# Emmanuel Episcopal Church




# 12th Sunday After Pentecost

## August 16, 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 the 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.*

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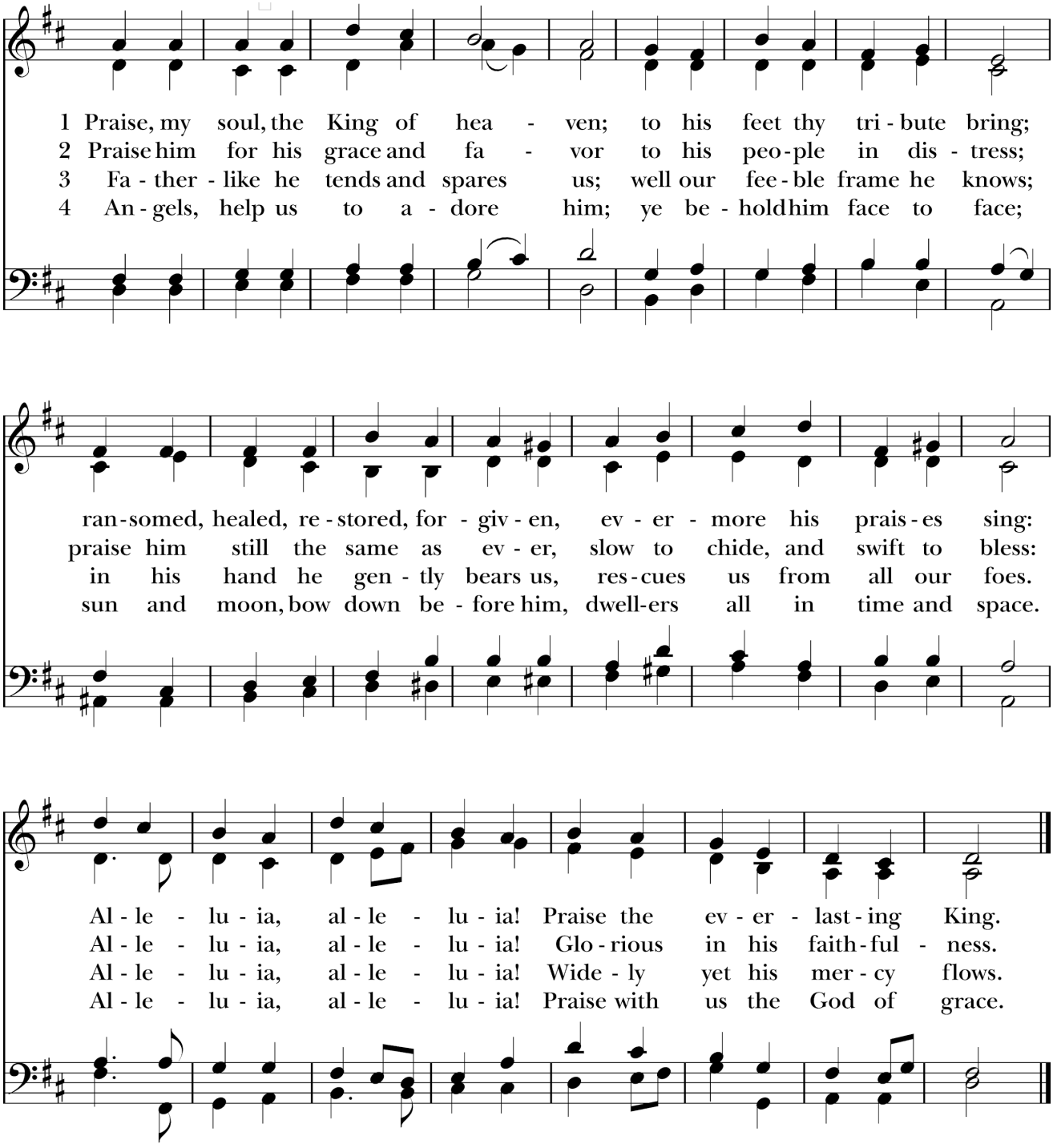
The 9:30 am service is live-streamed.

