The Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 at 9:30am



Welcome!

It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

There are coloring materials and children's books in the entryway. The restroom is located in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary. After the service, join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Welcome

Prelude

Trio du troisiéme ton — Nicolas le Bégue (1630-1702)

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Processional Hymn

Rejoice! rejoice, believers — *The Hymnal 1982 #68*



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

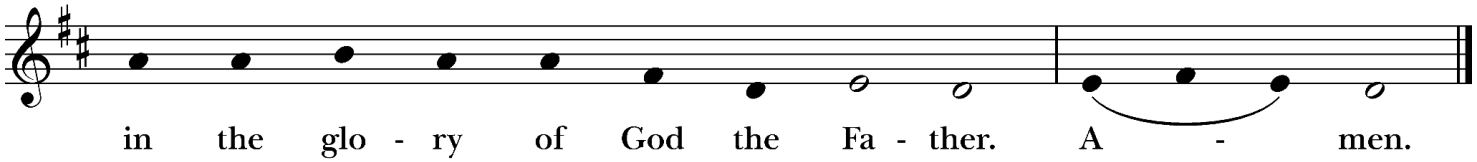
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 *The Hymnal 1982 #S-277*





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

All **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.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Reader A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the

land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7 *Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half-verse.*
1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

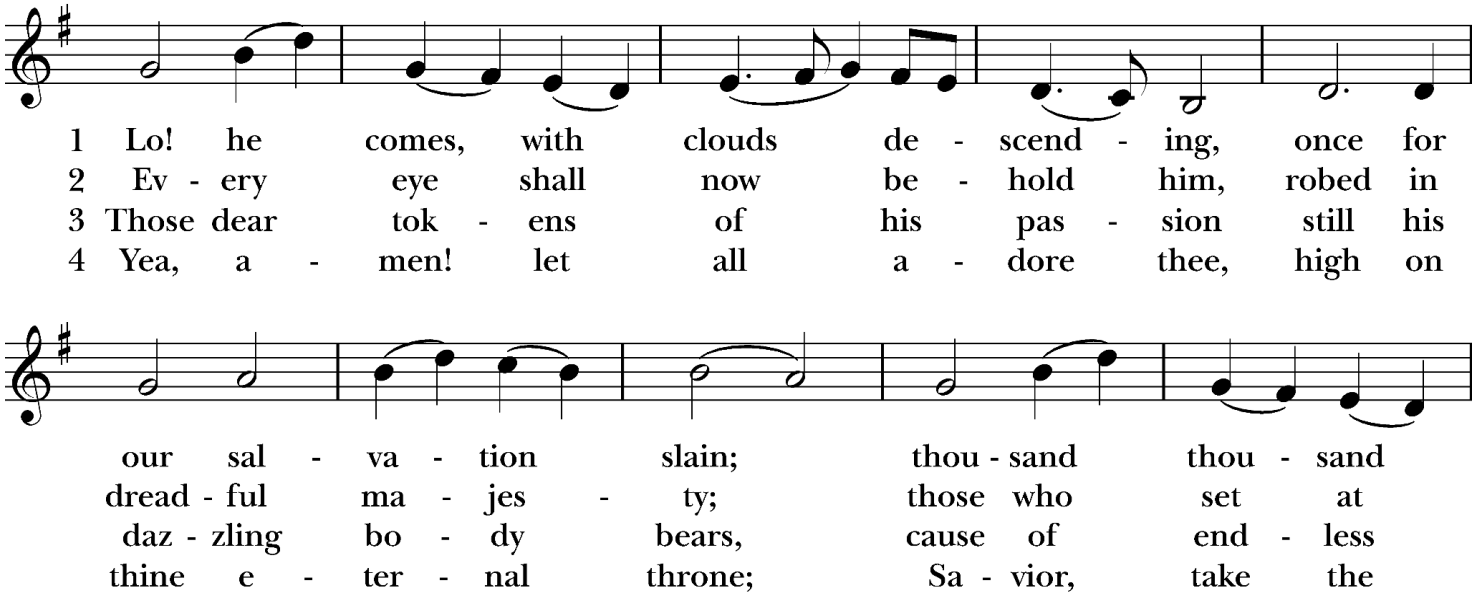
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word 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.

