Emmanuel Episcopal Church



8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 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!
There will be no Children's Chapel today.

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.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website along with the weekly announcements:
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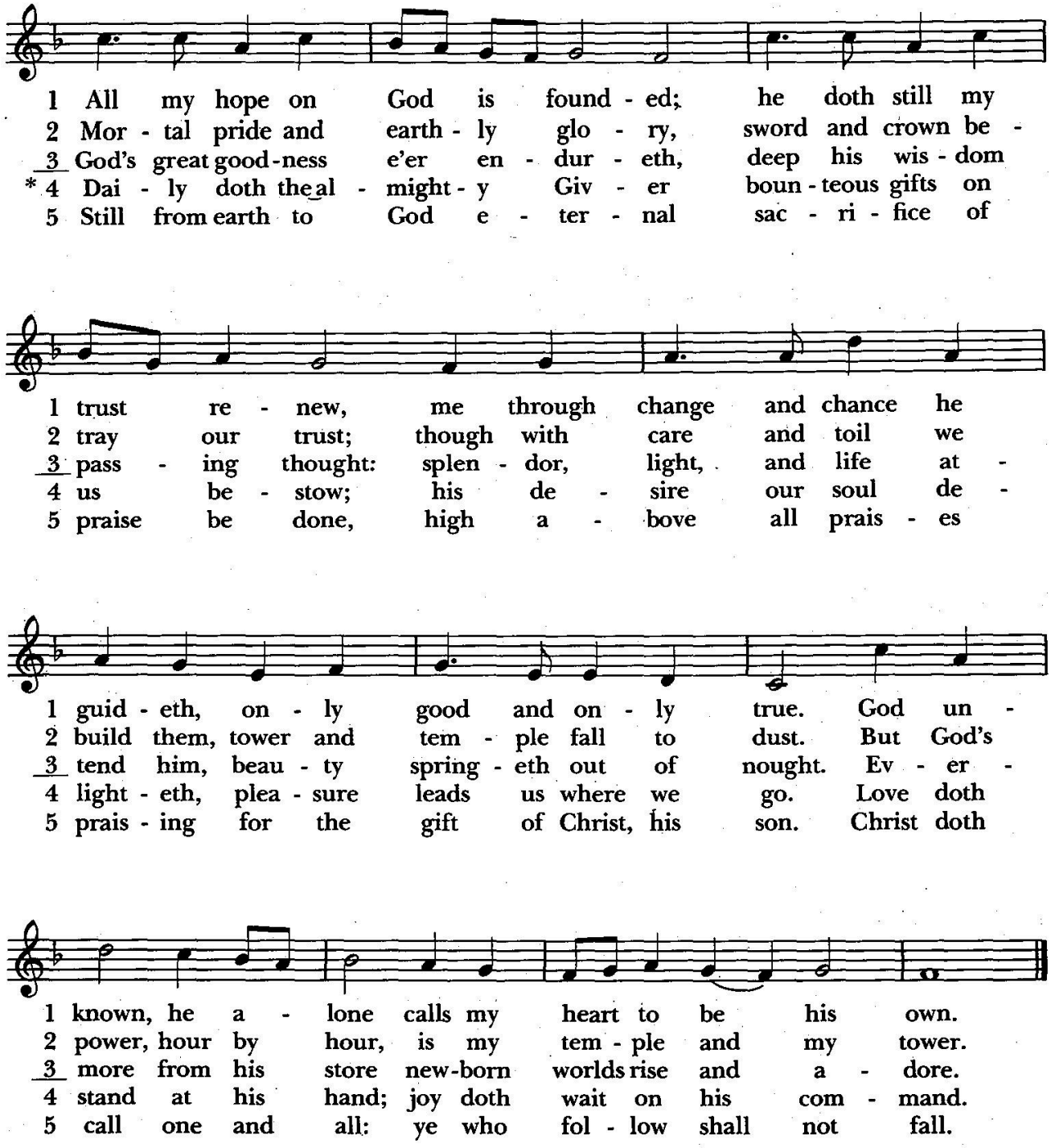
The 9:30 am service is live-streamed.

