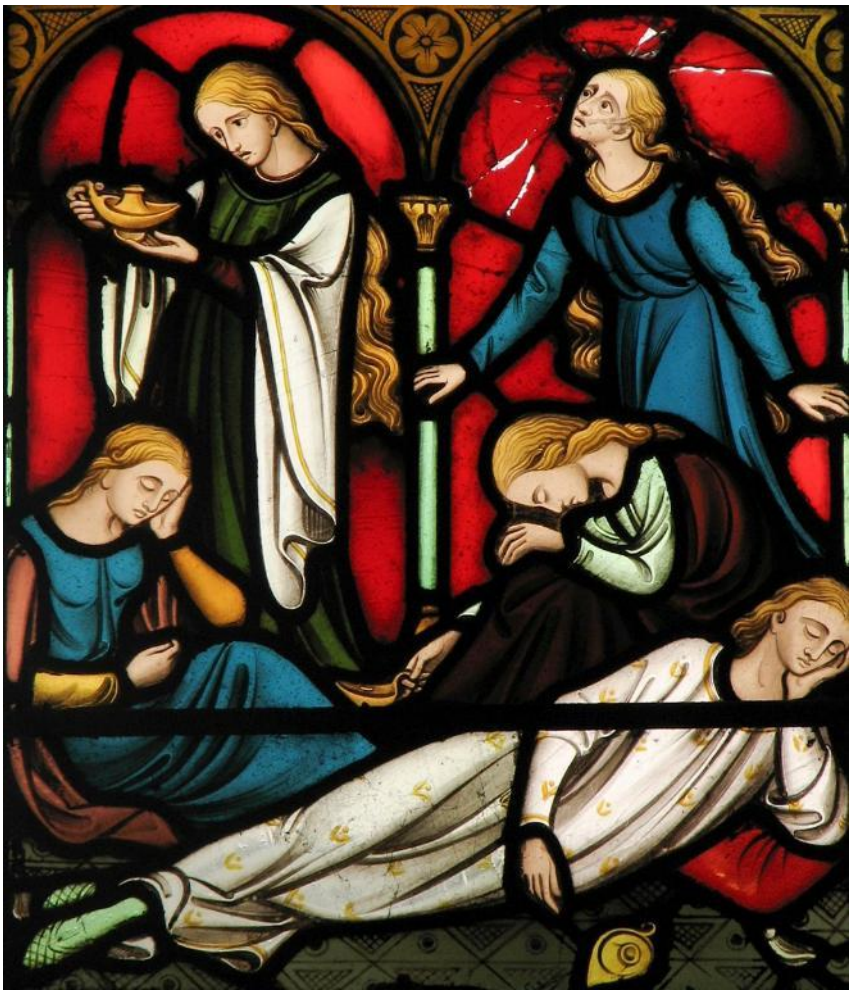
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



"Bridesmaids Sleeping", stained glass at St. Giles, Oxford, 20th c.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:00 am

EMMANUEL Episcopal Church 150th Anniversary

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Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is ***printed in bold****. This symbol ✠ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.*

Mask-wearing is currently optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

The Season after Pentecost

The season after Pentecost is the longest one of the church year, running from the day after Pentecost until the beginning of Advent. It is sometimes called "Ordinary Time" as short-hand, although that term does not actually appear in our Prayer Book. This time is not "ordinary" in the sense of being common or unremarkable but in the sense that the Sundays are ordinal or numbered. The liturgical color for this season is generally green, reflecting life and growth. However, there are several feast days during the season which call for white vestments and hangings: Trinity Sunday in June and Christ the King in November (the final Sunday of the season).

