Emmanuel Episcopal Church



22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 2025

We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship:
in the pews, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.
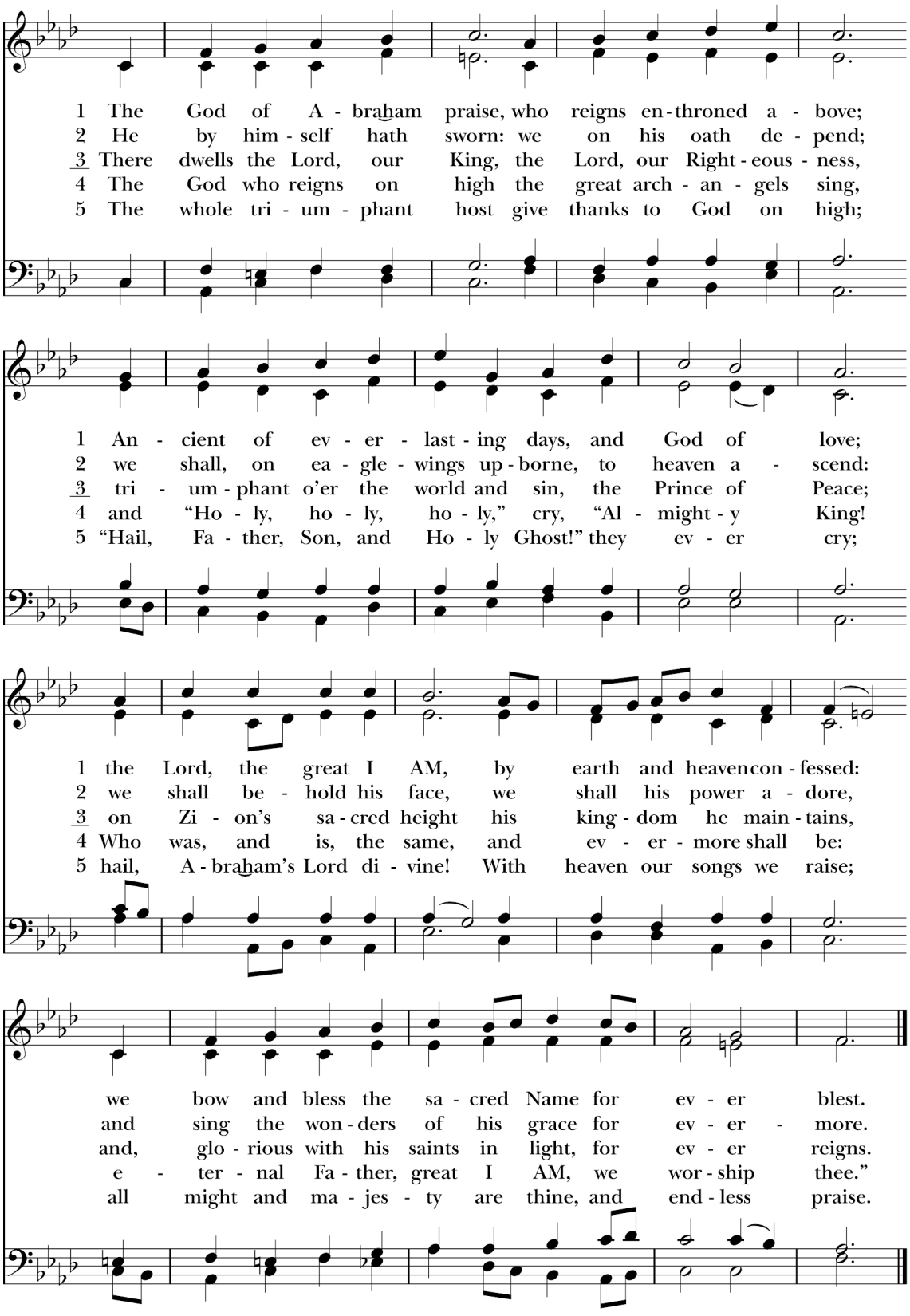
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with Indigenous communities today as we all work toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.

Prelude: Te lucis ante terminum (“To you before the close of day”) John Rutter

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham praise Hymnal 401



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

The Word of God

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God forever and ever.

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.**

The Song of Praise

Celebrant Let us glorify the Holy One as we proclaim: Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors,

Celebrant and People

> **You are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Holy and undivided Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen. (BCP, 90)**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Special Music **I Just Wanna Be a Sheep** **by Larry Haron**
Emmanuel Children's Choir

Refrain:
I just wanna be a sheep. Baa, baa, baa, baa!
I just wanna be a sheep. Baa, baa, baa, baa!
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
I just wanna be a sheep. Baa, baa, baa, baa!

