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The Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

The Feast of Mechthilde & Gertrude
November 21, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II



November 20-21, 2026

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Jackson, Tennessee

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Pam Evans, Deacon
The Rev. Tommy Rhoads, Gospeler
The Very Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell, Cathedral Dean
The Rev. Canon Rob Courtney, Canon to the Ordinary
The Rev. Hester Mathes, Archdeacon
The Rev. Jesse Perkins, Rector of St. Luke's

Organ Prelude 5. *Prèambule* from *Seven Sketches on verses from the Psalms* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
— Psalm 23: 2, *KJV*

In quiet mood Florence Beatrice Price (1887–1953)
Jeffrey Hoffman, organist

3. Master Tallis's Testament from Six Pieces for Organ Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Dr. Richard Townley, organist

Please stand as able.

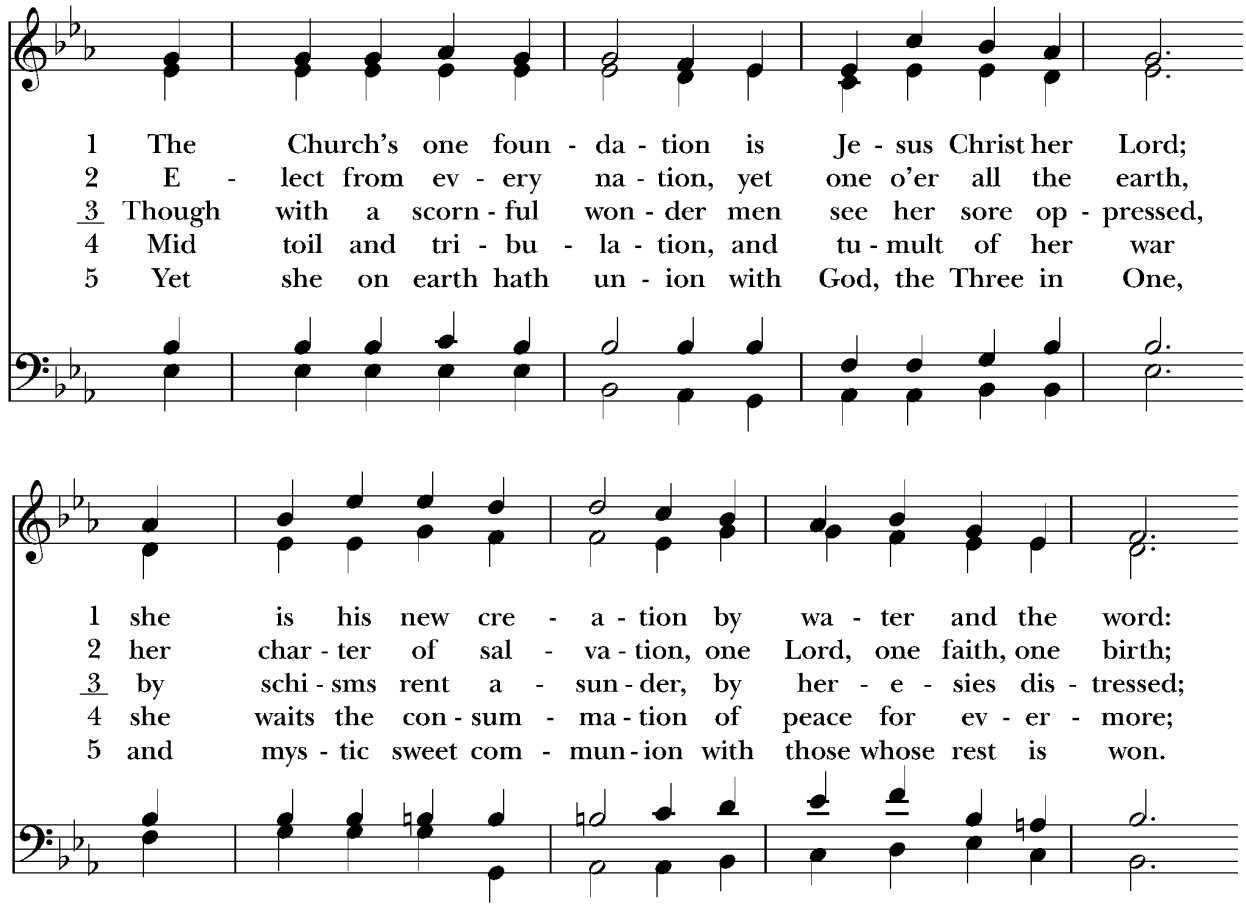
Choral Introit *Dilexisti justitiam* Johannes Brassart (*c.* 1400-1455), and plainsong, Mode 8

