Emmanuel Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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.

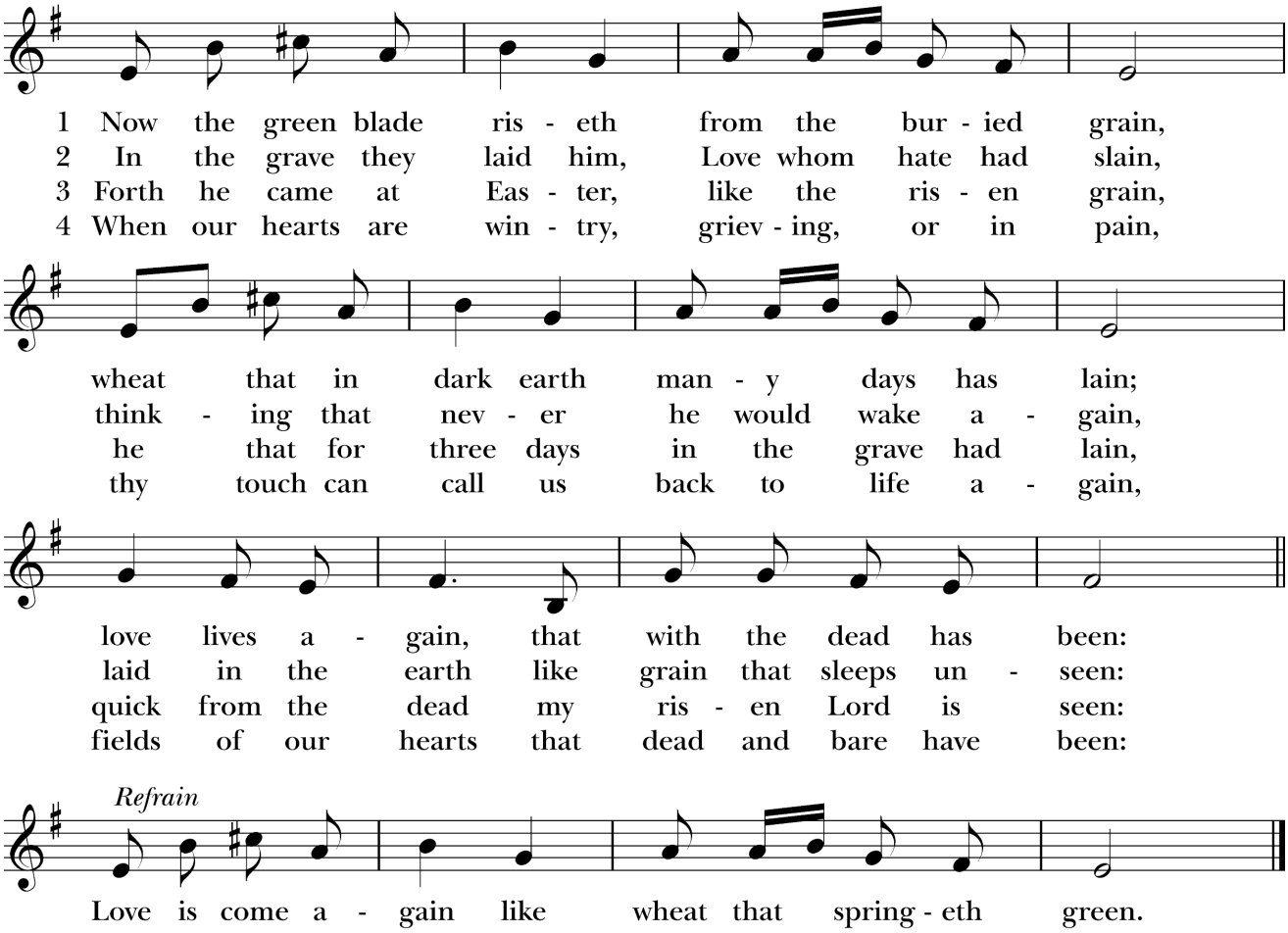
If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

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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-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 Introduction to Part III (Creation) Joseph Haydn

