St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Church on Main Street, where God's love is lived.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS (1851 - 2026)

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are delighted that you are here.

All of what you need to join us is in this bulletin or in one of two hymnals:

Hymnal 1982 (the blue book)
"H" followed by a number indicates hymns.
"S" followed by a number indicates selections that appear in the front section of the blue hymnal.

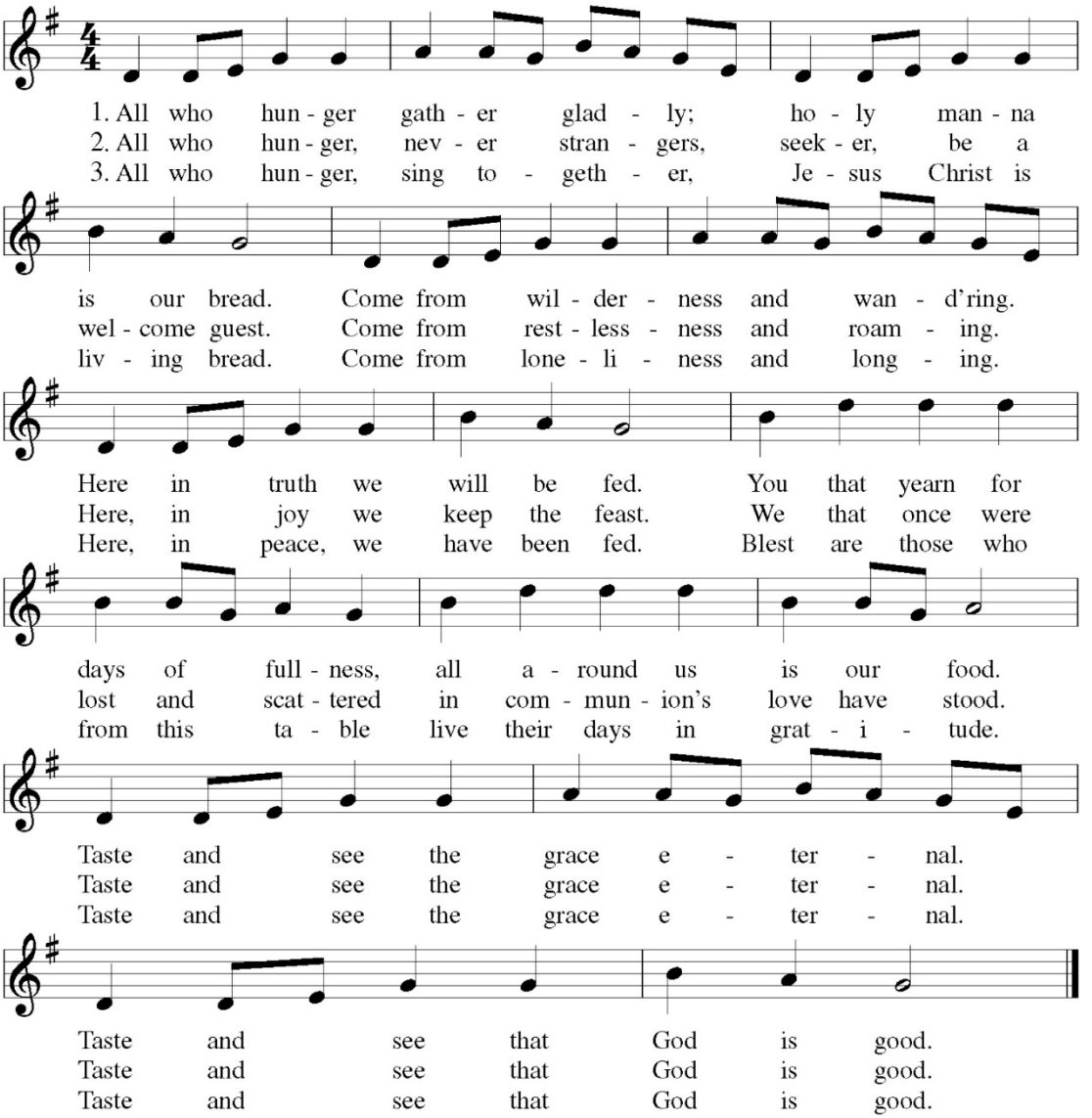
St. Stephen's Hymnal (the red spiral bound book):
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PRELUDE

