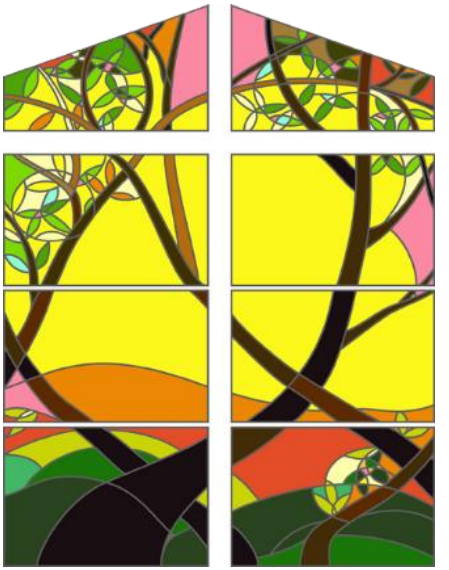
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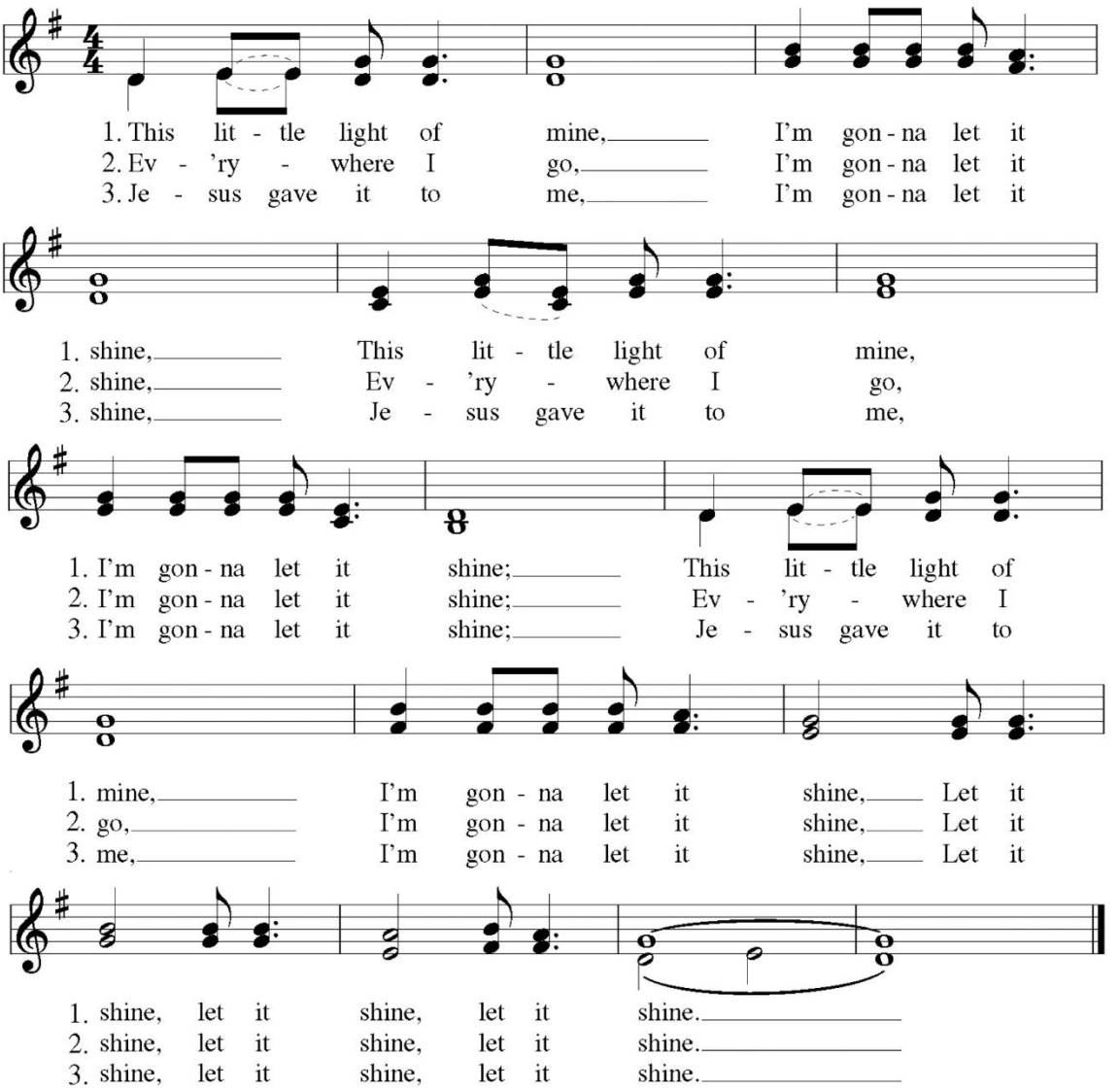


Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 - 10 am

Prelude — *Old Rugged Cross*
Ain't No Heaven Seven

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn — *This Little Light of Mine*
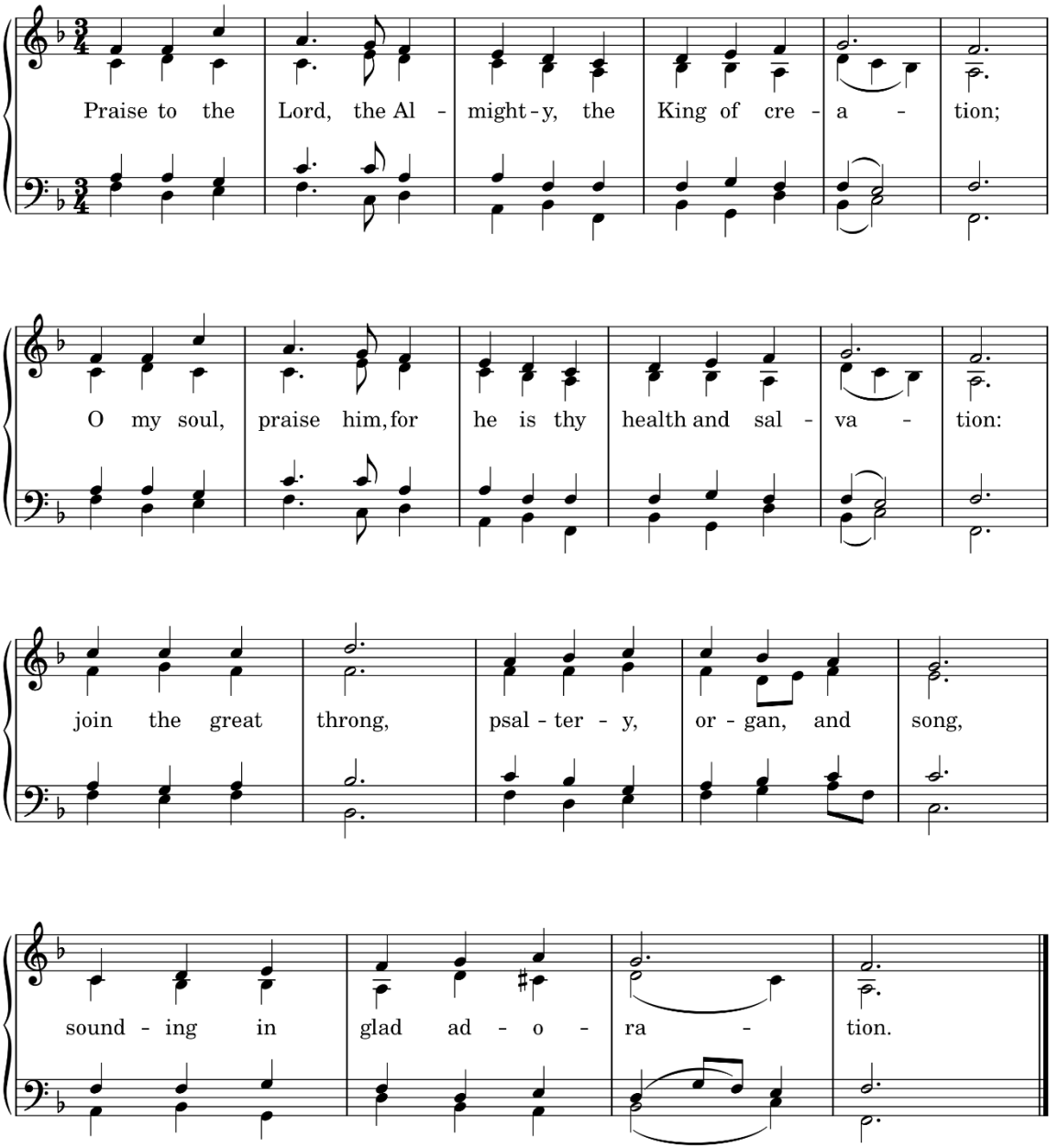


4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine…
5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine…

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading Judges 4:1-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.'"

