

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2025

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

The Word of God

Table with 2 columns: Service Item and Location/Arranger. Includes Voluntary: A Song Of Paul, Processional Hymn #376, Opening Acclamation & Response, The Collect for Purity, Gloria in excelsis, S280, The Collect for the Day, The First Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Sequence Hymn #477, The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14, The Sermon, The Nicene Creed, The Prayers of the People – Form II, The Confession & Absolution, The Peace, and Announcements.

The Great Thanksgiving

Table with 2 columns: Service Item and Location/Arranger. Includes Offertory Sentence, Anthem: Treasures In Heaven, Presentation of Offerings, The Doxology – Hymn #380, Our Fathers’ God, To Thee – Hymn #717, vs. 4, Eucharistic Prayer B, The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, S129, and The Amen.



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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Melissa Drake in loving memory of Evans Drake.

We welcome our guest soprano, Laraine Minetree Smith. Laraine studied classical voice and opera at Virginia Commonwealth University. Since that vocal training, she has performed on stage in community theatre, soloed with the Petersburg, Virginia symphony, and sings for municipal events, law enforcement, and military ceremonies. Laraine often appears as a soloist for weddings and funerals and on a regular basis presents solo vocal recitals across Virginia. She currently sings in the choir at Christ and Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg, Virginia.

We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.

- OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
LAY READERS – Jeff Lighthiser & Nancy Nagel
ACOLYTE – Kate Hott
ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere
GREETER – Penny Sawyer
CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
TELLER – Roy McLoed
COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall
NURSERY – Jenny Karluk
USHER – David Martin
VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Bill Moore and Ronnie Rice.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Lawrence Mitchell, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Kim McFadden, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Frank Morton, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges and Pat Akers.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Mary Kay Gates	8/31	Jim Smith	9/5
Scott Badin	9/3		

**Happy Anniversary to the following**

Pat & Larry Rock	8/31	Kelly & Jim Tartaglia	9/1
Elisabet & Nathan Goodwyn	9/1	Peggy & Randy Blunt	9/5

**Announcements**

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Worship Committee Meeting: Today** in the parlor following fellowship time.
- ❖ **Women’s Bible Study** will meet **Tuesday, September 2, at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;> Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study: Wednesday, September 3, at 9:15 AM:** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **First Fridays - Welcome Newcomers: Friday, September 5, at 5:30 PM.** Come and meet our new faces at Manakin and get your picture updated for the directory. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ❖ **Blessing of Backpacks: Sunday, September 7.** Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a back-to-school prayer and blessing.

- ❖ **Sit & Stitch Craft Night: Monday, September 8.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club** will have its first book discussion of our 2025 - 2026 Reading Year on **Tuesday, September 9, at 5 PM** in the Church Parlor. We will discuss The Guest List by Lucy Foley; a murder mystery set during a wedding on an island off the coast of Ireland. Newcomers welcome!" For more information contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com)
- ❖ **Ladies’ Night Out: Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 PM** at Palermo’s, Westchester. Please contact Beverly Whitley at [beverlyrwhitley@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyrwhitley@gmail.com) or cell phone: 804-499-0886 if you plan to attend.
- ❖ **Men of the Church: Saturday, September 13, at 8 AM.** This will be a leisurely breakfast followed by a discussion led by our own Tom Hillsman, Manakin Stew Master. Tom will talk about the Brunswick Stew Event, his experiences and insights over the years he has been the Stew Master and answer any questions you may have about this year’s stew preparation and sale in October. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, September 14, at 9 AM.** Our guest speaker will be Katie Harrison. She will be discussing ways that we can “Make a Habit of Faith”. There will be activities for everyone, so bring the whole family!
- ❖ **Manakin Homecoming: Sunday, October 5** – Invite friends old and new to join us for our 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming. Parish cookout and picnic will follow the 10 AM service.
- ❖ **Save the Date: Manakin Church Bazaar - November 22, from 10 AM - 3 PM in Denny Hall.** We are looking for talented & crafty vendors, artisans, DIY and small businesses. No charge for tables or space. Asking for 10% of proceeds to go to Outreach activities and projects. If you are interested, call, text or email Ginger Marsh at [gkm722@aol.com](mailto:gkm722@aol.com); 804-837-9381.
- ❖ **Save the Date: Founders Day, Sunday, December 7.** Please join us as we celebrate the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Manakin Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes, officiating with special guests from our community.
- ❖ **Greeters Needed:** Please consider joining the Greeter team. Greeters are needed for the weekly services as well as for special services and events. Please contact Penny Sawyer at [pennyhsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:pennyhsawyer@gmail.com), 804-651-7858, or Christine Charbonneau at [cpcharbo@gmail.com](mailto:cpcharbo@gmail.com), 804-306-1351.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. We will start back in September. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-651-7858.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. Current needs are **canned items: fruits, potatoes, carrots, beets, baked beans, navy beans and dry goods needed: instant grits/oatmeal and muffin mix/corn muffin mix.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. [Betsy.moore5@icloud.com](mailto:Betsy.moore5@icloud.com) Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as “Kongs”), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note “Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund” to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!
- ❖ **A Big Thank You! Plastic Bag Recycle Program Goal Met!** Manakin Church joined the Salisbury Garden Club to collect a 1,000 pounds of plastic and to receive another bench for our Prayer Garden. **We have reached our goal!** We appreciate all those who have collected and contributed to this effort. We especially thank Jean Hillsman who made weigh-ins and donations for us. The Prayer Garden will be enhanced by this nice addition.

