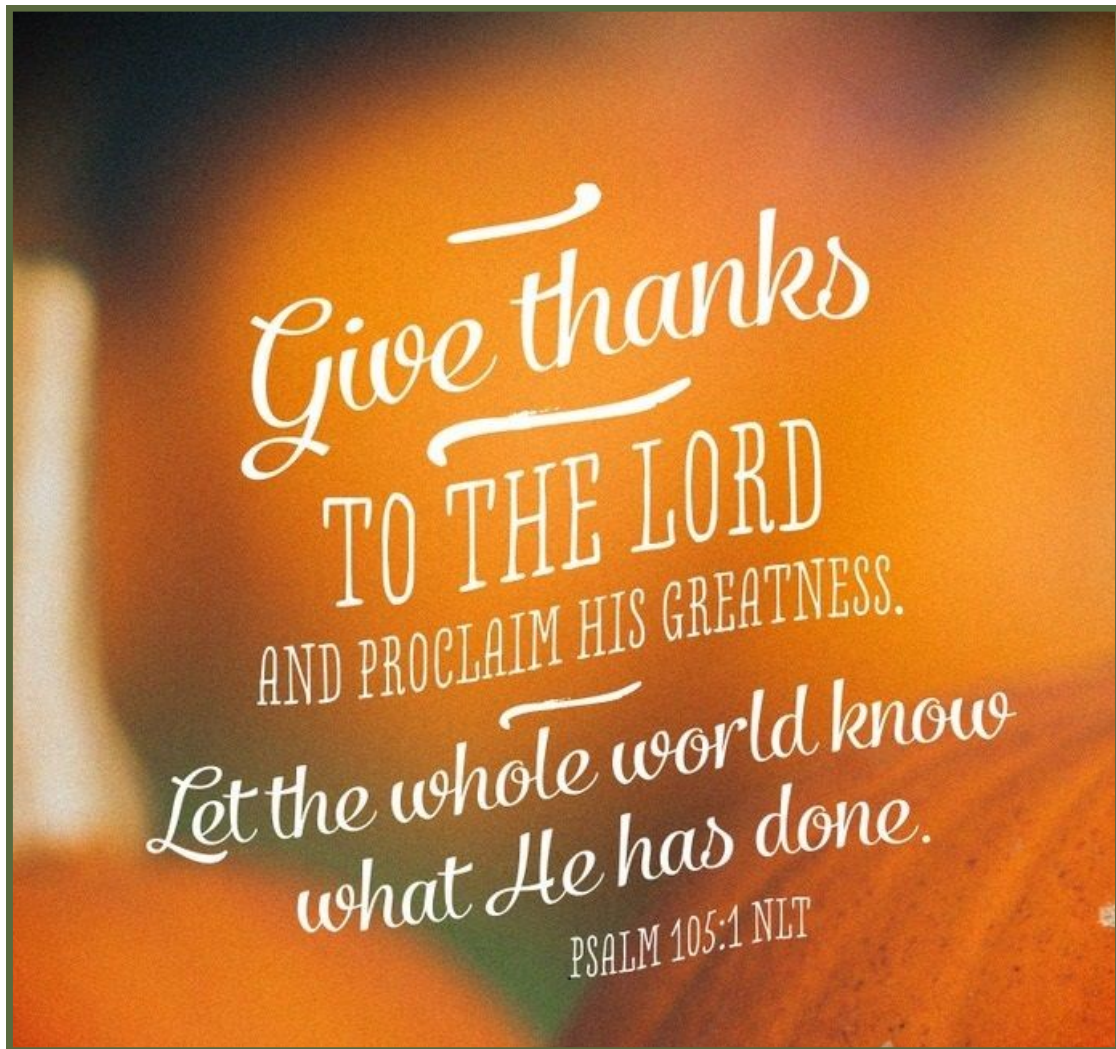


The Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Healing Service



August 9, 2020  
10:30AM

## We Gather

*Instructions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are rubrics from the Book of Common Prayer. Any person who is unable to stand or kneel is welcome to sit for any part of the service regardless of the printed instruction. Please feel comfortable using any posture you wish.*

**Processional Hymn: #374    *Come, let us join our cheerful songs***  
Words: Isaac Watts; Music: Johann Cruger

*BJ Charbonneau & Pat Wilcox*

### Verse 1

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand, thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

### Verse 3

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honor and power divine;  
may blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

### Verse 4

The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred Name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

## Introduction:

*Celebrant:* Good morning and welcome to Virtual Grace.

It is summer and time to get out on the water. I went kayaking and fishing last week and today, our disciples get to take a terrifying boat trip on the lake. Not all boat trips involve beer-drinking and Jimmy Buffet music. Stay tuned.

## Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship

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

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

## 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. **Amen**

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the  
 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## Collect of the day

*Celebrant:* Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

*Reader:* Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
*People:* **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

*Reader:* Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
*People:* **and speak of all his marvelous works.**

*Reader:* Glory in his holy Name; \*  
*People:* **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

*Reader:* Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
*People:* **continually seek his face.**

*Reader:* Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
*People:* **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

*Reader:* O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
*People:* **O children of Jacob his chosen.**

*Reader:* Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
*People:* **and destroyed the supply of bread.**

*Reader:* He sent a man before them, \*  
*People:* **Joseph, who was sold as a slave**

*Reader:* They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
*People:* **his neck they put in an iron collar.**

*Reader:* Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
*People:* **the word of the LORD tested him.**

*Reader:* O The king sent and released him; \*  
*People:* **the ruler of the peoples set him free.**

*Reader:* He set him as a master over his household,  
*People:* **as a ruler over all his possessions,**

*Reader:* To instruct his princes according to his will  
*People:* **and to teach his elders wisdom.**

*Reader:* Hallelujah!

## Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Verse 1*

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

*Verse 2*

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

*Verse 3*

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

*Please stand.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Reader:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Jesus-bent*

You all know that my first career as a scientist compels me to look at whatever concrete evidence I can find. Let's consider some facts about the story we just heard. First, we must travel all the way back to the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret in Hebrew) to the year 1986.

The lake in that year was at an all-time low elevation due to a prolonged drought. Israeli brothers Moshe and Yuval Lufan fished Kinneret for their livelihood, but now they had to walk way out through the mud just to get to their boat. They searched the hills around the northwest shore for artifacts as many rural Israelis did. Considering themselves amateur archaeologists, one of them stubbed his toe in the mud. There were no rocks in this area, so it was unusual. A bit of hand digging revealed a curved piece of wood. A bit more digging found several other curved pieces, each the same distance apart. Could they be the ribs of an ancient boat they wondered?

It was a boat preserved in the mud, radiocarbon dated to the year 40 AD + or – 80 years. We don't know if it was the boat Jesus took with the disciples that day, but we do know that it was typical of boats on Kinneret in that period. No larger boats have ever been found or historical records pointing to larger boats on the lake. The shoreline would not permit a larger, deeper draft boat and besides, wood in that areas was scarce. The "Jesus boat" now on display at Kibbutz Ginosar was made from ten different types of wood. The boat could be used for fishing or passengers. It was shallow draft so it could get close to shore on the large, shallow flats of the northern shore in Galilee. The boat measured 27 feet in length and had a relatively broad beam at 7.5 feet wide. It was twice as long and about three times as wide as my two-person canoe.

The boat had places for four staggered rowers, two on each side. It had a single, center mast with an estimated sail area of ten to twelve square yards. The story tells us that Jesus compelled his disciples to get in the boat right after he fed the five thousand men plus women and children. Even if four disciples took the place of four burly rowers on the boat, there is no way you could cram twelve disciples on that boat. Were there two boats? Why leave out that detail? If there were two, they surely would have dropped their masts and lashed the boats together for stability in a storm. It is most likely that there was only one boat and not all the disciples could fit on board. Some walked around the northern shore to the other side.

Could there be a simple lesson here? When Jesus compels us to do something, there may not be room for everyone. Some of us may have to walk. That could even be a good thing, especially if you don't like the water.

The logistics of the trip are challenging too. Kinneret is only six miles across. You can see Tverya or "Tiberias" on the western shore standing on the deserted eastern shore. Easterly winds do come up fast in the spring when the land mass and Jordanian desert heat faster than the Mediterranean. Many swimmers have drowned in modern day Israel from the easterlies. On a normal day in a first century boat like this, you could cross the lake in two hours. If they set out at sundown in the spring, and assuming there was no visible storm blowing in from the east when they launched, they would have been in the middle of the lake by 10 pm or earlier. The gospel tells us that Jesus comes walking to them in the middle of the lake during a storm on the fourth watch or between three and six am. That means they spent five hours halfway or closer to the opposite shore just staying in one place against the wind. Why wouldn't they just let themselves be blown back to their point of embarkment?

Were they just stubborn and determined to carry out Jesus' command above all else? The military has a term for this kind of determination. They say that someone was "hellbent" to complete their mission. As you know from an earlier story about our honeymoon, Joan and I know firsthand what it is like to be out in the middle of a six-mile lake crossing when a storm blows in. Waves crash over the sides of the boat. The boat disappears in the trough of the waves so that all you see around you is a wall of water. The exertion of the paddling or rowing is spurred on by the rush of fear-induced adrenaline. You feel tiny, helpless, and insignificant against the chaos of the water around you. But when Jesus sends you on a mission, you are not hellbent, you are Jesus-bent.

