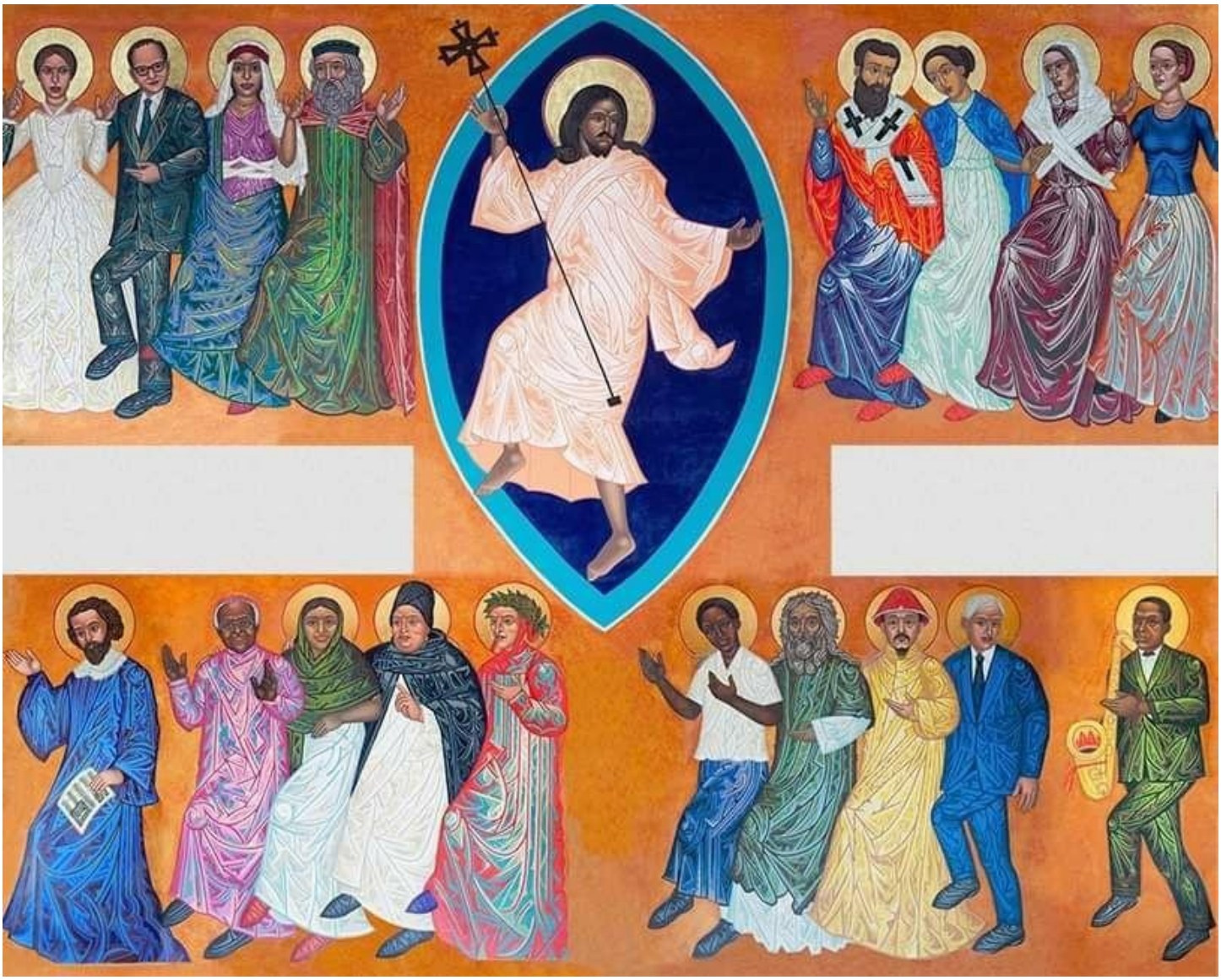
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

All Saints Day
November 1, 2026



"The Dancing Saints" mural by Mark Dukes in St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, San Francisco, CA.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
"KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD'S LOVE!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able. At this time, your candles will be lit.)

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, forgiven, and restored
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and gracious,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and grace, you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

P: In baptismal waters, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are washed away, you are ✢ forgiven,
and in them, you are born anew.
C: Amen.

***COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**

A: Loving God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith, service, and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(A chime will ring after the recitation of each name.)