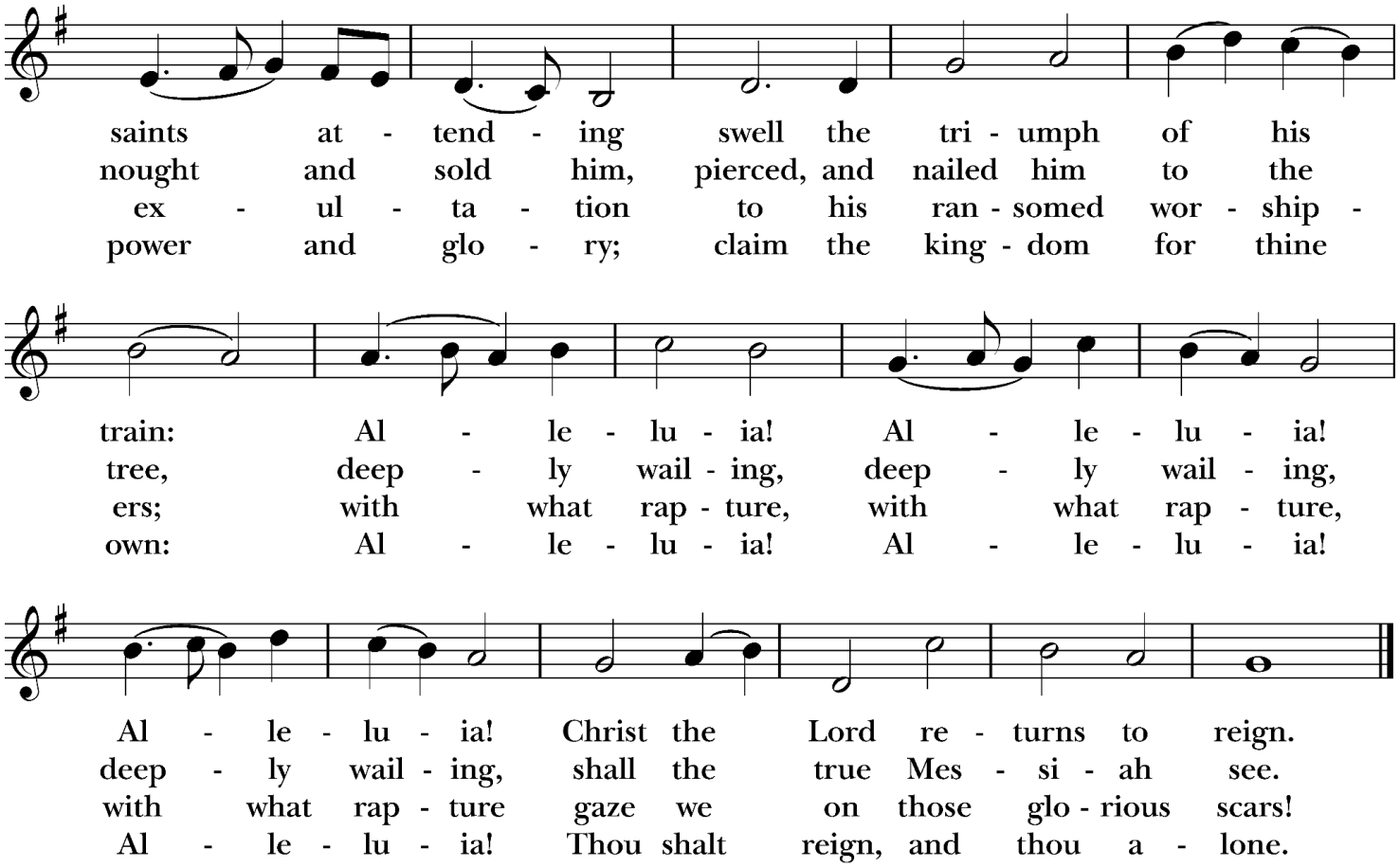
Leader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Sequence Hymn

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *The Hymnal 1982 #57*





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant The 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."

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

Sermon The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell

Please stand in body or in 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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Reader Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion.Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need We remember those on our prayer list, Annette, John, Jill R., Sally G., Bill, Jane T., Joanne, Beverly, and Bernice. Surround them with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader I invite your own prayers silently or aloud.

