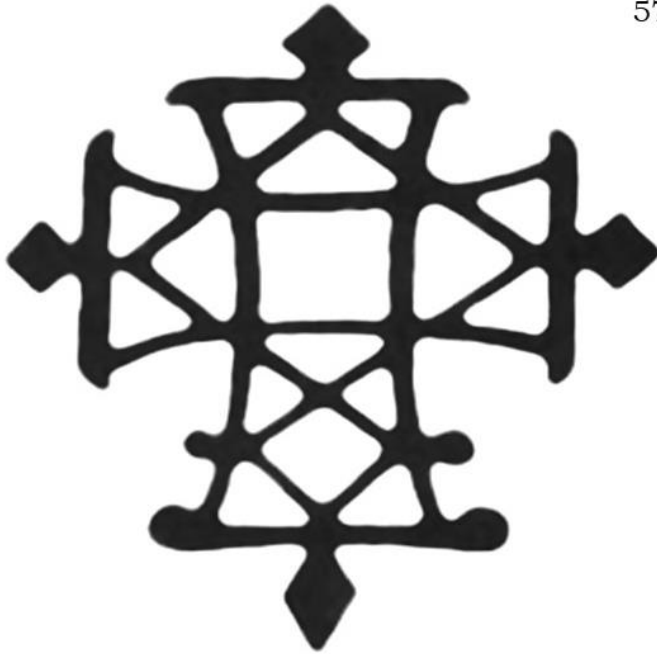


# *St. Matthias*

## Episcopal Church

574 West Montrose Street · Clermont, FL 34711



**Sunday**  
**December 3, 2023**

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

### Our Vision

*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

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# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 58 *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (St. Thomas)*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## ADVENT PRAYER

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## KYRIE S 96 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Schubert/Proulx)*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
 as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil—  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

*Remain seated.*

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
 And so will we never turn away from you;  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul’s First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN (LEVAS) 14 *Soon, Very Soon***

*All stand.*

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
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 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.  
 — Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

*All stand.*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] “In those days, after that suffering,  
 the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light,  
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

**MOTHER JANE A. CLARK**

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## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

**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 FORM IV**

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For the doctors, nurses, and all who seek to heal. May they know your protection and peace.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For peace in the world and in our lives. Heal, love, and bless the poorest, the refugees, and the victims of every war.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_) and for those celebrating anniversaries this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_).

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*             **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Options for Giving:*

1. Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.
2. Credit or Debit Card via the giving tab on our website [stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/](http://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/)
3. Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with matthias & amount in body of text

*Example: matthias \$25*

## 9:30 AM OFFERTORY HYMN *Prepare ye the way of the Lord* (Arr. James E. Moore, Jr.) Singing Saints

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes. Amen.**

## 11:15 AM OFFERTORY HYMN (LEVAS) 18 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" in 2/4 time, arranged by Levas. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home." The first system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above the piano line. The second system is identical to the first.



1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see\_\_\_\_  
 2. If you get\_\_\_\_\_ there be - fore\_\_\_\_ I do,\_\_\_\_  
 3. The bright - est day that\_\_\_\_ ev - er I saw\_\_\_\_  
 4. I'm some - times up and\_\_\_\_ some - times down,\_\_\_\_



1. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. A band\_\_ of an - gels  
 2. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all\_\_\_\_ my friends I'm  
 3. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my  
 4. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. But still\_\_\_\_ my soul feels



1. com-ing af - ter me,\_\_\_\_ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 2. com - ing too,\_\_\_\_ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 3. sins a - way,\_\_\_\_ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 4. heaven - ly bound,\_\_\_\_ Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes. *Amen.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **SANCTUS (BCP p. 367)**

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory.*

## **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. *Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. When it is your turn, please extend your hands upward, palms crossed to receive the bread (also called a wafer or host). When the cup of wine comes to you, either dip (also called intinction) the bread into the cup of wine and consume the bread or leave the bread in the palm of your hands, and the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread into the cup of wine for you and place on your tongue. You may also choose to consume the bread without dipping it into the cup of wine.*

*Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*The Priest will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.*

*Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.*

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN 68 *Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

**COMMUNION HYMN 615** *“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee (St. Flavian*

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom’s day.  
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:  
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 366)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.***

## **PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. *Amen.*

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

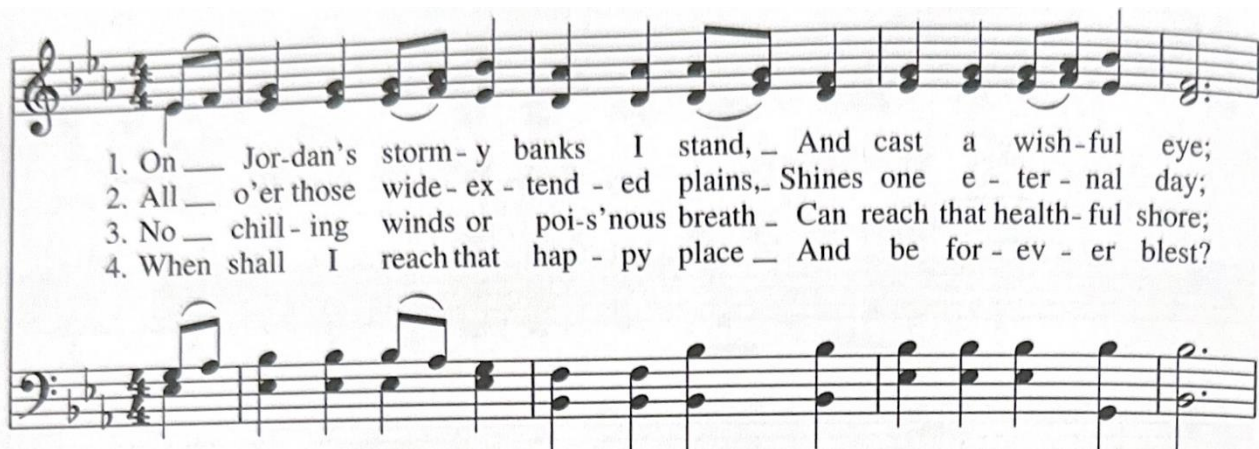
## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

