St. Andrew's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TOLEDO

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 | 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity, being 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.

The people's responses are in **bold.**

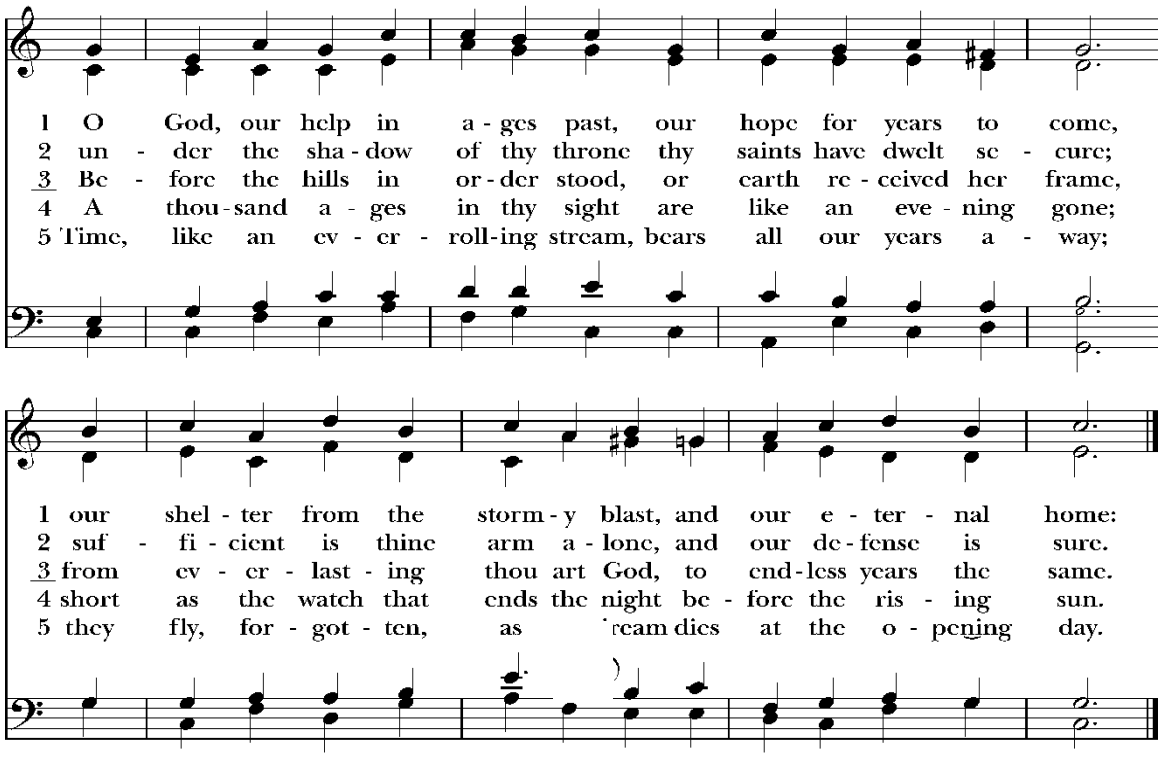
PRELUDE Service Prelude in A Major Eugene Thayer (1838-1889)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand in body or spirit at the introduction of the hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN O God, our help in ages past The Hymnal 1982 #680



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA **G**lory to God

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

Hymn of Praise Glory to God Lift Every Voice and Sing II #243

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with
the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.

People *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Zephaniah 1-7, 12-18

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scripture which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Reader A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM Psalm 90:1-12

The psalms are prayers from the Old Testament that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and for one another.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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.