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: Adagio (Symphony No. 5) Charles-Marie Widor

Opening Hymn :All my hope on God is founded Hymnal 665



Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: *Michael,* Herbert Howells (1892-1983) 87. 87. 337

Welcome

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 God's 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 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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Wisdom of Solomon.

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins. (12:13, 16-19)

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

Psalm 86:11-17 Inclina, Domine BCP. p. 709

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *

and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;*

because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
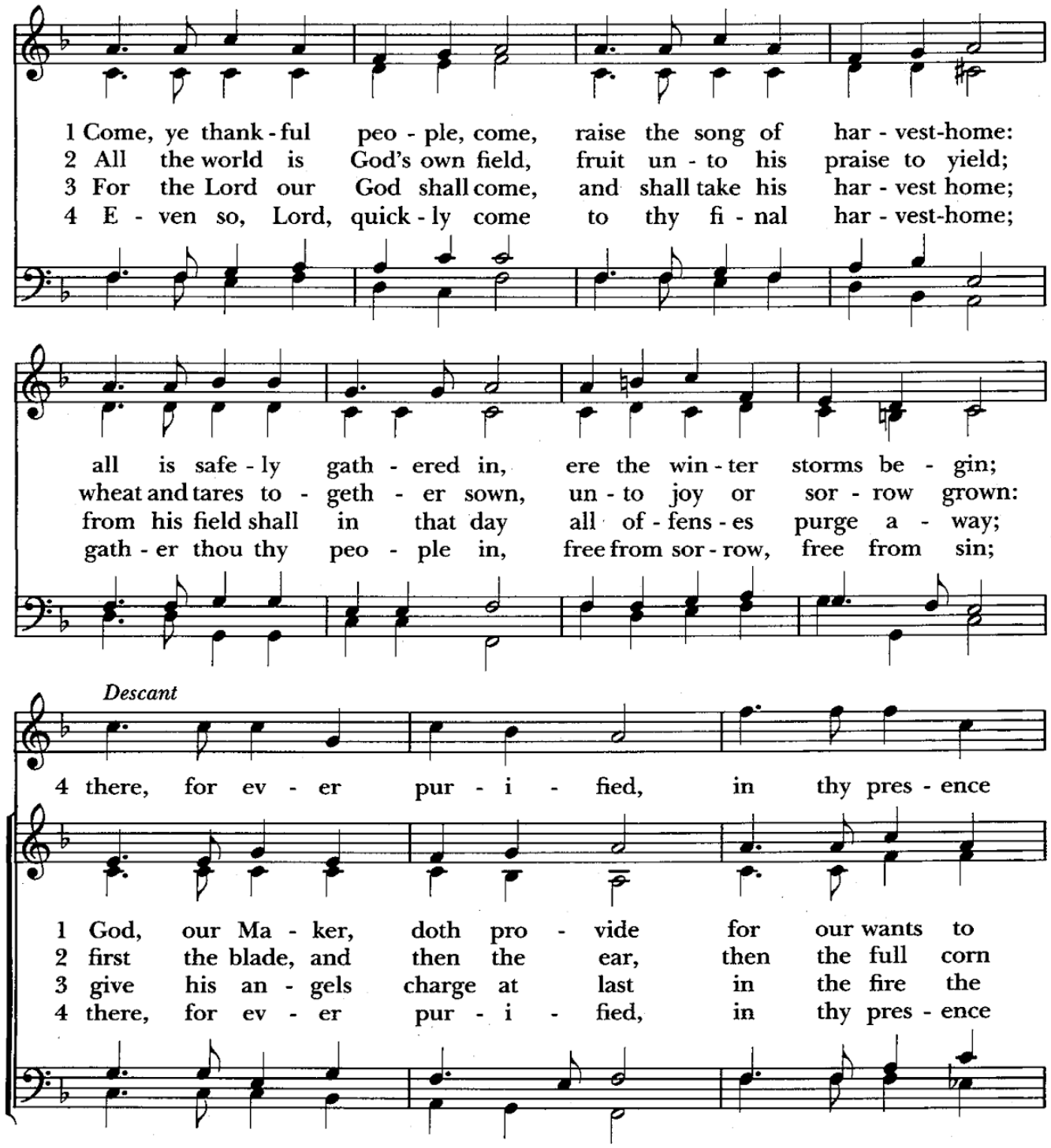
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (8:12-25)