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
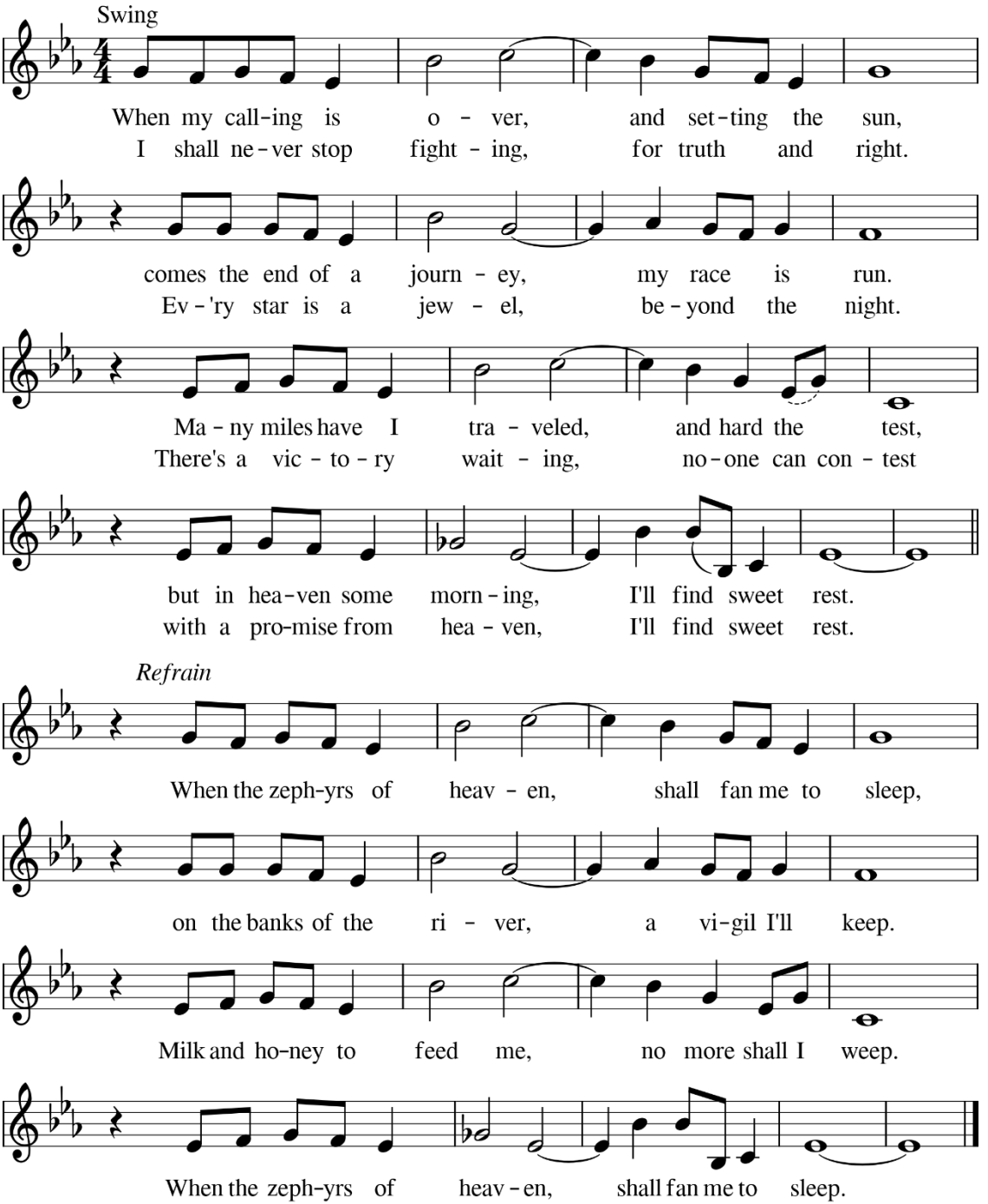
Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *When the Zephyrs of Heaven*



Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Beloved in Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens and to pray for the good of the world. Let us offer our intercessions and thanksgivings to God our Creator.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, gracious God.
For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Phil our Bishop; for Elizabeth, our Rector; for Alan, our deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for the people of this parish.

