CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

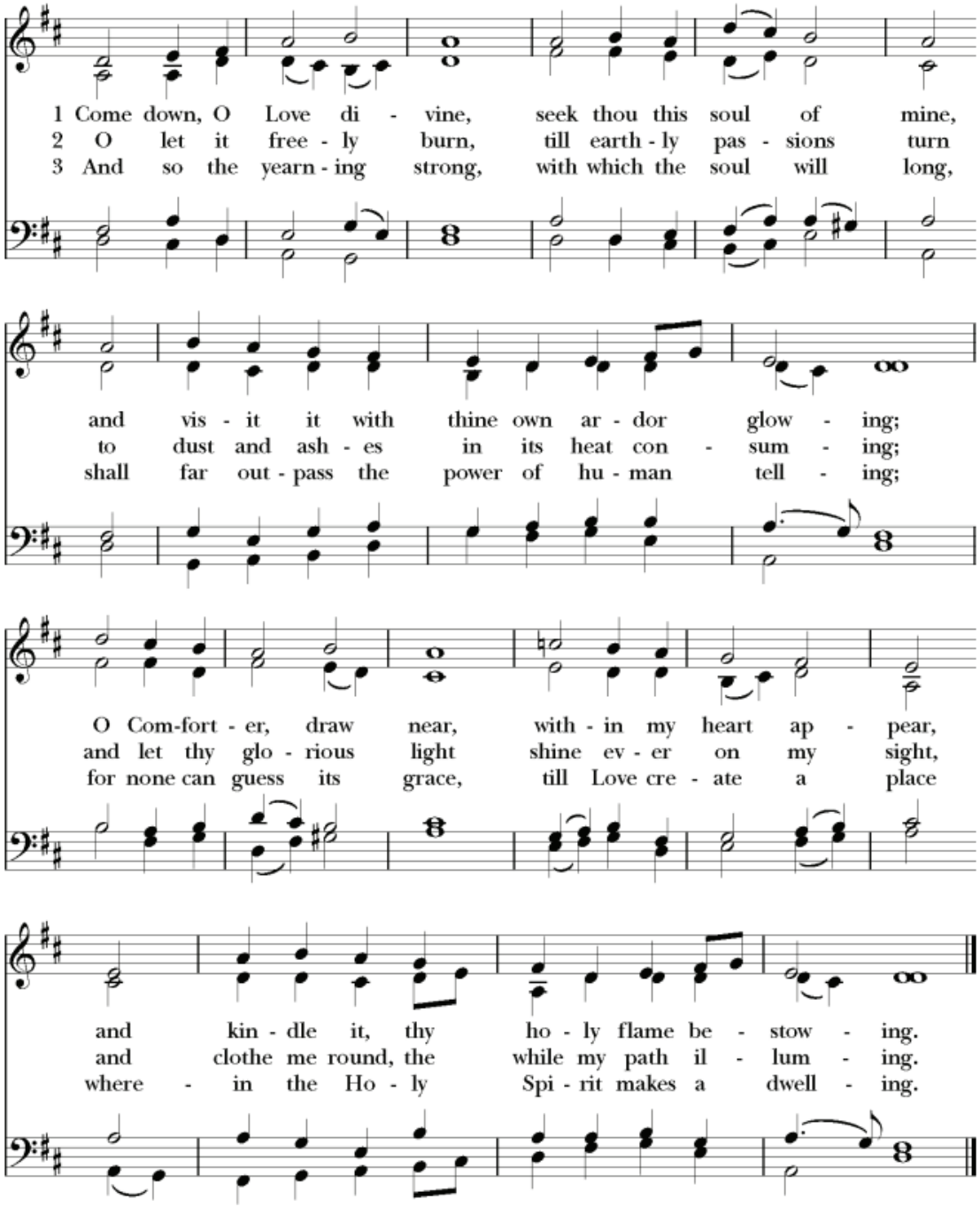
Sunday, June 5, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is recommended, but optional, at Christ Church

You may stream this service from Christ Church's website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Theme and Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus* arr. Maurice Duruflé

OPENING HYMN 516 – Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.

