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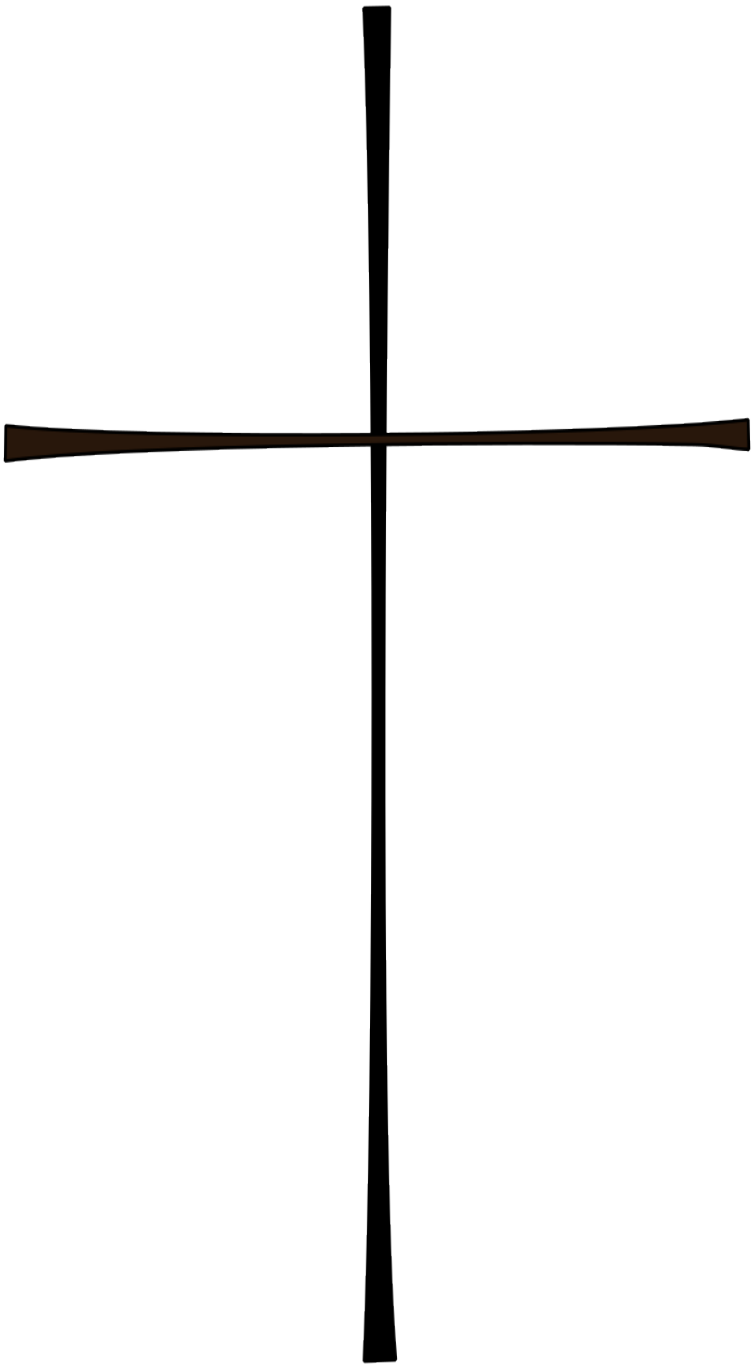


The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026 *10:30am*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude *Fantasia 'In Nomine'* Robert Cockcroft

