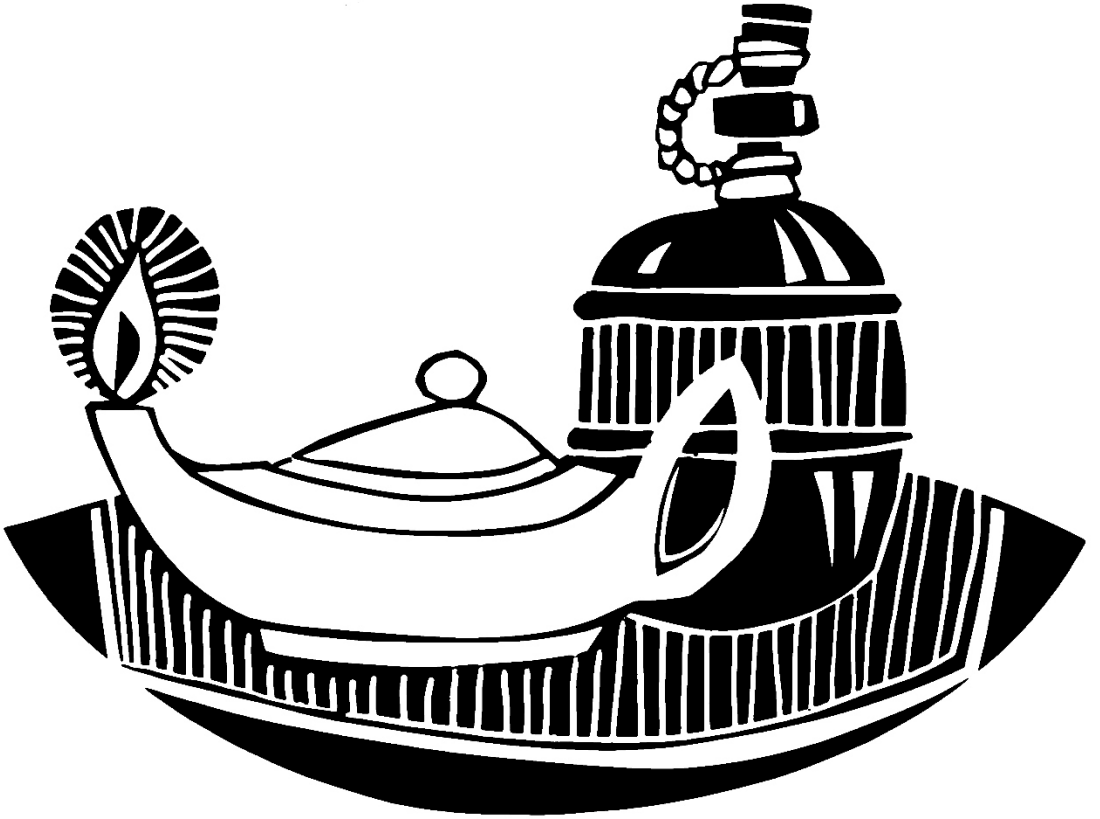
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)



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Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.

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Service Notes

An asterisk (*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)
"Hymnal" refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

About *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW)

During the last portion of Ordinary Time (the Season after Pentecost) we will be using the liturgical resources from *Enriching Our Worship*. This is a series of supplemental texts authorized by the Episcopal Church to expand and deepen our worship life. It offers inclusive and expansive language for prayers and rites, enriching our experience of God's presence and mystery. EOW is not intended to replace the Book of Common Prayer, but instead to augment and complement it.