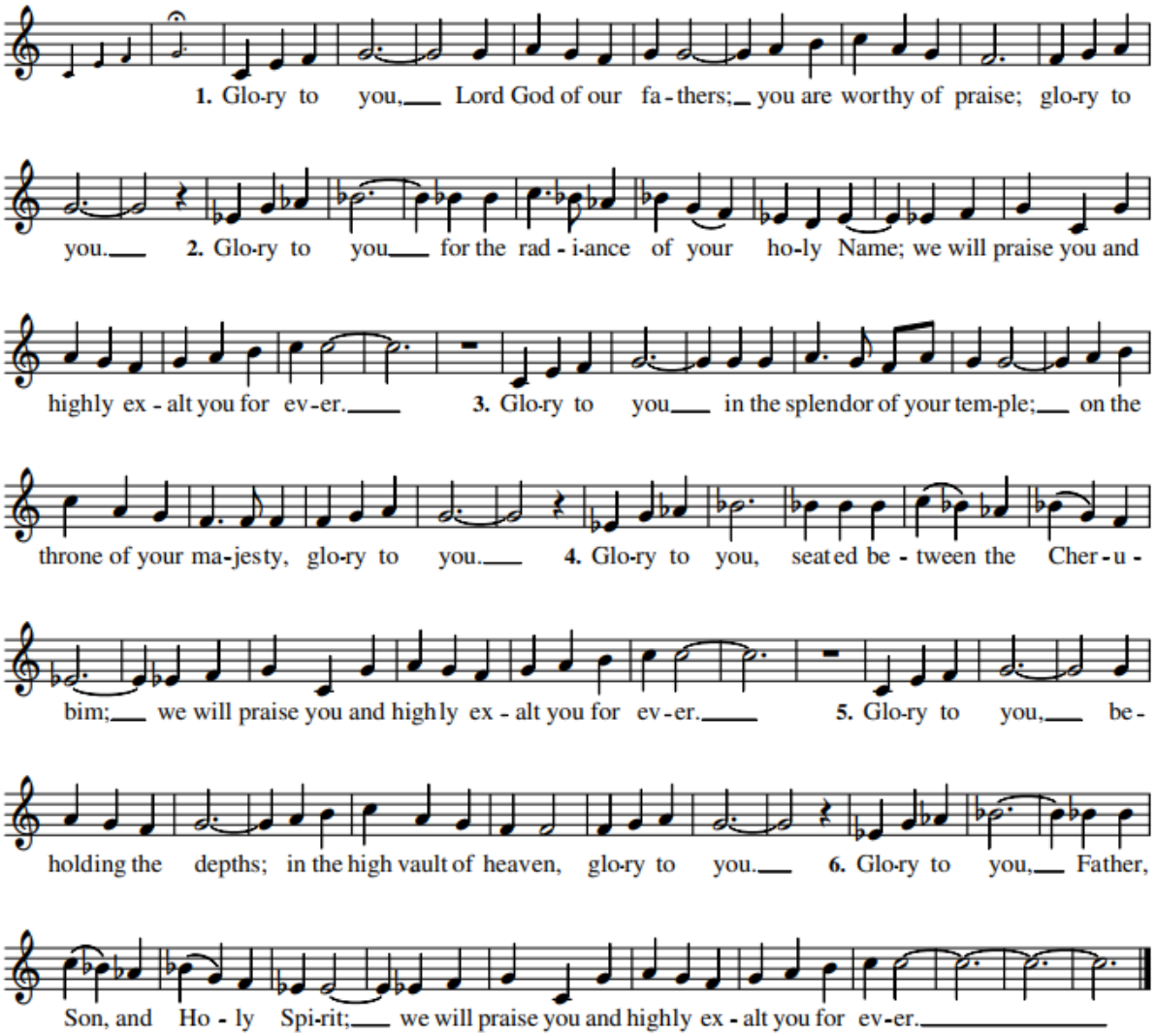
People: **Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

A Song of Praise S236 – Canticle 13 — John Rutter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

. **People:** ***Amen.***

A READING FROM GENESIS 11:1-9

8:00: Dione Mahoney - Spanish
10:30: Cheryl Lucente - Italian, and Blessing Opiri - Igbo

Reader: **A Reading from Genesis.**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse during the 8:00 a.m. service.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea
8:00: Joan Harvey - English

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

At 10:30 a.m. the Psalm is sung by the choir.

Psalm 104 – Many and Great, O God Are Thy Works — Dakota Indian Chant

Diana Hall and Erin Cassidy-Whong, Handbells

Many and great, O God, are thy works, maker of earth and sky;
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.
Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star anointing one; come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.

A READING FROM ACTS 2:1-21

8:00: Sonni Aribiah - Efik

10:30: Shahra Toth - Hungarian, and Pamela Pruitt - French

Reader: **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Reader When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

People **"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"**

Reader Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs.

People **"In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."**

Reader All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

People **"What does this mean?"**

Reader But others sneered and said,

People **"They are filled with new wine."**

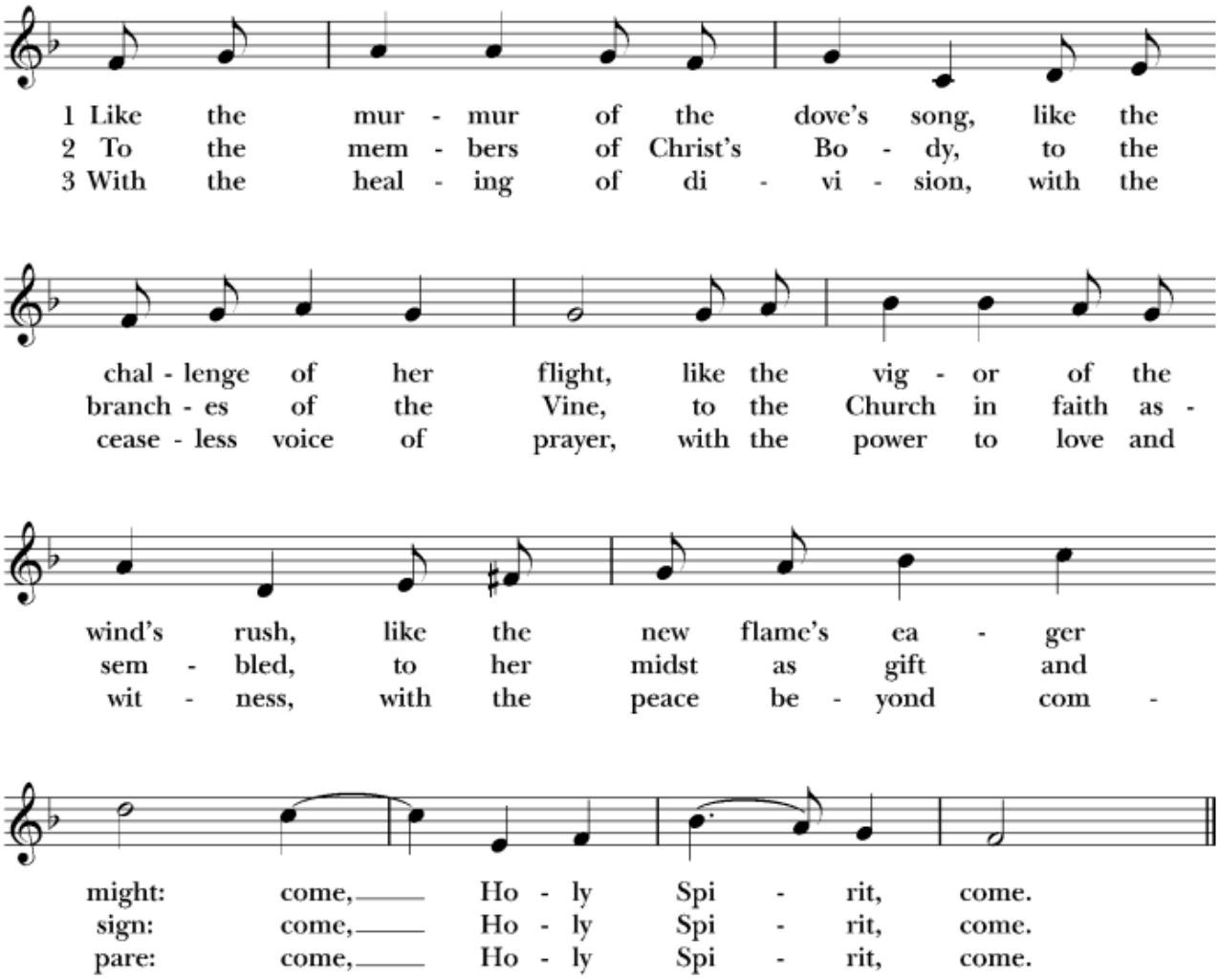
Reader But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 513 – Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Bridegroom



