SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2026

9:00 AM



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers (wearing the purple welcome lanyards) can answer your questions or concerns, or provide a hearing assist device. All-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell and on level 5 of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or southwest stairwell.

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Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or connect with one of the clergy.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

This liturgy is developed from various resources and is designed for our use during the Fall with themes of creation, justice, and hope.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The service usually begins with an organ prelude or other music designed to call us into worshipful presence.

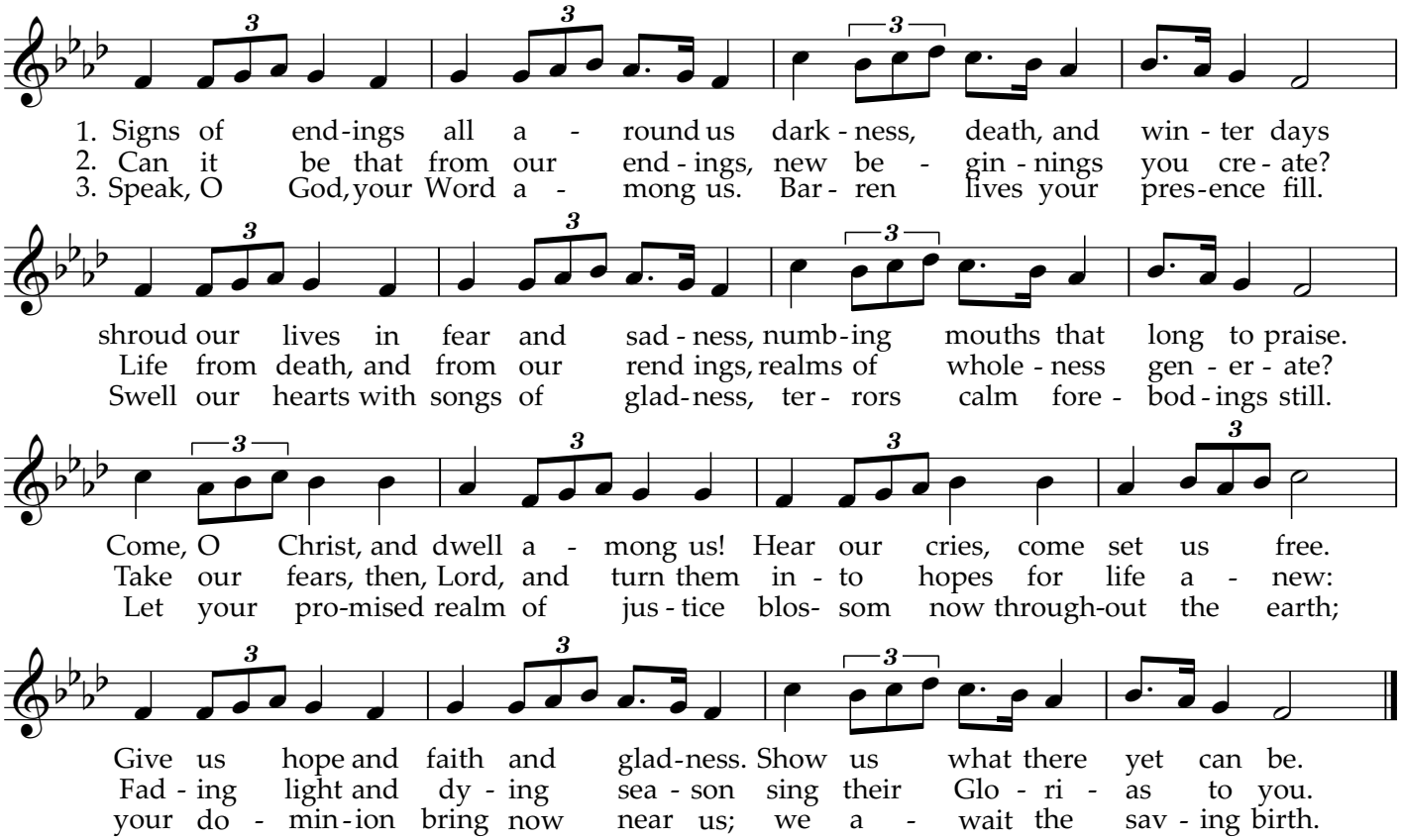
PRELUDE "Aria" from Symphony No. 6 — Louis Vierne

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As a gathered community, we join together in praising God in song.

