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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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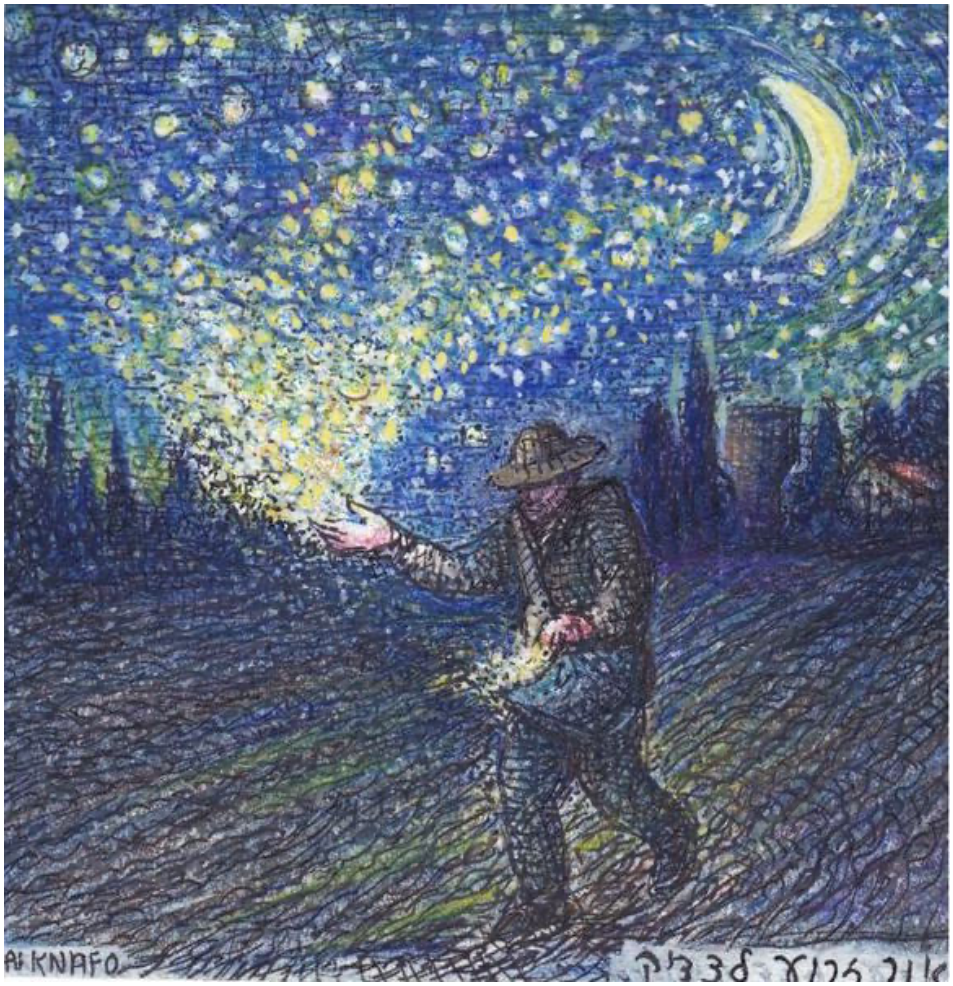

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THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY "Liebster Jesu, wie sind hier (BWV 731) *J. S. Bach*

WELCOME & OUR MISSION/VALUE STATEMENTS

The Church of St. Paul in the Desert:

