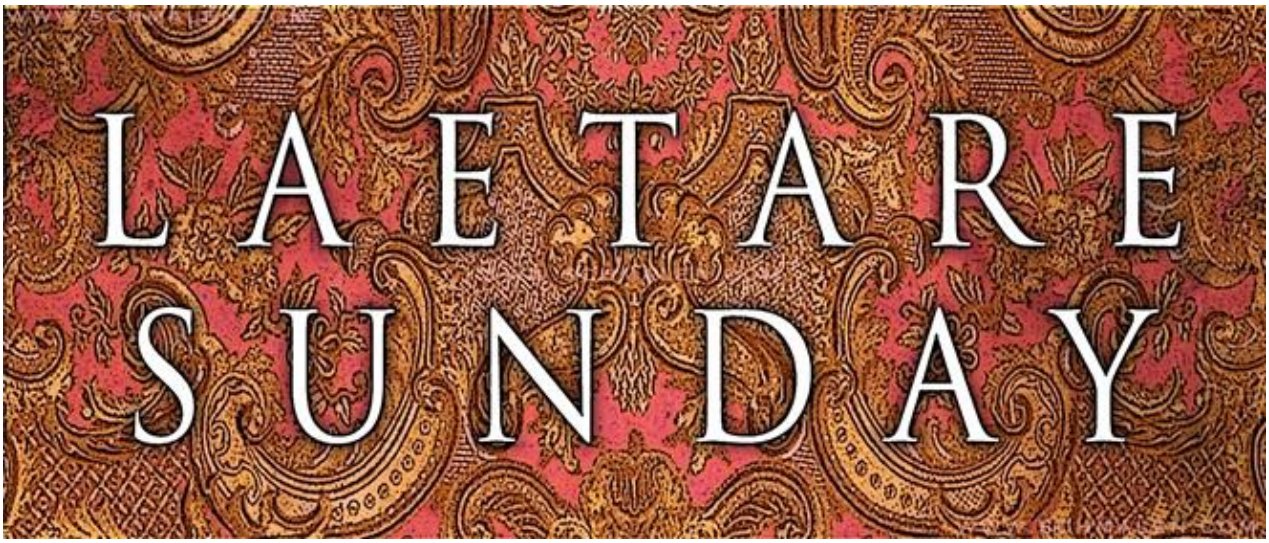
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14 and 15, 2026



Our Mission: ***To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

Our Vision: ***To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to celebrate with us the day of the Lord!

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Guests, friends, and family, we would like to know you. Please fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card to introduce yourself to us. Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family. Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Indigenous peoples of this region. This includes the Yavapai people, specifically the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, as well as the Hualapai Tribe, whose historical and cultural ties to this territory are enduring. We honor the original stewards of this land, who have resided here, and their deep connection to the earth, the water, and all living things. We pledge to honor Indigenous sovereignty, listen to Indigenous voices, and work toward a more just and equitable future in partnership with Native peoples.