People: **For all who serve in God's Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; that those who are sick may be healed, that those who are in need may be helped, that those who despair may find hope, that the captives may be freed; we pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We pray for your protection and comfort for those who travel, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, gracious God;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, source of all life, for our many blessings, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;

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

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may be received into your loving arms, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Let your loving-kindness be upon them;

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

Presider: God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Confession

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

All: **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 our Savior 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.

Absolution

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

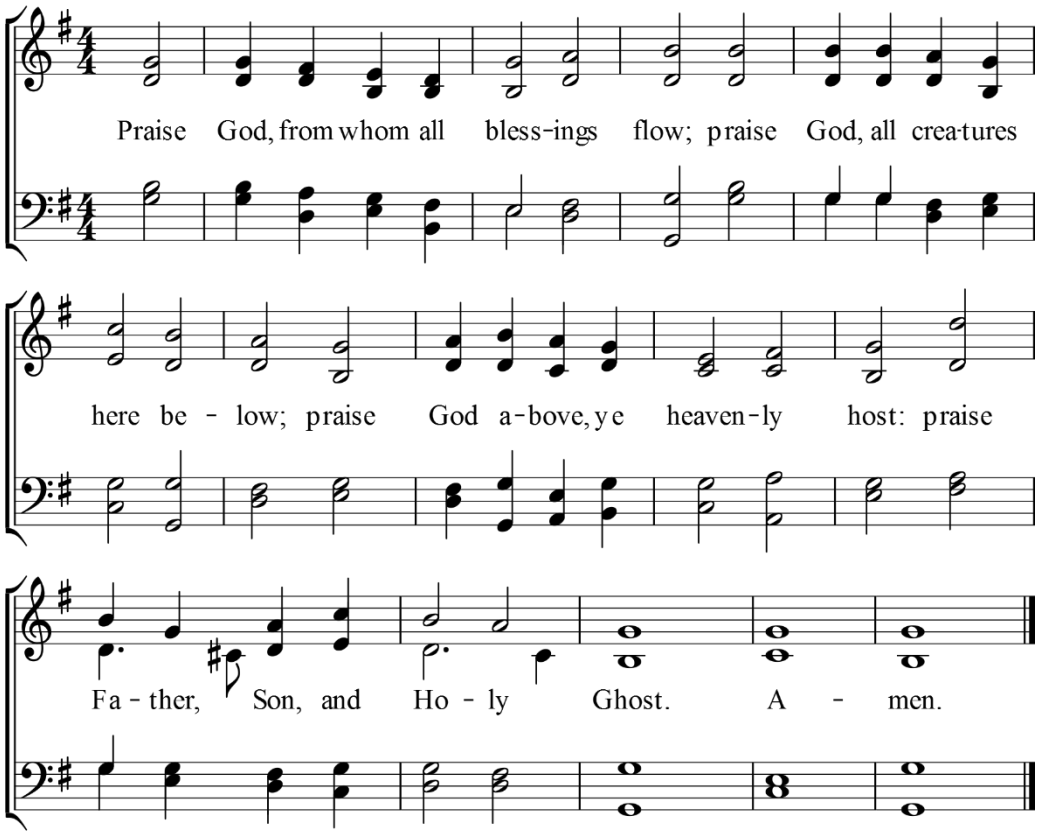
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem *Just Over in the Glory Land* Emmett S. Dean
St. Dunstan's Choir *and the* Ain't No Heaven Seven

The Offertory is a time to present and give thanks for bread and wine, financial offerings, and time and talent given to the church. We gather our offerings through passing the plate where all are invited (though none are required) to give. Contributions can also be made online through the QR code here. Time and Talent cards are available in pew backs to represent the many hours given. For all the gifts of time, treasure, and talent, we give thanks.

