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The Steeple



Feb. 17, 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Wisdom of Winter

Lent has gotten off to an unusual start hasn't it? Nevertheless, unusual might be considered usual after the past year we've all had. Rather than being blindsided and paralyzed, however, I think we have all learned a thing or two about adaptability, resilience, and just how important our relationships are. And so, it is with an eager expectation that I am looking forward to gathering with you next Wednesday evening to celebrate our new

relationship and our ministry to and with each other.

Almost every day I walk down to Metcalf Hall in order to get Margaret's daily report and the best cup of coffee in town! Move over Weeze's. And when I do that, I walk past a wall of folks whose portraits bear witness to the fact that all of them have left a little piece of themselves here. I know that standing on this side of one of those pictures that they left a part of themselves here because they found something they loved – just as I have. Each one of those faces is a story of countless relationships and one word that binds us all together – service. I'm excited to serve alongside you, to walk beside you, and to join with you in ministry.

During the Induction the new minister is invested with many things: a bible, water, a stole, a Book of Common Prayer, oil, keys, the Canons, and finally bread and wine. It's quite the list. Nevertheless, it strikes me that all of these things are shared. All of these things are ours. They are ours because we do not walk this journey of faith alone. We need each other. And we cannot do what we do without one another. I celebrate that! I love that about us.

One starlit night a woman who was in the winter of her life looked across the dance floor smiling as she took in her granddaughter waltzing on her wedding day. I noticed her taking it all in with such joy. It was the kind of joy that called out to be shared in. So, I went to sit next to her and heard her story. I will tell you about it sometime, however, it is what she said to me right before she left that evening that I'll never forget. She said, "I've lived a good life. The end is

close and I'm okay with that. I just make sure that, now more than ever, I am present for the beginning of things." For in the beginning of things there is a desire and a destination to be prayed for and, if we are lucky, witnessed.

And so, you and I begin. We begin together.

Deep Peace,

Fr. Nick

A Shrove Tuesday Blessing

Our Young Disciples were hard at work on Saturday the 13th making more than 40 casseroles and 200 cookies! Thanks to everyone who ordered, we were able to pay back our grocery bill and make some extra money for the Young Disciples. What a joy it was to spend the day in the kitchen with such amazing young people, making food to feed other people in our church community!







Meet the 2021 Vestry

The congregation elected three new members to the St. Luke's Vestry at the annual meeting earlier this month. Their elections put the Vestry at "full strength" with 10 members not including the senior and junior wardens, who attend every meeting with Fr. Nick as chair.

The new members join those previously elected and who, at the request of the senior warden, agreed in December to extend their normal three-year terms by an additional one year. This extension was recommended in order to facilitate the church's transition to a new rector and to provide ongoing support from the Vestry members who, acting as the official search committee, were instrumental in bringing Fr. Nick to St. Luke's.

Below is a little background on the new Vestry members, presented in their own words.

Karole Cozby (1-year term replacing a vacancy)

I've been a member of St. Luke's since moving here from Texas in January of 1969. I've been asked to serve a one-year term on the Vestry and to tell you a little about my story and relationship with St. Luke's. My husband Jerry and I moved here when he assumed the position of head golf professional at Hillcrest Country Club. We have three grown sons, Cary, Craig and Chance who grew up at ST. Luke's and were active in the acolyte program. Not long after moving here I joined St. Ursula's Altar Guild under the direction of Gay Morris and continued to be active until my husband retired at the end of 2009. Over the course of many years, I served as chairmen of the ever-famous St. Luke's Bazaar and also of Christian Education when the boys were in school. I served on the Vestry for a three-year term from 2005-2007 and was assigned to Inreach for all three years. I'm honored to be asked to serve once more.

Chad Ellis (2-year term replacing a vacancy)

I moved to Bartlesville eight years ago from Ithaca, NY to work at the Research Center. I currently work for Chevron Phillips. I have a PhD in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon and a bachelors in Chemistry from Washington and Lee. My wife, Blair. And I have been married for 15 years and have four kids (Arason, Oliver, Everett, and Grayson). I was raised in the Episcopal church and have enjoyed attending St. Luke's for the last several years.

Nancy Megee (2-year term replacing a vacancy)

I grew up in Kansas City. I was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Andrews's Episcopal church, Kansas City, Mo., moved to Bartlesville for the first time in 1988, moved away, and returned in 1993. I have been here ever since. My husband and I raised our two children: Patrick and Emily here. Both were confirmed at St. Luke's. I spent many years as a volunteer in the school district with PTO's and the All Sports Booster Club. I currently work part time for Farmers Insurance and enjoy ushering at church one Sunday a month.