Holy Eucharist **March 14 and 15, 2026**

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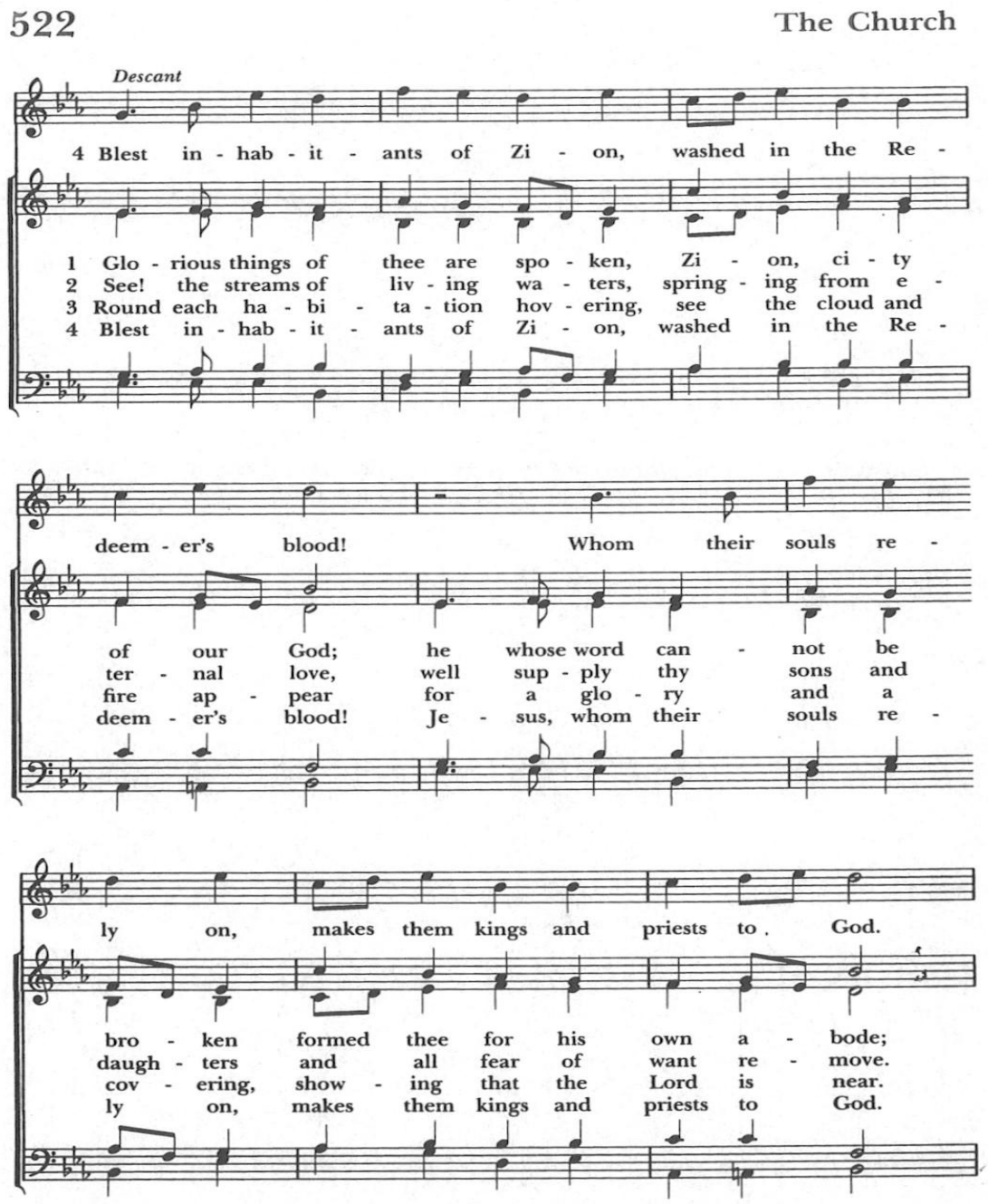
Welcome

