ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2026

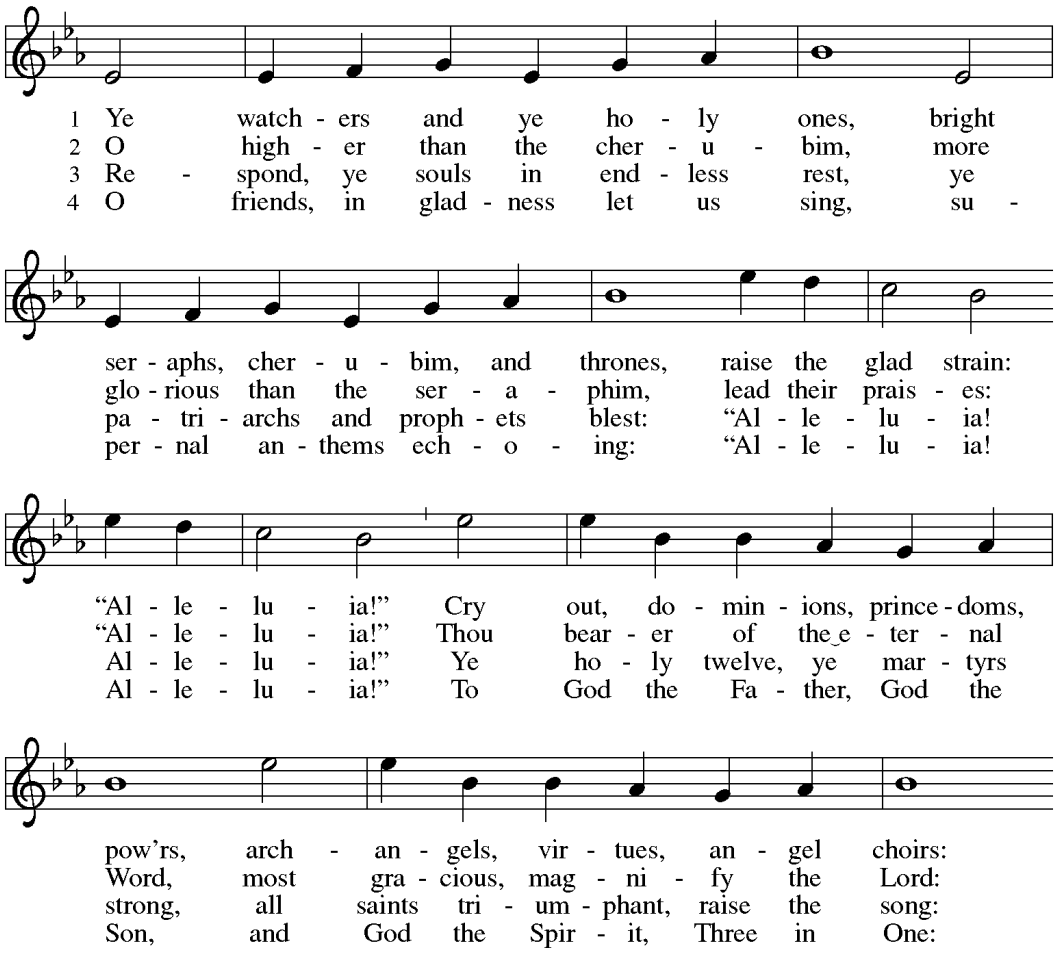
The Feast Day of All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is now known in its eternal fullness. At the Lord's table, we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

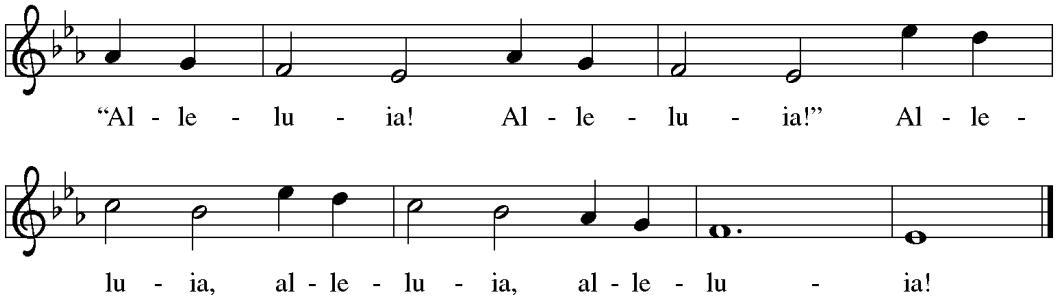
Prelude — *Requiem* — Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones





Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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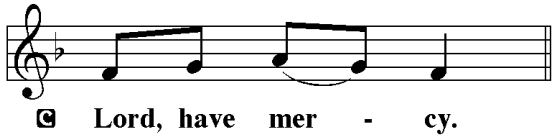
Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

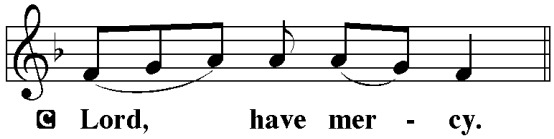
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

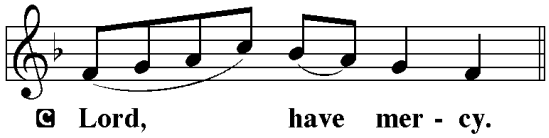
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



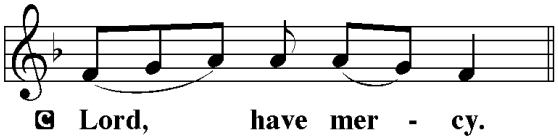
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



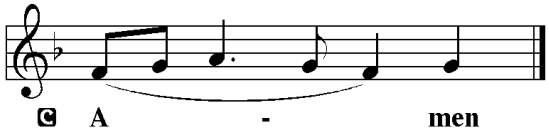
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



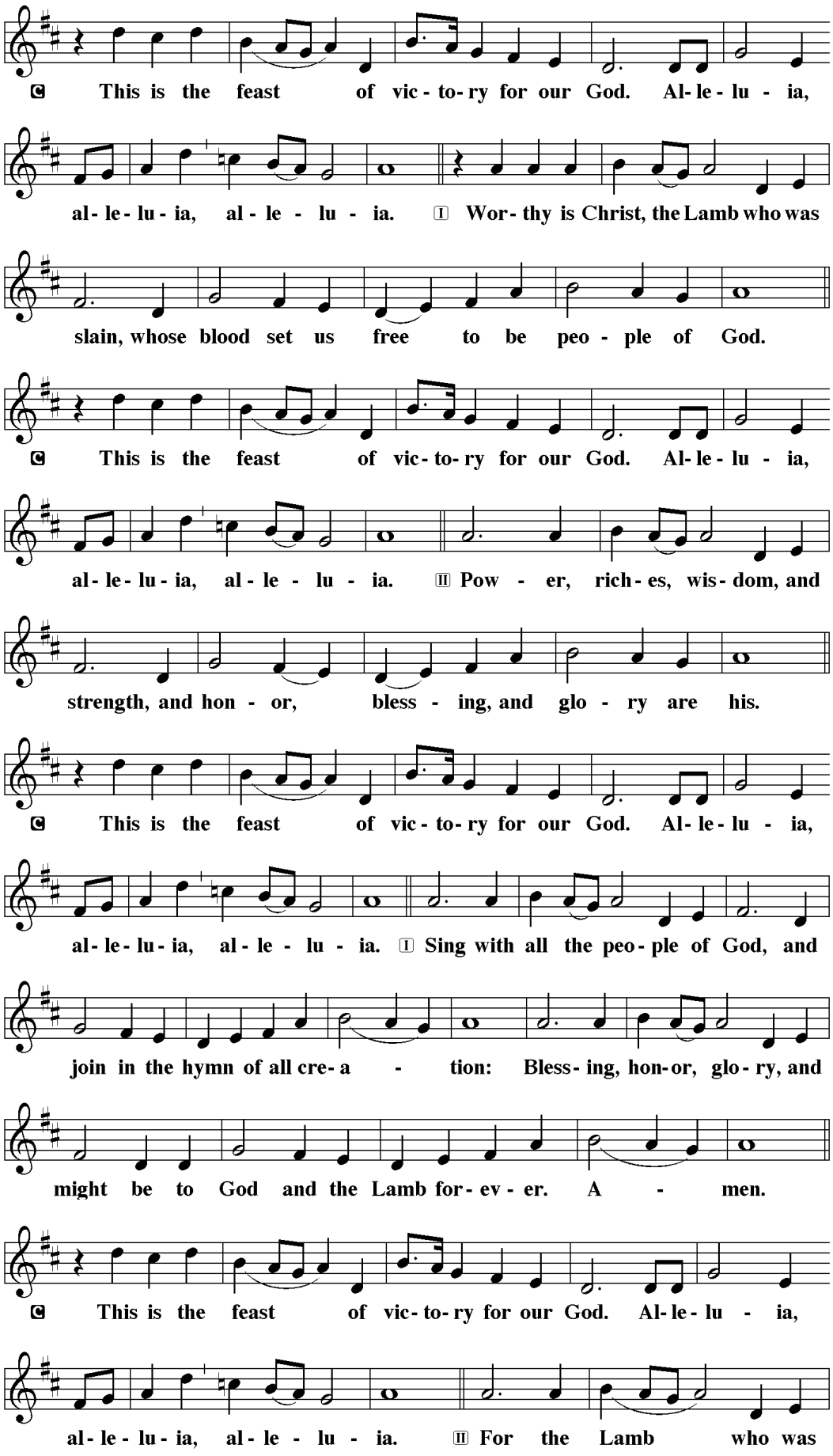
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

