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Conway, South Carolina



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28

10:00 AM

November 15, 2026

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

O Christ, the Word Incarnate (Munich) (H 632)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.***

SONG OF PRAISE *A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter) (S 236)*





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Priest Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

[18]Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: Psalm 90

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

People ***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

Cantor You turn man back to dust, saying "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

People ***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

Cantor You make an end of them in their sleep; The next morning they are like the changing grass, which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

People ***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

Cantor Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants

People ***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

Cantor Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; Prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

People ***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

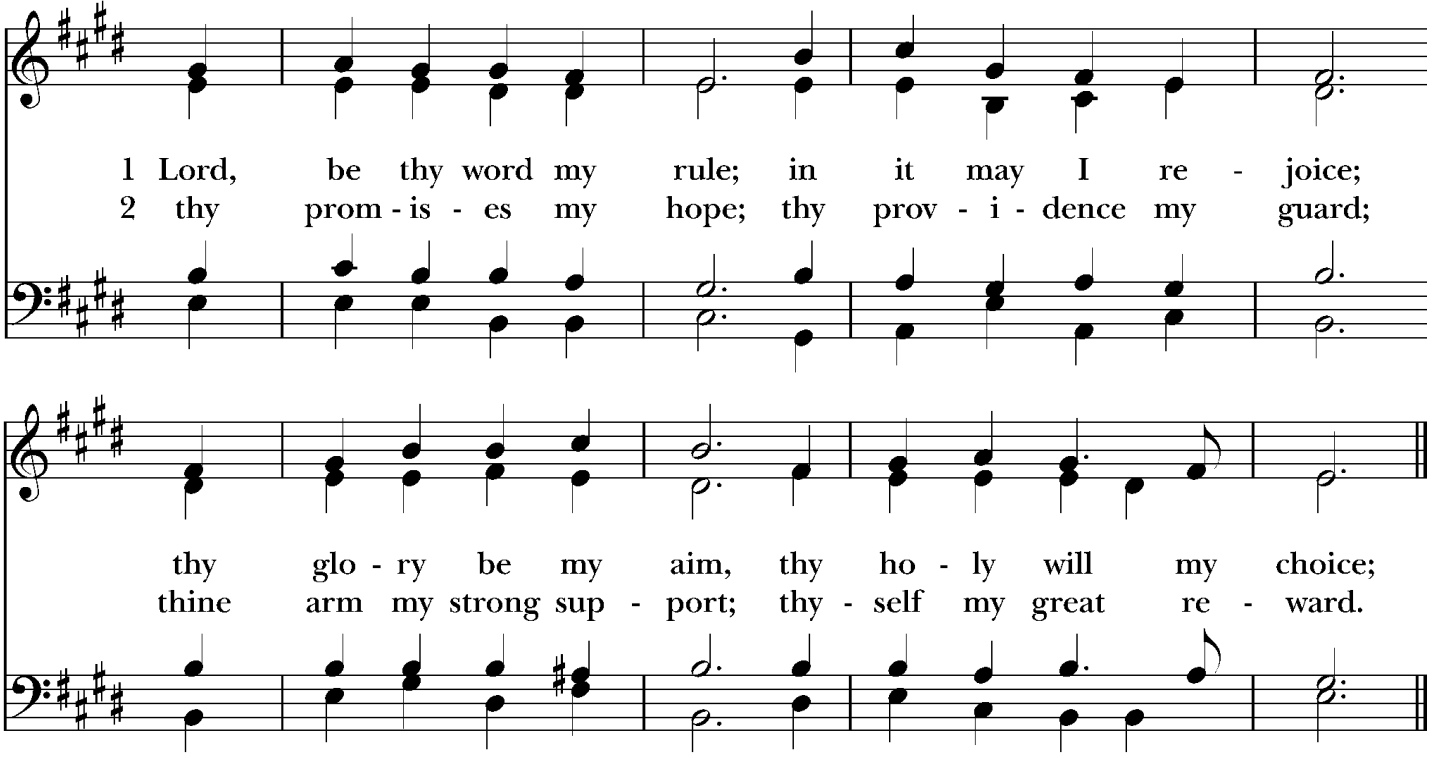
[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule (Quam dilecta) **(H 626)**



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

14[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;15to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The
one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made
five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two
more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and
gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master replied, 'You wicked and
lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not
scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return
I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and
give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will
be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Reverend Barry Stopfel

Please be seated.
A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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
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

