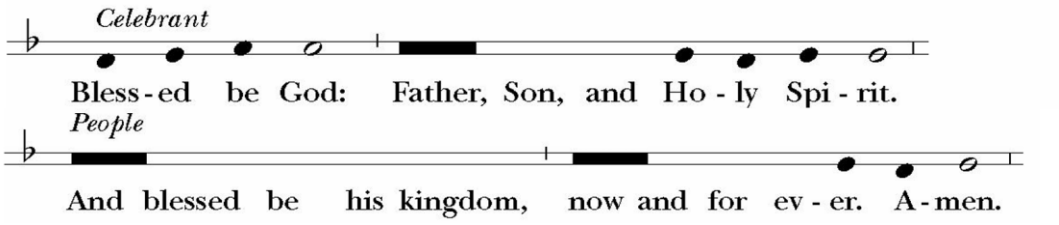
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Processional – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past 1982 #680*

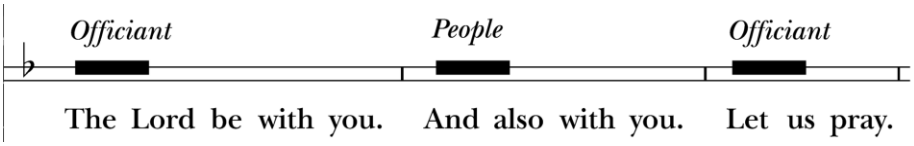
The Salutation (BCP p. 355)



The Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

Gloria – *All Glory Be to God on High 1982 #421*

Collect of the Day



Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

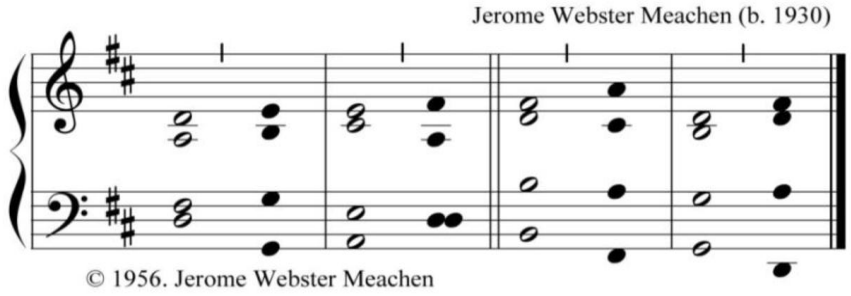
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalm 1



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **wicked**, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the **scornful**!

2 Their delight is in the law of the **Lord**, *
and they meditate on his law day and **night**.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not **wither**; *
everything they do shall **prosper**.

4 It is not so with the **wicked**; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a**way**.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment **comes**, *
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous**.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the **righteous**, *
but the way of the wicked is **doomed**.

The Second Lesson— 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse

tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Sequence Hymn – *What Does the Lord Require 1982 #605*

The Gospel— Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The Sermon– Mr. Anthony Amato

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

The Prayers of the People Form I (BCP p. 383)

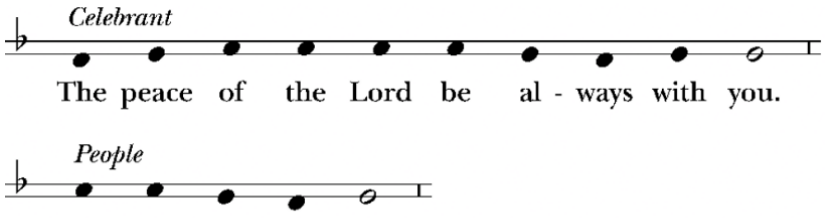


(This response is sung after each petition)

Silence

The Confession (BCP 360)

