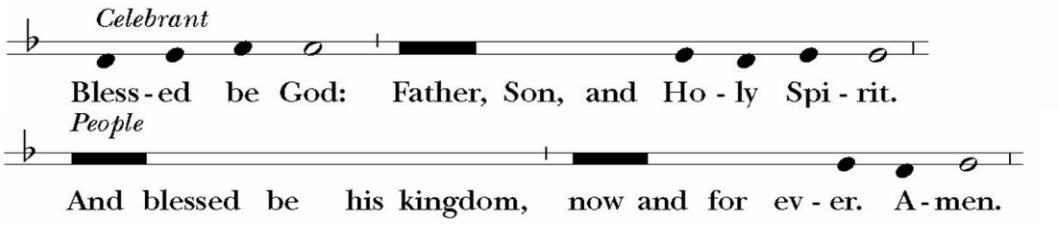
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Processional – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 1982 #436*

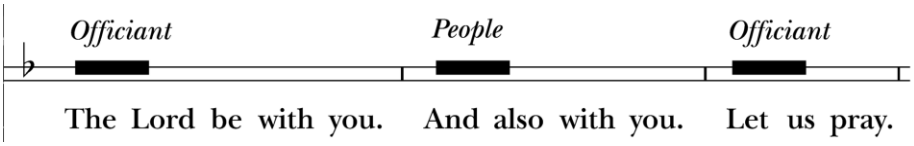
The Salutation (BCP p. 355)



The Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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

Collect of the Day



O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

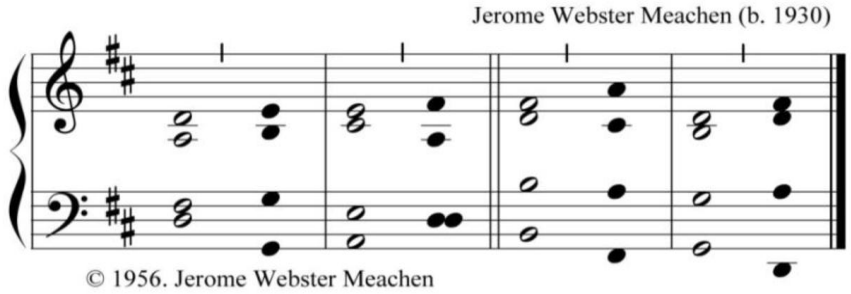
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to de**liver me**; *
O Lord, make haste to **help me**.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis**mayed**; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis**graced**.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn **back**, *
because they are a**shamed**.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in **you**; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the **Lord**!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy**; *
come to me speedily, O **God**.

6 You are my helper and my de**liverer**; *
O Lord, do not **tarry**.

The Second Lesson— 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sequence Hymn – *Once He Came in Blessing 1982 #53*

The Gospel— Matthew 22:34-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

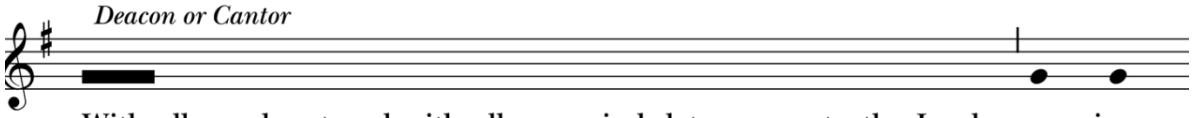
Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
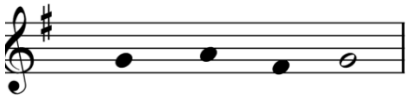
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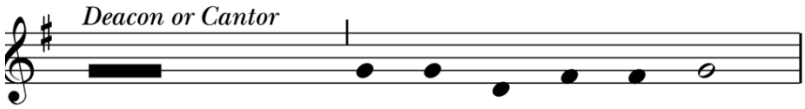
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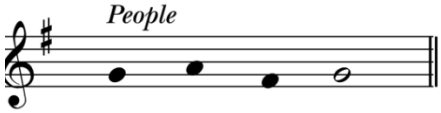
The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

