ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
The Blessing of the Animals
October 11, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude (*Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* **Hymnal 1982, #556 (vs 1-4, 7)**

The Word of God

Presider: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People: **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.
Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Gloria **Hymnal 1982, #S-280**

The Lessons

The First Reading **Job 39:1-18**

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young,

as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 121**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading **Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11**

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet

and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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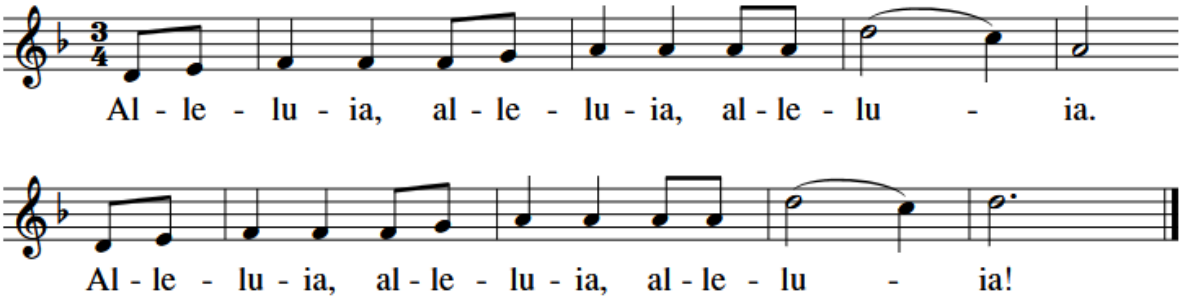
Thanks be to God.

(Sung before and after the Gospel)

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The Holy Gospel **Luke 12:13-21**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**

(10:00am) *He is Lord* - Frey **Chancel Choir**

Nicene Creed

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 and the Son.
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.

The Prayers of the People: Prayer of St. Francis

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;
All: **We thank you, Lord.**
Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;
All: **We thank you, Lord.**
Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;
All: **We thank you, Lord.**
Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;
All: **We thank you, Lord.**
Leader: Oh God, we pray for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are

suffering: for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated; for all wistful creatures neglected or abandoned in captivity; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for those lives have run their course; Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

All: **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

All: **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader: For our Bishop and Bishop-elect, and for all the clergy and people; in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we lift up the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for non-parochial clergy and licensed clegy and their families. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters including the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Presider: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Presider and People: **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider stands and says:
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.**

The Blessing of the Animals

The Peace
Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)
Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* **See page 14**

