

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:30 a.m.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE: "The Soul Set Free"

David Paxton

HYMN: #388 "O worship the King"

*Hanover*

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Praise to God

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of  
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)  
Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

## THE ACCLAMATION: p. 355

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.***

## THE GLORIA (s280)

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lost not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not

know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

### **THE PSALM:** Psalm 119:129-136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

### **THE SECOND LESSON:** Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be

conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

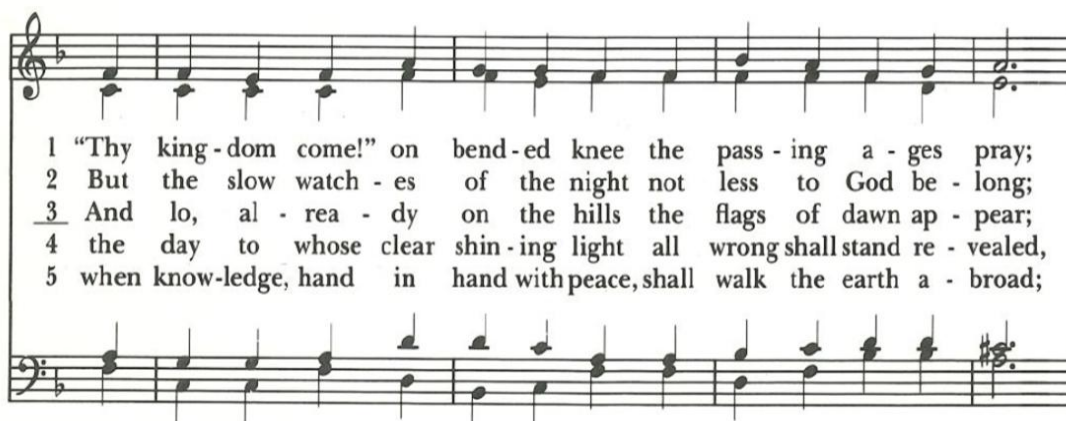
“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

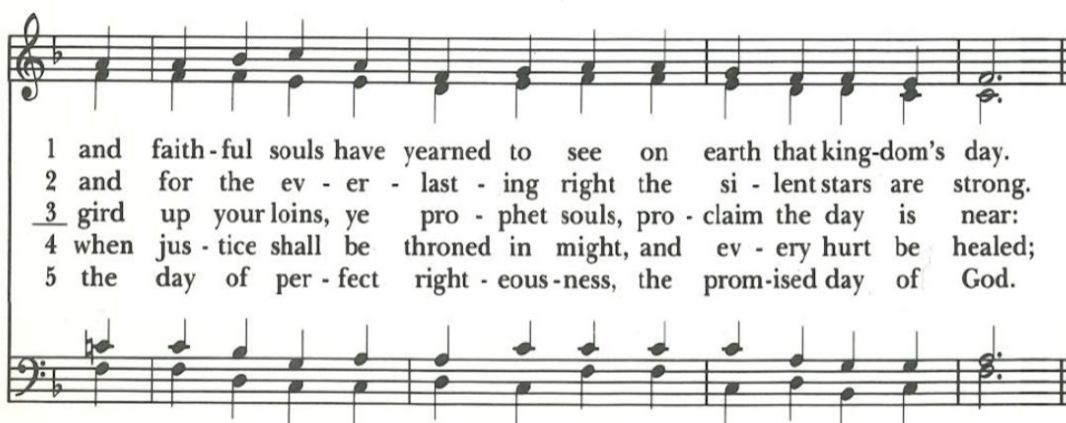
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| <i>Reader</i> | The word of the Lord.           |
| <i>People</i> | <b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b> |

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## The Kingdom of God



1 "Thy king-dom come!" on bend-ed knee the pass-ing a- ges pray;  
 2 But the slow watch-es of the night not less to God be-long;  
 3 And lo, al- rea- dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap- pear;  
 4 the day to whose clear shin-ing light all wrong shall stand re- vealed,  
 5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a- broad;



1 and faith-ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.  
 2 and for the ev-er-last-ing right the si-lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro-phet souls, pro-claim the day is near:  
 4 when jus-tice shall be throned in might, and ev-ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per-fect right-eous-ness, the prom-ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Andersen

## THE NICENE CREED: p. 358

***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.***

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: IV, p. 388**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Holy One, we give thanks for this parish family and the gifts, talents, and experiences that have brought us to this moment. In this time of change, embolden us when we are fearful, arouse us when we are complacent, and guide us to truth when we falter. Help us to feel your presence in our hearts and to bring your presence to one another. May we embrace this transition as a gift of your direction. ***Amen.***

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN: p.360**

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*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 Celebrant 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.***

**THE PEACE**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## The Church's Mission

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1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O *Fine*

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - - jah! And his words are  
 To - rah o - ra,

*Da Capo*  
 words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - - jah!  
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt.