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

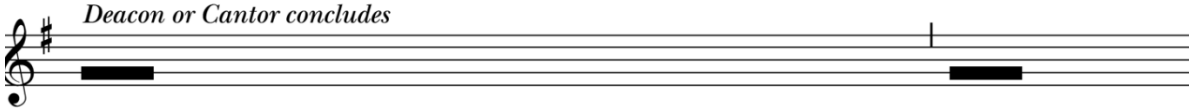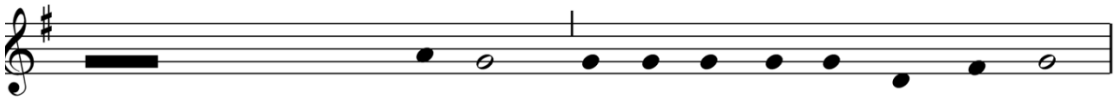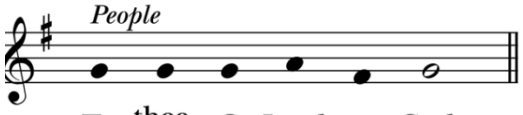








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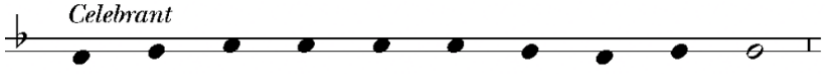


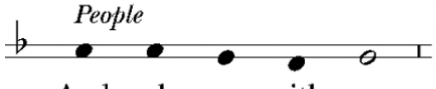


Silence

The Confession (BCP 360)

