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A Service of Remembrance

Contemplative Eucharist at Five O'Clock

September 12, 2021

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLACE

We invite you to make this place yours.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

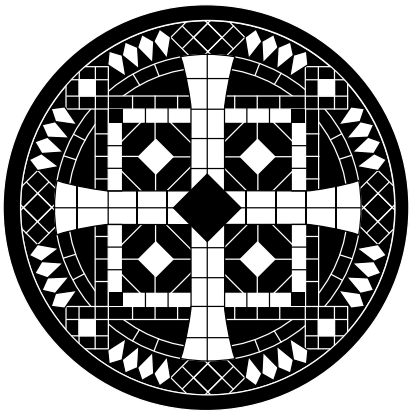
What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

Welcome!



Thanks for joining us for worship today! It is good to see you.

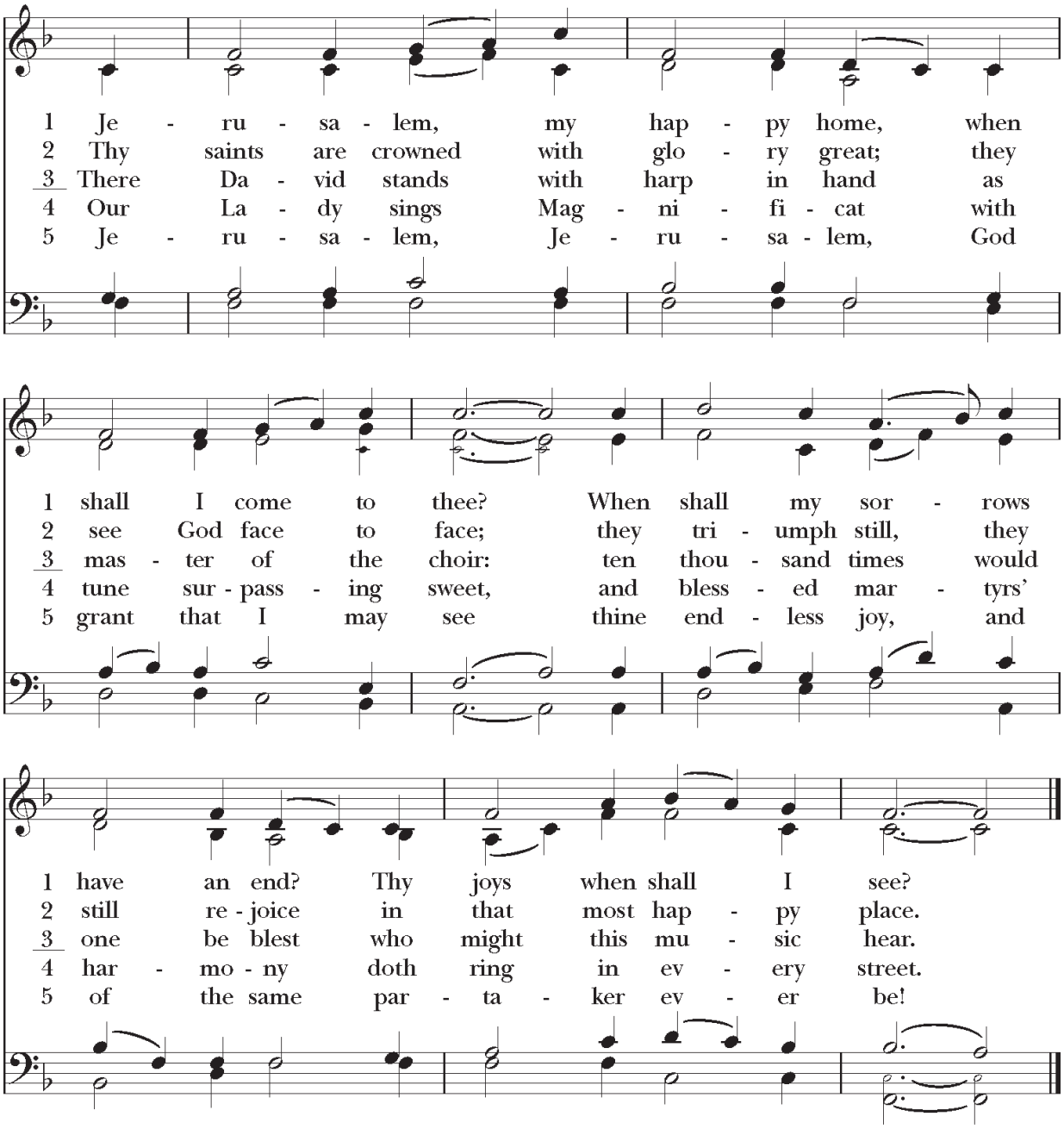
Because of the continued spread of COVID-19, masks are required for all worshippers, regardless of vaccination status.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our whole community.

