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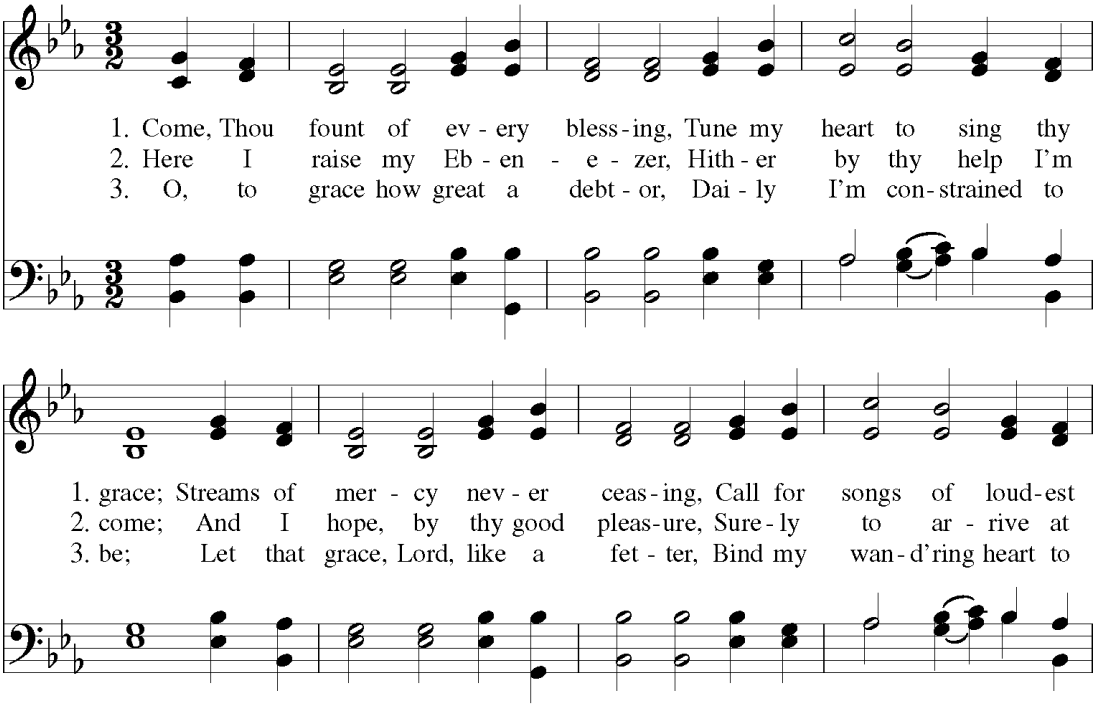


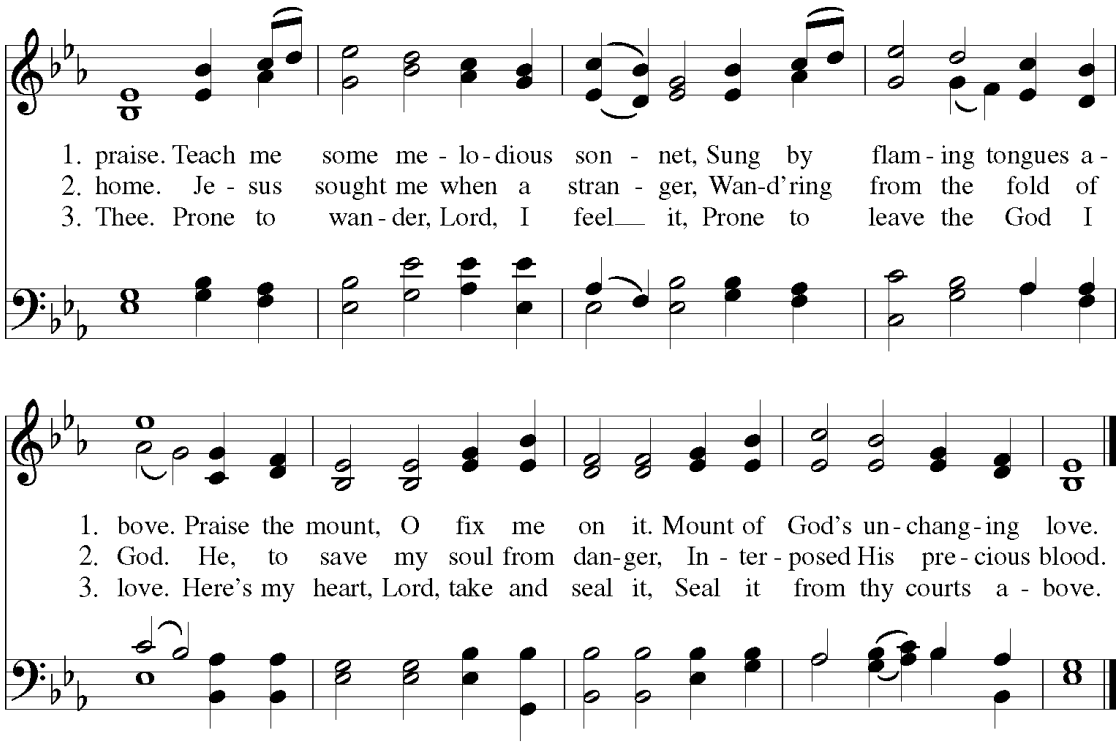
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021