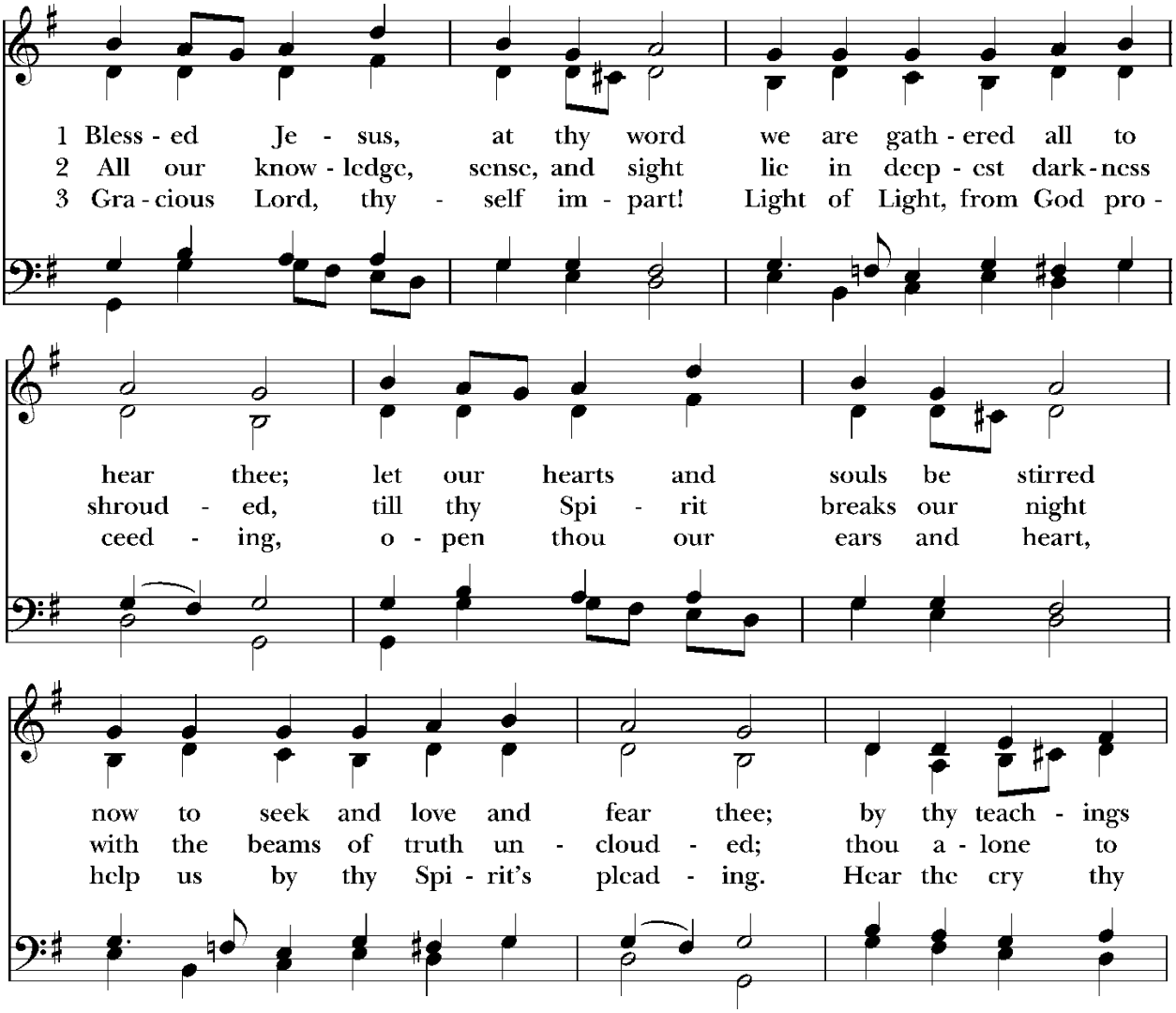
God has invited the Church of St. Paul in the Desert to share the abundant love of Jesus Christ in a caring and diverse community that gathers to worship and give thanks, support and inspire its members, and serve our neighbors.

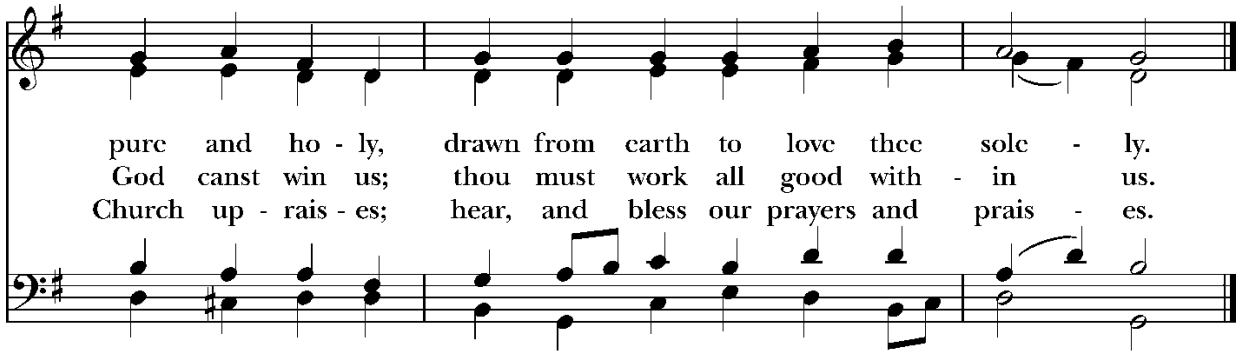
- We are a sacramental, welcoming, empowering, and supportive community.
- We respect the dignity of every human being.
- We seek to be a spiritual oasis in the desert.
- Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome.

