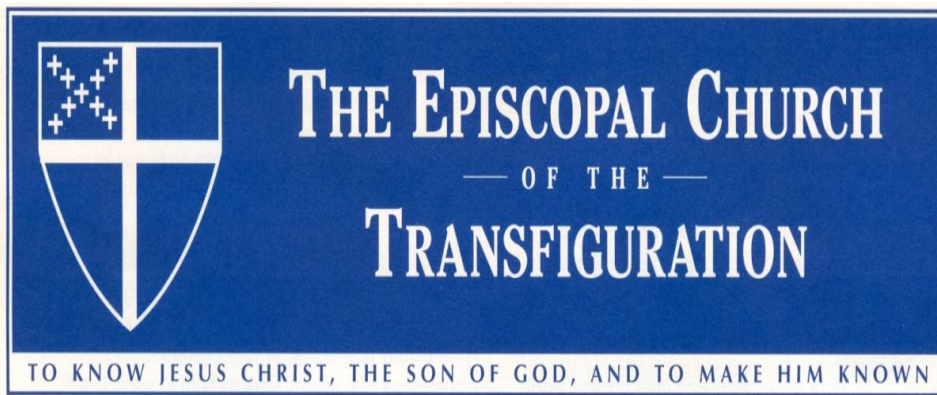




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**Vail Order of Worship**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



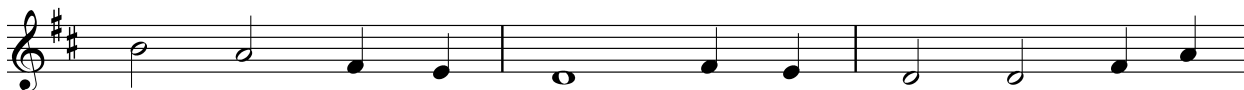
*Moses Striking the Rock*  
Jacopo Tintoretto (1519-1594)  
The Stadel, Frankfurt, Germany

# Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymn 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



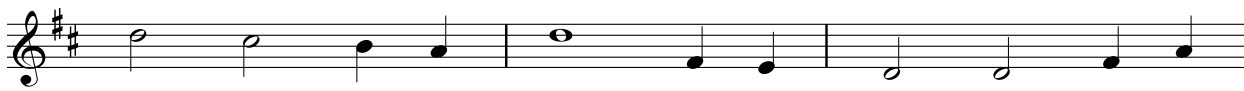
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



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).



Ways to Give

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*           ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

### **Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant*       The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

***O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **First Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

*All sit.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

**Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
***incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
***I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.***
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers  
have told us, \*  
***we will not hide from their children.***
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds  
and the power of the Lord, \*  
***and the wonderful works he has done.***
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
***in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.***
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
***he made the waters stand up like walls.***
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
***and all the night through with a glow of fire.***
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
***and gave them drink as from the great deep.***
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
***and the waters gushed out like rivers.***

