# St. Margaret's Church

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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 5, 2026**
**10:00 a.m.**

## Holy Eucharist – Enriching our Worship


*The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector*
*The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector*
*Jim Douglas, Director of Music*

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# Welcome to St. Margaret's Church

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshiping with us and that you will join us for refreshments and fellowship outside following the service. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a Connect Card which may be found in your pew or on our website's "Newcomers" page at st-margarets.org/newcomers.

### Safety Protocols at St. Margaret's

**In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, locate your nearest exit, and listen for instructions.** Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus.

### Children at St. Margaret's

**Nursery care** is provided on Sunday mornings by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The Nursery is located on the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

At the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service during the Sequence Hymn, children ages three and a half through fifth grade are welcome to follow the wooden cross out to attend **Children's Chapel** with an age-appropriate lesson and music. Children in middle school are welcome to attend **Youth Chapel** for an age-appropriate lesson with Clergy. All return at the Peace.

We provide **Sunday School** for children ages 3-14 most Sundays from September through May. To sign up your child, email Emily DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at emily@st-margarets.org. Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, meets on Monday evenings. To register your youth, email Allison Wood, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at youthministry@st-margarets.org.

On Mondays from September through May, we offer several formational and fellowship opportunities. Choir rehearsals take place at 5:15 p.m. for our choristers (K-8) and 7:00 p.m. for our adults (high school and above) in the Annex. Youth Group takes place from 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the Formation Building. On the last Monday of the month, there is an evening service led by our choristers at 5:45 p.m. in the church, followed by a community dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please check the church calendar at st-margarets.org/calendar to confirm programs are scheduled.

Our **Day School** has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and named a Green School by the State of Maryland. For ages 2-6, the school offers a high quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, chess, and basketball. The school also offers highly popular summer camps from for ages 2-6. More information may be found on their website at stmargaretsdayschool.org, or by emailing Jennie Feeney, Day School Director, at smdsdirector@outlook.com.

### Adult Formation at St. Margaret's

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Each Sunday, we present a talk on a mission or an issue of interest in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. On Wednesday mornings, our Education for Ministry (EFM) class meets. On Thursdays, we offer Book Club on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, we offer Gospel Sessions that look at the upcoming lesson for the week, again on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. Our Thursday night offerings range from a monthly book study to contemplative liturgies and movie nights. Visit our website for more information of what is coming up.

St. Margaret's is known for its many outreach efforts both locally and around the world. We are an active and committed church. To get involved, visit our website's "Get Involved" page at st-margarets.org/getinvolved.

### Music at St. Margaret's

St. Margaret's is blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of an adult choir, a graded chorister program for youth, handbells, and a contemporary music ensemble. If you would like to find out more, please visit the music pages on the website at st-margarets.org/music-overview and contact Jim Douglas, Director of Music, at music@st-margarets.org. Membership in our ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at st-margarets.org/music-calendar.

The **liturgy and music** for today is drawn from Enriching our Worship, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through OneLicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

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***As we prepare for worship, please silence all mobile devices.***
***Thank you.***

