

Our mission: To nurture an inclusive church, where we worship, heal, and laugh, so that together we can share God's love with the community.

Pentecost – Proper 27

November 8, 2026

Welcome, one and all!

It's so great you're here! Church of the Resurrection is a welcoming place for families to develop a relationship with God together. We strive to be a spiritually nourishing place for people of all ages. And in a time in which many people live quite a distance from their extended families, we hope to be a church family, sharing our love of God with one another.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Children are a gift from God. Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we! We welcome the 'joyful noise' that children bring at Church of the Resurrection. We are excited you're here and believe children's voices are the sound of vibrant life in church.

We understand that children do not instantly know how to take part in worship, and we also acknowledge that things have changed a lot since most adults were children in church. Maybe when you were a kid you were expected to be mini-adults or to be seen and not heard. We don't feel that way here. We want to help both parents and their children feel welcome and affirmed just as they are, whether they're seasoned churchgoers or first time visitors. We also know that when children feel truly welcomed, they are happier to be in church.

And, just as adults have different ways of engaging at church, we believe the same holds true for children. Your child is always welcome to be in worship service with you. Always! But sometimes, kids might want to participate in other ways as well. Here are a few ways to be "at church" for kids:

- There is a colored rug — at the front of the church — with some activities for kids. Your child is welcome to sit on the rug and use any of the activities, books, and art supplies there or can take some of these back to their seats. One request: The rocking chair is for adults with small children only. Please don't let your older children rock in the chair as we don't want anyone hurt if they tip over.
- There is also a nursery room available, through the hallway near the entrance of the church. There is not any supervised childcare offered but you are welcome to take your child in there and they can play with any of the toys.
- There is Sunday School offered almost every Sunday during the traditional school year. Children from preschool through 5th grade are welcome to participate for as little or as much of the class as they wish. It is held in the Parish Hall (the larger building right across the plaza from the sanctuary) and begins at 10:15am. Your child will then return to you during the "passing of the peace" mid-way through the worship service.
- If your child is 2nd grade or older, they can volunteer to be an acolyte or a reader during the church services. Ask one of the clergy about how to connect with these wonderful ministries.
- If your child might be interested in playing a musical instrument during worship let us know! We are always looking for new ways to incorporate kids into our music program.

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection!
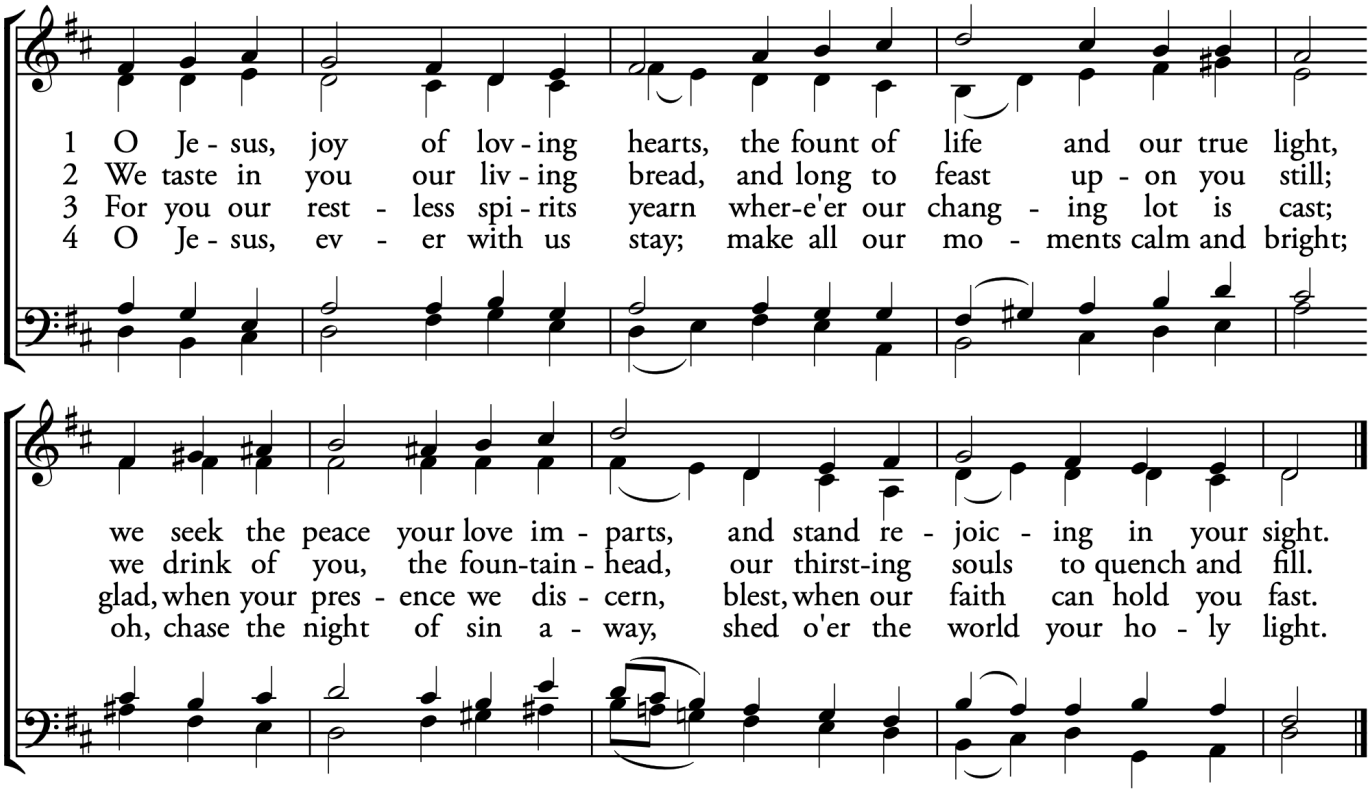
Please note that this service is livestreamed on Facebook. If you do not want to appear on the livestream, please let an usher know and you will be seated outside the range of the cameras.