THE GOSPEL John 14:8-17 (25-27)
8:00 & 10:30: Jane Adams – Chinese

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."
["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

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

SERMON The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

CHORAL MEDITATION – If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. ~John 14:15

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, on this Pentecost Sunday when You sent Your spirit as a mighty rush of wind and as tongues of fire, filling your disciples with the Holy Spirit and sending them out to speak of Your deeds of power, pour the strength of Your Holy Spirit into us here present so that we, too, may do Your work in what is often a broken and troubled world. ***Hear us, Lord.***

Put our feet, we pray, on Your right paths, to do Your will among, toward, and for all people. On this first Sunday of Pride Month, we especially give thanks that You have called us to be a welcoming and affirming congregation. We lift up and honor our family, friends, neighbors, and parishioners in the LGBTQ+ community. ***Hear us, Lord.***

Lord, blow the mighty wind of Your Holy Spirit into us, and all people in churches everywhere, so that we become renewed, awaken from our complacency, released from our despair, refreshed with new commitment. In the worldwide Anglican communion, we pray today for the people and leaders of the Anglican Church of South Africa. In the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, we pray today for the people and leaders of St. Thomas', Owings Mills; Sherwood, Cockeysville; and Trinity, Long Green. Here at Christ Church, we pray for our congregation, for the newcomers and visitors with us, for our clergy and lay leaders. We welcome home Mother Marcia. We are grateful for the blessing of Len Langrick's year of music ministry with us. ***Hear us, Lord.***

Send Your Holy Spirit – the Comforter – to all people who today are suffering, who are afraid, who are ill, who are dying, who are victims of violence, war, or terror. Enfold them, and us, in your peace which passes all understanding. In our parish family we pray today especially for Joan, Gina, Coy, Ivy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Nell, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we each now name. We pray for those we love who have died, especially those we each now name. May they have new life in Your eternal home. ***Hear us, Lord.***

In today's psalm, we are reminded that You open Your hand and we are filled with good things. For all of the joy and beauty and wonder of life, we thank you. We thank you for the birthday of Shreya and anniversary of Christina & Shawn Frederick this week. We rejoice in their lives and in their love. ***Hear us, Lord.***

Almighty God, send forth Your spirit and renew the face of the earth, this day and in all our days to come. ***AMEN.***

THE PEACE

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

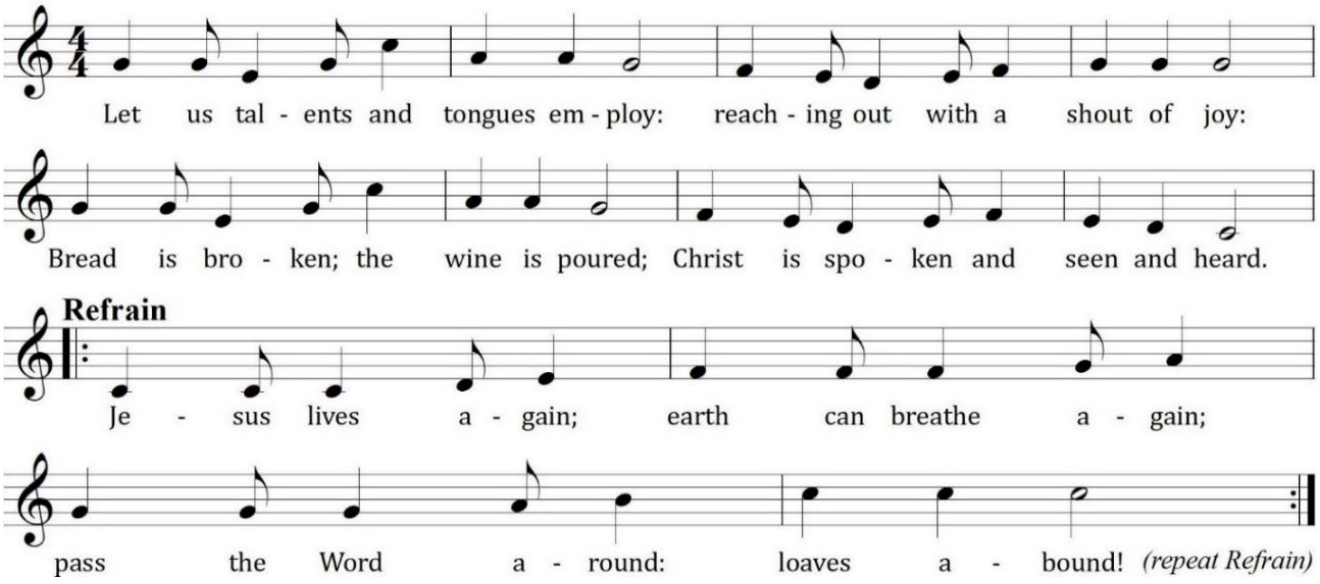
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – I Will Sing with the Spirit — John Rutter