Opening Hymn: Now the green blade riseth Hymnal 204
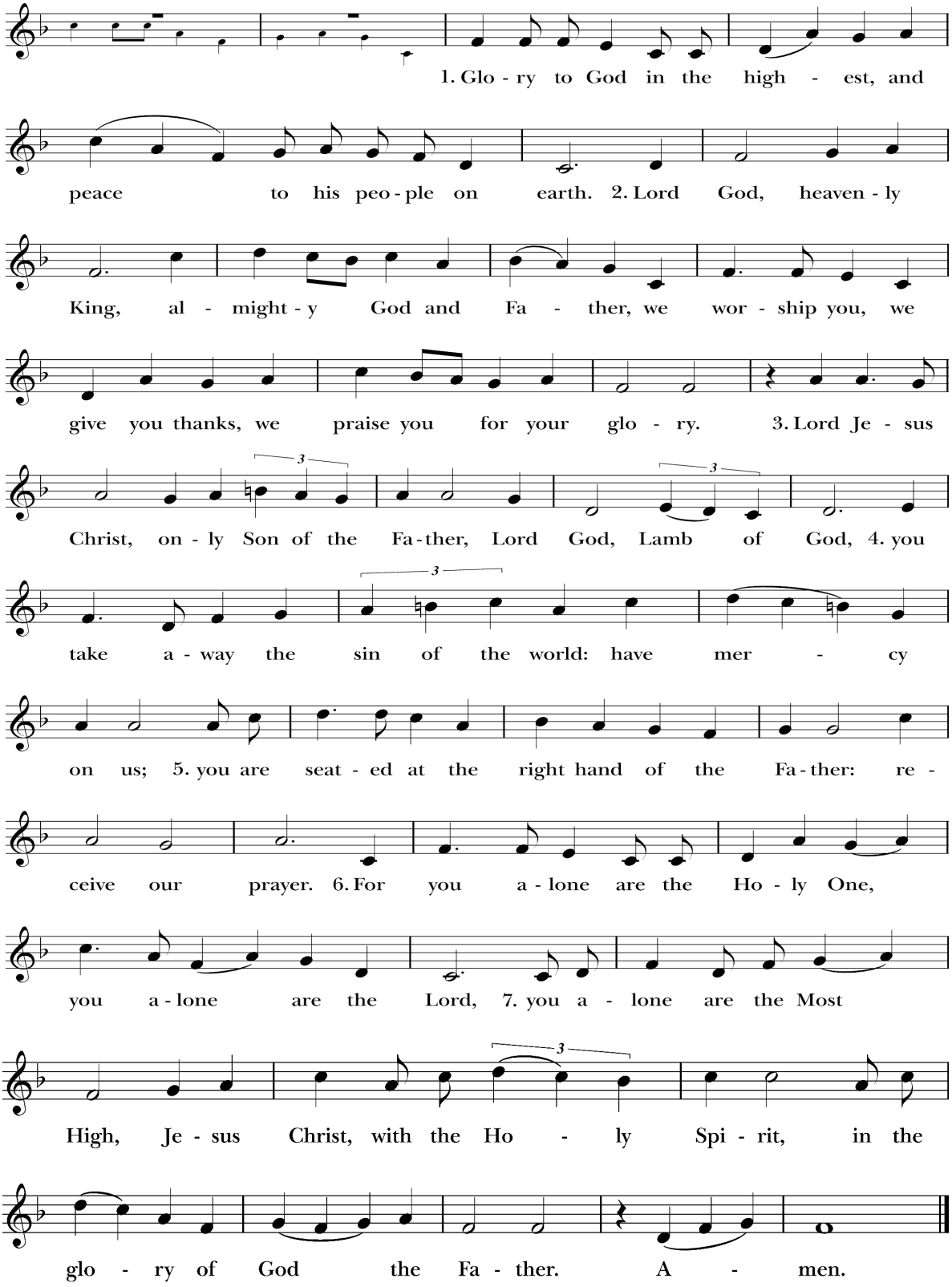


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The Word of God

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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, S 280



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The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (17:22-31)

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

Psalm 66:7-18 Jubilate Deo BCP p. 673

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.
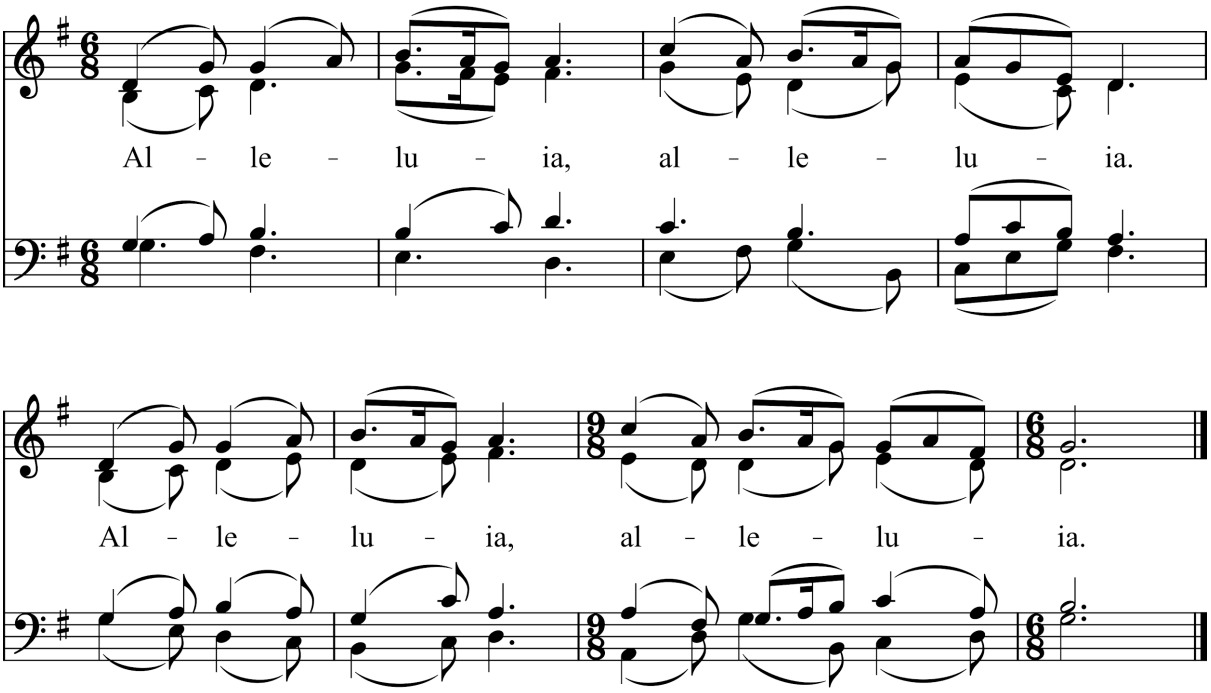
A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (3:13-22)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Celtic Alleluia My Heart Sings Out 20