A: We now remember the recently departed, especially …

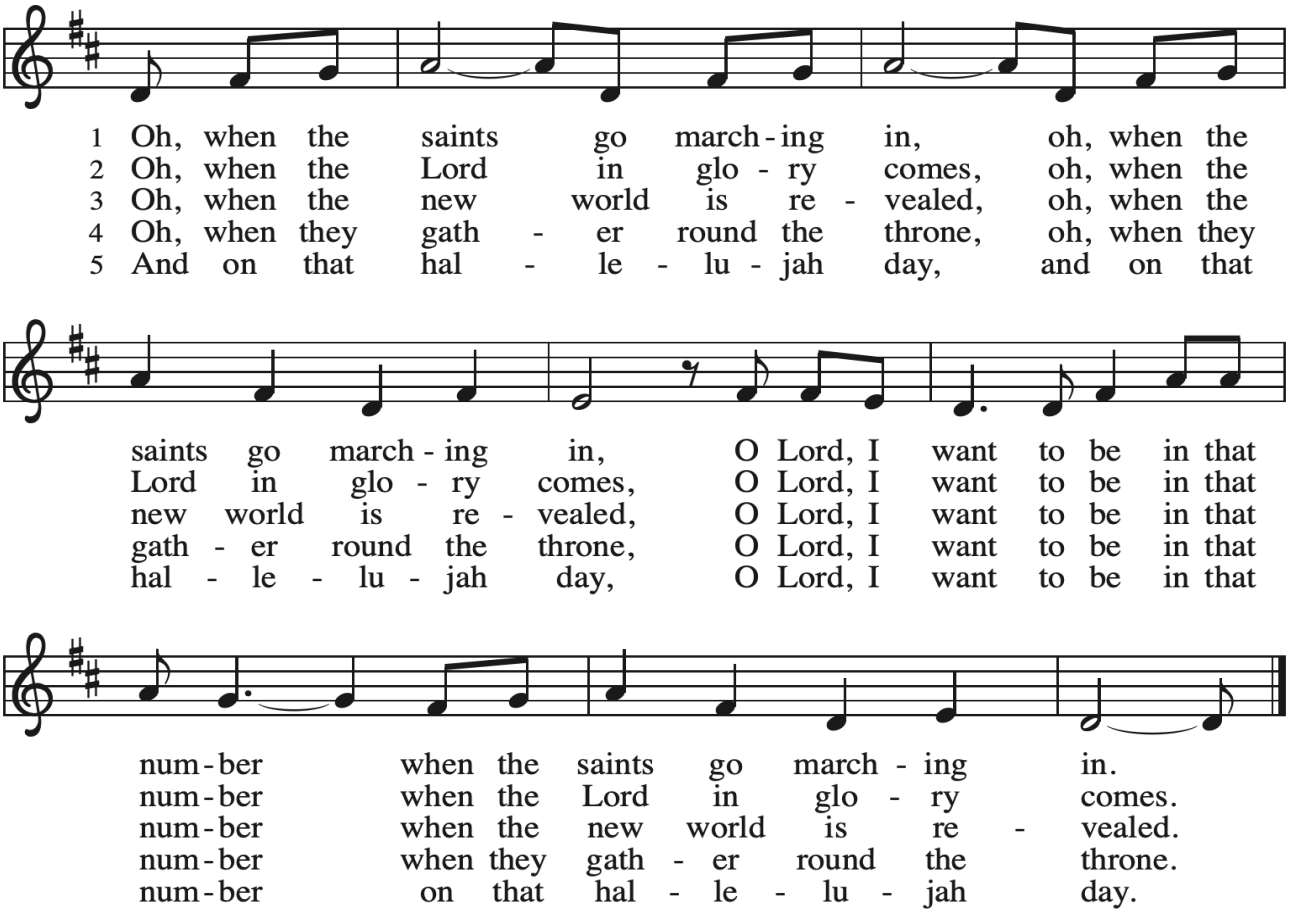
Peter Kanz
Dudley Henriques
Geralyn Gerakaris
JoAnn Williams
Diane Varano
Lynn McGrane
Cookie Heaps
Sandra Alkins
Henry Kuhn
Rose Marie D'Aprile
Mike DiBona
Maureen Colahan
Irene Hunter

A: Let us also remember our loved ones who have joined that Great Cloud of Witnesses, and, for whom, our hearts remember them this day, especially …

Louise Maurer
Frank Maurer
George Kline
Gary Kline
Mike Kline
James Connet
Margaret Connet
Roy Crowthers
Lyn Crowthers
Roy Crowthers
Sophie Crepack
Mike Crepack
Mike Grossi
Rose Grossi
Joey Gruhler
Joe Gruhler
Margaret Colahan
John Colahan
Raymond D'Agostino
Ronald D'Agostino
Doris Kline
Kevin Kline
Jack Kline
Betty Lucas
Jack Lucas

(After the last name is remembered, please extinguish your candle.)

*GATHERING SONG: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: 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 for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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."
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."

