CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 4, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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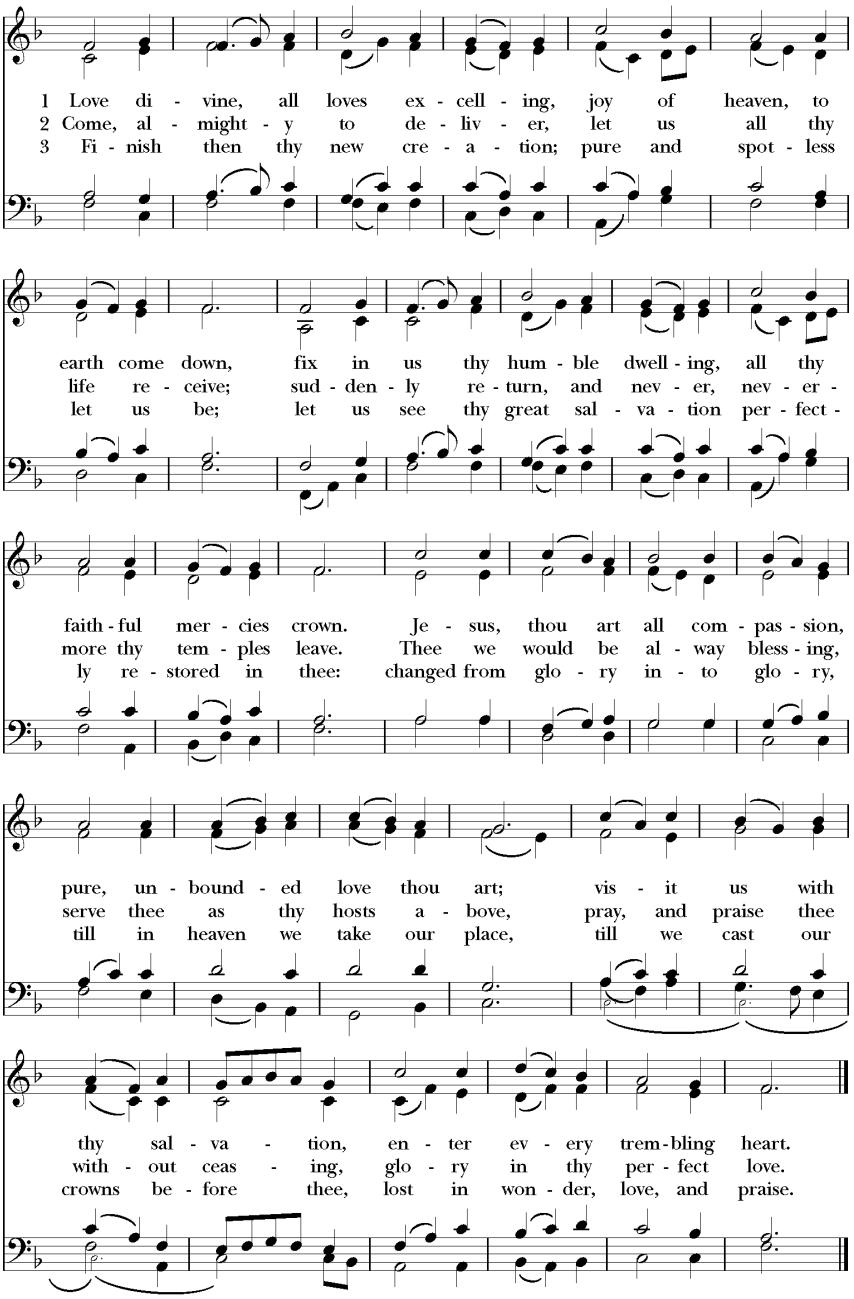
THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Hyfrydol*



