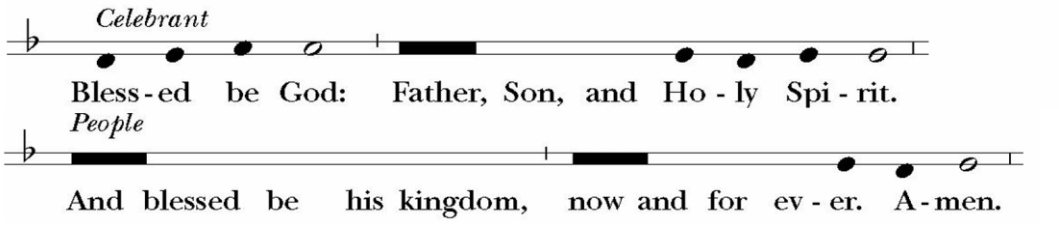
ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Processional – *Lord Christ, When Thou First Cam'st to Earth 1982 #598*

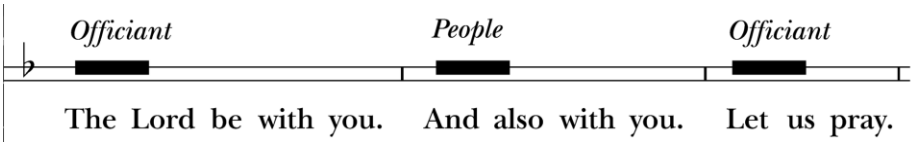
The Salutation (BCP p. 355)



The Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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

Collect of the Day



Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

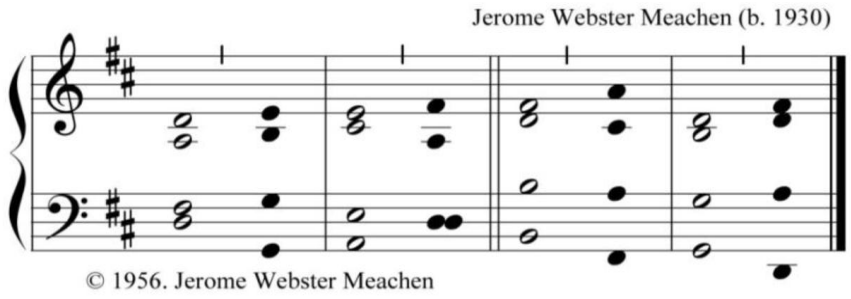
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8,12



1 Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to **another**.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were **born**, *
from age to age you are **God**.

3 You turn us back to the dust and **say**, *
"Go back, O child of **earth**."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is **past** *
and like a watch in the **night**.

5 You sweep us away like a **dream**; *
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.

6 In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; *
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.

7 For we consume away in your dis**pleasure**; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig**nation**.

8 Our iniquities you have set **before you**, *
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.

12 So teach us to number our **days** *
that we may apply our hearts to **wisdom**.

The Second Lesson— 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Sequence Hymn – *The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow 1982 #462*

The Gospel— Matthew 25:14-30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

