CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 6, 2026 ..... **11:00 a.m.**

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, *after the Service Music (S-) section.*

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Elegy ..... C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 11 ..... Awake, my soul, and with the sun ..... MORNING HYMN

The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.

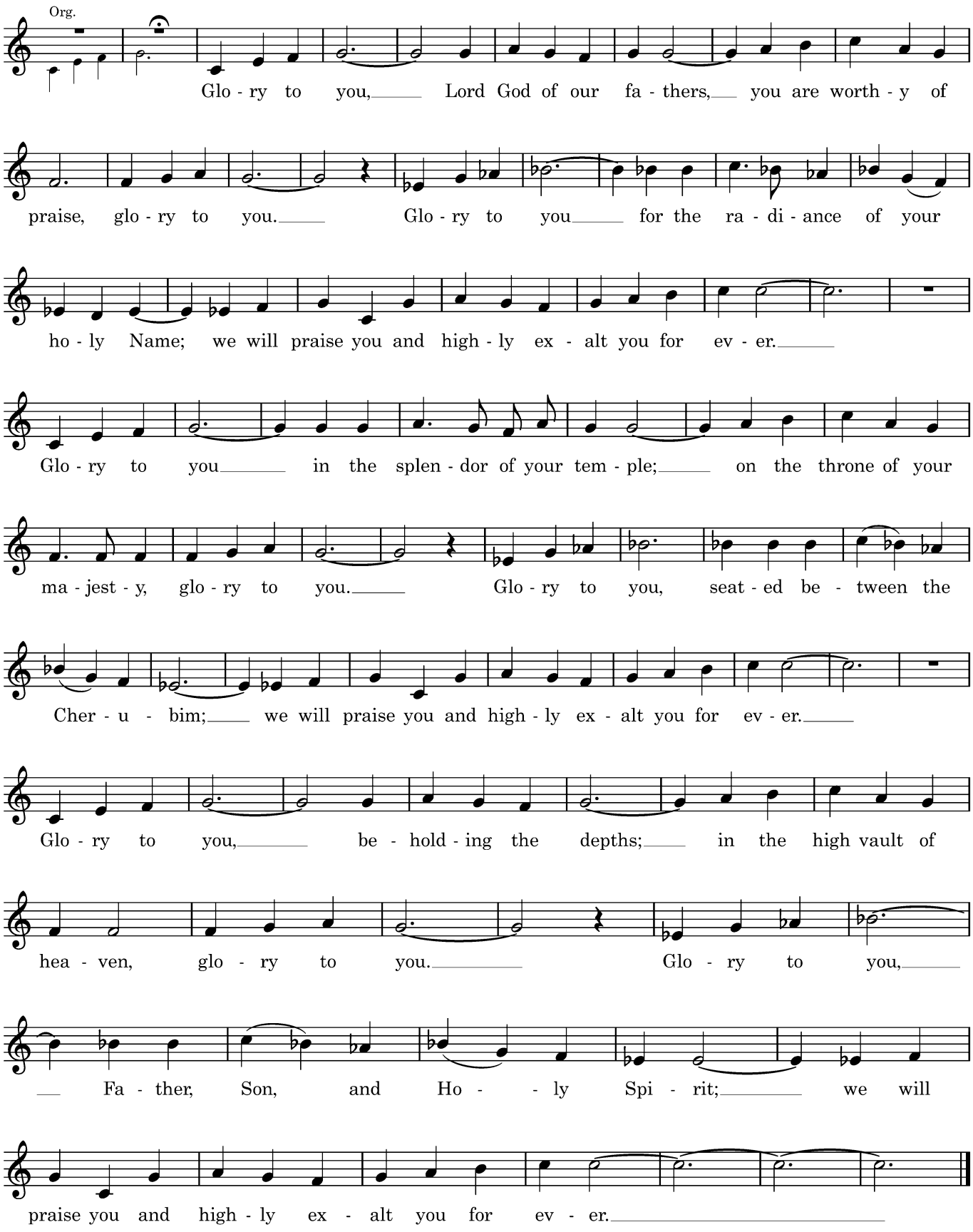
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

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Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers, you are worth - y of
praise, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your
ma - jest - y, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the
Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
hea - ven, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

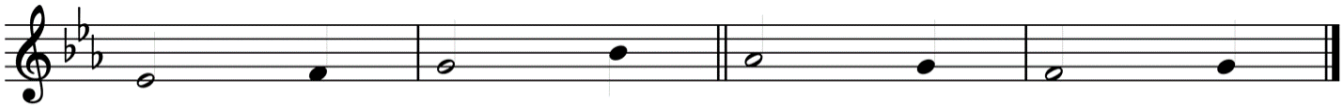
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON .....Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 26:1-8.....Simplified Anglican chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

One measure of music is sung per half-verse, changing pitch at the slash mark.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your / statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the / end.