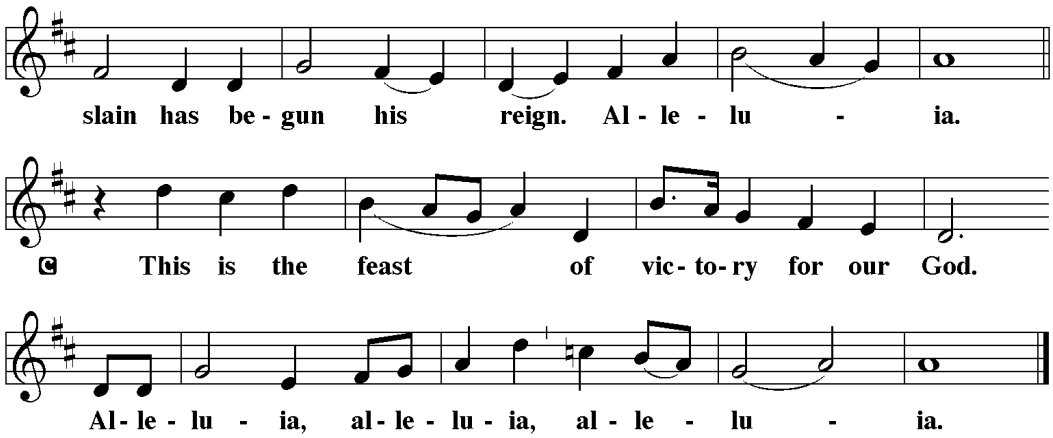


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

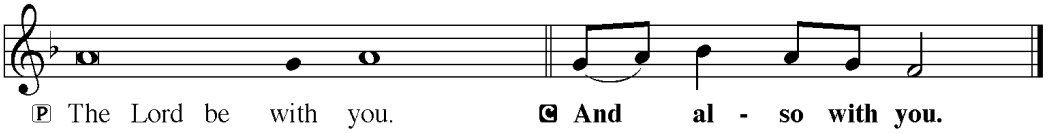


Hymn of Praise





Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Revelation 7:9–17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

[9]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, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. [10]They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

[11]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, [12]singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]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.

[15]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.

[16]They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;
[17]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."