The Ministry of the Word

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Organ Voluntary *Prélude,* Op. 78 Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)

Opening Hymn O Jesus, joy of loving hearts



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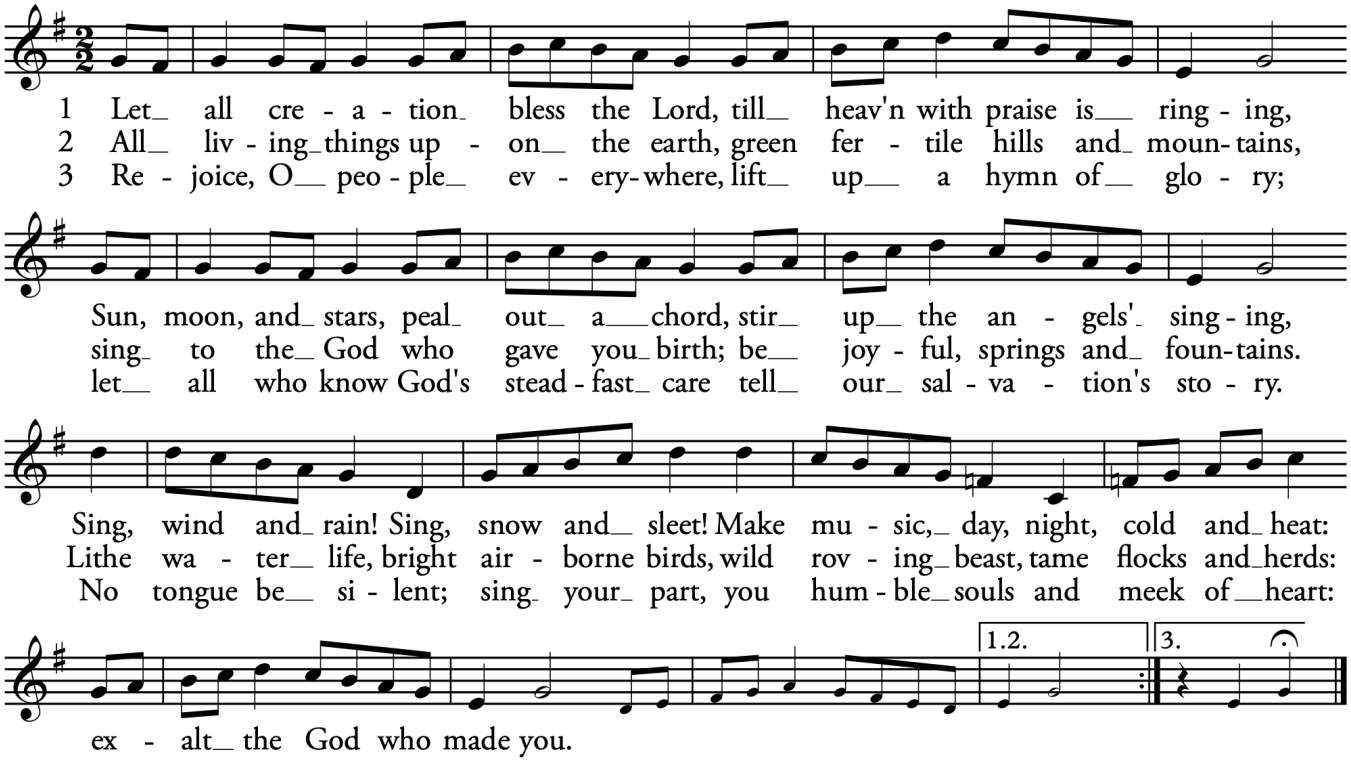
Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray.