Prelude **"Prelude in A"** *Henry Martin*

Welcome

Opening Hymn LEVAS 111 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"





Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect for Purity

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 Collect

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading Ephesians 1: 3-14

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 24 *Saint Helena Psalter*

(read by all)

The earth is God's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
2 For it is God who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Most High, *
and who can stand in God's holy place?"
4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
5 They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
6 Such is the generation of those who seek God, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.
8 "Who is this who reigns in glory?" *
"The Holy One, strong and mighty,
the Holy One, mighty in battle."
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.
10 "Who is this who reigns in glory?" *
"This is God, the God of Hosts, who reigns in glory."

The Holy Gospel Mark 6: 14-29

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Luis Leon

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal
your glory in the world.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another
and serve the common good.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he
loves us.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will
for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

I invite your prayers of petition or thanksgiving, in silence, aloud, or in the comment section online.
Silence.

Celebrant:
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, andHoly Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**
✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*



Welcome and Announcements

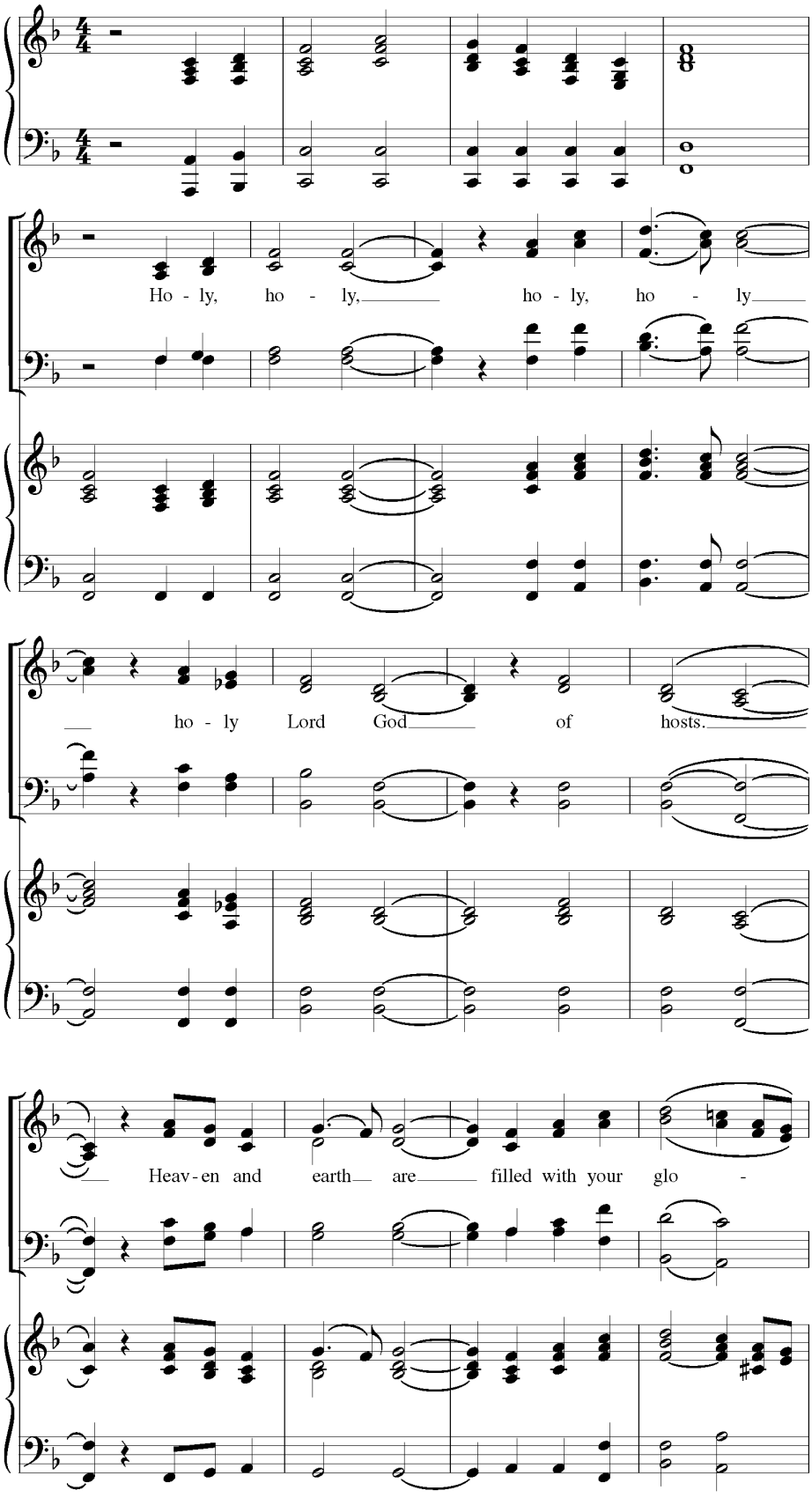
Offertory "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