Welcome

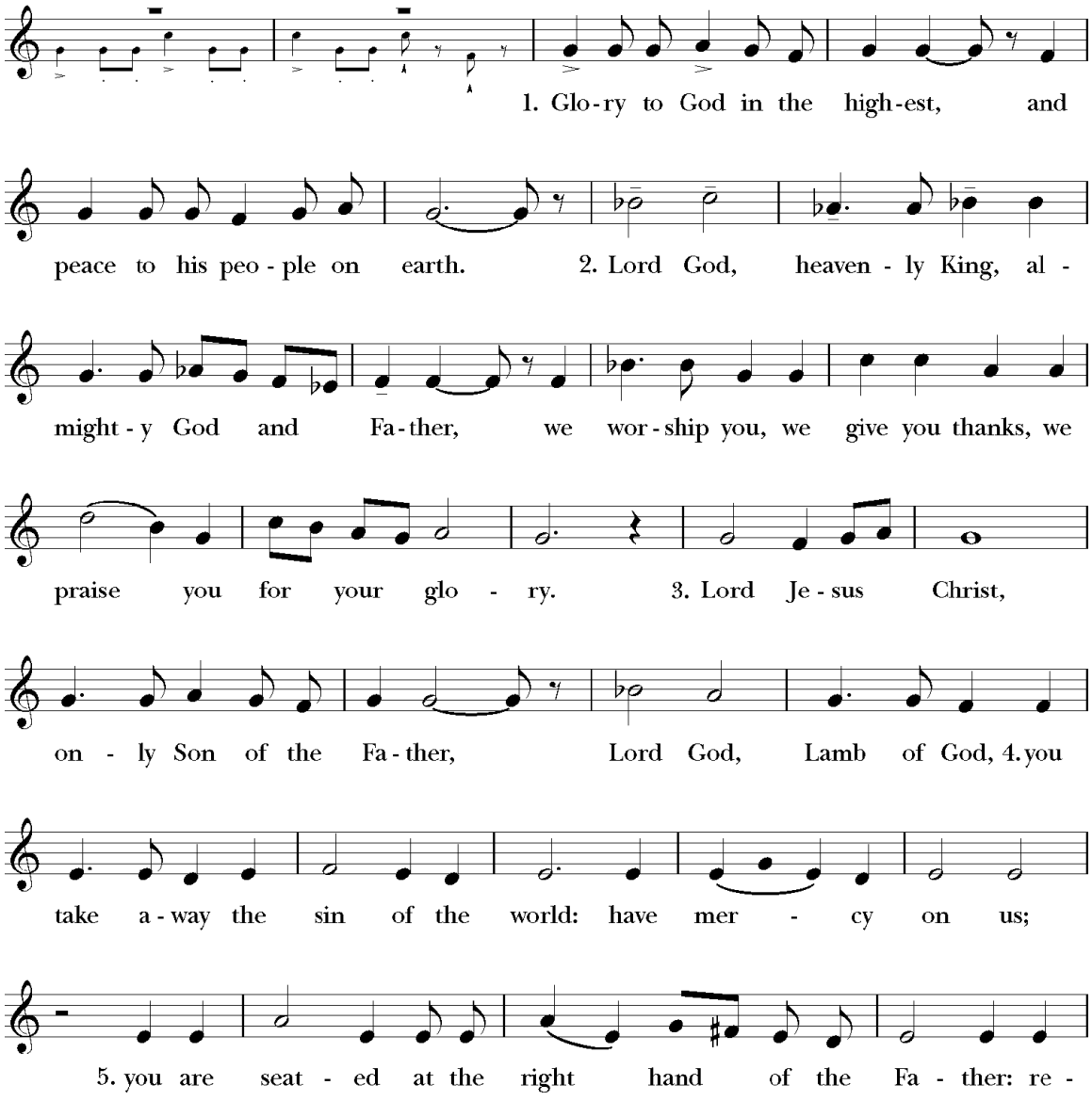
Hymn *For All the Saints* Blue Hymnal -- 287

