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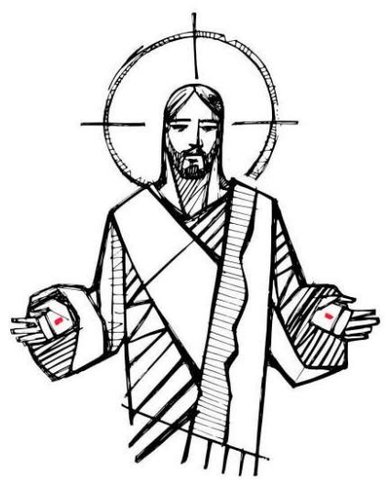
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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
PROPER 29

Sunday, November 22, 2026

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.
If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.
If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	*Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary*
9:15am	*Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room*
9:45am	*Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall*
9:45am	*Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery*
10:30am	*Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary*
12pm	*Youth Group*

SERMON NOTES:

many people to St. John's and had a great time talking with friends, meeting new people, eating great chili, listening to music, playing games, and getting warm by the fire pits! This kind of an event does not happen without a community behind it!

To make it even better next year, we will be holding a debrief of the event on **Sunday, November 29th at noon** in the **Parish Hall.** Please feel free to join us to share what went well, what could be improved, and ideas for next time.

- **CELEBRATE ST. NICK'S DAY** (Sunday, December 6th at 10:30am)
  Bring an extra shoe to place in the Parish Hall during 10:30AM worship for a little surprise from St. Nick!

- **LESSONS & CAROLS** (Sunday, December 6th at 4:00pm)
  Come enjoy the seasonal music of Advent, and the celebration of Saint Nicholas Day. There will be a special guest trio of harp, flute, and strings along with our choir. This will be followed by a dessert reception.

- **3rd ANNUAL WEAR-YOUR-CHRISTMAS-PJs-to-CHURCH**
  (Sunday, December 20th, All Services)
  Wear your Christmas pjs to either the 8am or 10:30am service.

  You can wear your matching family pjs if that is your tradition, or just your comfiest favorite pjs.

COME JOIN US

TODAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Pack Rice and Beans @12:00pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- Labyrinth Walk @5:00pm-7:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Advent Wreath Making @9:15am
- Chili Cook-Off Debrief @12:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Celebrate St. Nick's Day @10:30am
- Lessons and Carols @4:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

- Women of St. John's Cookie Exchange @6:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

- Ladies Night Gift Wrapping @6:00pm-9:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 3rd Annual Wear Your PJ's to Church Day (All Services)

Join us for:

The Gospel According to Christmas

An ALL PARISH ~ ALL AGES Sunday Formation exploration of the sacred and secular preparation for Christmas. Sunday morning 9:15am – 10:00am
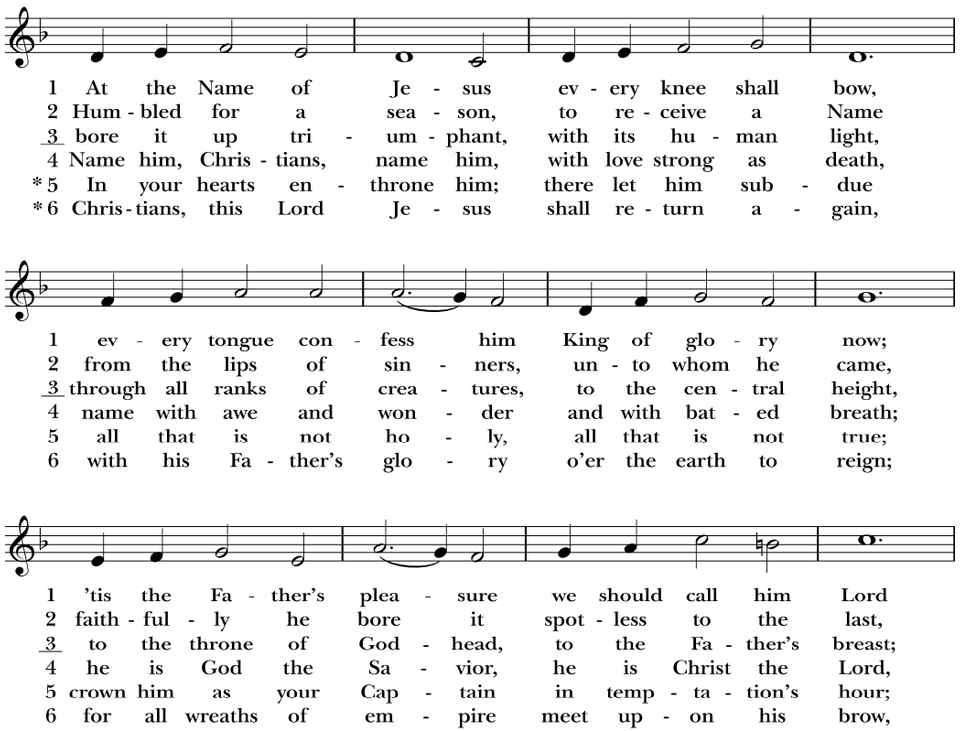
HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

