# Emmanuel Episcopal Church




# 7th Sunday After Pentecost

## July 12, 2026

*We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.*

***Children are very welcome in worship:***
***in the pews, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!***
***Children's Chapel is paused for summer.***

*If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.*

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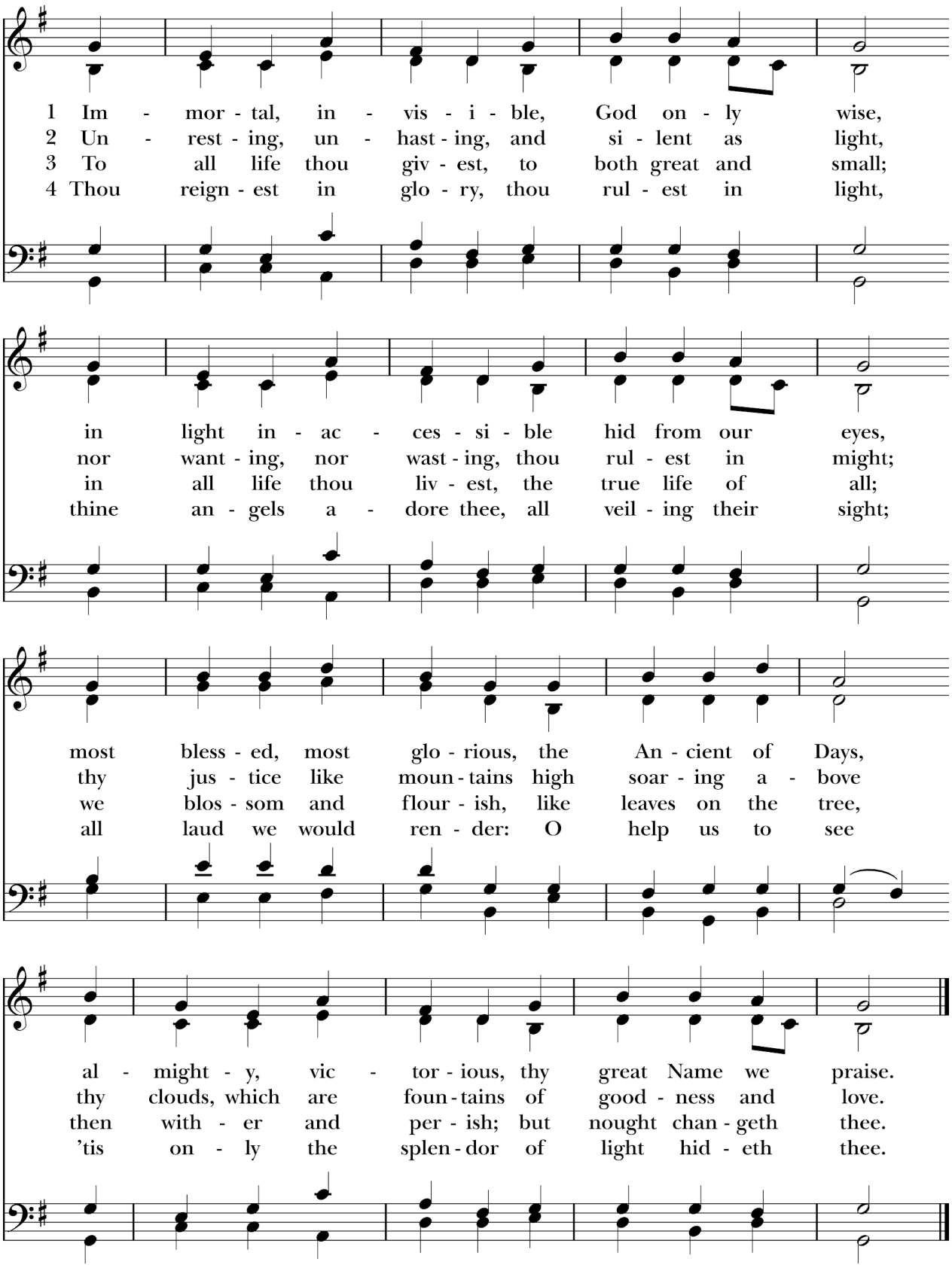
The 9:30 am service is live-streamed.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

