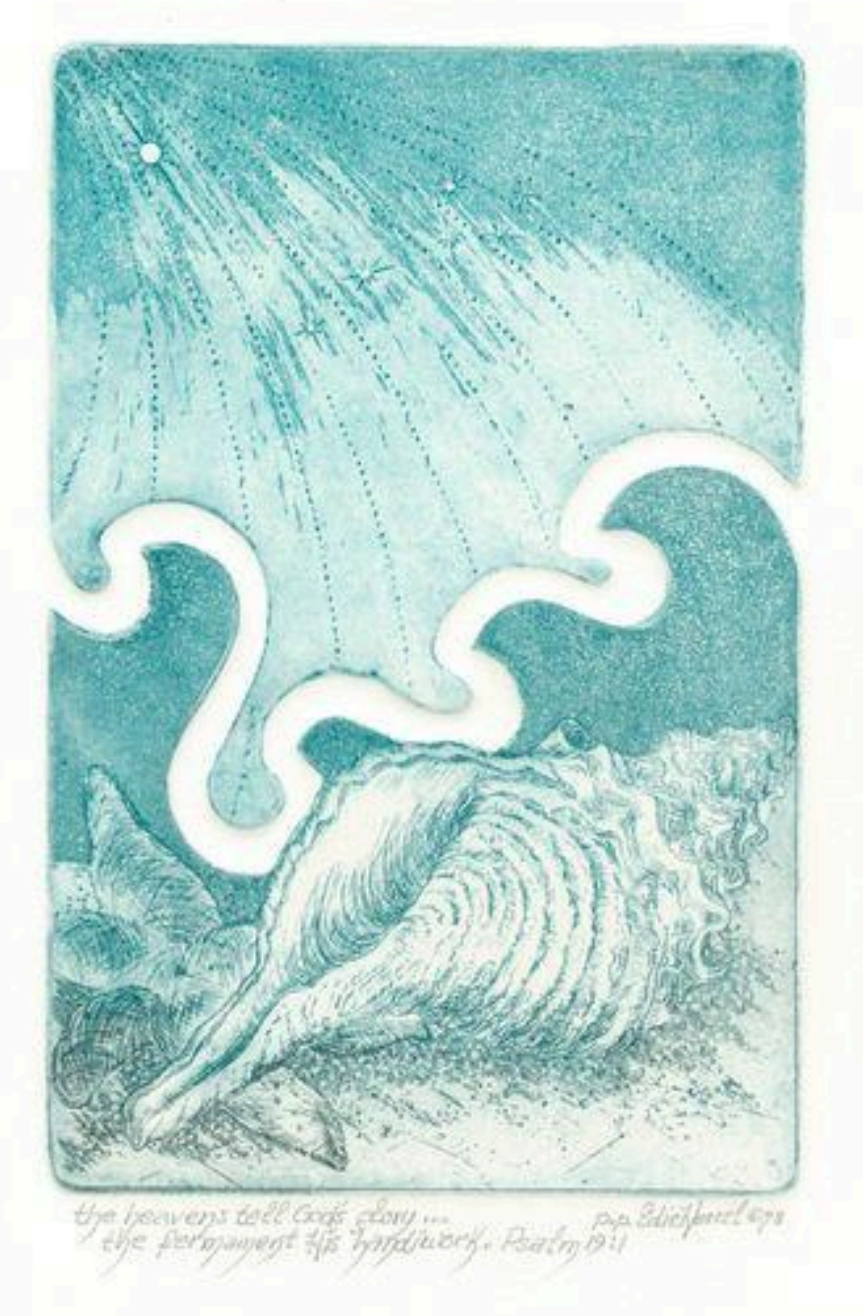
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
The Season of Creation/St. Francis
Blessing of the Animals

