# The Episcopal Church of St. Martin

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Feast of St. Martin
## Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10am - Sunday, November 8, 2026

**SERVICE NOTES:** *Welcome! Bienvenidos! We are glad you have joined us! The hymns can be found in the* Hymnal *in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively, as you are able. The congregation is invited to read the words in bold.* ***If you are online****: We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online.*

**PRELUDE** "Prelude on *St. Martin's*" M. Fax
"Fantasia" W. Byrd

*Please stand, as you are able.*
**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **H 288** "Praise to God, immortal praise" *(Dix)* *In the Hymnal*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**
*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*All may join in singing.*
**SONG OF PRAISE** **"All are welcome"** *(Two Oaks),* Marty Haugen, **verses 1, 4, 5** *On page 10*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**
*Presider* God be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Let us pray. God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Please be seated for the readings.* **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
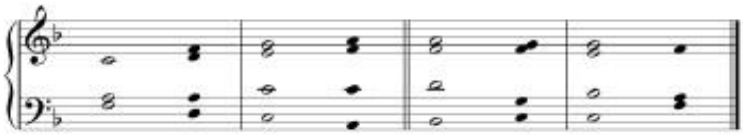
"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He

protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

**PSALM** *Please join in singing from Psalm 78.*



Song 1, Thomas Pavlechko (St. James Press)

**1 Hear my teaching, O my <u>people</u>; ***
**incline your ears to the words of my <u>mouth</u>.**

**2 I will open my mouth in a <u>parable</u>; ***
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient <u>times</u>.**

**3 That which we have heard and known,**
**and what our forebears have <u>told us</u>, ***
**we will not hide from their <u>children</u>.**

**4 We will recount to generations to come**
**your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O <u>God</u>, ***
**and the wonderful works you have <u>done</u>.**

**5 You gave your decrees to Jacob**
**and established a law for <u>Israel</u>, ***
**which you commanded them to teach their <u>children</u>;**

**6 That the generations to come might know,**
**and the children yet un<u>born</u>; ***
**that they in their turn might tell it to their <u>children</u>;**

**†7 So that they might put their <u>trust in you</u>, ***
**and not forget your deeds,**
**but keep your com<u>mandments</u>;**

**SECOND READING** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

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

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

*Please stand, as able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** **VF 60** "Come and seek the ways of Wisdom" *(Julion)* verses 1, 3 *On page 11*

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

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

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

**THE SERMON** *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Please stand, as you are 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** *Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

*Deacon* With grateful hearts, let us pray as one body, asking God's blessings on the Church and the world.

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the Church, God's great gift to us; for all who worship and serve this day; for the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, deacons, priests, and laypeople. We pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; for our Bishop Megan, and for all our clergy, staff, and lay leaders.
*(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations, for all refugees and immigrants, for an end to hostilities around the world, and for a spirit of goodwill. We pray for our citizens and our elected leaders to serve with love and wisdom. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we touch the world with our gifts. May we continue to grow in a spirit of welcome, inclusion, and love.
*(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* I invite your prayers for those who are sick, isolated, or in despair. We pray for the caregivers and healers who give so much in the service of others. We pray for all affected by gun violence or any kind of violence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We rejoice that they will be welcomed into your glory, in the company of all the saints.
*(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church. We give thanks today for all who have pledged, for all plate offerings, and for all who give their time and talent to the church. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with a spirit of gratitude and abundance as we return the gifts you have given us by loving our neighbors and all Creation. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*
*The Deacon says* Let us confess our sins to God. *We pause for silent reflection.*

*Presider and People*
**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.**

*The Presider 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 PEACE** *We are encouraged to stand for the peace.*
*Presider* The Peace of Christ be always with you.
*People* **And also with you.** *We greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
*Please see the announcement insert. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please contact info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin and/or the announcements home with you.*