Before the Gospel: Sing twice (1st time in unison; 2nd time in harmony).
After the Gospel: Sing once (in harmony).



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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (14:1-14)

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) *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.

Prayers of the People *The people are seated.*

Leader: Let us now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit which God instills in us to serve God's people all our days. We give thanks for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love. On this Mothers' Day, we give thanks for all those who have lovingly nurtured us as a Mother nurtures her young. Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may be empowered with your Spirit:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, Warren, and Susie our clergy, and for all the lay people, who minister and lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for all the people and ministry of St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard Episcopal Church in Ste. Genevieve as they move to their new church home; 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 Church of Pakistan (United);
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision San Mateo, Apostol in Penuelas;
- In our parish family we pray in thanksgiving for the Vestry and delegates to Convention and for our outreach ministry of Together STL Racial Unity;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;** praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all your people in this world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, and our nation, that all may be unrelenting in work for justice and peace; we pray for an end to war, praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all who are sick, hungry, homeless or oppressed, all who suffer, all immigrants and refugees, those in detention, and all who live in fear of separation of home and family. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life; praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray for Harvey and those we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance, and renewal and closer communion with the God who redeems and restores; praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As we approach the one-year anniversary of the destruction of the tornado in St. Louis, we pray for all who have been impacted, all who serve to bring about recovery, and all who continue to live in its aftermath with the loss of their homes and property, praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, Larry Pickeral and Clio Perkins Langdon, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints; praying, gracious Lord…

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect.

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 special offering will go to local tornado relief.*

Offertory Anthem Selection Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth
Emmanuel Choir

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,

unrevealed until its season, something (yet unknown, which) God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,

The Doxology

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The people sit, stand, or kneel.

At 8:00 a.m.

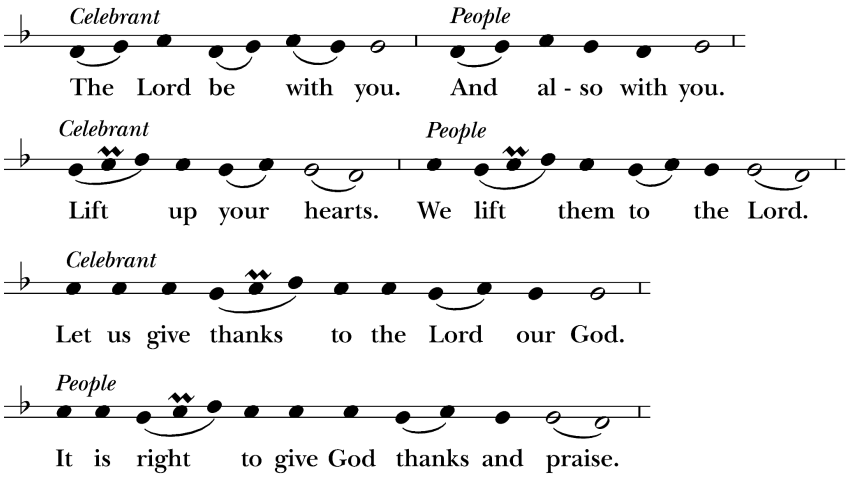
Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

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.