I will sing with the Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia...
And I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia, alleluia. – I Corinthians 14:15

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1 — Linstead



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

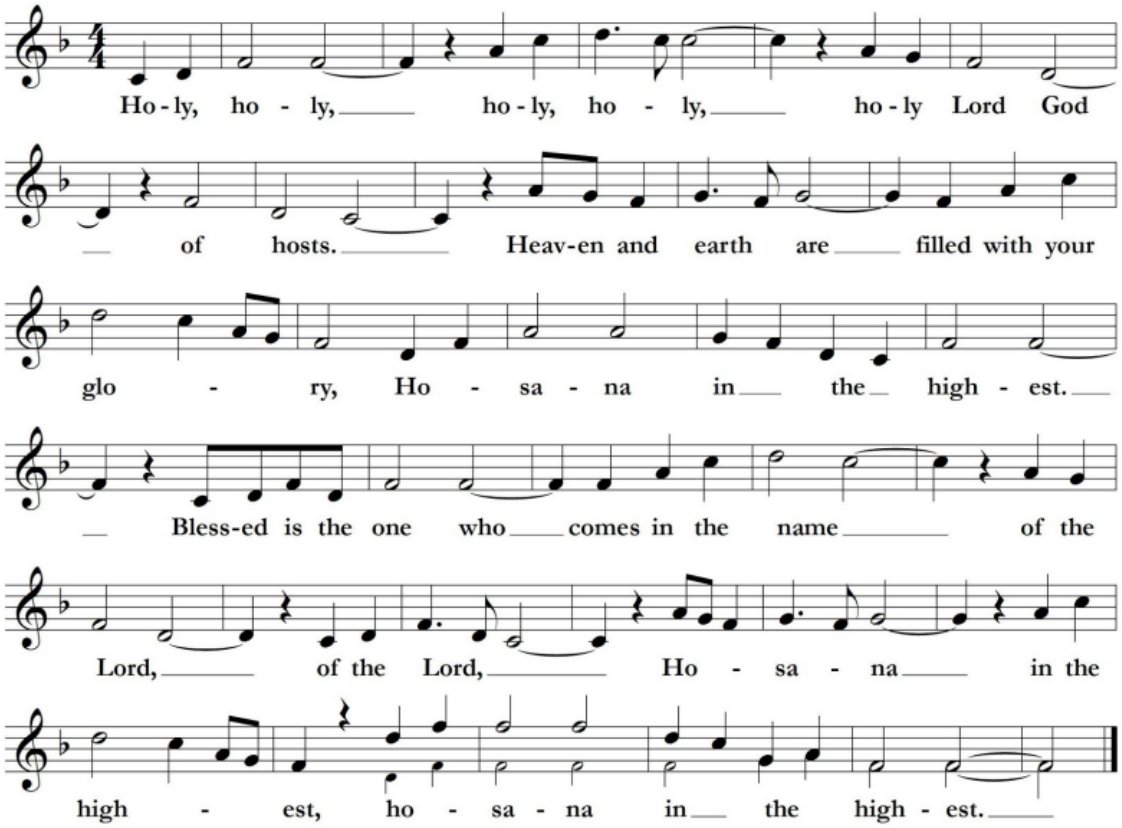
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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

Celebrant: 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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

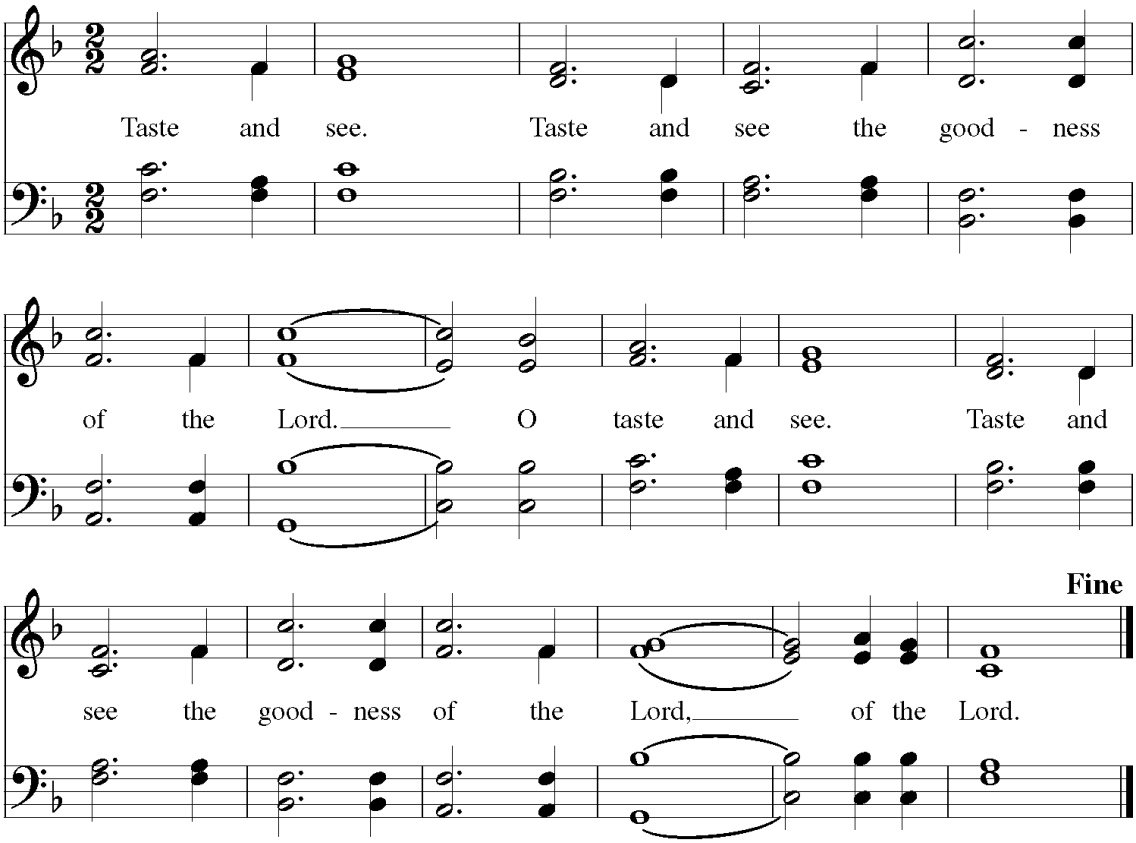
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