*We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho$^{n}$ (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with Indigenous communities today as we all work toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.*

Prelude: Grave & Adagio (Sonata No. 2 in C minor) Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise Hymnal 423




Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

**The Word of God**

Priest: Blessed is the one, holy, and living God.
**People: Glory to God forever and ever.**

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**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, Creator,**
**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God, 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 God: 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, Creator. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: God 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.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. (55:10-13)

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

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14 Te decet hymnus BCP. p. 672

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
**to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
**because of their transgressions.**

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
**but you will blot them out.**

4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
**they are girded about with might.**

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
**the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy**.]

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
**the river of God is full of water.**

10 You prepare the grain, *
**for so you provide for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

A reading from the 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.
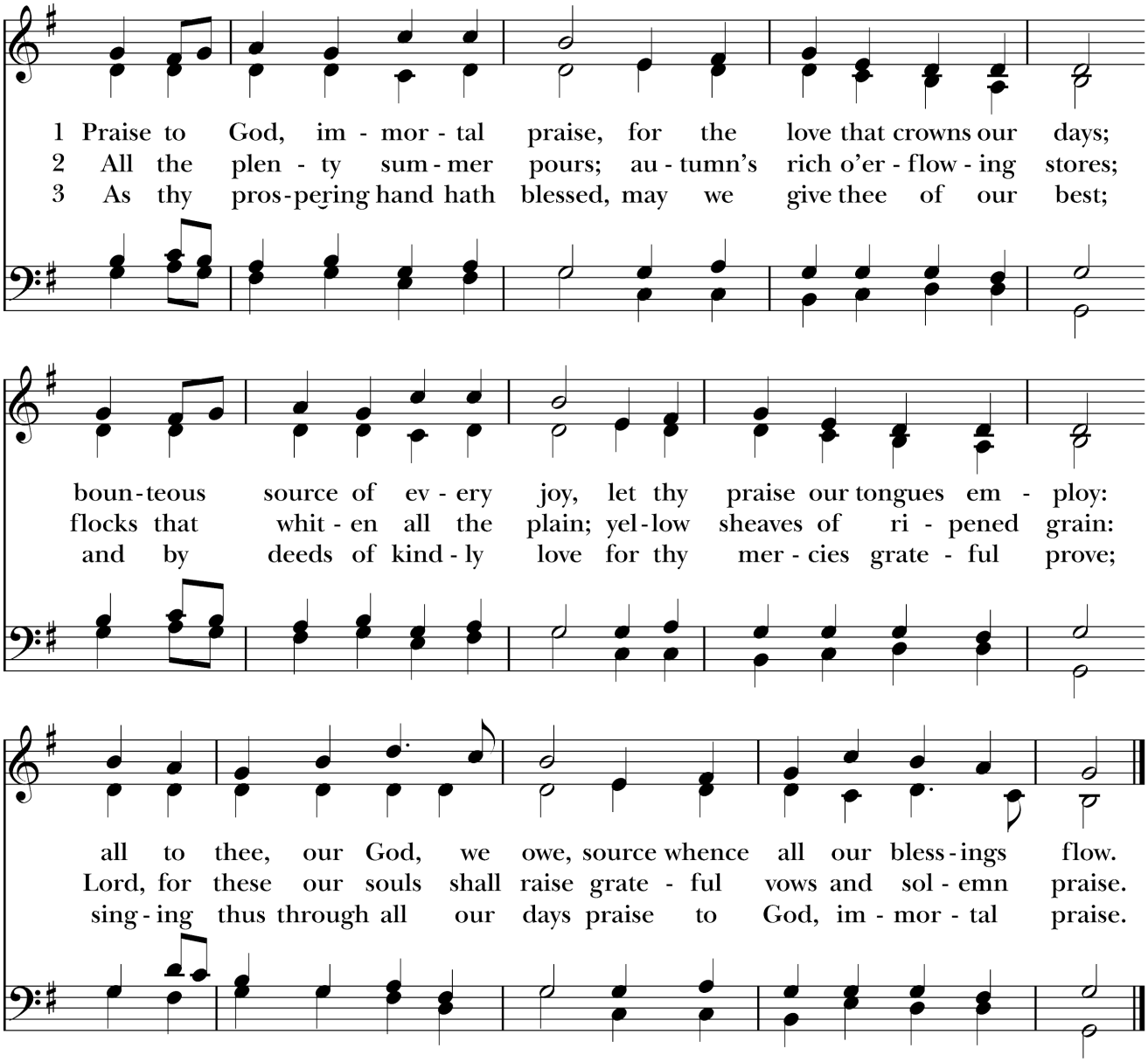
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised 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. (8:1-11)

