

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Andrew's Church
August 30, 2026**



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

All stand.

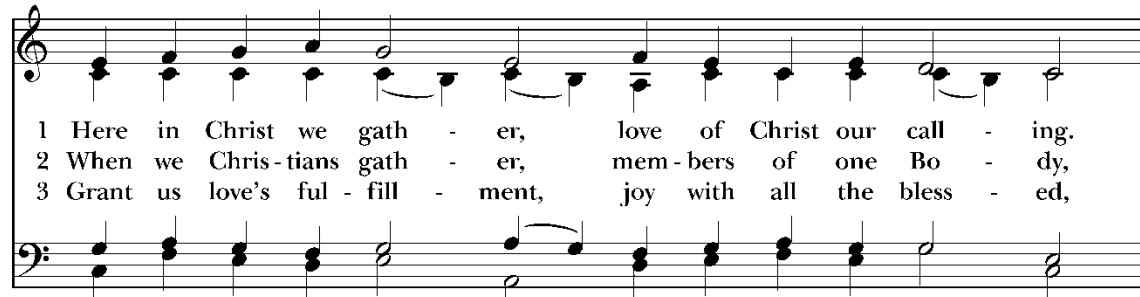
Opening Hymn #577

God is Love

Refrain



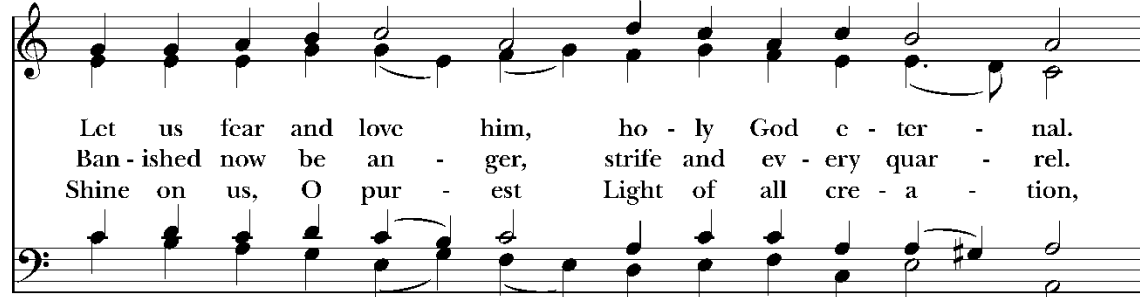
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

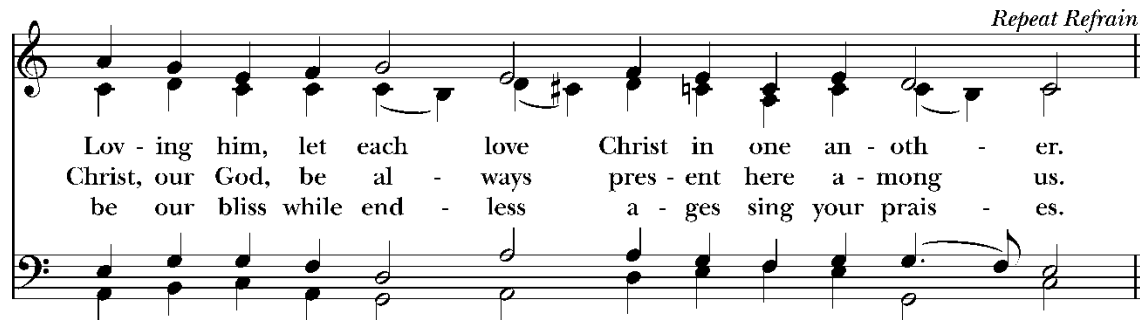


Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.

All: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise Hymnal #370, verse 6

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,
Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"
God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

LEM: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c, OSH

read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, *
we make known your deeds among the peoples,
- 2 We sing to you; we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works,
- 3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;
- 4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face;
- 5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:
- 6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 You made your people exceedingly fruitful; *
you made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart you turned, so that they hated your people, *
and dealt unjustly with your servants.
- 26 You sent Moses your servant, *
and Aaron whom you had chosen.
- 45 Alleluia!**

LECTOR

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live

peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #513

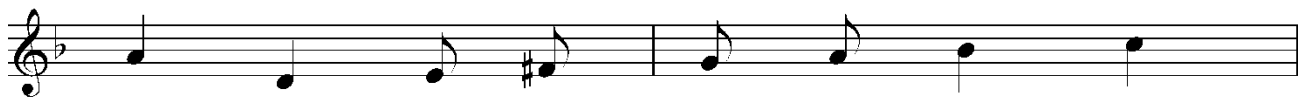
Like the Murmur



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Please stand and face the cross.

