Emmanuel Episcopal Church



The 5th Sunday After Pentecost
and the 4th Sunday in PRIDE Month

With Baptisms, Confirmations, and Receptions

June 28, 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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We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (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.

Those Being Baptized:

Gabriel Alexander Davis Reyes
Russell Thomas Pey
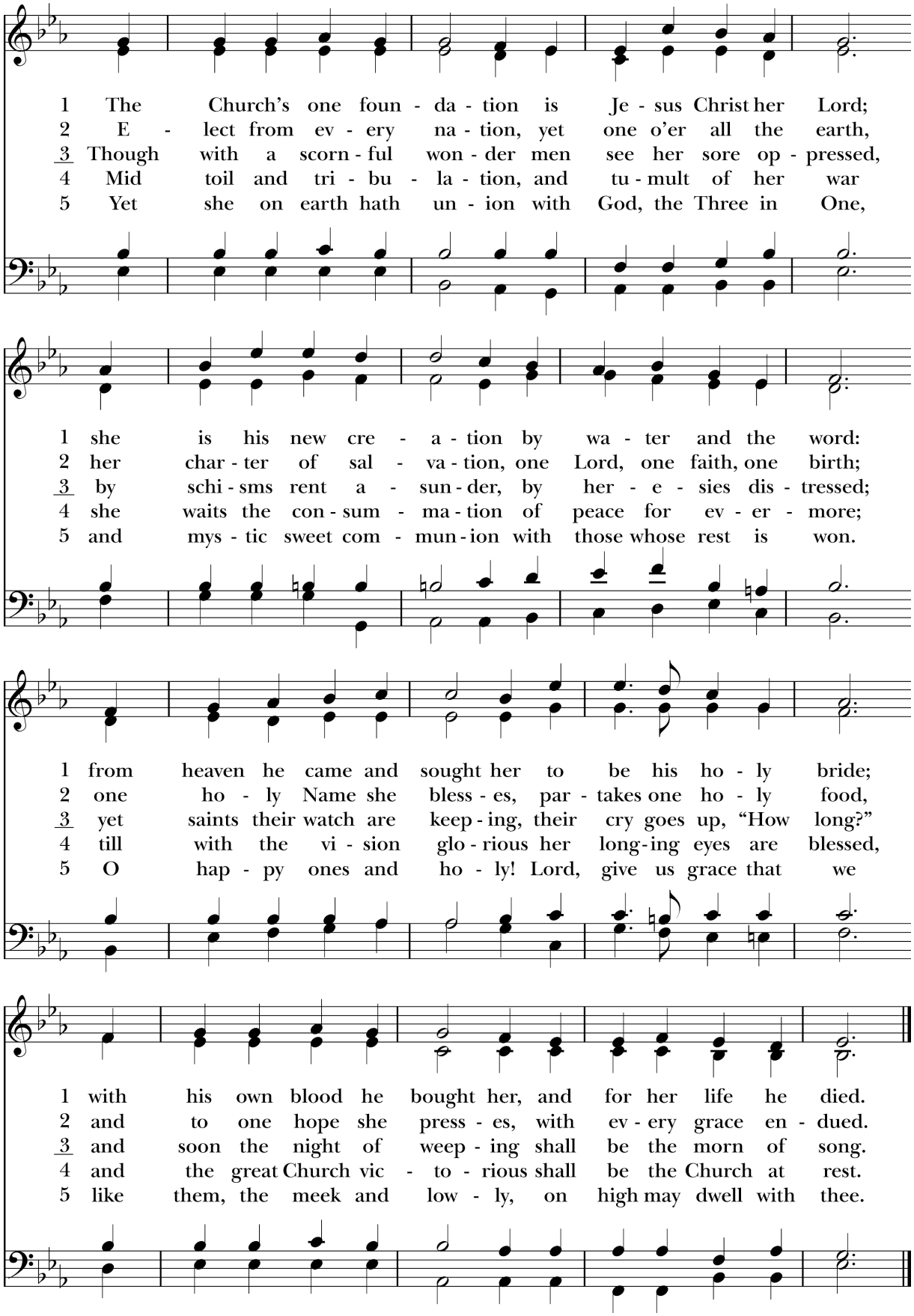
Confirmed and Received:

Logan Crews ~ Confirmation
Henry Smith ~ Confirmation
Norita Cunningham - Reception
Steve Cunningham - Reception
Nicholas Evancho ~ Reception
Sara Evanco ~ Reception
Philip Hughes ~ Reception
Paul Thompson ~ Reception



Prelude: Air (Water Music) G. F. Handel

Opening Hymn: The Church's one foundation (vs. 1-4) Hymnal 525



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

Welcome

The Word of God

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Creator of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons *The people are seated.*

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.” (28:5-9)

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

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Misericordias Domini BCP p. 713

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations."'