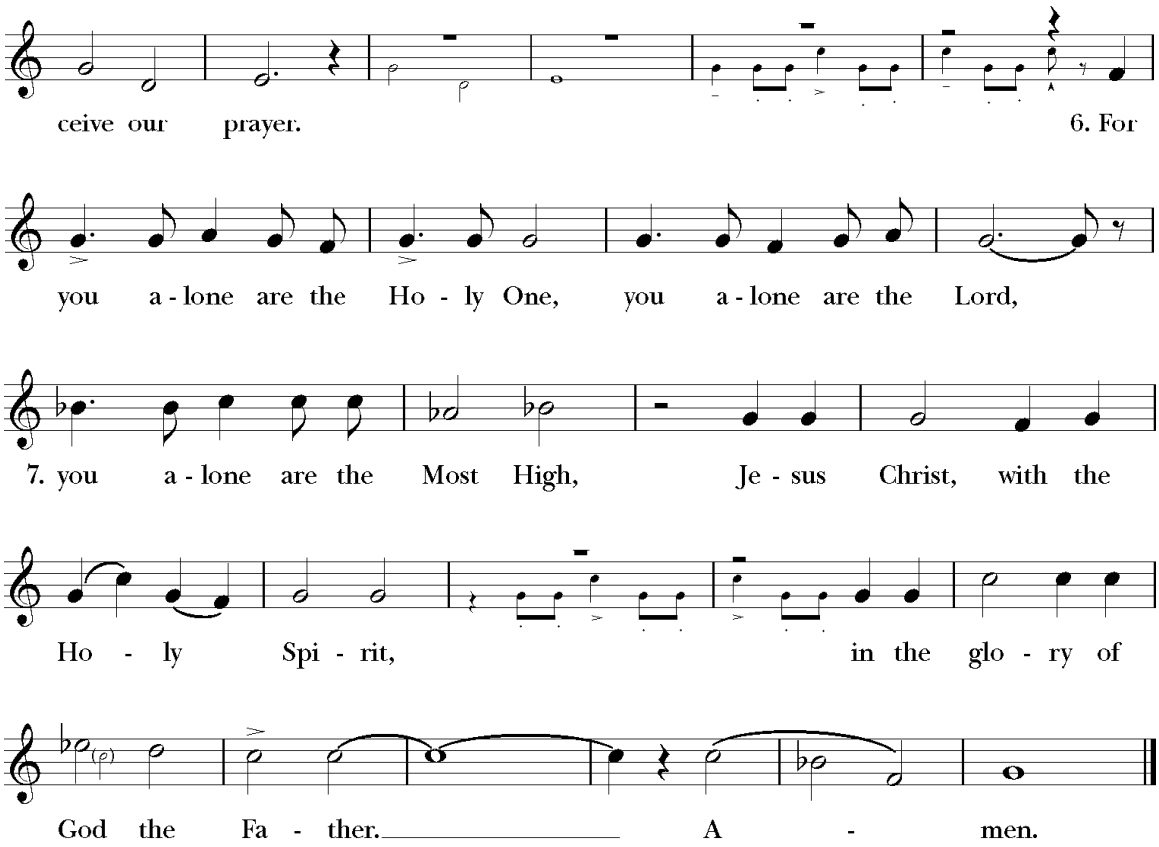
Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Blue Hymnal – S278





The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ All are seated.

A Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *Domine, refugium*

¶ The Psalm is sung by the choir.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

¶All are invited to stand.

The Gospel Hymn *Blest are the Pure in Heart,* v 1-2 Blue Hymnal - 656

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn (cont.) *Blest are the Pure in Heart,* v 3-4 Blue Hymnal - 656

¶ All are seated.

Sermon The Rev. Jedediah Fox, Rector

¶ All are invited to stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

¶ The Celebrant concludes

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Necrology

Celebrant: Let us remember those who have gone before us in faith.

¶ The Lectors read the names of the faithful departed.

¶ As the names of the Necrology are read, the bell is rung.