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection-created world,
Where all things depend on each other, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

LEM

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: In confidence we pray, .

***All:* Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: Your majesty is praised from all creation: Let the leaders of our nation and all in authority, and all who work for justice throughout the world live in the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

***All:* Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: The whole creation is yours, O God – earth and sky and waters, trees and plants, birds and animals of all kinds: Bless everything that lives and protect your people everywhere, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, and be free from hunger, oppression and injustice.

***All:* Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for the Lenape, Munsee, and Esopus peoples, original settlers of these lands

***All:* Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for those who are poor, sick, hungry, oppressed, and in prison. Pray for members of our community ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Renee, Terrell, Davette, all facing exclusion or harm,*** and those we now name. . . . Pray for those in any need or trouble.

***All:* Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Noa on her birthday and Salix and Al on their anniversary*; and we pray for those we now name. [*Please add your own names, aloud*].

All: **Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we now name... [pause].
Pray for those who have died.

All: **Come Holy Spirit;
and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

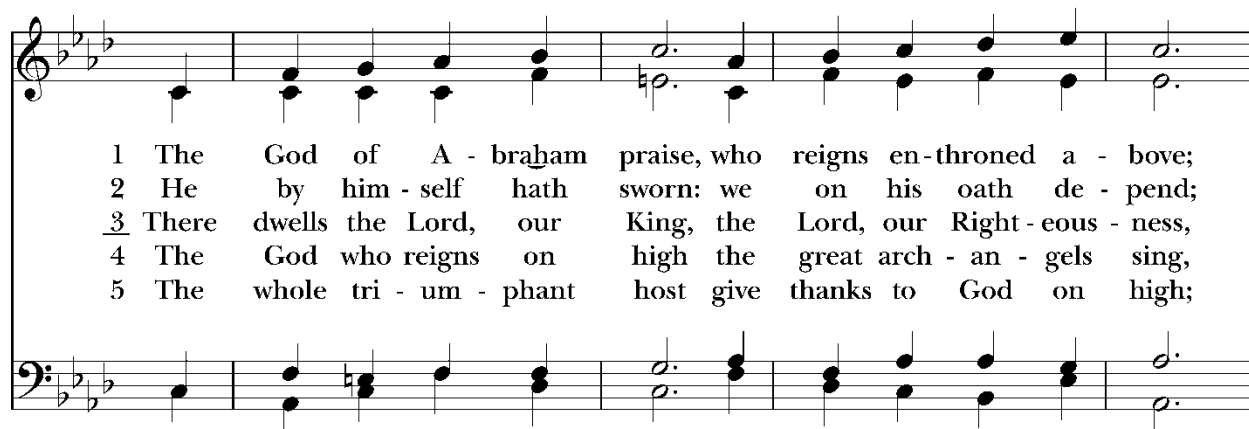
The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Come to the table made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more.

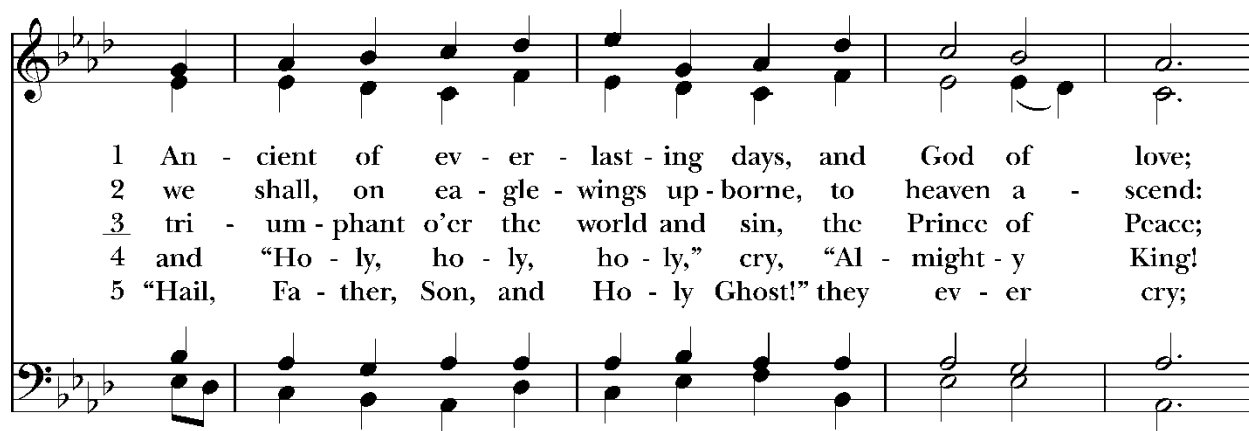
Come you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn #401

