Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, November 15, 2026

Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

Salutation Book of Common Prayer p. 323

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

Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings (See 11:00am service)

The First Lesson Judges 4:1-7

The Psalm Psalm 123

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Confession of Sin Book of Common Prayer p. 331

Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II Book of Common Prayer p. 340

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Prayer of Humble Access Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal
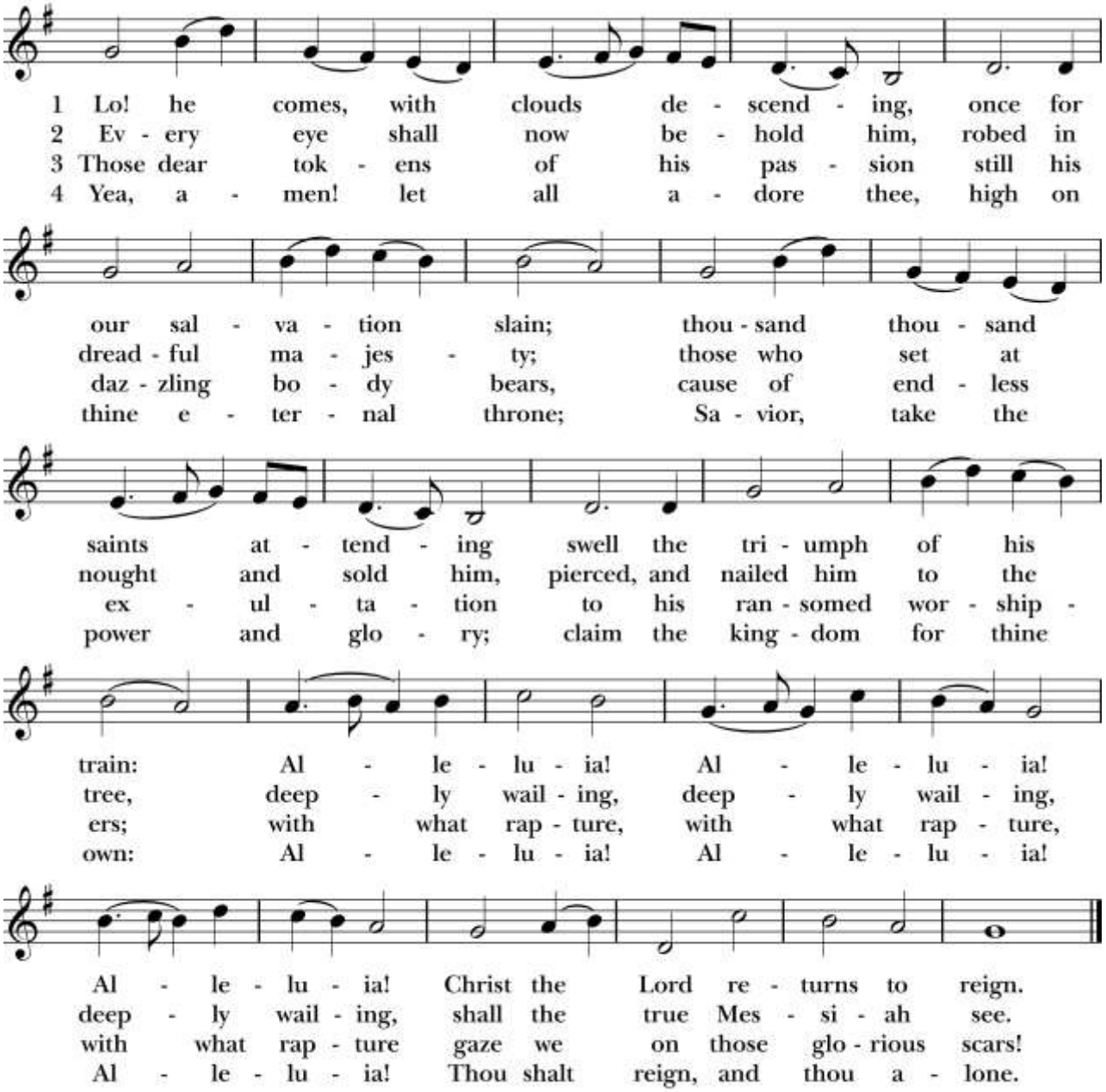
Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:
9:00am
EMs: Kathy Wright, Deanna DuBose; **Lector:** Kanute Rarey;
Intercessor: Kathy Wright; **Usher:** Joe Rybicki; **Altar Guild:** Gail Criss;
VPOD: Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki;
Flower Guild: Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude As With Gladness C. Kocher
As We Gather N. Gedenckclanck
Sax Appeal Saxophone Ensemble:
Harry Baughn, Alan Denmon, Wes Jennings, Teresa Lemaire

