Christ Church
Episcopal

Follow Jesus // Love People // Change The World

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 2026

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y los que no hablan inglés. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a tune in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion." We've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and you!

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP
God, your Son Jesus Christ promised to be with us whenever we gather together in His name. We thank you for Christ Church and the love that holds us together. Make us eager to gather for worship. Inspire us to learn and grow spiritually, as individuals and as a faith community. We seek knowledge of Your will for us. We pray for the strength and courage, the wit and wisdom, and the humor and creativity to follow Jesus, love people and change the world. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION *(**9:00**) Hymnal #1 Father, we praise thee*

(11:00) Here As In Heaven

The atmosphere is changing now
For the Spirit of the Lord is here
The evidence is all around
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

Chorus
Overflow in this place
Fill our hearts with your love
Your love surrounds us
You're the reason we came to encounter your love
Your love surrounds us

A miracle can happen now
For the Spirit of the Lord is here
The evidence is all around
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

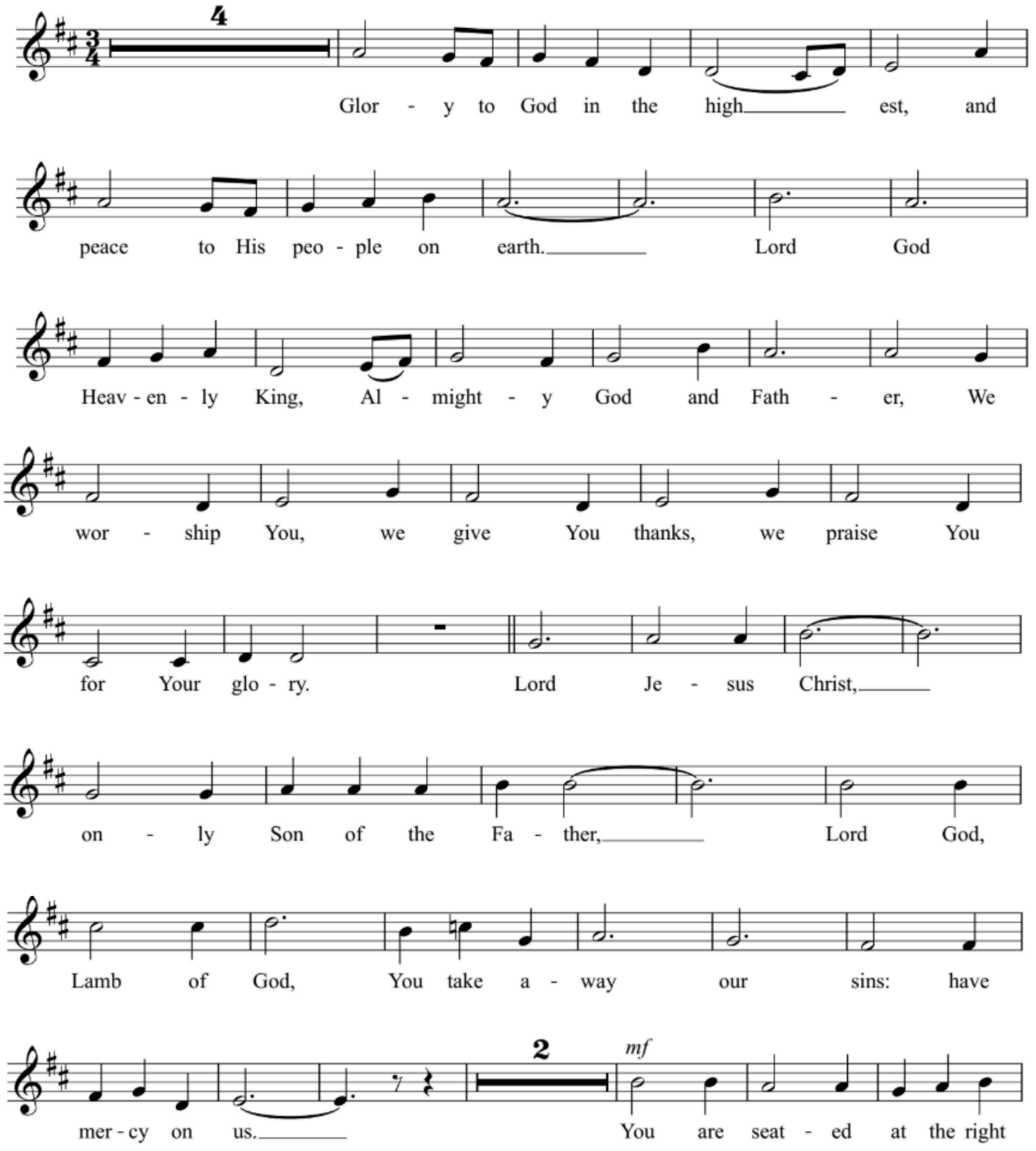
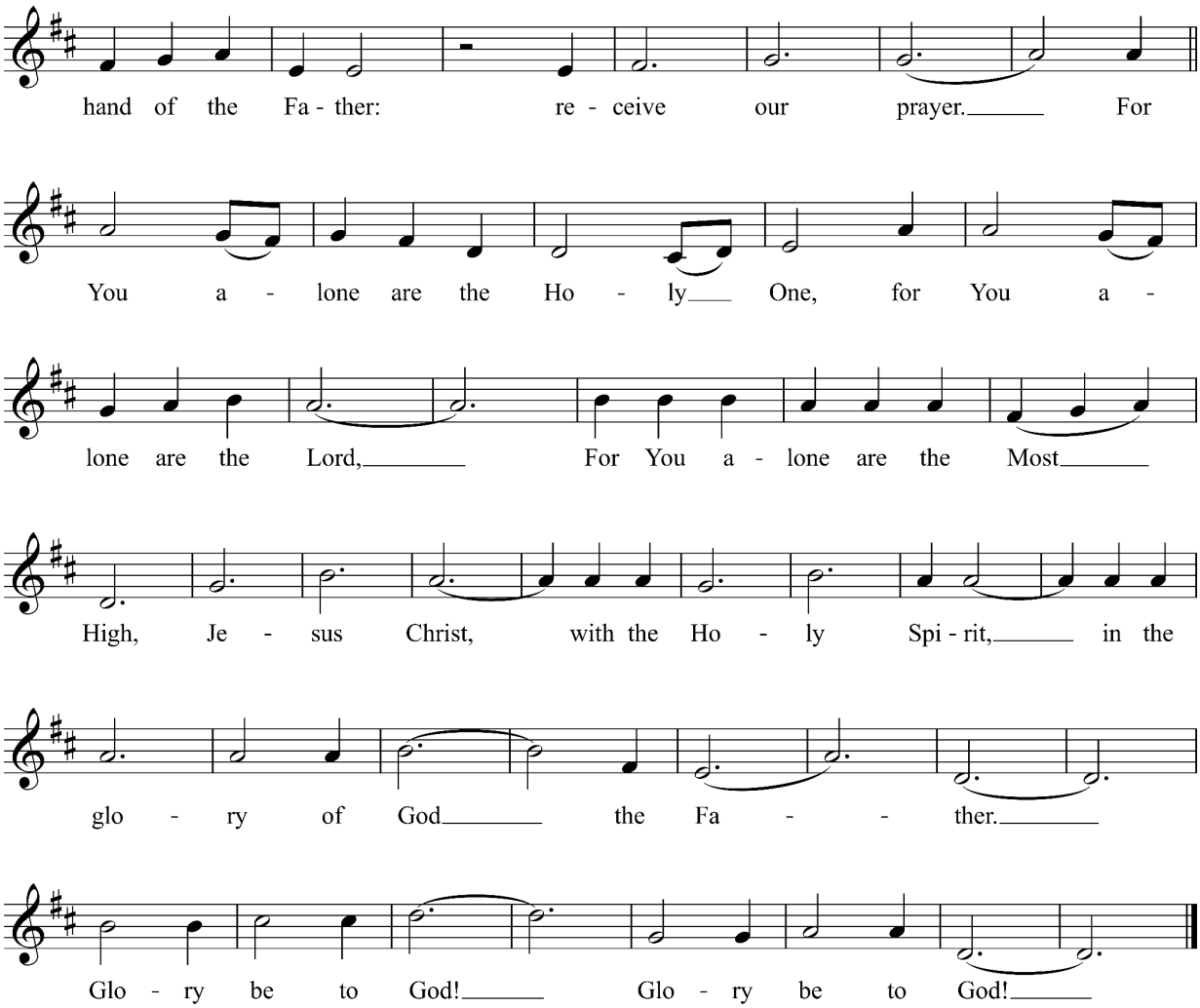
OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
The Celebrant may say

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.**

Any children wishing to go to Children's Chapel and Godly Play may follow the procession out of the back of the church at this time.