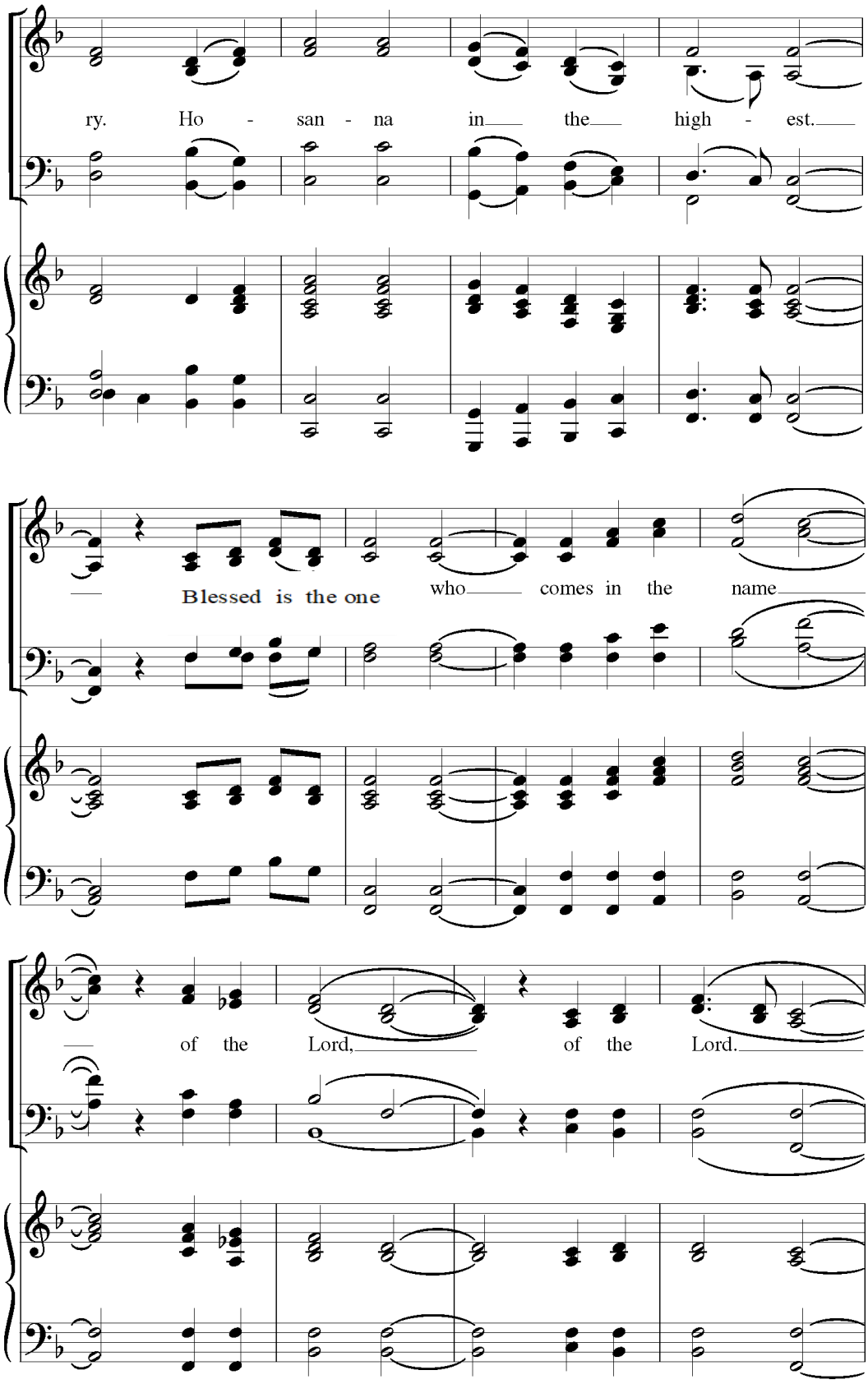
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