Prelude

The people stand.

Hymn 620



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Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 25:6–9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 116:1–8

All **I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.**

**The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.**

**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living**

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

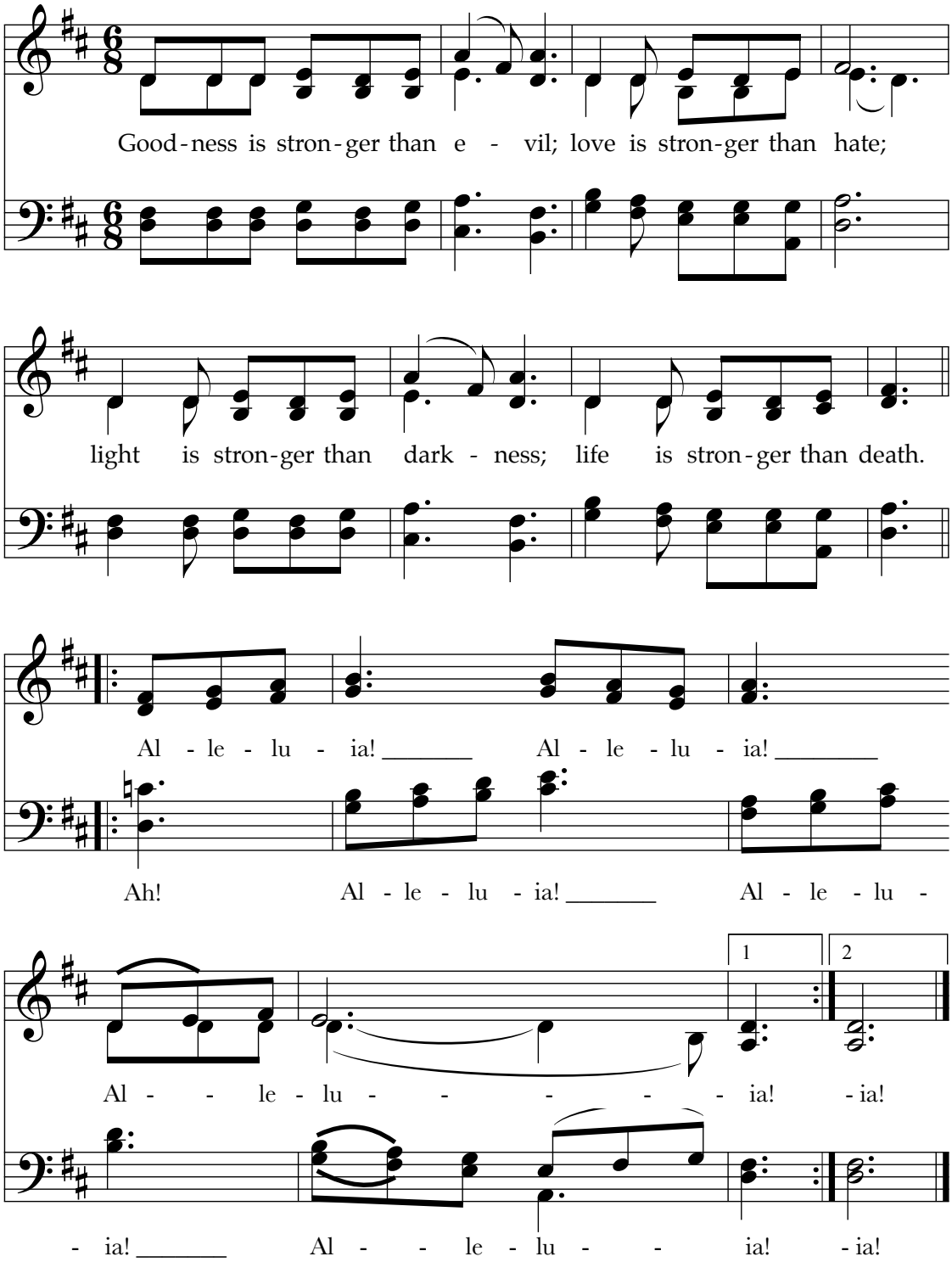
Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Words: Desmond Tutu (b. 1931).
Music: John L. Bell (b. 1949).

