November 15, 2026 - Proper 28
St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
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Come as you are!

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we are glad you're here!
We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values:
joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

Welcome

Gathering Song — Take My Life and Let It Be — *Worship & Rejoice 466*

Worship & Rejoice is the blue book in the pew rack.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.

The Lessons
A Reading from the book of Judges.

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.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 *Read responsively.*

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.
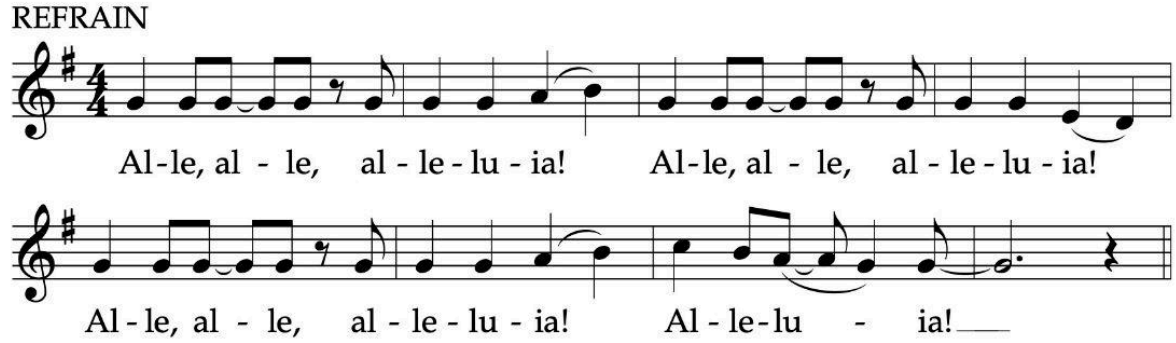
Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
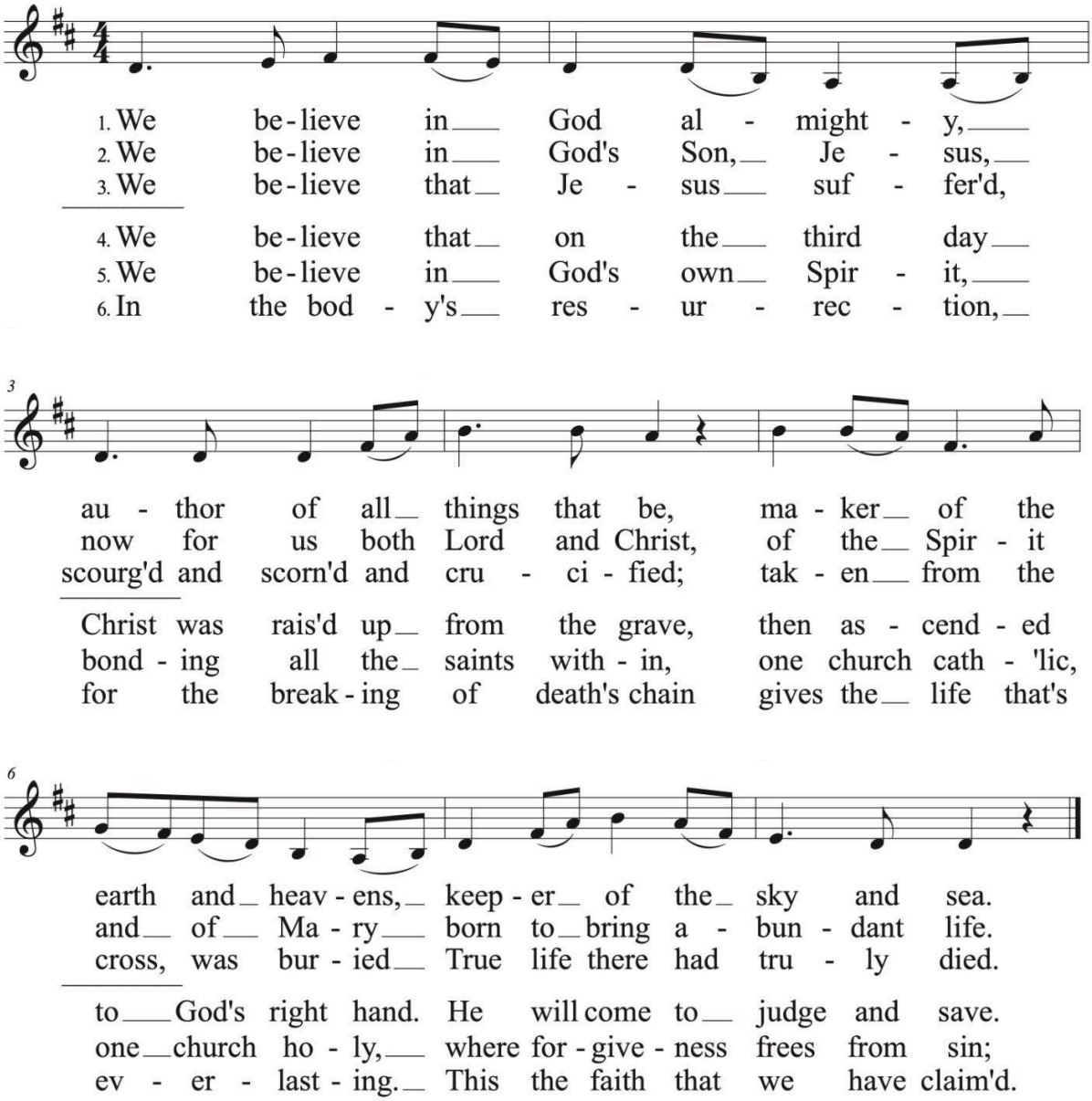
Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Roberto Maldonado

