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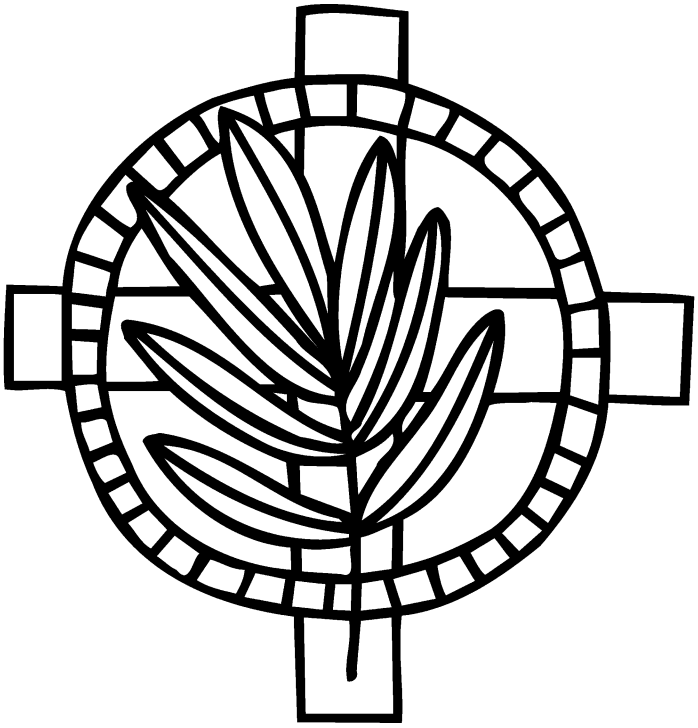

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

From the Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 17

10:00 AM

August 30, 2026

4040 W Bellfort Ave | Houston, Texas 77025 | 832.667.8601

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Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church! ¡Bienvenidos a Grace!

"Grace's mission is to live out the unconditional and reconciling love of God with generous hospitality, inspired worship, and inclusive community.

Restrooms are in two places. Through the side doors and down the hall, there are two, single-stall restrooms. If you keep going down the hallway to the Parish Hall and turn left, there are multi-stall restrooms (with handicap stalls).

Coffee Hour takes place directly after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall. Exit the sanctuary through the side doors and turn right down the hallway. Keep going and you'll reach the Parish Hall!

Welcome! To meet with a clergy member, please fill out of Welcome Card located under the seat in front of you.

About our Worship

- We use a set service order called a "liturgy." The order of worship stays (mostly) the same week to week and we share it with all other Episcopal Churches.
- Our worship involves words, music, and movement. Items italicized or listed in red *(rubrics)* are notes about when we stand, sit, and kneel, and what we say and sing together.
- Children are always welcome. Children's Chapel takes place between the Collect and the Peace. Younger children and their caregivers are welcome to sit in our "Pray Ground," located near the back of the sanctuary, as desired.

Scan to Make an Offering

Scan to Dedicate Flowers

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Paul English, *piano and director*; Horace Alexander Young, *sax/vocals*; Steffany Johnston, v*oice*; Brady Weldon, v*oice*; Nils Jonsson, v*iolin*; Rob Erickson, *percussion*; Brennen Nase*, Guitar*

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The Reverend Alejandro Montes, *Assisting Priest*

Paul English, *Music Director*

Caitlin Powell, *Head of School*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you desire baptism for yourself or your child, please let Rev. Ryan know

Mission, Vision, Values Survey
please complete the survey as soon as you can.
Survey closes, September 12

Large Group Listening Sessions

Sunday, September 13, immediately following the 10 AM liturgy, in the Parish Hall

