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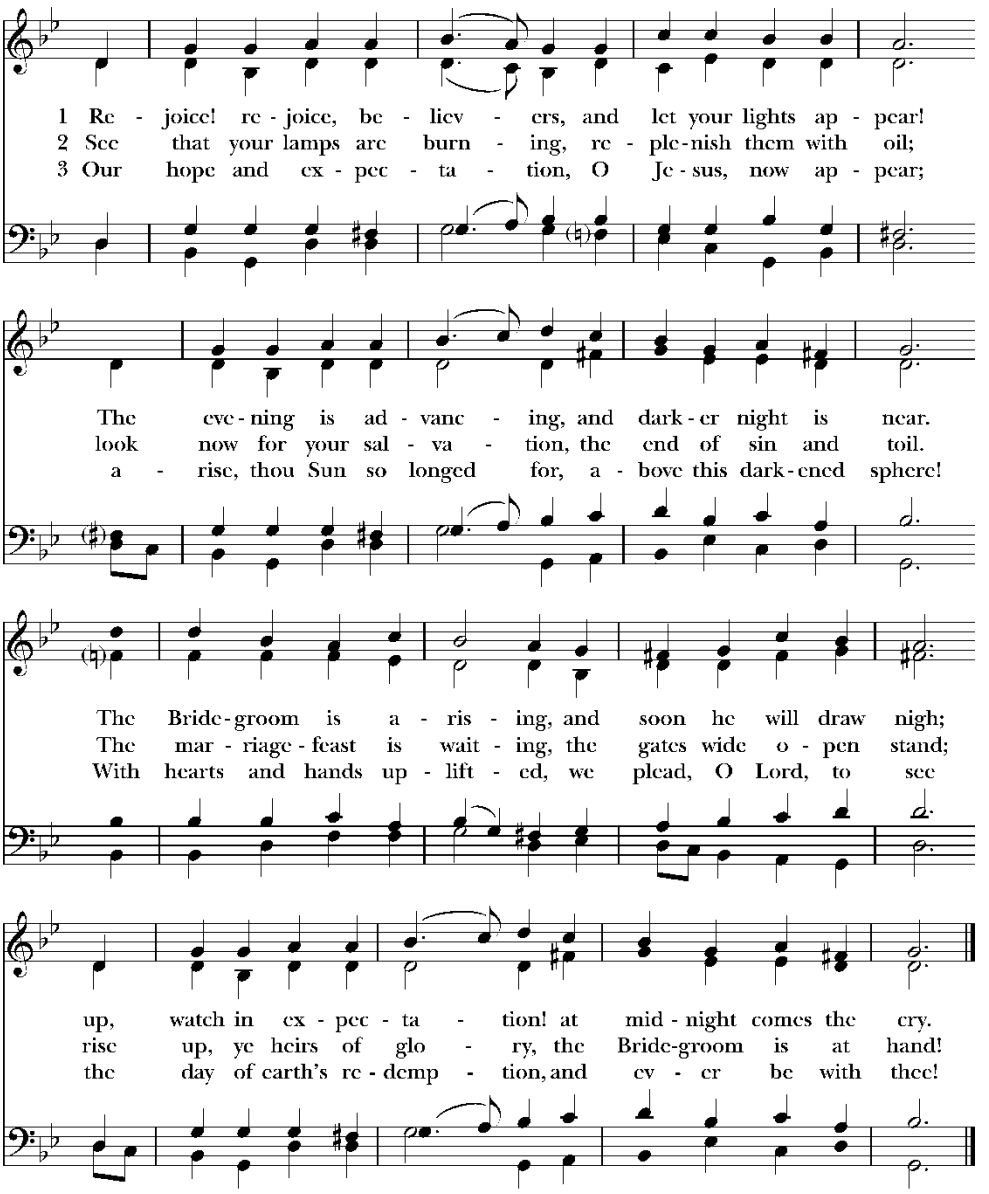


The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming FaceBook Live at 10:45 am

Prelude Voluntary in g by Thedore Dubois (1837-1924)



