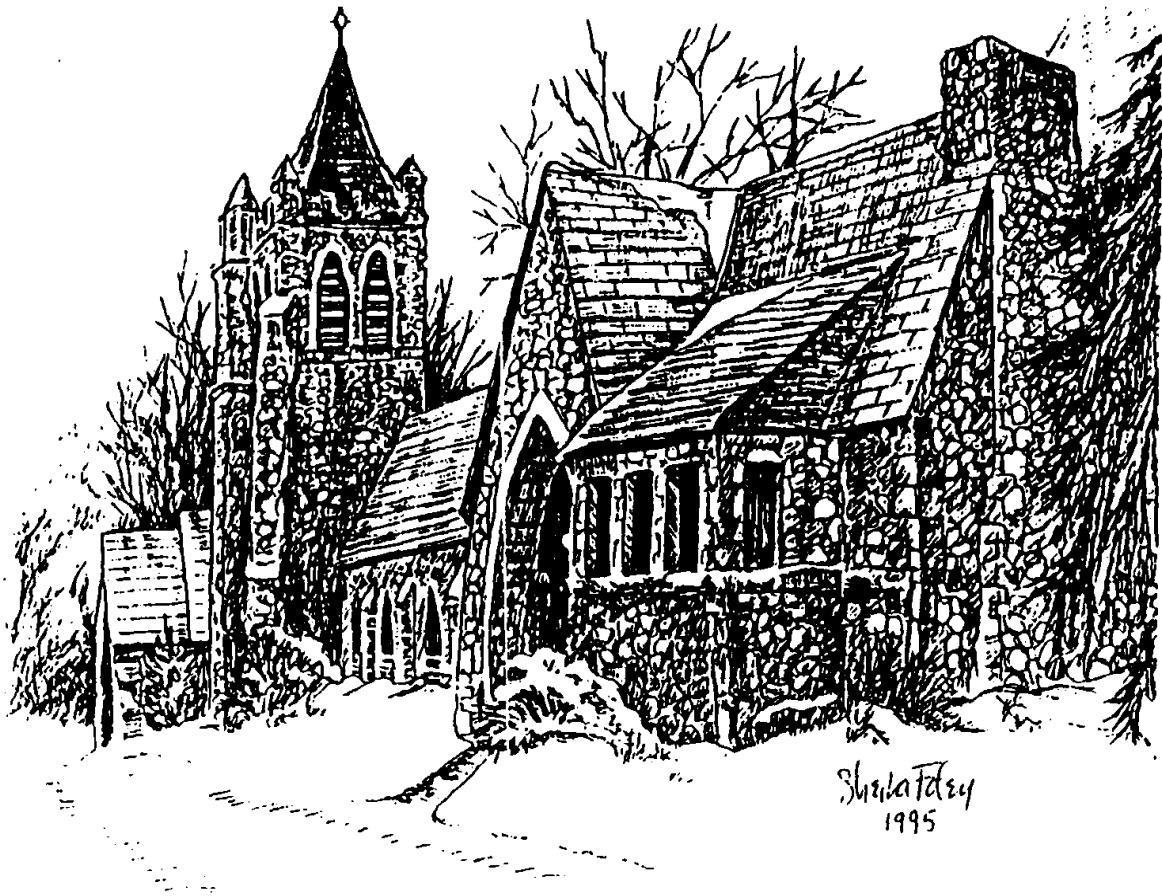


# A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Robert J. Friesner

December 25, 1944 – May 9, 2022



## All Saints' Episcopal Church

10 Billerica Road, Chelmsford MA 01824

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11:00AM, May 20, 2022

*The Liturgy for the Burial of the Dead is an Easter liturgy no matter what time of year. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. The Liturgy is characterized by joy in the certainty that “nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39).*

*This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice in the gift of the resurrection for all who believe, we in sorrow support Bob’s family and friends in their time of loss with the comfort we ourselves receive from our Lord, Christ Jesus. Your presence here today is deeply appreciated.*

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. We also ask all to wear masks in order to ensure the health of those around you.*

Hymns are at the end of the program.