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

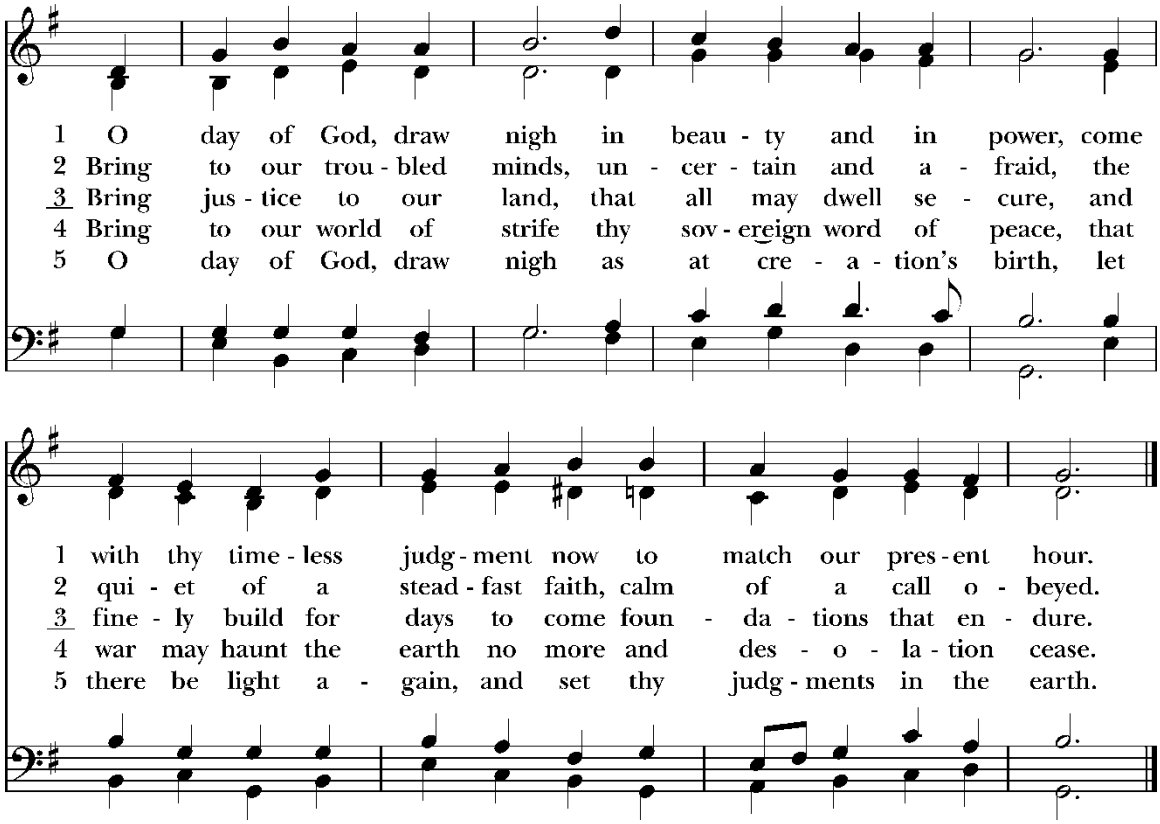
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as 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 The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN O day of God, draw nigh The Hymnal 1982 #601

The Sequence Hymn moves 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.



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THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

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' words and actions.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **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.'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Bridget E. Coffey

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

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 281 AD, 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.

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 from Planning Rites & Rituals, Year A

Prayer is offered with intercession for the following. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church– the Body of Christ.

Leader

People

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant and People **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 our Savior 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 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.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS booklet in pew racks

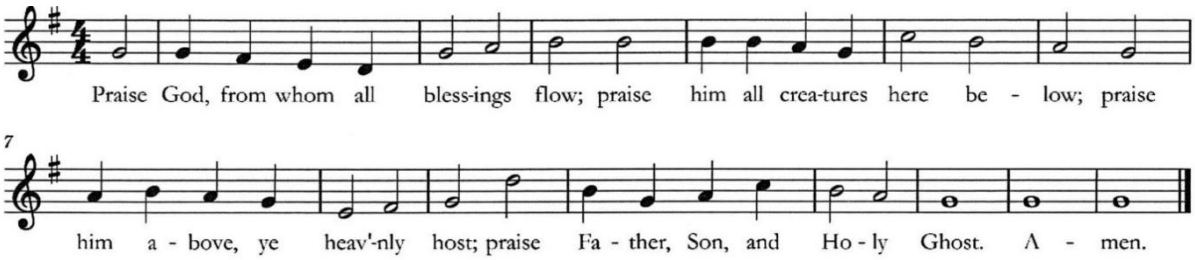
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Eucharist. An offering is received to support St. Andrew's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or online at standrews419.org/give.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION HYMN



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer C Expansive Language

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: 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 long prayer with four parts. Each of these for parts corresponds to a different action 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".

Celebrant God 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 God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Wonder Love & Praise #858

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



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age.

