

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 14, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY LAURA GASKIN IN MEMORY OF HER BELOVED HUSBAND DR. BIJAY NAYAK, GRANDPARENTS ARTHUR & LOUISA VROOMAN, AND IN HONOR OF THEIR BIRTHDAYS

READINGS: AMOS 7:7-15; PSALM 85:8-13; EPHESIANS 1:3-14; MARK 6:14-29

Our Readers: Tom Williams, Martha Miller

**Hymn 686, Come, Thou Fount Of Ev'ry Blessing, Tune My Heart To Sing Thy Grace!**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

*The Trisagion is sung once by the cantor, then twice by all.*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

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

Almighty God, who called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way; Strengthen us by your grace, that as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and sin, and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### A Reading from the Prophet Amos

In the first lesson, Amos prophesizes God's judgment regardless of the personal consequences. A plumb line always shows a true vertical; Israel's heart is out of line, and God is out of patience.

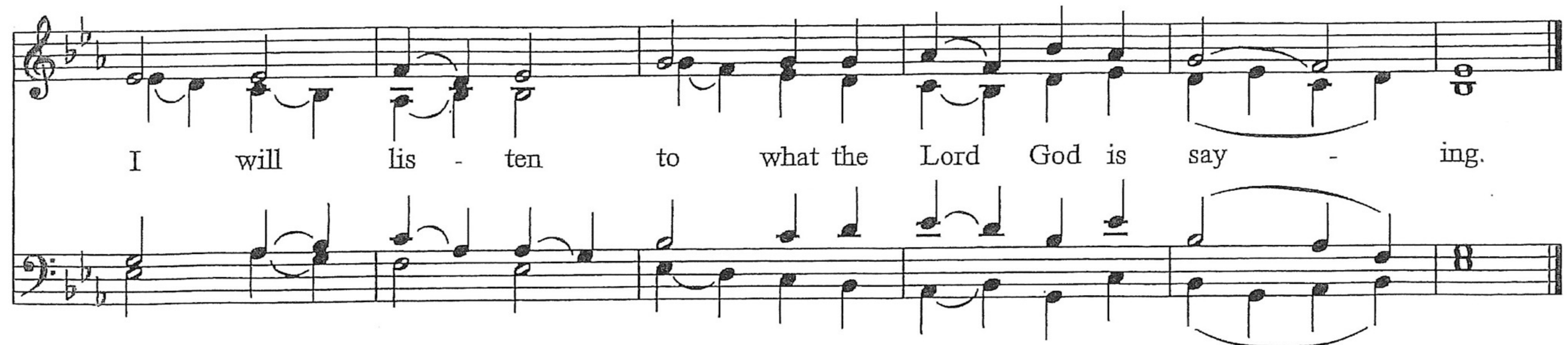
This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."



And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 85. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.*



Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. **R.** Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R.** The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R.**

## A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

In this reading, the writer praises God for the glorious inheritance that has been ordained for those who are now the children of God.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*all stand*

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! All: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known and people were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." Others said, "It is Elijah." Others again, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded, raised from the dead." It was this Herod who had sent men to arrest John and put him in prison at the insistence of his brother Philip's wife, Herodias, whom he had married. John had told him, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias nursed a grudge against John and would willingly have killed him, but she could not, for Herod feared him, knowing him to be a good and holy man; so he gave him his protection. He liked to listen to him, although what he heard left him greatly disturbed.



Herodias found her opportunity when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. Her daughter came in and danced, and so delighted Herod and his guests that the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." He even said on oath and solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even up to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried straight back to the king with her request, "I want you to give me, here and now, the head of John the Baptist." The king was greatly distressed, yet because of his oaths and his guests he could not bring himself to refuse her. He sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head; and the soldier went to the prison and beheaded him; then he brought the head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and she gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. **R.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. **R.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. **R.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. **R.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. **R.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn. **R.**

*Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.*

In our Diocese: Church of the Messiah, Detroit; In the Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland.

For those on our prayer list: Christopher, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Ed Haug, Nina, Vicki, Jim Veit, Lynn Kerber.

