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THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 24

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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*

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**
  Food Pantry is always in need of donations, core items include:
  - Cereal (large & small)
  - Canned Chicken
  - Sardines
  - Pasta Sauce
  - Chef Boyardee
  - White Rice
  - Water
  - Shelf-stable Milk.

  Please check the Bell Tower for the most urgent and up to date list. Contact Mary McQueen or Julie Metcalf if you have any questions.

- **HOLY HOUSEHOLDS Faith Laboratory**
  TODAY and each Sunday 9:45-10:15am in the Parish Hall. Faith is a language and an experience; this is our intergenerational "Sunday School" program where your household can come question, experiment, and learn about our faith!

  Each week, we will have time for exploration, questions, experiments, and reflections. We also have coffee and some breakfast options, to help get you out the door before church.

  All ages and household styles welcome!

- **ADULT FORUM (Today)**
  Our theme for the upcoming year is The Gospel According to….
  We have been exploring the Gospel story from different perspectives and through different voices. We begin now our exploration of our liturgies with the book "Praying Shapes Believing" by Ruth Meyers and Leonel L. Mitchell.

  Have you ever wondered why we do communion the way we do it? Join us for discussions of how our liturgy also expresses the Gospel.

- **MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S**
  Wednesdays
  6:30pm - 7:30pm, Youth Bells
  7:15pm - 8pm, Adult Bells

  Thursdays
  4:30pm - 5pm, Cherub singers, age K - 2nd grade
  5:15pm - 5:45pm, Choristers, age 3rd - 5th grade
  6:30pm - 8pm, St. John's Choir, adults (open to 6th grade and up)

For more information contact Cambria Van de Vaarst at music@stjec.org.

COME JOIN US

TODAY & TOMORROW (OCTOBER 18& 19)

- Women's Shelter Meal Prep and Delivery
  October 18 Prep: 12-2pm STJEC Kitchen
  October 19 Pack & Delivery: 4:15-6:30pm STJEC Kitchen

- Salutations Meeting @ 12:00pm Parish Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Youth Group Movie Afternoon @ 12:00-2:00pm Youth Room
- Esther Deel Wholly Thread & Whine Circle Downstairs Meeting Room @ 12:00pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Women of St. John's In-Person Meeting @7:00pm
  Chili Cook-Off Prep: Organize tickets, s'mores, and s'more!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- St. John's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

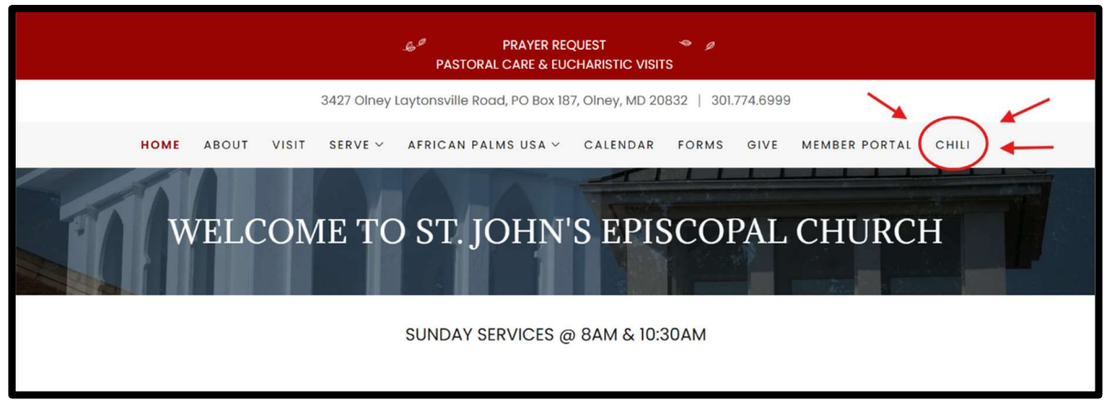
The people stand.

10:30AM

Hymn #372 Praise to the living God!

More Info on Registration and Volunteer Opportunities Can Be Found:

At the Top of Our Website (https://stjec.org)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILI COOK-OFF –** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th – 5:00-7:30 pm

  It is time to save and date and invite friends, families, strangers, in-laws and outlaws to come to our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off!

  We have an audacious goal to raise $10,000 to support all our Community Ministries (Outreach)! The more guests we invite, the less the fundraising is on our shoulders. We can all look forward to a fun evening of music, laughter, games, family fun, warm fire pits, s'mores, and GREAT Chili!

