The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar
Jay Wilcox, Music Director

WELCOME

***Out of consideration for your fellow worshipers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones*.**

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you!

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Coffee Hour: Whether you are just visiting or have been here often, we would love for you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. If you are new and are not sure where the Bishop's Hall is, please ask anyone and they will be happy to show you!

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *prayground* is located at the back of the church and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still allowing families to participate in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the Atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the Church of The Epiphany, remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Chumash, on whose ancestral land we now stand. This region was once their home, providing an abundance of resources, including fresh water, acorns, and wildlife. The Chumash are still here, having lived in harmony with the land for thousands of years prior to European contact.

We give thanks for the Chumash people and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable, humble, and respectful to the environment. We have much to learn from our Chumash siblings.

May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that all peoples are relatives in life.

May we learn from past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants of this land.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE Let all mortal flesh keep silence David N. Johnson (1922-1981)

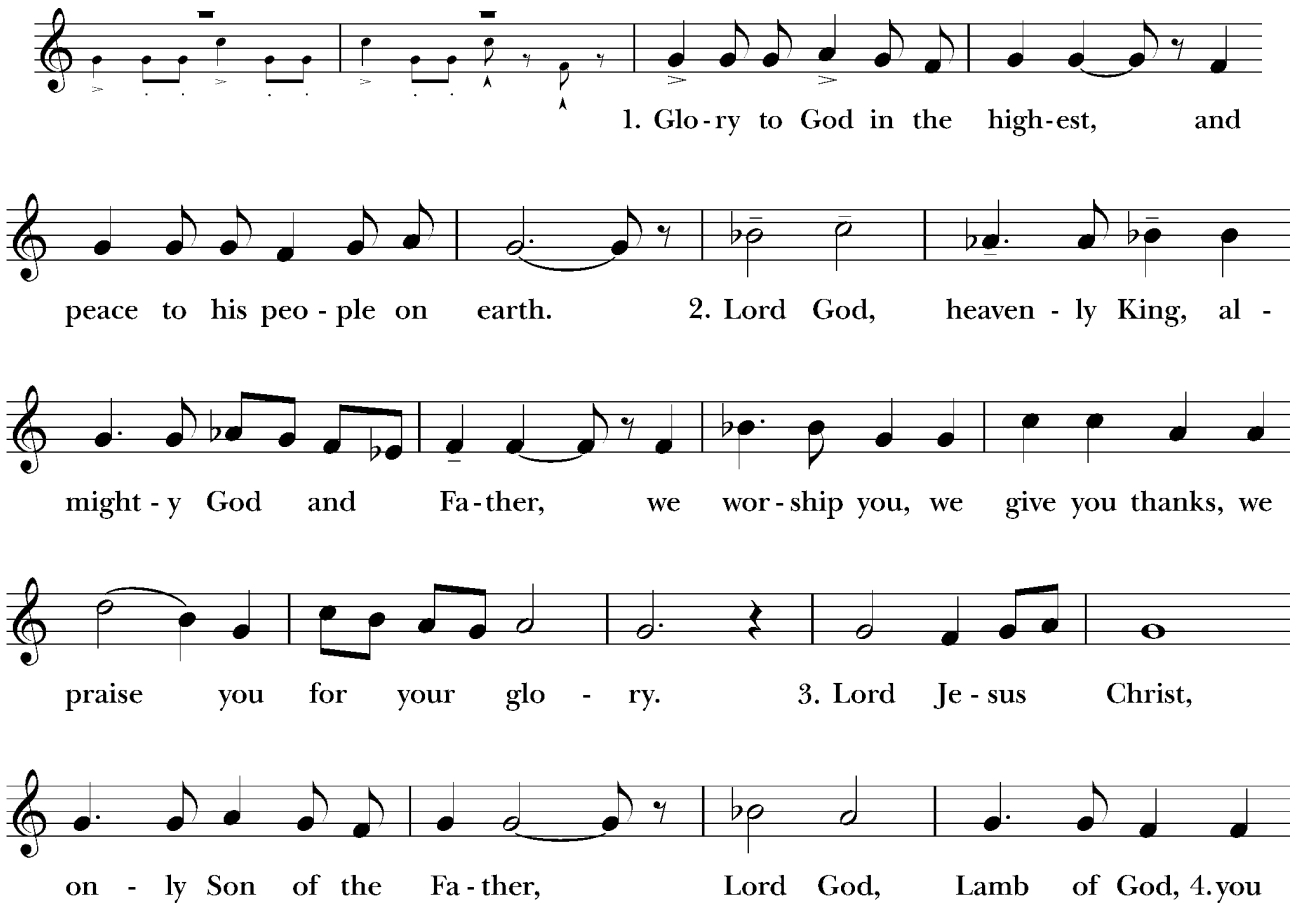
The Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand, as able, and sing
ENTRANCE HYMN
Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates TRURO

OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Remain standing and sing
OPENING ANTHEM
Gloria in excelsis: S-278 William Mathias (1934-1992)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God dwells in you
People **And also in you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

SECOND READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
18 and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
19 and immortality brings one near to God;
20 so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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THIRD READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those

who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

All stand and sing.
SEQUENCE HYMN
Hymn 620 Jerusalem, my happy home LAND OF REST

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
All stand as able

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

[Jesus said,] 1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE CREED
All stand as able

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:
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
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 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

All remain standing.

God of promises, we praise your glory and majesty as we humbly offer, from our hearts, prayers for your presence in our lives as we say: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Uphold and strengthen your church; show us how to be salve to a wounded world and a place of hope and aspiration amidst despair and cynicism.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant our nation a spirit of cooperation; grant our elected leaders the wisdom and courage to do what is right and grant us and our fellow citizens a renewed commitment to liberty and community.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let each of us be agents of healing and reconciliation in the places we call home; that our love for you shines forth in all we do.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the people of the world to address our global challenges and give us the fortitude to make and uphold difficult choices.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer so that they might experience and know the peace which passes understanding that only you can offer. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Aubrey, Brian, Mike, Kyle, Joanne, Judy, Bill M, Dan, Lorraine, Kenneth, Ron, and Vicky. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous and for those on our long-term prayer list.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Remember the dead and bring us together with them in your coming kingdom. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Karen S.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your love and steadfast promises; grant us lives that reflect the gift of your grace. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Presider says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
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.

The Priest stands and says
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
All stand, as able.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Audivi vocem de coelo *(sung by the Schola)*

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem:
venite omnes virgins sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris
dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est:
ecce sponsus venit.

I heard a voice coming from heaven:
come all you most wise virgins;
fill your vessels with oil,
for the bridegroom is coming.
In the middle of the night there was a cry:
behold the bridegroom comes.

Text: Based on Jeremiah 40:10 and Matthew 25:6
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS
Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence PICARDY