Saturday, September 19, 10 AM in the Parish Hall

Attendance by RSVP ONLY

Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:00 am

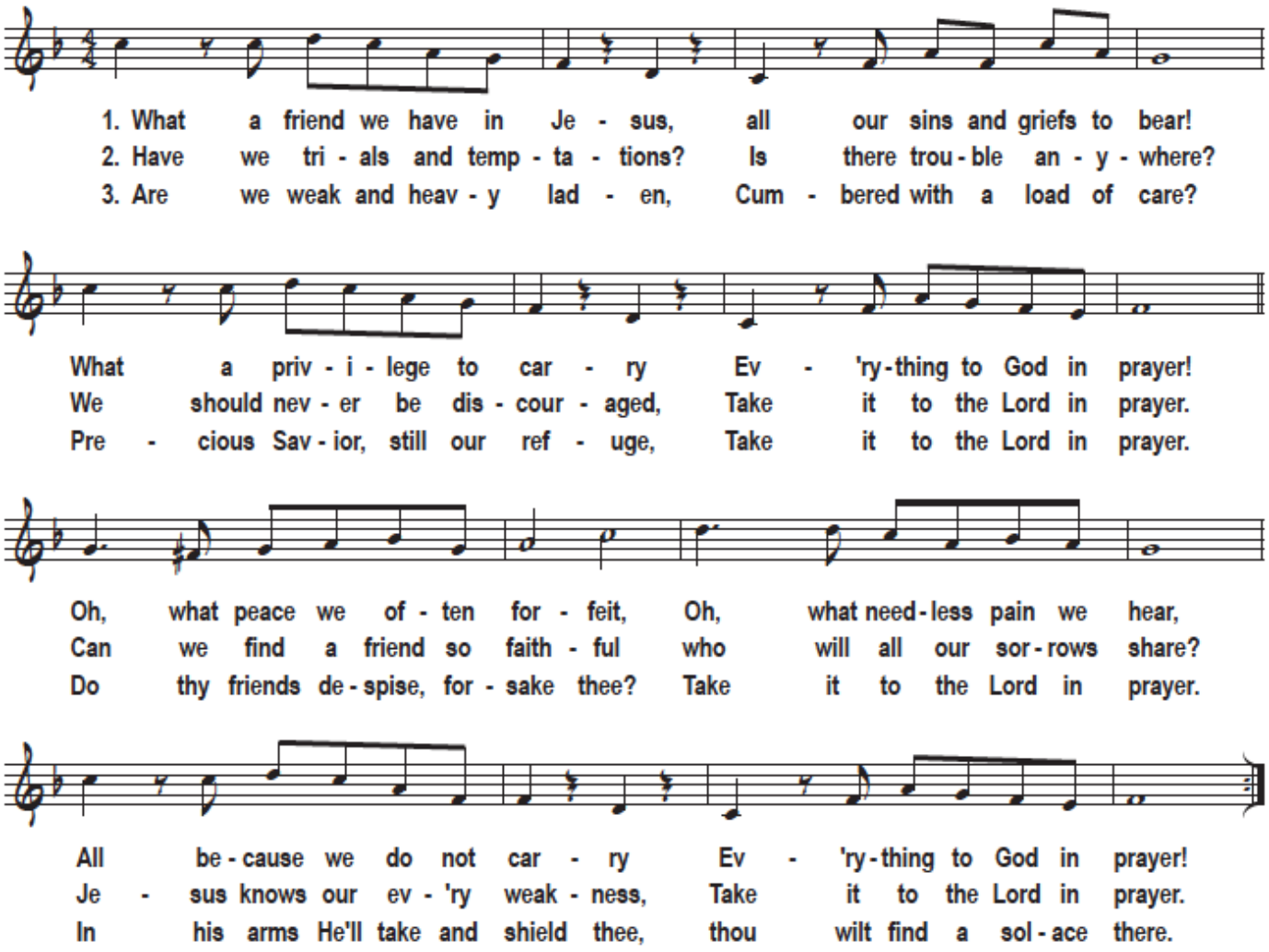
In silence, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship to begin.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The people stand as able.