Gather
We come together to praise God.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN
SSH 7 All who hunger gather gladly *Holy Manna*



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WELCOME

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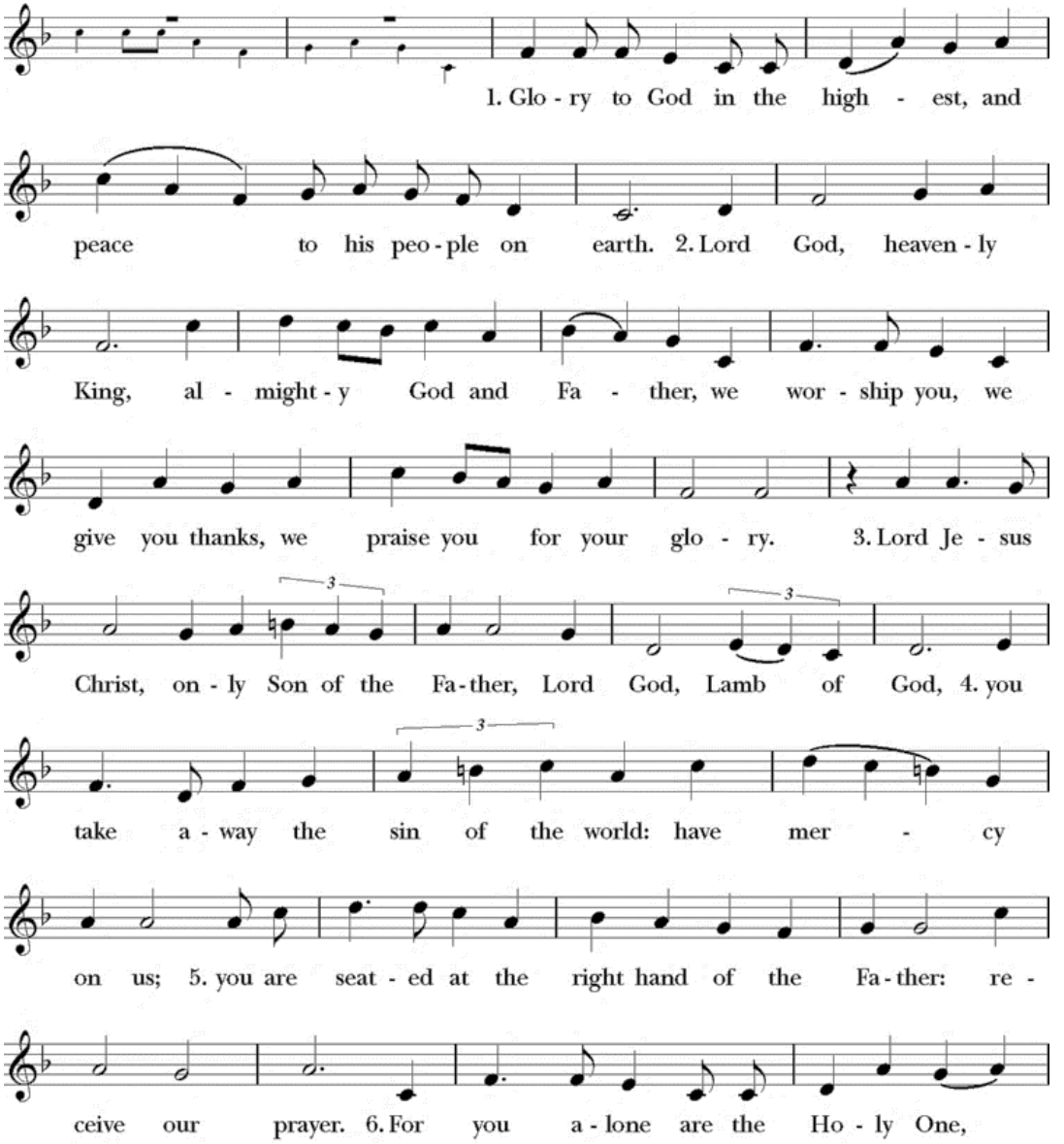
We hear and respond to the story of God's liberating acts.

