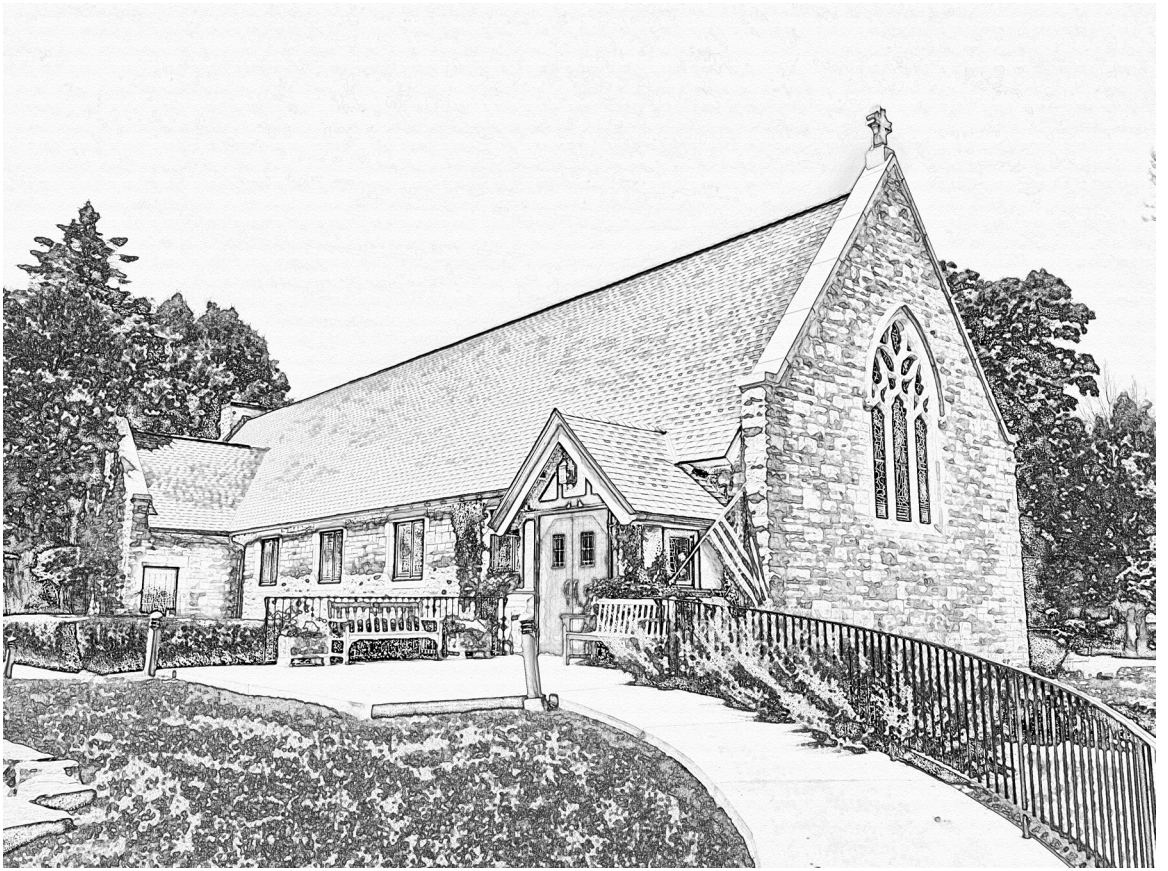
St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome to Saint Elisabeth's. We are delighted to have you with us today.



This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 am – Spoken Eucharist
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am – Sung Eucharist
11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Sunday Forum, Sunday School

Sunday Forum

Each Sunday, we gather after coffee for a discussion on the lessons, music, and sermon from the morning service; with frequent special presentations.

Children's Sunday School

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the classroom on the 2nd floor following the 10 a.m. service to learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation, Abigail Pribble.

In the Church Year: All Saints to Advent

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

> One family, we dwell in him,
> one Church, above, beneath;
> though now divided by the stream,
> the narrow stream of death. -- Charles Wesley

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

— *Common Worship: Times & Seasons*

Entering In

The following thought and image are intended to reflect something in today's service. The Practice is intended to offer one practical way of living these reflections.

The Shambhala, Tibetan Buddhist, definition of monarch is someone who is very raw and sensitive, willing to open his or her heart to others…The way to rule the universe is to expose your heart, so that others can see it beating. -- Chogyam Trungpa

Practice: Take time to contemplate Christ the King as the one who opens his heart to others and our own call to follow that same path. Where might you open your heart?



Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep – Anton Mauve 1838-1888

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
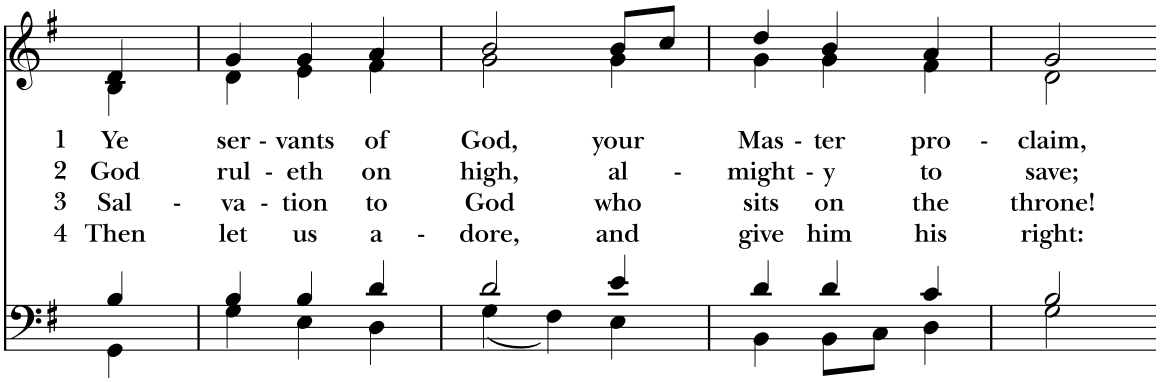
Assembly **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
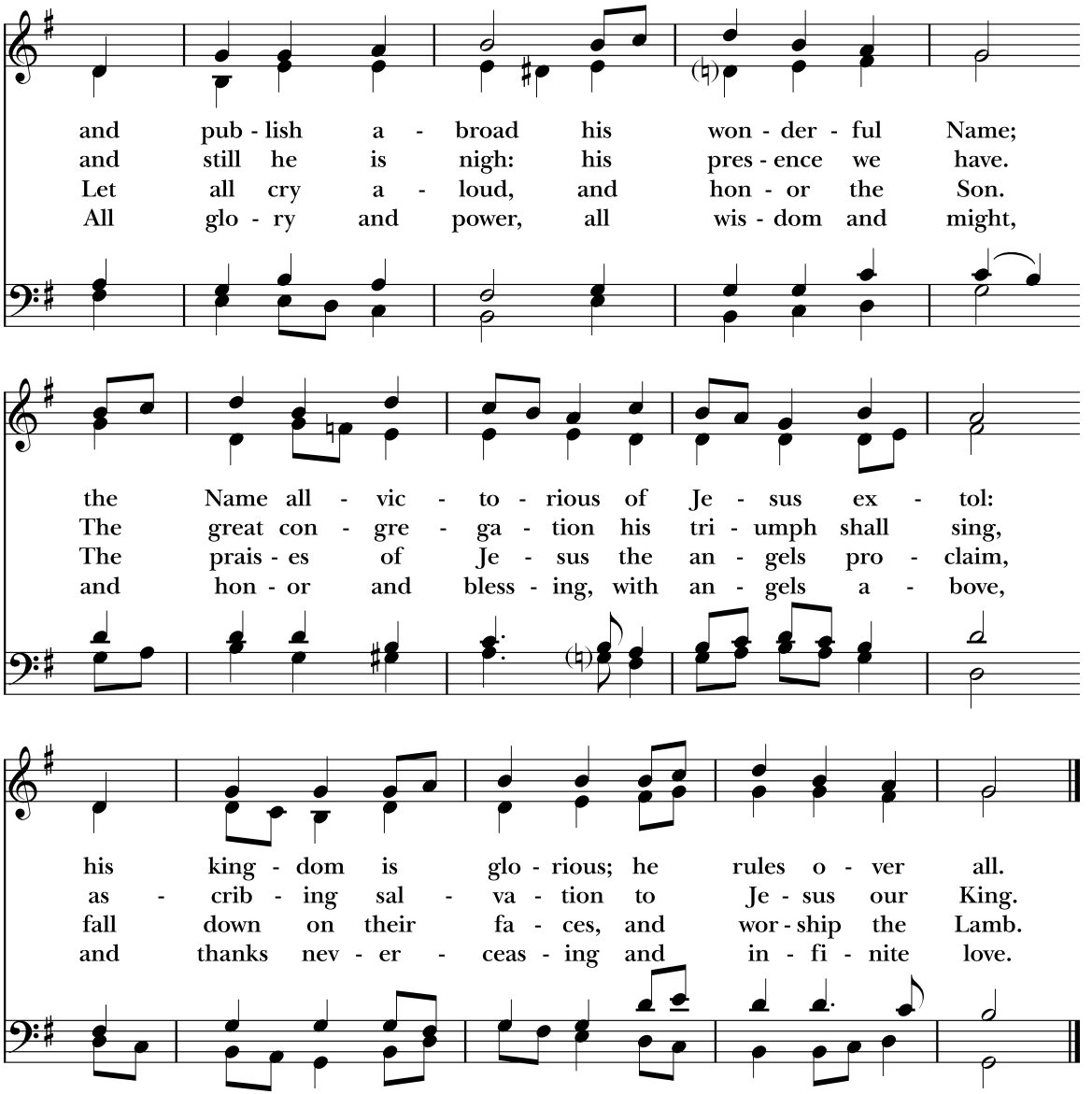
Presider God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

"Ye servants of God"





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

The Hymnal 1982 #535, Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Music: *Paderborn* (1765)

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Presider God be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

You raised up your Son, O God, and seated him at your right hand as the shepherd and king who seeks what is lost, binds up what is wounded, and strengthens what is weak. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, grant that we may share with others that which we have received from your hand, to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
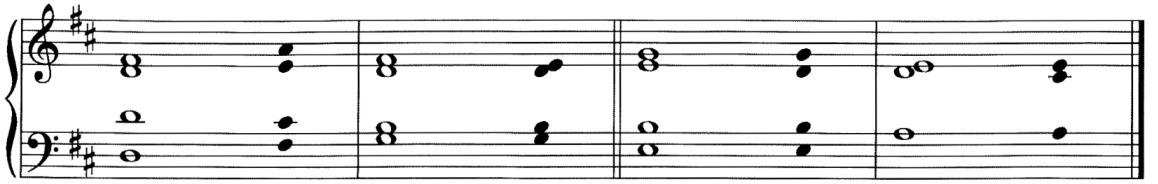
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 100