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (sung in unison)

This psalm is a hymn of blessing and praise to the Lord for divine deliverance.

**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 de- | liver 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.**

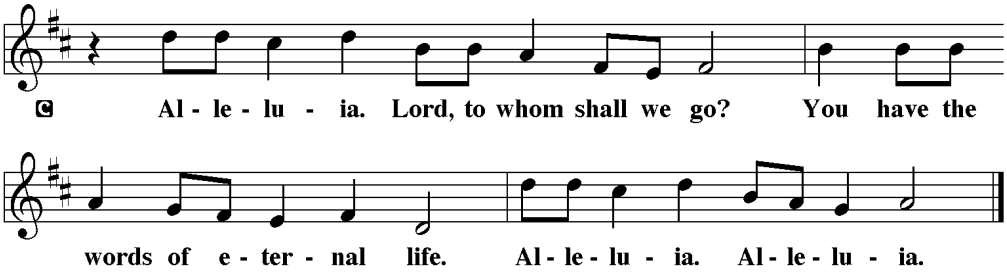
Second Lesson - 1 John 3:1–3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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. [2]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. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

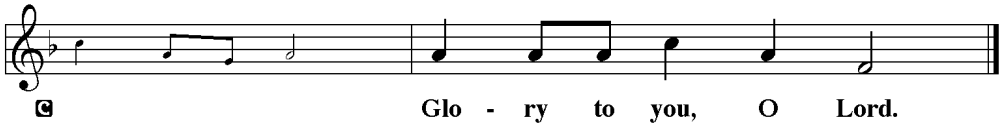
L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Matthew 5:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

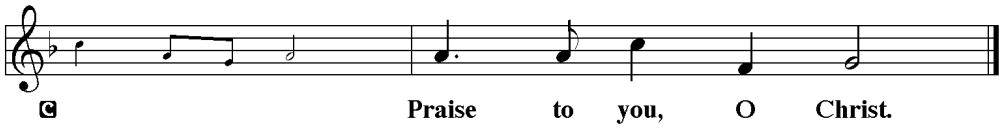


In the beatitudes, Jesus of Nazareth provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

Hymn ***For All the Saints***

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jacqueline "Jackie" Wolbrueck Almond ✙ Sharon Ann Bowler

Jimmie Lou Lyons Cothren ✙ Paula Diane Davis ✙ Charles Lee Dugger

Gustavo Adolfo Espinosa ✙ Talmadge "Tally" Keith Greenway

Henry Kenneth "Ken" Hawkins ✙ Calvin DeVese Hughes ✙ Mary Ann Lippincott

Gerald "Jerry" Edward Martin ✙ Richard Boyden Park ✙ Kenneth Larry Roberts

Barbara "Bobbie" Caverlee Schuler ✙ Dietrich-Hartmut von Schmettow

James Charles Stock

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we belove:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
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 into hell.
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.
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. Amen

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Gracious God, fill your Church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Help us restore land suffering from ecological degradation, and protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Help us bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially those who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we, too, are gathered in your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