October 4th, 2026
10:00 am



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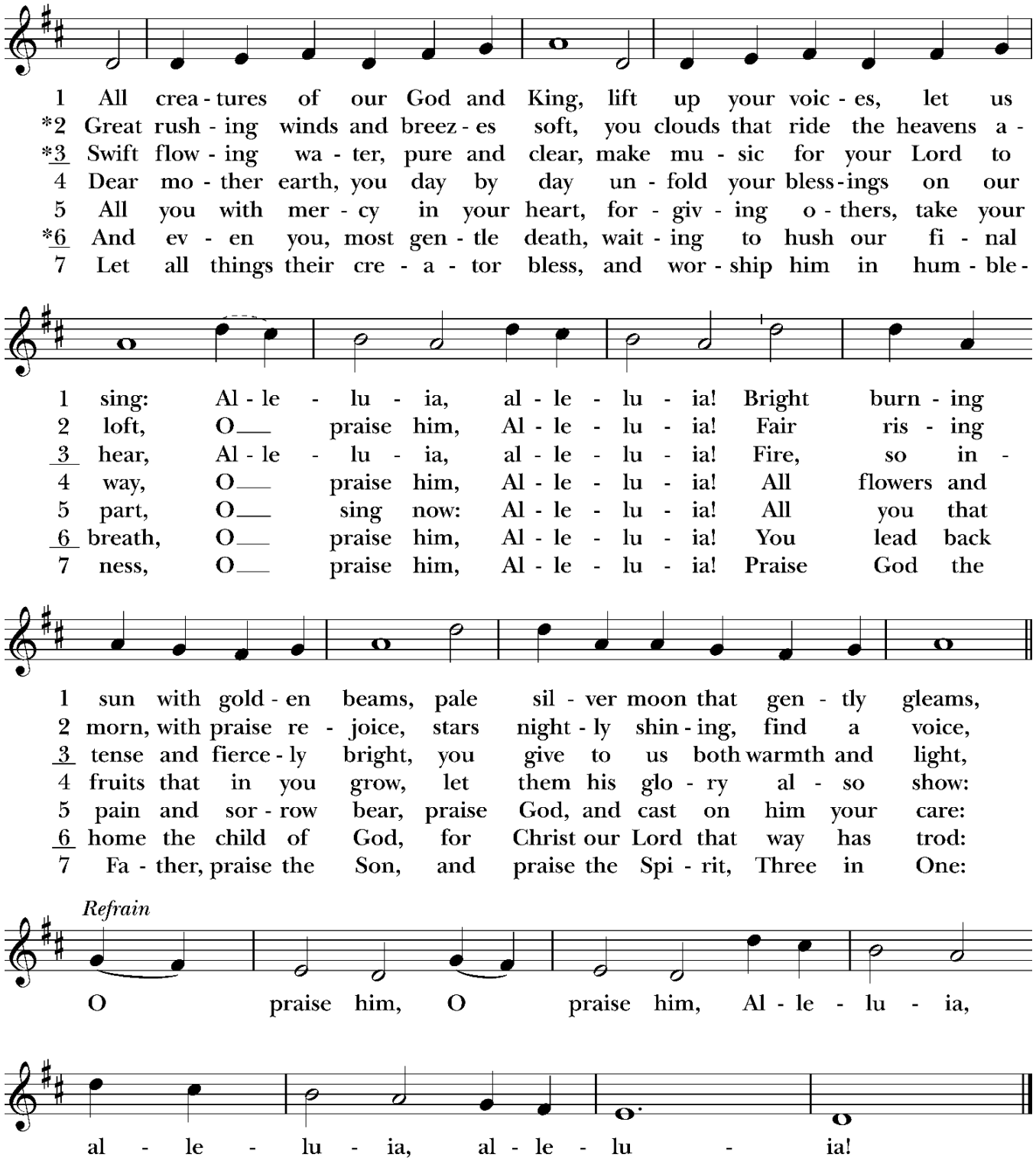
Please stand to sing as you are able

Opening Hymn *All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1, 4, 5, 7)*