The Holy Gospel John 11:21–27

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

Presider Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Deacon John F. Wirenius

The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Lector Remembering the horrific events of twenty years ago and holding in mind all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray to God, our refuge and our strength, saying, "Gracious God, hear our prayer."

For justice and peace throughout the earth:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For our nation and its leaders:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For members of our Armed Forces and diplomatic corps both at home and abroad:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For our city, as it again faces tragedy and loss of life:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For all firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, and other first responders:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For the family members and friends who support and care for them:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For those who contracted illnesses because of their service at Ground Zero, for those who are fighting COVID-19 or recovering from it, and for all the sick, including…and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For those who died in the attacks on September 11, 2001 or because of injuries sustained in them, for those who have died of COVID-19, and for all who have died, including…and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector For those of us still living, that we may honor the memories of those who have gone before:

Gracious God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Protect us from danger, strengthen us against all fear, and inspire us to build a better world:

Gracious God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Gracious God, our refuge and our strength, nothing in death or life, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. We commend those who have died into your loving care. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy. Bless them in their dying and in their rising again in you. Bless those whose hearts are filled with sadness, that they too may know the hope of resurrection; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **O God, you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other, and fallen into despair. We turn to you, O God; we renounce evil; we claim your love; we choose to be made whole.**

Presider People of God, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

St. Bart's depends on your generous giving as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit stbarts.org/giving or place your offering in one of the basins near the rear doors at the end of the service. You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device.

Organ Interlude

The people stand.

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.

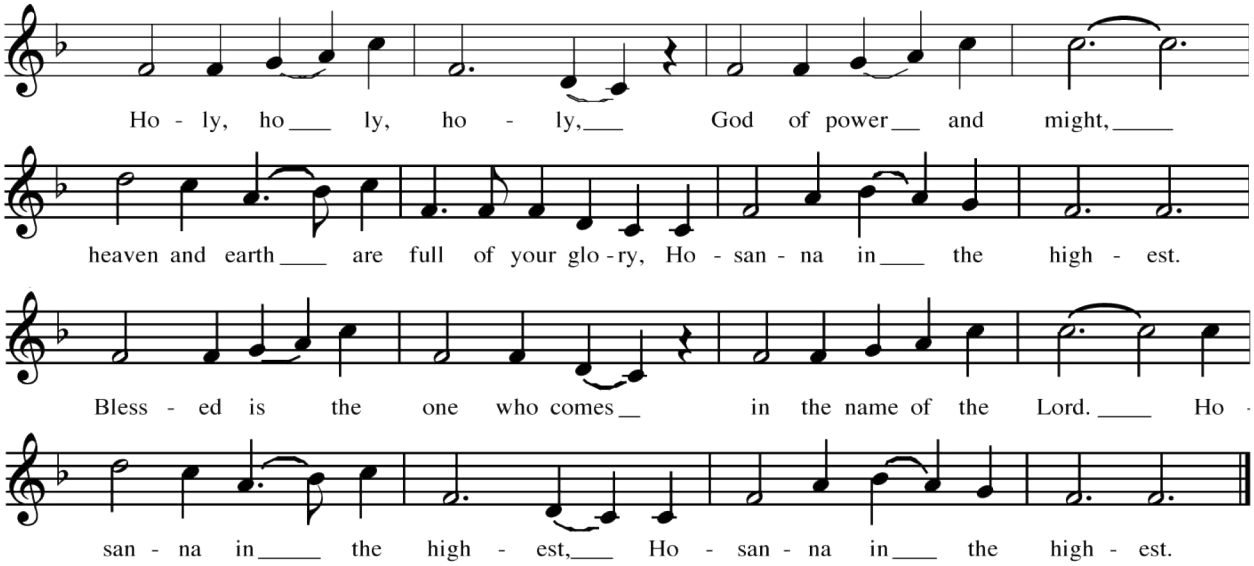
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise to you, Eternal God. You created all things in your wisdom and sustain them by your power. You made us in your image, forming us from the dust of the earth and breathing into us the breath of life, that we might know you and love you.