Lord, you give us the gift of life and call us to use this gift for the betterment of the world and the glory of your name. Grant us courage to use your gift fearlessly and in joy and hear us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church to be in deeper relationship with each community, for the wisdom to reach those who hunger for you, and to bring them into the work of loving and serving the world in your name. We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Ruth, our Bishop, and Kevin and Barry our priests*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Hartsville, The Rev. Ned Mulligan, Priest-in-charge.* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for this nation and all nations. We pray for the life and needs of all people and an end to policies of oppression. We pray for those who govern, that they might have hearts for their people and priorities for those most in need. We pray for *Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority.*

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our local community and this congregation, that we might cling to hope and labor ceaselessly to build the kingdom in our midst.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the health of the world, for sustainable policies that ensure the abundance of creation and the thriving of people and all your creatures.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for an end to illness and suffering. We pray for those who work to bring hope, healing and assistance to those who are lost, marginalized, imprisoned, ill, suffering, persecuted or broken. Especially we pray for *Cobby M., Karen J., Caroline L., Sally, Linda, Courtney, Maddie, Linda, Caroline, Kelly, The Floyd Family, Sara T., Suzanne C., Jerry M, Blake, Allen, Karen P., Linda F., Dan B., John, Randy, Pat, Gail, Jane, Maggie, Jerry, Lawrence and Larett, Ann, Jeffrey D., Nancy J., Cindy Lee, Faye, Shirley, Bill, Kayla H., Phillip, Angela, Jeri, Brandon, Debbie, Kathleen, Chrystal, Don, George, Ann and Mike, Betty, Joyce, Laura, Linda H., Mike, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy.*

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the promise of new life and for all those who leave this life with the hope of being in your presence. May we and all those who came before and who will come after us, enter into your kingdom to hear your praise: "Well done good and faithful servant." Especially we pray for *Deborah Scott, Marie Crocetta, James R. Keener, and Heyward Smith.*

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Priest Lord, hear these prayers and answer them as may be best for us, O Father, O Son and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A moment of silent reflection is held.

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***.

Priest 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

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" -Micah 6:8

In that same spirit, let us offer to God our gifts, our lives, and our service.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

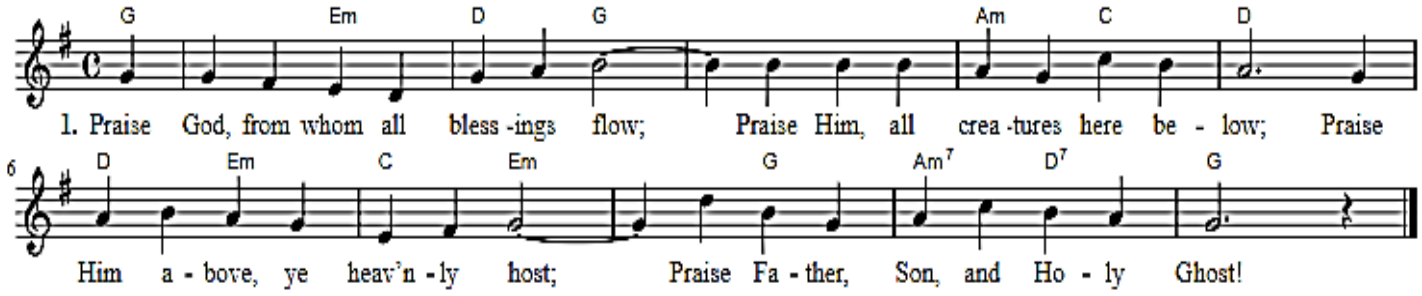
L'heure rêvée (The Perfect Hour)