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (6:12-23)
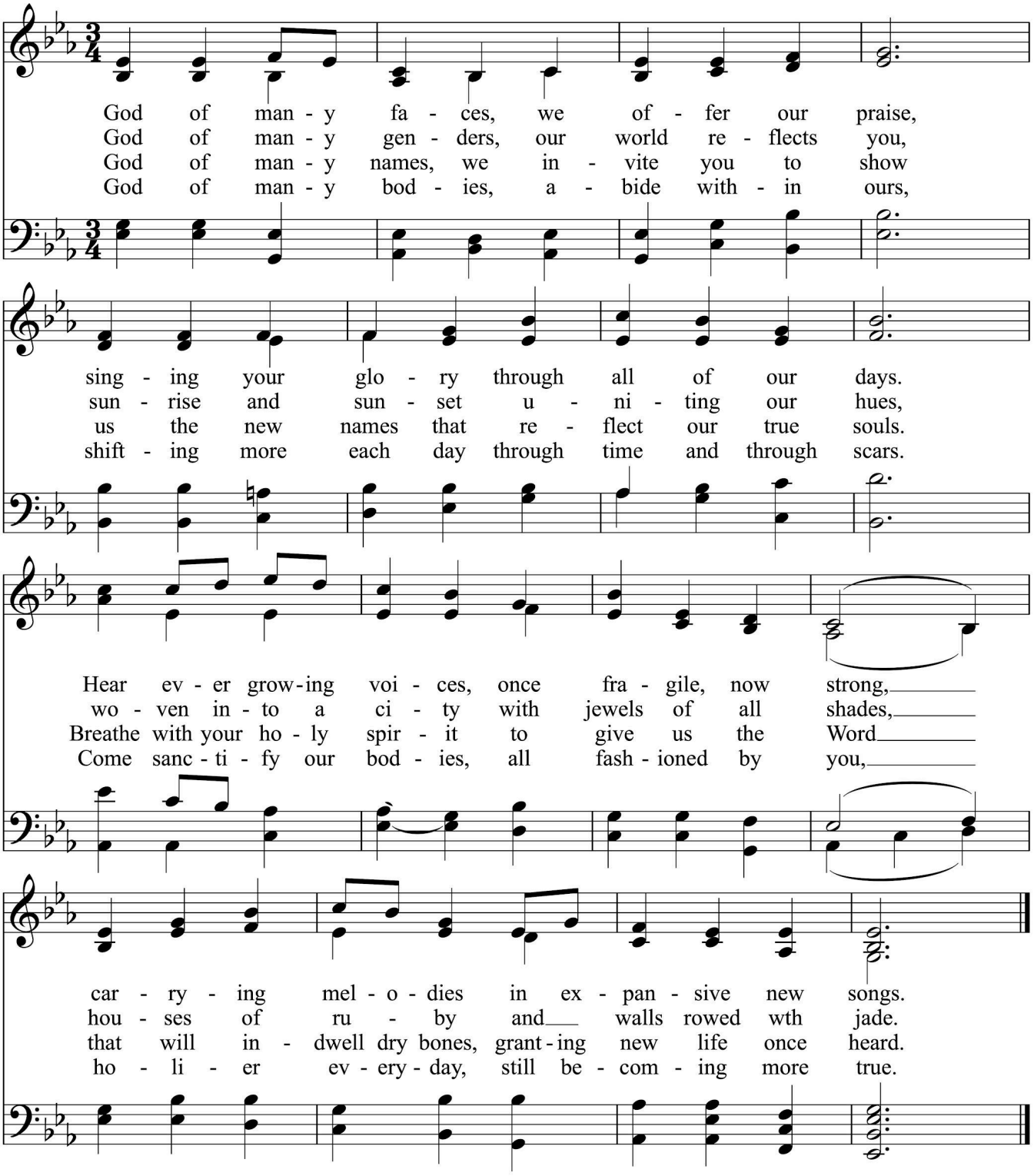
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's church.
People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand in body or spirit for the hymn.