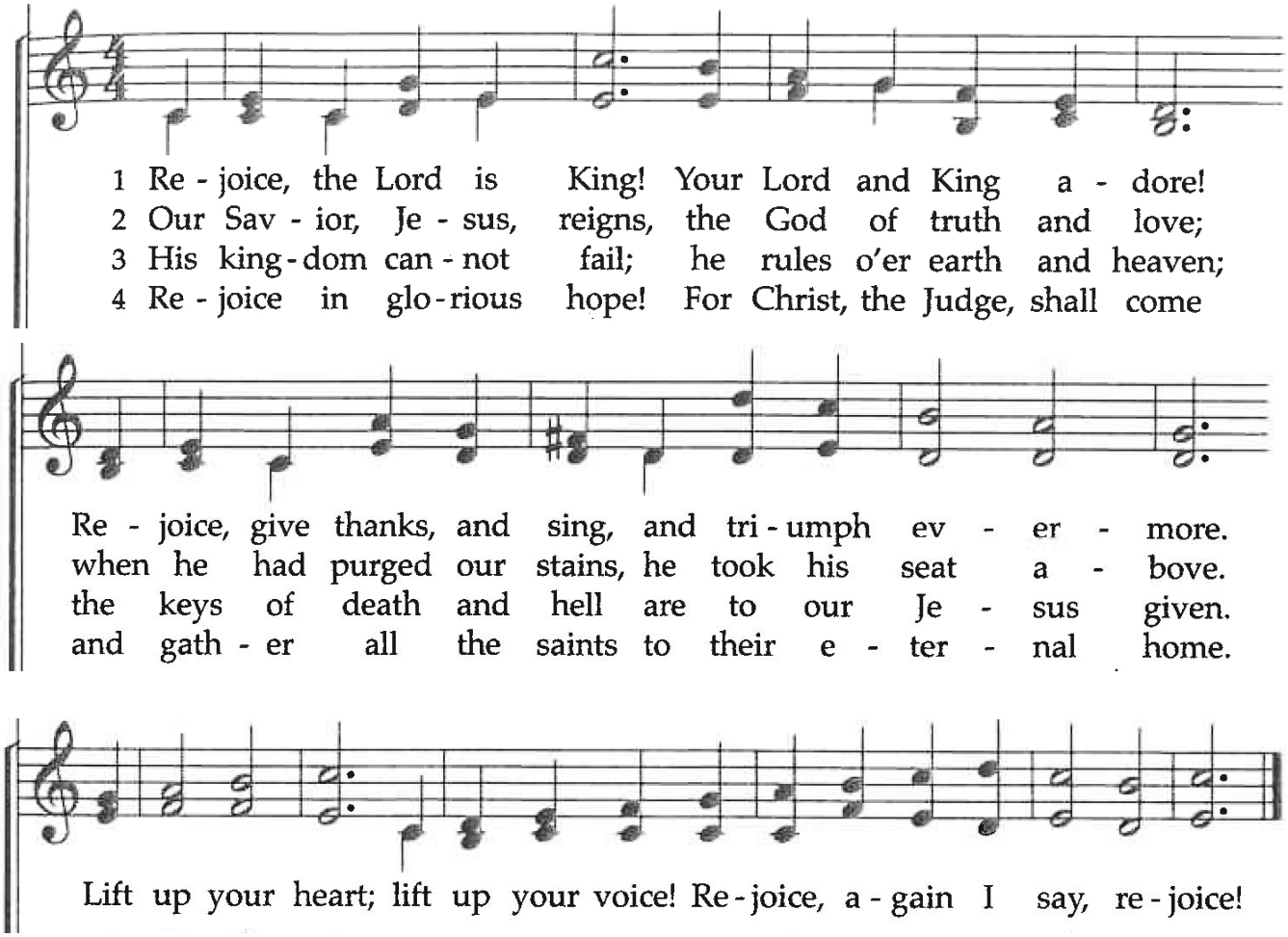


Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded.
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

Prelude *Meditation on "My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Processional Hymn • *Rejoice the Lord is King*

All are invited to stand and sing. Sing the refrain following each verse.



Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) p.355

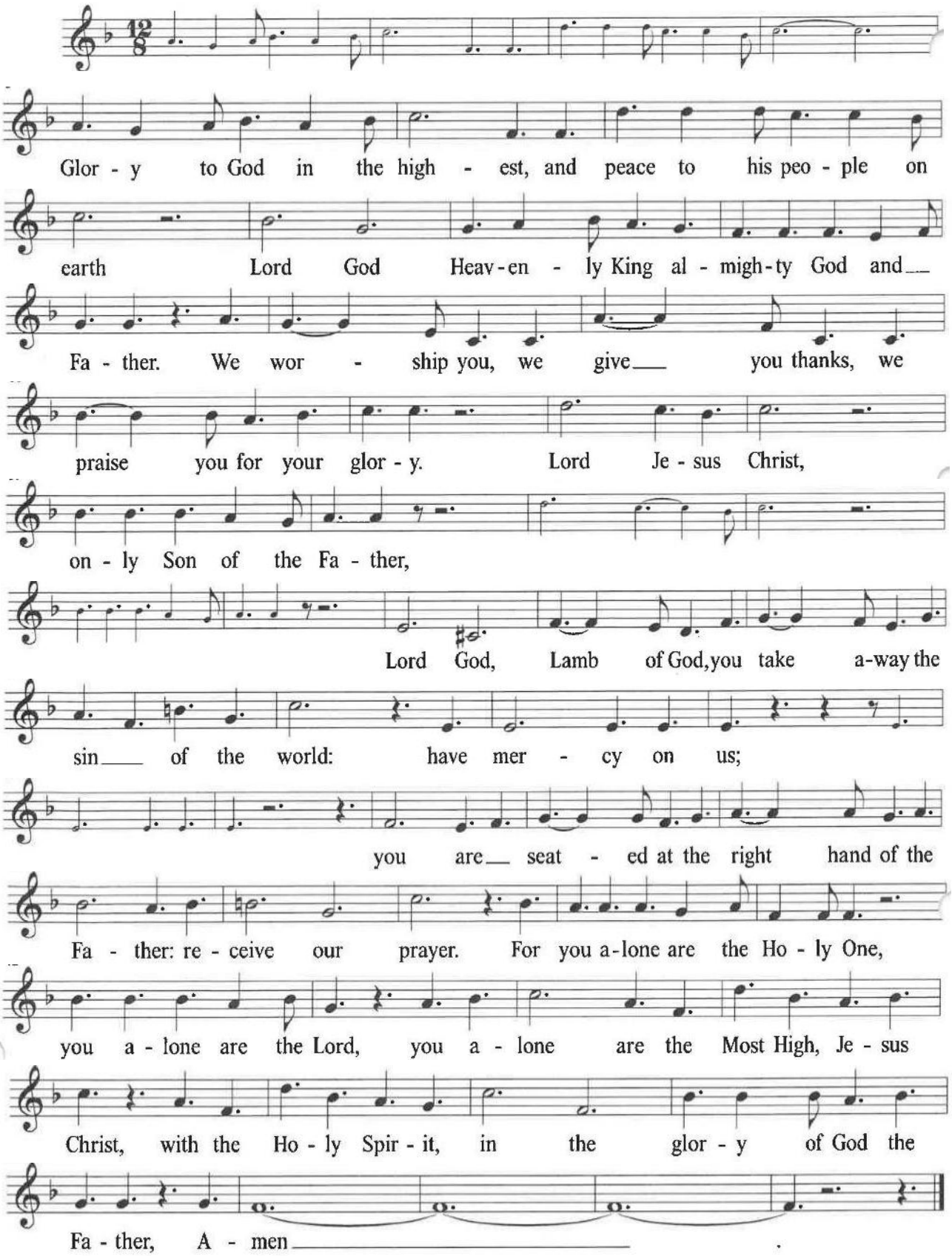
Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.**

Gloria

Written by Paul Johnson



The Collect of the Day

BCP p.236

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson · *A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon*

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

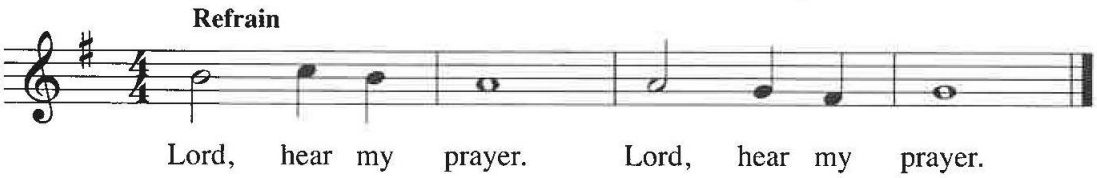
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

