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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Donald Busarow

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

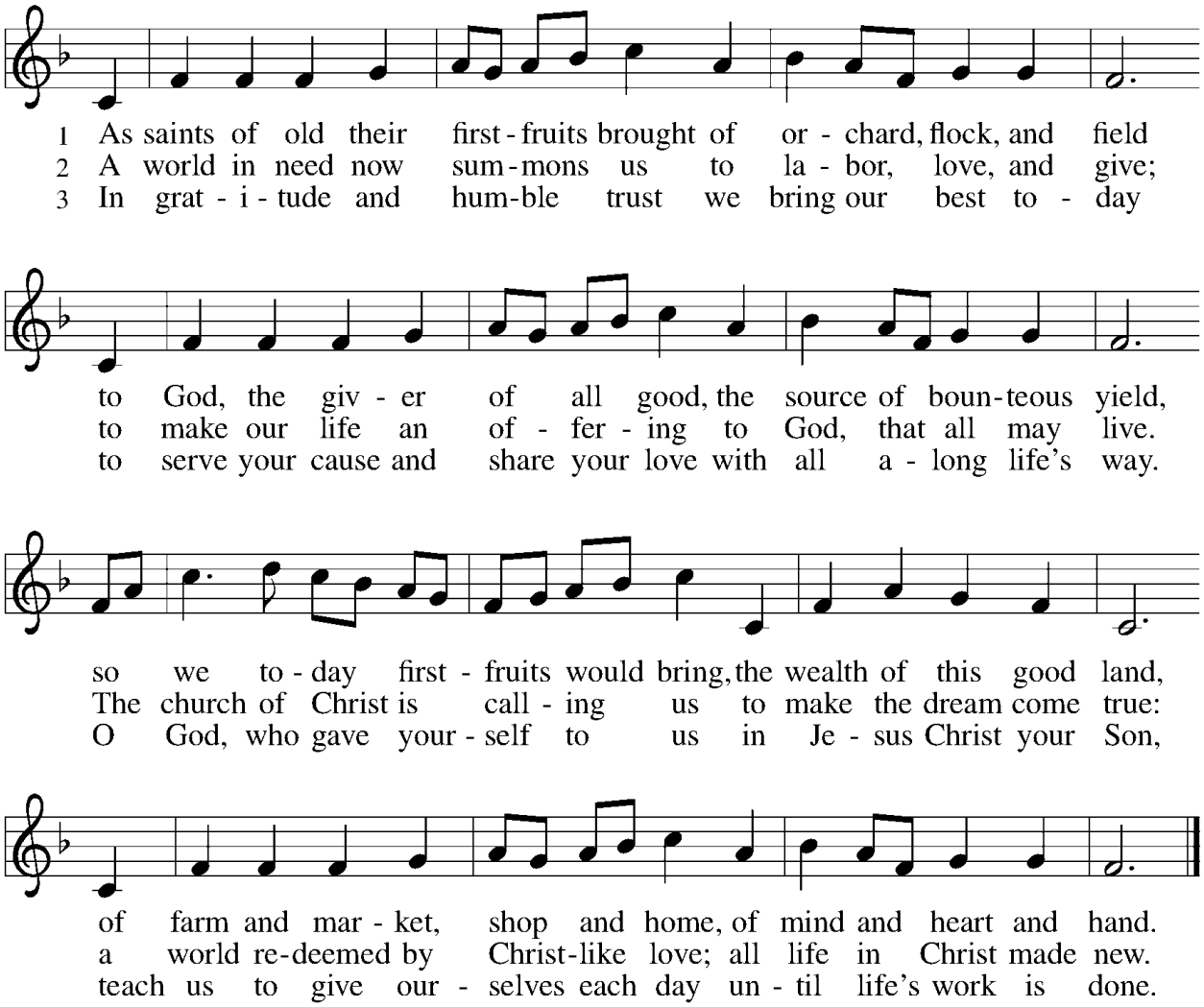
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. Kneel as you are able.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

HYMN #695 *As Saints of Old*

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.*** *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.*** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.*** *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.*** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.* ***Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thank, 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Pew Bible Page 702

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7a

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R). Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

R



[1] Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.

[3] For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.

[7a] For the Lord | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

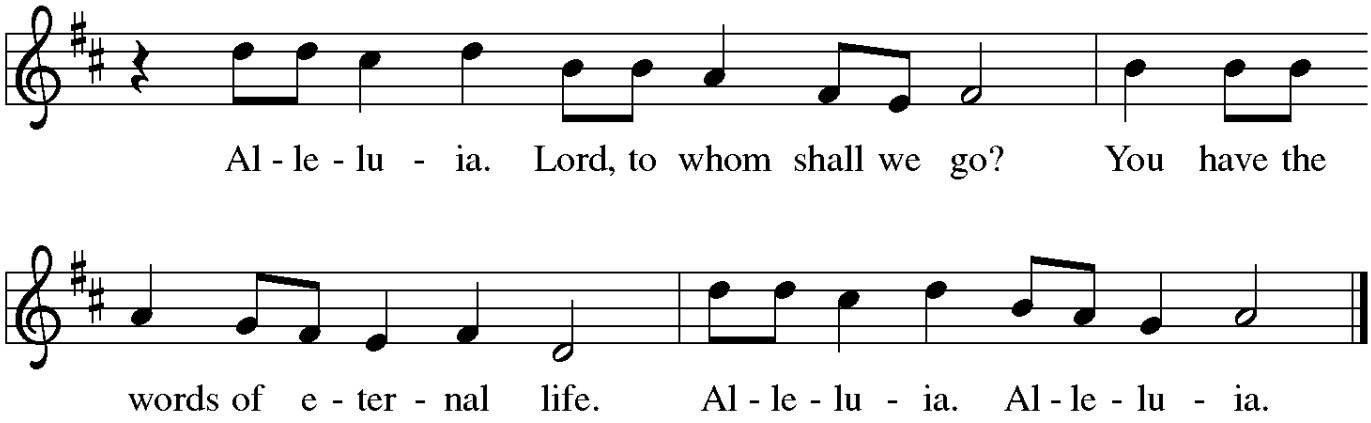
SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible Page 949

