The Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

January 23, 2022
10:00 am
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the Greeter at the door.

We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals. We also have copies of *The Sunday Paper* and *The Sunday Paper Junior* to help children and their adults understand the day's scripture. Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate; we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email.

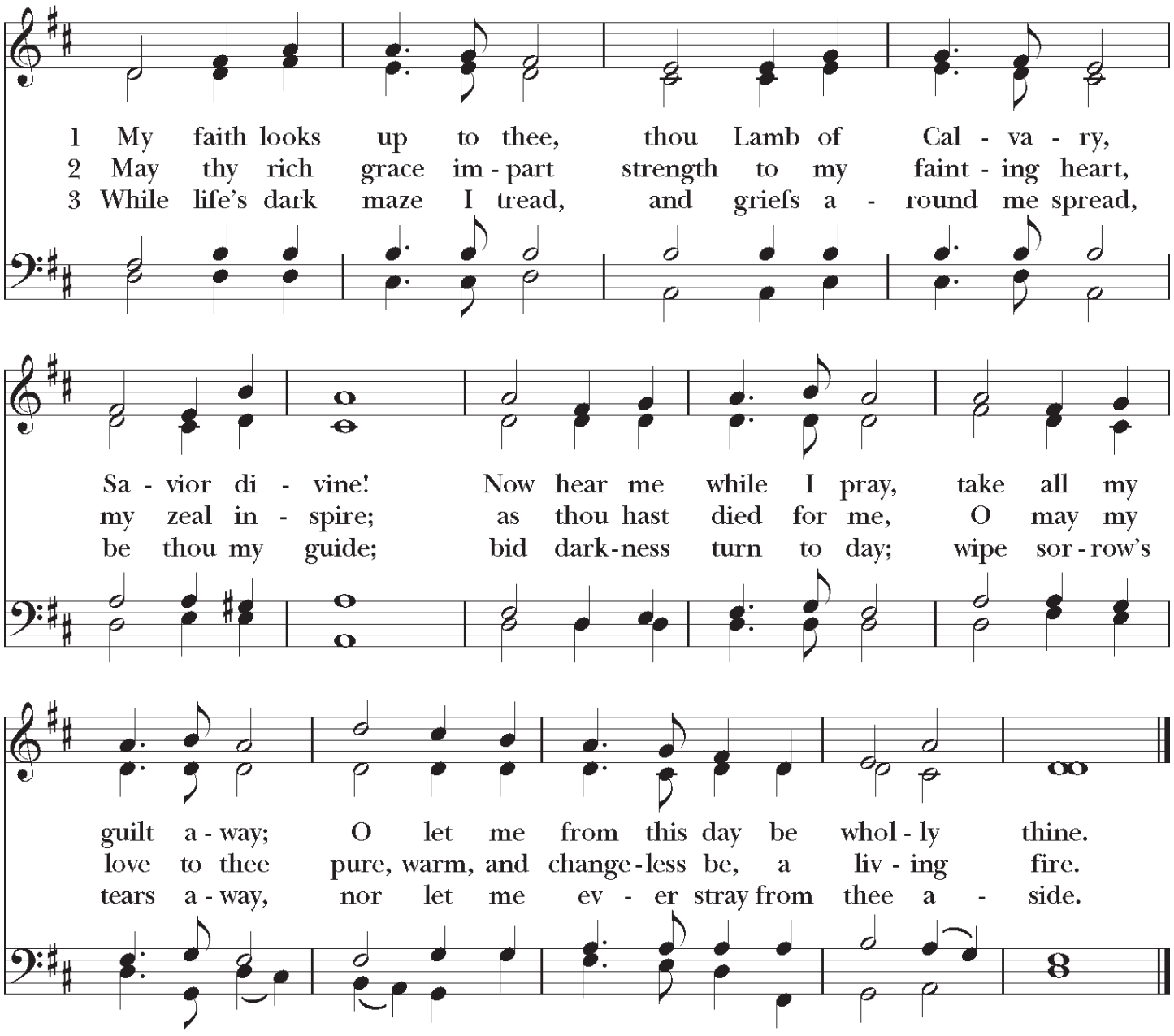
If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please speak to either the Greeter or the clergy. Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net.

