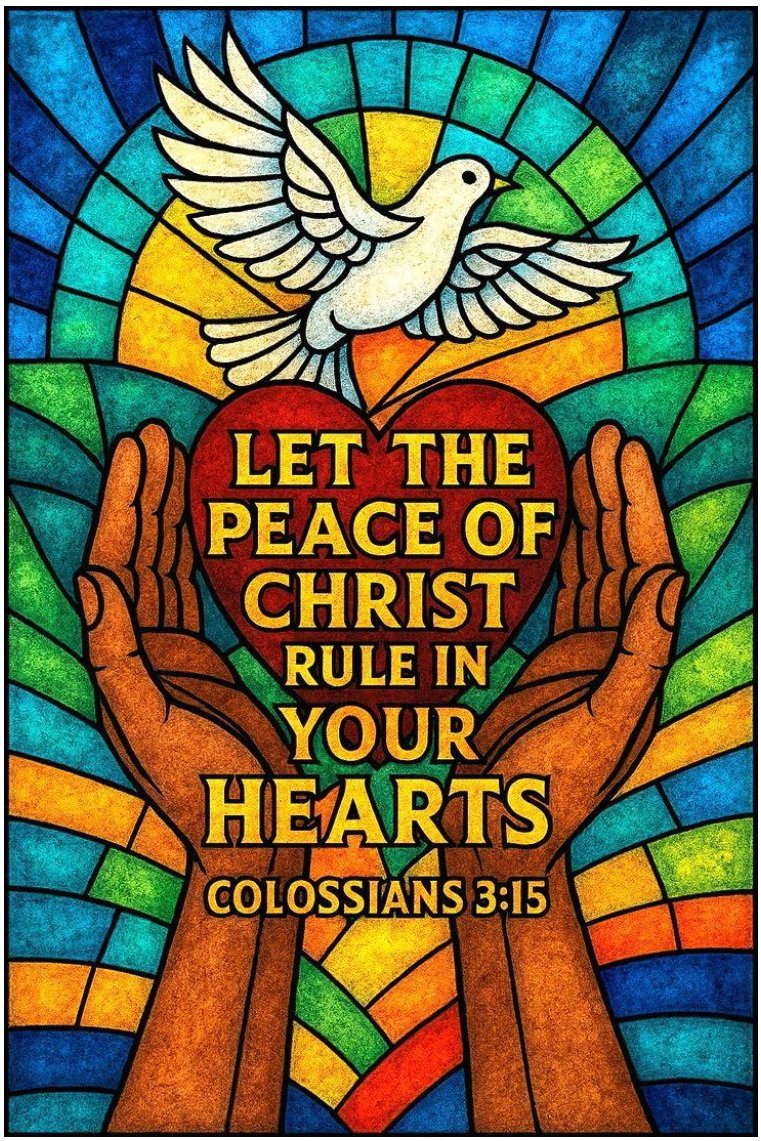
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Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

10:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish

Please know how happy we are to share this day with you! We hope you will fill out the "Welcome" card that you'll find in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate so we can send you more information about our vibrant community. Or just scan the QR code to add your name directly to our email list.

Name Badges

Please pick up or make your own name badge as you enter the church. You may leave your badge in the bins in Blake Hall after coffee hour. Childcare is available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the atrium. Ushers are here to assist you. We are very glad you are here!

Clergy
The Rev. Sarah Duggin, Associate Rector
The Rev. Reggie Payne-Wiens

Director of Music
Aaron Goen

Verger
Patti Thorpe

Acolyte/LEM
Greg Page

Flower Guild
Laura Ivey

Ushers
Judy & John Ryan

Lector/Intercessor
Matthew Jernstedt

Sacristan
Patti Thorpe

Technology
Wilhelm Wells

St. John's Choir

Soprano
Kate Vetter Cain
Alicia Woodberry
Carolyn Carson
Emily Franksen
Kelly Waller

Alto
Derek Greten-Harrison
Meghen Miles Tuttle
Virginia Elgin
Margaret Huckaby
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Tenor
Rexford Tester
Bryan Wells
Raymond Honeycutt
Tyler Metteer

