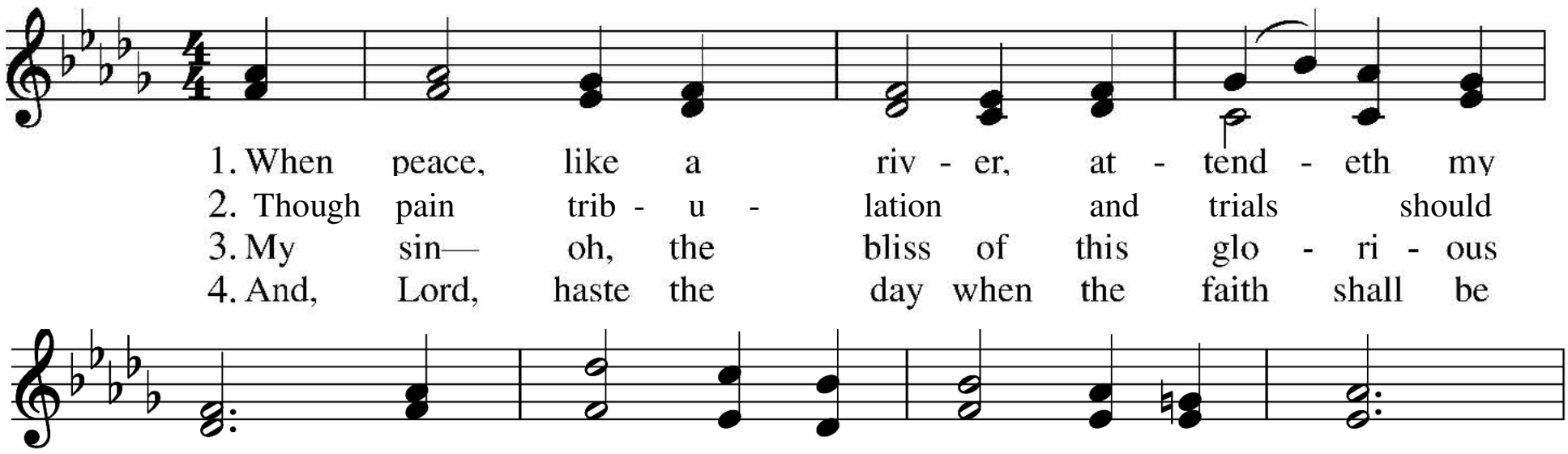
All Angels Episcopal Church

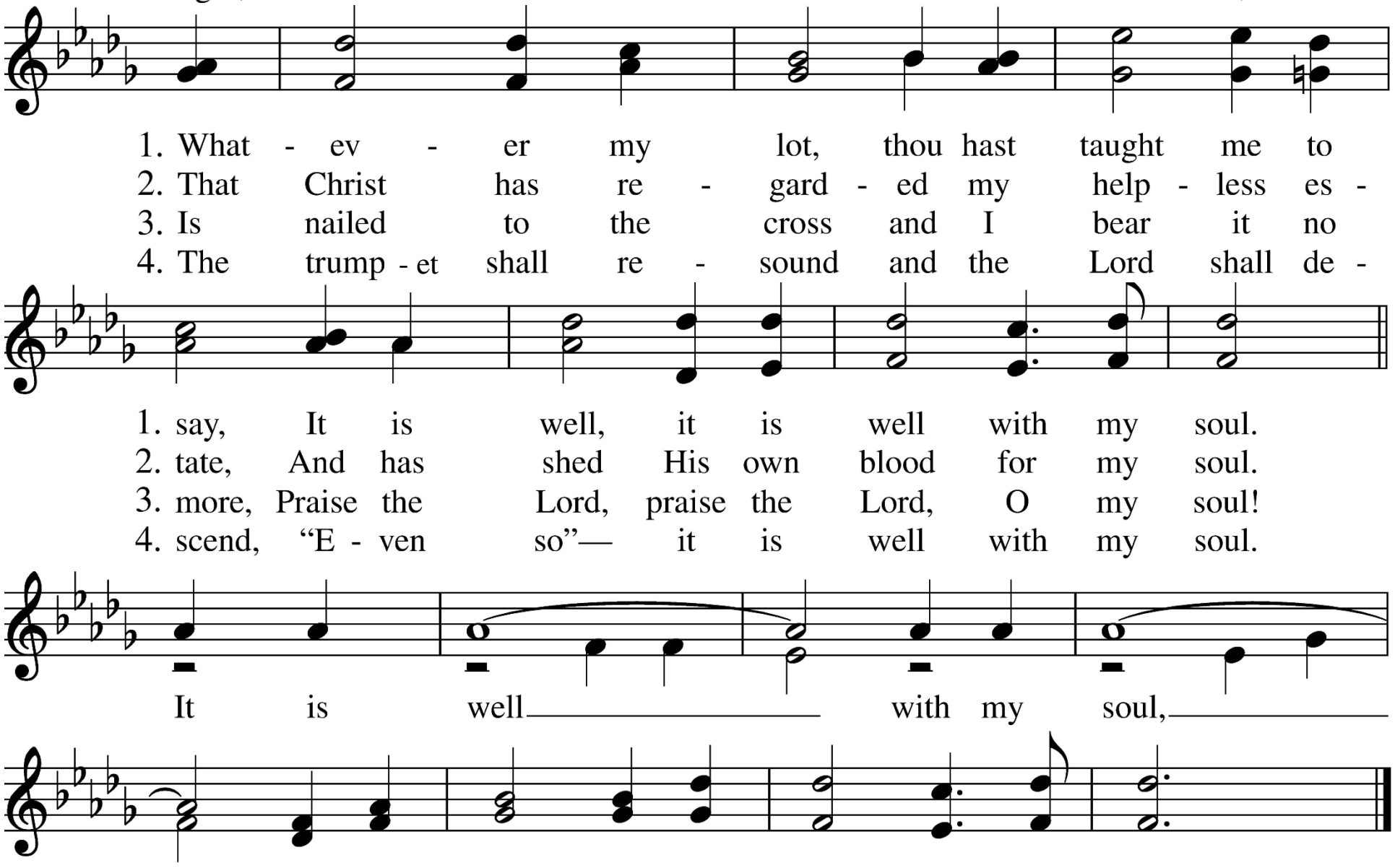


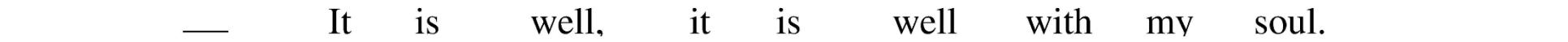
November 15, 2026

Prelude *Lux Aeterna (Light Eternal)* D. Stasney

Processional Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* LEVAS #118







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

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

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.**

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

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Introduction: The Israelites fell away from the Lord and into the hands of a foreign oppressor – King Jabin and his commander Sisera. Twenty years later, the people cry out for help and God sends Deborah who is both a leader of Israel, a prophet and judge. She summons Barak, an Israelite military commander, who raised a force of 10,000 men which paled in comparison to the size and might of the Canaanite army. In faith, the Israelite army assembled. God then caused a flood that bogged down the iron chariots of their enemy and Barak's army was victorious. The lesson highlights God hearing the cry of His people and that God works through unlikely people.

A Reading from the Book of Judges *Judges 4:1-7*

The Israelites again did what was offensive to the LORD. And the LORD surrendered them to King Jabin of Canaan. His army commander was Sisera. The Israelites cried out to the LORD; for Sisera had nine hundred iron chariots, and he had oppressed Israel ruthlessly for twenty years. Deborah was a prophetess; she led Israel at that time. She used to sit under the Palm of Deborah, and the Israelites would come to her for decisions. She summoned Barak, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded: Go, march up to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun. And I, The LORD, will draw Sisera, Jabin's army commander, with his chariots and his troops, toward you up to the Wadi Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hands."

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

Psalm 123 *please respond where bold* *PS 123*

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Introduction: The church in Thessalonica was distressed because some of their fellow believers had recently died. Paul wrote to them to replace their distress with confident hope in new life. In this section, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to equip themselves with faith and love as armor and to encourage one another.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Morning Has Broken* 1982 Hymnal #8