Opening Acclamation

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

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

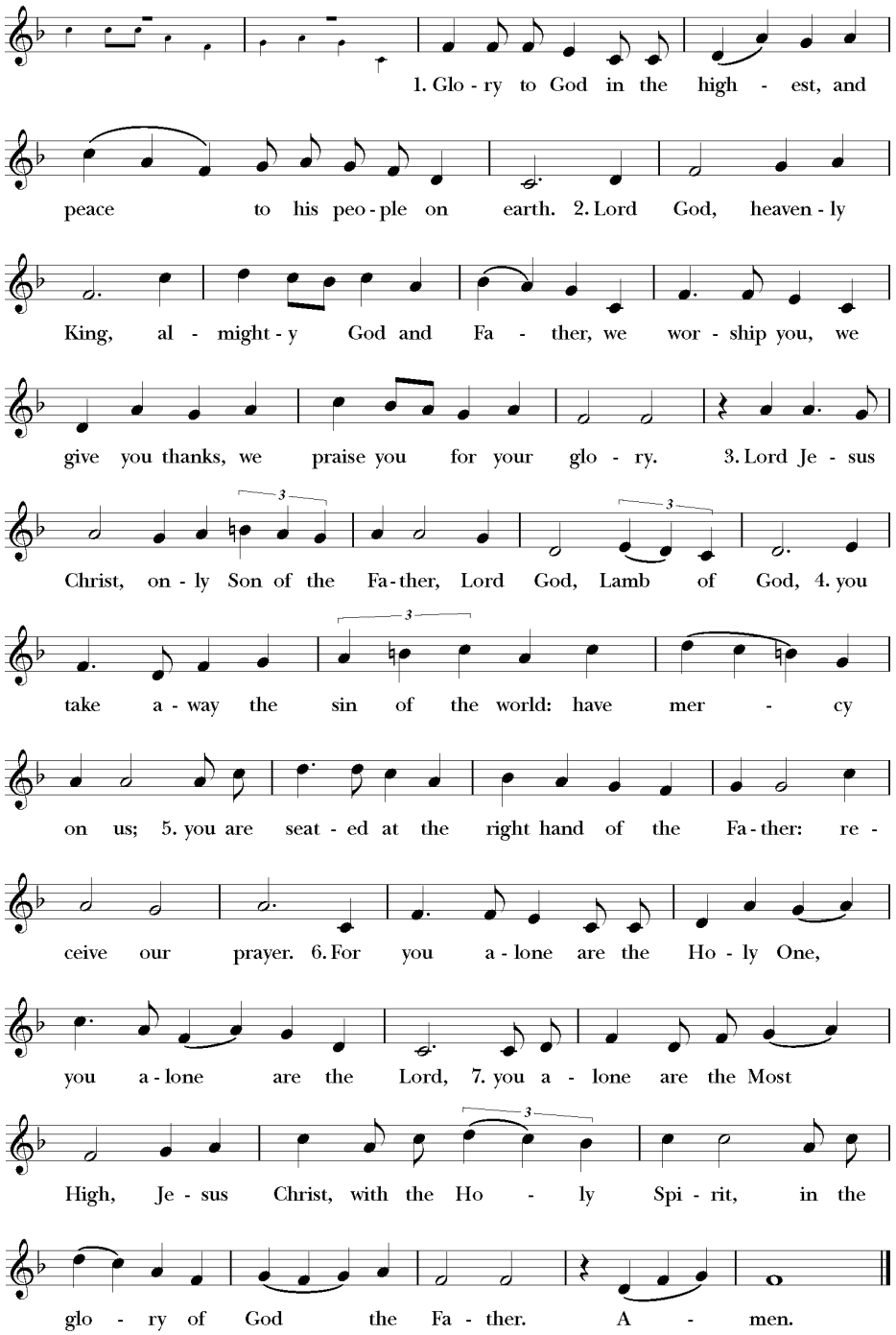
The Collect for Purity

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.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

Robert Powell (1932-)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON — 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 48 — *Magnus Dominus*