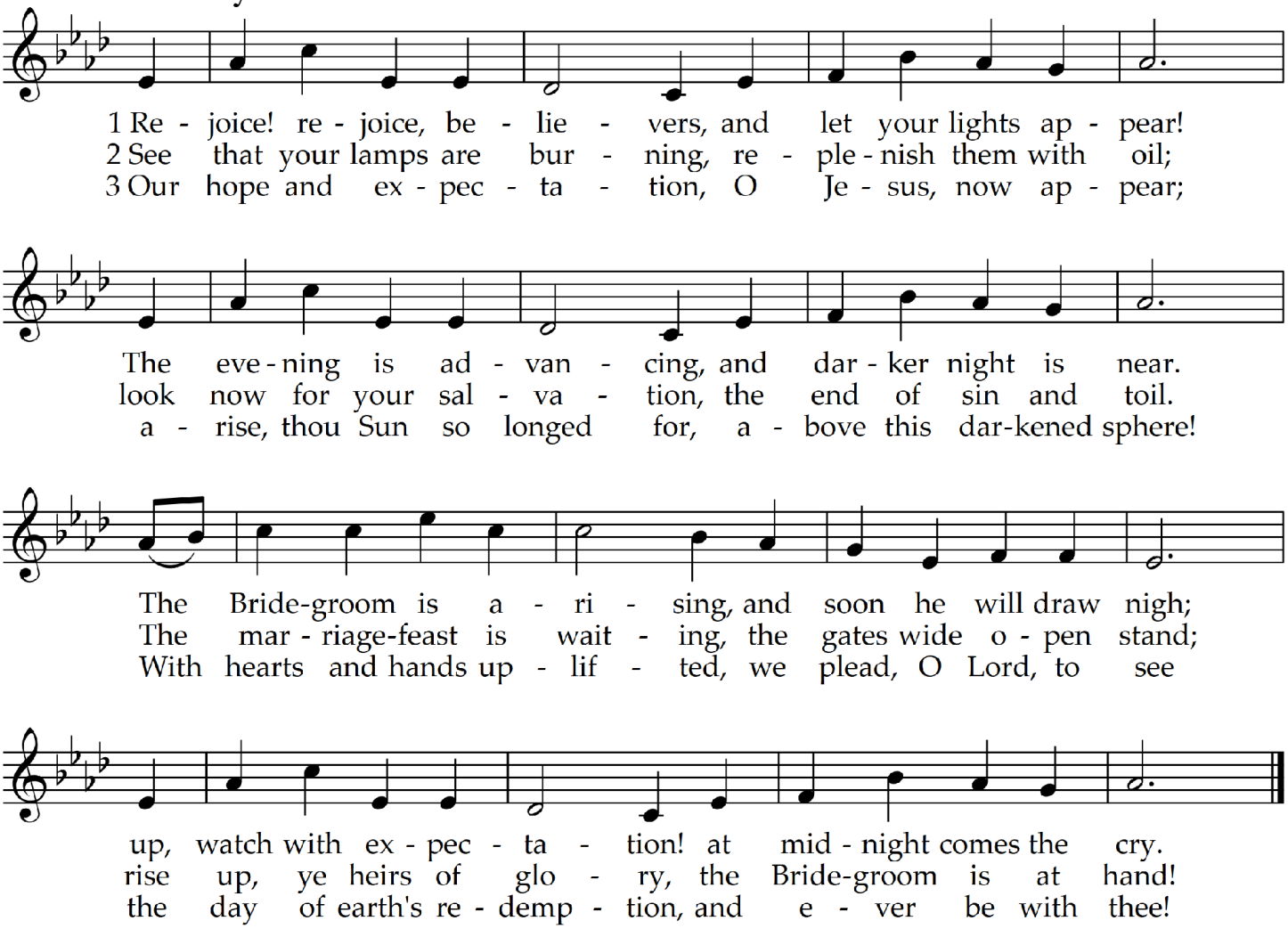
Bass
Mark Duer
Jay Tuttle
Jim Johnson
Howard Spendelow

Join us for Contemplative Prayer & Eucharist on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Carpenter

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o meine Seele* J. S. Bach & Johannes Brahms

