



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 14, 2025 2:30 p.m.



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Prelude and Hornpipe

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Glory to God

Peruvian Melody

CALL TO WORSHIP

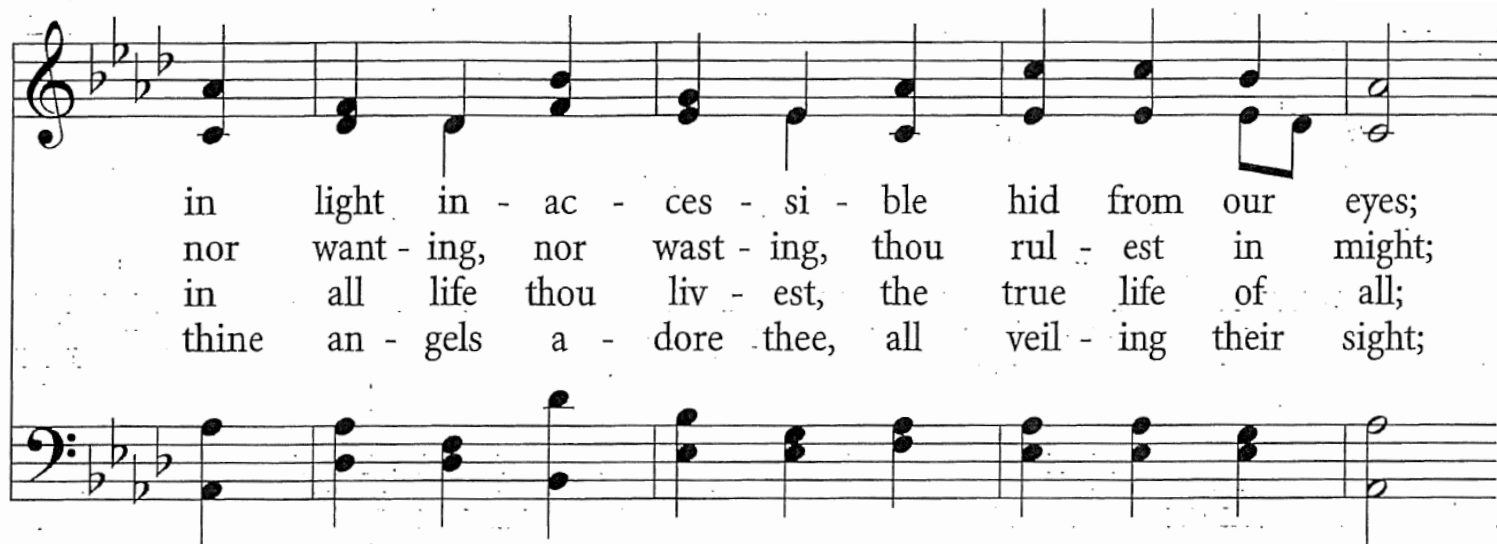
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#393 Immortal, Invisible

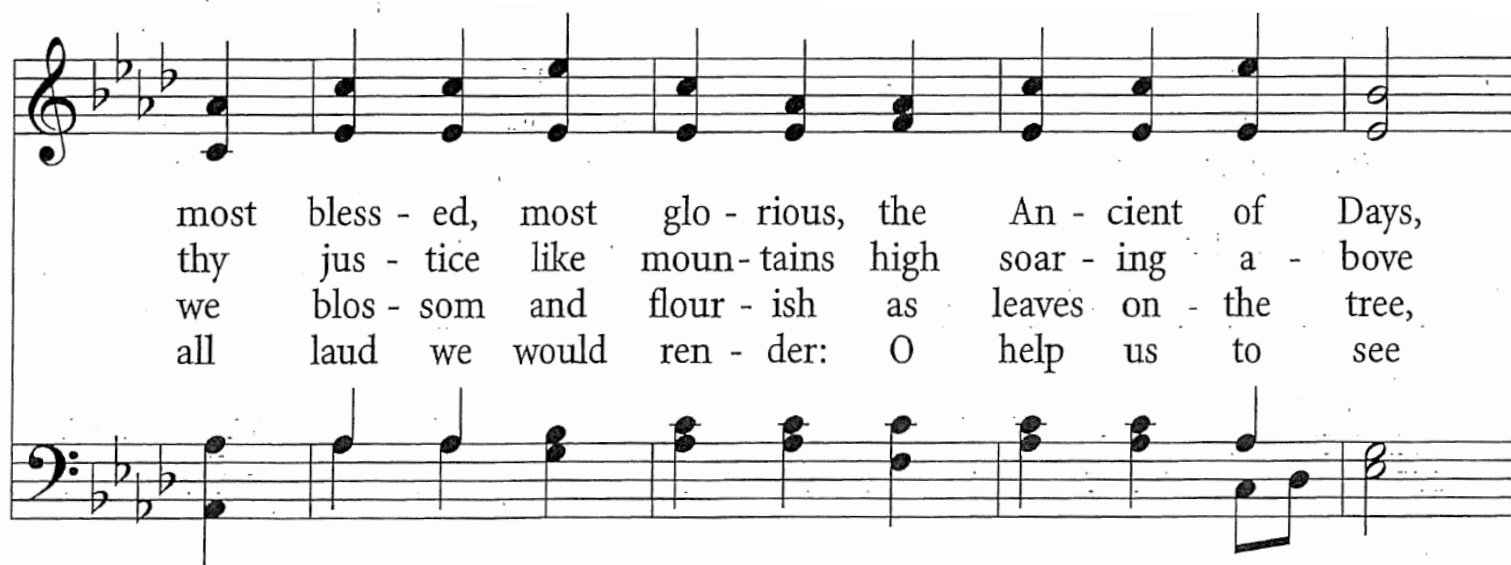
ST. DENIO

A musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible" (Hymn #393). The score is written on two staves: a treble staff at the top and a bass staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the staves, the lyrics are written in four lines, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; 4 Great Source of all glo - ry and wis - dom and light,.