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

THE EPISTLE — 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

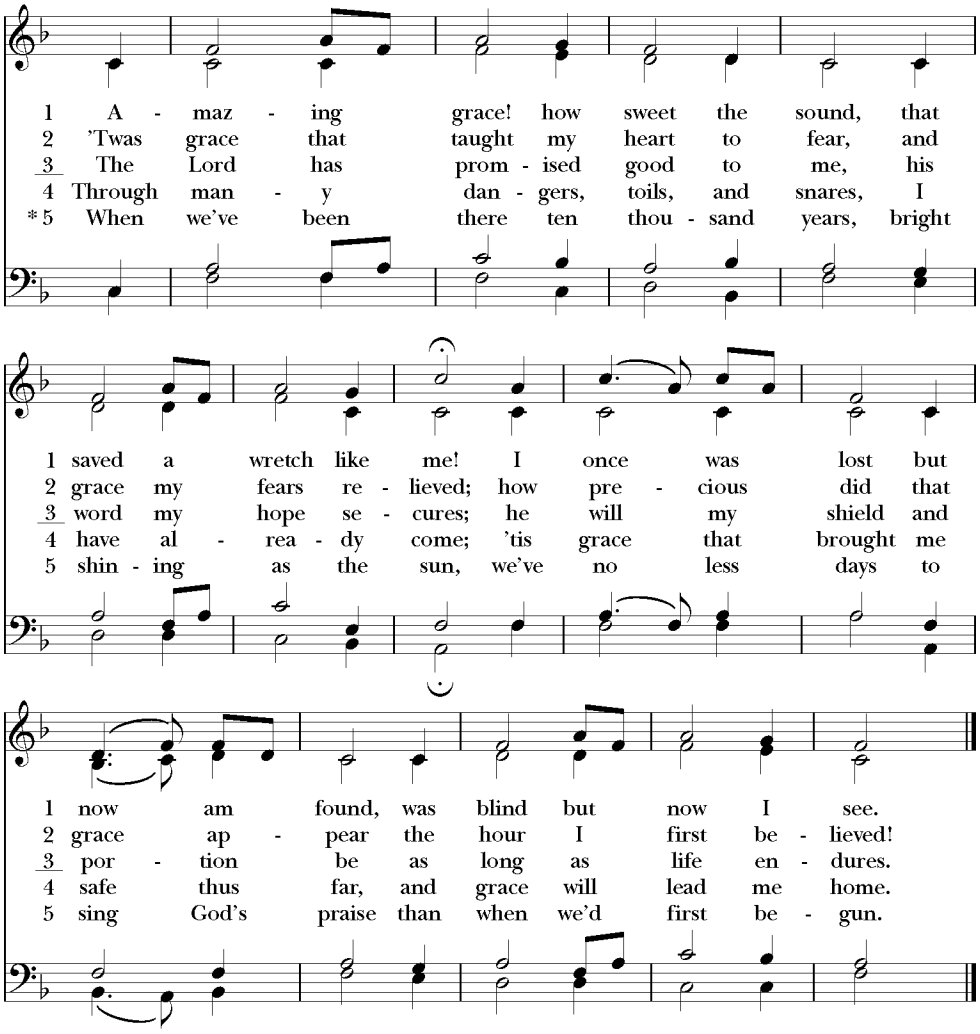
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

New Britain



THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony

against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON The Rev. Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

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.

Today, all our readings call us to persevere, to remain constant in purpose. Samuel reminds us the Lord was with David. The psalmist sings of God as a sure refuge. Paul writes of sufficient grace, with power perfected in weakness. And Jesus encourages his 12 to shake off rejection and continue the work he has given them. Sustained by these examples, we pray: **"Lord, be our guide for evermore."**

On this our nation's Independence Day, we ask God's blessing upon our country and pray the Lord may guide us and all our leaders in the way of truth and equity. We pray for those without liberty, for victims of injustice, for those who lack shelter, food, education, health care, and are not treated with respect. Help us, Lord, to always see Your image in others, to see Your vision for us, and to do Your work in the world. We pray: **"Lord, be our guide for evermore."**

We pray for all our church leaders, that Your spirit may direct and support them as they minister to a hurting world. We lift up Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; and our Rectors in Emeriti, James and Richard. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In our diocese, we pray for our sister parishes of Advent, Baltimore; Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore; and the Church on the Square, Canton.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are new or visiting with us today and ask God's blessing on you as we share this Eucharist. We pray**: "Lord, be our guide for evermore."**

We lift up all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and their caregivers, especially Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron, and Jeanette, and those you now name. Lord, be their comfort and consolation. We pray: **"O God, You are our sure refuge."**

May perpetual light shine upon loved ones who have gone home to You, Lord, especially those you now name. Hold close and comfort those who mourn, O Lord. We lift our voices, saying: **"The Lord, God of hosts, is with us for evermore."**

There is much for which we give You thanks and praise, O Lord. In our church family, we celebrate the birthdays of Amanda, Michael, Beth & Michon, baptismal anniversaries, and wedding anniversaries of George & Shahra Toth. During this weekend of celebration, strengthen our bonds with family and friends and keep safe all who travel. Our hearts are full as we say**: "Your praise, O God, reaches to the world's end."**

Lord, help us to continue our labors in Your harvest, with a spirit of gentleness and persistence, to share Your love and peace and bear one another's burdens. Strengthen us as a family of faith, as we lift our hearts, minds, and spirits to You. We pray:**"Great is the Lord, our sure refuge and our guide for evermore." Amen**

