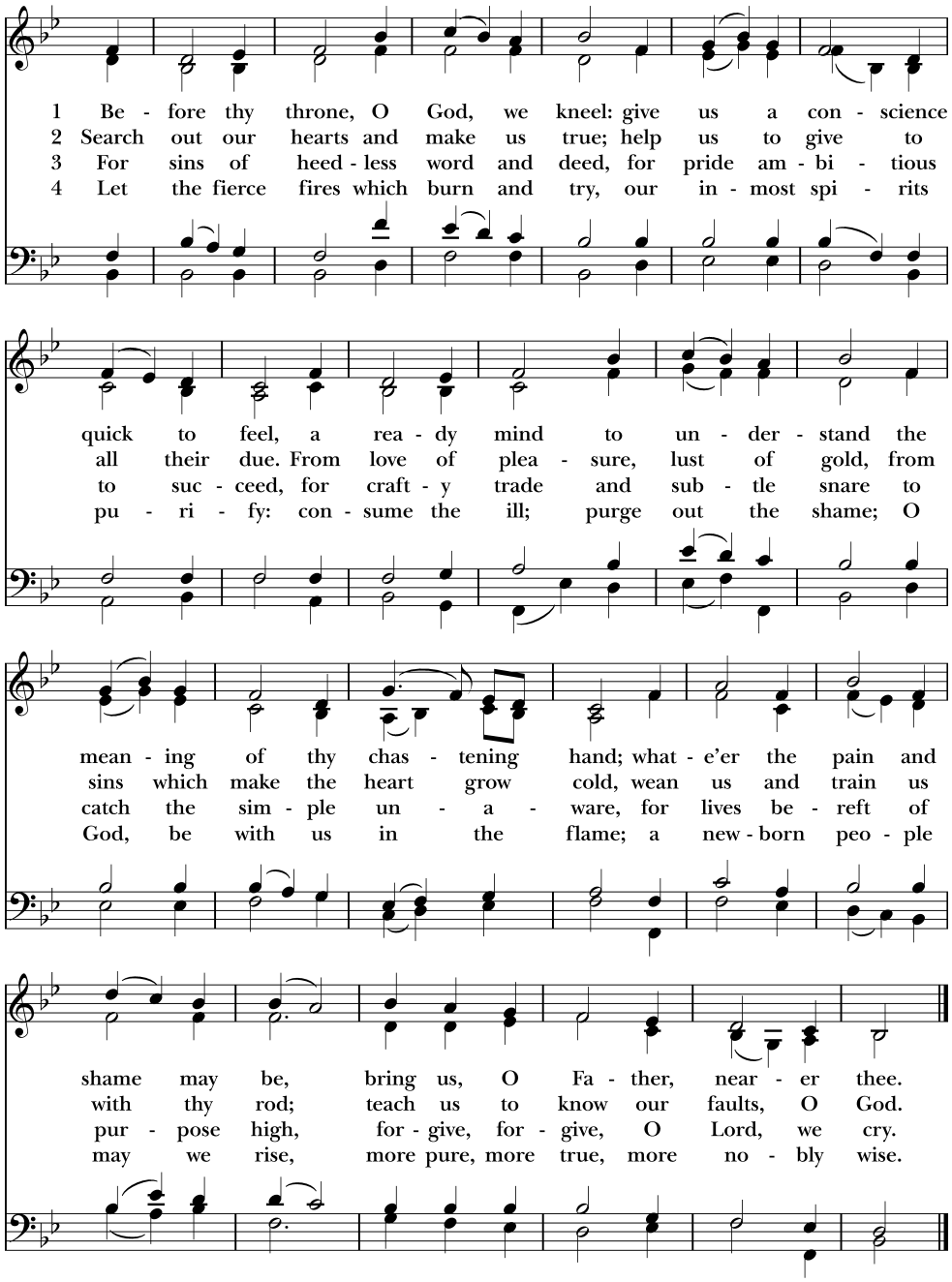ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026 | 11:00 am

Welcome! If you have questions about life at St. Luke's, feel free to talk to a vestry member: Names are listed on the back page of the bulletin and photos are on the wall in the narthex. You may notice vestry members with red stripes on their name tags.