**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: Introduction to Part III (Creation) Joseph Haydn

Opening Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Hymnal 410



**Welcome**

**The Word of God** *The people stand in body or spirit.*

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 first book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.(56:1,6-8)

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

Psalm 67 Deus misereatur BCP. p. 675

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
**your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
**let all the peoples praise you.**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
**let all the peoples praise you.**

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, *
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

A reading from the letter to the Romans.
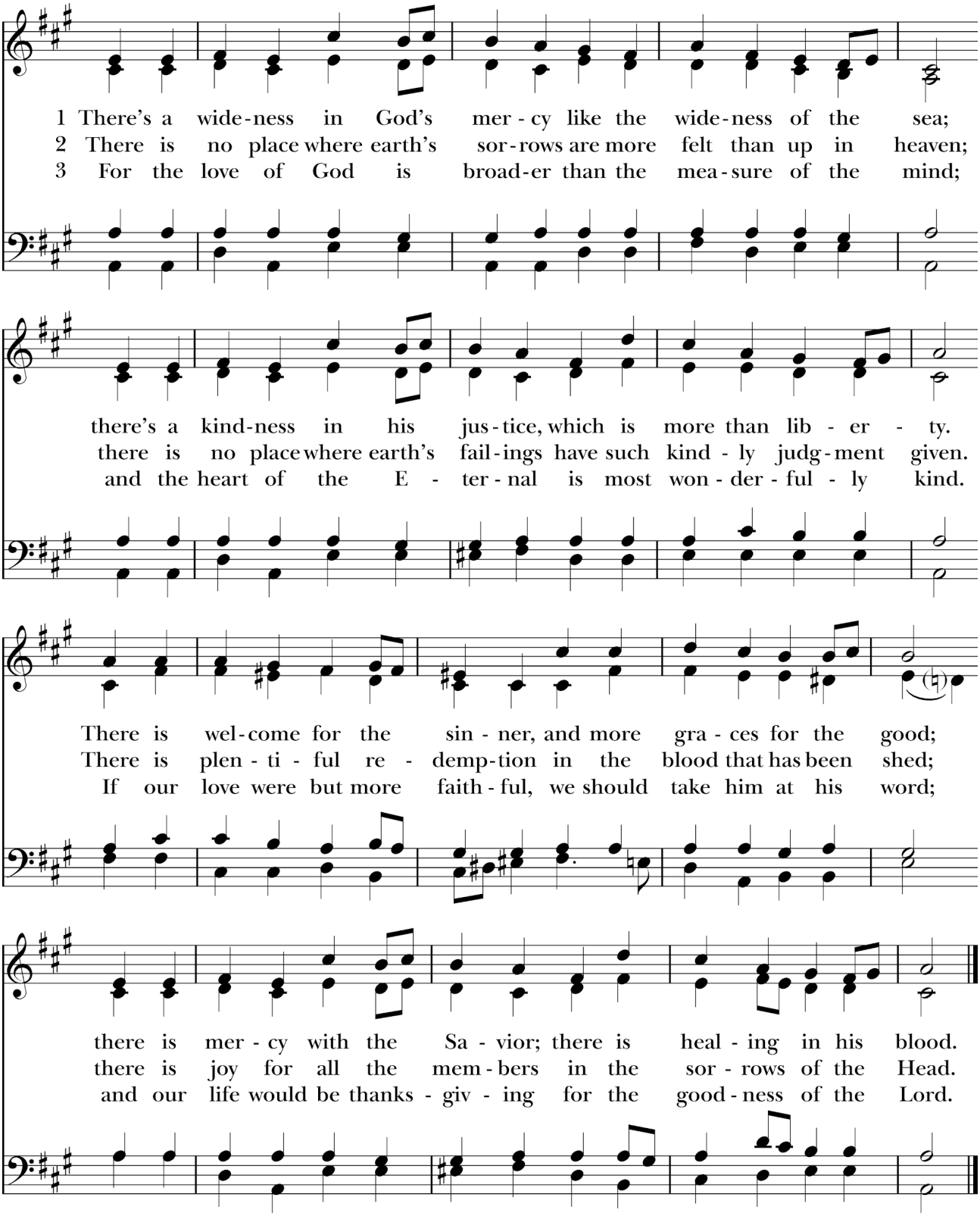
I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. (11:1-2a, 29-32)

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: There's a wideness in God's mercy Hymnal 470

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




Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. (15: (10-20), 21-28)