The Peace

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

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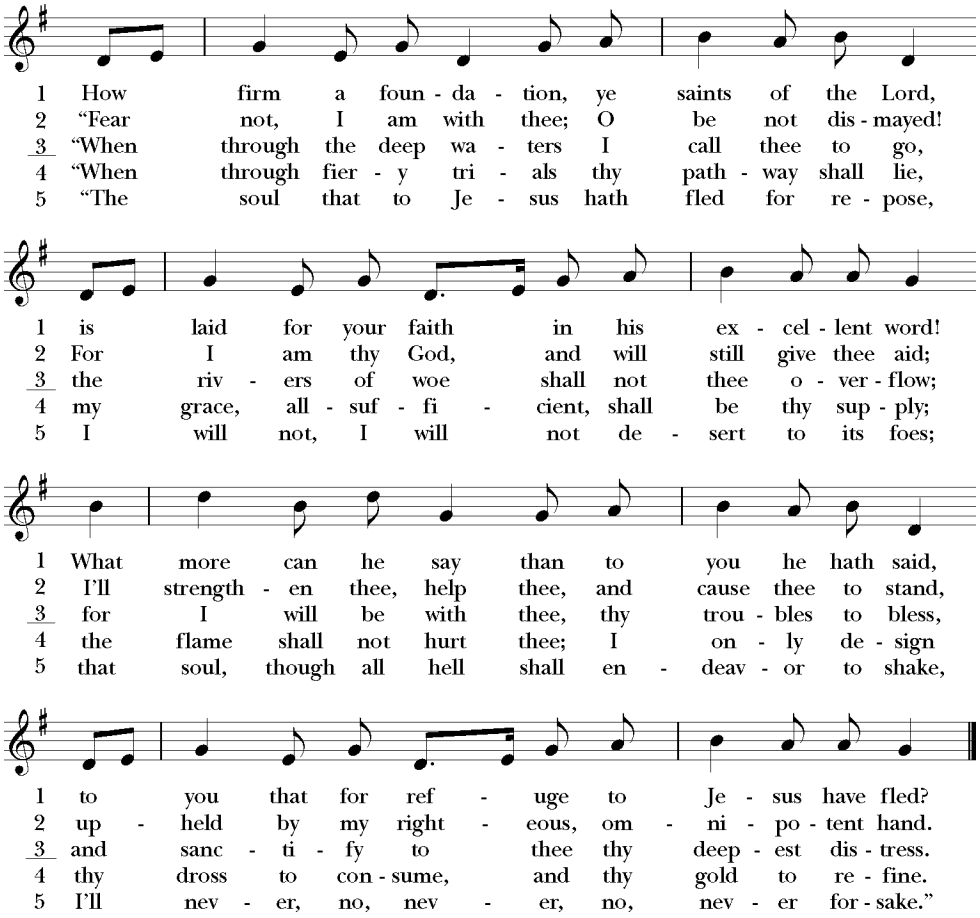

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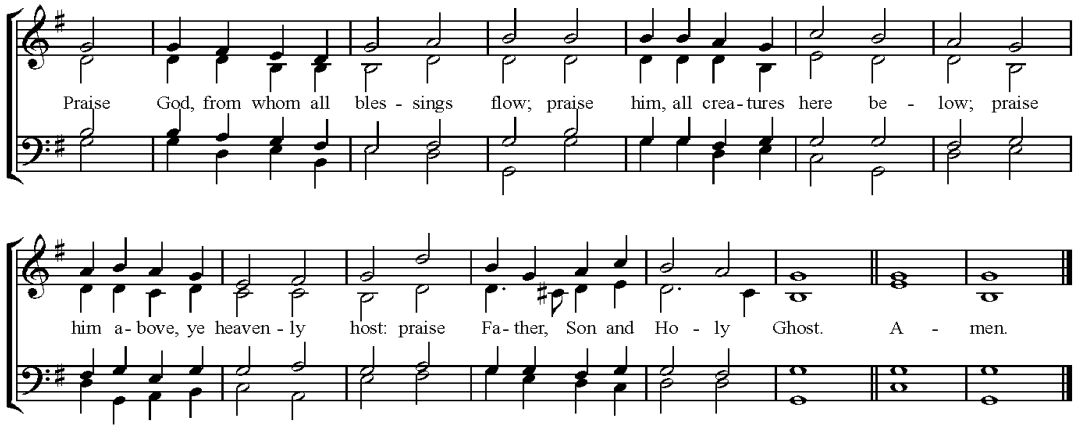


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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…
…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.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: 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:

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

Celebrant: 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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.