All stand, as able.

HYMN *Signs of endings all around us* *Ton-y-Botel*



Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944)
Music: *Ton-y-Botel,* Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)
Hymn 721 in *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

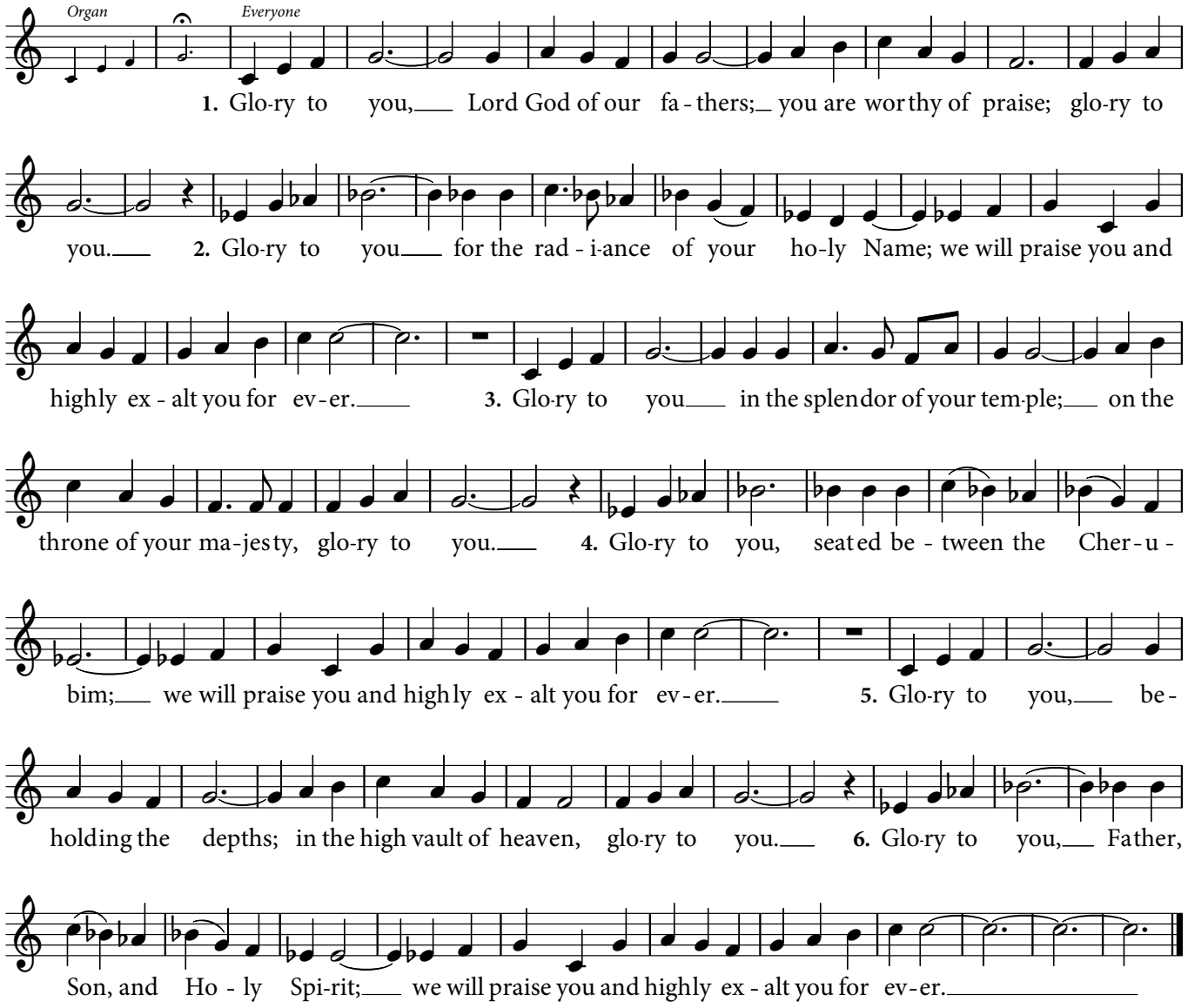
Presider This is the day that God has made.
Assembly **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to you ◆ sung by all* John Rutter



The collect is the prayer designated for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Proper 28* *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 236

Presider God be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

BLESSED LORD, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The first reading is usually drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures, inviting us to trace our heritage in God's historical covenant with the People of God.

