

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

SUN., NOV. 22, 2026 • 11:00 A.M. • HISTORIC CHURCH

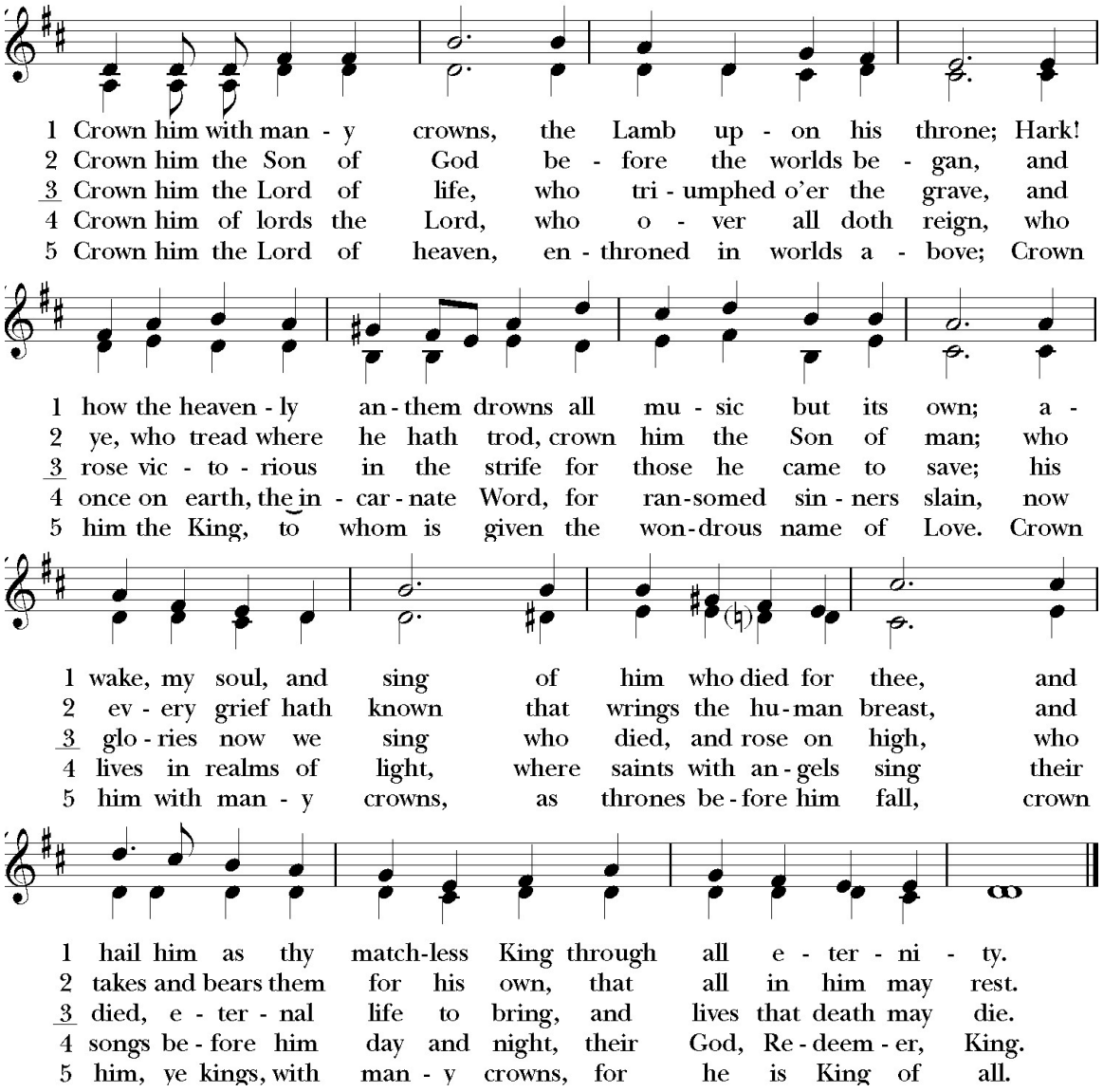
Be known, be loved, and belong at St. John's, where God already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.
Please note that this is our livestream service and you may be visible on camera.

PRELUDE *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* — *Richard Proulx*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns (H 494)* — *Diadamata*



