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9:15 AM - November 1, 2026 - All Saints' Sunday

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

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.

Blessed Are the Humble

Verse 1

Blessed are the humble
In spirit
For theirs is the kingdom
Of heaven
And blessed are the mourners
They will find comfort
And blessed are the lowly
They shall reign (they shall reign)
On the earth (on the earth)

Chorus

Oh how You bless us Lord
Blessing upon blessing Lord
Making us a blessing
A blessing for the world
Oh how You bless us Lord
Blessing upon blessing Lord
Making us a blessing
A blessing for the world

Verse 2

And blessed are those who hunger
Who thirst for justice
For surely You'll fill them
Completely
And those who show mercy
Will be shown mercy
And blessed are the pure hearts
They'll see God (they'll see God)
They'll see God (they'll see God)

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

And blessed are peacemakers
Called the sons of God
Blessed are those oppressed
For righteousness' sake
For theirs shall be
Shall always be
Yes theirs shall be
Heaven's kingdom

Repeat Chorus

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PEACE

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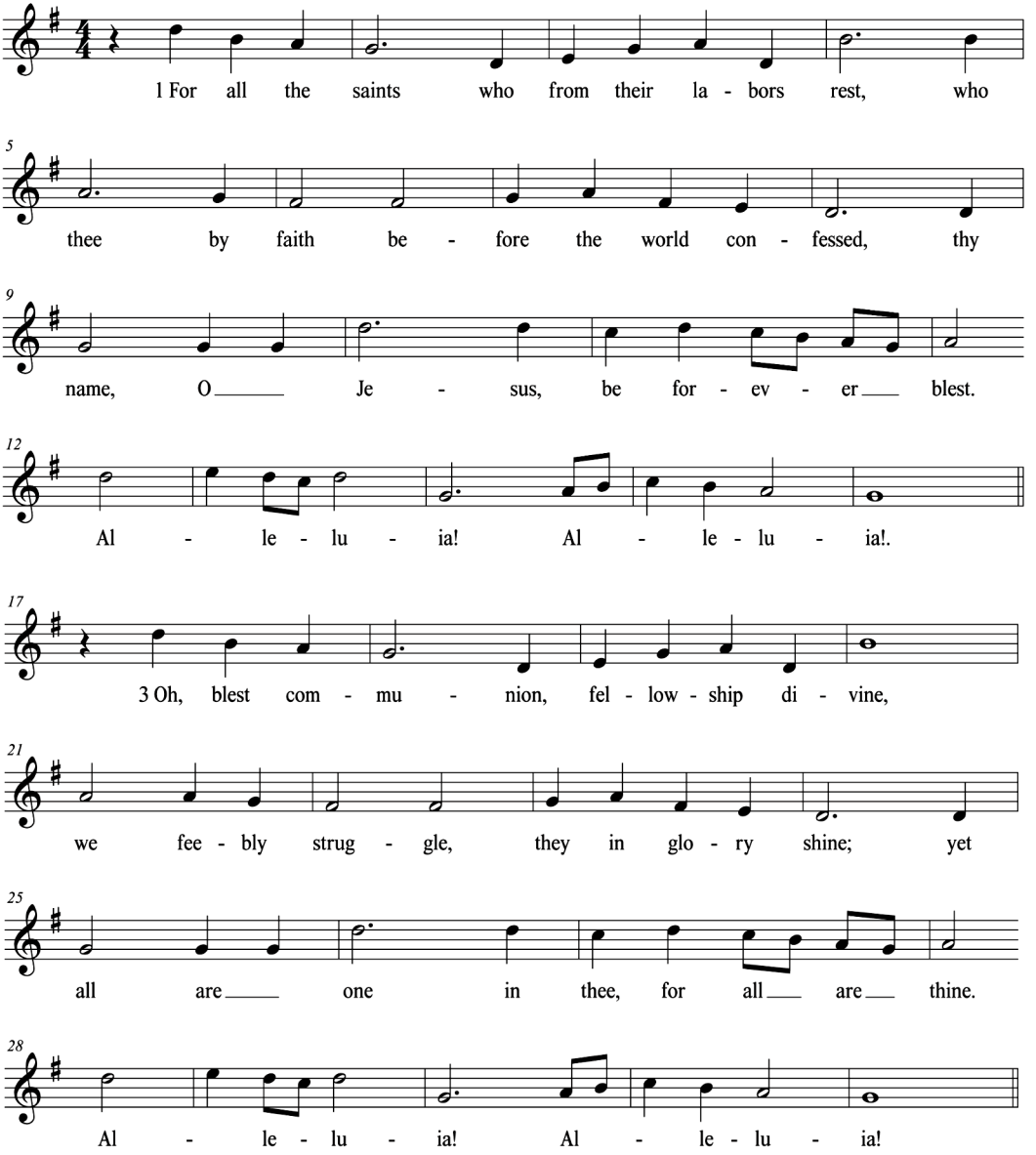
Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

