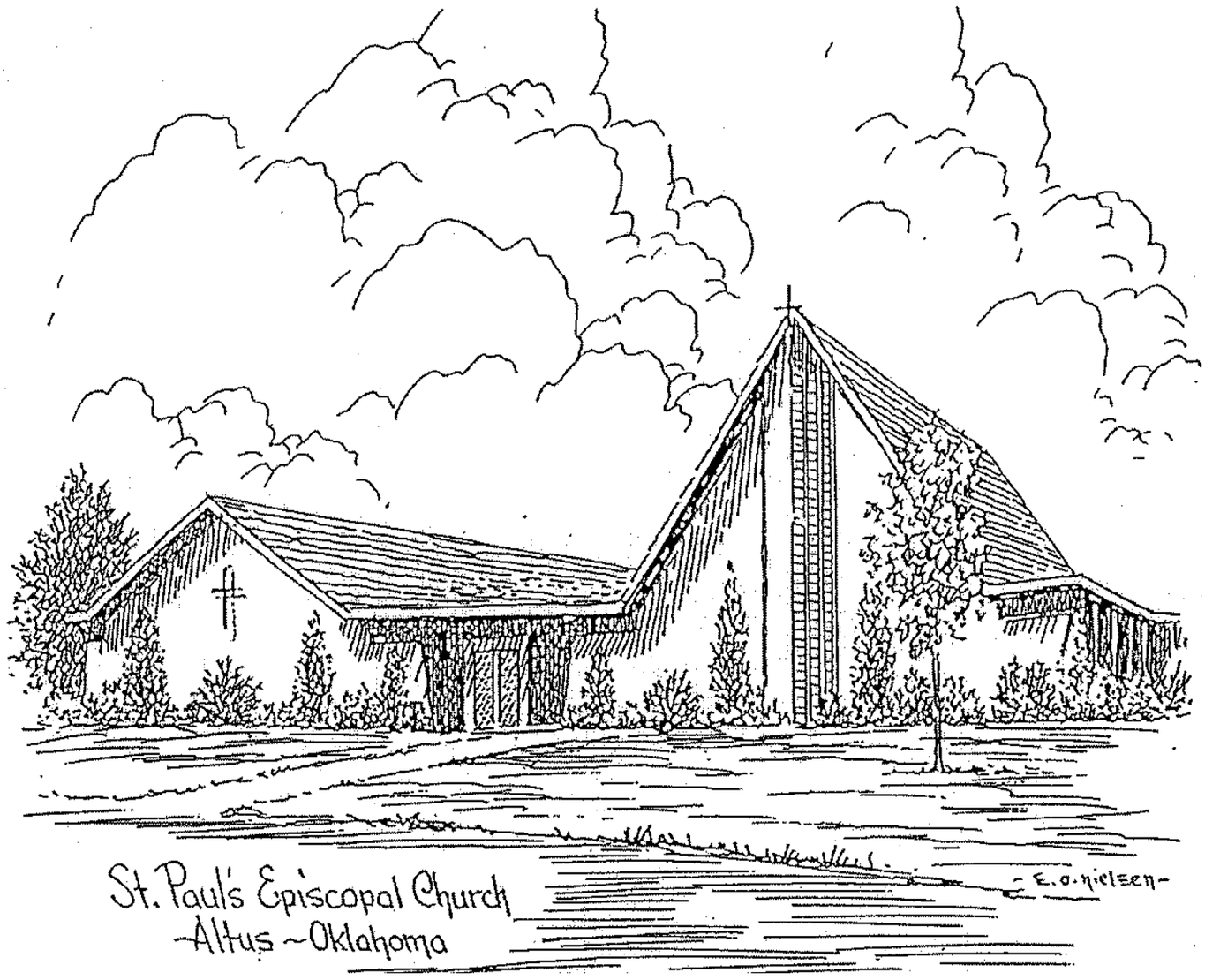
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