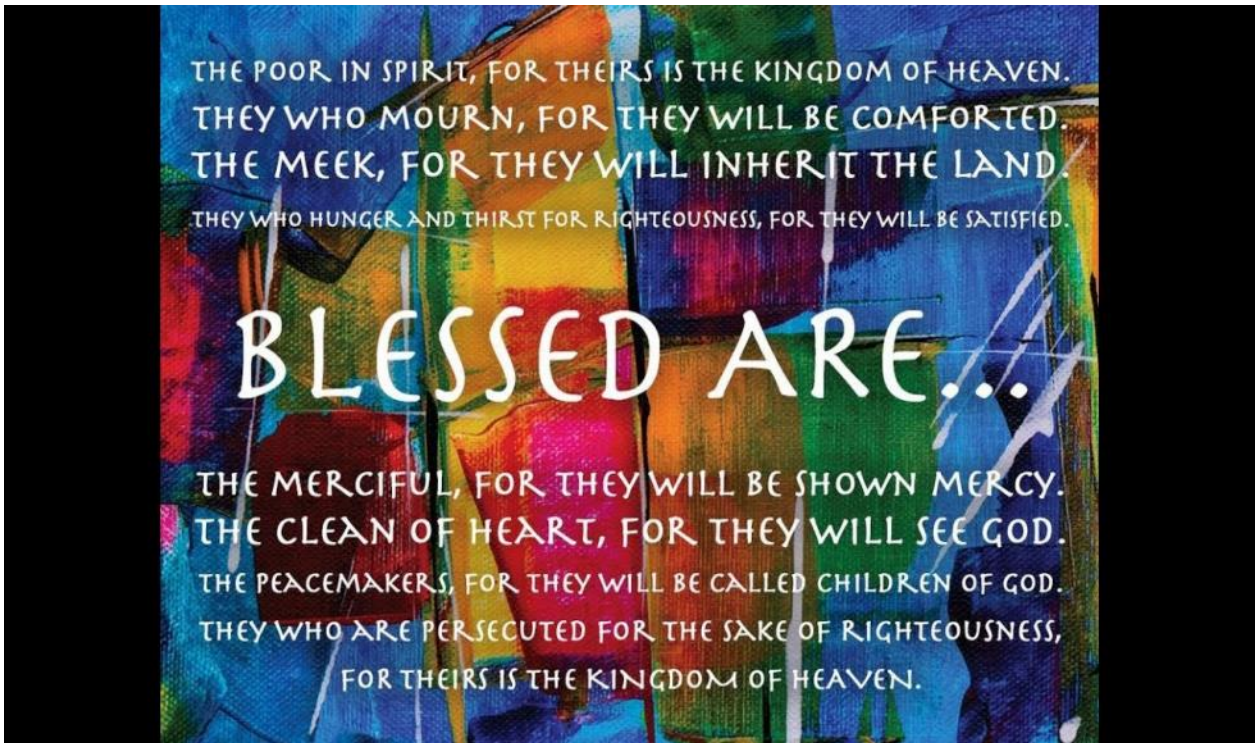




Twenty-second Sunday  
After Pentecost  
31 Oct & 1 Nov 2020  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
2750 Cardinal Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ

Sat: 5pm  
Sun: 10:30am



Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn (*For All the Saints*)

The Hymnal 1982 #287)



1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:—  
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,—  
4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!—



thee— by faith before the world confessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;—  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and  
We feeblely struggle, they in glory shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Word of God

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

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

**Presider** *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.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Let us pray.*

**Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the lessons. Lessons are found on the Lectionary insert)*

# The Lessons

## First Lesson: A reading from the book of **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Reader** *The Word of the Lord*

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

{*Let us all recite in unison*}

**Psalm 34:1-10,22**

*Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the  
Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord  
heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses  
those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack  
nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his  
servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust  
in him.

**Second Lesson:** A reading from the book of the **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Reader** *The Word of the Lord*

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

Reader        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12**

Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

**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.**

## Prayers of the People:

Form VI

*(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

Leader: *In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.*

*For all people in their daily life and work;*

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: *For this community, the nation, and the world;*

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: *For the just and proper use of your creation;*

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: *For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;*

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: *For the peace and unity of the Church of God;*

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: *For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;*

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: *In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa The Most Revd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: *In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, in Mesa.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

**Leader:** *We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and the Pascua Yaqui who call this area of Arizona their home.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: *For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.*

*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Leader *Hear us, Lord;*



**People** For your mercy is great.

Leader: *We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.*  
(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader *We will exalt you, O God our King;*

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: *We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.* (people remember those who have died)

Leader: *Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;*

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: *We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.*