The Great Thanksgiving

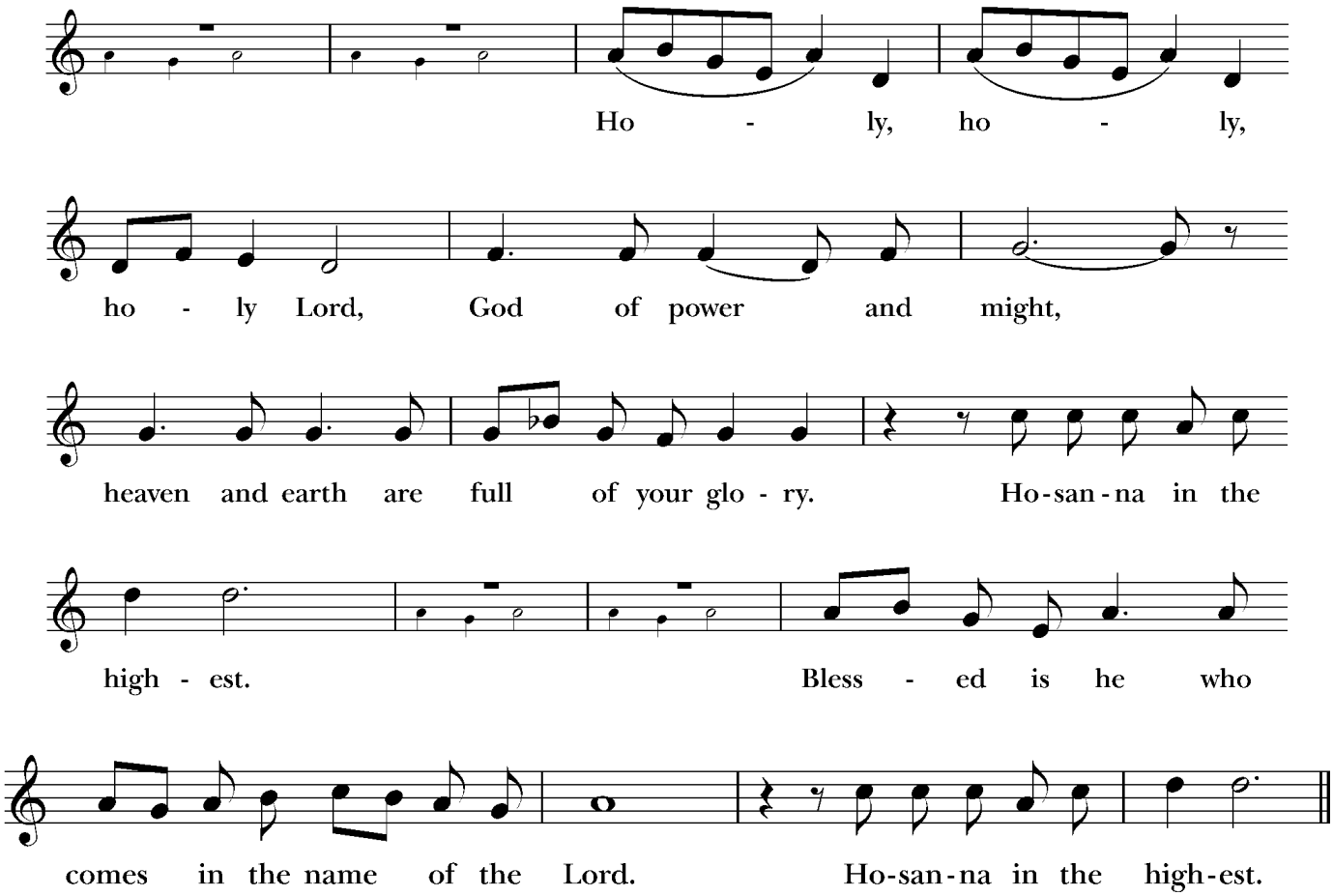
Celebrant God dwells in you.
People **And also in you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS
Hymnal S-128 William Mathias (1934-1992)
Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

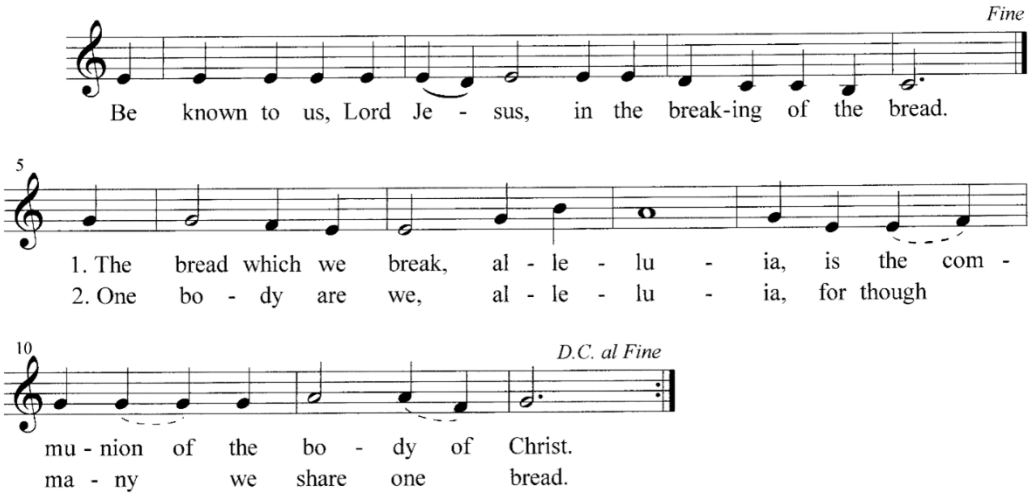
People and Presider

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás 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 la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus Jay Wilcox (b. 1954)