The Creed



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The Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Transform our melancholy into joy, our worry into peace, our despair into hope. We pray for healing for those who suffer from any distress or illness. Come into our lives with healing.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to our Comforter.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might be granted compassion and insight, let us pray to our Sustainer.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For Mother Earth and for the foresight and will to conserve her, let us pray to Holy Wisdom.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the strength to bear all manner of adversity, let us pray to our Deliverer, for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Ivy Suhonen and her family, Robert, Chris, Bill, Victoria, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud *(pause)*.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, meeting our passage with grace and dignity, let us pray to the Lover of our souls, especially Donna Griffith, and for those we now name in our hearts or aloud *(pause)*.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Ever present and eternal God, hear the prayers and praises of your people. Help us to live in hope, to build your community, and to be vessels of grace to all. **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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.**

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

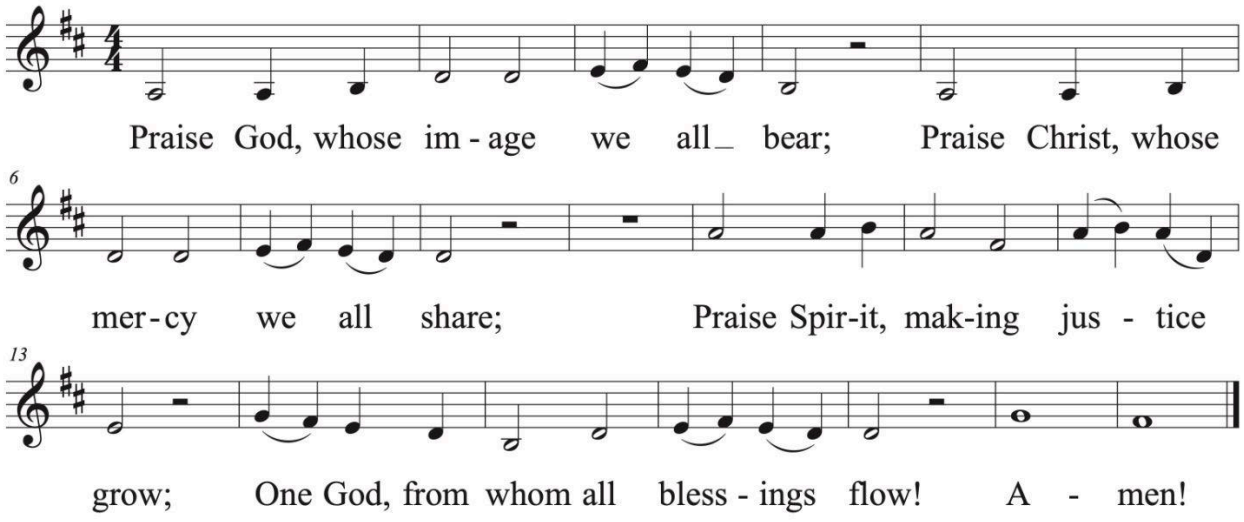
Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews or scan this QR code to go straight to our giving page. Thank you!

Offertory Hymn *The Summons* Worship & Rejoice 350

Worship & Rejoice is the blue book in the pew rack.