I don't wanna be a Pharisee. A Pharisee?
I don't wanna be a Pharisee. A Pharisee?
'Cause they're not fair, you see!
Refrain

I don't wanna be a Sadducee. A Sadducee?
I don't wanna be a Sadducee. A Sadducee?
'Cause they're just sad, you see!
Refrain

I don't wanna be a hypocrite. A hypocrite?
I don't wanna be a hypocrite. A hypocrite?
'Cause they're not hip with it!
Refrain

The children are led out to Children's Chapel.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts. (1:15b-2:9)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 ***Exaltabo te, Deus*** BCP, 801

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

A reading from the letter to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
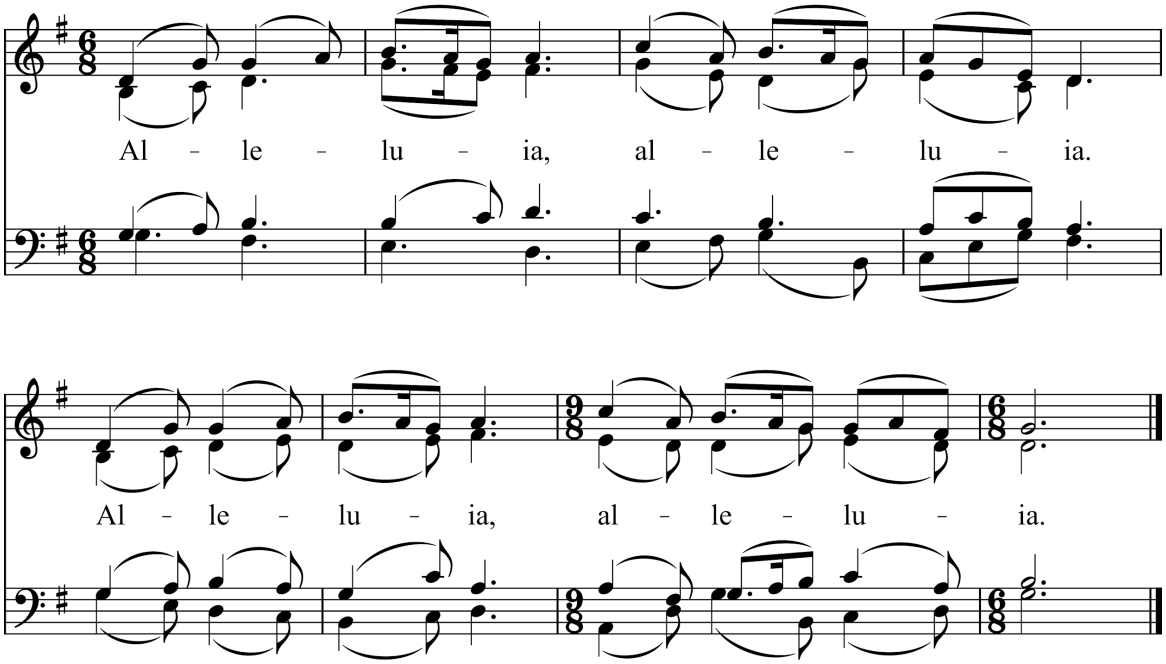
But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn Celtic Alleluia My Heart Sings Out 20

Before the Gospel: Sing twice (1st time in unison; thereafter, in harmony).
After the Gospel: Sing once.



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Deacon/Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." (20:27-28)

Deacon/ Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed: Adapted *(Inclusive and Expansive Language)*

We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ is worshiped and glorified; who 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

Leader: Our God is the God of the living. Even as we dwell in the midst of death, we are heartened by God's promises and turn to God in confident supplication; praying, Lord, in your mercy…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may give testimony in word and deed that we are children of the resurrection;

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, and Warren our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Grace Episcopal Church in the Kirkwood; we pray for our Connections partner, the Faith Christian Church of India and for the work of our 186th Diocesan Convention which will convene later this week;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah, the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury and The Church in the Province of the West Indies;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision San Pedro Apostol in Guayama;
- We pray for Loenardo Anthony Sanford and his family as they prepare for his baptism on November 23;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for the preparers of our Wednesday night dinners and the bakers guild, and for our outreach ministry of the Diocesan pillar of Faith in Action;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week;