Ministry is like that. You are Jesus-bent. When Jesus compels you to do something, there is nothing that will stand in your way.

You might go down with the boat. You might lose your life. You might be injured for life. You might see Jesus coming to you on the water and think you are hallucinating. You might imagine you are dying, and in a sense, your imagination would be correct.

The church observes the sacrament of baptism as a one-time event. You die to your old self and rise again from the waters to a new life in Christ – a life you have pledged to love your neighbors and your enemies as much as you love yourself. But what if Jesus baptizes us time and time again in that act of compulsion? He compels us to advocate for the poor. He compels us to prepare and deliver meals to people. He compels us to give out boxes of food. He compels us to sit with and teach our children patiently. He compels us to visit others (when there is no pandemic) and to bring the love of Christ to everyone. He compels us to respect the freedom and dignity of ALL human beings.

All those acts of compulsion form us. We are Jesus-bent. Once we say, “Yes Jesus,” there is nothing that will stand in our way. Above all, Christians should be known for being stubborn and determined to carry out the things they are called to do.

There is another aspect of compulsion we often overlook. We are often compelled to go places and do things that we would choose otherwise. No one asked the terrified disciples that night if they were happy with their ministry. No one asked Mother Theresa or Mary the mother of Jesus if they were happy with their lives. Asking clergy or anyone serious about the ministries they have been called to do if they are happy with things is to ask the wrong question. That is a human perspective, not a godly one.

Ask a person who is compelled in their ministry or “Jesus-bent” whether they are fulfilled, whether they feel they are doing the right thing, whether they pray that Jesus might help redeem the situation if it seems to go bad, whether they are called to do what they are doing. Those are the questions you ask someone who is Jesus-bent.

The small boat was filled with precious human passengers. Headed due east into the darkness of a fierce storm, the waves rolled straight at them and crashed over the pointed bow. The wooden hull had been repaired many times. It creaked and groaned under the strain. Everyone on board was filled with terror. After living on the road with the Savior for a year or so, each person was uttering a prayer in their heart for Jeshua to save them, to calm the storm like the last time.

The sides of the boat are called the gunwales. That boat’s gunwales were over four feet high. In flat water with a normal load, the distance from the water to the top of the gunwale was over two feet. That is why those boats were so stable even in a storm. But they were difficult to get into and out of. In a normal situation on concrete, most people would have difficulty stepping up two feet. I don’t think Peter was the only one who stepped out of the boat that night. I think they were all going down. I envision this as the primary source for baptism. Jesus reached down and pulled them all out of death’s dark shadows. I imagine Jesus beaming with pride as he looked down on the waterlogged boat. Over the sound and fury of the storm, he smiles and tells them, “You did what I asked you to do.”

Later, in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus will tell the parable of the Ten Talents. The story ends with this quote, “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”

*Silence for reflection after the sermon*



**Special Song:**

***Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

*BJ Charbonneau & Pat Wilcox*

Words: Omer Westerndorf & Music: Leland Sateren

*Verse 1*

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

*Verse 2*

With praise and thanksgiving to God's ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we shall face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us,  
with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ  
and that name which we bear

**Nicene Creed**

*All in unison; Please stand as you are able.*

**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. 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**

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. John's, Tulsa; St. Simeon's Home, Tulsa; Diocese of New Mexico; The Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ed our bishop, Poulson, our Bishop Coadjutor; Bob and Tom, our clergy; Tim & Jennifer, our wardens; vestry delegates, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Donald, our President; Mike, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Vicki, Angie, Blair, Brian, Glen, all those affected by the pandemic, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those in the armed services. We pray for those who have died, especially...

*People:* **Tom Alford. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

*People:* **Kirsty, Madison, Masie, Trenton.**

*Reader:* Also those who are traveling, *(especially...)*

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

### **Prayer for healing of the world**

*All:* **God of Mercy and Grace, You have called us from the east and from the west, from the south and from the north to be your body in this world. Keep us connected through you even in our physical distance.**

**We come to you trusting that you are our refuge and our strength, our very present help in trouble.**

**We pray for people who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and for the family and medical staff who surround them in care.**

**We pray for those who are most vulnerable to this disease, whether from underlying health conditions or other contributing factors. May they rest in your peace and protection.**

**We pray for healthcare workers and people on the front lines of this disease. For workers who are in essential roles to keep our communities going. Keep them healthy; keep them safe.**

**We pray for parents and children who are struggling with this new normal of homeschool, especially those who rely on school meal programs. We pray for everyone struggling with these rapid changes. May we be comforted by your peace and your presence.**

**We pray for people who face hate and discrimination brought on by fear and anger. May these your beloved children feel your embrace.**

We pray for those whose actions are motivated by fear and anger. May they remember that you are a God of abundance.