  There will be a Dessert and Cornbread Sale, Adult Beverage Sale, Soda Sale, Gift Basket Auction, and Dessert Auction to raise funds. We need help with all of these efforts!

  The website is updated to sign up for:

  - Registering as a Chef! (There are prizes including cash this year!)
  - Registering to come as a family and/or as an individual!
  - Bringing items for sale and to help with the event
  - Volunteering the day of the event

  Contact Deacon Nancy or check the website (stjec.org) for more information about the event!

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)
Music: *Leoni,* Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern,* 1875, alt.

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.**

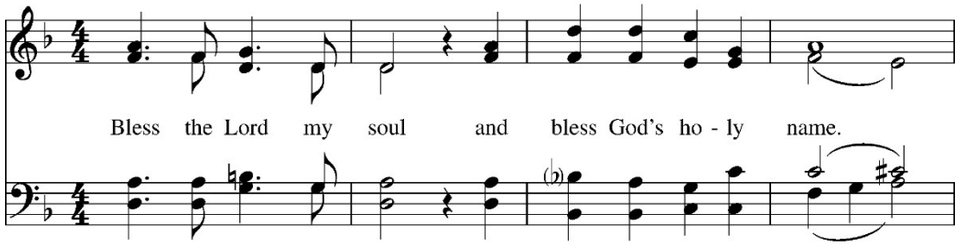
8AM

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



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

Oscar A.
Ricky T.
Jere Rowland
Harry Brooke
Carole
Ivy Choe-Branstetter
Steve Ruff
Mary Persinger
Dean Smith
Kerry W.
Belinda Russell

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.

Hymn #544 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

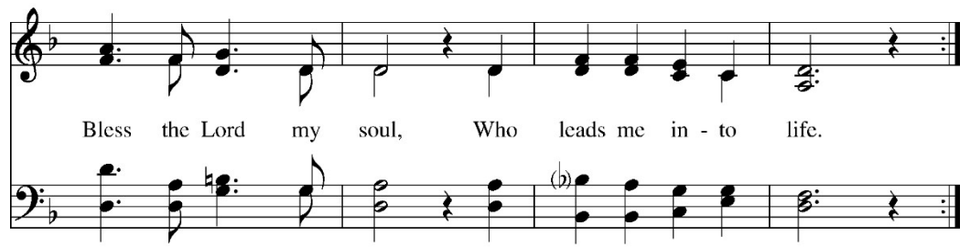
Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people are seated.

Exodus 33:12-23

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your

sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

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.

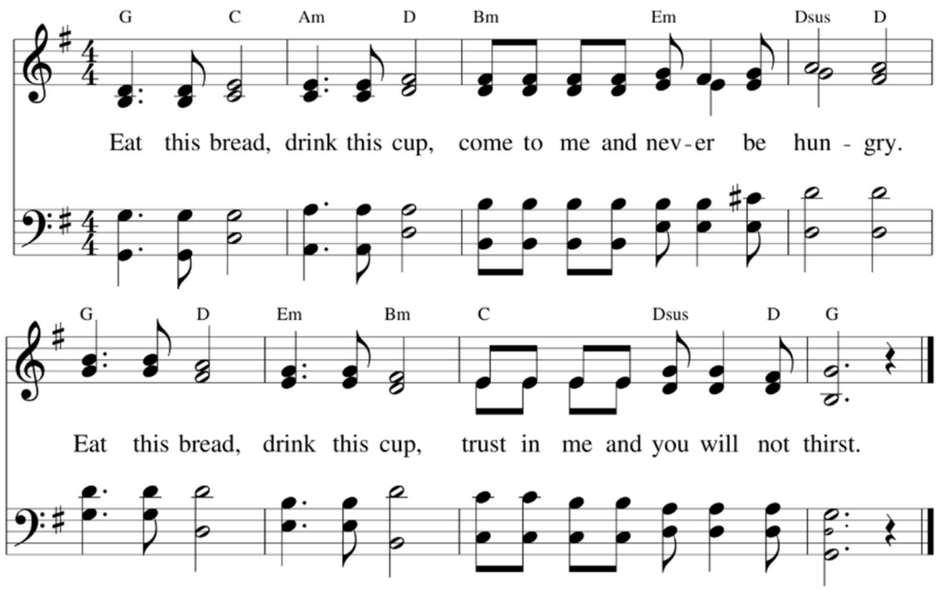
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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 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.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica

Paul, Sylvanus and Timothy, To the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that

he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.