The Word of God

* Processional Song *"Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord"* Hymnal **# 393**

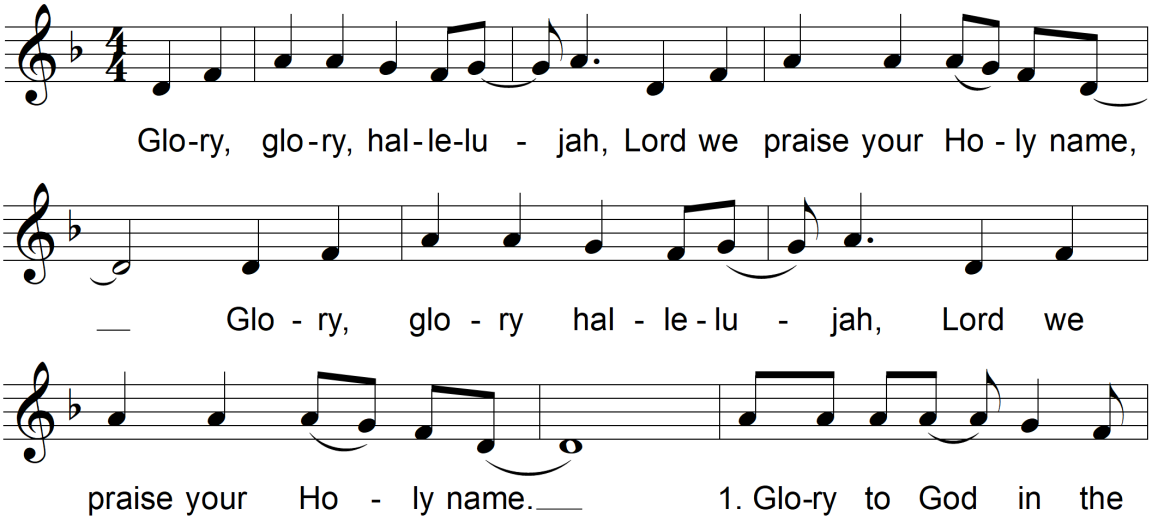
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