The Hymnal 1982 #400



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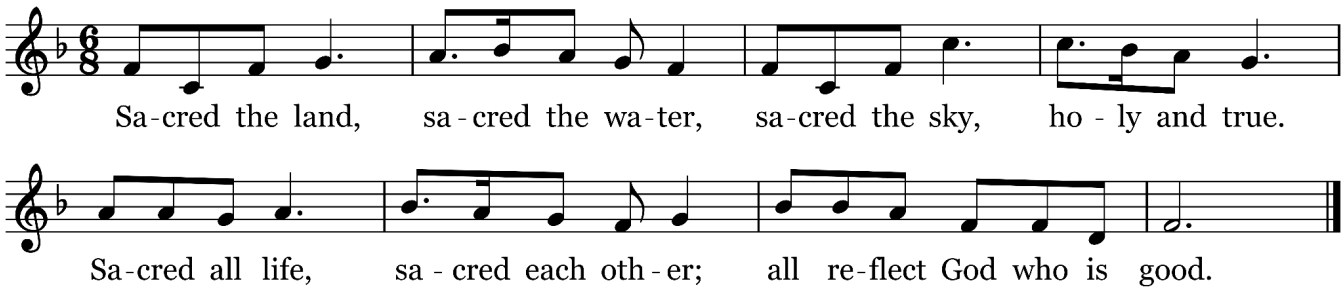
St. David's Land Acknowledgment

The full text to St. David's Land Acknowledgment may be found on our website: https://www.saintdavidpdx.org/land-acknowledgement.html.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Song of Praise *Sacred Creation* Rufino Zaragoza, OFM



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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Godly Play

Children are invited to the steps of the sanctuary to be sent on their way for Godly Play.

Presider May you be deeply rooted and grounded in the Love of the God who made you and adores you.

People **May you understand how much this community values you and delights in you. And may you discover ways that you can be a force for Love in this world. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

After the reading

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

Psalm 80:7-14 Chant Setting by Joshua Hegg

Sing responsively by whole verse

7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of / Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and / planted it.

9 You prepared the / ground for it; *
it took root and filled the / land.

10 The mountains were covered by its / shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its / boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the / Sea *
and its branches to the / River.

12 Why have you broken down its / wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its / grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has / ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed up-/-on it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this / vine; *
preserve what your right hand has / planted.

The Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

After the reading

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

Please stand to sing as you are able

Gospel Hymn *Make me a channel of your peace* Sebastian Temple

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The Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

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

After the reading

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

Sermon by Rev. Jana Whitworth

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

Presider and People

We believe in one God, Almighty Creator,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Holy One of God, eternally begotten of the most high,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator.
Through whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
who for our sake was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.
Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and God's kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Creator.
With Creator and Christ, She is worshiped and glorified.
She has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People Mary Anne Ericson

Let us pray for the whole family of creation – all beings that the Creator God has called good.

For the church, local and universal. Give to our ministers and all of us in the church the vision and wisdom to include in our circle of care not only the human community but the whole web of life, so intricately woven. Lead us to regard our forests, prairies, and waterways, not only as resources useful to us, but as having their own intrinsic value. And may we cherish our wildlife, honoring their own intelligences, interests, and relationship with God.
Creator of all, **hear our prayer.**

For our political leaders, that they may work with urgency to address the dual crises of climate disruption and biodiversity loss. For all those working to protect our wild places and creatures, including forest rangers, marine biologists, and wildlife rehabilitators.
Creator of all, **hear our prayer.**

For those around the globe who are bearing the heaviest burdens related to ecological disruption in the form of drought, failed crops, wildfire, intense storms, rising seas, and war. We stand in solidarity with them and lament their suffering.
Merciful Creator, **give them solace, and us, a thirst for justice.**

For those in our community who are sick or burdened, especially …

Please add your own intercessions

Merciful Creator, **hear our prayer.**

For species who are threatened and endangered by the loss of their habitat, their migratory corridors, and the protective cover of darkness, as well as by pollution and poaching. May we take the steps needed for their populations to recover and flourish, and may we be moved to create our own small refuges for our wild kin.
Merciful Creator, **shelter your creatures.**

For all who grieve what has been lost: our human loved ones, companion animals, the wondrous species that have gone extinct through human ignorance and greed. May we be thankful for what remains, and resolved to protect it for future generations.
Merciful Creator, **hear our prayer.**

The Presider continues

Eternal God, continue to grace your people with the will to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we discern your presence in all challenges we face, for we have been redeemed by your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Presider continues

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.**

Birthdays, Anniversaries and other Milestones

Please pray together

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(-s) *[N.]* 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.

