All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026

10:30am

ELW setting 3

Grace Lutheran Church
Wenatchee, WA



Welcome to Grace!

The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.

We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.

You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.

As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.

Holy Communion: *We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!*

If you are worshipping with children: *Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options especially for our young worshipers.* ***Children's bulletins*** *are available from the ushers. We have a* ***Cozy Corner****, with books and quiet activities, in the back part of the sanctuary. We also have a staffed* ***nursery*** *available during our worship gathering. You will find it down the administrative wing, on the left. We also encourage parents and guardians to point out* ***Kids' Cues*** *during the service, as a way to help younger worshipers be more fully engaged.*

Our Mission Statement: *"To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."*

Grace Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

Introduction to the day
All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

A note to children and families: watch for "kids' cues" throughout today's service. These are opportunities to engage in worship and stay connected as all generations of Grace worship together. Parents and other helpers - we encourage you to help your children notice these cues and participate at whatever level is appropriate for them.



WELCOME & KIDS' TALK

PRELUDE *Down to the River to Pray* American Gospel, arr. Robert Lee
Voices of Grace

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; O sisters (brothers/fathers/mothers/sinners), let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Please stand as you are able.



Kids' Cue

Join Pastor at the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTSIM
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
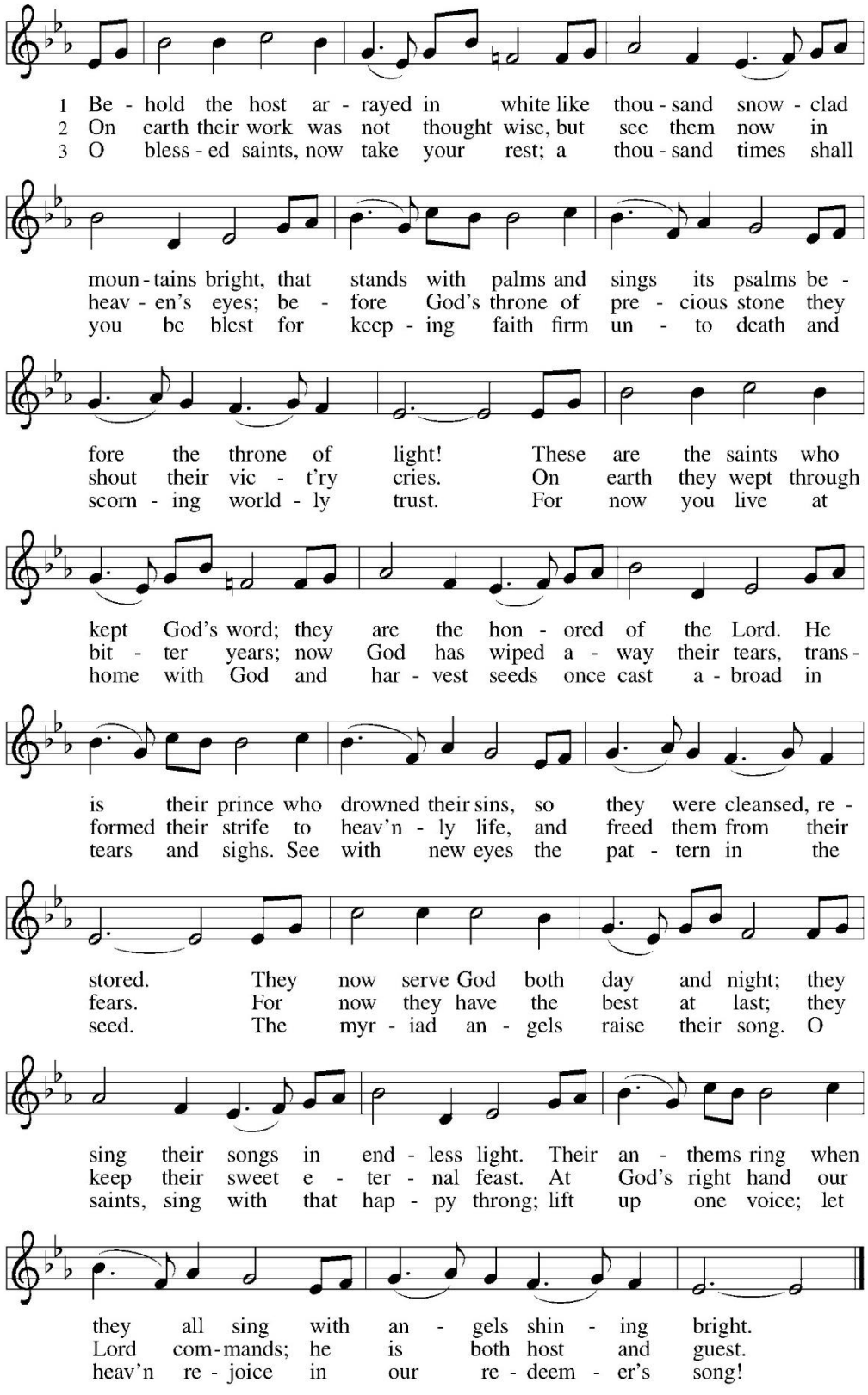
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW #425, *Behold the Host Arrayed in White*

Harmonies may be found in ELW – the cranberry hymnal.