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 1st John 3:1-3

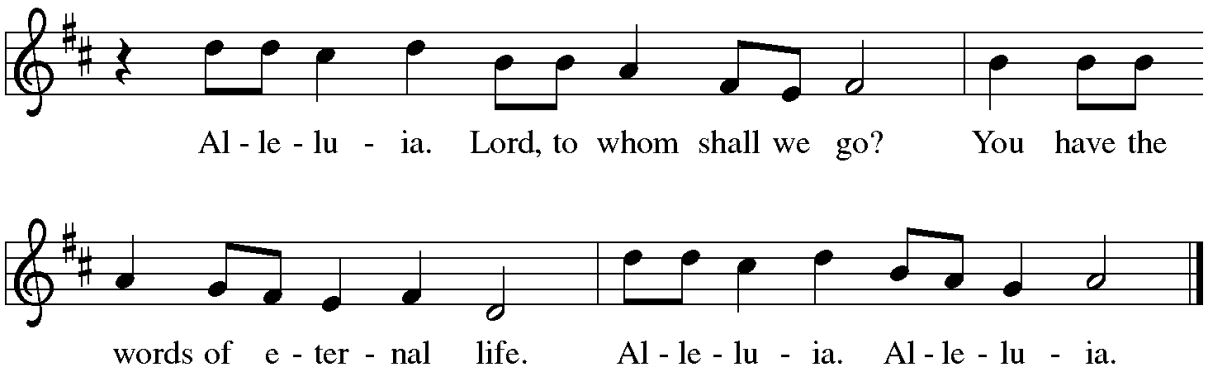
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 3)



GOSPEL**: **Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C: 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."

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Rev. Christopher Drummond**

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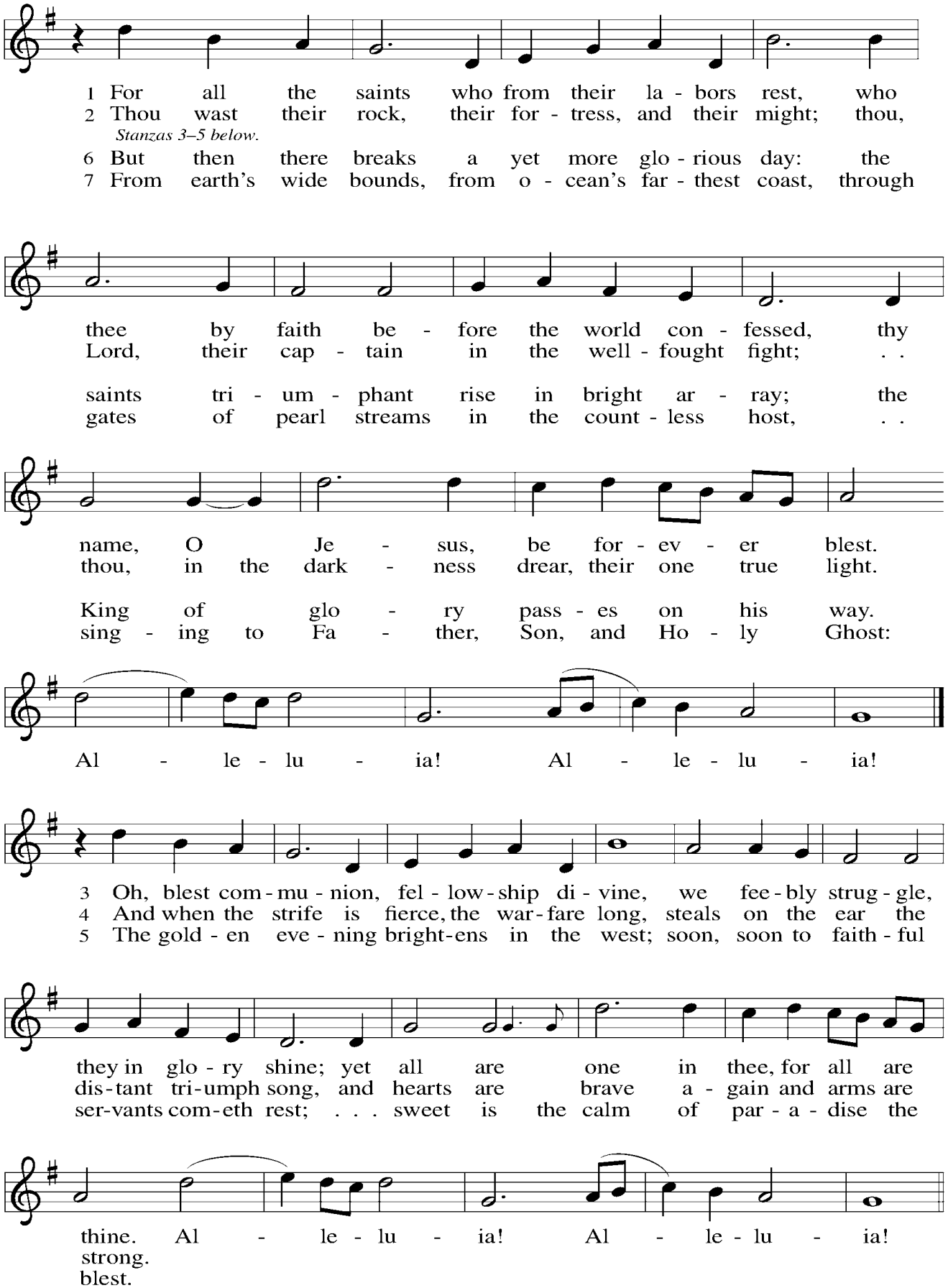
*HYMN OF THE DAY: For All the Saints (Vv. 1-3, 6-7)



***RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

P: Let us join with all the saints who have committed themselves to Christ, as we renew our baptismal vows.

Do you believe in God?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

(Please remain standing)
***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**
A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

O Most Holy One, enliven the Church for its mission
C: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.
A: Breathe fresh life into your people.
C: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.
A: We pray for the world. *(Pause)* Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
C: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
A: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
C: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.
A: We pray for the needs of this community. We also pray for the sick, especially: ***Lisa, Betty, Lou, Jackie, Anne, Phyllis, Jackie, Lois, Jean, Eileen, Linda, Joan, Harry, John, Dolores, Bill, Nikki, Suzie, Annie, Marie, Hugh, Jack, Johnathan, Sonya, Shirley May, Stephen, Nick, Nancy, Harry, David, Diane, Joan, John, Naomi,*** as well as those whom we now lift up out loud or in the silence of our hearts. *(Pause)*

A: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
C: That all may act with integrity and courage.

A: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
C: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Amen.

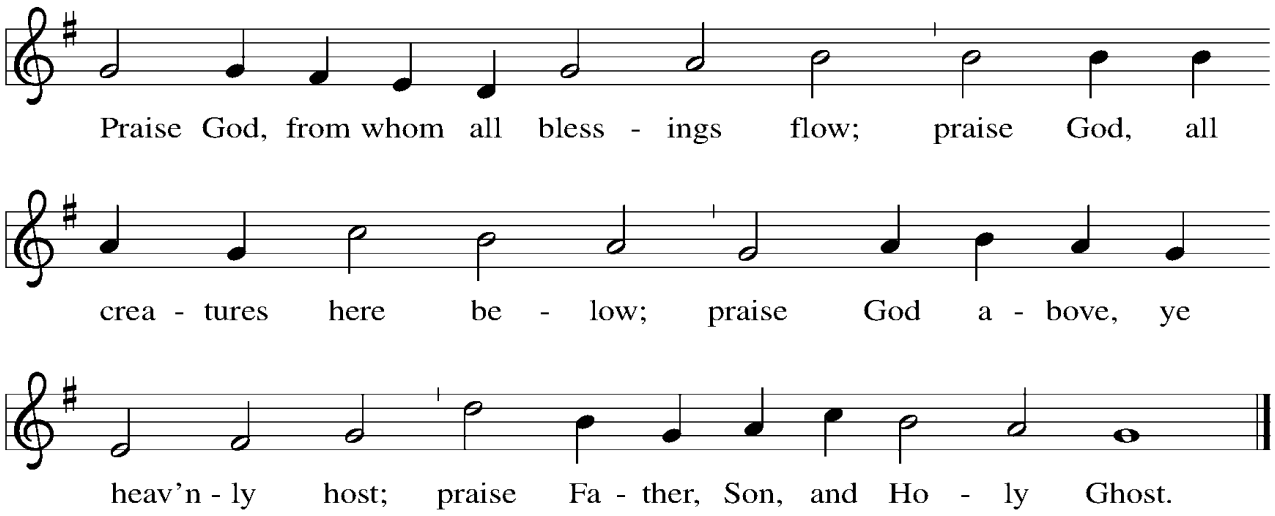
PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)
OFFERING PRAYER:
A: Generous God, all good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor.
C: Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:
DOXOLOGY (ELW 885)