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.*

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| Deacon/Priest | We stand in body or spirit to affirm our faith. | Silence is kept for a time. |
| Deacon/Priest | We are not alone, we live in God's world. | |
| **People** | **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.** | |
| Deacon/Priest | We trust in God. | |
| **People** | **We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.** | |

**The Prayers of the People** *The people may be seated.*

Leader: Just as the Canaanite woman pressed upon Jesus her needs and was heard, with expectant faith, let us place before God earnest petitions for ourselves and the world, praying, Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may exhibit the faith that you provide for all our true needs:

- 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 Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisiana; 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 Wales;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School;
- In our parish family we pray in thanksgiving for our tech ministers, and for our outreach ministry of Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;**

Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they may with courage strive for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for all school children, college students, and their teachers as they return to a new school year, that they may be safe and educationally nourished; Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for all those in danger and need; we pray for the poor, the homeless, the neglected, 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; Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

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 Tom 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 in public service and those serving in the armed forces;

Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love;

Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died,…, and those who grieve; Hear our voices, O God…

People: **We put our trust in you.**

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

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| (Spanish) | La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. | **Y con tu espiritu**. |
| (Telugu) | Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka. | **Neetho kooda.** |
| (English) | 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 - Ways to Engage**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence** *The 'Little Churches' offering today goes to menstrual products for our Food Center.*

**Offertory Anthem**: Waft her, angels (Jephtha) G. F. Handel
Patrick Zelaya, soloist

Waft her, angels, through the skies,
Far above you azure plain;
Glorious there, like you, to rise
There, like you, for ever reign.