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At 9:30 am
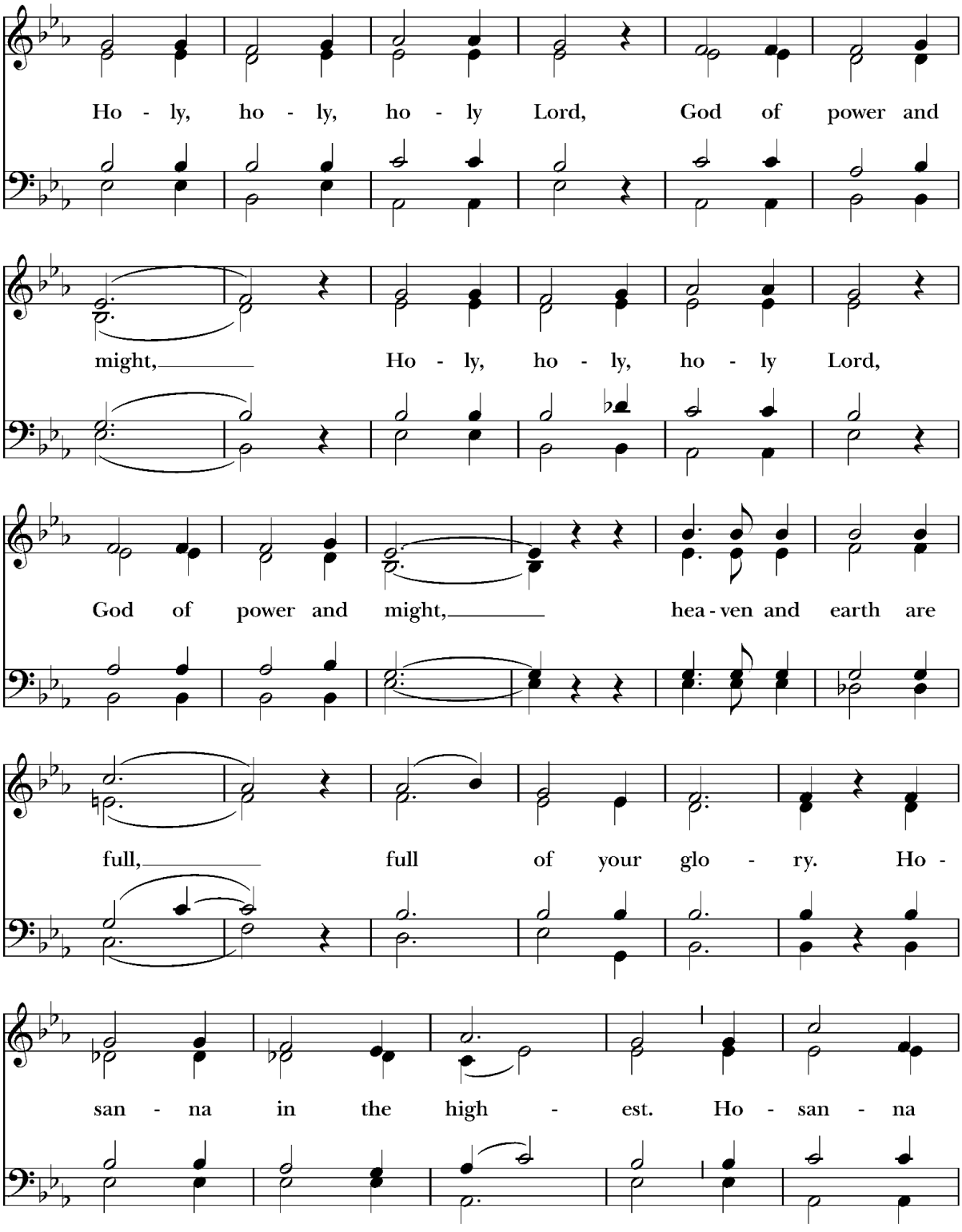