**PRAYER FOR THE NATION**
Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *(BCP)*

**CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES** *All may join in praying.*
**Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**
*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY NOTES**
*The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the blue "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you!*

**ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**
*All are welcome at God's table, children included. The bread is gluten-free and vegan. Come forward down the center aisle and proceed to either side of the altar rail.* ***You may stand or kneel at the altar rail****. On both sides of the altar rail, you can consume the bread that is placed in your hand and then drink from the common cup. Or you can leave the bread in your hand, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct the bread in the wine (dip it) and put the bread back into your open hand. If you wish to consume bread only, you can cross your arms when the wine chalice comes to you. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates you would like a blessing instead of Communion.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether," Harold Friedell *The Sanctuary Choir*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name
Two of three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather / In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father / Break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living / Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *(Franconia)* *Please stand, as able, and join in singing*
**We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;**
**All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.** —William Walsham Howe

**INGATHERING PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

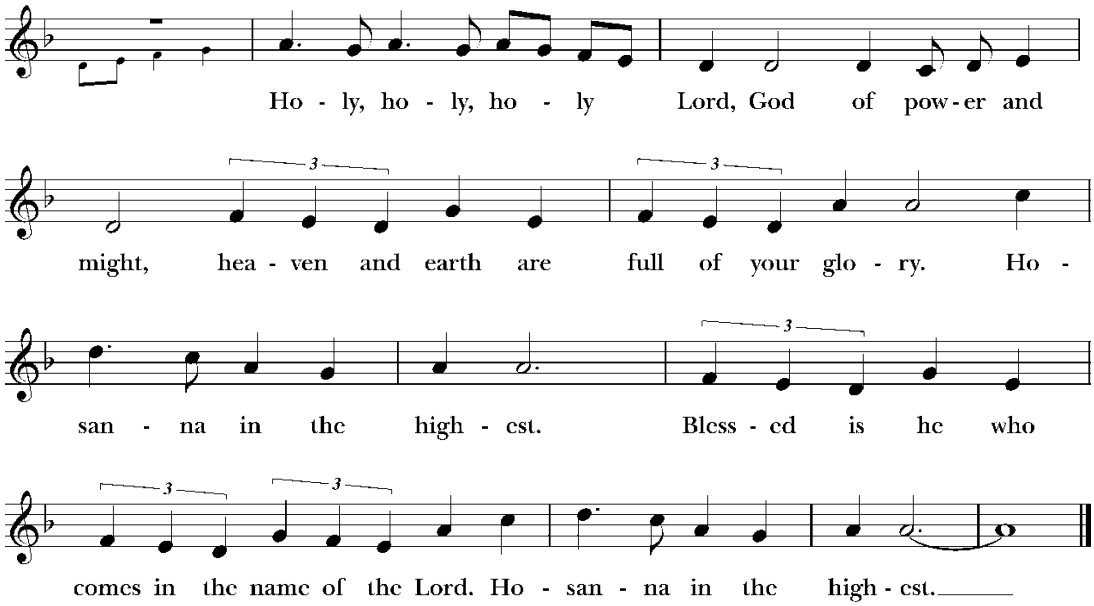
*Presider* The Lord be with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**

*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* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things, you laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS** **S 129** "Holy, holy, holy" (Powell) *Presider and People*




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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**
**Rising, you restored our life.**
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Martin and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Presider and People*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say, (*first in Spanish and then in English*,)