Opening Hymn, Hymn 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).
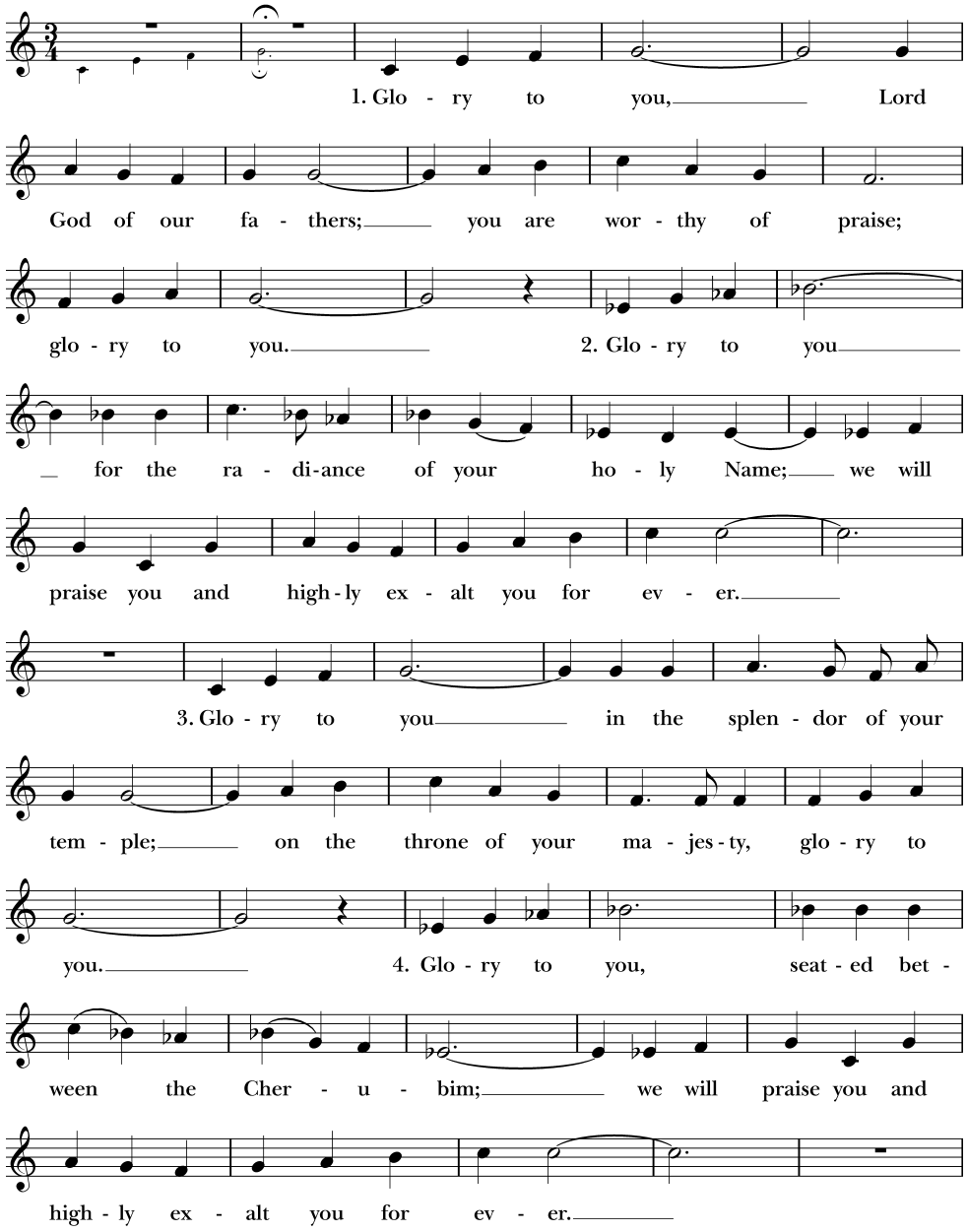
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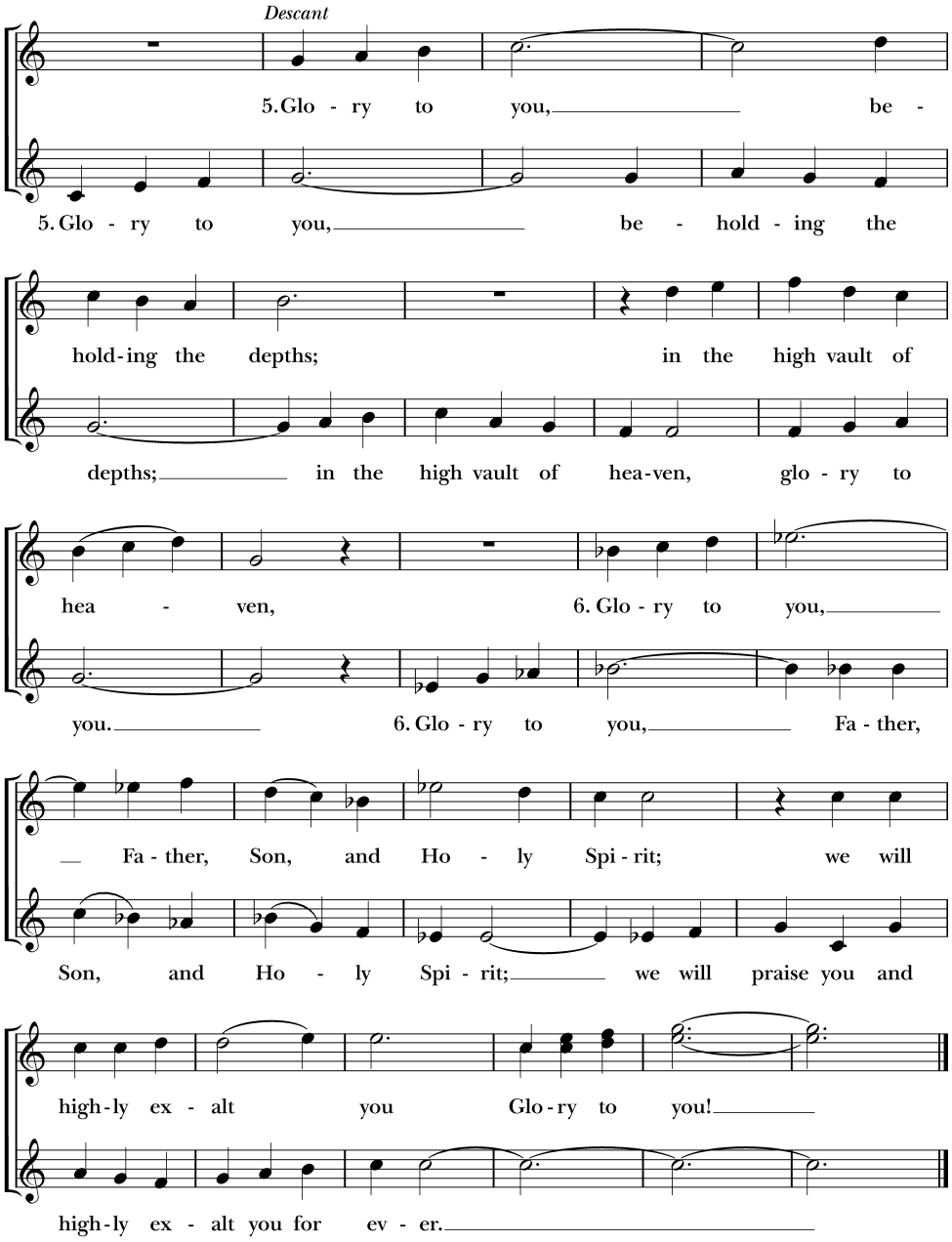
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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***.

