



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 9, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.**

*Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn**

*How firm a foundation*

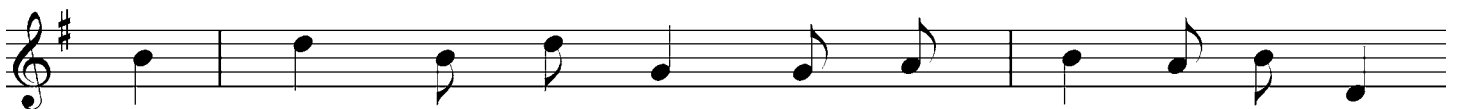
*Hymnal 636*



- 1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



- 1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



- 1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

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1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Optional Interlude*



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

## Opening Acclamation

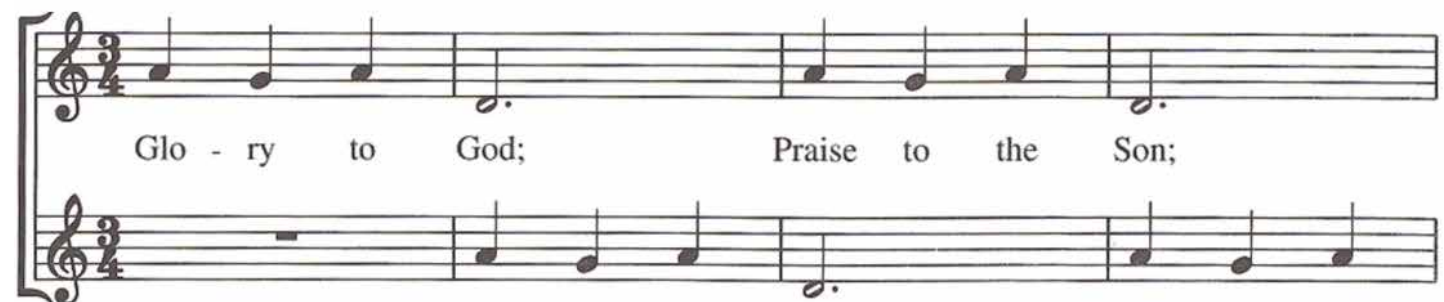
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## Song of Praise

*Glory to God*



Glo - ry to God; Praise to the



Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Setting: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People*  
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*Presider*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**  
*Presider*        Let us pray.

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector*         Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85:8-13

*The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what you are saying, \*  
for you are speaking peace to your faithful  
people and to those who turn their hearts to  
you.

<sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear  
you, \*  
that your glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before you, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

## The Second Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector*         Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

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Please enjoy listening to the music!*

## The Holy Gospel

*The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.*

Clergy        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel is proclaimed:*

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

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as 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,  
Begot / ten, 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:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Vir/gin Mary,  
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver of life,  
Who proceeds / from the Father.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.  
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,  
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor*     Lord, in your goodness;  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## The Confession and Absolution

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

*The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## The Peace

*Presider*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

# Offertory Hymn & Procession

Just a closer walk with thee

Lift Every Voice & Sing 72

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

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1. I am weak but thou art strong;\_\_\_\_  
2. Through this world of toil and snares,\_\_\_\_  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,\_\_\_\_

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,\_\_\_\_

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;\_\_\_\_ I'll be sat - is - fied as  
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?\_\_\_\_ Who with me my bur - den  
3. Time for me will be no more;\_\_\_\_ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,\_\_\_\_ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

*D.C. for Refrain*

1. long\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
2. shares?\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
3. o'er\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee,\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*All stand, as able. Children are invited to gather around the altar.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.*

Presider            Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*Lift Every Voice & Sing II 255*

Ho ly ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est Blessed-is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord of the Lord Ho - san na in the high -  
est ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider recalls God's work in creation and Christ's Last Supper.*

*The Presider and People pray the Memorial Acclamation:*

*Presider* Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*People* **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'*

*Celebrant:* As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)



*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.*

*Presider* Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

*The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.*

*Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

## Communion Hymn

*As I went down to the river to pray*

*Advocate Songbook 23*



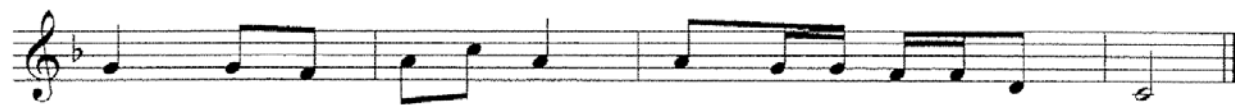
1. As I went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and  
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5. As I went down in the river to pray, Studying about that good old way and



who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.  
who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.



O sis - ters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. \_\_  
O bro - thers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. \_\_  
O fa - thers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. \_\_  
O mo - thers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. \_\_  
O sin - ners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. \_\_



O sis - ters, let's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray.  
O bro - thers, let's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray.  
O fa - thers, let's go down, Down in the riv - er to pray.  
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## Post-Communion Prayer

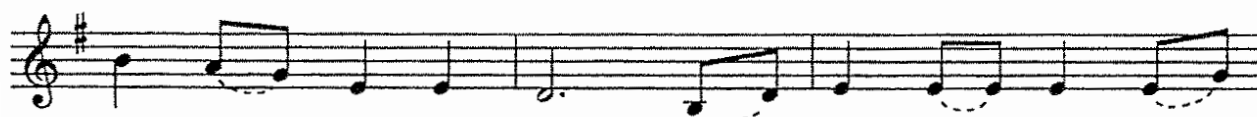
*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



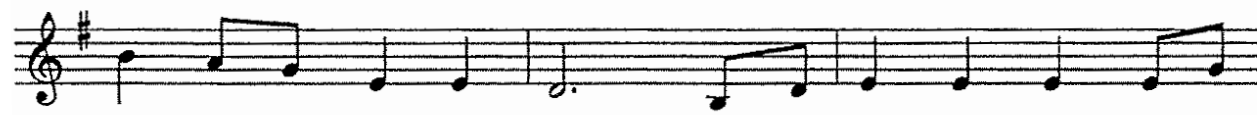
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his  
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the'. The second staff contains 'fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the'. The third staff contains 'dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!'. The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The final note of the third staff is a quarter note followed by a double bar line.

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## Dismissal

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'*



## Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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