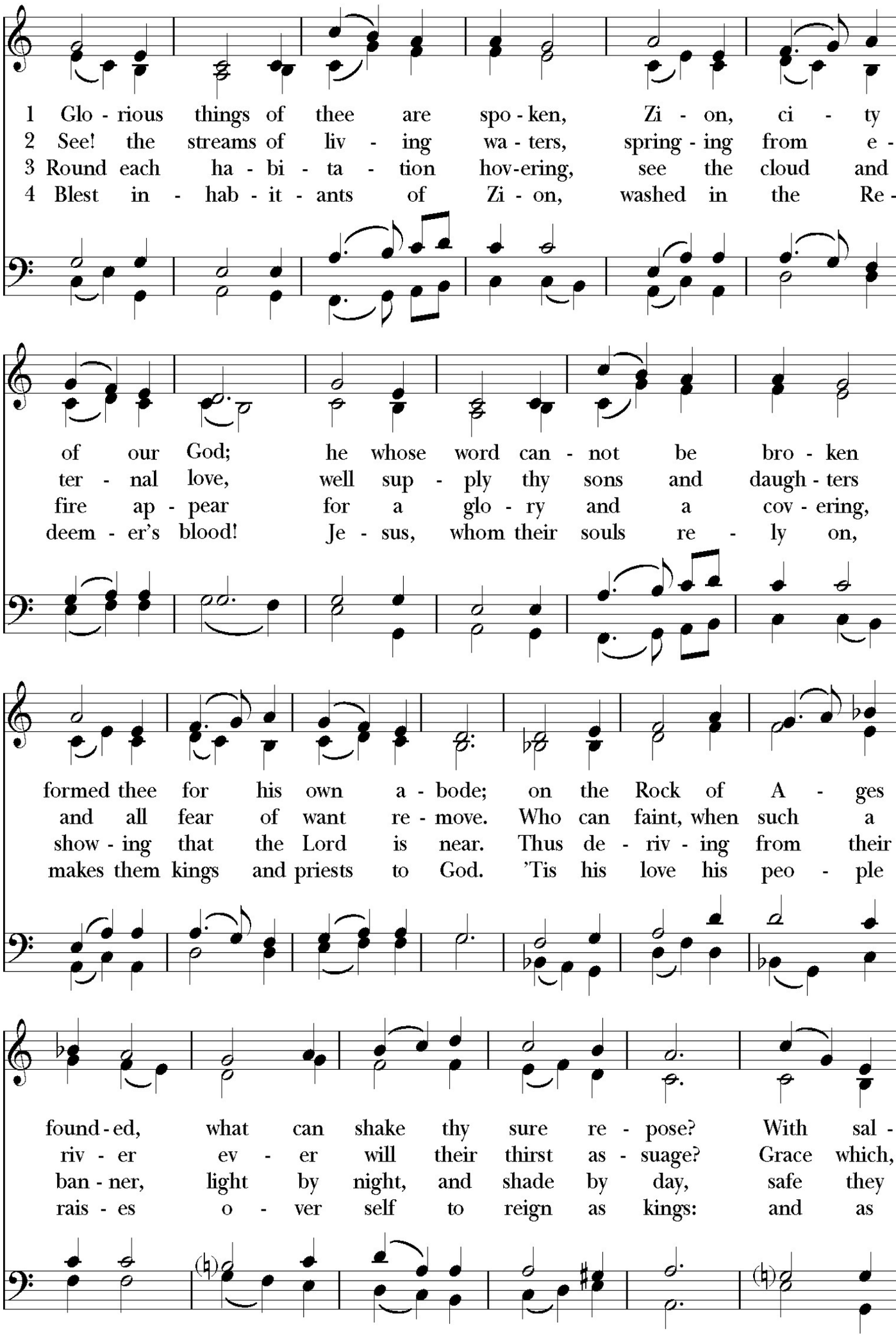