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

*The people stand in body or spirit for the hymn.*

Sequence Hymn: Praise to God, immortal praise Hymnal 288

Before the Gospel: vs. 1 & 2 | After the Gospel: vs. 3




Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825). Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1916.

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." (13:1-9,18-23)

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

**The Sermon**

*A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.*

**The Nicene Creed: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language)** *All standing in body or spirit.*

**We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ 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**

Leader: To God who sows the seeds of faith, come let us offer our prayers for all those in every need, praying, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may walk with the Spirit in life and peace:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, Warren, and Susie our clergy, and for all the holy people of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for Grace Episcopal Church in Jefferson city; we pray for our Connections partner The Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada La Ascension in Morovis;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for the Caring Committee and those preparing Martha's Meals, and for our outreach ministry of the Diocesan Ministry pillar of Faith in Action and Episcopal City Mission;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;**

We pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the whole earth, that we may be faithful stewards of your handiwork created for us as our home; for this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For all victims of violence and their families and loved ones, and for those who live in fear of violence, particularly those in our own city, and for those suffering from weakness of body or spirit; we pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the poor, the homeless, the neglected, and the oppressed, for all immigrants and refugees, and the despised, that we may reach out to them with the compassion of Christ; we pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and ask for strength in our trials; in our parish family, we pray for Ken, Madison, Laura, and those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for all who struggle with the relentless demands of addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery; for those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, hear us …

**People: Lord, graciously hear.**

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died to eternal rest, Harry Prah, and for those who grieve that light perpetual may shine upon them; we pray, Lord, hear us…

**People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect.*

**The Confession**

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

**People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
**People: Amen.**

**The Peace**

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| *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.* | ***Y con tu espiritu**.* |
| *Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.* | ***Neetho kooda.*** |
| The peace of Christ be always with you. | **And also with you.** |

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**
*Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

**Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence** *The 'Little Churches' offering today goes to local tornado relief.*

**Offertory Anthem**: Ave verum, op. 65 Gabriel Fauré
Alison Dunn & Jen Dunn, duet

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| Ave verum corpus natum | Hail the true body born |
| de Maria virgine, | of the Virgin Mary, |
| vere passum, immolatum | who truly suffered, was sacrificed |
| in cruce pro homine. | on the cross for the sake of humankind. |
| Cujus latus perforatum | From whose pierced side |
| unda fluxit cum sanguine. | flowed water with blood. |
| Esto nobis praegustatum | Be a foretaste for us |
| mortis in examine. | in the trial of death. |
| O Jesu dulcis. O Jesu pie. | O sweet Jesus. O pious Jesus. |
| O Jesu fili Mariae. | O Jesus, Son of Mary. |
| Tu nobis miserere. Amen. | Have mercy on us. Amen. |

**The Doxology** *The people stand in body or spirit.*

*The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low**
**Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord
**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Holy Eucharist

*The people stand in body or spirit.*

Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: God 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 God thanks and praise.**