Blessing of the Animals

The Peace

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

Please greet those around you with a sign of God's peace! To share the peace with those worshipping remotely, please greet them using the camera mounted on the north side of the sanctuary.

The Liturgy of the Table

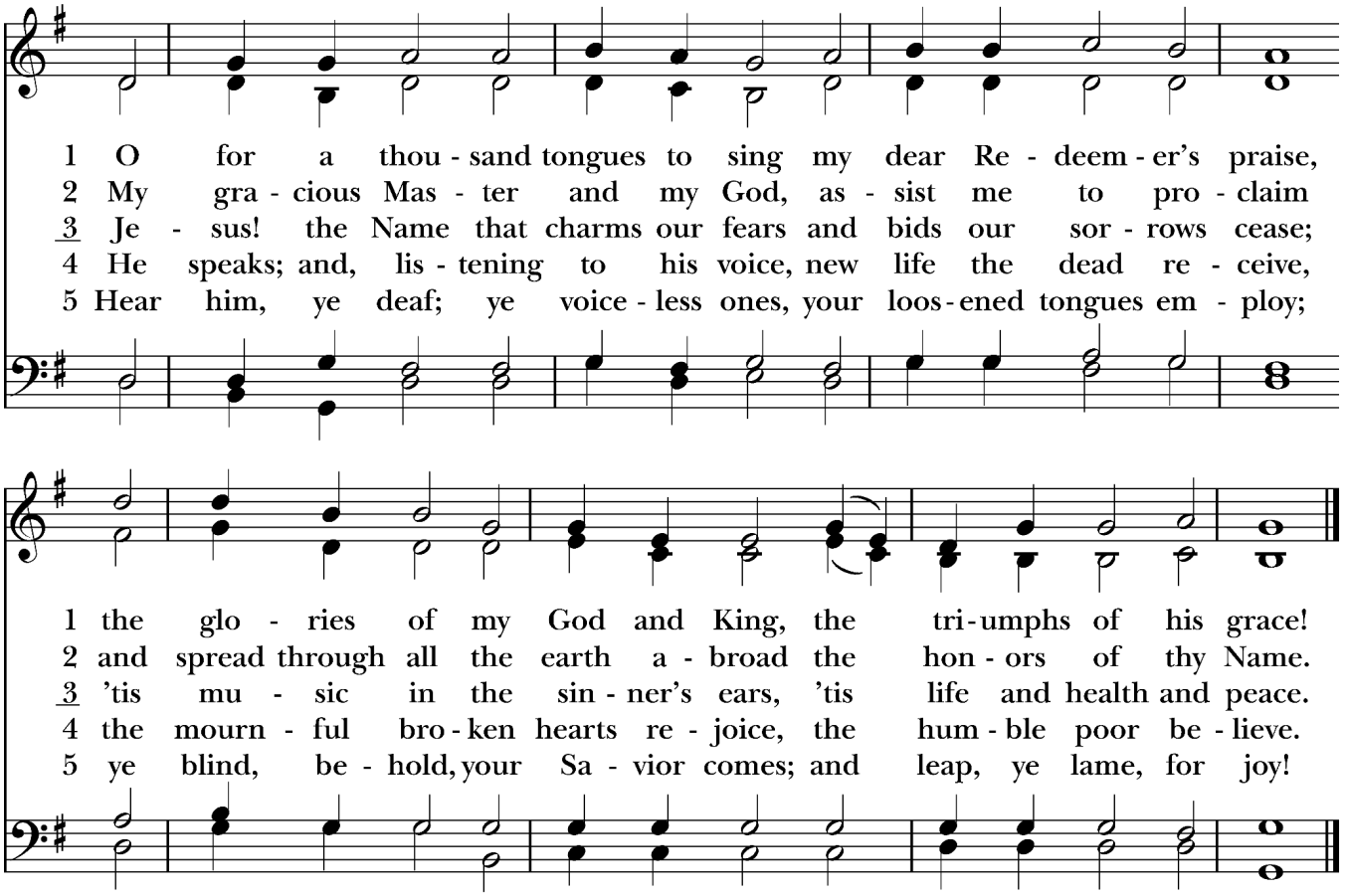
The Offertory

Your electronic offering can be accepted at the station on the coffee table at the back of the Sanctuary. Text-to-give instructions are on the card in your pew. To give online, here is Saint David's Offertory Link:
http://www.saintdavidpdx.org/donate.html

The Rector Discretionary Fund

The Vestry has resolved that on the first Sunday of each month, plate offerings collected during the Eucharist celebration—exclusive of payments toward a member's annual pledge or other named