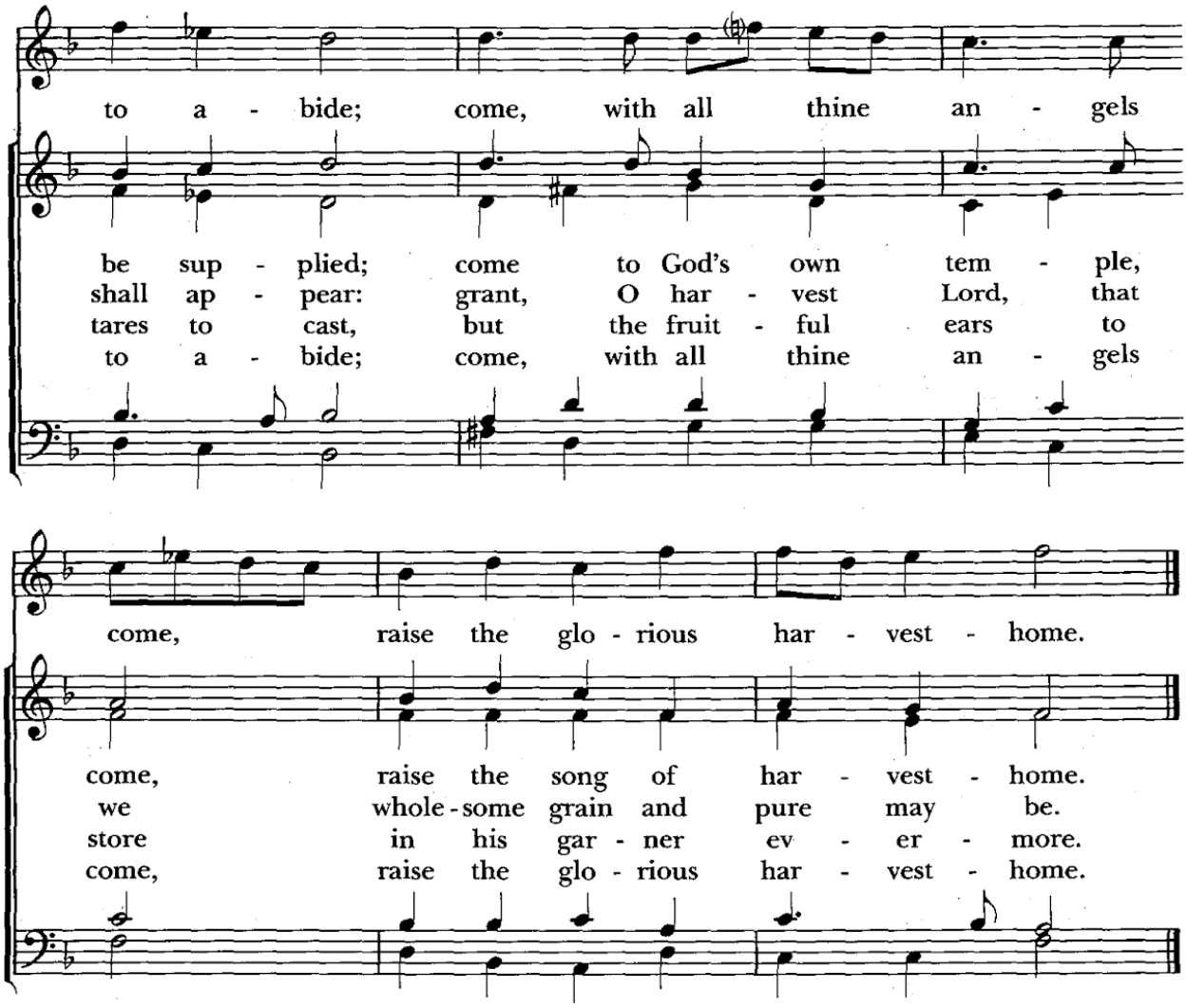
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's church.
People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand in body or spirit for the hymn.