We pray, Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations that they may be driven by a strong sense of compassion and a desire for mercy to bring justice and peace in the world, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza; we pray, Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our city and those who live in it, for the victims of injustice and violence, for those who have fled their homes seeking refuge, and those who live in fear of violence and separation from their community; we pray, Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray that you grant your wholeness and healing to all who live in the grip of illness, addiction, fear, or danger; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, and for all those in distress; in our parish family, we pray for Rob and those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for Veterans and all those who serve and are deployed in the armed forces and all those dedicated to public service; we pray, Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who have died, passing from this life into the wondrous vision God has promised…, and for those who grieve, that they may be consoled with the faith that love never dies; we pray, Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect

The Confession

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father, we confess that we have believed the lie that we are not in you and you are not in us, and we have lived that lie in what we have done, and by letting things go undone. We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart; we have refused to love our neighbors, and we have failed to love ourselves. We are ready now to change this, to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness. Knowing the frailty of our humanity, we open ourselves to the strength of your divinity. We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us, for only then are we able to follow you in your way, serve the welfare of your people, and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.

Priest: 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.
People: Amen.

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.	***Y con tu espiritu.***
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.	***Neetho kooda.***
The peace of Christ be always with you.	**And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem The Lord Bless You And Keep You John Rutter
Emmanuel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

The Doxology

The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Gathering at Christ's Table: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 365

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you**

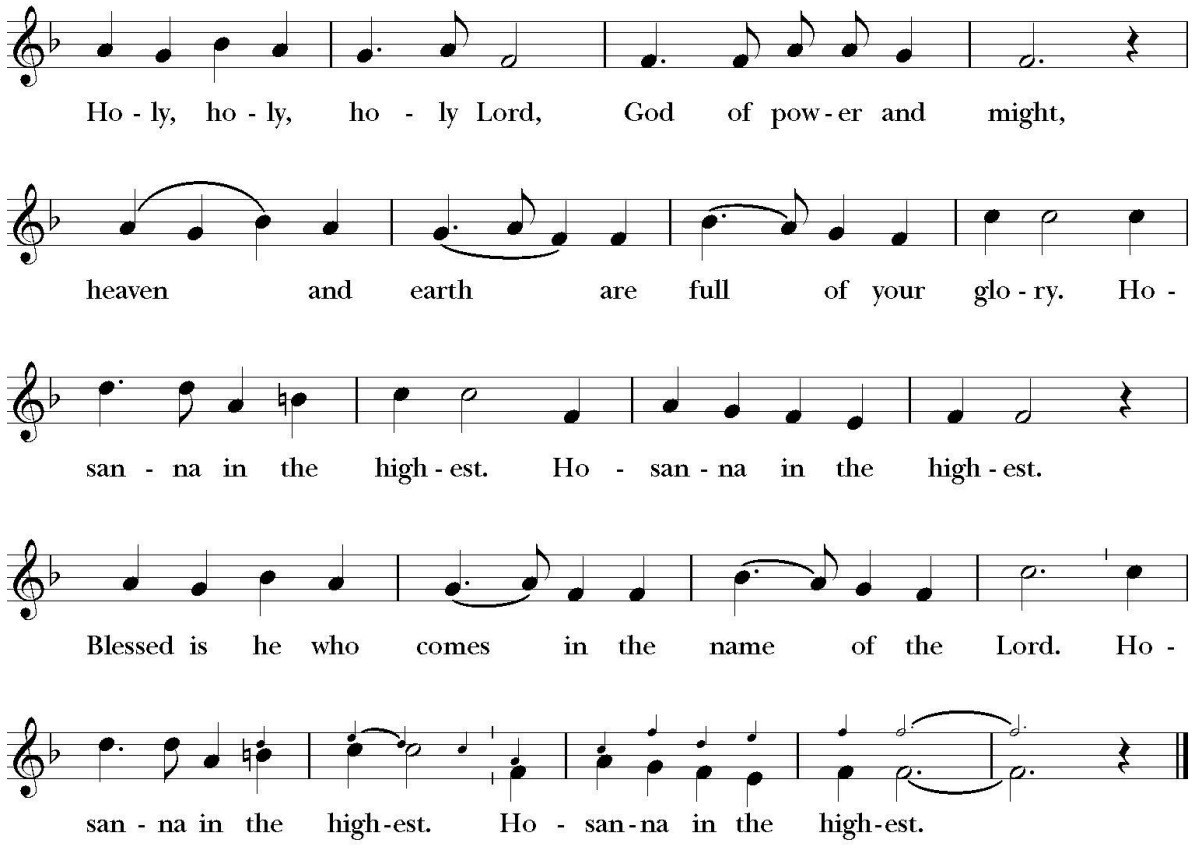
Celebrant Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

Celebrant and People **Sanctus, S-125**



Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people may sit, stand, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
+ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