The Opening Acclamation

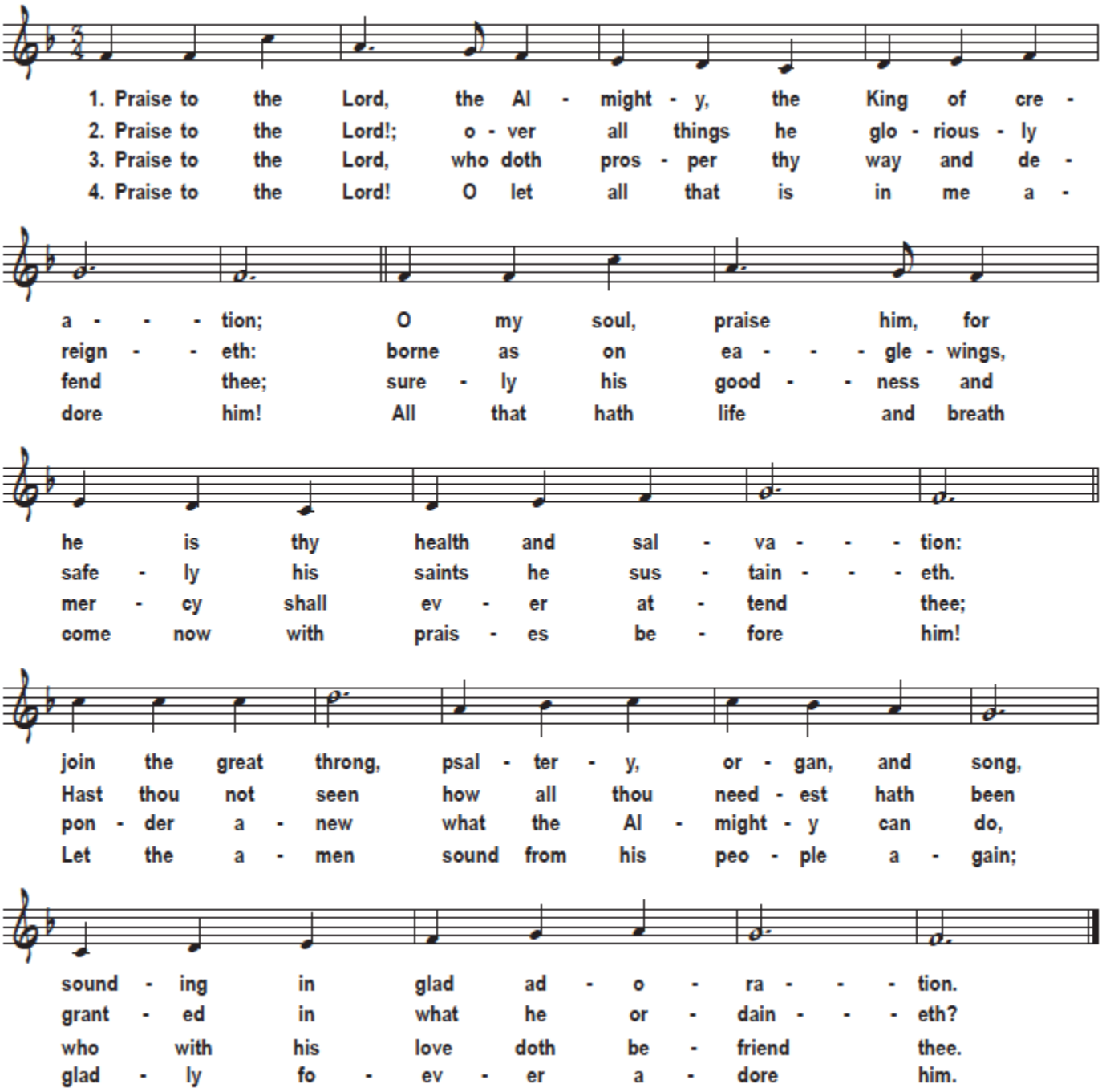
The People standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Most Holy, Glorious, and Undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then, as the people are seated, children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

The First Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