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing Praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did

you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Gradual Hymn *God Be in My Head* 1982 Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Sermon The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *Creation Sings* 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*

For the Church:

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God

Lord, the walls of the church have seen so much of our lives, help our eyes remain fixed on You and Your will for us. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders: *Silence*

To You I lift up my eyes,
to You enthroned in the heavens.

Lord, we pray for the world and our leaders. May they lead their people with their hearts looking to you enthroned in the heavens. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who protect us both at home and abroad: *Silence*
Lord, extend a shield of protection around those valiantly serving our country. May your peace that surpasses all understanding be with them as they go faithfully into service and return them safely back to us in their time. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer:
Lord, let us remember how you have comforted us in suffering. *Silence*
We extend in prayer Your comfort to those who suffer now in body, mind, and spirit; especially for Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Charles, Anne, Patricia, Bob, Trude, Carling, Carol, Rafaela, Scott, Frank, Ceara, Lois, Amanda, Sylvia, Elyse, Mackenzie, Terry, Don, Oliver, Jeremy, Cheryl, Serafina, Susan and Sydney.
We pray for those undergoing cancer treatment 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, Judy, and Bella.
We pray for those in Hospice, especially Larraine and Dorothy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For caregivers: *Silence*
Lord, let us remember how we have been comforted by nurses and the healthcare workers. *Silence* We pray your blessings upon them. Help them feel valued and cherished by You and everyone in their care.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who mourn: *Silence*
We pray Your loving hands extend out to those who mourn, may You comfort them and bring them peace. We pray for those whom we love but see no longer, may light perpetual shine upon them, for we rejoice because with you they remain forever.
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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Koeritz