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

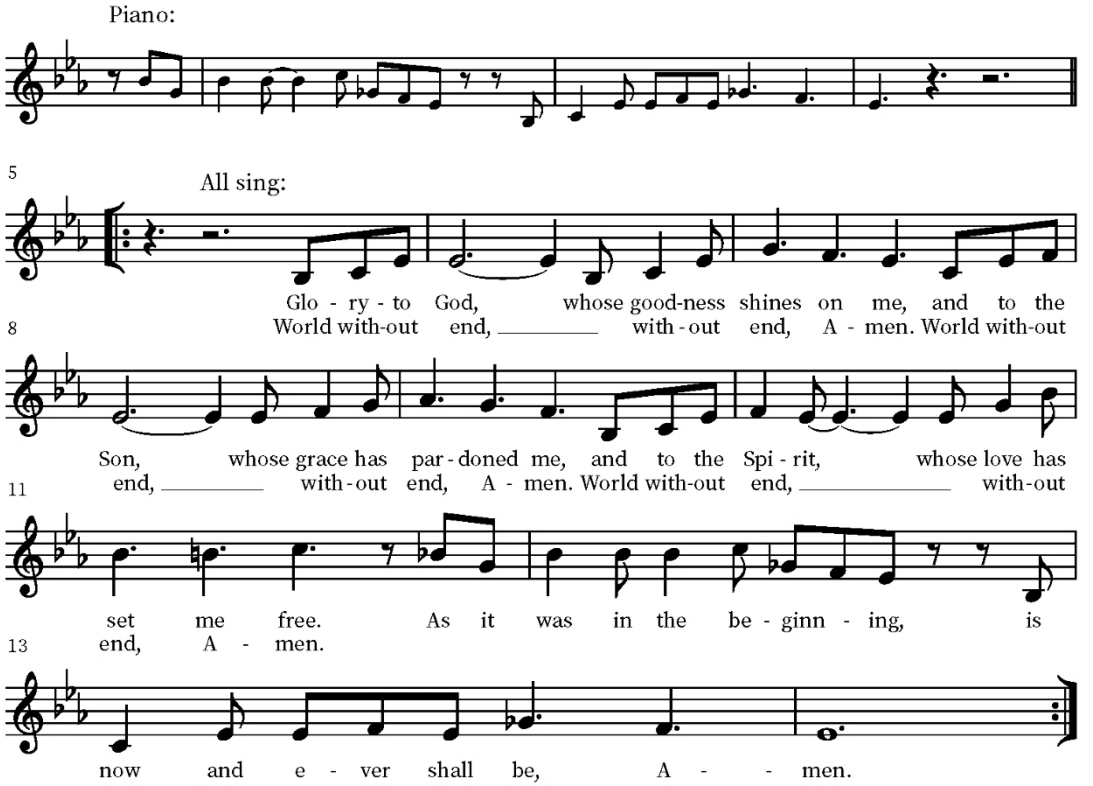
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity *said by the Celebrant*

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.***

Song of Praise Glory to God Paul Vasile



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. Amen.

The First Lesson **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
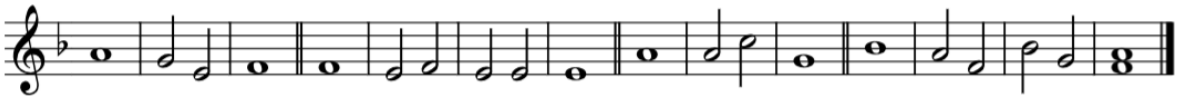
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm *Attendite, populo* **Psalm 78:1-7**



Hear my teaching, | O • my | people; *
incline your | ears to • the | words of • my | mouth.

I will open my | mouth • in a | parable; *
I will declare the| mysteries • of | an - cient | times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our | ancestors • have | told us, *
we will | not • hide | from • their | children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the | power • of the | Lord, *
and the | wonderful • works | God • has | done.

God set up decrees to Jacob and established a | law • for | Israel, *
commanding them to | teach • it | to • their | children;

That the generations to come might know,' and the | children • yet un - | born; *
that they in their turn might | tell • it | to • their | children;

So that they might put their | trust • in | God, *
and not forget the deeds of | God, • but | keep his • com - | mandments.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sequence Hymn 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand *Dundee*