The people stand.

10:30AM

Hymn #435 At the Name of Jesus



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PACKING BEANS & RICE** (Today, at 12:00pm)

  Please join us to help pack Beans and Rice for our neighbors at San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville. We will be packing enough for the next 2 months.
  Each month we take **120** 4-pound bags of beans and **120** 4-pound bags of rice to augment the other amazing food donated from churches and groups across the diocese. There are now over 300 people that come monthly to get food and supplies for the upcoming month.

  Our guides will be the youth group who frequently pack and have become quite proficient. This service event is open to everyone - all ages, all abilities, guests, friends, in-laws, out-laws ~ there are jobs for everyone!

- **THANKSGIVING LABYRINTH WALK**
  (Wednesday, November 25th from 5-7pm)

  Enjoy a quiet moment on Wednesday 25 November, 5pm-7pm, with a prayerful labyrinth walk accompanied by a cello/guitar duo. This will be held in the Parish Hall.

  For those who have not walked a labyrinth previously there will be guidance offered.

- **CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU & DEBRIEF EVENT**
  (Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm)

  Many thanks to those who supported the Chili Cook-Off through making chili, donating wood, helping set up, volunteering to set up, staff, and clean up the event, and do the necessary behind-the-scenes critical work to make it the successful event it was! We welcomed so

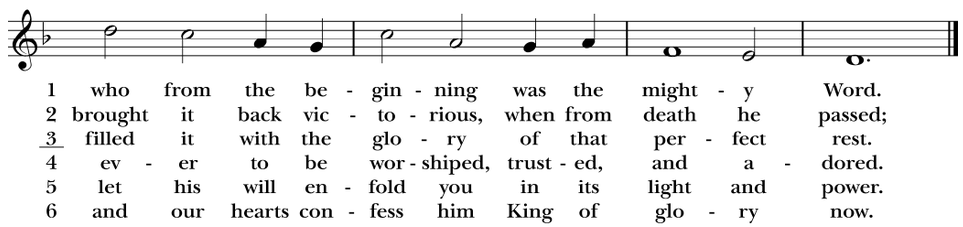
TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at parishadmin@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

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Paul Benson
Cathleen Hallam
Sam Dey
Aurora Denison
Bishop James Almasi
Paula Fangboner
Belinda Russell
Jere Rowland
Harry Brooke
Ivy Choe-Branstetter
Steve Ruff
Mary Persinger

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.



