All Angels Episcopal Church



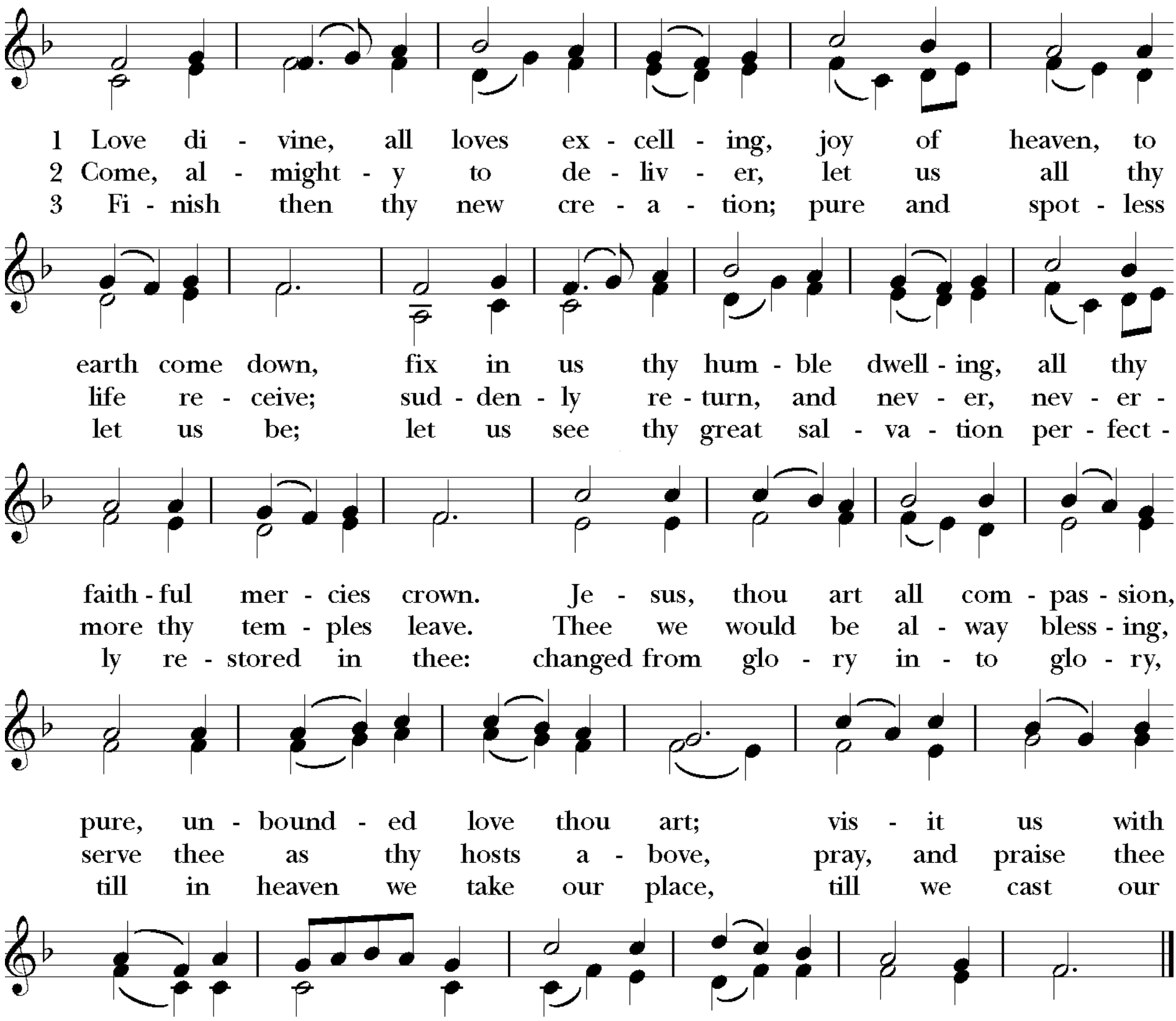
**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Matthew 22:37, 39