Kids' Cue

Walk with Pastor to the front, then go back to your family.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907
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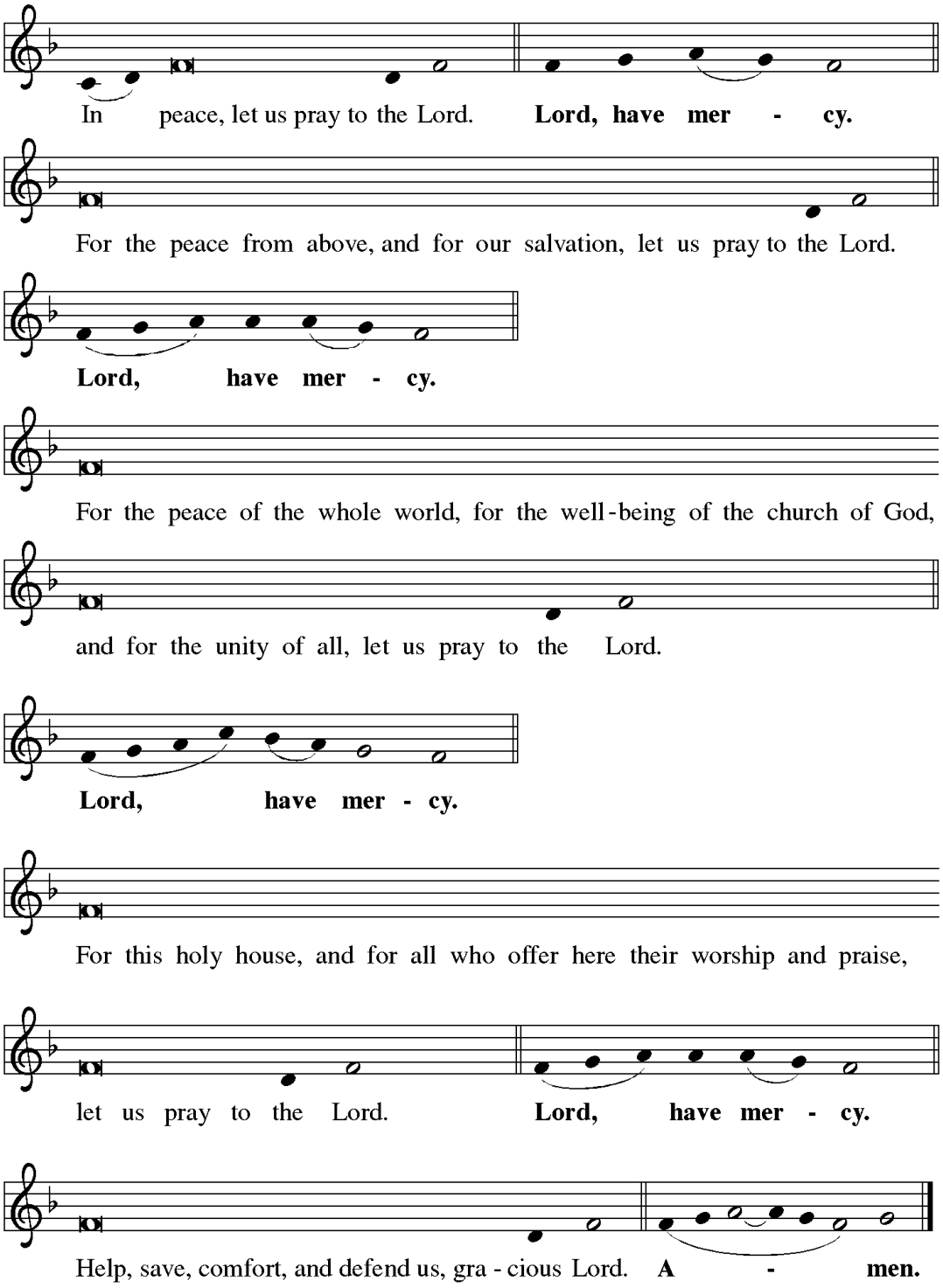
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
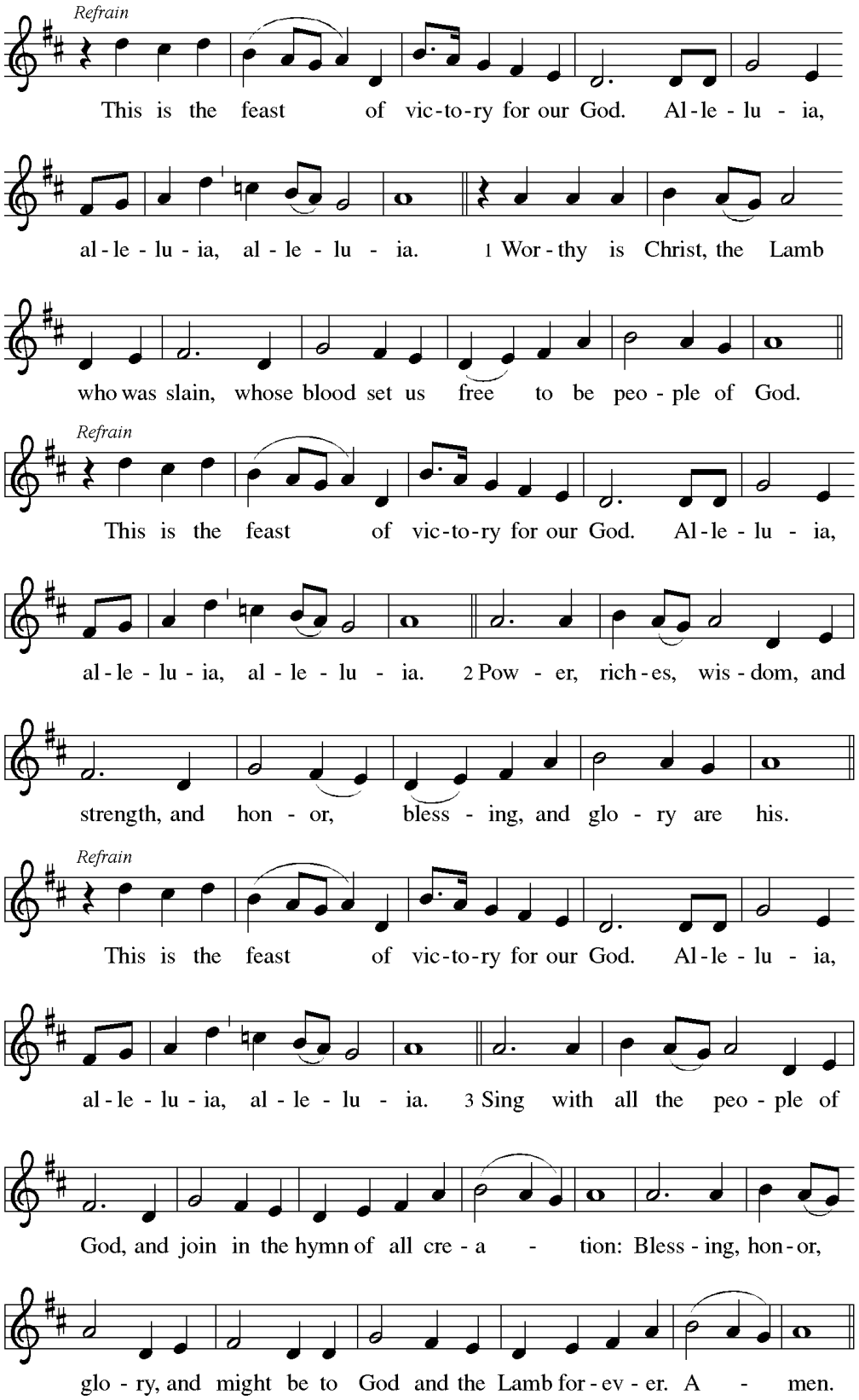