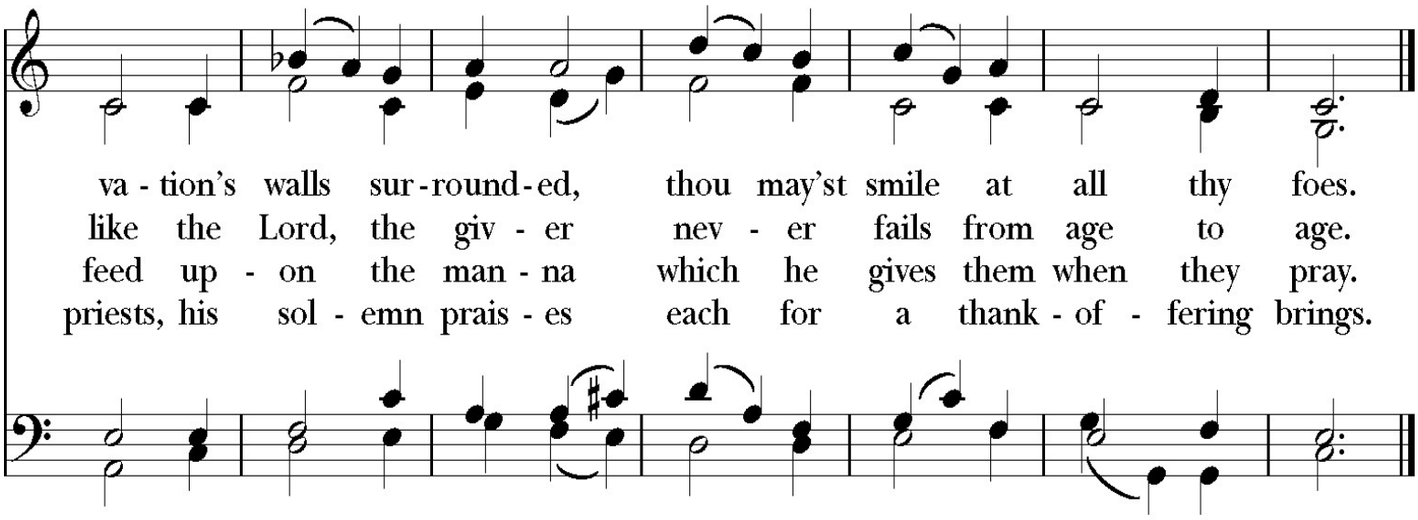
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Processional Hymn *Please stand, if able.* **Hymnal 523**