Sequence Hymn: God of Many Faces Words: Amy Cerniglia

From Songs for the Holy Other - Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community

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



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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” (10:40-42)

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

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, XI Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

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.

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism

The people may be seated.

The candidates, parents, godparents, sponsors, along with the children of the church come to the Baptismal font. The parents, godparents, sponsors begin by saying:

I present Gabriel Alexander Davis Reyes and Russell Thomas Pey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents, godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you, by your prayers and witness, help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents, godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents, godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents, godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents, godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents, godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents, godparents: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with Gabriel, Russell who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand in body or spirit.

Deacon: Do you believe in God, Father and Mother of all?
People: **I believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty.**

Deacon: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: How will you connect to Christ in community?
People: **With God's help, I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Celebrant: How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?
People: **With God's help, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Celebrant: How will you show Christ in your life?
People: **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God found in Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant: How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?
People: **With God's help, I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as Myself.**

Celebrant: How will you work for the reign of Christ?
People: **With God's help, I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Gabriel and Russell, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Prayers for the Candidates *The people may be seated.*

Leader: Deliver the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water *The people remain seated.*

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of God who is Trinity in Unity.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **People: Amen.**

The Baptism

The people remain seated.

Celebrant: Gabriel / Russell, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Russel / Gabriel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever.
People: **Amen**.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Presentation and Examination of the Confirmation and Reception Candidates

The candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors come forward. The people are seated.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, Logan / Henry (Hank) with your Holy Spirit; empower her/him for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. *Amen.*

For Reception

Steve / Norita / Nick / Sara / Philip / Paul, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your divine hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

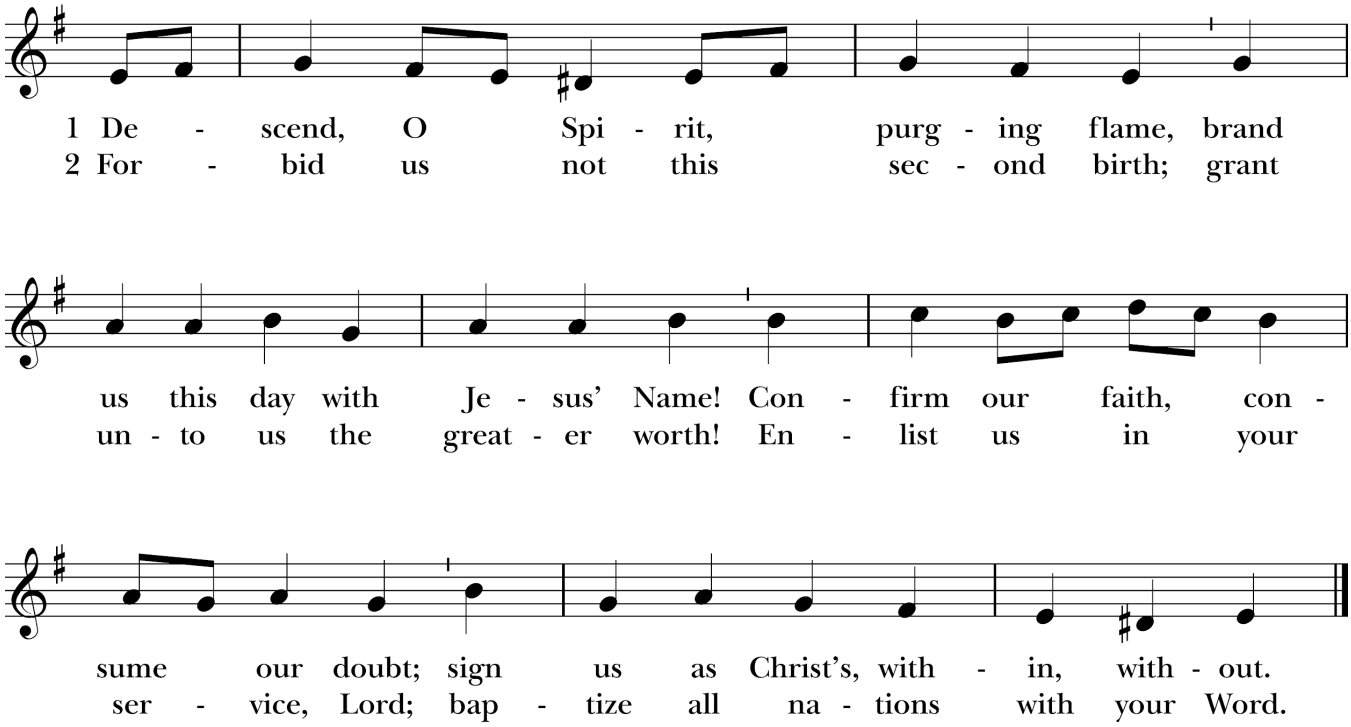
Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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

Offertory Anthem: Descend, O Spirit, purging flame Hymnal 297



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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.*

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.