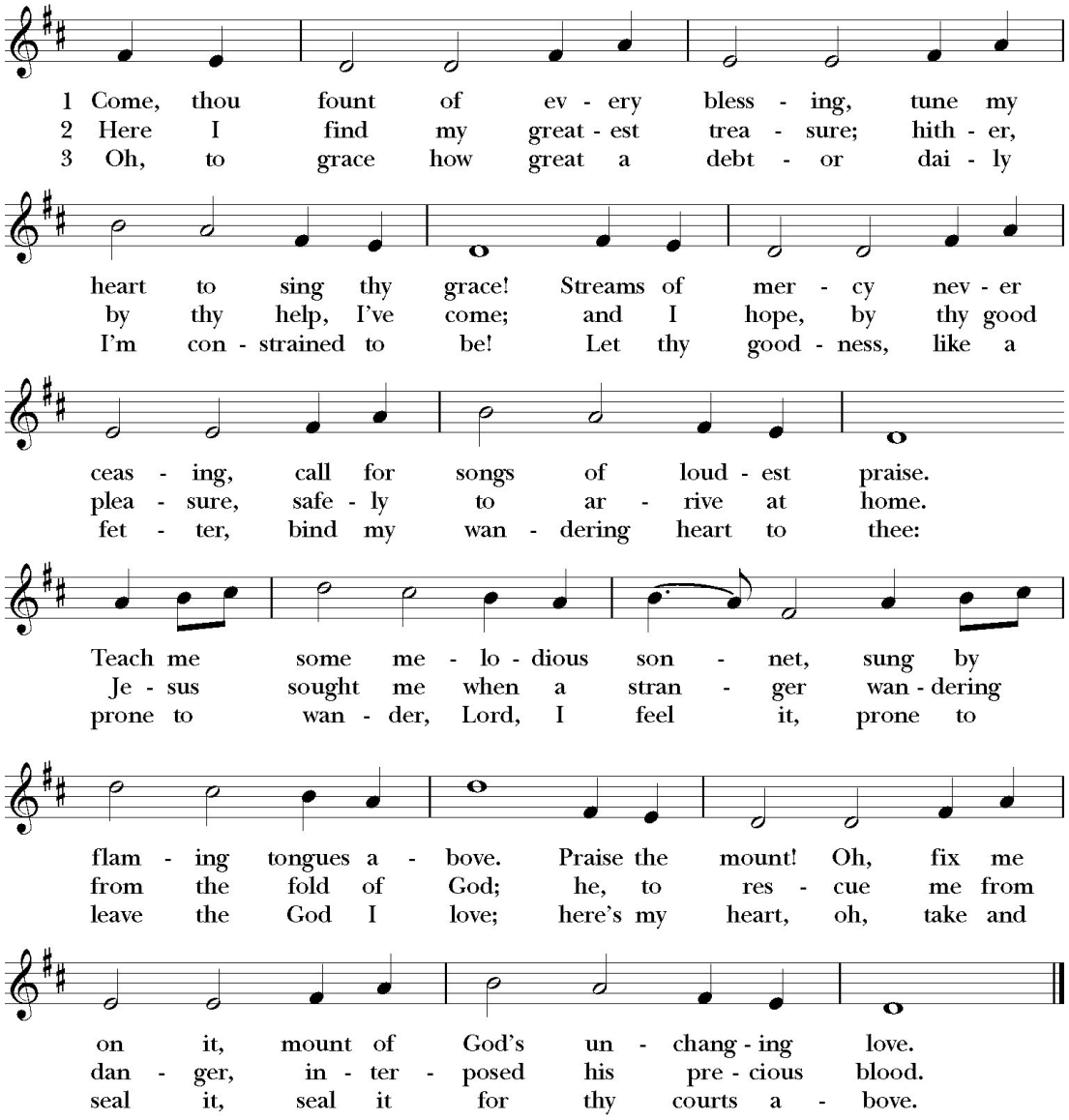
## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.*

## HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing — NETTLETON



## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

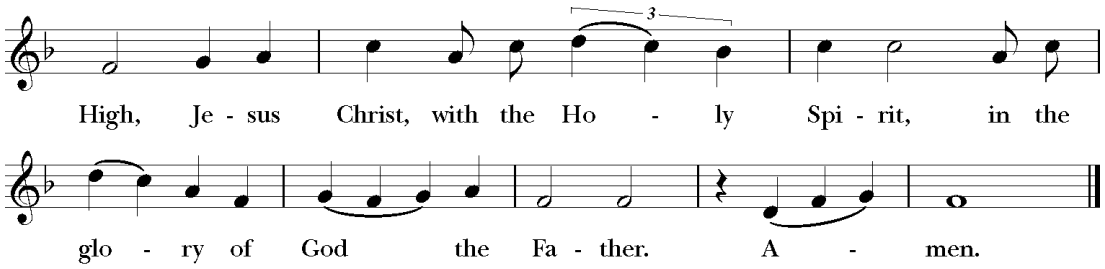
## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* 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.
*People* **Amen.**

*The People remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.*

## Song of Praise

*Robert J. Powell*




### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Let us pray.
O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
*People* **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.

Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

**GRADUAL** *(read responsively by whole verse)* Psalm 45: 11-18

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your parents' house.

12 **The king will have pleasure in your beauty; ***
**you are committed to him; therefore do him honor.**

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 **All glorious is the princess as she enters; ***
**her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 **With joy and gladness they are brought, ***
**and enter into the palace of the king.**

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 **I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; ***
**therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."**

**EPISTLE** Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

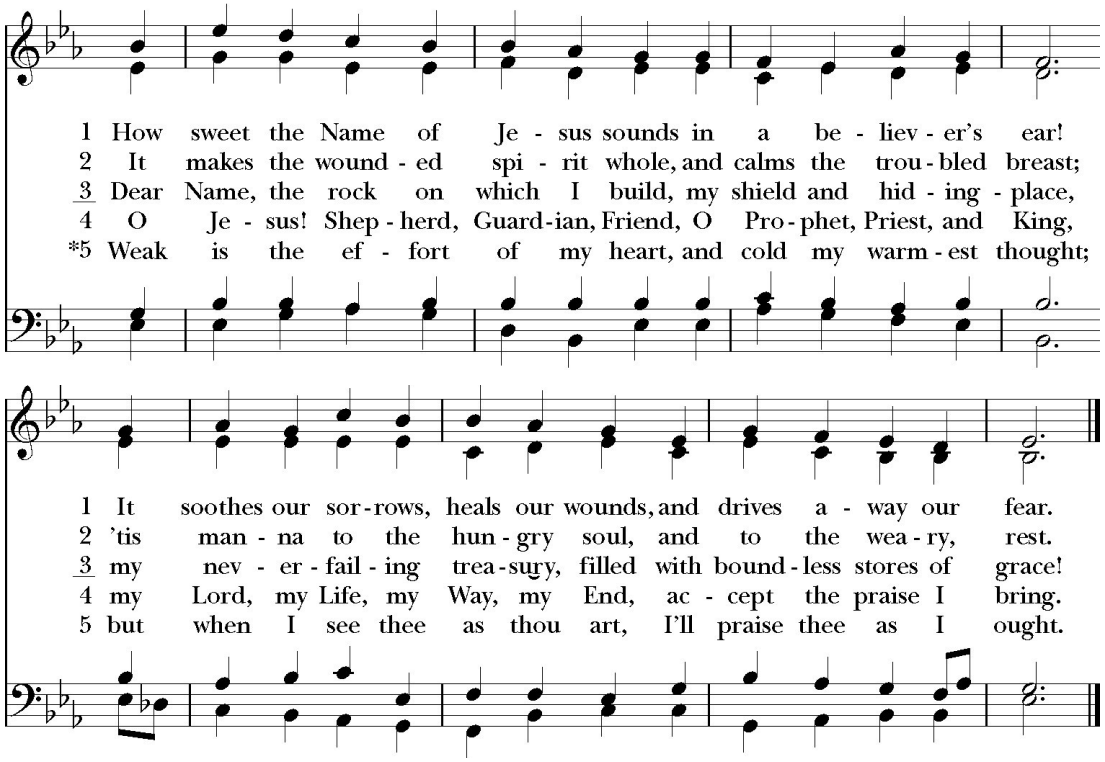
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Lector* Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.*

***Children's Chapel*** *(children ages three and a half to fifth grade) and* ***Youth Chapel*** *(children in middle school) begin here. During this hymn, children will leave the nave by following the wooden cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the Annex. All will rejoin their families at the Peace. Children three and under may attend Children's Chapel but need to be accompanied by a parent.*

**HYMN** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds ST. PETER




**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

*The People are seated.*

**SERMON** The Rev. Patti Sachs

*The People stand as they are able.*

## NICENE CREED

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Form II*

*Leader* and

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Carrie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine, Nigeria, and Congo. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially…. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially.... Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for those who are currently serving abroad and their loved ones, especially Matthew, Michael, Jonah, and Gabriel.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially those whom we remember today, that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

In our global cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America.
In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Philip's, Annapolis; St. Stephen's, Severn Parish; Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore.
We also pray for our cousins at Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church.