Assembly



A Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

B Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

A Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

B For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Response – Gloria Patri
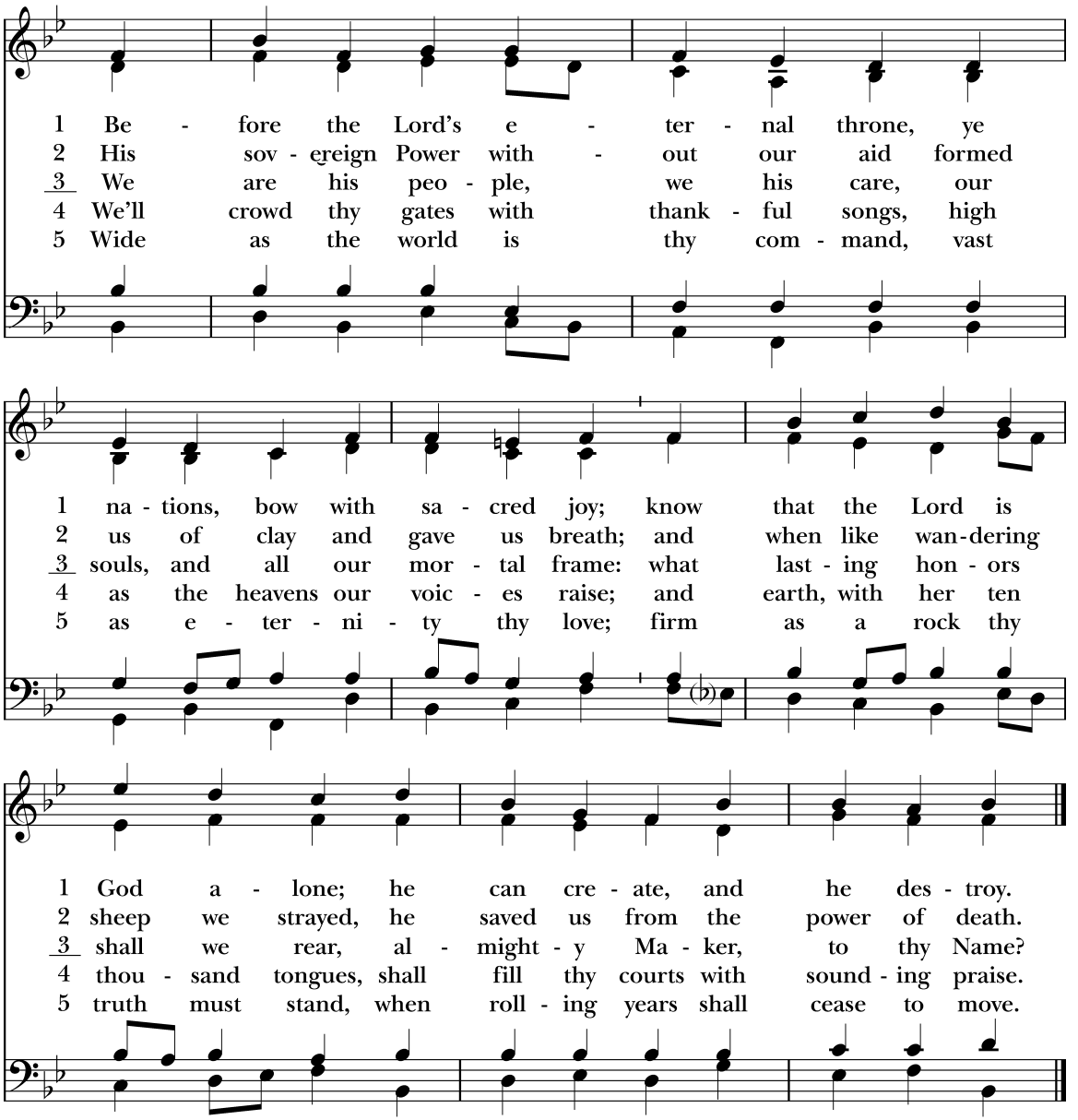
A Glory to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit

B As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

"Before the Lord's eternal throne"



The Hymnal 1982 #391, Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music: *Winchester New* (1690)

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

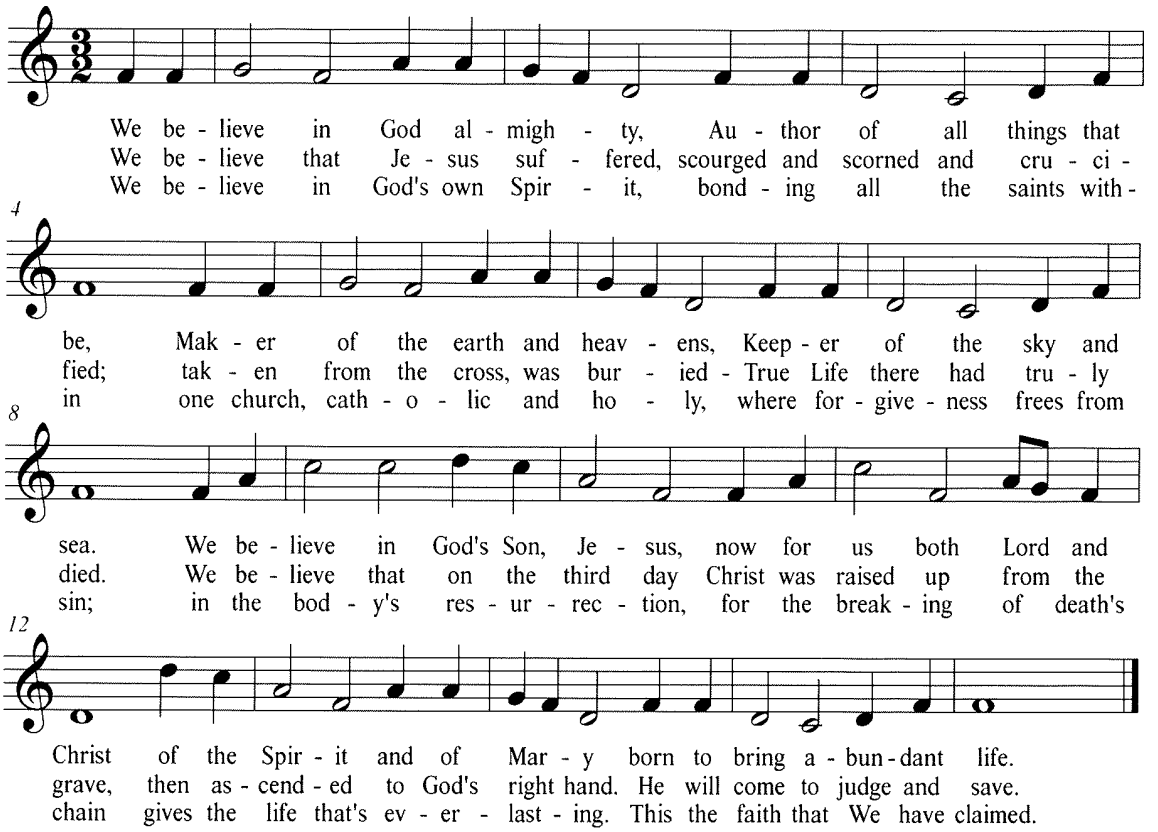
The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

