ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
PROPER 28

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

November 16, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we continue to glorify God in all we do at St. John's. Stay connected through our parish communications for updates on our exciting monthly Wednesday-night gatherings and other upcoming events, as we prepare for some of the most fun this parish has ever had. We offer Sunday School for all school-aged children; please be sure to receive communion first before heading to Sunday School.

All are invited to join us in these various ministries, and all visitors are especially encouraged to join Saint John's and be welcomed into this incredible parish and day school. Nothing makes us happier here at Saint John's than welcoming visitors and new members. If you are looking for a church home, look no further; you have found your home! Please make yourself known at the welcome table in the courtyard so we can get to know you better. We aspire to be a blessing to all who come through this church's doors, and we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in greeting you and making you feel welcome.

On top of all that, we are back in the Church! Our time in the wilderness, otherwise known as the Parish Hall, has come to an end, and we can all take in the marvelous nave and sanctuary of the church once again. We have restored much of this sacred space with only the bell tower remaining. I personally give thanks to God for all of you who have made this possible, from the volunteers to the Vestry to all those who gave so generously to make this all a reality. But what we must always remember is to God be the glory. Thanks be to God, and God bless us all.

Faithfully,



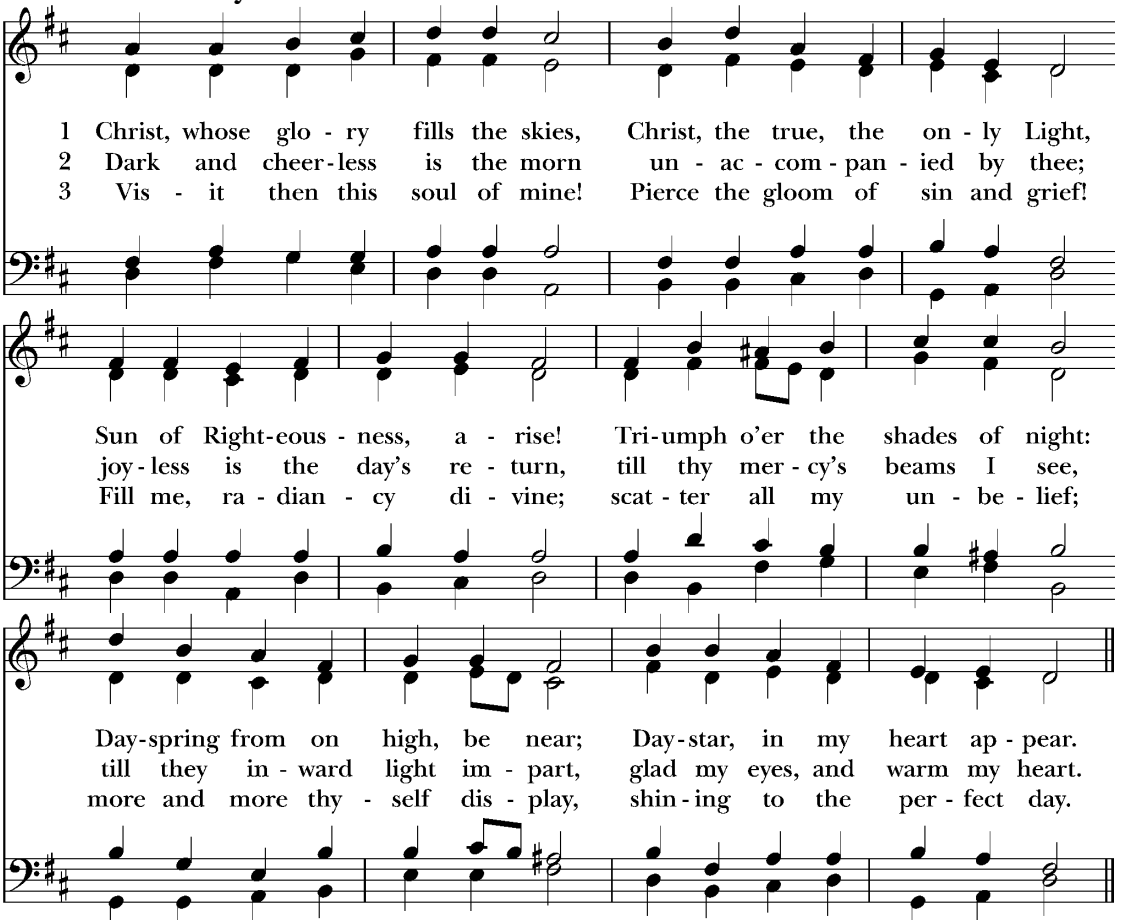
The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