WELCOME

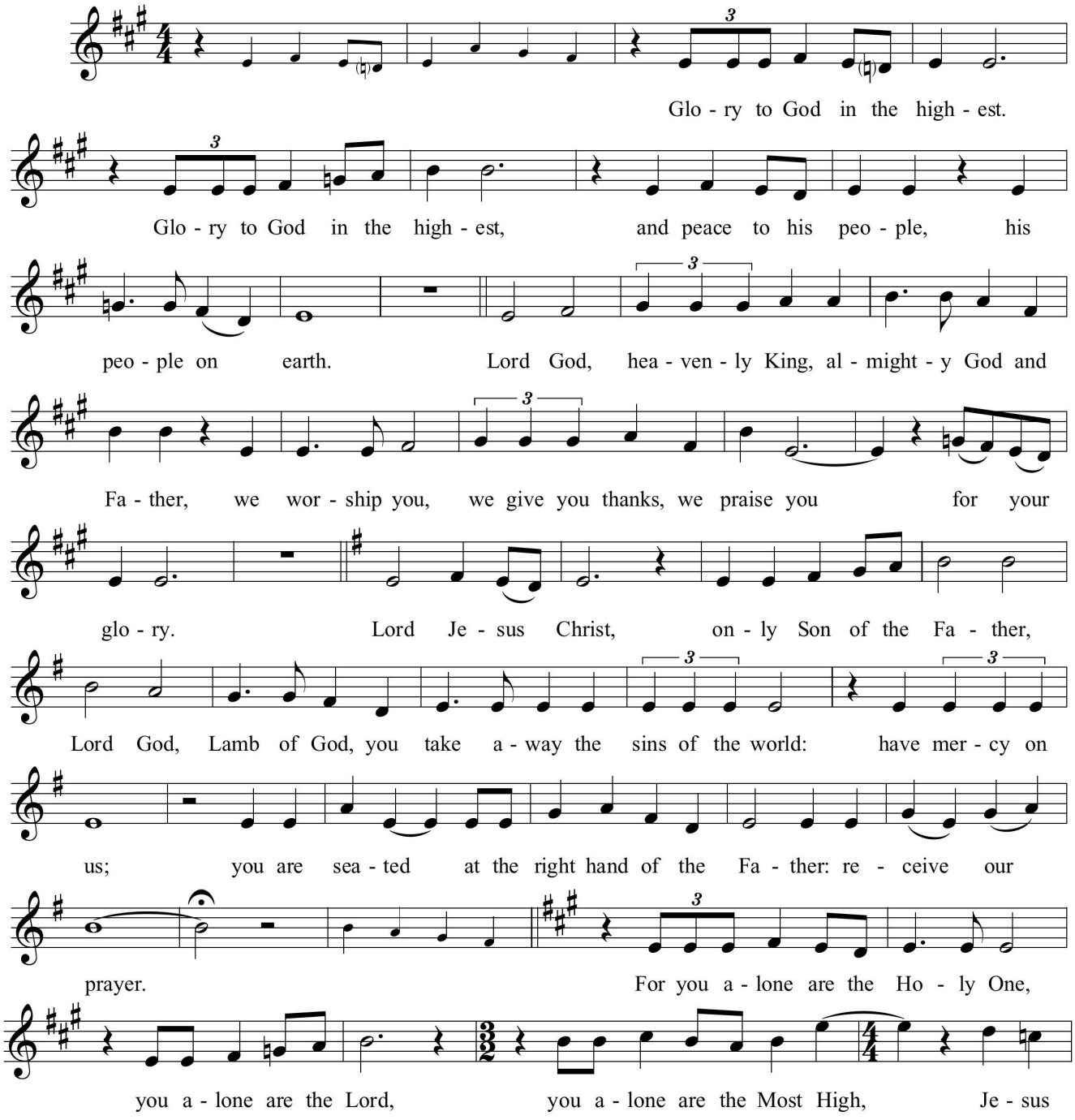
OPENING ACCLAMATION

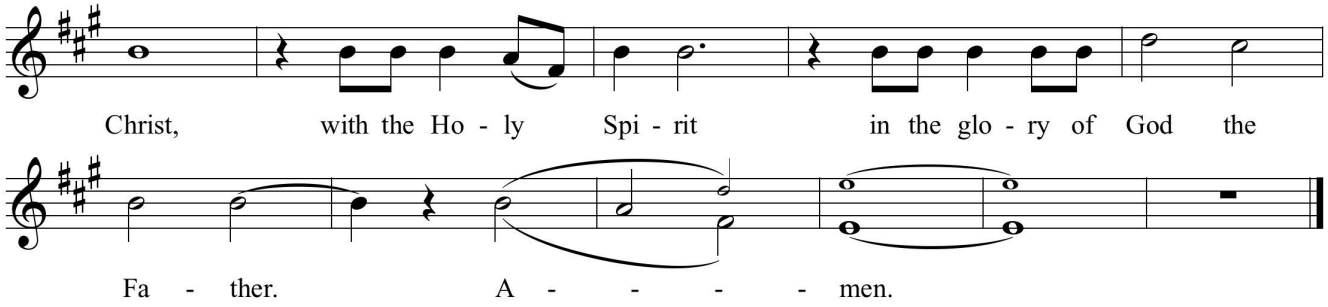
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God* *Justin Pechulis*





COLLECT OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*) **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**
Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