People **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 Let all creation bless the Lord



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Music: *Whitehead*, William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947) © 1997 Church Publishing, Inc.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**
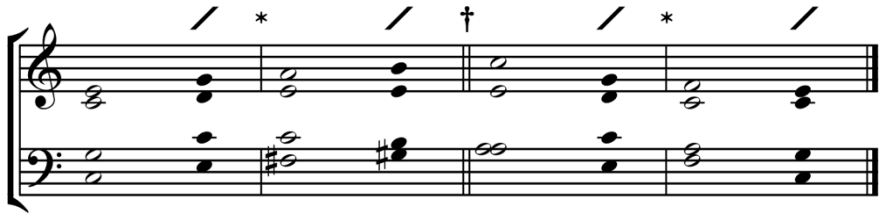
First Reading **Joshua 24:1-3a**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7



Chant: Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)

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 forebears 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;

5 Who gave decrees to Jacob and established a law for / Israel, *
and commanded them to teach their / children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un/born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their / children;

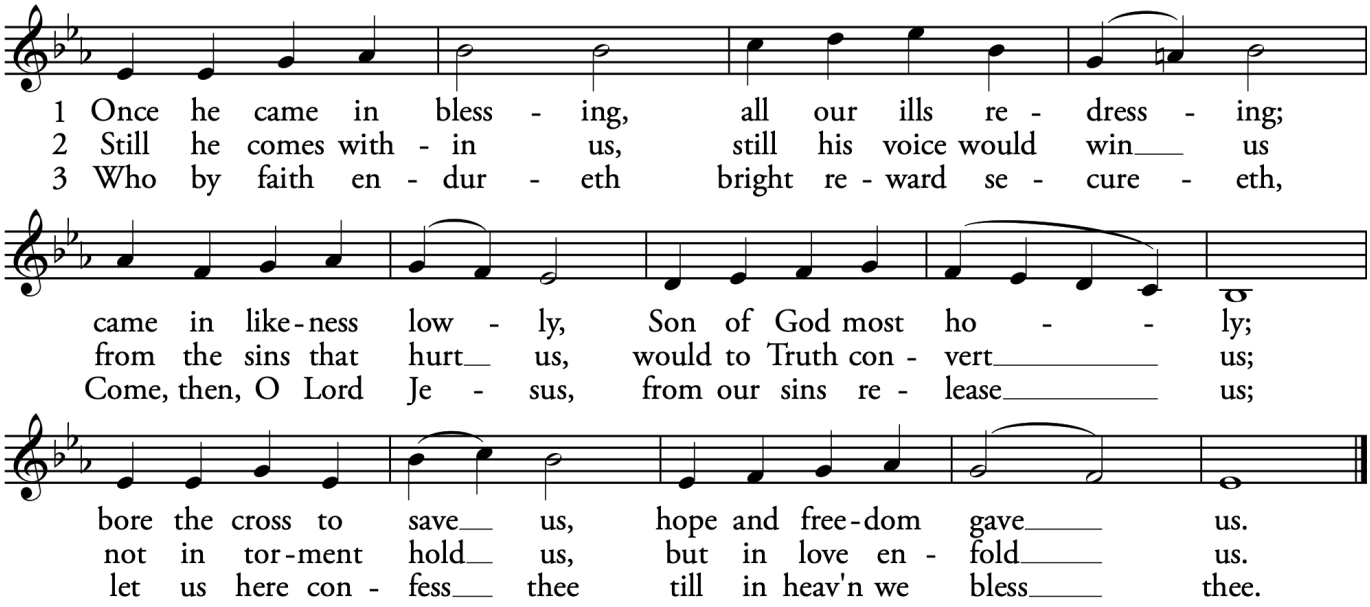
† 7 So that they might put their trust in / God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep God's com/mandments.