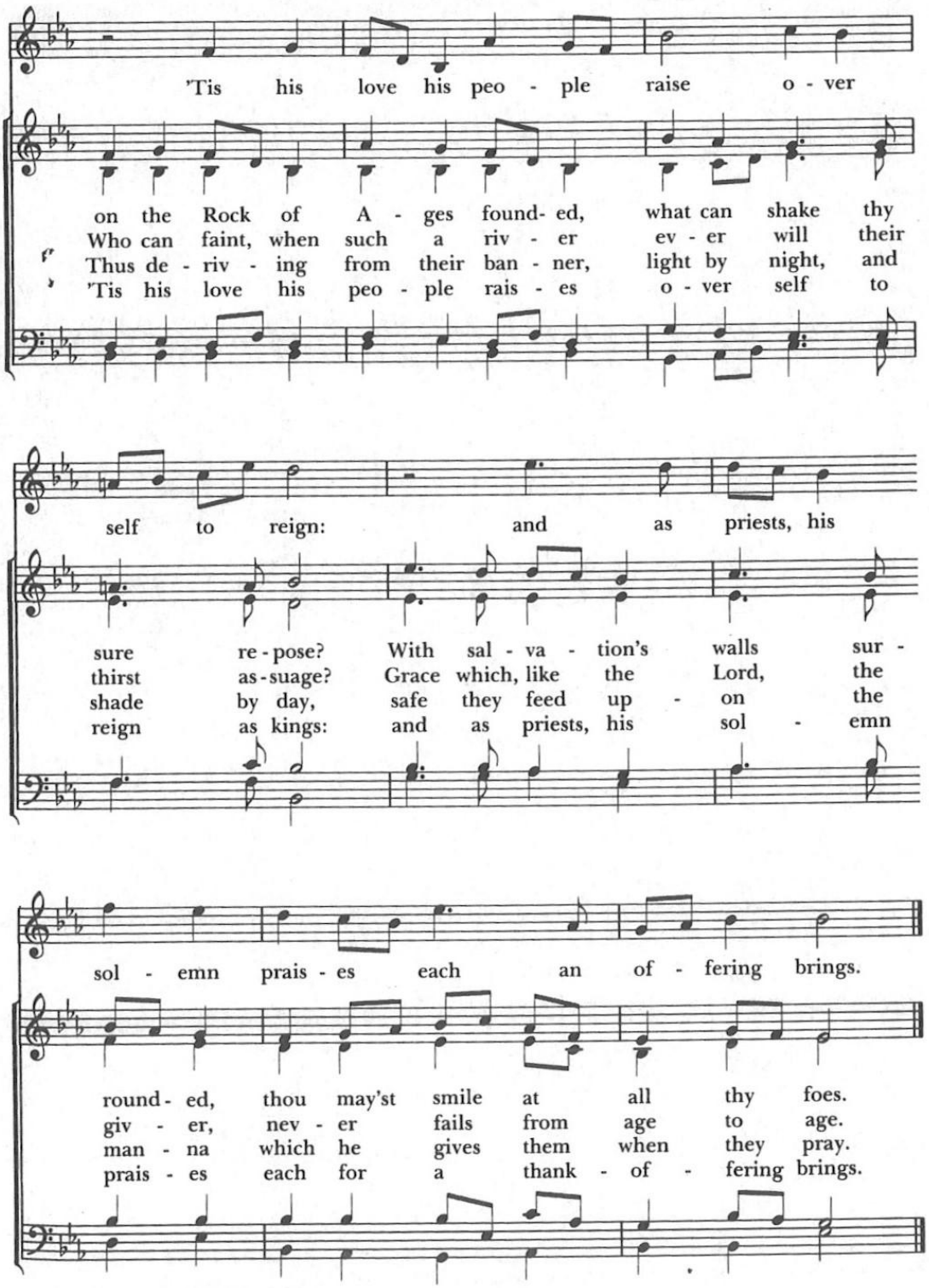
WE GATHER

The Bell Calls us to Worship

Prelude

Processional Hymn H522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*





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Acclamation

Priest Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Confession and Absolution

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

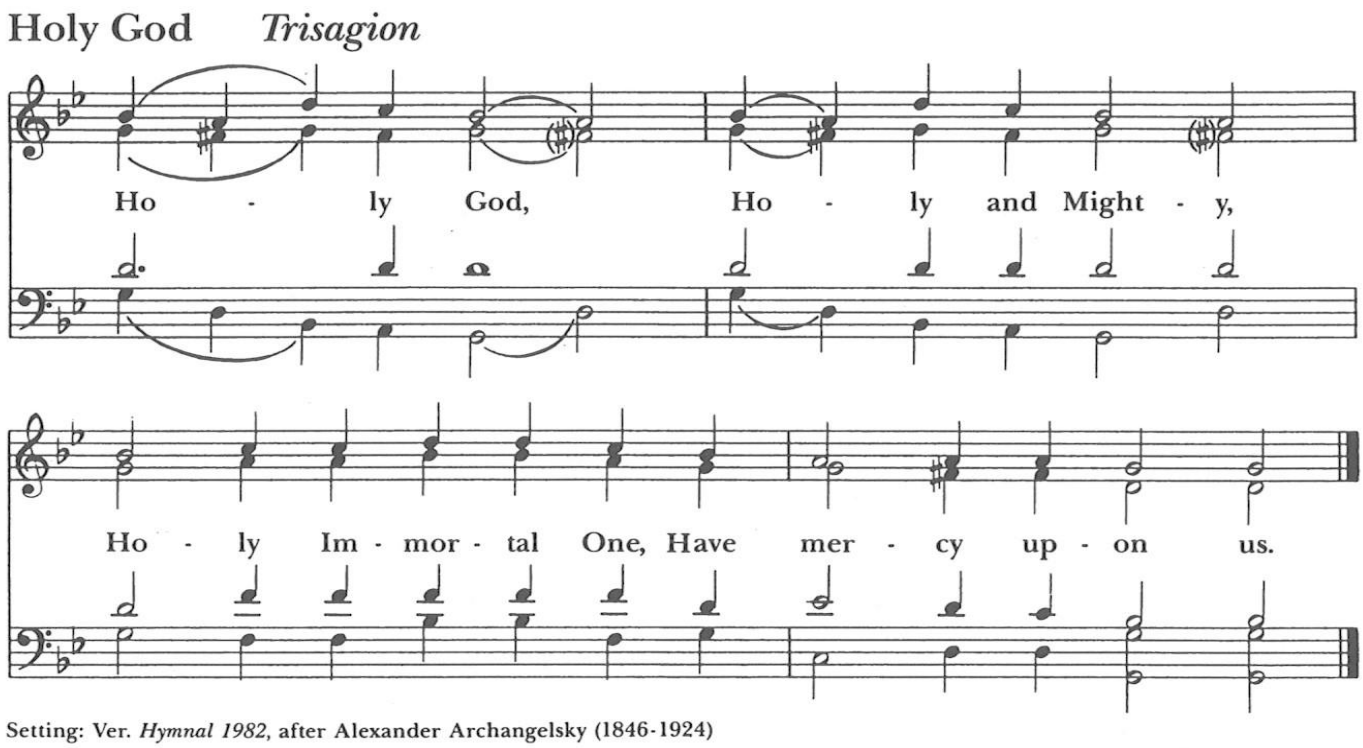
All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Trisagion *(spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am)*

Spoken/Sung 3 times

All **Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**



The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lector Our first lesson is from the First Book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has

the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

(Spoken at 5:30 pm and 8 am, chanted at 10 am)

The Psalm for today is Psalm 95. I invite you to read responsively by half verse.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Lector Our second lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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People **Thanks be to God!**

