TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026

The prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. The apostle Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus of Nazareth tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Prelude — *Praeludium in G Minor* — Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God – Father, ✣ Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

silence for reflection

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

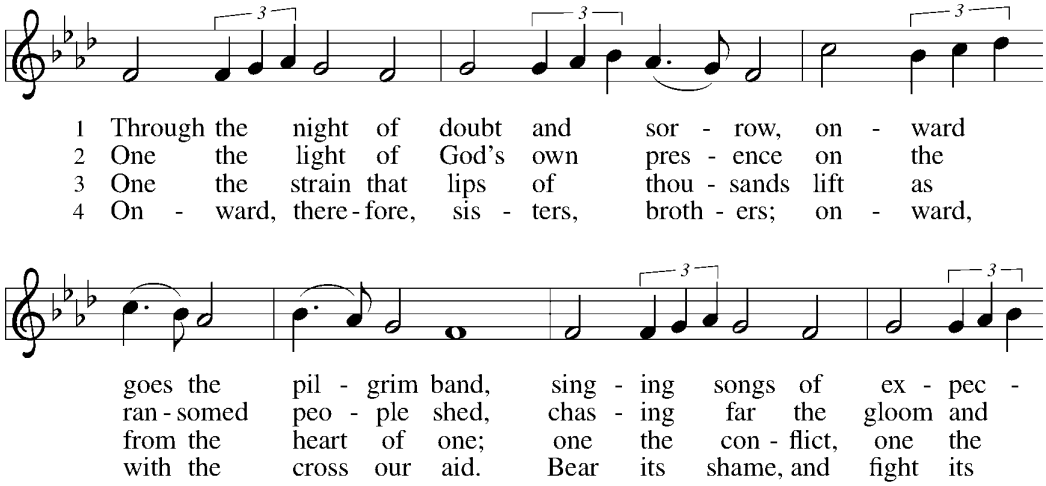
P: How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow





Apostolic Greeting

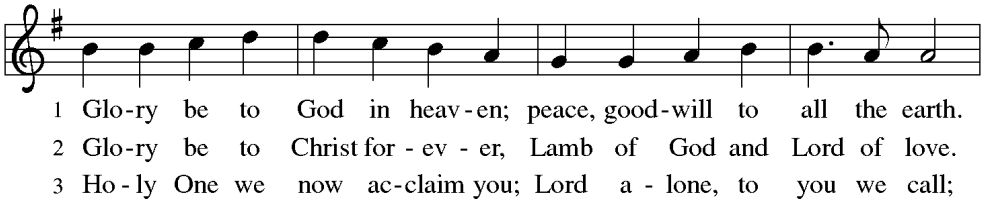
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

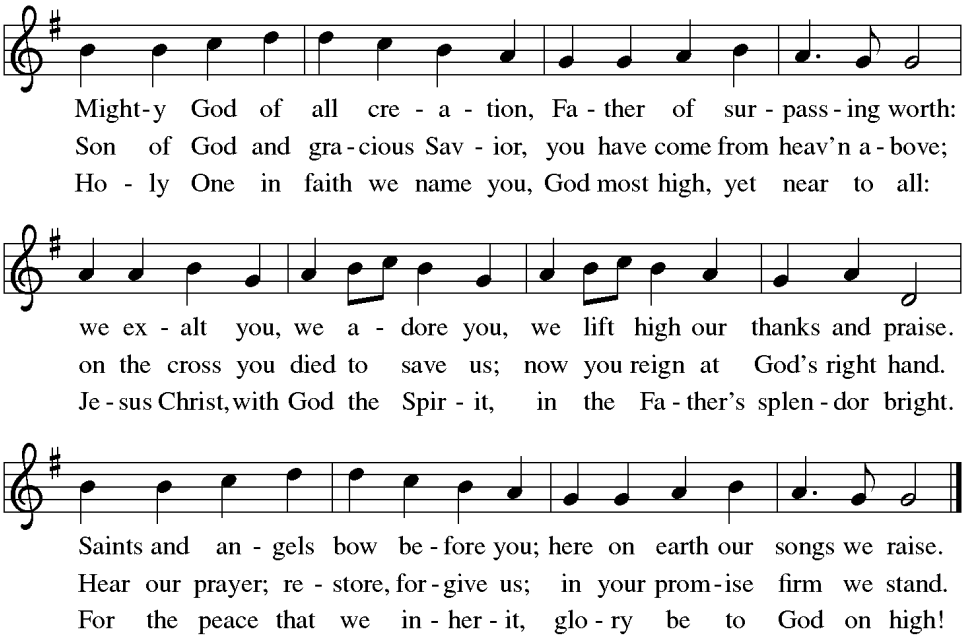
C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise





Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptized in Water



P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Who presents *Callan Antonio* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

R: We do.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: We do.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil and their empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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



P: *Callan Antonio*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(A prayer for the Holy Spirit is said.)

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Callan Antonio:* the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen

(The sign of the cross is made on the forehead.)

P: *Callan Antonio,* child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A baptismal candle is presented.)

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(A prayer is said for the family of the child.)

P: Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the family of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so that they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

(The newly baptized is welcomed into the fellowship of the congregation.)

P: Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

First Lesson - Amos 5:18–24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory. However, Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said religious observances are no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

(sung in unison)

This psalm is a prayer for help and vindication.

Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2]Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.
[4]Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5]But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
[6]You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
O LORD, | do not tarry.

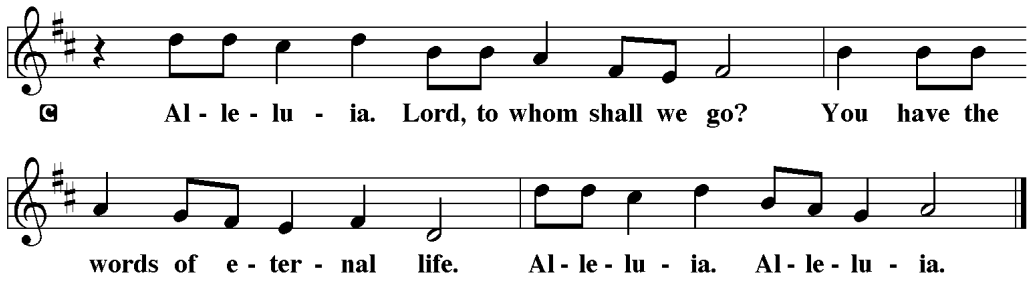
Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with the Christ.

[13]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. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]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. [16]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. [17]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. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

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



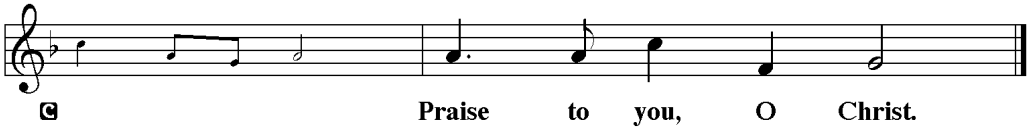
Jesus of Nazareth tells a parable emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Jesus said to his disciples: [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got



up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]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.' [10]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. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