Celebrant Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Pause)*

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports our ministry as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light. You can place your offering in the offertory plate; set up recurring electronic payments through your bank; or you can use this QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation online.

Offertory Anthem

Once He Came in Blessing

Words by Jan Roh (1485-1547)
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music by Michael Wiesse (d. 1534)
Sung by the choir

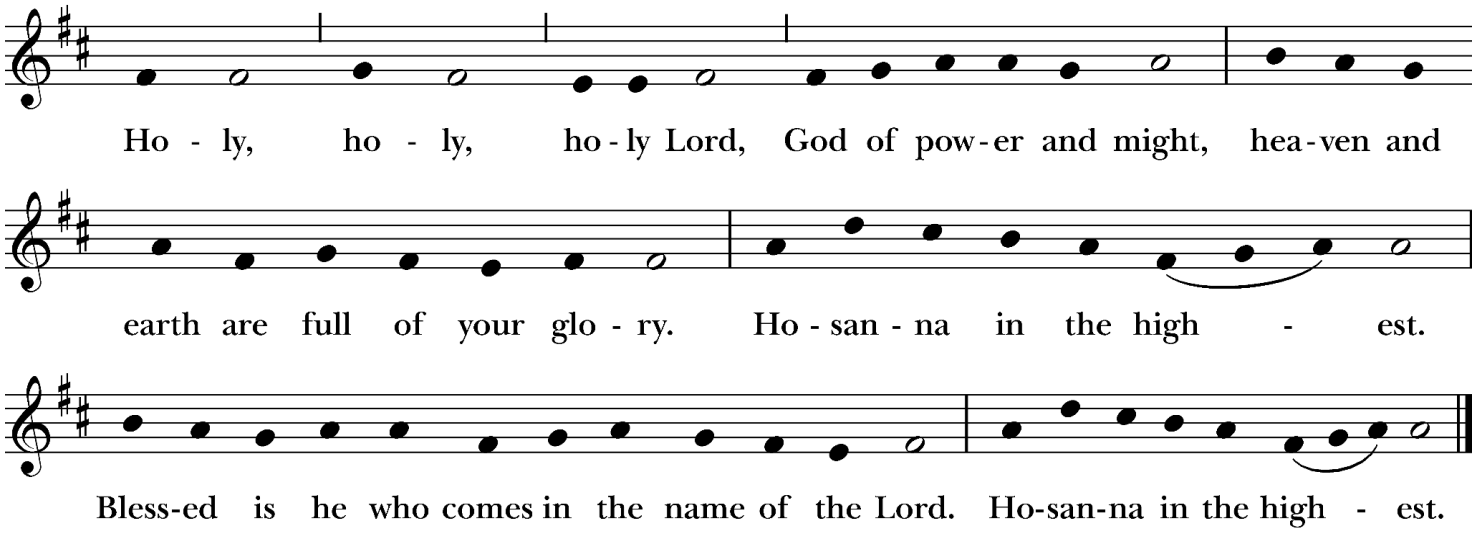
Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
All **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2 in Enriching Our Worship

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.**
Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