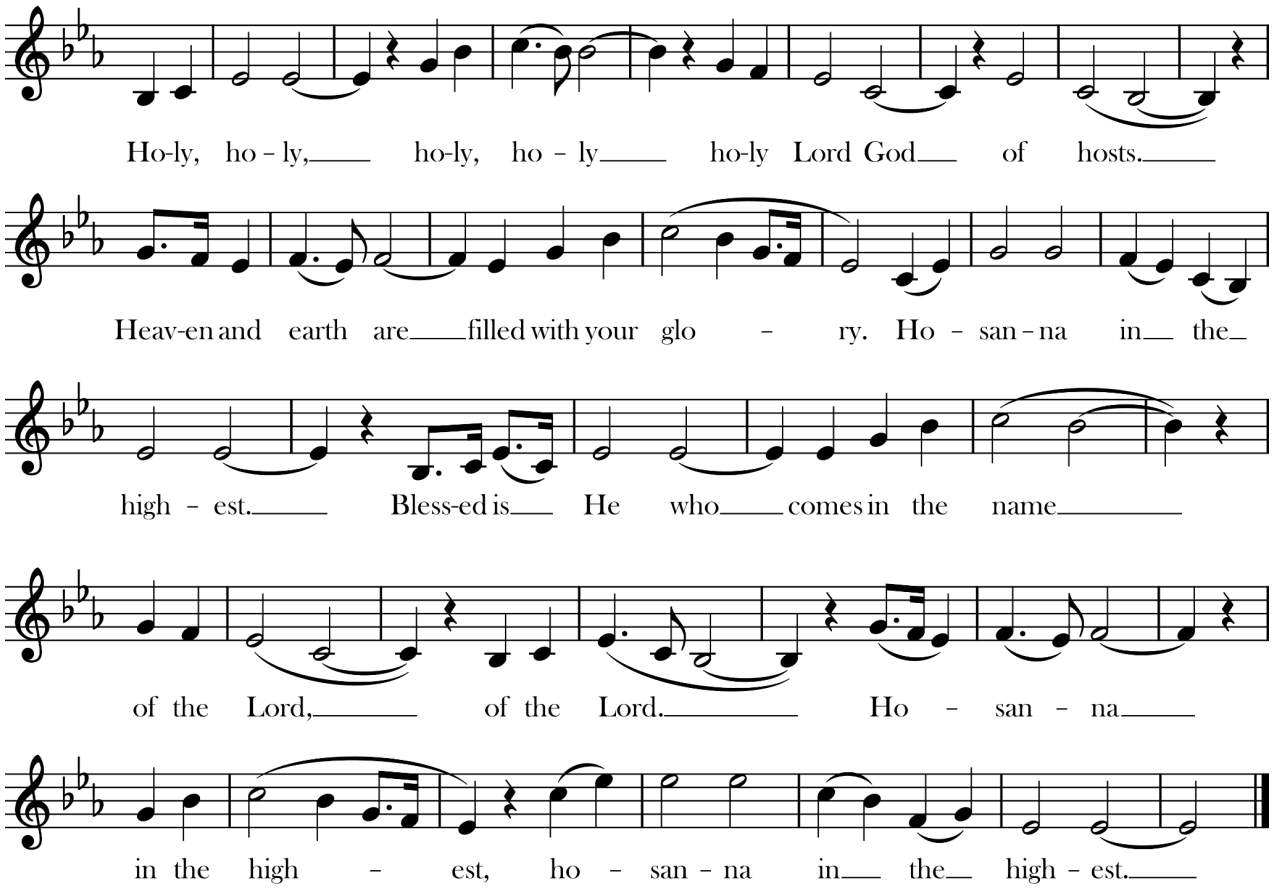
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

At the 8:00 service:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

At the 9:30 service: *Sanctus* Lift Every Voice and Sing 255



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

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, O God, Creator of all.