¶ After all the names have been read, the Celebrant prays,

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

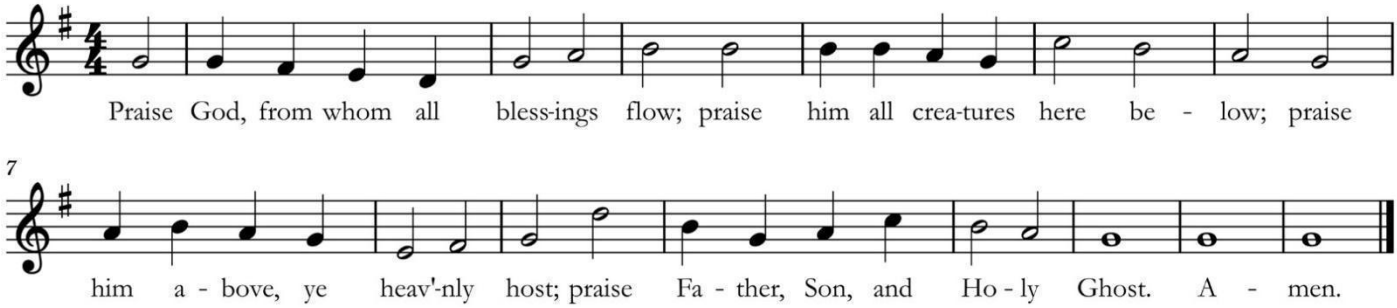
Celebrant Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem *In Peradisum, from Requiem* Gabriel Fauré

Presentation Hymn



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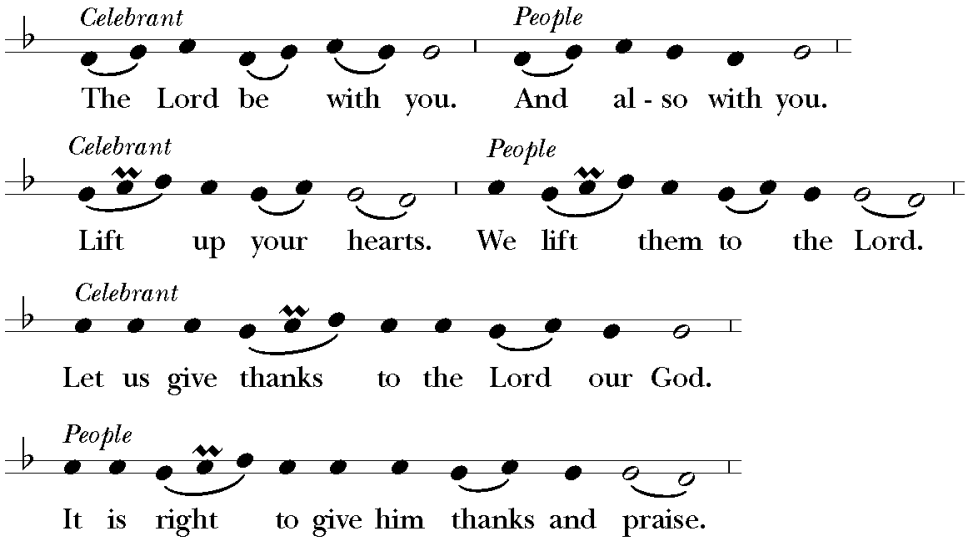
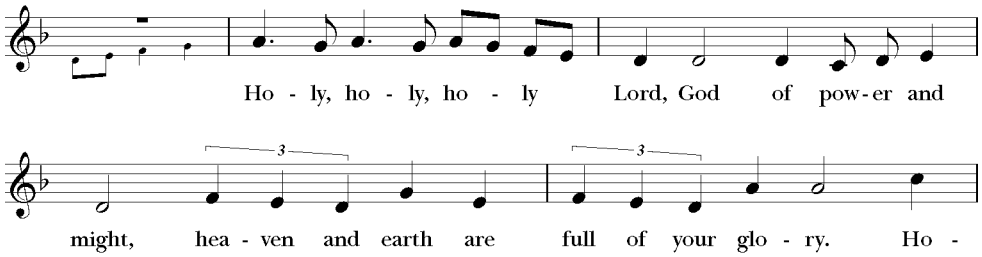
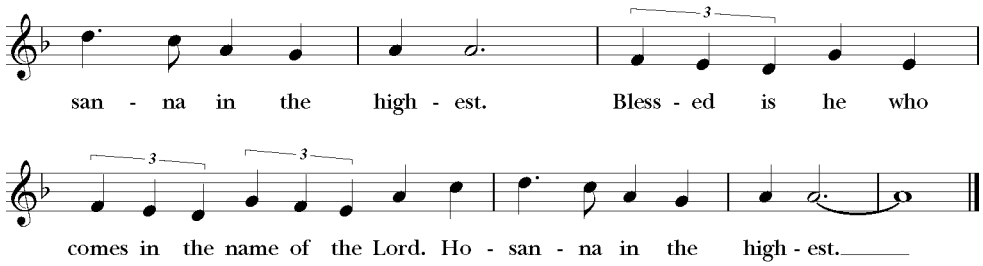