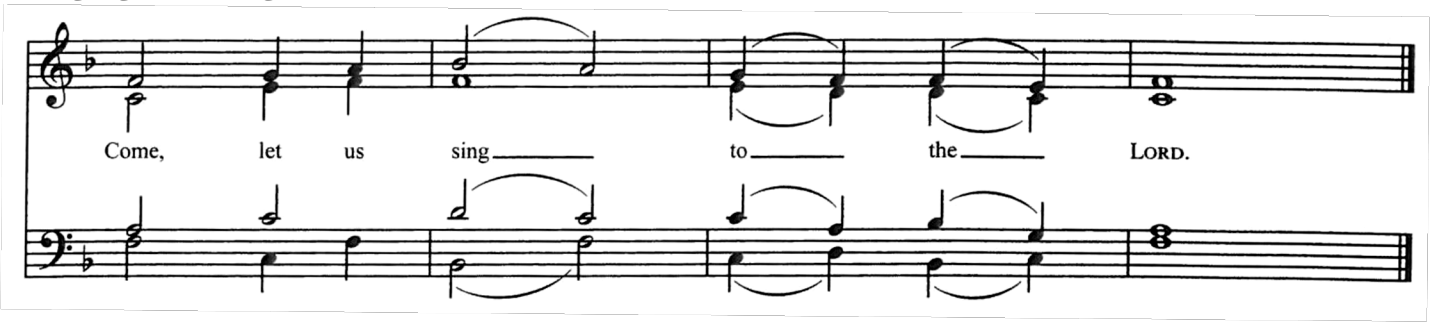
Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalm 95:1-7**

(Congregation sings the refrain below.)



1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. **[Refrain]**

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land **[Refrain]**

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **[Refrain]**

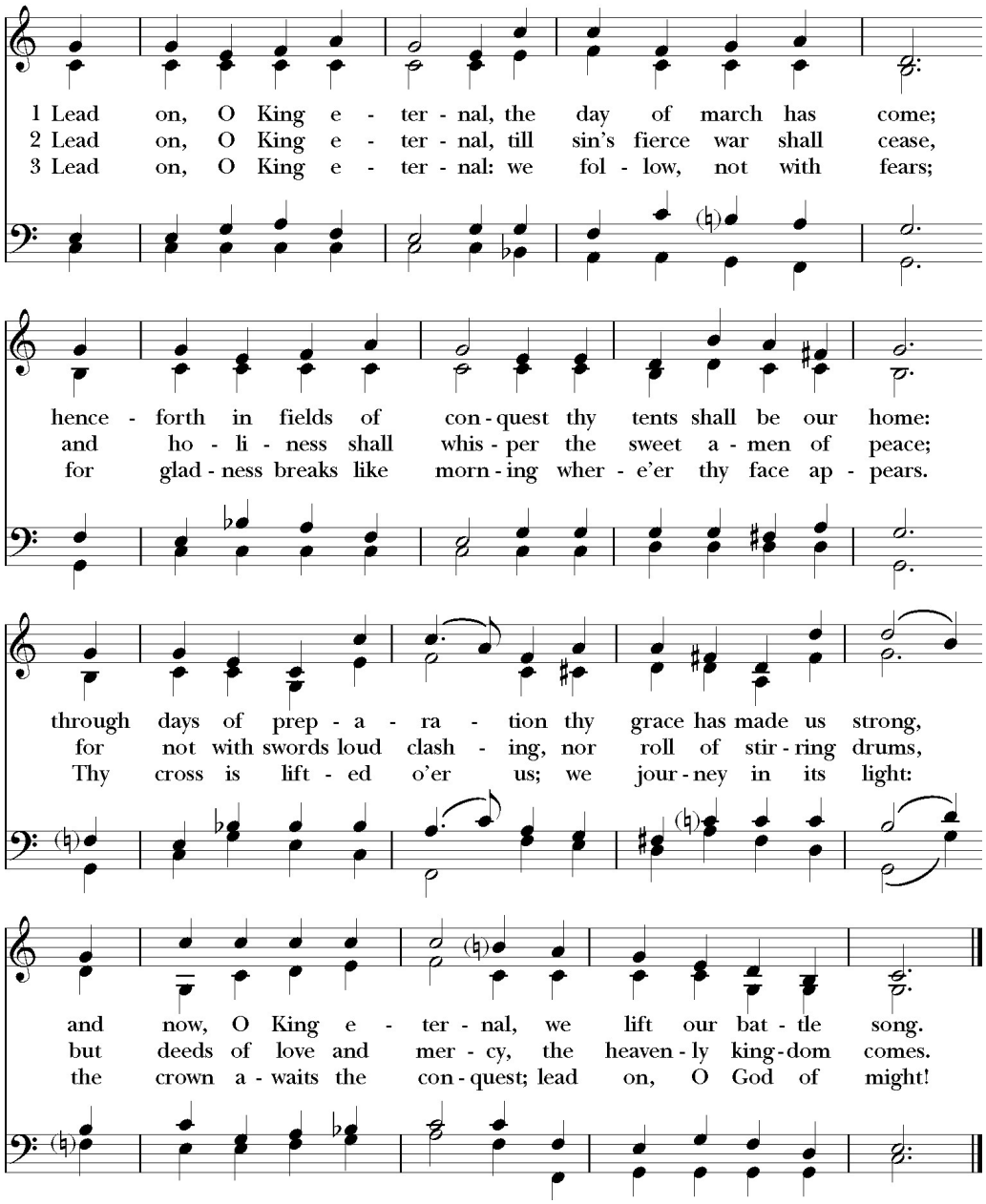
THE SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Lead On, O King (H 555; vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)* *Lancashire*

(Please stand as you are able.)



THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you

food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Derek Miller

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.)*
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 (*Please remain standing as you are able.)*
After each petition,

Lord in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect, and the People respond, **Amen.**

CONFESSION *(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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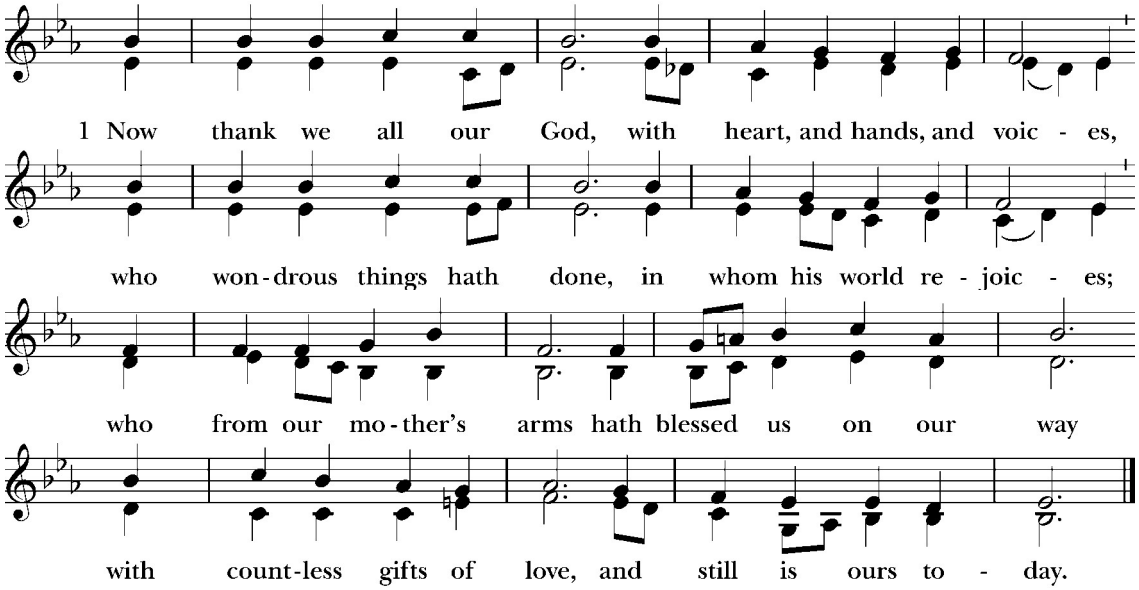
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads* *William Mathias*

St. John's Choir

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *(Psalm 24:7-10)*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God (H 397, vs. 1)* *Nun danket alle Gott*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

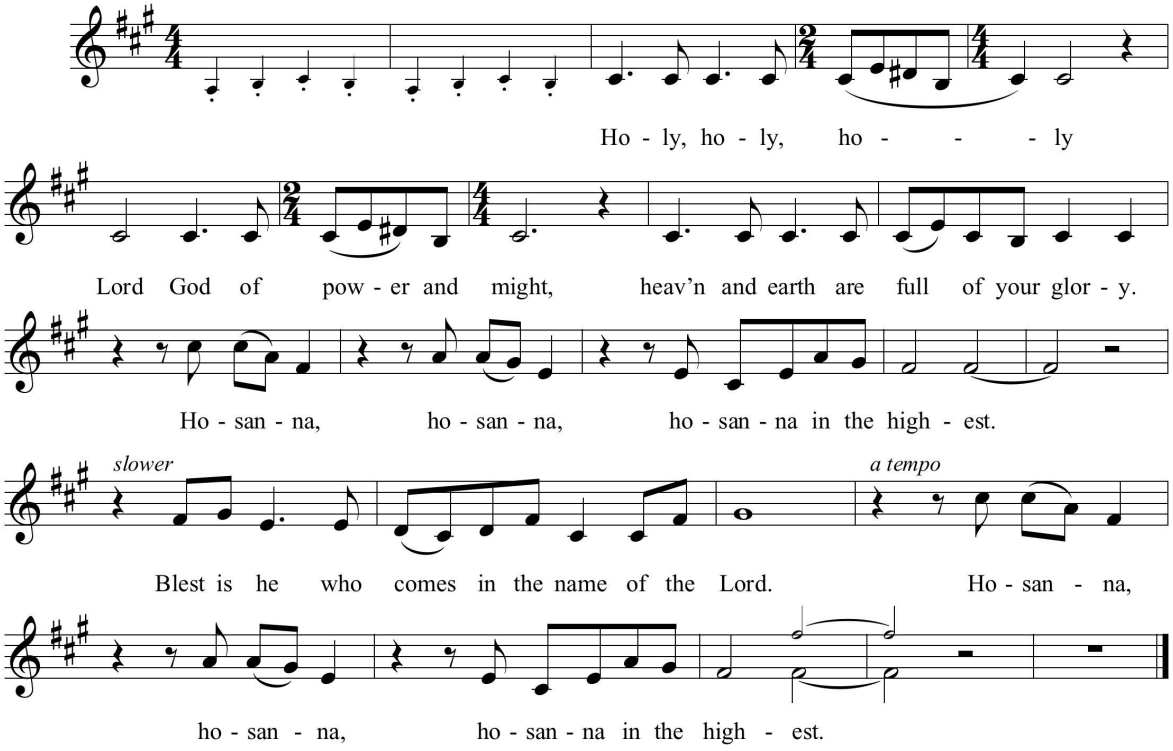
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Justin Pechulis*



