



The Season After  
the Pentecost  
June 11, 2023

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church  
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*We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.*

**Worship Leaders June 11, 2023**

Presider	The Rev. Nic Mather
Musician	Riki Davis
Acolyte	Juice Quiroz
Altar Guild	Becky Edmiston
Reader	Sharalyne King
Chalice Bearer	Lyn Spens
Usher	John Brugman
Verger	John Edmiston
Vestry Presence	Gary Lindstrom
Coffee Hour	

**Tear to Redeem a Free Cup of Coffee at the Cafe of your Choice with Fr. Nic**

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**One Free Cup of Coffee (or beverage of choice) with the Rector**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Morning has broken

The Hymnal 1982, #8

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system includes three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics with three lines. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The fourth system has three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests.

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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***(Please stand as able)***

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise & Children's Procession**

*Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).*

# GLORY TO GOD

Judy Hylton

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our  
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)*

A Reading from **Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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

**Psalm 50:7-15**

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.**
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.**
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;**
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?**
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

## A Reading from the Letter to the **Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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



**Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Alleluia, alleluia'. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), but includes a double bar line with a key signature change to one flat (Bb) for the final measure. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

*(Please stand as able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

**The Rev. Nic Mather**

**Nicene Creed (*Please 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,  
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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin 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 giver 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 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*The Canticle of the Sun is a prayer/ hymn attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. Theologically, it identifies the elements of creation as sisters and brothers to humanity, and calls upon the forces of nature to praise God with us, and us with them.*

*Presider* Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!  
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.  
And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

*Reader:* You are praised, O Lord by our Brother, Sun,  
who brings the day; and you give light through him.  
May light be shed on your Church,  
That your faithful people may bear your likeness.  
**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars;  
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful.  
May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night  
Be blessed with your peace.  
**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air,  
and clouds and storms, and all the weather;  
May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people.  
**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water;  
Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in  
trouble of any kind, especially David Hughey, Steve Larson, Christopher King,  
Jerry, Robert Fisher, Ari King, and those who you now name either silently or  
aloud.  
**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire,  
through whom you brighten the night;  
We pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful  
departed rest, especially Rick Nelson, Anne Willyard, Beverly Lee, and for  
those you now name either silently or aloud.  
For them, as you, may there be no night.  
**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and Mother, Earth,  
who feeds us and rules us,  
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs;  
Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.  
**O God, hear us.**

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you;  
through those who endure sickness and trial.  
Happy those who endure in peace,  
for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.  
**O God, hear us.**

*Presider* O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks,  
and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility.

## **Confession of Sins (*Please kneel as able*)**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,  
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.**

## **Absolution**

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 Peace (*Please stand as able*)**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **The Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

# For the Faithful Who Have Answered



1. For the faith - ful who have an - swered  
2. Man - y eyes have glimpsed the prom - ise.  
3. For this cloud of faith - ful wit - ness,



When they heard your call to serve, For the man - y  
Man - y hearts have yearned to see. Man - y ears have  
For the com - mon life we share, For the work of



ways you led them Test - ing will and stretch - ing nerve,  
heard you call - ing Us to great - er lib - er - ty.  
peace and jus - tice, For the gos - pel that we bear,



For their work and for their wit - ness As they strove a -  
Some have fal - len in the strug - gle. Oth - ers still are  
For the vi - sion that our home - land Is your love— deep,



gainst the odds, For their cour - age and o - be - dience  
fight - ing on. You are not a - shamed to own us.  
high, and broad— For the dif - f'rent roads we trav - el



We give thanks and praise, O God.  
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## **Eucharistic Prayer C (*Please stand as able*)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with reason, skill, and the diversity of your gifts. You made us the caretakers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Jacob & Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

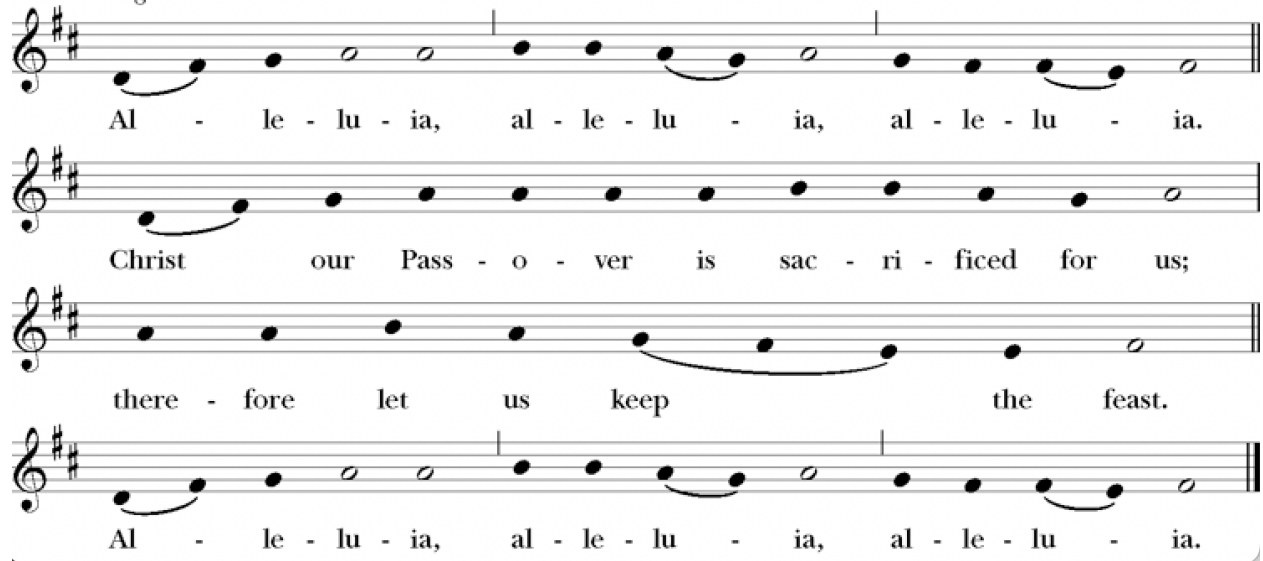
**now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please let the priest know so that they may intinct in a separate chalice reserved for this practice. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.*