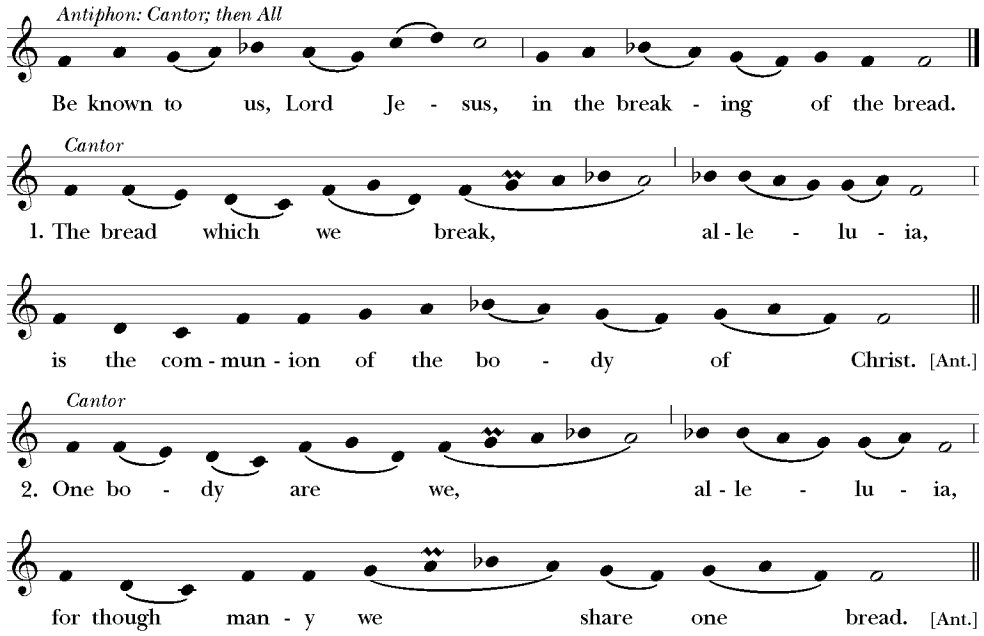
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

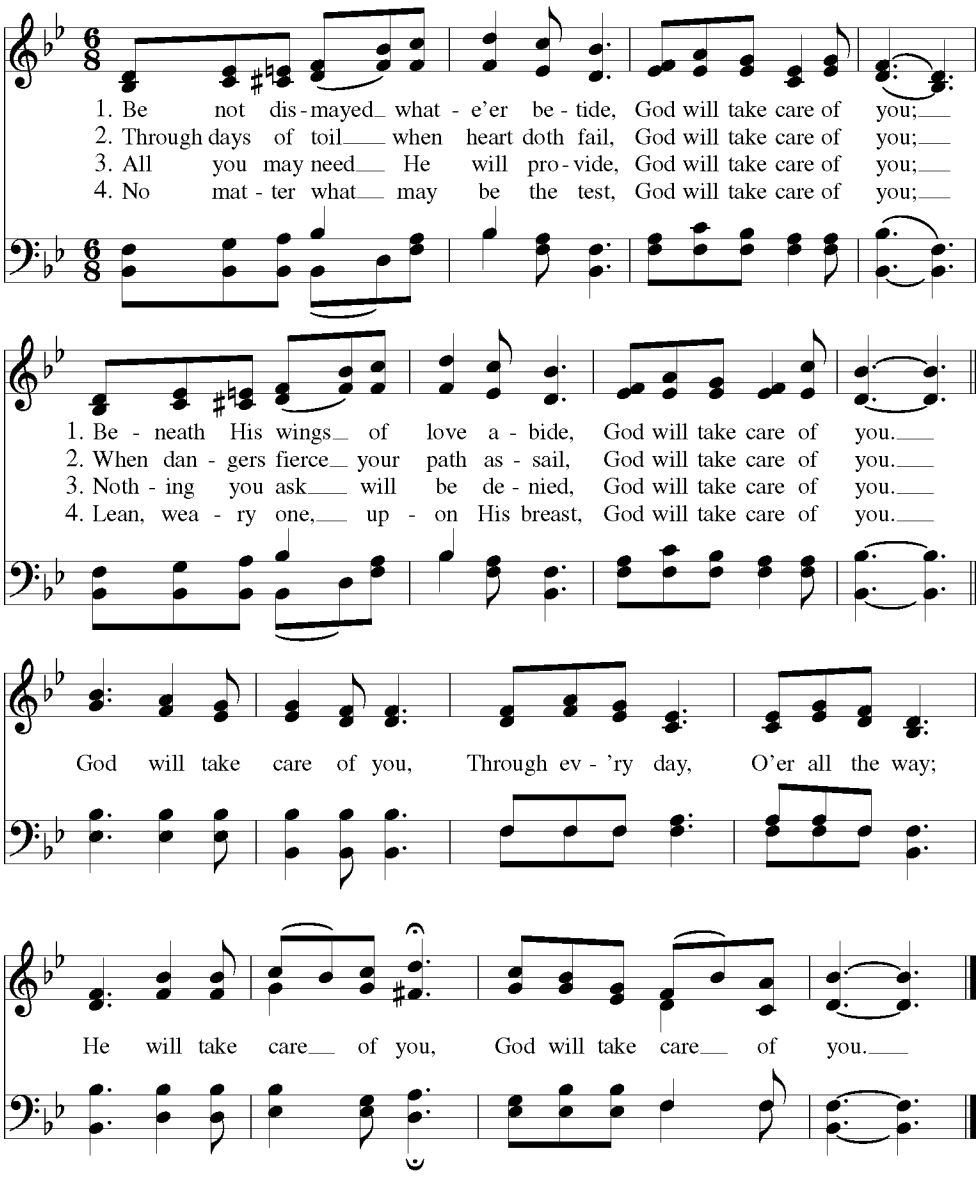
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)