Sequence Hymn: Come, ye thankful people Hymnal 290

Before the Gospel: vs. 1 & 3 | After the Gospel: vs. 4





Thanksgiving Day.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: *St. George's, Windsor,* George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971) 77. 77. D

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" (13:24-30,36-43)

Deacon/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 *The people are seated.*

Leader: To God who is the source of our hope and salvation, 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 be led by the Spirit of God as children of God to walk in mercy and justice:

- 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 the people and ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tower Grove St. Louis; we pray for our Connections partner The Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Sistema Escuelas Episcopales;
- In our parish family we pray in thanksgiving for the Women of Emmanuel and our Prayer Shawl Ministry and for the Light to the Nations ministry with our international students;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;**

We pray, Lord, hear us…

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

Leader: For our nation, for all nations, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, and the world's leaders that all may strive for mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world; 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, the oppressed, and the despised; for all immigrants and refugees, those held in detention, and those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families, that we may reach out to all God's children 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 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 us.**

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 and for those who grieve that light perpetual may shine upon them; we pray, Lord, hear us…

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

The Celebrant adds 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

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: La Vie en rose Music: Louiguy; Words: Édith Piaf
Ben Powers, tenor saxophone & Dave Powers, piano

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 Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3 *The people stand in body or spirit.*

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.

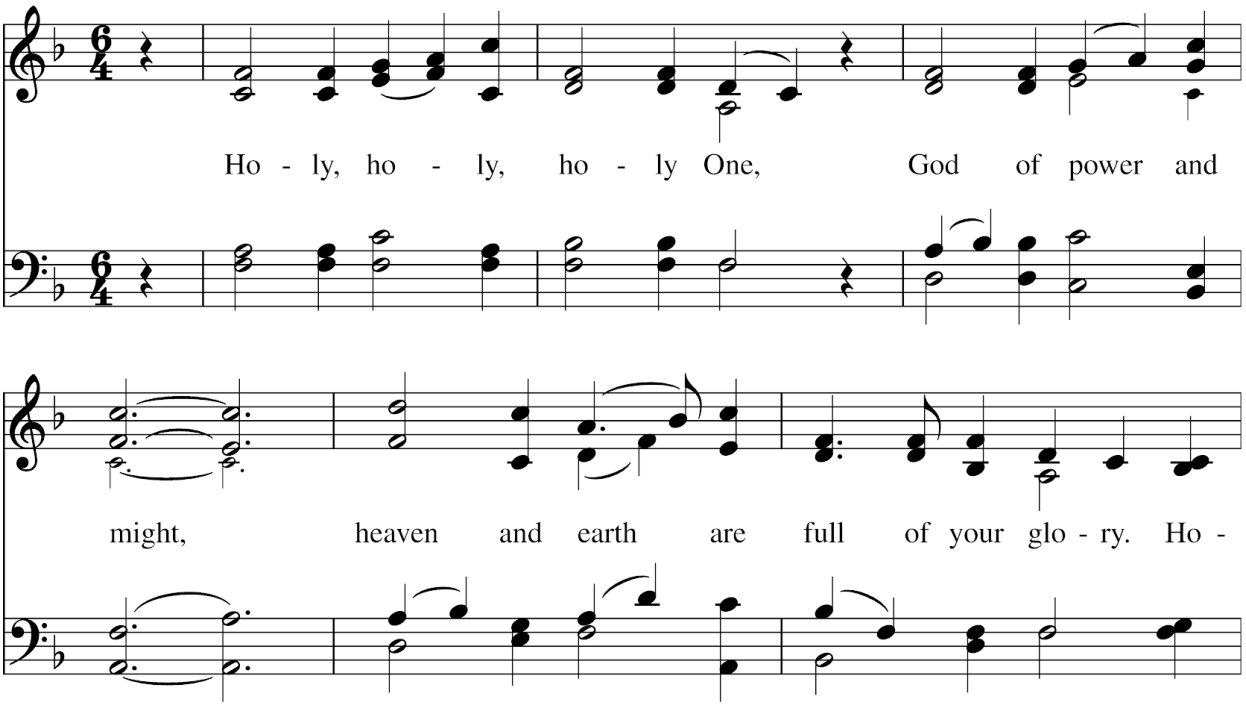
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures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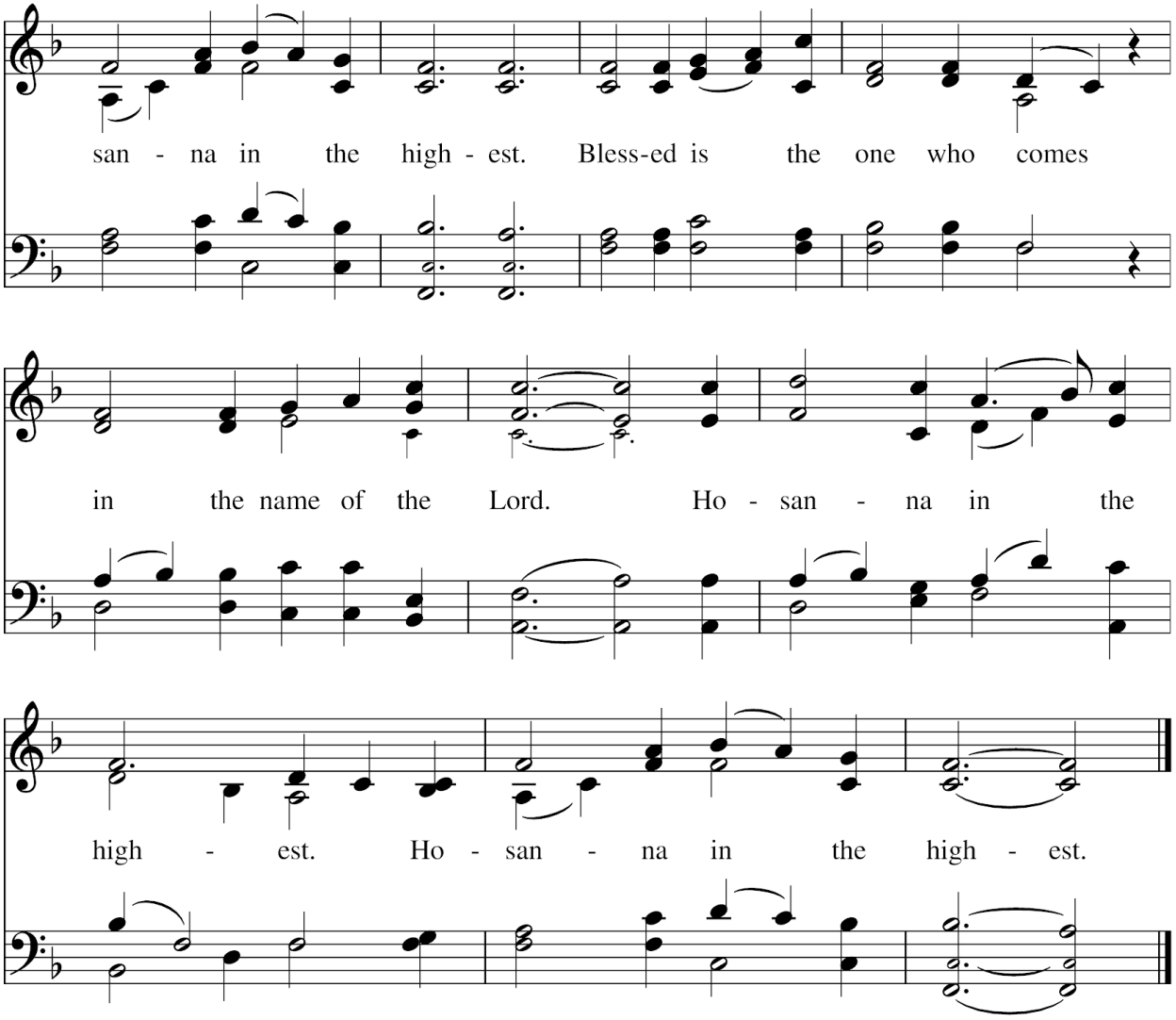
And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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! Alleluia!