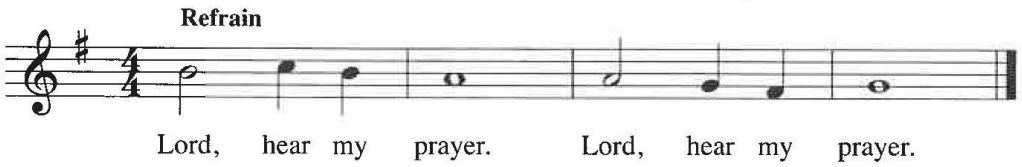
the refrain is sung by the choir, then refrain by all as indicated

Psalm 70



1 May the Lord be pleased to save me;
Hasten, for the time draws near
When the vicious hosts of evil
At my shattered camp appear. *Refrain by all*

2 Turn them back, the proud, the mighty
Let them fall in their conceit;
Bid the foes that would o'er whelm me,
Trace their path in swift retreat. *Refrain by all*



3 I alone cannot withstand them
God, my strength, be at my side;
In your courts, secure, protected,
Soon, O Lord, let me abide. *Refrain by all*

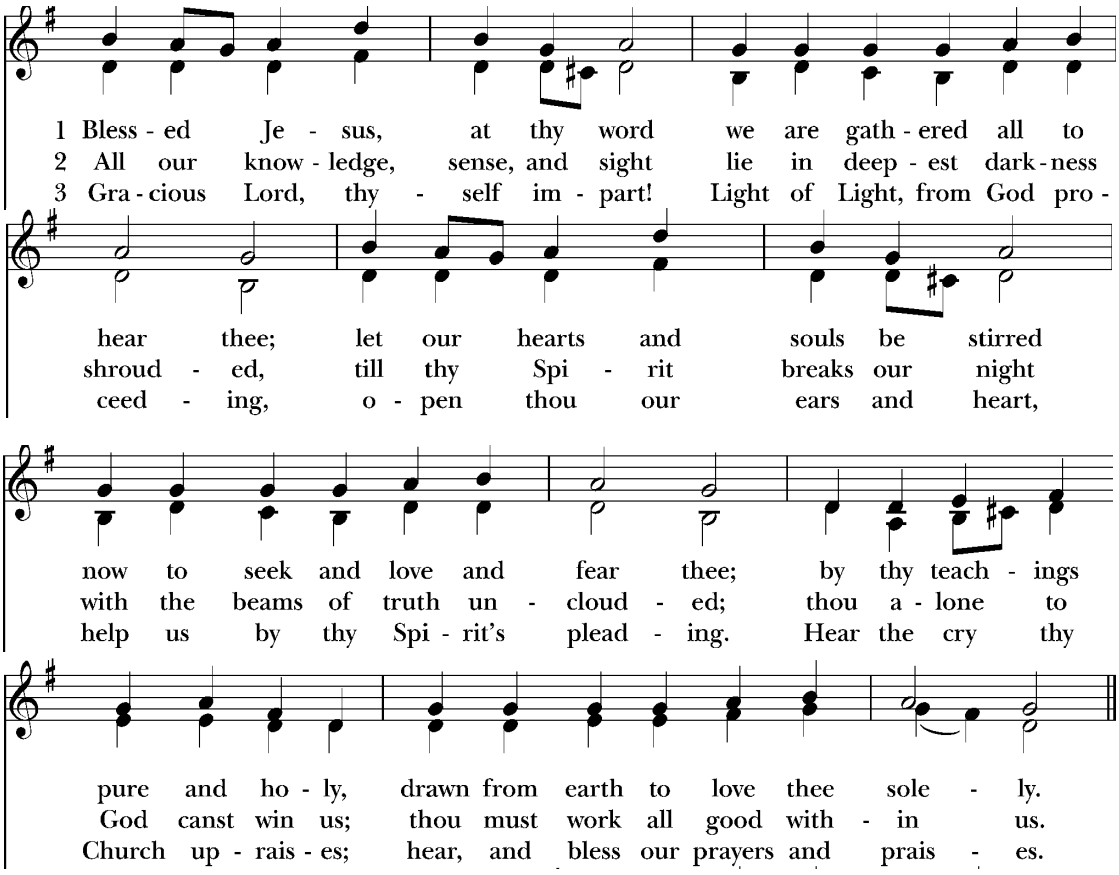
The Second Lesson • *A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • *Hymnal '82 #440* *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

All are invited to stand and sing.