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn



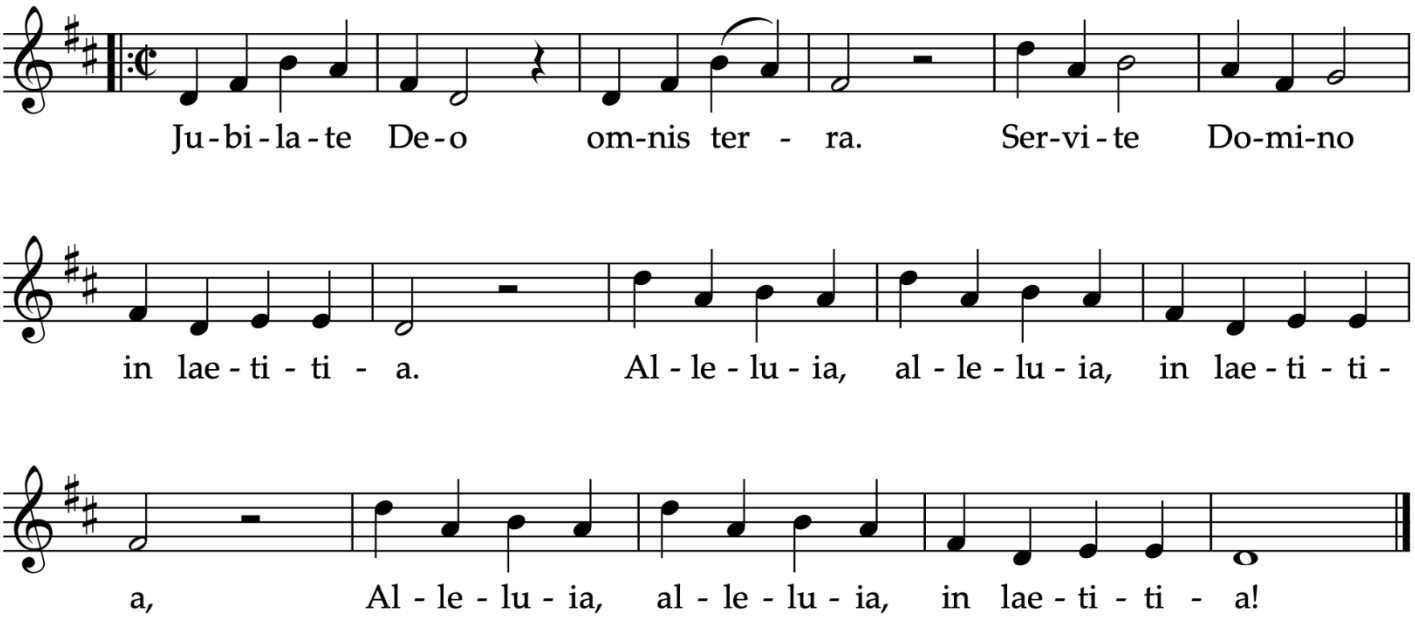
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

The 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.

Song of Praise *sung three times*



The Collect of the Day

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

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated
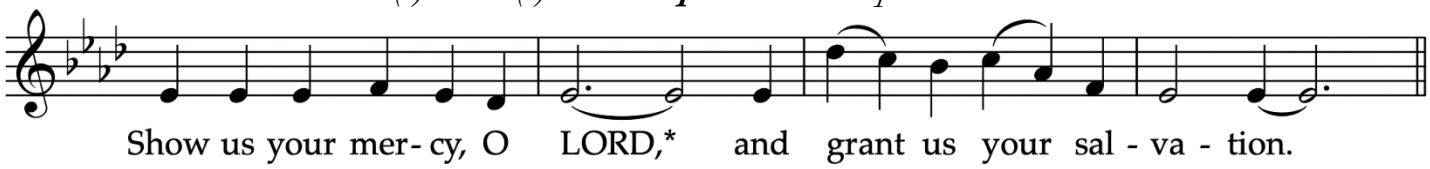
The First Reading **Colossians 3:12-15**

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 F. A. Gore Ouseley

The Cantor(s) intone(s) the ***Antiphon****. All Repeat. Then as indicated.*



Antiphon

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins. ***Antiphon***

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.
Antiphon

Sequence 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

The Holy Gospel **Saint Matthew 5:43-48**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Reggie Payne-Wiens

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
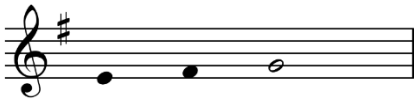
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power 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. 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 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
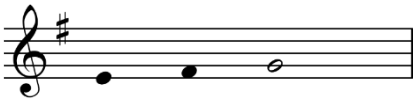
The Cantor sings the introduction. All respond as indicated.

