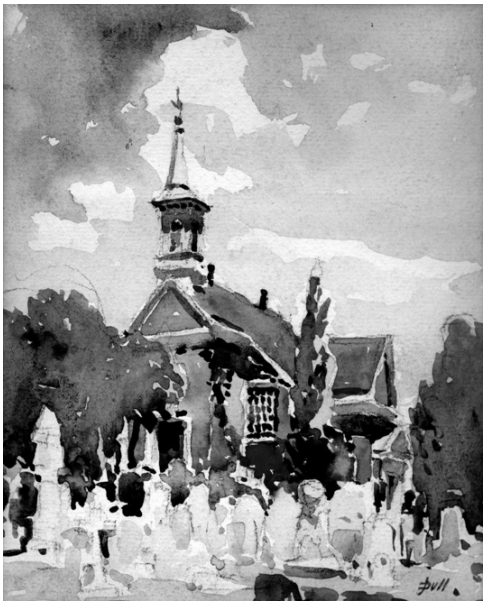
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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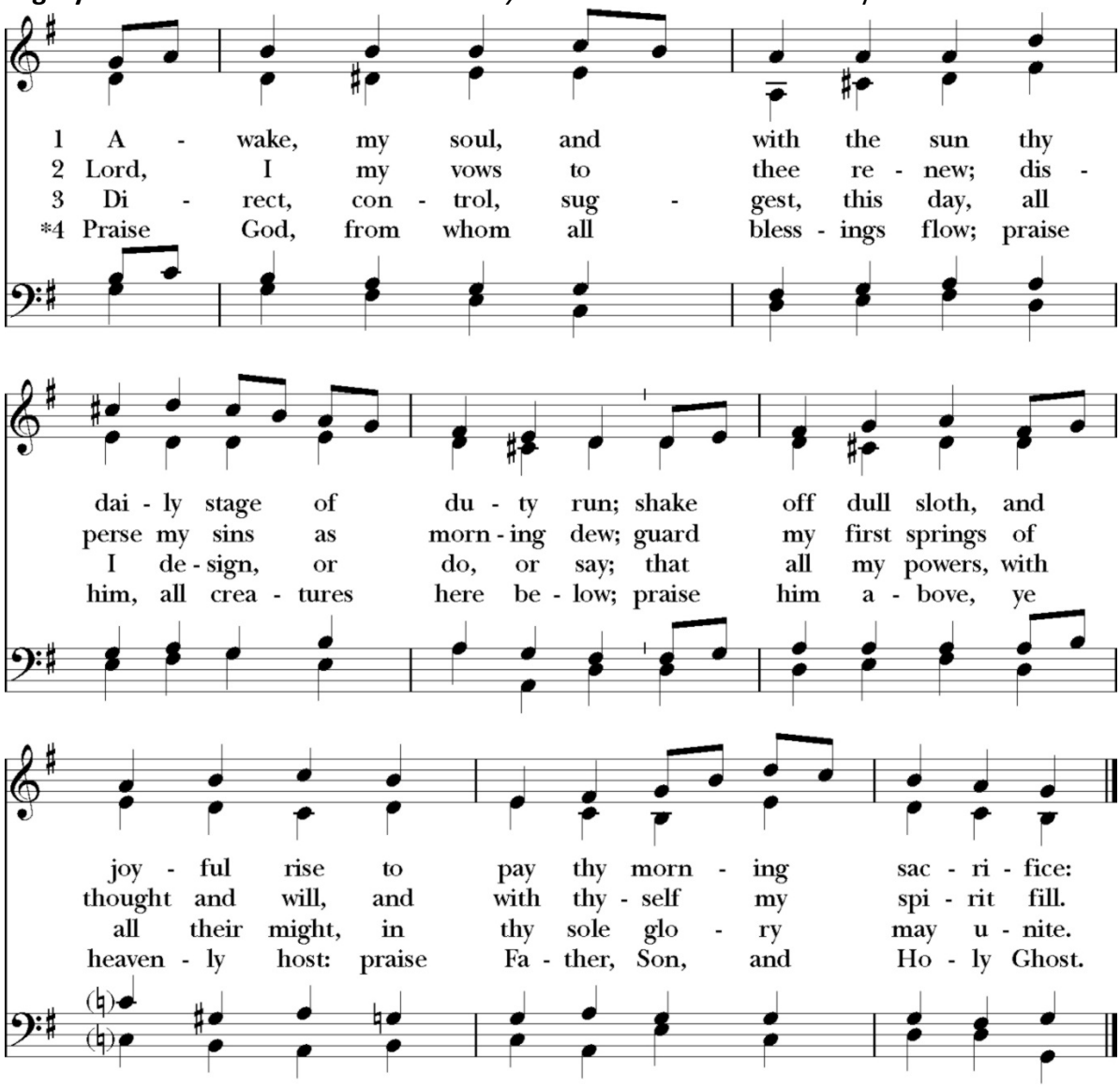
We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), existing by and for the glory of God, knowing that God, through this congregation, helps us find our way and to use our gifts, gather together, to honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness, to be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining and loving community, to respond to the needs of others, to preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition and heritage of this sacred place.