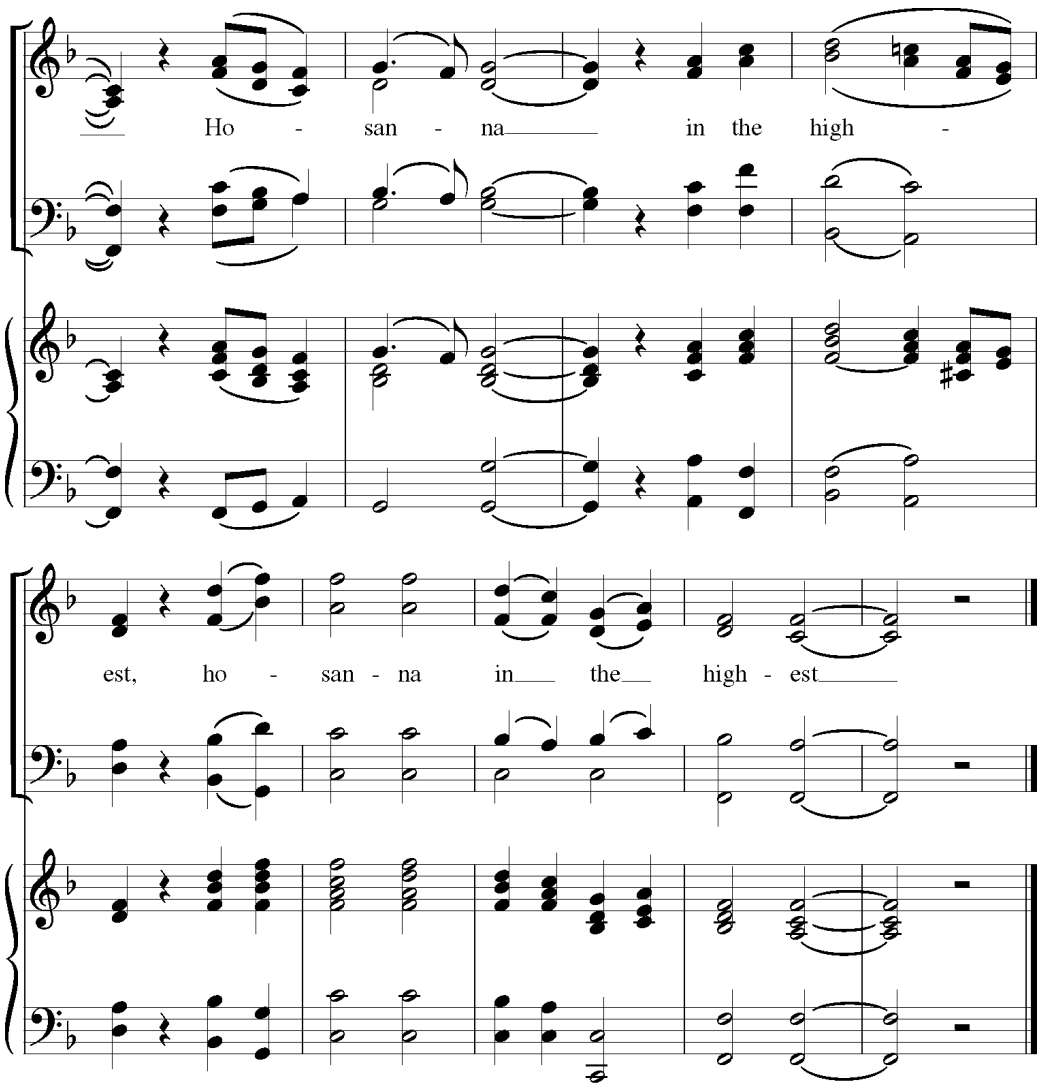
The Great Thanksgiving