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 Ancient 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 to his command, O Father,

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

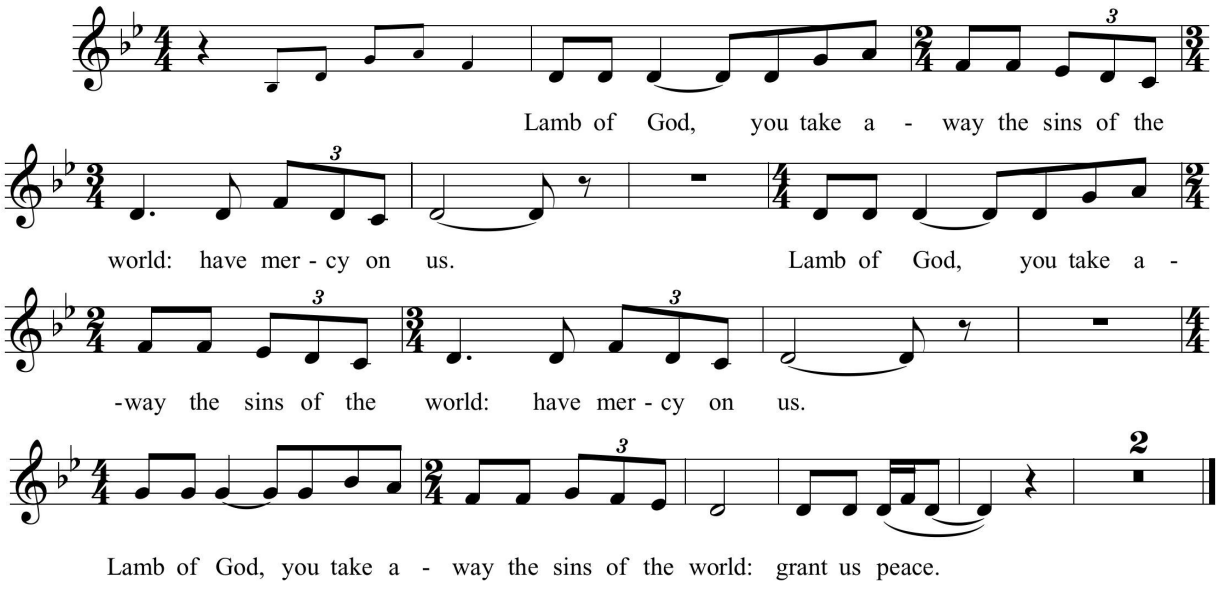
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