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.

We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

My faith looks up to thee — The Hymnal 1982 #691

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Brothers and sisters, we have come together to worship God whose hands are always stretched out in blessing and healing. This, he has shown us through his Son, Jesus Christ. We come to thank him for calling us to share in this work of healing. We come to seek his grace and wisdom for a buised and broken world. We come to give ourselves to him, that we may be instruments of his love and power to all who need his healing touch today.

The people sit or kneel for confession

Eternal Father, God of our ancestors, before your power all things tremble, but through your Son we approach your throne. We have done wrong and neglected to do right; our sins weigh heavily on our hearts; Lord have mercy, count them not against us. Grant us the joy of forgiveness and lighten our hearts with the glory of Christ, who died and rose again for us. Amen.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ rejoices at repentance and declares his acceptance. The dead are alive, the lost are found. His goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life, and you will live in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we are weak but you are strong; we are poor but you are rich; we are sinful but you forgive; we are sick but you give health. Come to us through your Holy Spirit, so that we may receive all that you plan for our healing and wholeness, and may all glory and honor come back to you. Amen.

Praise be to the Lord our King;
Praise be to the Lord of Lords.
He forgives sins; He heals our ailments.
He died to give us life; He rose to give us hope.
Christ is with us now; He is here indeed.
The Spirit is here; with healing in his wings.

Let us pray for health and healing.

We give thanks that God longs for healing and wholeness for all people. Let us bless the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

For the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, touching men and women at the place of their deepest need.
We bless the name of the Lord.

For the work of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us for this ministry today.
We bless the name of the Lord.

For the Gospel of Christ, which embraces the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.
We bless the name of the Lord.

We bring before you Lord, those we know who need your healing touch, the sick, the lonely, the bhereaved, those enslaved by drugs, the displaced, the confused, the hungry, those who have wandered away from home.
Reach out and touch them now O Lord.

Bless all in the medical profession who work to bring health to others. Sustain those who care for the sick in their homes. Give special grace to those who minister to the dying.
Bless and empower.

Guide those who suffer from AIDS in the way they should live. Lead us to show them your love.
We pray for hope and courage.

Bring healing in every family where there is stress and conflict.
We pray for healing and reconciliation.

Bring about a healing of relationships in this church. Bring reconciliation, bring harmony, bring peace, bring unity. Just as the Father is one with the Son and the Holy Spirit, may your people, though many, enjoy that unity of purpose which the Holy Spirit alone enables and facilitates. Grant us the privilege of meeting with you today and enjoying your presence in this service as we wait with expectancy for the great things that you are going to do for your people. We pray this in the name of the Lord and healer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Psalm 19 *Said responsively.*