Offertory Hymn *Doxology*



Text: Thomas Ken. Music: *The Old Hundredth*, Louis Bourgeois.

Offertory Blessing

Presider: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The people stand or kneel.

THE HOLY COMMUNION *Prayer A*

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

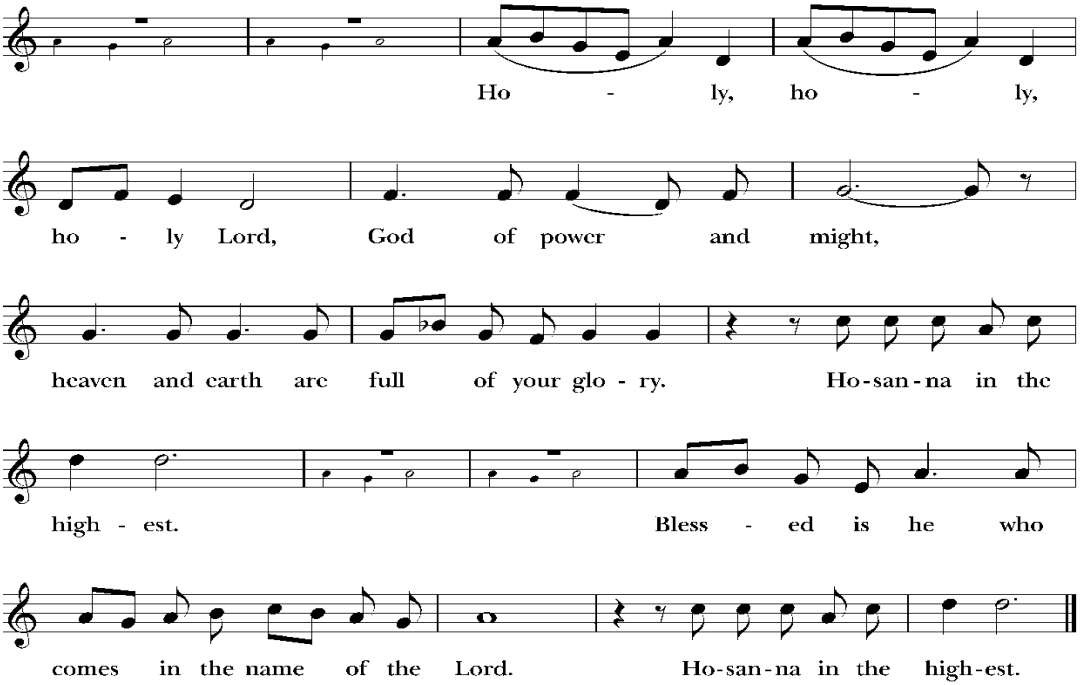
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presider continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