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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

8AM

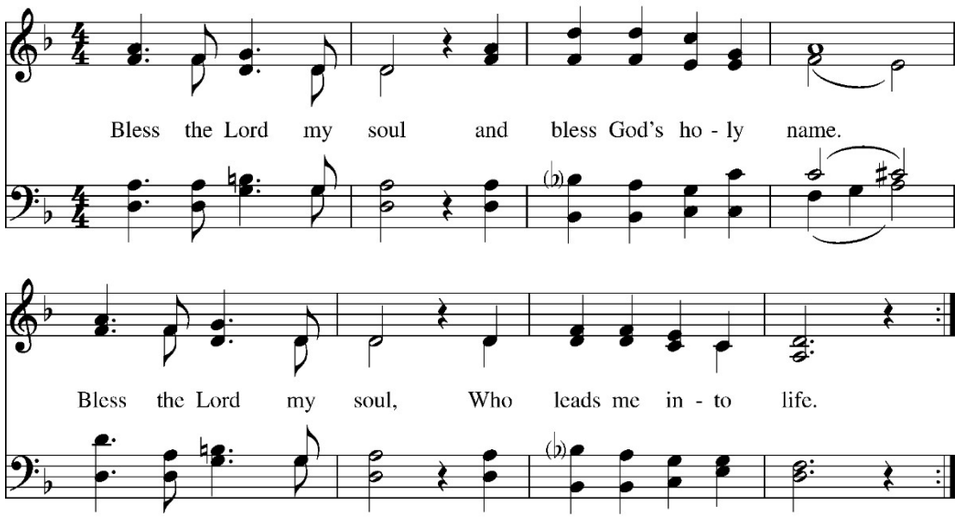
Gloria BCP pg. 356

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:

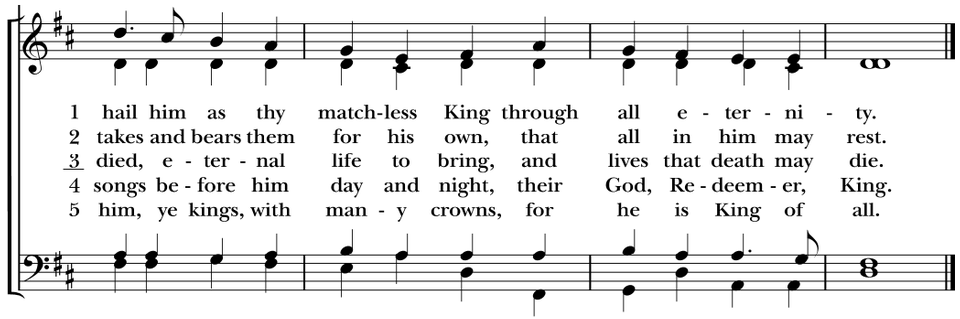
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:30AM