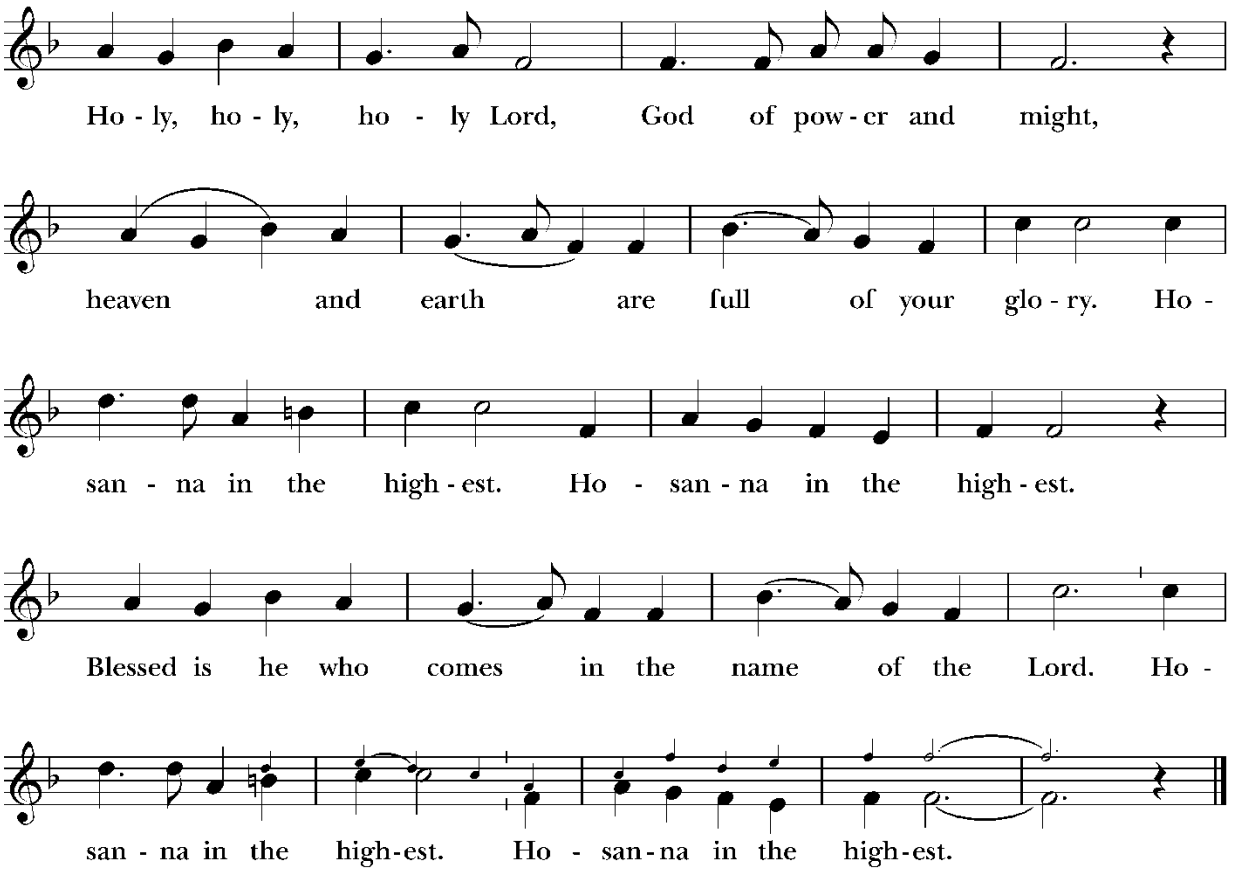
Offertory Response **Hymnal 1982, #366 (vs 4)**
Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life

abundant……lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Proulx*



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The Presider continues:
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God……Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.
Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.
For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* **Hymnal 1982, #7**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Sean C., Debbie H., Elise K., Pauline K., Velma K., Aggy K., Keith L., Colin L., Lea M., Harry M., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Rev. Mary P., Ralph P., Terrance, Janet V. M., Roy W., Suzie W., Jan Y., Lynette Y., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Peter D., Sue J., Sim K., Natalia P., Franklin P., Patricia S., Joshua & Avril Z., Tim Y., and the family of Rania H.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal and on the continent. If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare at tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions.

Today at 4pm: CALLED TO THE ISLANDS: A Missionary's Life in Hawaii at the turn of the 20th Century. St. Peter's Episcopal, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal and St. Mary's Episcopal in partnership with Hawaiian Mission Houses Museum invite you to attend an evening looking at the issues of immigration to our island home. Actor Eden Lee Murray will be performing as Jessie "Ah Po" Mackenzie, who along with her husband, Elijah, lived and worked with Chinese immigrants in Honolulu in the late 1800s – early 1900s. Following the performance, all are invited to join in a time of food and fellowship in the Parish Hall where the discussion will continue.

Dive into history! In preparation for today's presentation, there are some archival photos and documents related to the Chinese ministry at St. Peter's on the table in the bell tower. Please stop by and take a look!

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank

you for your part in making this ministry possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahalo nui loa **to all who volunteered at last week's Grubby Sunday!** Great progress was made, and we welcome you to check it out. Next **Sunday, October 18**, will be our second Grubby Sunday – please come and help after worship with painting, organizing, and scrubbing the Parish Hall. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Volunteers needed! There are several upcoming events that need help!

- **Saturday, October 24**: Funeral for Lee Ann Yuen: parking and Parish Hall set-up.
- **Saturday, November 7**: Funeral for Harley Clark: parking and Parish Hall set-up.
- **Friday, November 13**: Lunch for Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe: Parish Hall set-up and servers for lunch (lunch is for Clergy only).

If you would like to help with any of these events, please email: stpetershonoluluoffice @gmail.com.