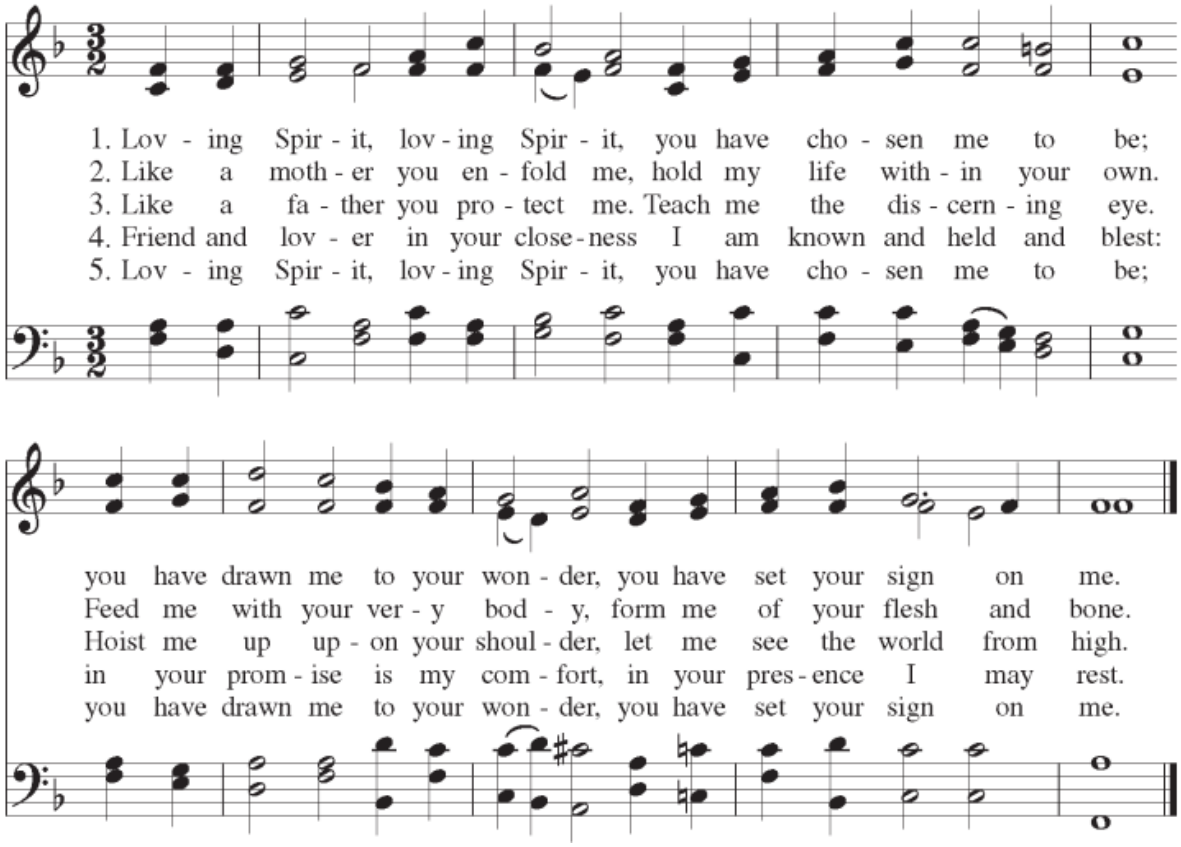
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