Second Reading **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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Once he came in blessing



Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen,* melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534)

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

Assisting Clergy 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."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* *standing*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Assisting Clergy In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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

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

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

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

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

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in their Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we name now:

Silence

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those we name now:

Silence

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Bettie Bedell, and those we name now: _____, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Assisting Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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.

Presider 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

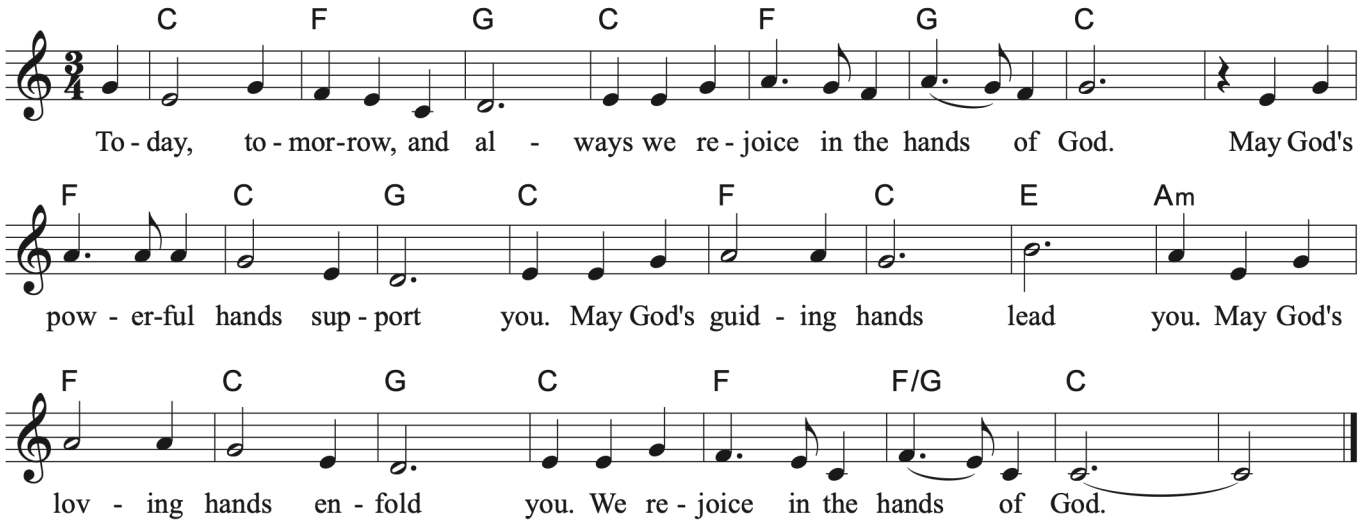
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Stewardship Message

Thanksgivings and Concerns

The Hands of God



Words and Music: Paul Crabtree

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Presider Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *—Matthew 6:19-21*

For those gathered in person, if you wish to make a gift you can do so when an usher brings the offering plate to your row. If you would like to make a gift online, you can securely do so through PayPal using the QR code below. You can also mail checks to the church at 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill CA, 94523. Thank you!