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.
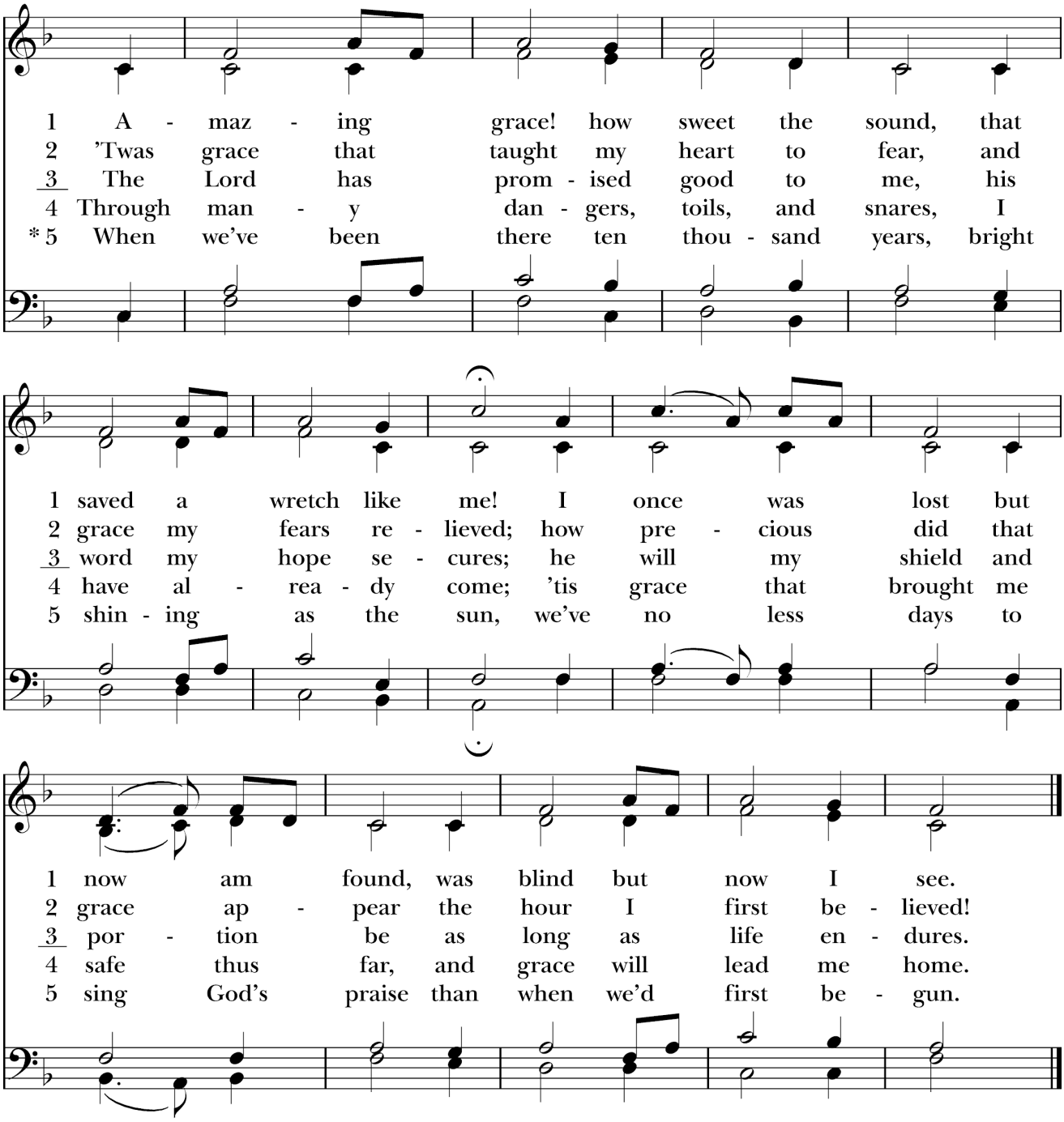
Bread: All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, soy-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

