

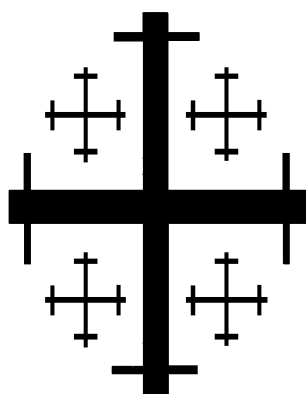
Pentecost IX

26 July 2026

9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Prelude *Andante Graziose* Helene Liebmann (1795-1859)}

Please stand & face the Baptismal font

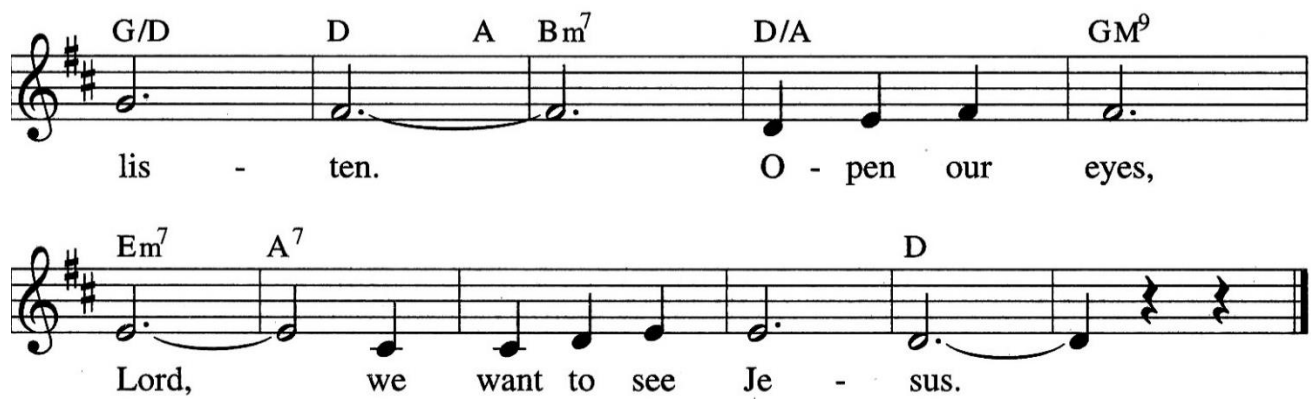
Penitential Rite *Open Our Eyes Lord* (W&P 113)

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to



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L The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words (Romans 9:26). Let us confess our weakness, seeking God's grace and mercy as the Spirit intercedes for us.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L O Lord;

C Turn my way and look kindly on me, as you always do to those who love you. Steady my steps with your word of promise, so that I will not be overcome by evil (Psalm 119:132-133).

L What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? (Romans 8:31-34).

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]

Capo 1 D Eb F#m7 Gm7 G Ab A Bb D Eb F#m7 Gm7 G Ab A Bb

ALL Ky-ri-e e-lei-son on our world and on our way.

D Eb F#m7 Gm7 G Ab A Bb D Eb G Ab A Bb

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son ev-'ry day.

CANTOR

Bm Cm F#m Gm

1. For peace in the world, for health in the church for
2. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for

G Ab D Eb

un-i-ty of all;
Spir-it kindl-ed love.

Bm Cm A Bb

for this ho-ly house, for all gather-ed here,
for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy,

G Ab A Bb

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL G Ab A Bb

let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Hymn of Praise

Capo fret 1

D Eb Em Fm D Eb Em Fm D Eb Em Fm
 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex -
 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will -
 We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex -

D Eb Em Fm D Eb A Bb A7 Bb7
 alt _____ you. I will stand in the con - gre - ga
 praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 alt _____ you. We will join as a con - gre - ga -

G D Em D Em
 Ab Eb Fm Eb Fm
 tion and I will ex - alt _____ you. Let the
 tion and I will praise your name; With your
 tion and we will ex - alt _____ you. We will

D Em D Em D G
 Eb Fm Eb Fm Eb Ab
 chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!
 peo - ple of ev - 'ry na - tion I will shout this praise!
 sing as all cre - a - tion lifts the song a new.

Em7 D Gmaj7 A7 D
 Fm7 Eb AbM7 Bb7 Eb
 Hal - le - - lu - - jah!

A(sus4) A F#m7 Bm7
 Bbsus Bb Gm7 Cm7
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

E(sus4) E A G
 Fsus Bb Ab Bb
 Hal - le - lu - - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!