The People join the Lector in reading the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45 Hallelujah

The Second Lesson

Romans 12: 9-21

Reader A Reading from Romans.

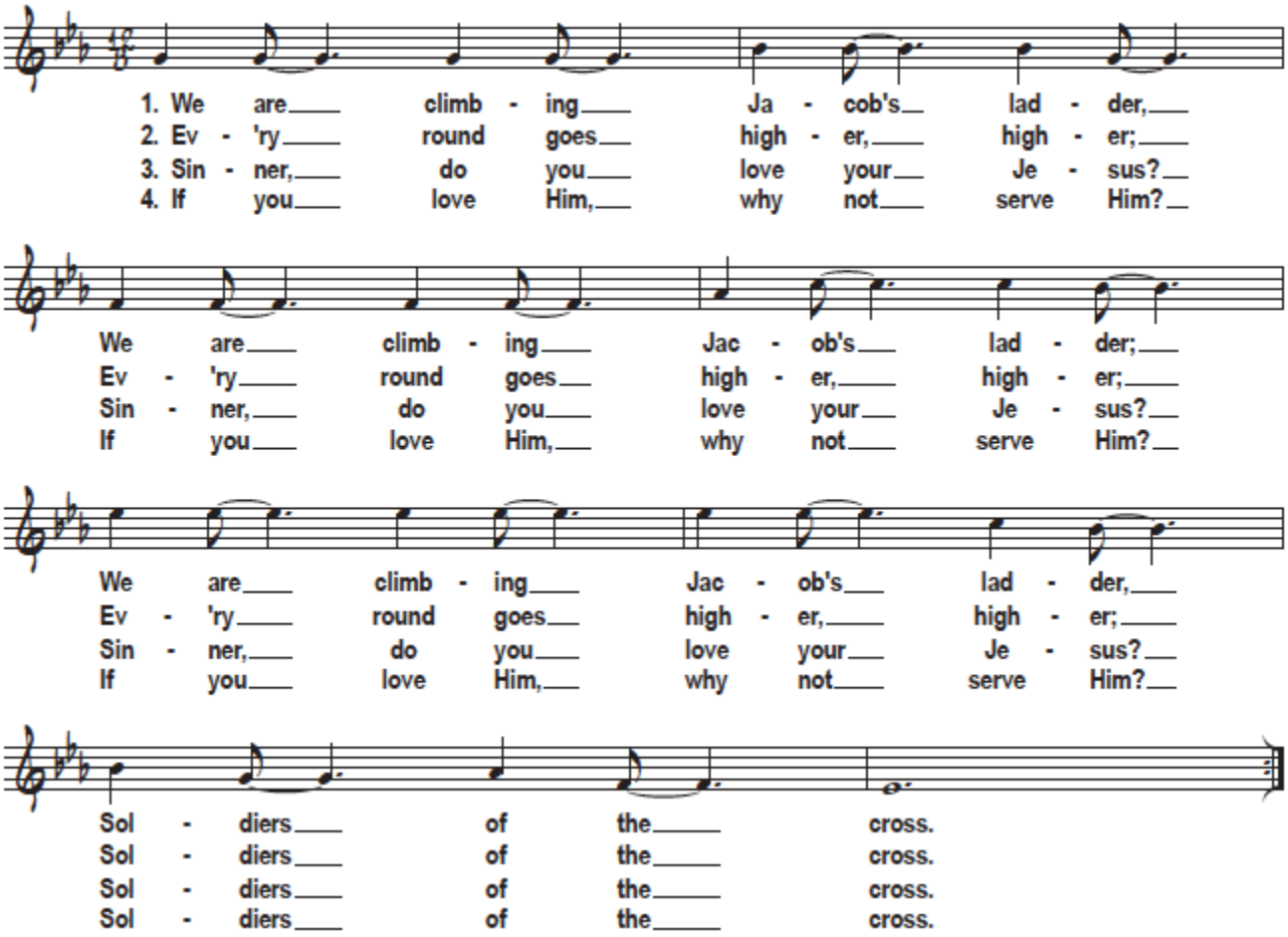
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The People stand as able.* We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder



The Gospel

Matthew 16: 21-28

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for

what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Ryan Hawthorne, Rector

The Nicene Creed | El Credo Niceno

The People 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,
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 and the Son.
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.

Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador de cielo y tierra,
de todo lo visible e invisible.
Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado,
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,
por quien todo fue hecho;
que por nosotros y por nuestra salvación
bajó del cielo:
por obra del Espíritu Santo
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,
y se hizo hombre.
Por nuestra causa fue crucificado
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato:
padeció y fue sepultado.
Resucitó al tercer día,
según las Escrituras,
subió al cielo
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre.
De nuevo vendrá con gloria
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.
Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor
y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,
que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria,
Quién ha hablado a través de los profetas
Creemos en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica
y apostólica.
Reconocemos un solo Bautismo
para el perdón de los pecados.
Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

Prayers of the People *(Please remain standing)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; and, Ryan, Alejandro, and Dawn, our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for Seth, our seminarian. **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Absolution

The Bishop, when present, or 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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

If you are new or visiting with us today, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located under the seat in front of you, or scan the QR code.

Blessing for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

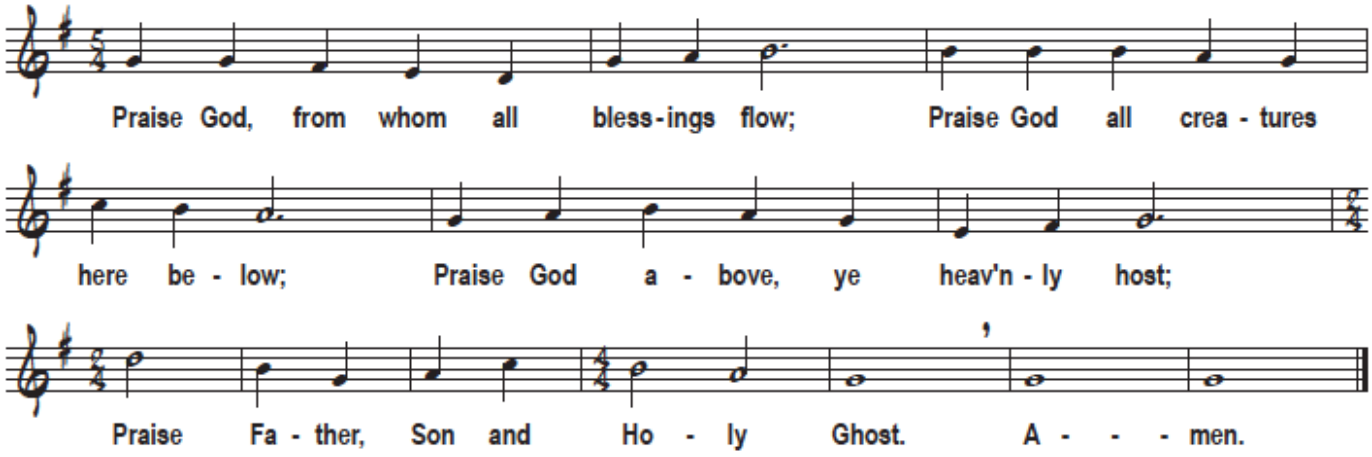
The Holy Communion

The Offertory

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Offertory Anthem

Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant says

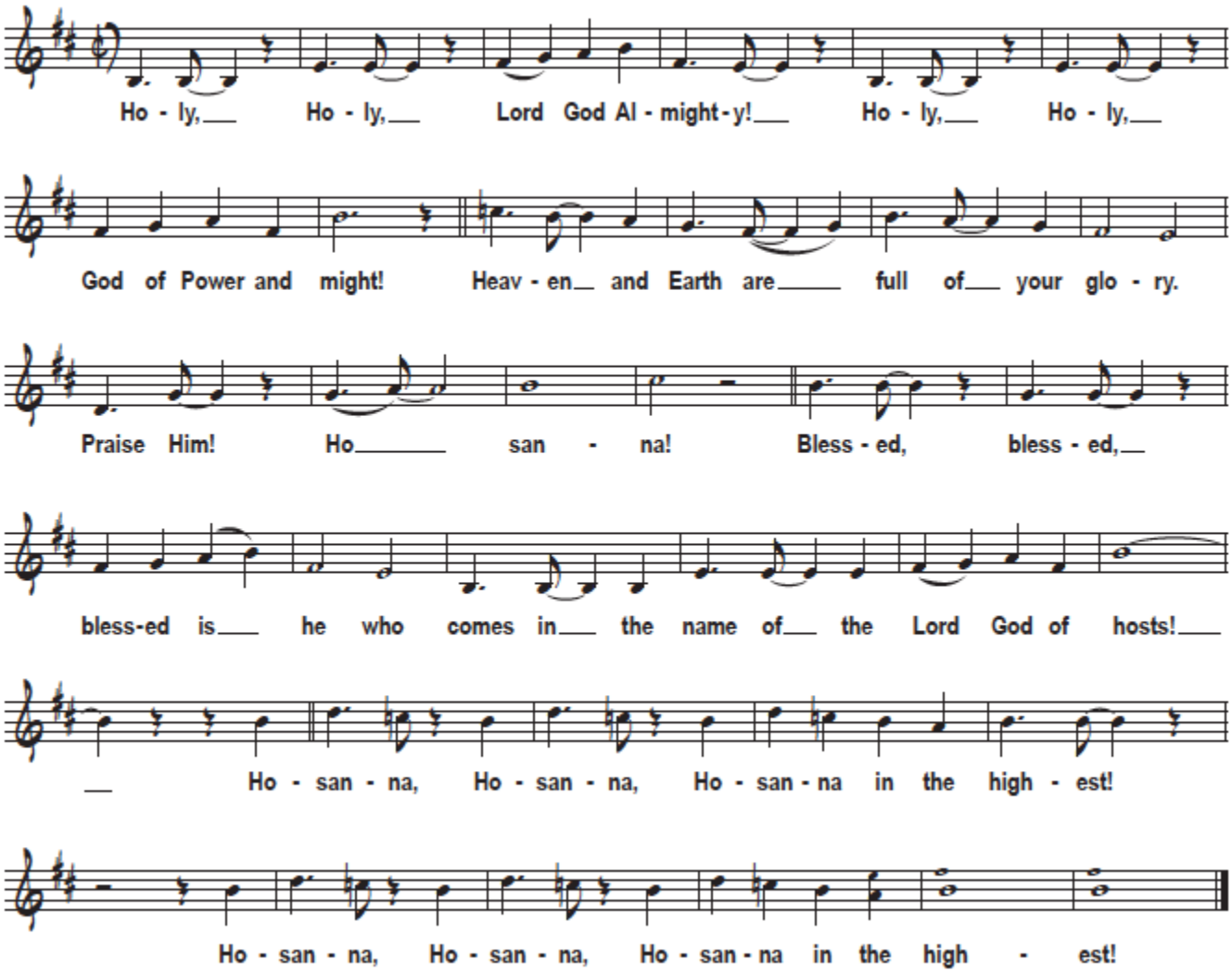
	God be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, the Celebrant proceeds with the prayer.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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



The people stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues with the prayer.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus 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 Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant 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 children; 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.**

The Lord's Prayer | El Padre Nuestro

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

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.