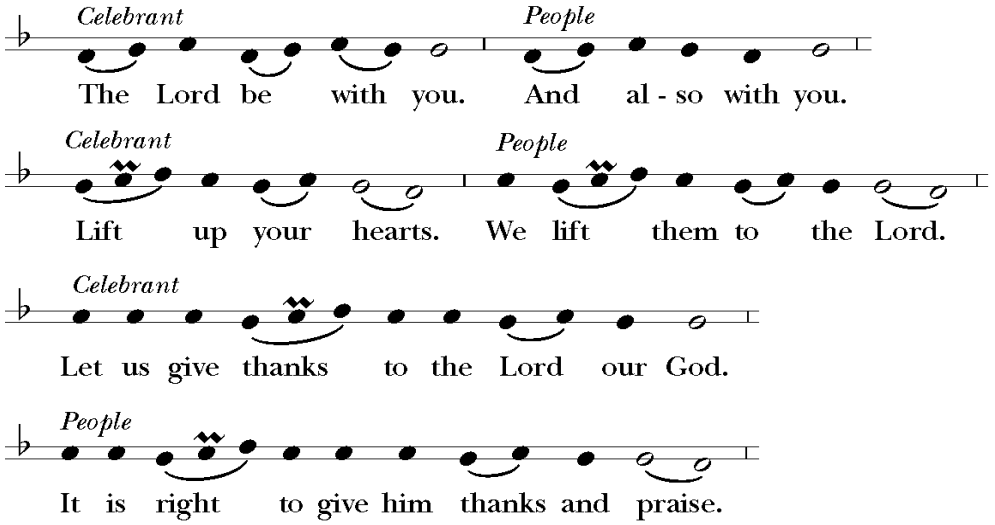
The Peace



THE HOLY COMMUNION

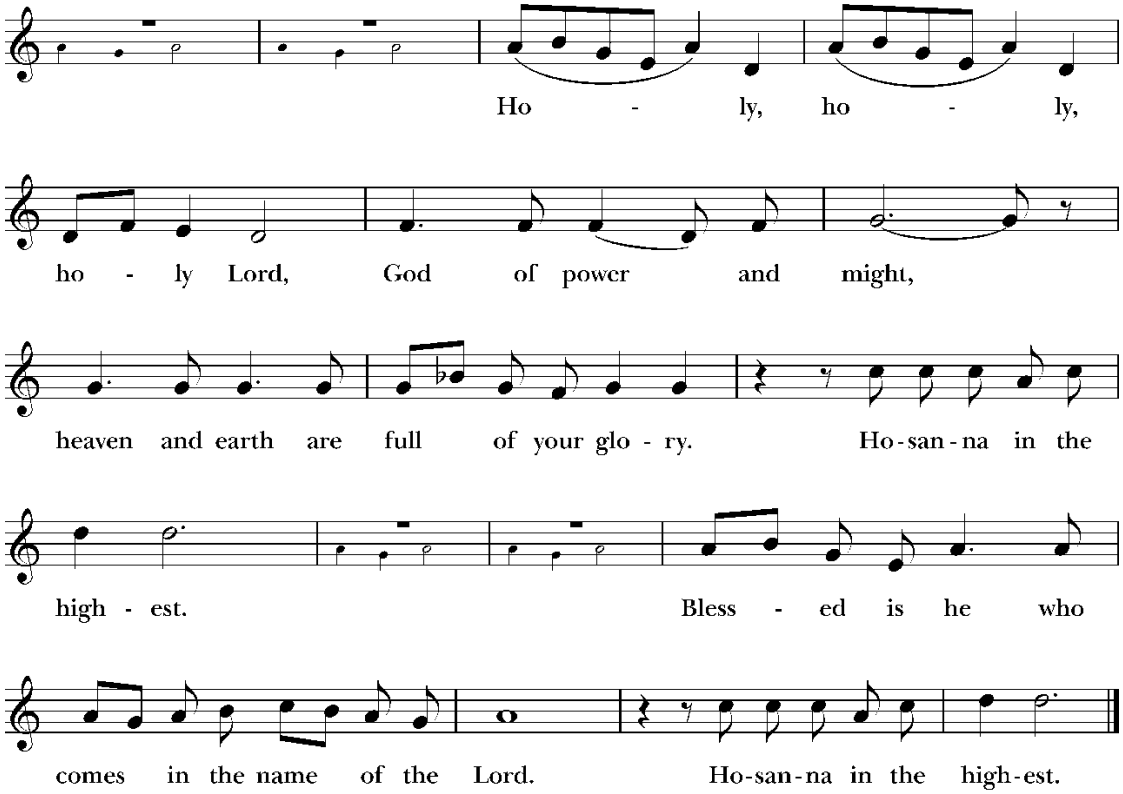
Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving – Rite II, Prayer A (BCP p. 361)



