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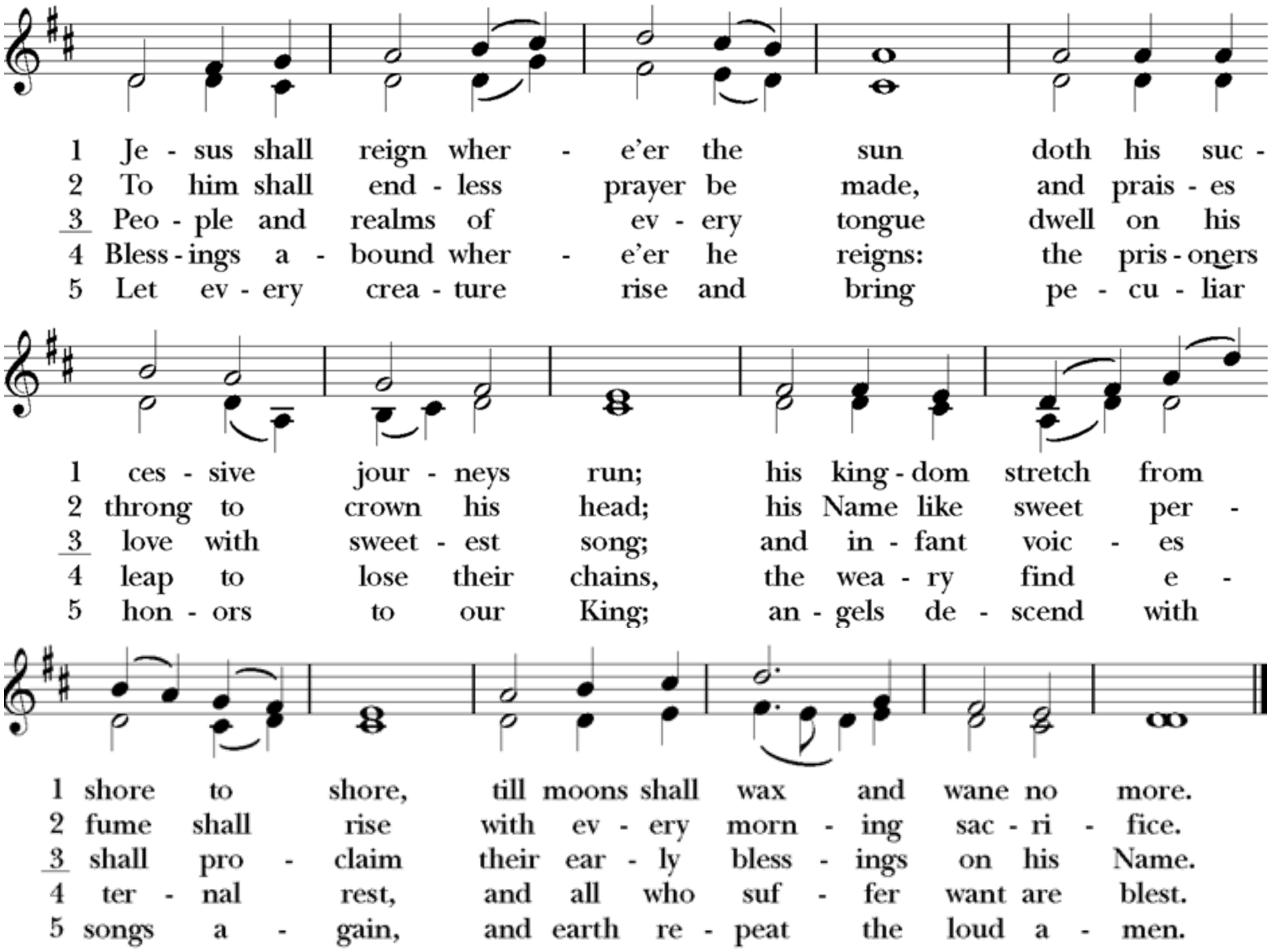
Give therefore to the emperor
the things that are the emperor's,
and to God
the things that are God's

