CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians of the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you wish to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

The Liturgy of the Word

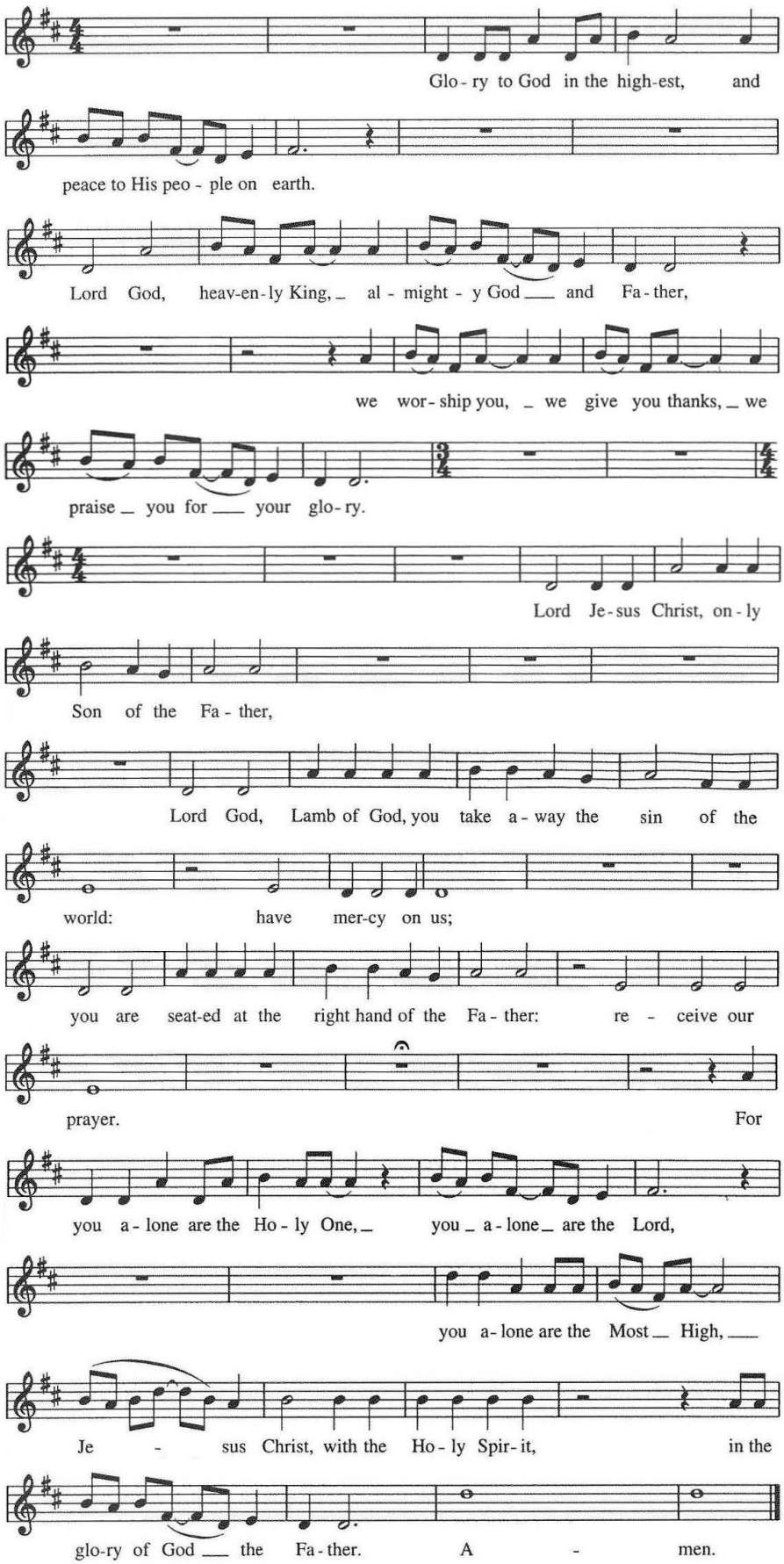
Prelude – Trio Sonata #3, BWV 527, ii. Adagio e dolce *J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #408 Sing praise to God who reigns above *Mit Freuden zart*

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Gloria ~ LEVAS II #241 Glory to God *David Hurd (1950–)*



The Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Exodus 32:1–14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum* (sung by Choir)

Alec Wyton (1921–2007)

Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Philippians 4:1–9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS II #109 What a friend we have in Jesus
Joseph Scriven (1819–1866) and Charles C. Converse (1832–1918)

Matthew 22:1–14
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon Kevin Olds

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

Holy God, creator and sustainer of life. We come together in prayer to put before you our needs and

our hopes that you may teach, encourage, tend and challenge us to engage with you as we live into our sacred stories.