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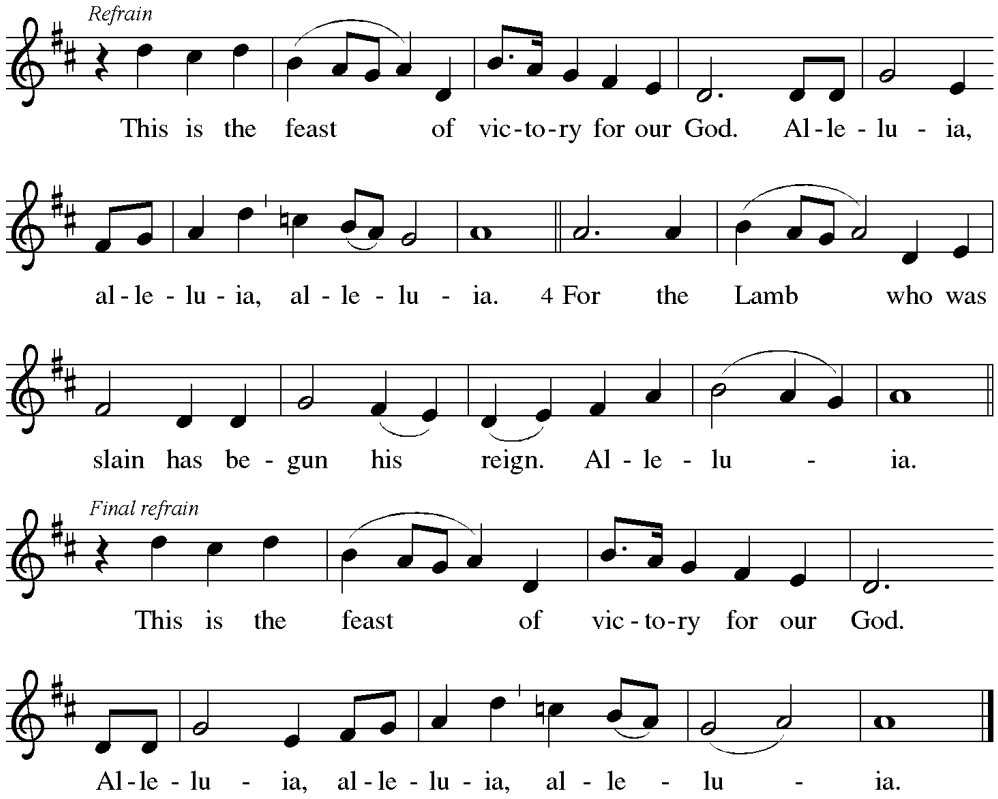
Extend your hands to also share your blessing with Pastor.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

+ + + WORD + + +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

[11] And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
[12] singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."