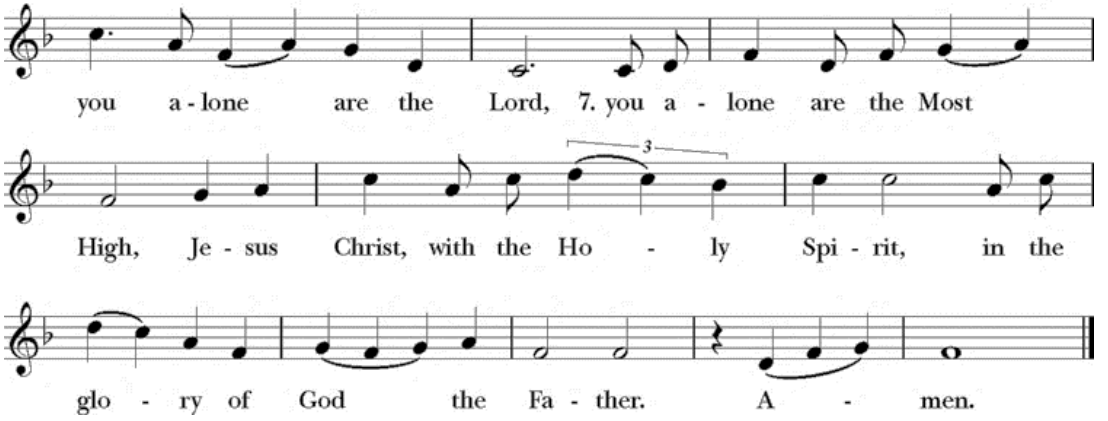
Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

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 GLORIA

S 280 Glory to God in the highest *Robert Powell*





COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

145: 8-9, 15-22, *The Saint Helena Psalter*

You are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

You are loving to everyone, *
and your compassion is over all your works.

You uphold all those who fall; *
you lift up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O God, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

You are righteous in all your ways *
and loving in all your works.

You are near to those who call upon you, *
to all who call upon you faithfully.

You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; *
you hear their cry and help them.

You preserve all those who love you, *
but you destroy all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak your praise, O God; *
let all flesh bless your holy Name for ever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. 9:1-5