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 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 water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -


ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

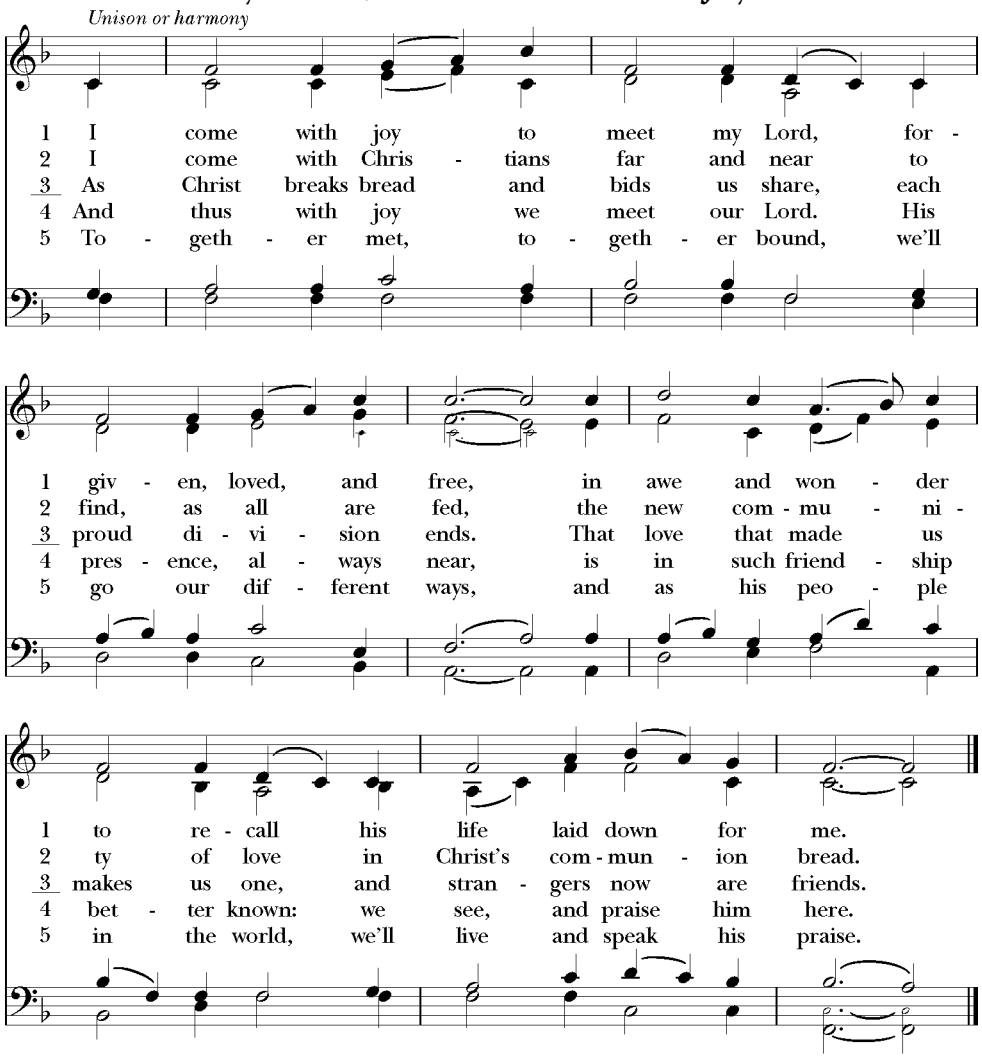
OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 304 "I Come with Joy"