The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon ✠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."

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Deacon Bill Rimkus

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Alleluia! Let us join the countless throngs who sing God's praises, praying, "We bless you, O Lord; *your praise is ever in our mouth.*"

God of the pilgrim Church, you love us and call us your children: give your Church a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Continue to nurture us by the example and fellowship of those saints who have journeyed before us, We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

God of all people, you love us and call us your children: In a world of violence and war, you bless the peacemakers. Make us instruments of healing and peace, We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

God of creation, you love us and call us your children: you have given this earth to the meek. May our steps be gentle and leave a small footprint on our earth. As it has been handed on to us, may we carefully preserve this creation for future generations, We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

God of the city, you love us and call us your children: bless the poor with good things. Visit our impoverished neighborhoods with hope, mercy, and relief. Give us hearts for the poor in our region, We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

God of the mournful and suffering, you love us and call us your children: comfort and heal those in need. Hear them in their affliction and save them from their troubles….We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

God of the Church at rest, you love us and call us your children: ✠we praise you for the faith and witness of all the saints. May their prayers and presence continue to strengthen us. It is with their triumphant voices that we join our own prayers and praises. Alleluia! We bless you, O Lord;

People: **Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Here additional intercessions are offered & The Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon: Almighty God, whose gifts of blessing and grace have no end, write in our hearts your joy and zeal to tell the story of our faith by our words, by our deeds, and by offering all that you have given us: our lives, our gifts, our resources. Grant us also a portion of your never-ending generosity, that we may proclaim your love and mercy to the world around us through our parish community; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *And Can it Be*

The Doxology • *Hymnal '82* #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

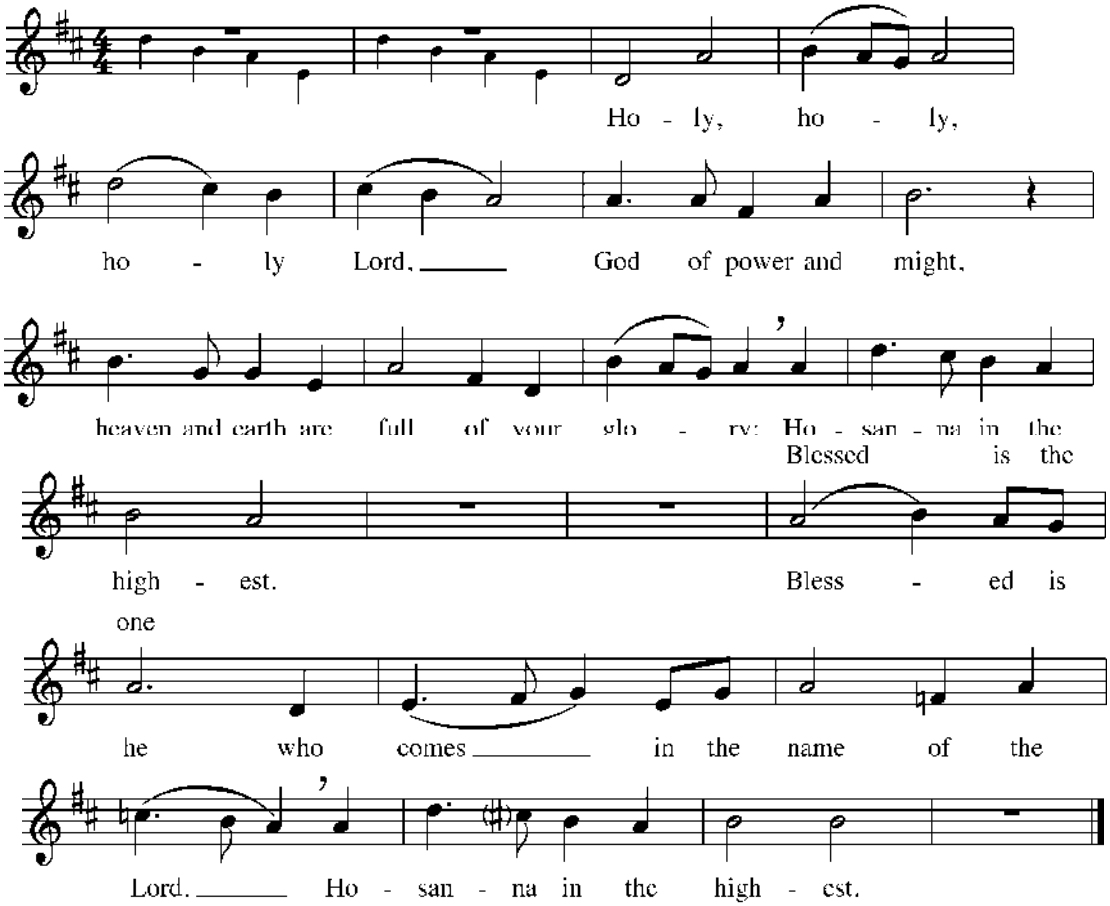
The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B — BCP p.367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth….