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

Sanctus *The Hymnal 1982* #S-124



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

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

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

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

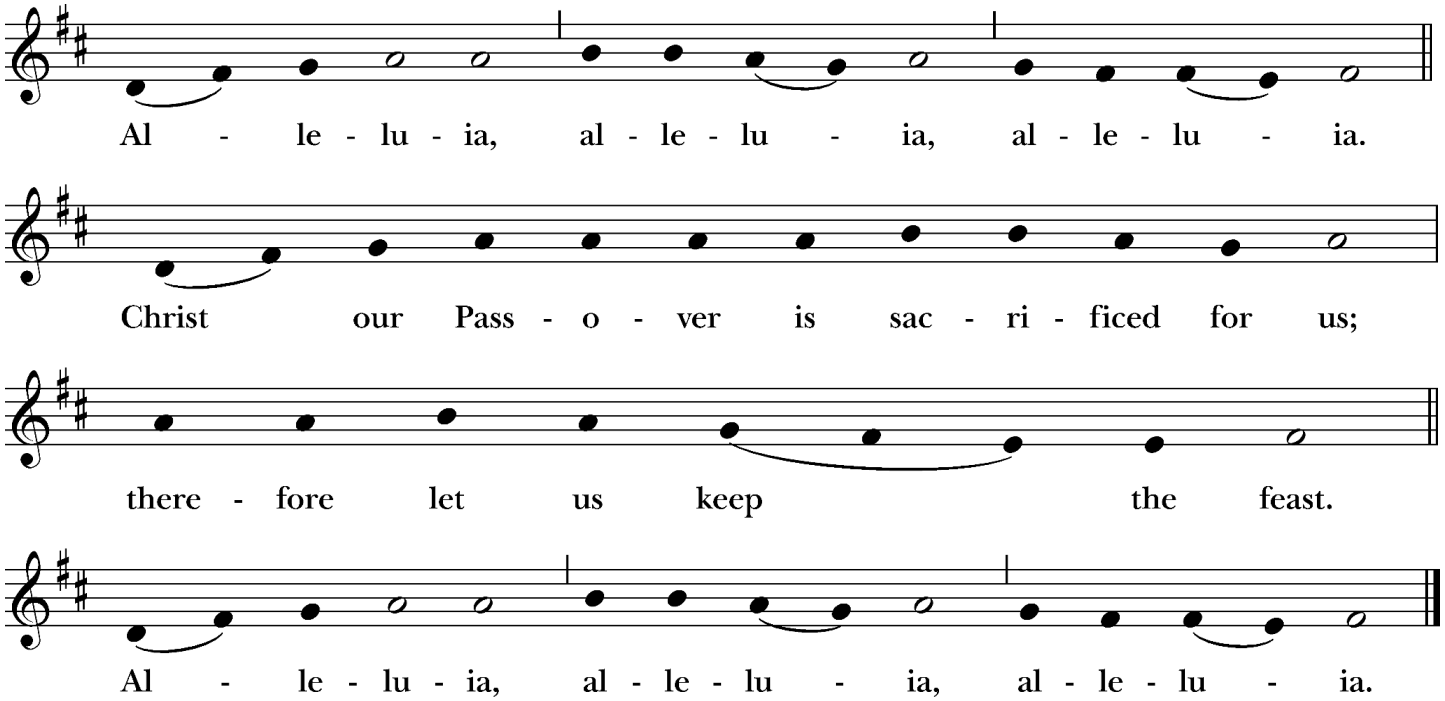
People **AMEN.**

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.*

The Fraction Anthem The Hymnal 1982 #S-154



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Celebrant Behold what you are.