The Lord's Prayer, BCP p. 364 *The people may stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father, who are 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.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).
The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: *Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy. The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.*
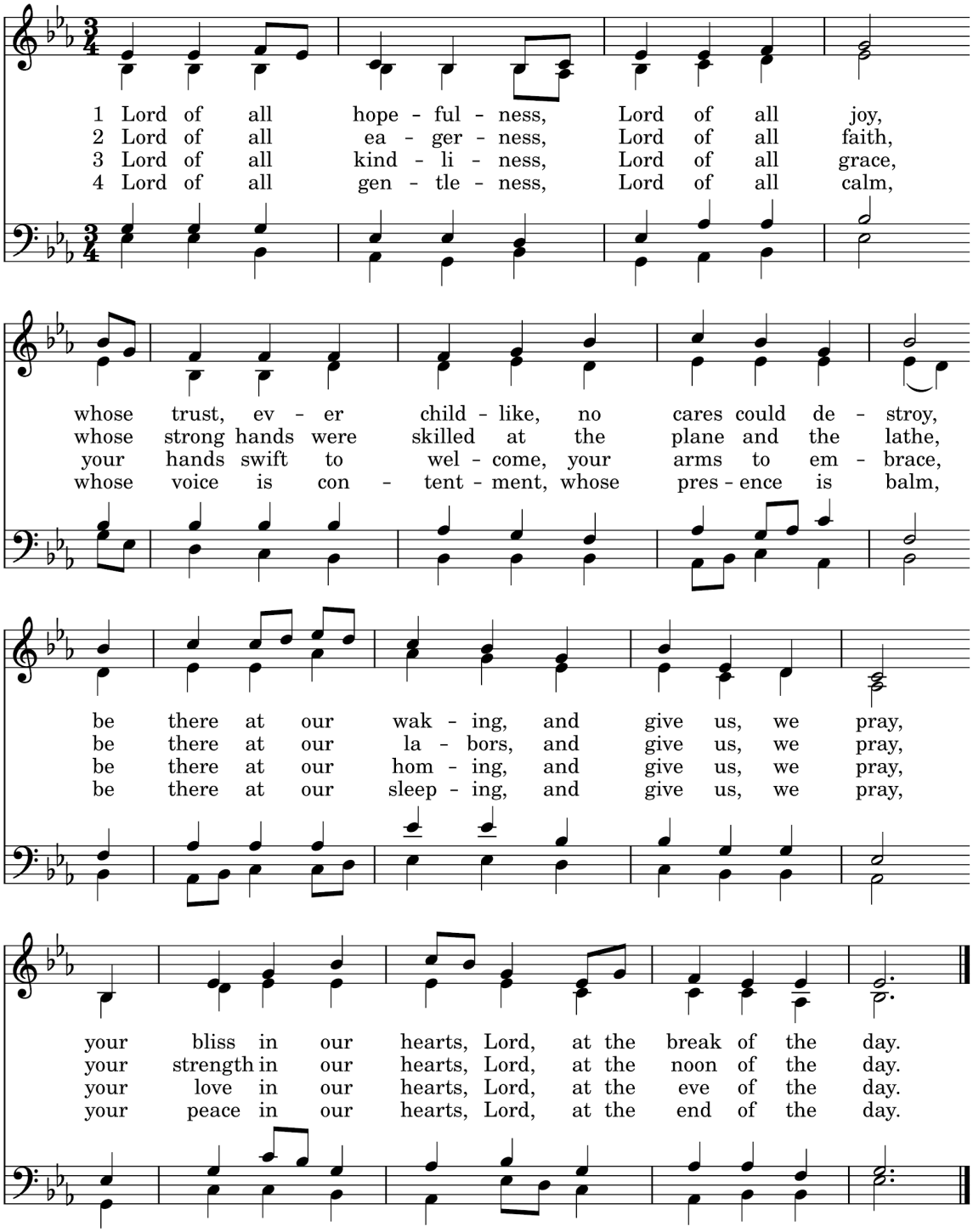
Wine: *You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine.*
OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

Blessing: *If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing*

Communion Anthem Irish Blessing Kaye Saunders
Emmanuel Small Ensemble

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Communion Hymn Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy Hymnal 482