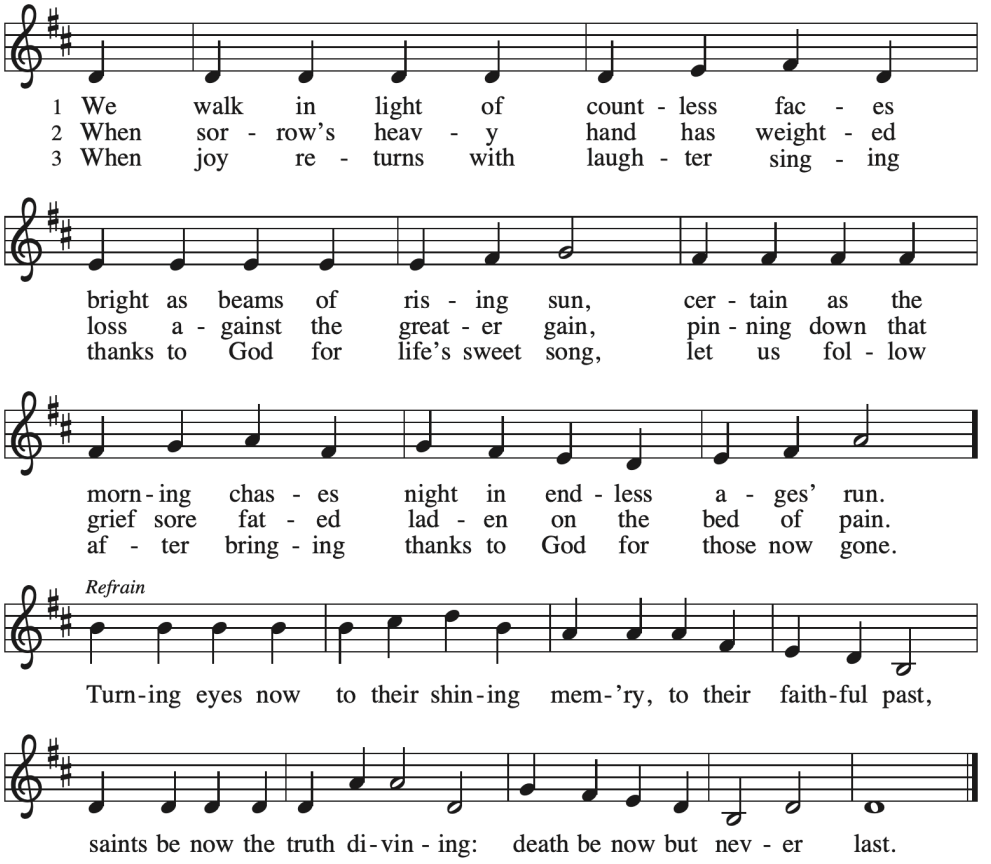
For All the Saints



Today we remember the saints of God in all ages, and we celebrate the lives of those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year: Robert Lybrand, Jr., Michael Rodgers, Barbara Raulerson, Al Jordan, Melvin Manus, John Gray, Grace Kelly, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Emma Lou Easley, Carolyn Smith, Venning Morrison, Sr., Josephine Croft, Brice Matthews, Ramona "Mona" Myers, Pastor Luther Swicegood, David Senn.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES BY CONGREGATION IN REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES.

Death Be Never Last



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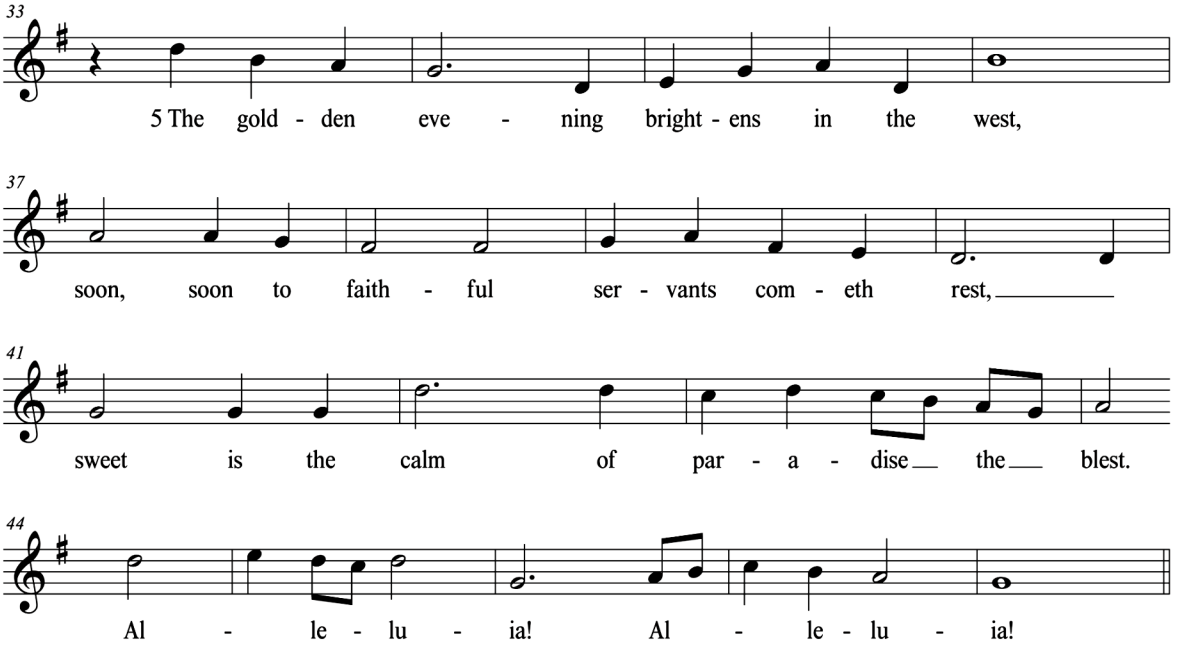
PRAYERS