When we rebelled against you, you did not turn away, but made an everlasting covenant with us, promising to always be faithful. You sent prophets to guide us and then, when the time was right, you gave us Jesus, your beloved, that we might have eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody.

Presider You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Child. He lived as one of us, knew our joy, our pain and sorrow, and died our death. By his death on the cross you revealed that your love has no limit. By raising him from death you conquered the last enemy, crushed evil powers, and gave new life to the world. In his victory you comfort us with the hope of eternal life, and assure us that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Risen and ascended, Christ is alive forevermore, and by the power of the Holy Spirit is with us always. Reigning with you in glory, Christ intercedes for us, our high priest and advocate.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to the table with those he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He broke the bread among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all creation. He passed the cup among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, bring all who have died in the peace of Christ into your eternal joy and light. Strengthen us to run with determination the race that lies before us, our eyes fixed on Jesus on whom our faith depends, so that when this mortal life is ended, we may receive, with all your saints, the unfading crown of glory. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. At this time, communion is offered to the people in one kind (bread) only. The Episcopal Church teaches that the Sacrament is fully present even when received in only one kind.*
- *The clergy sanitize their hands immediately before the distribution of communion, and bread that is distributed to the congregation is kept covered on a separate table during the Eucharistic Prayer.*
- *Please keep six feet of distance from one another while approaching the communion station. After receiving communion from the priest, step aside, remove your mask and consume the bread. Ensure that your mask is completely on before returning to your seat.*
- *If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