34 Give me understanding,
and I shall keep your / law; *
I shall keep it with all my / heart.

35 Make me go in the path
of your com-/mandments, *
for that is my de-/sire.

36 Incline my heart to your de-/crees *
and not to unjust / gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching
what is / worthless; *
give me life in your / ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your / servant, *
which you make to those who / fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I / dread, *
because your judgments are / good.

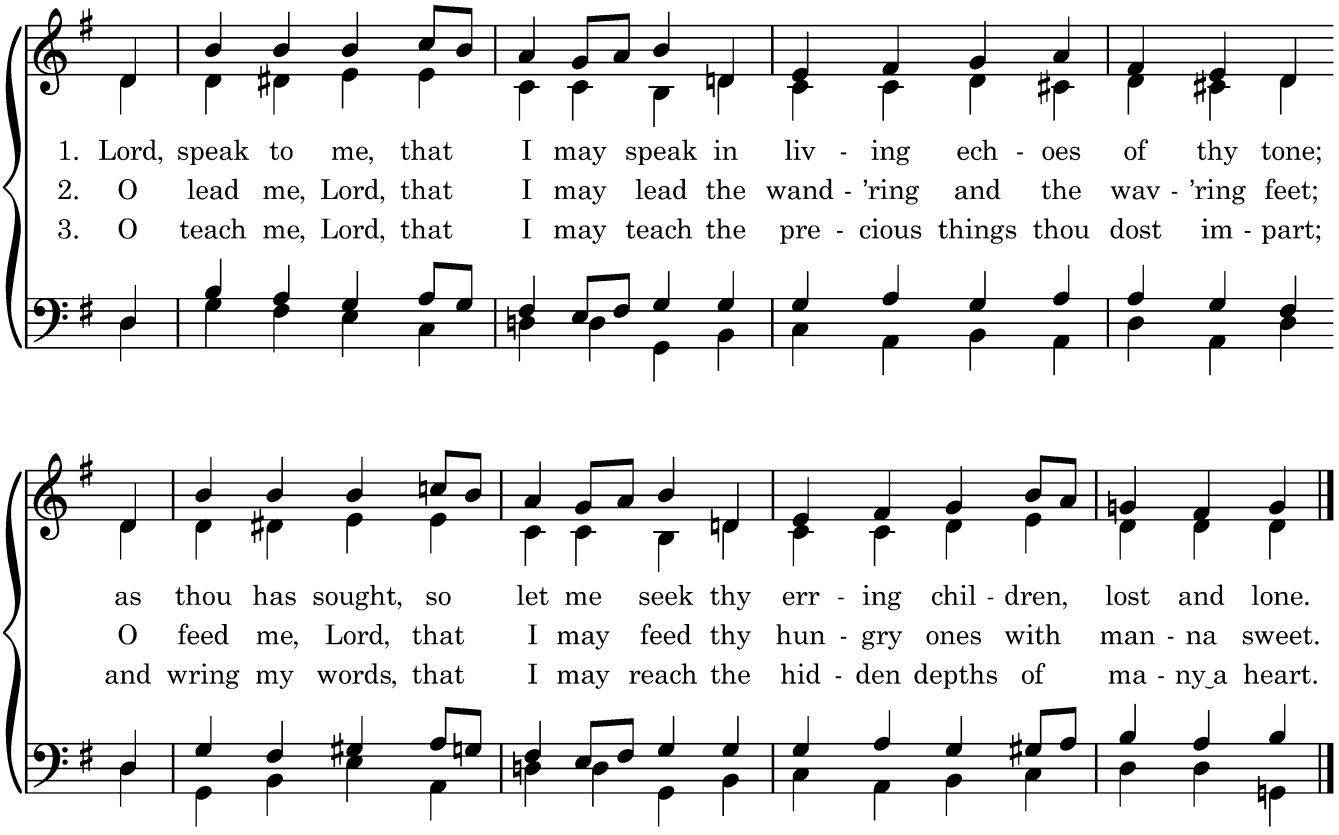
40 Behold, I long for your com-/mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my / life.