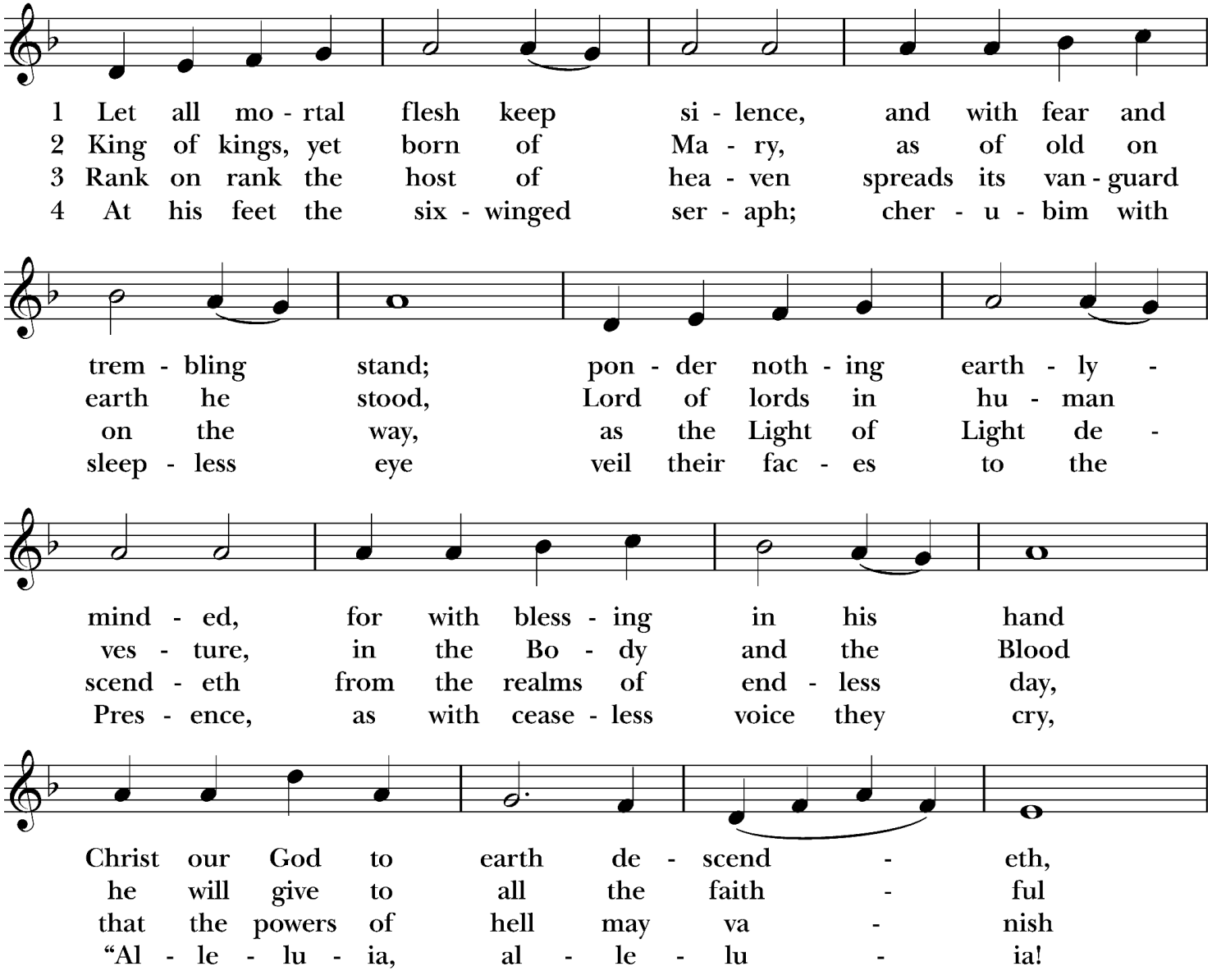
All **May we become what we receive.**

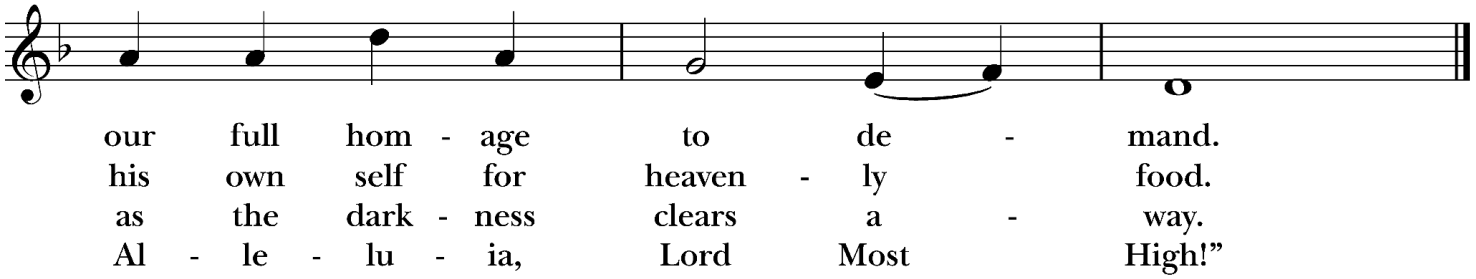
Communion

At our church, anyone who wants to feel closer to Jesus is welcome to come to the altar to receive. Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen." If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence — *The Hymnal 1982 #324*





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.

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant Let us pray.