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany with Baptism

The flowers on the altar today are given by the Jenkins family,
to the greater glory of God, and in celebration of Harper's baptism.

Ministry Assistants Today:
Altar Guild/Server: *Jeanette Woehr*
Lector: *Jeanette Woehr*
Usher: *Jim Ufheil*
Celebrant: Rev. Joy Segal

Opening Hymn # 11 *Awake My Soul* Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.
All **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

All **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 58:1-9a** ***Jeanette Woehr***

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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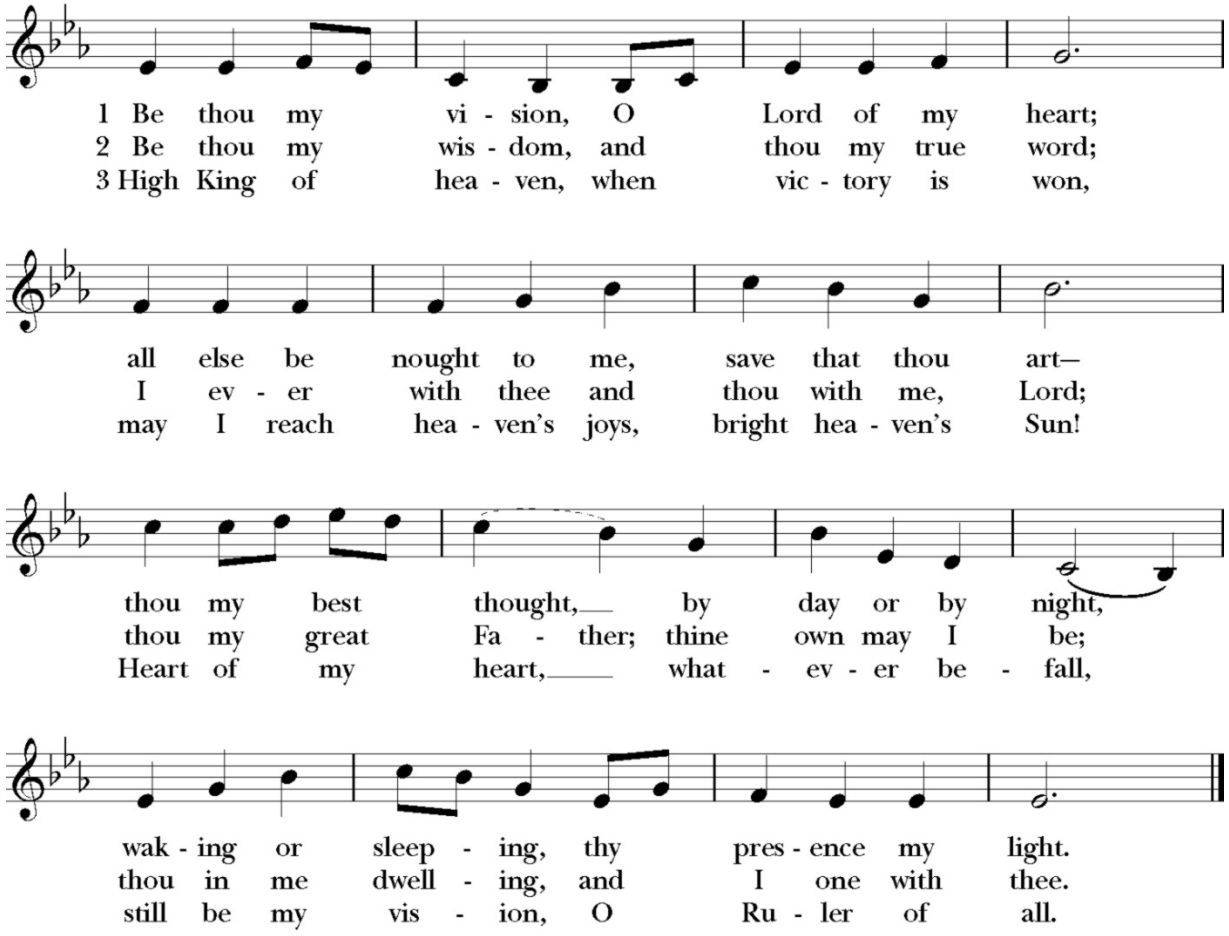
People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # 488 *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal 1982