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

Communion Music David Stasney

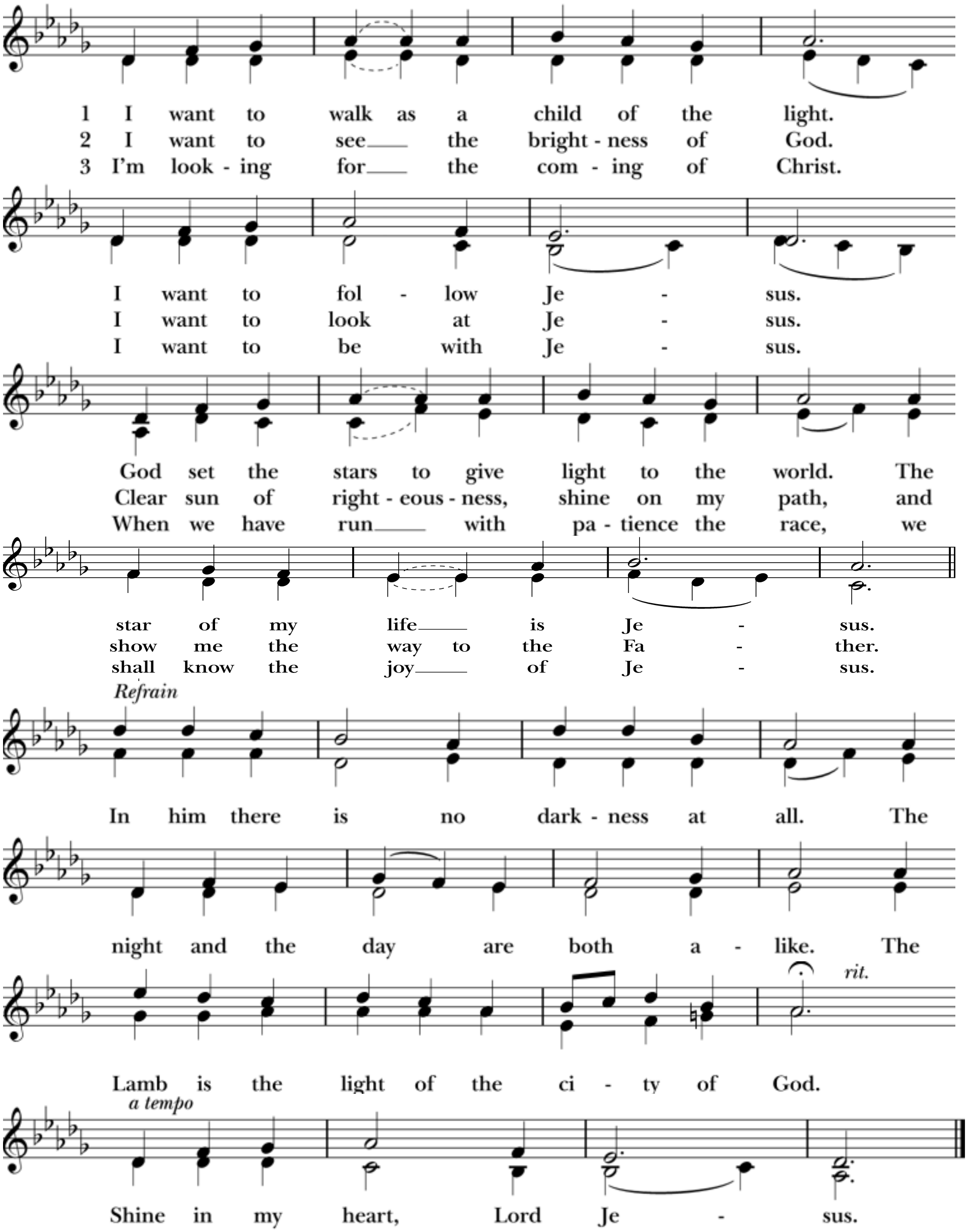
Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food
and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 1982 Hymnal #490



The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Postlude on "Festal Song"* D. Stasney

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

The altar flowers are given by Melinda and Bob Morrissey
in honor of Theresa Morrissey on her birthday.

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 New members are always welcome!