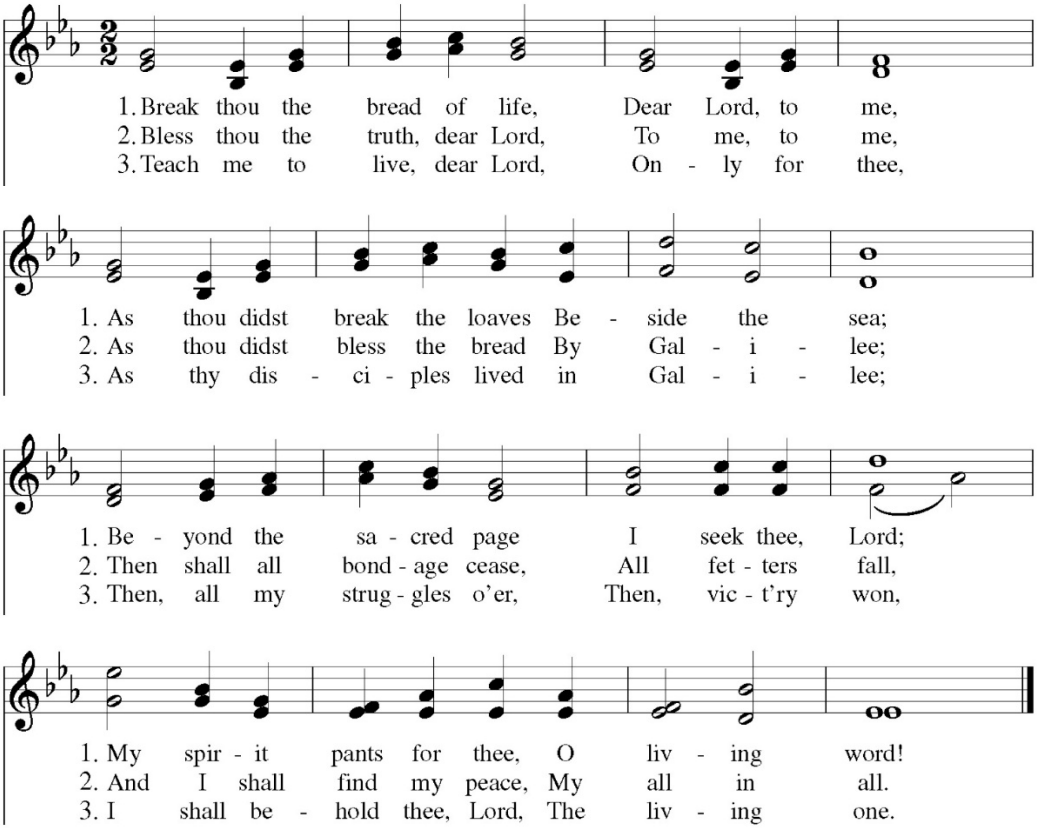
I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

SSH 28 Break thou the bread of life *William F. Sherwin*



Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913); Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888)

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 14:13-21

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Jane Rockman*

Please stand as you are able.

THE CREED *Enriching Our Worship*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf (adapted)*

Let us journey to the waters of God's refreshing kindness, offering our prayers and responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

That we may be prepared for the struggles of life, knowing that through suffering we receive grace, and that in the midst of trials Jesus is forming us in love; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may be satisfied beholding the likeness of others, seeing in them the face of Christ, especially through those who are poor and hardworking, homeless and destitute, imprisoned and alone, orphaned and afraid, grieving and lost; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may take responsibility for sharing our ideas and lending our support to those who lead the Church, government, and public institutions, that we may share in the building of the social and spiritual fabric of our society; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may trust the transforming power of Jesus to take even our meager offerings and create the resources that reveal the promises of the kingdom; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may honor the writers of the gospels and epistles, whose unique contributions form our sacred texts, and those in our own day who bring the light of God through books, articles, websites and blogs; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That light perpetual may shine upon the faithful departed as they come into their true home in the unending joy of the saints; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

In the fellowship of the One who is full of graciousness and compassion, let us continue our prayers.

For those on our parish prayer list

Mary Ruth Stone	Boyd Hunnaman	Maggie Holland	Karen Eberhardt
Kris Hunt	James K.	Celine Ghiara	Timothy M.
Aldaiza DaSilva	Walter	Carol McManus	Therese C.
Antonio DaSilva	Ron G.	Ambika Bedi	
Martha Lipowski	Sue and Larry H.	David Cabush	

Let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For our Ministry Partners: Apostles' House, Cross Roads, Family Promise Essex County, North Jersey Pride, and North Porch; for our sister congregations in the Evelyn Underhill Regional Ministry Network: Calvary, Summit; Christ Church in Short Hills; St. Paul's, Chatham, St. George's, Maplewood; and Grace, Madison; in the Diocese of Newark, let us pray for Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark; the ministries of the Rev. David Oh, the Rev. Andy Olivo, the Rev. Deacon Joanne O'Neill, and the Rev. Margaret Otterburn; the work of the Standing Committee; in the Anglican Communion, let us pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda. Let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who have been harmed, live in fear, or experience anxiety because of the words or actions of leaders anywhere; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For allies and advocates everywhere that they may continue the fight to uphold the dignity and worth of every human being as they walk alongside those who have experienced dehumanizing or demoralizing treatment of any kind; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For all who serve in our worship, formation, hospitality, outreach, administrative ministries, and the preschool staff whose devotion and creativity enrich the life of our community; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