October 25, 2026

Prelude *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 182 Hymnal #657



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our God, the Lord is One.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
The second commandment is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Today's reading Leviticus opens the heart of the "Holiness Code", calling believers to live a distinct life that reflects the character of God emphasizing holiness in practical justice. The concluding verses focus on internal attitudes which forbid harboring hatred, taking revenge, or holding grudges and concludes with a foundational ethical mandate: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgment;
you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great:
with justice you shall judge your neighbor.
You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people,
and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.
You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people,
but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 1 *please respond where bold* *Ps. 1*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law, day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Introduction: The Apostle Paul and his companion Silas were imprisoned in Philippi for proclaiming faith in Jesus Christ. When they were released, they traveled 93 miles to Thessalonica where they experienced rapid ministry success and founded the

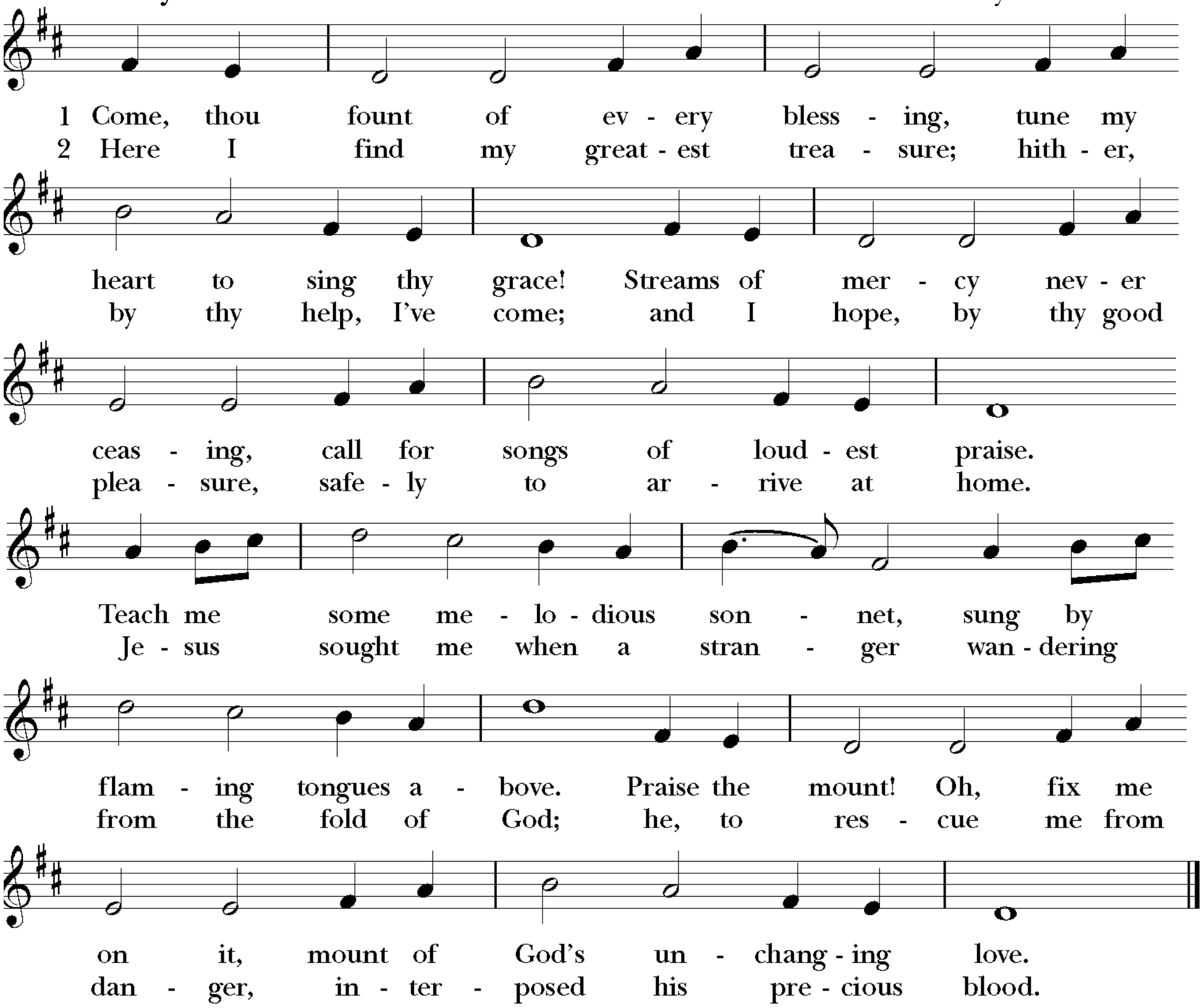
Thessalonian Church. Then they received sudden and violent opposition. To keep the peace, Paul and Silas fled the city under the cover of darkness. Because Paul was forced to flee, he was concerned about the Church surviving intense community persecution. He wrote this letter to the Thessalonians from Corinth in the year 51.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gradual Hymn *Come Thou Fount* 1982 Hymnal #686