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus • *Enriching our Music* #23



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in Glory;

Then the Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. ✠Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

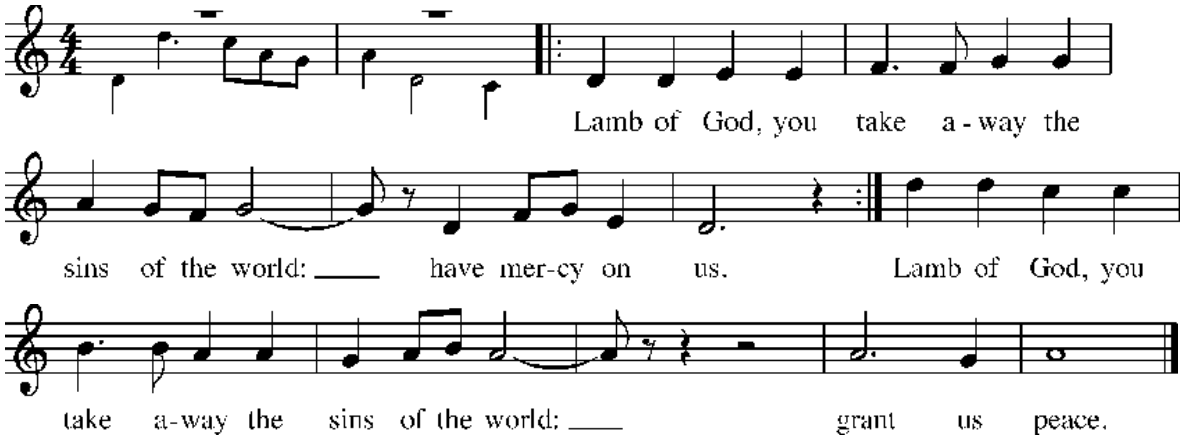
Celebrant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Fraction Anthem • *Enriching our Music #27*