THE GLORIA *Glory to God, from* Ordinary: Via Crucis, Jack Milton Bussert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people are seated for the reading of the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON *Exodus 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL *Psalm 114*

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND LESSON *Romans 14:1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

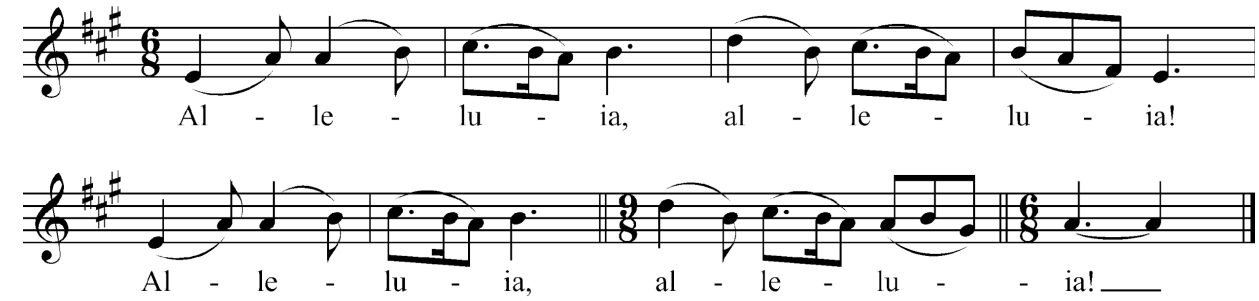
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

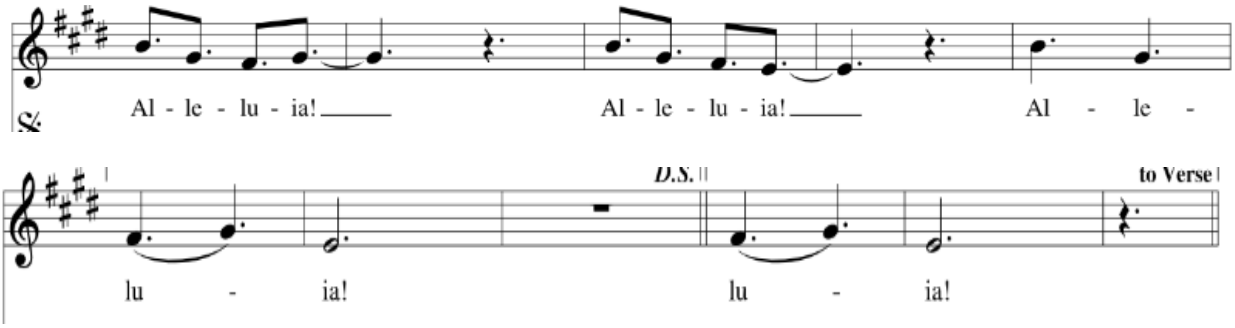
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able for the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***(9:00)*** *Celtic Alleluia*



(11:00) *Mass of the Resurrection, Alleluia*

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

THE SERMON *The Rev. Sarah Smith*

THE NICENE CREED
All stand and say together.

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 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. 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

The Leader and People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the people and clergy of Christ Church in Tulsa.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and particularly for those who have asked for our prayers…

A pause is held so that the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For those celebrating birthdays…and for the anniversaries of..

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, *(especially…)* that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions at this time either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence is kept.

Leader and People

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.

The Celebrant then offers the following Absolution.