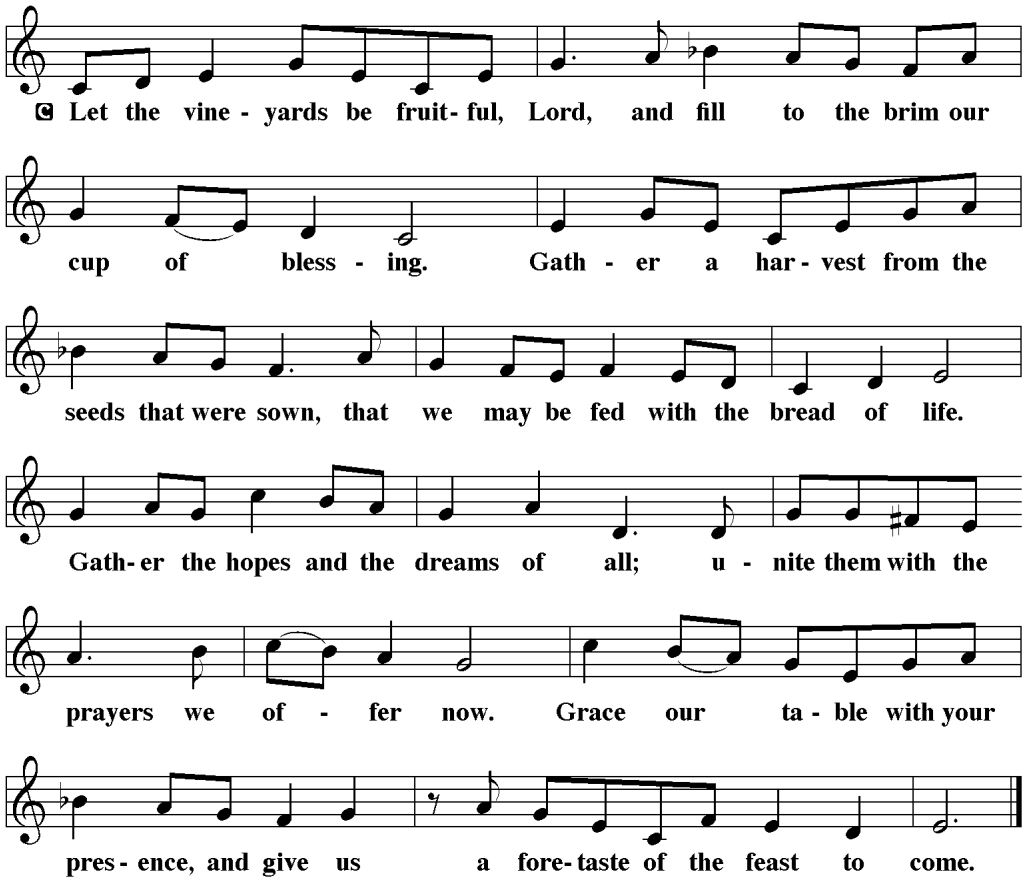
C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem *I Heard a Voice from Heaven* John Goss (1800-1880)

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me;
write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
Even so saith the Spirit;
for they rest from their labors.
(Revelation 14:13)