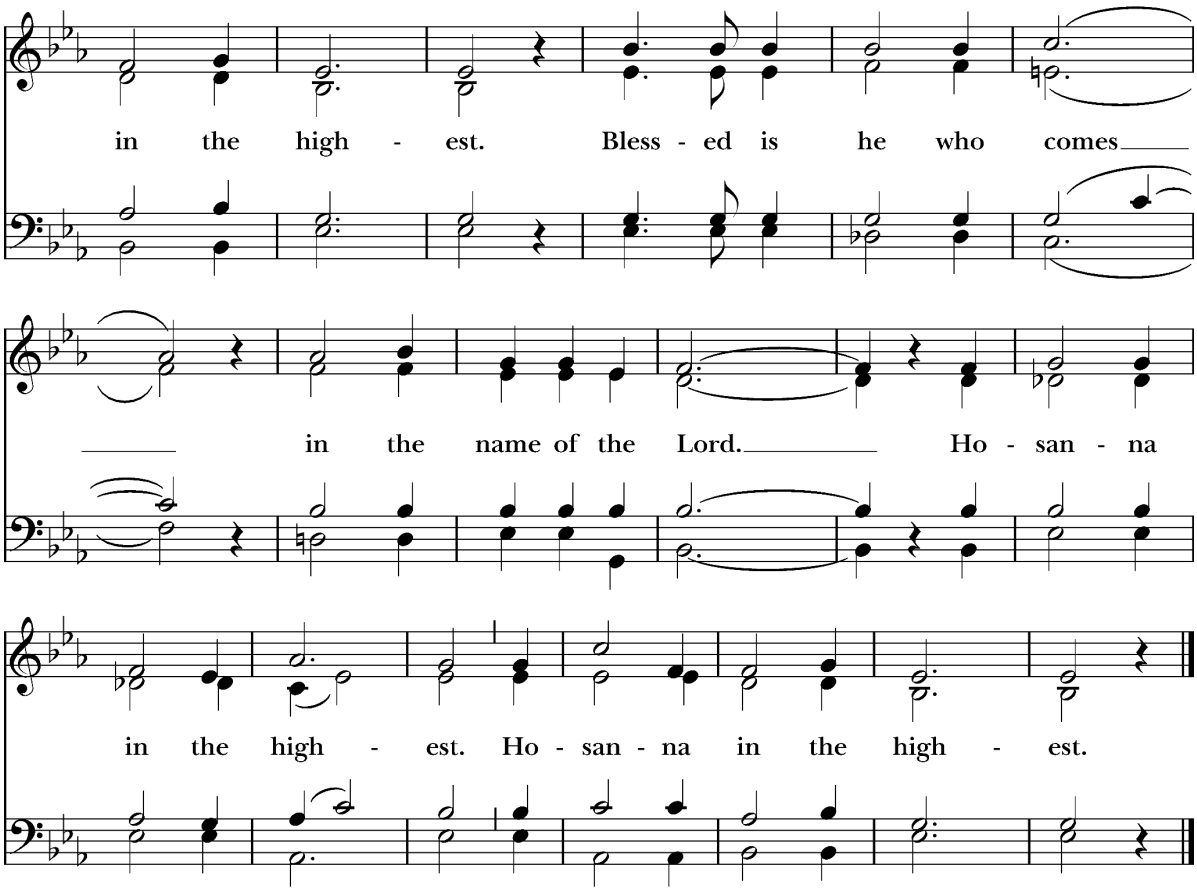
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, Hymnal S-130





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

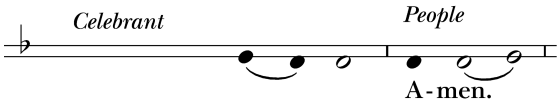
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