Holy One of blessing, you are the source and giver of all good things, hear the prayers of our hearts, minds, and lives; and give us the wisdom and grace to embody your way of love each and every day. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Table

We offer our gifts, give thanks, and we gather at Christ's banquet

Please be seated.

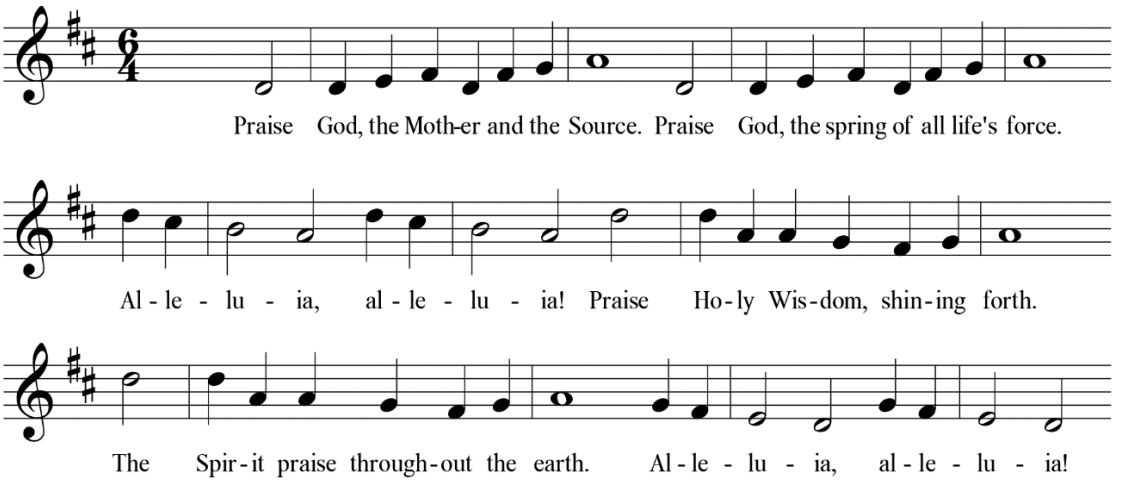
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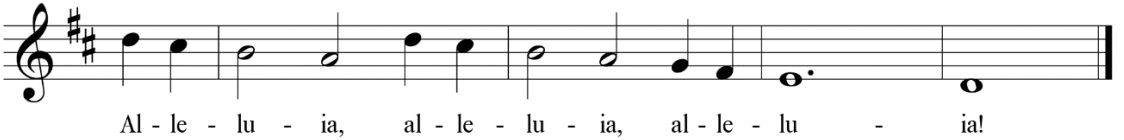
In the singing *Carlton Young*
Kim Williams, soloist

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Mother and the Source *Jody L. Caldwell*





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Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen,* melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesaeng,* 1623.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