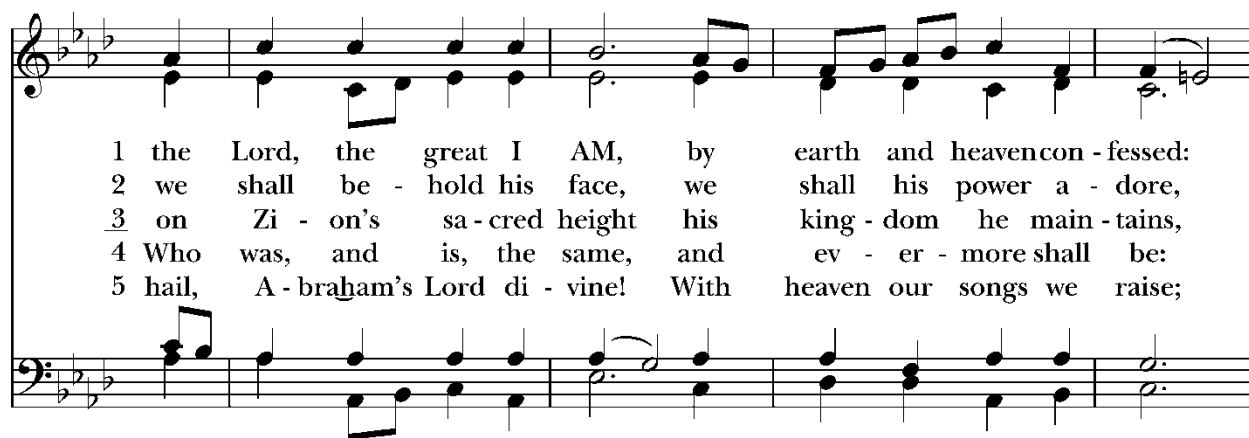
The God of Abraham



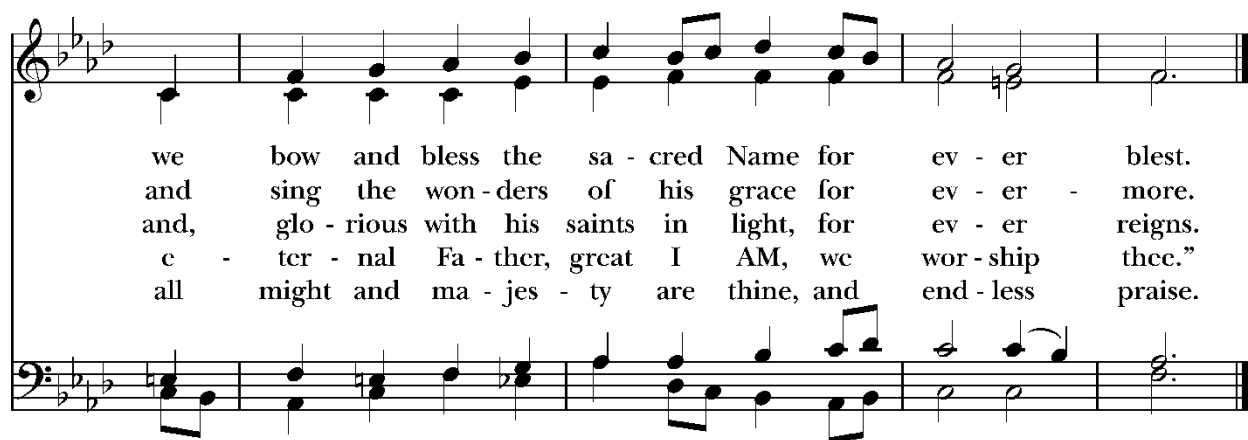
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available and if you would like to receive a blessing, you may come to the altar and cross your hands over your chest.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Holy One.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