We pray for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Eternal God, you are the cornerstone of our lives and the foundation of all our hopes. Accept our penitence and forgive the wrongs we have done. Hear our prayers which we offer this day and give us the strength and the courage to bring your purposes to fruition. All this we pray in Christ's name. **Amen.**

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet each other briefly.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

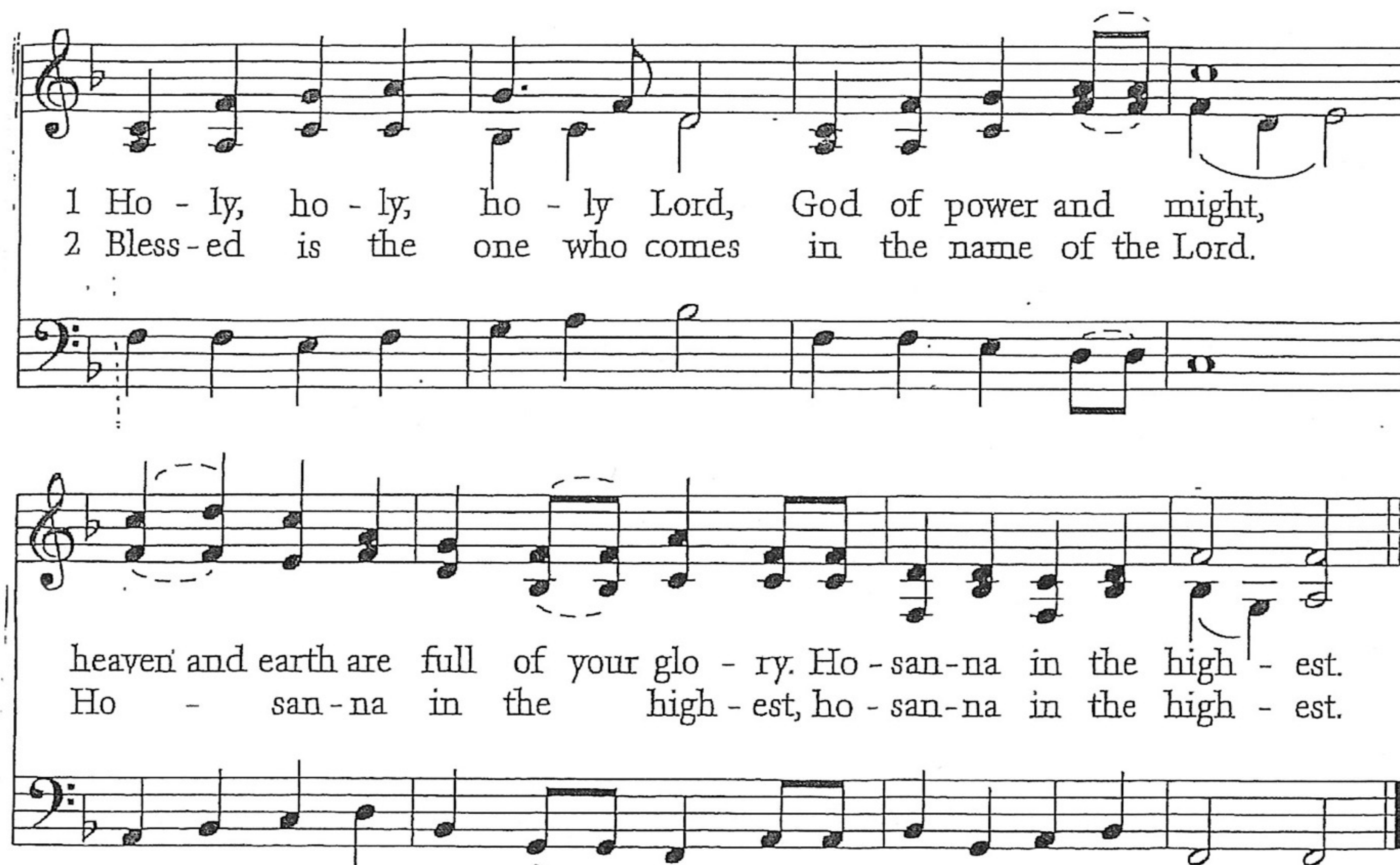
*All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.*

### Hymn 306, Come Risen Lord And Deign To Be Our Guest

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by your Word you created the world and all that is in it. You gave us Jesus, the same Word made flesh, as our Mediator. He has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him. He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*After all have received, please stand and pray together:*

Eternal God; 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 of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn 671, Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound, That Saved A Wretch Like Me

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