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

*All stand.*

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

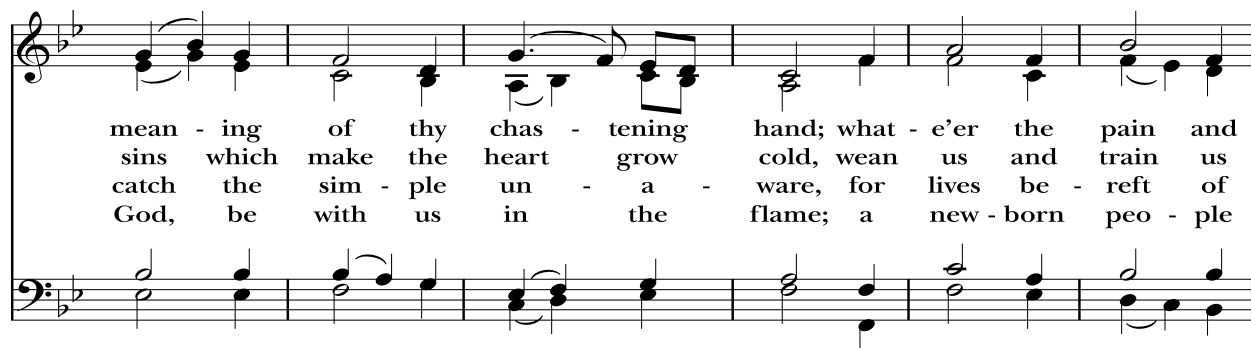
Hymn 574



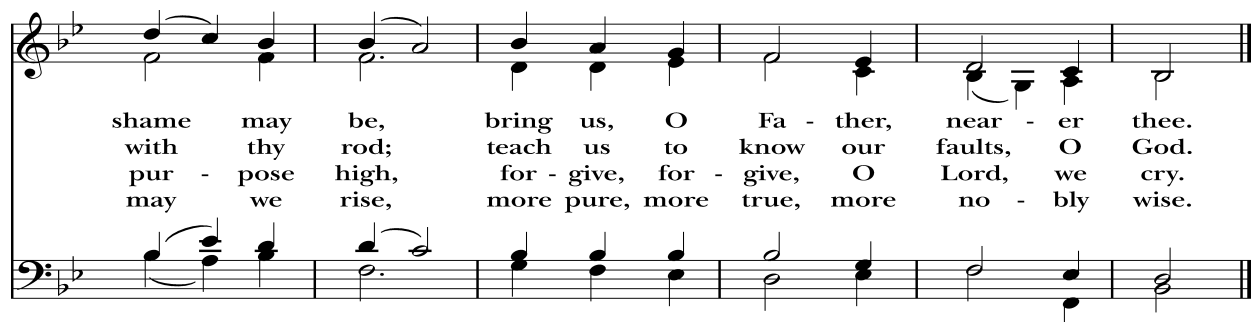
1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*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.***

## **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym Lucas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

***Pray for the Church.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

***Pray for justice and peace.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

***Pray for those in any need or trouble.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

***Pray that they may find and be found by him.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

***Pray for those who have died.***

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

***Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.***

*The Deacon says,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.**

**Peace**

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

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

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymn 344



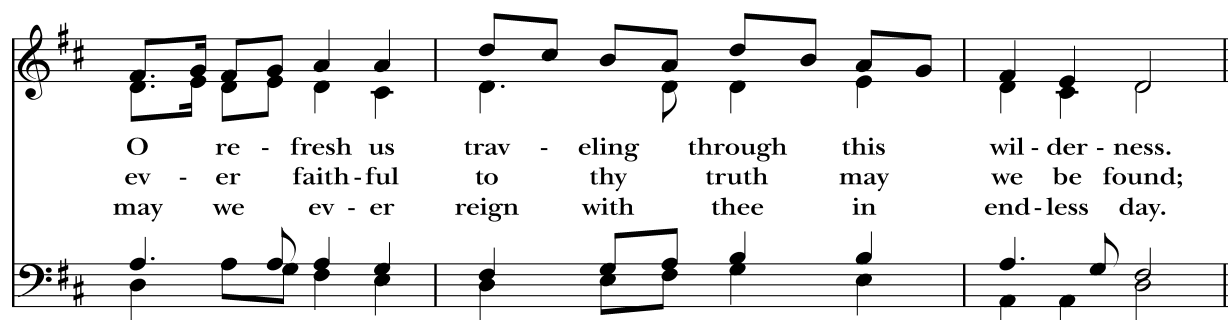
1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

## Holy Communion

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*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

*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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

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*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

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

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and  
the wine of the Eucharist. People who are not baptized or who prefer not to  
receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive  
a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest  
when they come forward to receive communion.*

Let us pray.

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*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

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| Spent    | \$ (622,432.77)        |
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## **Prayer Square**

***Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers:***

Pastor Scott Beebe, Jordi Blakslee, Kim Denning, Emmitt Burnett, Don Eastlund, Peggy Edwards, Linda Egan, The Fawcett Family, Linda Galvin, Wright George, Dick Gilbert, Sue Godec, Nikki Heiden, Rev. Randy Hillman, Wes Horner, The Jones Family, Pam Olson, Diane Peterson, Howard & the Prossnitz family, Stephen Vastagh, Muddy and Jenger Waters, Katharine Weaver

***Please pray for the faithful departed:***

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