When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

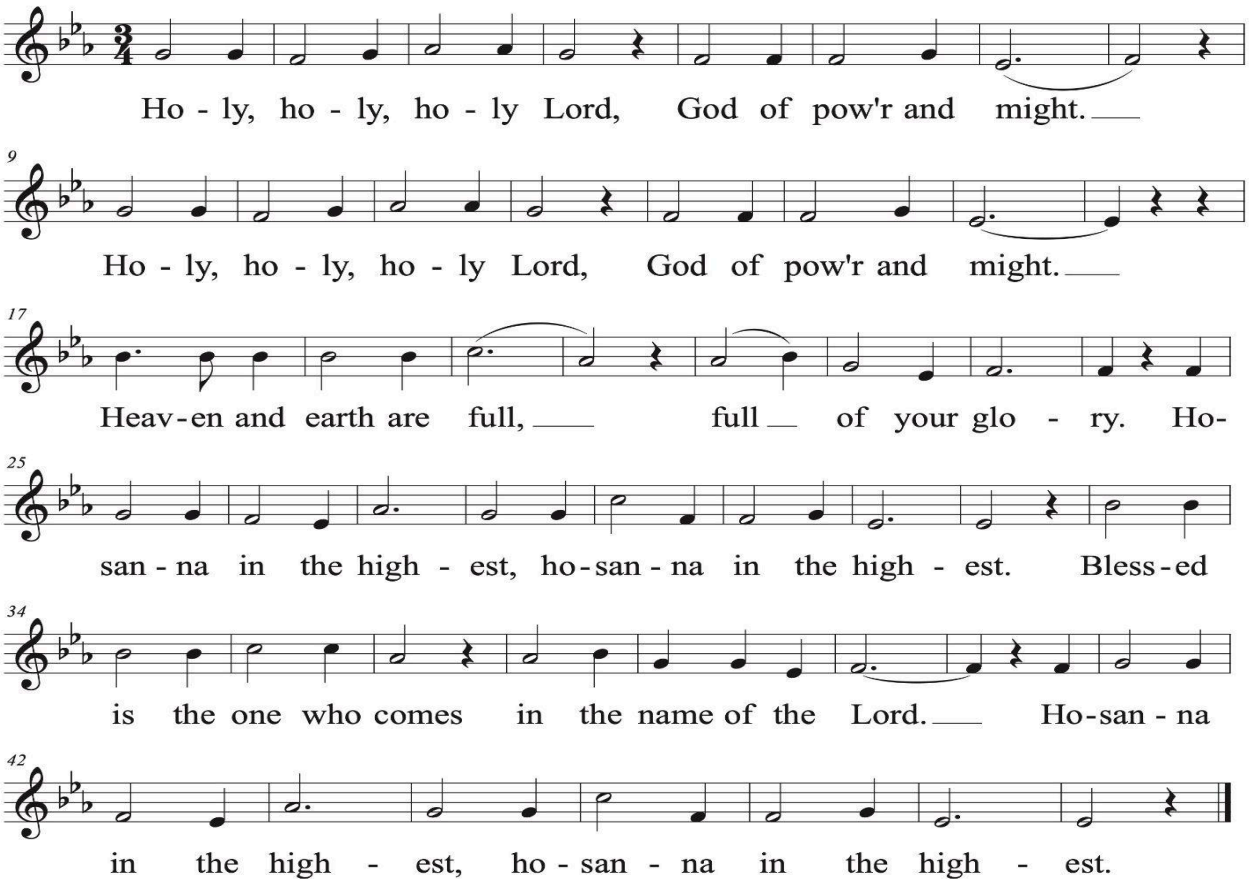


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The Eucharistic Prayer
Please stand, as able.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. As you sent your Spirit to the disciples on the day of Pentecost, now send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood, and that we may be united as one body in Christ.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."**