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

During the following prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring
before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us
one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve
the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand
at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption
of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for
pardon only and not for renewal.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the celebrant has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, *signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus
Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS #264

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.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us Wonder Love & Praise#875



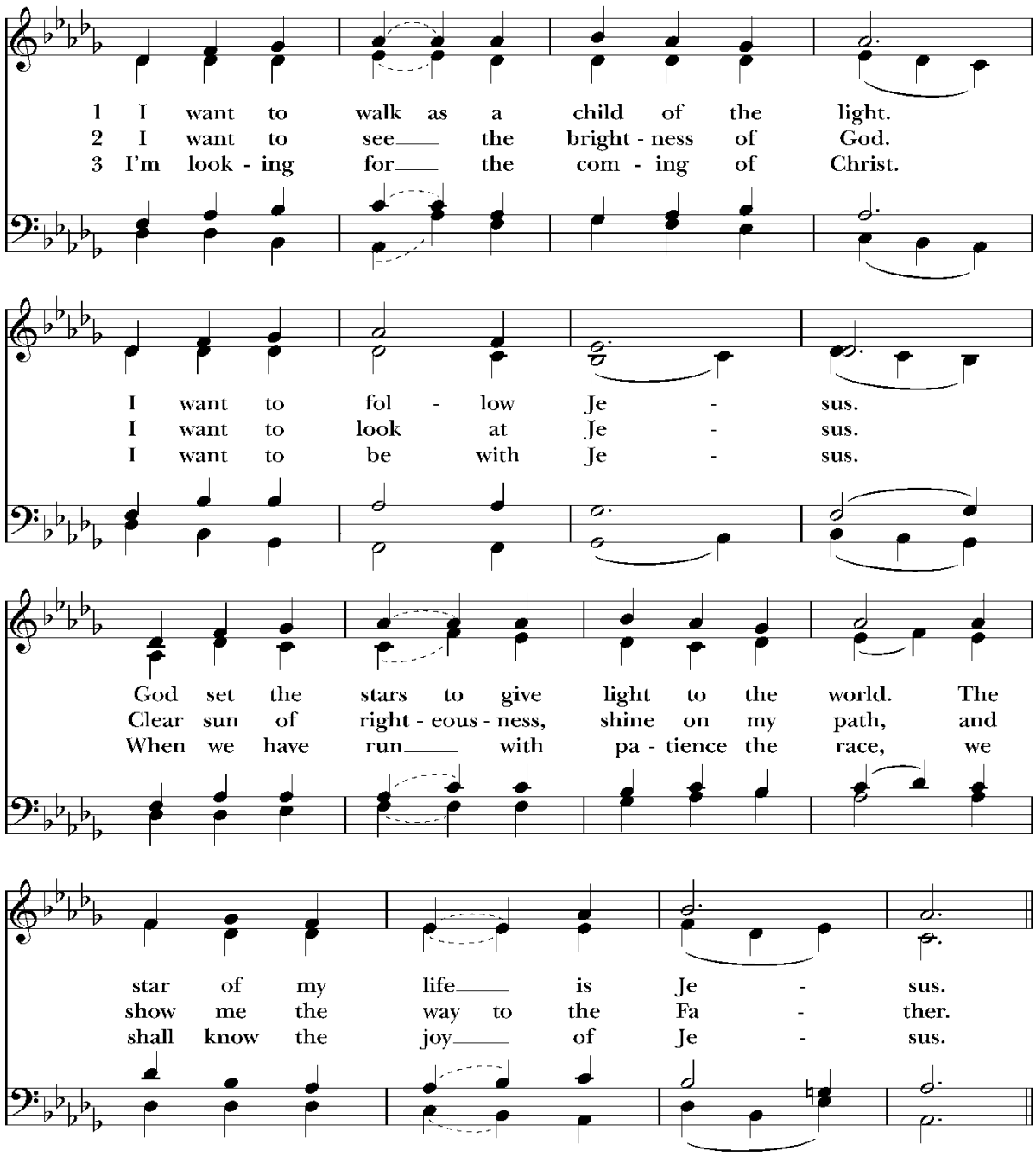
THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

The people are seated.

For those who desire to receive communion or a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Place one hand on top of the other outstretched to receive the bread from the Celebrant. To receive from the chalice, please stay at the altar rail and a Eucharistic Minister will come to you. Those who do not wish to receive communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN I want to walk as a child of the light The Hymnal 1982 #490





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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