THE FRACTION HYMN *Lamb of God* *Justin Pechulis*

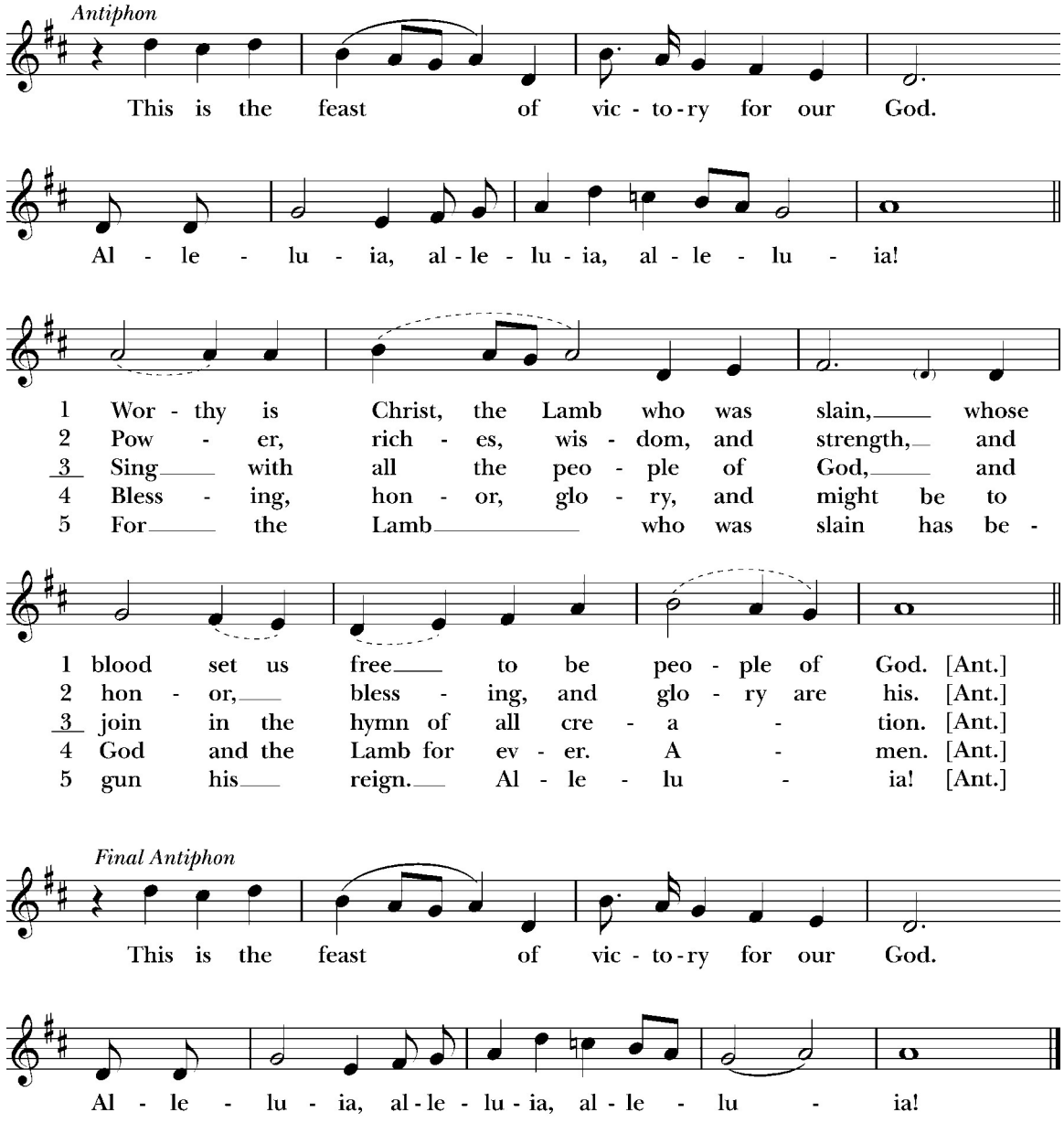


The Gifts of God for the People of God.

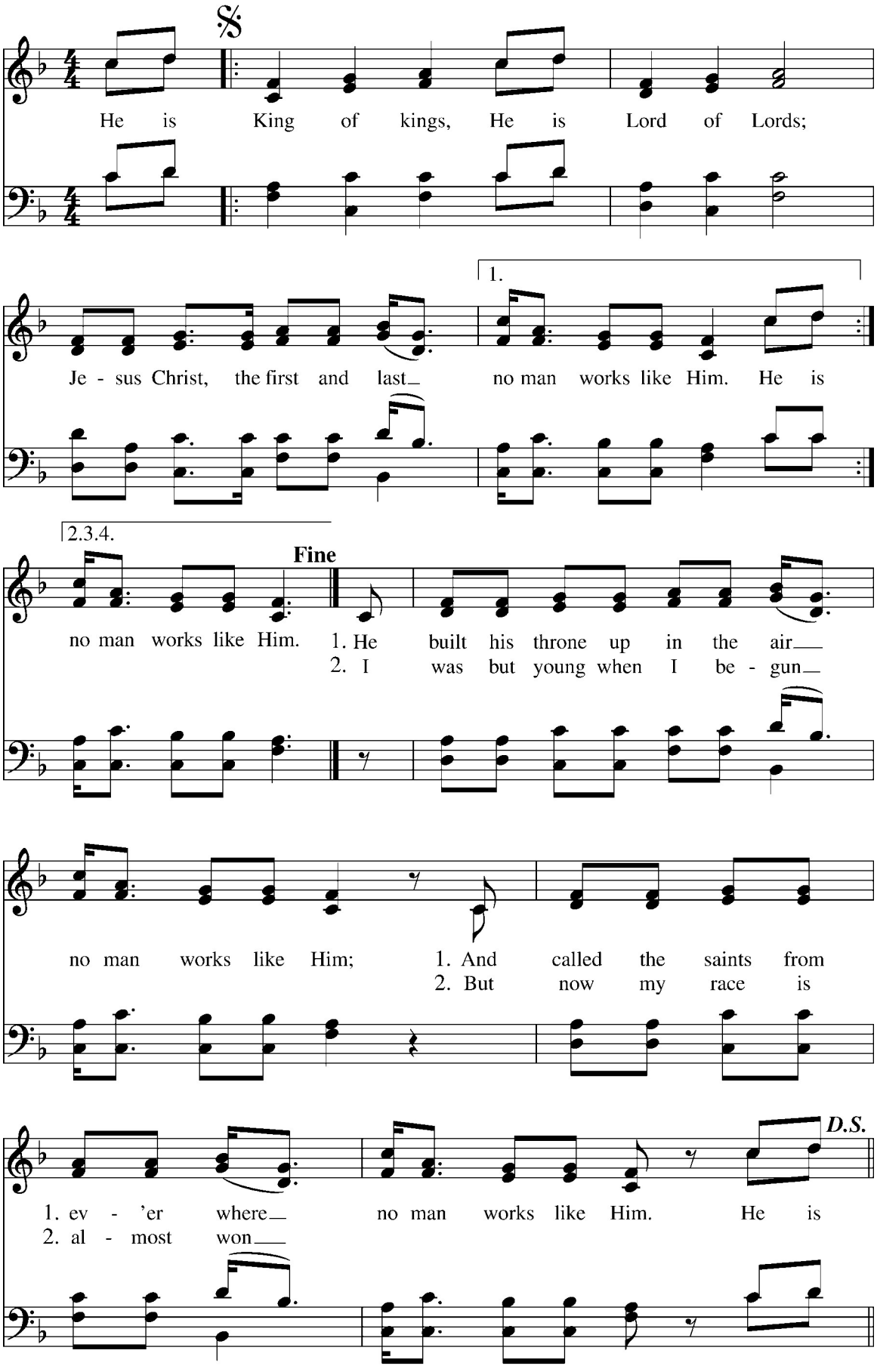
COMMUNION: God Welcomes You to the Table