The Peace

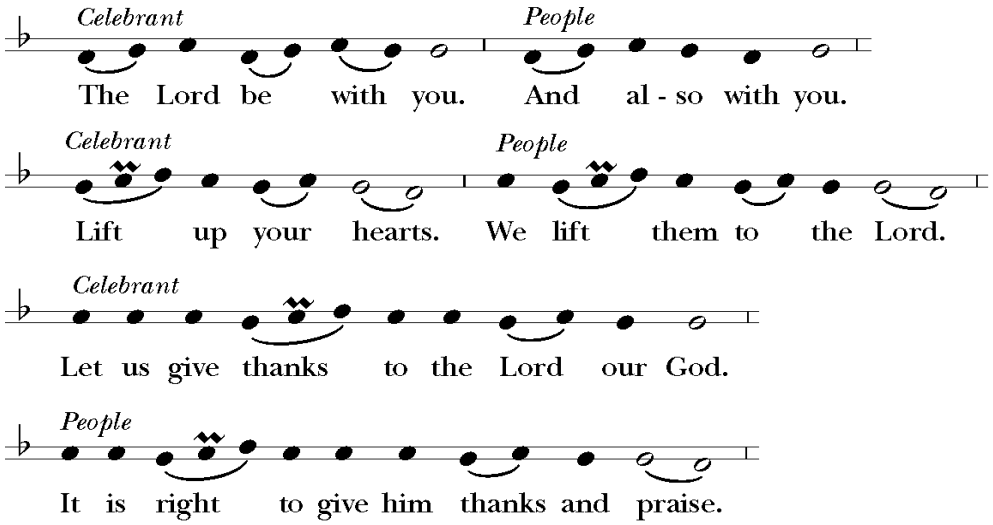




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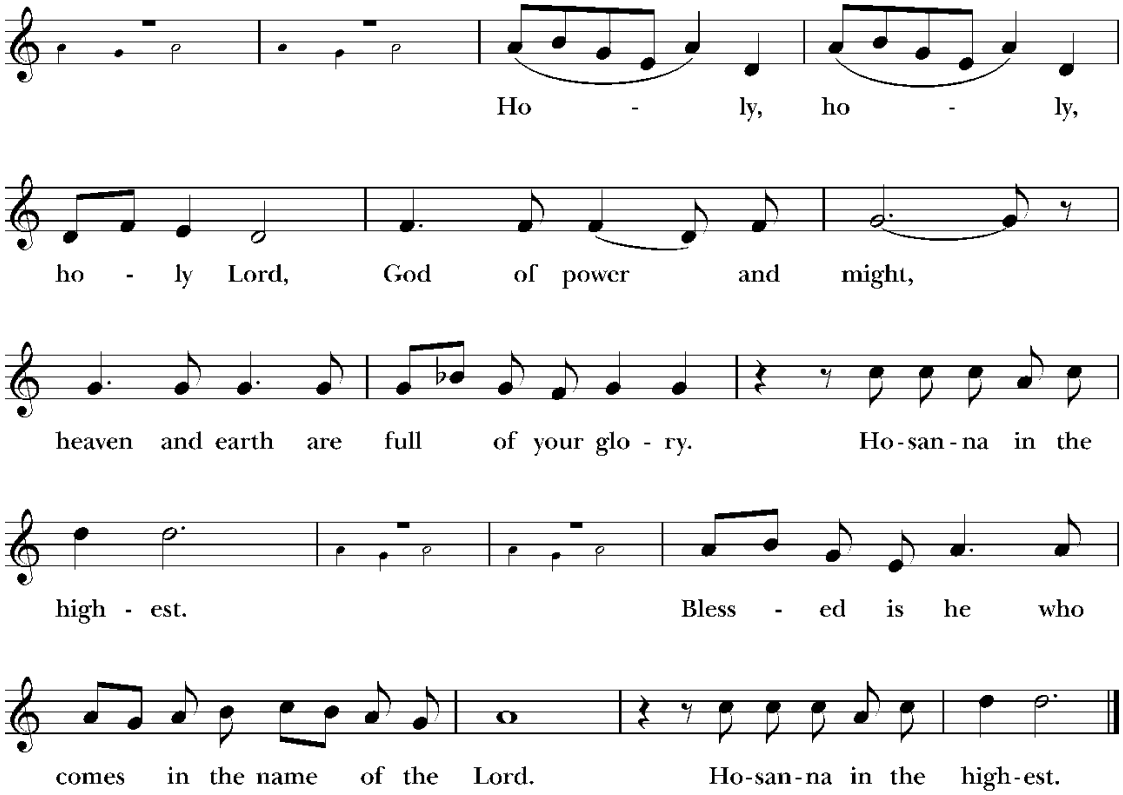
Offertory

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



Proper Preface – BCP pg 377

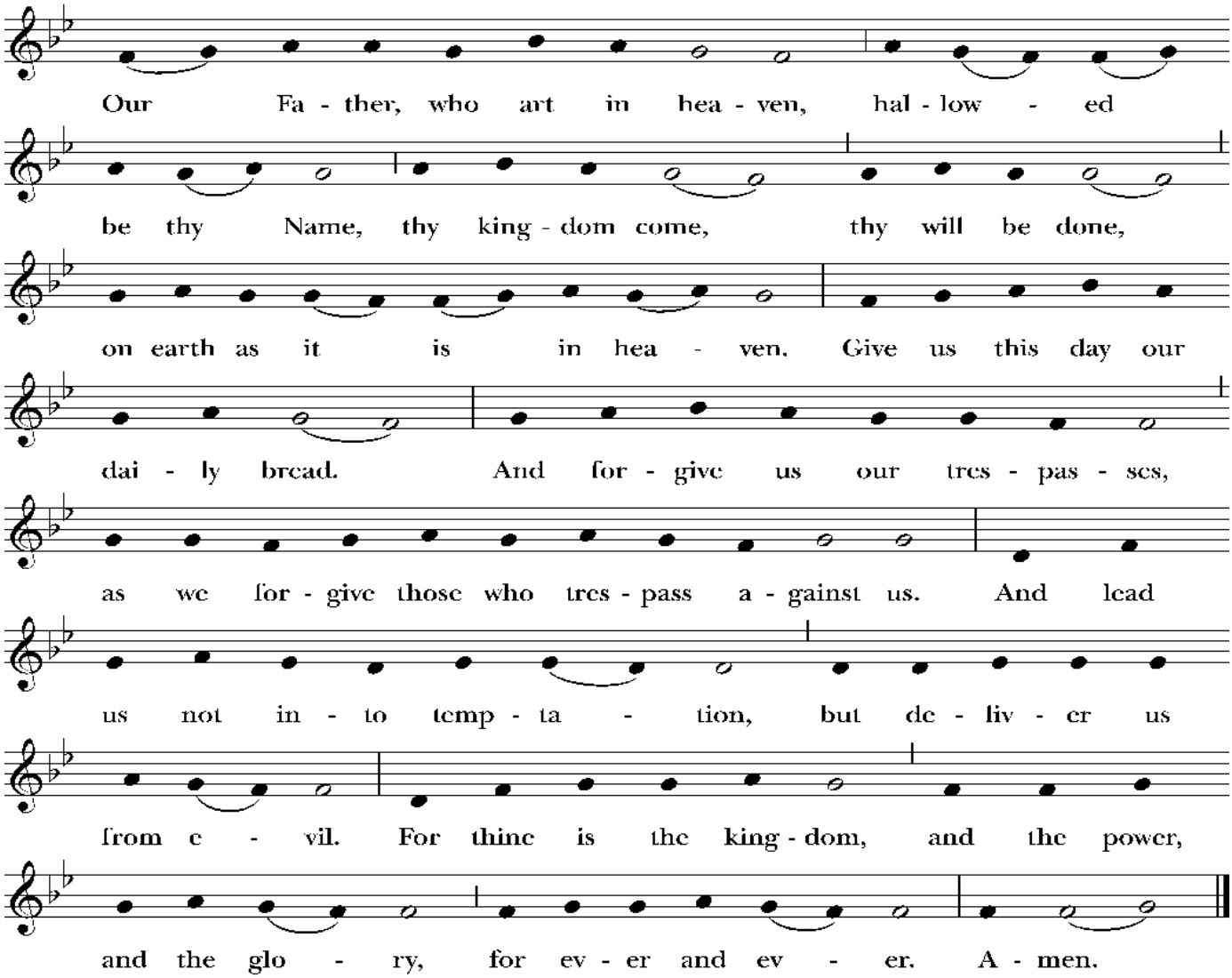
Sanctus – #S128 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*