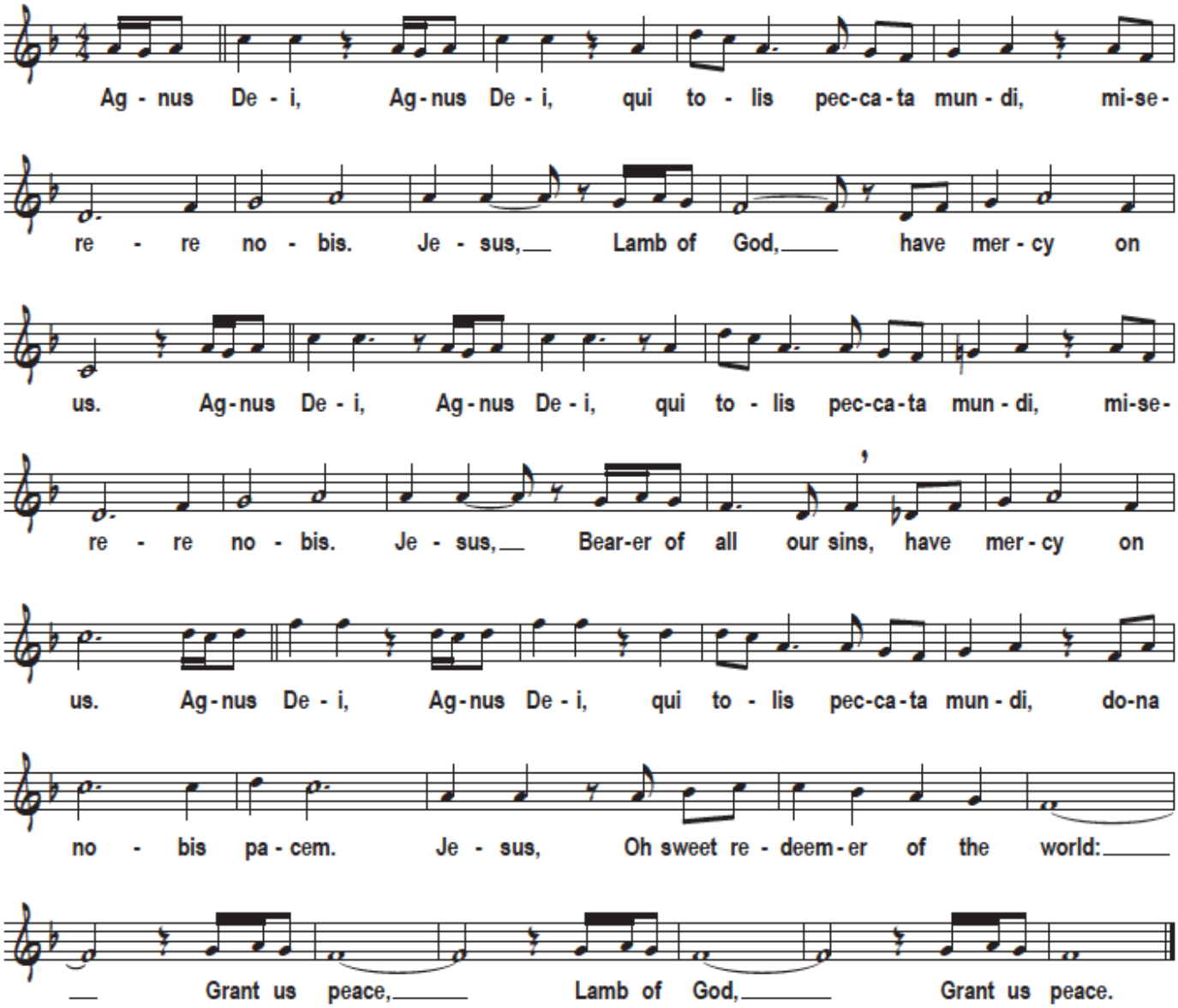
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

How to Receive Communion:

The ushers will signal when it is time for you to move to the front to receive Communion. If you are not able to process to the altar rail, please let an usher know so that Eucharistic ministers may serve you from your seat.