**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, # 2. *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.**

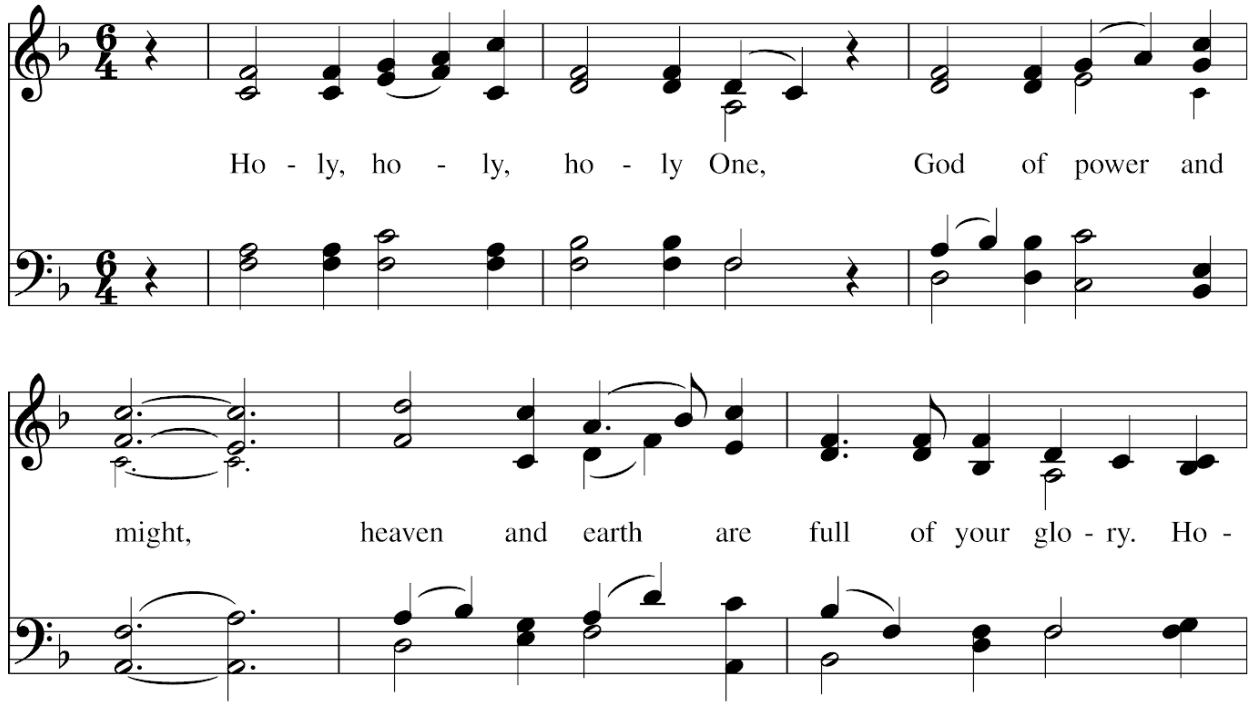
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
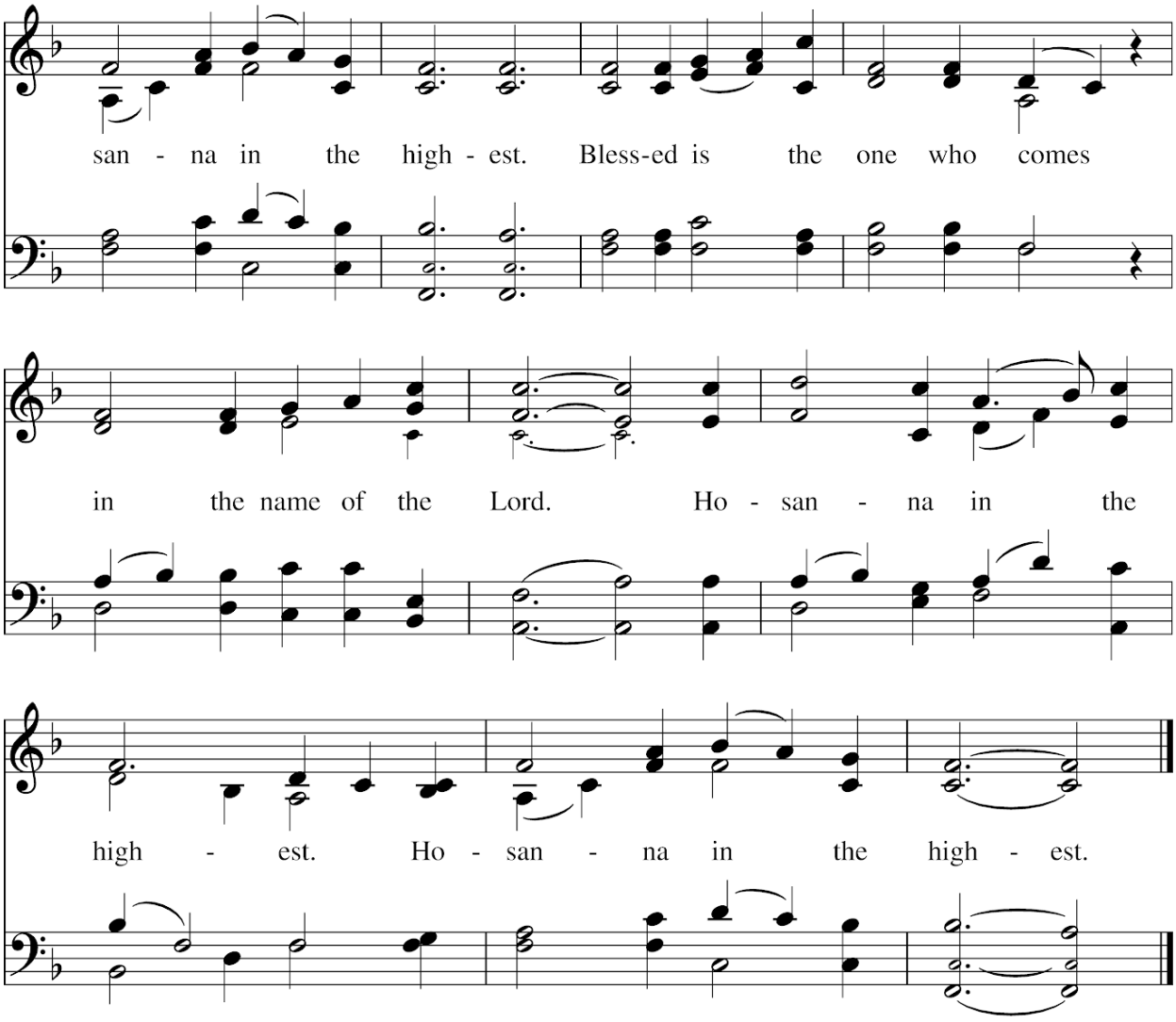
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*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 the one 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 people stand, kneel or sit.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

+ Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and + make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **People: 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:***
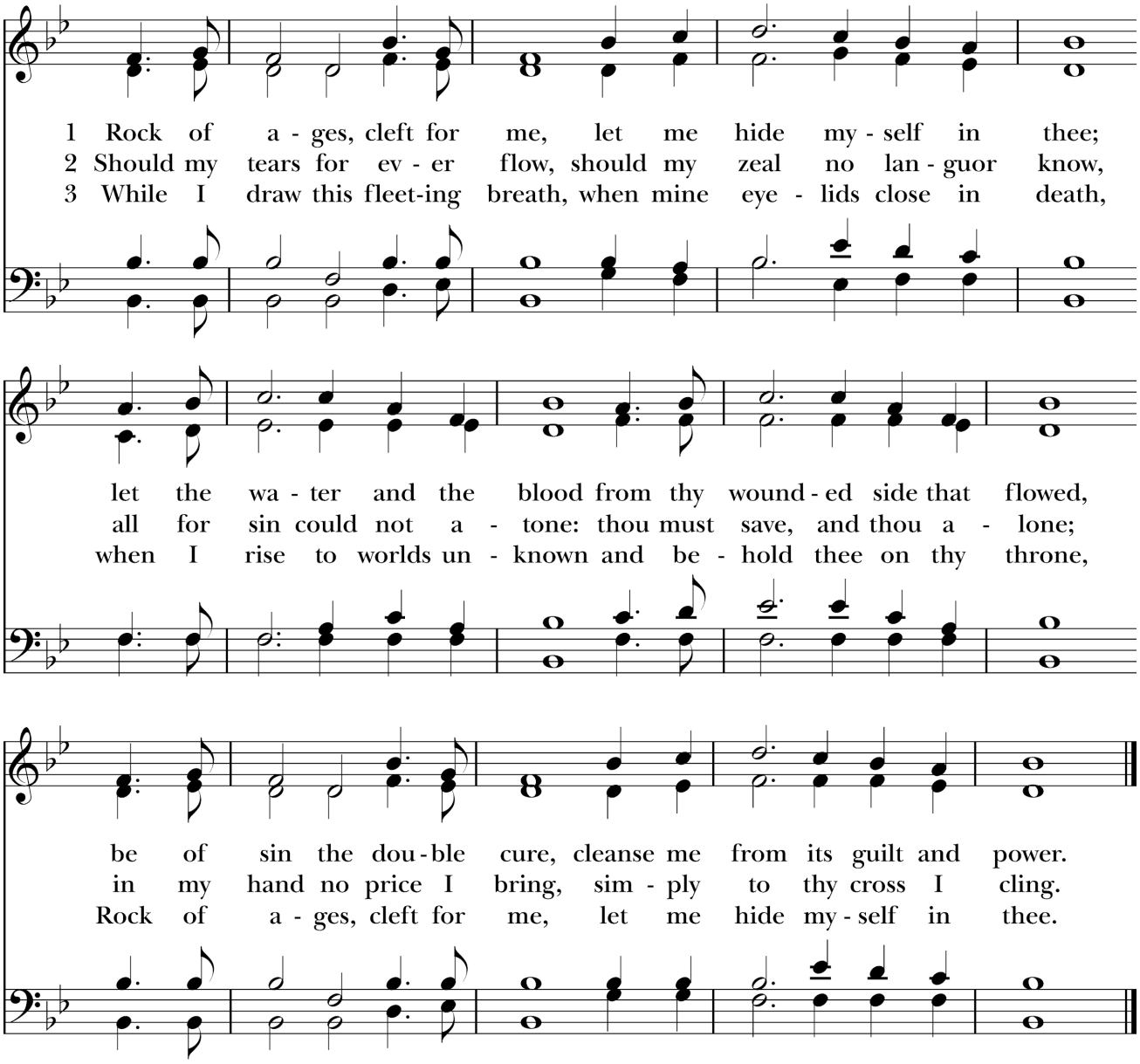
The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).
The ushers will guide you to Communion.