Processional *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* Hymnal 57



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Salutation

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

Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Gloria Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

The First Lesson Judges 4:1-7
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123
Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
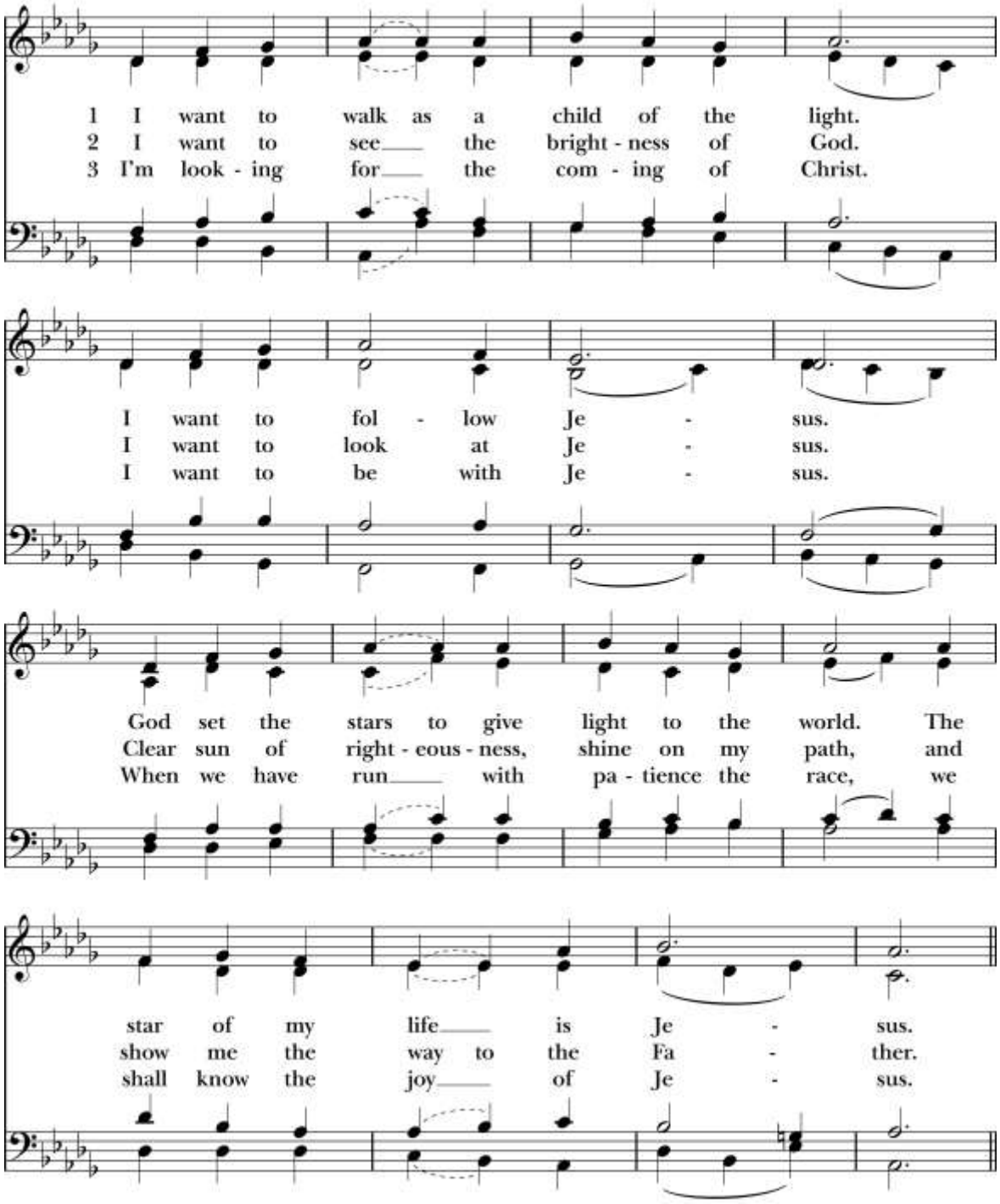
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.
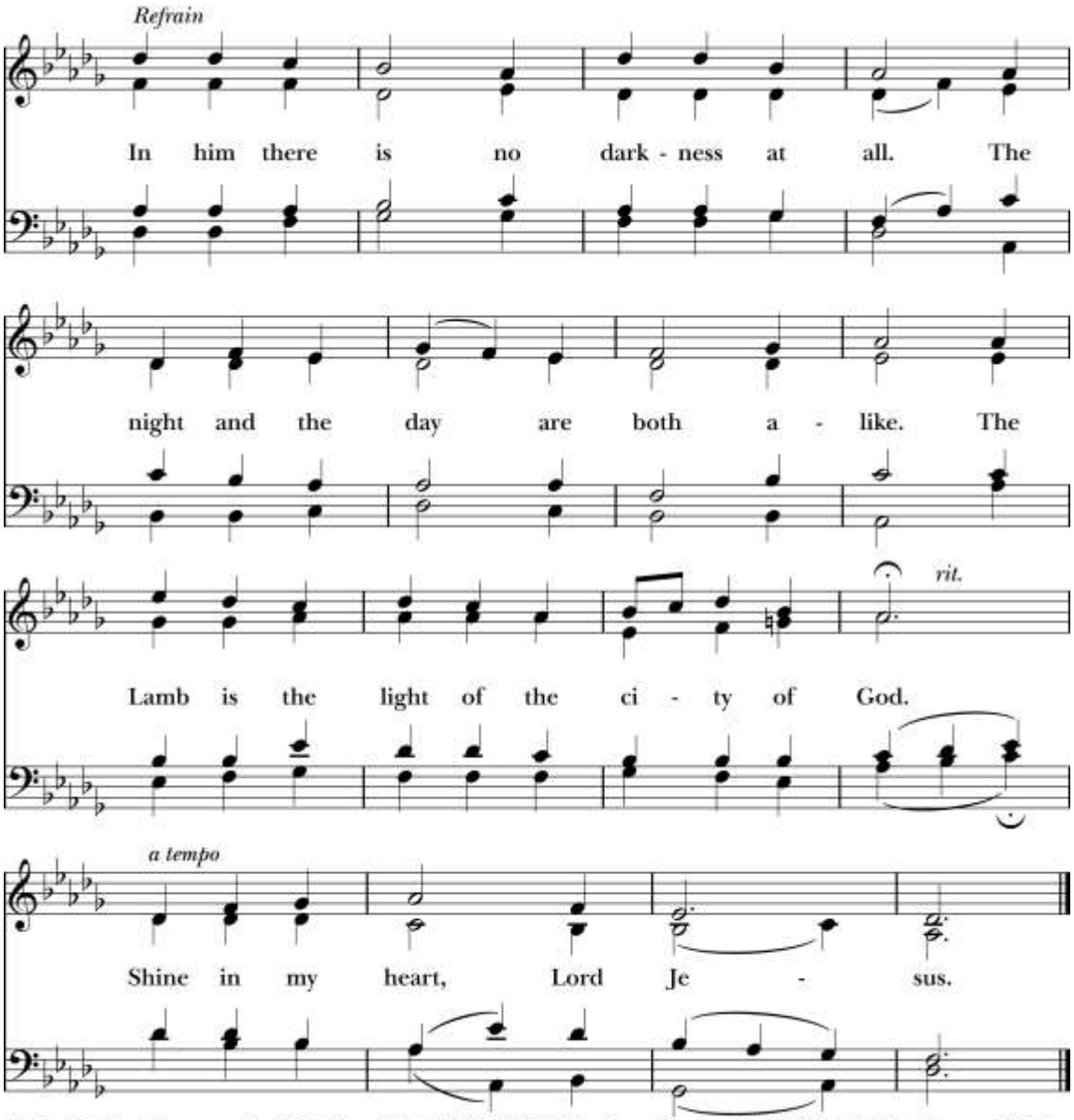
The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light (v. 1-2)* Hymnal 490