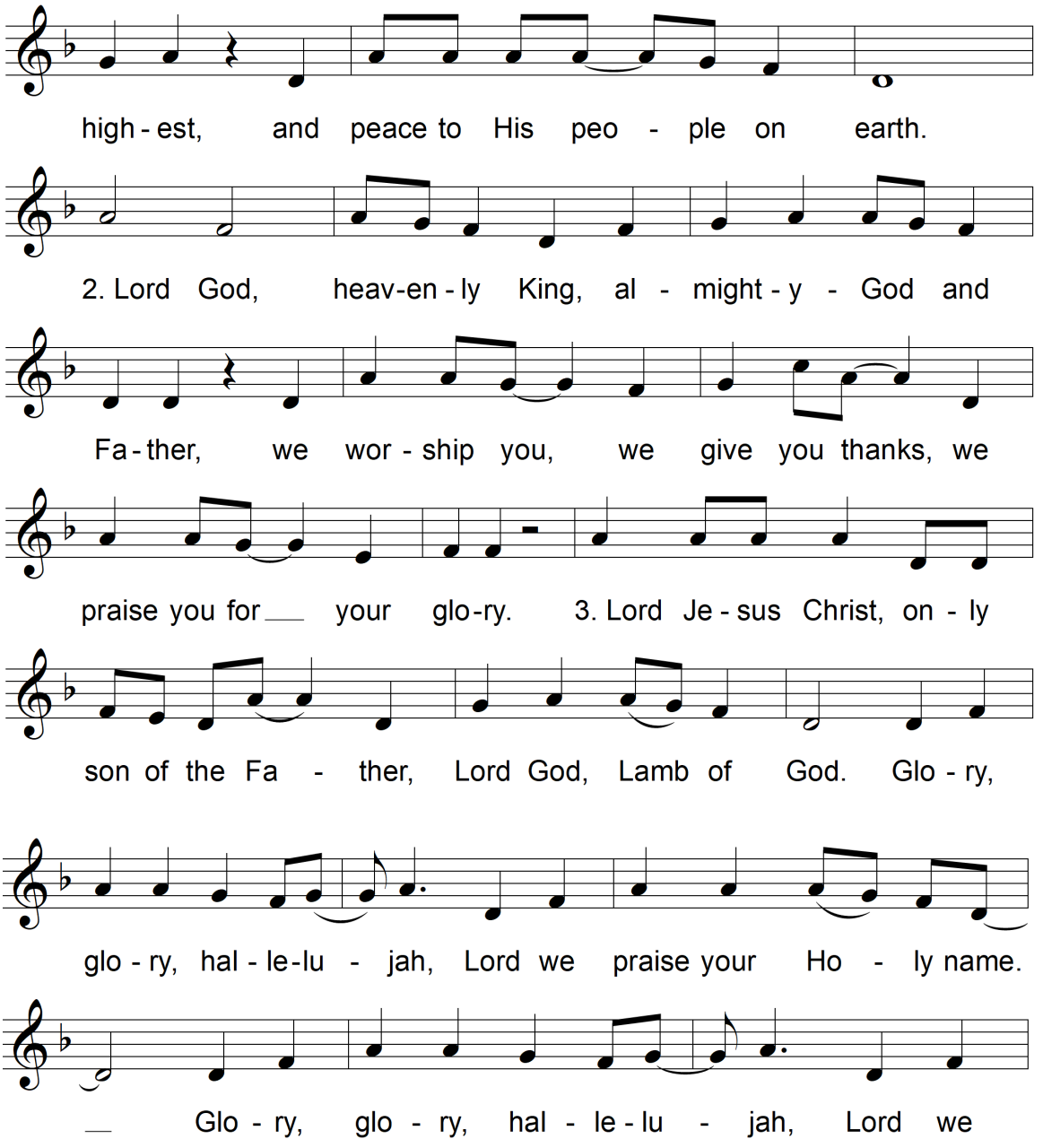
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One,
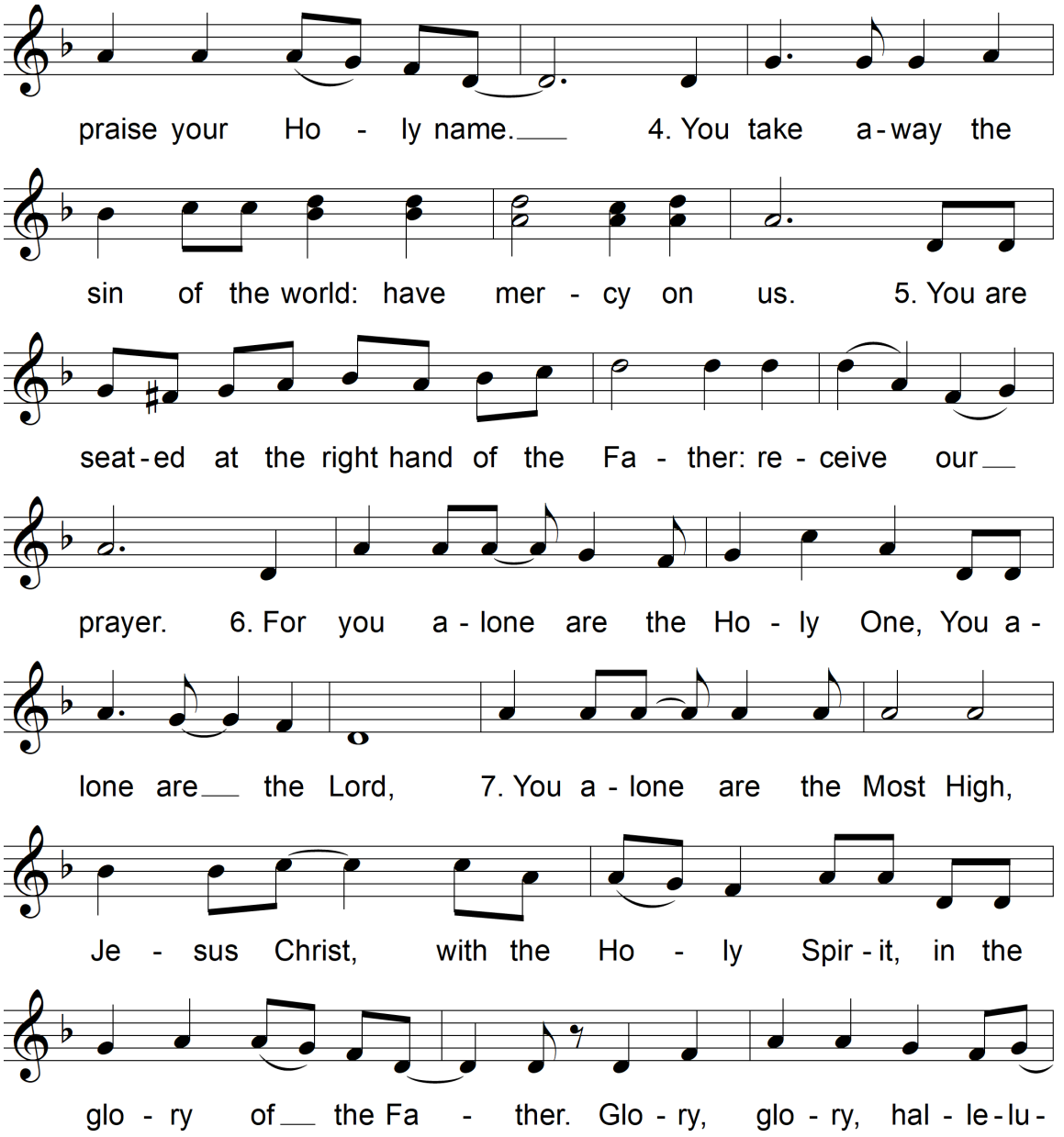
People **You come to your people and set them free**