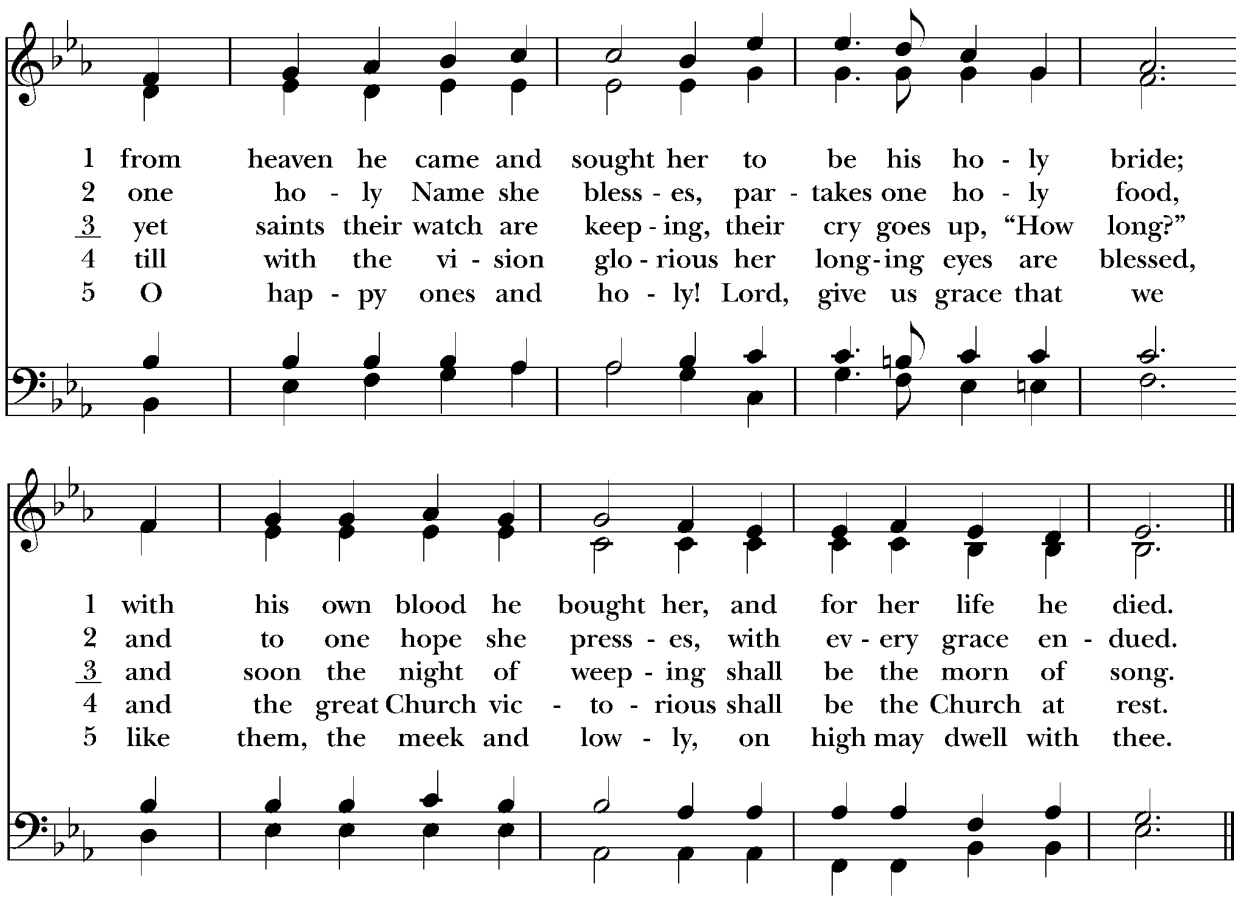
chanted by the combined choirs of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Jared Heldenbrand, cantor;
Carrie Pennell Prewitt, Matthew Eller, David McCall, soloists for the discant clausula

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem; propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae, prae consortibus tuis.
Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi.
— Gregorian introit for the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and the Common of Virgins, Psalm 44: 8, 2, *Latin Vulgate*

You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
My heart is stirring with a noble song: let me recite what I have fashioned for the king.
— Psalm 45: 7b & 8, 1, *BCP (1979)*