Matthew 22:21

October 18, 2026

Prelude *A Meditation - Prayer without Ceasing* David Stasney

Opening Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* 1982 Hymnal #544



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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 from Exodus highlights a three-part conversation between God and Moses. He pleads to know God's ways, for God's personal presence to remain with the people, and he boldly asks to see God's glory.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD,
"See, You say to me, 'Lead this people forward,' but You have not made known to me whom You will send with me. Further, You have said, 'I have singled you out by name, and you have, indeed, gained My favor.' Now, if I have truly gained Your favor, pray let me know Your ways, that I may know You and continue in Your favor. Consider, too, that this nation is Your people."

And the LORD said, "I will go in the lead and will lighten your burden."

And he said to Him, "Unless You go in the lead, do not make us leave this place. For how shall it be known that Your people have gained Your favor unless You go with us, so that we may be distinguished, Your people and I, from every people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked; for you have truly gained My favor and I have singled you out by name."

Moses said, "Oh, let me behold Your Presence!"

And the LORD answered, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim before you the name LORD, and the grace that I grant and the compassion that I show. But," He said, "you cannot see My face, for man may not see Me and live." And the LORD said, "See, there is a place near Me. Station yourself on the rock and, as My Presence passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and shield you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you will see My back; but My face must not be seen."

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

Psalm 99 *please respond where bold* *Ps. 99*

The Lord is King; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* 1982 Hymnal #460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Matthew 22:15-22*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the

emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 *My Soul Reflects on Your Word an Improvisation* 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*

Lord Jesus, you placed your Church on Peter and the apostles. Equip your Church with every good gift so we may continue to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation to show love to others. Kindle our hearts to seek the lost, lift up the broken-hearted and invite our neighbors to hear your holy and life-changing Word.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and strengthen all who take counsel for the nations. Guide them in pathways of justice and righteousness. Use their labors to feed all people, to live in friendship with their neighbor, and to walk humbly before you, their Lord and God.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.
Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we entrust into your care those for whom we love but see no longer. *(Silence)* Give us faith to trust your Word in times of doubt and confusion. Give us compassion to care for those in need. Give us joy, which is the inheritance of all whom you love.
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 *Sing to the Lord a New Song* Natalee Sleeth