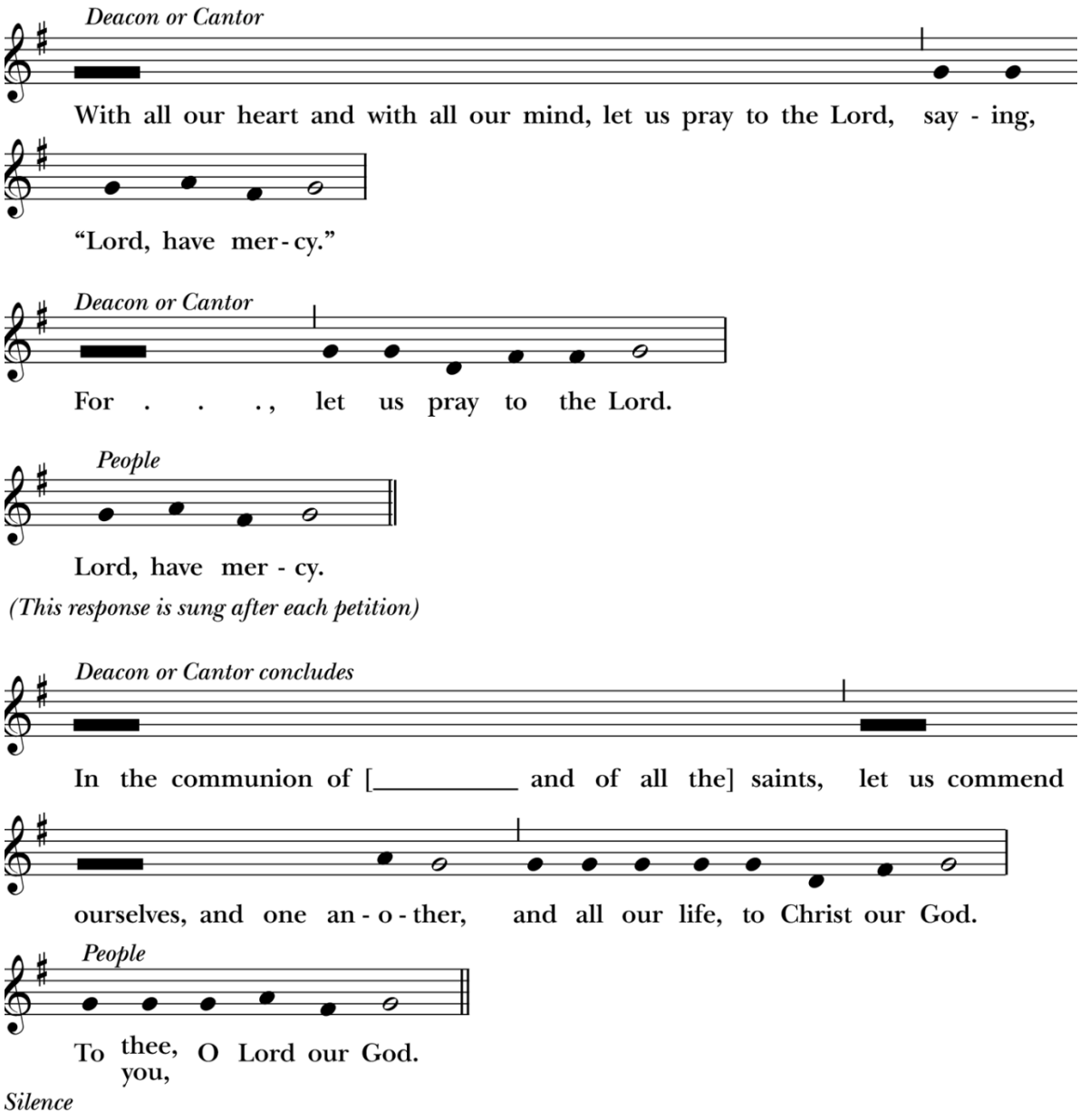
Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 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.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 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.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon– Fr. Will Drosos

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

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



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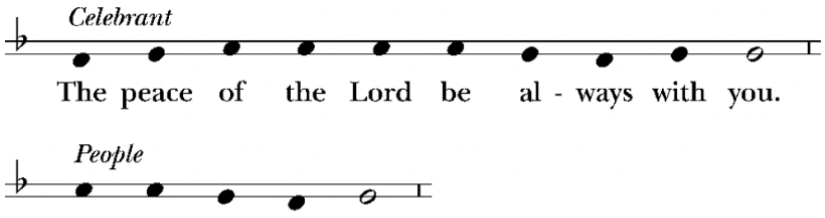
Silence

The Confession (BCP 360)