G A D D Em D G
 Ab Bb Eb Vm Eb Fm Eb Ab
 Let the child - ren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!

Em7 D Gmaj7 A7 D Em D
 Fm7 Eb AbM7 Bb7 Eb Fm Eb
 Hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor/choir sing REFRAIN, all echo and sing ff. verses

Psalm 119 Pe

for Megan Elliott

Viktor Andersson

The musical score is written for two staves in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the following notes and rests: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4. Above the staff are the chords F, Bb, and Gm. Above the first measure is a '3' indicating a triplet. Above the last measure is a '3' indicating a triplet. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the following notes and rests: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4. Above the staff are the chords Fmaj7, Dm, Gm, C7, C, and F. Above the last measure is a '3' indicating a triplet. The lyrics are: 'Your way is so won - der - ful! With joy my soul fol-lows it. The Word op - ens up, bring-ing light so we under-stand.'

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1. I open my mouth longing for your commandments. Turn to me in mercy, as you do to those who love your name.

Refrain

2. My steps you direct, as you have always promised. From oppression rescue me. I observe your precepts happily.

Refrain

3. Treat me O Lord, with pity and kindness. My eyes flow with tears when your Way is treated with disdain. **Refrain**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations

Halle Halle Halle

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu - -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Pr. Kyle

Silent reflection

Hymn of the Day *Abide With Me* (ELW 629) Vs. 4 acapella

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Capo fret 1

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:

these we hum - bly share.

In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

after each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory *The Prayer*

Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster c. 1998

Amanda Rothe - Soprano, Brent Anderson - Tenor



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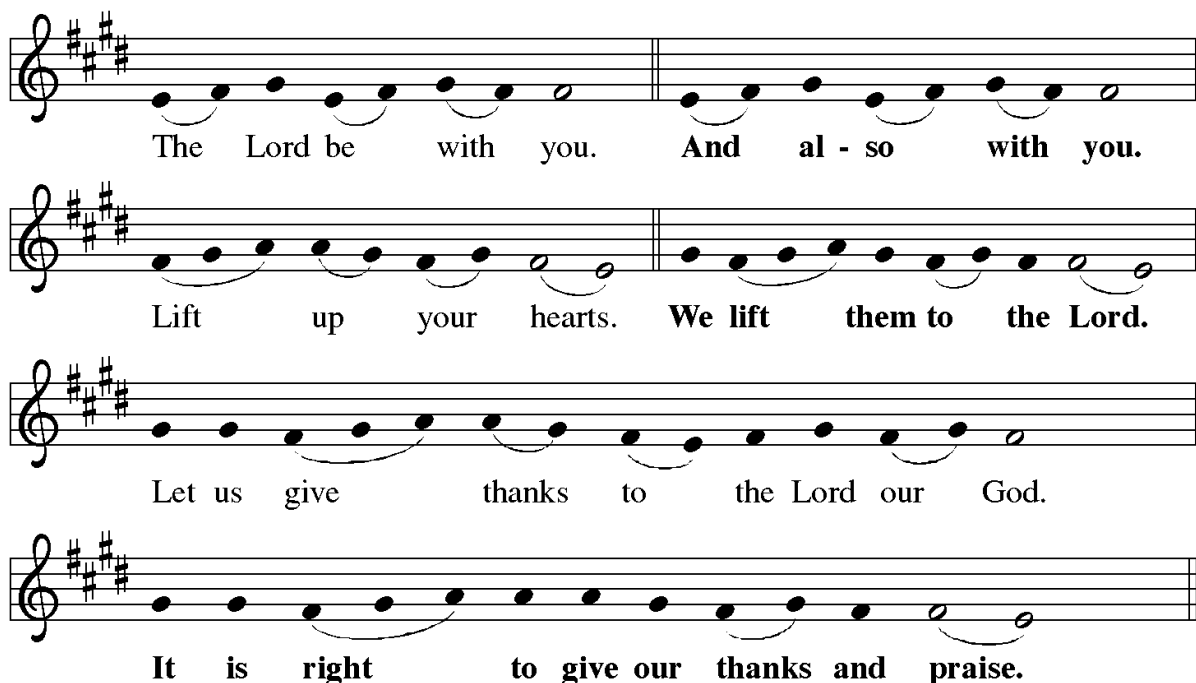
Please stand as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer- ing. Lord, use our voice - es. Lord, use our
hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer- ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we
give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice - es we lift our hearts, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer- ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