Music: Torah Song [Yisrael Vbraita], Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx, (b. 1937)

98. 95 with Refrain

**DOXOLOGY:** Hymn #380, Stanza 3

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A:** p. 361

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*Celebrant and People (s130)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*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. ***Amen.***

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** p. 364

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.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (s155)

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;***

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. The first chalice is a common cup. The second chalice is for intinction, or dipping only.*

*To receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: #324** "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

*Picardy*

### Holy Eucharist

**324**



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87

## SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

*If home communion is being sent, the following commission is said*

*The Celebrant says*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

***We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.***

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER:** p. 365

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

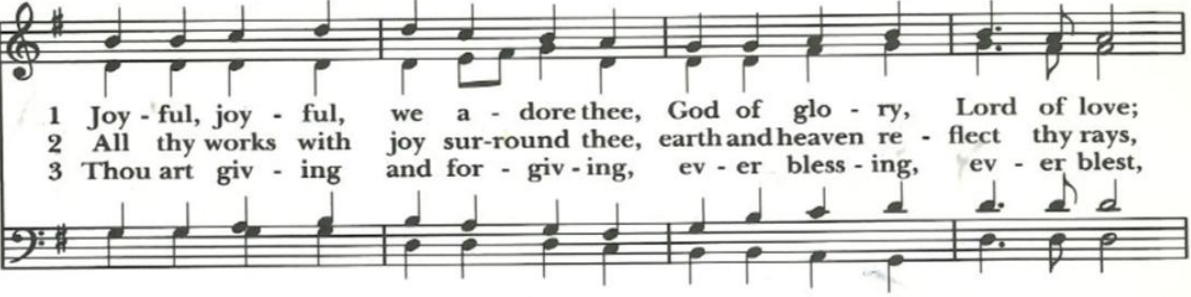
*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

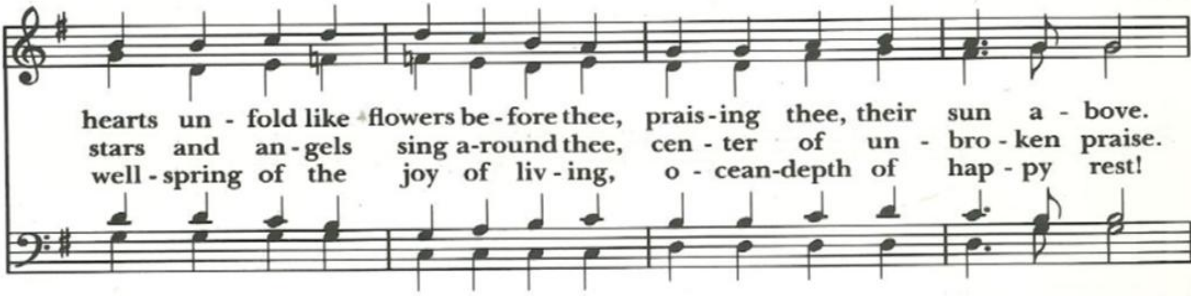
**THE BLESSING**

## Praise to God

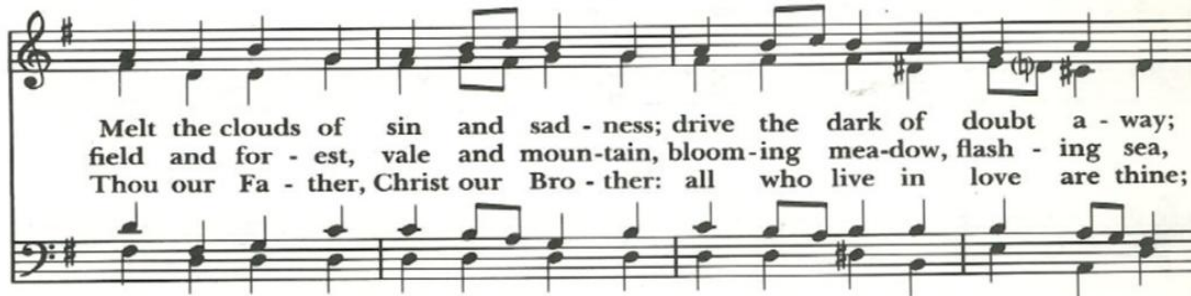
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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## THE DISMISSAL

Response

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE: "Grand Triumphal Chorus"

Alexander Guilmant

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty West,  
 by Carl and Lynn Smyth.*