Please stand as you are able for the Creed and the Prayers of the People.

The Creed



The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form V

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald our president and JB our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Sally Graver
Sherry Schellenbach
Isabelle Thomson
Kara Superfine
Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds
Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich
Leigh, niece of Annette & Fred Johnston
Patricia & Richard, friend of Annette & Fred Johnston
Carol Whaley, relative of Kara Superfine
Laurel Ladivich, friend of Robert Fischer
Phil Kasey, former rector of St. Elisabeth
George
we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died, especially Jaime Whaley, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Elisabeth and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Assembly **To you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. -- *Book of Common Prayer*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God.

Holy Communion
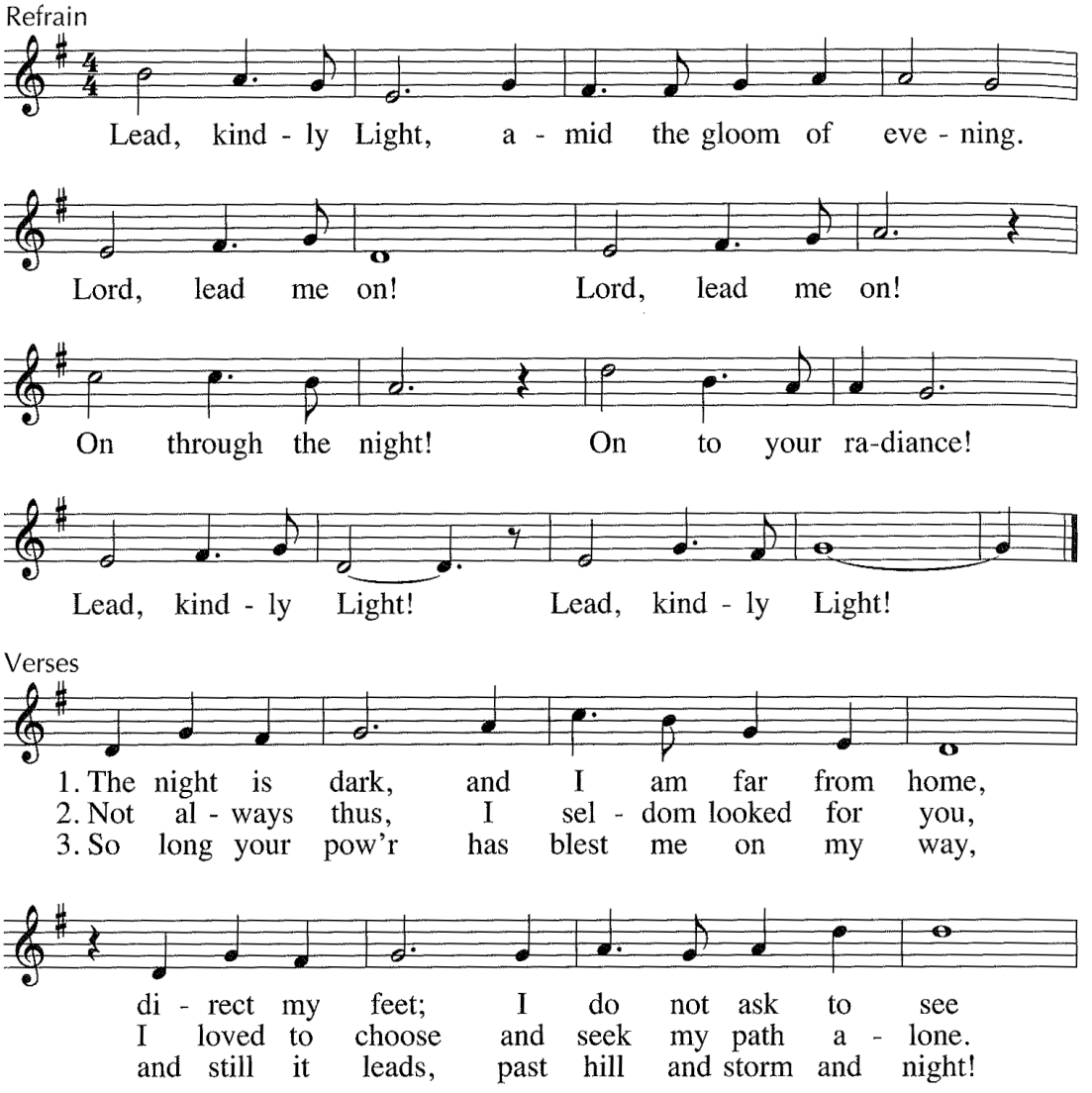
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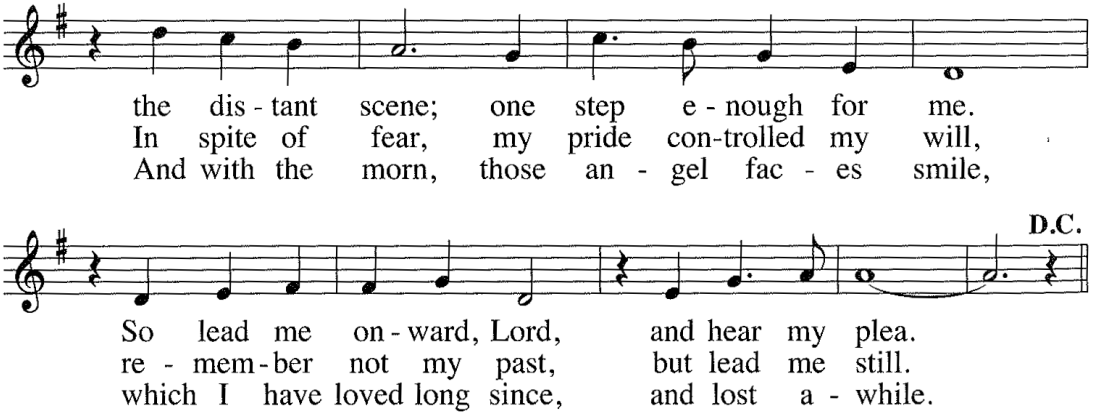
Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.