Offertory

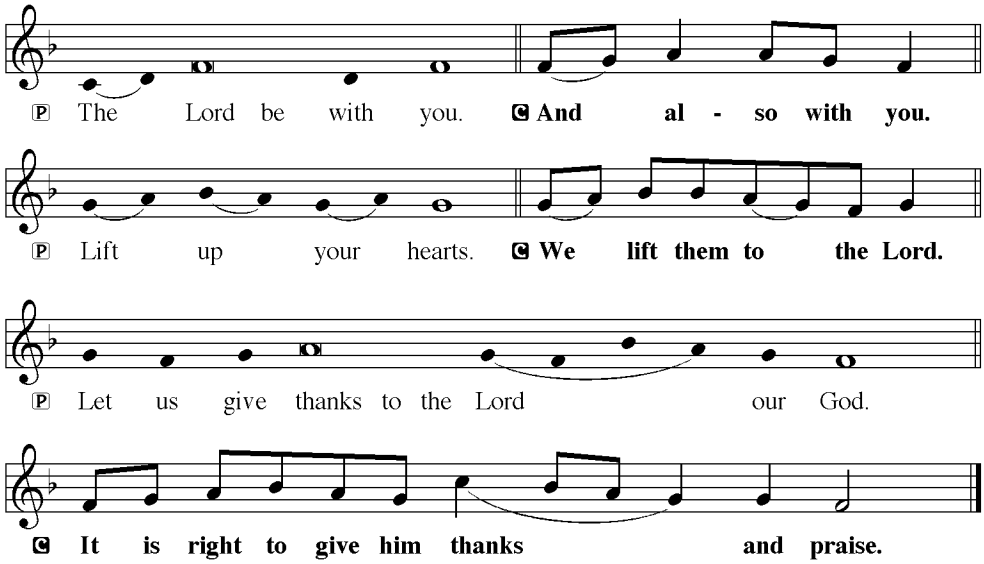


Offertory Prayer and Consecration of Pledges

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

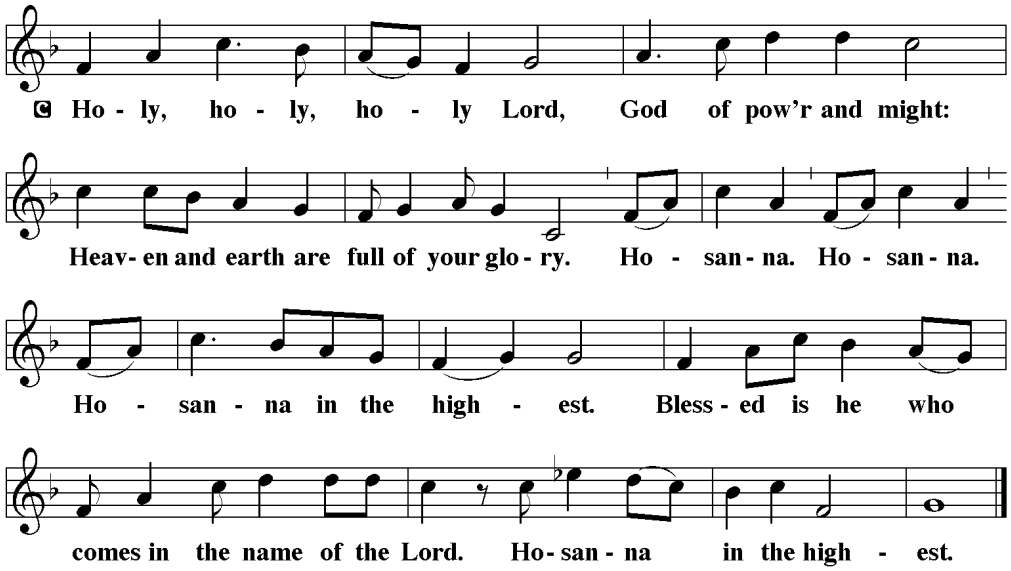
ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. We consecrate to your glory these our pledges of time, talents, and treasure, so that the light of your love may shine through each of us. We pray that you receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

Sanctus



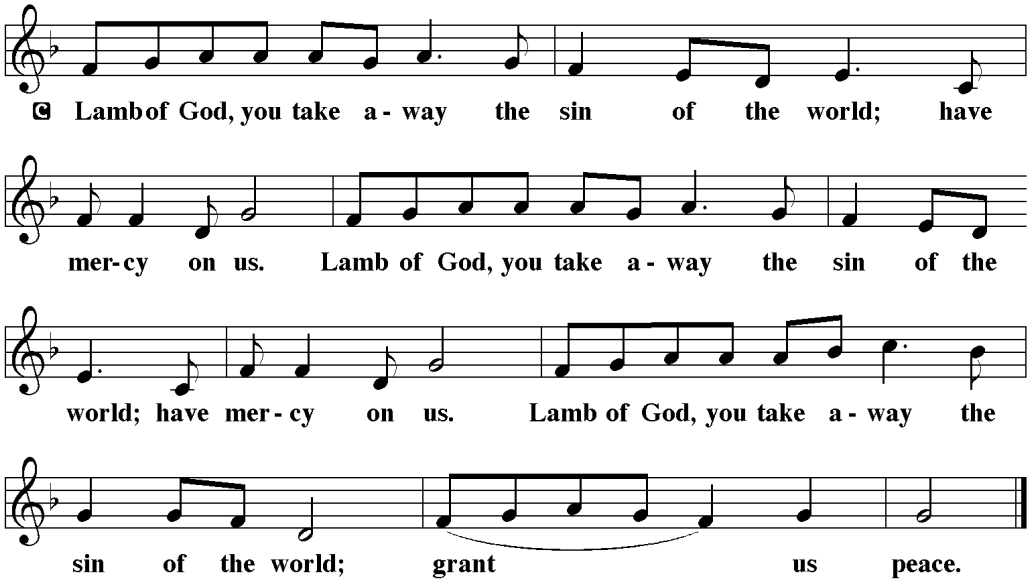
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