Processional Hymn The Church's one foundation *Aurelia*





Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)
Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastion Wesley (1810-1876); desc. Jeffrey Hoffman (*b.* 1970)

The Word of God BCP 355

The Opening Acclamation

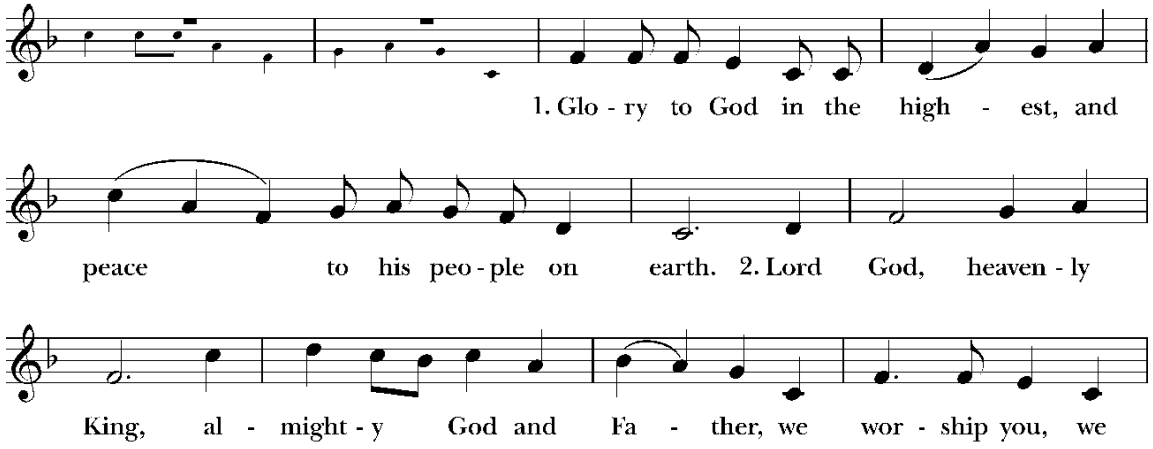
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