ای پدر آسمانی ما، نام تو مقدّس باد.
پادشاهی تو بیاید.
ارادهٔ تو همان‌طور که در آسمان اجرا می‌شود، در زمین نیز اجرا شود.
نان روزانهٔ ما را امروز به ما بده.
خطاهای ما را ببخش، چنانکه ما نیز خطاکاران خود را می‌بخشیم.
ما را در وسوسه‌ها میاور بلکه ما را از شریر رهایی ده.
زیرا پادشاهی و قدرت و جلال تا ابدالآباد از آن توست. آمین.

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.**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

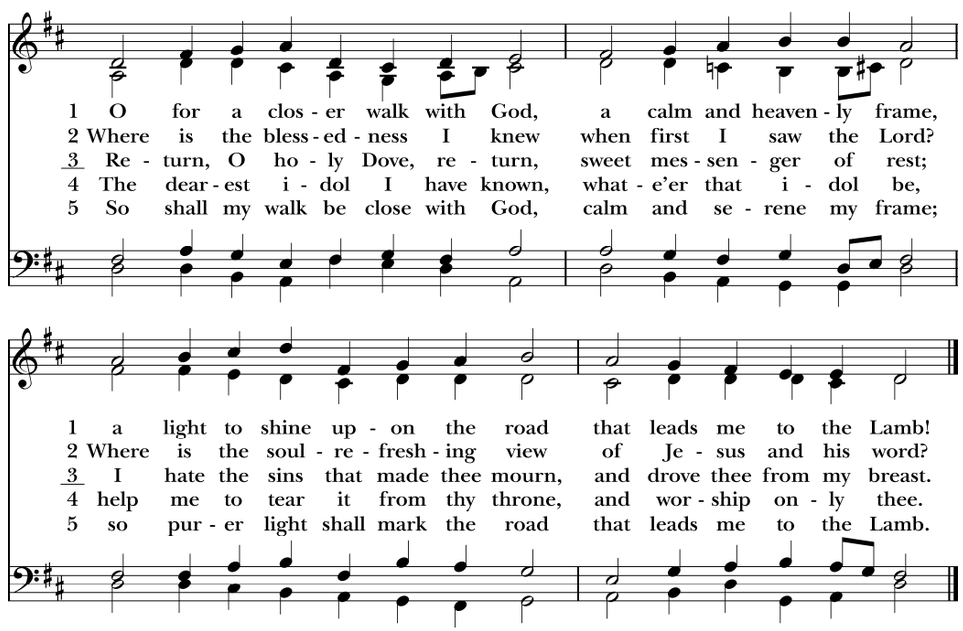
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.

***Hymn* #684** O for a closer walk with God



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-22)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose

title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

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

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.

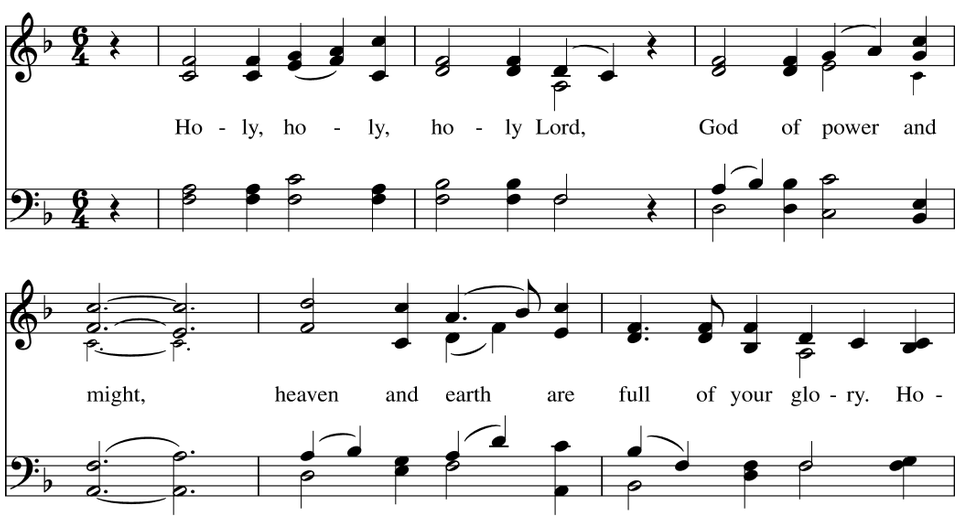
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

8AM

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

10:30AM

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord



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.

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 Hugh and all 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 **Oscar, Ricky, Jere, Harry, Carole, Ivy, Steve, Mary, Dean, Kerry and Belinda**

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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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…