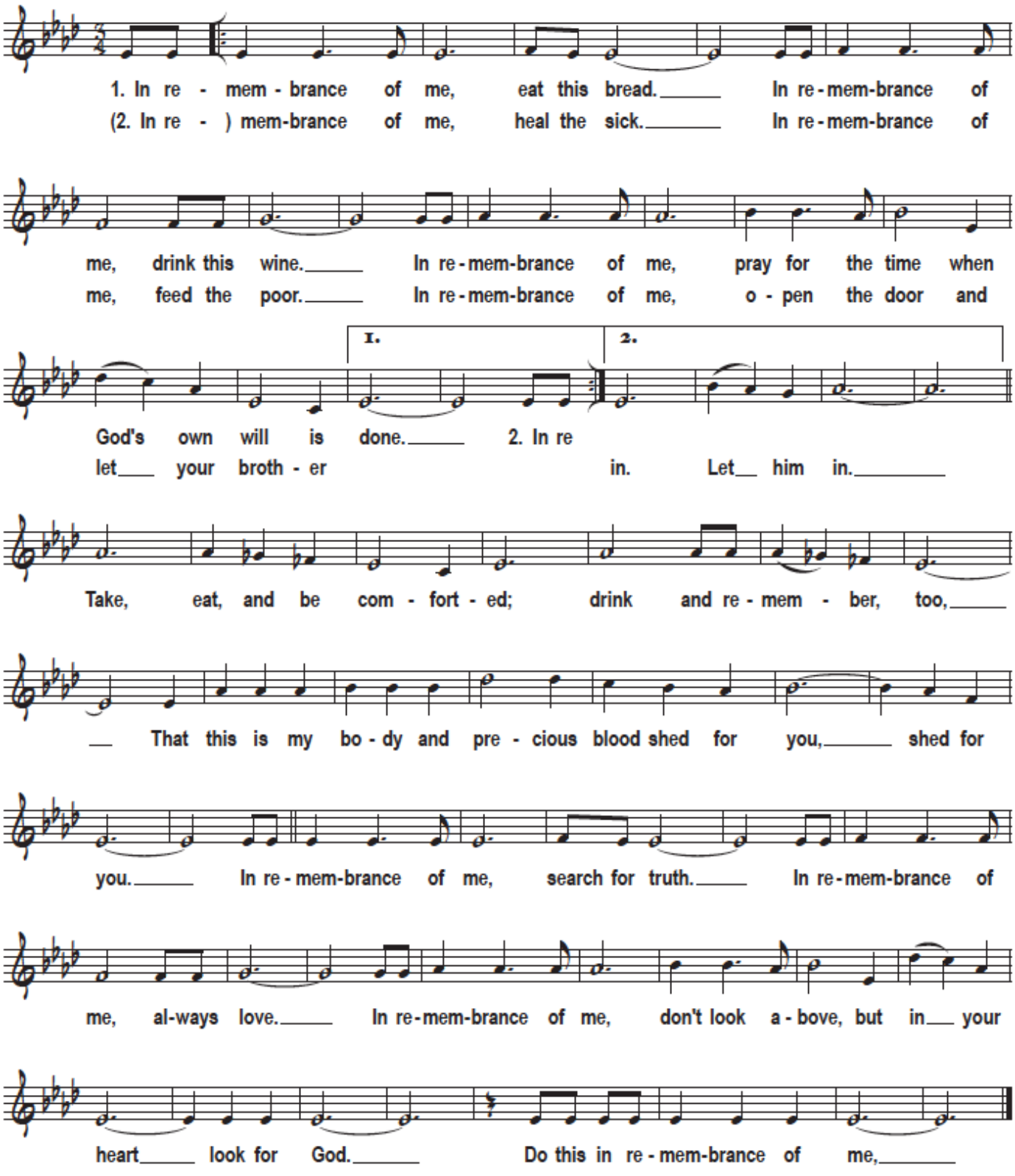
Holy Communion may be received in the Bread only ("in one kind"), or in both Bread and Wine ("in both kinds"). Wine may be received by dipping the Bread (wafer) slightly into the chalice ("intinction") or by drinking directly from the chalice.

Those not receiving the Sacrament may approach with others, crossing arms across the chest to indicate a desire for the Priest to administer a prayer of blessing.

If you would like to pray with someone, our healing prayer ministers are waiting to pray with you in the Columbarium Chapel (back right of the sanctuary).