Communion Hymn



Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

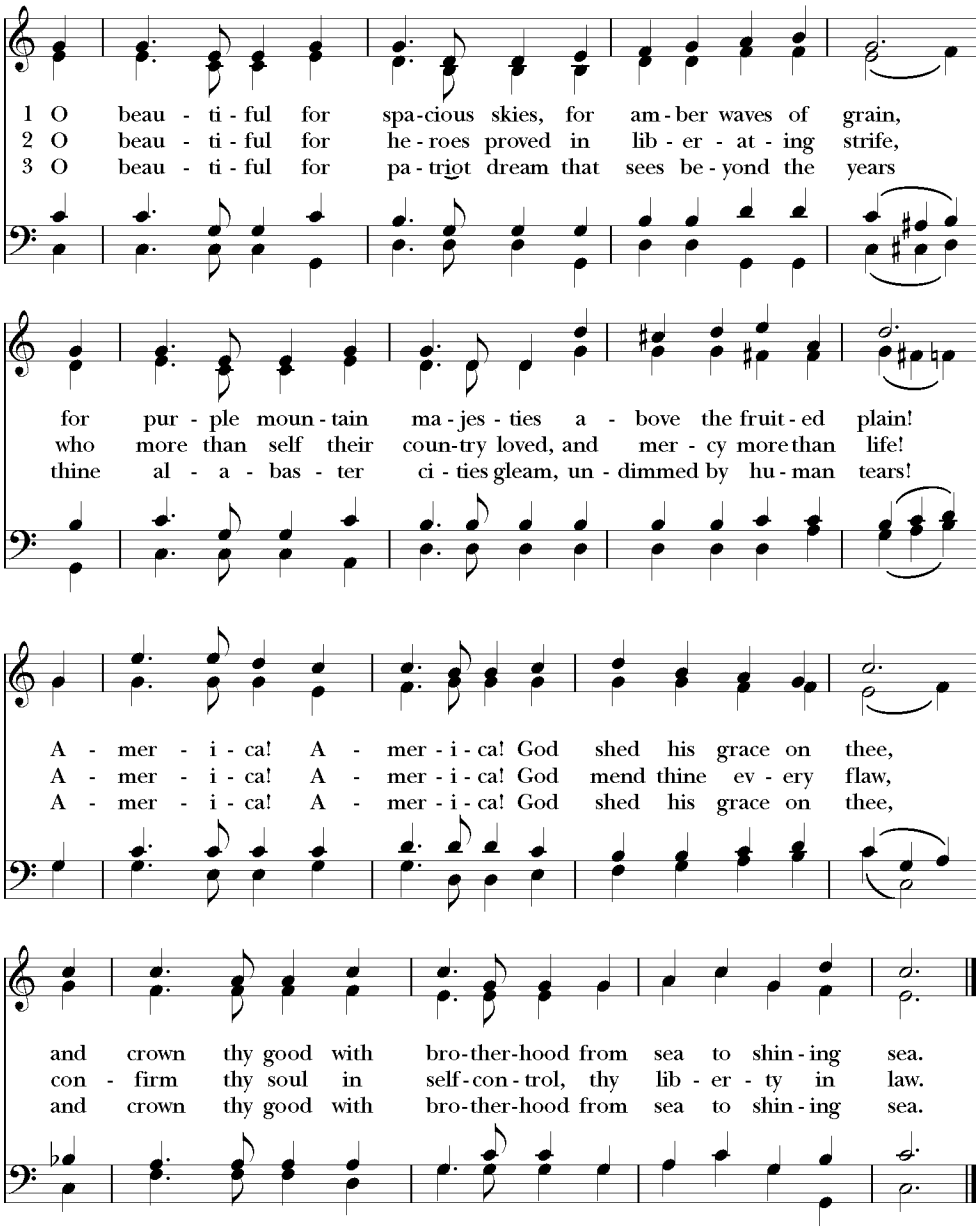
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with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