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.
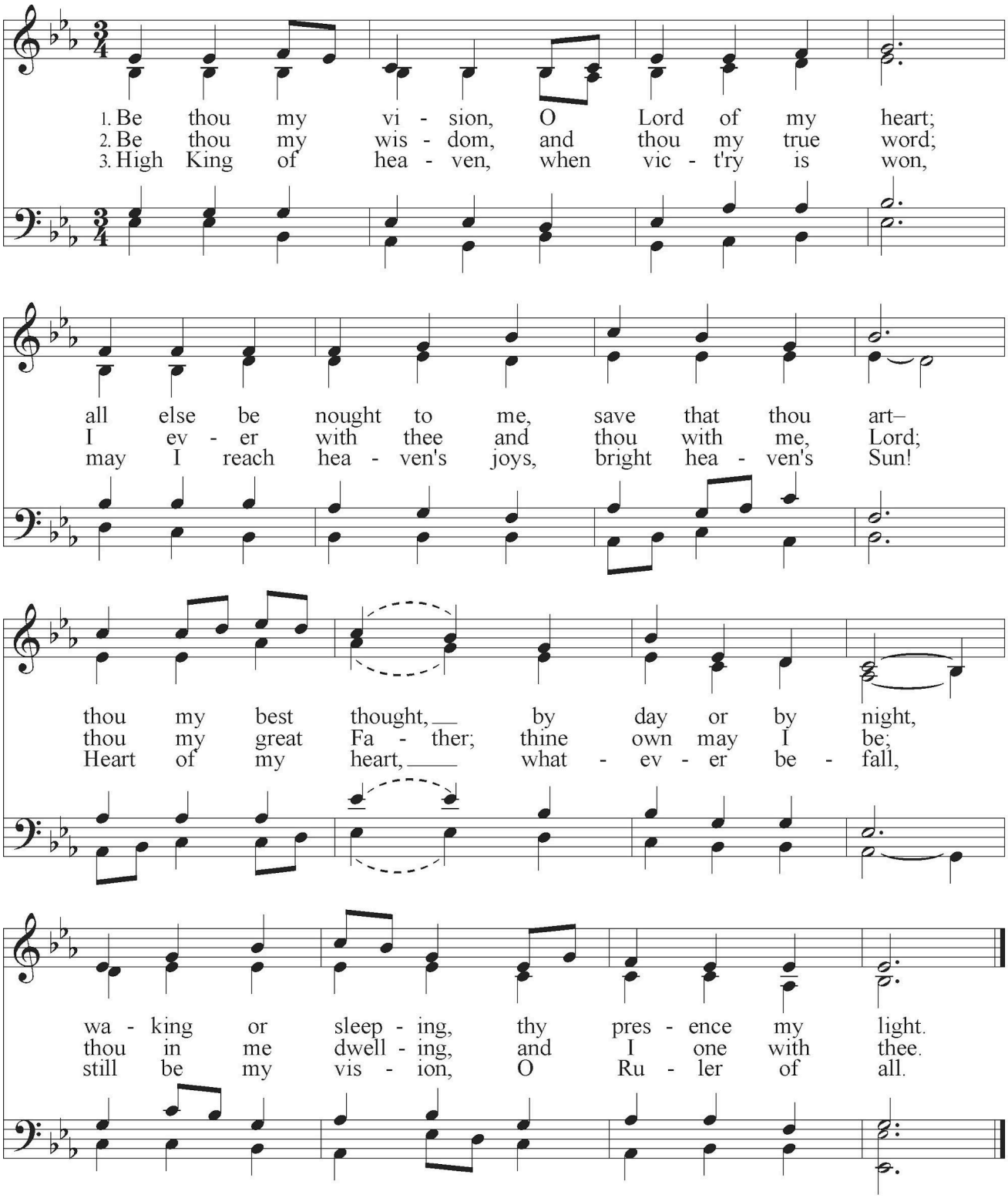
Communion Hymn: Amazing grace! how sweet the sound Hymnal 671