God of Hope, we pray for our church leaders that their lives may be shaped by your grace and clarity and that they will lead us with humor, compassion and creativity, calling us to share with them our faith, love and hope to the world. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Melina, our Vicar/Chaplain; Bonnie, our Deacon; and all our priests associate.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Bold Vision, we pray for our Cathedral congregation and staff that during this time of transition our hearts and minds may be open to trust in your goodness and the knowledge that you are a constant presence guiding us in our lives.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for the leaders of our nation and every nation that they may come together to work toward a transformed world where all people thrive and live into their God created potential.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Creation, we give thanks for the rhythm of times and seasons. Make us more aware of the beauty around us and vigilant in our daily lives to respond with wisdom and foresight to the threat of climate change.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Healing, stay near to those who despair, those who live with illness and pain, and strengthen and encourage those who care for them. We prayer especially for: **Will, Kathleen R. Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Adrianne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Edgar, Goodwin, Pam, Allen and Sally M., Rayfield, Desiree, Evelyn O., Mark, Sharon, Phil, Norma, Viola, Jay, Peter, Reid, Yvonne, Emily,** and those we now name in our hearts. (*Pause*)

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of Comfort, we give thanks for the gift of those who have gone before us and for the ways they continue to enrich our lives and who now live with you and all the saints in heaven.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant
God our creator and sustainer, we ask that you hear our prayers offered this day by your faithful people. Give us strength and courage to walk on the path of Christ, and embolden us for mission to fulfill the purpose for which you have created us. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin
The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

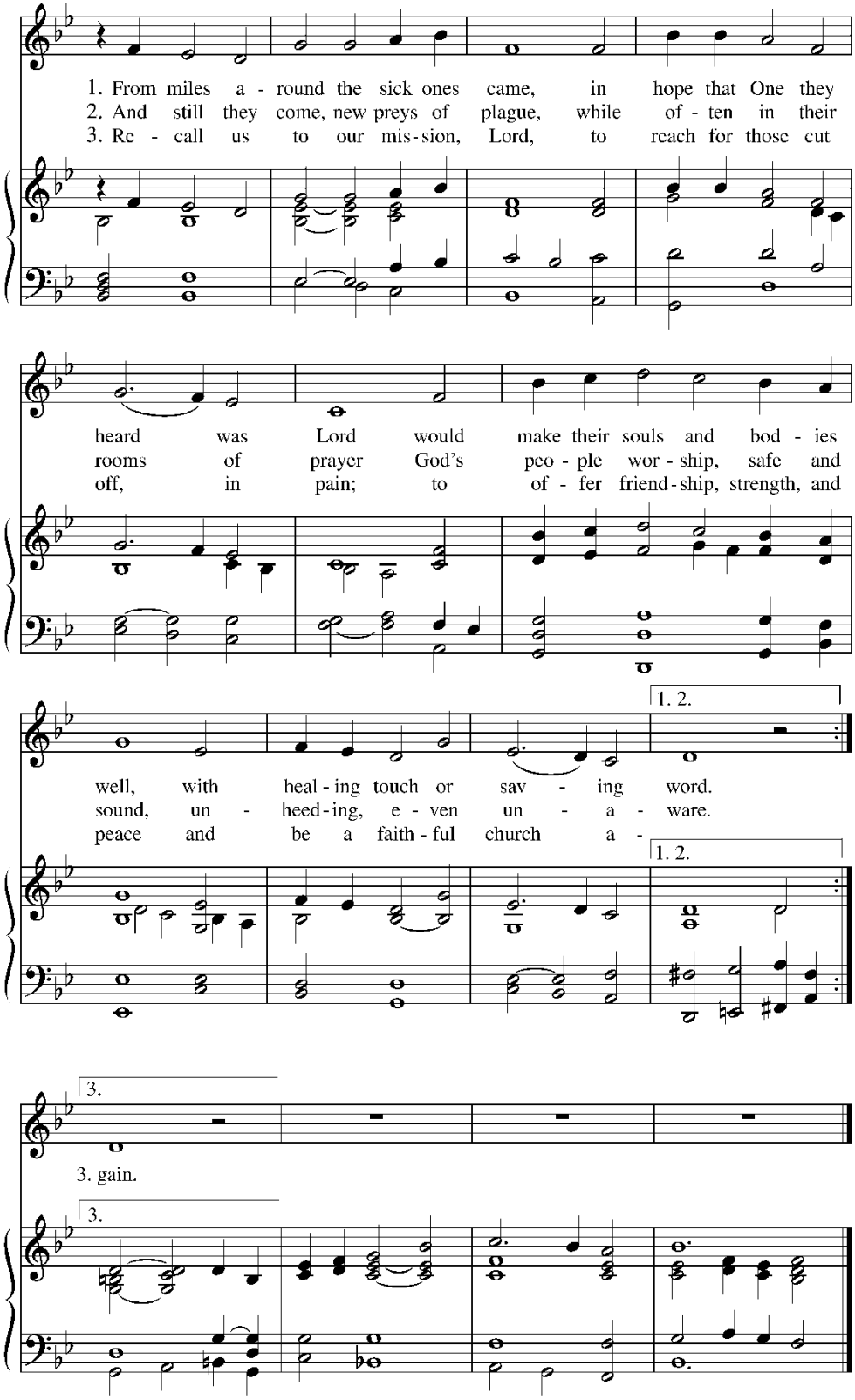
Minister and People
God of all mercy
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