Cantor: *Living God, we ask that you breathe and move in us daily. Strengthen our hearts with your boundless love and refresh our souls with your wisdom. Let us pray together as the People of God, saying, God in your mercy,*

All: 
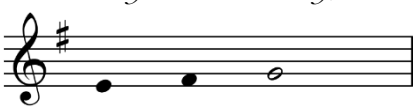
Intercessor: Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of joy. For special moments that enrich our interactions – held hands, long hugs, sparkling laughter and the soft tears of beauty.

Cantor: *God in your joyful mercy,*

All: 

Intercessor: Loving God, help us to see others as reflections of you, granting us courage to act as one with you, that we may seize the moments you give us to heal, include and celebrate all people and the world in which we live.

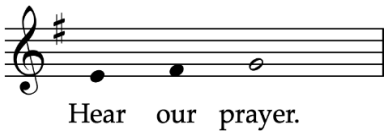
Cantor: *God in your kind mercy,*

All: 

Intercessor: Almighty God, guide us in all our interactions with one another, that we may better model peace and understanding in our work and lives and shape our human systems to be just and sustainable.

Cantor: *God in your blessed mercy,*

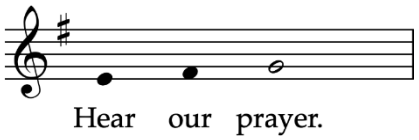
All:



Intercessor: Creator God, guard all those in danger, trouble or who know loss and surround them with the light of your constant presence.

Cantor: *God in your profound mercy,*

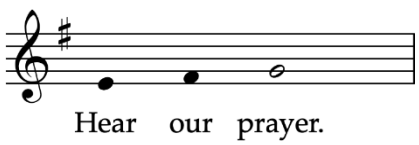
All:



Intercessor: Gracious God, relieve and sustain all dear ones in any kind of need or trouble: We pray together for: **Amy, Benzie, Betsy, Bob, Charles, Chris, Craig, Dal, Danny, David, Elizabeth, Ethan, Jan, Jennifer, Jim, Joan, Juan Carlos, Karen, Katie, Larry, Maria, Nick, Oliver, Owen, Paula, Reuben, Stephanie, Tom, Trent and Virginia.** Heal, O God, all those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, and uplift all victims of violence, war, accidents or natural disasters.

Cantor: *God in your infinite mercy,*

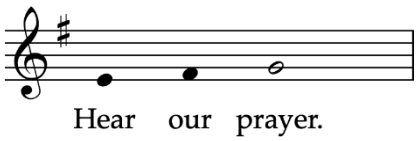
All:



Intercessor: We pray for those working abroad to better the world, and for all people who have been wounded, held hostage or wrongly imprisoned.

Cantor: *God in your healing mercy,*

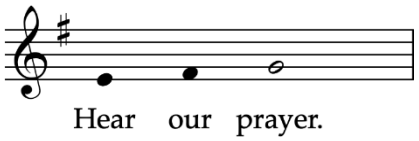
All:



Intercessor: We pray for all those who have died and their families who mourn.

Cantor: *God in your loving mercy,*

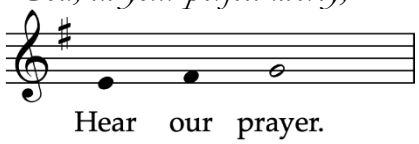
All:



Intercessor: We pray for the intentions of the individuals in this community – stated now - either silently or aloud.

Cantor: *God, in your perfect mercy,*

All:



The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Confession

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Please consider making an offering using the QR Code to support St. John's ministries.

Offertory Anthem

André Thomas

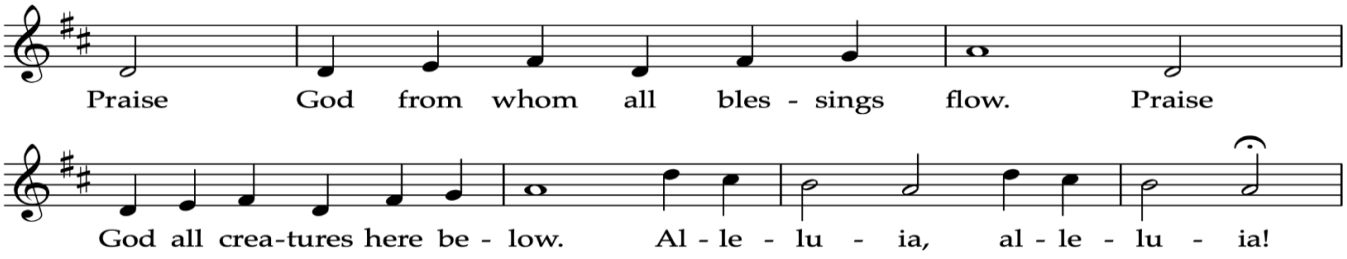
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for the time is drawing nigh.