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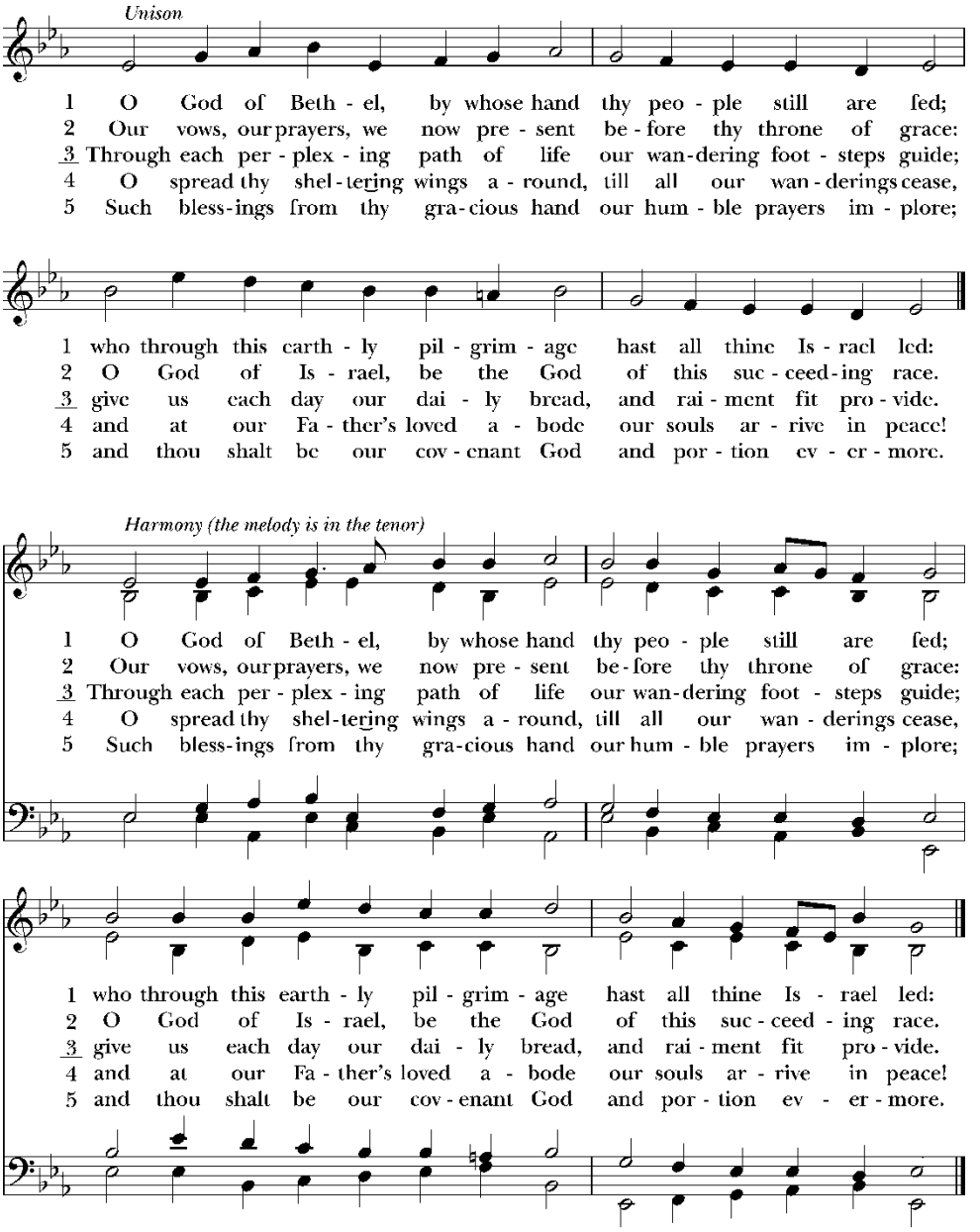
The Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sequence Hymn 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand *Dundee*



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; fauxbourdon *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635.

The Sermon **The Reverend Patricia Templeton**

The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus,
the God of homelands lost and found,
the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who was born under occupation
and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,
becoming aliens in a foreign land,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.
On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,
a communion of saints across countries and centuries.
I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,
where our passport is love,
our bodies are resurrected and healed,
where the image of God in all of us is honored,
and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place
where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,
where we will be no longer strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including our parishioners, **Linda Parrish; Cathleen Hackett; Penny France; Lisa Wilson; Virginia Skinner; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas;** and **Cathy Leake.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider; Claudia Gimson; John Gimson; Deborah Gimson-Murphy;** and **Mimi Gold.**