This is Christ's Table, where God welcomes all to be fed and blessed. All baptized people, of any Christian tradition, background, or age, are invited to receive Communion. (Please follow the direction of the ushers.) We offer both a common cup for drinking and a separate cup for intinction/dipping. If you choose to drink from the Common Cup, please assist the Eucharistic Minister in directing the cup to your mouth. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. If you are not baptized or prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive God's blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you. You are also welcome to remain where you are for prayer and reflection. (Curious about baptism? One of our clergy would love to talk with you!)

COMMUNION HYMN I *This is the Feast (H 417)* *Festival Canticle*



COMMUNION HYMN II *He is the King of Kings (L 96)* *Black Spiritual*

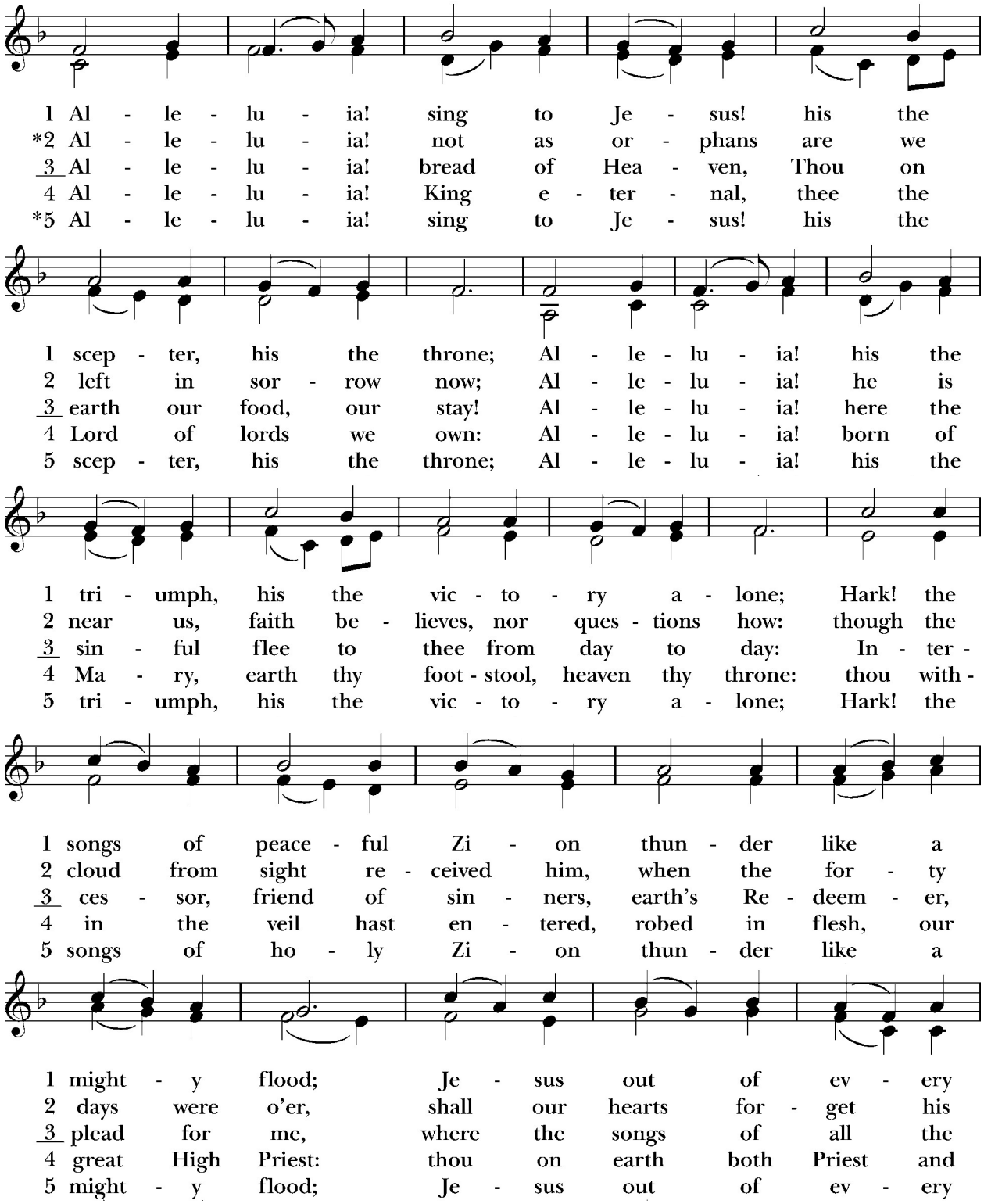


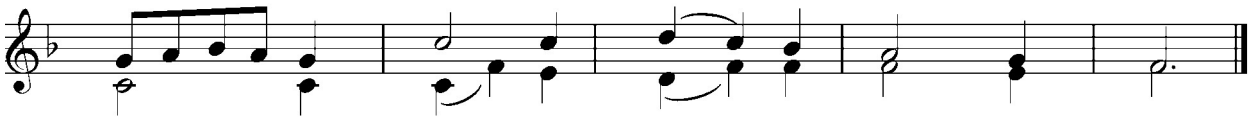
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (H 460; vs. 1, 3, 4)* *Hyfrydol*