THE EPISTLE.....Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

HYMN .....Lord, speak to me, that I may speak ..... CANONBURY



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THE HOLY GOSPEL .....Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two

others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERMON ..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

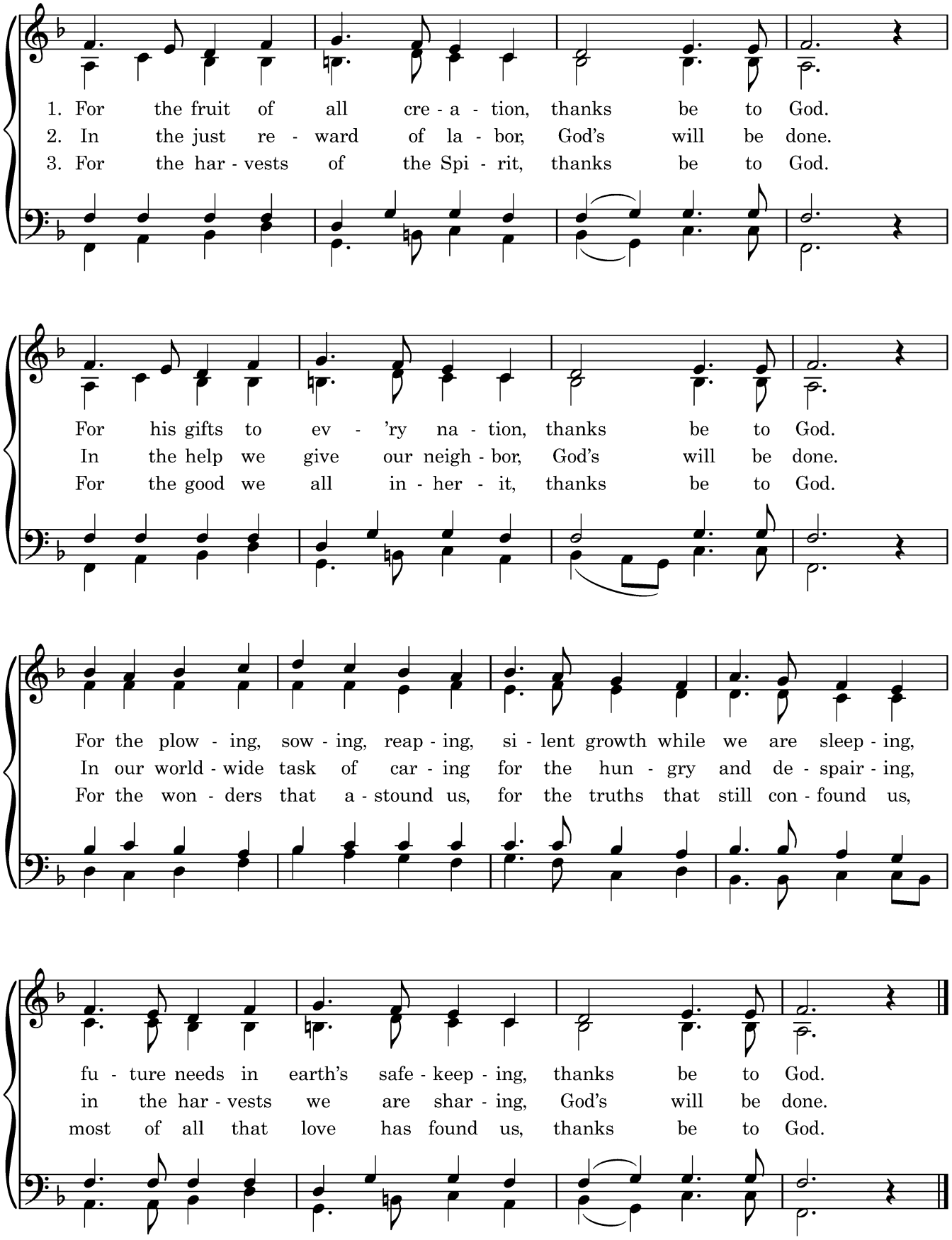
THE NICENE CREED ..... Prayer Book, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV ..... Prayer Book, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN ..... Prayer Book, p. 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN .....For the fruit of all creation .....AR HYD Y NOS