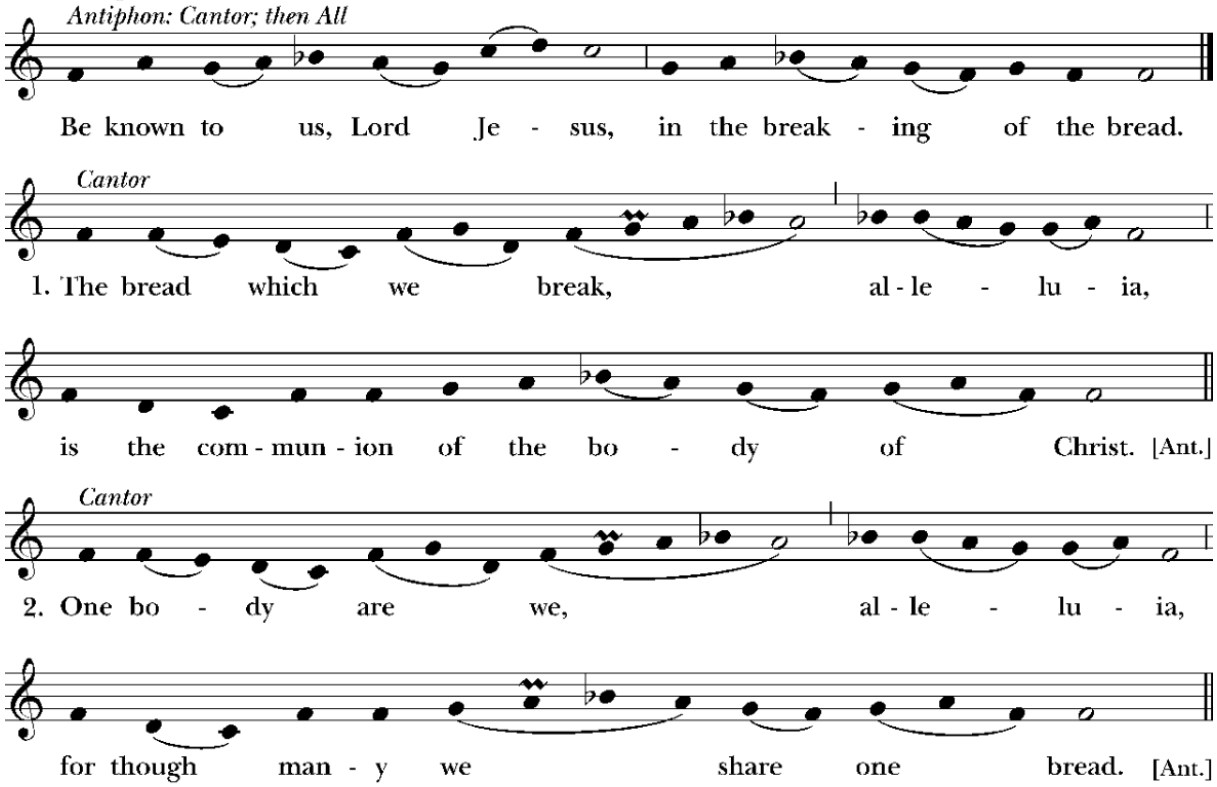
**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,**
**santificado sea tu Nombre,**
**venga tu reino,**
**hágase tu voluntad,**
**en la tierra como en el cielo.**
**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**
**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
**como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.**
**No nos dejes caer en tentación**
**y líbranos del mal.**
**Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,**
**y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.**
**Amén.**

**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 forever.**
**Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM** **S 171** "Be known to us" *(Plainsong/Martens)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*




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**ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**
*All are welcome at God's table, children included. Please see additional directions on page 5.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** **H 524** "I love thy kingdom, Lord" *(St. Thomas)* *In the Hymnal*
**H 526** "Let saints on earth in concert ring" *(Dundee)* *In the Hymnal*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand, as you are able.*
*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*
**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.**

**BLESSING** *Presider*
The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.
**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** **H 525** "The church's one foundation" *(Aurelia)* *In the Hymnal*