The Diocese:

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego is a missionary community that dares to follow Jesus Christ in his life of courageous love for the world.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN 440 "Blessed Jesus, we are here" *Liebster Jesu*





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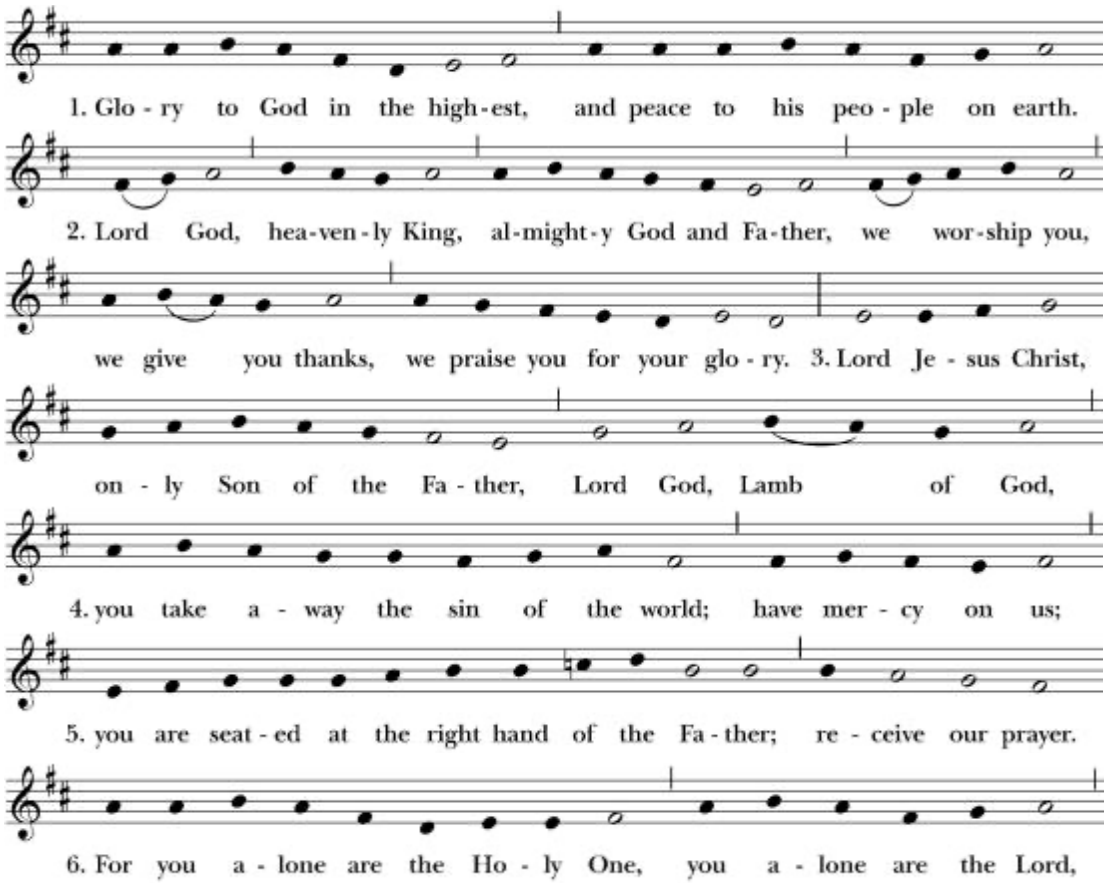
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