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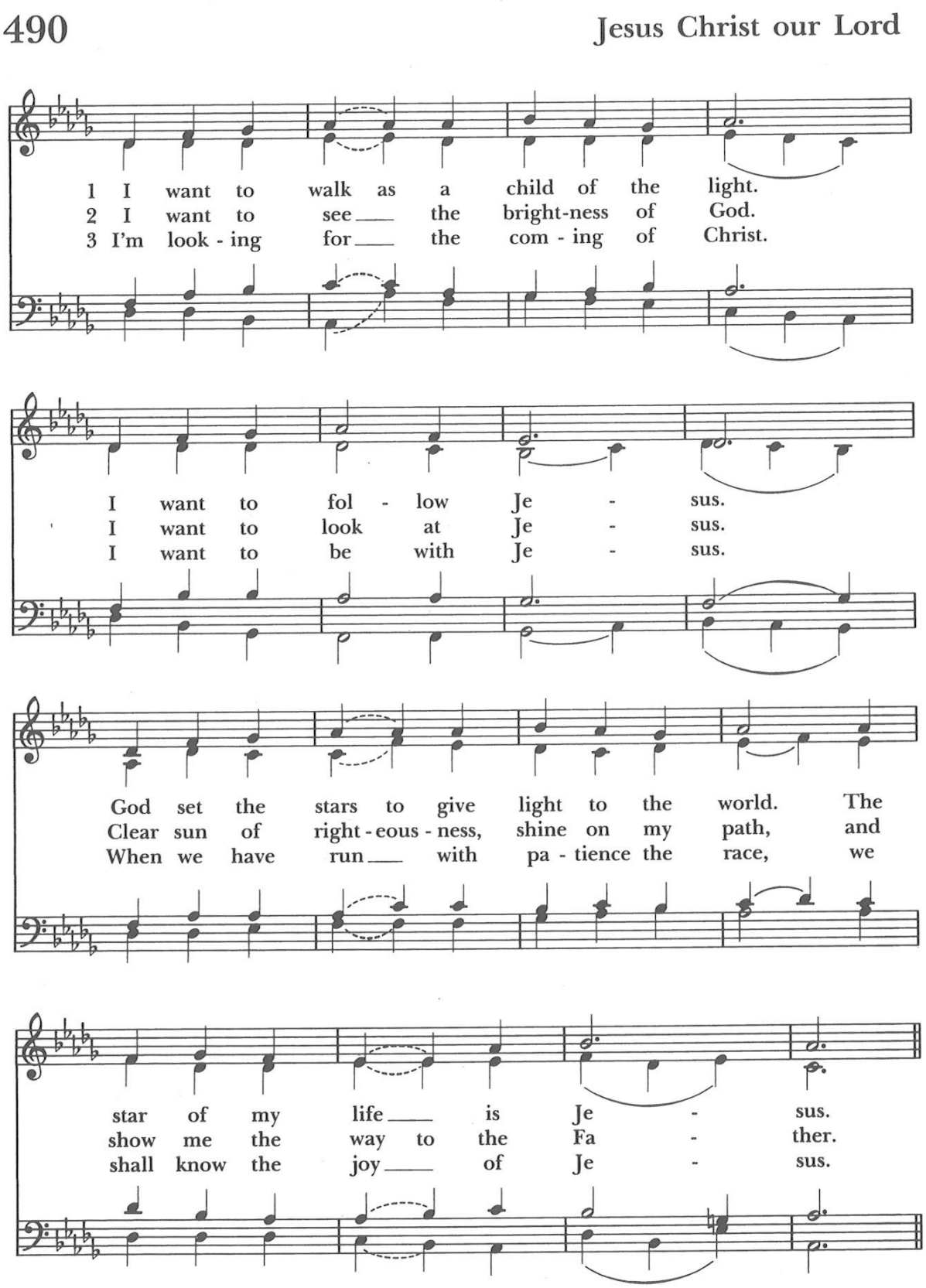
Gospel Hymn H490 v 1 *I want to walk as a child of the Light*