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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."

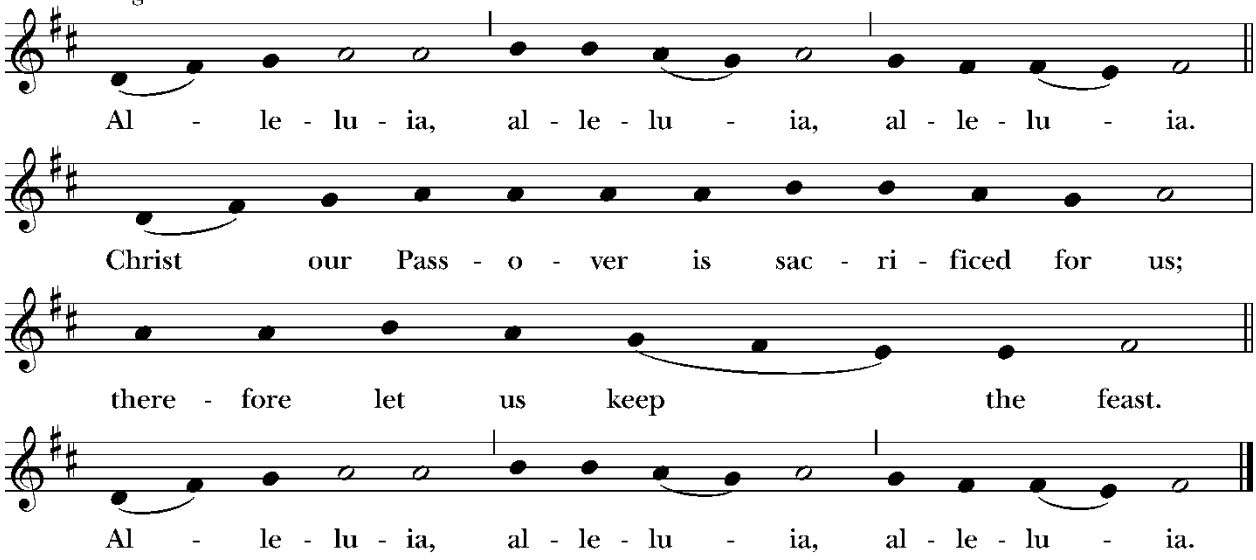
The Lord's Prayer



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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.

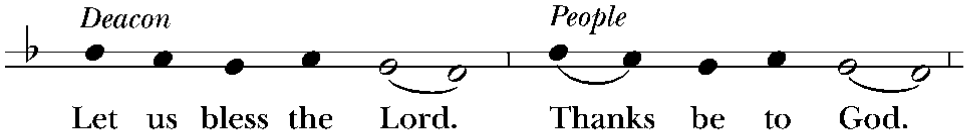
Communion Hymn ~ *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 1982#324*

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers 1982 #68*

The Dismissal



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