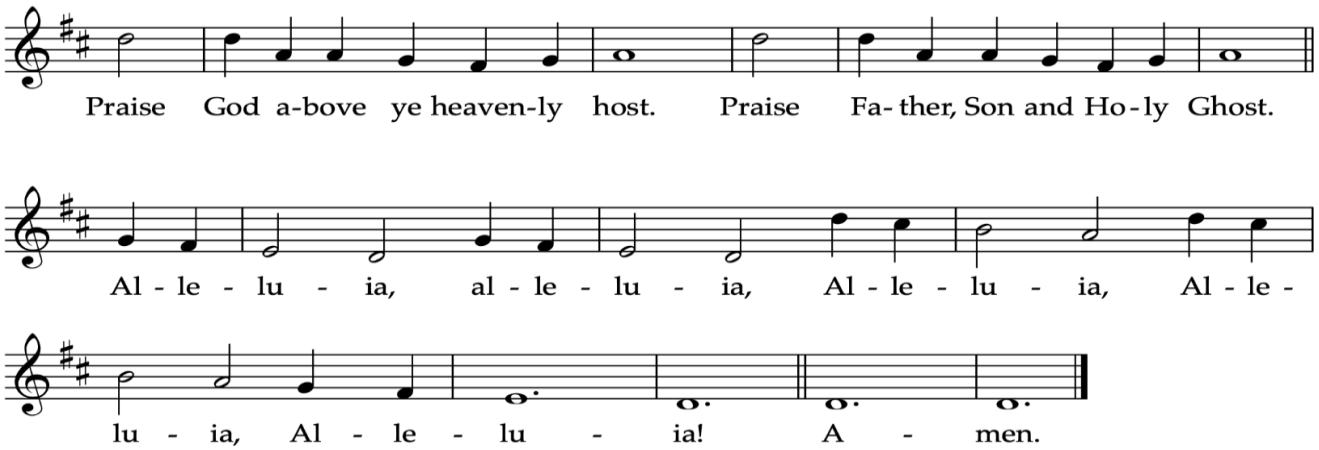
Christian, journey soon be over,
for the time is drawing night

Children, don't grow weary,
for the time is drawing nigh.