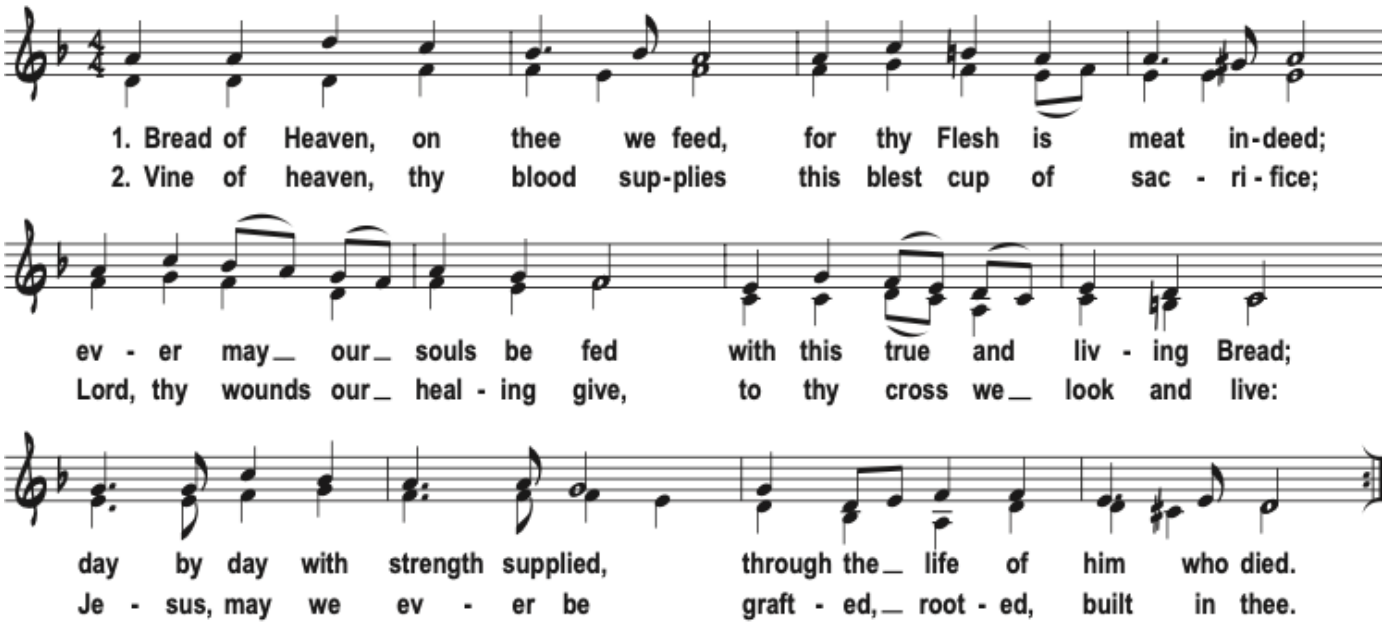
Communion Anthem

In Remembrance of Me



Communion Music

Bread of Heaven



The Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

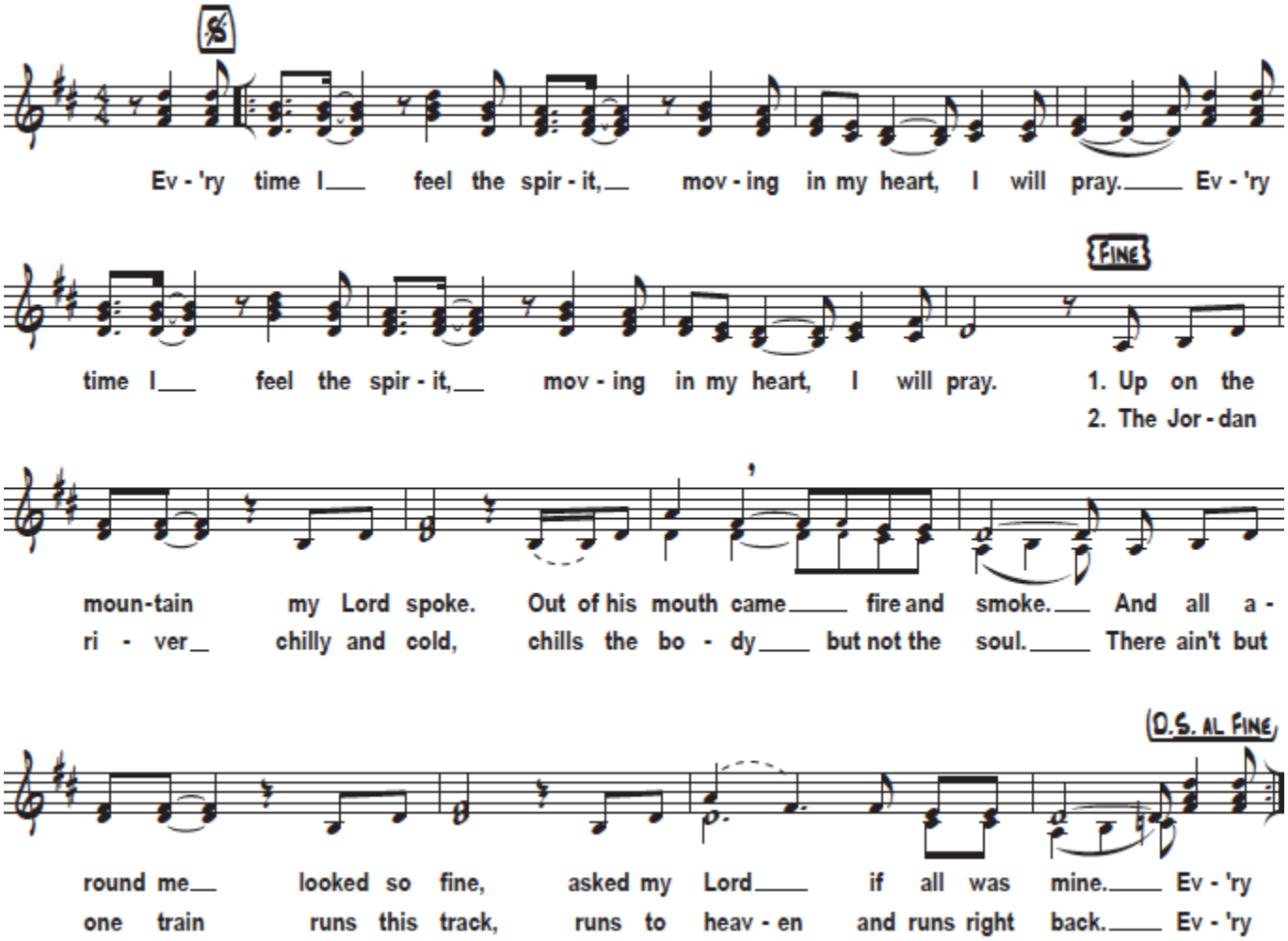
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit



The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall after service!

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