The Celebrant says the following invitation

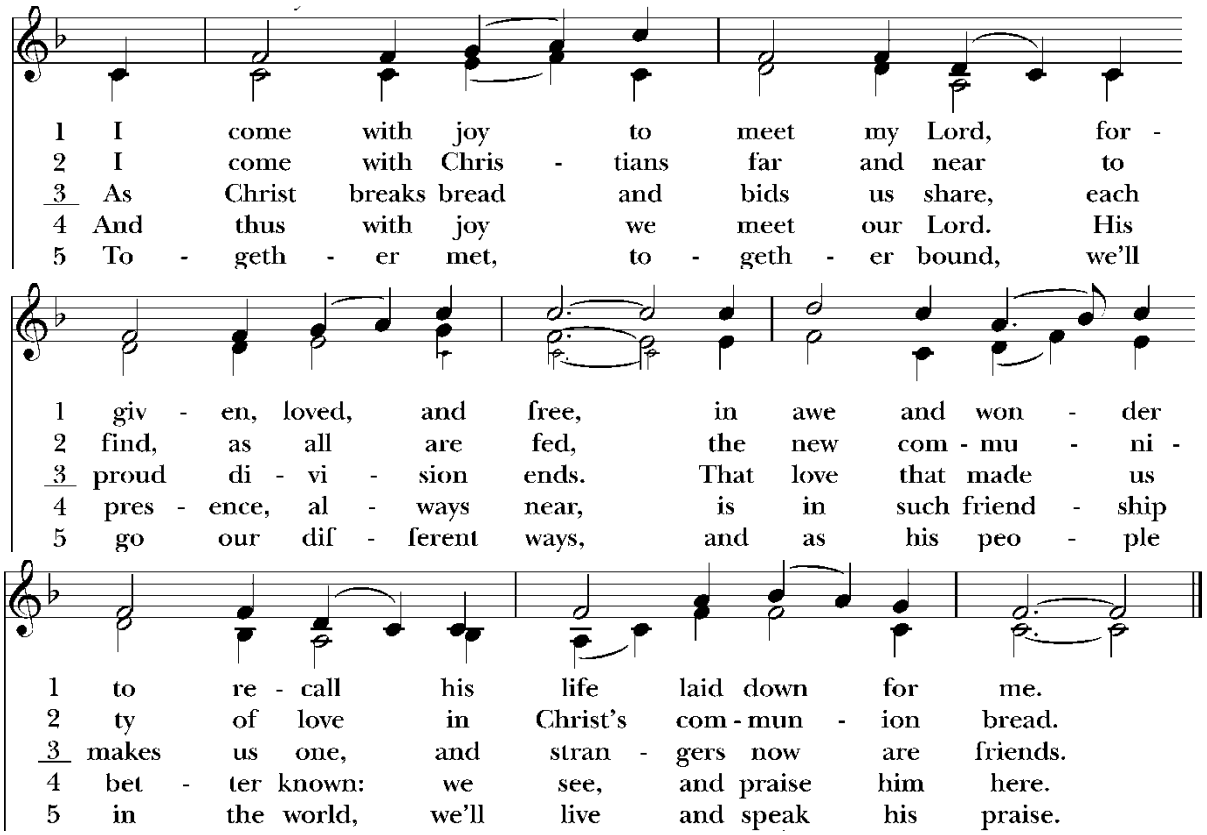
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Hymn • *Hymnal '82 #304* — *I Come with joy to meet my Lord*



Prayer after Communion — BCP p.365

All are invited to stand or kneel.

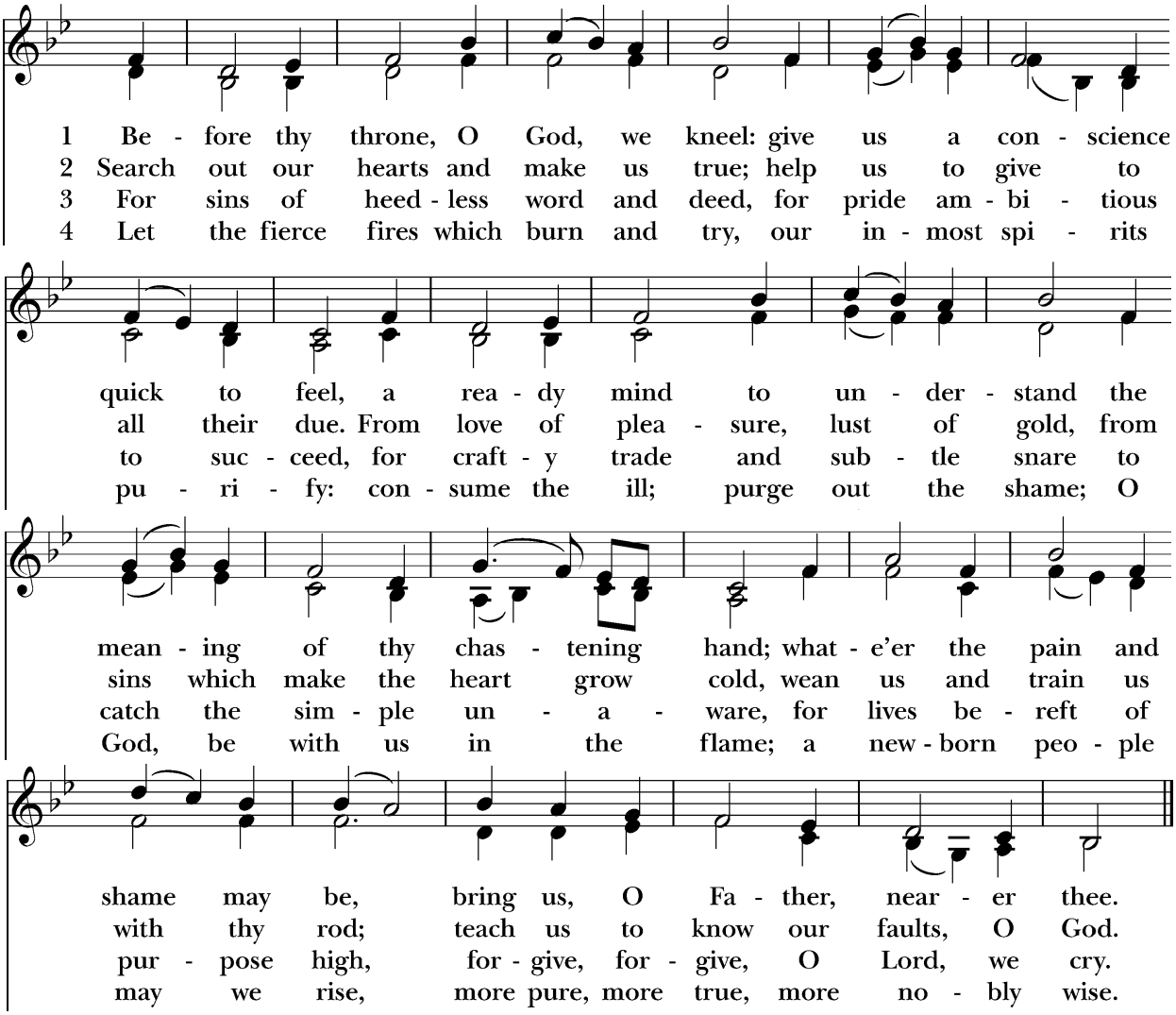
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing ✠