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Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,

‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light (v. 3)* Hymnal 490

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form III Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Confession of Sin Book of Common Prayer p. 393
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory	Now Thank We All Our God	J. Cruger
	Faith of Our Fathers	H. F. Hemy
	For the Beauty of the Earth	C. Kocher
	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Nettleton
	Sax Appeal	
Doxology *(v. 3)*		Hymnal 380
Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer A	Book of Common Prayer 361

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.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Sanctus S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
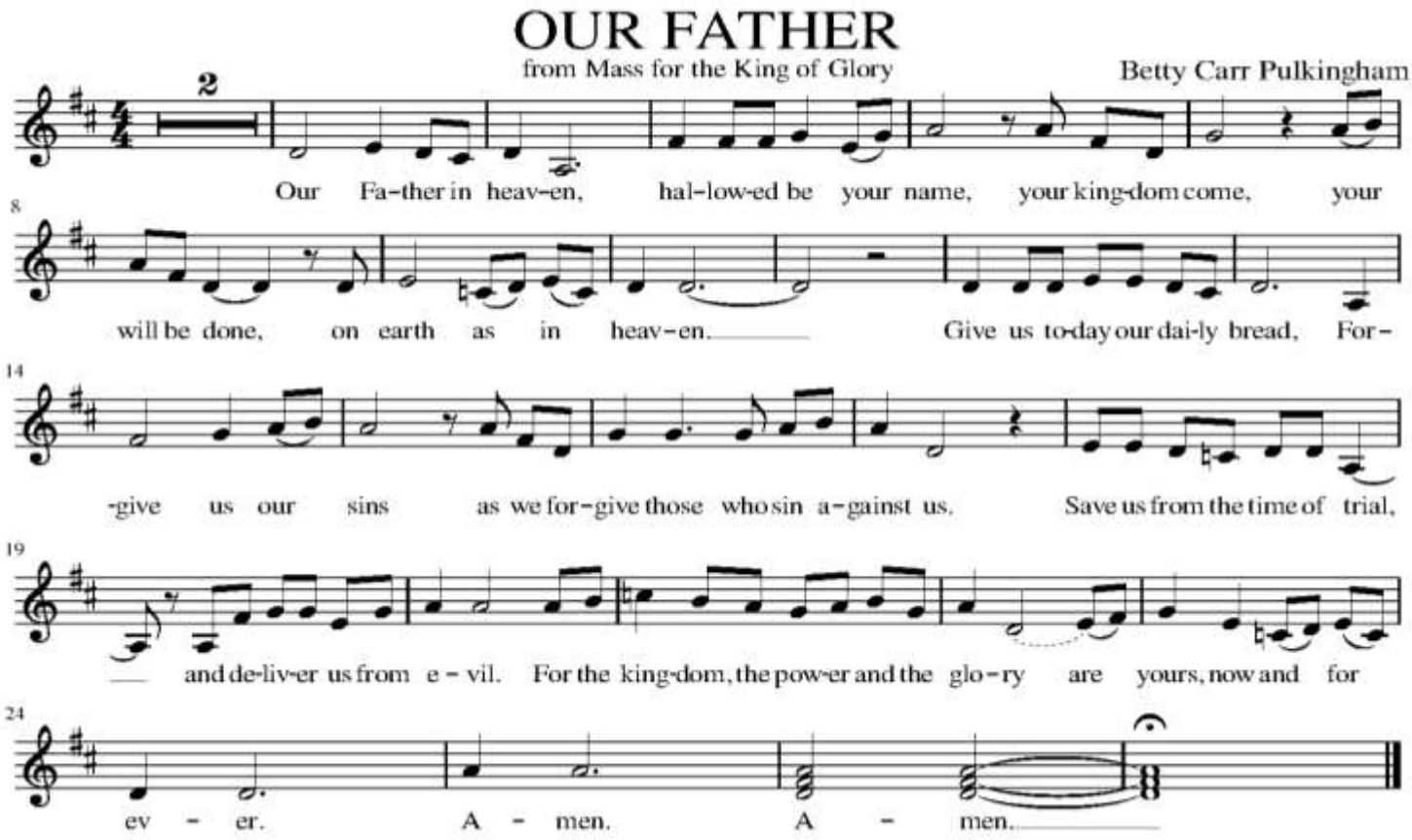
The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