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
'*The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet*'"?
If David thus calls Him Lord, how can He be his son?"
No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Gradual Hymn *Come Thou Fount* 1982 Hymnal #686

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Sermon The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *Holy Spirit guide my thoughts* D Stasney

The Nicene Creed *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

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 *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

My church family, will you pray with me. *A brief silence*

With Psalm 1 as our guide, let us with joy and confidence offer our prayers to God, who watches over the way of the righteous and plants us by streams of living water.

For the holy Church of God, that like a tree planted by the water, it may bear fruit in due season and offer shelter and grace to a thirsty world. Equip All Angels with every good gift so we may continue to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church. We pray especially for all our church leaders, our bishop Doug and all priests and deacons.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they may reject the counsel of the wicked, turn aside from the paths of oppression and establish policies rooted in justice, equity, and truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our local community, our neighborhoods, and all with whom we live and work, that we may choose paths of peace, and build a culture of kindness and mutual respect.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in our community who are lonely, marginalized, and brokenhearted, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—that they may find firm roots, safety, and renewal in your care. Bring the healing of your touch to all those who suffer in body or spirit. Today we remember before you Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Charles, Anne, Patricia, Bob, Eric, Amy, Trude, Carling, Carol, Rafaela, Scott, Frank, Ceara, Lois, Amanda, Sylvia, Elyse, Mackenzie, Terry, Don, Oliver, and Jeremy.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, Kelsey, Mindy, and Judy.

We pray for those in Hospice, especially Larraine.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those for whom we love but see no longer. (*Silence*)
May they find their place in the eternal garden of your presence, planted forever beside the river of life.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

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.

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 of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Music *God Is Love* Taylor

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels.
If you would prefer to make an electronic offering,
please scan the QR code.