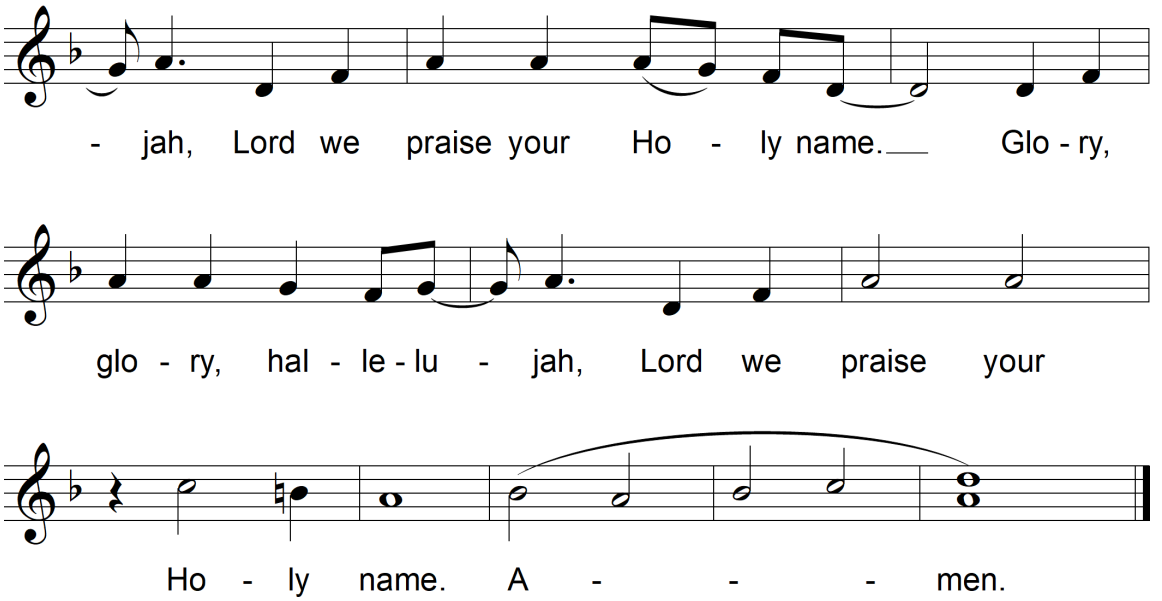
Celebrant God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*** Song of Praise** *"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"* Haywood




high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y - God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. Glo - ry,
glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we


praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. 5. You are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a -
lone are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu -



* Collect of the Day

Proper 27

Celebrant God 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.***

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

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 ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers 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 he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
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 commandments;

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

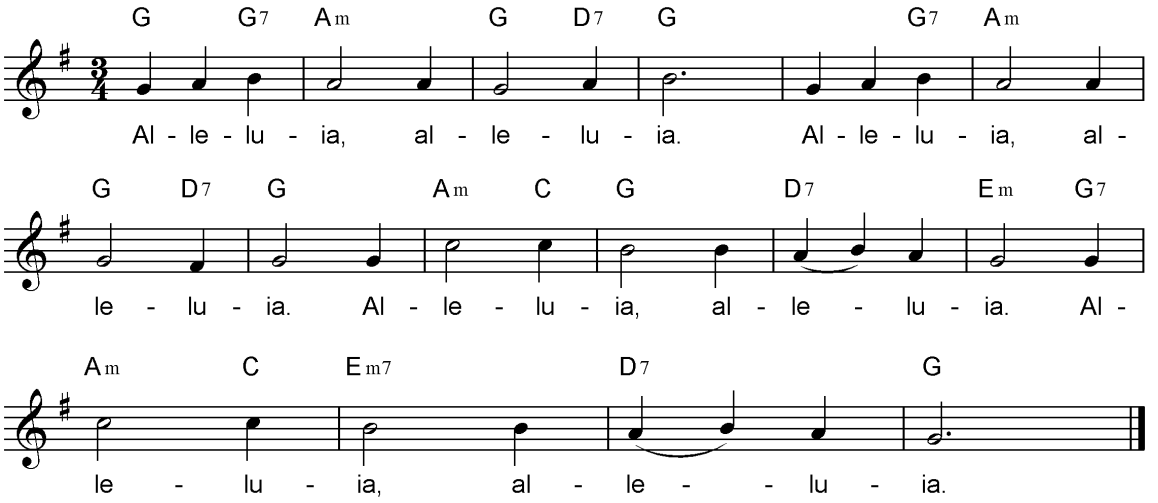
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word 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.

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* Sequence Song

"South African Alleluia" 1x/1x



* Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon & Reflection

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell, with Mr. Mike Kennedy

* Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, and who 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

Form II

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Amy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

All: We pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

All: We pray for justice and peace. *(Petitions may be offered)*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember this day those on our altar prayer list and those you would name.

All: We pray for those in any need or trouble. *(Petitions may be offered)*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

All: We pray that they may find and be found by him. *(Petitions may be offered)*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed and those who grieve.

All: We pray for those who have died. *(Petitions may be offered)*

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

All: We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *(Petitions may be offered)*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Message: "Smart Giving"

Stay in the Nave, if you can, for just 10 minutes after dismissal to hear some great advice about "smart giving" from Stewardship Capital's Luke Davis.

Celebration of Life: Marybeth Allen – Sunday, Nov 15 at 11 am

Please join us next Sunday, November 15, after the service of Eucharist to celebrate the life of Marybeth Allen, wife of Deacon Larry Allen. Following the service we will process to the Memorial Garden for the interment of ashes, then fellowship together in the Parish Hall with a Reception organized by the Daughters of the King.