Organ Voluntary

Priere a Notre-Dame (from Suite Gothique) — Léon Boëllmann

The people stand as the ministers enter

Processional Hymn 7 *Ratisbon*



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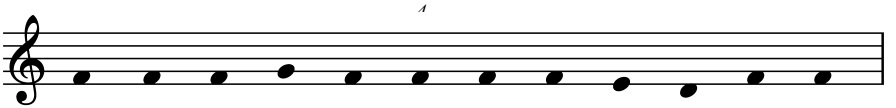
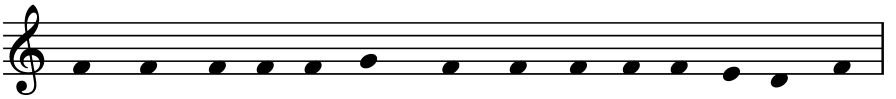


Celebrant

People



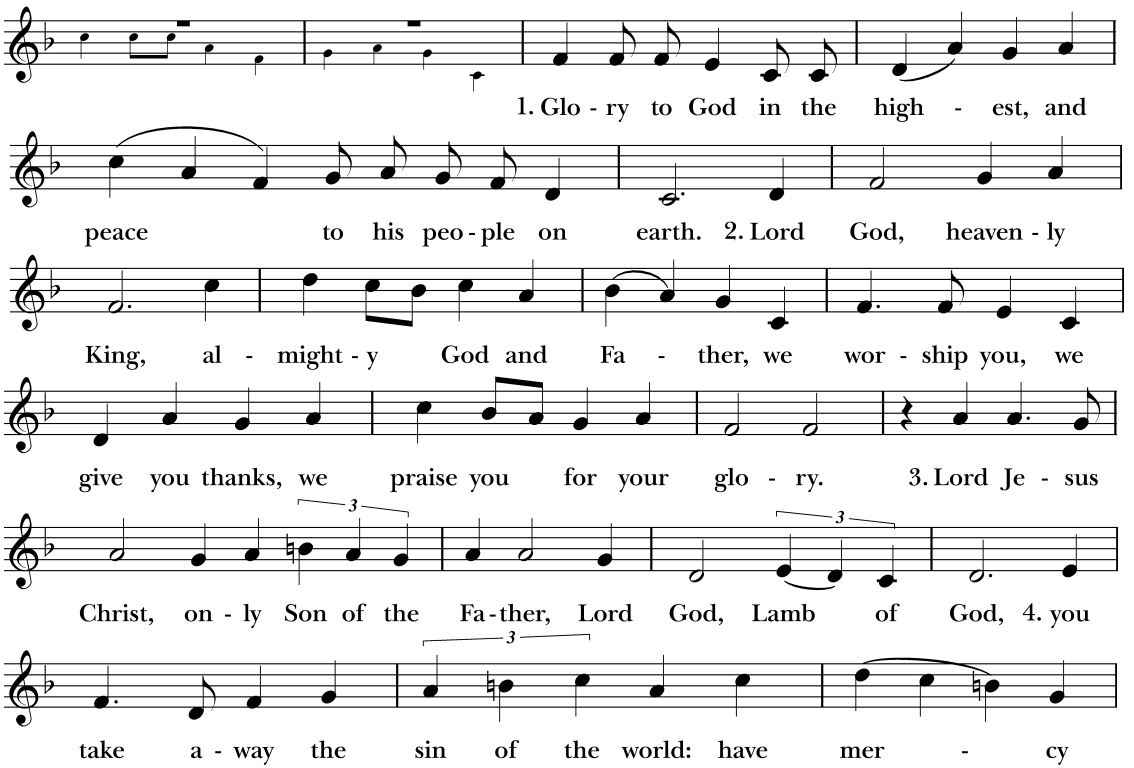
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