EOW I

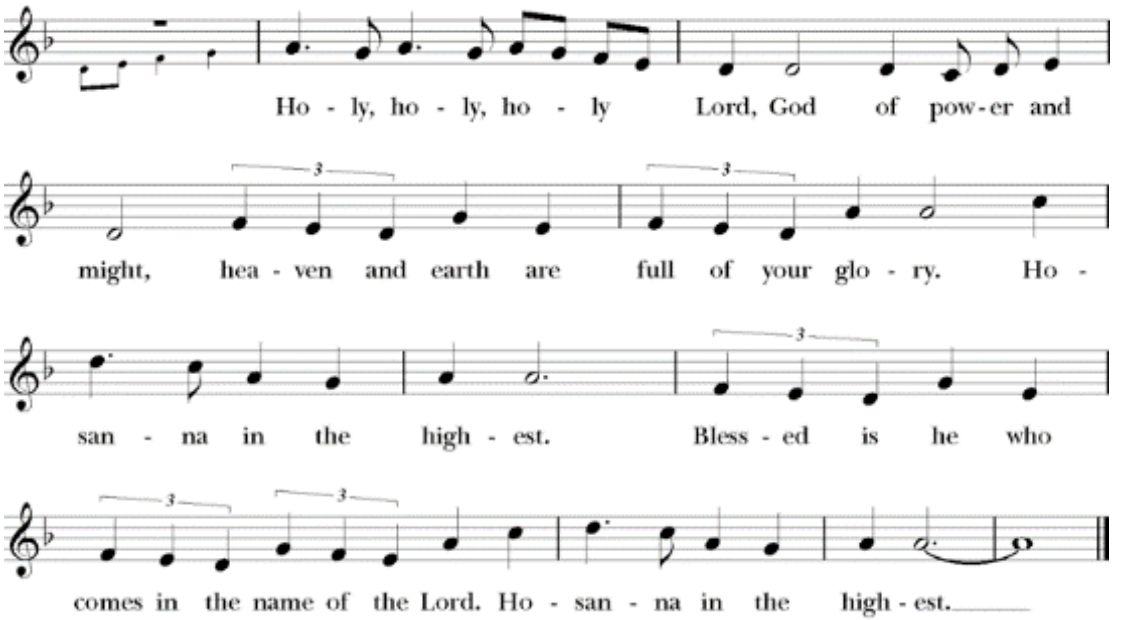
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

S 129 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Robert Powell*



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Stephen and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, our Mother, 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 INVITATION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Whoever you are, where ever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

All are welcome at God's table to receive Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available. Please use the hand sanitizer available in the pew before coming forward.