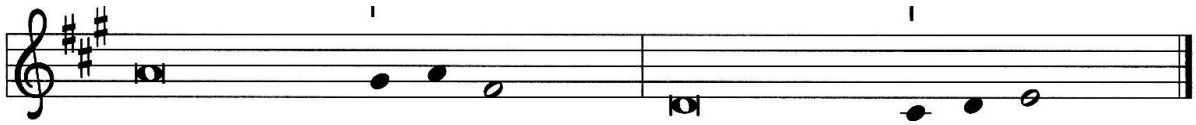
Kids' Cue

What does it mean that God shelters us?

[13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14] I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
[15] For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
[16] They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
[17] for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10; 22



Right side: [1] I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

Left side: [2] **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

Right side: [3] Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.

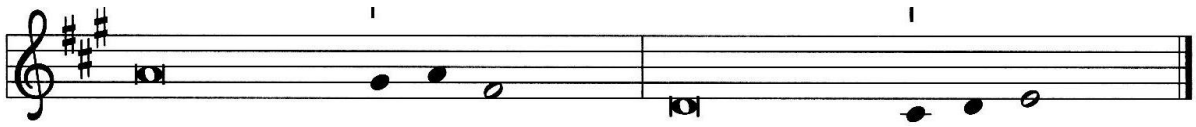
Left side: [4] **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

Right side: [5] Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

Left side: [6] **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.

Right side: [7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.

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Left side: [8] **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

Right side: [9] Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.

Left side: [10] **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.

Right side: [22] O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A reading from 1st John.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

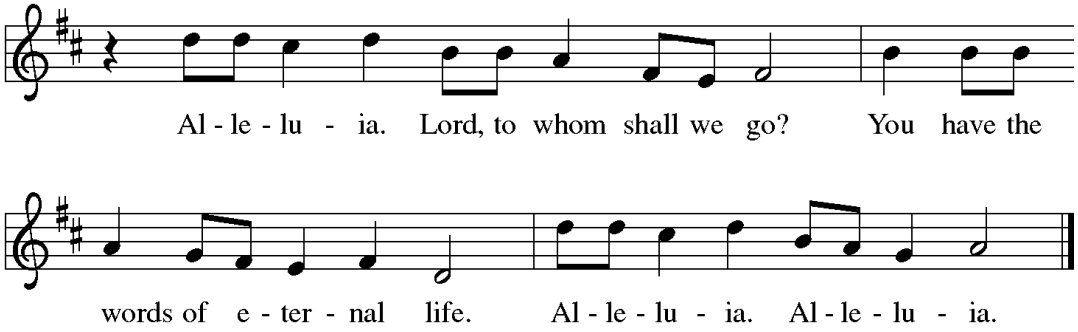


Kids' Cue

Make a list of all God's children who are part of your life!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.



Kids' Cue

Draw a picture of Jesus blessing people.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely
on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