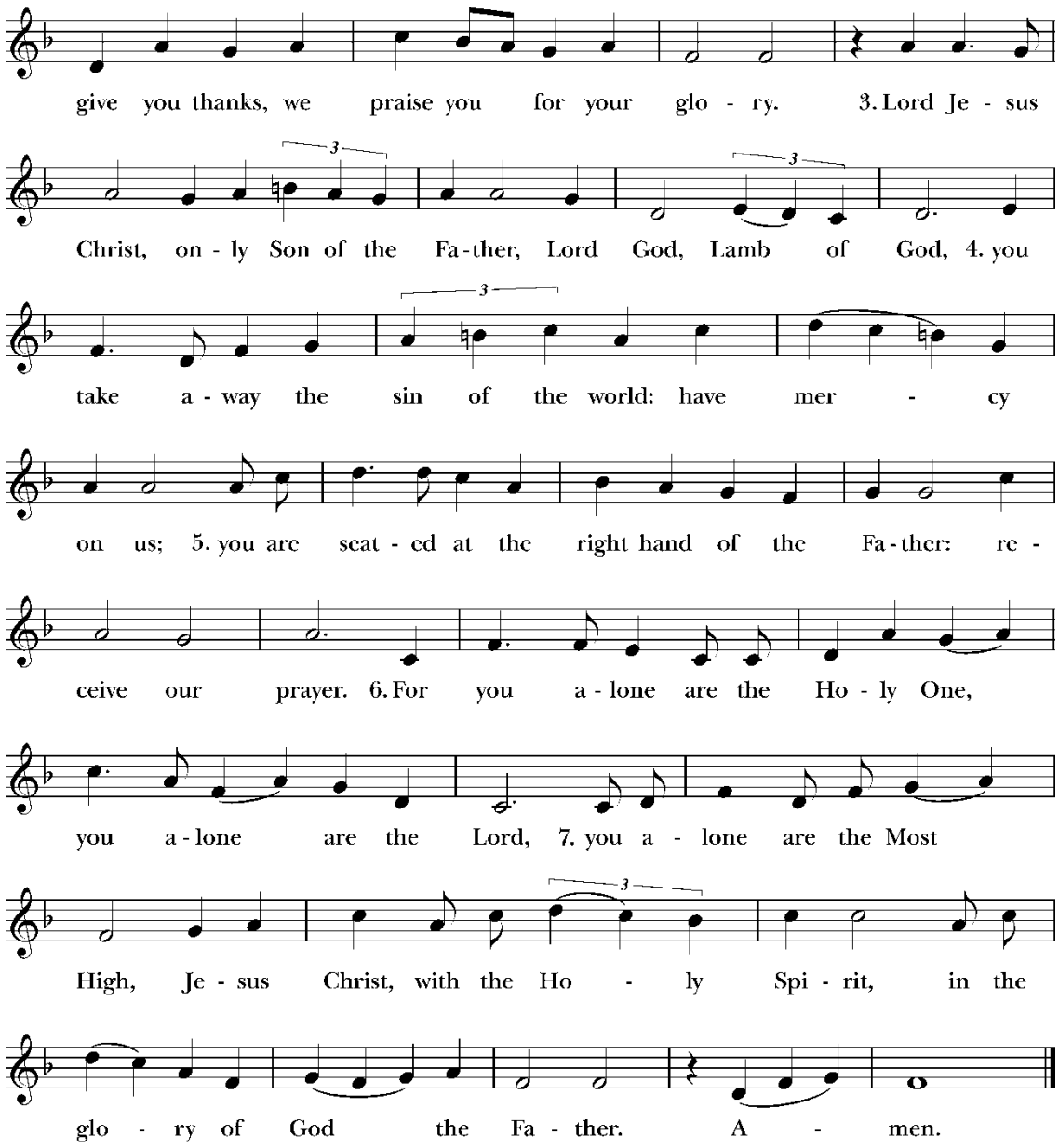
Collect for Purity

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**.

Gloria in excelsis Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)





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The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who gave to your servants Mechthilde and Gertrude special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth in Christ Jesus: Grant that by their teachings we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, those here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Read by Dr. John Planchon, St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

The Psalm

119:41-48, Waw*, Et veniat super me*

Anglican chant, John Jones (1757-1833)

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, *
and your salvation, according to your promise.
42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
because I trust in your words.
43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
for my hope is in your judgments.
44 I shall continue to keep your law; *
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
45 I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.
46 I will tell of your decrees before kings *
and will not be ashamed.
47 I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.
48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

The Second Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Read by Dr. Anne-Marie Motley, St. Constance Episcopal Church, Memphis

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

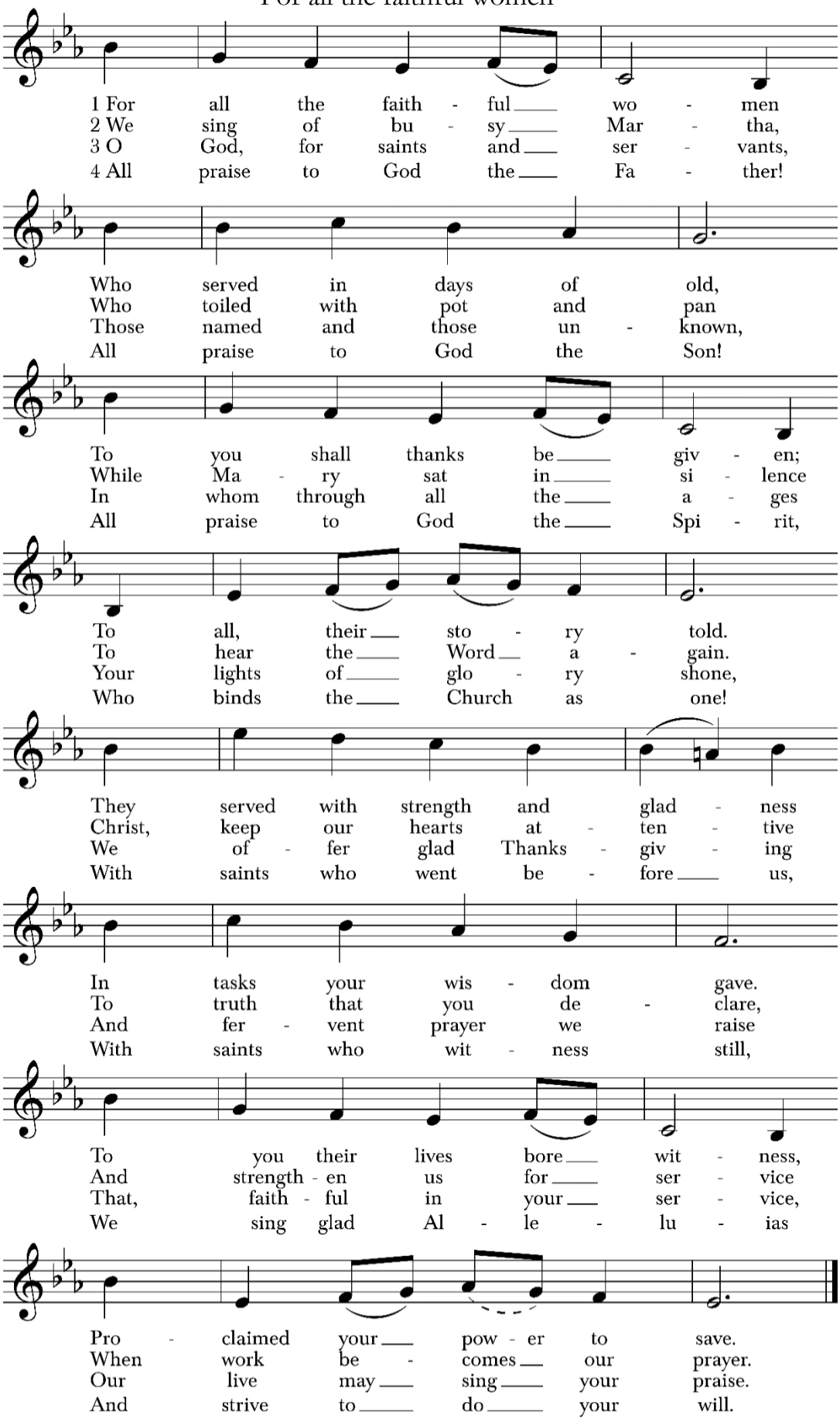
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn

For all the faithful women

Nyland



Words: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007)
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk meldody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948), desc. Jeffrey Hoffman (*b.* 1970)
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The Gospel *Luke 10:38-42*

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

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

All

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387

Celebrant Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Celebrant Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Celebrant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Celebrant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Celebrant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Celebrant We also pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Please stand as able.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion BCP 361

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Today's offering will benefit ministries serving those experiencing food insecurity in our diocese.

Anthem at the Offertory *I cannot dance, O Lord* Steven Sametz (*b.* 1954)

sung by the St. Luke's RSCM choristers and the sopranos and altos of the St. Luke's Evensong Choir
accompanied by Dr. Richard Townley, organist

I cannot dance, O Lord,
Unless You lead me.
If You wish me to leap joyfully,
Let me see You dance and sing —

Then I will leap into Love —
And from Love into Knowledge,
And from Knowledge into the Harvest,
The sweetest Fruit beyond human sense.

There I will stay with You, whirling.

— St. Mecthilde of Magdeburg (*c.* 1207-1282), translated by Jane Hirshfield (*b.* 1953).

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493, v.6; Offertory Hymn of Praise Glory to God and praise and love *Azmon*

Please stand as able.

Sursum Corda

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.**

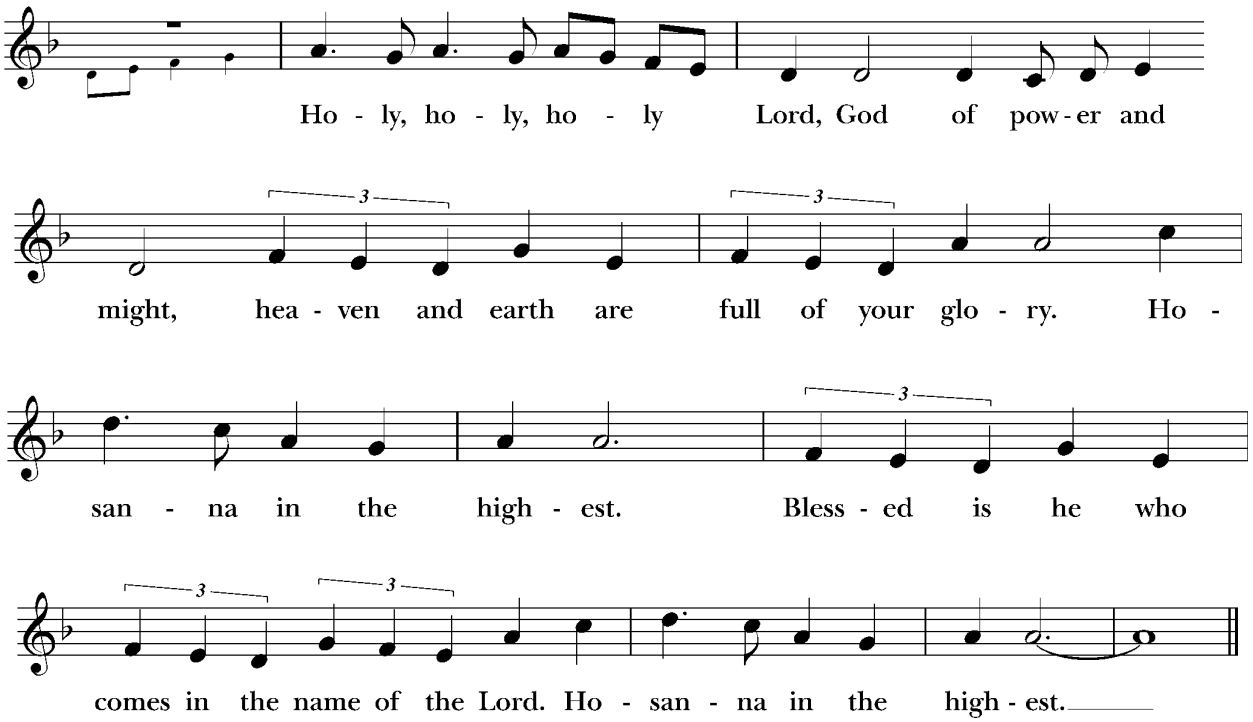
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant says a Proper Preface