For All the Saints



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

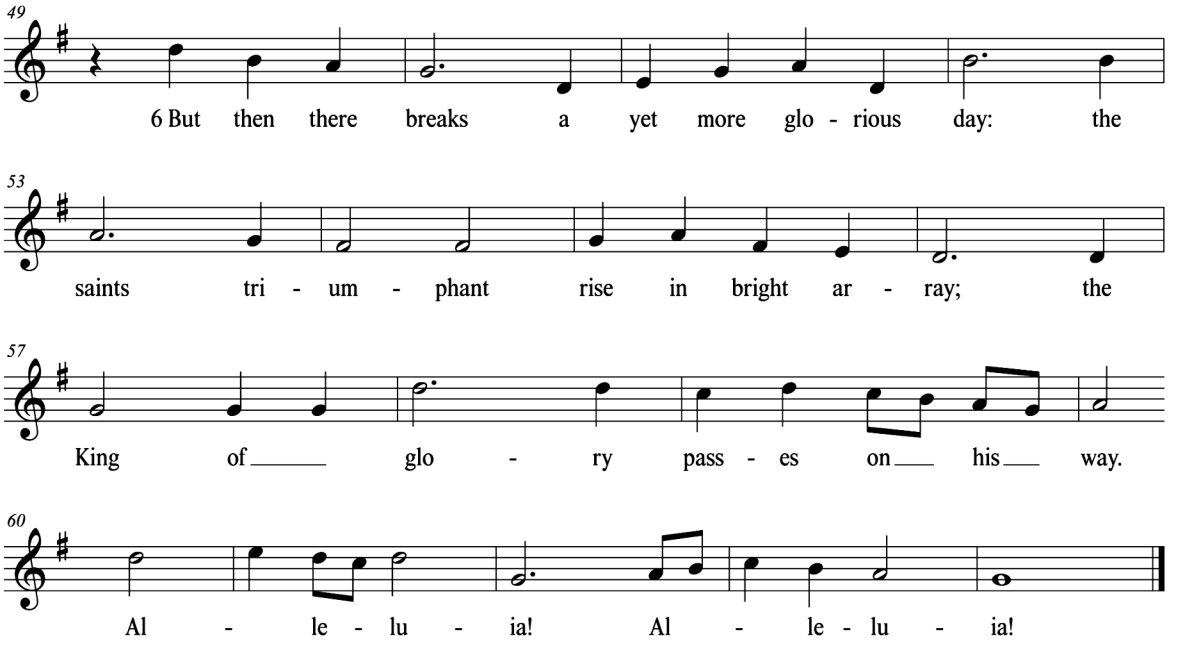
And also with you.

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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE ***For All the Saints***



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A READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from Revelation.

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.

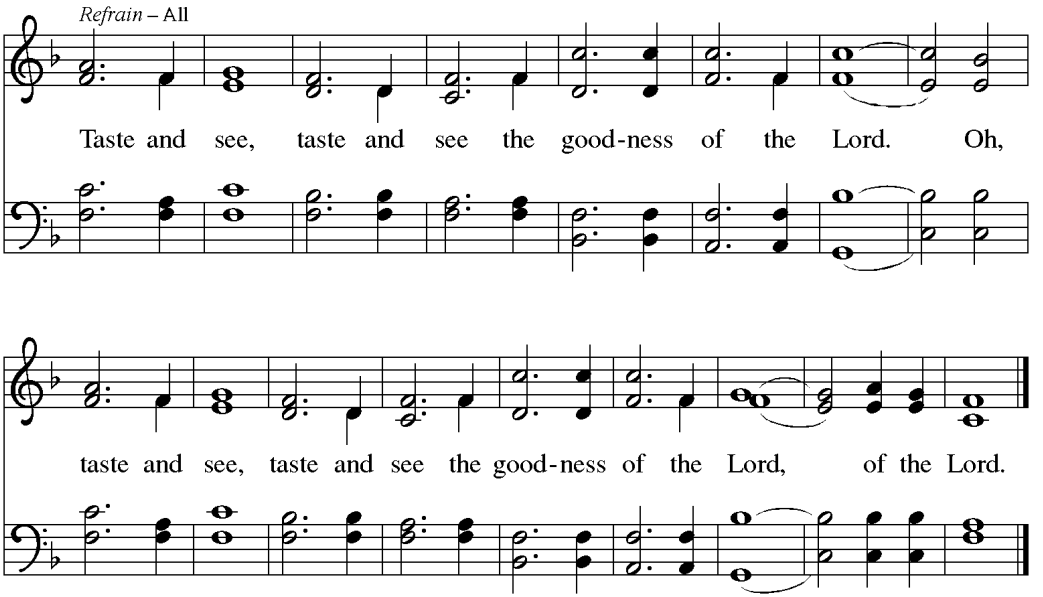
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN ***Taste and See***