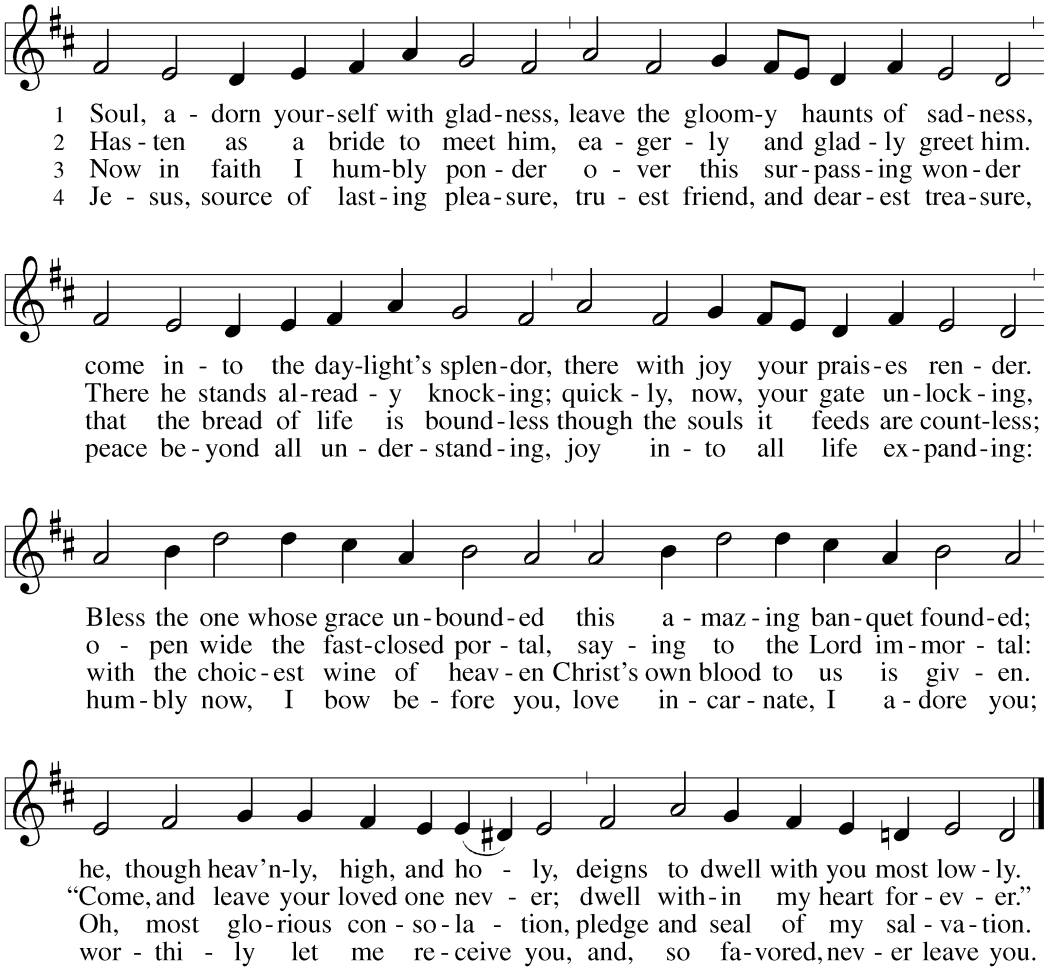


Sermon — Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



The Prayers

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

A: O God, you illumine the Church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help those who assist with rebuilding in the aftermath of conflict. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the northern hemisphere, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of your eternal presence. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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