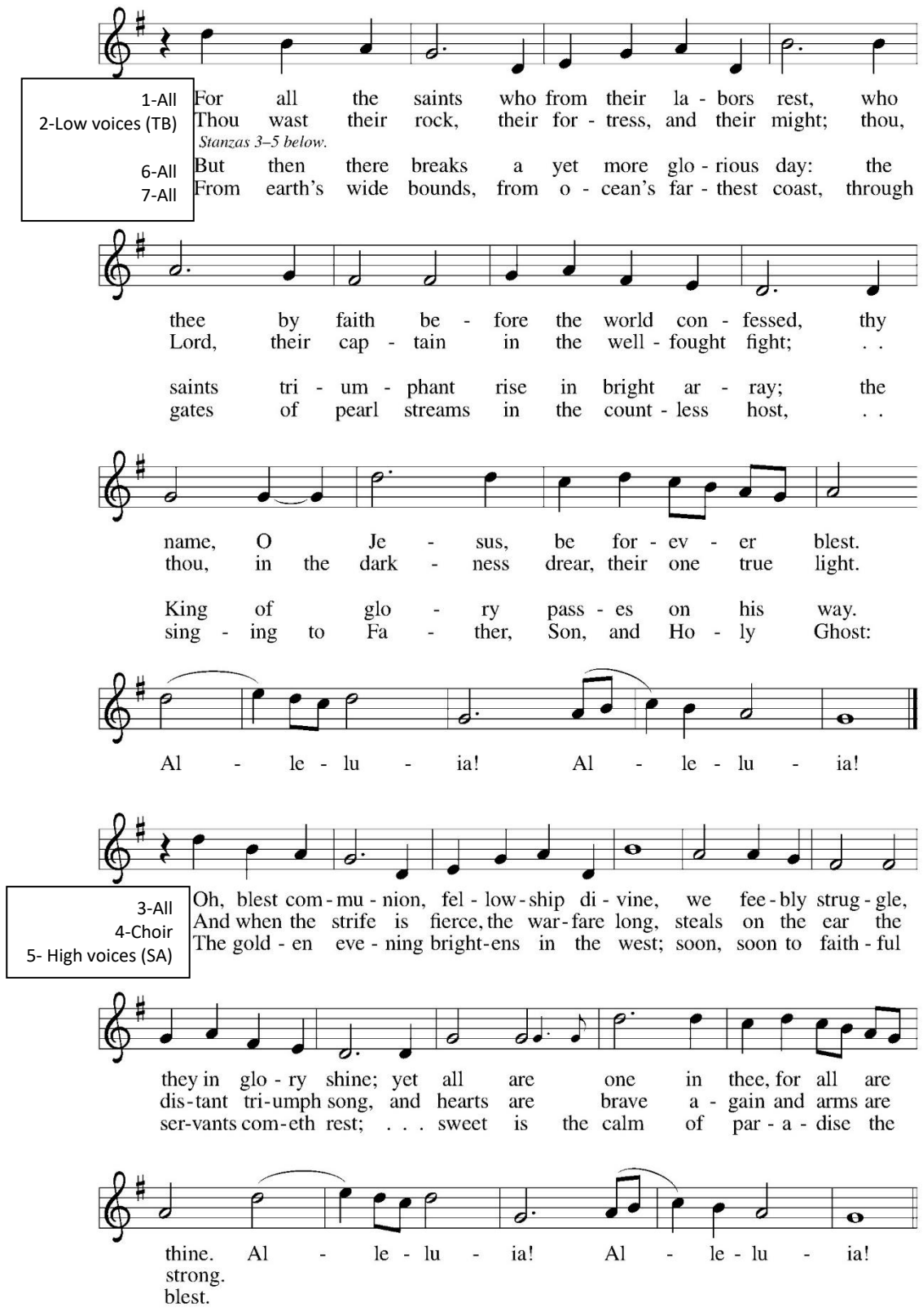
Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #422, *For All the Saints*



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.



Kids' Cue

Close your eyes and "listen deeply" to everything around you.

After each portion of the prayers:
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

… and now rest from their labors.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints.

God of all time … will inspire future generations.

Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

+ + + MEAL + + +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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MUSICAL OFFERING *In Paradisum* Gabriel Fauré

Voices of Grace

(Sung in Latin.)

In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise:
may the martyrs receive you as you arrive,
and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

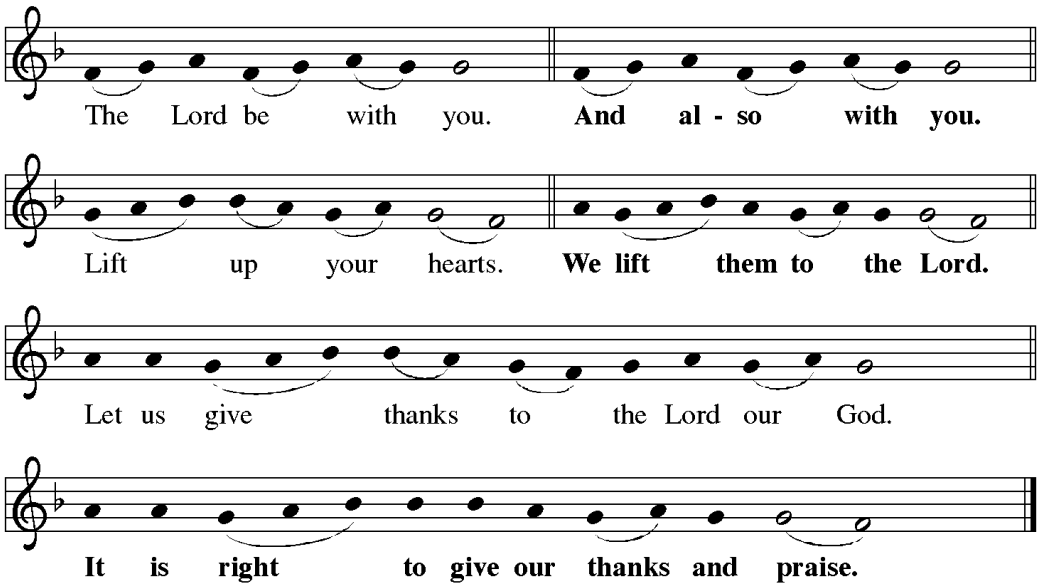
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