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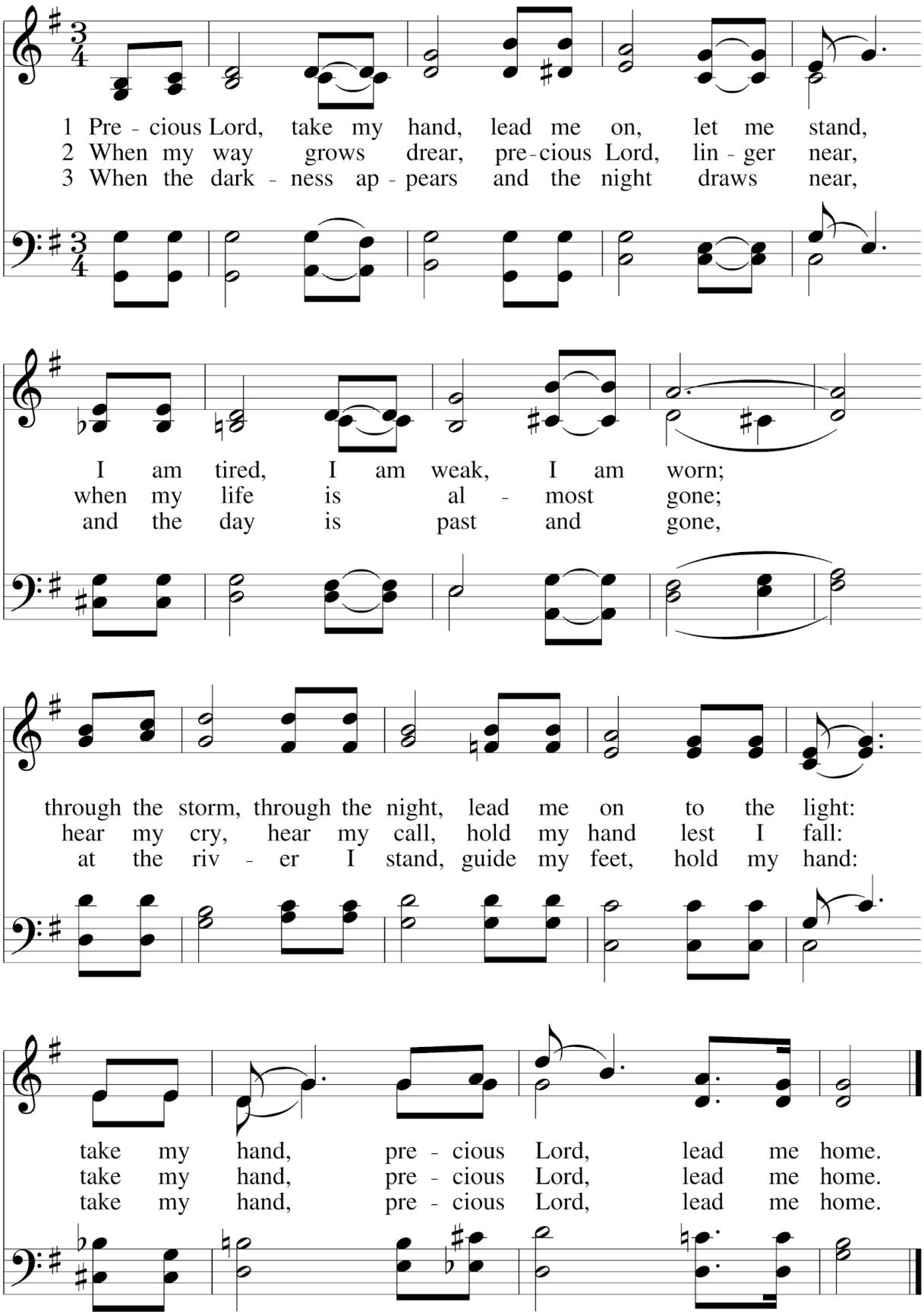
**Wine:** You may choose intinction (the clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine).
Please do not reach into the cup of wine.
OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

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

Communion Hymn: Rock of ages, cleft for me Hymnal 685




Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).




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**The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors**