by Michael Block

Julia Graham, piano

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

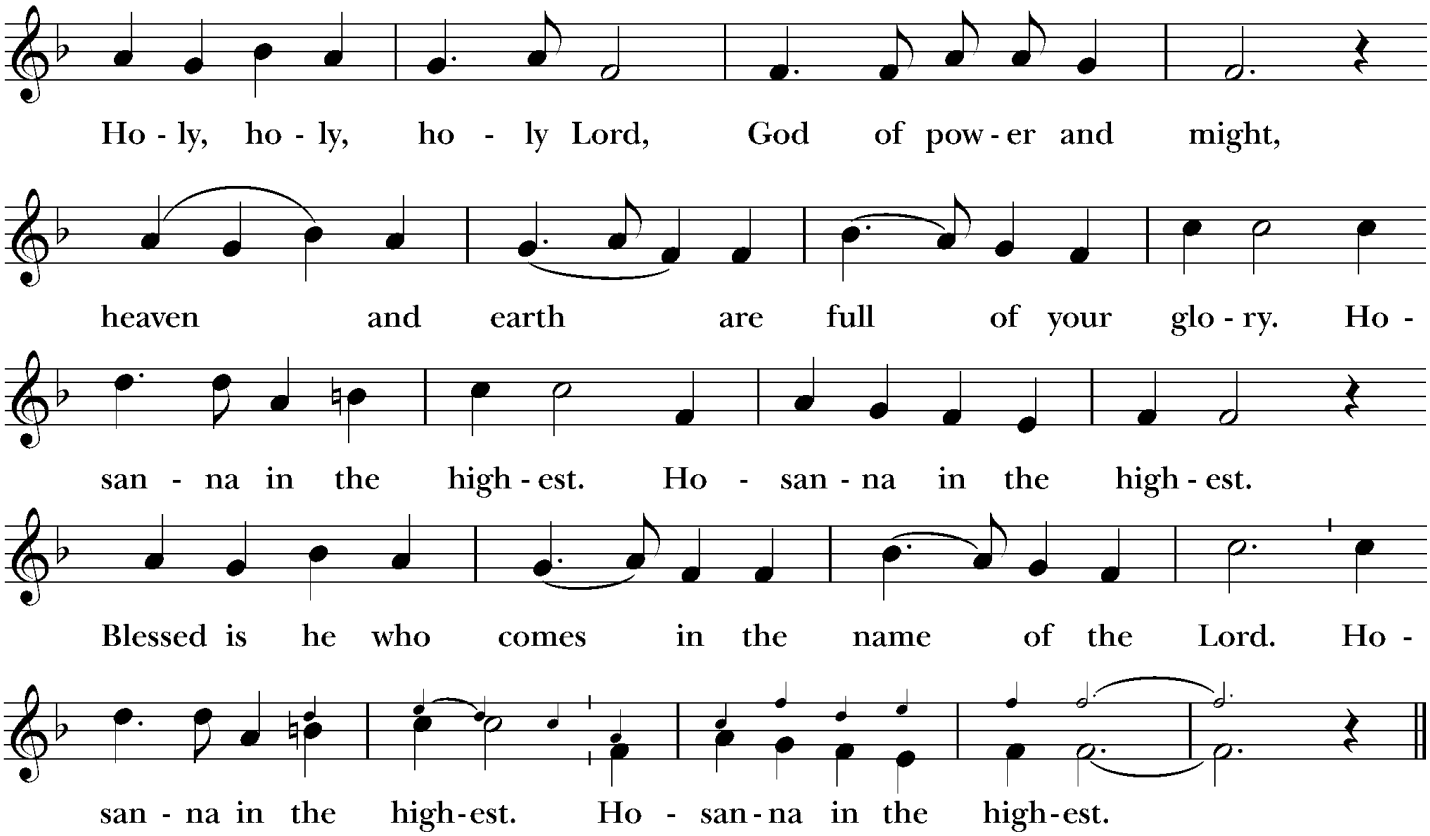
Priest The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SANCTUS ***Holy, Holy, Holy (Proulx)* (S 125)**

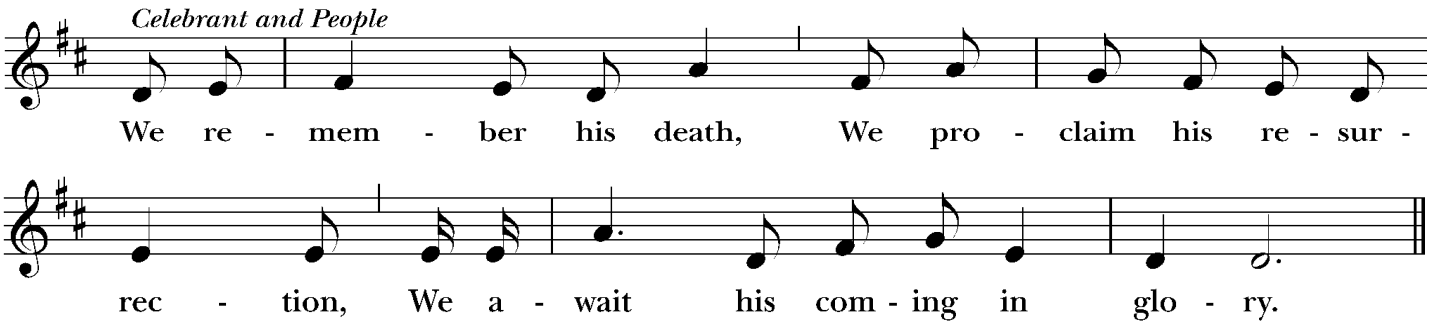


We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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."

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,



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 ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne, and 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.