Doxology

Laßt uns erfreuen





HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

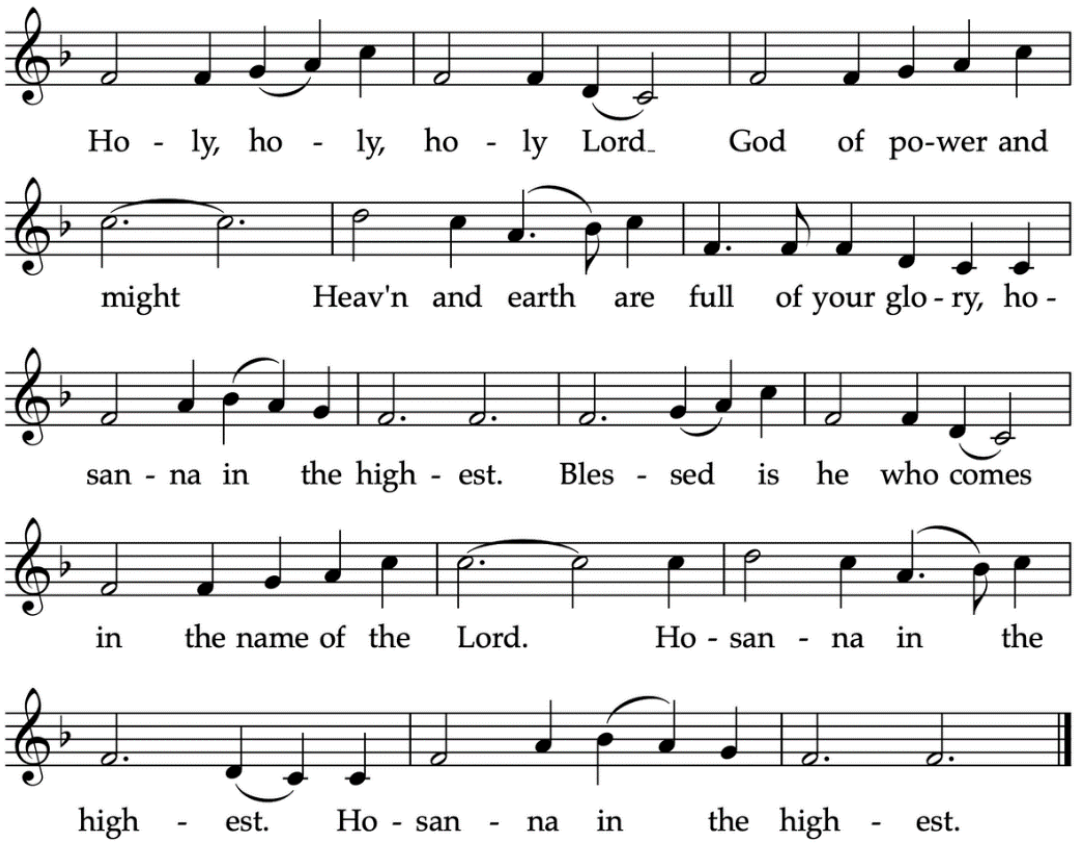
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Land of Rest*



The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy
Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
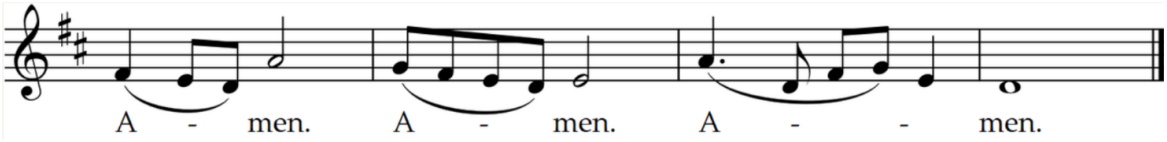
On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