The Doxology

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

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B BCP 367

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music David Stasney

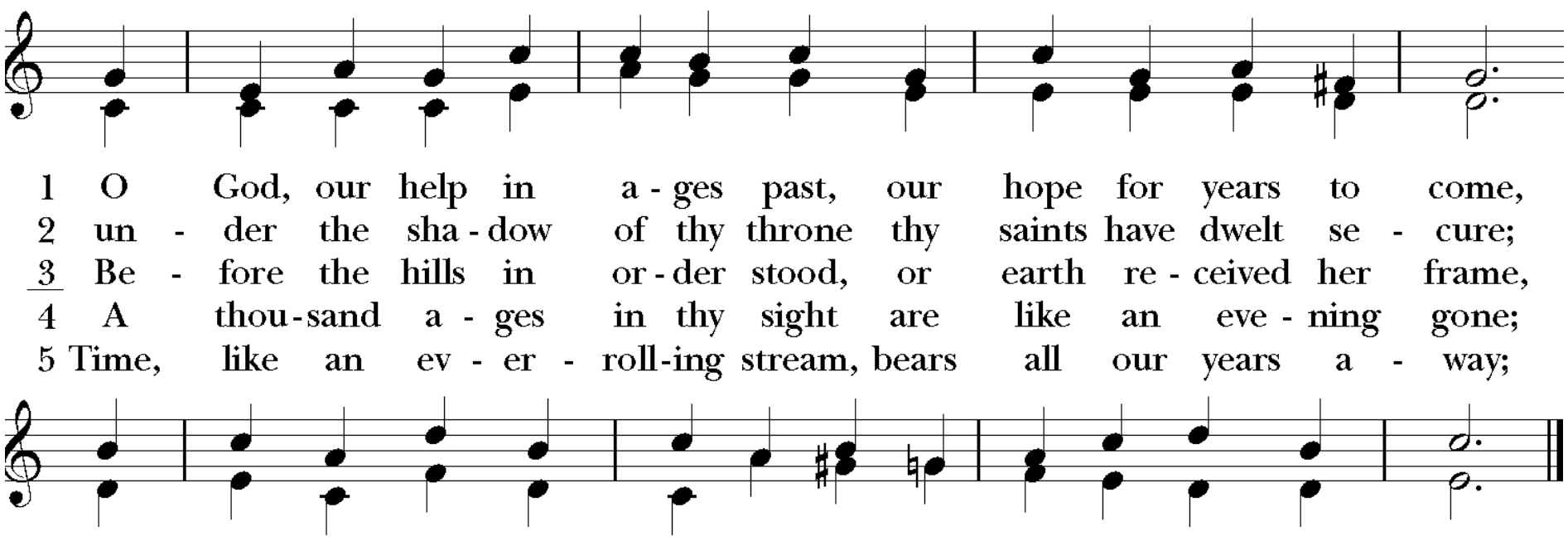
Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn *O God our Help in Ages Past* 1982 Hymnal #680



6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Recessional on "St. Anne"* Anon.

New to All Angels? Welcome!
Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

Announcements

Gallery Artist Our Gallery Artist through November 29th is Tori Abramov. Please stop by and look at her beautiful art.

Choir Rehearsals Thursdays at 10 AM
If you are interested in joining our choir - please join us!

Women's Discussion Group meets on Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.
Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

Prayer List If you'd like a loved one to be on the list, please contact Maria or Linn. Please specify if it is for general prayers, for cancer treatment, or for hospice.

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Birthdays & Anniversaries Please email Linn Torres at LT@allangelsLBK.org with birthdays/anniversaries

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Today's presenters

BJ Bishop, Bob Erker- Chalice
Justus Doenecke - Lector
Carol Erker - Prayers
Barbara Lelewski - Acolyte
Dave Bishop, Hank Kochan- Ushers
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Linda Fletcher - Altar Guild
David Stasney - Music Director
David Stasney - Flowers
Dave Bishop - Offering Counter
Nancy Boyd – Halloween Themed Coffee Hour

Vestry

Cade Sibley Carol Erker
Allen McGee David Bishop
Hank Kochan Larry Elder
Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*
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Jeff Vaughn, *Junior Warden*

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall
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Guest Reflection: *The Fifth Seed*
Maria Love, Easter 2026

When a great crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one city after another, He spoke to them in a parable: "A farmer went out to scatter his seed. As he was scattering it, some fell on the path where it was crushed, and the birds in the sky came and ate it. Other seed fell on rock. As it grew, it dried up because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorns grew with the plants and choked them. Still other seed landed on good soil. When it grew, it produced one hundred times more grain than was scattered."
As He said this, he called out, "Everyone who has ears should listen!" Luke 8:4-8

Jesus told a parable about seeds that landed on bad soil – the hardened path and the rocky ground; seeds that fell among the weeds; others were eaten by birds; and yet, some seeds landed in good soil. I think there's another kind of seed: the one that gets overwatered, so much so that it drowns.

Many people, in their eagerness to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to convert others to (their version of) Christianity, keep trying to force the seed of faith to grow by flooding the seed with their "water". But sometimes, we just need to drop the seed and walk away – God will do the watering. After all, when Jesus sent out the Twelve, he didn't tell them to stay and keep teaching in towns where they weren't welcome. Instead, Jesus said to leave, and to shake the dust off their feet. And we, the readers and listeners, are led to believe that there is no hope for the people in those towns. But think about it. Is that really the way Jesus works? Is he really going to leave anyone behind? Maybe he just understood that the seed had been planted, but it wasn't a fast-growing seed. It needed to take its time germinating, growing, and finally blooming. If the apostles had stayed, they risked killing the newly sprouted seed of faith by overwatering it.