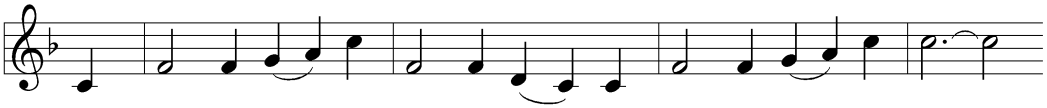
Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei

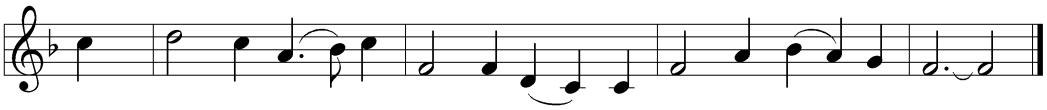


Hymns

Jerusalem, My Happy Home



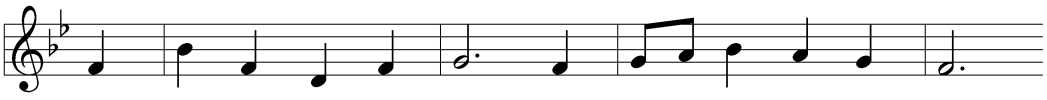
1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, would God I were in thee!



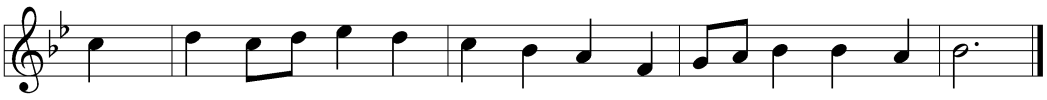
When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
Would God my woes were at an end, thy joys that I might see!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American melody

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

Communion Anthem *Non moriar sed vivam* Martin Luther
(1483-1546)

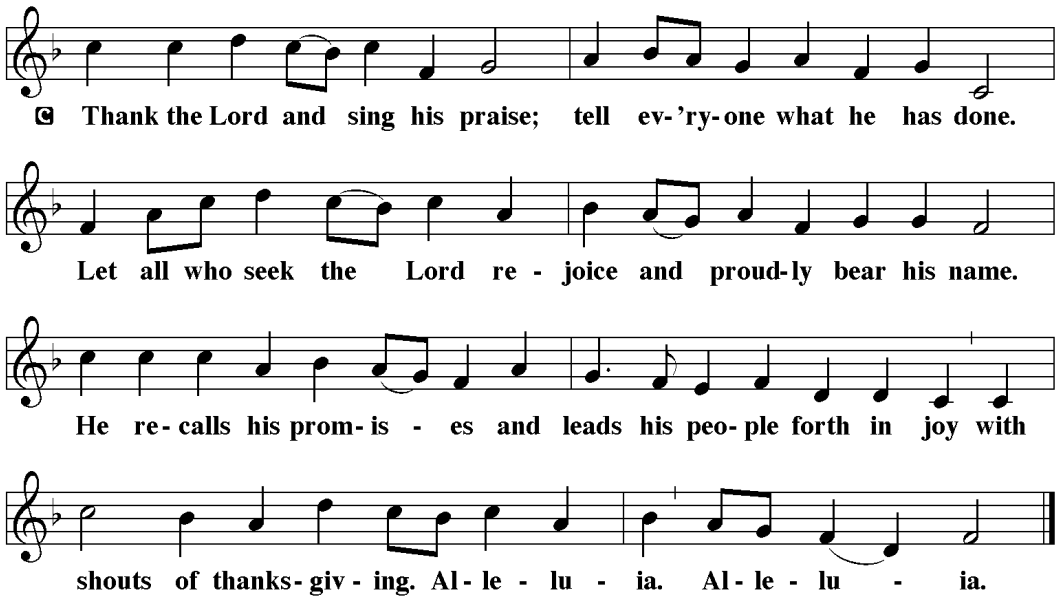
Non moriar sed vivam, et narrabo opera Domini
(I shall not die but live, and tell of the works of the Lord.)