Congregation - refrain ALIVE - verses



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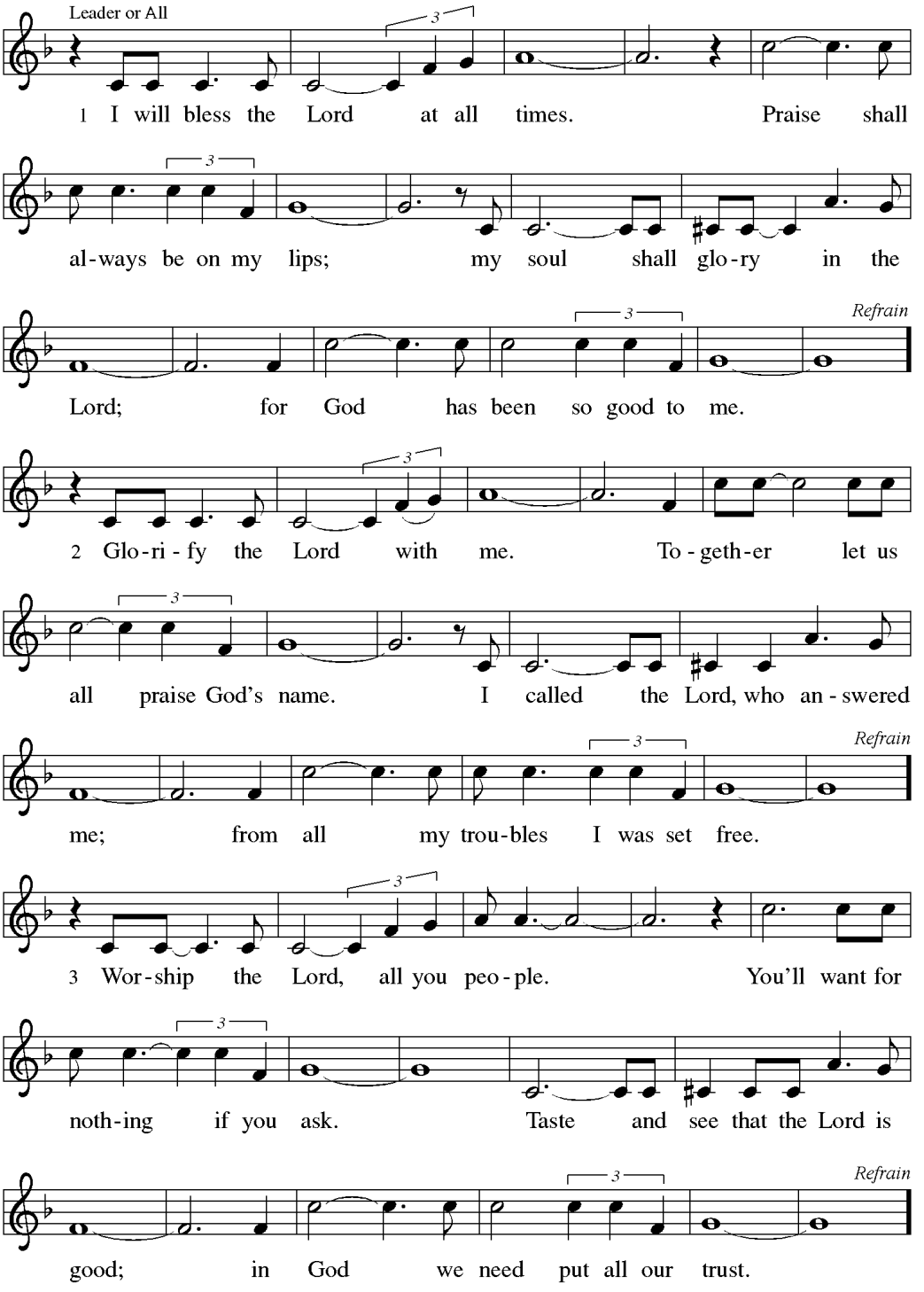

Leader or All
1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall
al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the
Refrain
Lord; for God has been so good to me.
2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-geth-er let us
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an-swered
Refrain
me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.
3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for
noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is
Refrain
good; in God we need put all our trust.