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The presider continues,

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

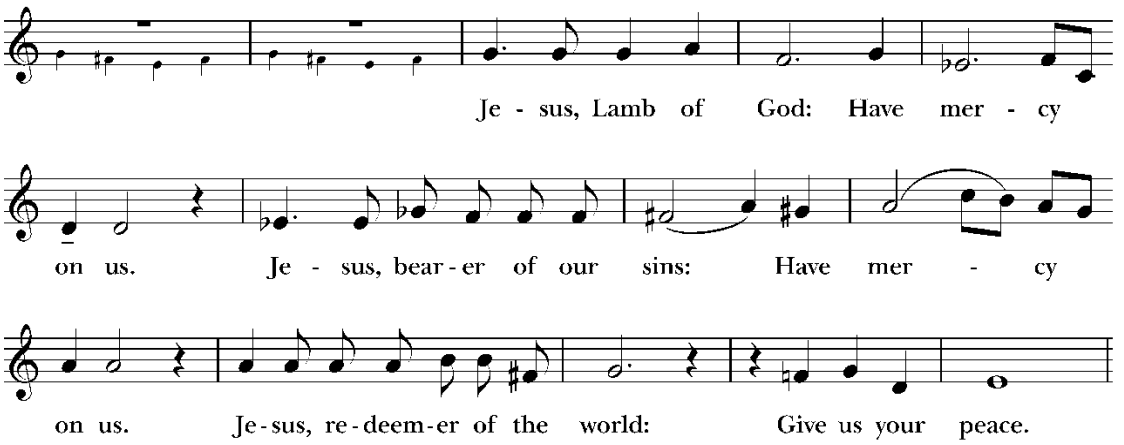
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem **S-165**
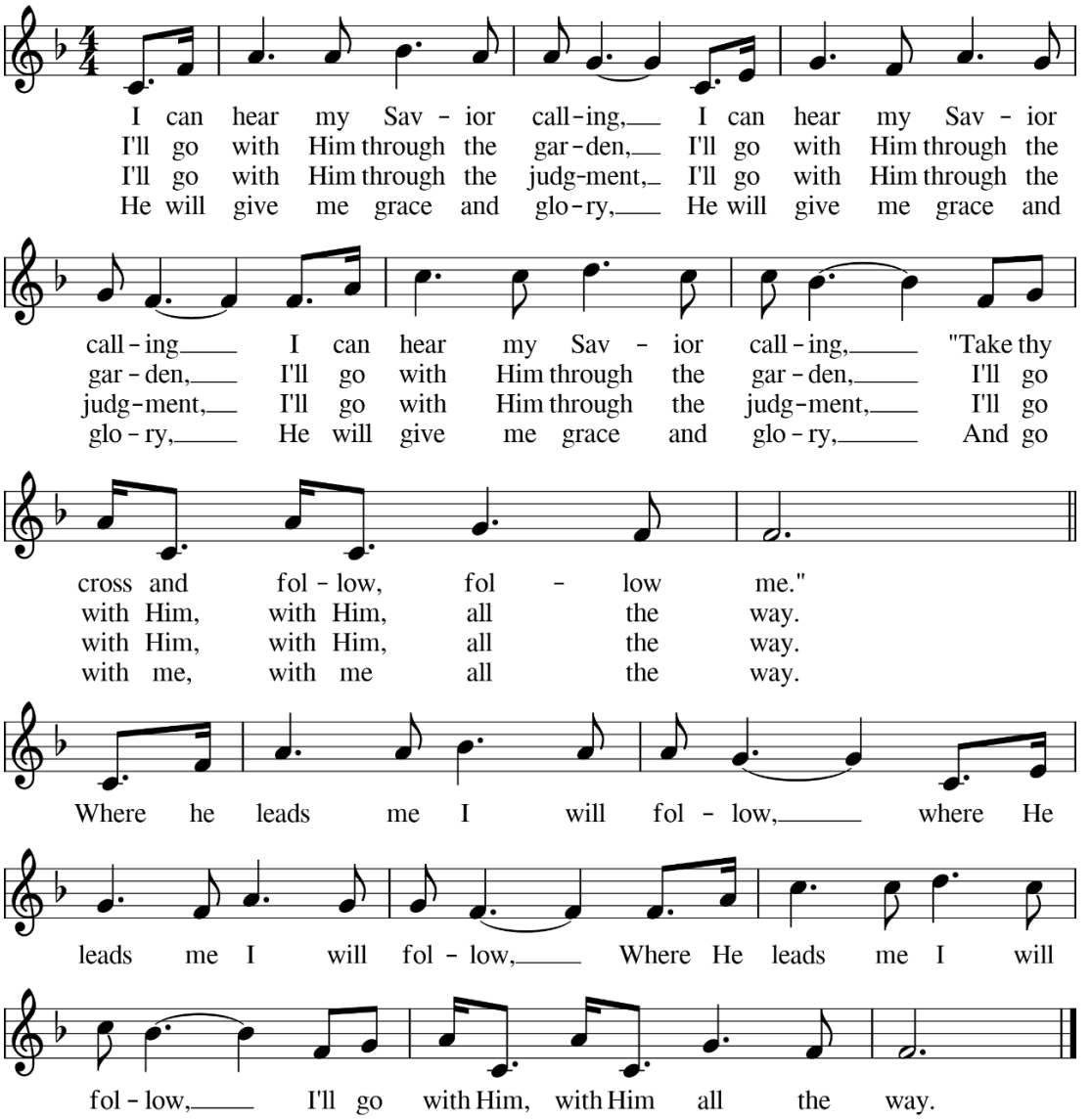


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The Invitation

Presider: 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.