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

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

**People: And also with you.**

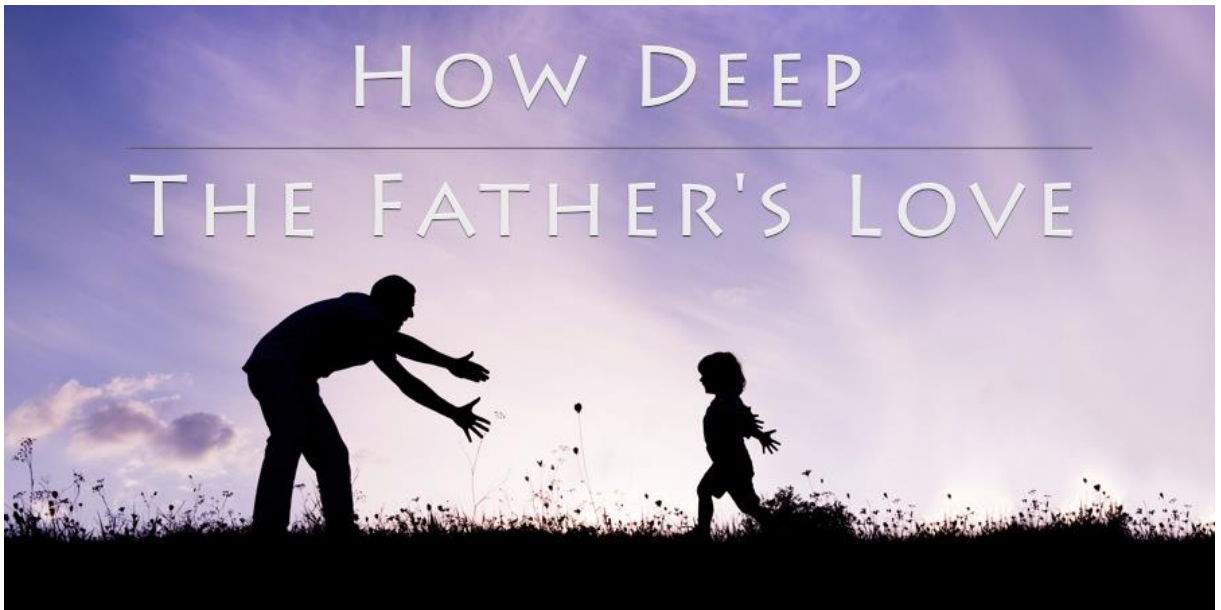
*(People exchange a 6 ft distanced peace, offering peace signs, namaste (prayer hands with head bow), or virtual hug (arms crossed over chest)).*

**Offertory**

Presider     *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.*

### Offertory Anthem

*(Plates/baskets will not be passed and will not be brought forward during the service. Please drop your offering into the plate or basket without touching them on the way into or out of the church)*



# The Holy Communion

## 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 God 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

All:

***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.***

*Then the Presider continues*

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

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

*The Presider continues*

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. 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.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)**

**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 *(spoken)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Please follow the directions of the priest and maintain distancing. Receive the bread in your outstretched hand, move 6ft over and lift/lower mask to consume the bread. Replace mask and return to seat).*

Communion Music

### **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Gratitude Sharing**

*(remain in your seat area, stand for recognition or sharing)*

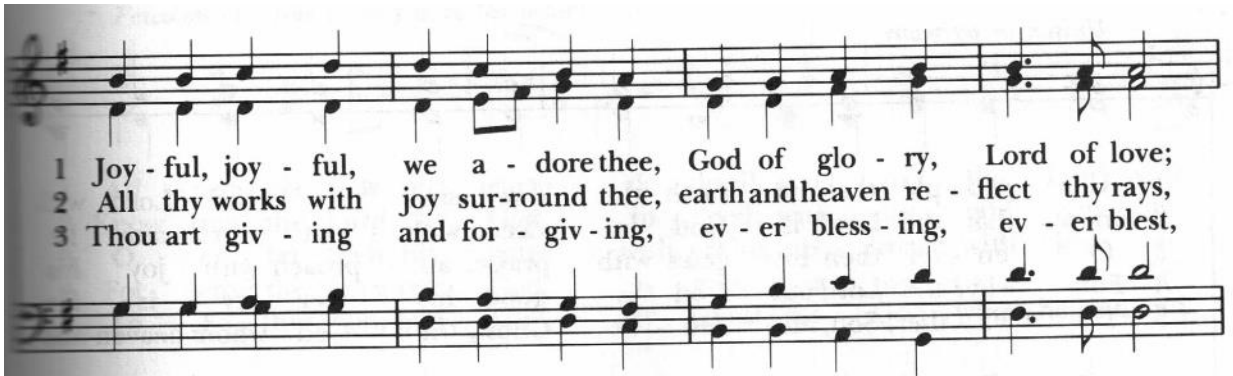
Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