READING *Judges 4:1-7*

THE ISRAELITES again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

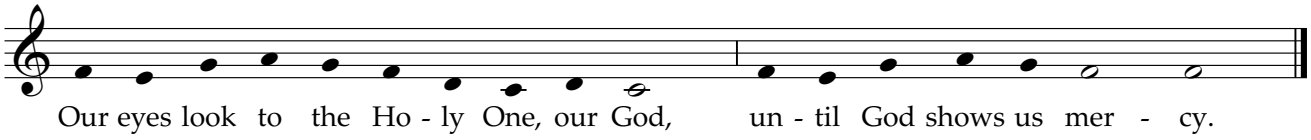
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

The Psalm is a sung response to the previous reading. Psalms are the songbook of the Hebrew Scriptures. They express every emotion known to humankind.

PSALM *Psalm 123 ◆ St. Helena Psalter* Plainsong, Tone VI

The cantor will introduce the Antiphon, all repeat it.
The cantor will chant the verses, all repeating the Antiphon as indicated



Ad te levavi oculos meos

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, *
until God shows us mercy. **ANTIPHON**

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. **ANTIPHON**

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

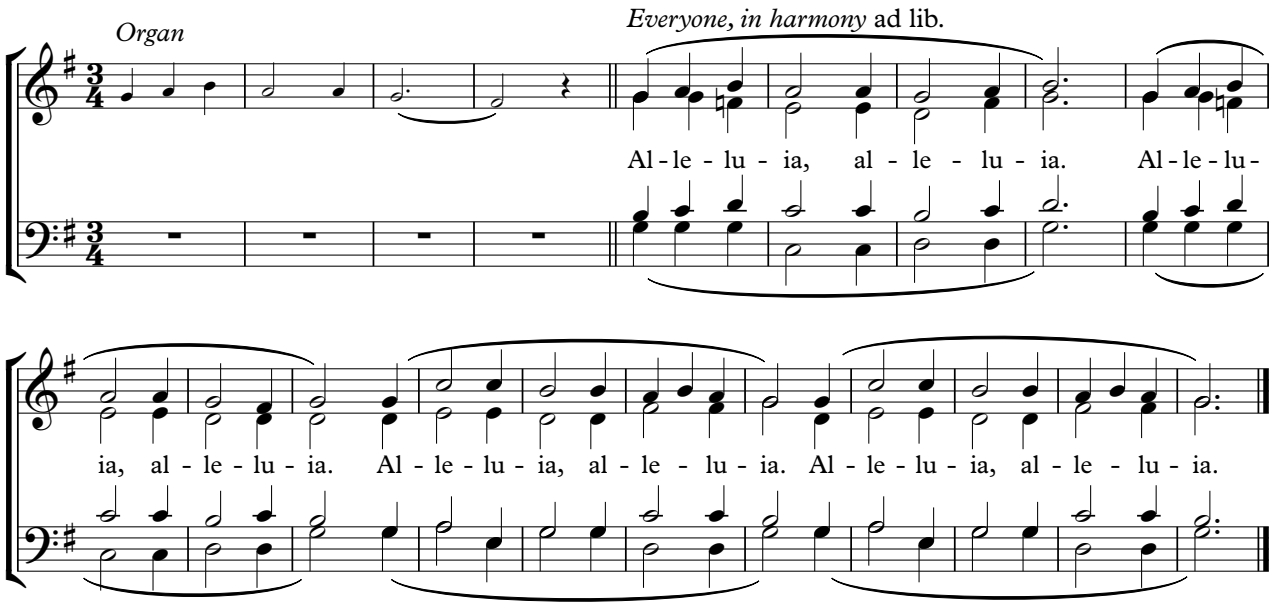
The sequence hymn or Gospel acclamation moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"—specifically the "good news of Jesus Christ."