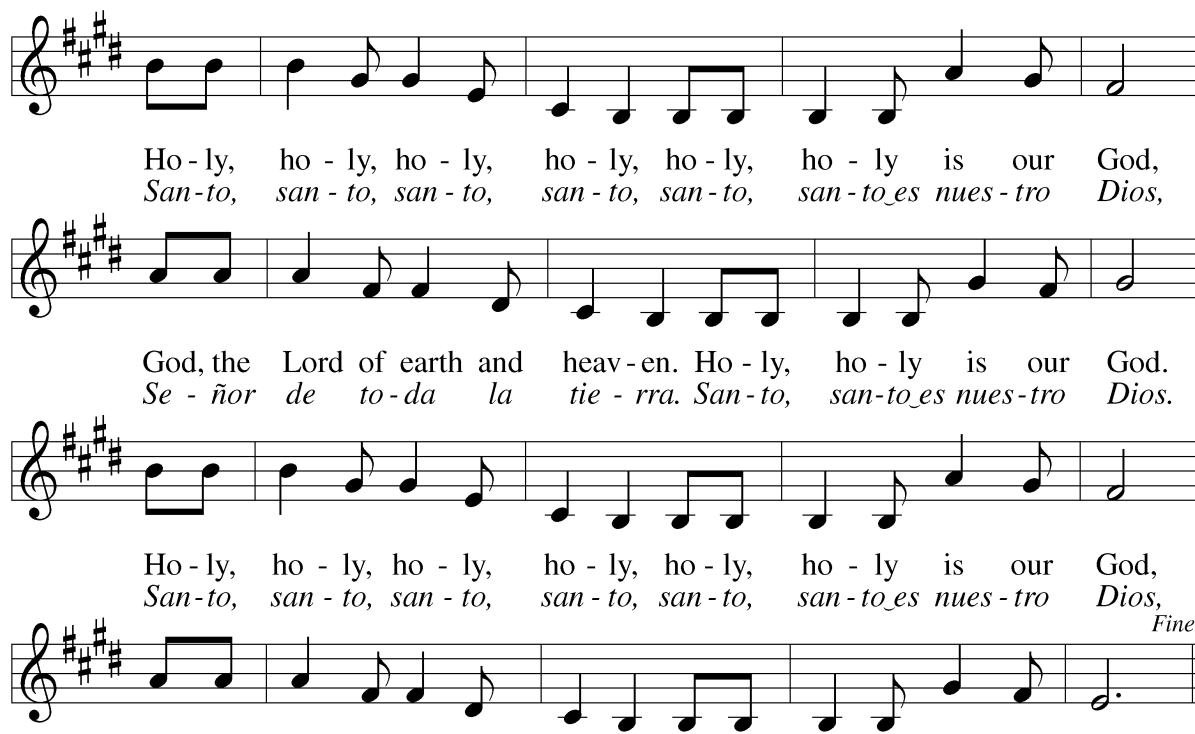
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus [Latin, Holy]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to es nues - tro Dios,

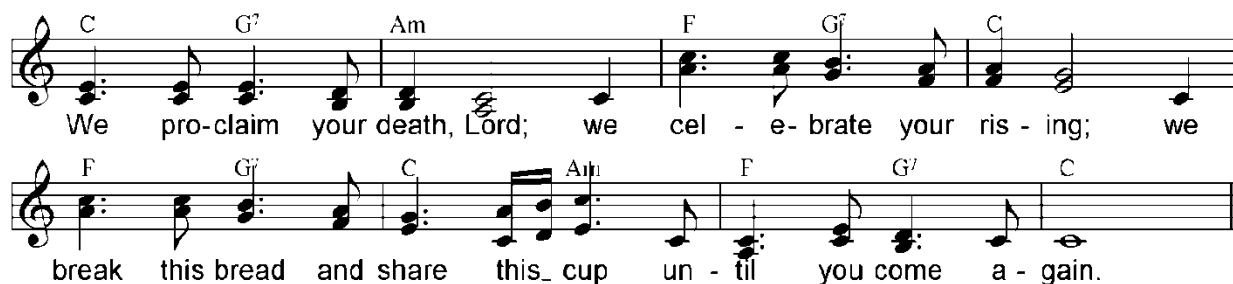
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.
Se - ñor de to-da la tie - rra. San-to, san-to es nues - tro Dios.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
San-to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san-to es nues - tro Dios, *Fine*