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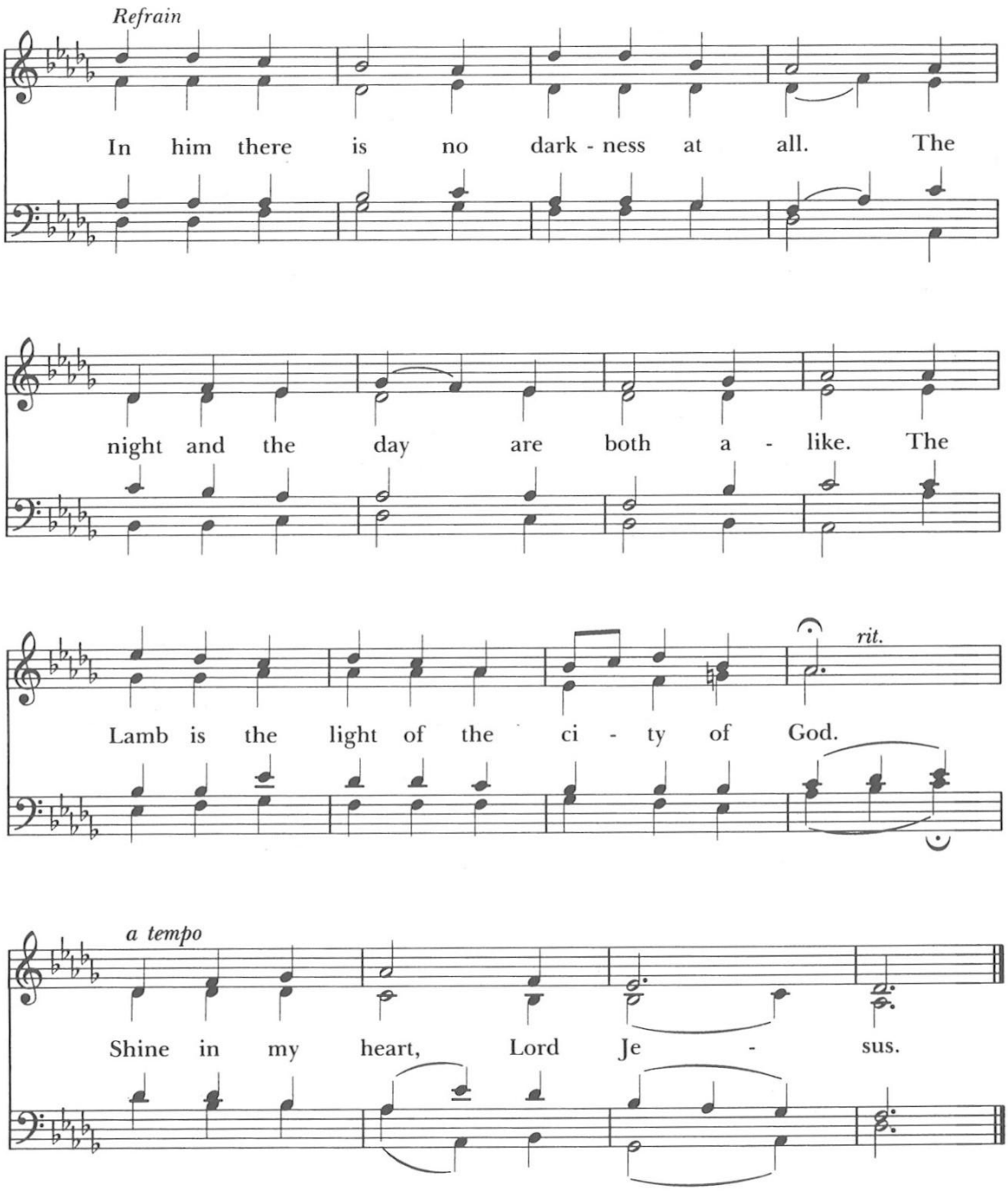

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The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John✠

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How

can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this

man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn H490 v 2 *I want to walk as a child of the Light*

Homily Fr. Marc McDonald

Nicene Creed

Priest I bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: *(Bow)* **by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again *(Rise)* **in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped*(Bow)* **and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Leader We pray for your church throughout the world. With Christ as the rock beneath our feet and our citizenship assured in heaven, help us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth fruit to nourish this hungry world.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Leader We pray for this nation and for all the nations of your world; wherever we are living in righteousness, strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we should go.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People **Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.**

Leader We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel of reconciliation that we, your image bearers, might be transformed into the righteousness of God.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love

Leader We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction; merciful God, join our eyes, our hearts and our hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for all those who have asked us to pray. For whom else shall we pray? (pause) Forge for them a way through the wilderness; be for them a river in the desert.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for those who have died (pause) that all may see your goodness in the land of the living.
Jesus Christ, Son of God…

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

The Priest concludes

A Pastoral Prayer for Protection and Peace

Almighty God, we lift up to You the brave men and women in uniform who stand in harm's way to protect our freedom and safety. We ask for Your divine protection upon them, that You would be their shield and refuge. Watch over their families who wait at home with hope and anxiety; surround them with Your comfort and peace. Be especially with the grieving families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation. We pray for those grieving in our world due to the loss of life in war. We pray for your Church in the Middle East and those who attempt to remain faithful in the midst of devasting loss. We pray for our world, fractured by violence and division. We plead for Your intervention to bring a swift and just end to conflicts across the globe and especially in the Middle East. Turn the hearts of leaders toward dialogue, justice, and peace. Prince of Peace, calm the storms of fear and aggression. Guide us all toward a world where justice reigns, where weapons are laid down, and where all people can live without fear of war. We ask this in the Name of the One who brings peace to our souls, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
MISSION MOMENT