The Word of God **BCP 355**

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

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

The celebrant continues

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*

Gloria ***(Intro)*** **Hymnal S 280**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: *receive our prayer*.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day **BCP 234**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons **BCP 357**

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people will recite the verse in unison.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.
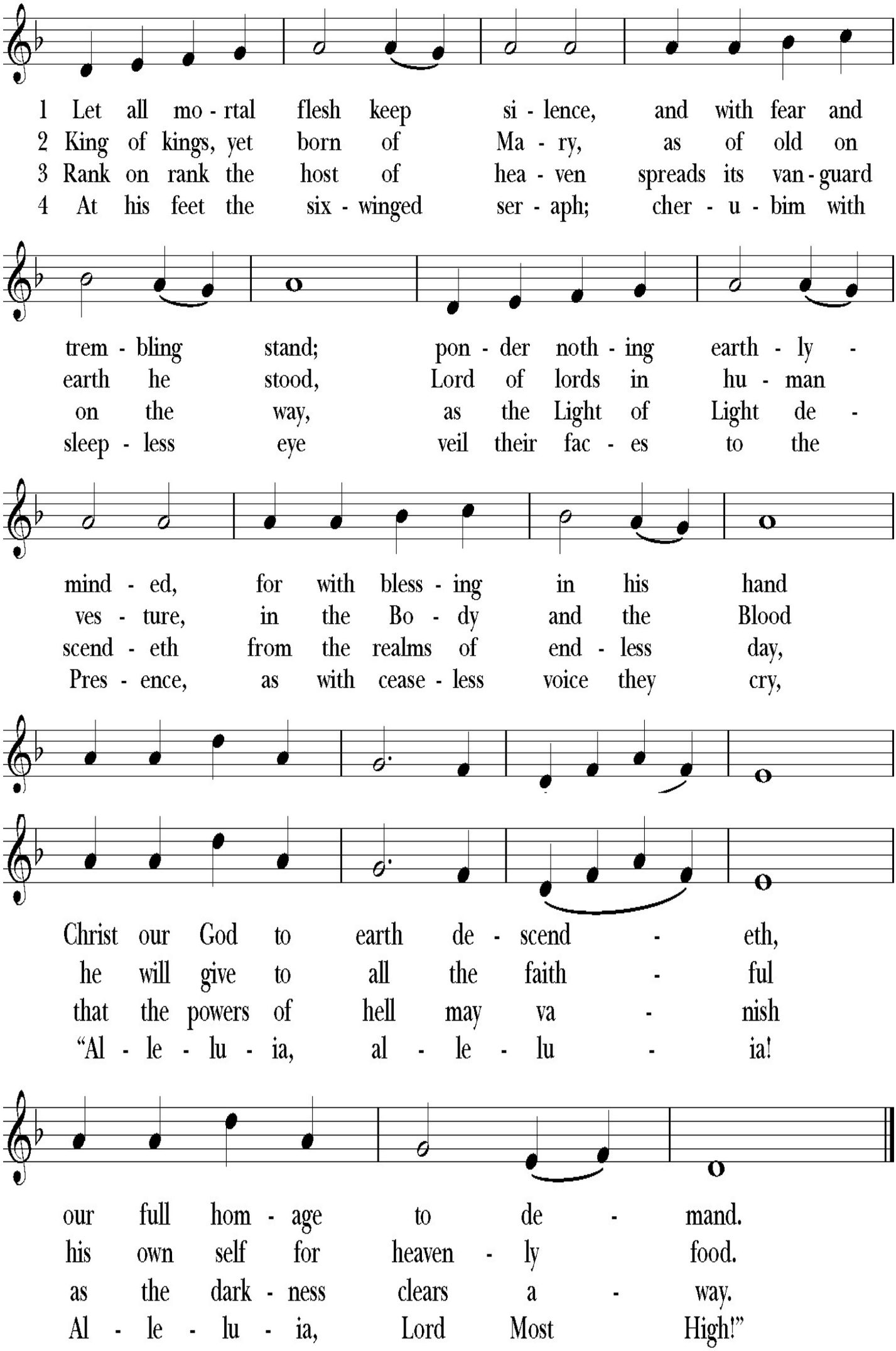
A Reading from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn ***(stand)*** **Hymnal 324**



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon
The Reverend Robert (Bob) Kuhlman

(The People Stand, if able)

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

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.

The Prayers of the People Form The Prayers of the People Form III (kneeling or standing) BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
In our Anglican cycle of Prayer: Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo .
In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: Pray for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Poulson Reed and our Priest David Braddock.
Pray for All Saints', McAlester and St. Andrew's, Lawton.
Pray for The Rev. Dr. Mark Story and his wife Susan, The Rev. Gary Templeton and his wife Ellen and The Rev. John Thorpe .
In our Parish cycle of Prayer: Pray for Joe and Romanita Alcorta , Joe Jr, Roxie, Cindy, Dezi and Erica.
Remember the birthday of Jessie Craighead and the anniversary of Alex and Jessica White.
(Your own petitions and intercessions may be added at this time either silently or aloud).

The Celebrant adds a concluding 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.*

Confession of Sin (kneeling) BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 BCP 360

The Celebrant 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 (All stand) BCP 360

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements (seated)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(in unison) **BCP 830**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *he/she/they* begins another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their life/lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory (seated) **BCP 361**

For this Sunday undesignated checks or cash in the plate offering is designated for the priest education fund.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Instrumental music played during collection. Hymn 691

The Doxology (stand) Hymnal 380; vs. 3

(Play through one time)
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. ***(pause)*** *Amen"*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C *(stand if able)* **BCP 369**

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus ***(Intro)*** **Hymnal S130 BCP 371**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full --- full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus bells are rung.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." *(bells)*

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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." *(bells)*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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 **BCP 364**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei ***(Intro)*** **Hymnal S 164**

(sing)
Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world
give us your peace, give us your peace

The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son *Jesus Christ*, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instrumental music played during communion. **Hymn 693**

The ushers lead worshippers to the altar rail.
All baptized individuals are invited to communion.