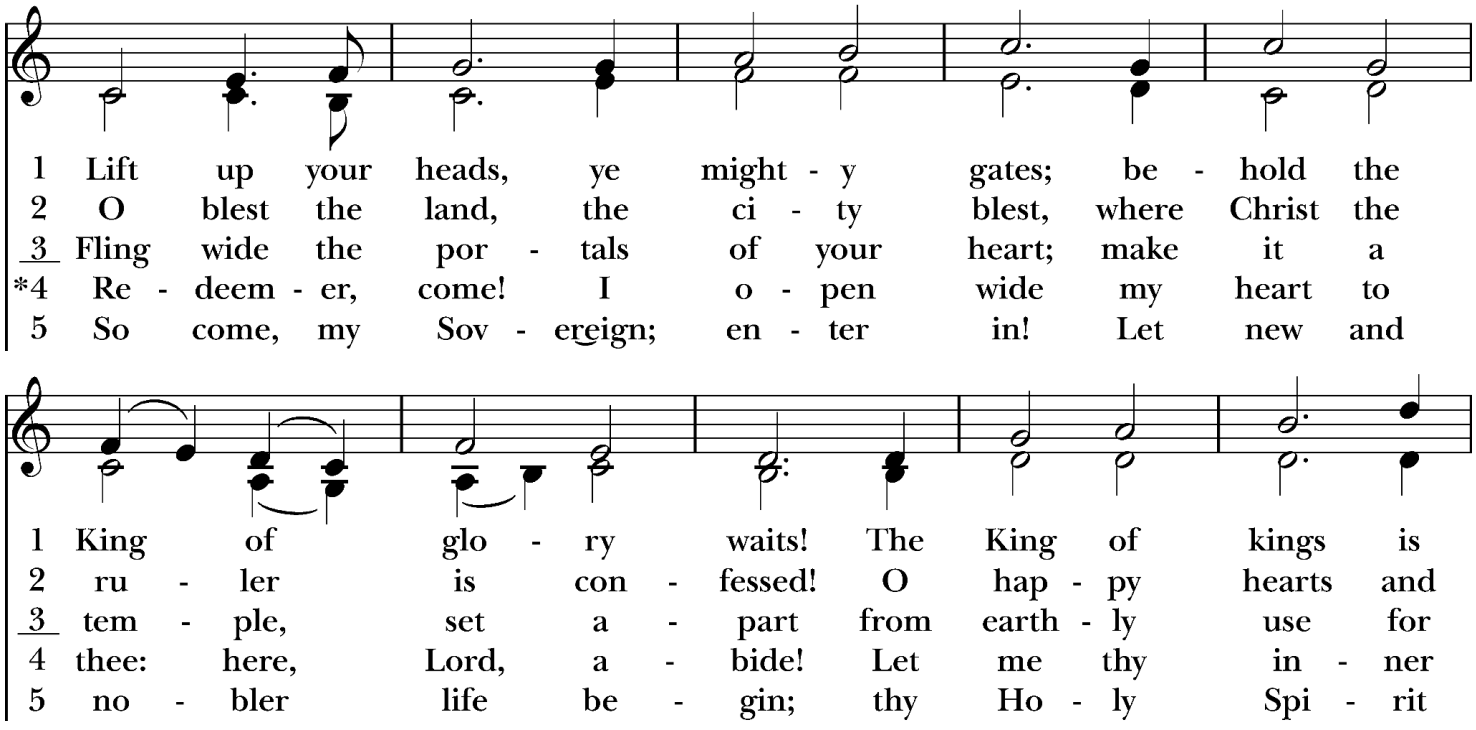
All **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness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