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

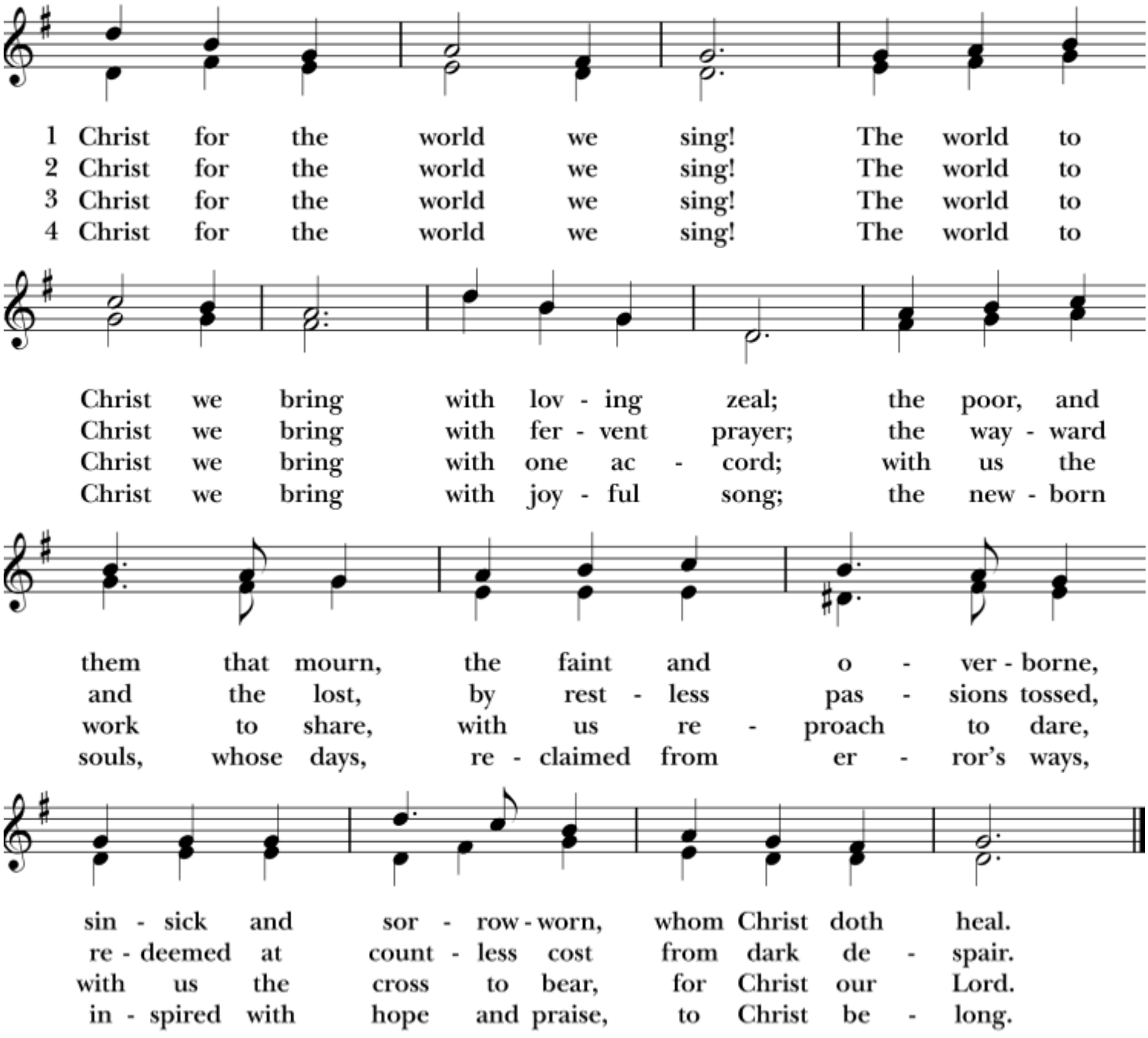
Prayer After Communion

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 *Christ for the World We Sing!* 1982 Hymnal #537



The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Alleluia!* arr. Anthony Baldwin

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

The altar flowers are given by Carol & Bob Erker.
in celebration of their anniversary

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

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

Today's presenters

Bob Erker, Alison Jones - Chalice
Carol Erker - Lector
Barbara Lelwski - Prayers
Barbara Lelewski - Acolyte
Philip Deming, Reuben Fernandez - Ushers
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Linda Fletcher - Altar Guild
David Stasney - Music Director
Beverly Henry - Flowers
Philip Deming - Offering Counter
Linda Fletcher & Nancy Boyd - 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*

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Guest Reflection: *A Thank you to my All Angels' Family*
by Barbara Lelewski

This reflection has been in my heart for almost an entire year. I wanted to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for not only being a great congregation, but also a welcoming and caring spiritual family. You really are a blessing in my life and I am forever blessed to be at All Angels.

My name is Barbara Elizabeth Clare Lelewski. I am 41 years old and I live in Sarasota, Florida, with my mom Ann, and my father, Mark, who snowbird to Texas every so often. I grew up in a very large Polish, Roman Catholic family in New Jersey with fourteen cousins on my mom's side. And although I am not a Yankees fan, I am a fan of nature and photography.

My spiritual journey started from a very young age. I was baptized as a baby and raised as a Roman Catholic. Prayers before meals and before bed, church every Sunday, faith formation, and Polish school instilled in me a true love for God and my faith. My Polish roots also played a huge role in my spiritual journey. When I was younger, during the Polish Christmas dinner, it was my job to go outside and look for the first star in the sky which symbolizes that it is time to eat. I still follow this tradition at 41 years of age.

For most of my life, while attending the Roman Catholic Church, I asked myself two questions: "What is my true purpose in life? And where does God want me to be?" I discerned my vocation from a very young age and even wanted to join the religious communities where I lived, but due to my mild learning disability, I was always turned away. That left me heartbroken and alone. I moved to Florida in 2016, and I started driving when I was 37 years old. During that time, I went to many churches but felt like I never belonged. That left me feeling alone and really sad.