Lord's Prayer
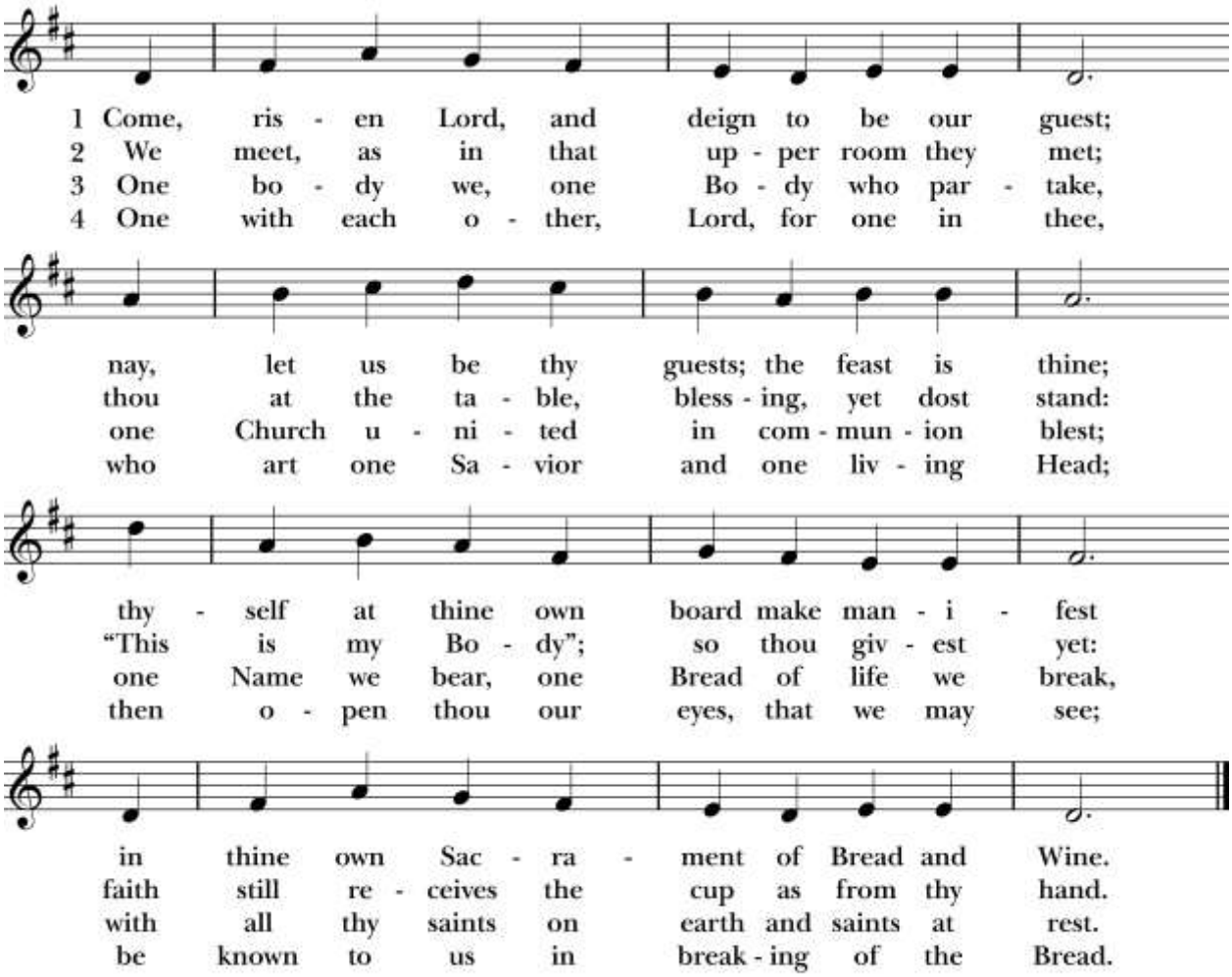


Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation to Communion

Communion *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest* Hymnal 306
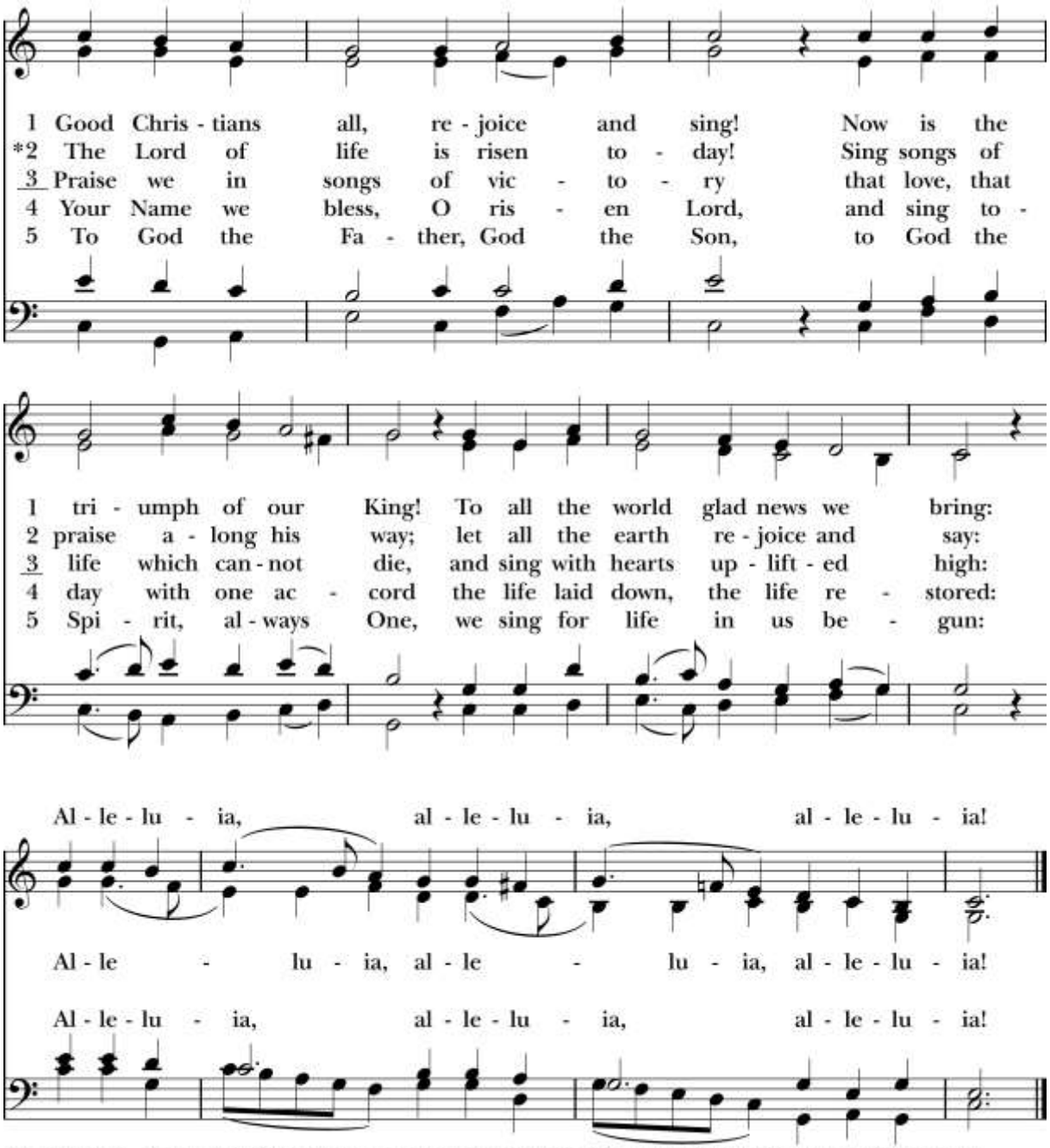


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Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing* Hymnal 205



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Dismissal

Postlude Thine Is the Glory G. F. Handel
Sax Appeal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:
11:00 am

EMs: Nora Broszeit, Ron Dutton; **Lector:** Laurel Adams; **Usher:** Sandy Freeman;
Altar Guild: Pat Halloran, Beth Hitchcock, Mary Stewart King;
Intercessor: Keith Christensen; **Altar Linens:** Mary Stewart King;
Nursery: Kathy Marcel, Helen Douylliez; **VPOD:** Phil Cox; **Ingles cards**: Dave Field;
Videographer: Mike Gora; **Flower Guild:** Joy Fox, Mili Arias, Aline Conley;
Greeter: Jan Freeman





In this season of gathering our pledges and making commitments of time and talent, we say thank you to all who have completed their stewardship tasks, and thank you in advance to those who will be completing them soon. Your commitment of time, talent and treasure today makes it possible to plan for the needs and obligations of our church, our congregation and community in 2027. As we enter the season of thanksgiving, we are especially grateful for each of you!

You are a generous and faithful community, and your gifts and generosity touch countless lives. Your willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures is a beautiful reflection of God's love at work among us.

So, we give you thanks, O God, for the people of Good Shepherd. Thank you for the many gifts you have placed in their hands and for their willingness to offer those gifts in service to your Kingdom. Thank you for the abundance of the harvest, for the blessings we receive each day, and for hearts filled with gratitude.