All stand, as able.

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children ages 3–8 are then invited to Children's Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION South African, arr. Gobingca Mxadana

All sing the alleluias, in four-part harmony as able.
The choir chants the verse below, then all repeat the alleluias.



Verse: Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit.

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The homily directly follows the Gospel because it is grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

HOMILY The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon. Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands as the liturgy continues.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE and confirmed in 381 CE, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity. At this service during certain seasons we use other Trinitarian creedal forms as our Affirmation of Faith.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from resources by the Uniting Church in Australia

We believe in God, who created the world in love,
who brought forth humankind,
who rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt,
who sent the ancestors and the prophets to judge and to bless,
who returns the exiles to their home,
whom Jesus called Abba.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born of Mary,
Heir of David and God's Own Child,
proclaimer of God's peace with justice,
healer and teacher,
sacrament of God's love,
Who was tortured and crucified,
then rose again to reconcile all the world,
and is coming again to make the world new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose breath gave life to creation,
who speaks through ancestors and prophets,
who came upon Jesus at his baptism,
who gives birth to the church, Christ's body,
who pours out gifts for the ministry of love,
who works night and day to renew all that is alive.

We believe in God,
Lover, Beloved and Spirit of Love.
Amen.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. Each week, we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and its leaders, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

Intercessor God of heaven and earth,
Assembly **in your mercy, hear us.**

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION Adapted from resources by the Uniting Church in Australia

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Presider Loving God,
All **we confess that despite our faith, we wander.**
Despite our desire for goodness,
we cause harm to ourselves and others, and to your creation.
Despite our yearning for you,
we let fear overtake us.
We are sorry and we seek forgiveness.
Help us to live with glad and generous hearts,
and trust in your goodness and mercy that follow us, now and always. Amen.

Presider Dear siblings in Christ,
God loves you dearly, has mercy on you, and forgives you your sins.
All **Amen.**

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. It is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships prior to coming to God's table for Eucharist.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows.

Visit saintmarks.org/give, *or use the Venmo mobile app* (*@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right*). *If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter* ***2340***.

ANTHEM *Zion hört die Wächter singen*,
Chorale No. 4 from Cantata BWV 140

Words: Philipp Nicolai
Music: J. S. Bach

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werte Kron',
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all
zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.

Zion hears the watchman singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!
We follow all
and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a lengthy prayer with several intentions. We recount the story of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING adapted from resources by South Sydney Uniting Church, Australia, and by Garry Worete Deverell (Gondwana Theology)

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

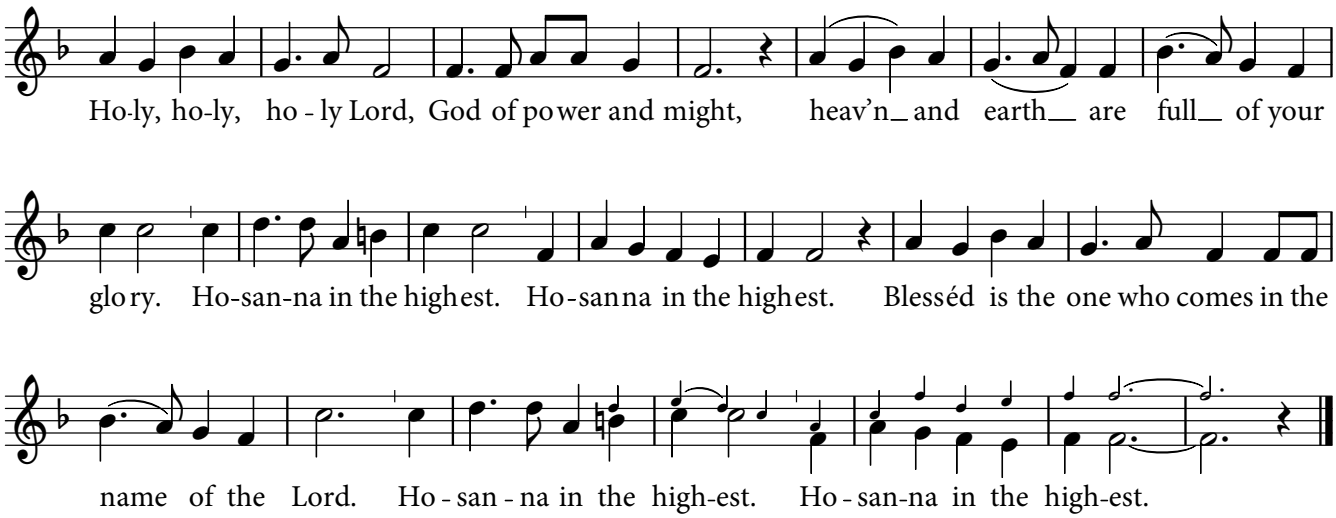
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right and a joy to give you praise, O God, for by the resurrection of your Beloved you make all things new. You have dwelt among us forever, your presence known in our fragile flesh. Because you love us, you restore our souls and bodies. In Christ, you are our God and we are your people. Christ came singing a song of redemption. What you intended, he accomplished.