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 as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) *Praise my soul, the King of Heaven arr. James Kirby*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to the throne your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress.
Praise God still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and quick to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Angels in the heights adoring;
you behold God face to face.
Saints triumphant,now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

(11:00) *Found*

Take me to the church
And I'll pray I'll pray
Take me to the river
And I'll wash my sins away away
Take me to the church
And I'll pray I'll pray
Take me to the river
And I'll wash my sins away away
I'll dance in the water there
I'll hardly come up for air
'Cause in the waters of new life I'm found
And all the world is right

Would You go with me
As I walk this road
Take me by the hand
And lead this wanderer home home
Would You go with me as I walk this road

Take me by the hand
And lead this wanderer home home
There's still so far for me to climb
If I forget that You are mine
When the road in front of me
Gets hard it can seem so far
But in the promise of Your light I'm found
And all the world is right

When I leave this world
There's nothing I'll bring
But a whispered hallelujah
As I hear the angels sing sing
I'll stand with you in the end
I'll hear You call me your friend
'Cause where my faith
Becomes sight I'm found
And all the world is right

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

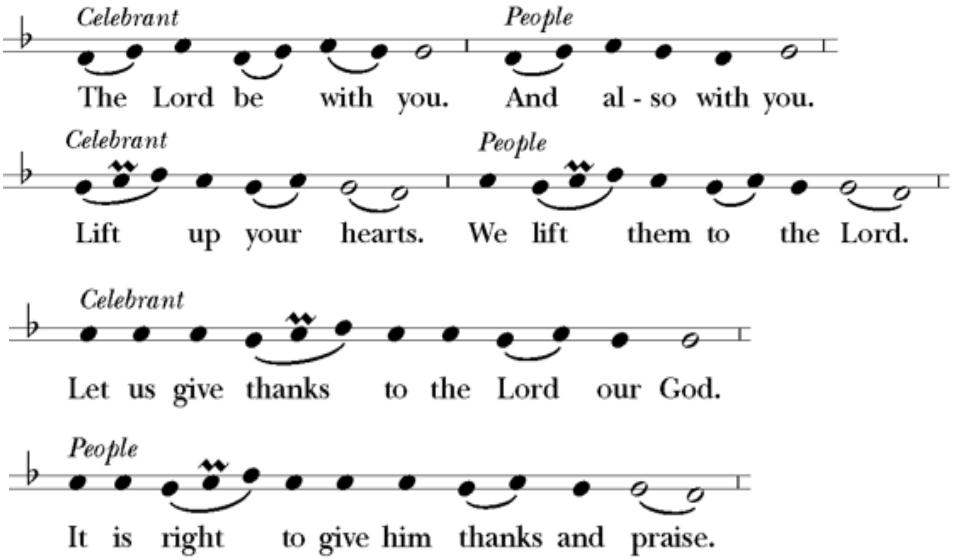
Doxology, The Old 100th

Please stand as you are able, as all sing together.