**Prelude:** *Pastoral Symphony*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

## **The Tolling of the Bell**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Procession with Anthem** *(Please Stand)*

Celebrant: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever  
liveth and believeth in me shall never die (John 11:25).

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we  
live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore,  
or die, we are the Lord’s (Romans 14:7-8).

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from  
their labors (Revelation 14:13).

**Opening Hymn 690:** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Tune: *CWM Rhondda*

#### **Opening Collects:**

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy  
servant Bob Friesner, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the

fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People      Amen.**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Bob. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion in this life. In your boundless compassion, console us as we mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until by your call we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People      Amen.**

### **First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

Reader: A Reading from the book of Lamentations

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader      The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 23** *(Read in Unison)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord for ever.

**Hymn 362:** *Holy, holy, holy* omit \* vs

Tune: *Nicaea*

**Gospel Reading: John 5:24-27**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Reflections**

**Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

**The Apostles' Creed** (*Stand, sit, or kneel as you are able*)

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us profess our faith and say,

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who  
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried. He  
descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the  
holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers** (*Stand, sit, or kneel as you are able*)

- Litanist      In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Amen.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve thee with steady hearts.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
- People**      **Amen.**
- Litanist      Grant us grace to entrust Bob to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.
- People**      **Amen.**

Litanist Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

**People** Amen.

Celebrant Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** Amen.

*(A moment of silence is observed).*

Father of all, we pray to you for Bob, and for all those whom we love but see no longer, Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May Bob's soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**People** Amen.

## **The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**People** And with your spirit.

**Offertory:** *Lead me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore with

Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus

S114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

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

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and

glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

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.



## Fraction Anthem

S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

## Prayer of Humble Access

People: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## Invitation

Celebrant: Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, these are 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.

*Following ushers, everyone is invited to come forward to the rail around the altar. At this time, the common cup will not be shared, but the consecrated bread will be and it alone constitutes what we understand to be communion. Please return to your seat with the bread and consume it there. If you wish to come forward for a blessing alone, please indicate it by crossing your arms across your chest.*

**Communion Music:** *The Faithful Shepherd*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

## The Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

**People:** where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Bob. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Tune: *Ora Labora*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Officiant	The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet
Organist	Dr. Carl Klein
Crucifer	Edith Parekh
Lectors	Lynne McSheehy, David Weller-Fahy
Litanist	Lois Freeman
Ushers	Rob Strain, Steve Sullivan, Dave Ducharme
Acolytes	Ben & Sam Friesner
Reflections	Richard Friesner, Laura Barry, Debi Sirinani

*All are invited to a reception directly after the service in the Parish Hall.*

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Robert J. "Bob" Friesner, age 77, a resident of North Chelmsford, formerly of Albuquerque, NM, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Lowell General Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen A. "Kate" Friesner with whom he shared almost 46 years of marriage.

Bob was born in Pasadena, CA on December 25, 1944, and was raised in Azusa, CA as the only child of the late Samuel R. and Edith (Frank-Jones) Friesner.

He earned a BA in history from UC Riverside, an MA in Asian History from the University of Kansas, and an MBA from UCLA. Bob held various positions in finance and accounting ultimately settling in Albuquerque, NM with his wife where they raised their son Richard.

During his life Bob traveled extensively. Following the completion of his MA, Bob spent two years conducting research on Chinese History in Taiwan on a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship. While there he became fluent in Mandarin which led to him serving as an interpreter for one of the first groups of Chinese National Scholars to visit the U.S. following the opening up of China to the West. He spent extensive time in the Philippines working on a team overseeing the relocation of a power plant from Colorado. Bob and Kate also vacationed in North and Central America, Europe, and Asia. On their trip to the Chinese mainland, the Chinese were wowed by his fluent Mandarin.