Offertory Anthem Keep Your Lamps! arr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Presider All things come of you O God.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving *standing*

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

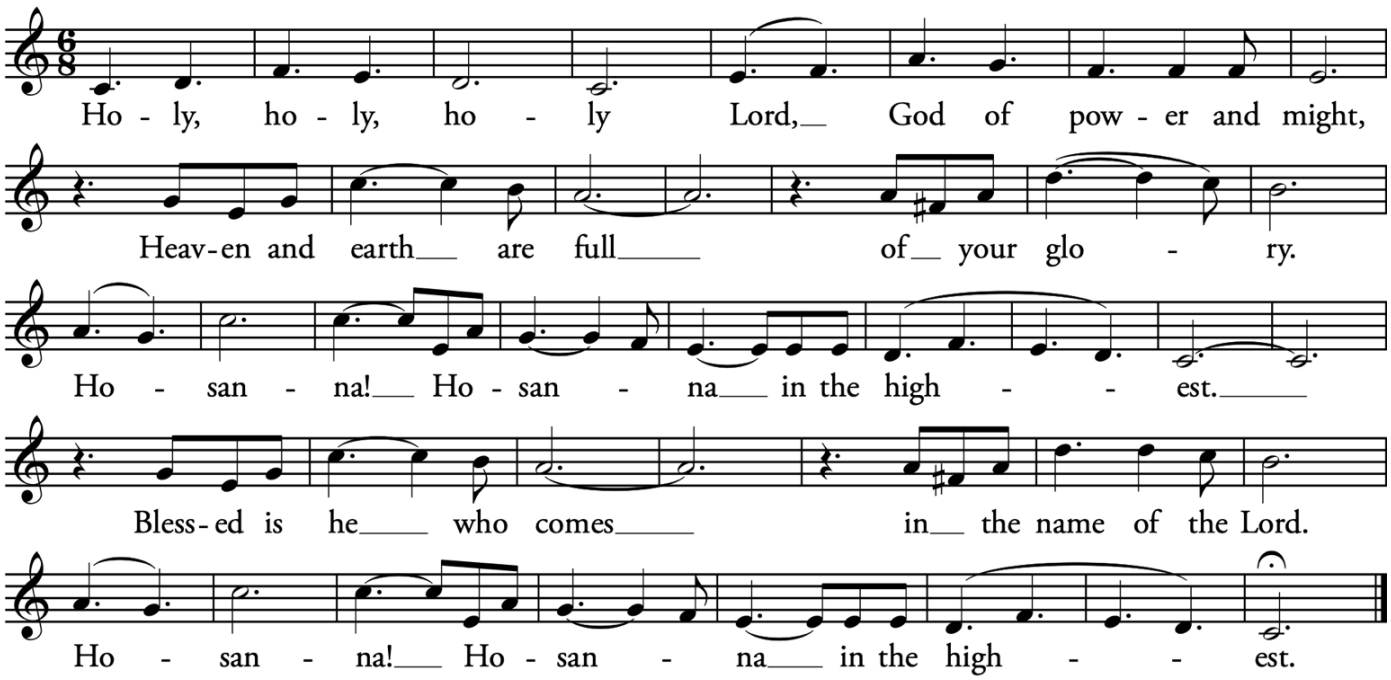
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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The Presider 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

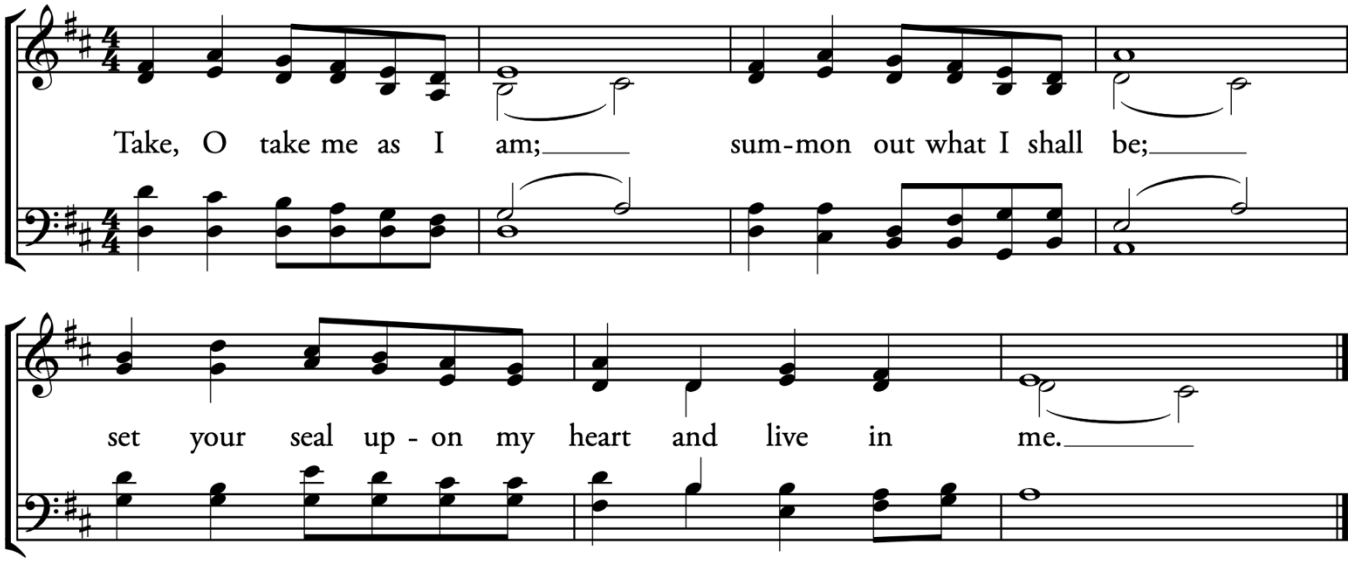
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread.