Kids' Cue

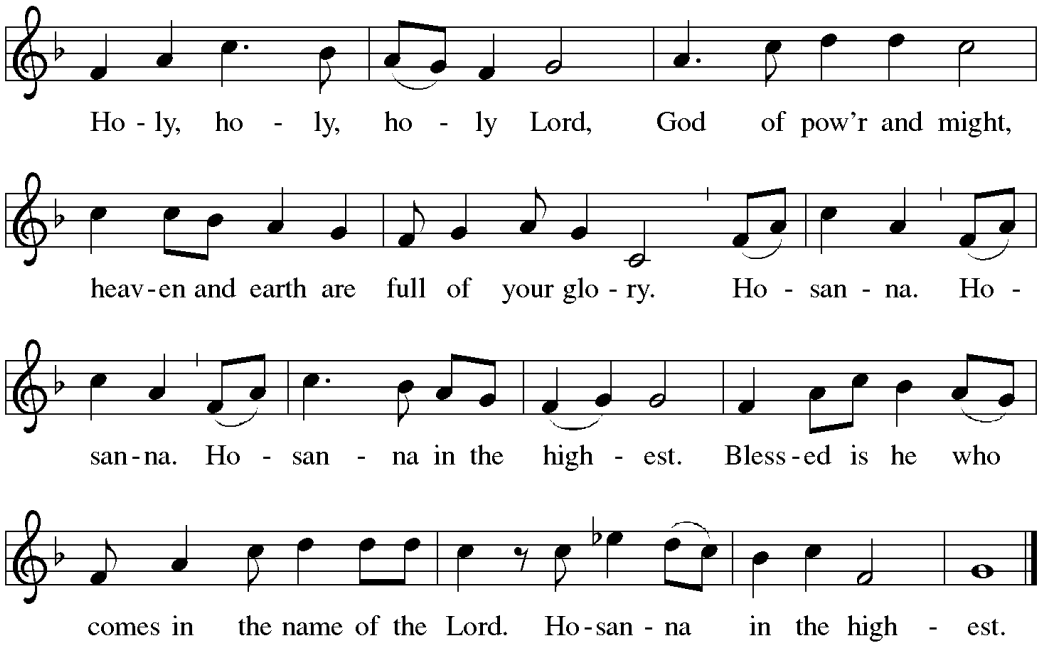
Which of your abilities can you offer for God's service?

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE
It is indeed right … join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night … for the remembrance of me. **Amen.**



Kids' Cue

Watch for Pastor to lift up the bread and then the wine.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



Kids' Cue

What does God's glory look like?

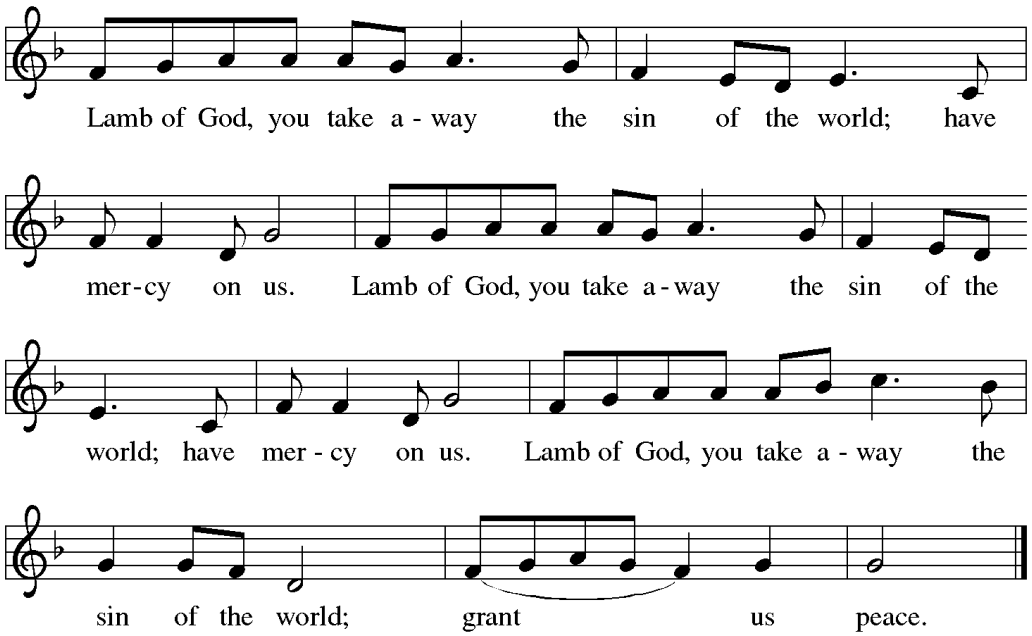
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated.