The Song of Praise, S-236 ..... John Rutter





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***.

The First Lesson ..... Wisdom 6:12-16
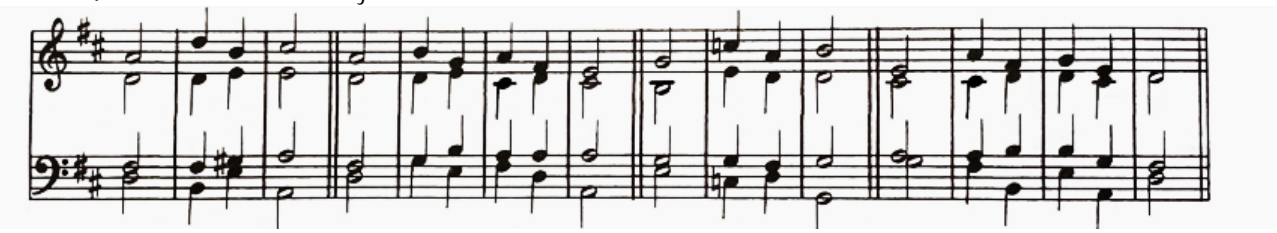
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm, Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*
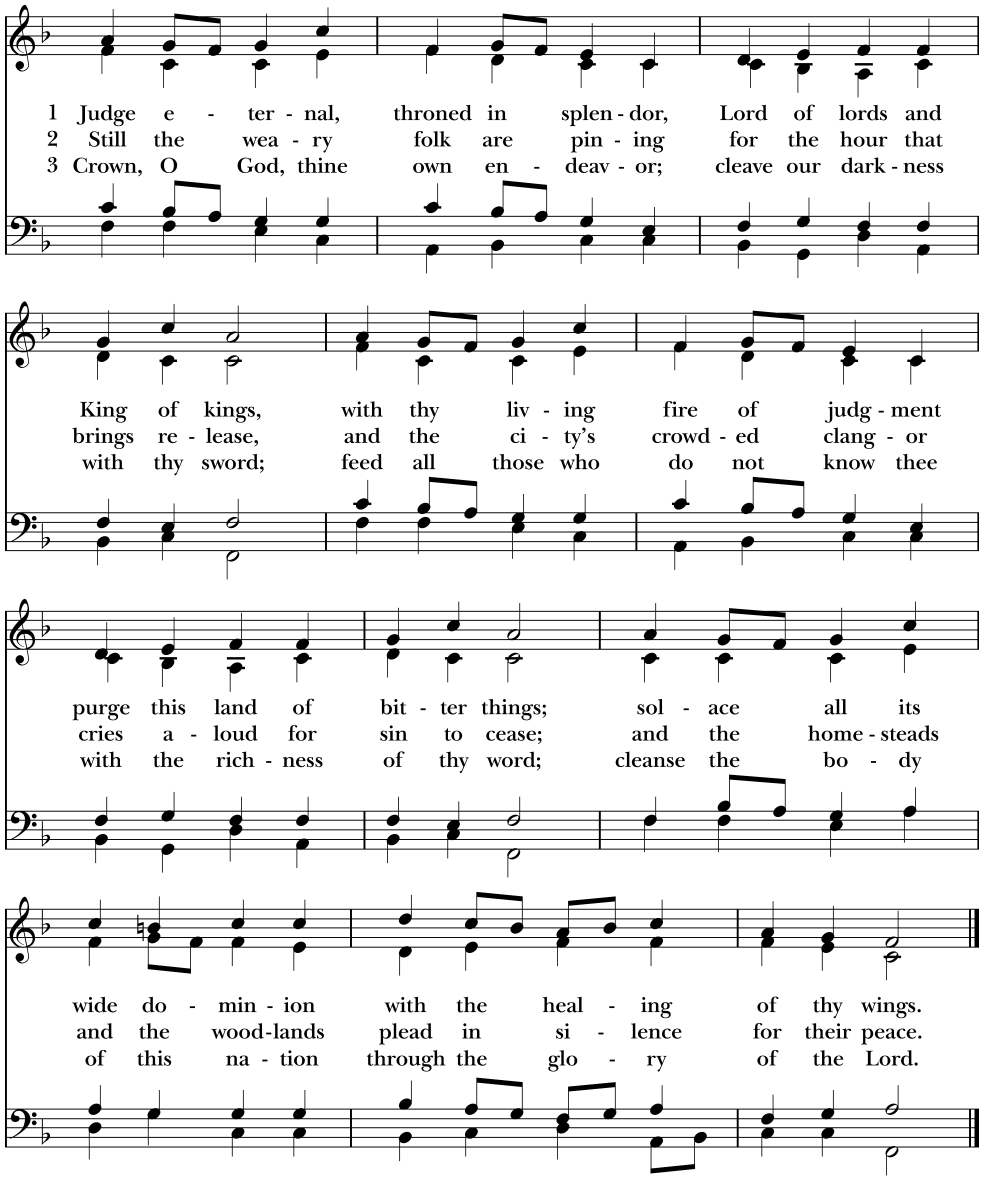


1 Be pleased, O | God, - to de-|-liver me; *
O | LORD, make | haste to | help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed ‿
and alto-|-gether dis-|-mayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune ‿
draw | back and | be dis-|-graced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me - turn | back, *
be-|-cause they | are a-|-shamed.
4 Let all who seek you re-|-joice - and be | glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say forever, '
| "Grëat | is the | LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am | poor and | needy; *
come to | më | speedily, O | God.
6 You are my helper and | my de-|-liverer; *
O | LÖRD, | do not | tarry.

The Second Lesson ..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
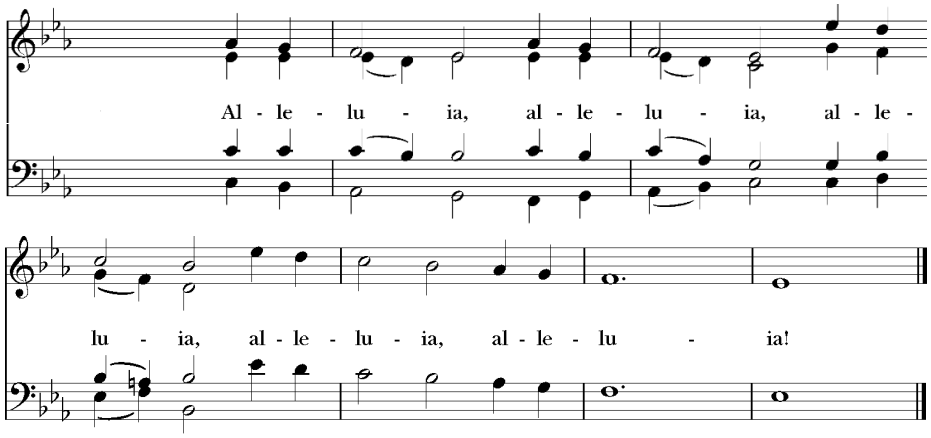
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Sequence Hymn, Hymn 596, "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"



Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gotteligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693.

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel.....Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Irv Cutter, *Rector*

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, Form VI

The people kneel or remain standing

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For N. and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation… Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life… We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died…, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in You.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Celebrant declares God's forgiveness.