### The Collect

#### Traditional

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Contemporary

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 81:1, 10-16

#### *Exultate Deo*

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

**The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relative“ or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**Processional Hymn #376 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Sequence Hymn #477 – All Praise To Thee

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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Communion Hymn #321 – My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

## Communion Hymn #541 – Come, Labor On



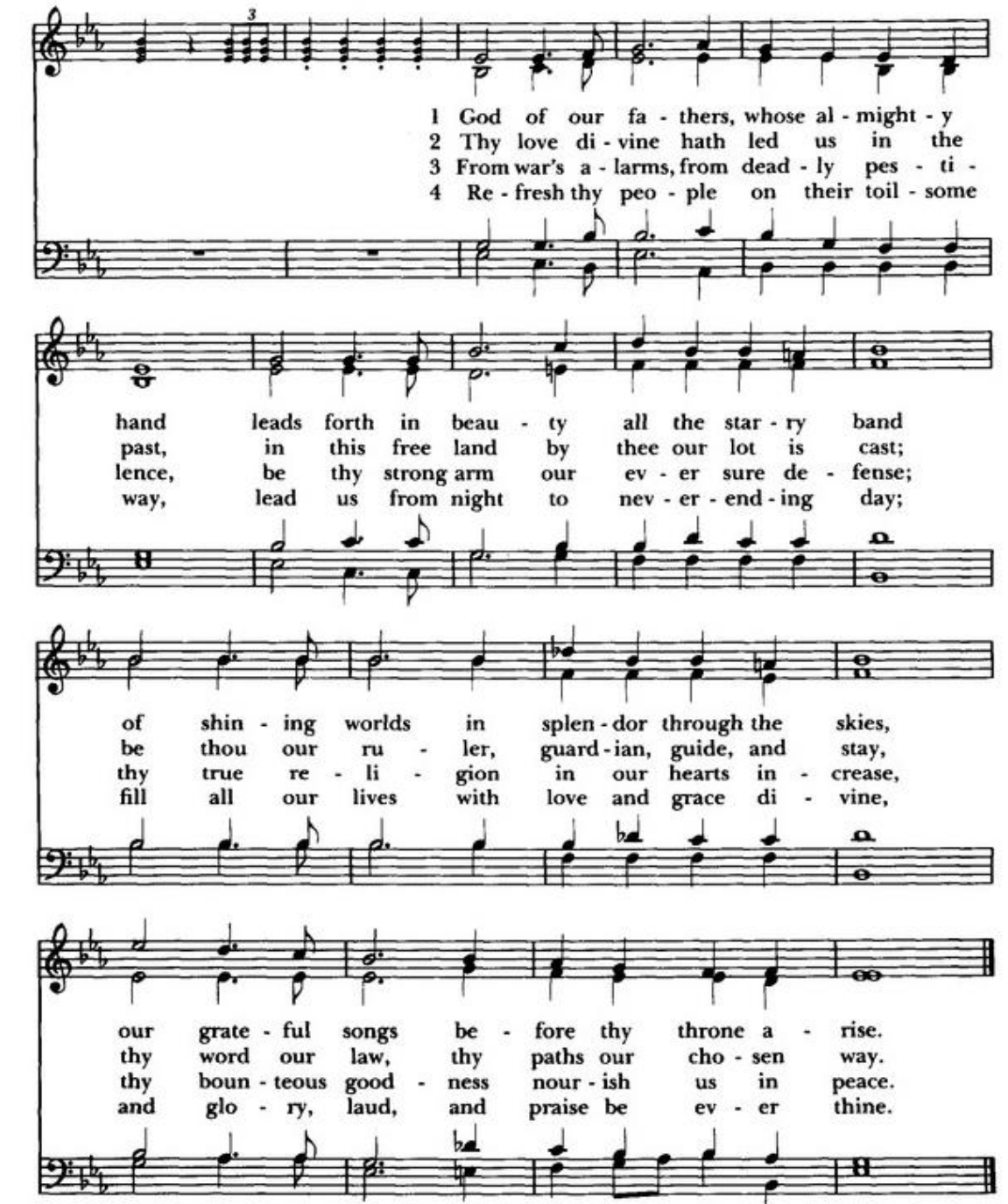
1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

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."

## Closing Hymn #718 – God Of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.