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Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. When you come forward, the ushers will guide you in making a half circle around the rug at the altar. Place one hand on top of the other to receive the bread. After you receive the bread, a chalice bearer will come to you with the chalice of wine, which you can help guide to your lips. If you would like grape juice, just let the clergy know. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you can cross your arms over your chest.

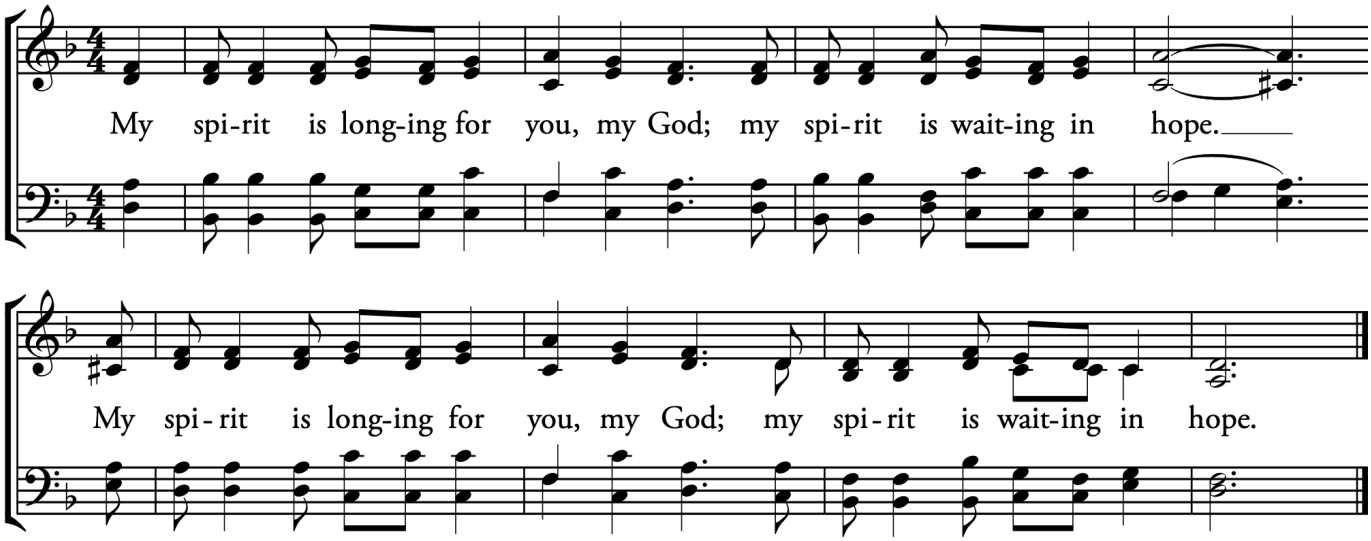
In an effort to minimize the spread of germs at communion we ask that you please not dip (intinct) your bread in the communion cup. Not only does the bread tend to fall apart when dipped in the wine, it also introduces more germs from your hands into the cup. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice please cross your arms against your chest, and when the chalice is offered with the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," affirm and acknowledge Christ's gift with your "Amen". Please know that the church has long held that to receive communion in "full" one need not receive both the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if that's your preference.