[1] The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

[2] One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

[3] Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

[4] Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

[5] In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

[6] It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

[7] The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

[8] The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

[9] The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

[10] More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

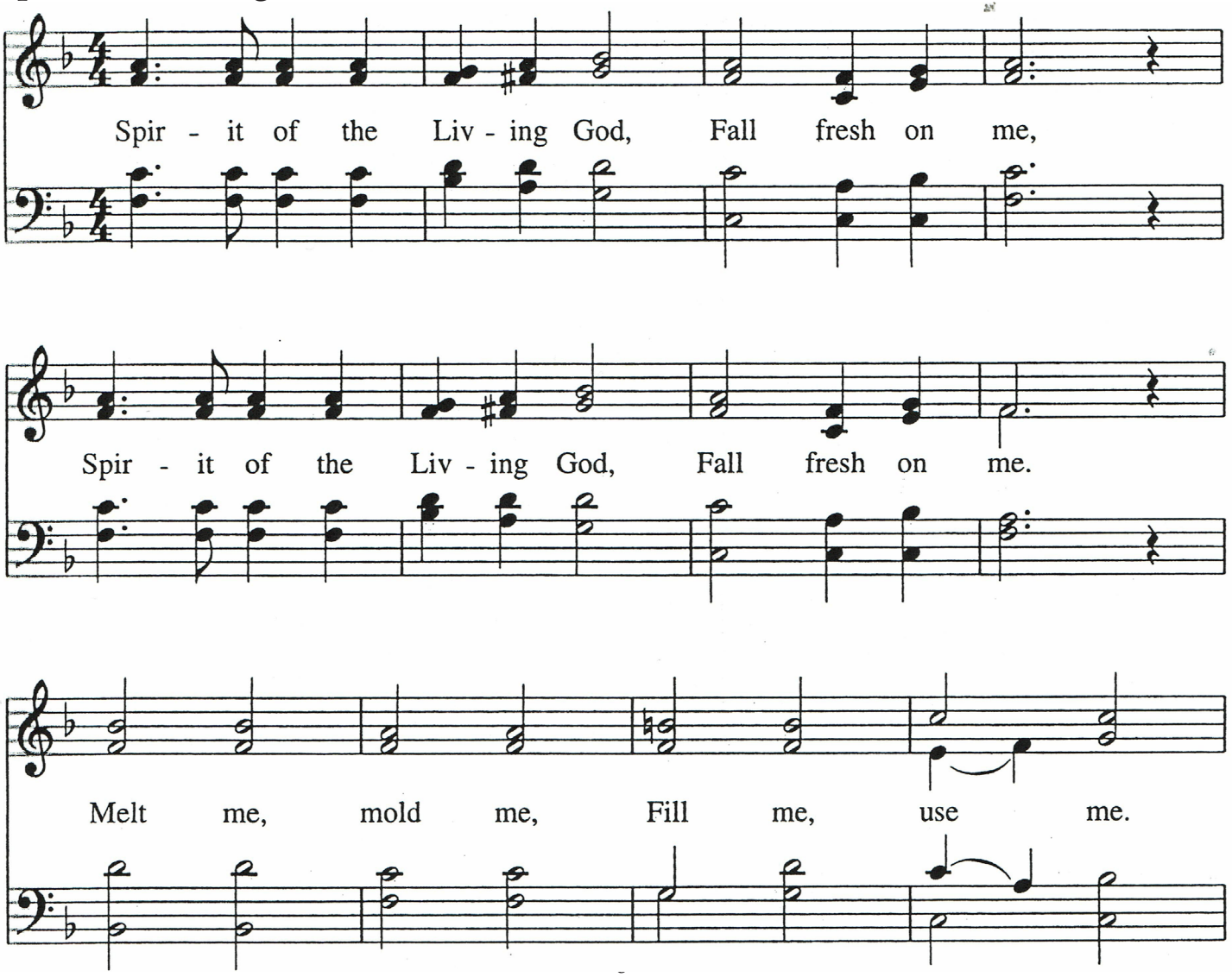
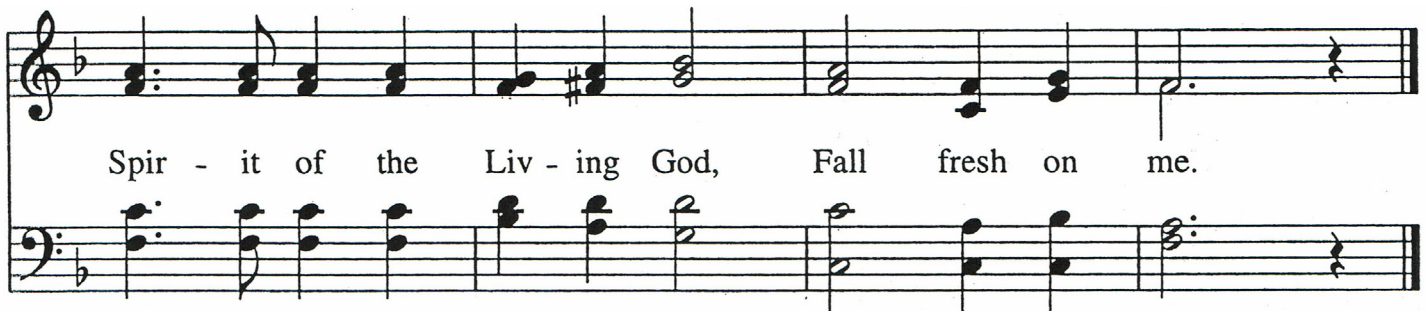
[11] By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

[12] Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

[13] Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

[14] Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Gospel Acclamation *Sung by all.*