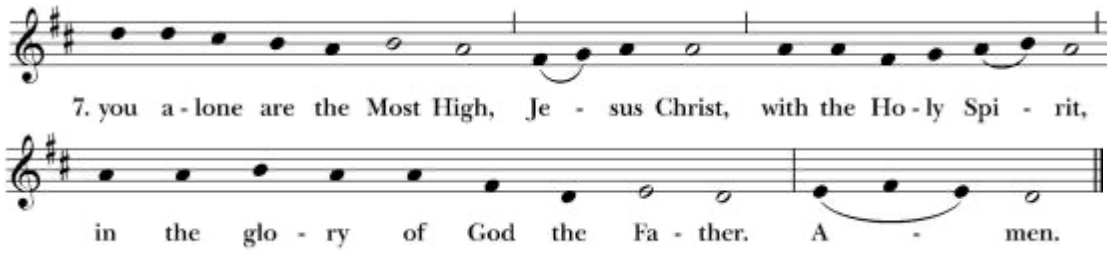
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 HYMN OF PRAISE S277 Glory to God *David Hurd*





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SUMMER EPISCOPAL MOMENT

THE FIRST LESSON **Genesis 25:19-34**

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he

swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER **Psalm 119:105-112** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

Reader Please join in praying Psalm 119 responsively by half-verse.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND LESSON **Romans 8:1-11**

Reader A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

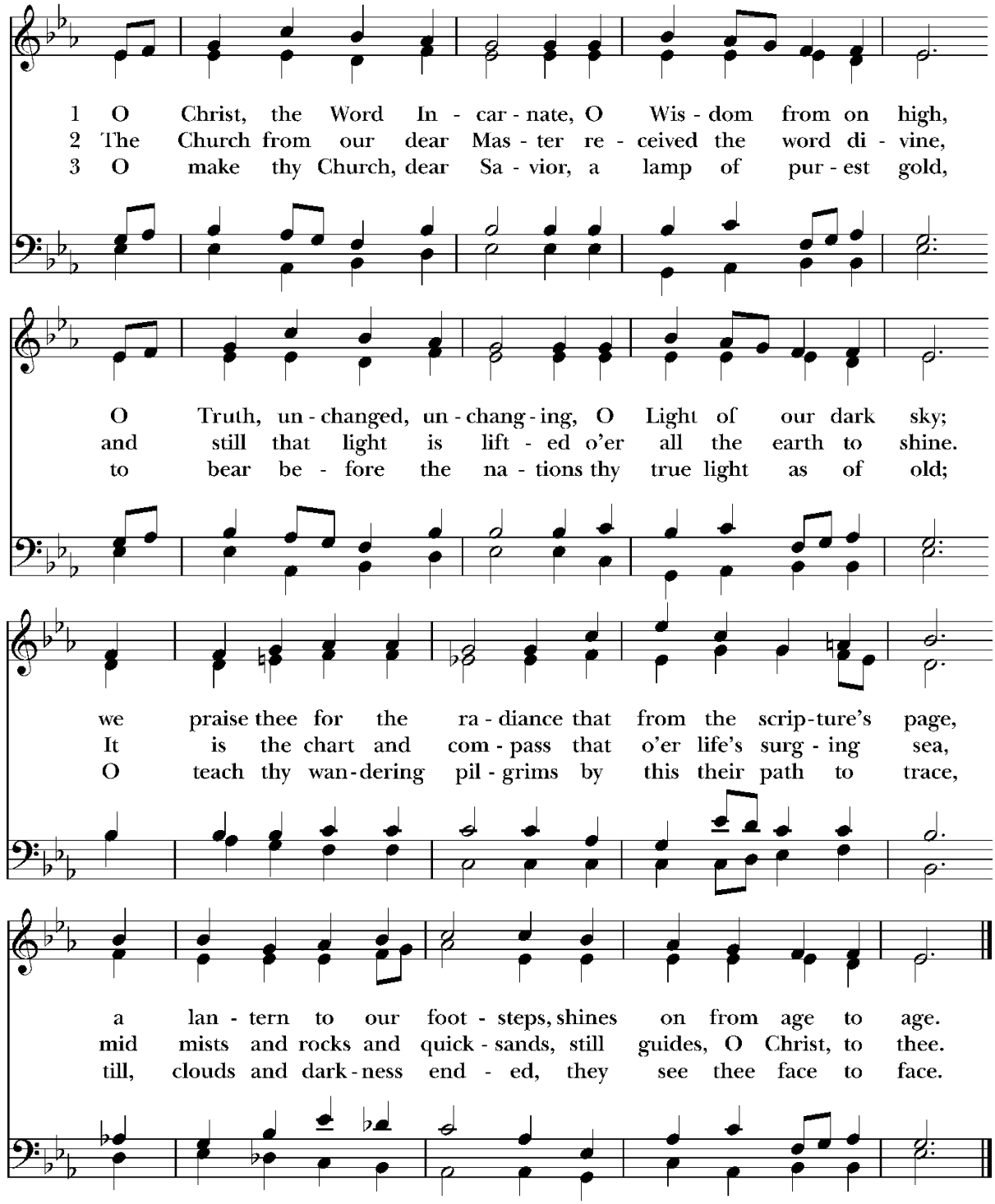
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able and face the Gospel as it arrives in the midst of the gathered.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" *Munich*