Communion Hymn *Where He Leads Me*



Post Communion Prayer

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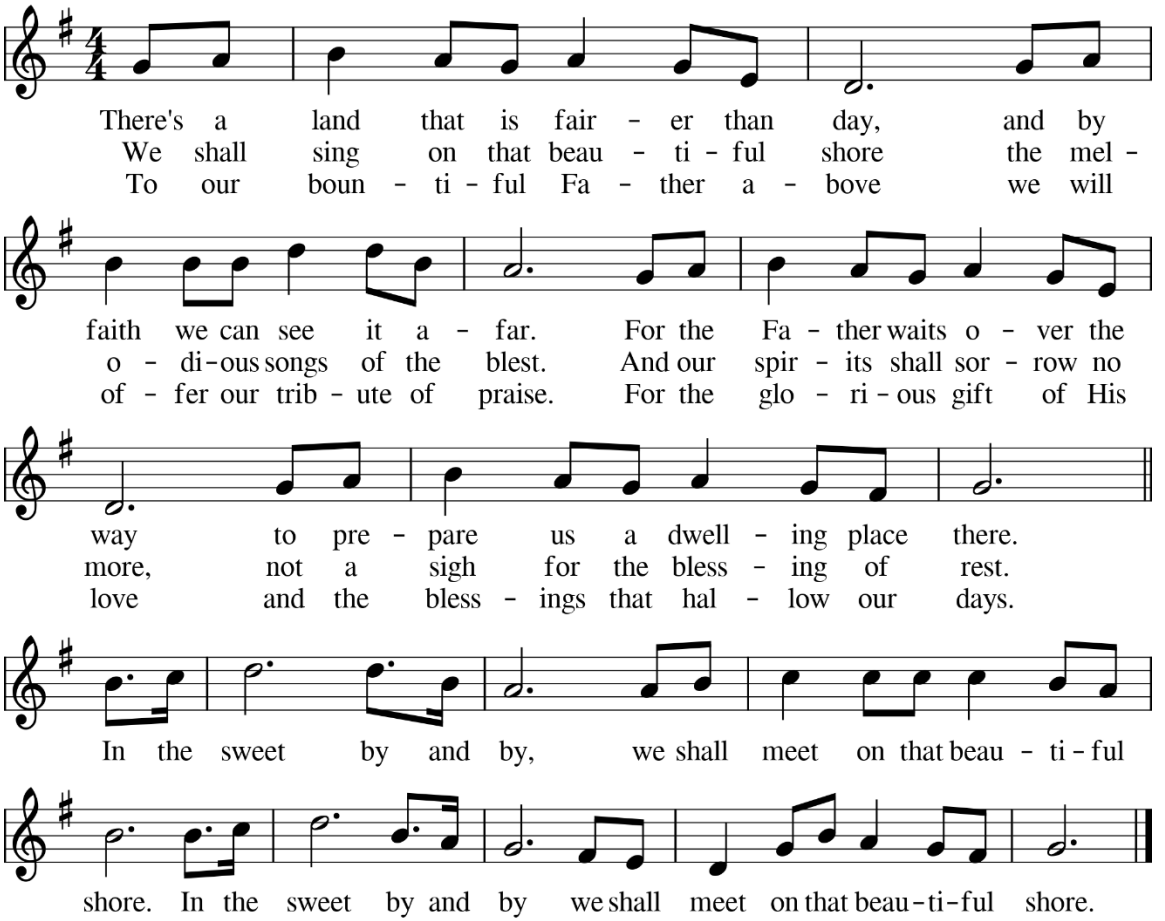
All **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send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

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Events

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart(s) may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn *In the Sweet By and By*



Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God**.

We welcome you to remain for prayer or meditation during the postlude.
If you need to leave right away, please be careful not to disturb those who are listening.

Postlude *When the Saints*
Ain't No Heaven Seven

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley
Music Director: Susanna Valleau
Band: Ain't No Heaven Seven
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Pacher | **Healing Minister**: Mary Shehane
Lectors: Glen Pacher, Susan Hessel
Prayers of the People: Andriene Sterlington
Vestry Host: Stefan Schrader | **Usher(s):** Scott Prather
Altar Guild: Laurie Brown
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