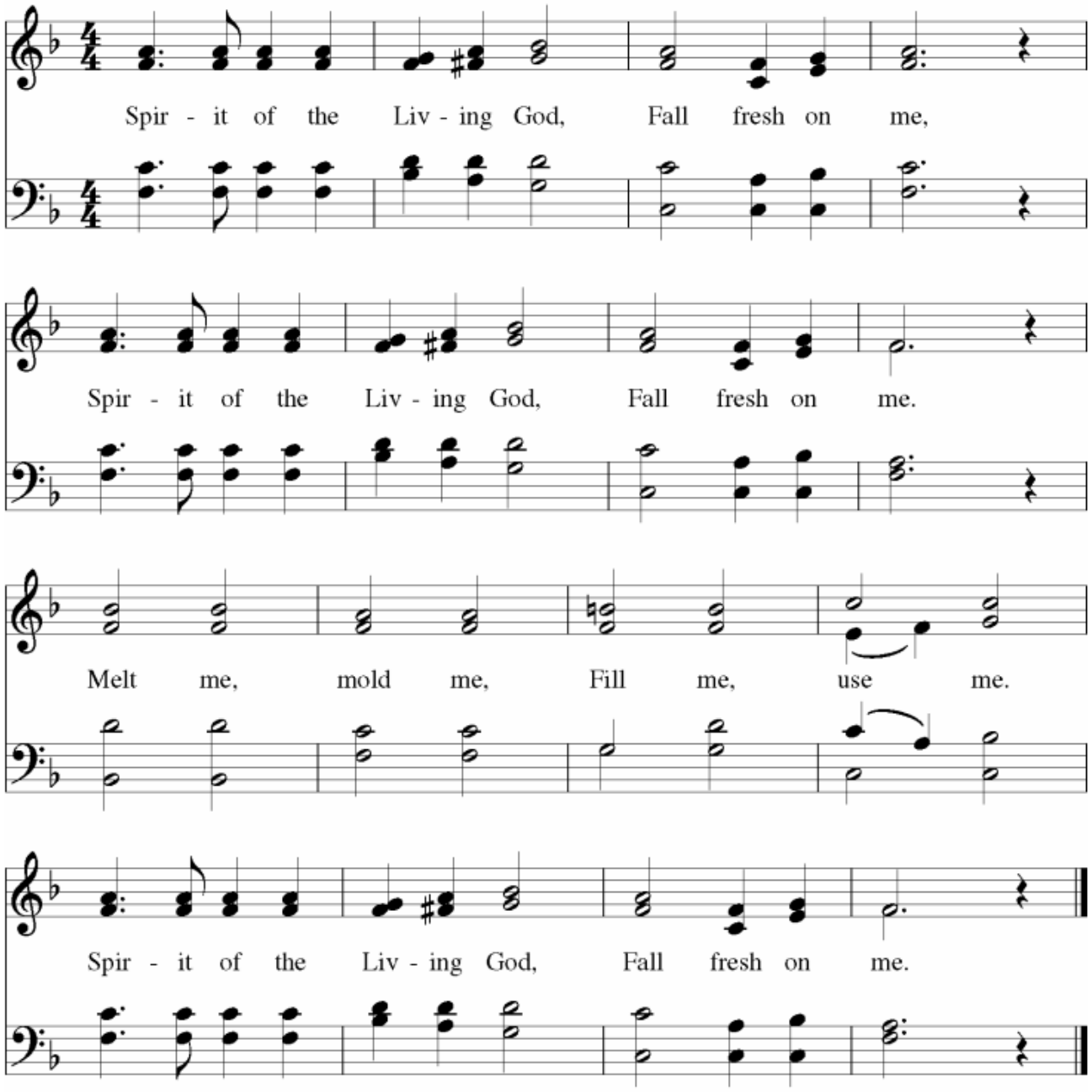
FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 (Refrain) James E. Moore, Jr.



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN WLP 742 – Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit Omni die



COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 115 – Spirit of the Living God Iveson

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these 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.**

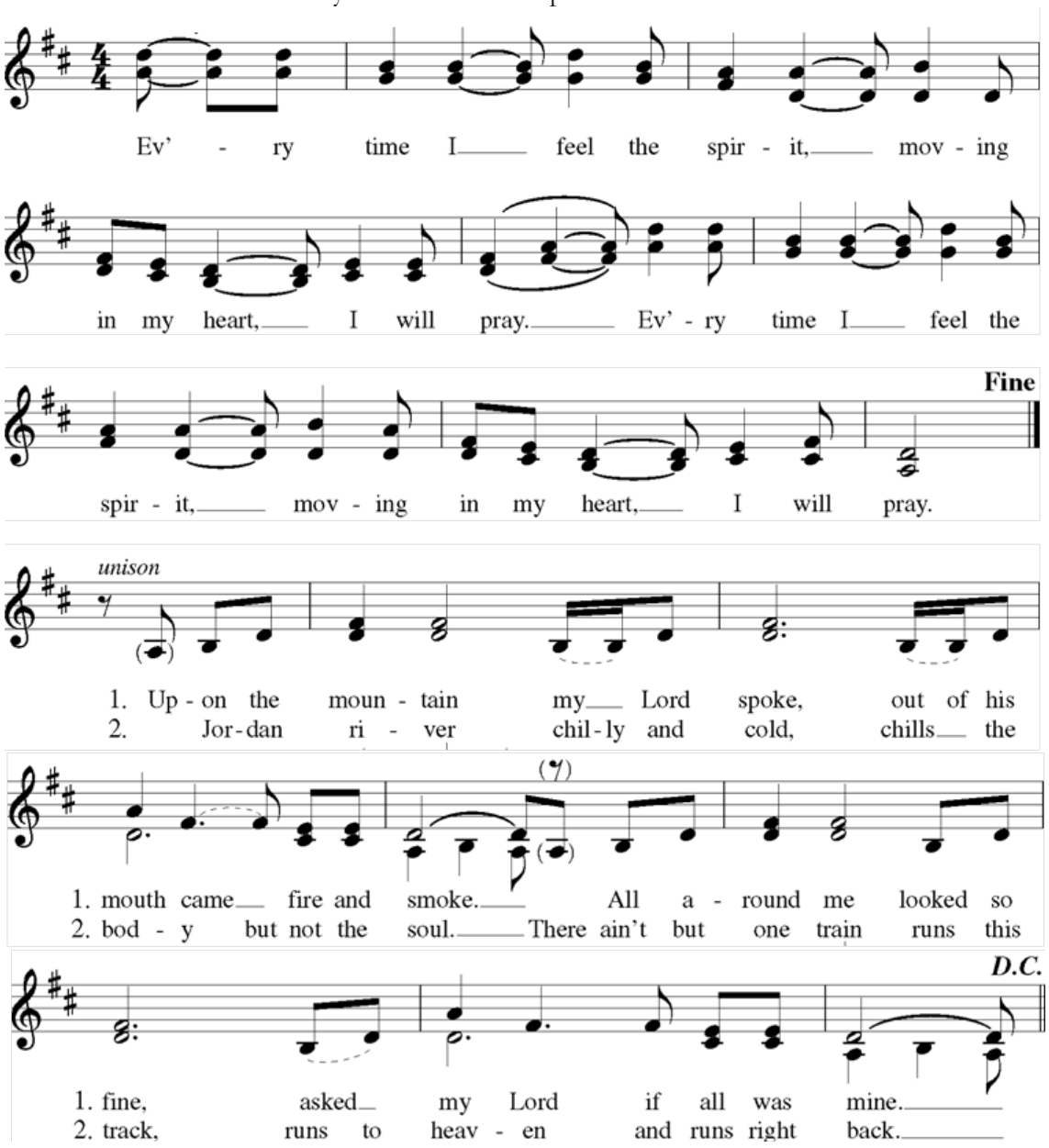
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: 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