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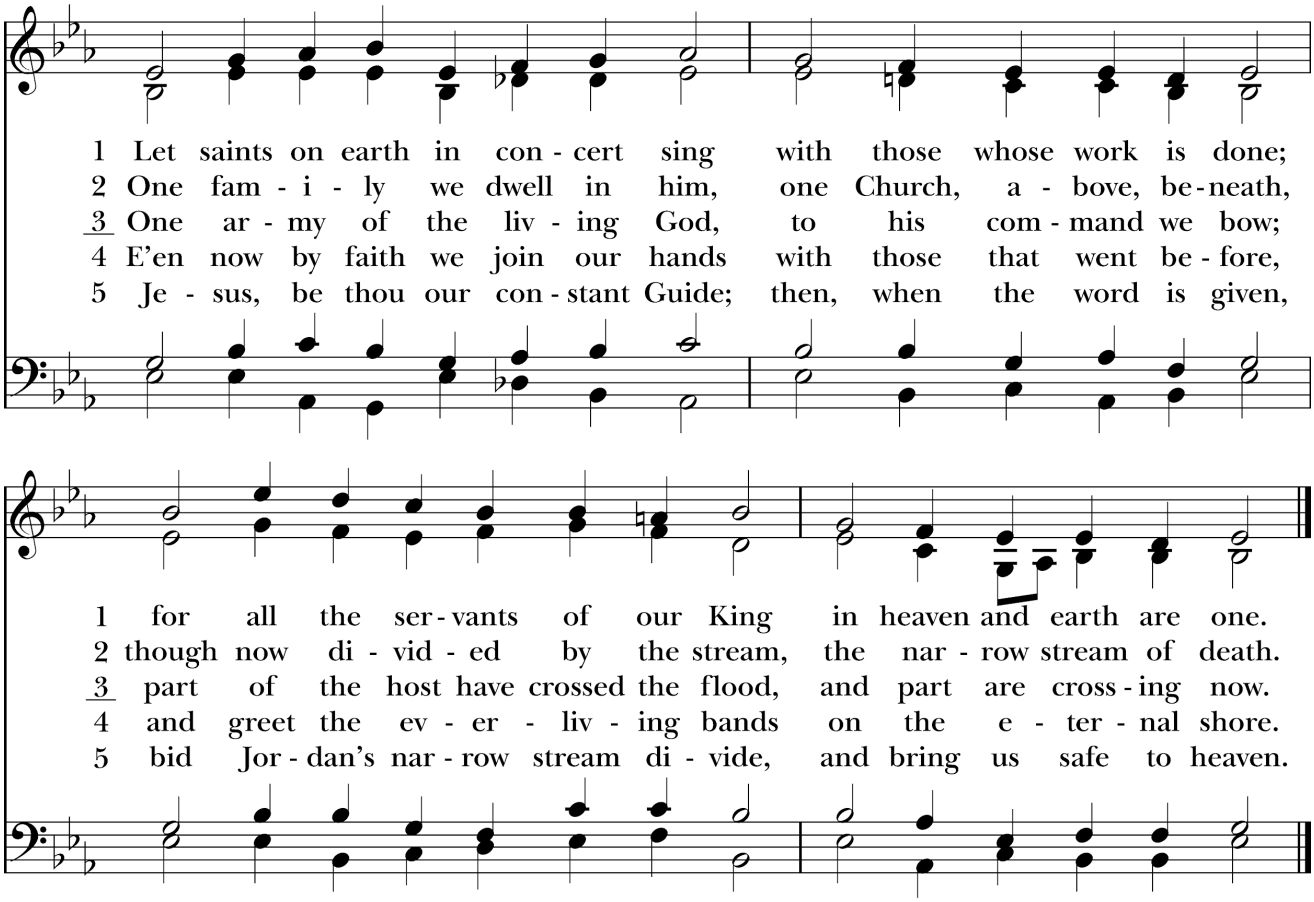
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Guide me, Let saints on earth in concert sing Hymnal 526



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Our worship has ended. Now our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata in Seven John Rutter

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Rundquist, Viola and Carl Rundquist, and L.J. and Anastasia Sullivan by Rita Rundquist.

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar

10	NOV, MON	1 – 2pm	Knitting group Tree top room
		6:30 – 7:30pm	Worship Committee
11	NOV, TUE	All day	Office Closed - Veterans Day
		11am – 12pm	Veterans Day Service
		6:30 – 7:30pm	Finance committee
12	NOV, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		4 – 5pm	WU Int'l Students Dinner
		5 – 6pm	Old Testament Bible Study Behold Room
		6 – 7pm	Earthlove Pillar Meeting
		6 – 7pm	Fellowship Dinner
		6:30 – 7pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		6:45 – 7pm	Taizé Service
		7:05 – 8:05pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
14	NOV, FRI	All day	Diocesan convention (Day 1/2)
		6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
15	NOV, SAT	All day	Diocesan convention (Day 2/2)
		9am – 1pm	EarthLove Facility Cleanup Day

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OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.



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