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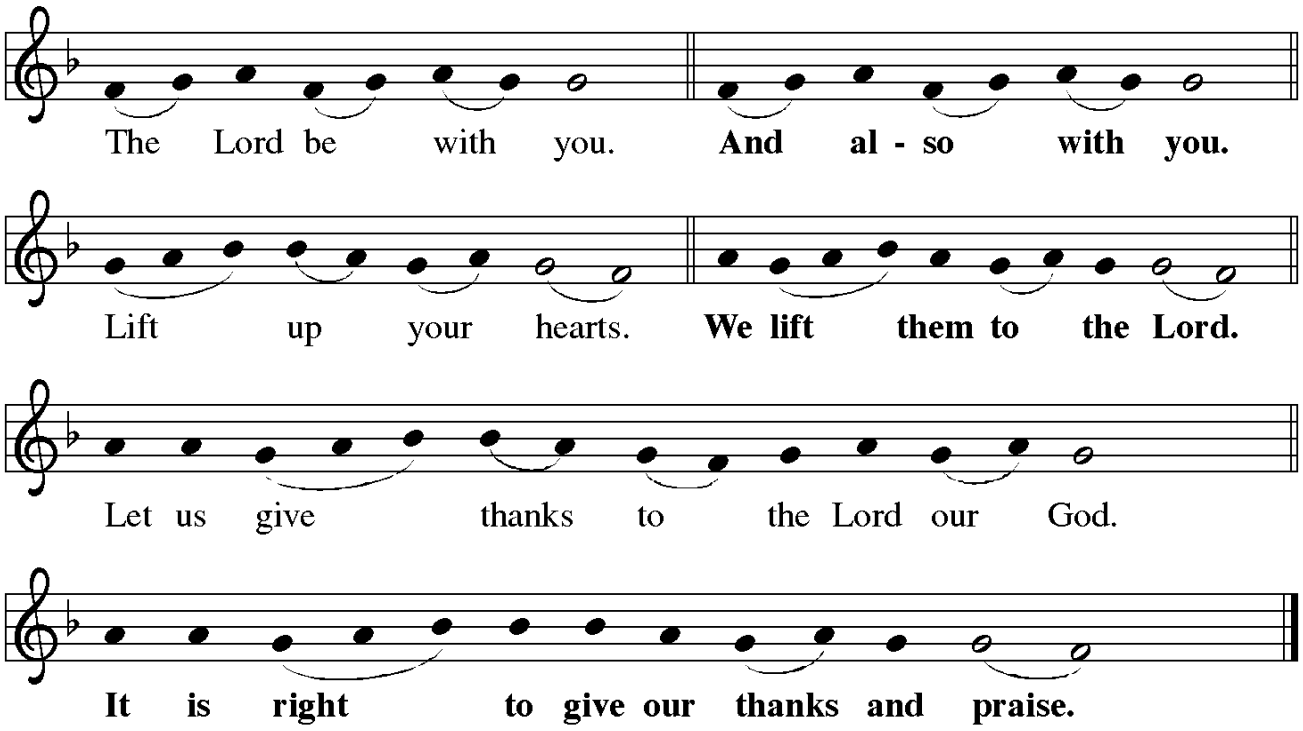
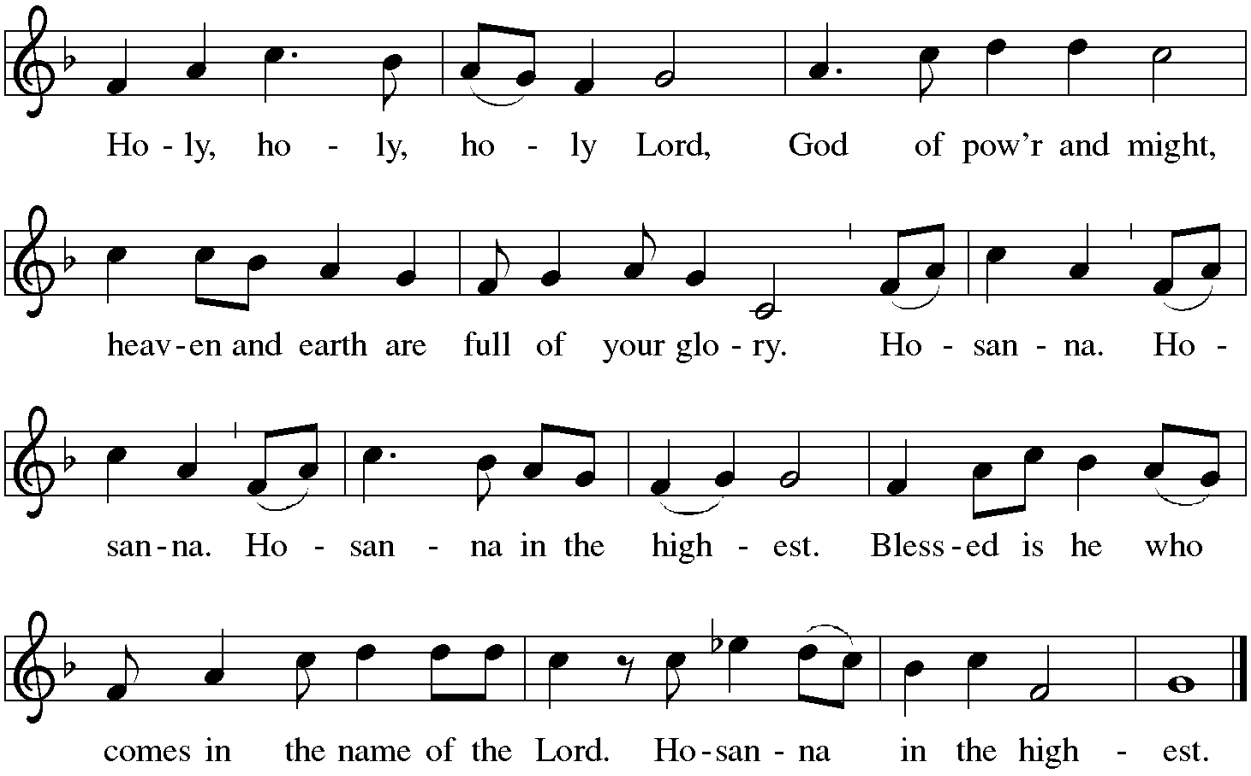
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy […] And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven: we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we sing:



