The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

8:00 am and 10:00 am — Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Our Vision Statement

We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the world.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9AM-1PM and on Thursday 3-5PM

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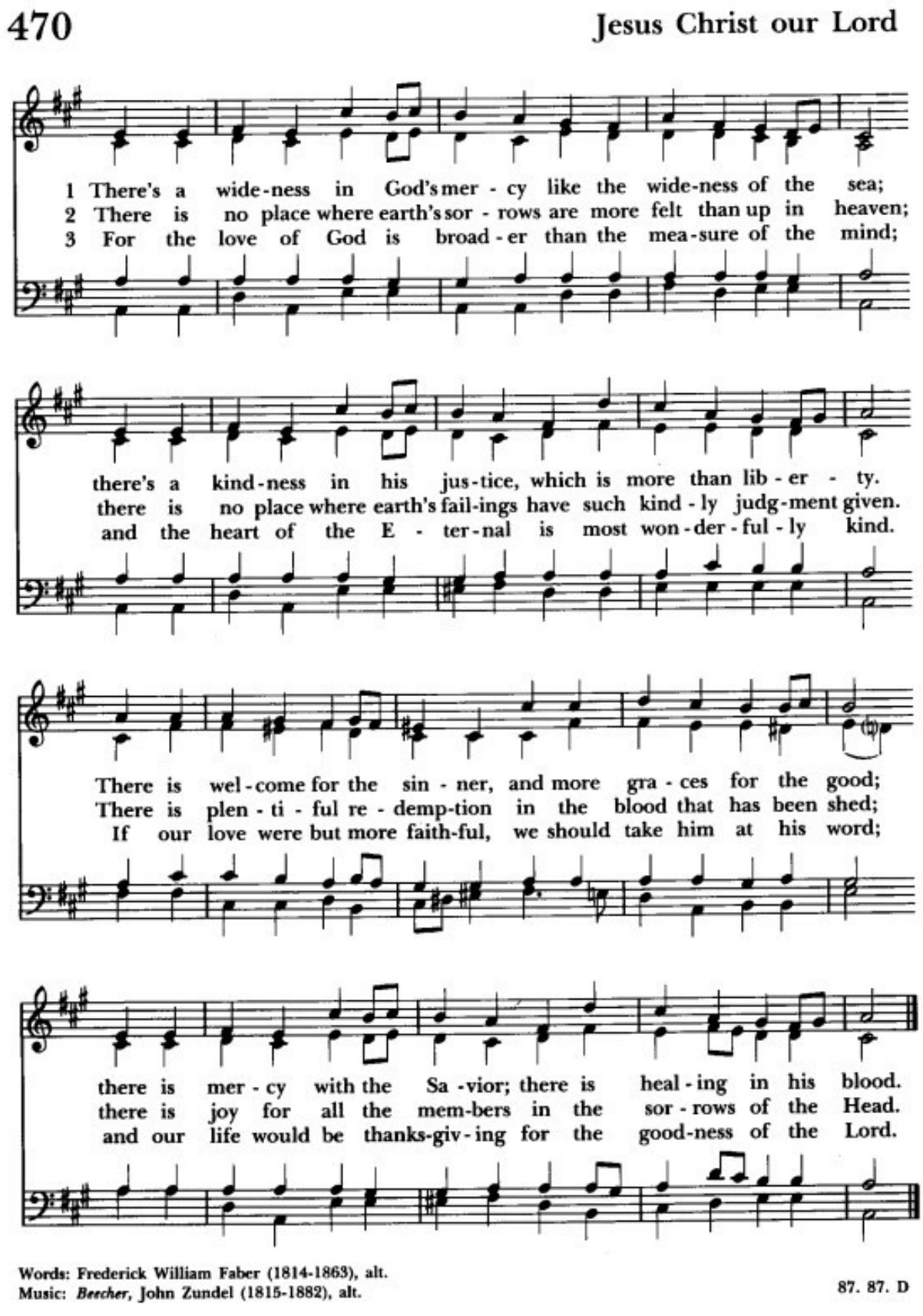
Prelude

GATHERING RITE

Processional — There's a wideness in God's mercy — Hymn 470



Presider: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

***People*: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

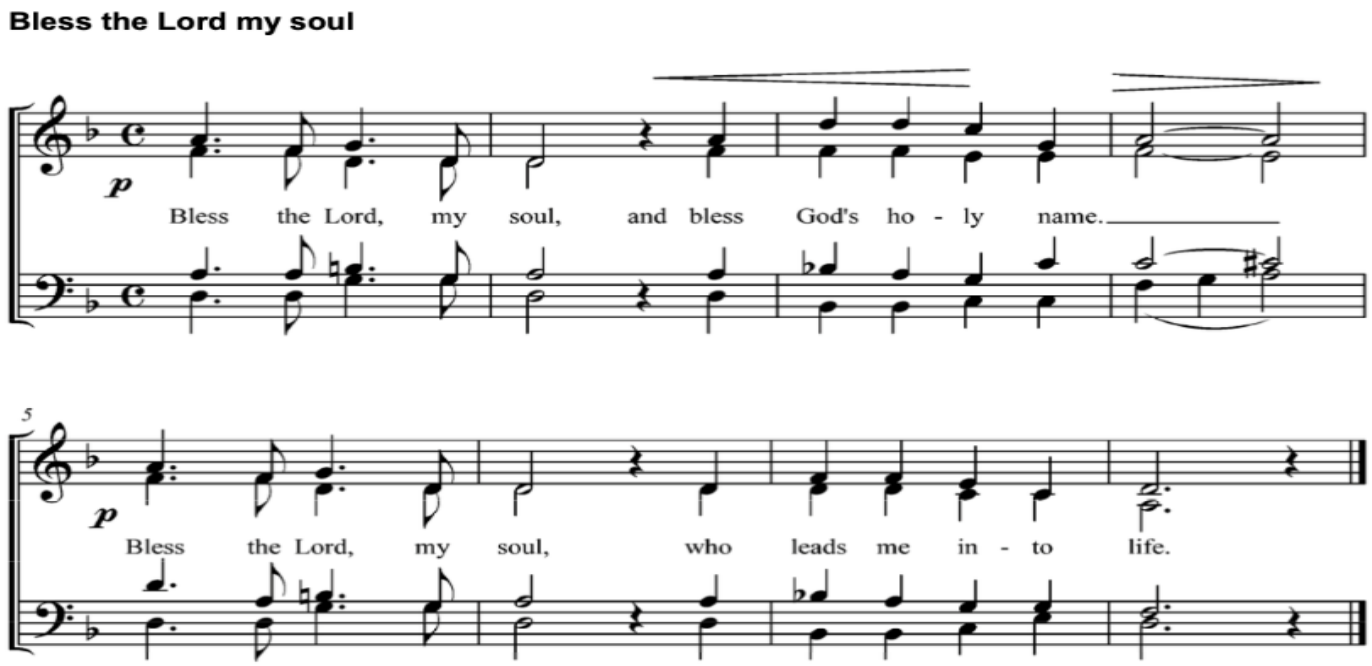
Presider:

Silent meditation Toned chime

Intentional period of silence for 1 minute

Toned chime

Chant- Bless the Lord my soul Taizé



Penitential Rite Confession of sin

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

Presider 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**

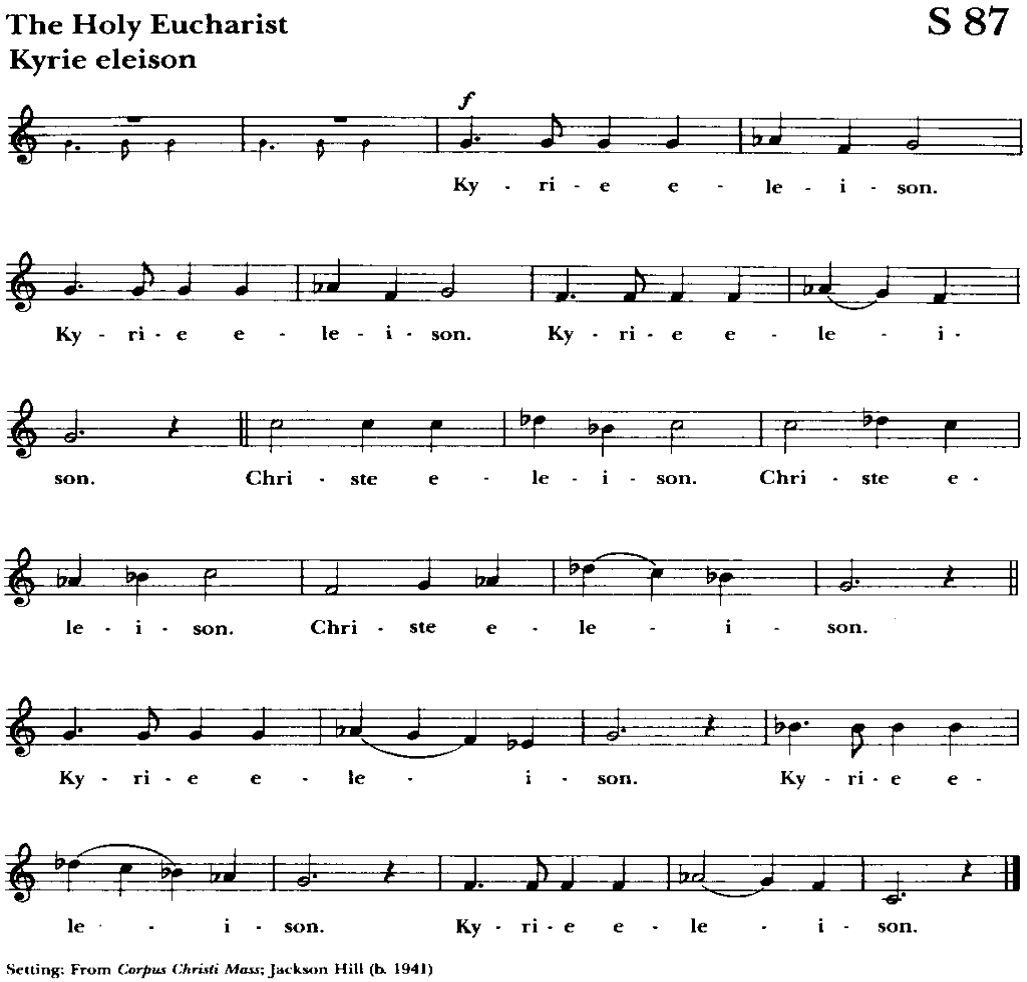
Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness , and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Presider: May God be with you.
***People:* And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

8:00

Presider: Kyrie eleison.
People: **Kyrie eleison.**
Presider Christe eleison.
People: **Christe eleison.**
Presider: Kyrie eleison.
People: **Kyrie eleison.**

10:00
Kyrie Eleison Hymn S-87



Presider: May God be with you.
***People*:** **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:8-14

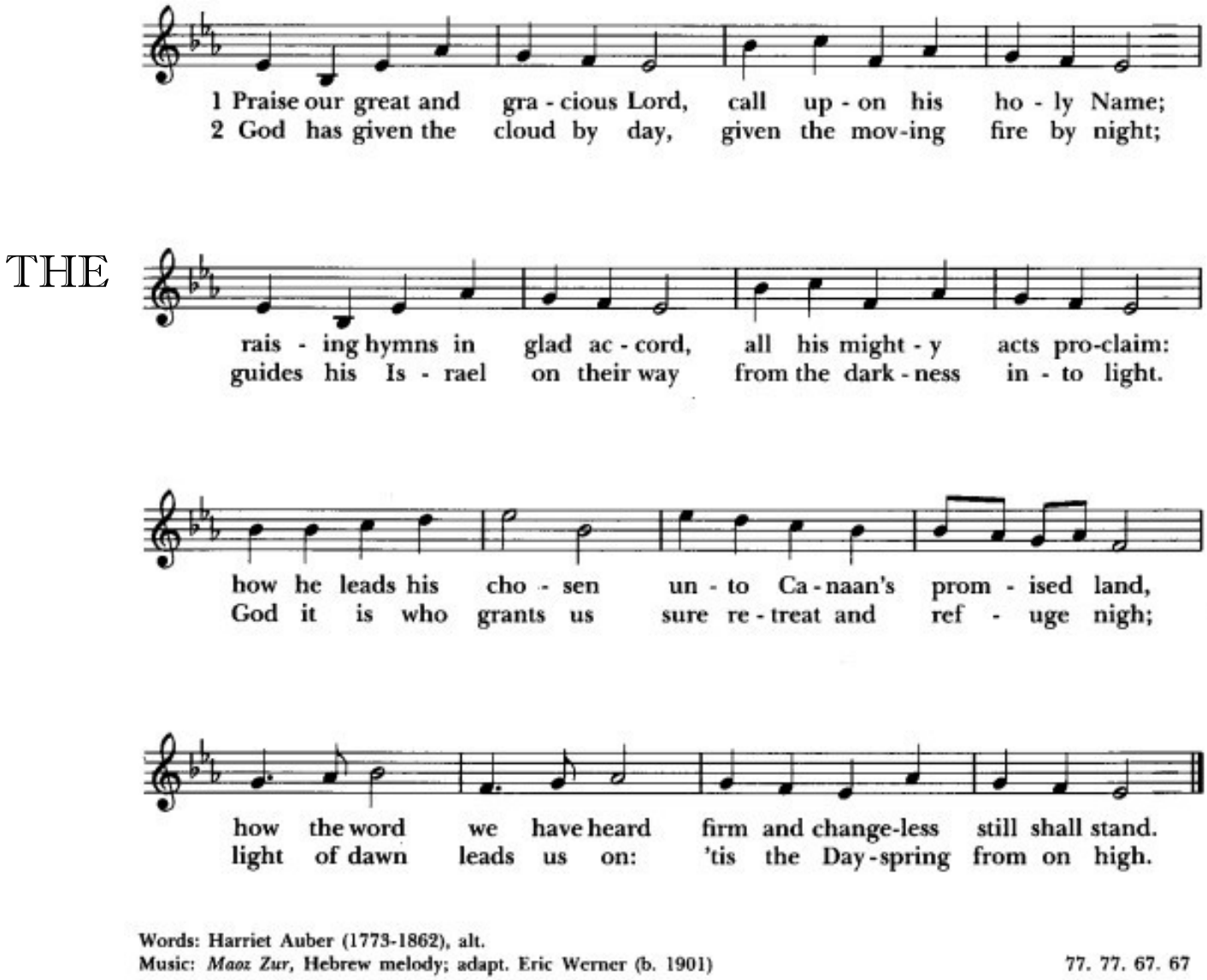
Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Praise our great and gracious Lord Hymn 393



Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt.
Music: *Maoz Zur*, Hebrew melody; adapt. Eric Werner (b. 1901) 77. 77. 67. 67

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John

John 9:1-41

Presider/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to

ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Presider/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

The Nicene Creed

All: **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 – Lent 2026

Intercessor/Deacon: 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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor/Deacon: 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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor/Deacon: 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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor/Deacon: 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. We ask your blessing for St. Mark's & St. John's Church, Rochester; Sustainable Development Ministries, The Rev. Bob Culp, Reconciliation of conflicts, our enemies, and The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor/Deacon: 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

***People*:** **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor/Deacon: 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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

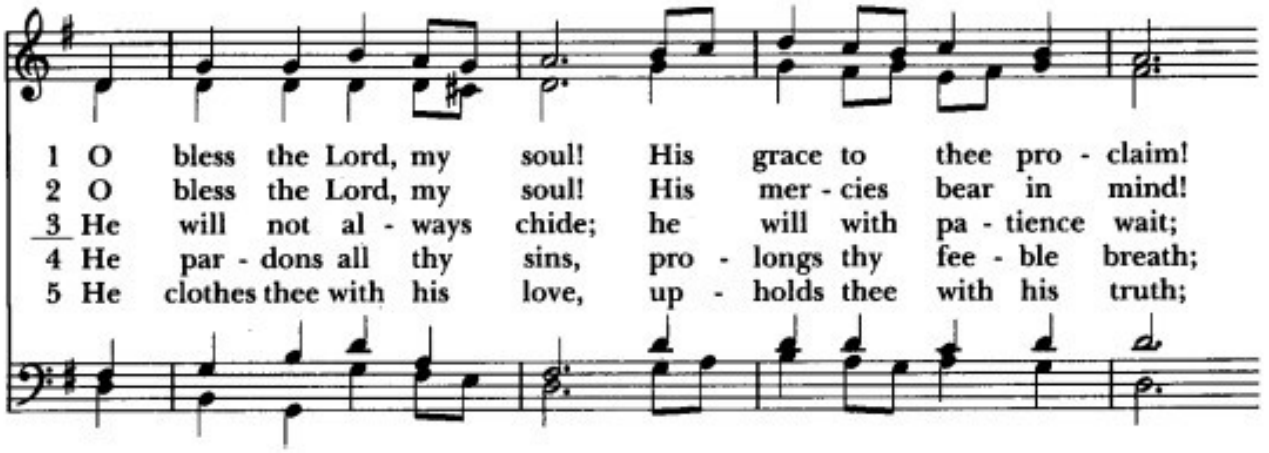
Presider /Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

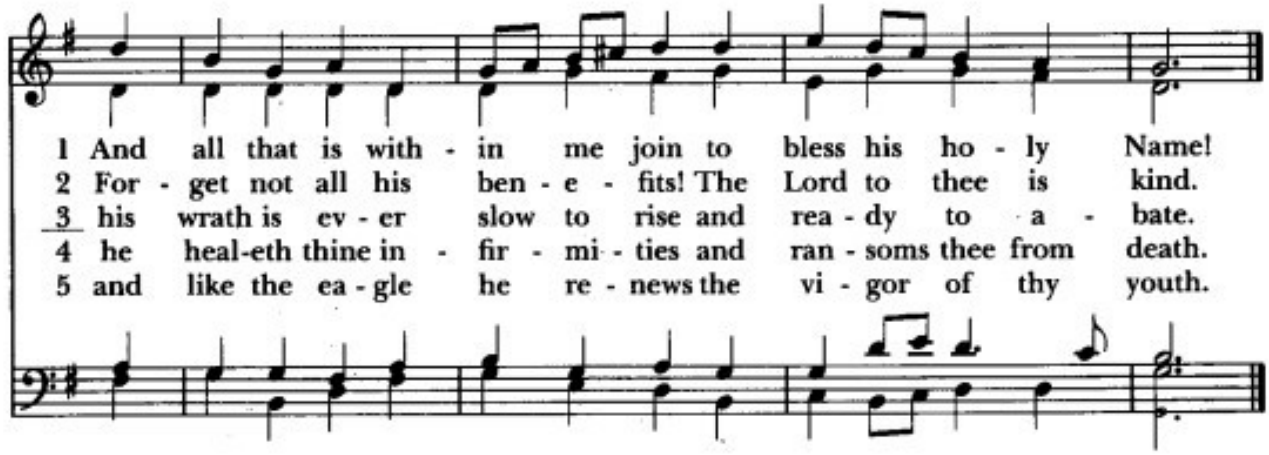
People: **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

Offertory Hymn O Bless the Lord, my soul Hymn 411





6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5
Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) SM

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People*:** **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

***People*:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

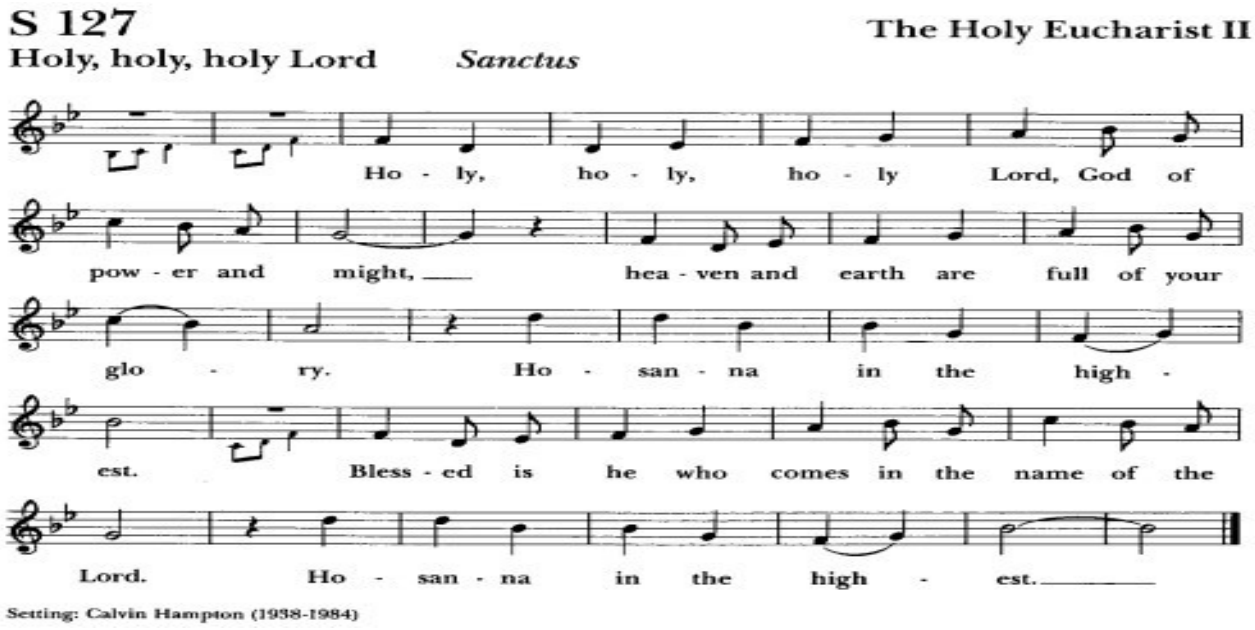
***People*:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

***People*:** **Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.**

Presider: 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:

Presider and People:



Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

People: **He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

Presider: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

People: **Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

Presider: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN**.

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 for ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as 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.

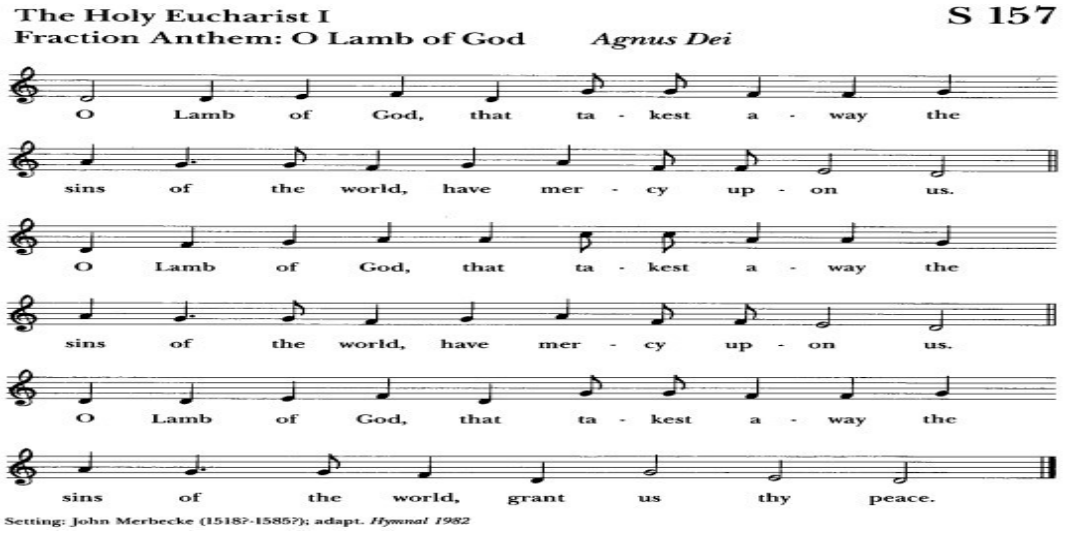
Breaking of the Bread

Presider and People: **O, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

O, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Fraction Anthem Hymn S157



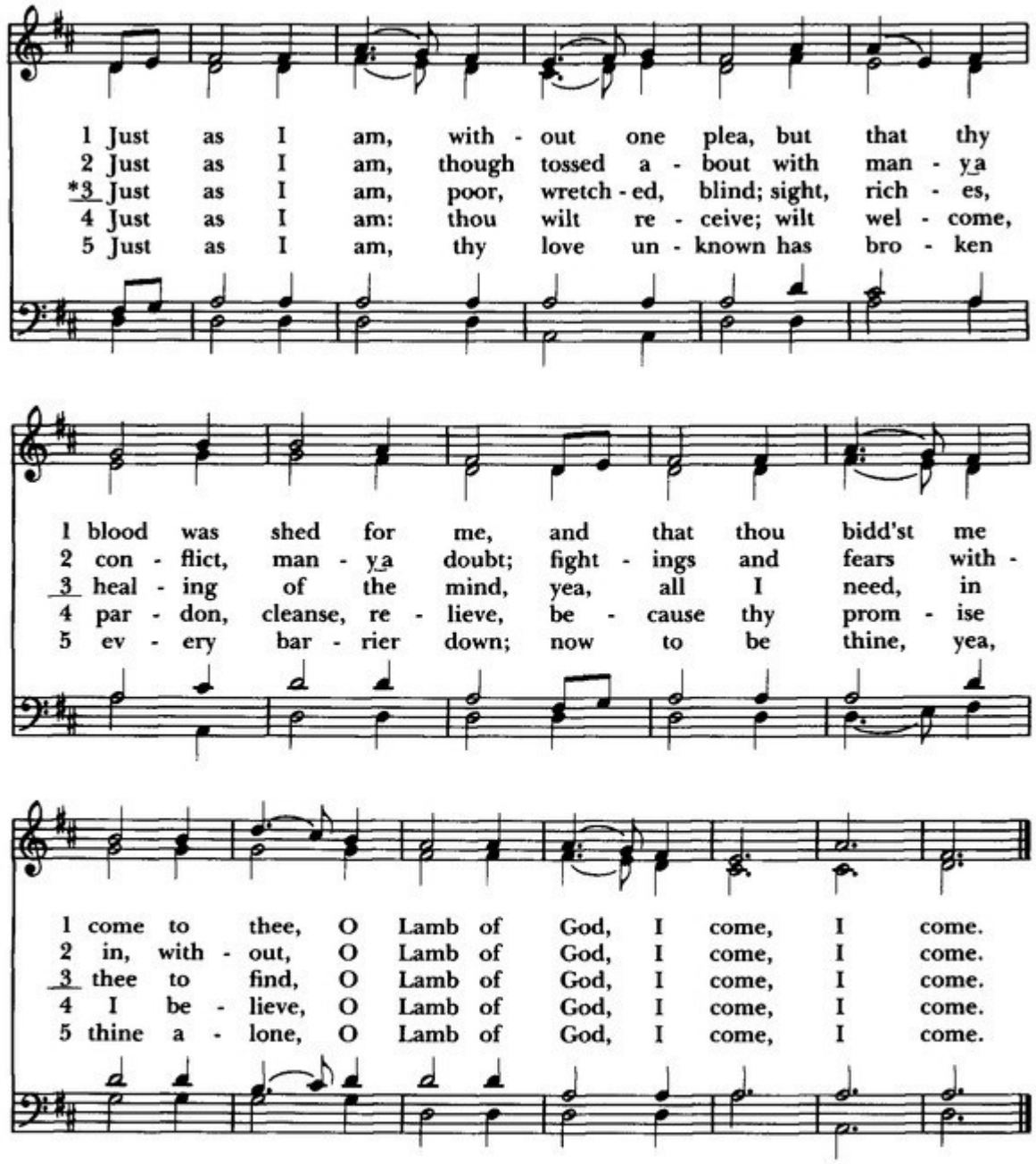
Presider: All are welcome to God's table. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People

This is God's table and All are welcome.

Communion Hymn — Just as I am, without one plea — Hymn 693

The Christian Life 693



6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)
Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868) LM

SENDING RITE

Presider: Let us pray together

People: **Jesus, our only Savior, you renounced the way of ease for the way of truth and life. Draw us to seek God's Kingdom, whatever the cost, for the sake of the true treasure in heaven; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

March Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Andy Jasie	3/1
Bonnie Wasson	3/3
Mery Pepin	3/10
Richard Allen	3/13
Michael Panara	3/13
David Richardson	3/19
Donald Roemermann	3/22
Deborah Silver	3/28
Scott Loblaw	3/28
Sandra Mauro	3/30
Richard Krapf	3/13

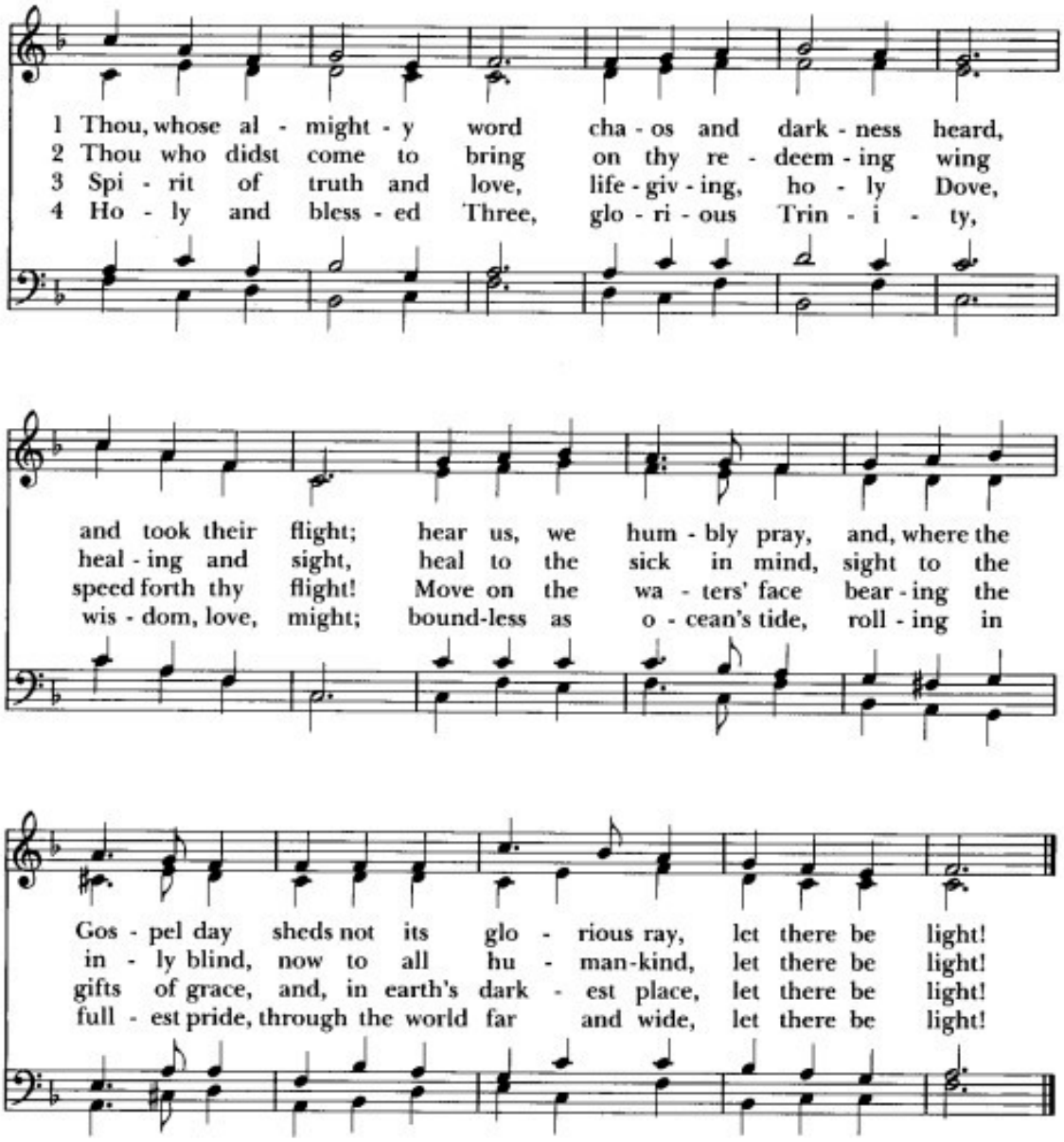
The Blessing

Presider: May you find in the cross, on this our Lenten journey a sure ground for your faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Thou whose almighty word Hymn 371

The Holy Trinity 371



Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.
Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Dismissal

Deacon / Presider: Go now to love and serve others.

People: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULIET will meet for lunch at 1:00 on Thursday, March 19th, at Monte Alban Mexican Grill, 2160 Penfield Road, Penfield, near the corner of rtes. 250 and 441. All St. Luke's ladies welcome! Please respond to Ann Rugelis at anrug9@gmail.com or 585-586-5040. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Agape Dinner (Sign up Sheet)
7:00pm Holy Eucharist Service
Good Friday 12:00 noon Prayers and Devotions
Easter Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Choir breakfast at 9:15am
10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:15am Easter Egg Hunt

Chrism Masses & Renewal of Vows service-Tuesday, March 31, at 11:00 AM : Good Shepherd, RSVP here-https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBfBGCguzySwUCBXO3ScYVCiTk_A_2nik_4

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Our Lenten Series- This will be on ZOOM on Wednesday evenings of Lent beginning on Feb 25th at 7pm to 8pm ZOOM LINK IS

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84119239093?pwd=Hv1wdQbiG78W3aWHMOa35HvEwML1lY.1

Meeting ID: 841 1923 9093 *Passcode: 821936*

Please remember in your prayers:

Rene' Gall who is seeking the sacrament of Confirmation
Alex Irving who is seeking the sacrament of Confirmation
Matthew Irving who is seeking the sacrament of Confirmation
Kira Bolaños who is seeking Adult Baptism

We pray for peace. For all the victims of the war in Iran and the surrounding countries.

We continue our prayers for the Guthrie family, for those who are victims of senseless violence and brutality. For Ukraine, the people of Gaza, and other war-torn countries.

We pray for all who struggle with mental illness and addictions.

We pray that the dignity of every human being would be safeguarded as a treasure.

We pray for those who are grieving loved ones especially for Jane Fondiller who mourns the loss of her cousin Missy Eckstein

We pray for Alice Hardin, Chad Olson, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Don Roemermann, Winnie Allen,(mother to Susan Palomaki) Linda, and Michael Dertzo (parents to Melissa Panara). LouAnn Washing (friend of Susan Miller) Dr. Bruce Baker (Dad to Patty Winn)

St. Luke's Vestry

The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin– Rector

Wardens– Susan Palomaki and Sherry Ralston

Vestry- Karen Keegan, Susan Prener, Sharon Scott, Chris Veronda, Vic Bridges, Mary Eberhardt, and Dave Grantham

Clerk of the Vestry– Gary Gocek

Treasurer– Tom Marullo

The participants in the service this week and next are:				
8:00 AM	**March 15**		**8:00 AM**	**March 22**
Acolyte	Cathy Thayer		*Acolyte*	Cathy Thayer
Lector/Intercessor	Rocco Ceravolo		*Lector/Intercessor*	Meredith Fraser
10:00 AM			10:00 AM	
Acolyte	Karen Keegan		*Acolyte*	Vic Bridges
Lector/Intercessor	Pat Knapp		*Lector/Intercessor*	Marti St George
Greeters/Ushers	Gary Gocek		*Greeters/Ushers*	Marlene Shaddock
Altar Guild	Sherry Ralston		*Altar Guild*	Sandy Sucher
Money counters	Marti St George		*Money counters*	Marti St George

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