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Materna



DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

National Anthem of the United States ("The Star-Spangled Banner") — John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)
arr. for solo piano by Chad E. Foor

Chad Foor, *Piano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can now find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CEChaltargifts.

We Have Begun the Green Phase! | The Diocese of Maryland has placed Howard County in the **Green Phase**! This allows for more restrictions to be lifted soon, such as the safe distribution of communion wine. It's important to note that although we are excited to move in this direction, we are in continual dialogue with the appropriate organizations and will ease restrictions with care and consideration. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located here. You can find the latest information, links, and updates on the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website.

Help Us Make Summer Coffee Hours a Reality | Christ Church is gearing up to host Coffee Hours each Sunday this summer. At this time, the Diocese has instructed parishes to provide pre-packaged, individual servings of foods and beverages in order to maintain a safe environment for all participants, and so we are interested in having a few volunteer parishioners help make these gatherings a regular occurrence. You can sign up to help host a Coffee Hour at https://tinyurl.com/CECcoffeesignup and can email the church office with any questions you may have at office@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

From the Director of Music | As we continue to re-gather, please feel free to contact me with any specific comments or questions about the musical selections in worship. Your feedback is essential for the success of the music ministry here at Christ Church. You can e-mail me at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or grab me after church. Please, don't be shy! ~Adam

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | We are looking for a few new faces to help with weekday prayer livestreaming. It only takes 30 minutes of your time each week, so if you have a personal Facebook account and are interested in helping please email Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org. It's a straightforward process, and we'll be sure to set you up with the details that keep it that way!

Centering Prayer - Thursday Evenings | Throughout the summertime, come join Kathy and Adrian in Old Brick on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for this contemplative prayer gathering, one which allows for shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence.

Fall Adult Formation | Help Wanted! Would you like to meet people and have conversations? Do you want to be more involved in the life of your church? Have you ever lead or taught a class? Prayerfully consider a leadership opportunity. The Adult Formation Committee is currently seeking volunteer facilitators for classes during the fall of 2021. If you are interested in occasionally leading an adult class on Sundays between worship services, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jltlavanish@gmail.com or call 706-570-5425 for information. We have an exciting year planned to grow and learn together.

WOCC News | The Women of Christ Church will hold its next meeting in September, and more information will be made available later this summer. And remember, every woman at Christ Church over the age of 18 is already a member of the WOCC, so join us any time. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org

Join Us for the CEC Fall Retreat - This October | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering, and a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

Vaccination Updates | We'd like to bring to your attention that the Clergy and Staff at Christ Church have been fully vaccinated. Fr. Manny was one of the first people who got vaccinated; he received his second shot on February 1st. Deacon Denise had her first shot on March 5th and her second shot on April 2nd. Adam had his shots on February 28th and March 27th and Yetti had hers on February 27th and March 27th. Our Howard County faith communities are hard at work to help end this COVID-19 pandemic. There are vaccine clinics taking place in June and July at various houses of worship, and you can find that information at https://tinyurl.com/cecCOVIDresourcejuly.

Sunday School - Recap and News | Thank you to the teachers and students who participated in our Zoom Sunday School this year! Each week, we had about ten students in attendance. We followed the curriculum *Weaving God's Promises* and had a great time learning Bible stories, singing, praying, and learning crafts.

We will be taking a break from classes this summer. It is our plan to have in-person Sunday School classes beginning on September 12th. Classes for preschool–5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of New Brick (breakfast will be served from 9:15 to 9:30) We'll continue using *Weaving God's Promises* as our curriculum. Children can then attend church services with their families after Sunday School. Since this is a new model for our church, we will evaluate its success in December of this year, and make changes as needed.