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Priest Be imitators of God and walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem *Psalm 23* Michael Joncas

Presentation Hymn H-380 v.3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here, below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Priest faces them and says

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

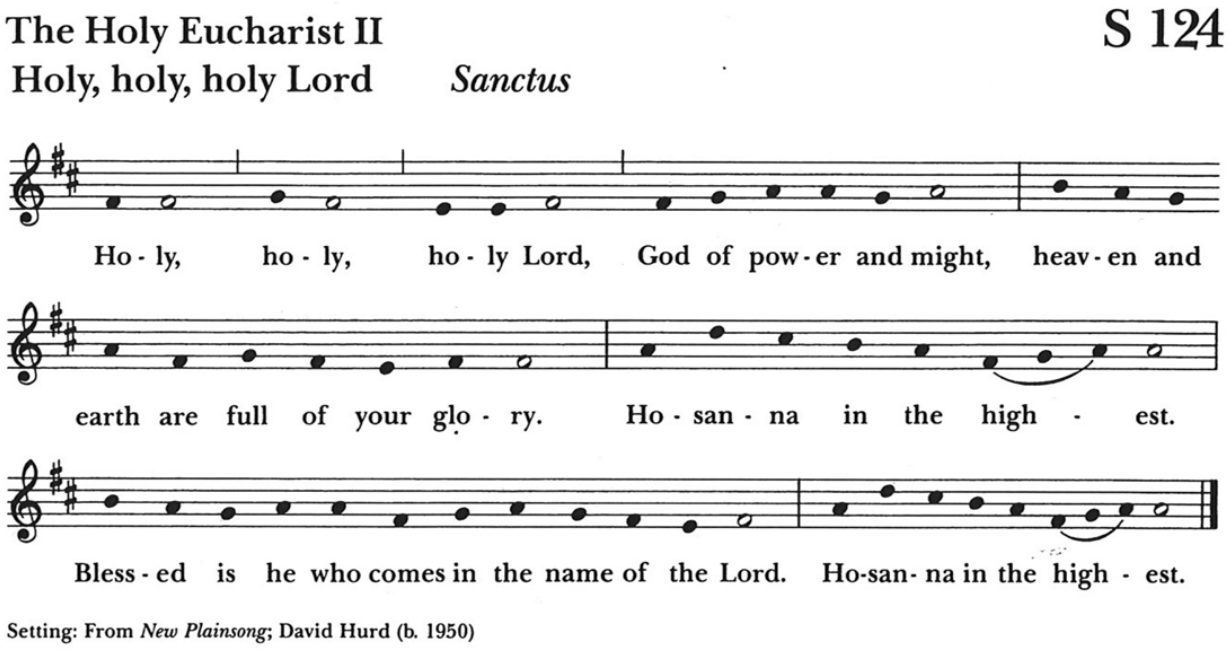
Priest
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever (say) (sing) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

***Sanctus* S124** (spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am)

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



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 your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father 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:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

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 blessed St. Luke and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.**

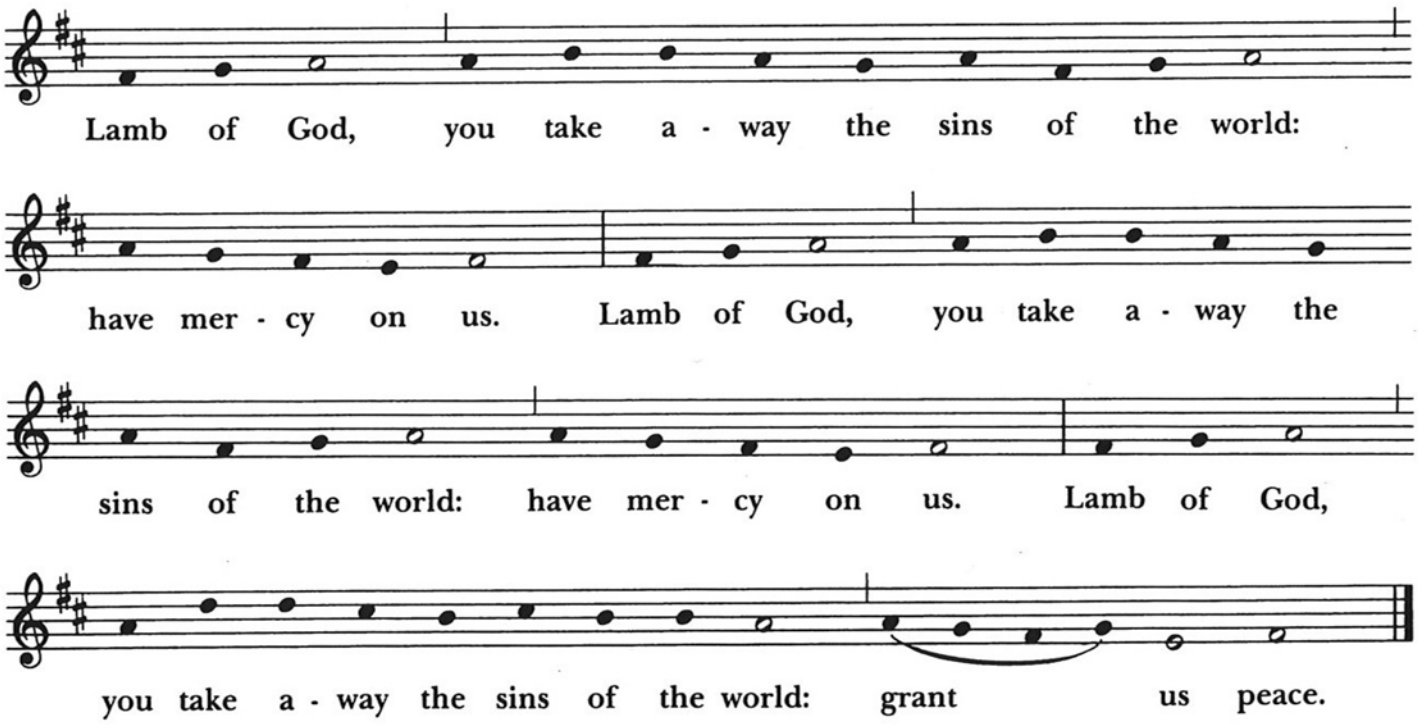
The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