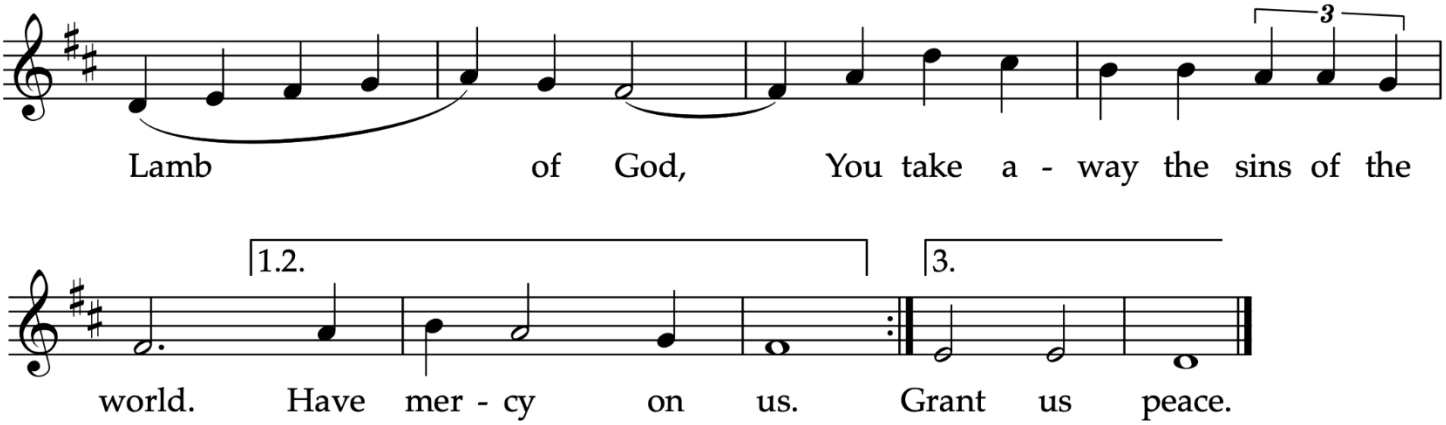
Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob of Sarah, Ruth and Naomi; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table
for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer
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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.
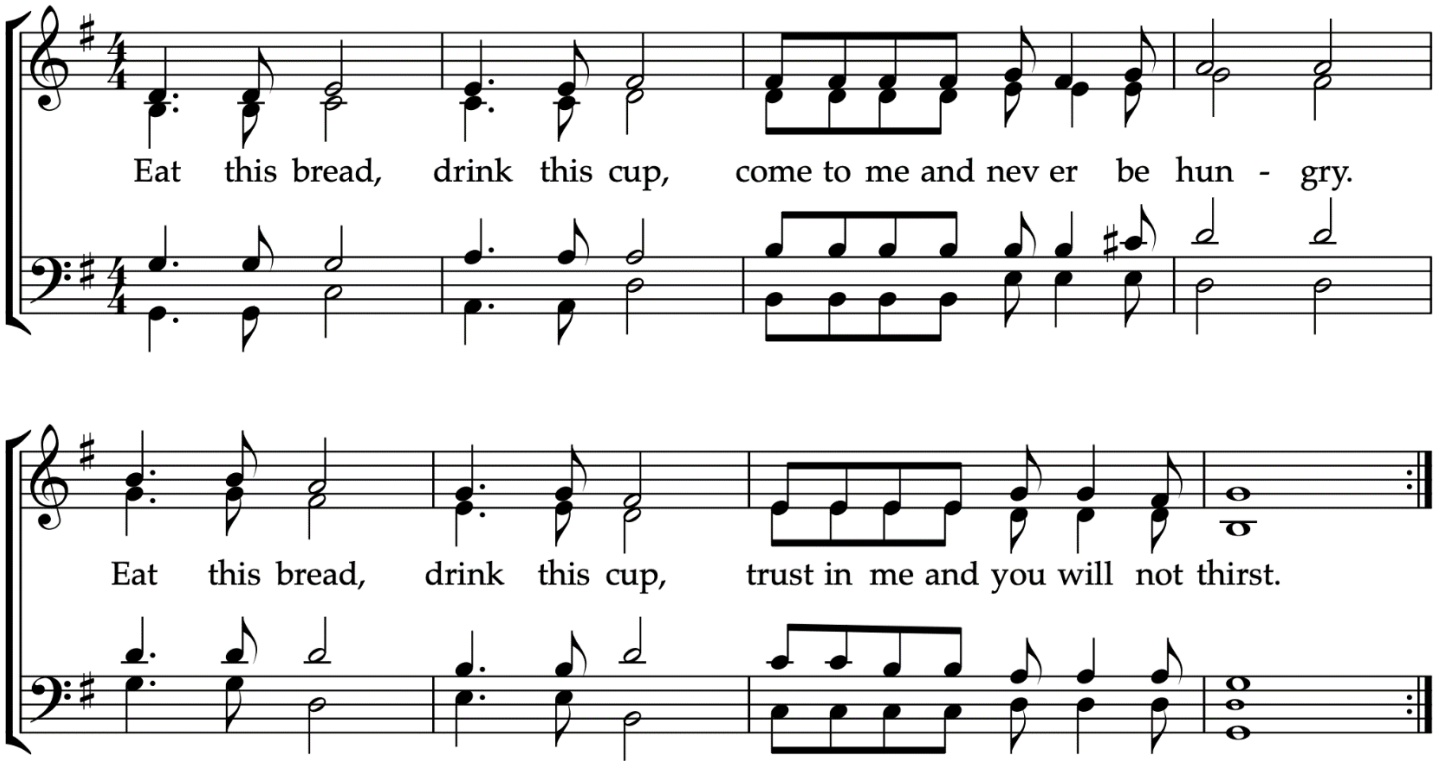


The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and know that all are welcome at God's Table.