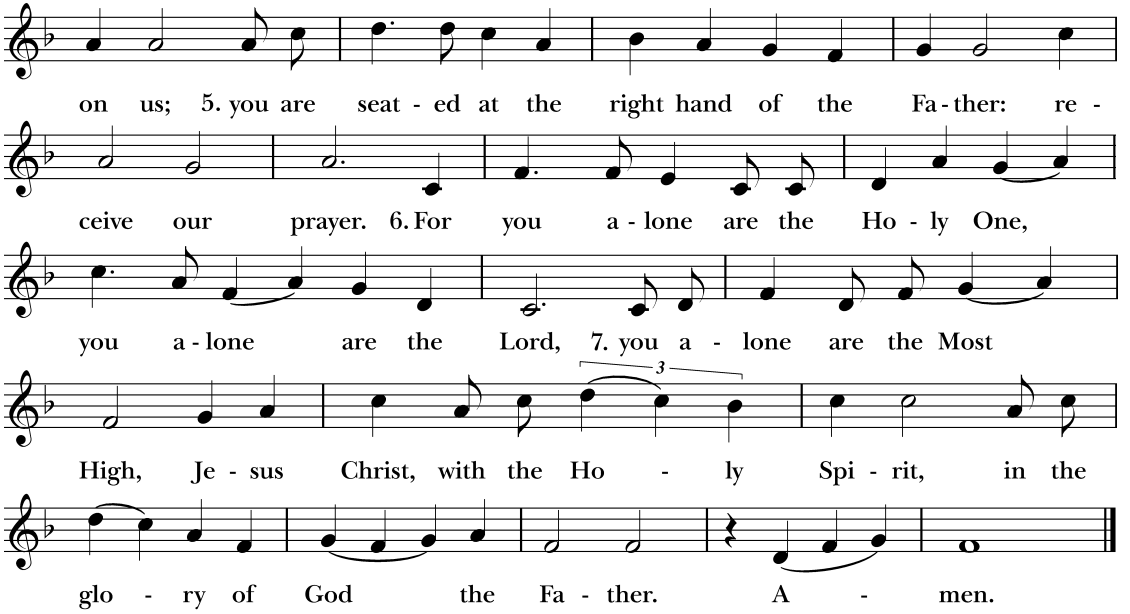
Celebrant

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 IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 people sit

THE LESSON

Malachi 4:1-2a

Lector A reading from the Book of Malachi.
"Behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

GRADUAL: PSALM 98 Sir Ivor Atkins
Sung by the choir

O sing unto the LORD a new song;
for he hath done marvelous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The LORD declared his salvation;
his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel;
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands;
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the LORD upon the harp;
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms,
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is;
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD;
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world,
and the peoples with equity.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Lector A reading from the second Letter of Paul to Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is living in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, we did not eat any one's bread without paying, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you. It was not because we have not that right, but to give you in our conduct an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work in quietness and to earn their own living. Brethren, do not be weary in well-doing.

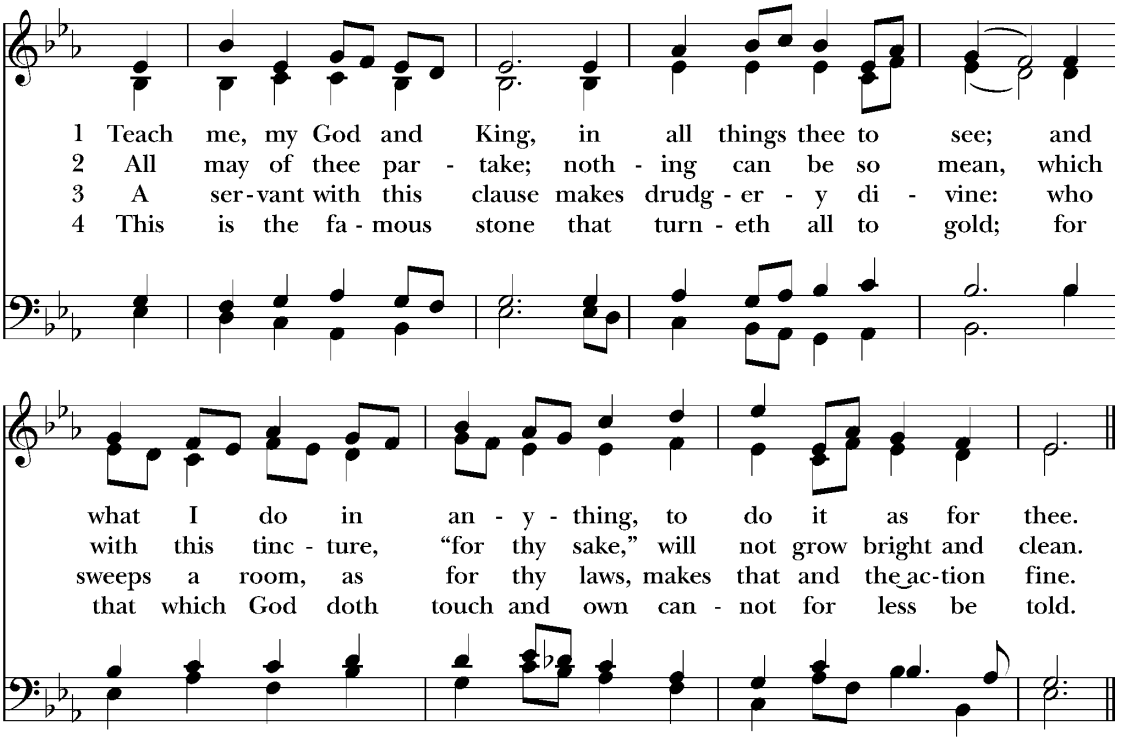
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN 592 *Carlisle*



THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

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

As some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?" And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once." Then he

said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON Father Andrew Lazo

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

Celebrant and People

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 *(Form III)*

The people kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president, Ron, our governor, Jane, our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Additional prayers are added

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

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

All stand

THE PEACE

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

All greet one another with the sign of peace then sit for any necessary announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem

Teach me, O Lord – Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end.

All stand

Doxology 380 Stanza 3 *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.

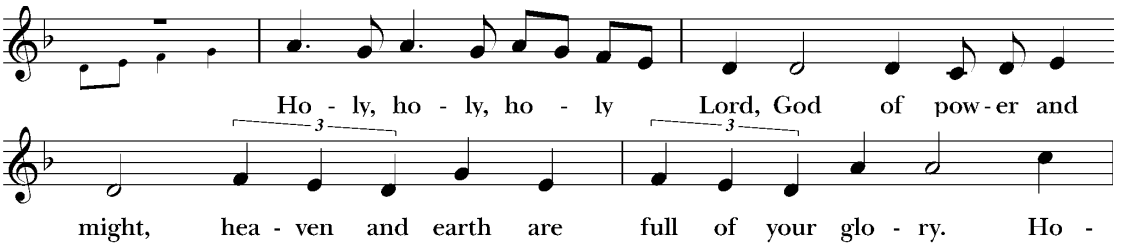
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

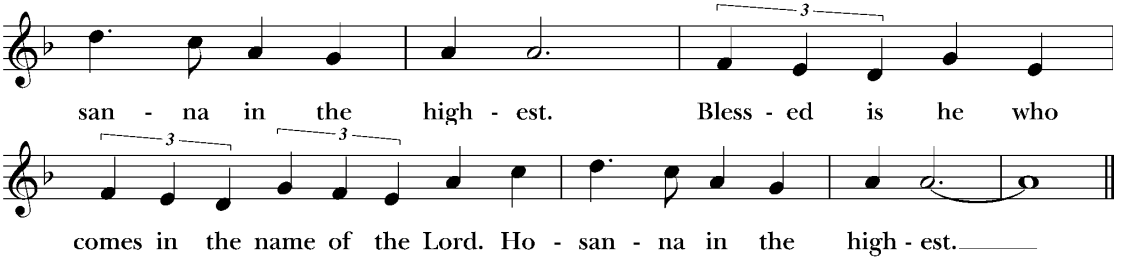
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is sung or said

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 and Benedictus S-129 Robert Powell





The people kneel

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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.**