INVITATION

Presider Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

DISTRIBUTION

Presider This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

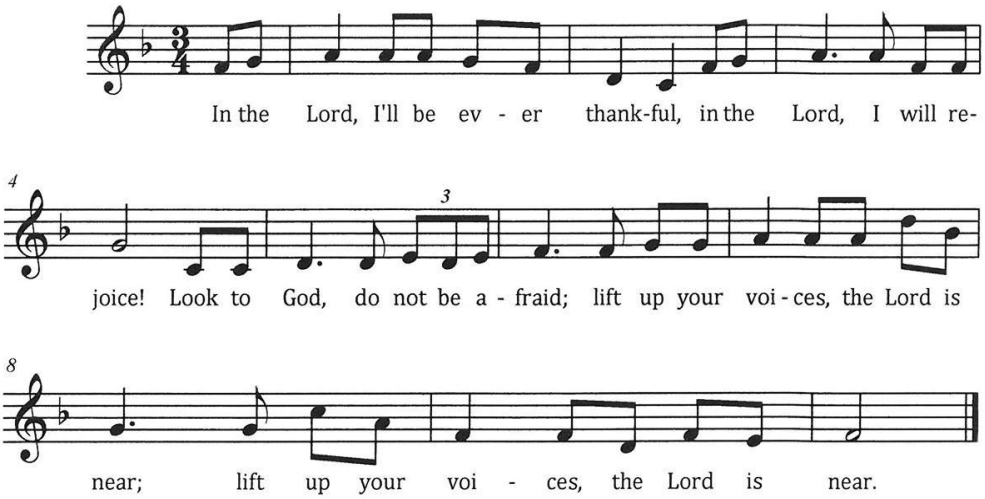
All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the priest.

To receive the host, hold your hands out with your palms facing up. If you wish to drink from the chalice, consume the wafer and the chalice bearer will come to you. If you wish to have the wafer intincted in the wine, leave the wafer in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine, and give it back to you for you to consume.

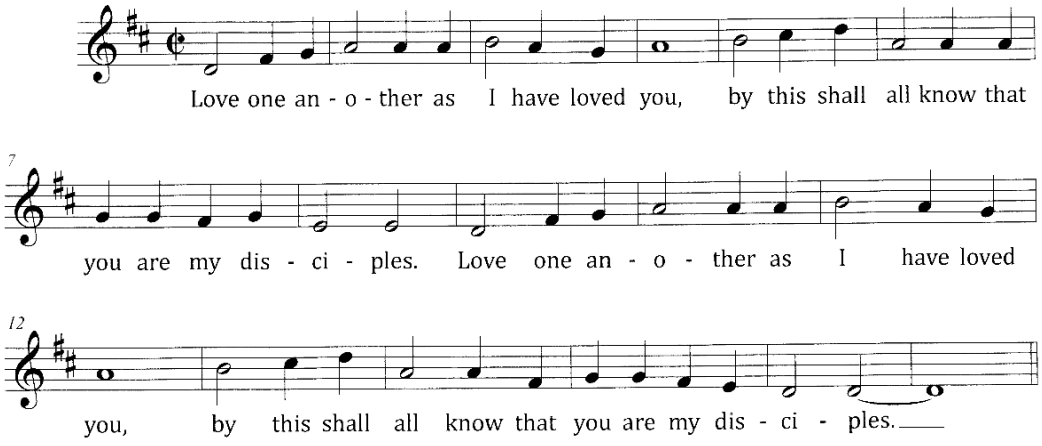
Should you need a gluten-free wafer, indicate that to the priest. It is sufficient for full communion to receive only the host, so if you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and place your hands on the base of the chalice, and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People
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.

BLESSING
The Presider blesses the people.



POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn Eternal Father, strong to save MELITA



Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty Ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O Lord of hosts, to you we turn
To give us grace we cannot earn.
Our soldiers guard our way of life;
Be with them all in times of strife.
Let courage flow from your command;
Be with our forces on the land.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air,
In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair.
O, Hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air.

Eternal Father, grant, we pray
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.

O Trinity of Love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Text: verses 1 and 5: Rev. William Whiting, 1860
verse 2: Donald Sensing, 2007, alt.
verse 3: Anonymous, 1946 (?), after Mary C.D. Hamilton, 1915
verse 4: J.E. Seim, 1966
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Melita: I. Fanfare-Dialogue Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

Please remember in your prayers those on our long-term prayer list:



Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Bill, Mary, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valorie, Michelle, Clara, Chad, Lori, Steve, Ken, Jennifer, Janine, Hazel, Nancy, Dave, Tony, Blair, and Tracy

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