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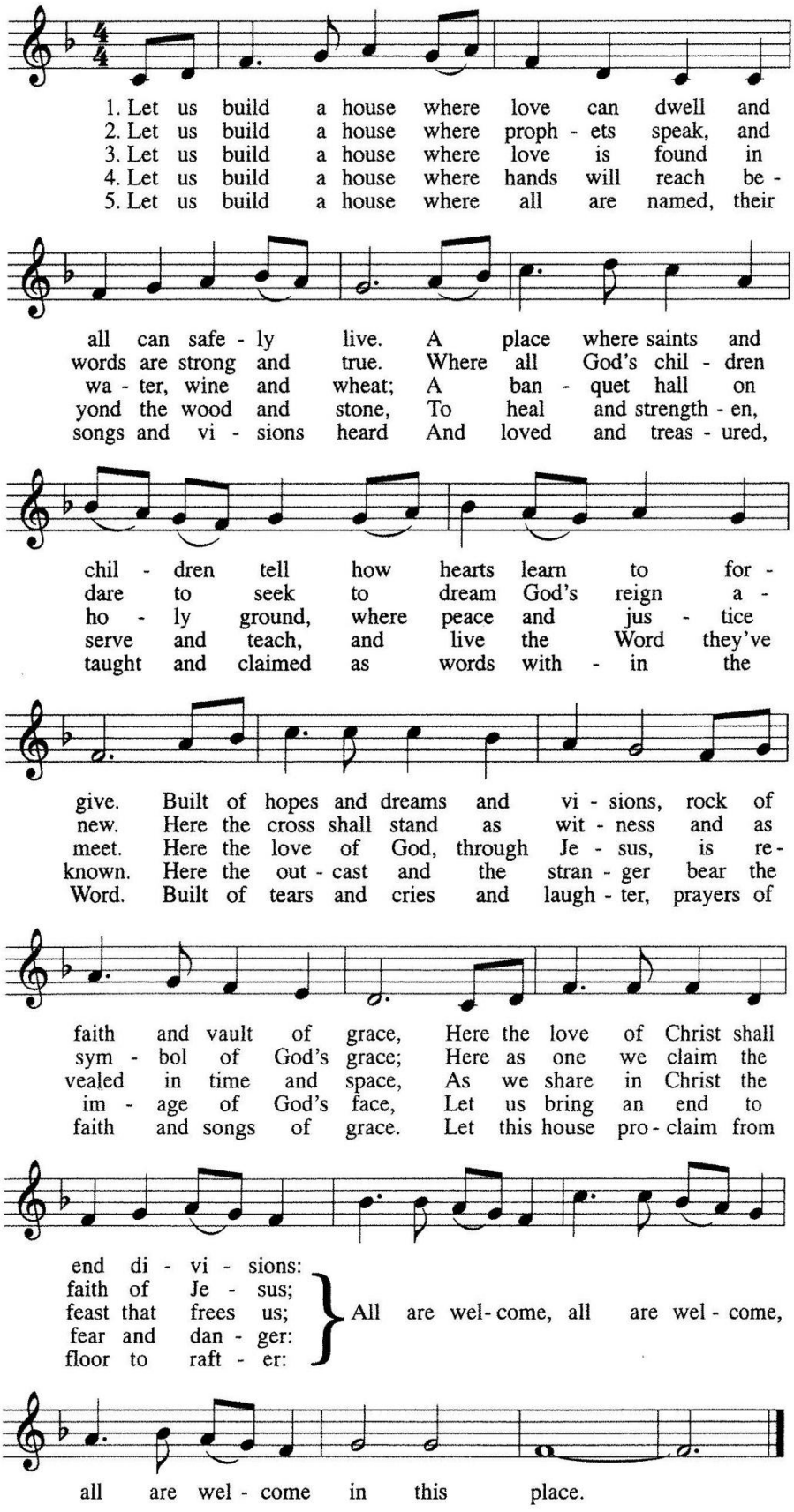
*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Postlude on *Dundee*" H. Willan