God, the Lord of all of his-t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.
Se - ñor de to-da la his - to-ria. San-to, san-to es nues - tro Dios.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



C G7 Am F G7 C
 We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e- brate your ris - ing; we

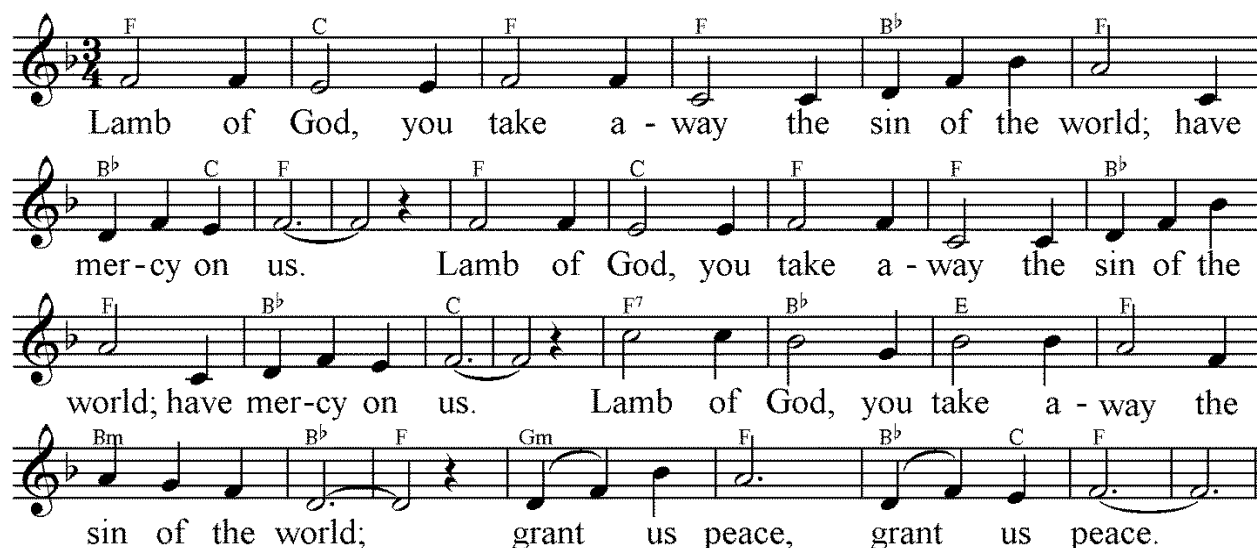
F G7 C Am F G7 C
 break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray

**All 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, forever and ever. Amen**

P The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]



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HOLY COMMUNION



In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.
All are welcome.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
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Online at Home: If you have elements at home,
commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage
you to communion each other and bless children who have not
received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

*The following songs may be sung during distribution of the
Sacrament:*

What A Friend We Have In Jesus (ELW 742)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

See Ye First (WOV 783)

Canon



1. Seek ye first the king-dom of God and His right - eous-
 2. Man shall not live by bread a - lone, but by ev - 'ry
 3. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you, seek, and ye shall



ness, and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 word that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God;
 find, knock, and the door shall be o-pened un - to you;



Al - le - lu, al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al-le - lu - ia.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948
 Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Irregular; Karen Lafferty, b.1948
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;_ tell ev - ery
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your
 prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth with joy! With -
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing, A - men, A - men; With -
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing A - men! A - men!

A Let us pray... Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen

P The Benediction ✠

C Amen

Recessional *Every Time I Feel The Spirit (ACS 942)*

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



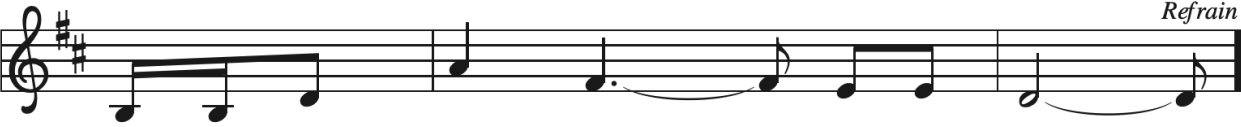
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Voluntary John Stanley (1712-1786)*

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Kelsey Helton, *clarinet, sax, vocals*
Amelia DeFanti, Paul Slezak, *trombone, vocals*
Blake Kitch, *percussion, vocals*

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Upcoming Commemorations

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians
Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030
Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.