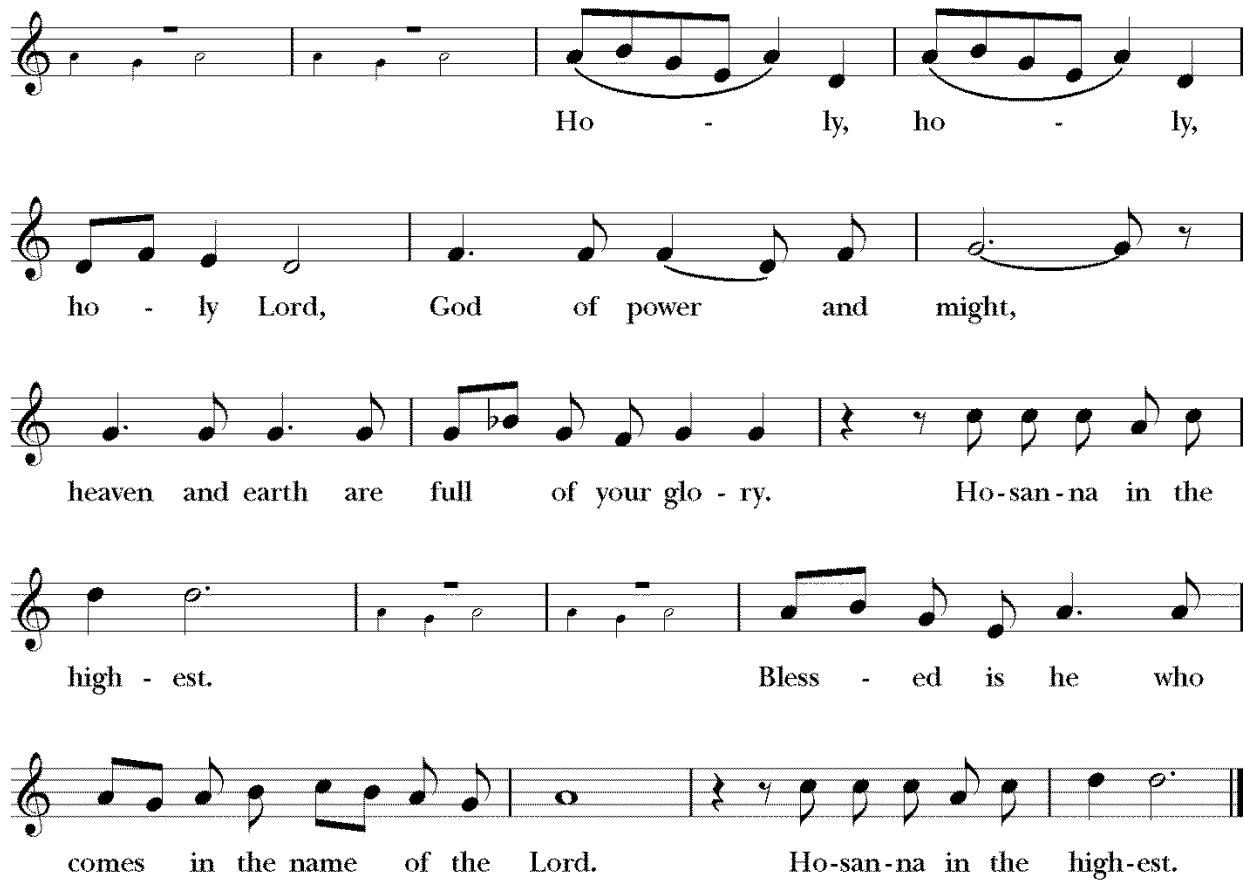
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Thanks and praise, glory and honor are rightly yours, God of life. In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, and when we were formed from the red dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life. Even when we resisted and grieved you, your Spirit came upon diverse people, empowering them to speak your word of life.

All: **Your steadfast love endures forever and ever.**

Celebrant And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, gathered in word and spirit with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn

Sanctus S128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit came upon him declaring him to be your beloved Son.

All: **With your Spirit within him he resisted temptation; he proclaimed justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Celebrant: In that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the table with his friends, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: **“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.”**

Celebrant: When supper was over, he took the cup, gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: **“Drink from this all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Celebrant: On that never-to-be-forgotten day when you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. Remembering his death and resurrection, his ascension and his promise to be with us always, we pray that you will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ’s life in us.

All: **Send us as your witnesses into all the world, empowered by your Spirit and following Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language that is closest to your heart,

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art 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.**

Translated from Aramaic

**“Our Father who is everywhere
Your name is sacred.
Your kingdom is come.
Your will is throughout the earth
Even as it is throughout the universe
You give us our needful bread from day
to day,
And you forgive us our offenses
Even as we forgive our offenders.
And you let us not enter into
materialism.
But you separate us from error.
Because yours are the kingdom, the
power and the song and praise.
From all ages, throughout all ages.
Amen.”**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