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.

SERMON **Pastor Pat Riddle**

ANTHEM *Song of the Saints* **Wickham and Furtick**

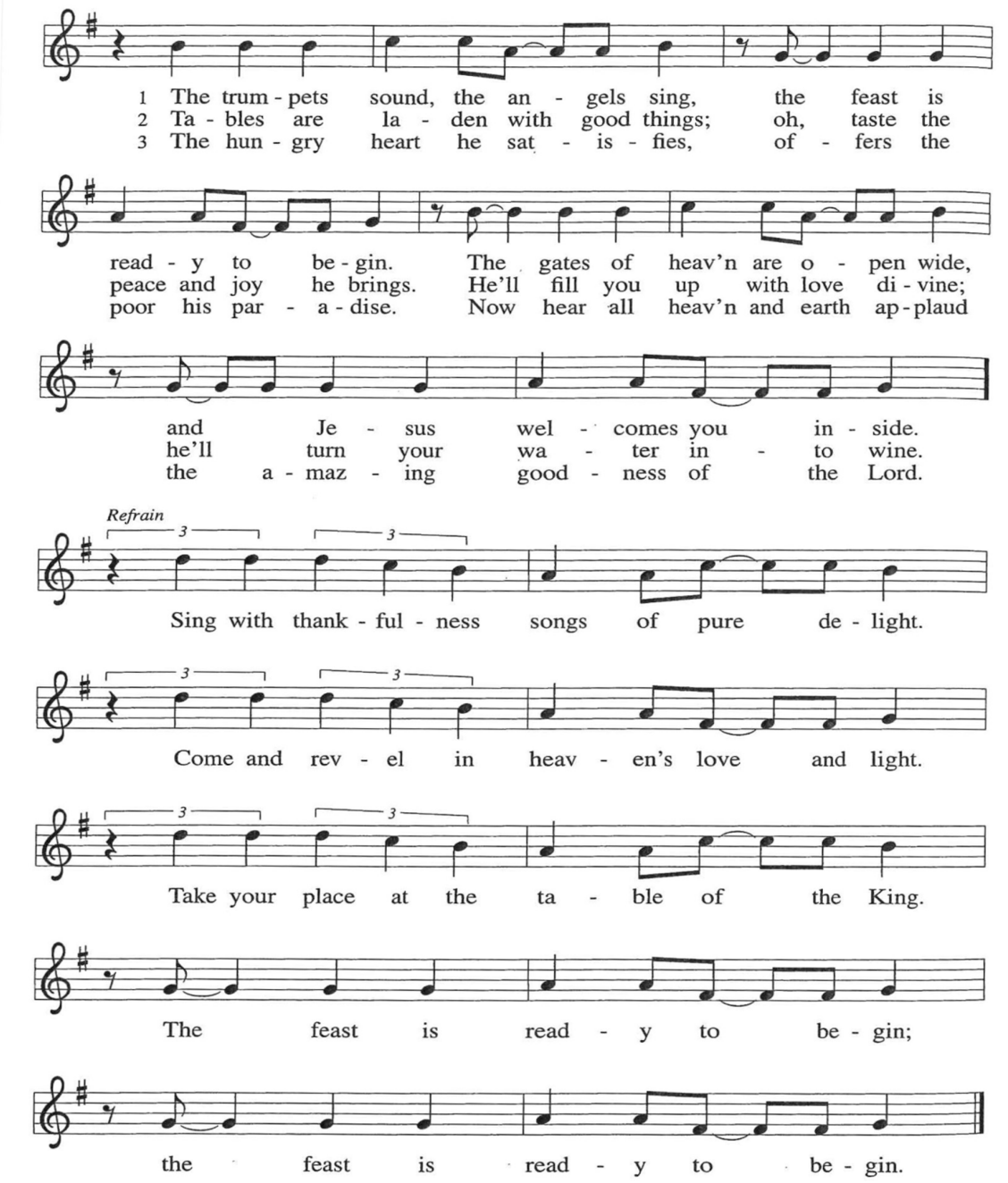
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ***The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing***



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THE FEAST IS READY
LM and refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