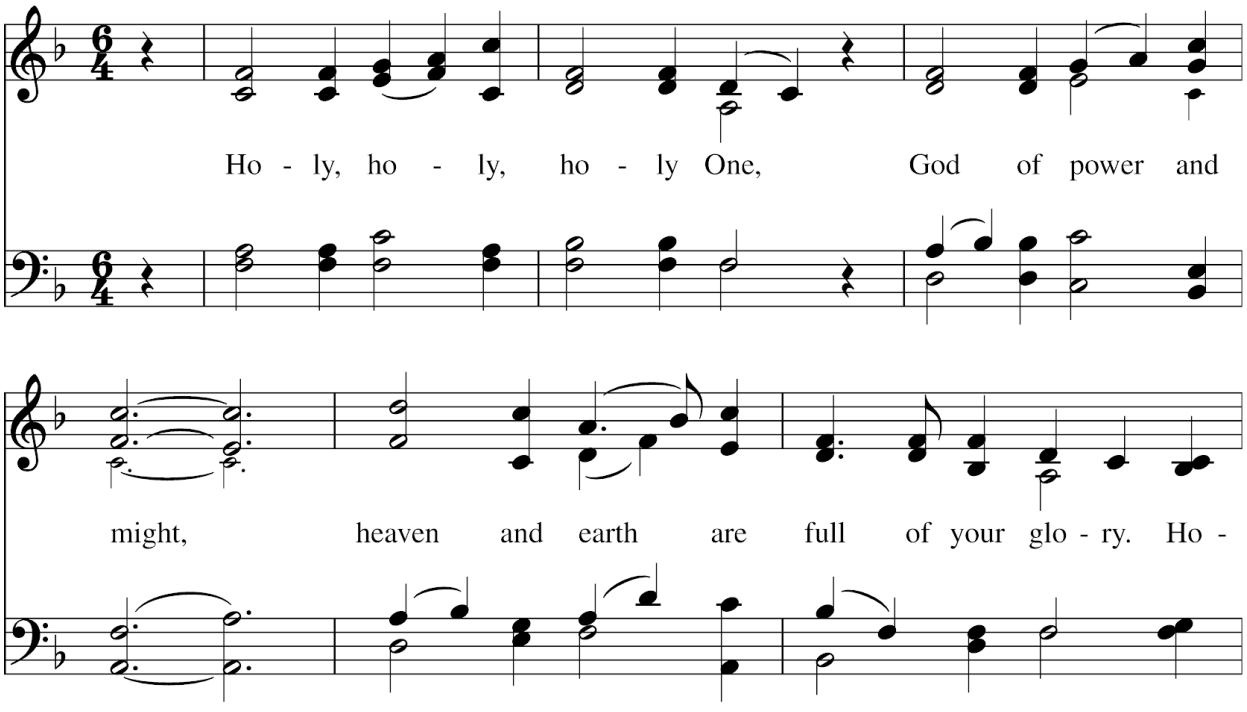
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