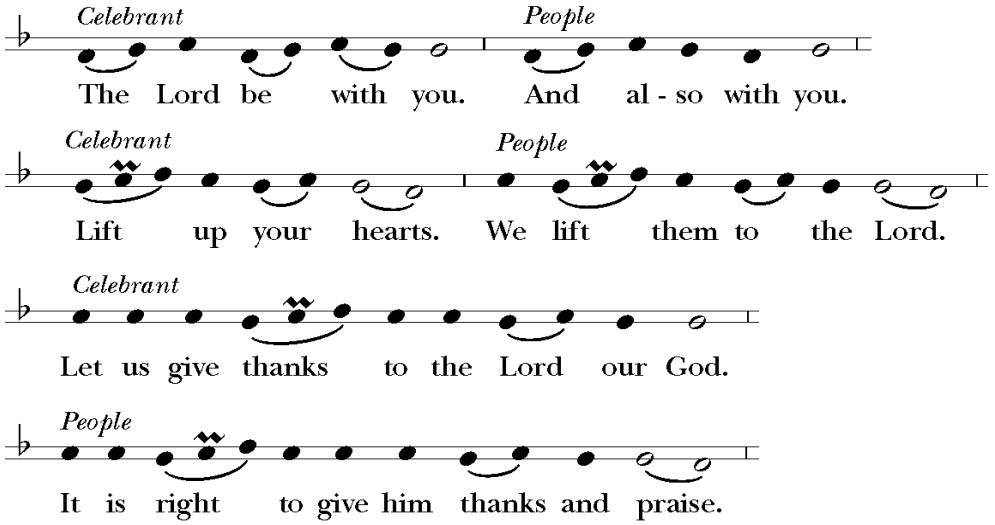
The Peace



THE HOLY COMMUNION

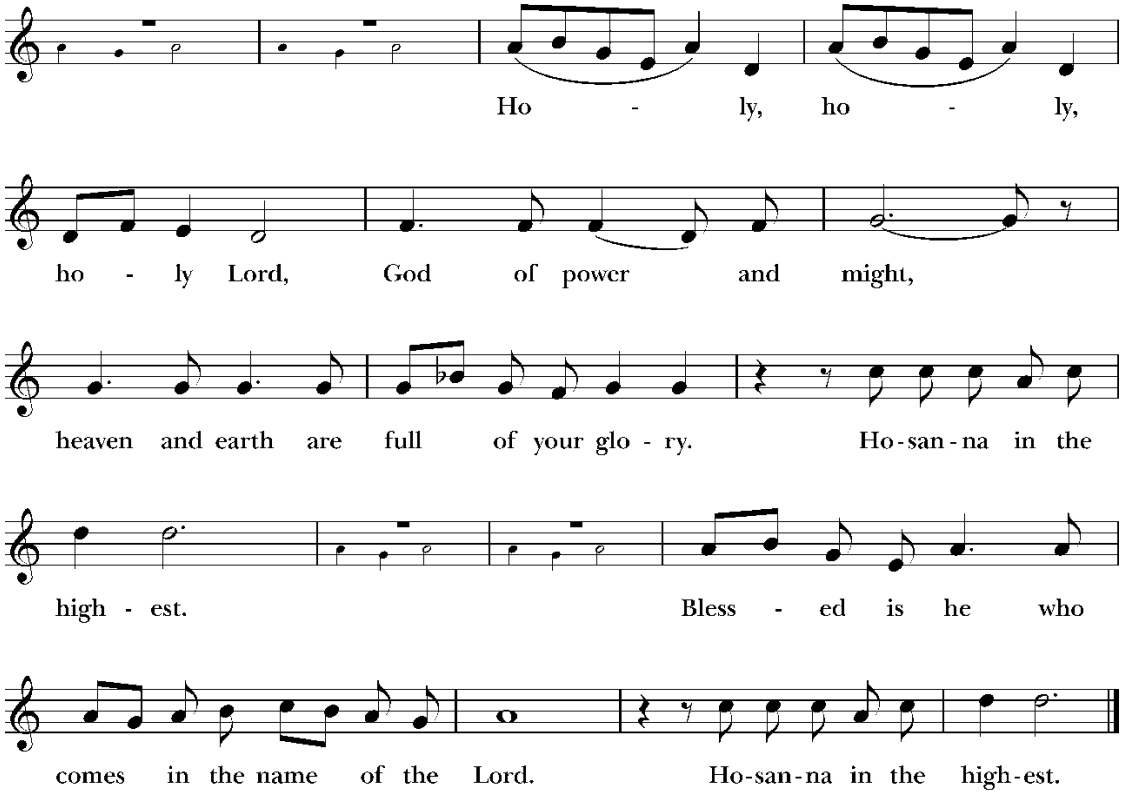
Offertory

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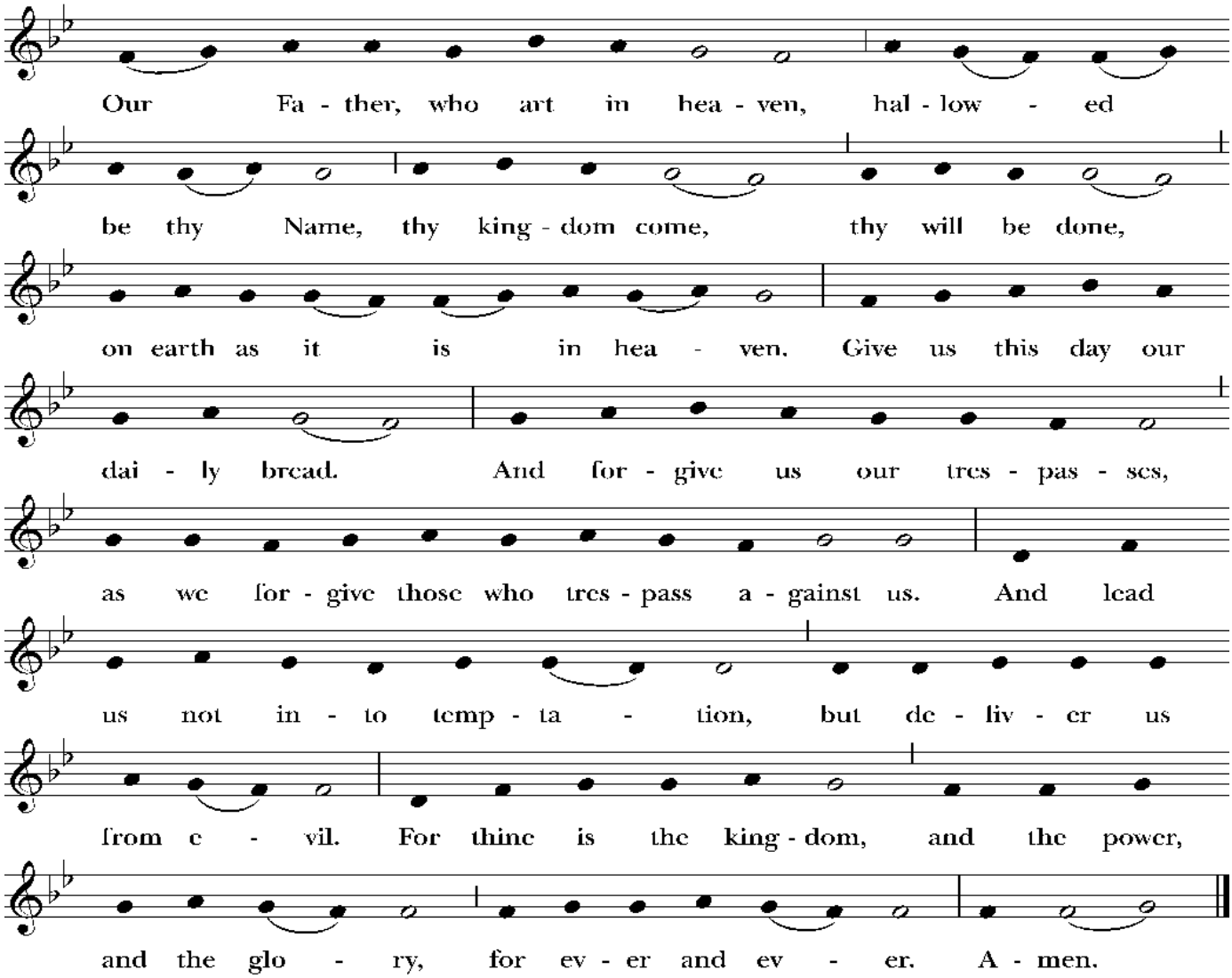
When the priest elevates the host & chalice, the worshiper may raise their eyes to it and join with St. Thomas the Apostle, expressing love and devotion, by saying quietly: "My Lord and my God."