¶ The Celebrant continues with the prayer and the People sing their responses

... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, LORD* Blue Hymnal - S129





¶ The People kneel or stand as they are able.

¶ The Celebrant continues

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

¶ Celebrant and People

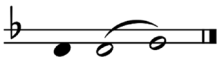
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

¶ The Celebrant continues

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

ALL  A-men

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray in the language of our heart,

Traditional 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Spanish Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este dia y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

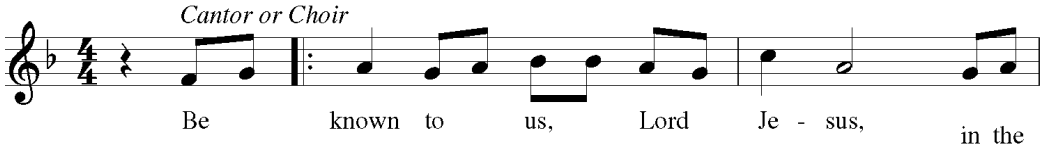
The Breaking of the Bread

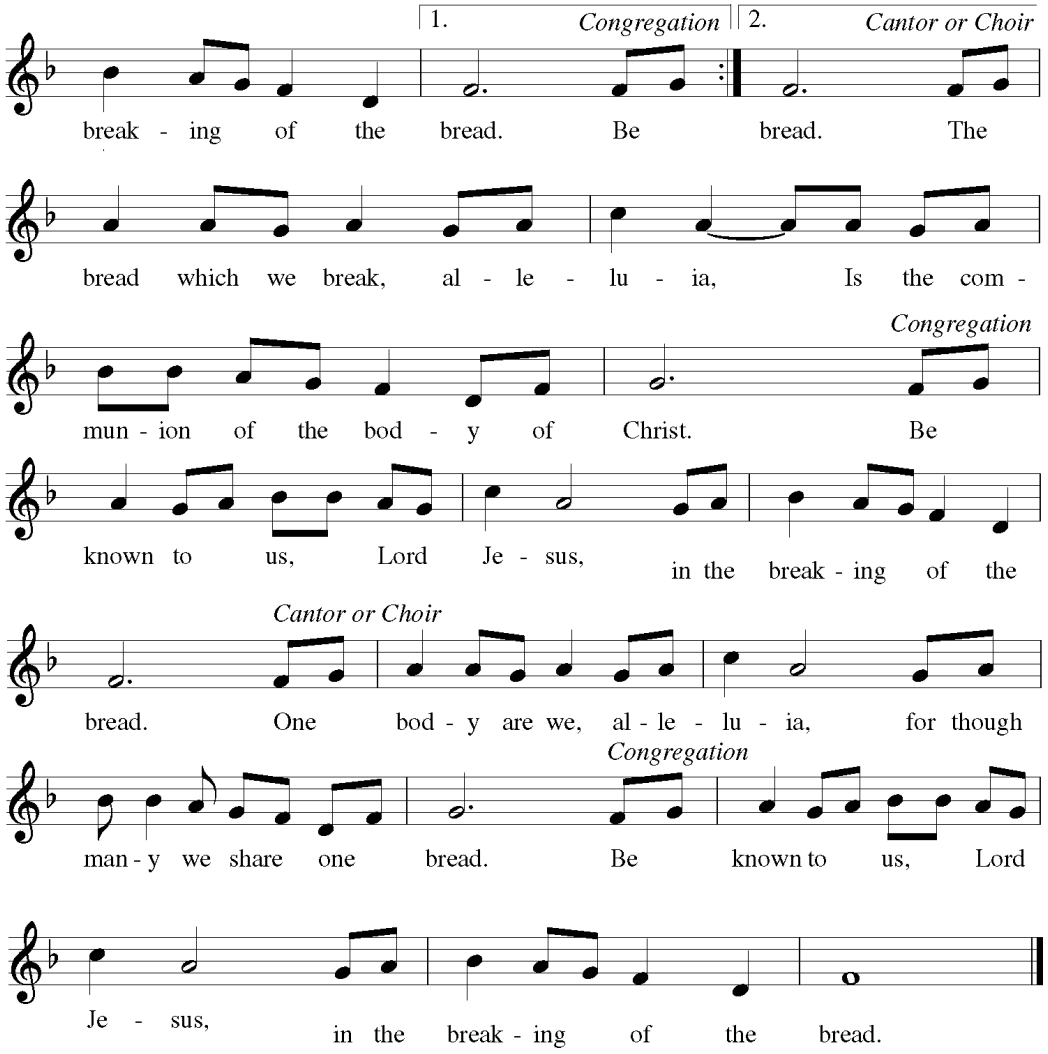
¶ The Celebrant breaks the bread.