Now all who cry out in grief or pain may look in hope to a future when every tear will be wiped away and every broken heart comforted. Therefore, with angels and saints, and with all creation, we sing:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God, based on Isaiah 6:3.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Richard Proulx



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Presider Living God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who enters homes and hearts, to eat and drink with all who seek to be healed.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus sat at table with his friends. He took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying: "This is the cup of the New Covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

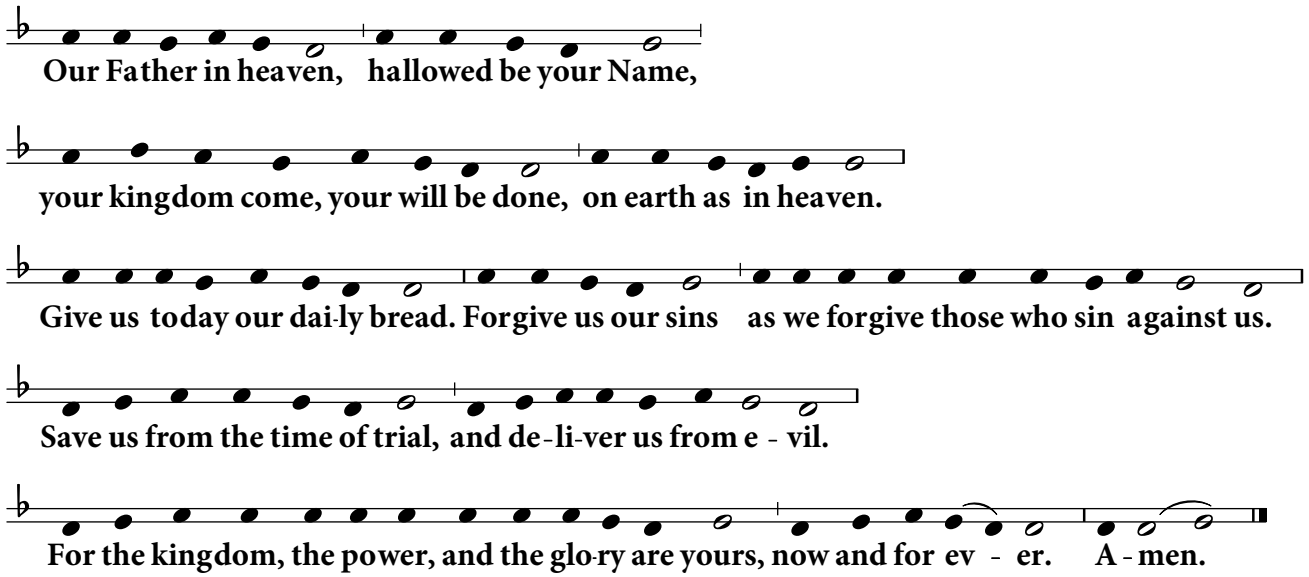
Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

All **AMEN.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

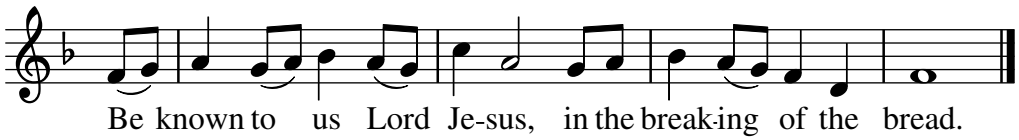
THE LORD'S PRAYER



In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Gary James

The choir introduces the Antiphon; all repeat it.
The choir sings the verses, all repeating the Antiphon as indicated.