He 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. + 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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.
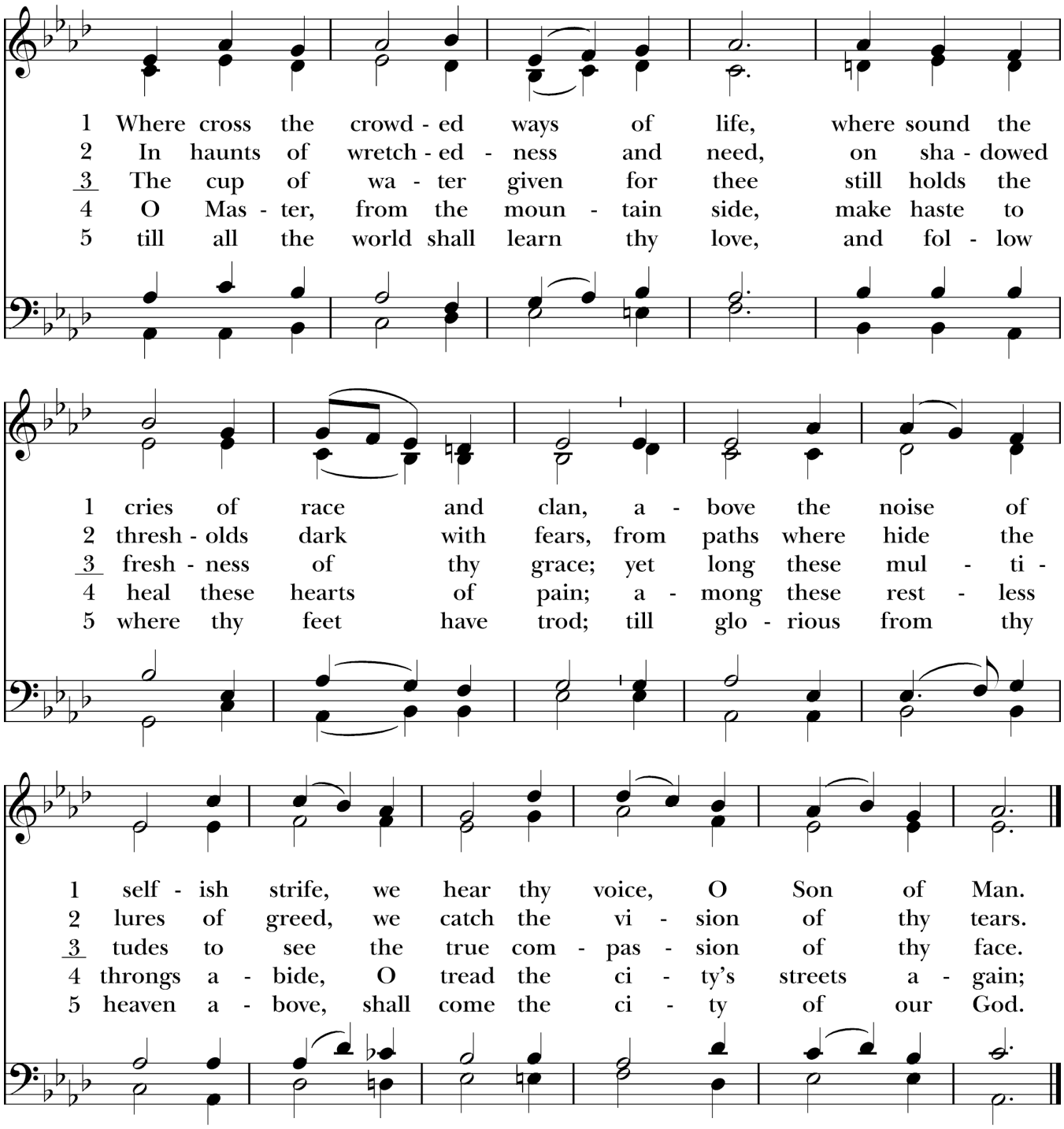
Wine: You may choose intinction (the clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine.

OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.
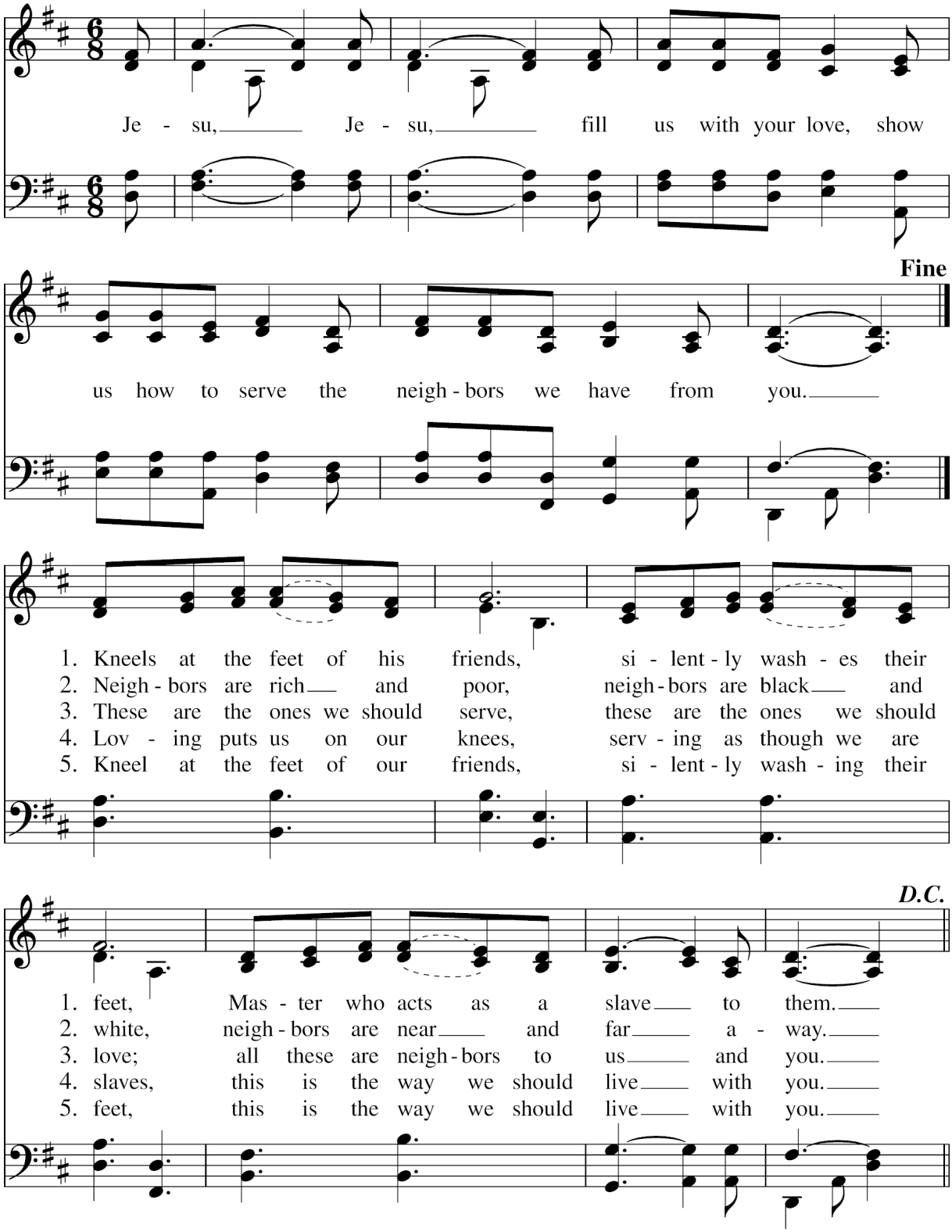
Blessing: If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.