Post Communion Hymn ***(seated or kneeling)*** **Hymnal 654**

(sing)

Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray
To see thee more clearly
Love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly, day by day

Post Communion Prayer ***(kneeling or standing)*** **BCP 365**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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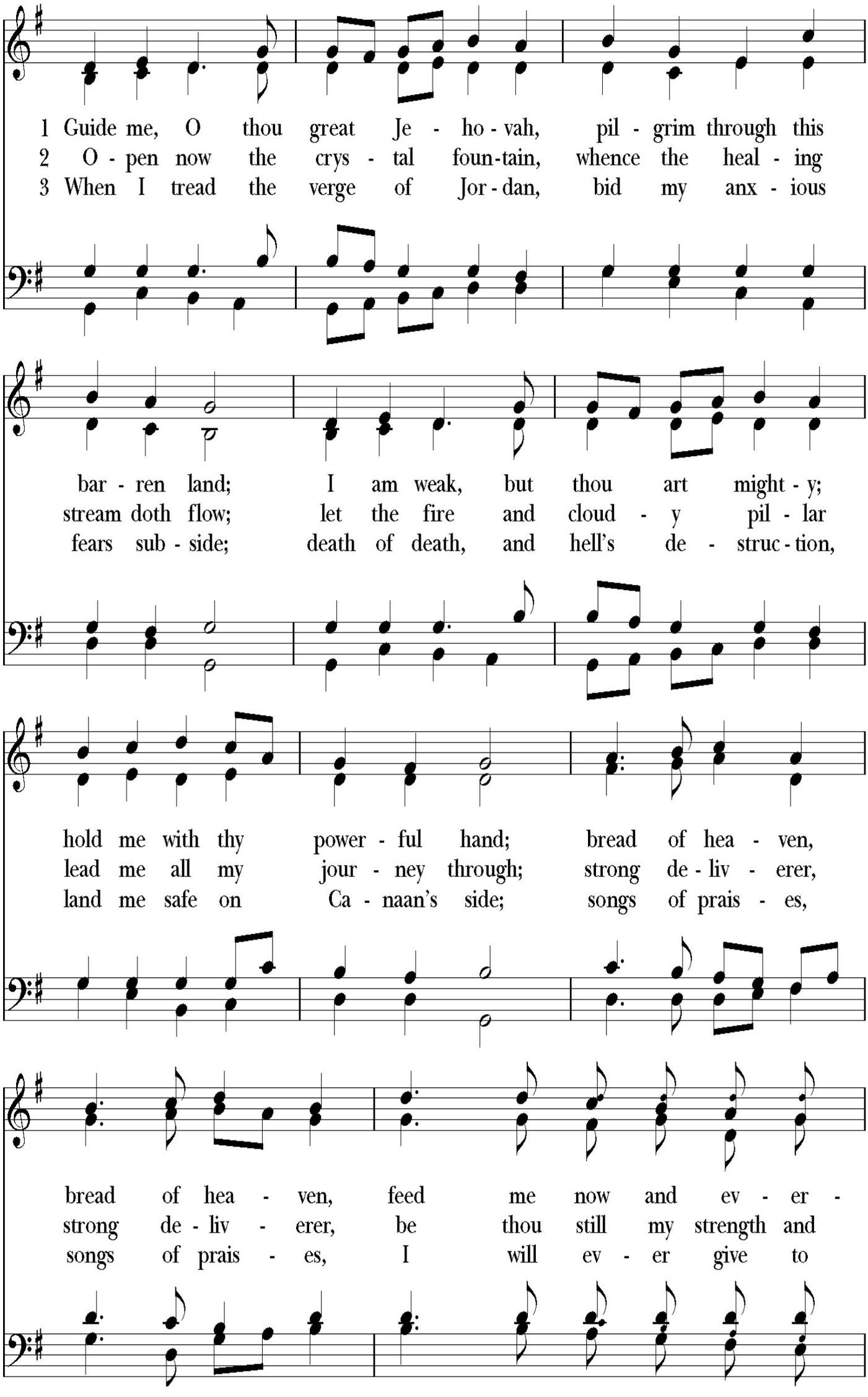
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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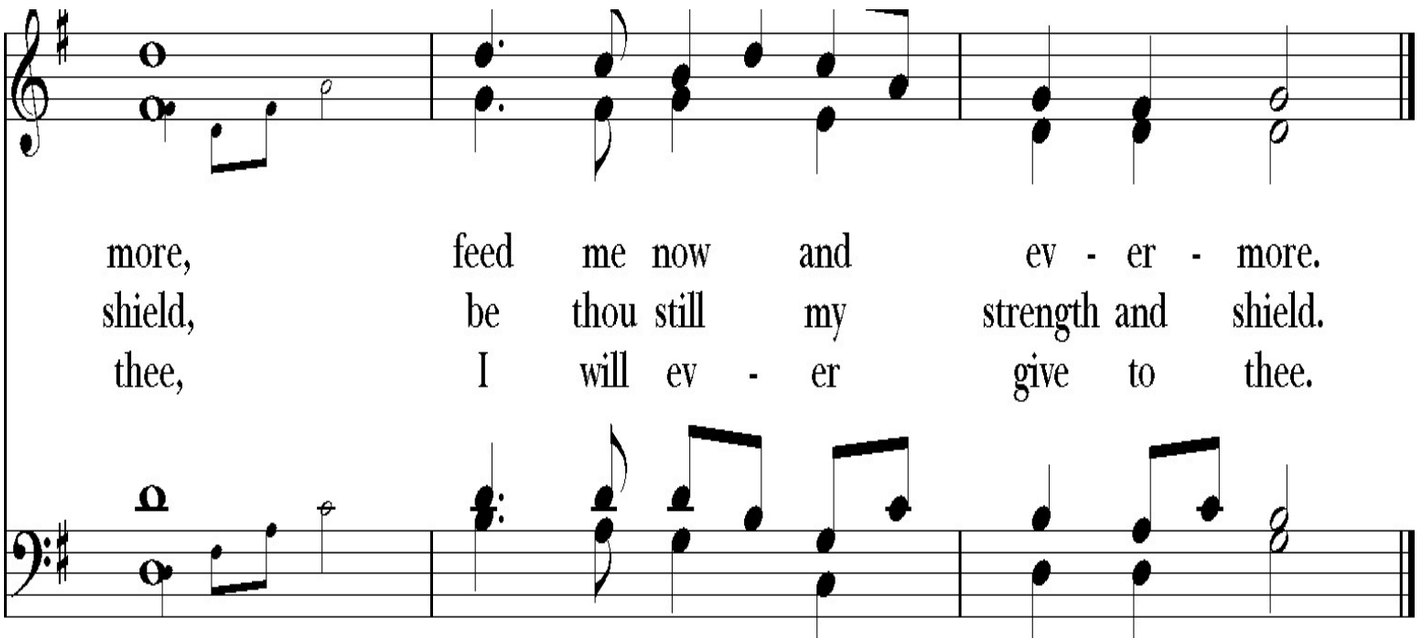
The Blessing