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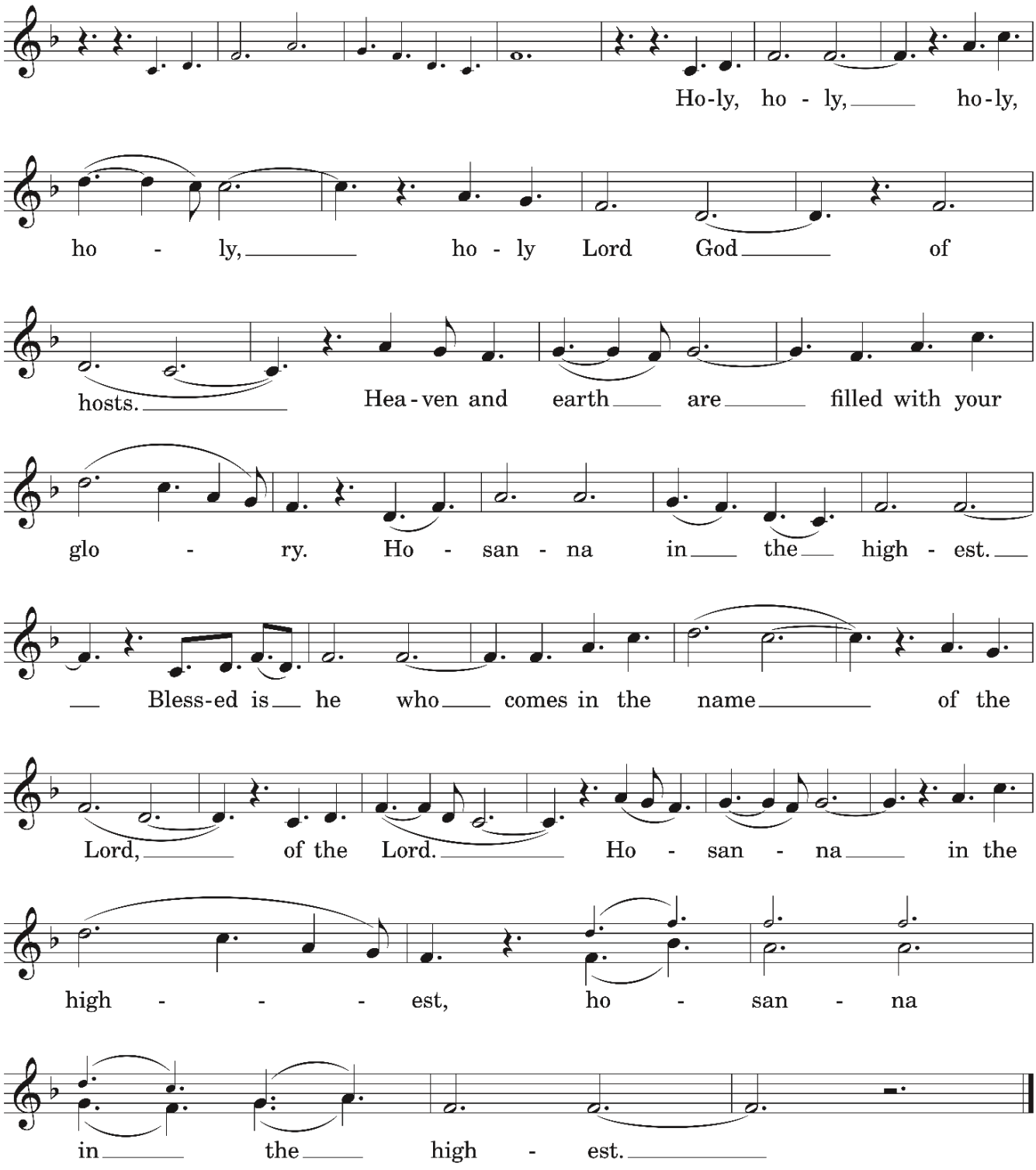
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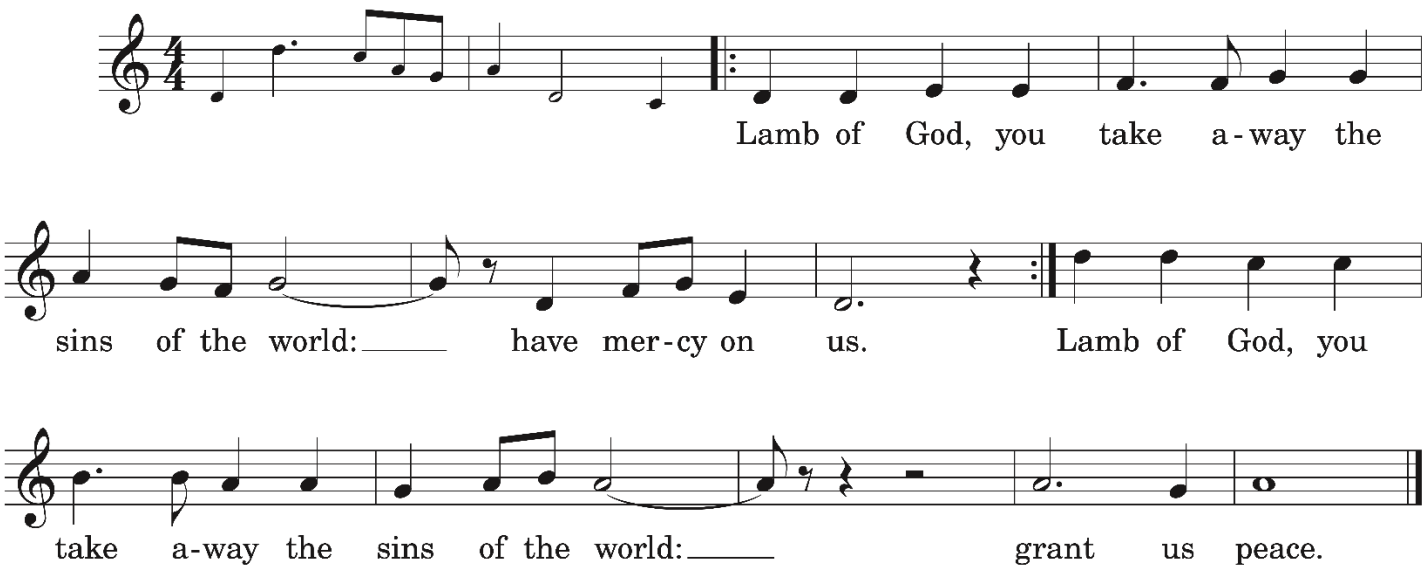
Fraction Anthem ..... Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)