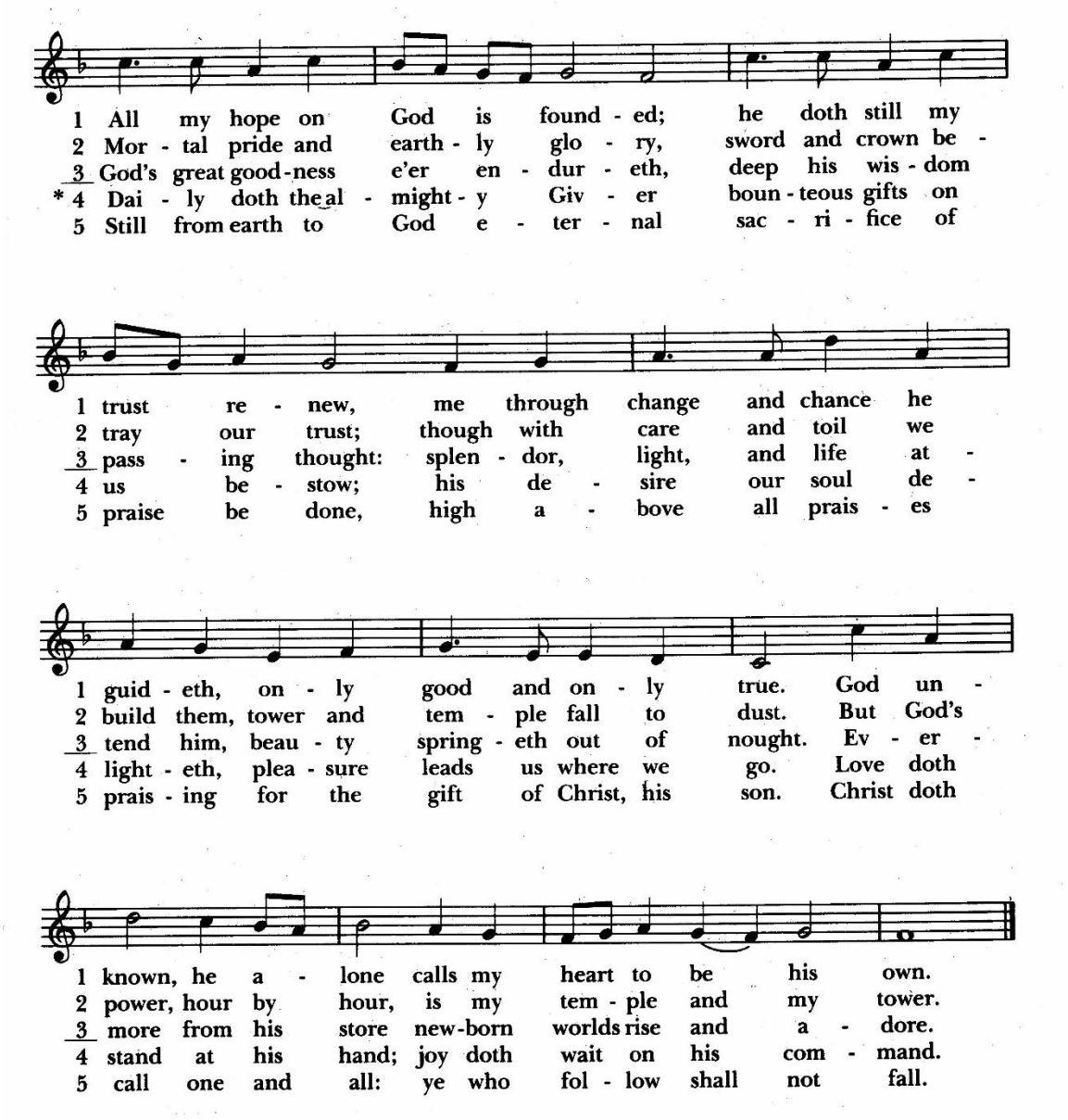
Postcommunion Prayer *(all together)*

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

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 our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 665 "All My Hope on God"



Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude "Toccata in Seven" *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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Announcements for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 11, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship today. Your presence overflows our joy! In our announcements you will read of many ways to connect with our community through worship, study, action, and fellowship. If you are not receiving our weekly e-news called the Phoenix, please ask Ka Lam (administrator@stthomasdc.org) to sign you up or go directly to: https://stthomasdc.org/2013/11/11/subscribe-to-the-phoenix-newsletter/