DISMISSAL
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Lord Reigneth* *Lani Smith*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andy, Eilidh, Frank & Jennifer, James, Jenna, Louise & Family, Mark Albright, Liz Armstrong, Beverley Ajeck, Deb Avant, Steve Belknap, Kerry Birney, Breezy Bishop, Karl & Ruth Boin, Teddy Clarke, Barbara Epke & Gordon Nahas, Glenda Finley, Constance & David Fischel, Sue Frixione, Emily Geist, Michael Gottlieb, Betsy Grater, Marti Guillet, Lauren Hopkins, John Kreft, Bill Lindemann, Paige Marlow, Brent & Meg McDorman, Pat Merson, Bob Miller, Charles H. Miller, Phyllis Nelson, Roger Nelson, Kathy O'Dunne, Yvonne Osmond, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Teri Salmons, Dan Staples, Tricia Supik, Christopher Towle, Marion Walker, and Victoria Weimer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *Donna Springer, mom of Steve Springer, Head of School*

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS: *LCDR Matthew Kircher, USN*

MANY THANKS TO THE PARISH DAY SCHOOL *for the beautiful fall decorations given in celebration of Grandparents/Friends Day and Thanksgiving.*

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. ***Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.***

Gratitude Open Labyrinth Walks



Walk the Labyrinth on your own the week of Thanksgiving

Mon./Tues. after 1 p.m.
Wed./Thurs./Fri. anytime

Meditations to assist with your walk will be at the Labyrinth kiosk.

Advent begins



ONE WORSHIP

SUN., NOV. 29 • 10 A.M.
HISTORIC CHURCH

There will be no other services or formation classes on this weekend. Join us for Advent Wreath making.

Advent Wreath Making



Sun., Nov. 29th • 11:30 a.m.
All Saints Hall

$20 includes a brass wreath stand, candles, greens & decor.
Bringing your own brass frame? Take $10 off!

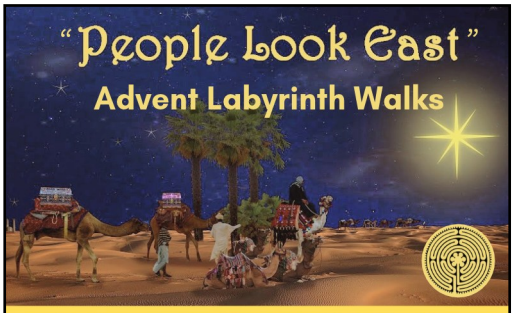
RSVP by Nov. 25th:
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for ARC of Howard Co. & The Kirk P. Gaddy Youth Ctr.

SIGN-UP
NOV. 29 ~ DEC. 13

Email Cindy Dyer, Debbie Lieberman & Diane Standeven at Outreach@stjohnsec.org.



Advent Labyrinth Walks

Candle-lit, docent-supported walks

Dec. 5, 12, & 19, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Or walk as your schedule allows anytime on the weekends of Advent. Meditations will be available at the Labyrinth kiosk.

Be Known • Be Loved • Belong

2027 CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES

Annie Kao, Stewardship Associate, is your contact for assistance in making and fulfilling your pledge. (akao@stjohnsec.org or 410-461-7793, ext. 224)

How do I pledge online?

1. Start online at *www.stjohnsec.org/give* and click on the "Make a 2027 Pledge Online" button, *or* use this QR code. *(Do not start in your Realm account.)*
2. Complete the online form.
   - If you know your yearly total, use the "*As Can*" tab and fill in the total amount.
   - To figure out a total based on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly amount, use the "*Set a Schedule*" tab, choose the frequency, and the total amount pledged for the year will be calculated on the bottom right of the page.

Where can I get a hard copy form to complete?

Hard copy pledge forms are available in our worship spaces, in the church office, or download one at *www.stjohnsec.org/give.*

What are my options for making payments?

After completing your pledge form, you may pay by:

- **Credit card** (*fee requested*) or **ACH** (*no fee*): Set up online payments in your Realm account (under the Giving tab)
- **Automatic Bill Pay:** Contact your bank to authorize payments to SJEC.
- **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT):** Contact Annie Kao to set up *(or renew)* your monthly EFT.
- **Cash/Check:** If you want envelopes, please email Annie Kao.
- **Stock Donation:** Contact Annie Kao about making your gift through stocks or securities. *(Do not set this up in Realm.)*
- **IRA Distribution** (70.5 years or older)

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church
Sundays. 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly Worship, All Saints Hall
Sundays, 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church
(11:00 a.m. is livestreamed whenever possible on YouTube — https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube)
주일 성찬예배 오전 *10:30*, 한국어 성찬예배는 *Resurrection* 채플에서 드립니다.

Find more worship information at https://www.stjohnsec.org

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