Our country today is very divided, along political lines and along religious lines. There are many Christians who believe that the U.S. is and should be a Christian nation and they are overwatering the seeds of Christianity. By doing so, they are inadvertently turning people away and drowning any seed of faith before it has a chance to grow.

Here's the thing about Jesus who said, "*Whoever believes in me shall have eternal life*," He doesn't say when someone's belief must begin. Do you have to believe in Him for your whole life? Does belief only count when you first are told about Jesus and eternal life? Does it only apply if you never wavered away. What if you begin to believe at the hour of death? I believe that at the moment of our death, Jes us is right there with open arms, pulling us into a big holy bearhug. At that moment, who wouldn't believe in Him? Who could deny the existence of the Being that is hugging them into eternal life?

The actual moment that someone begins to believe isn't ours to control. Our job is to plant the seed, and then plant another seed, and another, and another. As the Sower who scattered the seed everywhere – including places that don't seem suitable – we too are called to plant without bias. We are invited to till the soil as we go, with love for our neighbor. We are called to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, lift up the oppressed, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and the prisoner; so that when we do plant a seed, it lands on fertile soil producing a hundred fold, leaving us to walk away and plant another seed. No overwatering needed.

Reflection *Let God Cook*

Russell Wilson was a stand-out quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks from 2012 to 2021. A natural runner, he could escape being tackled, scramble around in the back field and make incredible throws downfield. He struggled when it came to following plays where he had to stand in one spot and throw. When he struggled, frustrated Seahawks fans would chant, “Let Russ cook!” In other words, let Russ be Russ, let him run around and find the open receive down field.

"Letting someone cook" is a phrase that grants someone trust and gives them time to do what they do well. I wonder what that looks like in our spiritual life? What would it mean in your life to let God cook?

One Bible story of letting God cook is about the unnamed Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-16). During a time of massive famine, she prepared one last meal for her and her son before they died of starvation. At that moment, the prophet Elijah was sent to her. He asked her to first make a small loaf of bread for him and, if she does, God promises to take care of her. She trusted Elijah and made the bread for him. Much to her surprise, the flour jar and the oil jug had enough in it for her and her son. That daily action lasted until the famine was over.

The Widow of Zarephath let God cook. She trusted and let God take over. To this day, thirty centuries later, we still remember that she trusted God to cook.

The angel Gabriel approached Mary and told her that she will miraculously conceive, and give birth to a son, his name will be Jesus, and he will be the Messiah, the Son of God. It’s a lot for anyone to take in but, after pondering it in her heart, she let God cook. She said: Let it be with me according to your word. And the Savior of the world was born through her.

There was a time when Peter literally let Jesus cook. After the crucifixion (Good Friday) and the bodily appearance of the resurrected Jesus on (Easter) Sunday night, Peter went back to his trade of fishing. Many believe it was due uncertainty and shame – he had denied Jesus three times. They fished all night and caught nothing. As the sun was rising, a stranger on the shore told them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. When they did, they hauled in an overwhelming amount of fish. Peter knew it was the Savior; he jumped off the boat and swam to shore. Jesus was there and was baking fish for him and the rest of the disciples. Right then and there, Peter stopped trying to fix his own failure or figure out on his own what his future would be. For the rest of Peter’s life, he let God cook.

Nearly eight years ago, I too was trying to figure out what my pastorate would look like and where I was called to serve. I let God cook – I trusted in God and let go of telling God what to do – and then soon thereafter, I met you all at All Angels.

I can testify to you that there’s no other cook like God. The meal the Lord prepares is abundant and perfect. God knows what God is doing in the kitchen and doesn’t need tips from us. What God asks, however, is that we trust, take a seat at the table, and let God cook.

- Fr. Dave