(Fraction Anthem spoken at 5:30pm, sung at 8 am and 10 am)

Fraction Anthem S161 *Agnus Dei, Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.



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Priest 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.

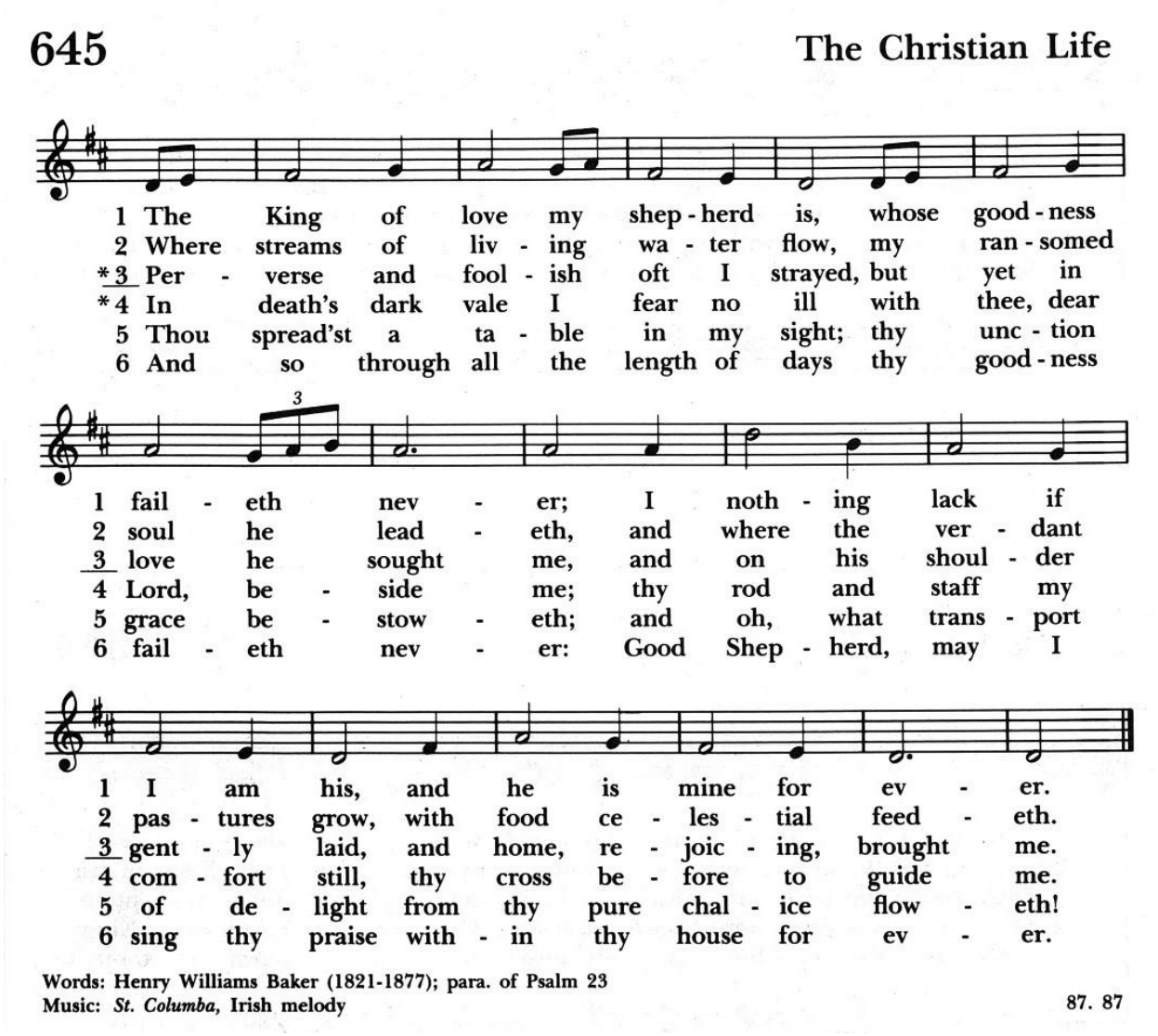
The Communion of the People

The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, 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 