purpose—are designated for the fund. If writing a check please make it payable to "St. David of Wales," and indicate "Rector Discretionary Fund" in the memo line.

Offertory Hymn *O for a thousand tongues to sing* The Hymnal 1982 #493



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Please stand as you are able, as the ushers bring forward our offerings to God from God's people

The Doxology

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Eucharistic Prayer #2 Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.

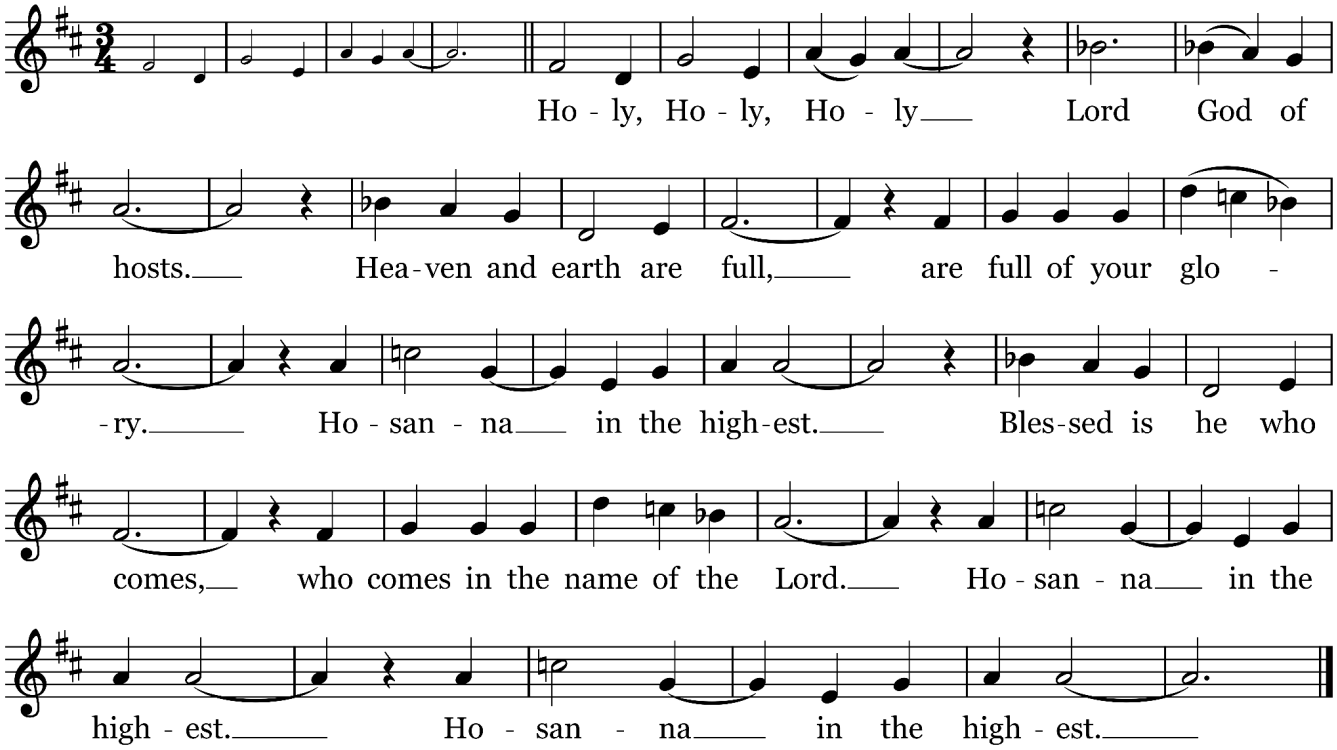
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord**.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The *Presider continues …*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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The Presider continues …