¶ A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction

Be Known to Us Lord Jesus Green Hymnal - 875





The Invitation and Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People We behold what we are. Let us become what we receive.

¶The People sit.

¶ All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You may receive either the Common cup or by intinction (dipping). Indicate your desire for intinction by holding up your host after it has been given to you. You may indicate your desire to drink from the common cup by consuming the host immediately after it is given to you. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.

¶ When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.

Communion Hymn

Let Saints On Earth in Concert Sing Blue Hymnal - 526

¶ The People stand as they are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ

our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May God's Blessing be with you, Christ's Peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you now, and forever more.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn

Ye Holy Angels Bright Blue Hymnal - 625

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on Sine nomine Paul Leddington Wright

§ Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for coffee & fellowship .§

St Mark's Necrology

Matt Ashberry
Joan Baker
Victor Balser
Charles & La Rue Balser
Karl & Betty Balser
Bill Balser
Sallie Bowie
Augie & Margaret Boychan
Timothy Patrick Connors
Samuel Coplin
Dr. Edward O. Cox
Dorothy DeBoer Zylstra Sheler
Kenneth DeGroot
Margery L. Dickinson
Beverly Gary Roye
David Gaskin
Elaine Gordon Abayomi
Gretchen Heerema - Zuiderveen
Carol Helder
Joy Hoffman
Velma Kruse
Norman Kruse
Nevin Groce
M. Enrique Lara
Soledad Virginia Lara
Barb Leegwater
Jerry Marley
Alex McIntire
Doris Molina
Glenna Phillips
John & Louise Pinto
Milton Roye, Sr.
Irene Savara
John Scott
C. Mark Stoppels
Shaunda Tafel
Kip Taylor
Carlynn Teremi
Isaiah Van Slambrack
Betty Webber
John Wert
Dorothy Woudstra
John Woudstra
Mike Woudstra
Michael L. Zoulek

Plenty Good Room

An All Saints Reflection

On All Saints Day, we celebrate the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, and we rejoice that we are joined with them in one communion and fellowship. The saints remind us that God's love transcends time and space, death and life, heaven and earth. We are never alone – there is plenty good room in the household of God.