Spirit of the living God LEVAS 115

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

All stand and turn to face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

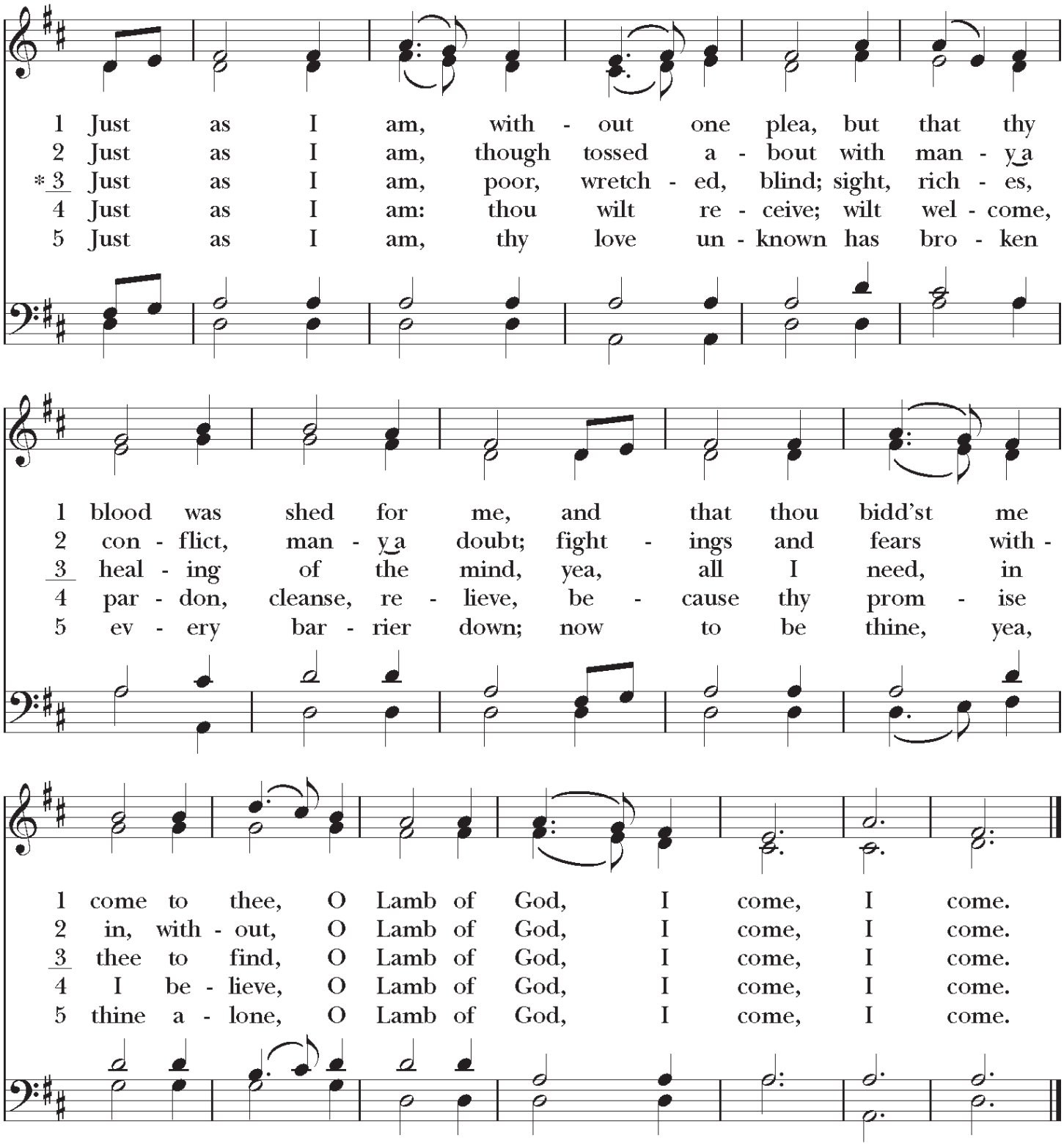
Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Mumita

Hymn *Sung by all.*

Just as I am — The Hymnal 1982 #693

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

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.