We pray for our leaders. May they be guided by your wisdom. May they be courageous and make the bold decisions necessary to end this pandemic.

And we pray for all the advocates and the volunteers who are responding to your call to care for the people who are most vulnerable in our communities and around the world. Give them endurance. Stir them with your longing for justice. May they be comforted and moved by your Holy Spirit.

It is in the strong name of Jesus that we do pray. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People:*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Announcements; Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

## Doxology:

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Sursum Corda

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

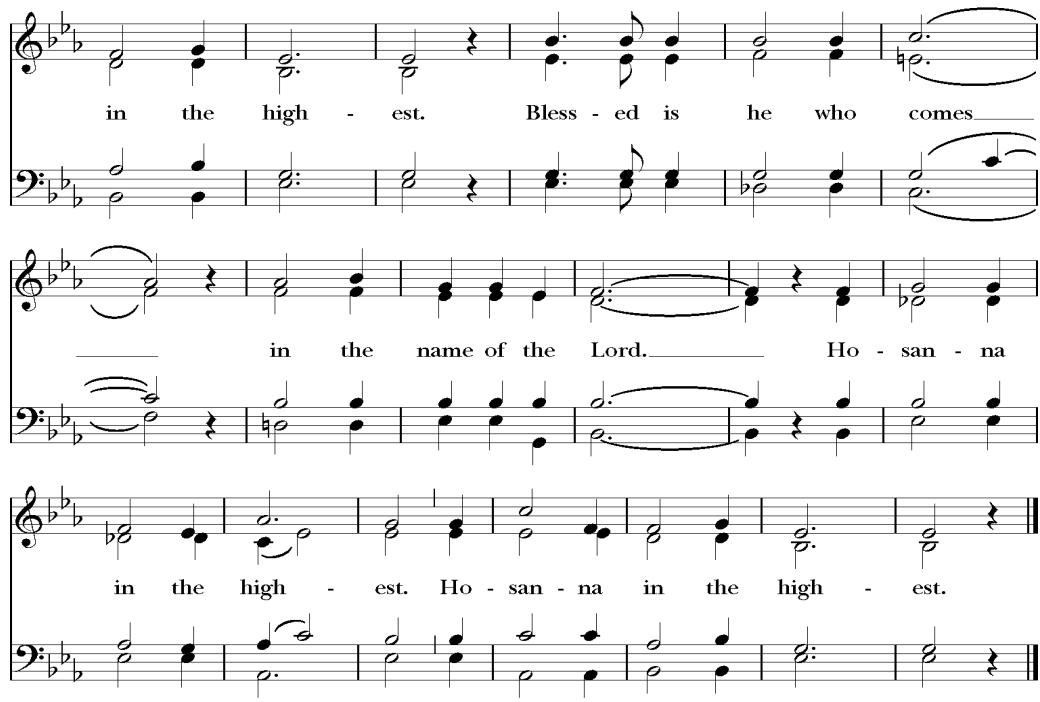
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

#### *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*B J Charbonneau & Pat Wilcox*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



*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 for ever. **AMEN.**

## Lord's Prayer:

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

*Celebrant and People:* **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.**

## Fraction Anthem:

### *Jesus, Lamb of God*

*BJ Charbonneau & Pat Wilcox*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn: #325 *Let us break bread together on our knees***

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Words and Music: David Hurd

*Verse 1*

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Verse 3*

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Verse 2*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**We Go Out To Do Our Work**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift. All that we have and all that we are comes from you. Accept the humble gifts of who we are with our differences, our goodness, and our mistakes. Help us be the blessing to others that you are to us. Help us not to fear but to love fearlessly. Help us not to worry but to get busy and help. We ask you to remind us in our hearts and minds of the great needs of so many in the world today for love, truth, and clarity. Keep the clouds of darkness and confusion away as we work to make the world a better place. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who guides, defends, and protects us. And who leads us into all truth. Amen**

**Pentecost Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, stream within us.  
May the breath of God renew us.  
May the breath of God invigorate us.  
May we walk with confidence into this new day. **Amen**

**Sending**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: #561**

***Stand up, stand up, for Jesus***

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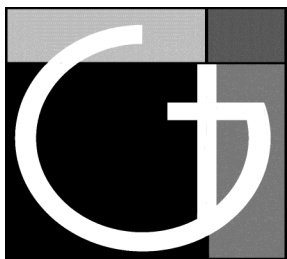
Words: George Duffield; Music: George James

*Verse 3*

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;  
stand in this strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own:  
put on the Gospel armor,  
and watching unto prayer,  
when duty calls, or danger,  
be never wanting there.

*Verse 4*

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:  
the strife will not be long:  
this day, the noise of battle;  
the next, the victor's song.  
To valiant hearts triumphant,  
a crown of life shall be;  
they with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.



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