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider says

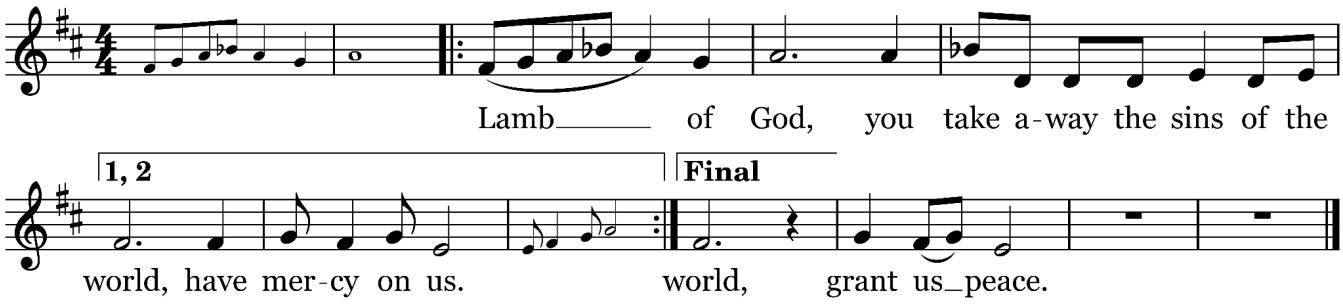
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread Mass of New Life