All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

At the Administration

Anthem ..... Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God Creator break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, living, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

– Percy Dearmer (1867–1936), alt.

Hymn 581 ..... Where charity and love prevail ..... Cheshire

The Prayer after Communion ..... Prayer Book, p. 366

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 527 ..... Singing songs of expectation ..... Ton-y-Botel

Organ Postlude ..... *Nachspiele* in D ..... Adolf Hesse (1808–1863)

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Rector's forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)

Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m. (Nave)

Tuesday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Wednesday

Sung Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. (Quire)

ECW making pickles, 9:00 a.m. (Undercroft)

Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)

Thursday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. (Quire)

Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)

Friday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Monday–Saturday

Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

Church of the Holy Cross ..... Shreveport, Louisiana

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Ph.D., D.D.

XXVIII Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D., D.D.

IV Bishop of Western Louisiana

The Reverend J. Garrett Boyte, M.Div. ..... Rector

The Reverend Mary B. Richard ..... Rector Emerita

The Reverend Donald D. Heacock ..... Priest Associate

The Reverend Lois Maberry, M.P.C. ..... Deacon

Benjamin Gessner, M.M. ..... Organist/Choirmaster

Jacob Donaldson, M.B.A. ..... Parish Administrator

Ryan Eubanks ..... Multimedia Manager

Marie Boudreaux ..... Videographer

Brian Jackson ..... Sexton

Donna Earnest ..... Hope House

Joy Porter ..... Hope House

Larry Murff ..... Hope House

Jason Goetz ..... Hope House

This week we remember Carama Pugh Chantler, Henry Smith Cullins, Elizabeth Allen Deas Gustine, Mildred O'Neal Hancock, Jean Gardner Lanier, Mary Ann MacFarlane, Reginald Lee Risinger, Grace Lewlin Sloan, and Myra Tucker Woodward, buried from Holy Cross.

There will be **no 9:00 Eucharist next Sunday**, September 13.

The **card-writing ministry** meets every **First Thursday** of the month at **10:30** in the Library.
The **reading group** meets every **First and Third Wednesday** of the month at **10:00** in the Library.

Volunteers are needed to help the **ECW** make **pickles**
this Wednesday, September 16 and 23, and **October 7, 14, and 21.**

The **ECW** is accepting donations of **items to sell at the Fall Bazaar**.
Please **call the office to coordinate drop-off**.
The Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 7.

This year's **organ recital** series begins on **October 4 at 1:30 p.m.!**
Flyers are available in the narthex with more information.