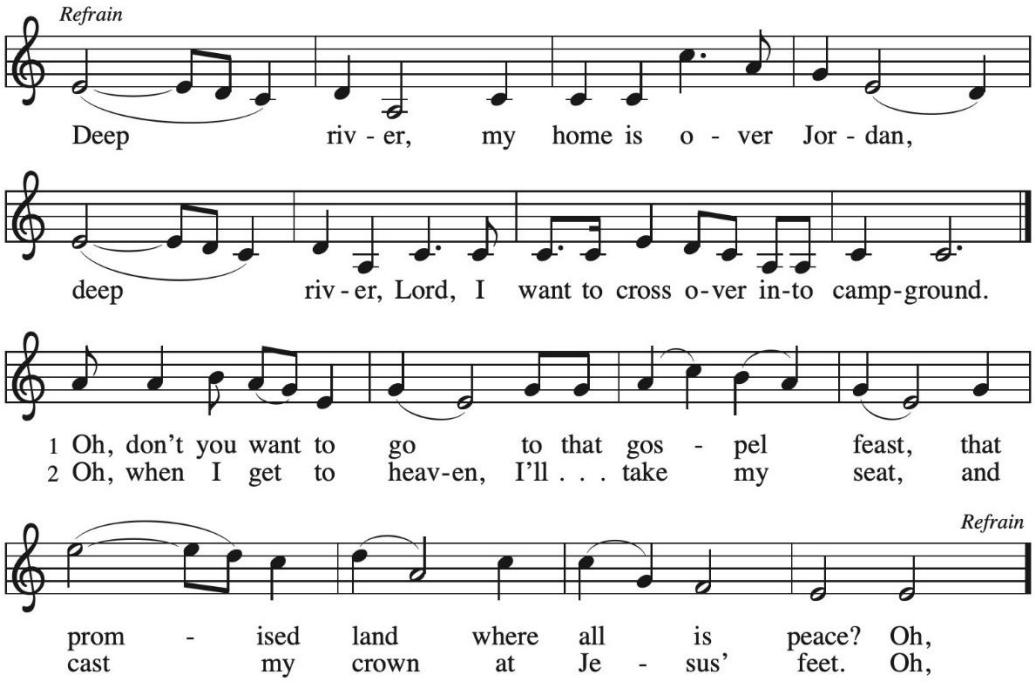
COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

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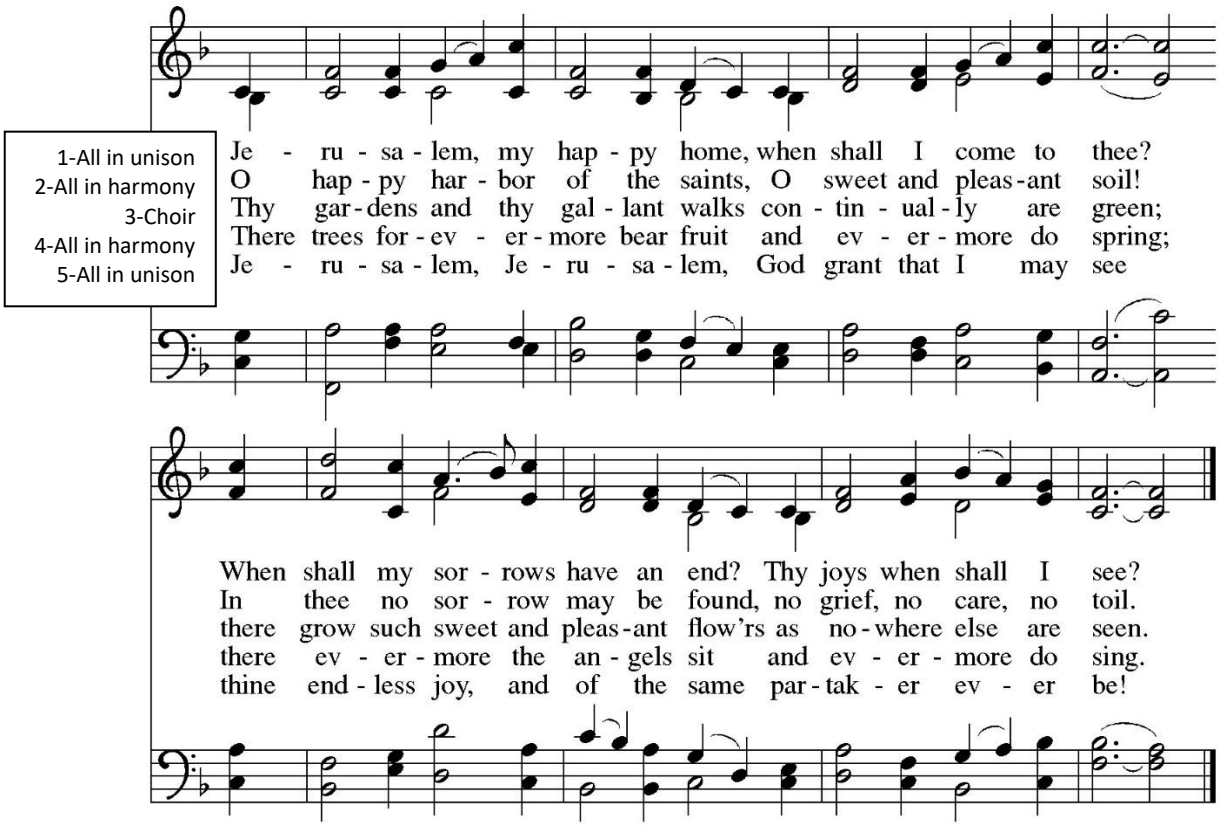


DISTRIBUTION SONG *Deep River*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual

DISTRIBUTION SONG ELW #628, *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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MUSICAL OFFERING *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry, arr. Venita MacGorman
Bells of Grace