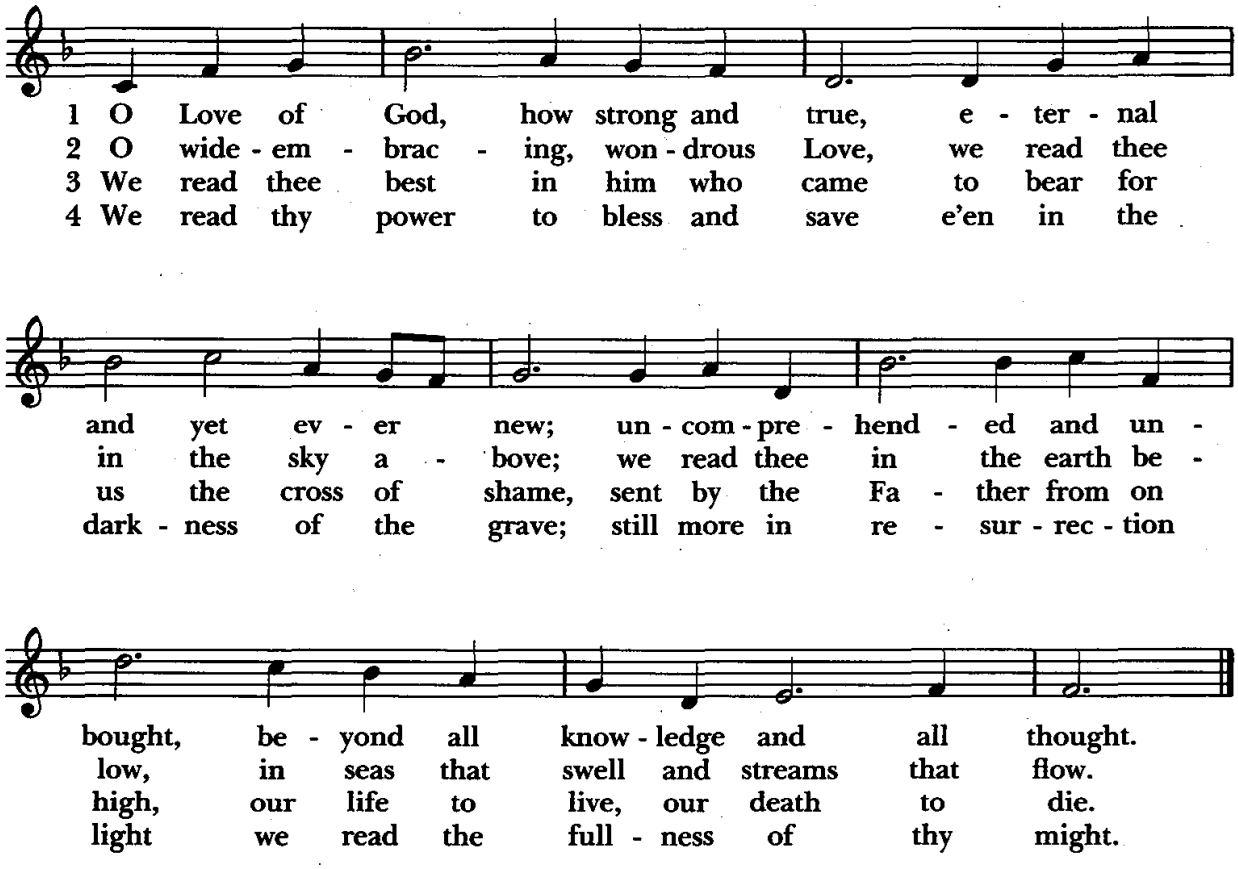
Bread: All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, soy-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: You may choose intinction (the clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine.
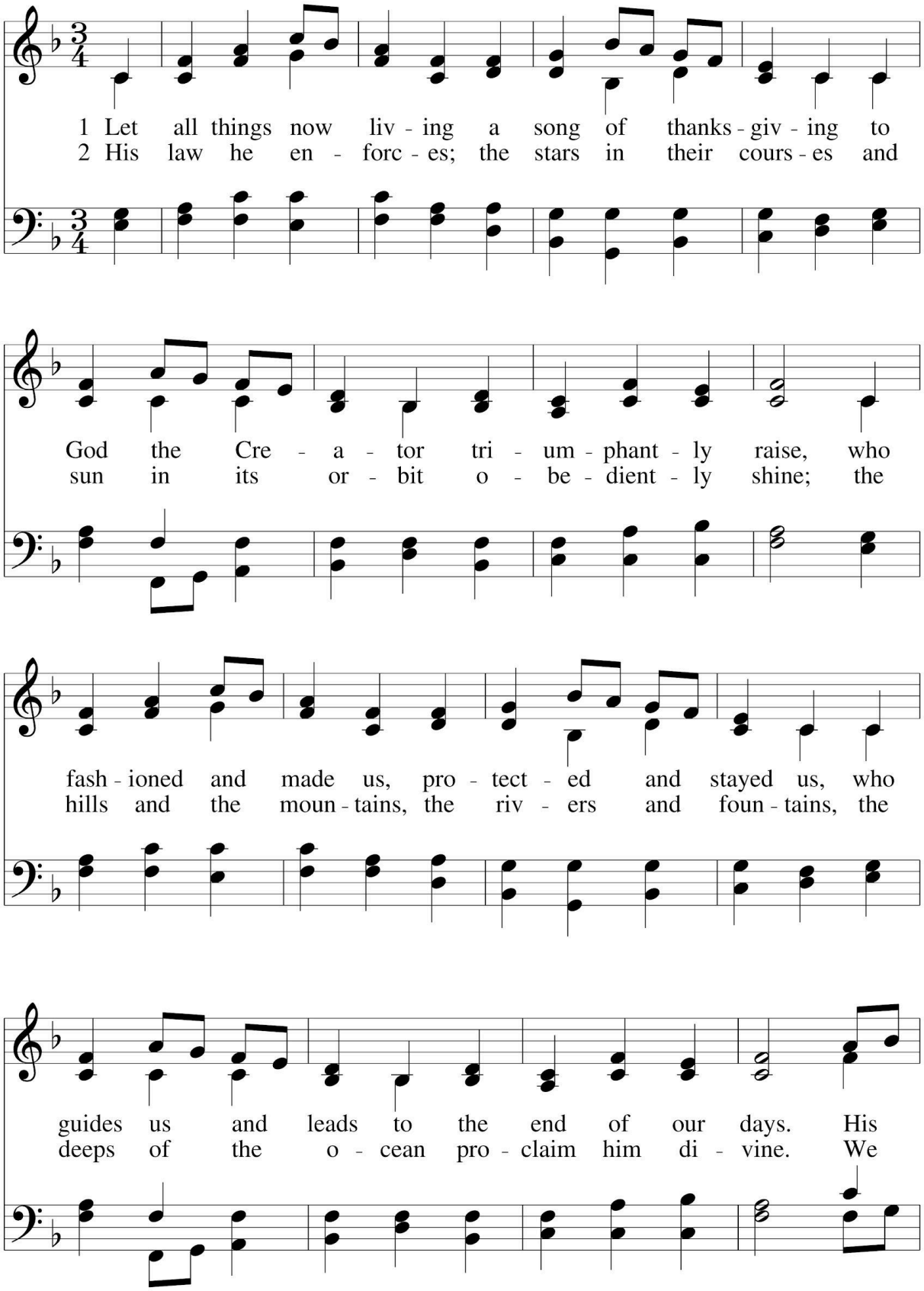
OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