May you continue to bless this congregation, strengthen its faith, and guide its generosity, that all we do may bring glory to your name. Amen.

Vestry Elections

It is that time in the church year when three vestry members who have served their term will be seeking people to stand for election to replace them. Our nominating committee this year consists of outgoing members Betsi Wilson, Tawanna Dutton, Phil Cox; Deacon Turner Guidry, and previous vestry member Jan Freeman. If you have a church member who you believe would serve well as a vestry member, please get their permission before submitting their name to one of the nominating committee members; and call a committee person if you wish to submit your own name. For an overview of Vestry Responsibilities, please see the bulletin board in the hallway.

Your committee has prayed for discernment and guidance and will be calling parishioners to ask them if they will be willing to stand for election to serve a 3-year term on our vestry. So please also be praying the following: "Lord, I come before you with an open heart, seeking your wisdom and discernment as I consider serving on Good Shepherd's leadership team. Help me to see clearly where my gifts align with the needs of this community. Remove any motivations of pride or fear and replace them with a desire to love and shepherd your church. If this is your will for me, grant me the courage to step forward in faith. If it is not, give me peace to serve you in other ways. Above all, let your guidance be clear and your peace rule in my heart. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."





Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study - This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. This Bible Study has now resumed on Wednesdays at 1:00pm. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

Christmas Care - Good Shepherd is a major supporter of Christmas Care, a program that helps provide clothing to children in need. Last year Christmas Care helped meet the clothing needs of over 500 children and this year hopes to match or exceed last year's $75.00 per child amount, but it all depends on donations. How can you help? Good Shepherd is again putting up a Thanksgiving tree in the Narthex during November; when you make a donation in any amount you can place an ornament on the tree. Make your checks out to Good Shepherd with Christmas Care on the memo line. God is so good to us, one way we can give thanks is to cover our Thanksgiving tree with ornaments!

Holiday Reminiscing and your Family Stories is scheduled in our Parish Hall on **Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Coffee will be served beginning at 9:30am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information hallway bulletin board. Join fellow parishioner and storyteller Kanute Rarey in discussing how, when and where to tell your family stories this holiday season. What family history could you talk about this holiday? What's the best story about you that you haven't told your family yet? What do you want your family to remember and pass down to others? Invite friends and come and enjoy the morning with others preparing for the holidays. Bring memorabilia for inspiration.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner!
You are cordially invited to join us on Thanksgiving Day at 11:30am for an amazing feast! Church will be suppling turkey, ham, stuffing, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and smiling faces ☺ Please, sign-up in the Parish Hallway so that we can make sure we've got plenty of different food for everyone.

Save the Date: We will have an **Advent Quiet Day** event on Saturday morning, **December 5th, 10-12 in the Parish Hall**. More details will follow, but for now, save the date.

Attention Blood Donors! Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2026.
Good Shepherd will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You may sign up now for your preferred appointment time by calling 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.

Monthly Newsletter – If you have something you'd like published in the monthly newsletter, you must email it to Amanda at gsepiscopal@brmemc.net **no later than the 20th of the month preceding the month you would like the item to appear**. Anything received after the 20th of the month will not be in the newsletter until the following month.

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **November 17, 2026** are:

Town:	Aline Conley
City:	Linda Milt
Tusquittee:	David & Teresa Gribble

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit , Ann Wolf, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Jim Redmond, Cooper Godfrey, Jay Miller, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Jose and Mili Arias, Helga Reaves, Janet Beall , Kim Brabon, Jennifer Hiller, Deb Sellers, Kim Whitehearst, John Notchie, Pat and Graham Dixon, Glenn Marcel, Matt Cramer, Duncan Lawrence, the Waters family, Clyde Taylor, Wendy Lubers, Elise Curl, Diane Welton

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Intercessors Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday
November 16

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Library Maintenance
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday
November 17

Meals for Friends

10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
1:30 pm	Vestry Nominating Committee Meeting
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
5:30 pm	Cancer Support Group (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday
November 18

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday
November 19

Friday
November 20

Church Office Closed

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)

Saturday
November 21

9:00 am	A & S Program (Parish Hall): "Reminiscing - Family History and Stories"

Sunday
November 22

Christ the King (Last Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 pm	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence
The Rev. Beverly Lewis, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
Teresa Lemaire, Director of Music
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper
Kevin Conley, Treasurer
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

VESTRY
Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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