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

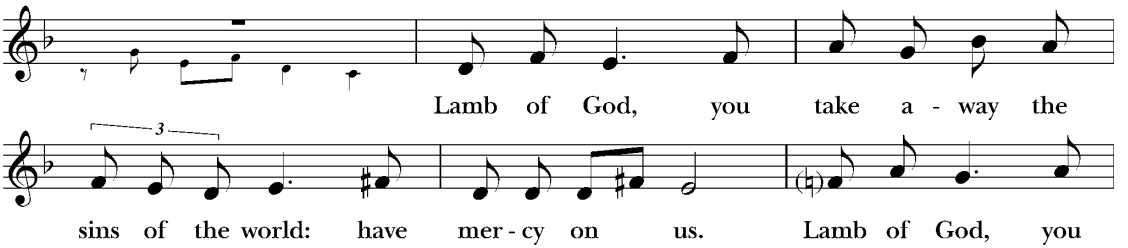
Celebrant and People

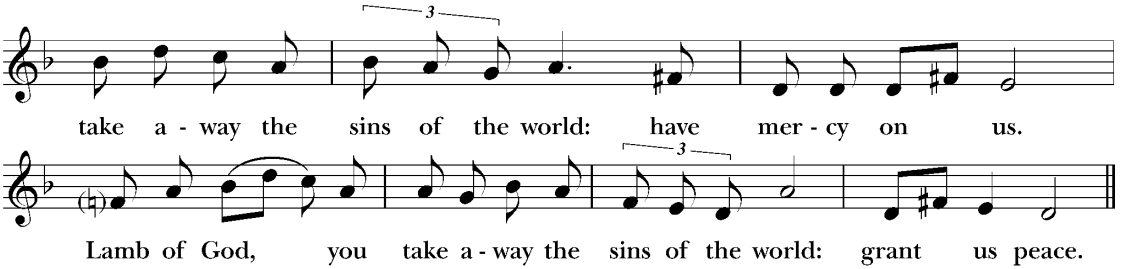
Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-163 Robert Powell





Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Sunday School students and teachers receive communion first and then go to their classes.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.
Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host only or the host by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

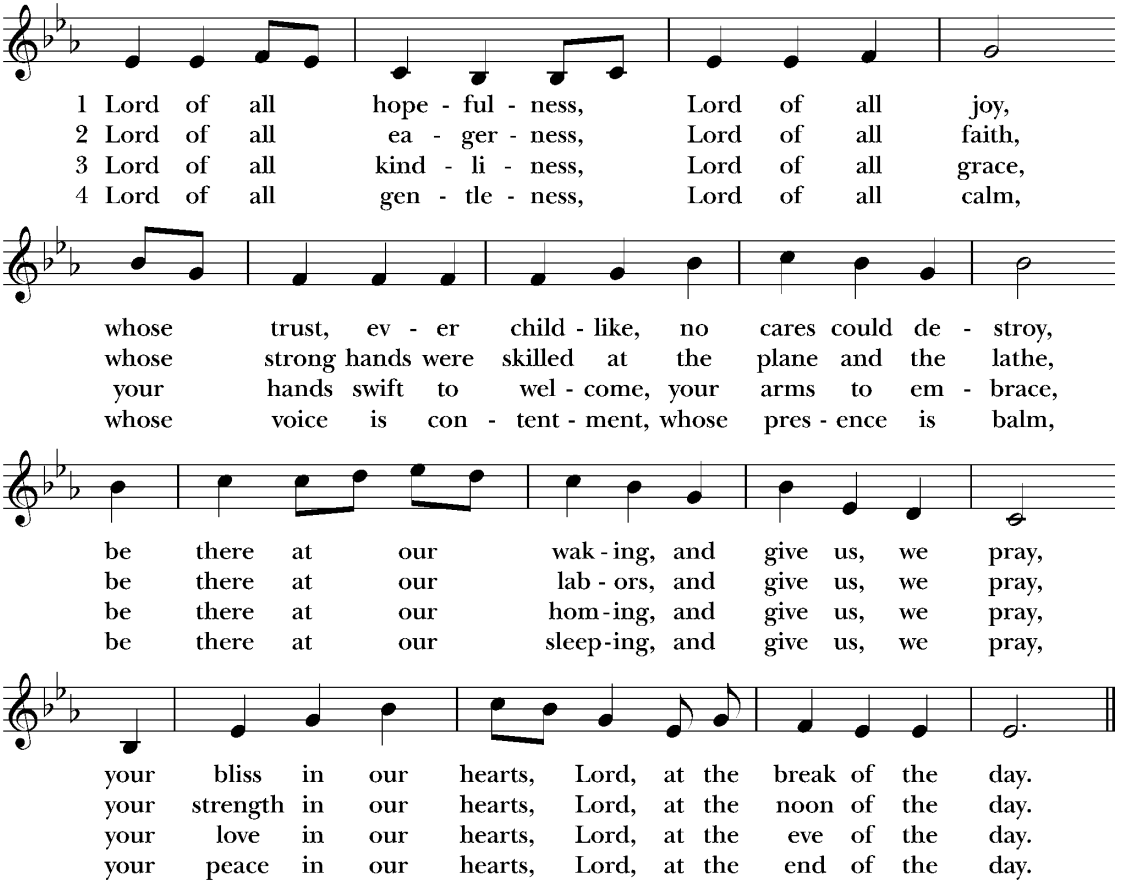
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Motet