Help with Disaster Relief! The Kona Lows, Hurricane Lala, and Hurricane Lowell have brought great devastation to the Hawaiian Islands. If you would like to aid in the relief effort, monetary donations can be sent to the following address: **The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, ATTN: Disaster Response Fund, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI 96813** or scan/click the QR code. Together, we can make a difference and help our friends and neighbors in need. Mahalo for your help!

CONVENTION 58 is fast approaching! The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii is holding its annual convention **October 16-18**. Some of the events and activities are listed below:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 'Iolani School

- **Education Day** with plenary speakers Brother Clark Berge and Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel - Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $40 (includes lunch)
- **Convention Eucharist** with Bishop's Cross Presentation - Registration preferred, FREE!
- **Ka Ha'alele 'Ana Farewell Reception for Bishop Bob** - Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 'Iolani School

- **58th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i**, Registration REQUIRED, Fee: $70 (Includes lunch)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, The Cathedral of St. Andrew

- **Convention Evensong for the Class of 2026 Honorary Canons**, Registration preferred, FREE!

Please see the Diocese website: www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-58.html for more information.

Congratulations to Nancy Rowe! Nancy Rowe will be recognized and awarded the **Bishop's Cross** by Bishop Bob at the Opening Eucharist for the 58th Annual Meeting of Convention held at St. Alban's Chapel, 'Iolani School on **Friday, October 16, 2026 at 3:00pm**. The Bishop's Cross has been awarded since 2006 to those who have shown extraordinary service to the Church. Please come and celebrate this honor with her!

The Ordination and Consecration of the 6th Bishop of Hawai'i is November 14. All are invited to the service and Ke Kipa 'Ana Reception - please **RSVP by October 22.** Donations are now being accepted to assist with gifts, décor, and the reception (excess funds go to the Bishops' Vestment Fund). Please scan the QR code to donate. For more details, visit episcopalhawaii.org/ordination-sixth-bishop.html.

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn opens the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is **"The Feast of Invitation."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Oct. 14, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link.

Thurs. Oct. 15, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website.

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Barton & Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Rachel Naai
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Tiare Ono
	(10:00am)	Beez Zane
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Suzanne Kagawa
	(10:00am)	Haroldwynn Chang
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Myron and Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau, Suzanne Kagawa
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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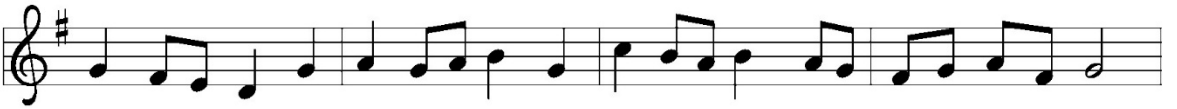
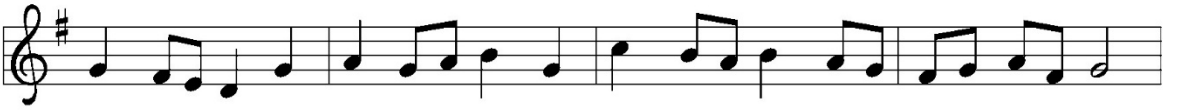
As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
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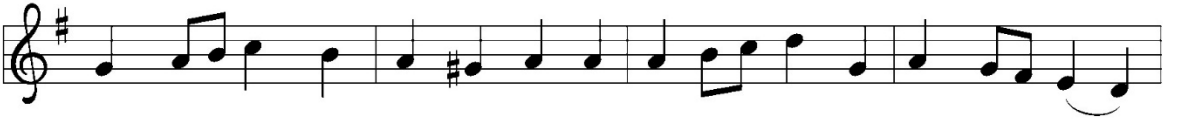
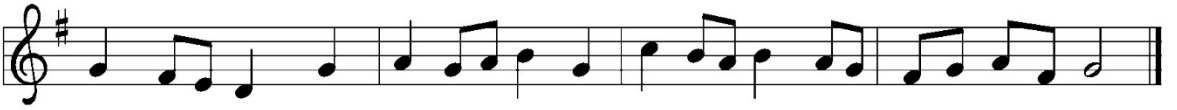

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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