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

Communion Hymns: O Love of God, how strong and true Hymnal 455
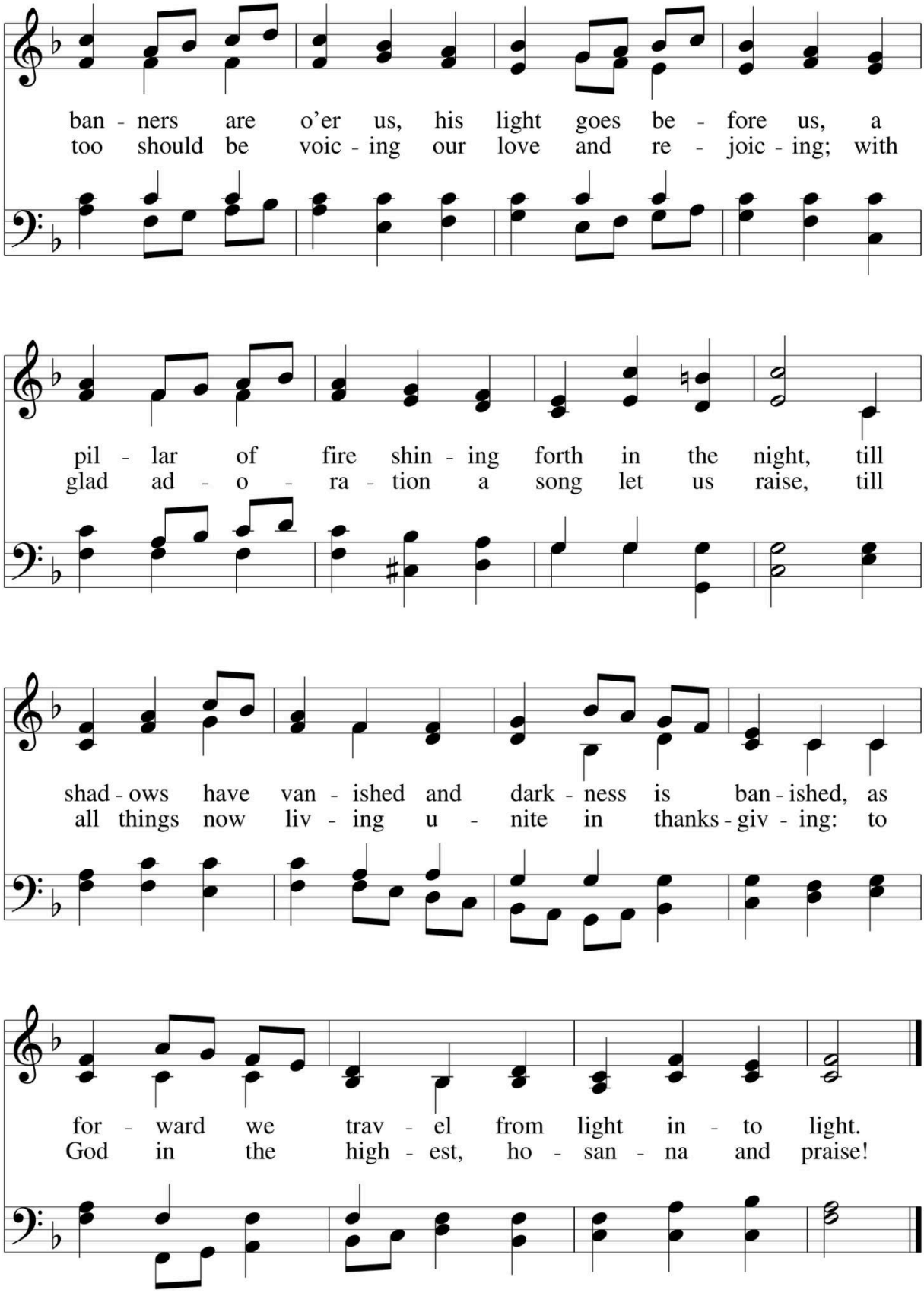