The Exchange of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

We take this time to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem, "So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth".....Peter Aston

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth,
And received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men.
Their story lives on without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives.
Pericles' Funeral Oration

The Presentation Hymn, Hymn 380 v. 3 *(Please stand)*

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.***

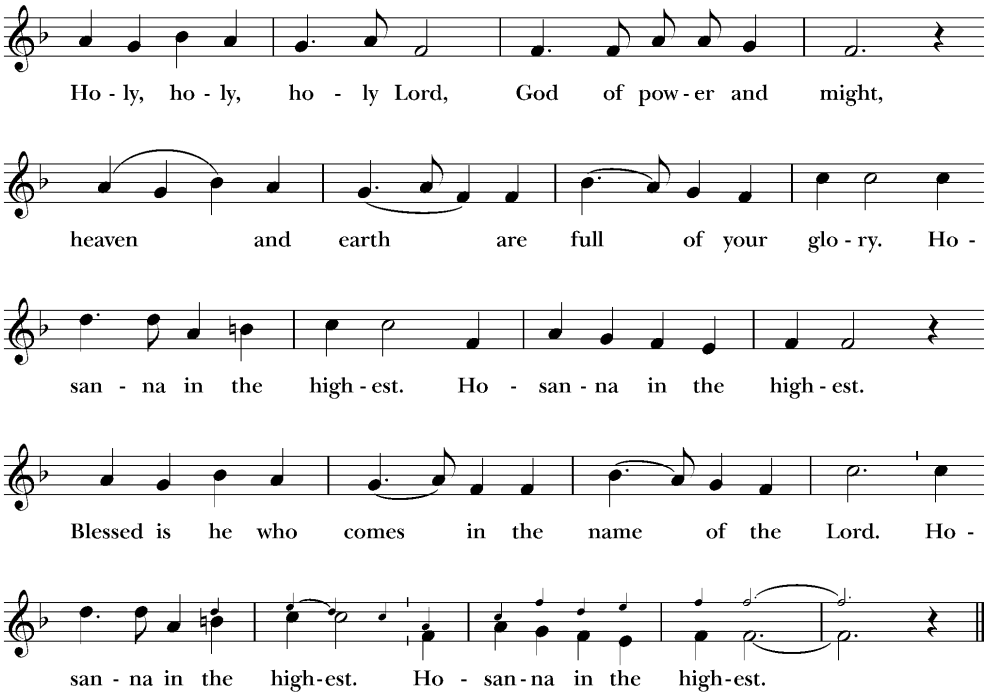
The Celebrant continues

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 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, S-125 ..... Richard Proulx