*For those joining via Live-Stream:*

*A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist*

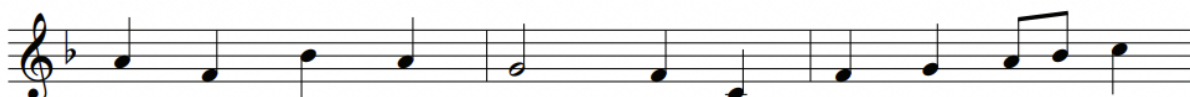
*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## The Master Came to Bring Good News



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The  
 2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The  
 3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To  
 4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and  
 man who lived for oth - ers. The law of Christ is:  
 live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that  
 seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.  
 Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.  
 they might share The king - dom that is end - less.  
 we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

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 Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; *Mainz Gesangbuch*, 1870; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

**Postcommunion Prayer *(Please kneel as able)***

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The blessing of God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***(Please stand as able.)***

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Saints that have come before and the Spirit that is with us now.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Community Invitations**

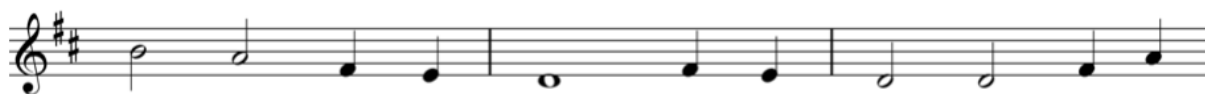
***Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour! If you are new today, please take a welcome packet (found in the pew or at the front door) and if you feel comfortable, introduce yourself to Fr. Nic!***

# Come, thou fount of every blessing

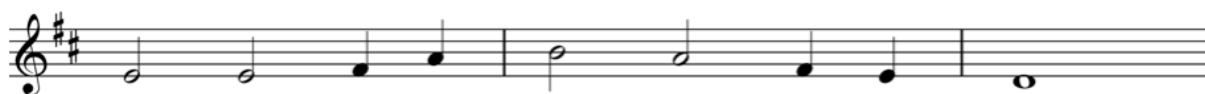
*The Hymnal 1982, #686*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



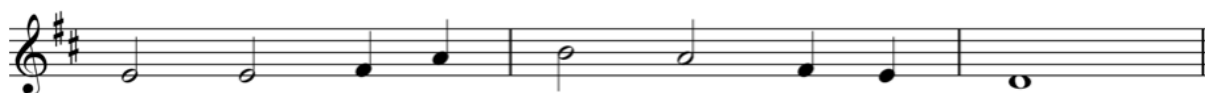
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

# THURSDAY STROLLS WITH THE RECTOR

Come walk the neighborhood with the Rector Thursdays @ 10:30am  
June 8, 15, 22 - July 6, 13, 20 - August 10 & 31



Join us next Sunday, June 18, as we celebrate two important people in our community!

Leo Askeland has graduated from RA Long and LCC this year. Help us congratulate his achievements as he prepares to head off to UW this fall.

Jamie Nelson is departing from our community to enter the monastery, joining the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA. SSJE is a residential Episcopal monastic community of men giving their whole selves over to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rooted in the ancient monastic traditions of prayer and community life, and critically engaged with contemporary culture, they seek to know and share an authentic experience of God's love and mercy. They live a common life shaped by worship, prayer, and their Rule of Life. To learn more about the Society, visit their website at [ssje.org](http://ssje.org)



# **SQUIRREL FEST 2023**

Save the Date:  
August 19, 2023

**Volunteer & Donation Opportunities to Support this VITAL work of  
community engagement and evangelism  
about the Episcopal Church & St. Stephen's**

**Contact Rob Painter-Johnson for Details!**

**Volunteers are needed for our SquirrelFest Booth (2 hour shifts,  
9am-5pm) and to help us prepare our materials for visitors to the  
festival!**

**Rob Painter-Johnson, People's Warden, is compiling lists of volunteers  
now so we are ready for the festival, contact him today!**