Bless the Lord my soul



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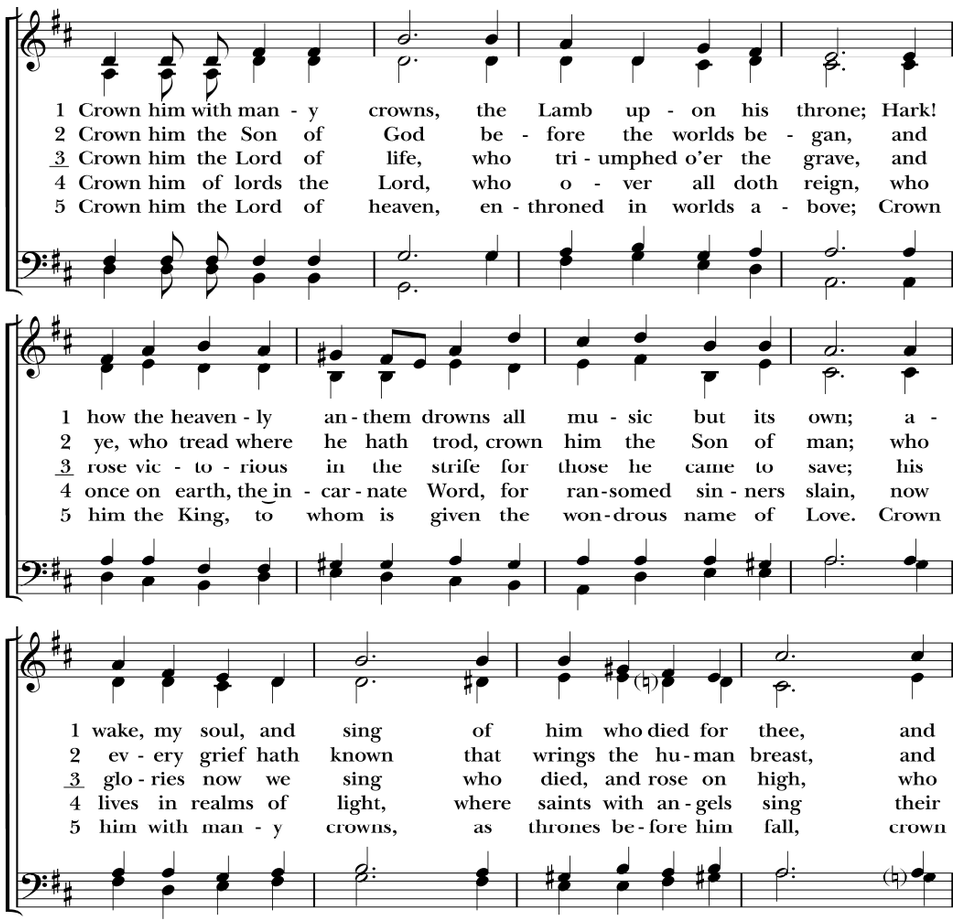


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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Hymn #494 Crown him with many crowns



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People **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 people are seated.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Lector A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

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.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors.

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The people stand.

Celebrant and people.

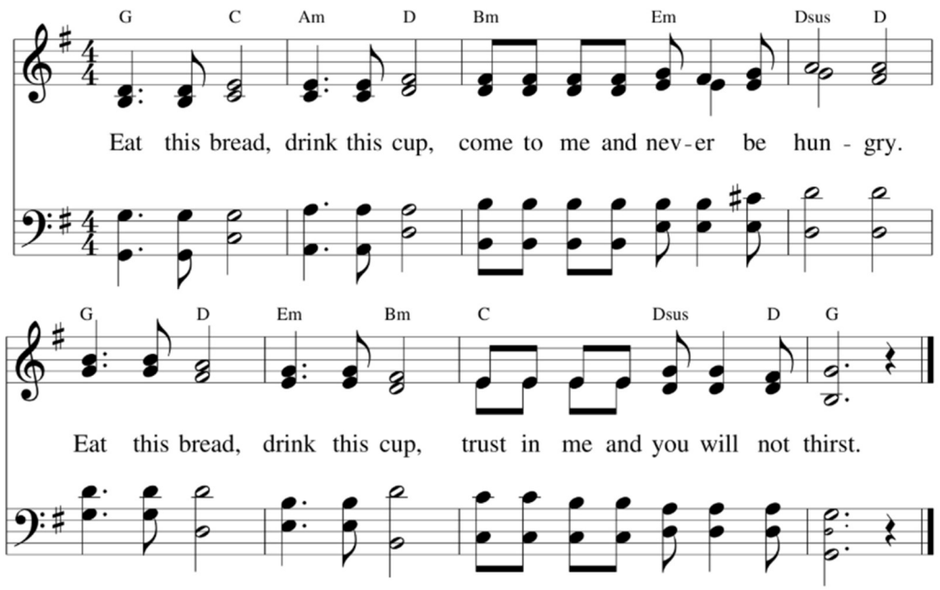
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Eat This Bread — Jacques Berthier



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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Communion Music: Now, on Land and Sea Descending — Burkhardt

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.
The people are seated.