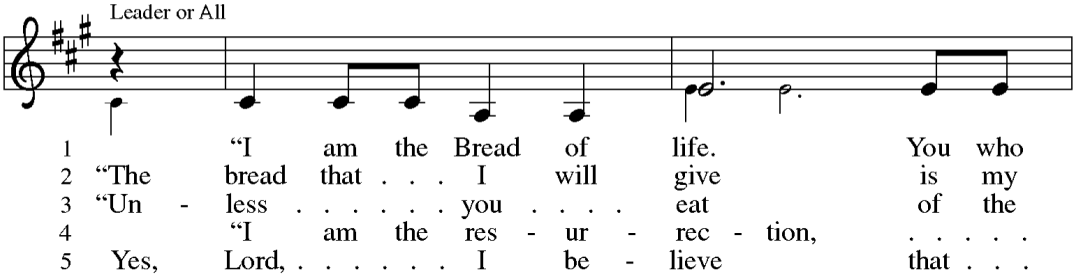
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS ***I Am the Bread of Life***



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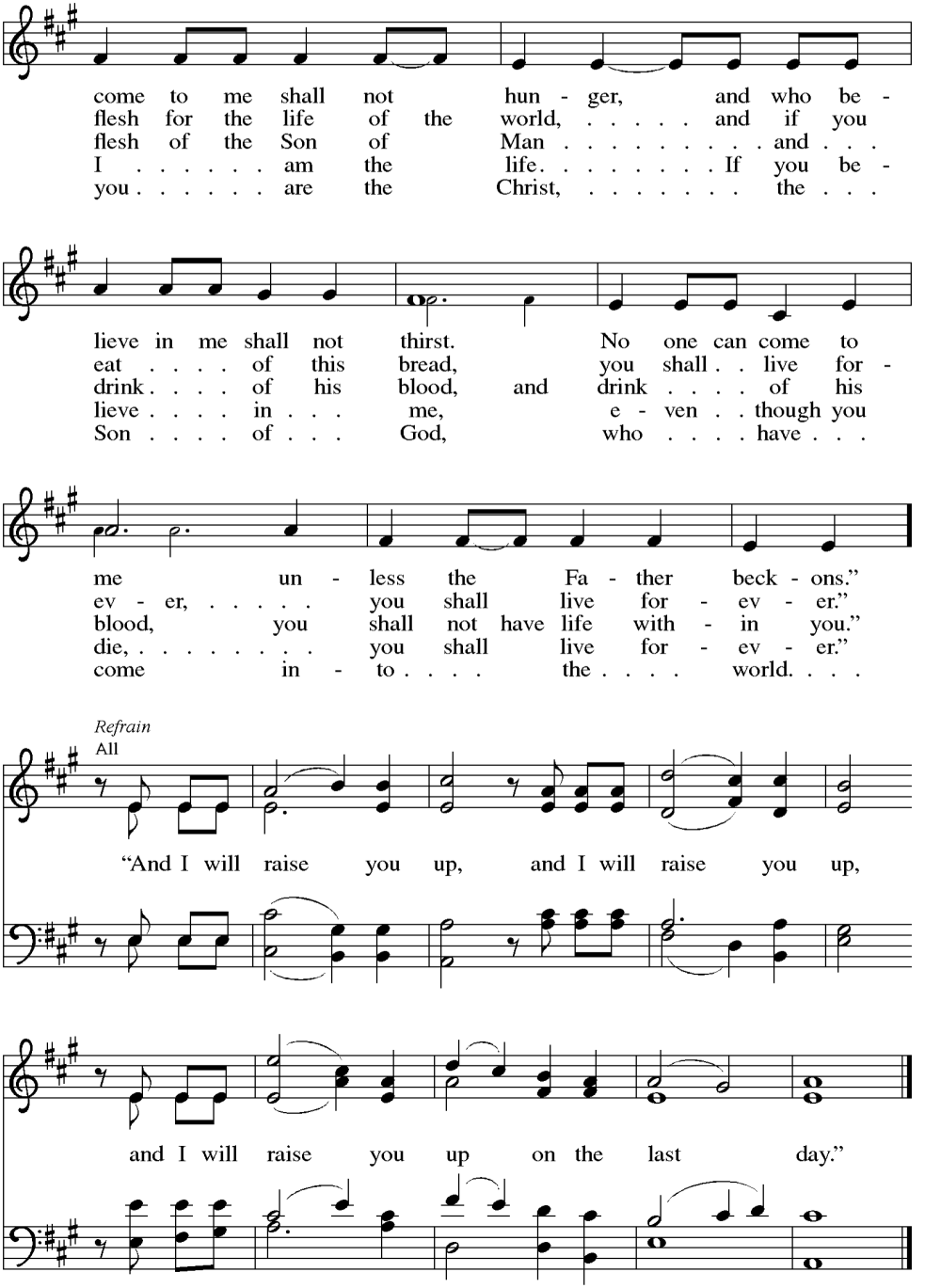