P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner;
among the poor; with us now.**

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;
within this meal; among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church,
without end.
C: Amen.

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

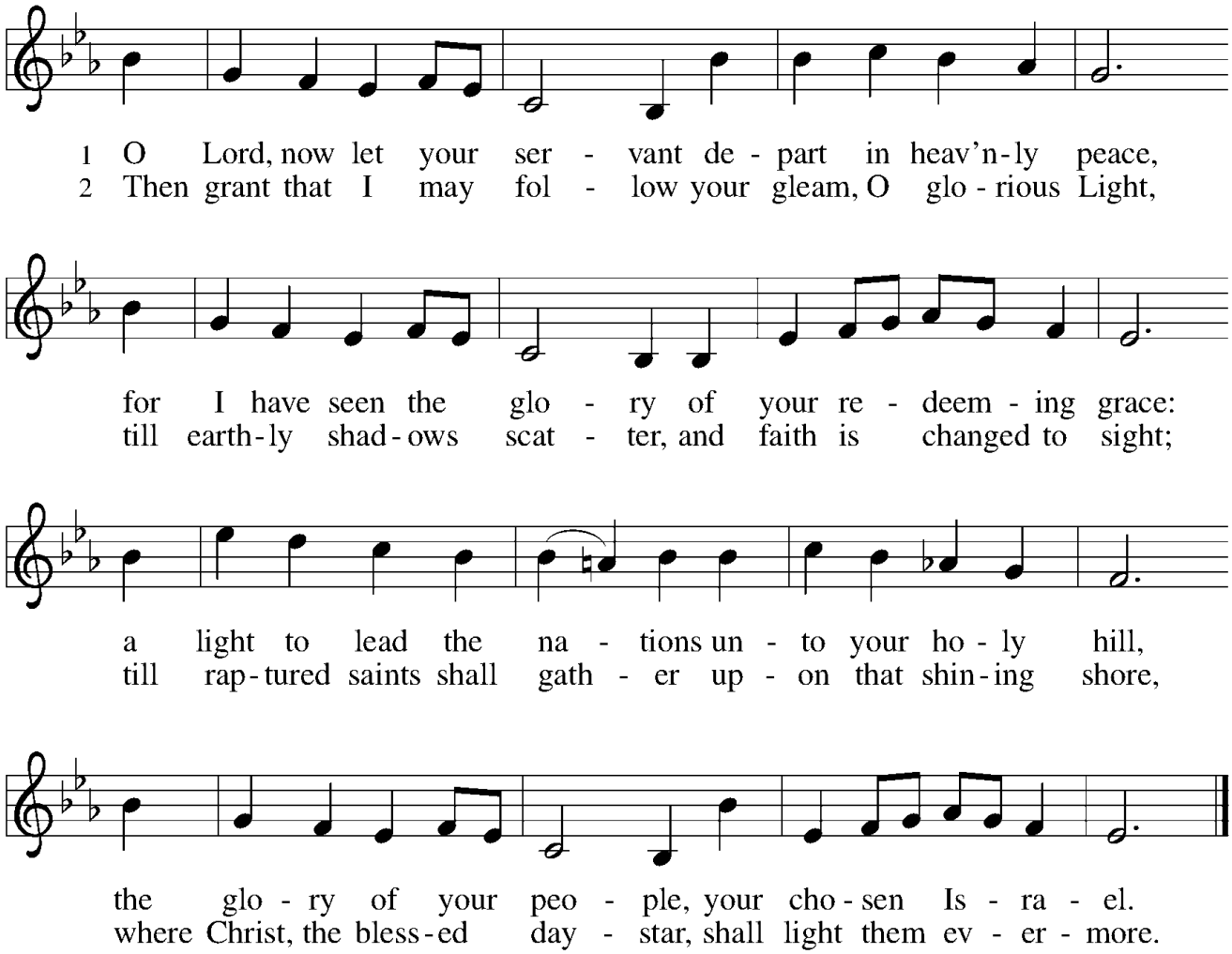
(Please stand as you are able.)