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread



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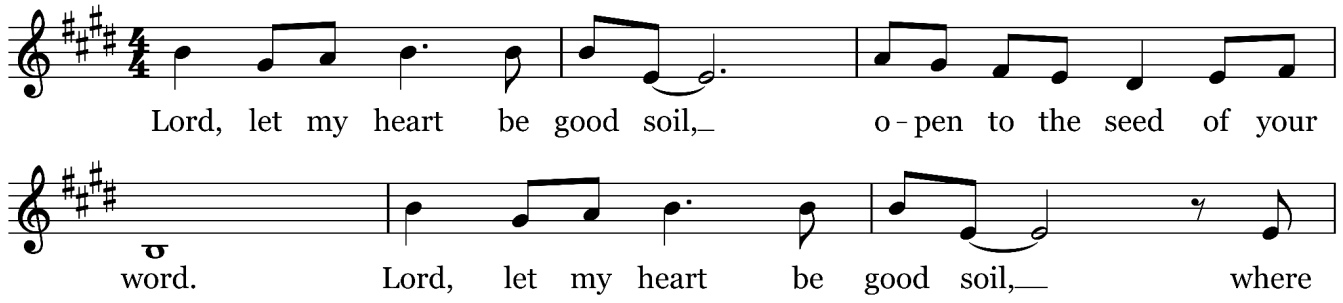
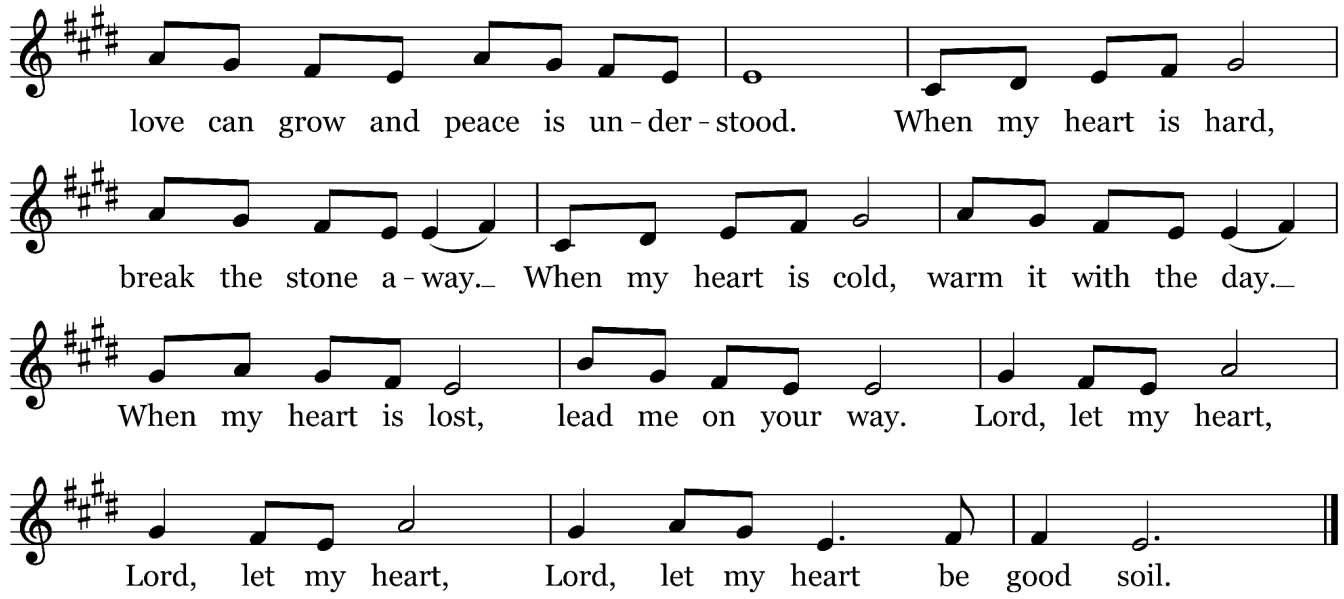
The People receive Communion.

The Bread is gluten free, nut free, and dairy free. Both wine and juice are available at the rail; when presented with the cup, please let the Minister know if you prefer juice. If you are unable to ascend the steps to the rail, Ministers will be available to bring the elements out to you; please let an usher know. All are welcome to partake.