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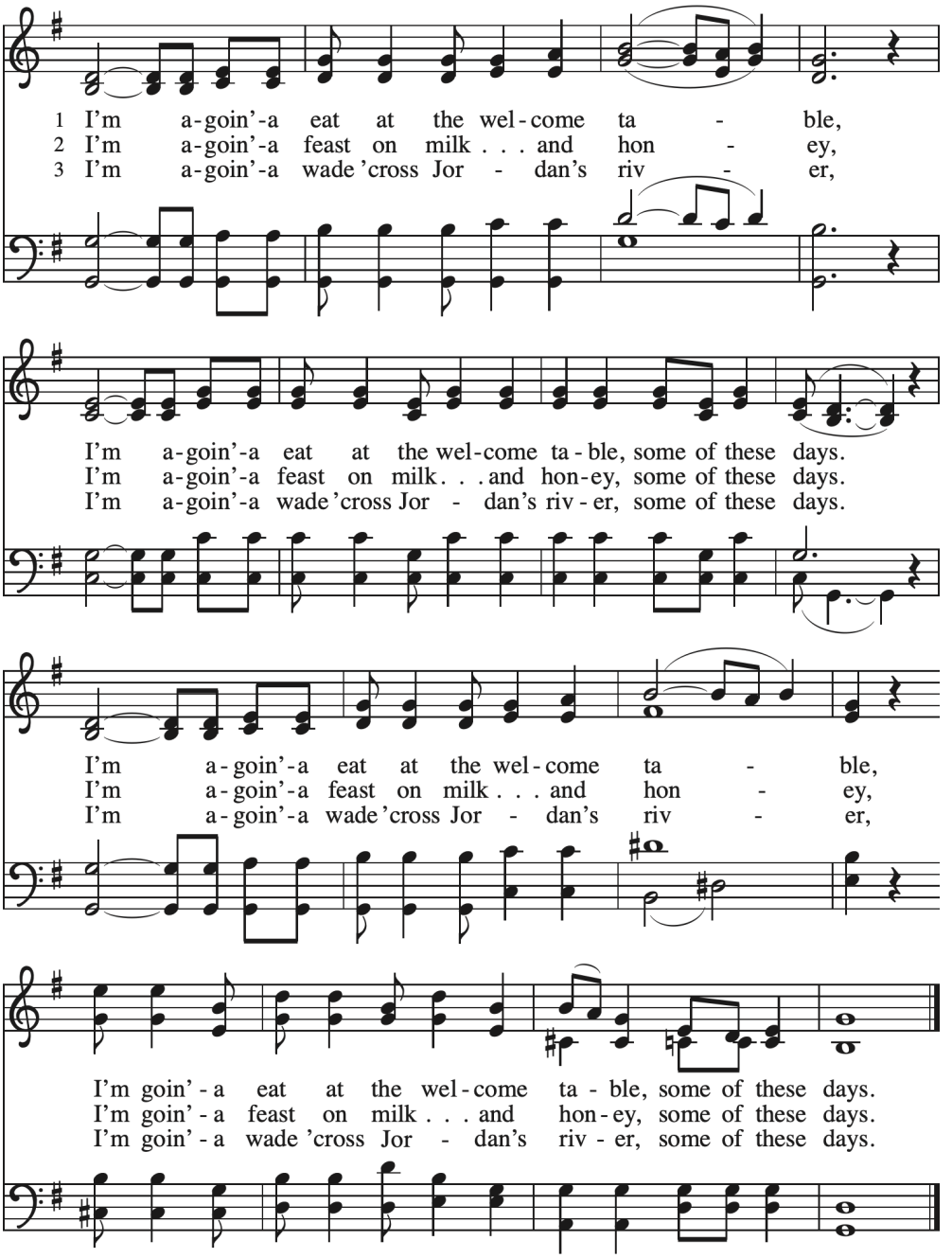
Welcome Table