Ephesians 1: 15:23

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus.
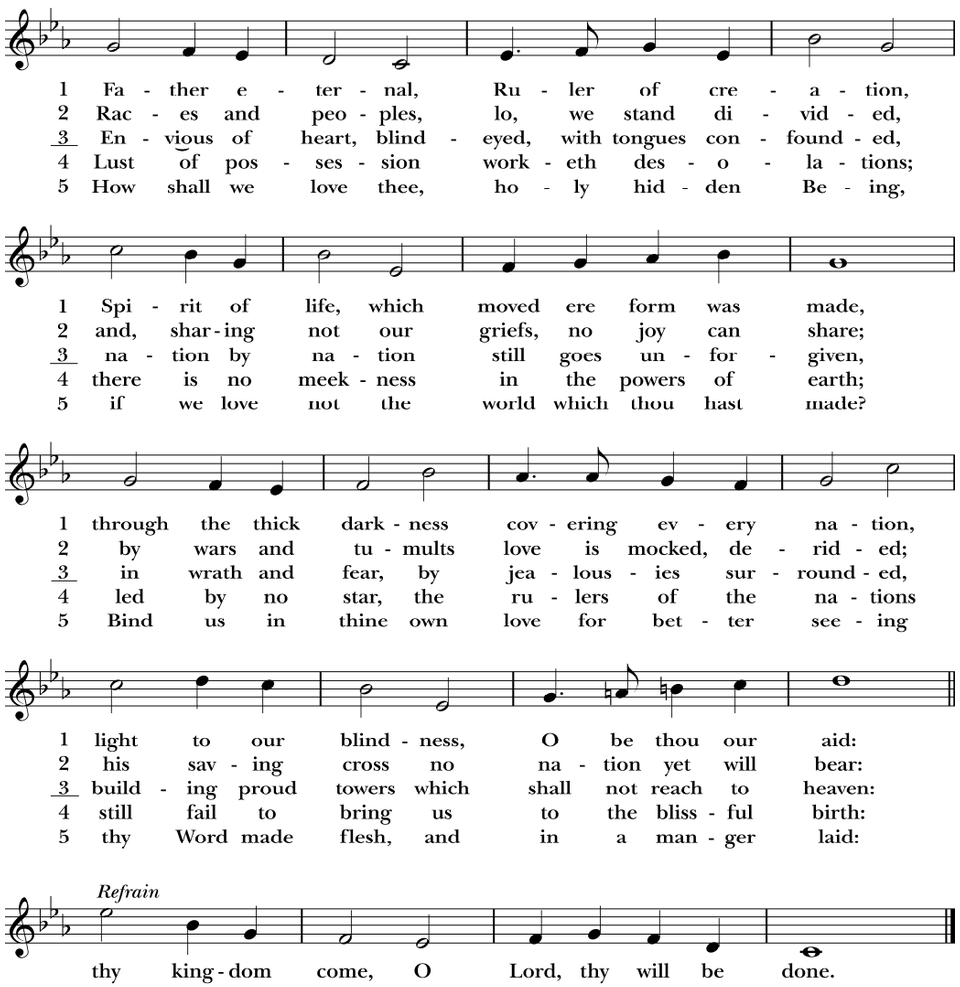
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn #573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation



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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

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.

Padre Nostro, che sei nei cieli,
Sia santificato il tuo nome.
Venga il tuo regno,
Sia fatta la tua volontá,
Come in cielo, così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,
E rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
Come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori.
E non ci indurre in tentazione,
Ma liberaci dal male.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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;

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**.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)
People **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