The people may 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.***

The Lord's Prayer

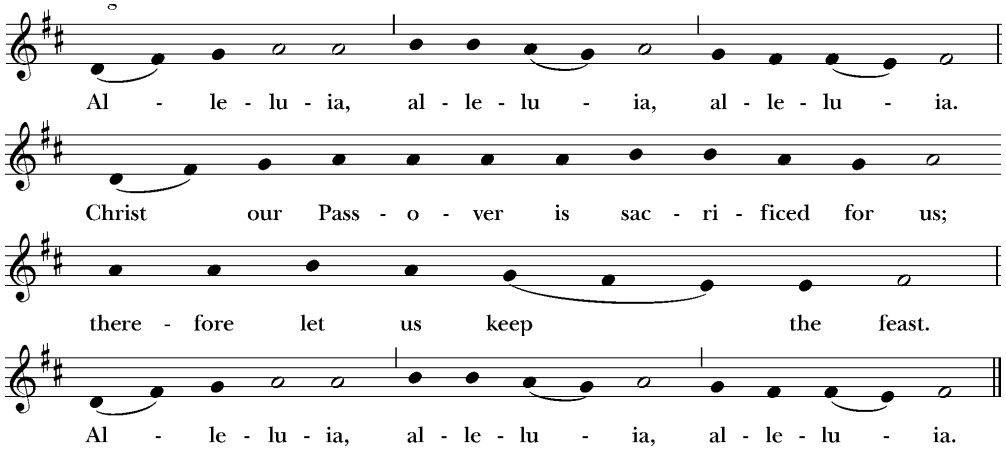
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All ***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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem, S-154 ..... David Hurd
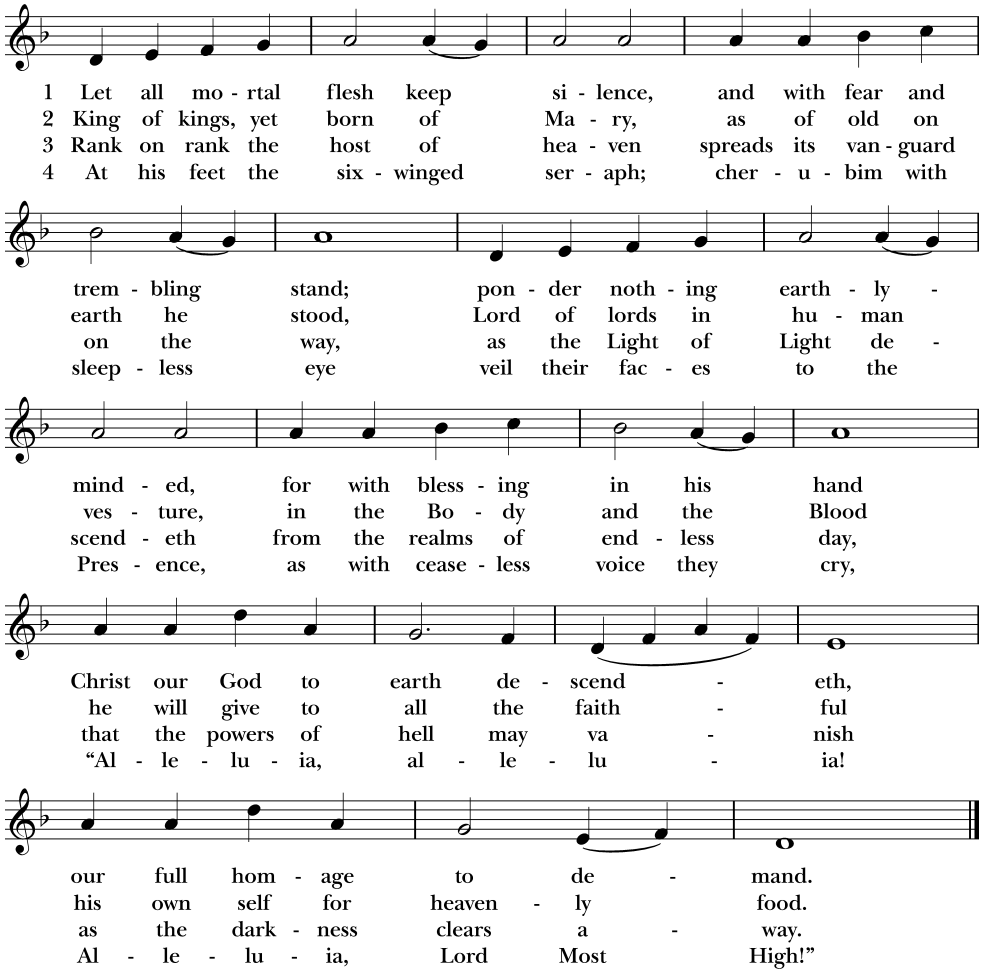


Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God…

The Sharing of Holy Communion

Ushers invite people to come forward to receive the Sacrament in both kinds. As the chalice is offered, a person may sip from the chalice, or