Verses 1 - 2



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THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – Verse 3

THE SERMON The Rev. Marian Stinson

A time of reflection and silence follows the sermon.

Please stand if able.

THE NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 V, BCP**

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

The Leader and People pray responsively.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Paul the Hermit and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 ABSOLUTION

This is the formal act of pronouncing God's forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, reflecting the ministry of reconciliation committed by Christ to the church.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

You are invited to offer a sign of peace to those around you.

BLESSINGS AND GRATITUDE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine and money or other gifts to the Table.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

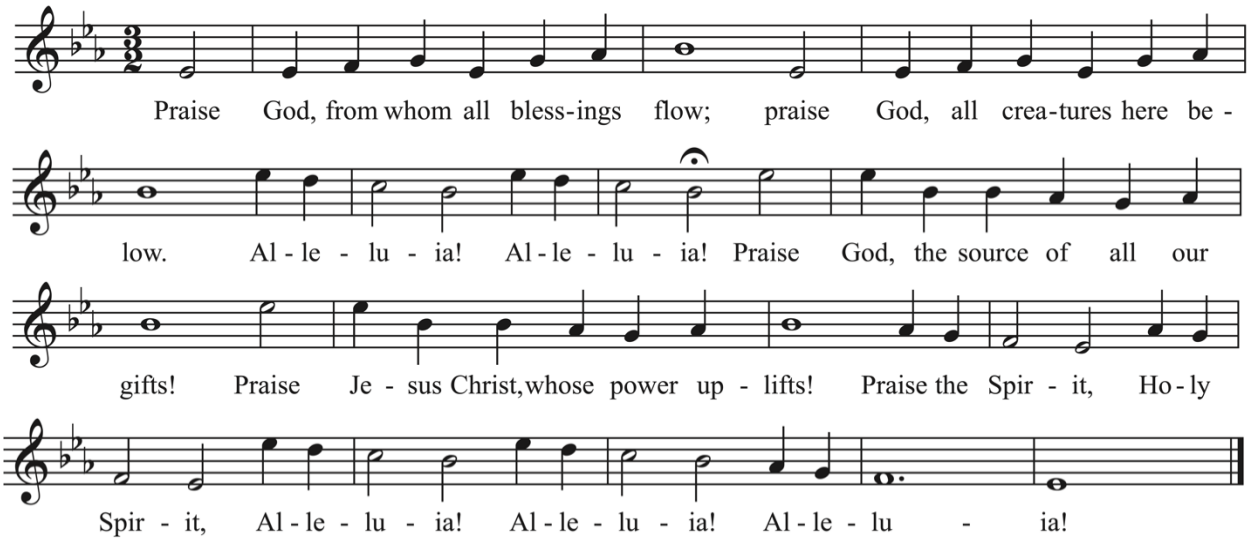
THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I'll Fly Away" arr. Brandon A. Boyd

Frank Dunn, Glen Grayson, Rick Nauman, Steven Klinkerman, *men's quartet*

*Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away, yeah, yes I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away.
When the shadows of this life is gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. Oh, glory, I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.
Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.
When you see the lightnin' flashin', when you hear O hear the thunder crashin'
When you see the stars are flashin', when you hear the chariot callin', I'll fly away.
Soon as I see my Savior, lay down my heavy burdens, put on my robe in glory,
Shout and tell the story. When I die, hallelujah by and by, O I'll fly away.*

Please stand if able, while the offerings are presented.