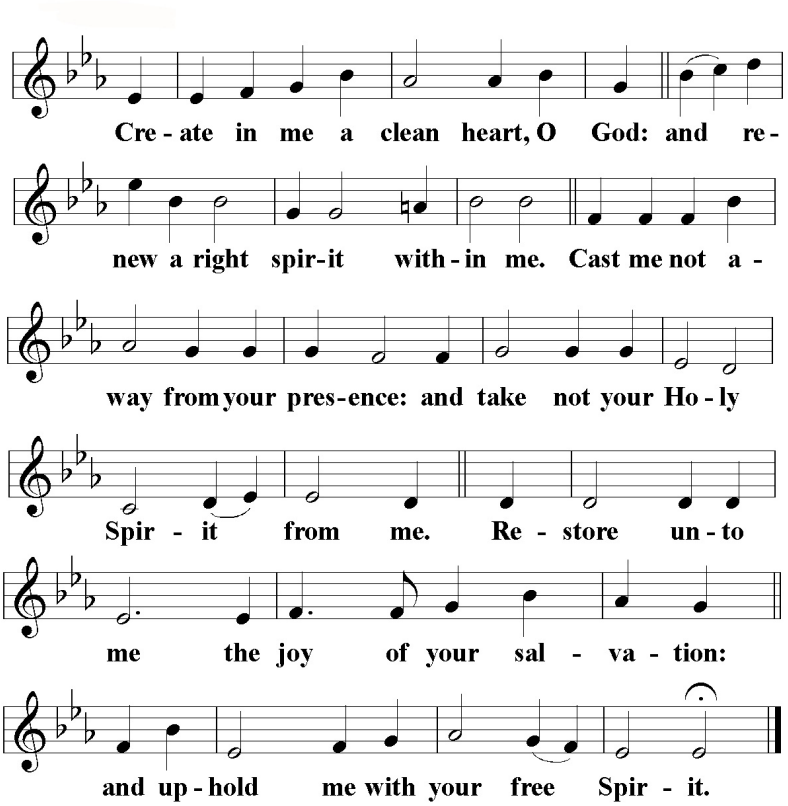
Offertory Anthem *Never Weather-beaten Sail* Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,
Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise,
Old age deafs not there our ears now vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my soul to Thee!

(Text: Thomas Campion)

Offertory

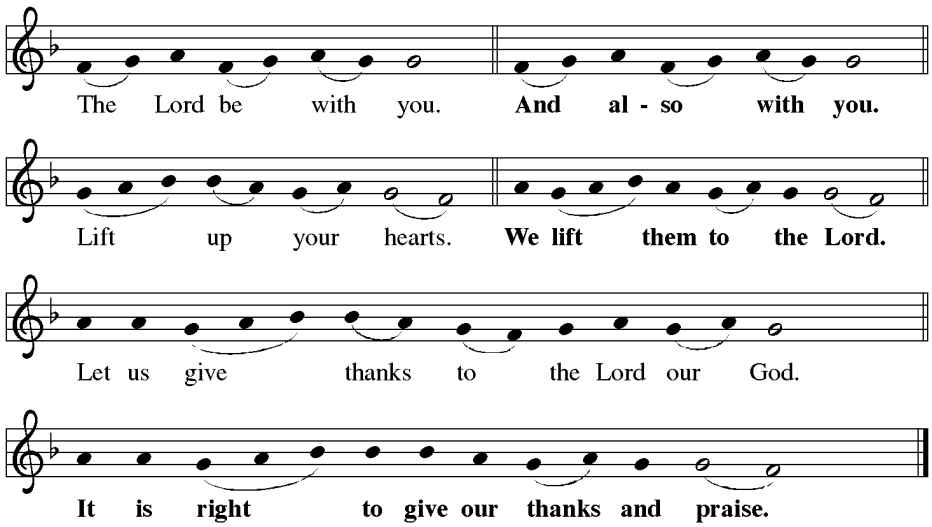


Offertory Prayer and Consecration of Pledges

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 these gifts for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