Healing Prayers During Communion

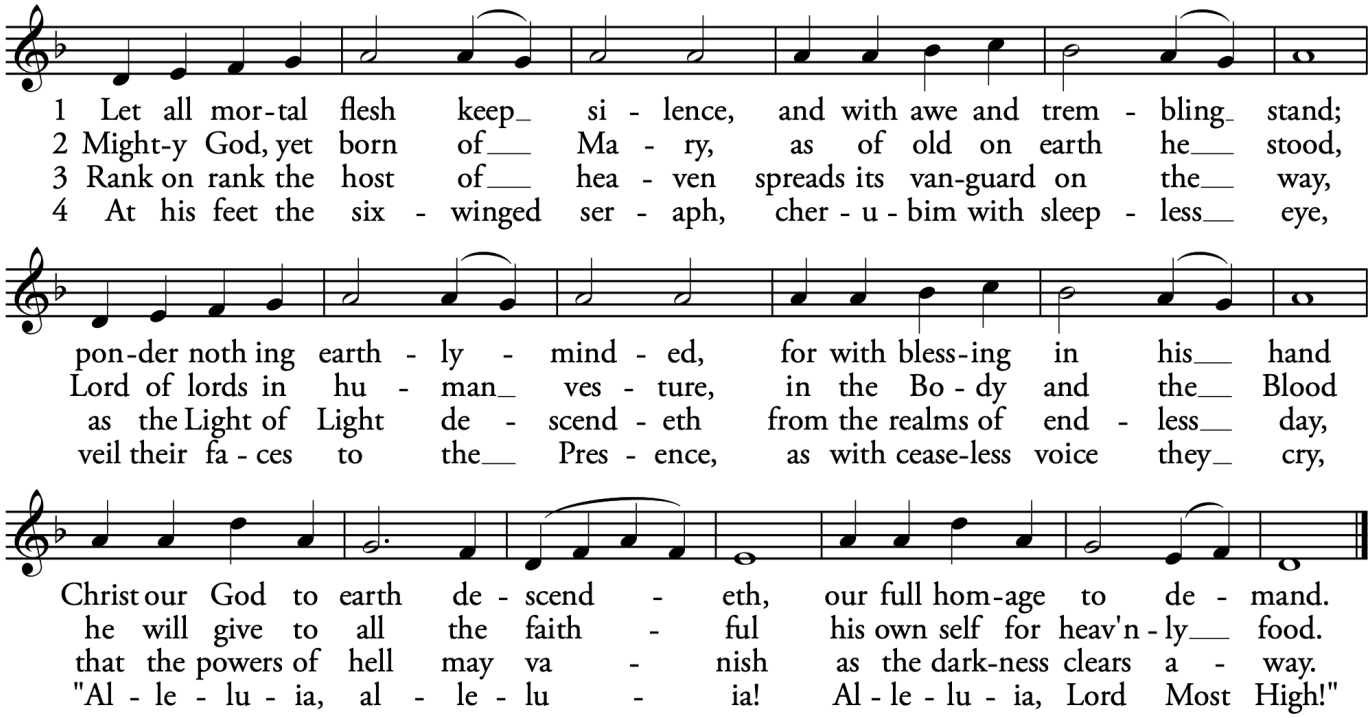
Those desiring prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit may go to the healing station by the Tree of Life mosaic next to the doors at the side of the church. Members of the healing team will anoint you with healing oil, making the sign of the cross on your forehead, and pray with you. You may name a specific need or simply ask for a prayer of healing. You may kneel, sit, or stand. Everything said at the healing station is held in confidence – if you would like additional support, please contact Rev. Liz or Rev. Whitney. If you would like to have a healing minister come to you at your seat, just let an usher know.

Communion Chant My Spirit is longing for you, my God



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Communion Hymn 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

Post Communion Prayer

Presider 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.