Other Vestry Members

Agreeing to extend their Vestry terms are: Penny Williams, Nancy Woods, Katherine Powell, Steve VanAken, Heather Boyle, Nancy Warring and Karl Franks. Dan Droege is senior warden and Doug McIver is junior warden. The Vestry is led by the rector, Fr. Nick Phares.



We request your prayers and presence in the joyful

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY for

The Reverend Nicholas I. Phares

Wednesday, February 24th 5:30 p.m 210 E. 9th Street, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

The Right Rev. Poulson Reed, Bishop of Diocese of Oklahoma Presiding

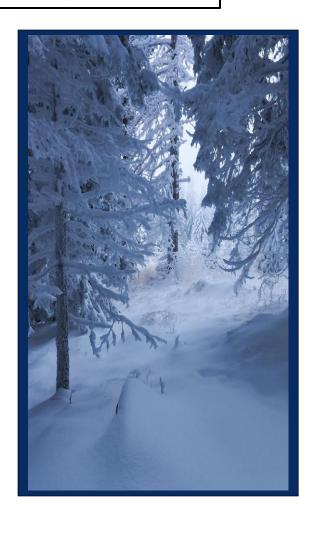
Please call the church office for reservations to attend in person or go to our website for directions to join us virtually.

918-336-1212 or episcopalbartlesville.org

COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."



Note: Special Office Hours Next Week

Monday – 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 25

10:45 am – 1 pm: Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Jeff Birk

Thursday, March 11

10:45 am − 1 pm: Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary



St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the bulletin, which follows this newsletter in the Prayers of the People section.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

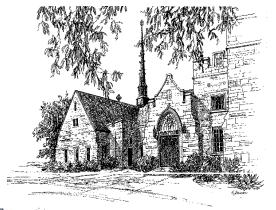
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

Planning to attend the upcoming 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday service?

If you have a standing reservation, there's no need to call. However, if you've not been attending regularly in-person – Reserve your spot by emailing to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling 918-336-1212.

Alert on solicitations...

Be aware — No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



Feb. 17 -28 & Leap Year Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthdays Anniversaries

Sarah Finch, Feb. 17 Xavier Nelson, Feb. 17 Mary Ann Clem, Feb. 18 Doug Rhett, Feb. 18 Tom Droege, Feb. 18 Jim Grillot, Feb. 19 Everett Ellis, Feb. 20 Ada Gurule, Feb. 23 Mary Robinson, Feb. 29



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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: #150 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You're your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Celebrant then 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*.

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves younot as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Sequence Hymn: G#159 "Deep Within"

The Gospel Mark 1:9-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well

pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Nick Phares

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:

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.

One 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

Celebrant

God made a covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the clouds. Let us pray for all the descendants of Noah, and especially for those preparing for baptism.

Lay Reader

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

For this parish that we may be faithful to our mission and respond to the spiritual needs of those around us with compassion, joy, and truth. Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For Poulson our bishop, for priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all the peoples of the earth who share God's covenant of peace. Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need. Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Milton Enderlin, Mary Gillett, Linda Piper, Terry Piper, Leaona Dobbs, Connie Woods, Tracy Dobbs, Liz Green, Matt French, Shellie Greggs, Suzanne Reed, Emily DeGraffenried, Joseph Louis, Lynetta Jackson, Lorrie Loy, Kyle Frohlic, Matt French, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Sydney & Ed Beasley, Rob Boyle, Marcia Zervas, Aaron Williams, Bruce, Clara, Peggy, Joe, Sandra, Lysa, Helen, Kristin, and Scott. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift up to you all caregivers. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill, and courage so that they may minster your love to the suffering. Embrace them with your loving mercy so that they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest and renewal. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always, may your words speak through them and sustain them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you saved us from the flood and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive sons and daughters into your family, wash them in the waters of new life, and feed them with your body and blood. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements: Father Nick Phares

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offeratory Hymn: #306 "Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest"

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The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

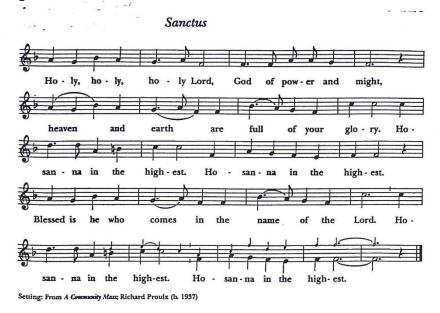
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:



The people stand or kneel.