Silence

Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: ***And also with you.***
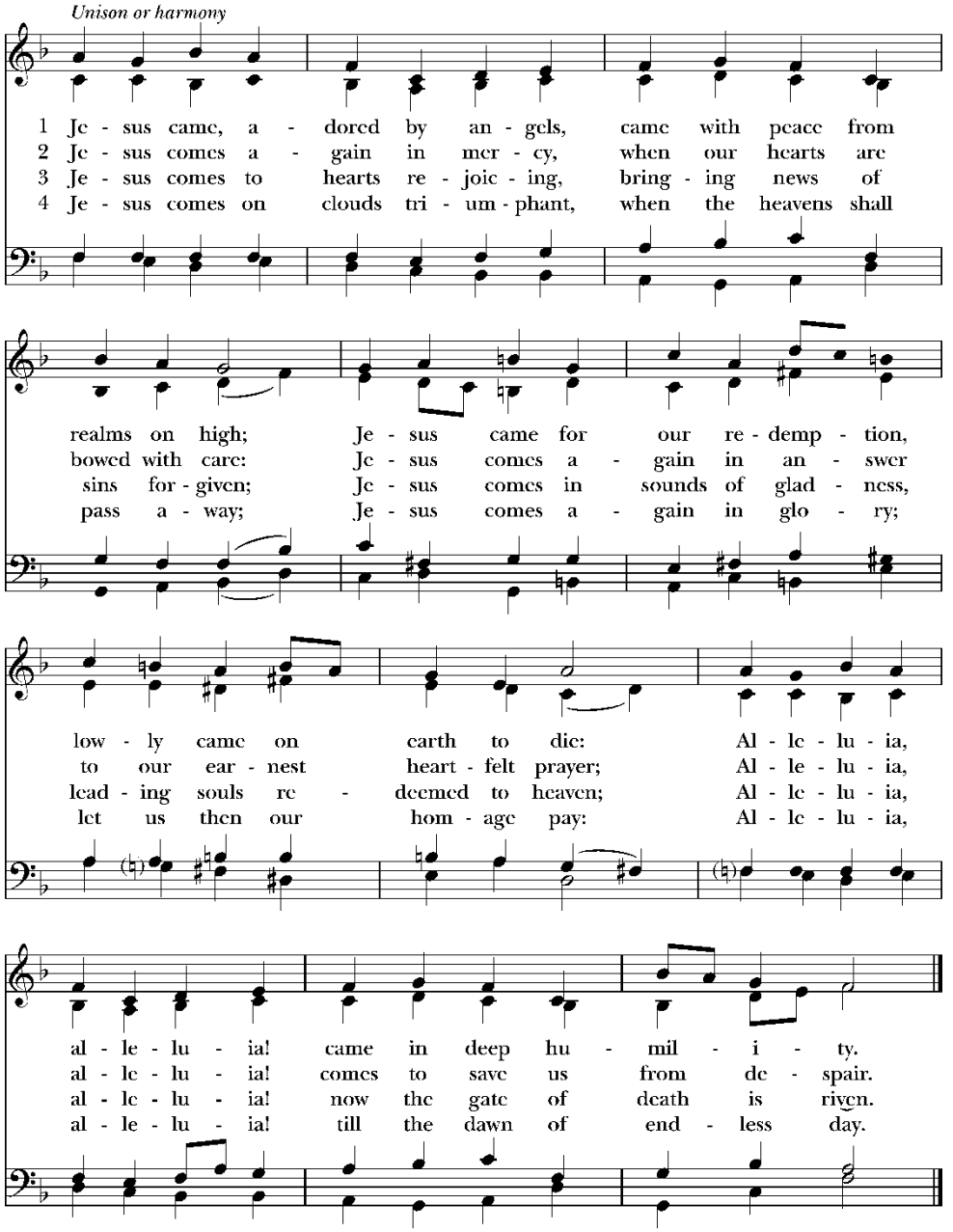
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem God be in my head by C. Wood (1866-1926)

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.