Proper Preface – BCP pg 377

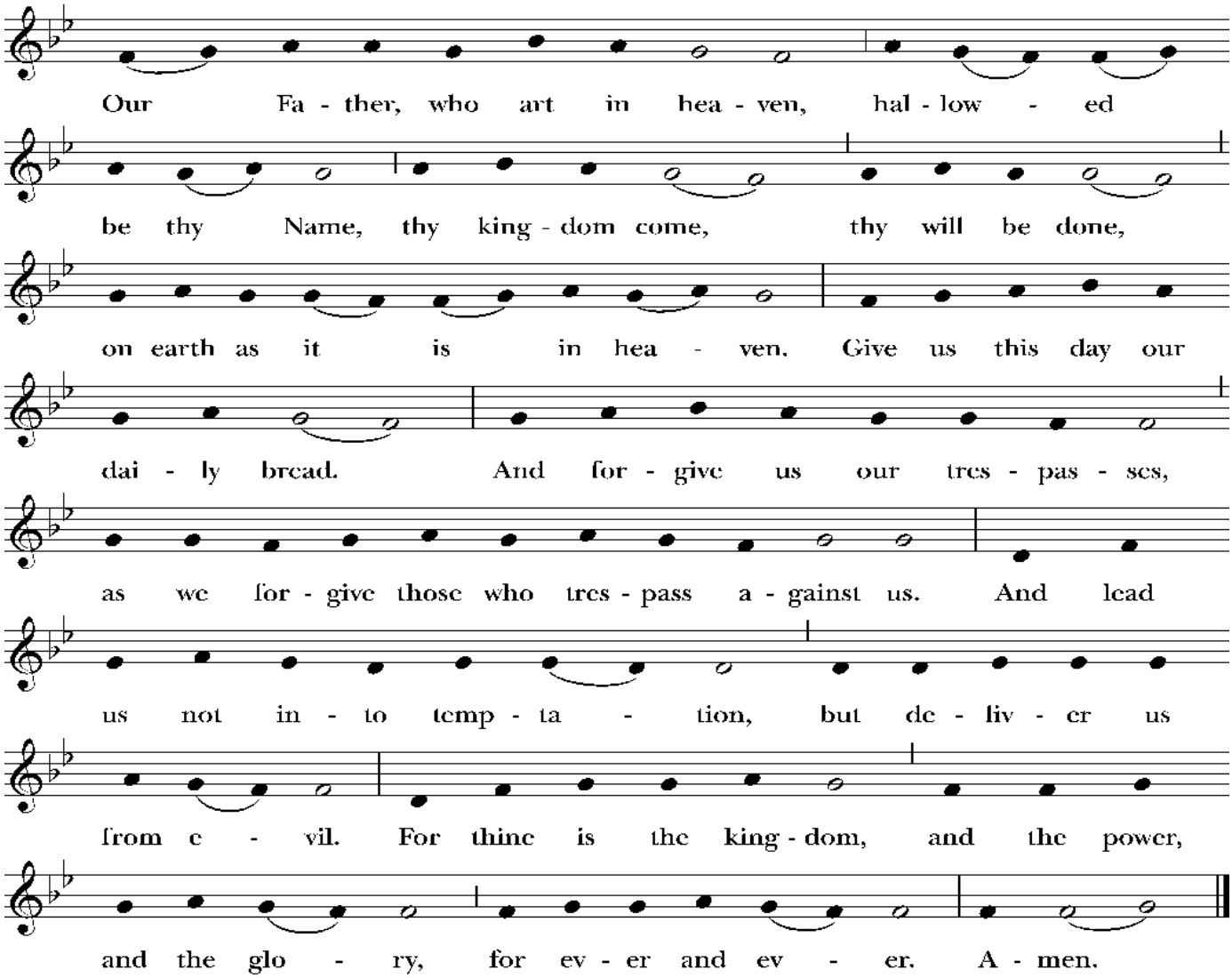
Sanctus – #S128 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*