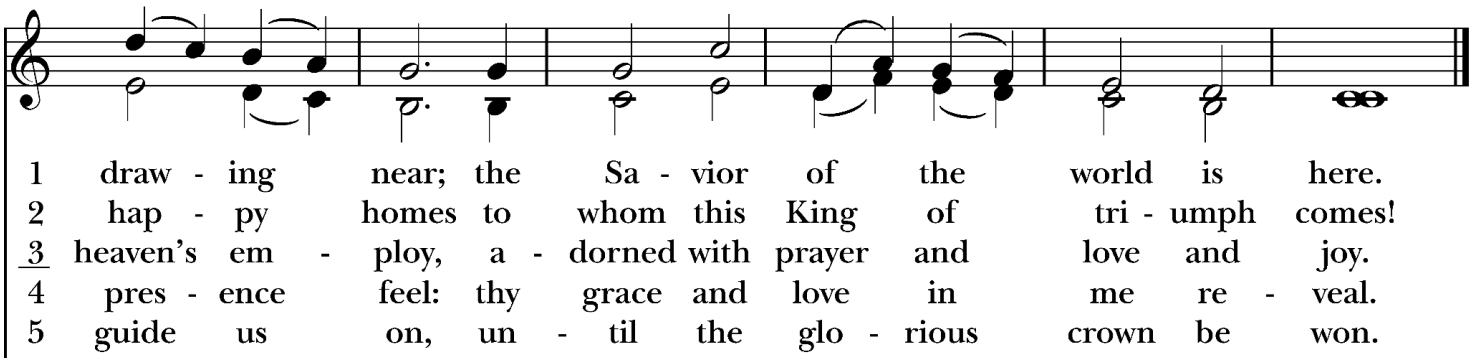
The Blessing

The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *The Hymnal 1982* #436





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.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Falling — Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
arr. Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

Participants

Celebrant	The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell
Organist	Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft
Lector	Tim Davis
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jill Seiler-Moon
Altar Guild	Sue Gipson
Flower Guild	Pam Heide
Vestry Person of the Day	Tim Davis
Counter	Nancy Miller
Coffee Hour Host	The Doten Family

<u>Stewardship 2027</u>: Plenty Good Room

Stewardship has officially launched! In your mail, you should have received a letter from our Stewardship Chairs, our new Ministry Brochure, a pledge card, and information on proportional giving.

Please prayerfully consider your offering of time, talent, and treasure to your faith community and return your pledge cards by November 22nd. Your offerings will inform the vestry's decisions on budget and programming. Extra letters and pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Use the QR code to make your pledge now.

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's Plenty Good Room Reflection:

Plenty Good Joy

Through heartfelt worship and fellowship, we nurture the joyful spirit that emerges from abiding in the love of God and each other. This week, we express gratitude for the joy that our church brings to us and contemplate the ways we can commit to spreading this joy. There is Plenty Good Room for all to experience the joy of abiding in God's love.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

<u>Fall Cleanup Help needed:</u>

Join us after the service on **Sunday, November 22** for our Church and Rectory Fall Cleanup! Bring a rake, gloves, a leaf blower, or simply a willingness to pitch in. Be sure to label your tools so they make it home with you! No experience necessary—if you can tell the difference between a leaf and a lawn, you're qualified!

Holiday Bazaar Announcements

Our annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 14th, is quickly approaching! See below for ways to help with our biggest fundraiser of the year!



- **Vendor Tables Available at Our Holiday Bazaar!**
  Looking to showcase your products this holiday season or know someone who is? We have 3 vendor table spaces still available at our Holiday Bazaar! Tables are $30 each and are a great opportunity to connect with the community and share your goods. Interested in reserving a table? Contact the parish office for more information!

- **Holiday Bazaar Workshops**
  Join us on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to work on one of the many items we'll be selling at this year's holiday bazaar. We provide the instructions and supplies along with some really great company. It's also a relaxing way to unwind from the workday's stress. Your support will help us make this year's bazaar a great success! For more information, you can contact Janet Rossi (rossi.jet@gmail.com).

- **Bazaar Volunteers Needed**
  We're looking for volunteers to assist with setup on Friday afternoon and to lend a hand during the Bazaar on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Whether you can help for an hour or the whole event, we'd be grateful for your support in making this beloved parish tradition a success. Use the QR code to sign up.

Coffee Hour Hosts needed!

Sign up using this QR code or using the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall

New Here? We'd Love to Connect.

Whether you're visiting for the first time, looking for a church home, or simply want to learn more, we'd be glad to meet you.

Scan the QR code to:

- Meet with our rector
- Sign-up for our weekly email
- Learn about membership
- Make prayer requests

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Purpose Statement

We are a vibrant and authentic faith community that boldly proclaims that God is Love. Inspired by the example of Jesus' expansive and unconditional love, we open wide our doors for joyful worship and deepening of relationships as we grow together in the knowledge and love of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we go forth gladly to serve the world, loving others as God loves us.

Scripture Reference:
Love one another
as I have loved you. —*John 13:34*

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