intinct (dipping the wafer in the wine), or abstain from receiving the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn, Hymn 324, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent forth, they are commissioned with the following form:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People ***We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Postcommunion Prayer
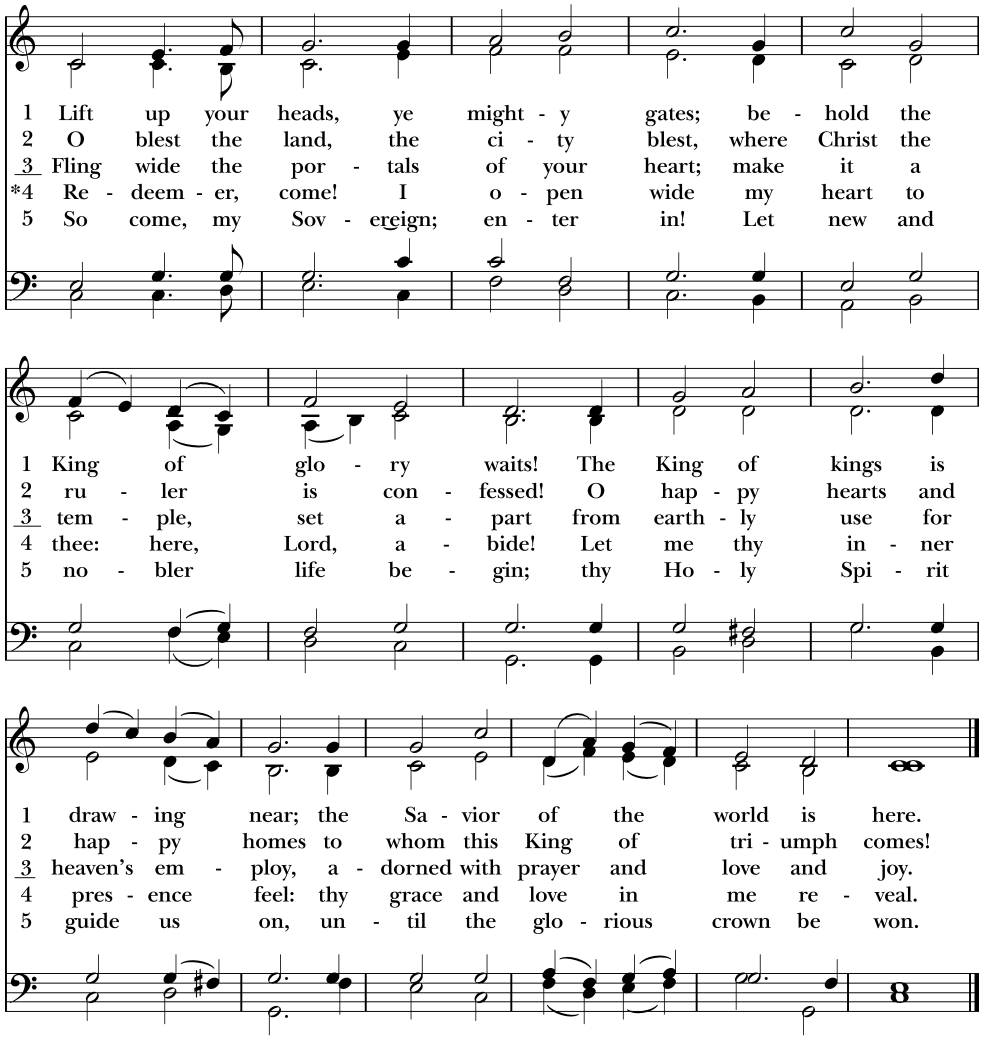
Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Almighty and everliving God,***
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant declares God's blessing on the People.