Celebrant 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:

Please stand or kneel as able.

Sanctus et benedictus Robert J. Powell



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."

The Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.

The Great AMEN

Celebrant 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.

People **AMEN**.

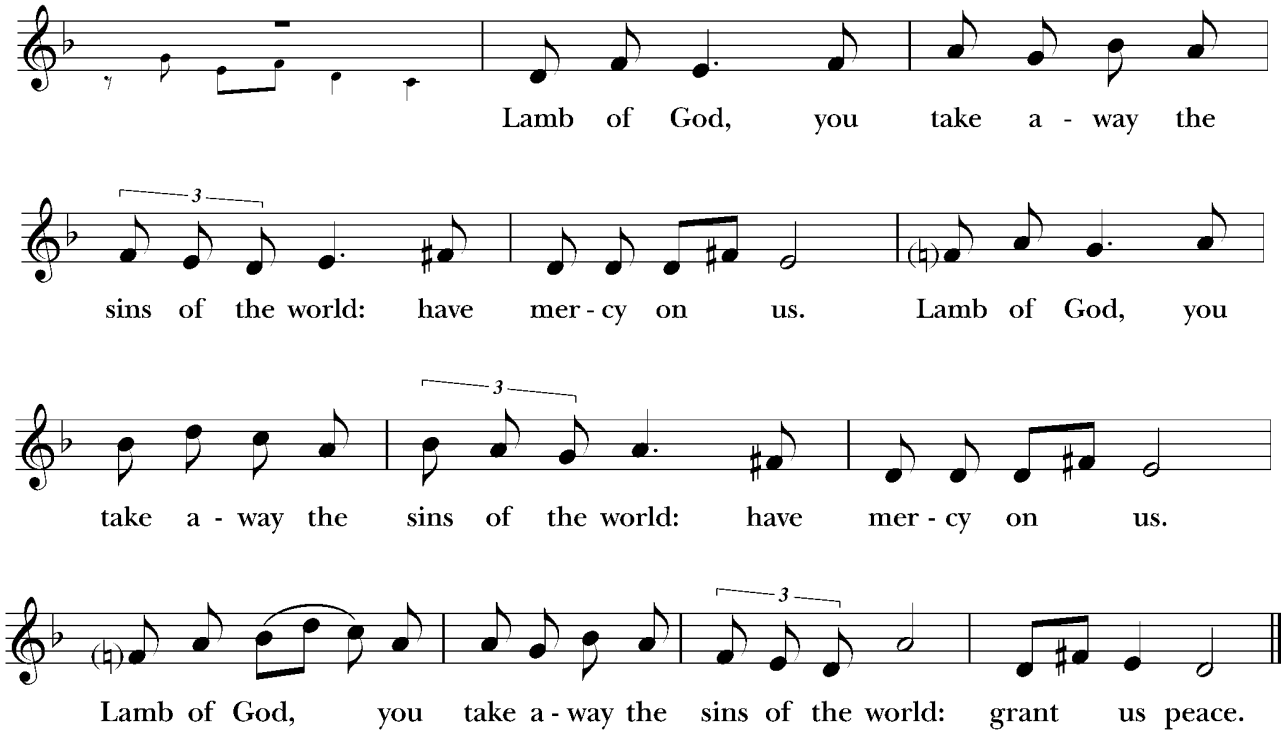
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei Robert J. Powell