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION SONG: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: 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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Creator, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you

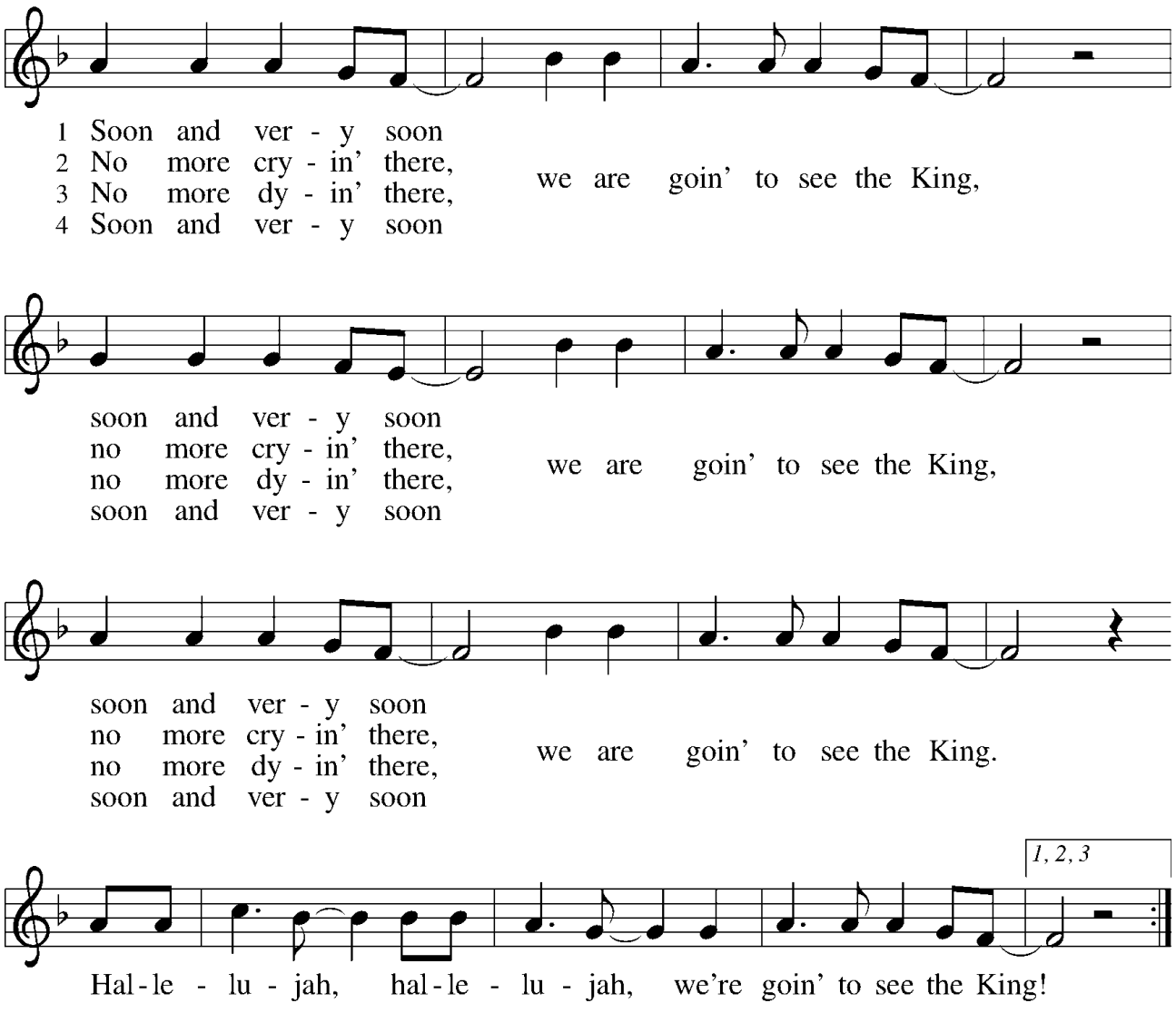
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