Our next Welcome Brunch will be Sunday, August 8 following the worship service. This is for newcomers and anyone who would like to learn more about our parish, participating in ministry, and the Episcopal Church. Volunteers are needed to share a warm welcome.

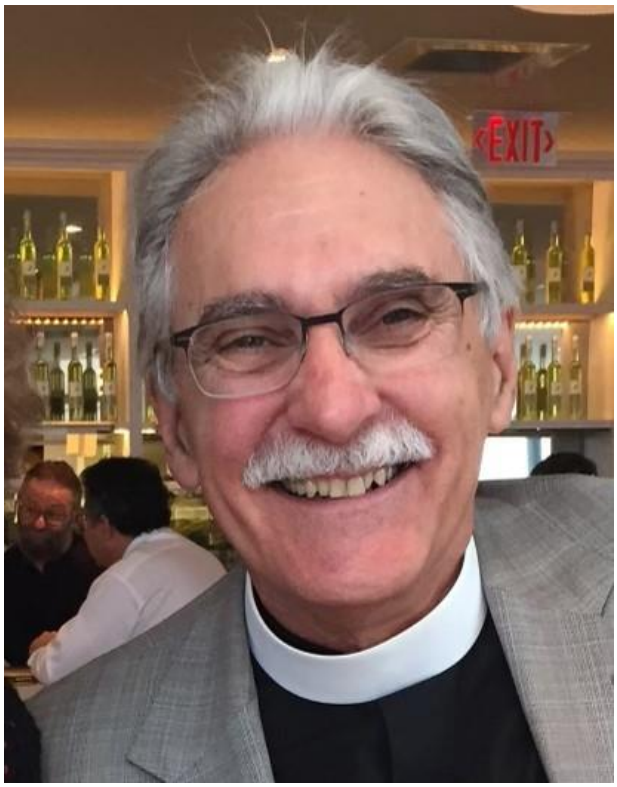
Please sign up by contacting Ka Lam (administrator@stthomasdc.org) or https://onrealm.org/stthomasdc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NjQzYmRjNzItMDFmMy00ZjY3LTkzN2QtYWQ1MTAxMGJjYTdl

God bless you,
Lisa+

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja is away from the office June 30-July 20

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja out of the office from June 30-July 20. Please be in touch with Deacon Linda Mahler with any pastoral emergencies by calling: (202) 384-9643.