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

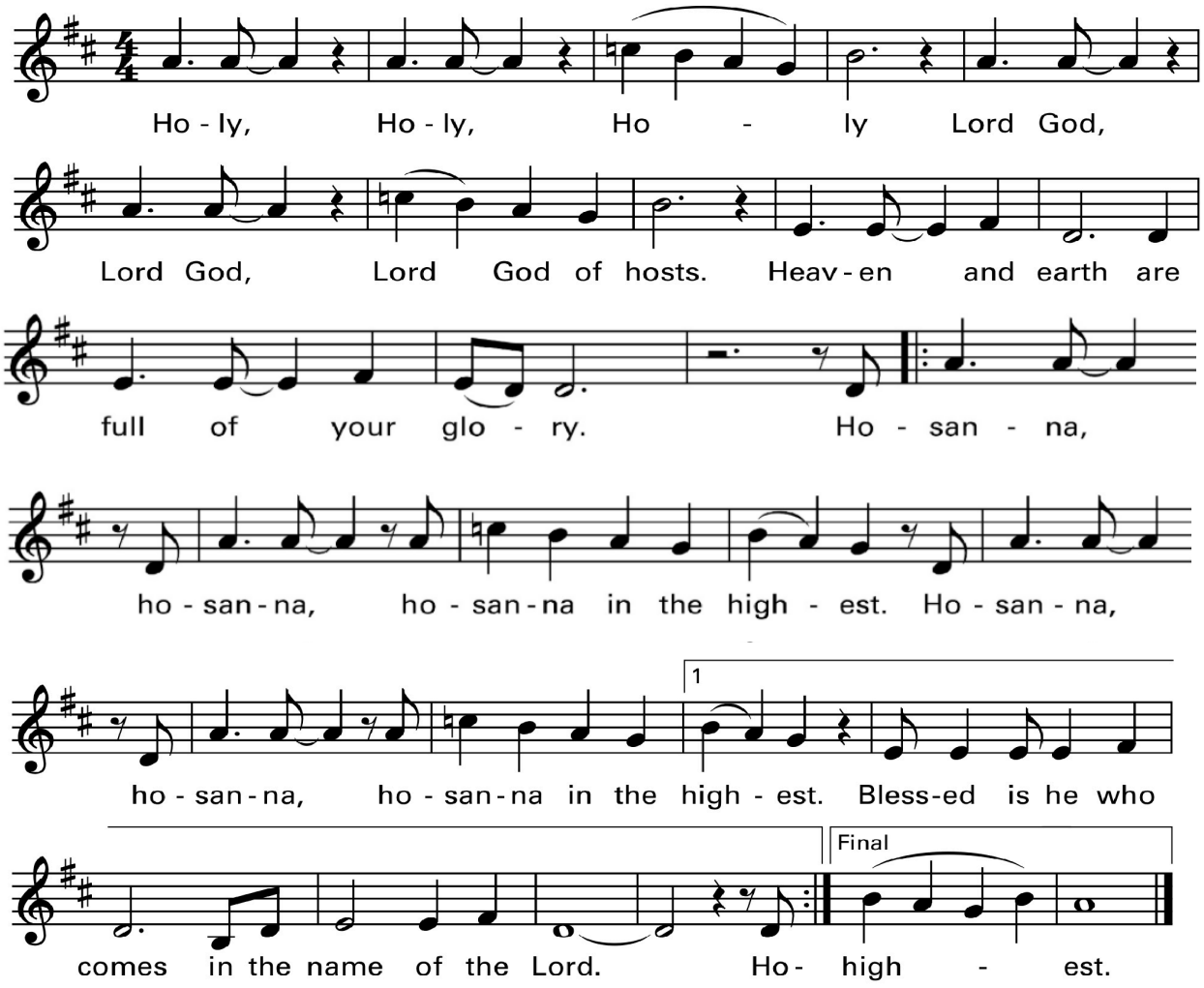
The People remain standing.

The Celebrant continues

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 the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface before continuing as follows

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:

THE SANCTUS

(9:00) *Hymn S-128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)*
(11:00) *Mass of the Desert - Sanctus*

The People remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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,

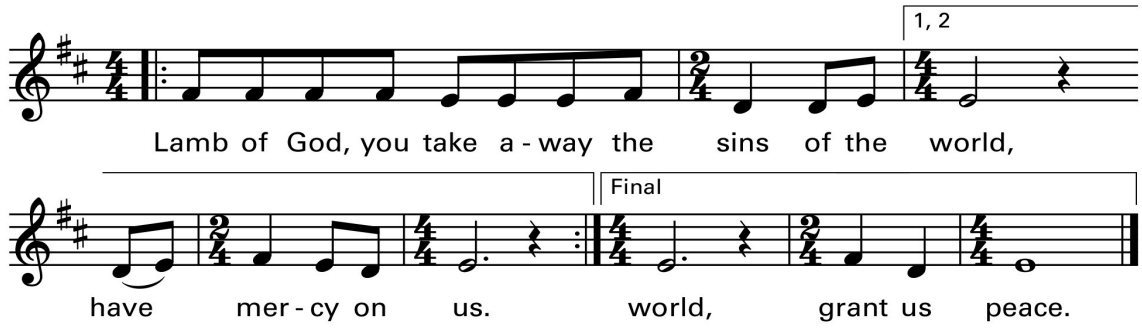
People and Celebrant
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

(9:00) *Hymnal S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God*

(11:00) *Mass of the Desert - Fraction*

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive the Sacrament saying these or similar words

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So, come: you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow, and you who have fallen short, come. Because it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. You may stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine and then consuming it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive in your chair, please let an Usher know, and a clergy person and Eucharistic Minister will bring the consecrated bread and wine to you.