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

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

Visit our Website at **www.allangelslbk.org.**

Today's presenters

Bob Erker, Ed Upshaw - Chalice
Barbara Pickrell - Lector
Mackenzie Marshall - Prayers
Barbara Lelewski - Acolyte
Linda Fletcher & Ginny Upshaw - Ushers
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Ginny Upshaw - Altar Guild
David Stasney - Music Director
Bev Henry - Flowers
Linda Fletcher - Offering Counter
Ginny and Ed Upshaw - Coffee Hour

Vestry

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

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall
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Our mission is to bring the living Christ
to those inside and outside the church.

Guest Reflection

Sharing a Gift

By Linda Fletcher 11.9.26

One Sunday after service, while I was minding my own business, Father Dave presented me with a gift and a choice to accept it. He introduced me to Ginny Upshaw, Altar Guild Coordinator. She had been the coordinator for many years and was looking to share this amazing journey with others – including me! Needless to say, I was unsure.

I thought, *would I be able to do this, do I have the time, do I really want another commitment, why me?* Looking back, I cannot believe I questioned this call to serve because it has been such a gift to me.

Ginny shared her knowledge of setting the table for the LORD. Her attention to every detail enlightened me to how important this part of our service is for all of us. So, the answer to my questions are as follows: Of course I can do this; I always have the time to serve; this is not a burden, it is a blessing that was handed to me – me! Which answers the "why me" with *why not me!*

Fast forward to present day, Ginny has handed over her position of coordinator to me, and she remains on the Altar Guild. At first, I thought, *I don't need to expand the Altar Guild – I could do this every Sunday by myself,* but I soon realized how selfish this would be to not share. When we set the table at home for dinner or special occasions for our family and friends, we take care and joy in doing so.
I now ask you how you would feel doing this for the LORD and your fellow congregants. It is like nothing else I have experienced. Being alone in the Sanctuary where the sun is shining through the stained-glass window and you know you are being watched over with love while setting the LORD's table. This is gift that will be shared with the people you worship with and to visitors who are new at our table.

Father Dave will be reading and discussing every word in Matthew, chapter 25 over a period of three Sundays. Starting last Sunday, each week focuses on a different parable from the chapter: the wise bridesmaids with extra oil, the three servants given talents, and the King who welcomes the sheep for serving the least of these. All three of these parables speak to a form of tithing. The first, about oil, was to always be spiritually ready. The second, we are held accountable of how we manage our gifts and talents given to us by the LORD. The third, our generosity and compassion to others is in direct relationship with Christ. The three lessons ask us to consider our spiritual lives and our readiness to prepare for Christ's return. In other words, Matthew 25 invites us to take time to reflect and act on our Stewardship of all that God has given us.

I would encourage anyone considering Stewardship – reflecting on how we are using God's gifts – to learn more about the Altar Guild. It is a quiet and fulfilling way to give of your talent. I am always available on Sunday to discuss, or you can call the office to get my phone number, and you can call me at home. It is a gift to serve the LORD in this special, vitally important, and unhurried way. I would be delighted to share my Altar Guild experience and Father Dave's gift with you.

Reflection

250 Years of Giving Thanks

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,
because the Lord's faithful love endures forever. *Psalm 107:1*

This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus: Rejoice always. Pray continually.
Give thanks at all times and in all places. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:20

We were made to give thanks. It is the primary act Scripture calls us to when speaking to God and talking to one another about God. King David had the Ark of the Covenant (which held the Ten Commandments) brought to Jerusalem. When it arrived, he wrote the words found in Psalm 107:
Give thanks to the Lord! The Lord is good.
The faithful love of the Lord endures forever.

That is a reason to give thanks and give it abundantly.

The Apostle Paul wrote
God's will for us in Christ Jesus is to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks.
And, ten years later, after being beaten and thrown in jail for his faith, he wrote:
Always give thanks to God the Father for everything.

Thanksgiving in the United States started as a 1621 harvest feast in Plymouth, Massachusetts. 168 years later, President George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789 (which was also the year the Episcopal Church, USA, officially started). During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving in 1863. Congress passed a resolution in 1942 fixing the fourth Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day. In 1980, Longboat Key had our first Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This coming Tuesday (11.17.26) will be our 46th annual event and you are invited.

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the Interfaith Ministerium (the religious leaders on the island) decided to do something different with the Thanksgiving service this year. We are calling it 250 years of gratefulness – a chronology of stories of men and women who shaped the United States with their work, creativity, courage and faith. Each house of worship will have a four-decade span, from 1776 to the present, to offer thankfulness in history. All Angels' period is 1859 to 1900. I will present Horatio Spafford's hymn *It Is Well with My Soul*. Deep within a family tragedy, Spafford embraced the faithful response of giving thanks in all times and all places.

Giving thanks in faith doesn't mean ignoring the tragedies in life. Rather, it is a reminder to give thanks because

God is good,
God's love lasts forever,
and we were made to give thanks.

- Fr. Dave