Communion Hymn *Lord, let my heart be good soil* Handt Hanson





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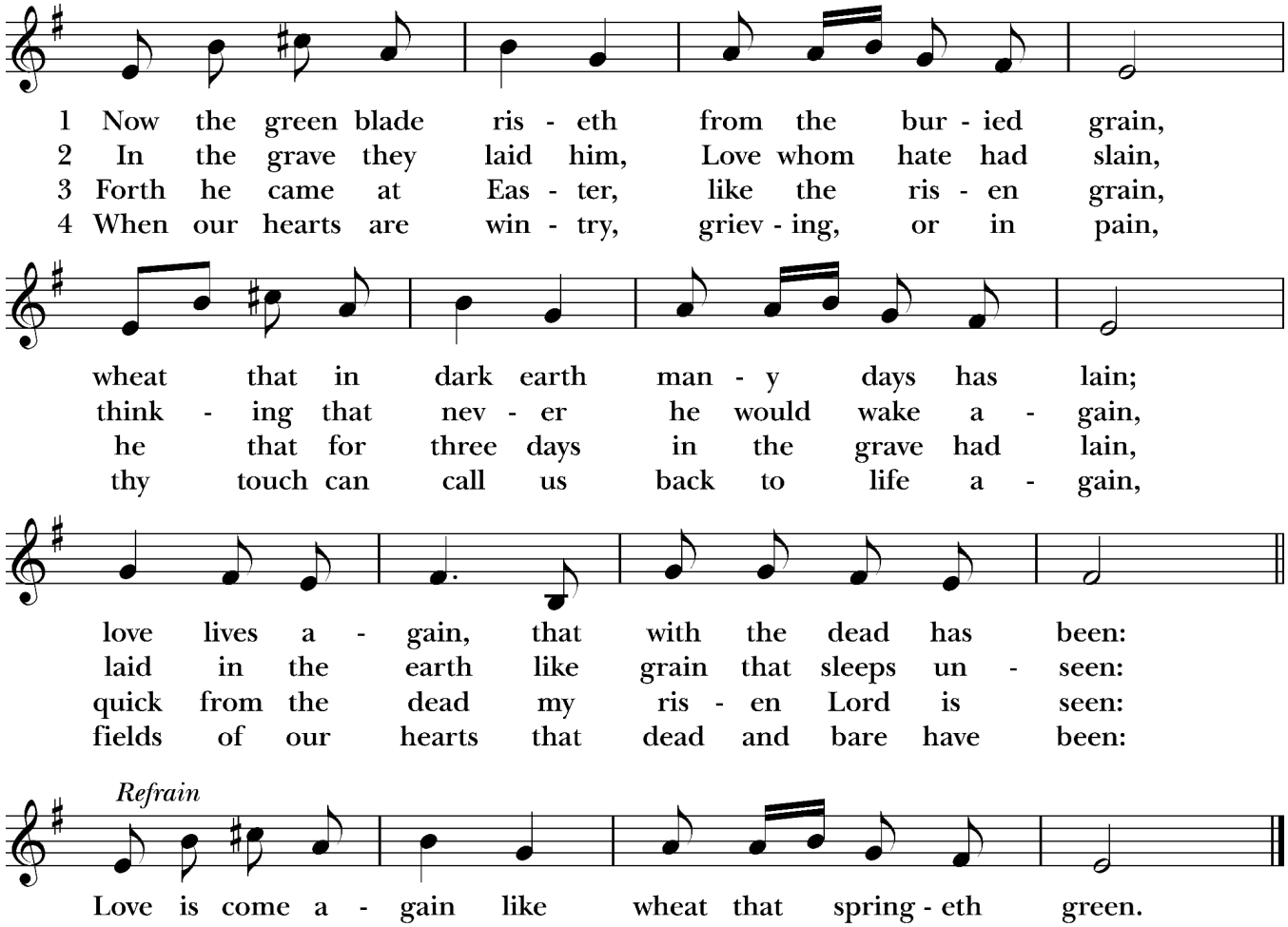
Communion Hymn *Now the green blade riseth* The Hymnal 1982 #204



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Please stand as you are able

When Sending out Eucharistic Visitors

The Presider says

In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with *N.*

Presider and People

You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

Presider and People

Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Presider gives the Blessing

Closing Hymn *What a friend we have in Jesus*

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #109

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain attentive as the musician offers the Postlude

Postlude

Serving Today

Presider and Preacher	Rev. Jana Whitworth
Music	The Choir of St. David's Joshua Hegg, Director of Music
Acolyte	TBA
Readers	Jason Webb, Katie Urbani
Intercessor	Anne Norloff
Eucharistic Minister	Mark Turner
Altar Guild	Diane Wells
Usher	Madeline Moore
Audio/Visual Tech	Brian Felder
Vestry on Duty	Mary Hultquist
Godly Play Story Teller	Cleo Mozena
Godly Play Door Keeper	Chiaki Smillie
Childcare	Emily Parks, Steph Rayner-Carreia
Coffee Hour	Barbara Brecht, Carolynn Rudy, Andrew Rogers

Prayer List: Please keep the following in your prayers: Mike Fazzi, Ellie, Luna, the Mass of Amara, Lester, Peggy, Carolynn, Aaron, Roy, Brooke, John, Kevin, Barbara, Ken, Peggy, Geoff, Ash, Theodore, Gary A., Emerson, Phil, Richard, Sabine, Linda G., Linda B., John, Randy, Katie.

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