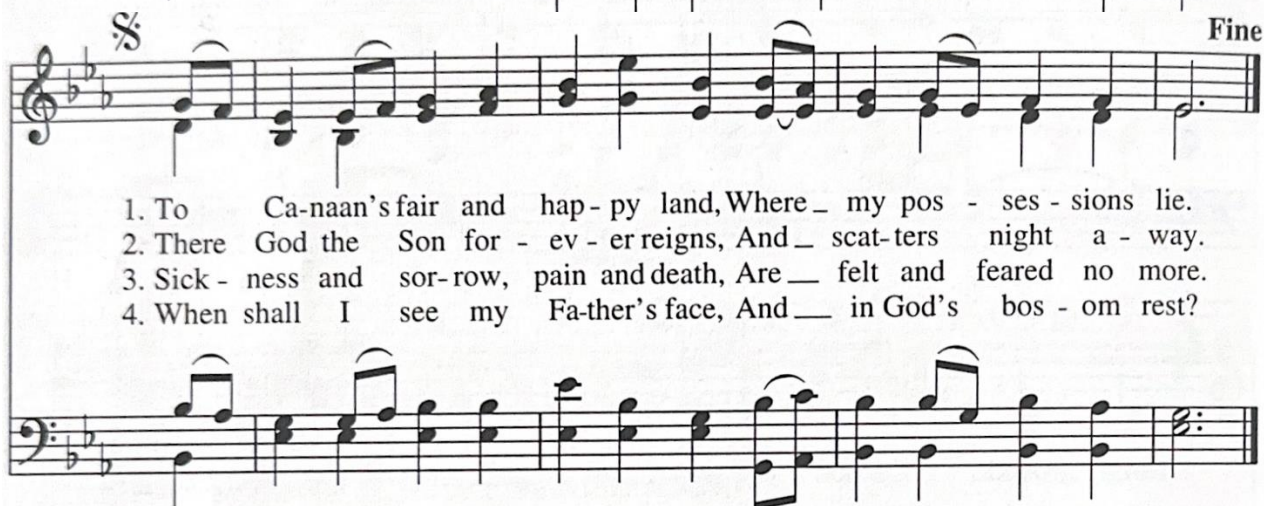
## **BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

Brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for improvement. Mend your ways. Agree with one another. Live in peace. Greet one another in Holy Ways. And may the blessings, grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all today and forever. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN (LEVAS) 9 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*



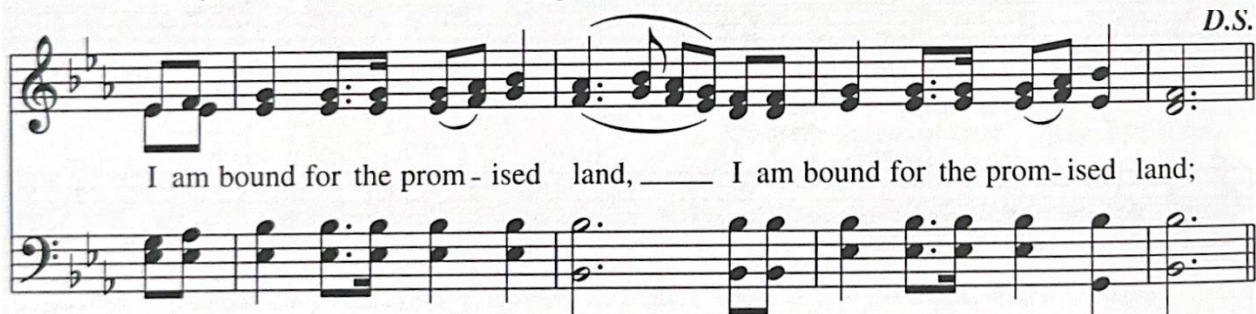
1. On — Jor-dan's storm-y banks I stand, — And cast a wish-ful eye;  
2. All — o'er those wide-ex- tend-ed plains, — Shines one e-ter-nal day;  
3. No — chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath — Can reach that health-ful shore;  
4. When shall I reach that hap-py place — And be for-ev-er blest?



1. To Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, Where — my pos-ses-sions lie.  
2. There God the Son for-ev-er reigns, And — scat-ters night a-way.  
3. Sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, Are — felt and feared no more.  
4. When shall I see my Fa-ther's face, And — in God's bos-om rest?

Fine

*D.S.* Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.



I am bound for the prom-ised land, — I am bound for the prom-ised land;

*D.S.*

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

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