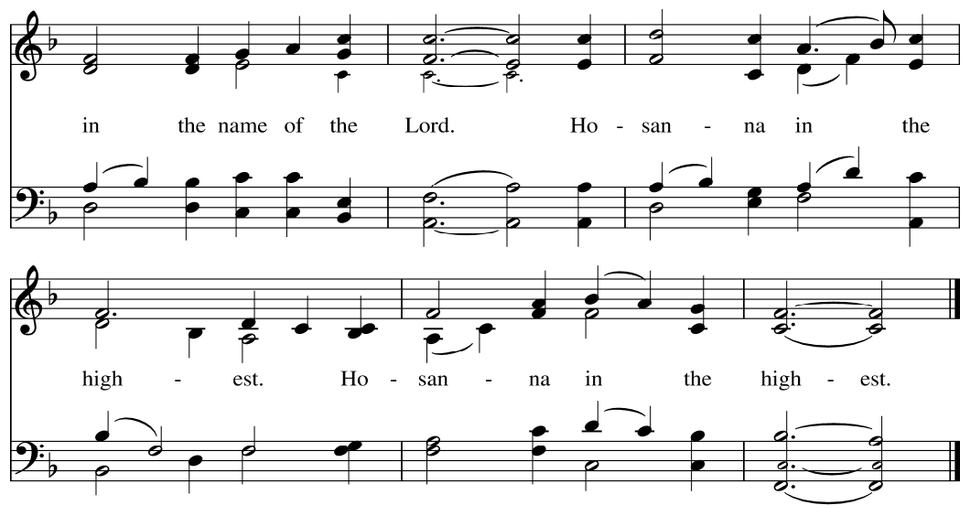
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

The people stand.

The 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:
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



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.
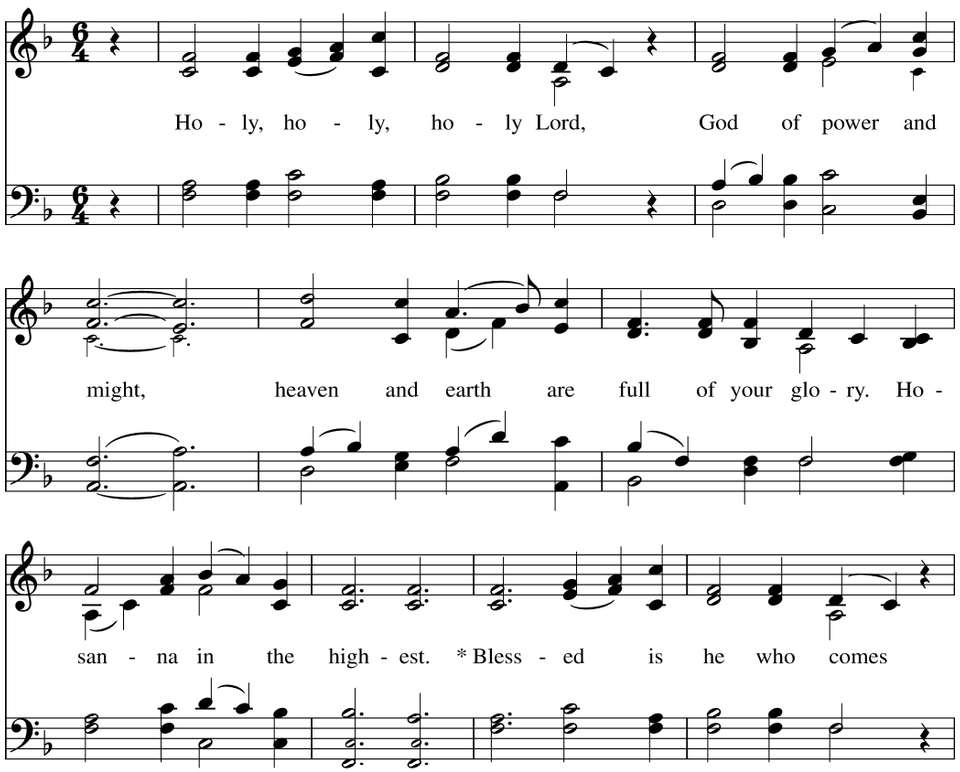
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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."

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

10:30AM

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord



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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For AnnLouise, Alan, Paul, Cathleen, Sam, Aurora, Bishop James, Paula, Belinda, Jere, Harry, Ivy, Steve, and Mary.

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Celebrant concludes with a collect.

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

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 of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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Anthem: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee arr. Hopson

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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…

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:

8AM

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.