Invitation to Healing

Come Holy Spirit, we wait for you. Our lives are needy, our hearts are open. Bring to us the healing touch of Jesus. Move among us in your power and grant us healing and wholeness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We bring to you Lord, people with diseases that doctors have described as terminal;

We bring to you Lord, people whose diseases have not yet been diagnosed;

We bring to you Lord people who have been diagnosed as HIV positive;

We bring to you Lord people who have been maimed through road accidents;

We bring to you Lord, people who have been deprived of love and friendship and are in a state of deep loneliness;

We bring to you Lord those who are suffering from numerous other conditions and who need your healing.

We bring before you those who are sick and require healing, but would rather their names are not mentioned.

For all these people Lord:
Bring healing, bring wholeness.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, sanctify this hour as we stand before your holy presence, lifting our hearts and waiting in faith and hope for the opening of your healing springs. Open them now Lord as we stand in awe of your sovereign majesty, and heal these your people all that weighs them down, physically, emotionally, and psychologically.

Release those whom Satan has held captive, comfort the disturbed and the distressed in spirit; heal those who may be nursing deep hurts arising from separation, divorce, failed or stained relationships; those deeply devastated by the loss of loved ones; heal and forgive those that may be suffering from restlessness and guilt due to un-repented sins.

O Sovereign Lord, look upon all who are involved in the rigorous work of medical research. Grant them perseverance and renewed energy in their crucial service to humanity; Bless and keep all who are involved in the care of the sick and thy dying both at home and in the hospices and hospitals; fill them with love, patience and courage.

In simple faith we come to you, to draw from your healing strength. We ask this trusting in the name of him who lives and reigns for ever, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Anointing & Laying on of Hands

The minister and his assistants lay hands on each person as they kneel at the chancel, or other convenient positions.

In the name of Jesus Christ who was wounded for our sake, and by whose stripes we are healed, be healed of all infirmities in your body, mind, and spirit. **Amen.**

The minister puts his thumb into the oil and then makes a mark of the cross on the person's forehead and says:

I anoint you with this holy oil. Receive Christ's forgiveness and healing. The power of the Savior who suffered for you, flow through your mind and body, lifting you to peace and inward strength. **Amen.**

Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Morning Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*

Doxology *Sung by all, standing.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

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.

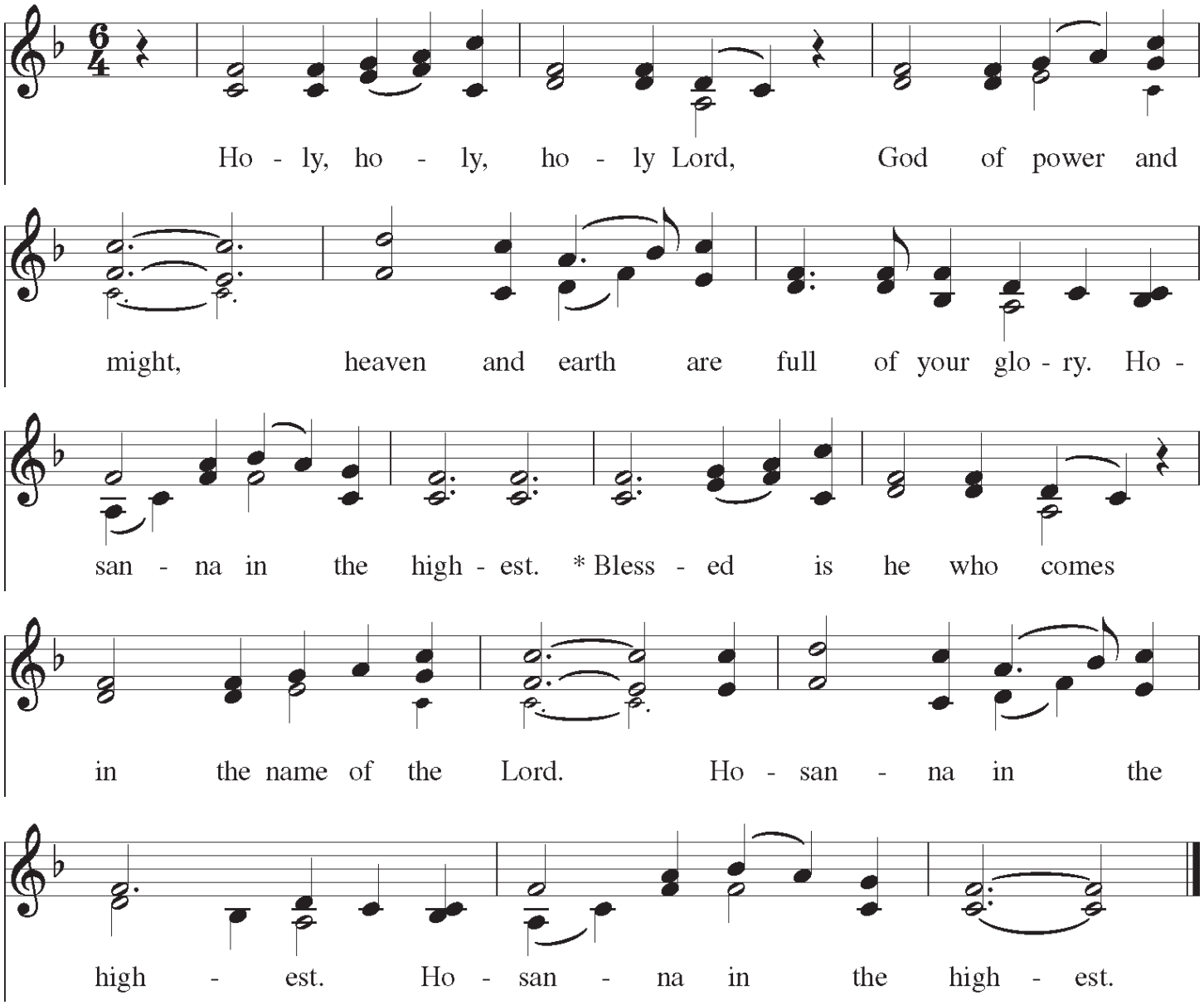
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Wonder, Love, and Praise #858