THE PRESENTATION **Doxology** *Lasst uns erfreuen*



Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Eucharistic Prayer B*

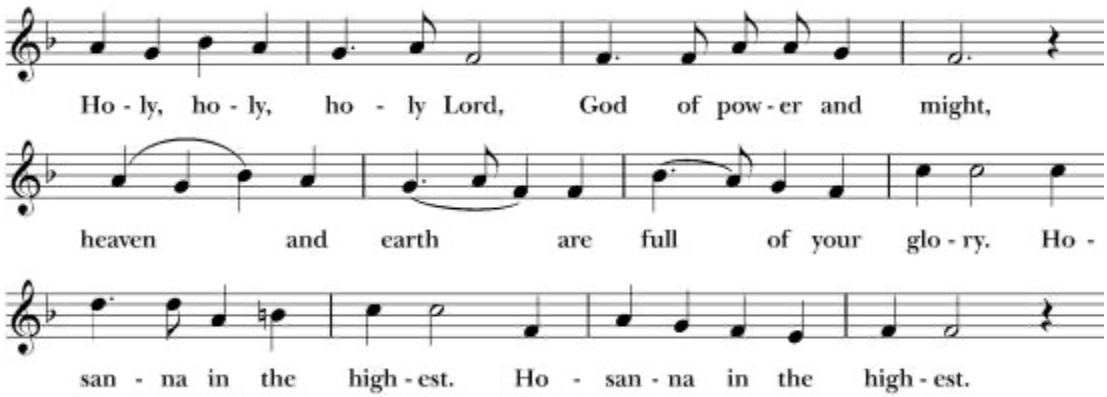
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

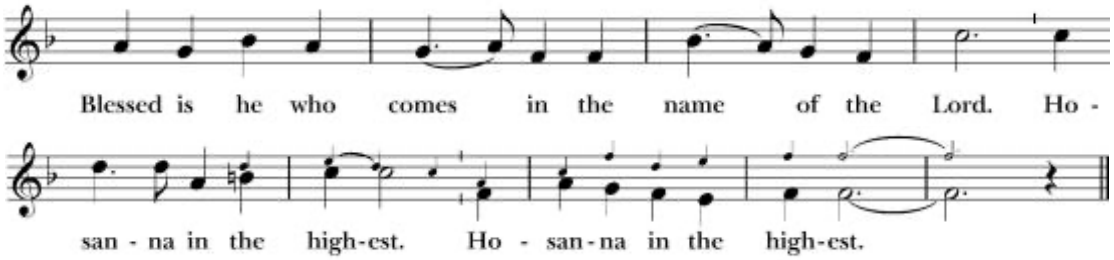
The Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S125 **Holy, holy, holy Lord** *Richard Proulx*





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The people stand or kneel. Then 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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 St. Paul the Hermit and 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. ***AMEN*.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, in the language of our hearts,
as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

Y ahora, en el idioma de nuestro corazón,
como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos ha
enseñado, somos valientes para orar,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

El Pueblo y El Celebrant

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
Y no nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION & THE COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you.

NAVIGATING COMMUNION



All are welcome. Please allow the ushers to direct you toward the Table.
Your options for Communion:

- ***Bread and the Common Cup.*** *Receive the Host from the priest and go to the chalice bearer who will guide the Cup to your lips.*
- ***Bread and Intinction.*** *If you wish the bread dipped in wine, put forward one hand with your palm facing up and one hand in the air. The priest will intinct the Host and hand it to you.*
- ***Bread without wine.*** *Place your two hands together, one on top of the other. Know that bread alone is full and complete Communion.*
- ***Blessing instead of Communion.*** *Approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available; let the priest know your preference and they will assist you.