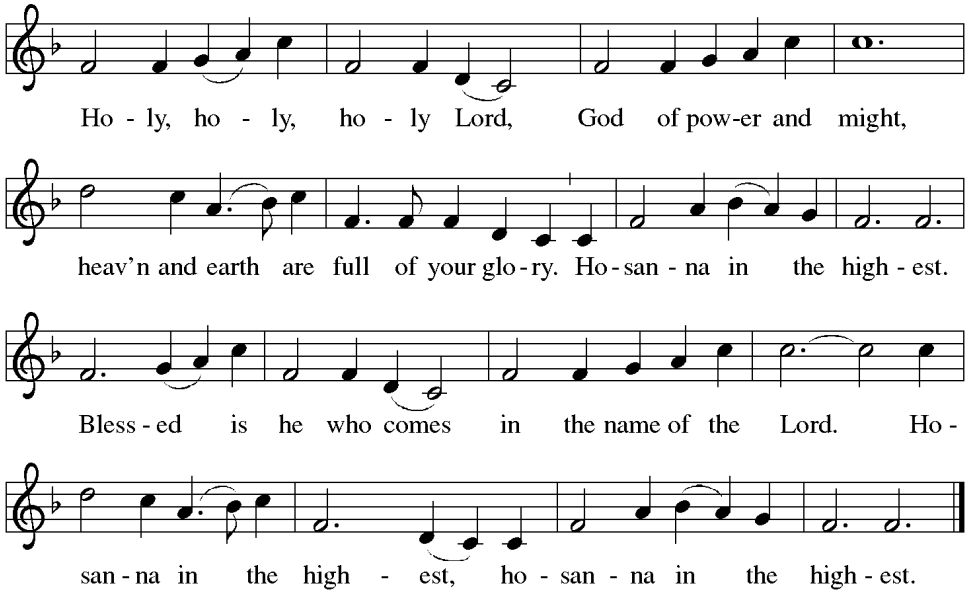
Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

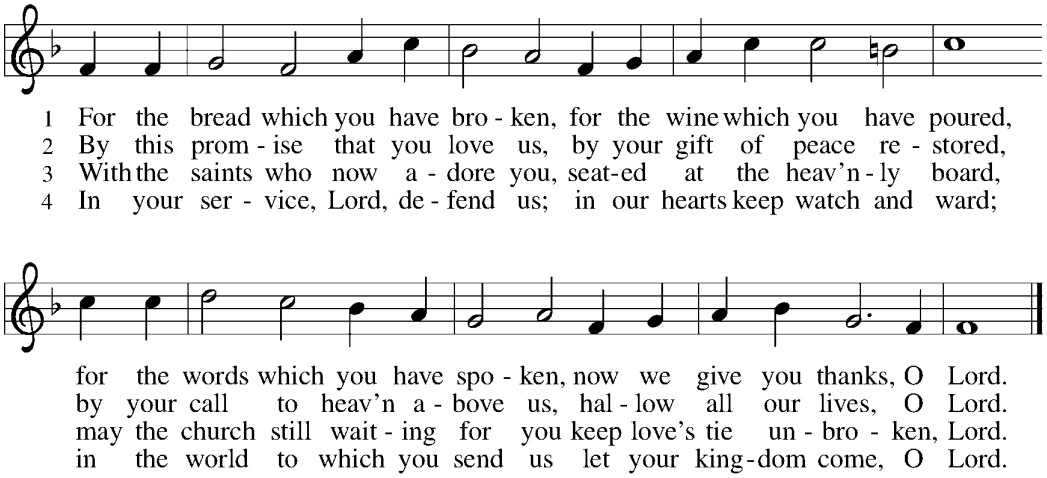
Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



Hymns

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631
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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



Text: George Matheson, 1842–1906, alt.
Music: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1844–1912

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 Hymn *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

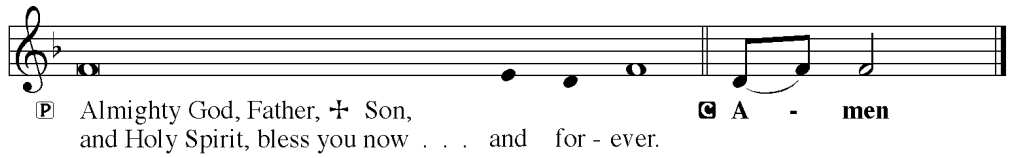
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