But that all changed while working as a cashier at the Fresh Market, I met an organist named David Stasney, who invited me to try out for the choir. I came for a few rehearsals and services at All Angels and felt like God finally answered my prayers. I feel as though God finally brought me to a church where I can grow spiritually and where I am truly loved for who I am. I feel as though David is the one choir director who actually encourages me to explore my music talents and does not make me feel inferior like my previous choir directors made me feel.

I was invited to attend the Confirmation classes with Father David Marshall and was received into the Episcopal Church in April of 2025. With Father David's encouragement, I have recently started to uncover a spiritual gift that is special and unique. I can write prayers extemporaneously – without preparation or prompting. I have written more than 20 so far. I am compiling all the prayers I write into a book entitled "Draw me Close to Thee: Prayers penned in Stillness."

I have also started training as an acolyte as a form of discernment and love to see the Liturgy through a whole new perspective. I am forever blessed to be a part of All Angels by the Sea. Every time I go to church I cannot help but feel an abundance of peace. No matter what is bothering me or what is on my mind that day, I put that on pause and enjoy Christ's presence. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Reflection *The Paradox*

Moses has been through a lot. He went toe to toe with the Pharaoh insisting he set the Israelites free. There were the plagues, the Passover, the flight from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea on dry land, the complaining (Oh Lord, the complaining…), and finally, he went up the holy mountain to receive the Ten Commandments. When he came down, the people had forgotten about God Almighty and created a gold calf and worshipped it. Oy vey! Moses took the idol, ground it into fine dust, scattered it onto their water source and then required the people to drink the water mixed with the gold dust as a symbolic and literal punishment for their idolatry. Then, he went back up the mountain to pray and asked to see God, face to face. The response Moses received was this:
You cannot see My face, for a human may not see Me and live.

Here is the paradox: humans want to see God. And we can't. God is love and is the Source of all joy and peace. God is also energy of all that is, seen and unseen. There is no physical way to look upon that energy and remain. Yet, humans need to see in order to believe.

I think it's a paradox for God too. I believe God wants us to believe, to see, to experience all of God's presence but, as the created ones, as the carbon life forms that we are, God knows to experience the Presence would be instant evaporation. Thus, there is a large physics problem between God and humans. This physics problem is also a theological one. The paradox is seeing equals believing. But seeing equals not living. Faith and belief of what cannot be seen is what bridges the paradox of wanting to see God face to face in order to know that God exists.

Speaking of God's raw power, in 6th grade I witnessed a total solar eclipse. To prepare, we took a cardboard box, put a hole in it, and aimed it so the sun would shine through the hole and reflect on the opposite side of the box. This allowed us to safely see the sun disappearing behind the moon. It was the most we could see with our naked eyes without burning our retina. I'd like to point out, the Sun (our sun) is a G-type yellow dwarf which is greatly exceeded in size and luminance by many other giant stars in the universe. The stars are God's creation which means God exceeds them in brightness and power and Energy. No wonder we can't see God and live.

When Moses encountered God, he didn't see God directly; instead, he saw a reflection of God's presence, which gave him the strength to keep going. The beautiful truth is that these reflections of God are all around us today. We can experience God's love, joy, and peace through Jesus Christ, who showed us what God is truly like. We also see these reflections in religious icons, which capture the radiant, holy energy surrounding humans and angels. But reflections of God appear in our daily lives, too. For example, our church recently received a thank-you note from Turning Points in Bradenton for the $4,000 we raised during our Summer Art Sale. The note shared how these funds will provide hot meals and housing support for our neighbors in need. When we see people helping others like this, we are looking at a reflection of God. We experience it again in the warm, loving welcome our seasonal members receive when they return for the winter. These moments are visible signs of God's love written on each other's faces. While looking directly at God's raw energy would be overwhelming, we can look at each other, see His love, and thrive.

- Fr. Dave