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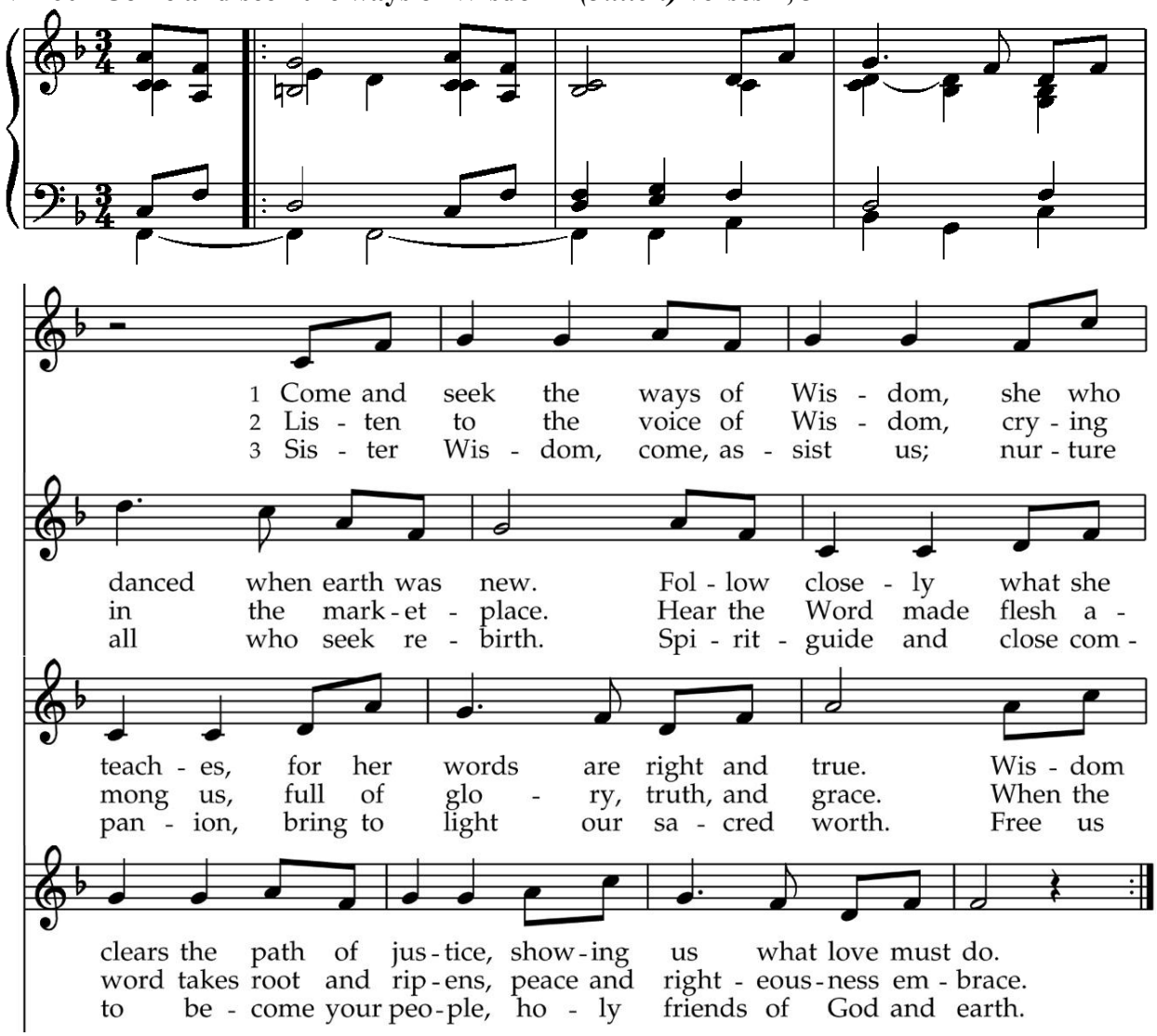
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**“All are welcome” Two Oaks, Marty Haugen, verses 1, 4, 5**




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**VF 60 “Come and seek the ways of Wisdom” *(Julion)* verses 1, 3**




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