PRAYERS IN THE CHAPEL (9AM ONLY)

Anyone wishing to receive personal prayers (one-on-one) may do so immediately following Communion. These prayers are offered during the 9AM liturgy in The Rev. Dr. Everett Lees Chapel by a trained member of Christ Church. Simply head back to the Chapel after receiving the bread and the wine and a prayer team member will be stationed and awaiting you there.

THE MUSIC DURING THE MINISTRATION

(9:00) *Hymnal #336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus*

(11:00) *All Ye Refugees*

I am the One
The earth is My handmade work
And the skies I laid them wide beauty unfurled
Horizon to horizon Creation to creation
Sings you home

Chorus
Welcome Home
Gather round
All ye refugees come in
Welcome Home
Gather round
All ye refugees come in

Oh refugee
I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground salvation springs
My body and My blood the healing that you need
Come and receive

Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be
Watch and wait and see for the morning

Go out in joy
Join the great procession
The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice
Horizon to horizon creation to creation
Horizon to horizon creation to creation
With one voice

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says
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 Priest offers a seasonal blessing upon the people.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION *(9:00) Hymnal #594 God of grace and God of glory*

(11:00) Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

(Above) All else I adore Your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise
Above all else I adore Your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise

The highest praise
The loudest praise
To the name above every name

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out the "I'm New" card (located on the seatback in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. A member of our clergy or staff will be happy to connect with you this week.

BEGINNING TODAY

MUSIC MAKERS RESUMES

- Sundays from 10:30–10:55 am in Classroom 5

Music Makers begins today! Children in grades 1-6 are invited to learn a variety of music and sing in worship throughout the year. Children in Holy Moly will be escorted to rehearsal.

CURRENT FORMATION OFFERINGS

FOUNDATIONS 101

- Sundays at 10 am from August 16-September 20 in Room 2

For those who have been here often and those who have not been here long; join Foundations 101 where we discuss Christ Church, the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion, Holy Scripture, Prayer, Public Witness, and frequently asked questions.

FROM BELONGING TO OVERFLOWING

- Sundays at 10 am from August 16-September 20 in Room 7

What is the "secret sauce" that makes Christ Church feel like Christ Church? And how do you put that sense of belonging into words? Join Lori Hauge and Travis Wolff for 6 weeks of real conversation, no lectures.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMATION

Wednesdays are better together! Join us Wednesday Nights for:

5:00–6:00 p.m. - Dinner
6:00–7:00 p.m. - Formation for All Ages
7:00 p.m. - Music & Compline

Come for dinner, stay for formation, gather for Compline - or join us for whatever fits your evening. Please register on the app so we can plan for dinner.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT FORMATION: GENESIS

Join Fr. Matt for a closer look at Genesis as we explore its stories, poetry, and sometimes difficult encounters with God. We'll wrestle with angels, bargain with God, and discover the truths Genesis offers - and above all, the faithfulness of God. Can't make Wednesday evenings? The same class is offered Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE CANEBRAKE ***SEPTEMBER 19-20***
RIBFEST 2026 ***SEPTEMBER 26***
DIOCESAN CONVENTION ***OCTOBER 2-3***
MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. CRISPIN'S ***NOVEMBER 20-22***

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

MONDAYS

7:30-8:30pm	Pub Theology @ McNellie's South

TUESDAY

7:30-9:30am	Men's Breakfast Group
(first and third Tuesday)	@ Apple Barrel Café on Mingo & 61 st
	Led by Larry Comstock
9:30am – 12:00pm	MONOS Contemplative Prayer Group @ Christ Church

WEDNESDAYS

10:00am-12:00pm	Yarnsters @ Christ Church
5:00-7:20pm	WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ Christ Church (see above)
7:20-8:20pm	Choir Rehearsal (Adults)

THURSDAYS

7:00-8:00pm	Southside Traditions AA (meets @ Christ Church)
6:00-7:30pm	Thursday Night Light
(second week of the month)	@ The Caring Center, Downtown Tulsa

FRIDAYS

8:00-9:00am	Men's Prayer Group @ Christ Church
	Led by Don Dyer

SUNDAYS

9:00am	Traditional Eucharist with Choir
10:00am	Formation for all ages
11:00am	Contemporary Eucharist with Band
7:00-8:00pm	Southside Traditions AA (meets @ Christ Church)

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