The spiritual Plenty Good Room invites us to imagine that great, heavenly banquet where all are gathered. The table stretches endlessly, and there is a seat for each of us. The saints – known and unknown, named and unnamed – are already seated, and Christ himself is the host. All Saints' is the Church's reminder that the Kingdom is not a closed circle but a widening embrace.

Scarcity whispers that death has the last word, that love is limited, that holiness is reserved for a chosen few. But the witness of the saints proclaims a greater truth: God's grace is abundant, holiness is contagious, and there is room enough for every soul in the kingdom of heaven. We honor the saints not because they were perfect, but because they bore witness to God's generosity in their time and place.

All Saints also reminds us of our own call to stewardship. We, too, are part of this communion, and our generosity today becomes part of the legacy of faith for tomorrow. Every pledge we make, every gift we offer, every act of love we share builds up the body of Christ for future generations. Just as we inherit the blessings of those who came before us, we are called to leave blessings for those yet to come.

On this feast, we remember that the Church is bigger than any one of us, bigger than any one moment, bigger even than death itself. There is plenty good room for all the saints – for us, for those we love and miss, for those yet to be born.

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." — Revelation 7:9 TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

Who are the saints in your life or in your church who inspire your generosity?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

TENS THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

We thank you for all the ways in which you support the work of the Gospel at St. Mark's.
If you would like to make a financial offering, there many ways to do so

- Place check or cash in the offering plate.
- Mail a check to the church.
- Gifts or transfer of stock. (Speak with a member of the vestry or Rector after the service)
- Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning. (A brochure is available on the Resource Table.)

  OR, conveniently with your phone:
- Scan the QR code to give.



St. Marks Prayer List

The Sick and Other Needs

Alisa Almonte
Jayne Austin
Doug Karsen
Barbara Gordon
Phil Gleason
Larisha Mazzola
Allyson Nichols
Audrey Nwak
Linda Radke
Jean Reale
Ruth Schoff
Meghan VanderMale
Guillermo Venecia
Roger York
Jaimie Interial
Mark Schuurmans
Bill Nasser
Sue Allen
Jennifer Julius
Susan Andrews
Kerry Morey
Nita DeGraff
Mary Rollins
John Graki
Joan Schmidt

In Military Service

Timothy Brower, Sr.
Cailen W. Donahue-McLean
Nathan Gagin
Kayla Gilardi
Jayden Karsen
Charles Lewis
Todd Murray
John Nicholson III

Members of the Vestry

Ben Busman (Sr. Warden)
Rex Miller (Jr. Warden)
Emily Krueger (Clerk)
Gloria Lara (Treasurer)
Steve Bell
Christina DeKoekKoek
Scot Gugle
Rich Hiskes
Cindy Kok
Carmela McIntire
Michael York
Michael Reale



Music Ministry News

Dr. Gary Gordon, Director of Music
garyg@stmarksgr.org – cell: 214-629-8926

Tonight at 5:00 PM - All Saints Evensong
Come experience the serene beauty of this 45-minute choral service, deeply rooted in our Anglican tradition. Please note this service will include light incense.

November 8th at 5:00 PM - Evensong Honoring Bishop Anne
This Evensong is provided as a Diocesan event as we mark the end of Bishop Anne's service with us. Please note this service will include light incense.

Make a Joyful Noise 9:15-9:35 AM - Choir Room
All Children/Youth are invited for a time to learn music we can share in our services, learn more about the Liturgical calendar, and learn how hymns support our faith.

Instrumental Music
If you are learning an instrument in school, taking private lessons, or have been playing for many years, I cordially invite you to share your talents in our services. Please speak with me after any service or send an email to garyg@stmarksgr.org and let me know more about your instrument and level of skill.

Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;
Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;
Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;
Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;
Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.
Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah! – Psalm 150

Hand Bells – Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 PM (bi-weekly) Next rehearsal Oct. 28th.
We'd love to welcome you to our ensemble. Playing experience isn't required but some familiarity with the musical staff and sight-reading ability will be helpful. This ensemble meets bi-weekly and performs occasionally throughout the year. For more info contact garyg@stmarksgr.org.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council
We are grateful for generous financial support from **MACC** which supports our Sacred Sounds Series and makes occasional performances by the Grand Rapids Symphony at our Breakfast Cafe possible.

Announcements

Adult Formation: *The Shape of the Liturgy*
Fr. Jed will be leading a class from Oct. 18th to Nov. 22nd explaining the modern Eucharistic liturgy in the Episcopal Church. The class will address historical precedents and modern theological and practical consideration that have created and innervate our worship on Sunday morning.

Episcopal 101 at 12:15 pm in the Guild Room
The former Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, often referred to Episcopal Church as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. He meant something specific by it. If you would like to know more about what it means to be in this branch of the body of Christ, or just what to know why we call the Presiding Bishop a Primate (no, it's not an insult), you are invited to come to *Episcopal 101,* a class designed to answer all these questions, and more. And, for those interested in investing more in the Life Giving, Liberating movement of Jesus that is the Episcopal Church, this class will prepare you for being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirming your faith.

Candy Tithe and All Saints'
On All Saints Sunday, as a way for our youth and children to tangibly participate in this stewardship season, we invite them to participate in a Candy Tithe on All Saints' Sunday on 11/1. Those who would like to tithe 10% of their candy may bring it to a basket at the altar for donation during the offertory on that day. Also on All Saints' Sunday, everyone is invited to come dressed as their favorite saint.

Newcomer Event
Today is the day! If you are new to St Mark's in 2026, we'd like to celebrate your being a part of our St Mark's family at today's social hour. We hope you can join us!

Sunday Youth Group Meetups (6th—12th grade)
All Youth Group meetups this fall will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4-6 pm at St. Mark's. See you on November 1 and 15, and December 6 and 20.

Disciples & Dragons-1st Wednesdays Beginning November 4 (3rd—12th grade)
Disciples & Dragons will return on the 1st Wednesday of the month, beginning in November, and will run from 6-8 pm on Zoom. You can find registration details and more information in the e-newsletter.

Annie Civic Theatre Parish Life Event
Parish Life is hosting the traditional Holiday trip to the Civic Theater to see the musical *ANNIE* on Sunday, *December 13* for the *2:00* matinee. A signup sheet is available at the information desk. Tickets are $20.00 for students and $33.75 for adults. That is a savings of $11.75. Your check is your reservation. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's. You can give your check to Judy Fetterhoff or put in Pam Stevensons mailbox. We will park in our lot, and all walk together to the theater. Group rate is for a group of 20 or more. Get your reservation early as Annie will sell out very fast.

Diocesan Virtual Youth Group-3rd Wednesdays (6th-12th)
Virtual Youth Group first launched during the pandemic when we could not meet in person. We are pleased to announce it will return this fall, as a way to keep our youth from around this diocese, and beyond, connected throughout the year. These meetups will take place via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8pm, from October through May. Participation is open to 6th-12th grade students and their mentors in the current school year. We hope you can join us! Please check out the e-news or the diocesan website for more information and links.

Food Pantry Donations
St. Mark's partners with the Downtown Food Pantry to help supply needed food to neighbors in the downtown area. For the month of October boxes of cereal would be much appreciated, although all gifts will be gratefully received. Each item you donate makes somebody's life a little easier.

Outreach needs your help! Gender neutral clothing needed
The Outreach ministry would like to thank St. Mark's for their generous clothing donations for our unhoused guests at the Breakfast Cafe. In order to better serve our guests, we ask that such clothing be gender neutral items such as jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, tennis shoes, and coats. We also appreciate donations of new socks and underwear. Items can be placed in the basket in the north transept.



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St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the Indigenous peoples of the Three Fires: Anishinaabe, Odawa, and Bodéwadmi. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds that continue to exist by that occupation, and we pray and work for reconciliation.