Communion of the People

All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. Communion bread will be distributed at the chancel steps. If you would like to receive wine, please sip from the cup. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. The communion minister will wipe the cup and turn it for the next person. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music



Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant: Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Hymn 597 "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude *Gigue à la Fugue,* BWV 577 J. S. Bach

Pastoral care available. If you or a loved one needs prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are ready to help. If you are feeling worried or hopeless, or are sick, and you would like to receive communion, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. To arrange an in-house or virtual visit, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From The Rector:



Sometimes we have so much going on – so much information that it can become overwhelming. Therefore, as far as St. John's Georgetown goes, I have compiled a list: **3 Things that we would like you to know this week**

1) I will be away this Sunday, as my longtime friend Rev. Herschel Wade is being installed as a Canon at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Some of you will remember Herschel as having been with us during the Christmas season a couple of years ago. Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks on this new journey! I am so excited for him! This week, Sarah is holding down the ministerial fort – but she will not be alone!





We have the Rev. Reggie Payne-Wiens joining us as guest preacher. After the service, Claire Wilson from The Georgetown Ministry Center will join us to tell us about upcoming happenings at GMC. GMC is one of our largest outreach partners - I hope that you can join!

2) **Invitations are out – RSVP!!! "Come As You Are" Gatherings**

In the spirit of connection, we invite you to participate in our intimate **"Come As You Are"** gatherings. At this point, you should have received invitations from Vestry members to one of the gatherings. They are appetizers and drinks (alcoholic and nonalcoholic alike) designed to encourage open dialogue, foster relationships, and share our collective hopes for our church and community. At St. John's, we hold dear the belief that **"Be You. Be Here. Belong."** isn't merely a slogan; it's a call to embrace one another's unique stories and experiences. These evenings promise to be enriching opportunities to gather, connect, and grow together. **SO….Open your Email Invitation!** If you have not received an invitation, let the office know, and we will resend it! We hope you can join us for one of these evenings of good company, laughter, food and drink.



3) Also this week Sunday 11/8/26, another concert comes on the heels of our gorgeous season opener earlier this month. Our guest artists, the ***DC Singer Collective***, will perform a stunning set of music from renaissance Italy in a program called "The Road to Ferrara" on Sunday, November 8 at 3pm. This local group is back by popular request! Don't miss them this time around.



Tickets: https://stjohnsgeorgetown.org/upcoming-concerts/ .

11/9 and 11/12: THE GREAT SHOE SHARE!!!!!

On Thursday, November 12 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM, our community will once again join **THE GREAT SHOE SHARE**, an annual offering of dignity and care for our un-homed siblings in the District. This year, Feast on the Street is shifting the model: rather than asking parishioners to shop for shoes, all footwear has been purchased in advance so that every participant receives exactly what they need. We are instead inviting you into two simple but meaningful acts of solidarity - **sponsoring one or more participants (Suggested donation of $50 per sponsee, but all donations for sponsorship are welcome!),** and **holding your sponsee in prayer throughout Advent**, lifting them up as beloved members of our shared human family.

If you feel called to take part in the distribution of shoes on November 12, please note that **a mandatory workshop will be held on Monday, November 9 at 6:30 PM at St. John's**, with an additional brief training on the afternoon of the event. There are two links: one to sponsor participants **sponsor participants here**, and one to sign up for distribution and training **DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING** We undertake this work in the spirit of **Ubuntu - "I am because we are"** - recognizing that our wellbeing is bound up in one another, and that acts of compassion strengthen the fabric of our community.

Thank you for joining us in this work of love. In case you need QR codes…. here they are!

Sponsor a participant

Distribution and Training

Sunday, November 15th Our own James Warren, a Partner at Potomac Law Group, will offer a primer on Wills and End of Life Planning best practices during coffee hour on Sunday, 11/15. Join us to check in with him, ask questions and get the skinny on this important and all too often overlooked planning.



Sunday, November 22nd Feast of Christ the King of All Creation

Our next Care for Creation Sunday will take place on November 22nd as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King of All Creation. We will have an earth-friendly liturgy followed by a talk by our own Stephanie Bothwell on *Urbanism and Elements of Sustainability in Georgetown and Other Cityscapes.* Stephanie is an eminent City Planner and Landscape Architect whose practice focuses on the creation of sustainable, beautiful, and healthy landscapes. Stephanie holds a Masters of Landscape Architecture from the Harvard School of Design. She has served as Associate Professor of Architecture at Auburn University, and she has taught at the Rhode Island School of Design, Radcliffe College, and the Boston Architectural Center. Please join us!



WORSHIP SERVICE & COFFEE HOUR ROTATION SIGN UPS

Please sign-up to be a service participant or bring something for coffee hour

Service Participation

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Coffee Hour

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