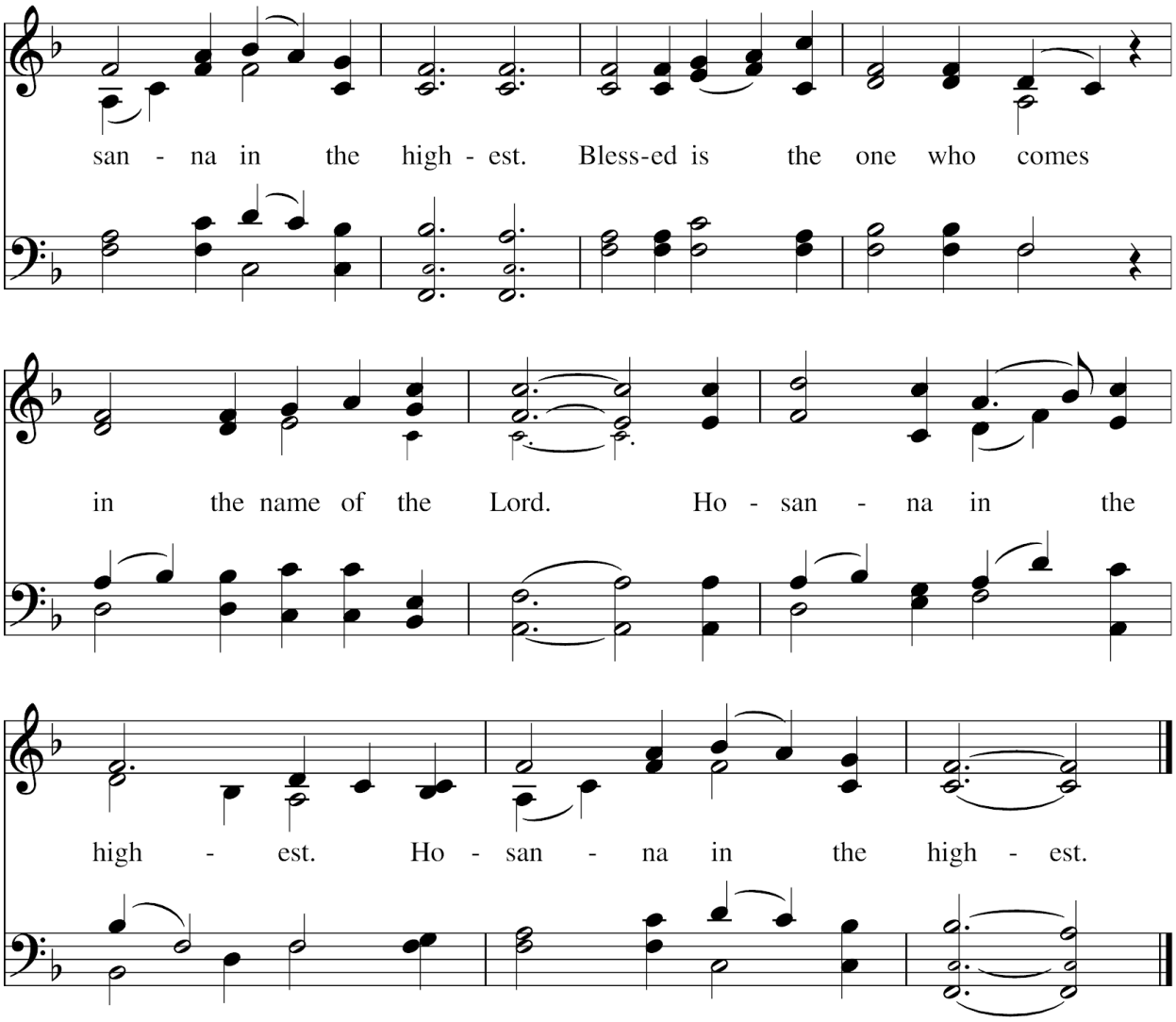
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People*