Offertory Music

"Lead, Kindly Light"

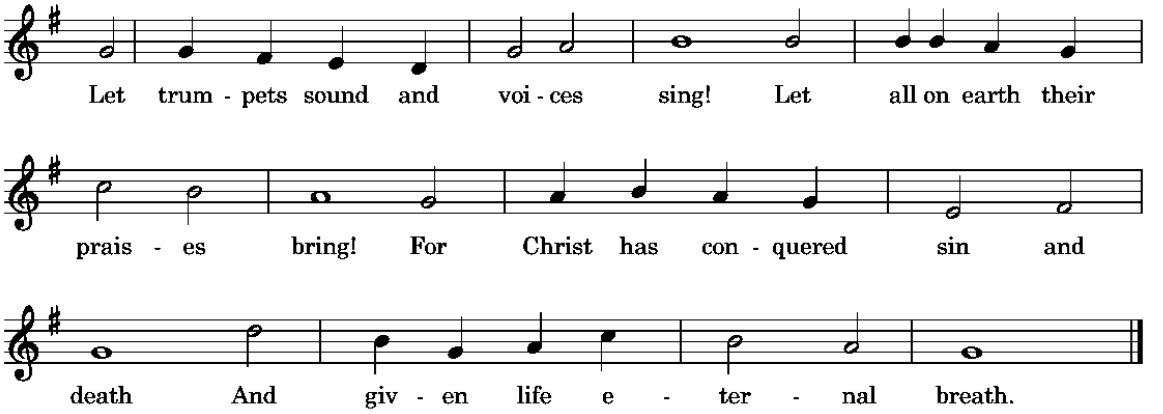




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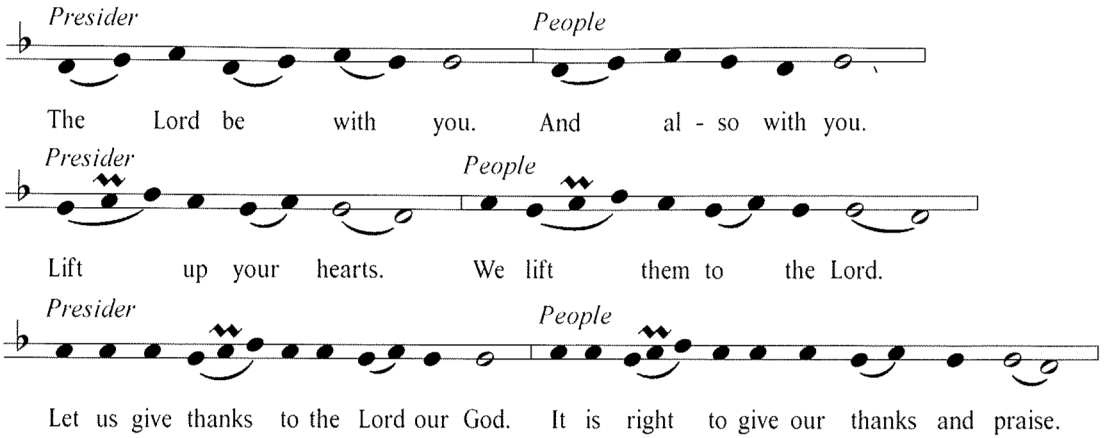
Doxology



Music: *Old 100th*

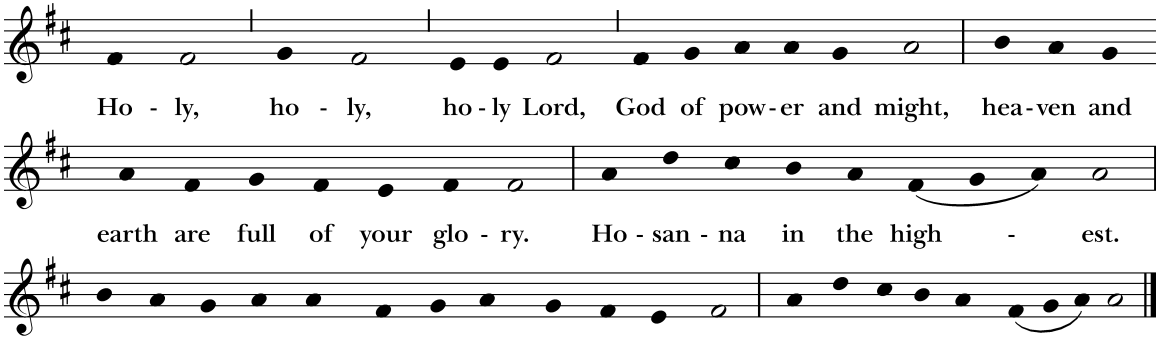
The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3



Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The Hynnal 1982 #S124, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

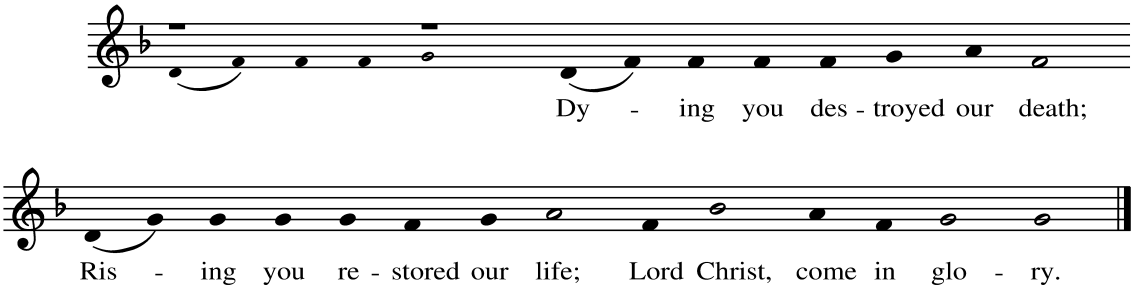
Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



Setting: Jonatha Dimmock

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Elisabeth, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Amen.**

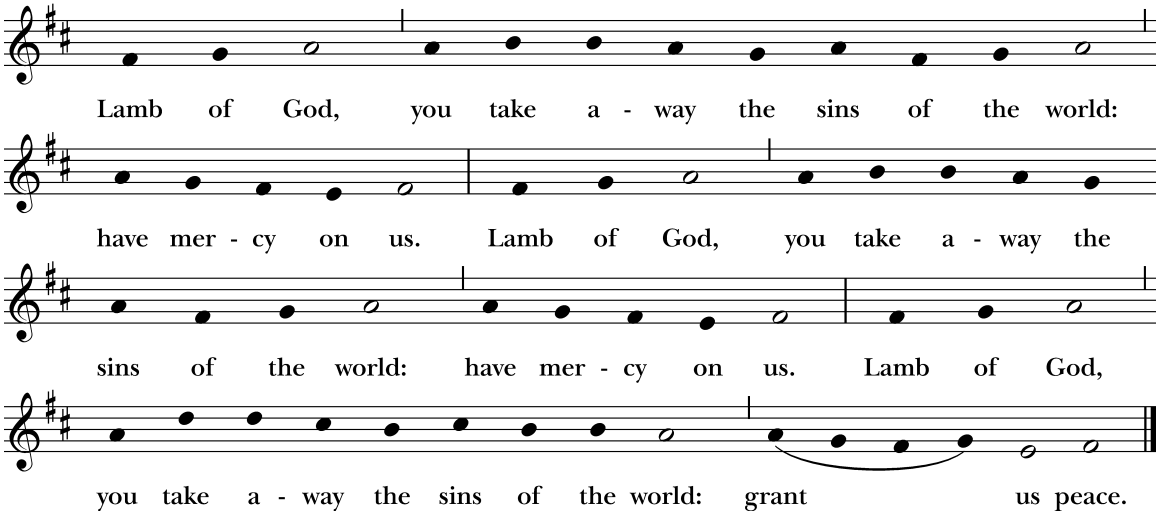
The Lord's Prayer

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 consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