**Presider** *Let us Pray*

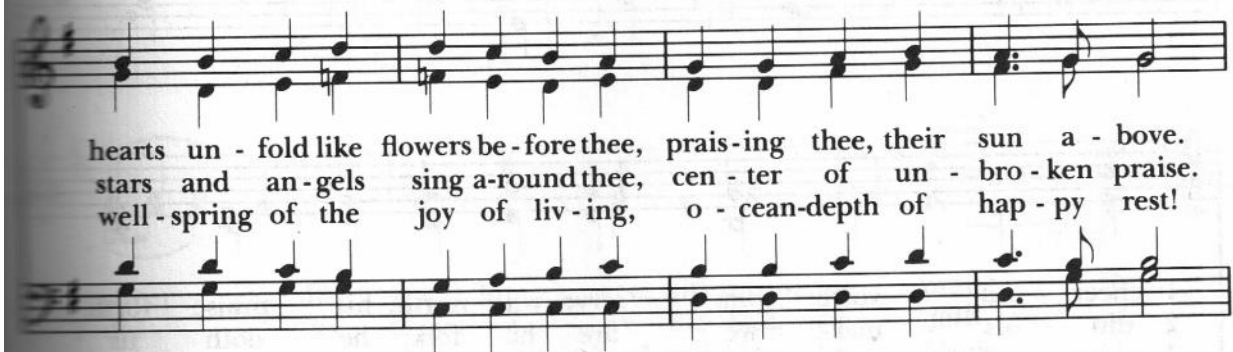
**All:** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction/Blessing:**

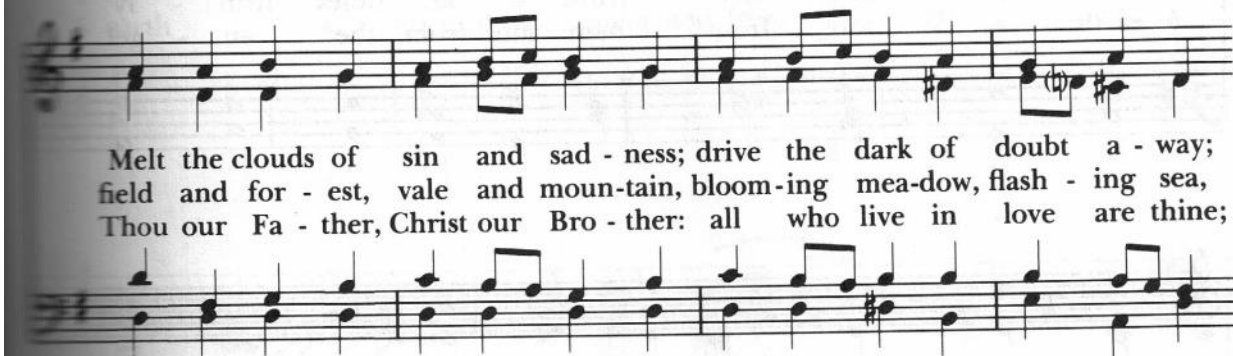
Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**



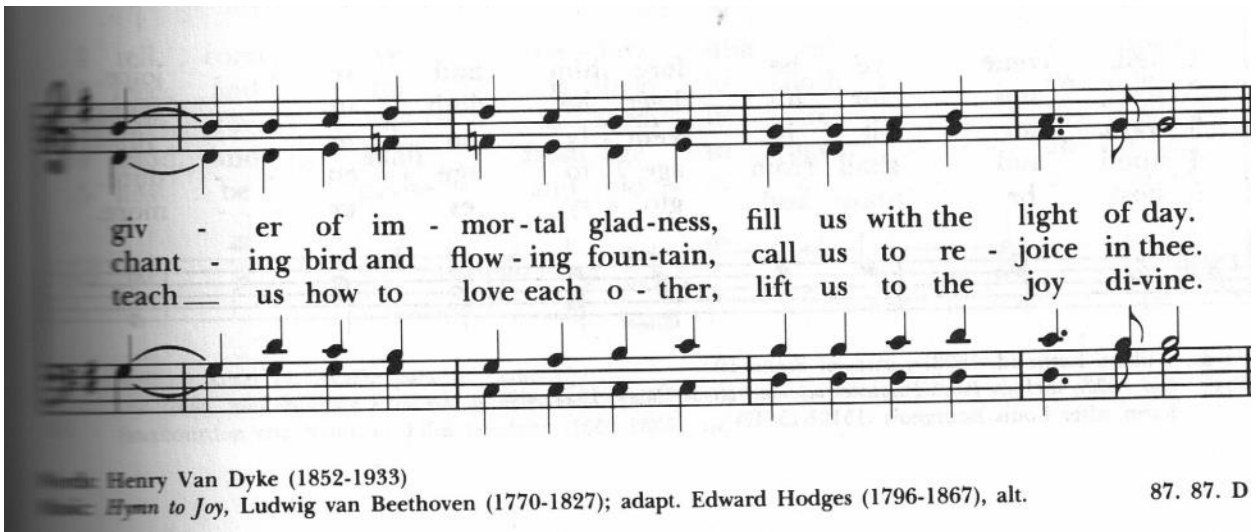
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)  
 Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt. 87. 87. D

## Dismissal

Presider: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

*Please, join us for a time of appropriately distanced fellowship after the service in the Parish Hall. Please keep your masks on during this time.*