*At 8:30:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is <u>the one</u> who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*At 9:30:* Wonder, Love & Praise 858






Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

*The Celebrant continues. The people may sit, stand, or kneel.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness

of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**
**Rising, you restored our life.**
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.***

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

**Our Father, who are 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.**

**Padre nuestro, que estas 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 día.**
**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
**como también nosotros perdonamos**
**a los que nos ofenden.**
**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. Amén.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast!**

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.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

***About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:***

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).

The ushers will guide you to Communion.

**Bread:** All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, soy-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.
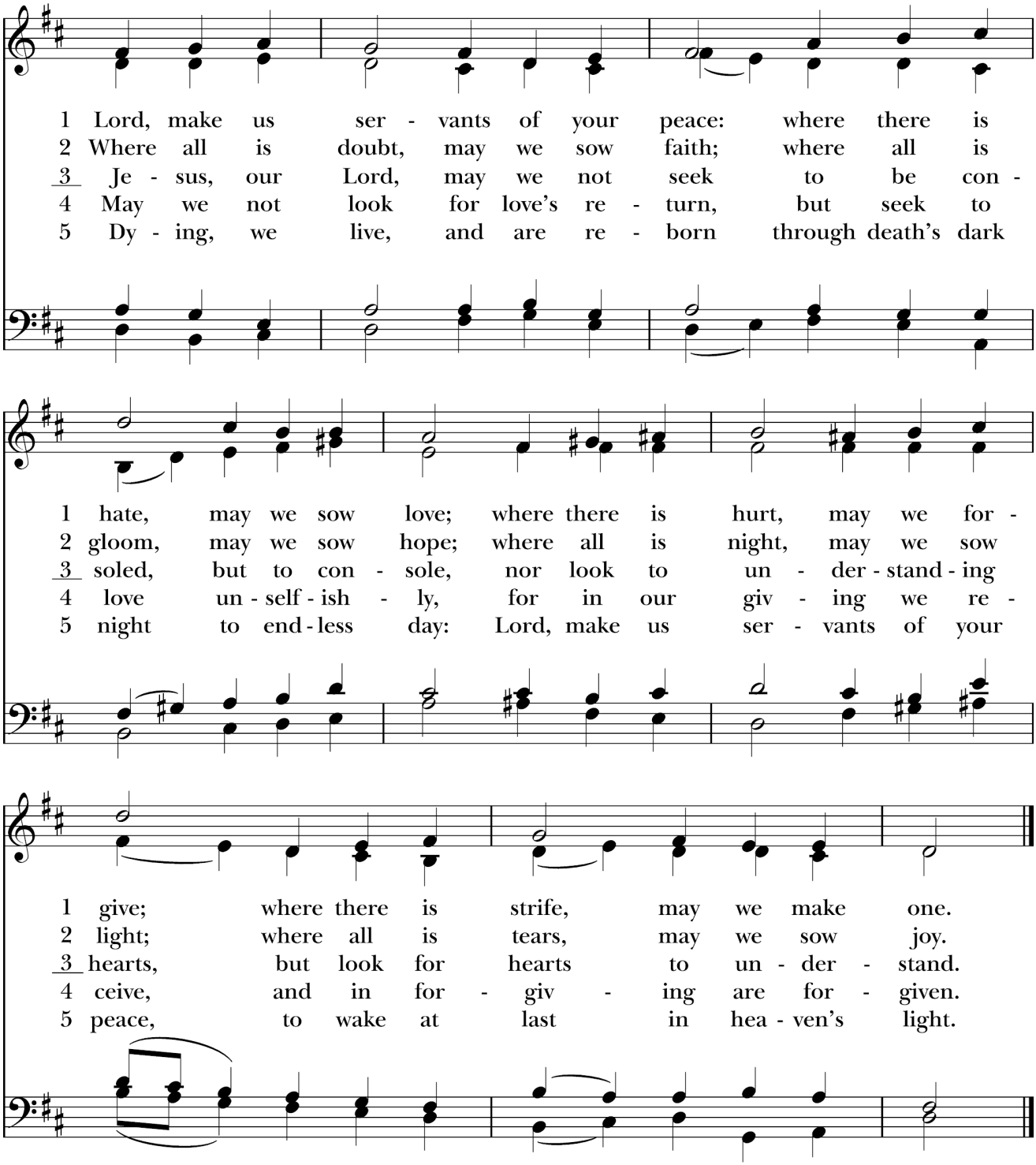
**Wine:** You may choose intinction (the clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine.

OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

**Blessing:** If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

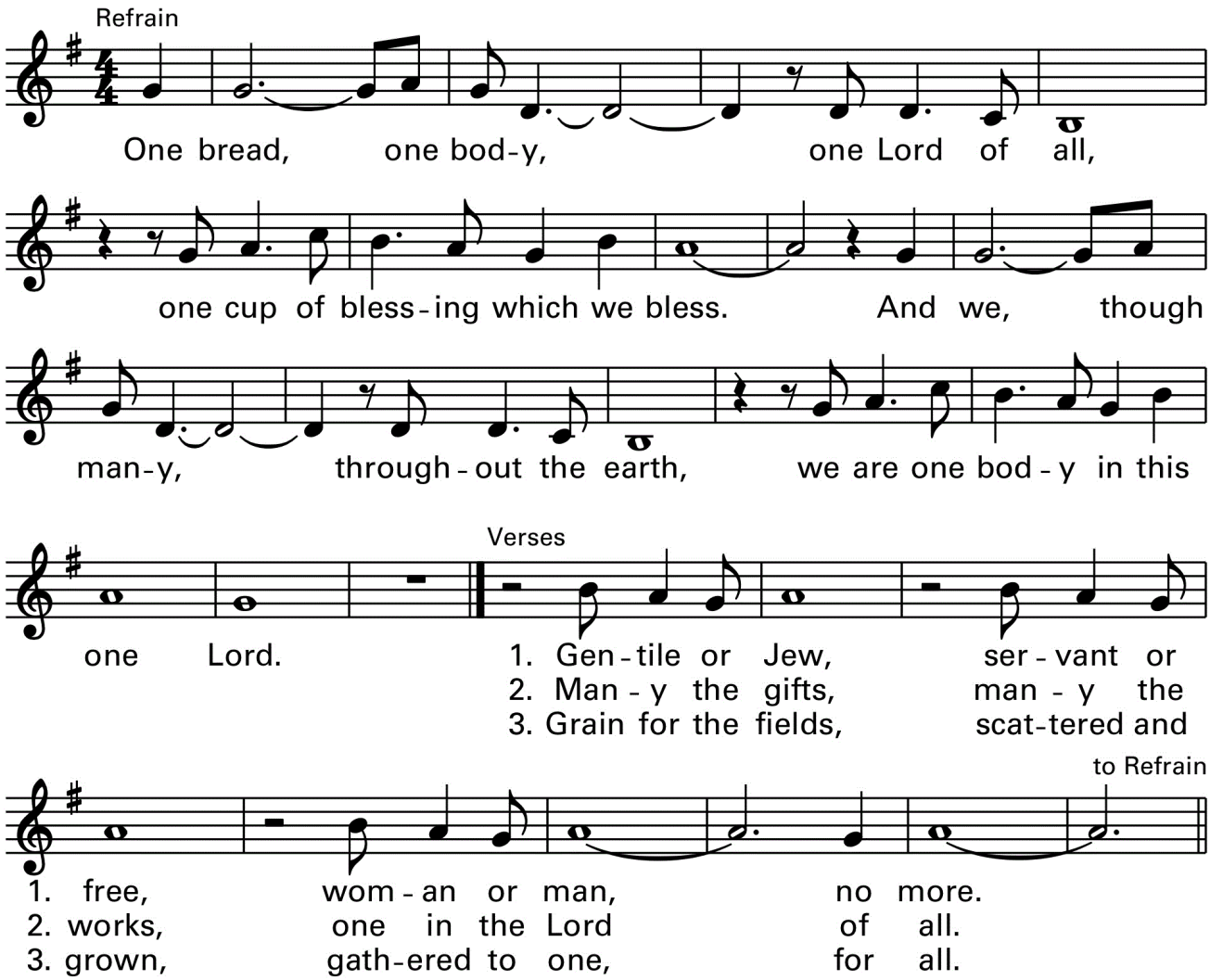


Communion Hymn: Lord, make us servants of your peace Hymnal 593




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Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body Lift Every Voice and Sing 151




Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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**The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors**