In order for our program to be successful, we *really* need adult volunteers to assist and teach. If you are called to this very rewarding ministry, please contact Jennifer Atkins by emailing dandjatkins@verizon.net. The curriculum is very easy to follow and we teach in teams, so no one has to do all of the work.

It's Vacation Bible School Week! | Our children (and wonderful volunteers - THANK YOU!) have been super busy this week as VBS has taken over the Christ Church campus. Games, arts and crafts projects, and many other activities have kept things exciting, creative, and fun for everyone. Stay tuned for tons of photos and recaps on our website and social media in the coming weeks!

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supplies | Melissa Shindel, the principal at LEMS, has asked for the support of Christ Church parishioners to provide school supplies for 125 children for the upcoming school year. We will need $5,000 to reach this goal. Why can't the families or school cover these costs? Families are stressed - over 50% of LEMS students qualify for free and reduced meals, the highest percentage amongst the middle schools in Howard County. Additionally, LEMS has the lowest discretionary budget in the county. Why can't the current LEMS budget cover this cost? The current budget is primarily for the Weekend Food Program for families at the school. The school wants to distribute the supplies the week of Aug 16th, so we are requesting your generous support now to reach this important goal. If you would like to help, we hope to purchase the supplies between July 11-24 and fill the bags on a morning between July 25-30. Contributions can be made via check, on-line, or via text. If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you indicate "LEMS School Supplies" on the memo line. If you would like to give on-line, please also write "School Supplies" in the Memo line. For giving via computer/tablet, you can find our "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website. On the form, choose "LEMS" from the *Fund* drop-down menu. To give via your mobile device, you can text CECGIVING to 73256 and you'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click that link, then choose "LEMS" from the *Fund* drop-down menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the *Memo* line so that your donation is used as you wish. (This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Onyx Williams at ow6062@gmail.com or Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com.

Somos Amigos Medical Missions Expresses Gratitude for Our Donation to Honor Mary and Ed Keath, Supporting Health Care in the Dominican Republic | In March, Christ Church bid farewell to longtime parishioners Mary and Ed Keath, who also are longtime volunteers with Somos Amigos Medical Missions. As a tribute to the Keaths upon their move to a new home in Oregon, contributions poured in to Outreach. (At the Keaths' request, contributions were also requested for music education.)

The Outreach Commission, in response, donated $2,000 of these Keath funds to support Somos Amigos' clinic in the Dominican Republic. The timing was fortuitous, given the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Somos Amigos' previous healthcare delivery model had depended on volunteer clinicians and other helpers traveling four times a year, collaborating with residents of Naranjito. Instead, Somos Amigos created a local model to serve patients in the rural, mountainous region and launched a "Close the Gap" fundraising campaign to make the switch possible. The transition was successful, thanks in part to Christ Church.

At the outset of the April clinic, Somos Amigos described its accomplishments in a blog post: "We had to figure out new ways to provide the care our patients depend on while making sure we protected everyone's health and safety. We navigated a complex and evolving landscape of travel restrictions, government and expert recommendations. And we provided critical care and medications to our patients on time and with little disruption to them. We should all be very proud of the things we've accomplished together this past year." The April clinic was able to offer eye care in addition to locally-provided medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services. "It's been a challenging year for us, but what we have been able to accomplish despite the obstacles has been incredible," said Executive Director and CEO Frank Brightwell in a letter to Christ Church. He has regularly visited Christ Church to deliver the sermon and conduct adult forums, most recently joining Mary Keath to speak about Somos Amigos in March 2020. "As we approached the end of our fiscal year, our gratitude and success were juxtaposed to our budget deficit of more than $50,000, expenses we could not have anticipated that were directly related to COVID. I am happy to report that we have nearly closed the gap. "I want to thank you, your parishioners, and the Outreach Committee, for your years of support. Thank you for believing in Somos Amigos. Thank you for helping us heal. I'm truly grateful," wrote Brightwell.

For information about Somos Amigos, feel free to speak to parishioners Dione Mahoney and Shahra Toth, who also regularly volunteer at the Naranjito clinic when circumstances permit. Or visit the volunteer portion of the Somos Amigos website. The nonprofit will once again operate its July clinic with local providers, but it anticipates the possibility of returning volunteers to the clinic in 2021. Be sure to check out all of our recent Somos Amigos photos on the Christ Church Outreach Blog.

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Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

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