Communion Notes: Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread is available by request. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

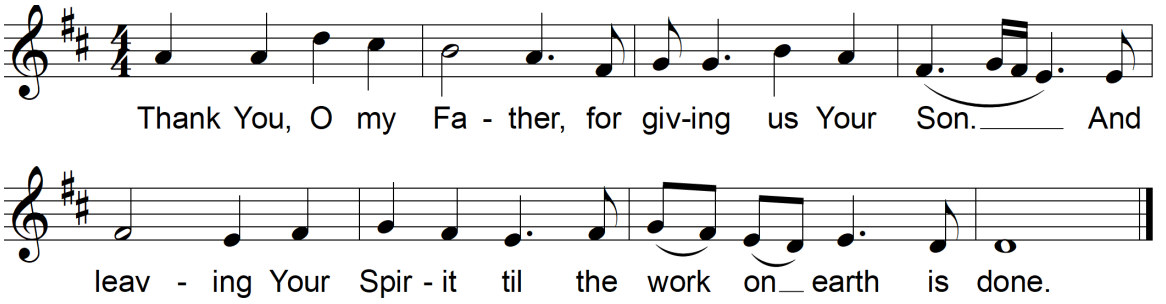
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The Holy Communion

Offertory *"Jerusalem My Happy Home"* Hymnal # 620

*** The Presentation** *"Thank You"* Green



*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
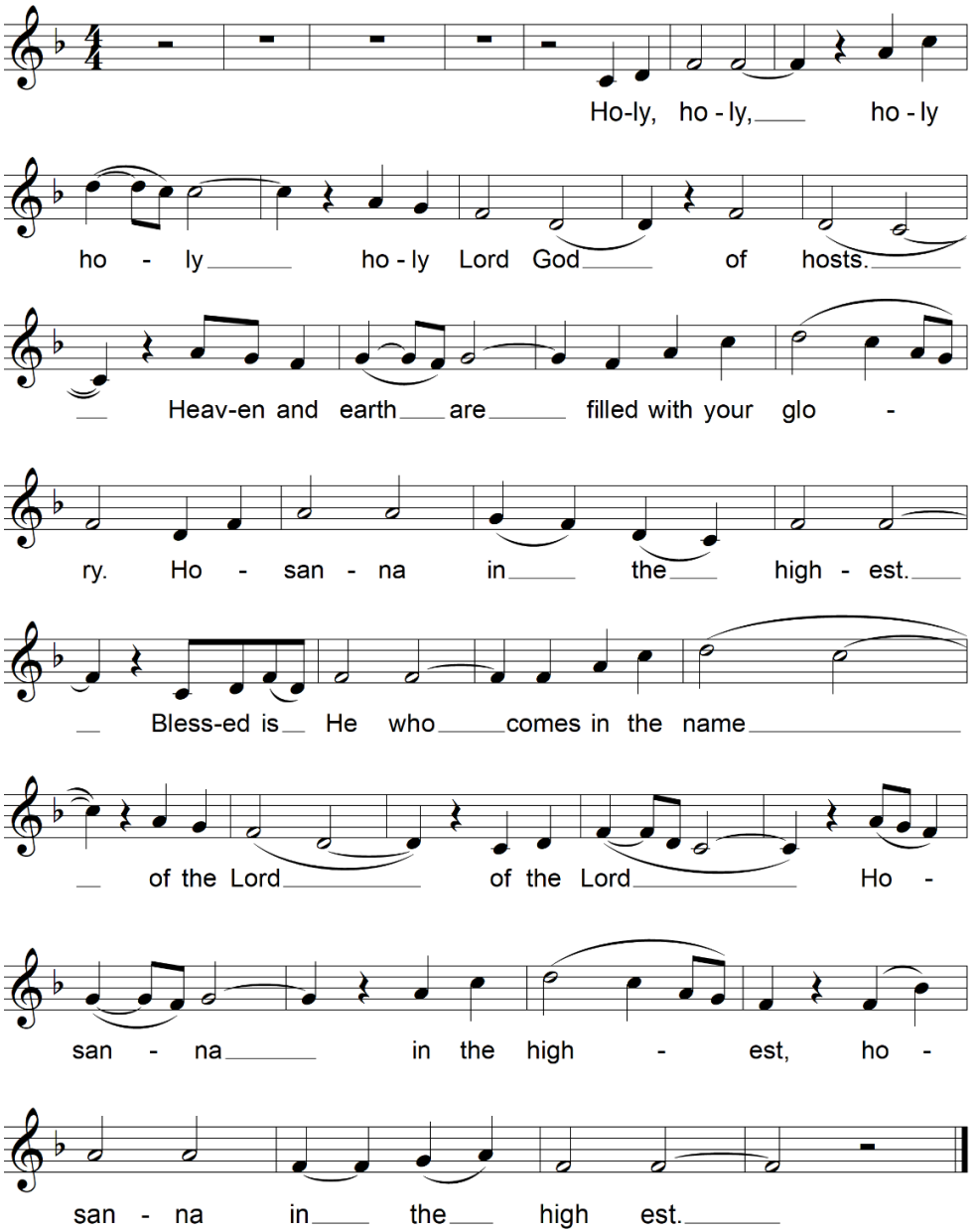
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*** Sanctus** *"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"* Brown
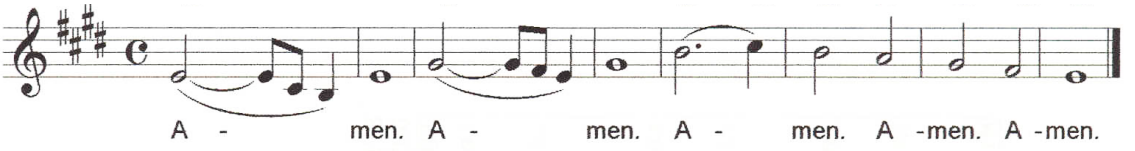


Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

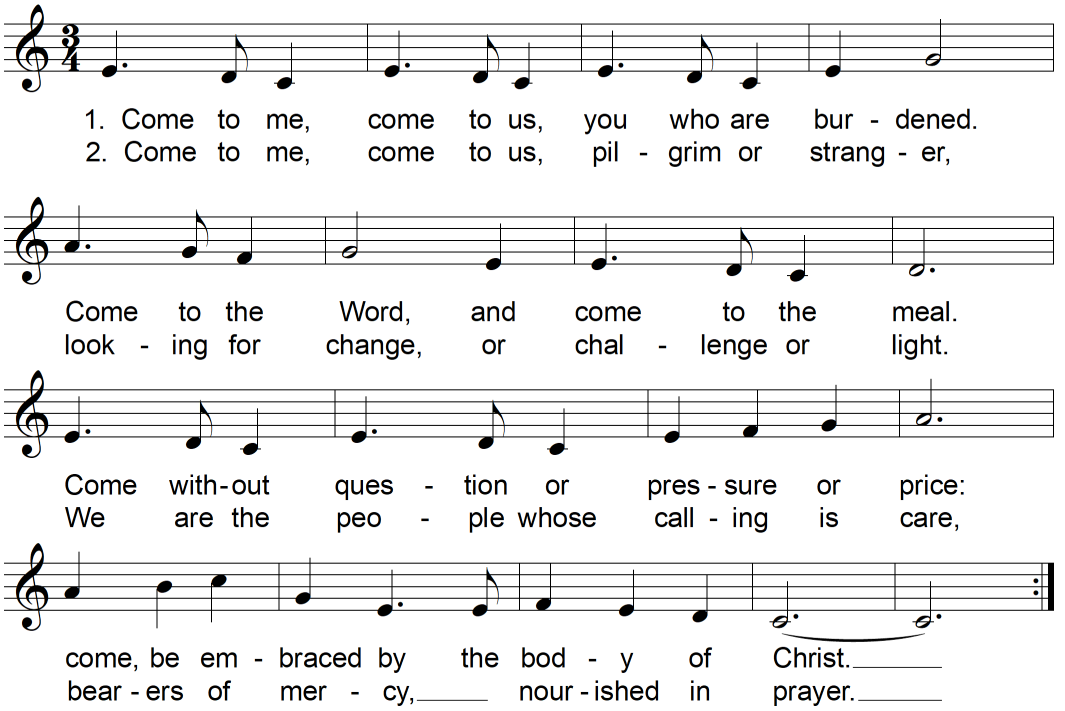


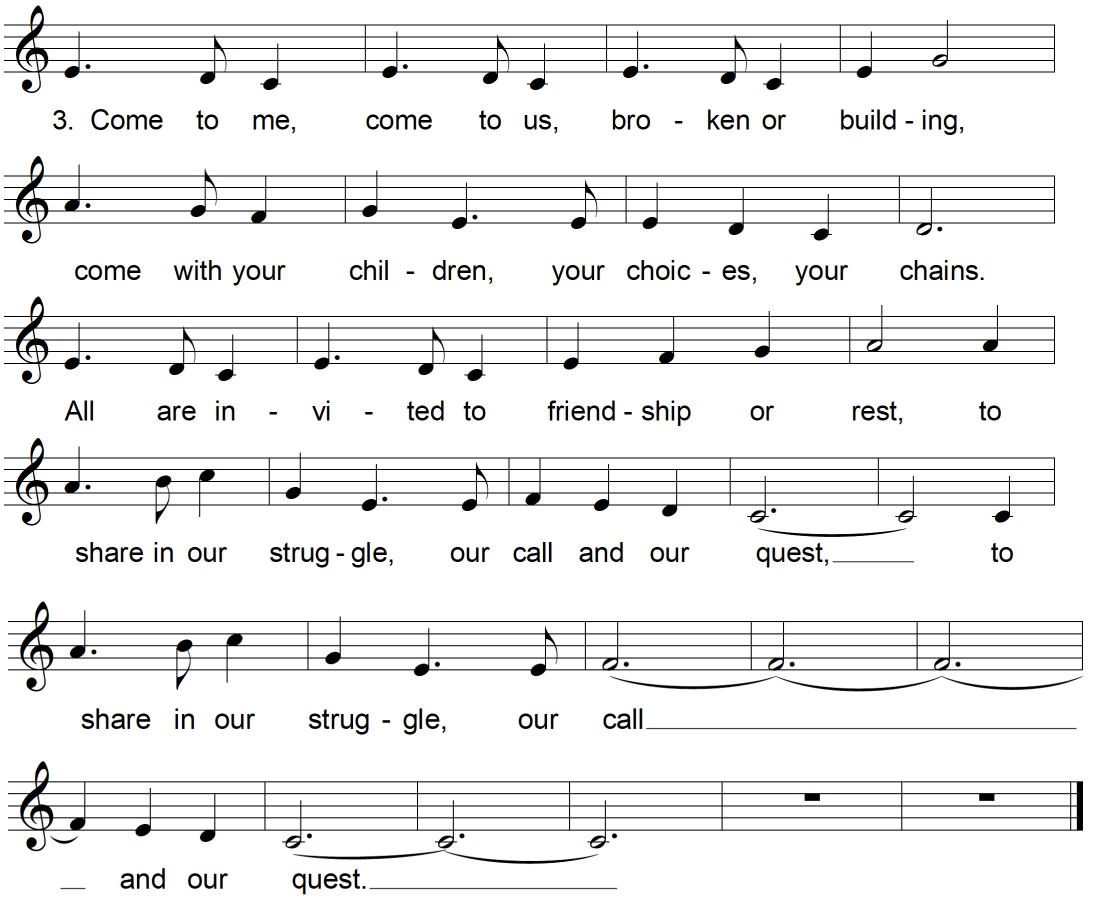
* The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 for ever. Amen.

* The Breaking of the Bread





Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* Hymnal # 324

* Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Closing Hymn *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Hymnal # 690

* Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Stewardship Message Mr. Luke Davis, Stewardship Capital