Richard's birth drew them both back to their episcopal roots. They worshipped at several churches, spending more than 20 years at St John's Cathedral in Albuquerque, and the last 5 years at All Saint's in Chelmsford. Bob said of his time at St. John's that he held every job possible with the exception of that of ordained priest.

Bob's service to the community was not limited to the church. As a youth he held several leadership positions within his boy scout troop and the Order of the Arrow and served as the Student Body President his senior year of high school. As an adult he spent decades as a member of Civitans where he worked on countless projects, many directed towards children and adults with special needs.

Service was a hallmark of Bob's life and his true passion resided with the Boy Scouts of America which he told Kate "saved him" by providing him with purpose, direction and a support system, following the death of his father when he was in junior high. He has served in various positions at both the pack and troop levels ever since, attending countless meetings, events, and trips both with his son and his grandsons. He was affectionately called "Sir Bob" by the scouts of Troop 77, a name he earned while attending summer camp with them last July. This year he was to receive his 30-year service pin.

After retiring Bob and Kate relocated from Albuquerque to be closer to their two grandsons first to Fredericksburg, VA and most recently to North Chelmsford, MA where he quickly threw himself into service to the community at the Senior Center, All Saints Episcopal Church, Pack 70, and Troop 77.

Other hobbies that Bob enjoyed included gardening, chess, pool, bowling, and golf. He spent hours planning and tending his vegetable garden each year and could be seen completing projects in the yard almost daily. He played chess and poker with his grandsons at the kitchen table, and they loved going to play pool with him at the senior center on early release days from school.

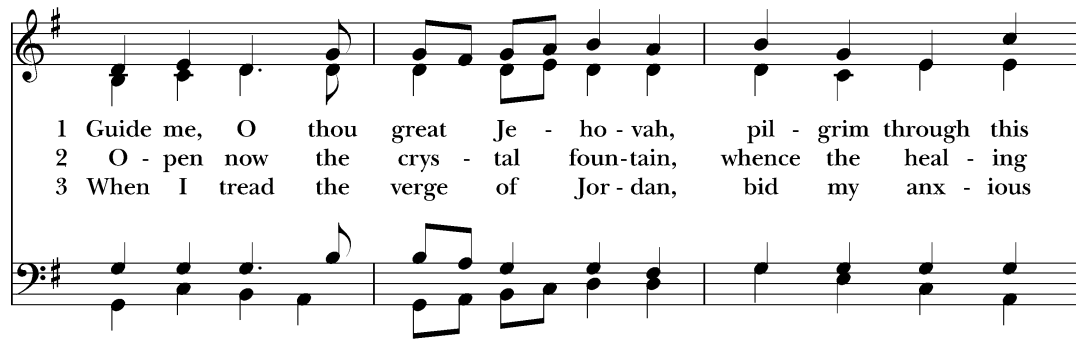
Bob lived by the Scout Oath and embodied the 12 tenets of the Scout Law and as a result his life was full of friendship, fellowship, community, and love.

In addition to his loving wife, Bob leaves his son and daughter-in-law; Richard K. Friesner and Bethany K. Friesner and two cherished grandsons, Benjamin E. & Samuel K. Friesner all of North Chelmsford.

Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to support scouting at WCUMC. Please make checks payable to BSA Pack 70 and mail to WCUMC, 242 Main Street, North Chelmsford, MA 01863.