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

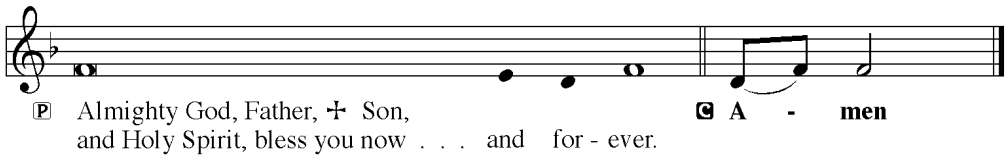


Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

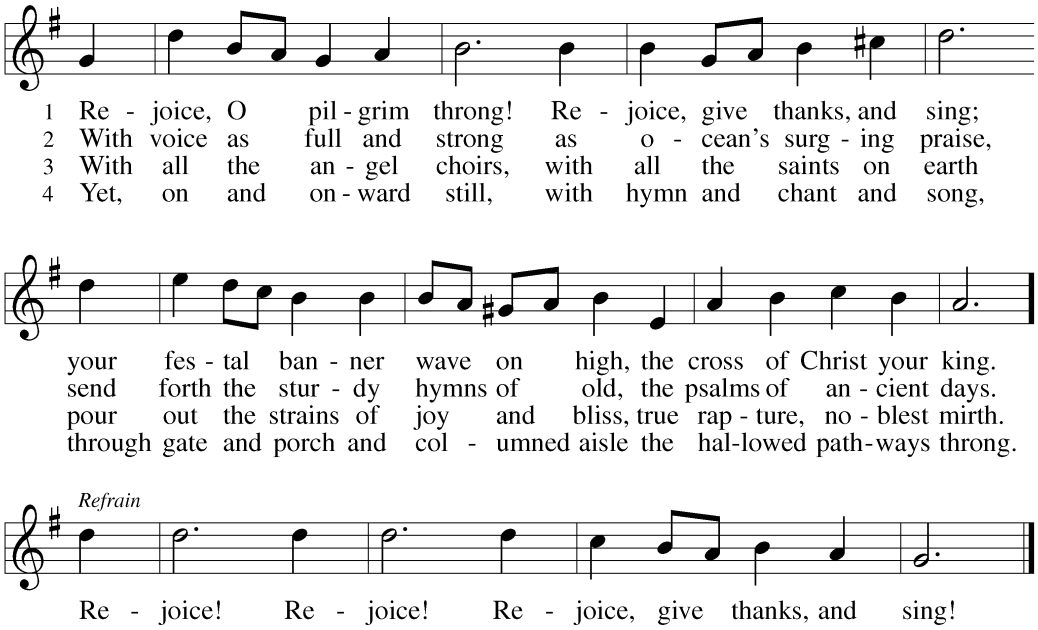
C: Amen

Benediction



Hymn

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!



5 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise him who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Epilogue* William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Barclay
in memory of her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Allen.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Janet Loy
in memory of her husband, Walter Loy, Jr., and her son, Walter Loy, III.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday,	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion & All Saints' Commemoration
November 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
All Saints' Day	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion & All Saints' Commemoration with Livestream via YouTube
	2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Information Class
	4:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (grades six and above)
Monday,	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
November 2	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Connecting with God - *Know God - Know Self* (via Zoom)
Tuesday,	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - *Together by Grace: Psalms*
November 3	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday,	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
November 4	5:30 p.m.	Fall Seminar - *Eclipsing Empire*
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday,	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
November 5	11:00 a.m.	Discussion Group - *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God*
Friday,	7:00 a.m.	Friday Breakfast Series - *Genesis*
November 6	8:00 a.m.	Matins (Morning Prayer)
	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*
Saturday,	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
November 7		
Sunday,	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
November 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Youth (all ages)
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Soup Luncheon
	4:00 p.m.	Chamber Music Concert - *New River Ensemble*
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (grades six and above)

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