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Before reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible Page 807

After reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

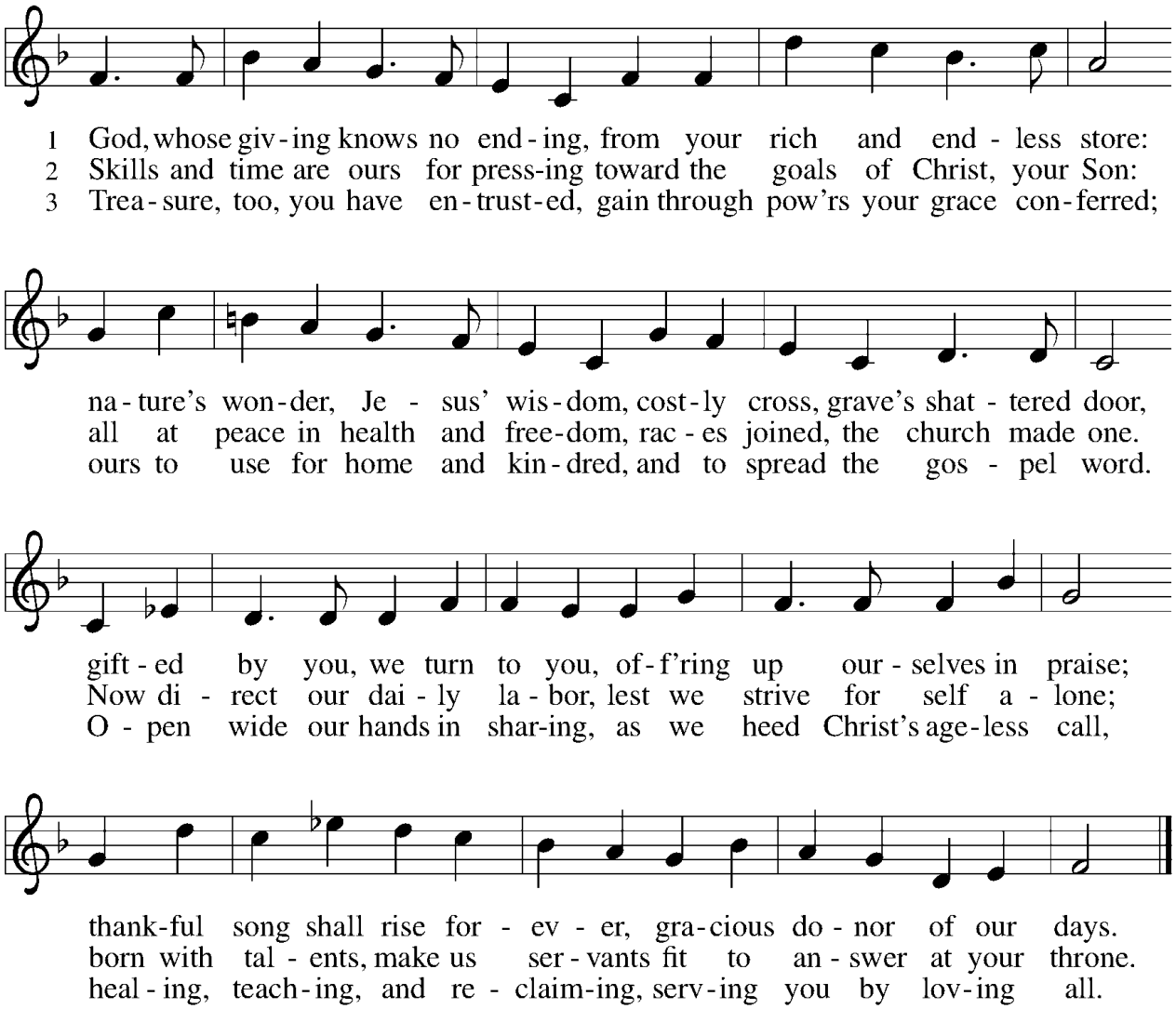
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SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #678 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Stand

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING ANTHEM *Christ Is the King,* Donald Busarow

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
Brothers and sisters, with one voice;
Let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia

Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise;
Anthem of joy and holy praise;
For all his saints of ancient days. Alleluia

O Christian women, Christian men;
All the world over, seek again;
The way his faithful followed then. Alleluia

Let love's all reconciling might;
Your scattered companies unite;
In service to the Lord of light. Alleluia

So shall the church at least be one;
So shall God's will on earth be done;
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun. Alleluia

Stand

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer
Lord's Prayer
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.
**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*
**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*
**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*
**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*
**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*
**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

Sit

COMMUNION HYMN #679 *For the Fruit of All Creation*



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN #434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign David Cherwien

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