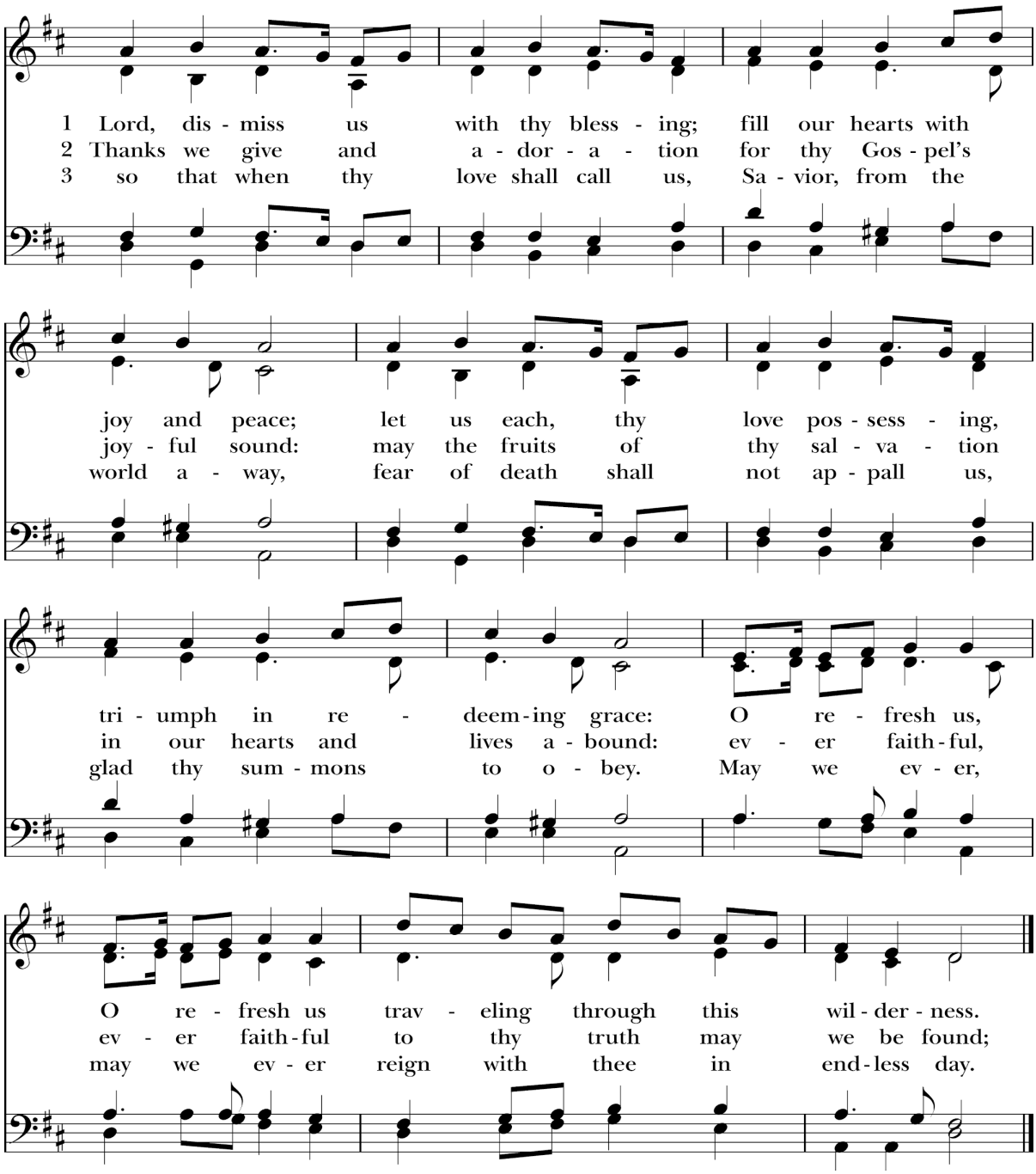
Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing Hymnal 344




Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian* Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

**The Dismissal**

Deacon/Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Our worship has ended. Now our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve in the name of God.

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

Postlude: Psalm XIX (*Coeli enarrant*) Benedetto Marcello

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 61st wedding anniversary!*
*Mary Ann and Jim Groetsch*

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

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| 16 AUG, SUN | All day | Building Update During Coffee Hour |
| | All day | Pentecost 12 |
| | 8 – 9am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | 9:30 – 10:30am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | 10:30 – 11am | Coffee & Biscuits |
| | 6:30 – 7:30pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 17 AUG, MON | All day | VBS (Day 1/3) |
| | 6:30 – 8pm | Vestry on Zoom |
| 18 AUG, TUE | All day | VBS (Day 2/3) |
| 19 AUG, WED | All day | VBS (Day 3/3) |
| | 8 – 9am | Bible Study via Zoom |
| | 7 – 8pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 20 AUG, THU | 6 – 7pm | 12 Step Group (Closed Group) |
| 21 AUG, FRI | 6 – 6:30pm | BLM Vigil |
| 22 AUG, SAT | 2 – 5pm | Private Party - Andy Ludwig Anniversary |
| | 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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