The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

Communion Hymn: Be thou my vision Hymnal 488



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The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors
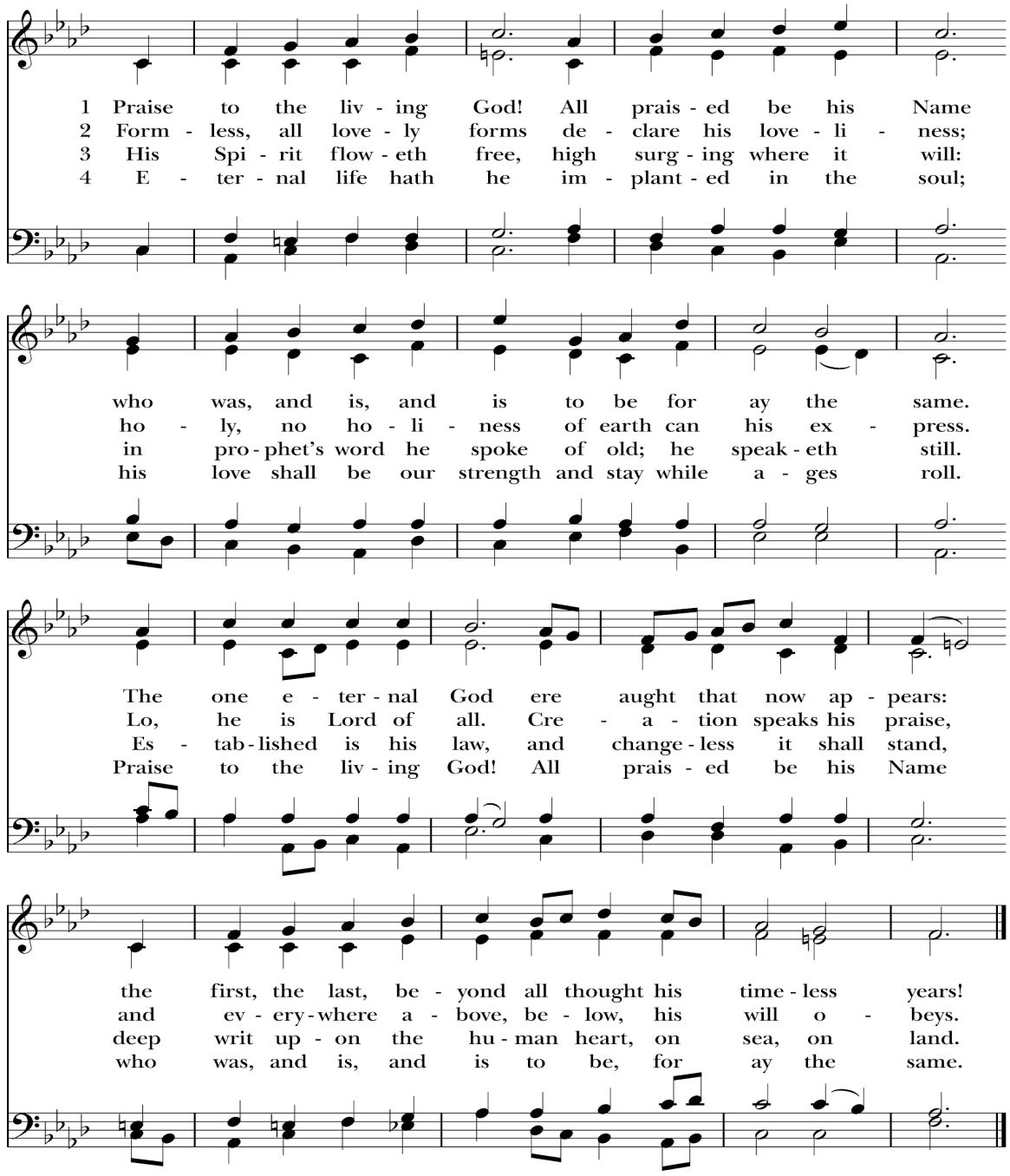
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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: Praise to the living God! Hymnal 372



Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

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: Leoni (Yigdal) Michael Burkhardt

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Juniper Jean Ready daughter of Jessica Ruhlin and Shane Ready granddaughter of Ann Marie Ruhlin

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar.

19 JUL, SUN	All day	Pentecost 8
	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
	6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
20 JUL, MON	6:30 – 8pm	Vestry on Zoom
22 JUL, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
	4 – 5pm	Light to the Nations grocery pick-up
	7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
23 JUL, THU	11:30am – 12:30pm	Book Club (Behold Room)
	6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
	6:30 – 7:30pm	Brown Bag (MOE)
24 JUL, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
25 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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