Communion Hymn: Where cross the crowded ways of life Hymnal 609



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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.**
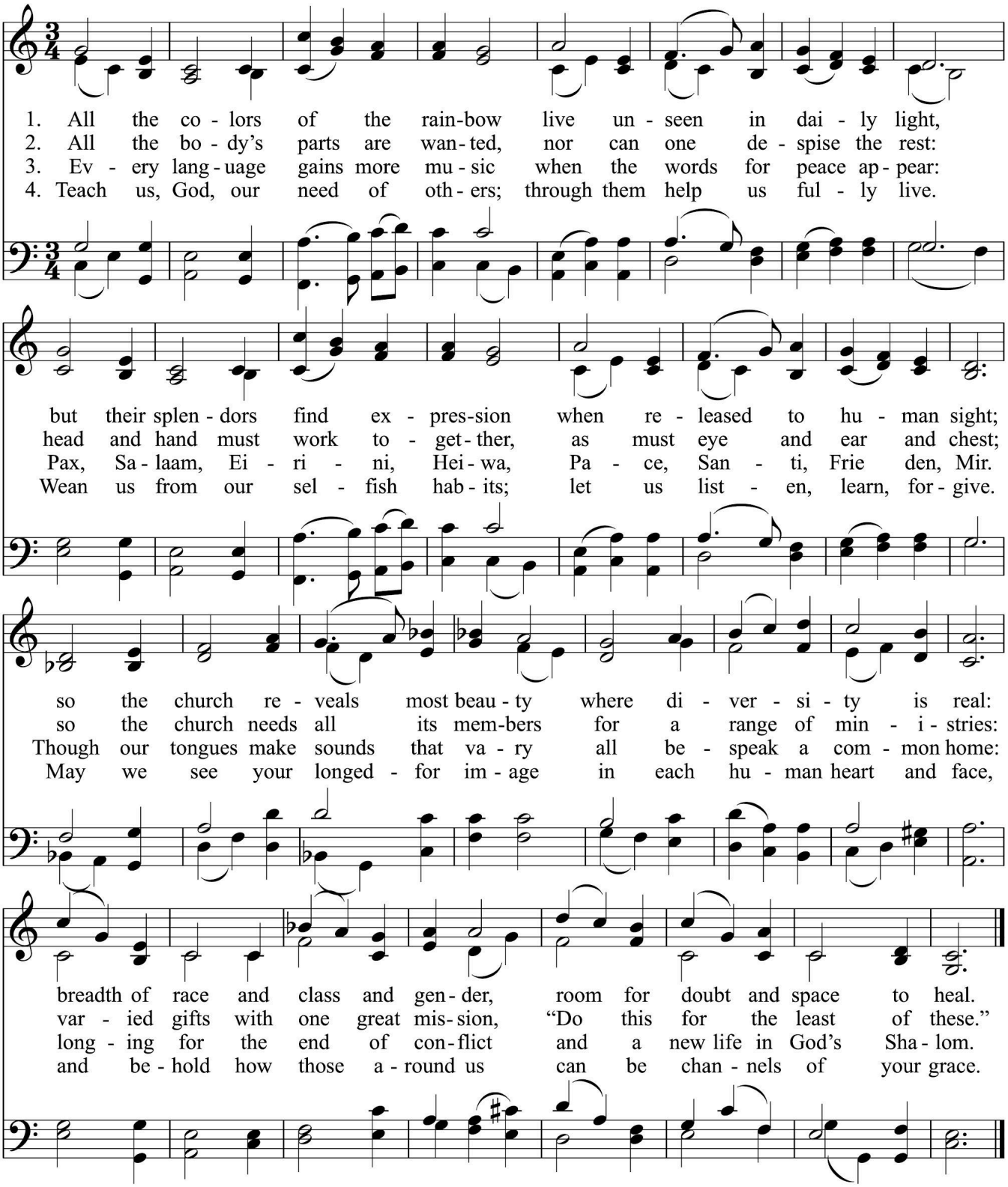
The Blessing

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



Closing Hymn: All the Colors of the Rainbow (vs. 1-3) Words: Carl P. Daw

From Songs for the Holy Other - Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community



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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: Alla Hornpipe (Water Music) G. F. Handel

For the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for those being
Baptized, Confirmed, and Received today,
for the people of Emmanuel,
and our beloved Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson
by Valori+ and Steve Sherer



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

28	JUN, SUN	All day	Pentecost 5 & Bishop Deon Johnson Visitation
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
		11:30am – 1:30pm	Bishop and Vestry lunch
		6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
29	JUN, MON	6 – 7pm	Women's Book Club
1	JUL, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		1:30 – 2:30pm	Eucharist at Hawthorne Place
		4 – 5pm	Light to the Nations grocery pick-up
		5 – 11pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot
		7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
2	JUL, THU	10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist at Orchard House
		5 – 11pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot
		6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
3	JUL, FRI	5pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot (Day 1/2)
		5 – 11pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot
		6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
4	JUL, SAT	Until 11pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot (Day 2/2)
		All day	July 4th
		2 – 11pm	Band-Aid Using Parking Lot
		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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The Rev. Susanna Clive, Associate Priest
The Rev. Jerre Birdsong, Deacon
The Rev. Susie Skinner, Rector Emerita
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