Closing Hymn, Hymn 436, "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

A Minister dismisses the People, and the People respond, ***"Thanks be to God."***

Voluntary, *Solemn Prelude (For the Fallen)* ..... Edward Elgar

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Prayer Requests

Those on the Prayer List, parishioners, family, and friends, are listed below. These names are prayed for daily by The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

We generally keep someone on the Public Prayer List for 4-5 Sundays. If you would like to extend that time, contact the church again, and submit a new prayer request. Since circumstances change, we think it is good to get regular updates on people who desire long-term prayers. Prayer requests submitted by *10:00am on Wednesdays* will be published in that Sunday's bulletins (given the exception of special holiday print schedules).

To submit a prayer request please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the collection plate or submit it on our website, slecsa.org.

Your prayers are requested for:

Healing

Marion Green
Marilyn Schrantz
Denise Chidgey
Kristen Acuna
Ava Acuna
Danny M.
Sarah Baker
Carol
Paul Pace
Larry Shepherd
Jax Brown
David Chidgey
Whitney Greenwood
Mary Ann
Katie Stephens
JoLynn Hofferkamp
Nelson Goland
Mary Albaugh Williams
Priscilla & family
Lynn W.
Kathryn W.
Jim Y.
Noah

Healing

Tristan Wingerter
Amy Rogers
Renee
A.H.
Baby Ruthie
Baby Lily
Larry B.
Clyde S.
Cyndi Schultz
Baby Kohen
Helen D.
Felicia Easley
Carlos Cano, Sr.
Christine Hausser
Bonnie Grubbs
Tish
Kimberly, Birdie, and family
James, Pat, and families
Renee H.

Comfort

All those impacted with the catastrophic floods in Texas

Cile Steward, her family & the area Search & Rescue Teams

Comfort

The Wingerter family
Gene Scott
Penny
Joett M.
Michael & Morgan
Sandi Giusti, Ryan Giusti, and Izzy Castillo
The family of Gloria Burch
The family of Lovie Ruth Alexander
Alex Grubbs and family
The family of Calhoun Bobbitt
Lynn, Elizabeth, and Mara Bobbitt
The family of John Freeman
Jessica Koontz and family
Christy M.
Renee and the Herb family
The family of Veronica Rouse
The family of Beverly Fuos

Guidance

Briana & Gregory Wingerter
Beth & Dave
A.H. & S.H.
Carol & John Michael
Amy & Rob
Cherie & Kenny
Summer, Amy & family
S & K
Cherry Morrill
Margaret & Clyde S.
Jamie & Larry B.
Julie & Dusty B.
Sylvie & John
Michael & Morgan
Dr. Ronald Williams
Courtney Curtis
The Brown family
Bonnie & Alex
Alfredo Tapia

General

The victims and families affected by gun violence
All Persecuted Christians

The family of Alina Moore



SAVE THE DATE!