long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn H645 *The King of love my shepherd is*



SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

EUCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

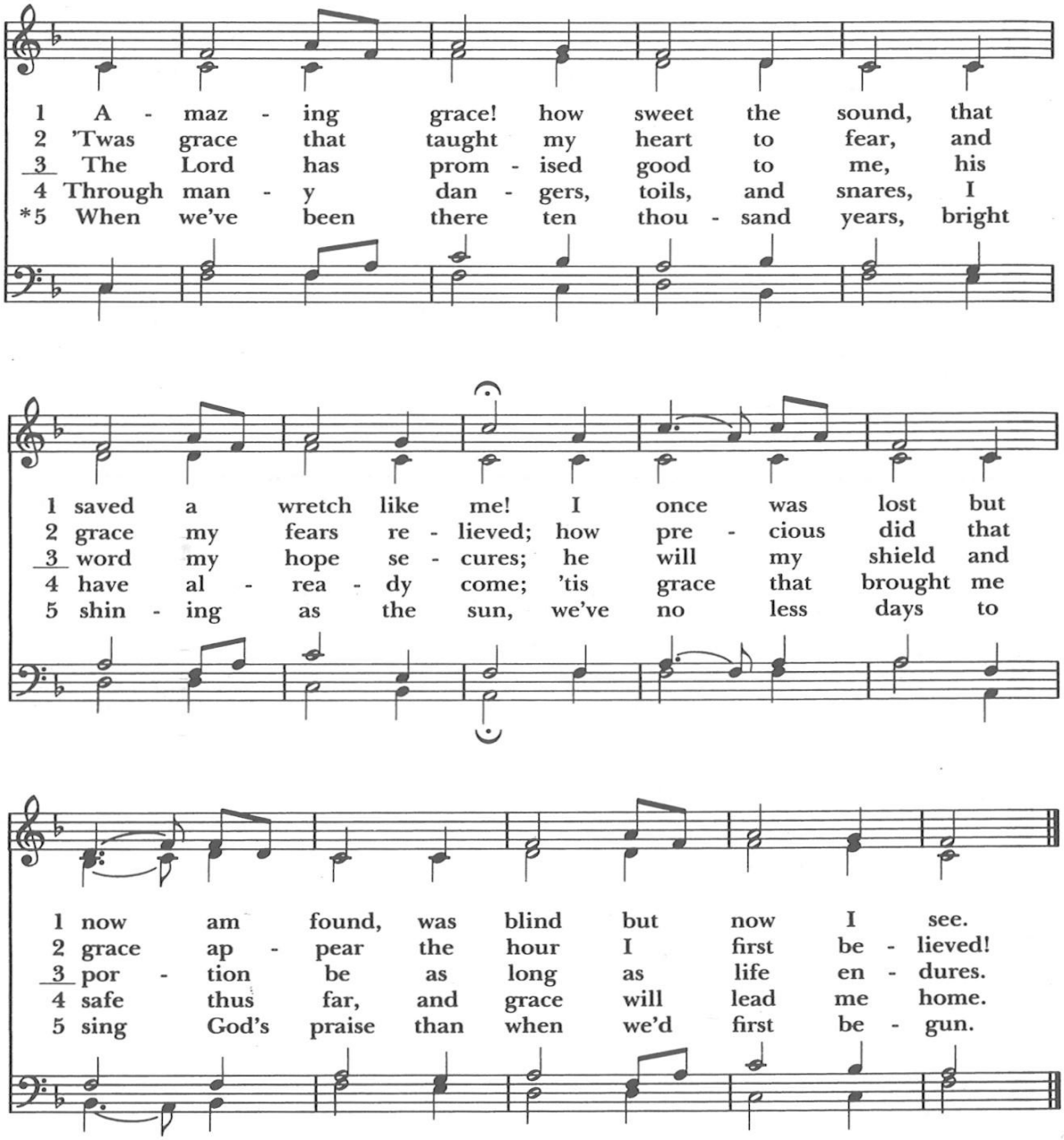
Priest Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn H671 *Amazing Grace*

671 The Christian Life



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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude