



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community  
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30am**  
**February 16, 2025**

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service speak to one another.*

## The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! This time of year calls us to recognize how God's light shines in our lives and community. Just as the star led the wise men to Bethlehem, we should also be attentive to God's guiding presence in our lives. Let's take some time in the new year to deepen our faith, explore new ways of serving others, and carry Christ's light into a world that needs hope and love.

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting us for the first time, we are delighted you are here. Our worship, fellowship, and outreach ministries are dedicated to celebrating God's grace and welcoming all into the life of Christ. If you want to take your place at St. John's, please reach out to a member of the clergy; we are always happy to help parishioners find ways to be more fully engaged.

I pray we are all continually filled with wonder and joy as we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people here in Tampa. If you would like to have a meal with a member of the clergy to talk about your faith, discuss a new outreach initiative, or just have a conversation, please reach out to Jan DePinto: [jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org)

Faithfully yours,

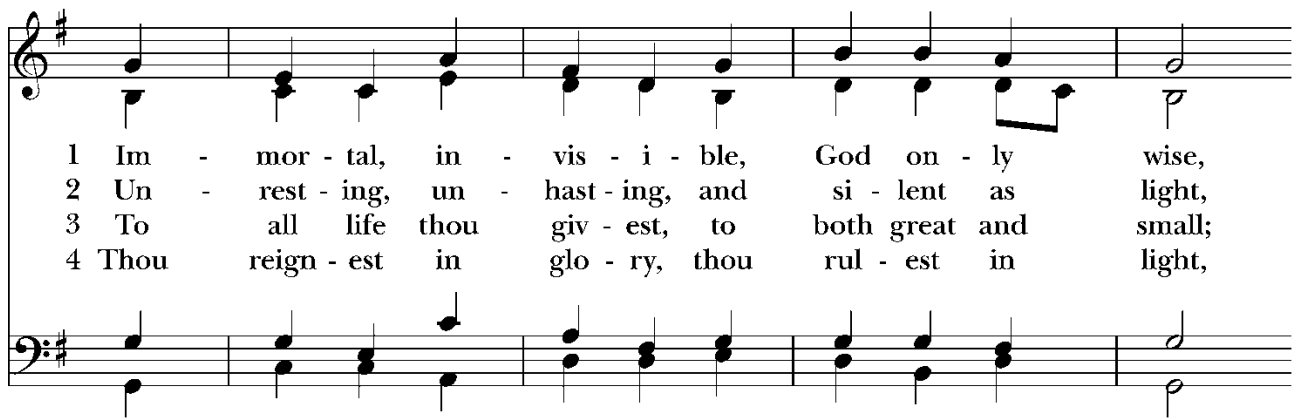
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The Rev. Christian M. Wood

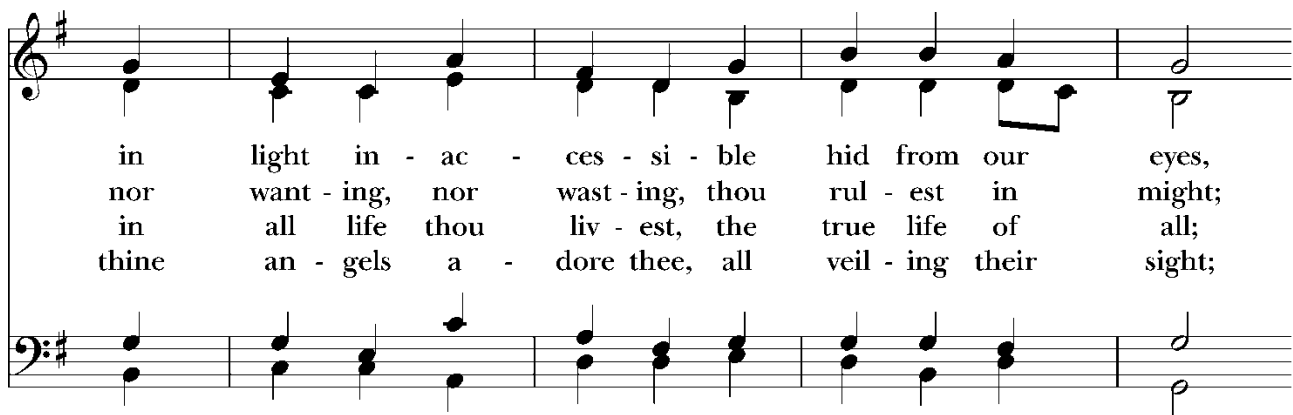
The people stand as the Ministers enter

Processional Hymn 423

St. Denio



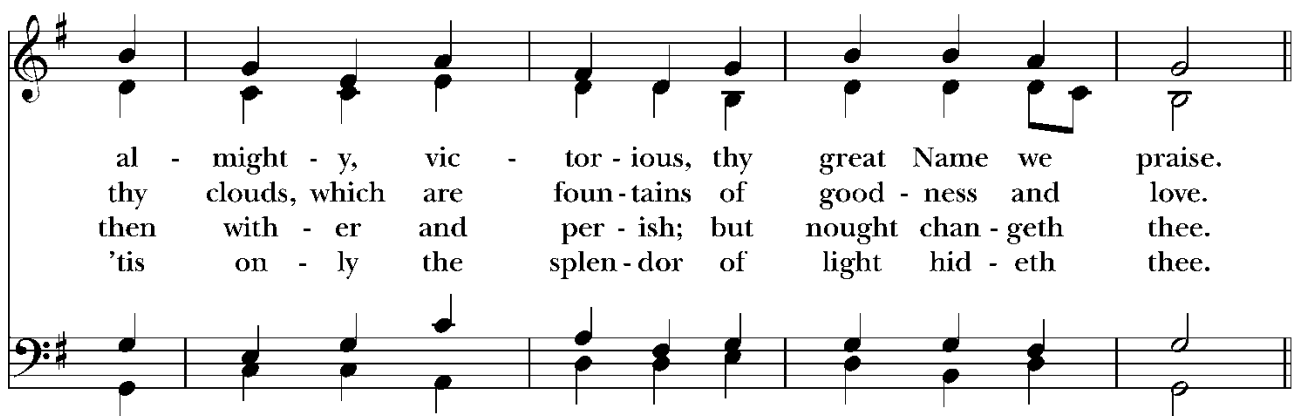
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## PROPER ACCLAMATION

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE 421

*Allein Gott in der Hoh*



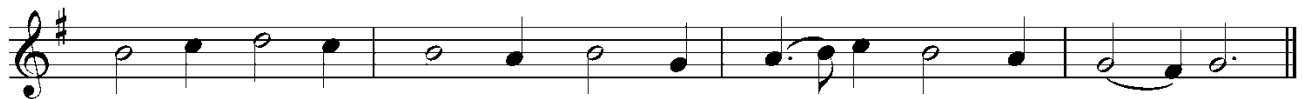
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

**THE LESSON**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 1** (*Coverdale translation*)

Sir John Goss

*Sung by the choir*

*Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stood in the way of sinners :  
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.*

*2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.*

*3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.*

*4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.*

*5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them :*

*but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.*

*6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement :*

*neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

*7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

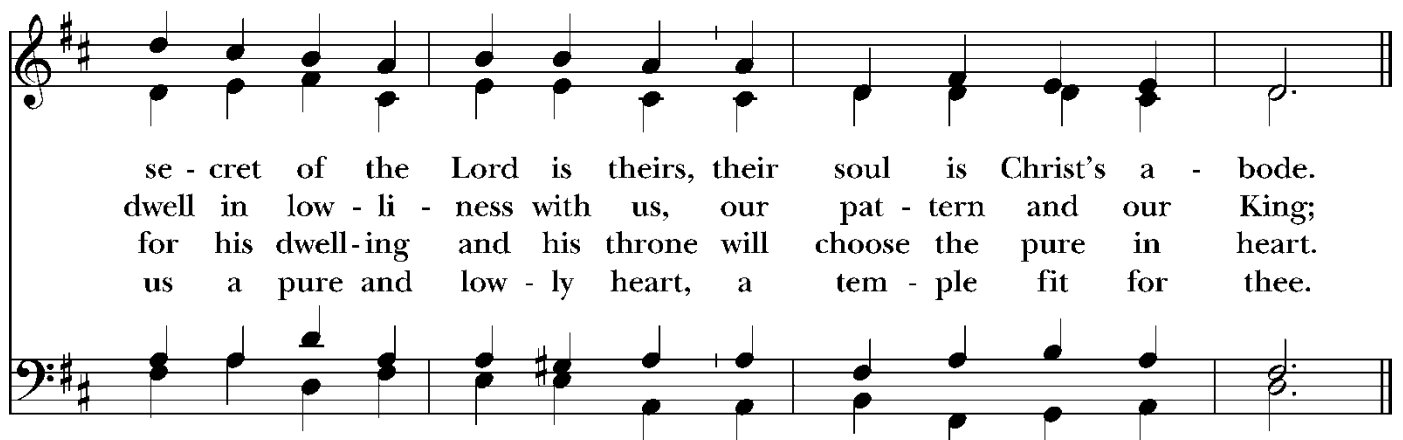
*Pre-K and Elementary School-aged children now follow the cross to Children's Chapel*

SEQUENCE HYMN 656

*Franconia*



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. "But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. "Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. "Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

**THE SERMON**

Deacon Wilkes

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing*)

*Celebrant and people*

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 IV*)

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader*

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.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Stephen, Archbishop of York, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas, our Bishop, that they may proclaim your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those in hospital, \_\_\_ and those in hospice\_\_\_; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died [especially \_\_\_;] [and for \_\_\_\_\_ in whose memory the altar flowers are given; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people sit*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

*The people stand*

**Offertory Anthem** *Lord, I trust thee*

G.F. Handel

*Lord I trust thee, I adore thee.*

*Ah thou friend of man, restore me!*

*On thy loving grace relying,*

*for the bread of life I'm sighing.*

*Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease.*

*Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.*

*When the breath of life has left me,*

**Hymn 380, Stanza 3**

*Old 100th*

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.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *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 him 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S-125**

Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people remain standing as they are able*

*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,

*Celebrant and 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following anthem is said*

**Fraction Anthem S-171** *Be known to us*

Mason Martens

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.  
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.  
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.*

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.  
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing  
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

### Communion Motet *God be in my head*

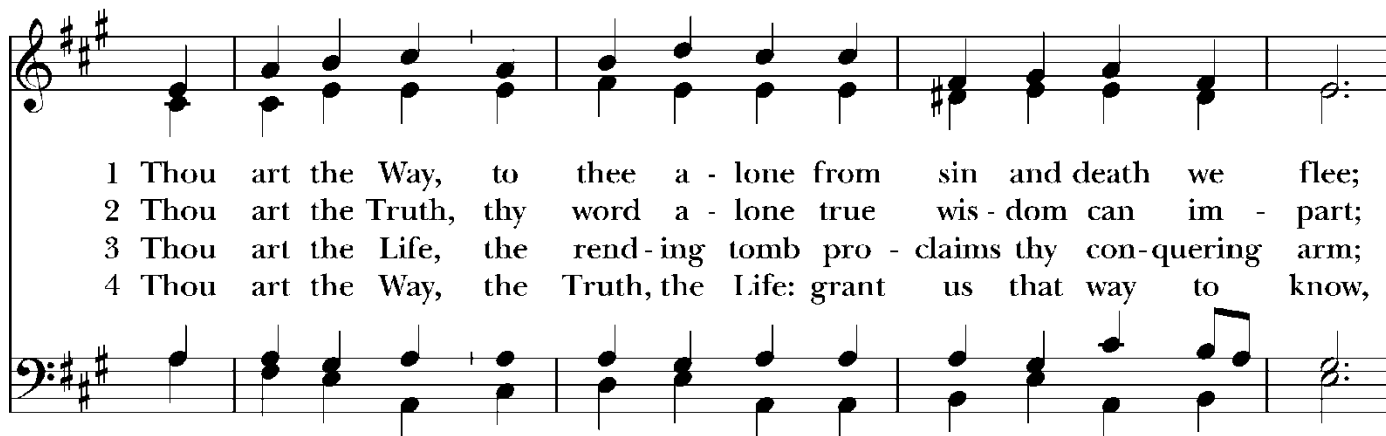
John Rutter

*Sung by the choir*

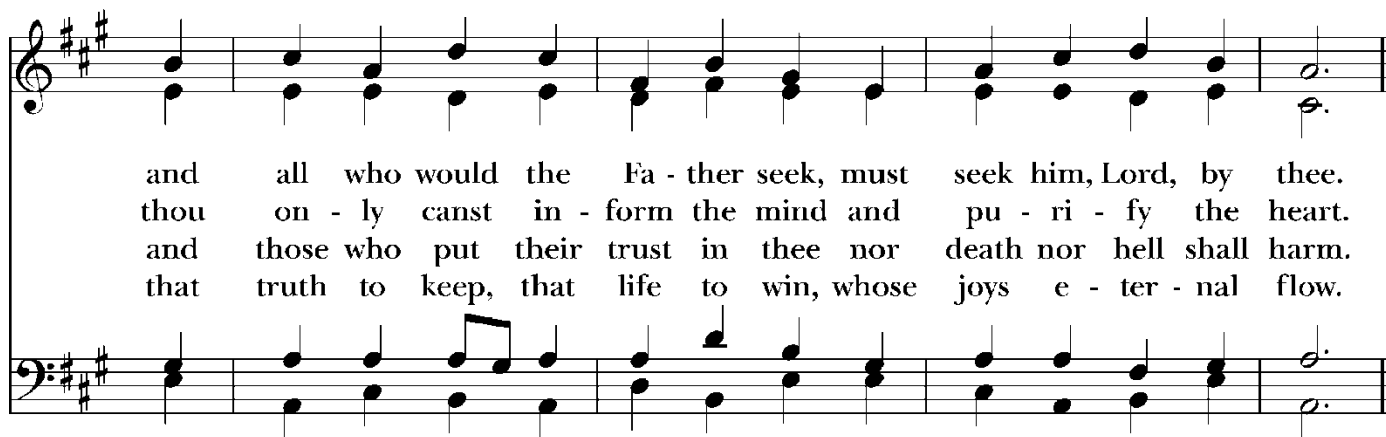
*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and in my departing. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
and take the pledges of salvation here.*

### Communion Hymn 457

St. James



1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,



and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*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

*The Celebrant gives the blessing.*

People **Amen.**

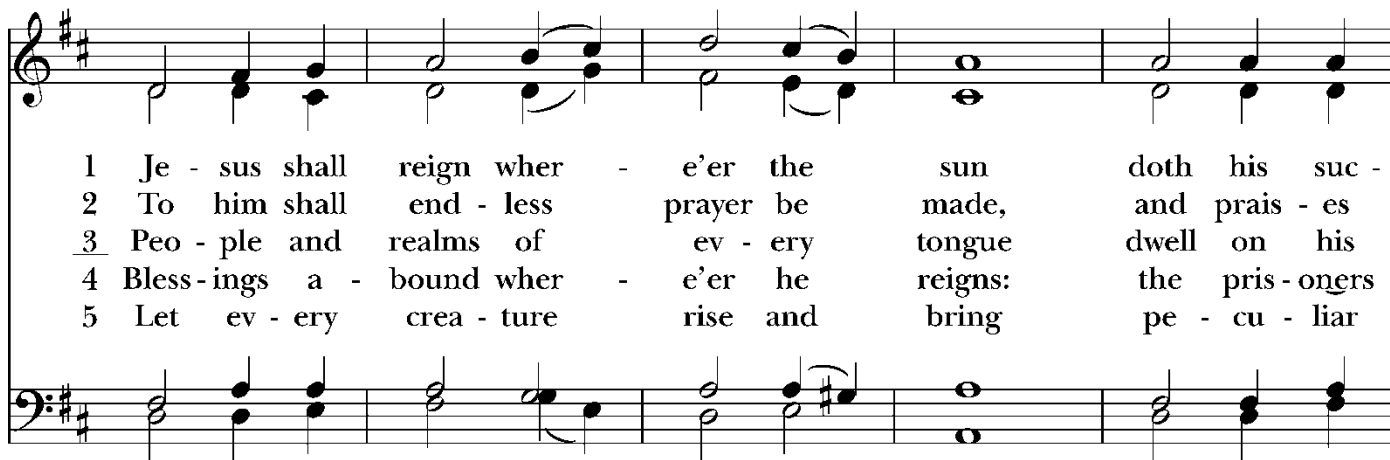
## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal.*

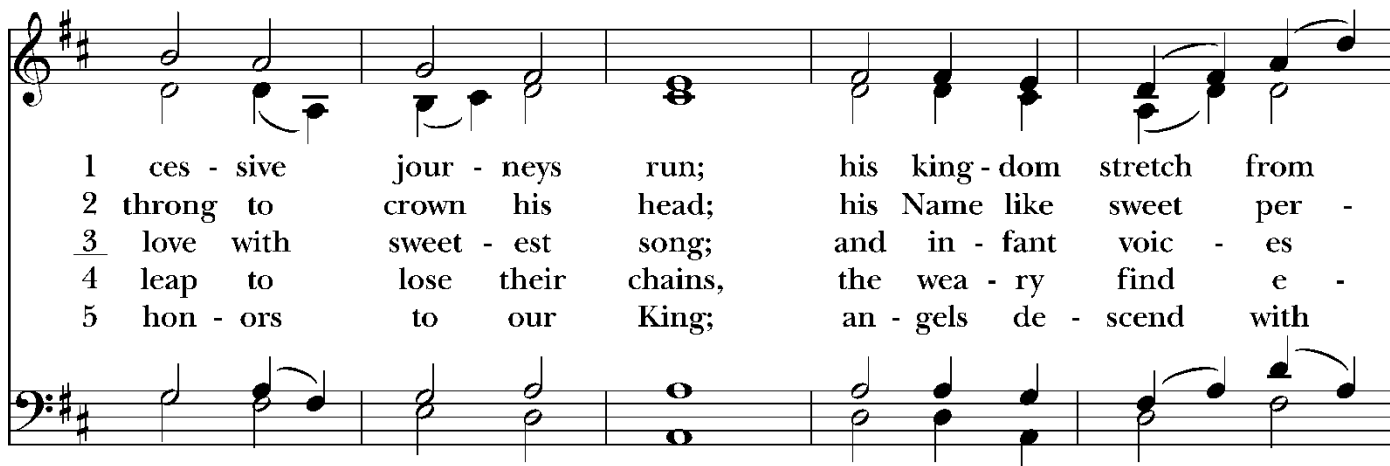
People **Thanks be to God.**

## Processional Hymn 544

*Duke Street*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.



Károly Ferenczy, *Sermon on the Mountain*, oil on canvas, 1896, Magyar Nemzeti Galéria, Budapest.

## *A Reflection on the Sermon on the Plain*

*Our Gospel today is taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke. It speaks of loving our enemies. Not tolerating them or vaguely accepting them, but loving them. When you hate your enemy, you confirm him as your enemy. But when you love him in response to his hatred, you confuse and confound him, taking away the very energy that feeds his hatred.*

*There is a form of martial arts called aikido. The idea of aikido is to absorb the aggressive energy of your opponent, moving with it, continually frustrating him until he comes to the point of realizing that fighting is useless.*

*Some have pointed out that there is a great deal of this in Jesus' strategy of nonviolence and love of the enemy. You creatively absorb the aggression of your opponent, really using it against him, to show him the futility of violence.*

*So when someone insults you, send back a compliment instead of an insult. When someone conspires against you, work to help him.*

*- Bishop Robert Barron*



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