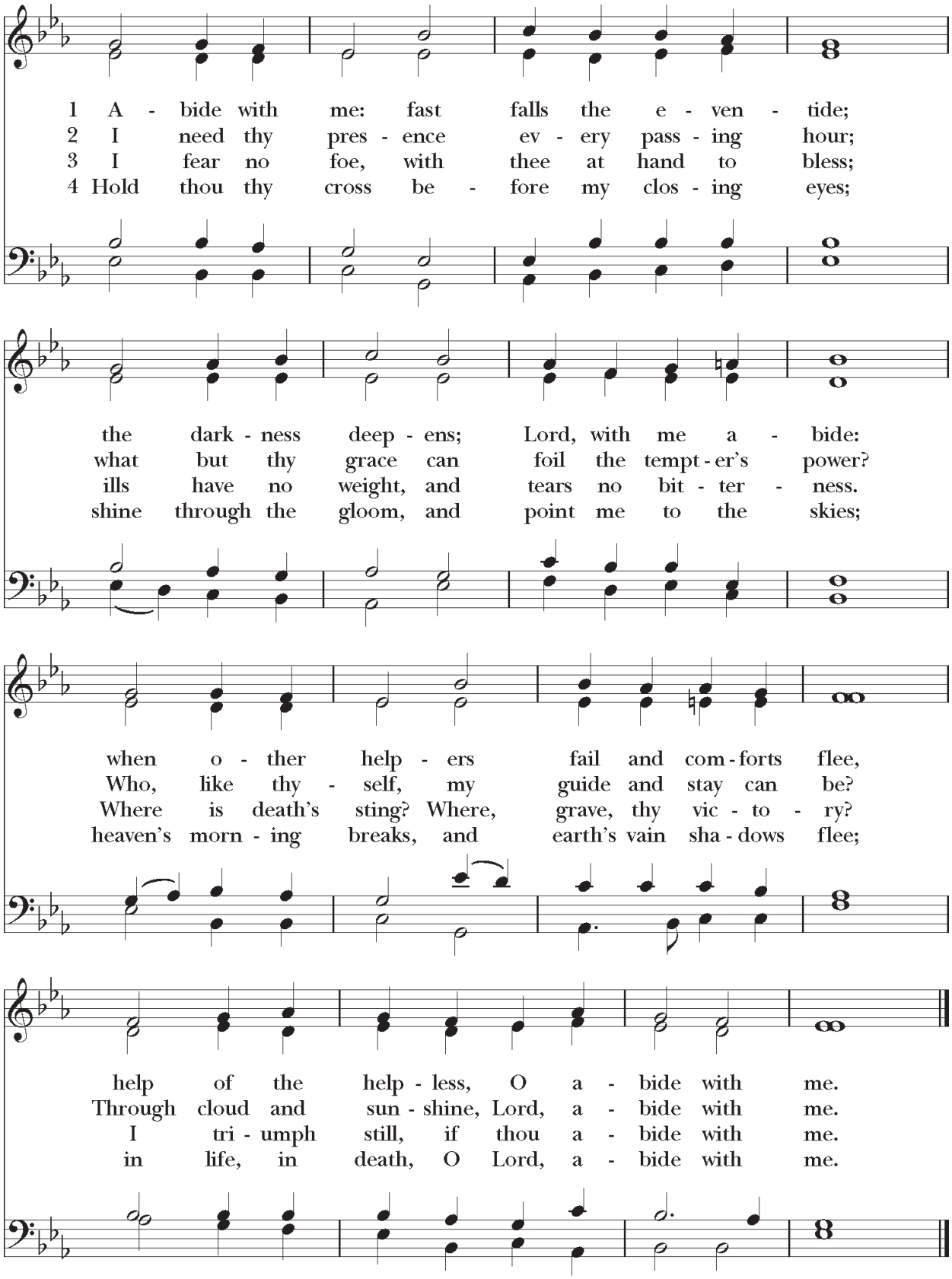
The people stand.

The Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray that this Sacrament may be for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the joy of true homecoming, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 662



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Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy will greet members of the congregation after the service on the front steps of the church.

To schedule a time for more extended conversation with our clergy, email prayers@stbarts.org, call 212-378-0250, or email any of our clergy individually using the contact information found at www.stbarts.org.

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US
FOR WORSHIP
THIS EVENING.

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Lector Erin Salvatore
Usher Sam Meyer
Altar Guild Cynthia Brush

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

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Flower Guild Manny Rodríguez-Leach

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- To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit **stbarts.org/connect/calendar-of-events**

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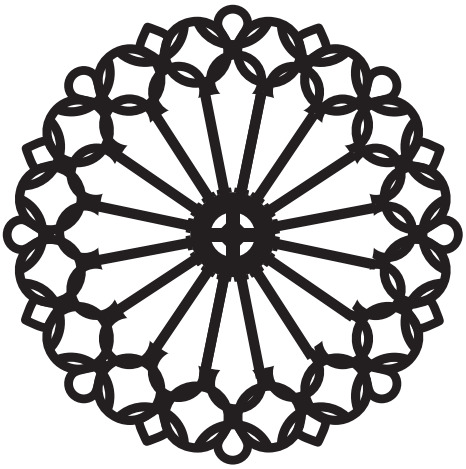

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