+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (5:13-20)**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Sermon *Rev. Joy Segal*

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents **I present Harper Leigh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All **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 to the dead. 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All **I will, with God's help**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All **I will, with God's help**.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
All **I will, with God's help**.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All **Lord, hear our prayer**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

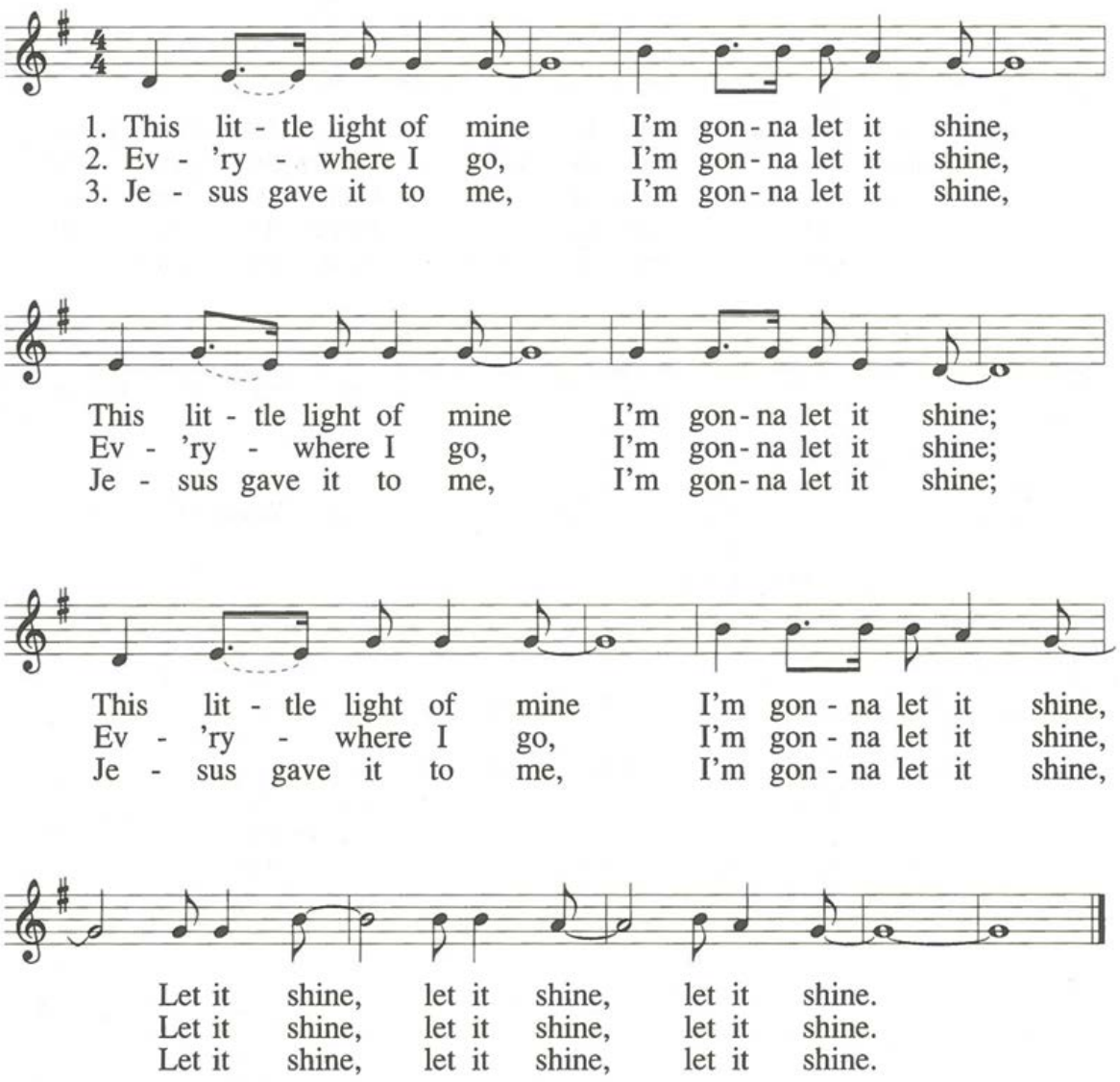
Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant
Celebrant Harper Leigh, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant Harper Leigh you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Baptismal Hymn # 358 *This Little Light of Mine* Gather

+The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

++Announcements:

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

Offertory

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our thanks and praise**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

++Celebrant 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,

People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant 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 and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

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

People

**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

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

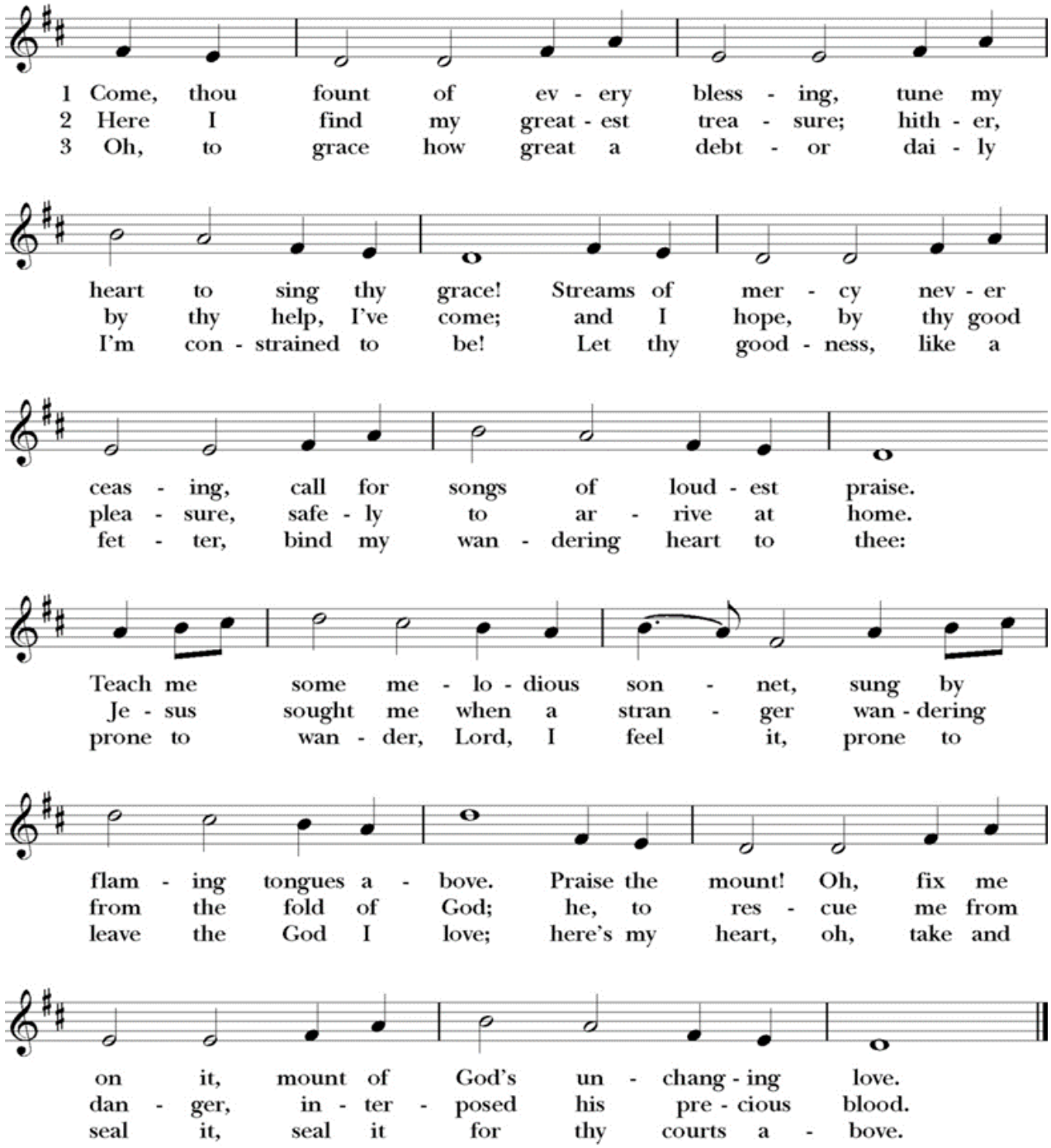
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*(We welcome you to this table of the Lord,
wherever you are on your spiritual journey.)*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray
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

Closing Hymn # 686 *Come Thou, Fount of Every Blessing* Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Worship has ended and our service begins. Let us go forth in to the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Announcements

Evensong: Tuesday Musical Meditation

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Paul Fejko will be performing on our beautiful Hook & Hastings organ. Keep an eye out for some interesting guest guitarists, a drum circle, poems, and discussions that we hope will inspire you throughout the rest of the week. The program will be led by our sextons, Jim & Paula Minacci, who want to create a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that everyone will enjoy.

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer

Every Monday at 9:00am on Zoom.

Megan Bartlett will lead a ten-minute prayer, following the Morning Devotion service in the Book of Common Prayer. We lift up to God our personal and parish needs, as we search for a new Rector.

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If you have the BCP, turn to page 137.

Jazz & Joe

Thursday, February 23 at 7:30pm in Riverside Hall

Jazz & Joe is a "coffee-house" style venue. Active listening, quiet conversation and mingling are all equally welcome. Complimentary coffee & cake served, feel free to BYOB wine & beer.

My Dear Général

Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Join the Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Preservation Corporation for an illustrated lecture by Jeffrey E. Finegan Sr. The event will take place at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church. Tickets are $10 each, which includes the lecture and a free drink ticket.

This program will take place inside the church sanctuary, followed by a reception in Riverside Hall. For a modest donation, enjoy gourmet desserts paired with wine, coffee or tea. Advanced registration is required at preserveoldswedes.org.

Thank you to Julie Daye for supplying the baked goods for fellowship this Sunday.

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