Holy is the True Light - Sir William Harris

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN 482 *Slane*



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the Blessing

People **Amen.**

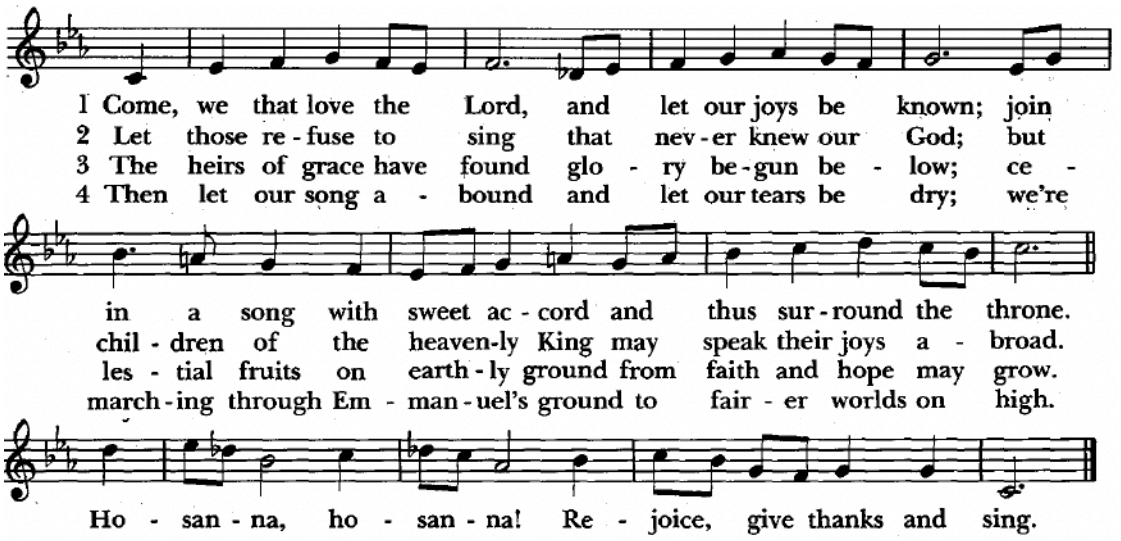
THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 392 *Vineyard Haven*



Organ Voluntary

Toccata (from Suite Gothique) — Léon Boëllmann

Assisting in Today's Services

Altar Guild: Lelia Clewis, Heddy Brown, Sally Olsson, Susan Lang, Ruth Pasquarello, Marci Thomas, Ruby McCowan

Linens: Chris McAdams, Lois Smith

Acolytes: 8:00 Dave Kenyon

9:30 Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch, John Lawson, Charlie Pickette, Taylor Johnson

Chalice: Paul Brokaw, Dallas Coffield

Lectors: 8:00 Rich Hadlow

9:30 Christin Ditchfield Lazo, Drew Graham, Dallas Coffield

Ushers: 8:00 Oliver Roberts, Lockwood Gray

9:30 Paul Carastro, David Adams, Bob Alter, Joe Andrews, John Jenkins, Rob Kelly

Verger: Dave Kenyon **Subdeacon:** Eric Williams

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury elect; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya)

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:
November 16: Will Swanson
November 17: Charley Greacen, Megan Nolan, Mary Tombaugh, Austin Kefauver, Will Matson
November 18: Joan Lochridge, Bill Brown, Obi Pederson
November 19: Rusty Shenk, Kristin Normandeau
November 20: David Webster, Emily Picone, Caroline Cox, Matthew Giddings
November 21: Joyce Davidson, Melissa Spring, Sang-Hie Lee, Margaret Nelson, Rory Palermo, Bob Alter, Amanda Sansone, Sam Jackson
November 22: Dick Eatman, Douglas Vanderpool

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Carleton Compton, Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Ron, Carey, Scott, Nancy C., Lane, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Laine, Grace, Minnie, Will, Peter, Armando, Berta, Elias, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, David W., Piper, Craig, Gwen, Helen, Joseph, Bennett, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed:

Pat Wilson and Charlie Fisher

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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