The Rev. Dr. Luis Leon celebrates and preaches July 11 and 18



Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Luis León to preside and preach at our service. He retired in 2018, after serving for 24 years as Rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square. While there, our Rector and Director of Music enjoyed serving with him! He founded and contributed to many outreach and justice initiatives in his many years in ministry in the dioceses of North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, Newark, and Washington. Since retirement, Luis has served as an Assistant Chaplain at St. Ann's Church, Kennebunkport, Maine. He enjoys playing tennis, spending time with his wife, reading history books, and submarine movies.

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, July 11:	**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:30 am	Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Parish Hall
10:30 am	Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook and Zoom
11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 14:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship – hybrid in-person and on Zoom (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Thursday, July 15:	
5:45-6:30 pm	Spanish Conversation with Al
Sunday, July 18:	**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:30 am	Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Parish Hall
10:30 am	Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook and Zoom
11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Zoom Code for parish meetings:

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Worship with St. Thomas'

Sunday 10:30 am Hybrid Worship

In-Person:

-Registration no longer needed. Please sign in when arriving.

-Masks required for worship.

-Congregational Singing

-Holy Communion (bread only) is distributed.

-Outdoor Coffee Hour follows.

Online:

Worship is streamed from our in-person worship to our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StThomasDC

An account is not required to access this worship on Facebook.

And posted to our website stthomasdc.org following the service.

Study with St. Thomas'



Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Sunday, July 11, we will start a weekly Bible study at 9:30 am of that Sunday's Gospel. We will be using Marcus Borg's commentary on the Gospel of Mark for the initial series. Jason Forman will lead the first sessions. Please join us in the Parish Hall before church to learn more about the Gospel lesson every Sunday.

Take Action with St. Thomas'

Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:

You may wish to respond to the grief or joy in our community by sending a greeting card or making a phone call. If you do not have the individual's contact information, please check Realm or send your greeting card to that person % our church. We will make sure to share with them.

Diapers Needed – Sizes 4 and 6 and Toiletries

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have listened to the needs of our local community and tried to respond faithfully. We've donated lots of diapers, wipes, formula, and more to young, low-income families from Central America in Columbia Heights. St. Thomas' Member Al, serves as a social worker in the community and share that the most needed donations currently are: **diapers in sizes 4-6 and toiletries: toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine products.**

Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or alllanosdc@gmail.com



Coffee Hour

Thank you to our host of Coffee Hour in the last month! It has been great to regather outside and reconnect over some tasty offerings. There are a few changes to hosting Coffee Hour now that we have a sexton on Sundays.

1. Esteban will set out the tables and the drinks. Hosts do not need to bring drinks or milk for coffee.
2. We ask host to bring: 4 dozen of one baked good item and 1 sliced seasonal fruit or vegetable (2 pounds of this item). When a vegetable is offered, a dairy-free dip would be nice. When hosts arrive on Sunday, they will place these food items in the small kitchen on the first floor. Esteban will set them out on the table, unless the host would like to help.
3. We ask the host to bring any food leftovers home with them.

Thank you to Jocko Fajardo for the food suggestions. This helps us prevent food waste, while still having enough food for hospitality each week. Please sign up to host on the welcome table in the Commons (first floor) or by emailing Ka Lam at administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Reverend Lisa's Contact Information:

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Celebrating Our July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Benjamin Bynum (July 9)
John Johnson (July 10)
Dan Costello (July 13)
Bob Moluf (July 16)
Brett Snyder (July 16)
John Trumbo (July 29)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Parish Prayer List

Matthew Briggs
Peggyann Cohen
Billy Duncan
Pam Greer
Susan Hannan
Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog
Betsy Hollingsworth
Kristin Jones
Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Dolores Lausted
Rich Manhardt
Tyrone Moore, Jr.
Jane Saari
Mary Jane Smith
Chester Thompson

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org

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"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."

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Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer
Jenn Mahle, Secretary
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