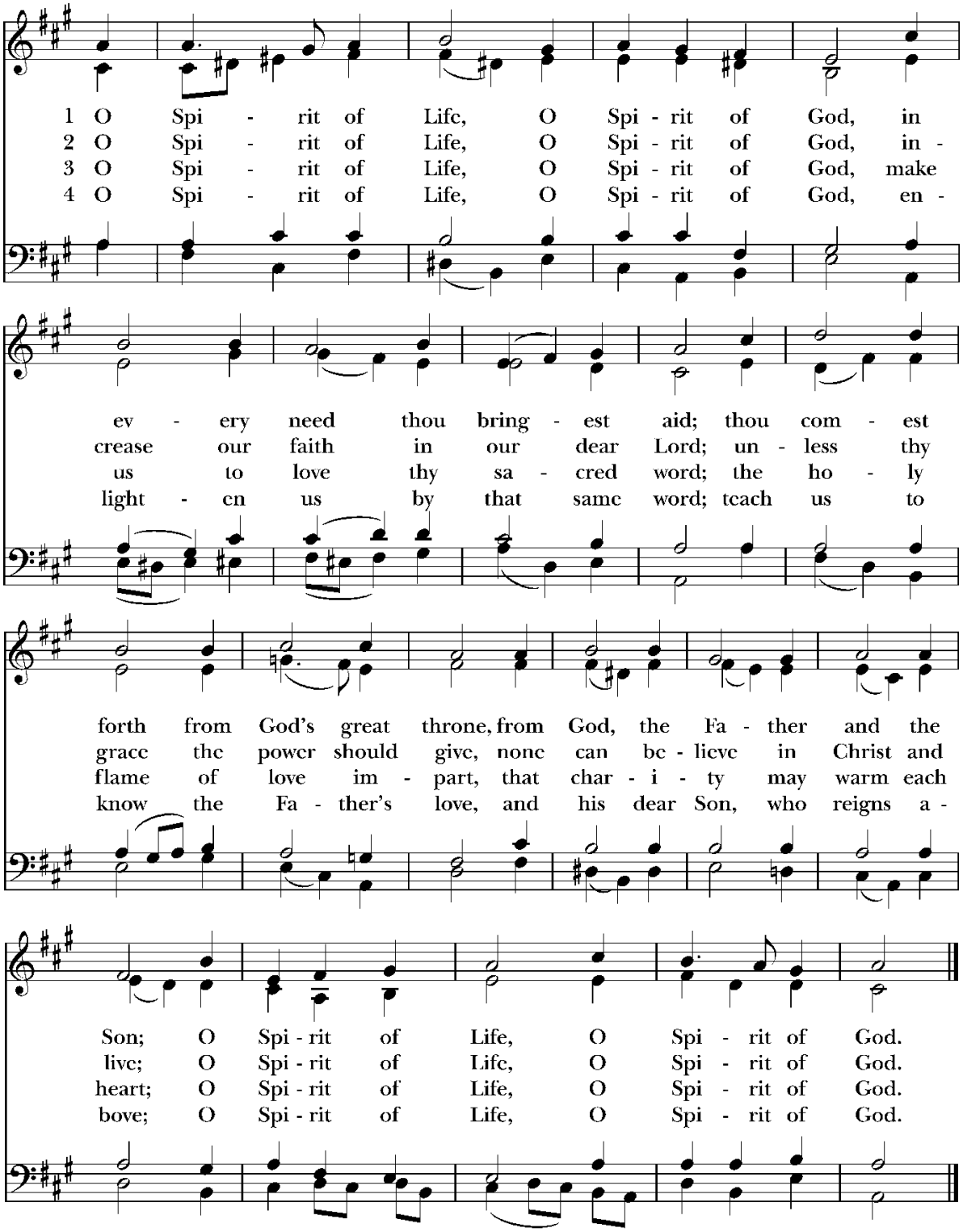
If mobility issues prohibit you from walking up to the altar, please alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

Let nothing hinder you from eating from this Table.