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."**

So God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion
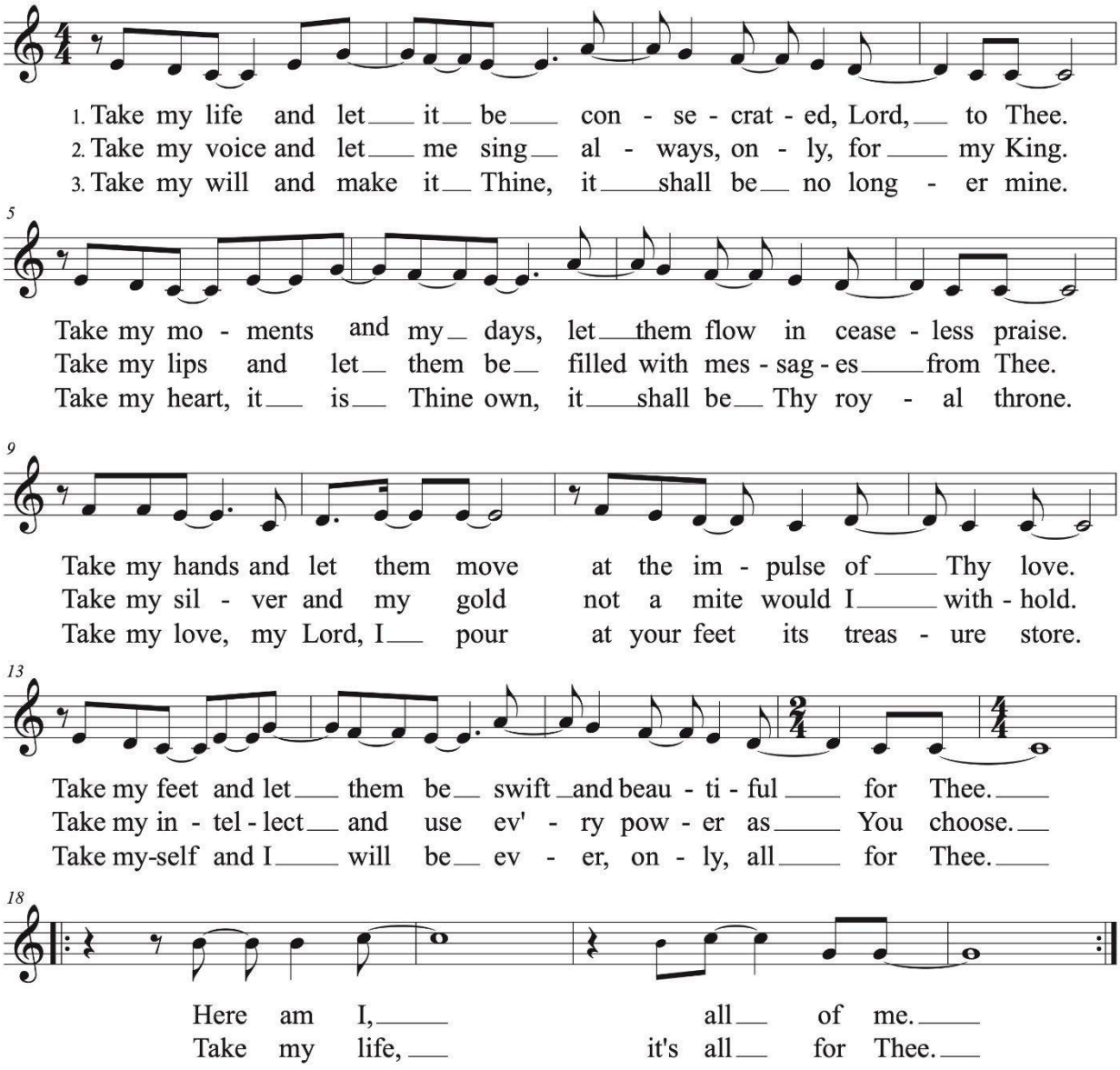
This is the banquet table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Please kneel or be seated.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Please come forward to receive communion. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands

crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.

Communion Music *Take My Life* Chris Tomlin



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Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Announcements

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **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