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward during Eucharist at St. Luke's. To receive the bread and wine, hold out your hands palms up to receive the bread, and then sip from the chalice. If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem *Laudamus te, O amor* Jeffrey Hoffman (*b.* 1970)

sung by the tenors and basses of the St. Luke's Evensong Choir

Laudamus te, O amor fortissime:
Glorificamus te, O amor dulcissime:
Magnificamus te, O amor benignissime

in omnibus et pro omnibus bonis, quæ gloriosissima tua Deitas, et beatissima humanitas in nobis operata est, et adhuc operabitur ab æterno in æternum,
per nobilissimum instrumentum divini cordis tui. Amen.

— prayer at the communion, from *Preces Gertrudianæ (the Prayer Book of St. Gertrude),*
St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), altered

O Almighty Love, we praise thee;
O most ravishingly sweet Love, we glorify thee;
O most gentle and tender Love, we magnify thee
in and for all the good which thy most glorious Godhead and thy most blessed Humanity have ever wrought in us, or shall hereafter work in us, through that most august and adorable instrument, thy divine Heart. Amen.

— translated by Thomas Alder Pope (1819-1904), altered

Communion Anthem *Ex ore innocentium* John Ireland (1879-1962)

sung by the St. Luke's RSCM choristers, Carrie Prewitt, director

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled, and mourned and died,
for love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord,
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

— the Rt. Rev. William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Communion Anthem *Anima Christi* melody by William Maher (1823-1877). arranged by June Nixon (*b.* 1942)

sung by the combined choirs of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Soul of my Savior sanctify my breast;
body of Christ be thou my saving guest;
blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine,
call me and bid me come to thee on high,
where I may praise thee, with thy saints for ay.

— *Anima Christi*, 14th century Latin poem, translated by an anonymous poet;
attributed to John Hegarty (c. 1734-1834)

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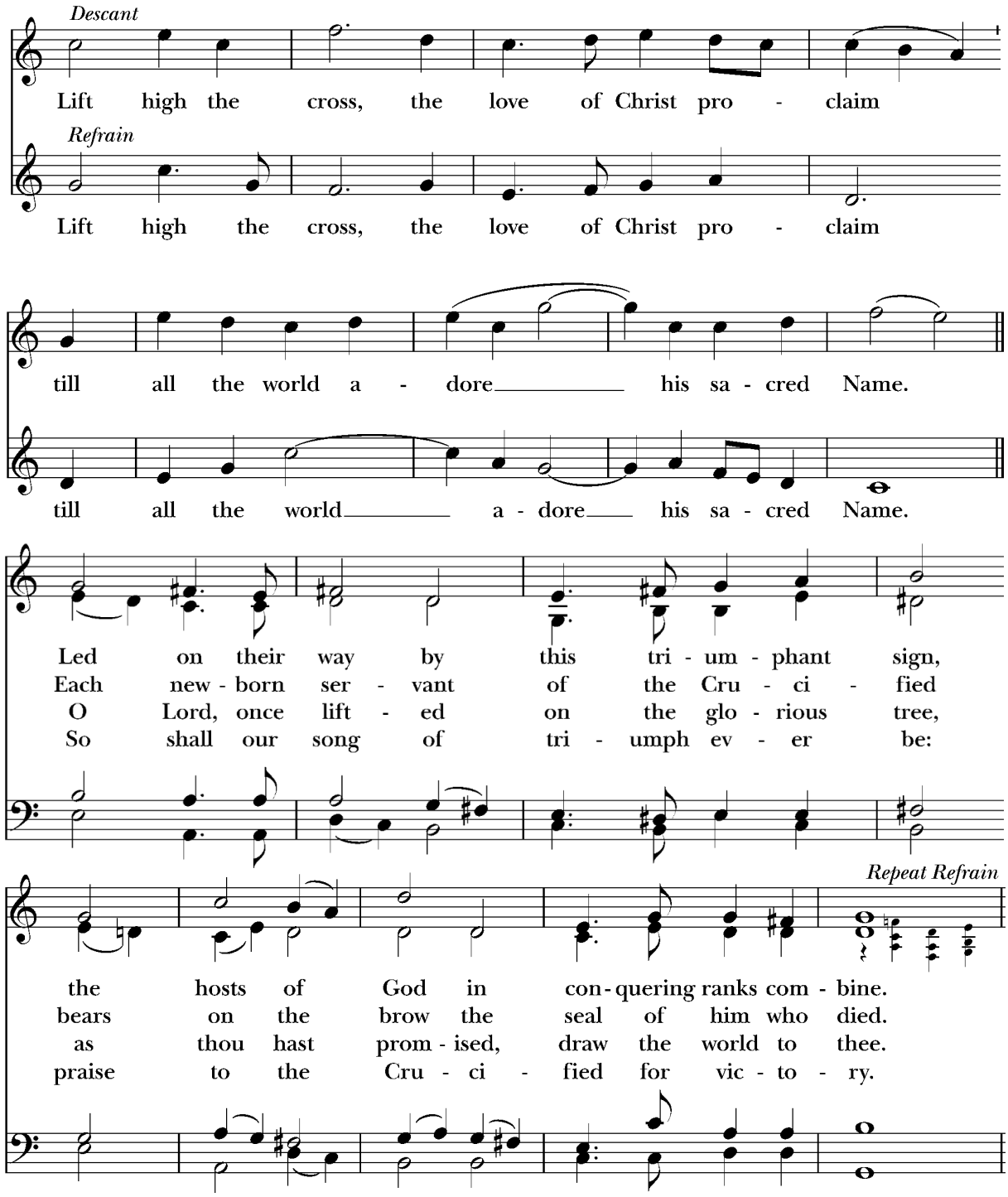
The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Processional Hymn — Lift high the cross — *Crucifer*