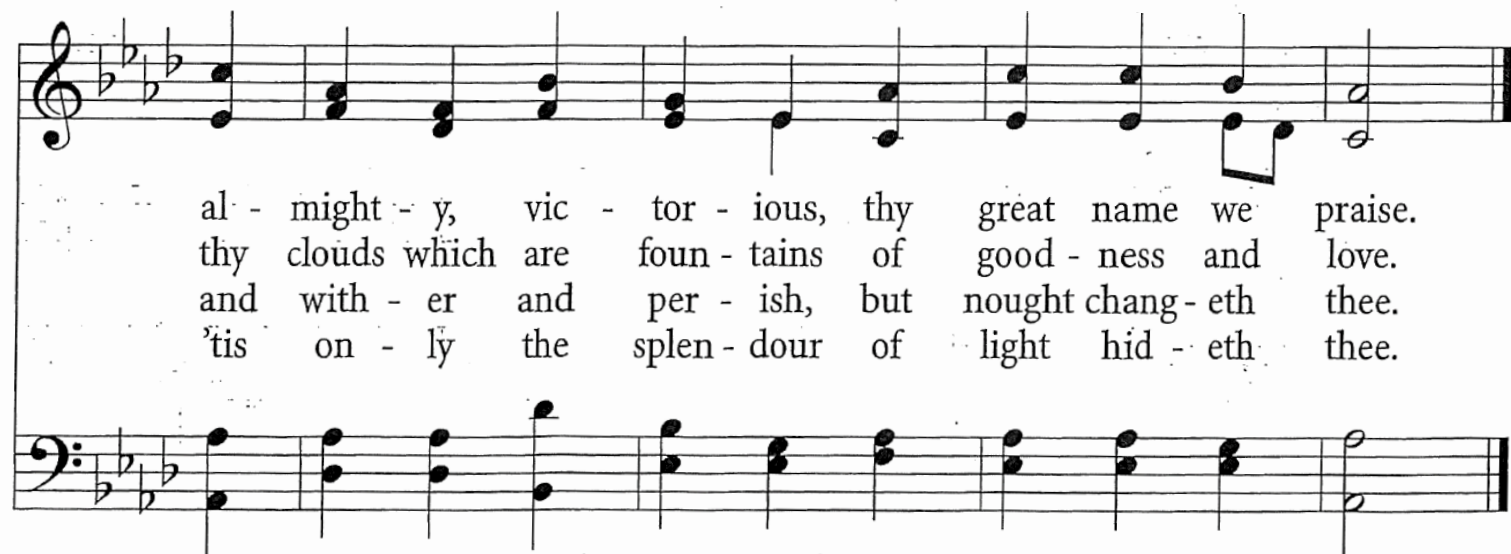
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in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on - the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but nought chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God,
You created each of us in love,
rich and poor, wise and foolish.
We are your treasured possessions.
Yet your dear ones become lost to you.
You are dismayed; we are oblivious.
You look high and low,
but we are too comfortable to help.
While you look urgently for the lost,
we may not even notice that we ourselves
are rolling away into some hidden corner of life.

Forgive us our inattention and indifference.
Seek us when we stray.
Teach us how to search with you.
Give us the joy of finding and being found.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

ANTHEM

Gather Us In

J. Althouse

LITANY (from St. Augustine)

One: Late have I loved you, Lord, beauty so old and new.

Many: Late have I loved you.

One: In my unlovely state, I plunged into the world.

Many: You, Lord, were with me, but I was not with you.

One: You cried aloud and shattered my deafness.

Many: You were radiant and put to flight my blindness.

One: You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath.

Many: I tasted you and now I hunger and thirst for you.

All: Oh Lord, you touched me, and I am set on fire to attain your peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I make faith's af-firm-a-tion: thus far by thy help I've come,
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy com-pas-sion, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Em Em B C Am6 B7 Em G D B Em
G D#

1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
 2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—spread his praise from
 3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery

Am B7 Em Em B C Am6 B7 Em G D 3
G 3

bound-less, free! Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its
 shore to shore! How he loves us, ev - er loves us, chang-es
 love the best! 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'tis a

B Em Am B7 Em G G Dsus D Em Em Am6 B
 D# G 3

full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 nev - er, nev - er - more! How he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—

is the cur - rent of thy love— lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he's
 'tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
 in - ter - ced - ing, watch - ing o'er them from the throne!
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

SECOND READING

Luke 15:1-10

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D. Gale

***New Doxology**

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#662 The Trees of the Field

S.G. Rubin/S. Dauermann

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature change from F# to C (indicated by a double bar line and a new key signature) and a common time signature. The second system has a treble staff with a key signature change from C to F# (indicated by a double bar line and a new key signature) and a common time signature. The third system has a treble staff with a key signature change from F# to C (indicated by a double bar line and a new key signature) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the".

Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

D⁷/F# G C/G G D/F# D⁷

The moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B Em B

fore you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the

Em C Em/B B⁷ Em/B B⁷ Em *Last time* D⁷ G

field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the

C/G G D

field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

G C/G G D

clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands,

B⁷ Am/C C[#]dim⁷ B⁷/D[#] Em *To beginning at %*

while you go out with joy. You shall go

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

A Sacred Blessing

M. Faith & J. Paige

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world -- begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

P. Fey

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Writing & Leading Prayers of the People - Christina Ward;

Scripture Reading - Sean Henry; Devi Henry.

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