At the 8:00 a.m. service, healing prayer is available in the chapel immediately following the service. At the 10:00 a.m. service on the second Sunday of the month, we offer a time for healing prayers and anointing with Holy oil. If you desire a prayer for healing, please come forward to the priest or minister of healing with a healing request, and a prayer will be said privately for you. During this time, music will be offered. All are welcome to participate.

Healing Prayers

Healing Hymn ~ From miles around the sick ones came



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Healing Anthem ~ Lead me, Lord *Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)*

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements: 8:00, Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregation Committee
10:00, John Decker, Vice-Chair, Congregation Committee

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ Draw the circle wide *Mark A. Miller*
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Doxology ~ 1982 Hymnal #380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
*Sung to tune of Duke Street (*Jesus shall reign wheree'er the sun, #544)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2
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 our thanks and praise**.

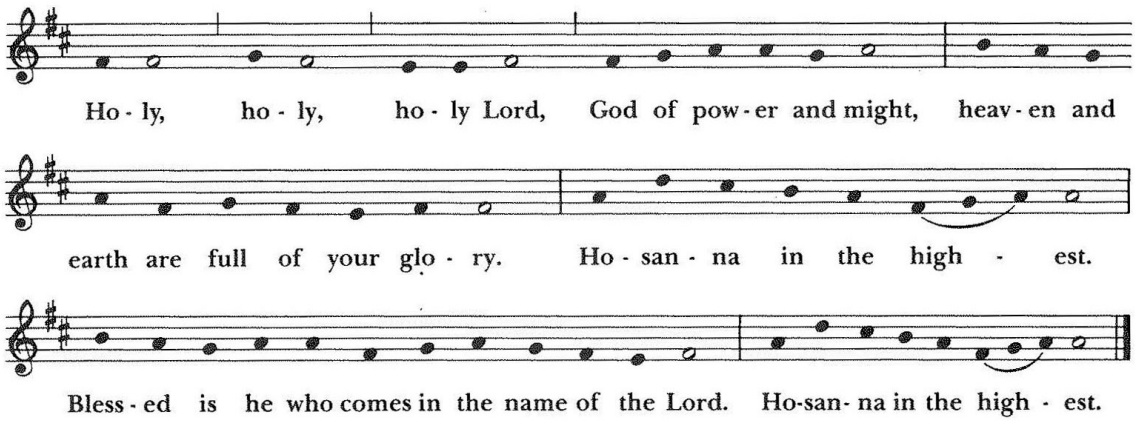
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus ~ 1982 Hymnal S124 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*) *David Hurd (1950–)*