The people kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Jesus Christ, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 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 Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn

Healing Presence

***Refrain*: Healing presence of God's Spirit within all humanity:**
teach us to live compassion freely, to thirst for truth's integrity.

Come and call us beyond ourselves to see---
misery, injustice and greed. ***Refrain***

Be among us as we strive to be
disciples true to Jesus' name. ***Refrain***

Spirit holy, in the name of love,
waken us to see with eyes of God. ***Refrain***

Sing the songs, dance the joy of God's own heart;
be our breath and leaven us with hope. ***Refrain***

Come, create within our deepest heart
freedom to give of our life. ***Refrain***

Ever call us to deeper prayer and faith,
opening our hearts to one and all. ***Refrain***

Postcommunion Prayer *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant says the blessing.*

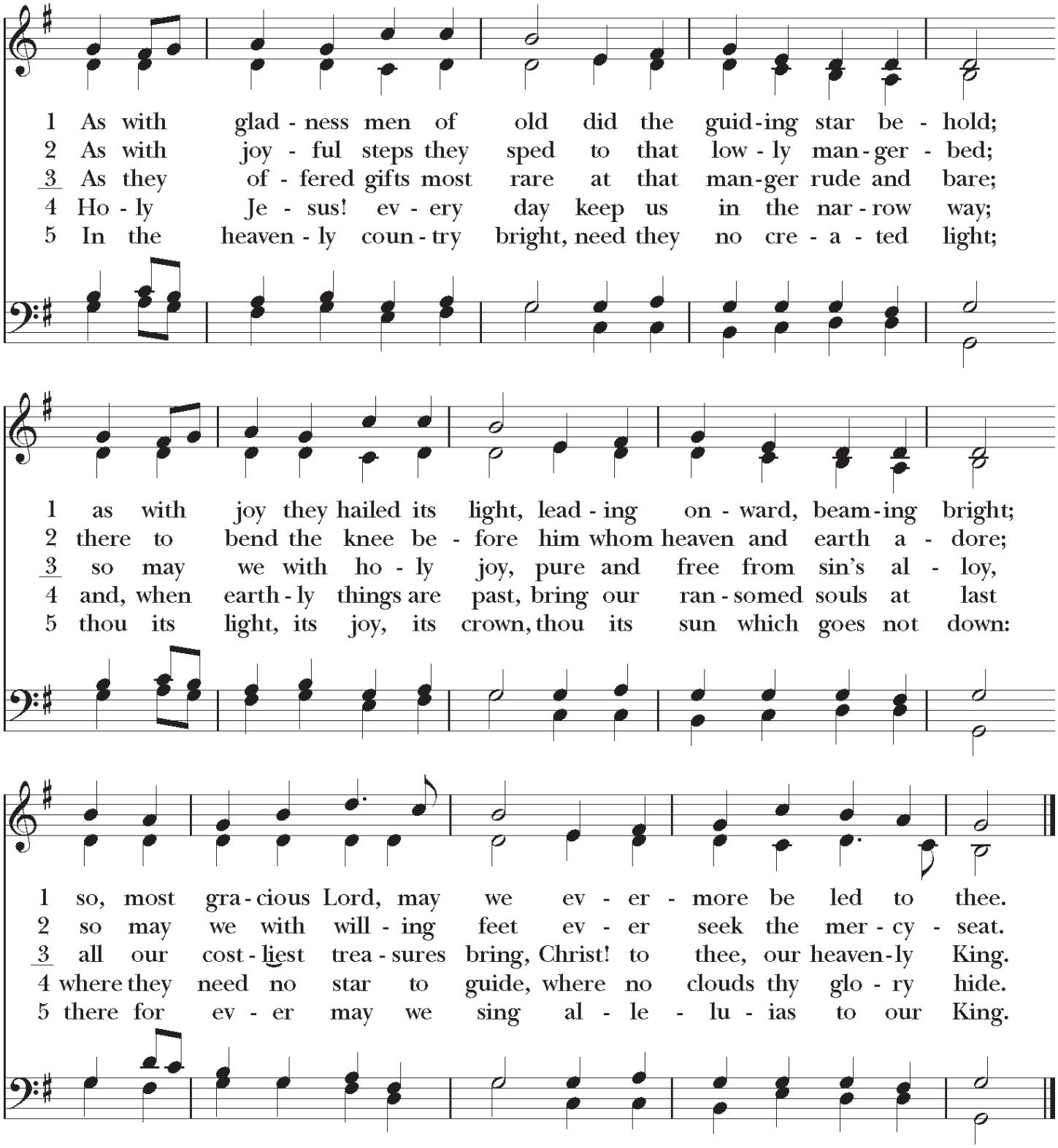
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Sung by all.*

As with gladness men of old — The Hymnal 1982 #119

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Please come to the coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service.

Participants

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Ed Seaholm, *Music Director*
Louis Raposa, *Guitarist*

Prayers

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) deliver communion and prayers to the ill and homebound each month. To sign up for this important ministry, please call 508-824-9595.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for five households each week. This is a way for us to reach out in prayer to all our members on a systematic and regular basis. This week we pray for the Vitale/Lombardi; Joseph Wakefield; Mark Wakefield; Waldron; and Walker families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