# Opening Hymn 690: *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Tune: *CWM Rhondda*



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



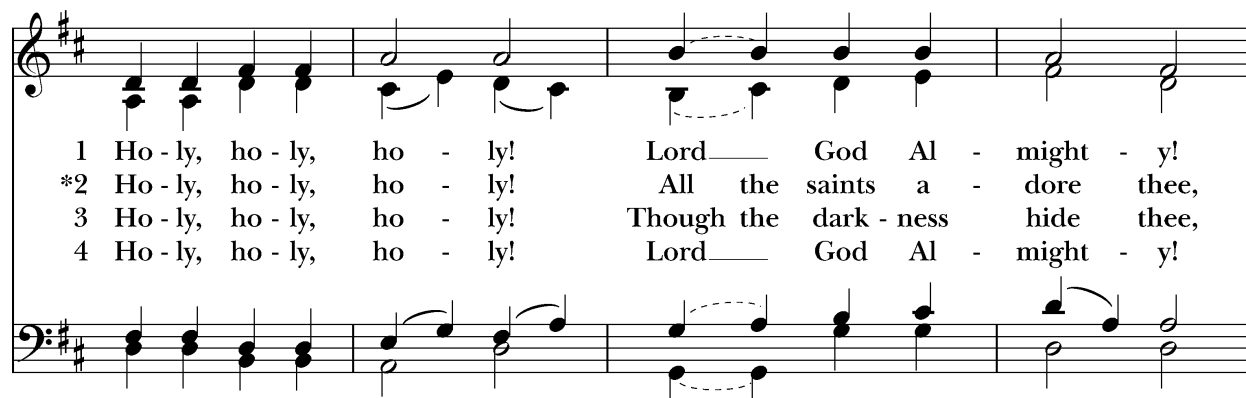
bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

# Hymn 362: *Holy, holy, holy* omit \* vs

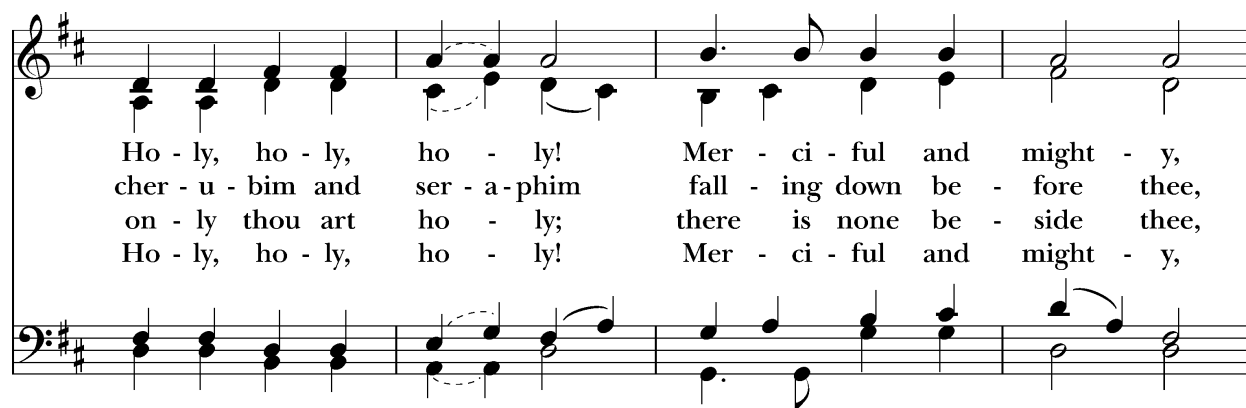
Tune: *Nicaea*




1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



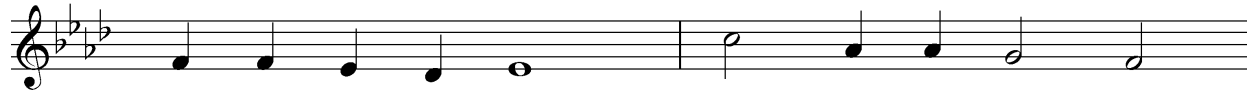
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

# Hymn 541: *Come, labor on*

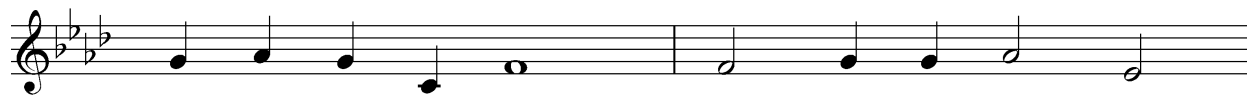
Tune: *Ora Labora*



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a - gents	
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to -	day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered	not.		
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous	will.	
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun, —	“Ser - vants,	well	done.”	