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

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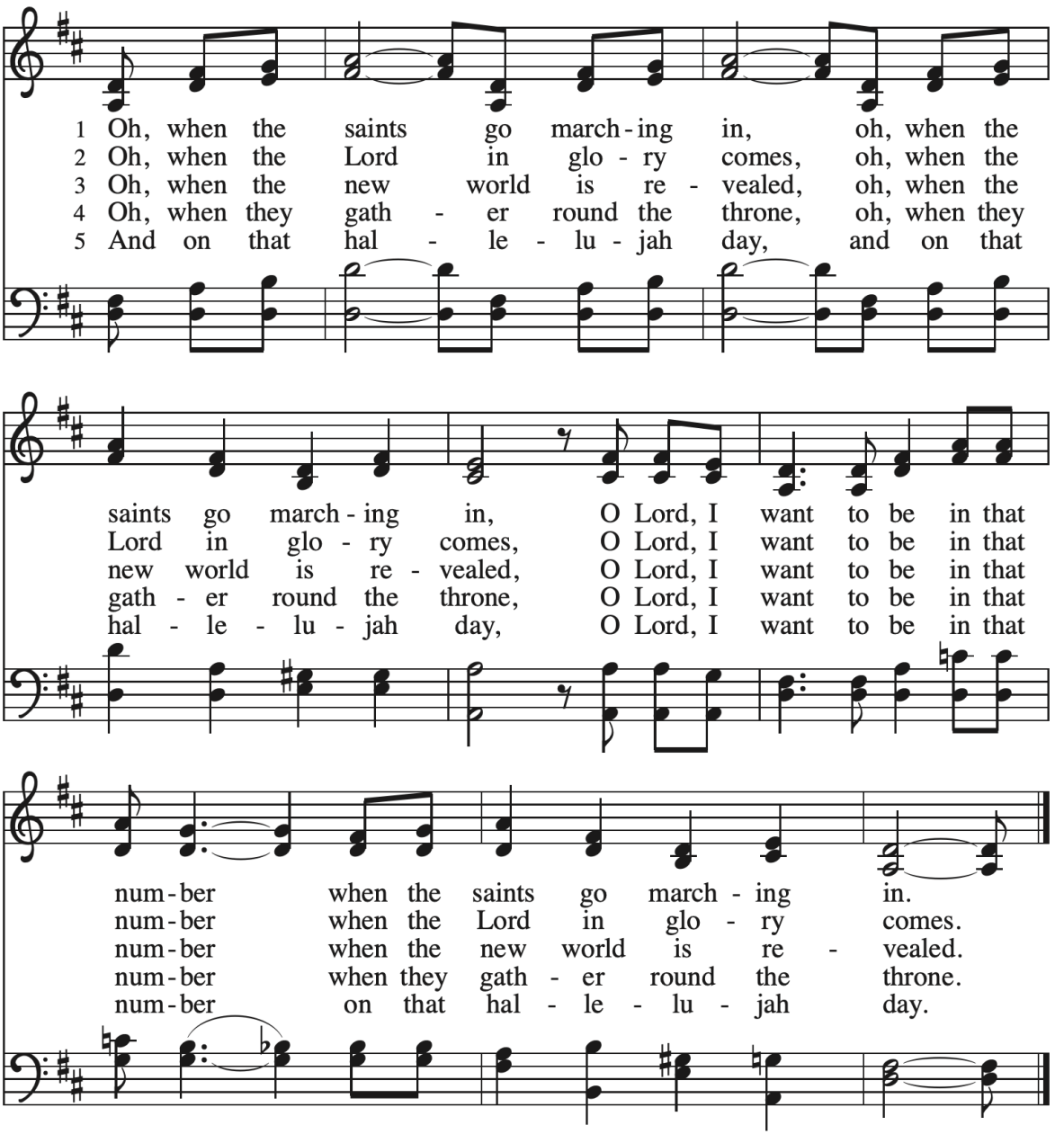
SENDING HYMN *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*



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POSTLUDE

ALIVE! Musicians

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Lyndsey Ebener		*Julie Ann Payne (Sub)*

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Communion assistants ..... *Nancy Smith, Sara Ebener*
Lector ..... *Nancy Smith*
Greeter ..... *Grace Fuson*
Ushers ..... *Ed & Grace Fuson*
Acolyte ..... *KateLynn Parker*
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The altar flowers are given by Tex and Mary Davis to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Adam Davis and Carson Langenberg.

The bulletin covers are given by Betty Jo Cato to the glory of God and in celebration of all her family.

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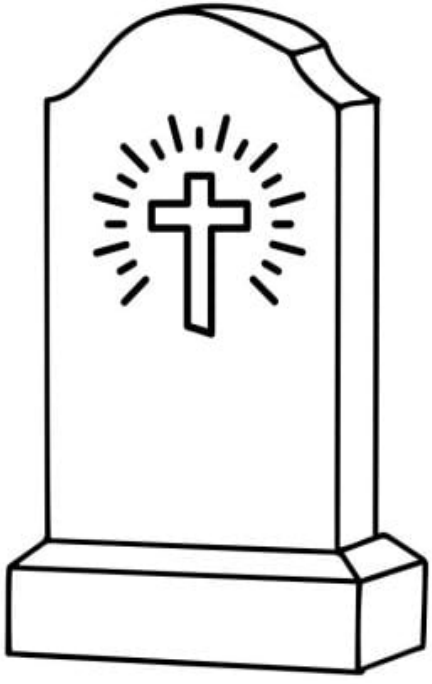
I PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: _____



Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.
Amen

REST IN PEACE

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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.

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.

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Marion Lusk, Brittany Rister, Shiloh Hall, Arlette Pope, Tom Dawson, Sharon Mattern, Bob Livingston, Erica Collum, Rick Moorer, Addie Pinner, Shelley Lee, Marshall Rooks.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Kim Pittman, Joe Jones, Mary Davis, Michael Gayden, Dora Miller, Annie Ruth Addy, Bruce Busbee, Ruth Goldsmith, Fred Vallejo, Amy Oliver, Liliana Stork

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Michael Bradshaw, Hoa O'Kelley, Sally Kleber, James Campbell, Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Rachel Bundrick, Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Alice Pollock, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Paul Addy, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Justin Casteel, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

Family of:

David Senn

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