If you are watching the service at home and unable to be physically present for in-person worship, you are welcome to pray this prayer for spiritual communion from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services:

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 invite 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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 505 "O Spirit of Life"



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The Celebrant blesses any Lay Eucharistic Ministers visiting homebound parishioners.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

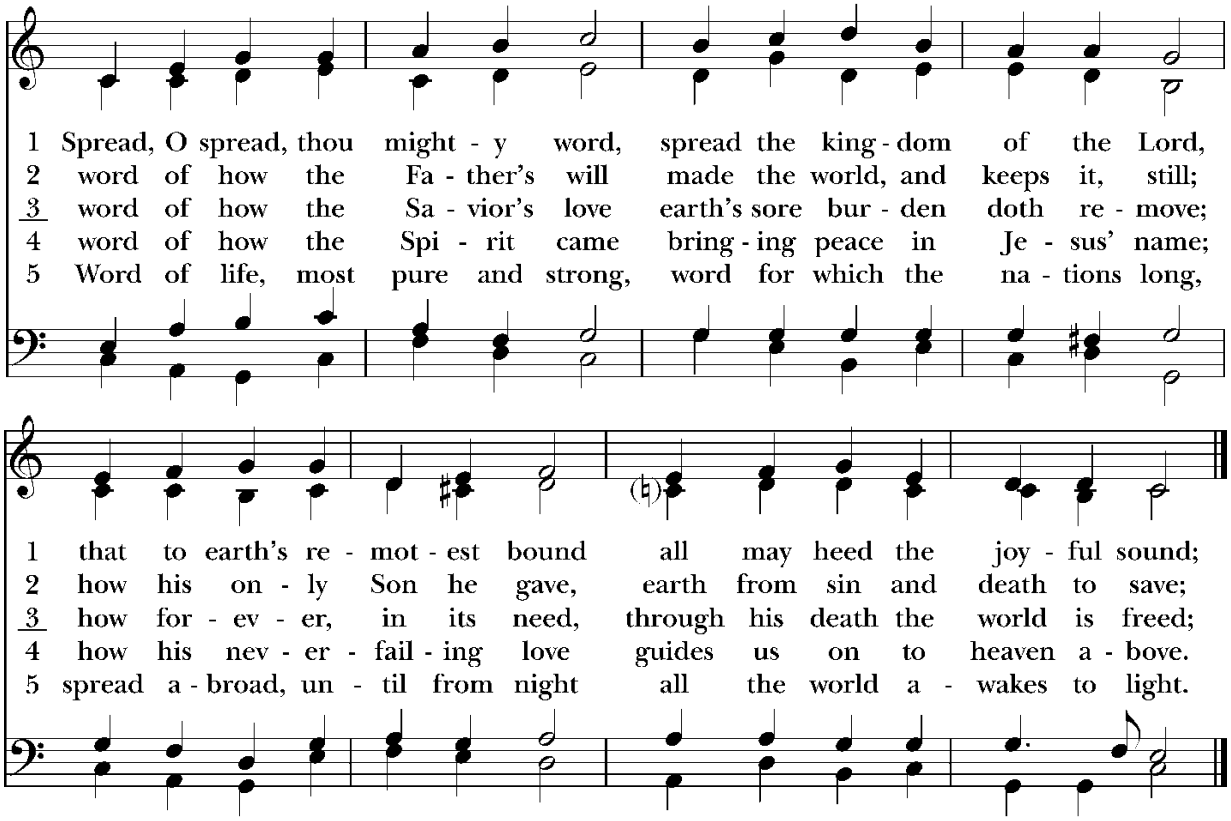
Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people 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.

THE BLESSING

This is a sacerdotal pronouncement of God's love and favor, used by a bishop or priest.

THE CLOSING HYMN 530 "Spread, O spread thy mighty word" *Gott sei Dank*



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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major *attr. J. S. Bach*

You are invited to remain seated and listen to the Postlude, or you can exit through the center aisle door. Our transept doors will remain shut until after the Postlude out of respect for the liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Marian Stinson, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Charles Peery, *Director of Music*
Frank Dunn, Glen Grayson,
Rick Nauman, Steven Klinkerman, *Men's Quartet*
Kathy Kilmer (WC), Alex Cherkas, *Altar Minister*
Kathy Kilmer, Bonnie Stroock, *Altar Guild*
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