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
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Dismissal

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

Handbell Voluntary — *Bell Symphonia* Christian Gotthilf Tag (1735-1811) arr. for handbells by Paul Kasten

Saint Luke's Evensong Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Esther Gray	Erin Eller	Matthew Eller	Eric Bundy
Lisa Hay	Brooke Kinzer	Berta Garrity	David McCall
Carrie Prewitt	Anne Long	Jared Heldenbrand	Andrew Proctor
Rebecca Simpson	Maddie Ratchford	Jeffrey Hoffman	Daniel Varughese
Brooke Wagster	Adrienne Wagster	Kathleen Huneycutt	

The St. Luke's Evensong Choir is a ministry of this parish, dedicated to glorifying God through song in choral liturgy, comprised primarily of singers from our parish choir, together with our friends and colleagues from the larger Jackson choral community. This choir sings monthly for Evensongs, our All Souls Day Requiem, Lessons and Carols, and other special choral services such as this one, exploring the Anglican choral repertoire and choral masterworks together. We welcome interested singers to join us by speaking to our director of music, and we especially welcome those from our community who have other Sunday morning commitments but would like to join our choir for Choral Evensong. Please let us know of your interest by emailing jeffrey@estlukes.org.

St. Luke's Handbell Ringers

Matthew Eller
Berta Garrity
Dylan Griffith
Lisa Hay
Jeffrey Hoffman
Kathleen Huneycutt
Anne Long
David McCall
Gaius Perkins
Katy Perkins

RSCM Choristers

Presley Buxton
Georgia Hutchinson
Gaius Perkins
Anderson Sharp
McKenzie Sharp
Gentry Turner
Greysen Turner

The St. Luke's R.S.C.M. (Royal School of Church Music) Choir is a ministry of St. Luke's Church to the children of our community, conducted by Carrie Prewitt. Affiliated with the American branch of the English Royal School of Church Music, this choir is a training ground for young singers in the 3rd through 8th grades, and an opportunity for children to learn to sing the great choral repertoire of the Anglican tradition and to participate in the weekly musical liturgy sung in this parish.

The St. Luke's Handbell Choir is a newly formed ensemble within the music ministry at St. Luke's Church made possible by the recent acquisition of Malmark handbells and choir chimes using memorial funds. This group meets weekly to rehearse and plays periodically throughout the choral season. Open for participation with anyone with interest and musical aptitude, some of our ringers are experienced handbell ringers, some are new to ringing. There are still open positions in our handbell choir, so those with interest in learning to ring or in contributing their previous handbell experience to our growing music ministry by being a part of this ensemble should contact Jeffrey Hoffman, Director of Music at jeffrey@estlukes.org.

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