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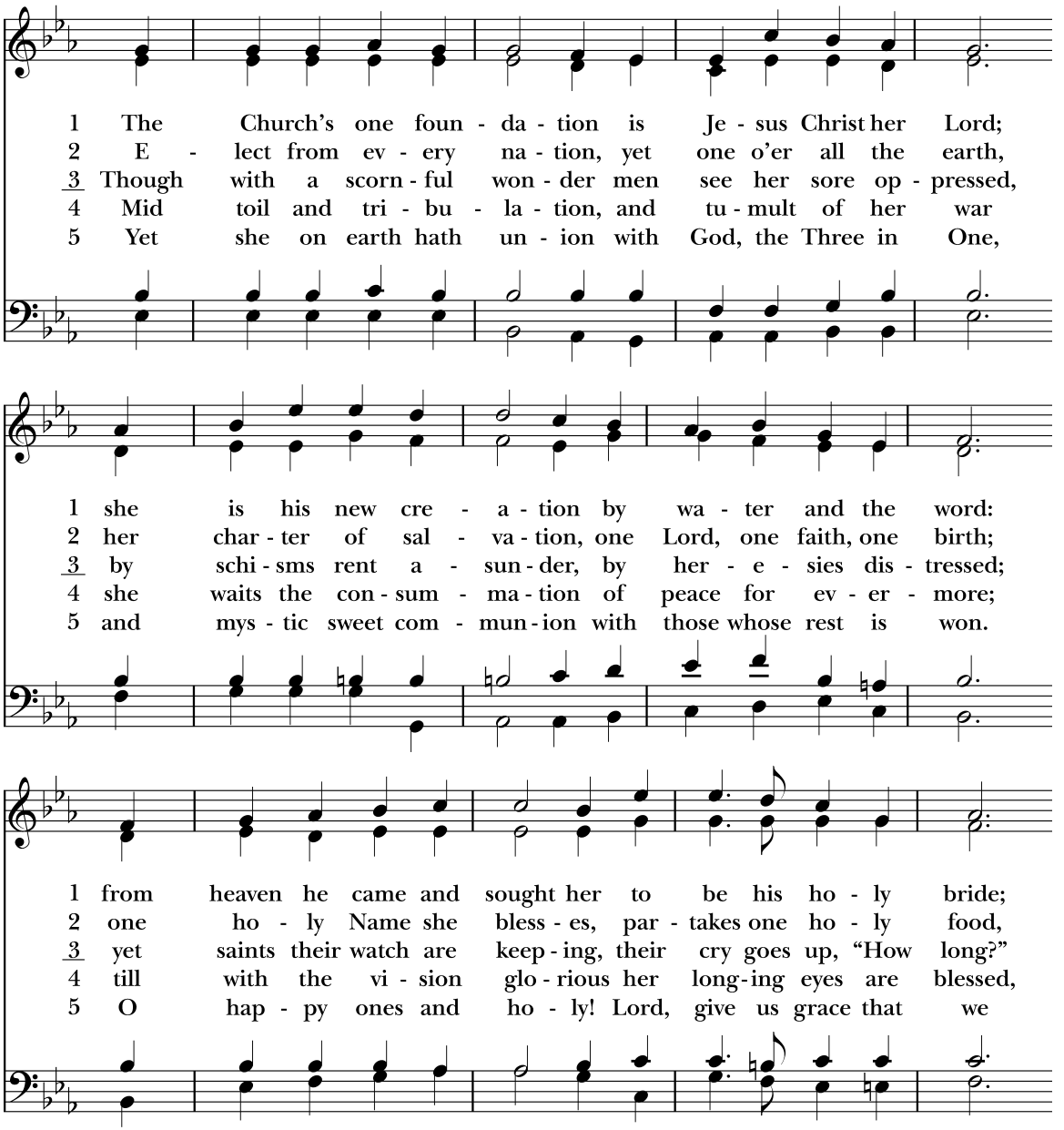
The Invitation to Communion

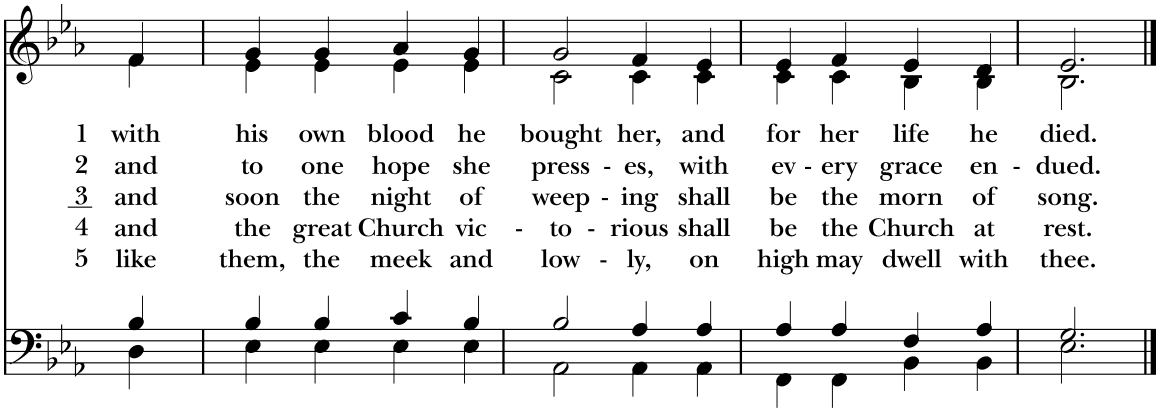
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail.. Assist the minister to guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host available upon request.

Communion Music

"The Church's One Foundation"