*Celebrant* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People remain standing or kneel.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People*
**God of all mercy,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you,**
**opposing your will in our lives.**
**We have denied your goodness in each other,**
**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**
**the evil we have done,**
**and the evil done on our behalf.**
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**
**through our Savior Jesus Christ,**
**that we may abide in your love**
**and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People stand as they are able.*

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace and are seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

# HOLY COMMUNION

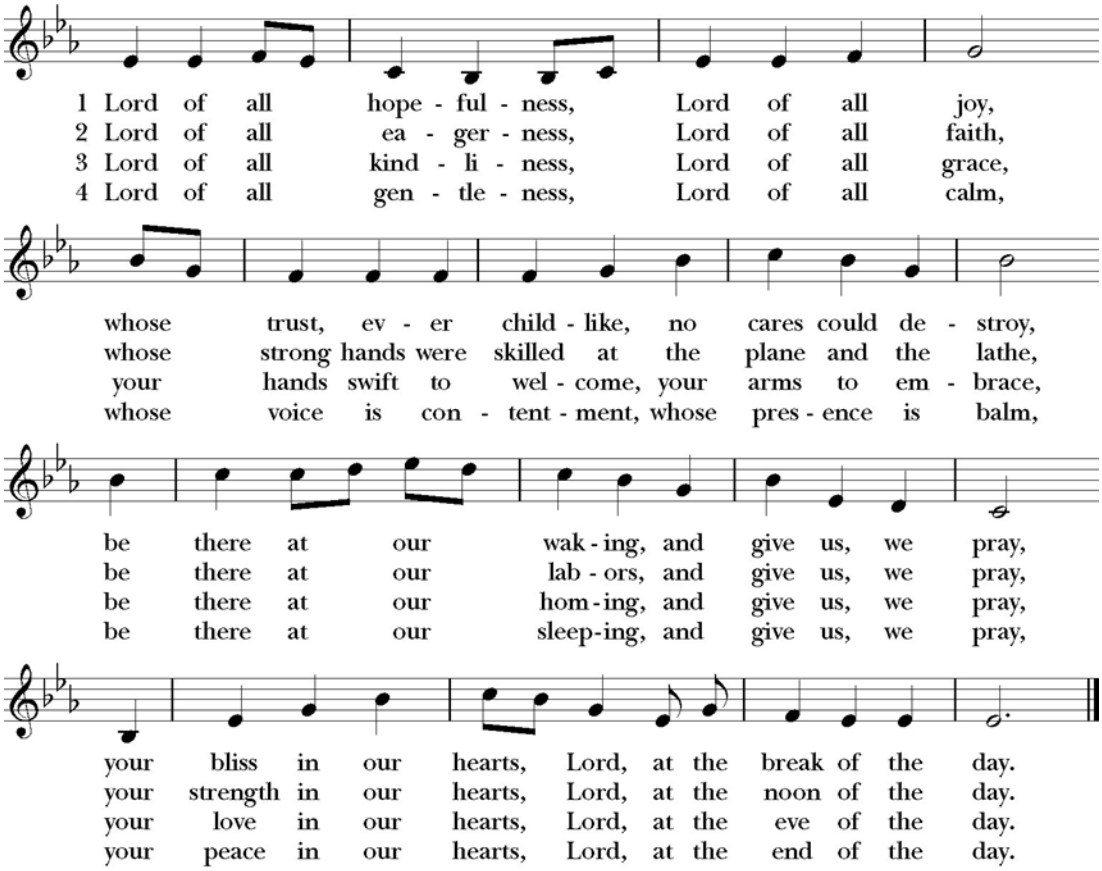
***To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.***

***During the Offertory, all are welcome to bring their gift to the plate located in front of the altar. Ushers will take the plates to those who wish to offer their gift from their seat.***