AT COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

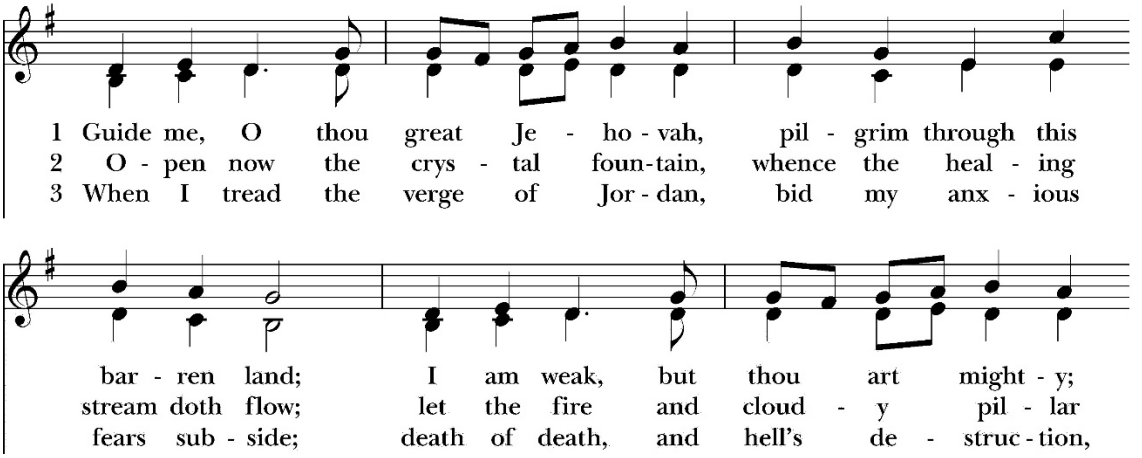
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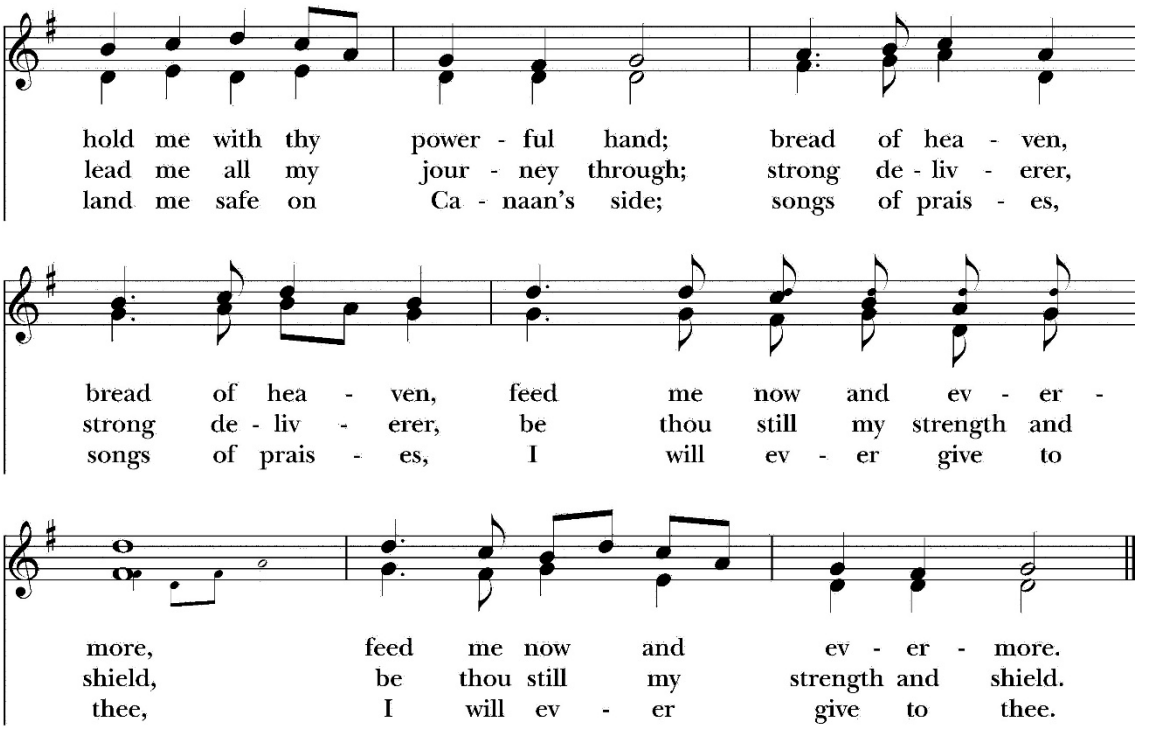
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God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

H 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*





DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to live in newness of life with Christ and each other.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

LITURGICAL STEWARDSHIP

Officiant:	The Rev. Jane Rockman
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Karen Eberhardt
Minister of Music:	Kim Williams
Substitute Organist:	Chris Hatcher
Altar Guild:	Irene, Julia, Maria N.
Chalicer/Crucifer:	
Reader/Intercessor:	Fran Y., Barbara R.
Greeter/Usher:	Irene, Jennifer
Tech Verger:	Ron
Coffee Hour:	

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If you are age 70½ and older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can be a powerful stewardship tool. By directing all or part of your IRA distribution directly to St. Stephen's, you can support the ministries and long-term mission of our parish while potentially receiving favorable tax treatment. For those subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), a QCD may also help satisfy that requirement. As we look toward future ministry, capital improvements, and endowment growth, planned and charitable giving opportunities such as QCDs can create a lasting impact for generations to come. Please consult your tax and financial advisors to learn more.

Upcoming Events

Details can be found in the weekly e-newsletter, which is available on our website.

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
8/2	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
	1:00 PM	AA Meeting
8/3	7:30 PM	MA Meeting
8/9	10:00 AM	Intergenerational Sunday Worship
	1:00 PM	AA Meeting

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