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 114 – Every Time I Feel the Spirit — Spiritual

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – Trumpet Tunes Calvin Hampton

Today's altar flowers were donated by Mary J. Layton
in loving memory of
Dr. Linda Randolph.

Lumen Christi Dancers:

Peggy Hoffman
Veronica Ivey
Shahra Toth
Sharon Werth
Suzanne Ziobro

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Day of Pentecost: This Sunday

Join us for Pentecost Sunday at Christ Church. If you want to join us for any service in person, let us know by completing our brief attendance registration form. The New Brick Sanctuary will look slightly different when you arrive on Sunday, as we've reconfigured it for the summer months. For those worshipping remotely, we'll always livestream the 10:30 a.m. service on all of our usual platforms, so join us a few minutes before that. See you all on Sunday!

Youth Formation

Sunday School wraps up for the season this Sunday. Every child is welcome to join us, with both sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. If this is your first time, the registration form is located here and you can send completed ones to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll. You can receive the elementary-age Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The older youth session is run by our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, and meets in the Parish Hall.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle

Our popular Sunday morning Adult Forum series is back this weekend. Join us in person or online; the Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 830 0680 9158, and Password is AFSC.

Confirmation Update

Confirmation classes are on hiatus until September, so be sure to join us then. We have learned that Bishop Sutton will be at Christ Church on Sunday, December 4th to lead us in Confirmation, so mark your calendars!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

We hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services each Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Additionally, if you'd like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, please sign up using this link or scan the QR code that's on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the Christ Church Altar Guild this season. Altar Guild is a volunteer group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - jdeboissiere@gmail.com

We're in Need of a Few More Tellers

Christ Church is in need of a few more tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you might be interested.

New Committees at Christ Church

As mentioned during the recent Sunday Town Hall discussions, Father Manny shared two Committee plans that we are developing. These important steps are designed to help deepen and enrich our common life. This is a chance to take part in helping shape our future, so if you are interested in serving on the Worship or the Fellowship Committee, please sign up on the sheets that are located in the Narthex.

Women of Christ Church Meeting - June 6th
The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom next Monday, June 6th at 1 p.m. This will be our last meeting before we take our summer break. If you're a woman who's aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening! The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and Password is cecWOCC

Saturday, September 17th marks the return of the annual Christ Church Flea Market! This is our primary fundraiser for the year, and we are excited to be able to offer it again. We'll be sending out information for renting spaces soon, and will also be looking for lots of volunteers to help run the event. The rain date will be September 24th. Keep your eyes peeled for more details soon!

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings
Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 859 2522 4340 and Password is Centering! You can also check out last week's Centering Prayer on YouTube.

Choir Rehearsal
Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time… and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

A Celebration - Sunday, June 12th
Join us as we gather after the 10:30 worship on June 12th. That day will be Len's last as Interim Music Director, so we hope that you'll stick around and give thanks for the wonderful music and service that Len has provided over the last year. We will also celebrate Father Manny's birthday that day (his is June 11th), so join us for food and fellowship. If you would like to help us set up for the festivities, please contact the Church Office. If you would like to make a contribution please write either "Len's Purse" or "Fr. Manny's Purse" on your check's memo line or in the memo line of Realm's "General Offering" fund.

Father's Day (June 19th) Flowers
If you would like to donate to Altar Flowers in memory or thanksgiving of someone special on Father's Day (June 19th), there are two ways you can do so. You can complete the form that's in the Narthex, or you can go online and use the Altar Flowers and Gifts fund. Whichever method you choose, be sure to include the name(s) of the people you wish to acknowledge; there's a line on the written form, or use the *Memo* field if giving online.

Juneteenth - June 19th
Please join us on Sunday, June 19 when we will commemorate Juneteenth during both of our Sunday services with a special liturgy that will begin in front of Old Brick, a Sunday Circle adult forum on Juneteenth from 9:30-10:15, and a meal following the 10:30 service. We are thrilled that we will be welcoming the Rev. Canon Christine McCloud, Diocesan Canon for Mission, as our guest preacher at both services and as the leader of our Sunday Circle on Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the commemoration of the day on June 19, 1865 when the last enslaved peoples in the United States learned of their emancipation. It is celebrated across the United States as the day slavery ceased in this country.