Celebrant continues

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. A**men.**

Recessional Hymn ***(standing)*** **Hymnal 690**





Dismissal ***(standing)*** **BCP 366**

Officiant Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord, and make a difference in the world.

People We will -- Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary **Hymnal 335**

<u>This week at St. Paul's:</u>

Wednesday, November 11th	5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Rite II
Sunday, November 15th	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

CELEBRANT:	The Reverend Robert Kuhlman
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:	John Womack
LECTORS:	First Lesson: John Womack The Epistle: Bonnie McAskill
USHERS:	Cassy Howard and Jon Kidwell
CRUCIFER:	Perry Robison
ALTAR GUILD:	Cassy Howard
HOSPITALITY:	
LOCK-UP:	Cassy Howard



The Head of this Church: Jesus Christ

Presiding Bishop:	The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
Bishop of Oklahoma:	The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed
Priest-In-Charge:	The Rev. David Braddock
Senior Warden:	John Womack
Junior Warden:	Cassy Howard
Vestry Members:	
Seat 1	Perry Robison-2029
Seat 2	Cassy Howard-2029*
Seat 3	Nancy Davidson-2027*
Seat 4	Jon Kidwell-2027
Seat 5	John Womack-2028*
Seat 6	Rick Stebbens-2028
Treasurer:	Nancy Davidson
Parish Clerk:	Nancy Davidson
Pledge Clerk:	Jon Kidwell
Guild Directress:	Iva Nell Templer

*second term

Each term expires in January three years from election.