THE ORGAN'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM

Russell Jackson, *Organist*

Favorite Classical Selections Include:
Bach's *Komm, süßer Tod*
Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges*
Scott Joplin's *Bethena*

FESTIVE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Questions? Contact Russell Jackson at russellj@slecsa.org, *Director of Music*

PARISH LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Adult Formation: Two New Classes Begin TODAY, Sundays at 10 am

As we move into November and December, our Adult Formation offerings will shift focus for the season:

Inquirer's Class *(Small Conference Room)*

Join Fr. Irv for a seven-part teaching series introducing the Episcopal Church, including its history, worship, theology, and structure. Newcomers and those preparing for Confirmation or Reception are especially encouraged to attend.

Wisdom Ways *(Large Conference Room)*

Join Fr. Eric for a discussion of Sunday's Scripture readings, exploring their meaning, context, and connection to our faith and daily lives.

Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Holloway at: erich@slecsa.org.

Intercessory Prayer, TODAY, November 8

Intercessory prayers will be offered during all services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. A prayer team member will be available in the back of the Christ the King Chapel during Communion. All are welcome to come for prayer.

Good Samaritan Holiday Bag Drive

Join St. Luke's in supporting Good Samaritan Community Services this holiday season! Help provide Christmas dinner essentials and a turkey voucher for local families in need.

Ways to participate:

- **Bring a Bag:** Pick up a reusable bag and shopping list in the Narthex beginning Nov. 1. Return filled bags by Thursday, Dec. 3.
- **Donate Items in Bulk:** Sign up on the poster in the Narthex to contribute individual items. Drop off donations by Tuesday, Dec. 1.
- **Help Assemble & Distribute Bags:** Join us for bag assembly on First Wednesday in December, or help distribute them at Good Sam on Friday, Dec. 11 (morning & afternoon shifts).

Questions? Contact Bryan Gonzalez at bryang@slecsa.org.

Flock of Ages, Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm

No longer young(ish), not yet old(ish), the Flock of Ages Group will meet for drinks and supper at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 11. **TODAY, November 8**, is the last day to RSVP to slec.flockofages@gmail.com to reserve your place and obtain further details on the event.

Commitment Sunday – TODAY, November 8

Are you investing where your heart is?

Stewardship is more than giving. It's an opportunity to invest in the community we share, support the ministries that bring us together, and offer our God-given gifts in service to something greater than ourselves.

As we continue our Annual Stewardship Program, we invite every member of our St. Luke's family to participate in reaching our goal of 100% parishioner participation. Every pledge, regardless of size, makes a difference and helps sustain the ministries, outreach, and operations of our church.

Together, we can continue building a community where faith, generosity, and service flourish.

To make your 2027 Pledge:

Contact Angie Hudgins at:
210-828-6425

Use the provided QR code to make your pledge online

YANKees Friendsgiving Feast
Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm

Join the Yankees (Young Adults no Kids) for a Friendsgiving celebration hosted by Kennedy and Alex! Gather for an evening of food, fellowship, and gratitude with fellow young adults. The gathering will take place at their home, with the address and event updates shared through the Yankees GroupMe. **Join the GroupMe using the QR code** for details and to RSVP. For questions, text Alex at (512) 257-0857. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Dad's Night Out,
Sunday, November 15, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dads of the parish: Join us for a casual evening of good food, drinks, and fellowship at Davis' house on November 15th beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a relaxed gathering for dads in the community to connect, unwind, and build relationships. A suggested donation of $25 per person will help cover food and drinks. But no pressure. You're welcome to join regardless of the donation! Hosted by Davis Staedtler — **text 210-602-2525 or use the provided QR code to RSVP.**

CONNECT WITH ST. LUKE'S

10:00 am Faith Formation Classes

Children

- *Godly Play (Pre-K-2nd Grade)*, Room 201
- *Bible and Faith Lessons (3rd-5th Grade),* Room 201

Youth

- *Exploring Scripture*, Youth Room

Adults

- *Inquirer's Class*, Small Conference Room
- *Wisdom Ways*, Large Conference Room

NEW TO ST. LUKE'S?

Thank you for joining us today. If you would like to know more about St. Luke's you can find us online at www.slecsa.org. We would love to get to know you better, and invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews. You can leave it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person any time this morning. We are glad you are here.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many people have special days during the year which they commemorate. Flowers on the altar of St. Luke's Church can mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, or be used as an expression of the joy of thanksgiving at any time.

Your donation of $100 for Altar Flowers helps offset the cost of the flowers, and your dedication is printed in the Sunday bulletin. Donate at www.slecsa.org/give or email Sara Spreen (saras@slecsa.org) for more information.

BAPTISM DATES

The following Sundays are set aside for baptisms at St. Luke's in 2026: **December 6**. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please visit our Life Events/Baptism page at slecsa.org/baptism or email Sara Spreen (saras@slecsa.org) for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 8:00 am – Rite I
- 9:00 – Rite II contemporary service
- 11:00 – Rite II with organ and choir
- 6:00 – Rite II with prayers for healing

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