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

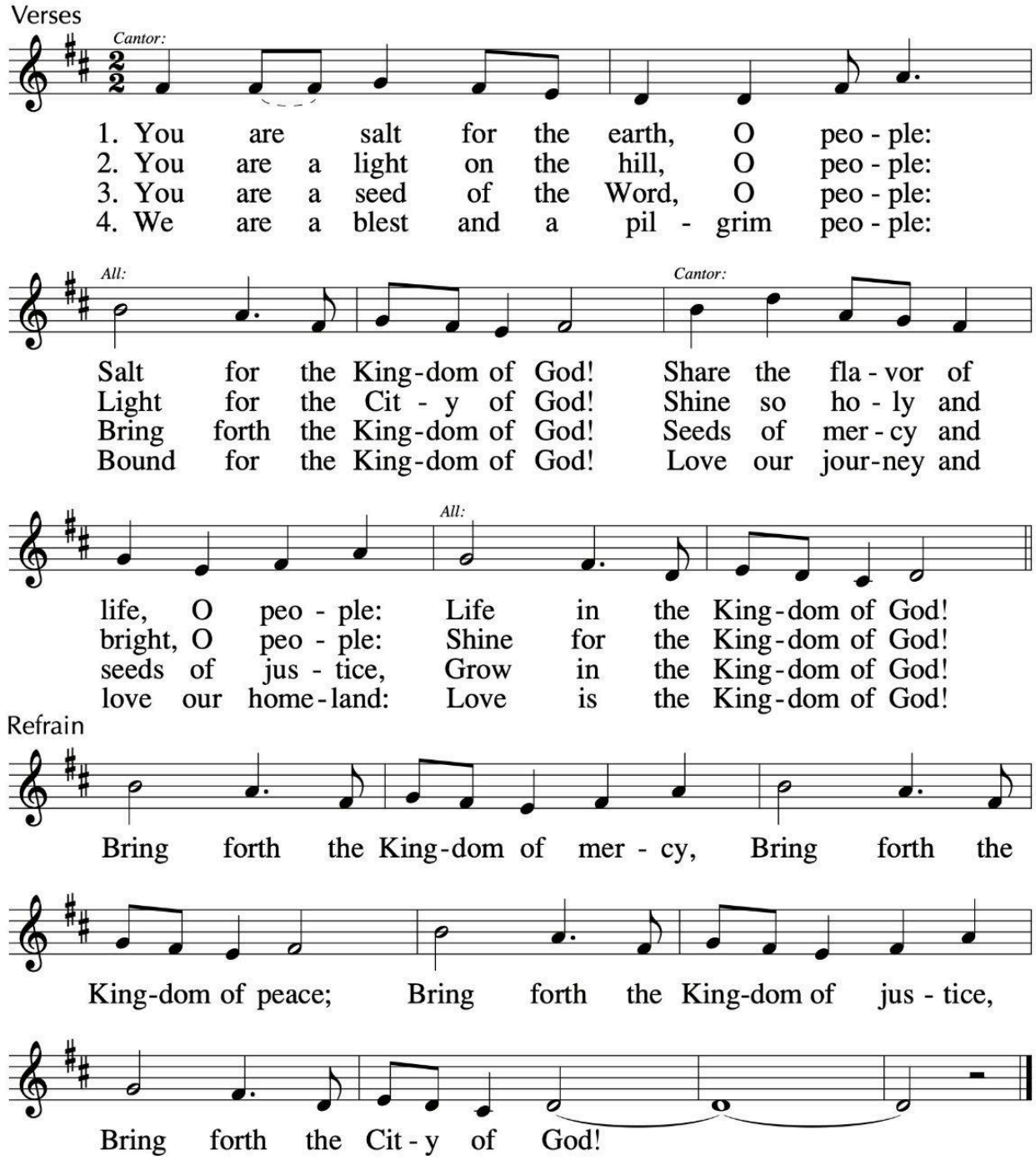
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The Dismissal

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

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The Sending Song: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*



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Community Announcements

Updated Church Office & Memorial Garden Hours

We would like to share our updated hours for the church office, Memorial Garden, and priest availability. Please see the schedule below when planning your visit.

Church Office Hours

- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Memorial Garden Hours

- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- Wednesday: 8:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Priest Office Hours

- Thursday & Friday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please note that priest office hours are temporary and subject to change. We encourage you to call the church office in advance to confirm availability.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming you!

Stewardship Campaign

Our annual stewardship campaign has begun! We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider their pledge for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in today's bulletin and on the table near the church entrance. Please complete and return your pledge card by **Sunday, December 6**.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish and its ministries!

Annual Parish Meeting — January 31

Please save the date for our Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2027**. We will gather to reflect on the past year and review our parish's annual reports. All parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Stay in touch: Sign up for the e-news

Want to get involved at St. Andrew's? The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to our weekly e-news. We share information about upcoming social events, formation opportunities, and more. Scan the QR code to subscribe.

ListenWifi

Do you find it difficult to hear the service clearly due to the echo in our sanctuary? We are excited to introduce a new assistive listening system! To join:

1. Make sure your wifi and bluetooth are on. Scan the QR code (open the camera on your smartphone, focus on the symbol to the right, and click on the link that pops up) to connect to our local wifi or find the St. Andrew's by-the-Sea wifi. The password is: amordedios

2. Download the app "ListenWifi" on your smartphone in your App Store (it is free!).

3. It will ask you a series of questions. Say yes to everything! For the question, "Allow 'ListenWIFI' to use your location?" You can click on "allow once" or "allow while using app".

4. Plug in your own headphones or borrow a pair from the piano at the back of the church.

5. Click on Channel 01. Adjust the volume to your desired level.

If you have trouble, please ask a neighbor before the service.