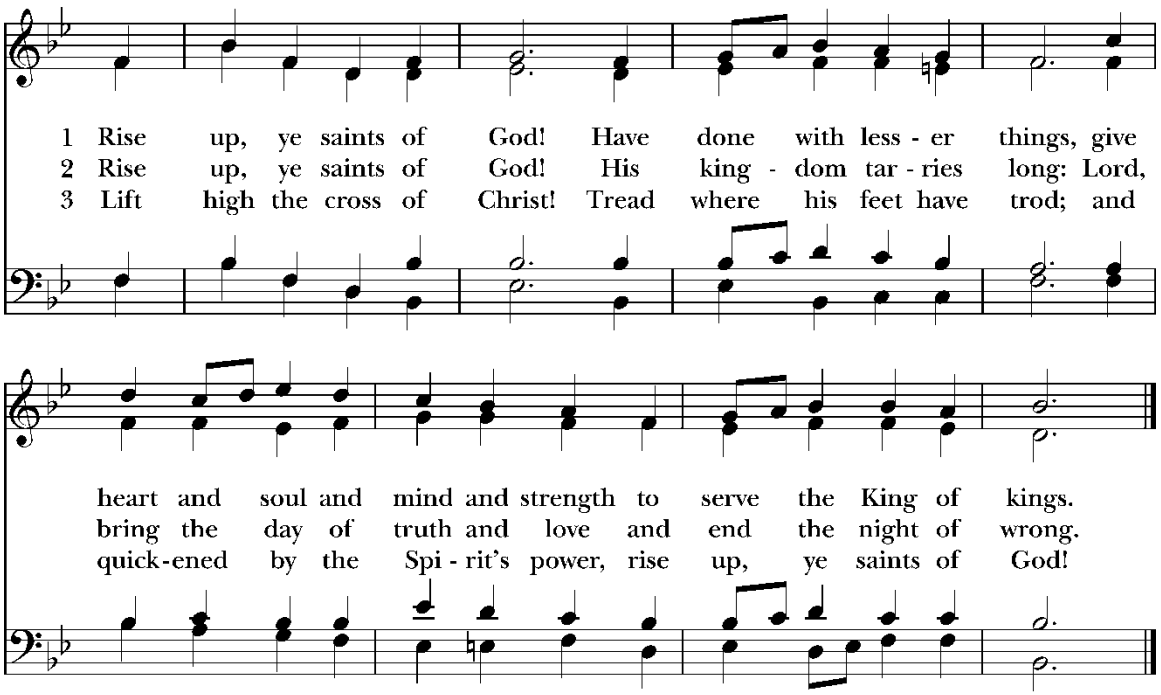
Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN Rise up, ye saints of God The Hymnal 1982 #551



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE We gather together Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Nancy Creecy in loving memory of her father, Richard Leverenz.

Cherry Street Mission Thanksgiving Dinners

We are collecting money for Cherry Street Mission Thanksgiving Dinners. There is a basket in the Narthex. You can make checks to Cherry Street Mission or cash. This is the last week.

Plenty Good Room – 2027 Annual Giving Campaign

Pledge cards were mailed to those who did not get theirs last Sunday. Please prayerfully consider what your gift can be for 2027. Please bring in your card by November 22 or else you can pledge on line using the link in the weekly email.

Prayers of the People

Alexandria
George Akers
Sarah Bell
Brandon
Cindy
Kathleen Cardinal
Wilson & Charlie Cochran
Macy Crowell
Doris Dvorack
Emily
Eve
Gail
Suzanne G.
Roger & Gini Gilmer
The Greene Family
Nicole Graves
Vivian Gumpf
Annmarie Harpst
Keith
Jordan
Judy
Keith & Carol J.
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Mike Kaminski
Pat King
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Paul Martell
Maureen
Michael
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Lisa Miyara
Sallye Miyara
Nat Myers
Nancy
Lois Nelson
Kelly Norwood
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Olivia
Erik P.
Ron P
Pat Patton
Dale Pittman
Ellen Pittman
Eunice Probert
Lurlene Quan
The Rev. Phillip Rapp
Rich
Delores Ross
Ruth
Al S.
Scarlett
Seth & Albre
Stanley
Sue
Chuck Spitler
Liz Stover
Tandra
Marcus Taylor
Tom
Wendy Winter
Brenda Wojtowicz

Serving in the Military
Greg Allen, John Petcoff, Sam Stickels

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

The Reverend Bridget E. Coffey
Celebrant & Preacher

Ken Stoops
Parish Musician

Sallye Miyara & Chris Nejvara
Eucharistic Ministers

Mike Saccoccia & Erica Hesselbach
Lectors

Rich & Mary Anne Preston
Greeters

Sunday, November 22
Gerry Burton & Ellen Pittman
Eucharistic Ministers

Clayton & Jennifer Roach
Lectors

Cindy Manders & Mary Anne Preston
Greeters

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