***During Communion, healing prayers and the laying on of hands will take place at the prayer desk in the Narthex.***

*The People remain seated and sing the Hymn.*

**HYMN** Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy SLANE




*The People stand as they are able.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer 1*

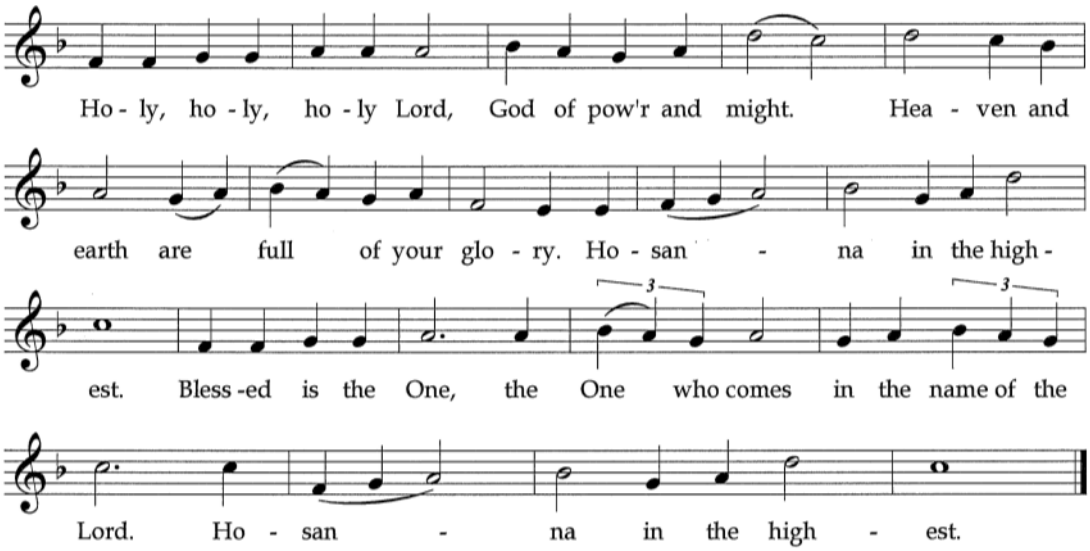
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**SANCTUS** *Jim Douglas*




*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from captivity, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Margaret, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

*People* **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

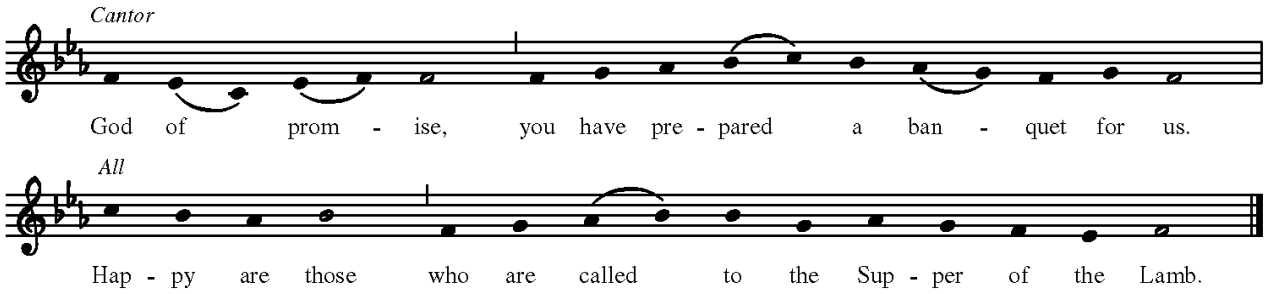
*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Plainsong Mode 2, arr. Bruce Ford*




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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy gifts for holy people.

*The People are seated.*

*All are welcome to receive bread and wine during Communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the Communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms-down when at the Communion rail. These wafers are kept in a separate holder from which you are invited to take one.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*The People stand as they are able after all are served.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,**
**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**
**you have united us with Christ and one another;**
**and you have made us one with all your people in 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

*People* **Amen.**

*The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.*

**HYMN**

Eternal Father, strong to save — MELITA

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**