Offertory Hymn 454 Jesus came, adored by angels *Lowry*



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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord 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.***

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

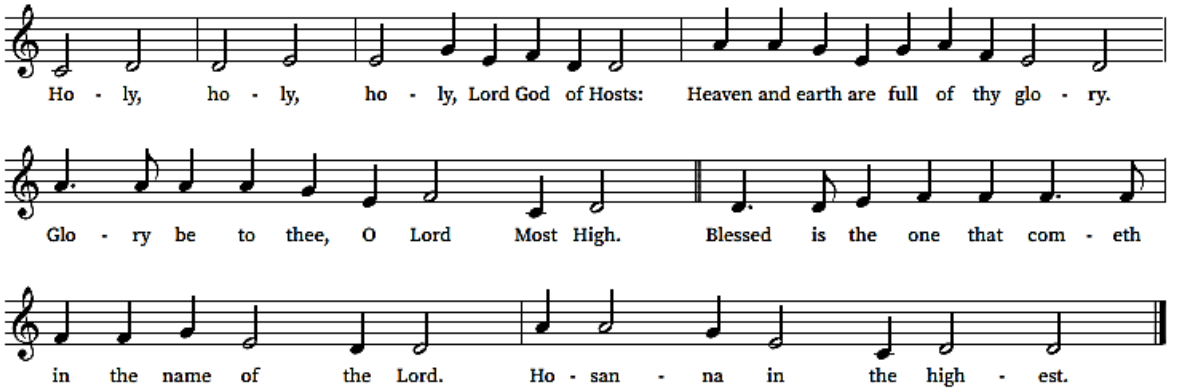
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S.113 Holy, holy, holy Merbecke



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, Take, eat: This my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

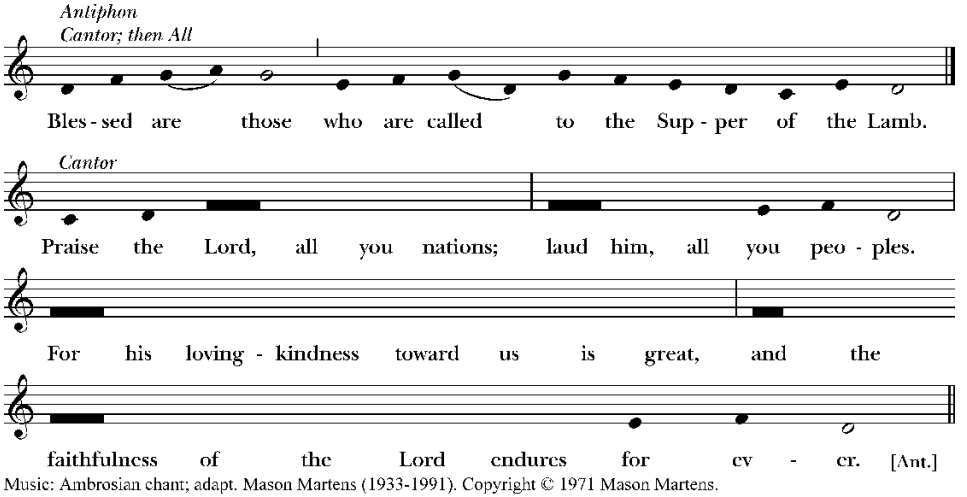
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Fraction Hymn S.172 Blessed are those who are called Chant/Martens

