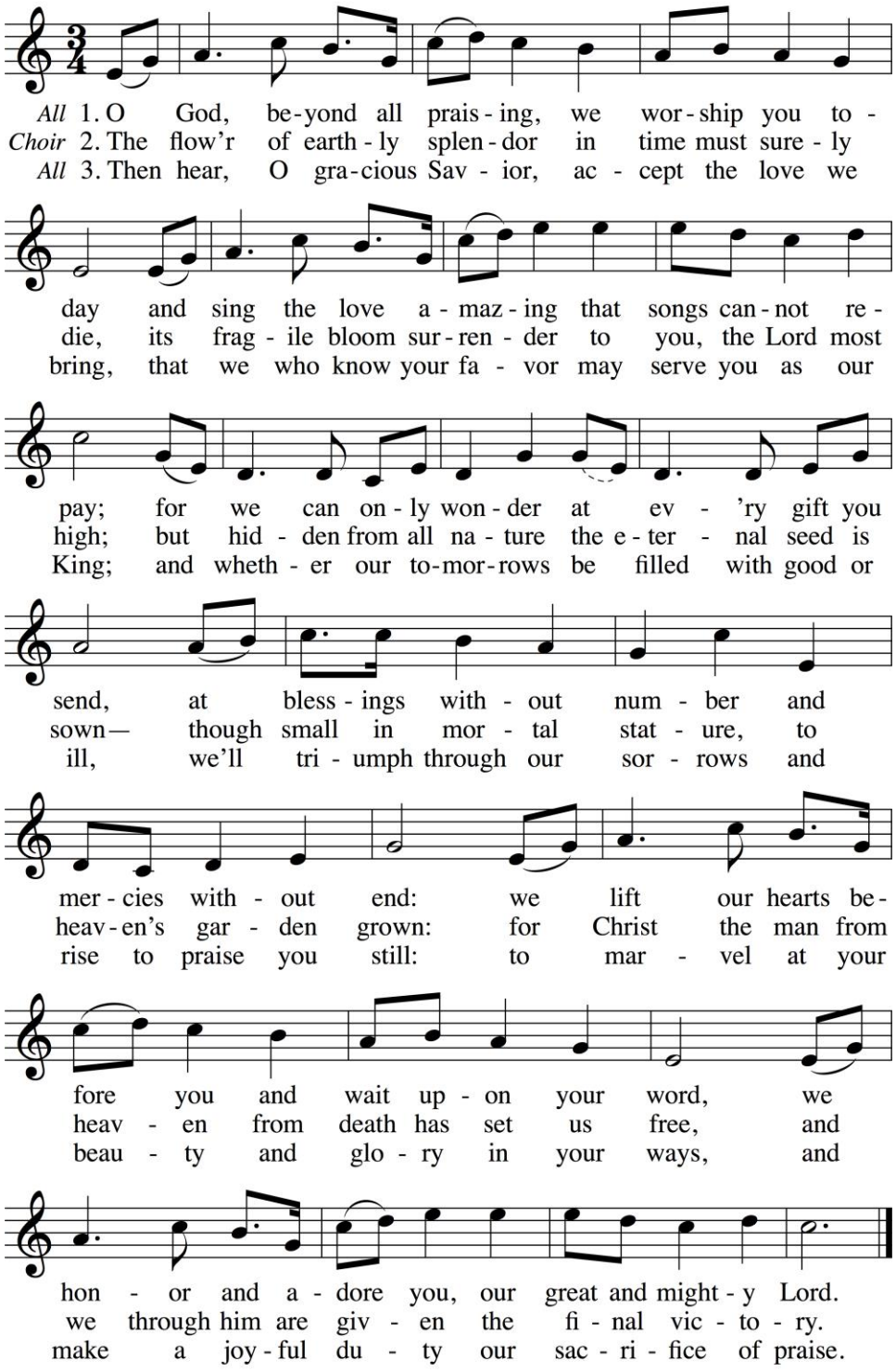
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Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude Hymn Improvisation on "*The Strife is O'er"* by Flor Peeters
Prayer after Worship

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Thurifer: Douglas Colmery
Crucifer: Karl Roshong
Lector: Edward T. Grimes
Safety Team: Beth Paynter
Camera/Sound: David Lewis
Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson
Weekly Cleaning: Shirley Brown

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Genocide Remembrance
(***Let us especially remember Ukraine)***
Monday, April 25, 2022

Robert Hunt: Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Christina Rossetti: Poet, 1894
Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Catherine of Siena, Mystic, 1380
Friday, April 29, 2022

Sarah Josepha Buell Hale: Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879
Saturday, April 30, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 24 The Second Sunday of Easter *Fr. Phil's+ Last Sunday* 10:30am	Apr 25 Vestry 6pm via Zoom	Apr 26 *Fr. Phil's+ Last Day*	Apr 27 10am Book Study	Apr 28 "Driving While Black" Author ZOOM 7pm With Author Gretchen Sorin 7pm AA (Library)	Apr 29 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	Apr 30 H.O.T. 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30am Service	May 2	May 3 CC Leadership Team 4pm via Zoom	May 4 10am Book Study	May 5 7pm AA (Library)	May 6 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	May 7 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
May 8 (Mother's Day) 4th Sunday of Easter Fr. Christopher's first service 10:30 Service	May 9 Comm. Committee 6pm via zoom	May 10 Social Justice Book Group	May 11 10am Book Study Finance 6pm via Zoom	May 12 7pm AA (Library)	May 13 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	May 14 7pm AA (Library) 7:30 NA (Comm Rm)
May 15 5th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Service	May 16 Vestry 6pm via zoom	May 17	May 18 10am Book Study	May 19 7pm AA (Library)	May 20 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	May 21 7pm AA (Library) 7:30pm NA (Comm Rm)

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

Calendar

1st Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversation Leadership Team
2nd Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
3rd Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversations
4th Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
Every Wednesday 10am – Book Study (Library)

Sunday Services at 10:30 are also live streamed on Facebook.