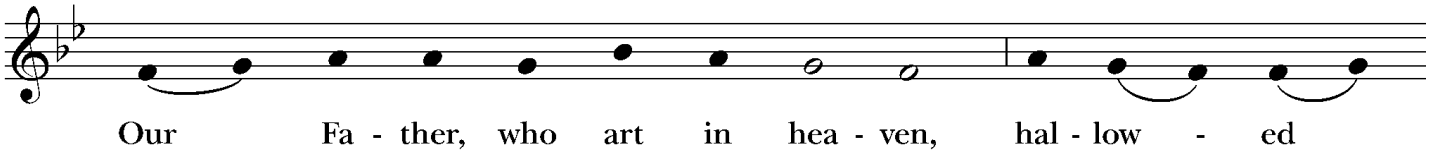


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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas) (S 119)





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Christ Our Passover (Near) (S 155)*



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

INVITATION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Holy Gifts for a Holy People.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- *Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or*
- *Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.*

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

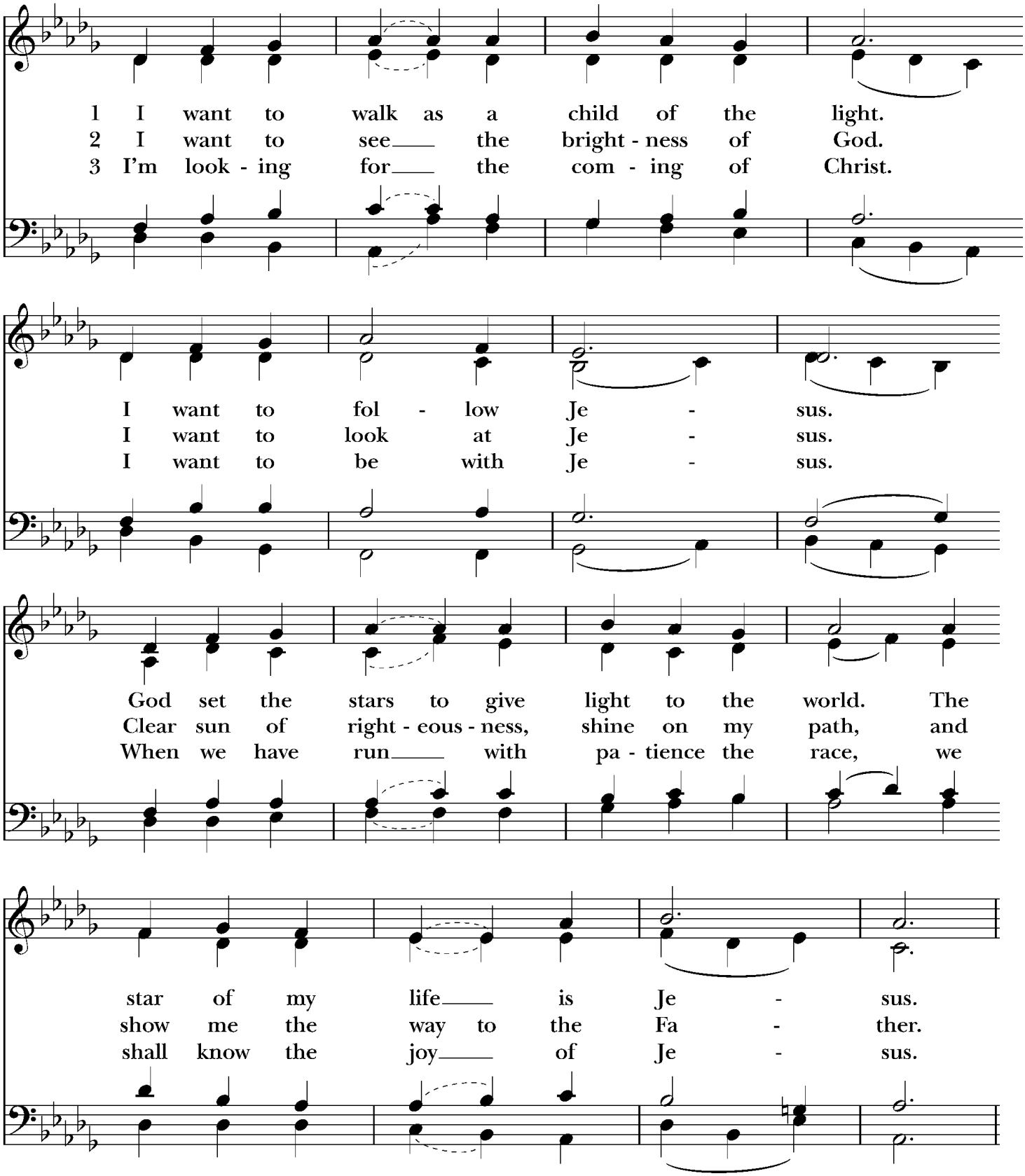
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (Houston) (H 490)




Refrain
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
rit.
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

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 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, 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***.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent, the following form is used.