SAT Summer Camp Kickoff - June 22nd
In conjunction with Howard County Public School System, Applerouth Testing Agency, and the Paumier family, Christ Church will be offering a free Summer Camp for 40 students at Oakland Mills High School. This has been made possible by a generous donation from Cy Paumier's family. Christ Church will host a kickoff event on

Wednesday, June 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is highly encouraged to join us in the New Brick Sanctuary as we celebrate our first Paumier Scholars!

Spread the Word: Pet Food Giveaway by Howard County Animal Control
When household budgets are tight, Rover and Fluff might be left wanting. If you or a pet owner whom you know is experiencing hard times, here's good news. The Howard County Animal Control & Adoption Center is planning to distribute free items during a Pet Food Pantry event. The distribution takes place next Tuesday, June 7th, from 9 to 11 a.m., or while supplies last, at Howard County Animal Control, 8675 Davis Rd., Columbia, Md. 21045. For information, call 410-313-2780 or email: animalcontrol@howardcountymd.gov.

Take a Field Trip On June 10th to Saint Luke's Youth Center, which Sets a New Date Next Month for its Poetry Event to Support Summer Camp
Join in the activities on Friday, June 10th, when the Christ Church Outreach Commission will take a field trip to St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC). It's pronounced as "slick". The non-profit organization, which operates year-round from the former St. Luke's Episcopal parish in West Baltimore, has been in the news as the recipient of a reparations grant.

We are inviting anyone interested to join us in carpooling or meeting up at historic St. Luke's, located at 217 N. Carey Street, Baltimore, Md. We will spend an hour from 4 to 5 p.m. observing SLYC After School, a program that engages about 40 young people. Pandemic protocols are intended to keep everyone safe. To attend, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Also please mark your calendars for a change in the date of SLYC's poetry program, "The Dream Project, Visions of Renewal in West Baltimore." The fundraiser for summer camp, which was originally set this month, has been rescheduled for Friday, July 1st, at 4:30 p.m. to be held online through Facebook Live and in person.

Youth who participate in Camp Imagination will share original works of poetry, dance, music, and art. Enjoy guest performances by Granny Slam (aka Grandma Clark), Gayle Danley, and Jazz by Aaron Hill. You can link to the event from the website for SLYC. For the second year in a row, the Christ Church Outreach Commission has donated $500 in Vestry-approved funds to support SLYC's summer camp. Thanks to all parishioners for your contributions to making that possible.

Some of you may recall meeting leaders of SLYC in February when several visited Christ Church. In informal conversations, Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark, Board Member Nyah Vanterpool, and Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot described SLYC's collaborative model. It includes families, staff members, and supporters and volunteers from several Episcopal parishes.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is among the partners. Last week, the diocese presented SLYC and five other organizations with reparations grants, as described in a May 25 press release. The award was described in a May 26 news article in *The Washington Post* and in coverage of the presentation, including photos, that appeared on May 27 in *The Baltimore Sun*.

SLYC leaders will speak at Christ Church on Sunday, Aug. 7th, during both worship services. Please save the date. They'll describe in-person tutoring and other volunteer opportunities that you may wish to explore as individuals or in small groups when the 2022-23 school year begins. Requests to parishes for "time, gifts, and talents" go well beyond tutoring students in math, reading, and writing. For example, there are needs for carpenters, architects, and landscapers or for grant-writers and graphic designers. To learn more, email the executive director at amanda@bmoreslyc.org.

Or, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org and ask to be put in contact with parishioner Michon Semon, who is the Outreach Commission's liaison to SLYC.

Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers, Personal Care Items

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization, Columbia Community Care (CCC). Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. You can put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

The items as well as groceries and produce are distributed at three sites: Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and at the Barn/Teen Center indoor space in the Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

Recipients are welcomed from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For volunteers, donations and drop-offs begin at 9 a.m. You'll find updates, such as requests for volunteers at specific sites, posted in the CCC Facebook Group.

Donate Snacks, Crackers and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for FISH of Howard County are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

DreamBuilders:
Our May Mission Trip

From May 15-21, 2022, seven DreamBuilders missioners from several member religious organizations (Ascension, Christ, St. Mark's, Temple Isaiah, and Trinity) traveled to Puerto Rico to help with the renovation of a home damaged in Hurricane Maria. This was the first DreamBuilders mission trip since before COVID.

We worked in San Juan on a home owned by 44-year-old Kaisy Ramírez París and her 16-year-old son. Kaisy was eight months old when her family moved into the home. When asked about her favorite memories of the house, Kaisy answered: "I am the second of five siblings; we all grew up together in this house. We had a lot of friends, so my house was always full of neighborhood kids. It was the center of gatherings. I will always cherish my childhood memories in my house."

During Hurricane Maria, the roof leaked and the place flooded. Kaisy Has been waiting five years for the renovation! DreamBuilders worked with SBP Puerto Rico during the week. Our tasks included painting the interior and exterior of the home, cleaning up trash and debris from the yard and laying ceramic tile in the bathroom and bedrooms. It was hot and humid, but SPB provided fans to keep us cool while we worked. We visited Old Town San Juan where we had invited our SBP partners to a dinner as a "Thank You!" for their wonderful support of our work and to continue to build relationships with them begun during the week. Plus, some of us even got to the beach after work!

The SBP leadership was very complimentary of our work and enthusiasm. Kike (pronounced "Key-Kay") Garcia, the SBP house project leader, said, "Working with DreamBuilders volunteers was an example to follow. They are full of energy and wisdom, with hearts to serve and help. Thank you!" According to KiKe, the project is now ahead of schedule, with completion scheduled before the end of June.

Bottom line: very successful trip and it's great to be back doing what our Lord asks of us: to help those in need.

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OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank ***YOU***. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

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ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

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