Closing Hymn • *Hymnal '82 #574* — *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*



The Dismissal — BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — *Celebration on "O, How I Love Jesus"*

Behind the Music

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

The text for today's opening hymn is based on Philippians 4:4 ("*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice"*), combining it with the ancient liturgical call *sursum corda* ("Lift up your hearts"). It was written by the great Charles Wesley in 1744. During that time there was a great deal of intense political upheaval and societal stress that caused early Methodist preachers and followers to be subject to active mob persecution. Wesley wrote the text to help rally his fellow Methodists by lifting believers' eyes above their immediate trials and focus on the unshakeable reign of Jesus Christ.

The tune we are singing today is *not* the one in the Episcopal 1982 hymnal. We are singing it to the tune called DARWALL'S 148th, which I find more singable and powerful. The composer was (unsurprisingly) John Darwall. He was an English vicar and wrote it in 1770 for Psalm 148. But Wesley's text was a perfect fit, and it soon overshadowed the original tune written by George Frideric Handel. Handel met Charles Wesley at the home of a Mr. & Mrs. Rich. Mrs. Rich had recently been converted to Methodism through Wesley's powerful preaching, and as a to say thank you to Wesley, she requested Handel compose tunes for some of Wesley's hymns including today's hymn. Handel had just premiered his monumental "Messiah" and so was at the height of his career; he graciously agreed. Handel and Wesley had been friends for some time.

If you are going through a challenging time in your life, read the verses carefully and slowly. It is likely that your heart will be lifted, that is what happened to me.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Sunday, November 8th Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00am, Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 15th Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost & Children's Church
- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00am, Coffee Hour

Birthdays this week: Kate

Anniversaries: Hendrik & Isabel.

In our prayers: Chris, Greta, Roupi, Kurt, Wally, Ellen, Theresa, Tracy, Leah, Mike & Renee, James.

Repose of the soul: Doug Dahlgren

Prayer List: We will be refreshing our prayer list. Names will now remain on the prayer list for a period of four weeks. After that time, you are welcome to resubmit names if continued prayers are wanted. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Thank you: We would like to thank Father David Weaver and Father Clint Moore for leading our worship the last two weeks while Rev. Dave was away on vacation.

Vestry Meeting: Our next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, November 17th @ 7pm, In Beaudway Hall.

Please Join Us.



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Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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