The Lord's Prayer



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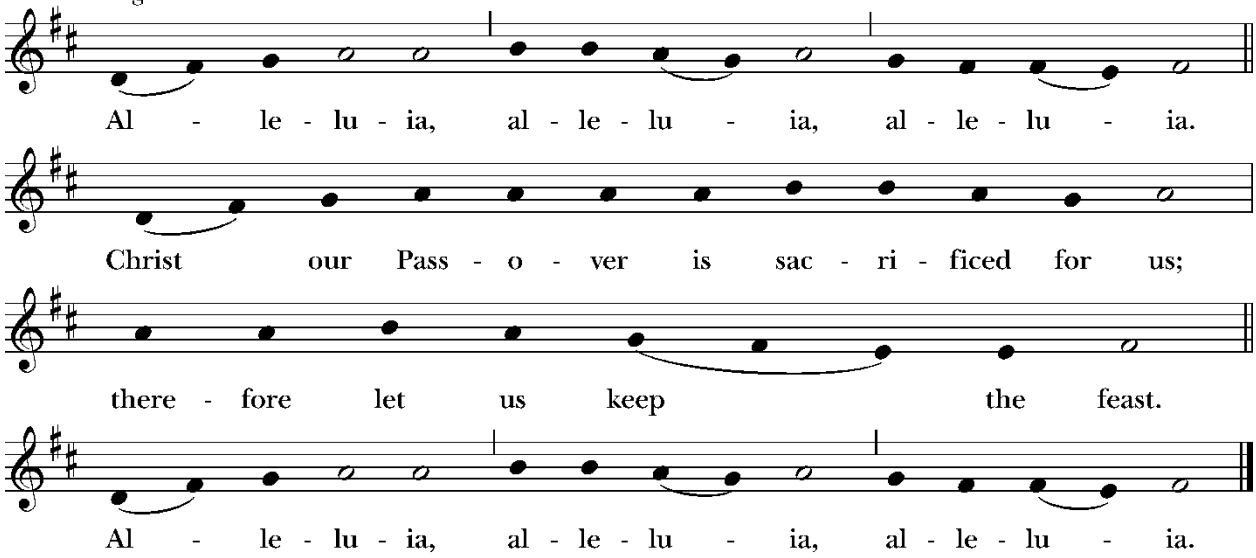

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As all worshipers prepare for Christ's presence in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist, you may pray one of the following prayers silently to yourself: The Prayer of Humble Access on page 337 of the BCP ; The Prayer Before Receiving Communion on pg 834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

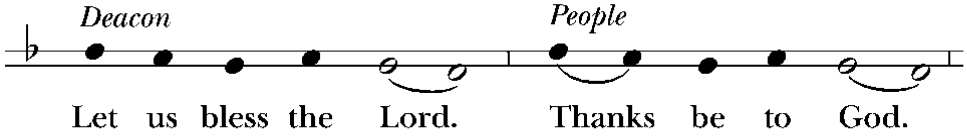
Communion Hymn ~ *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round 1982 #617*

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Come, Labor On 1982 #541*

The Dismissal



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