The Hymnal 1982 #525, Text: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), Music: *Aurelia,* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Those traveling and those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Barbara Hermansen – November 23
Carrie & Courtney Mygatt and Annette Johnston – November 24
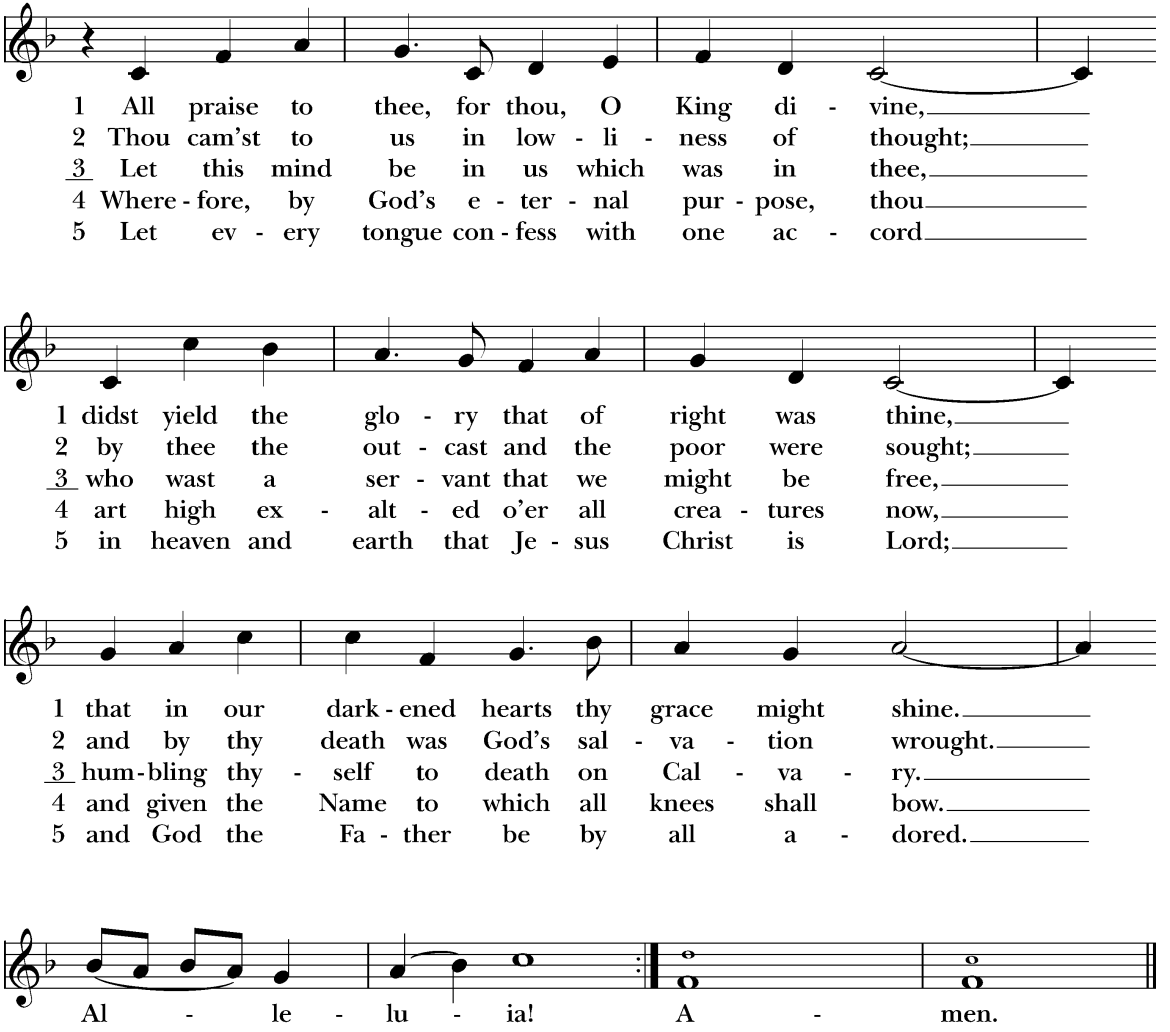
The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"



The Hymnal 1982 #477, Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Standford (1852-1924)

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Hanging of the Greens

Whether you're a wreath-hanging hero, a garland-stringing elf, or simply someone whose Christmas spirit is stronger than their biceps (we'll take that too!), come join the fun on **Sunday, November 29** following the 10:00 am service. Together we'll make the church sparkle for the season!

Advent Lessons & Carols

Begun in Truro, England, in the 1880, the Festival of Lessons and Carols has become a favorite holiday tradition in Anglican churches around the world. St. Elisabeth's will celebrate our Lessons and Carols service at 10 am on **Sunday, December 6.** Please join us for this special service as we enter more deeply into the Advent and Christmas season.

Sunday Forum: The 2027 Budget

You are invited to join the wardens and members of the vestry at **1:00pm on ZOOM on Sunday, December 6,** for a presentation and discussion of the draft parish budget for 2027. The budget team would like your input before finalizing the budget for vestry approval. The Zoom link will be sent out in the e-news as well as by special e-blast the morning of the 6th. Bring your questions and thoughts! For more information, talk with our wardens, Robert Fischer or Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

December Book Group

On **Tuesday, December 8**, at 1:00 pm, St. E.'s Book Group will discuss two short stories by American author Raymond Carver: "Cathedral" and "A Small Good Thing." The Group meets in the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes drops in.

Questions, contact Joyce Newcomb either by text (224-628-2041) or email(JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com).

Sunday Forum: A (Re)Introduction to Christian Teaching and Practice

On **Sunday, December 13,** Adam will continue the Sunday Forum series, focusing on the book written by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims, *Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious*. We will be reading and discussing Chapter 3, "Why Church?" Copies of the chapter will be available at the back of the church. Feel free to get a copy of your very own from your favorite local bookstore or from anyplace online where books are sold.

Partners in Outreach

Caring for Children

Bundled Blessings is a diaper bank in Evanston, operated by the First United Methodist Church and provides over 47,000 diapers monthly to more than 900 children through 21 partner agencies. Bundled Blessings addresses diaper need—a widespread issue not covered by programs like SNAP or WIC. During the month of November, the monies from the Sunday non-pledge offerings will go to support this program.

Making Christmas Special

This year we will once again be participating in the ReVive Christmas Basket Program to provide Christmas gifts for clients of the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing in Chicago. The signup sheet and information/gift packets will be available beginning next week in the Guild Room. Pick-Up day is **Friday, December 11**: All boxes and donations are due at St. Elisabeth's by 9:00 am that morning. If you have any questions, please contact Rene Surgi. Phone: 847-835-0983 Mobile: 847-254-0934.

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. Elisabeth's Bible Study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

We are currently reading *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* by historian Tom Holland. A history of the Christian idea throughout time, as the dust jacket says, "From Babylon to the Beatles, Saint Michael to #MeToo, Dominion tells the story of how Christianity transformed the modern world." For more information, contact Chuck Chadd.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. (Please note the earlier start time this year.) All are welcome - no experience, background, or skill is required. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. See you there!

Prayer List

After the last Sunday of each month, the prayer list is reset. Submit prayers and thanksgivings by the first of each month to Caryl in the office at office@steglencoe.org

Pastoral Needs and Pastoral Visitation

If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org

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Sunday Schedule



8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (September – June)
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.