Prayers for the Homebound and Ill members of our parish include……Linda Moss, Esther Wilbur, Mark M., Sharon DiRubio, Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Virginia Ames, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Jessica Pollard, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White.

Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas… Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Charlestown (Boston); St. Mark's Church, Dorchester (Boston); St. Mary's Church, Dorchester (Boston); Epiphany School, Dorchester; The Diocesan Council.

Memorial flowers are given in memory of Frederick Fuller & Florence Clark by Friends; A. Raymond & Florence Taylor; Muriel Cleathero by the Cleathero Family; Doris Borden & Muriel Cleathero by Dave & Judy Cleathero.

Announcements

Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30 pm, we meet on Zoom for Bible Study. Find the link in Friday's Happenings email. If you don't receive Happenings, please call (508-824-9595) or email (StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net) the office so we can add you.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 20, after the 10:00 am service. As the date approaches, we might need to consider virtual options. We'll keep you posted.

Covid Precautions

Please wear a mask during the service and practice social distancing. If you forget your mask, we have some at the entrance for you to use.

Communication Survey and Contact Info

We're surveying communication preferences and also doing a final update for the Parish Directory (adding new members, updating changed information, and removing people who don't want to be listed).

Whether you're a recent member or have been here for decades, please fill out the brief survey available at the back of the church. Thank you!

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