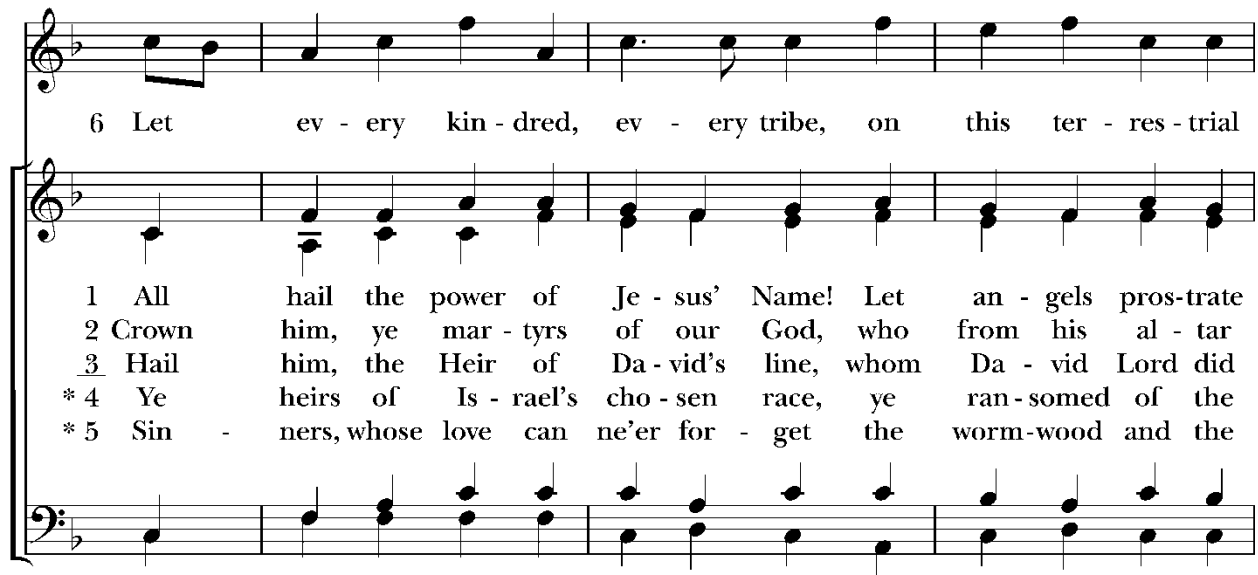
Please stand to receive God's blessing.

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

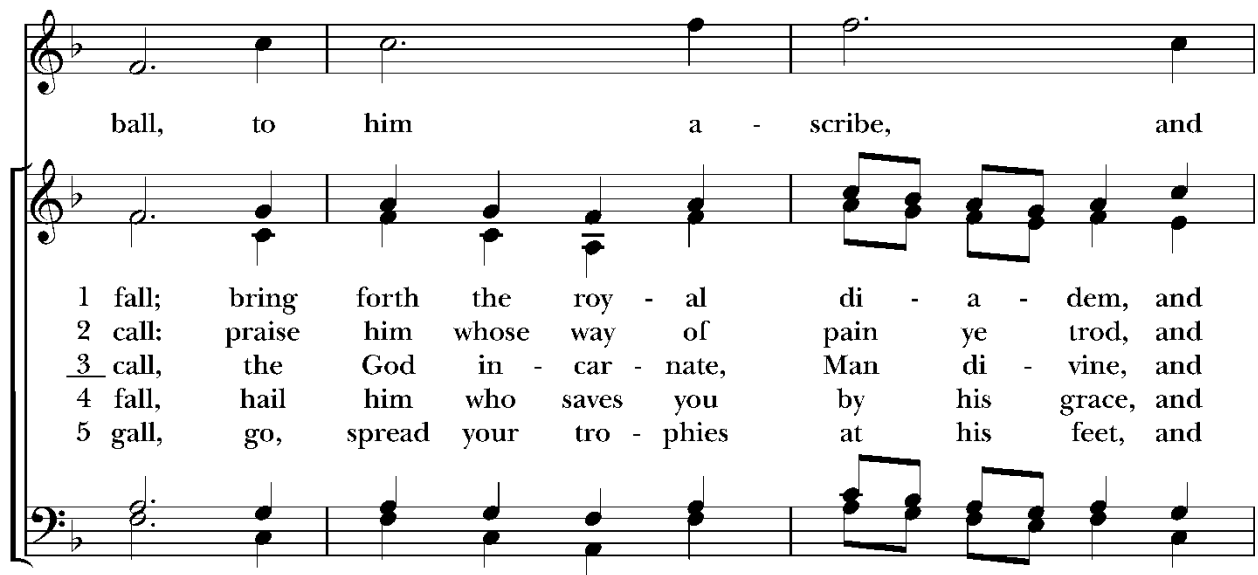
Closing Hymn #450

All hail



6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the



ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Worship has ended, the work has begun: Let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant:	Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Lector:	Julie Mazur
Usher:	Annette Johnson
Altar Guild:	Valerie McAllister
Music:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

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Lord's Prayer Noohra Foundation

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Dismissal, which is attributed to Deacon Francie)