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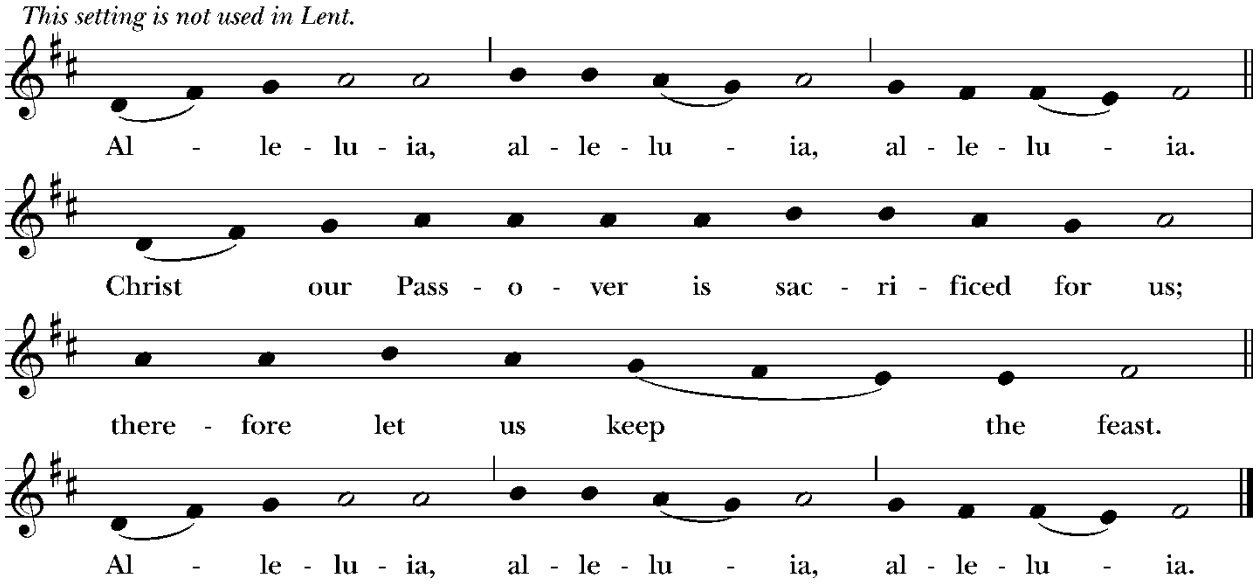
When the priest elevates the host & chalice, the worshiper may raise their eyes to it and join with St. Thomas the Apostle, expressing love and devotion, by saying quietly: "My Lord and my God."

The Lord's Prayer



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As all worshipers prepare for Christ's presence in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist, you may pray one of the following prayers silently to yourself: The Prayer of Humble Access on page 337 of the BCP ; The Prayer Before Receiving Communion on pg 834 of the BCP.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion in both kinds (bread and wine), please eat the bread and sip from the chalice. This is the traditional method of receiving the Eucharist in both kinds in the Western Church. If you would not like to sip from the chalice, you are welcome to receive Communion in one kind, ie., only the bread. The Church teaches that receiving communion in one kind is a complete and valid reception of the Sacrament.

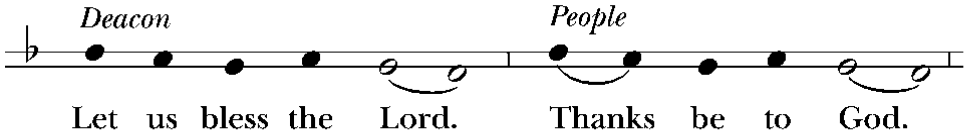
Communion Hymn ~ *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place 1982 #517*

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 1982 #423*

The Dismissal



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