Sending forth the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (as needed)

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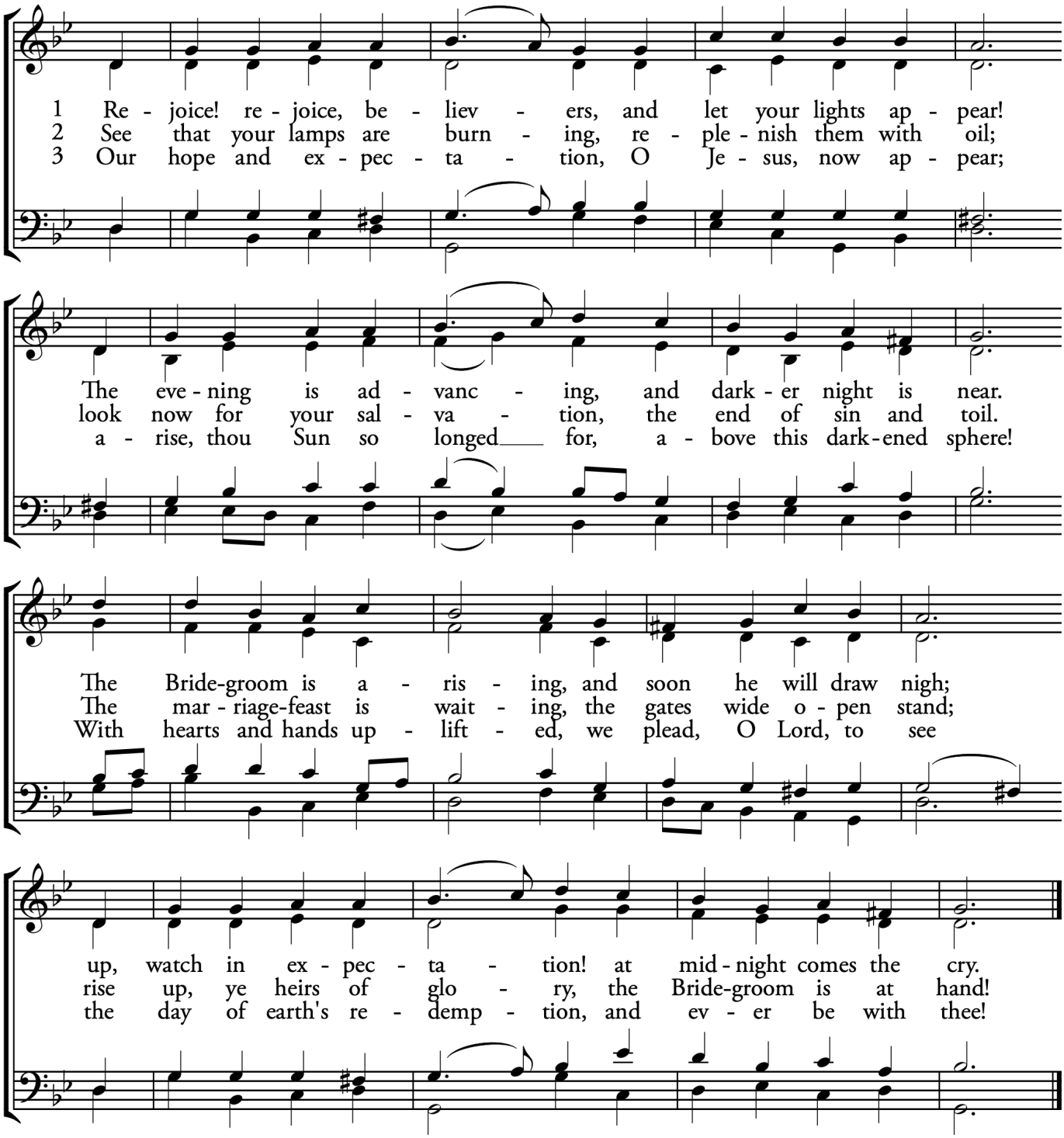
Presider *N.*, in the name of this parish family, I send you bearing these holy gifts to ___.
Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Final Blessing

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Rejoice! Rejoice, believers



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thomau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

The Dismissal

Assisting Clergy Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Llangloffan*

Serving Today
November 8, 2026

Presider	The Rev. Kathy Trapani
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Healing Ministry	Jennifer Vargen, The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann
Music Director	Jamie Apgar
Sunday School Teachers	Jessi Barber, Christi Gotvald
Videographer	Paul Maxwell
Altar Guild	Mitch Turner Epperson, Brian McCarthy
Communion Bread Baker	Kitty Barnes
Ushers	Neil Crawford, Chuck Bartell
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