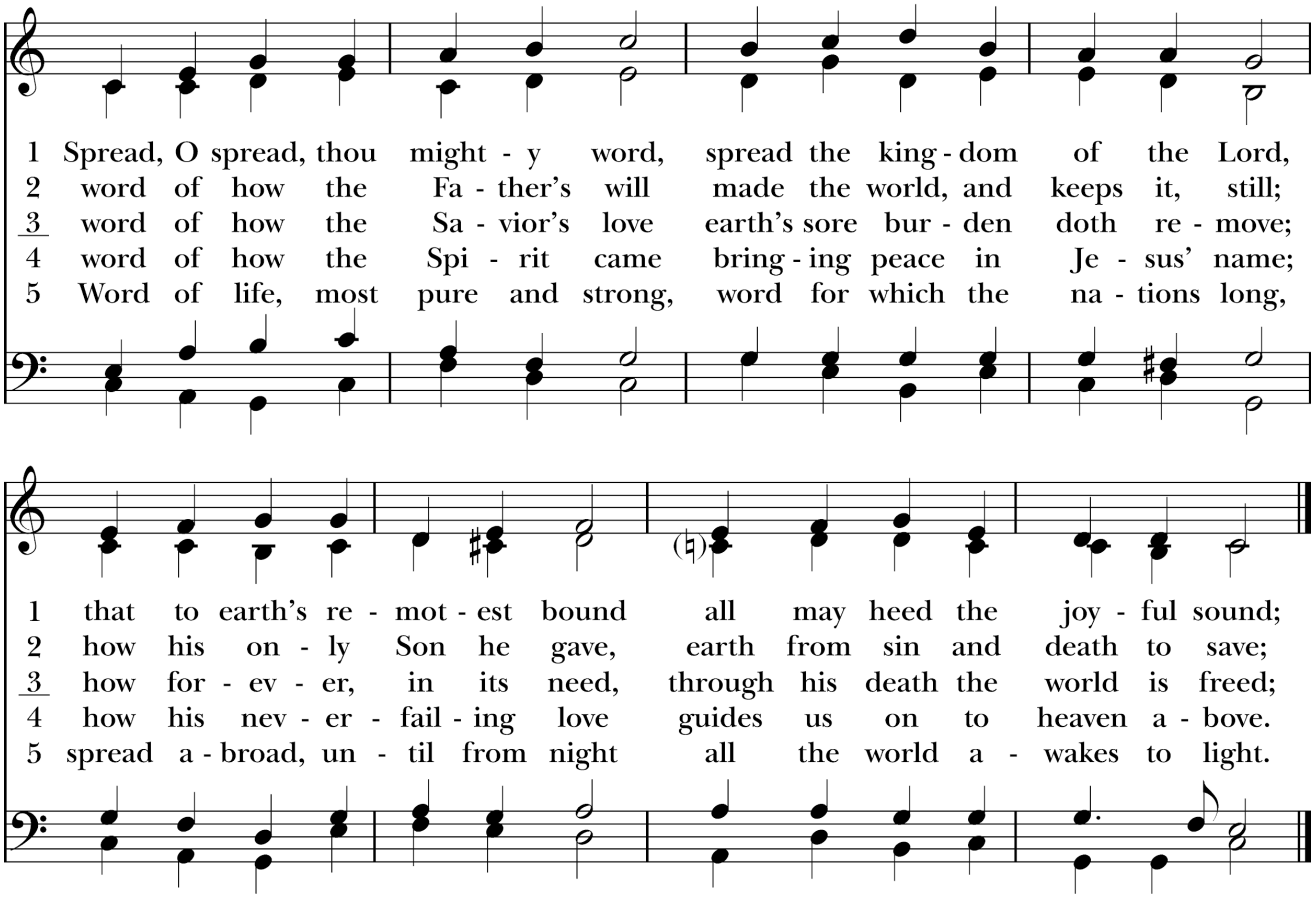
Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People**: **Eternal God, 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… that we may serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*The people stand in body or spirit for the closing hymn.*

Closing Hymn: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Hymnal 530




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**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go into the broken places of this world to sow the compassion of Christ. Go into the hurting places of this world to share the healing of Christ. Go into the lonely places of this world to be the love of Christ. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. Go with God!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata No. 2 in C minor) Felix Mendelssohn

**A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our [online Calendar]**

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| 12 | JUL, SUN | All day | Pentecost 7 |
| | | 8 – 9am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | | 9:30 – 10:30am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | | 10:30 – 10:45am | Coffee & Biscuits |
| | | 10:45 – 11:45am | MGRTF Meeting |
| | | 6:30 – 7:30pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 13 | JUL, MON | 1 – 2pm | Prayer Shawl Group Behold Room |
| 15 | JUL, WED | 8 – 9am | Bible Study via Zoom |
| | | 4 – 5pm | Light to the Nations grocery pick-up |
| | | 7 – 8pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 16 | JUL, THU | 6 – 7pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 17 | JUL, FRI | 6 – 6:30pm | BLM Vigil |
| 18 | JUL, SAT | 5:30 – 7pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |

*Please check the [online calendar] for the most updated scheduled events. Thank you!*

## OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

**WE BELIEVE** that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

**WE WORSHIP** in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

**WE SERVE** all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.




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