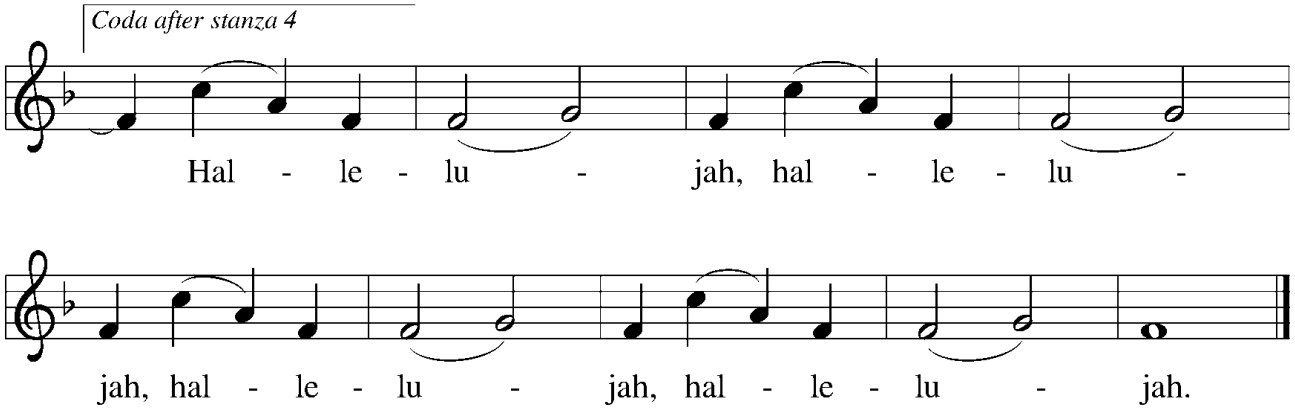
+ SENDING +

*BLESSING

P: Please bow your heads […] And the blessing of our most-loving God:
☩ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)





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*DISMISSAL

A: God is love.
C: Jesus teaches us to love.
A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us
C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of my family by Gary Pysher.

Sep's Income: $ 7,105
Sep's Expense: $ 9,510 Average Attendance: 16

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 11/1	**Scheduled to serve 11/8**
Meghan G.– Assisting Minister	*Greg C. – Assisting Minister*
Gary P. – Usher	*Alan S./Alan D. - Usher*
Crepacks – Counters	*Christensen - Counter*
Meghan G.– Altar	*Volunteer - Altar*

********************WEEKLY CALENDAR*****************

Mon, Nov 2	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Nov 3	**Election Day (Hall)**
Wed, Nov 4	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Nov 5	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Sat, Nov 7	**10:00am – AA (Hall)**
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Nov 8	**10:15am – Worship**
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **On 11/22 (Sunday), a "Pulpit Swap"**; Pastor Lee will preach and lead the 10:15am service here at Holy Spirit, and Pastor Drummond will do the same at St. Matthew (9:00am) and Immanuel (11:00am).
- **On 12/12 (Saturday) starting at 4pm, Christmas Caroling and a Potluck Chili Supper (with holiday treats!).** Caroling will start at Holy Spirit, and then we'll go down to Immanuel to sing and then get warm with a chili supper. A sign-up sheet will be available outside of the office.

**********PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**********

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan
Diane Kuhn
Naomi Mastrocola
Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris
Sonya Baxter
David Pysher
Joan & John Grossi

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, Joan Grossi and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NURSERY SCHOOL COIN HARVEST - Once again this year, the Nursery School will be doing a "Coin Harvest" during the month of November. This year we would like to invite the Holy Spirit congregation to join us in our coin collection. During the month of November, there will be a container marked "Coin Harvest" in the hallway. Please consider

helping us by bringing some extra change each week to donate! All proceeds will be donated to help feed the homeless.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - It is almost time for our annual Breakfast with Santa event **(December 5th)** and we are asking the congregation for some assistance.
With the significant rise in the cost of food we are having trouble purchasing everything we need to provide a quality breakfast. We are hoping that members of the congregation will be willing to donate some of the items needed.
We have put a list of some of the items needed on the table in the front hall and ask that you please sign up to provide items for the breakfast. **All donations need to be at the church by Monday November 30.**
If you prefer to donate cash and let us do the shopping, please see Bill or Cyndi Kline.
Thank you very much for your willingness to help.

COUNCIL MEETING – Dec 8th at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room.

COFFEE HOUR–Nov 15th after service sponsored by the Klines.

ALTAR – We are in **need** of **volunteers for November** and **December** to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office**. Flowers are $20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is $15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Saintly Sinners, Sinful Saints

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great flotilla of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

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