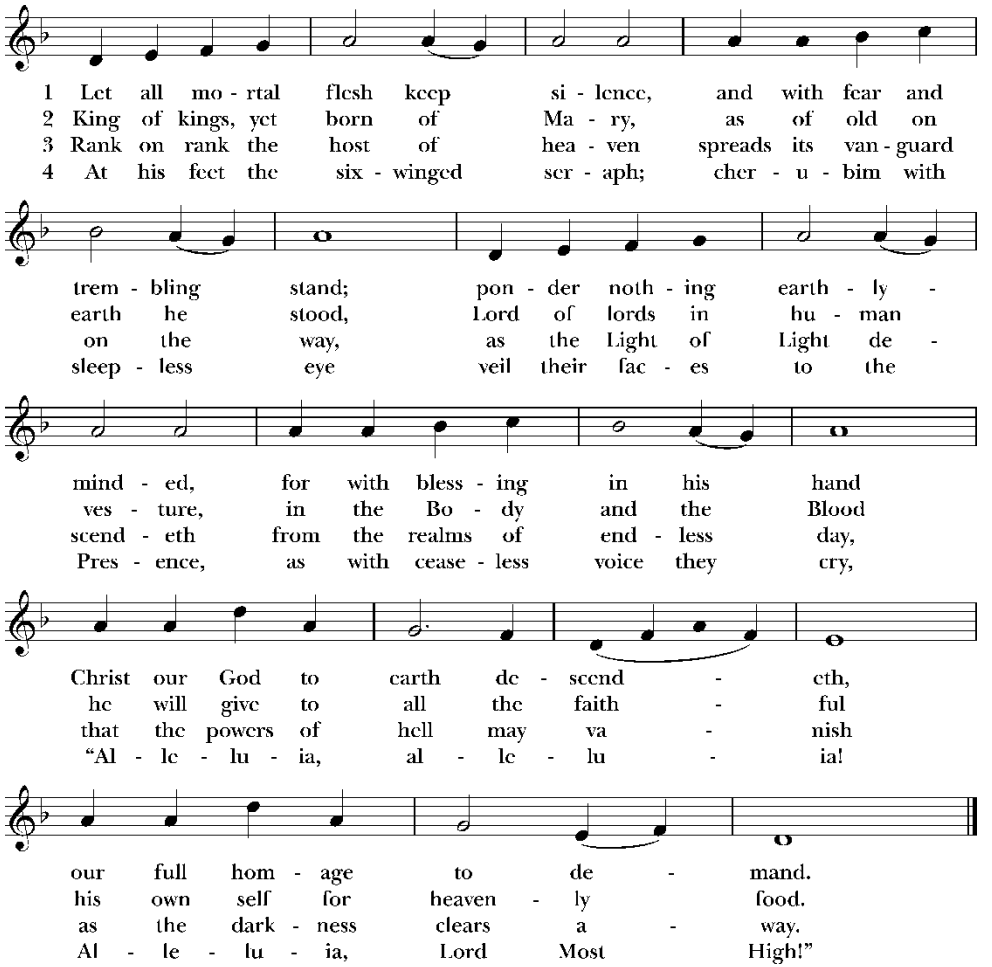


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Celebrant Continues
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People *All are welcome.*

Communion Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Prayer of St. Francis *Celebrant and People*
Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon: where there is discord union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.
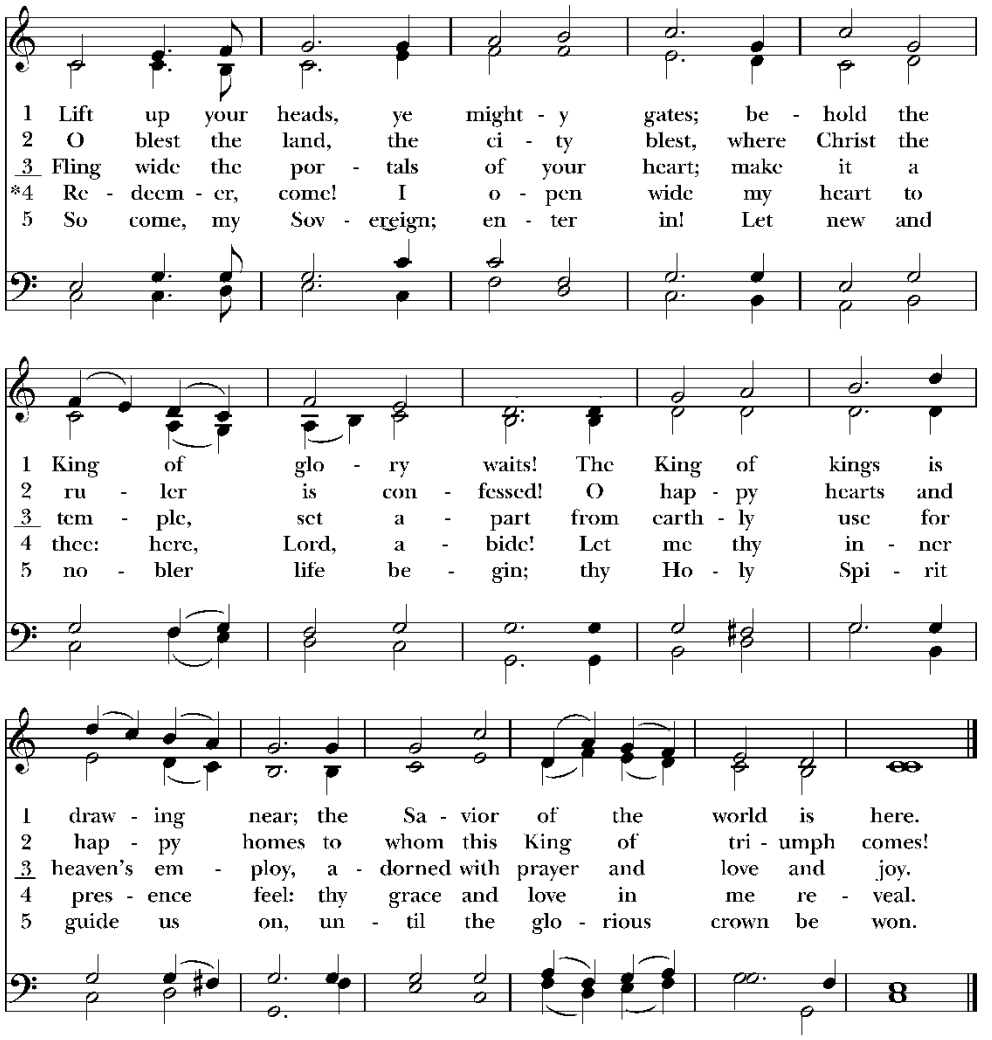
The Blessing