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please be seated.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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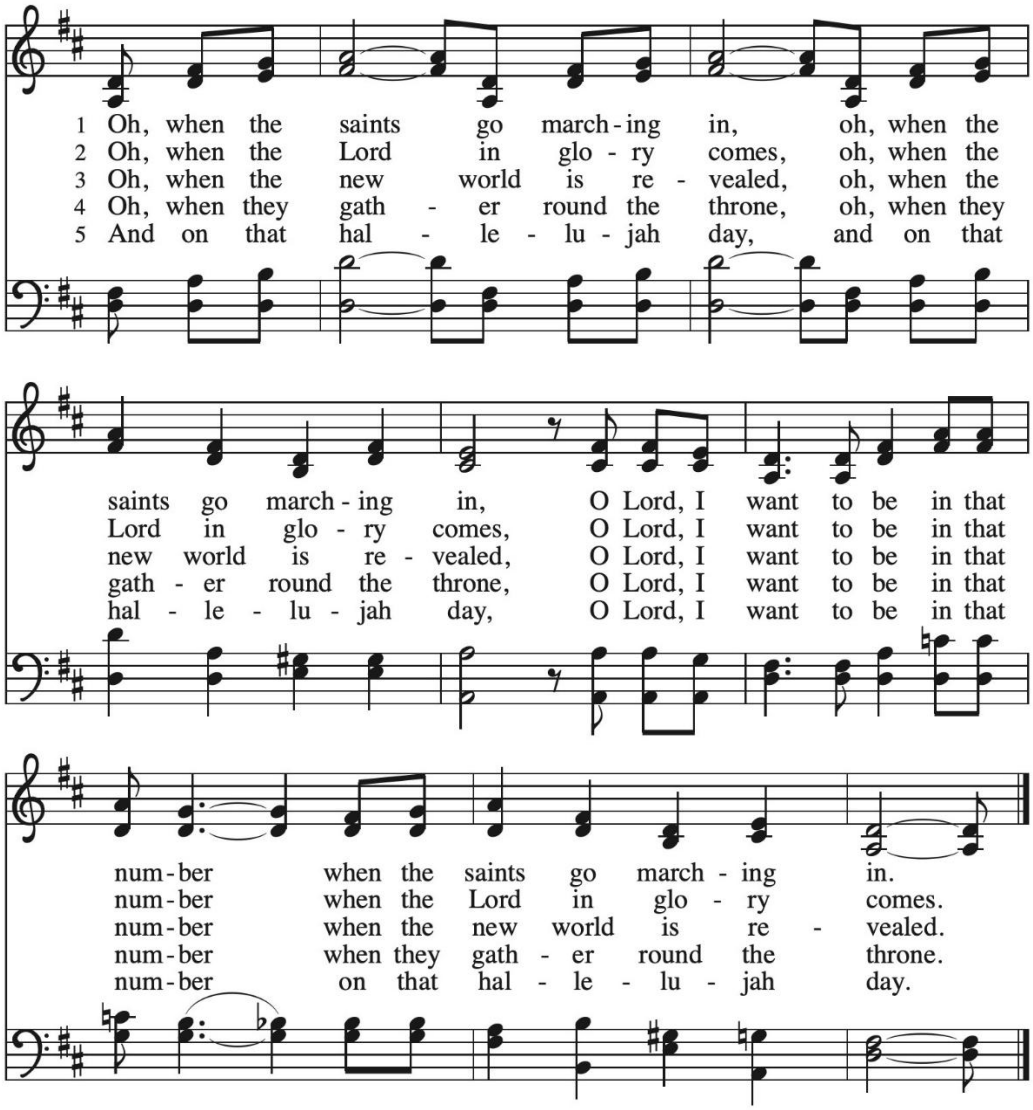


Kids' Cue

Try holding your hands out, like you are receiving a big gift.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.



Kids' Cue

Respond with loud joy.

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. Ryan Gabbart
Brass Ensemble

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Serving in Today's Worship

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Cantor:	Carolyn Bentsen
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About a few of today's songs

For All the Saints: Based on the picture of a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church. Vaughan Williams' magnificent marching tune makes this a contemporary version of "When the saints go marching in."

Deep River: Originally composed by people who were enslaved, this African American spiritual describes a longing for "campground." Camp meeting revivals were a fixture of the Second Great Awakening of the early nineteenth century. For those who were enslaved, the revivals offered a rare opportunity to find respite from labor for authentic worship with less oversight by slaveholders. Campground was a space of relative freedom that became a metaphor for the heavenly liberation promised by God. In the hymn, the deep river Jordan separates the singers from campground, but the river is also an entryway for God's beloved, just as it was for the Israelites entering the promised land (Josh. 3:14-17).

Jerusalem, My Happy Home: Several different sources have been found for this text, but it would seem that it may be by Francis Baker (a Roman Catholic priest) who based it on a meditation by Augustine on the hoped-for peace of Jerusalem, the holy city of heaven, where all will be peace and joy. Like many "old fashioned" texts, it owes its present popularity to the delightful early American folk tune LAND OF REST.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In: This beloved spiritual has been part of the musical fabric of the American civil rights movement, funerals, and popular culture since the early twentieth century. It comes out of the oral tradition of African American song where tune, harmony, and text are shared and adapted from one community to another. The text presented here is one of many variants in widespread use, and the harmony is but one of numerous possibilities. Assemblies should not feel bound to the printed page with music from the oral tradition. The freeing power of improvised harmonies, call-and-response adaptation, or altering the melody to a local tradition can express the joy-filled promise of eternity where saints from all times and places are gathered.

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