Verse: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

Verse: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **ANTIPHON**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

It is not our practice to offer intinction (dipping the bread in the wine). If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

ANTHEM *Steal away* Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds within a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the lightning.
The trumpet sounds within a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

After communion, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

From the earliest days of the Church, members of the congregation took bread to those who were ill or could not be present in person.

All stand, as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

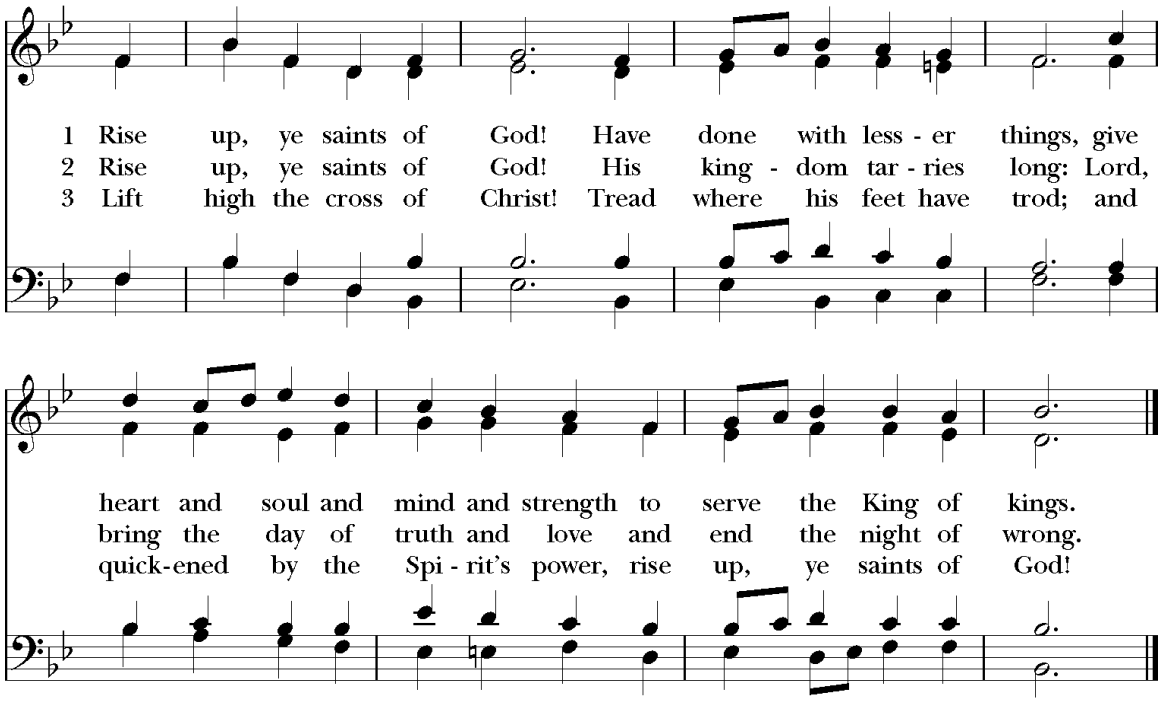
Presider One body are we.
Assembly **For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.**
Presider Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Adapted from resources by Bathurst Uniting Church, Australia

Presider We thank you, O God,
All **for all that we receive at your table.**
We thank you, O Christ,
for the invitation which brought us here and makes us one—
and which we now take with us into the world:
the invitation to all, to come to you and find abundant Life.
We thank you, O Spirit, for restoring our souls. Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider asks God's blessing on the assembly. All respond:* **Amen.**

HYMN 551 *Rise up, ye saints of God!* ◆ *The Hymnal 1982* *Festal Song*



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Music: *Festal Song,* William H. Walter (1825-1893)

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the assembly; all respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY "Paean" from *Diptych for Organ* Brenda Portman

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