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

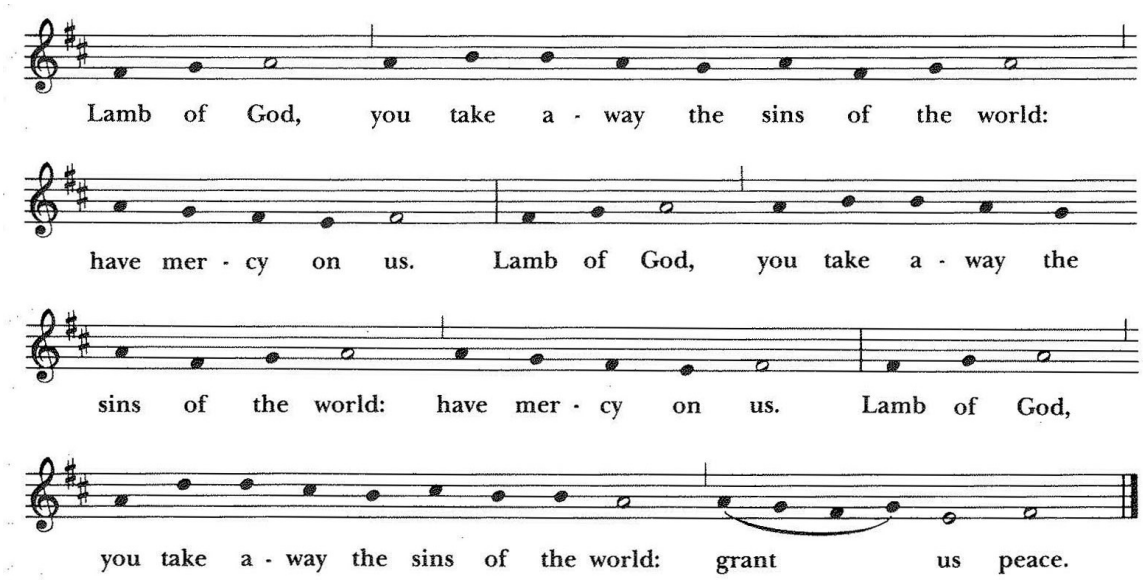
The Lord's Prayer
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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*.

The Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem ~ 1982 Hymnal S161 Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*) *David Hurd (1950–)*



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.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II #152 Let us break bread together on our knees
Trad. arr. Carl Haywood (b.1949)

Postcommunion 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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! vv. 1–5 *Marion*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ~ Fanfare for Organ *Ronald Arnatt (1930–2018)*

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We would like to keep you informed of the blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Interim Dean Dalton, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

Please join us for our Hispanic Festival in the Cathedral House Auditorium following the 10:00 service.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, October 11:
Hispanic Festival, 11:30 a.m. in the Cathedral Auditorium

Monday, October 12:
Cathedral office closed (Indigenous Peoples' Day)

Saturday, October 17:
Concert: *Yokai: Songs of the Japanese Supernatural*, 4:00 p.m.
This concert is part of the Cathedral's Engaging the Arts initiative.

Tuesday, October 20:
Church Street Lounge, 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20:
Congregation Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Friday–Saturday, October 23–24:
ECCT Convention, Bristol Events Center



Christ Church Cathedral is proud to support Camp Hispaniola which was founded by Marc-Yves Regis, our diocesan photographer, "to give hundreds of needy Haitian and Dominican children something he never had as a child – a week of fun activities where they get to play like the children they are, without the pain of wondering where their next meal will come from. … All of the paid counselors are Camp Hispaniola alumni. … In the Dominican Republic, the campers are from 7 different bateyes or sugarcane plantations. In Haiti, the campers are from several neighborhoods around Pernier. Most of their parents are street vendors who earn less than $5 a day." https://camphispaniola.org/. Please consider joining the Cathedral in supporting this mission.

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Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee
John Decker, Vice-Chair of Congregation Committee

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Kevin Olds
Verger/Intercessor	Dr. Jilda Aliotta
Psalm/Altar Server	John Scott
Lector	Tom Smith

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Preacher	The Rev. Canon Kevin Olds
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