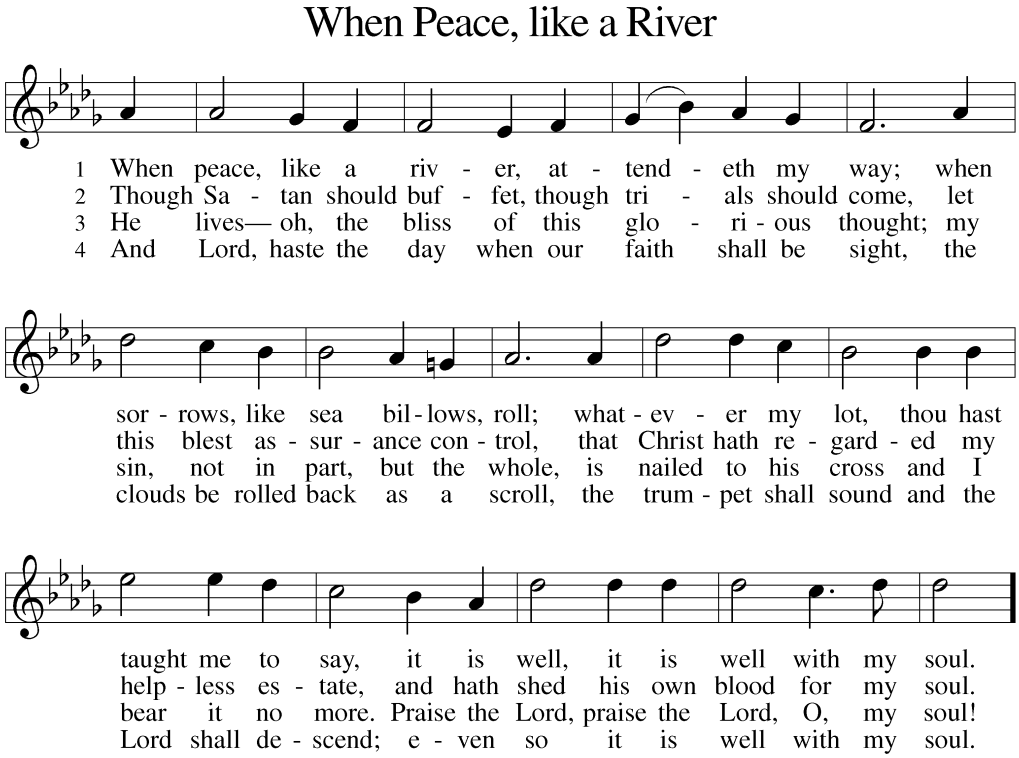
We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus the Christ, our servant Lord.

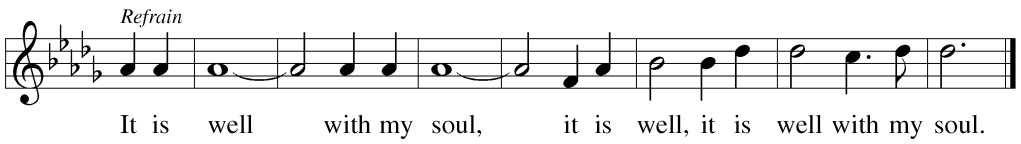
C: Amen

Benediction



Hymn





Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Praeludium in G Major* Dieterich Buxtehude

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Terri & Dean Campbell
in memory of their daughter, Carey.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Janet Loy
in honor of the baptism of her great-grandson, Callan Antonio Bates.

We welcome **Callan Antonio Bates**, son of Chelsea (Loy) and Josh Bates,
into our fellowship today at the 10:30 a.m. service through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)
Monday,	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
November 9	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Connecting with God - *Know God - Know Self* (via Zoom)
Tuesday,	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
November 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday,	10:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing Group
November 11	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	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 12	11:00 a.m.	Discussion Group - *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God*
Friday,	7:00 a.m.	Friday Breakfast Series - *Genesis*
November 13	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,	8:30 a.m.	CPR and AED Training
November 14		
Sunday,	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
November 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Youth Group (grades three to eight)
	2:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	3:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group (grades nine to twelve)
	5:00 p.m.	Thomas Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Third Sunday Program

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