Priest *N.*, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to *N.*, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.

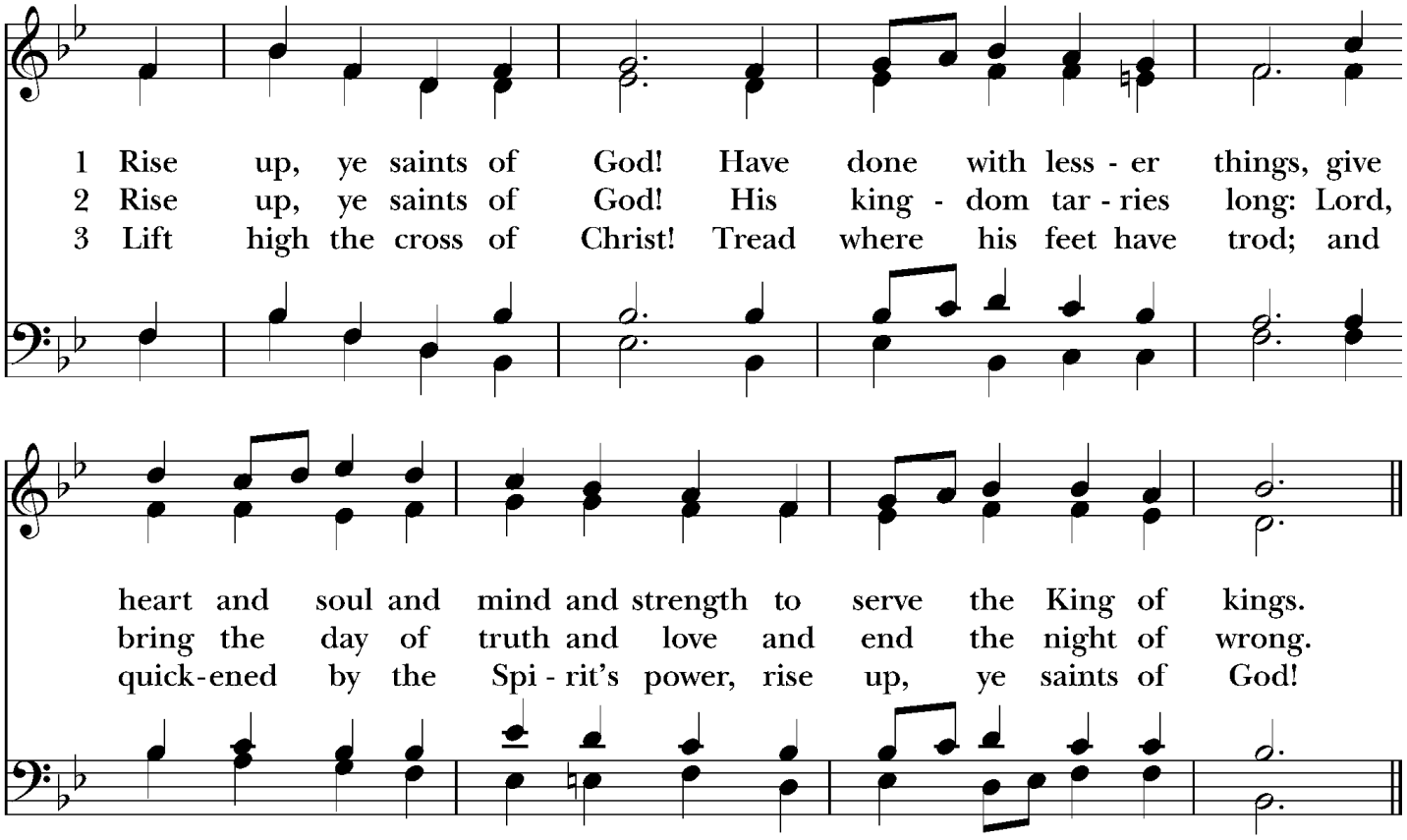
People ***Because we all share in one bread, one cup.***

BLESSING

May God give you grace to seek and serve Christ in all people,
courage to strive for justice and peace in the world,
and strength to respect the dignity of every human being;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us,
be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God (Festal Song) **(H 551)**



DISMISSAL

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

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