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;

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**.

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

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*.



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

Post Communion Prayer

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*.

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: #143 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

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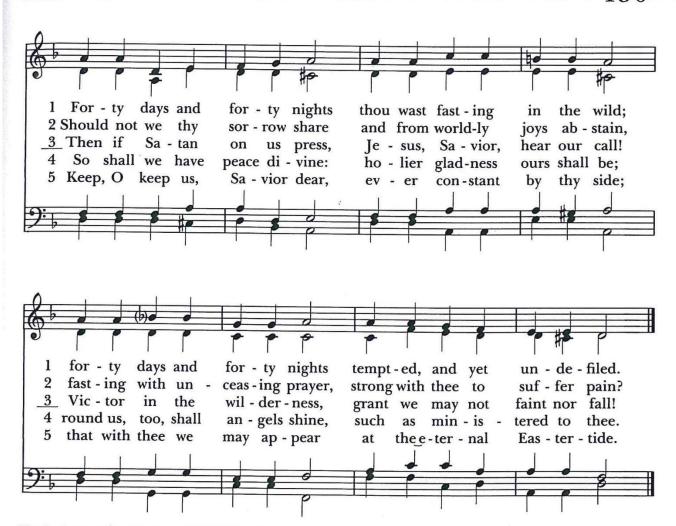
Dismissal

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Lent

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Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.;

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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LENT & HOLY WEEK Deep Within 159 Refrain Deep with - in I will plant my law, but in not on stone, your heart. Fol - low I will bring you me, back, you will be my own, I and will be your God. Verses 1. I will give you a new heart, it spir witha new D.C.in you, for I will be your strength. 2. Seek my face, and God, see your for 3. Return to with heart, me, all your and D.C.

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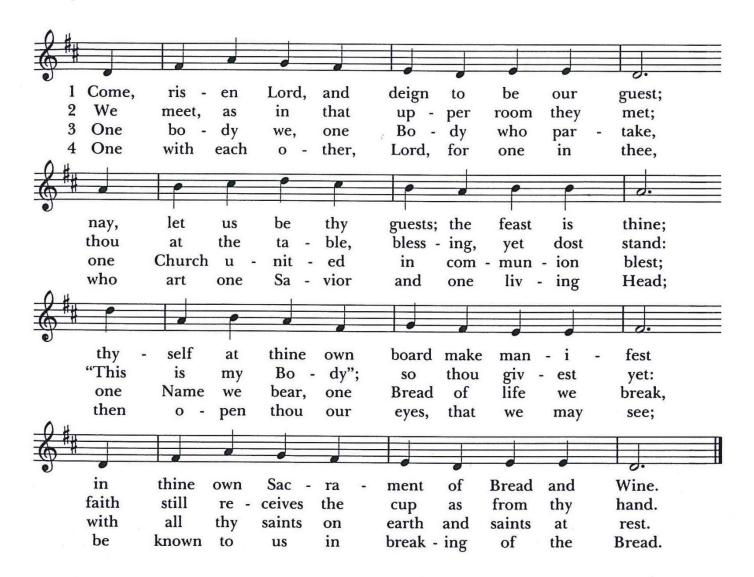
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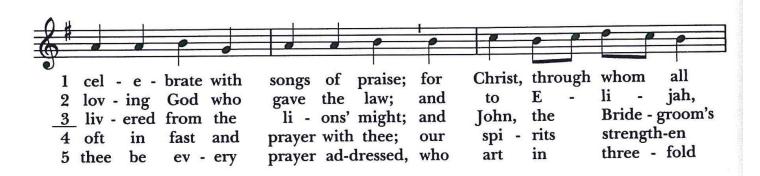
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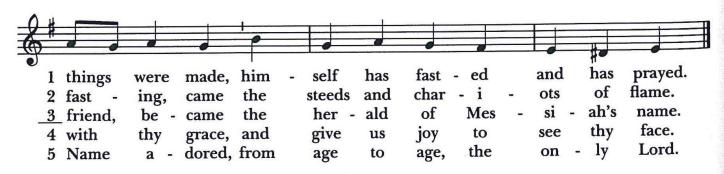
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