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MUSIC: Welsh melody

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too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing; with
pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till
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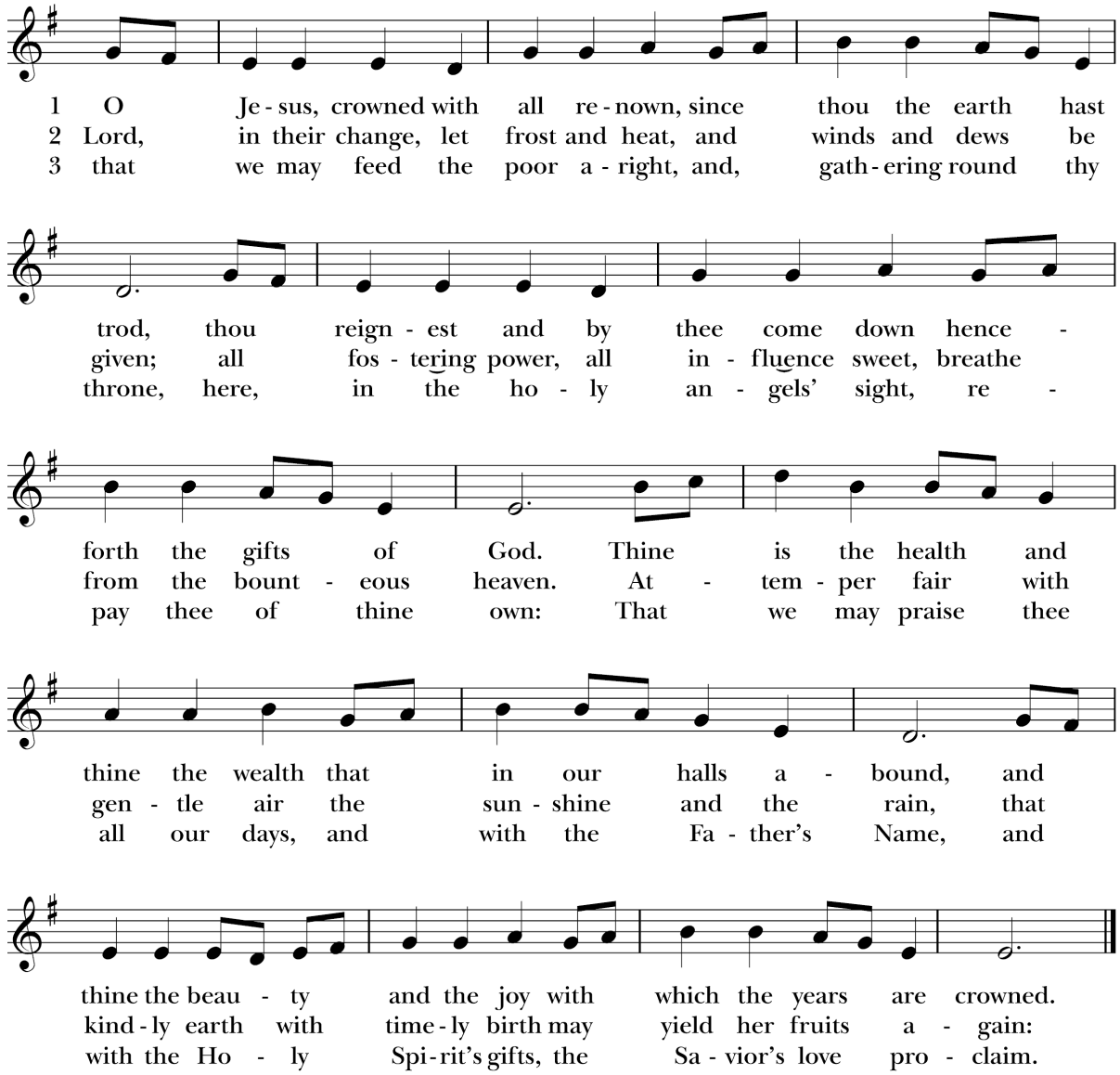
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

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

Closing Hymn: O Jesus, crowned with all renown Hymnal 292



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The Dismissal

Deacon: 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: Fanfare Emma Louise Ashford

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Jeanne May Smith
by Margo and Tom Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





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

10	MAY, SUN	All day	Easter 6
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
		12 – 1:30pm	Review: 26 MGRTF plans
		6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
11	MAY, MON	1 – 2pm	Prayer Shawl Group Behold Room
		6:30 – 7:30pm	Worship Committee
12	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 7:30pm	Finance committee
13	MAY, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		5 – 6pm	Episcopal 101
		7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
		7:05 – 8:05pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
14	MAY, THU	5:30 – 9pm	Isaiah 58 Board Meeting Parish Hall
		6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
15	MAY, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
		6:30 – 8:30pm	Graduation Party
16	MAY, SAT	5:30 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
17	MAY, SUN	All day	Fst of the Ascension
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:30 – 11:30am	Acolyte Meeting
		10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
		10:45 – 11:45am	Earthlove Pillar Meeting
		6:30 – 7:30pm	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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