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire."

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Son who sets you free,
and the Spirit who comforts and sustains you be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*



The Dismissal

Response ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude Chaconne in c (BuxWV 159)
by Dieterich Buxtehude (1607-1707)

Happy Birthday

Debbie Beverly November 8 **Donna Thomas** November 8 **Robear Stumpe** November 10

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Linda Parrish; Cathleen Hackett; Penny France; Lisa Wilson; Virginia Skinner; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and **Cathy Leake.**

Family: Manilal Weerakoon, Anil's brother**, Kathy Benedict,** family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten**; Gerald & Mary Lee Fudge;** extended family**,** and **Melanie & Wade,** daughter & son-in-law, Suzanne Van de Mark; **Thomas Wilkerson**, brother, **Walter**, friend of Marshall Kress; **Amy Currie,** sister of Lisa Wilson; **Ann Harrison,** sister-in-law of Nancy Knight Latimore; **George Robinson,** nephew, **Samantha Woo**, niece and **Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams**, sisters of Bessie & Hollis Holland; **Glenda Owens,** grandmother of Lillian Amengual; **Terra Garrett,** cousin of Cathleen Hackett**; Jane Schneiderwind,** sister of Mimi Gold**; Cody Young,** cousin of the Reece Family; **Roswitha Moos,** grandmother of Katharina McCawley; **Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley,** family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte**; Charlie Bunn,** cousin of Tiffany Wilson; **Oakley Family,** cousins of Priscilla Davis; **Deni Omundson**, **Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; **Karen**, sister of Steve Hauser; **Jessica LeClaire,** sister of Sara Thornton; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Cliff Frierson; Michael Burkhardt (Rhea Hannah); **Sharon Hart & Family** (Heather Robertson)**; Diane Earle** (Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer); **Lori & Brad Becker, Shehan, Preemali Seneveratne & family** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Pam Weed** (Claudia Gimson); **Willie Adams; Pat Buffington; Sara Knochel,** (Mary Jane Hannah); **E.J. Walker** (Ralph Paulk); **Susan & John Ware, Gay McNeely,** (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Tom Lombardo** (Tricia Templeton); **Ellie Richards, Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold); **Dena Horner** (Bob Longino); **Wanda Arrowood,** (Sandra Dobbs); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider; Claudia Gimson; John Gimson; Deborah Gimson-Murphy;** and **Mimi Gold.**

We pray for those who have died.

Ministry Schedule

	24th Pentecost – Nov. 8th	25th Pentecost – Nov 15th
Vestry on Duty	Susan Hauser	Tom Wilson
Lay Reader: **8:30 am**	Claudia Gimson	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: **10:45 am**	Zoe McMichael	Lynn Hood
Lector 1st Lesson	Eddie Belgard	Billy Hancock
Lector 2nd Lesson	Karen Dessables	Lucinda Kaltenbach
Ushers / Greeters	Karen Dessables	Tom Wilson
Altar Guild	Marshall / Claudia / Elizabeth	Marshall / Fina /
Flower Guild	Michele Smither	Lucinda Kaltenbach

Vestry 2026 -2027

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Alexander Pierre, Jr. Warden;
Sarah Hancock; Tom Wilson; Eddie Belgard;
Mary Jane Hannah; Susan Hauser;
Zoe McMichael; Suzanne Van de Mark

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector
The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate
Brian Parks, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
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