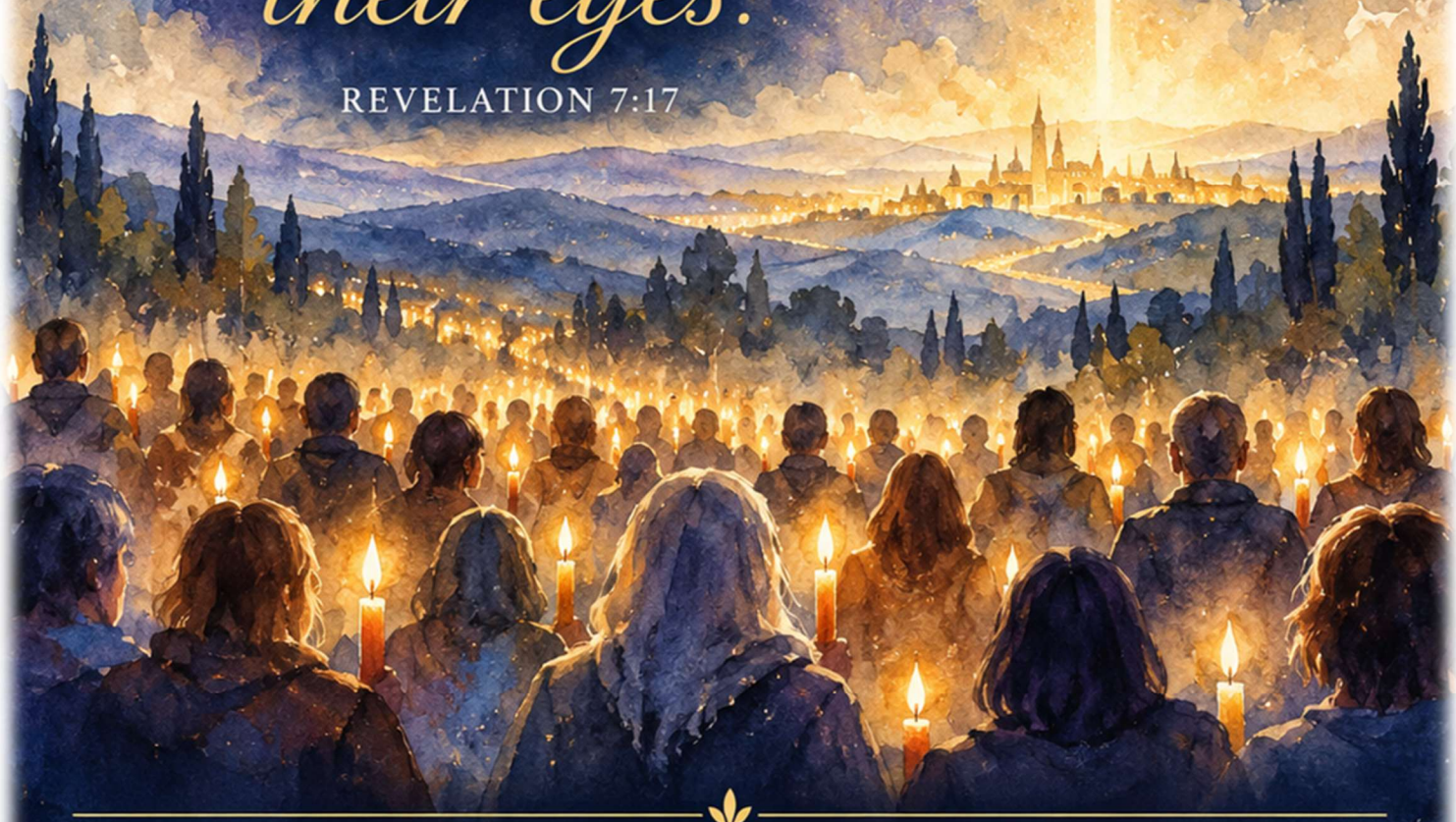
All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

REVELATION 7:17



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The congregation gathers in the narthex. At 9:30am those going to the cemetery follow the pastor.

Our worship this morning begins in a cemetery to remind us that those who have gone before us are very much a part of us. There have been some saints among us who labored to restore the markers and headstones. We are thankful for their efforts to maintain dignity and honor to these hallowed grounds. Those who are buried here, though they have left this life long ago they are not forgotten by our Lord—and even though we have not known them personally—the people represented by these tombstones are now and forever a part of who we are and who we will become.

Let us Pray,
Eternal Father, in Your boundless love, we know you welcome those who have departed into Your heavenly embrace. May they, washed clean of sin and resting in Your mercy, find peace in the light of Your presence. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through your mercy, rest in peace.

We entrust them to Your care, asking that You grant them, and us, everlasting joy in Your Kingdom. Dear God, on this day when we remember all of your saints we pray that you would strengthen our faith in Your promise of eternal life.

For those present here in this cemetery and elsewhere who are long departed, whose lives has shaped our church and our Christian witness, grant them eternal rest and let your perpetual light shine upon them. In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All move to the sanctuary and are seated. While this is happening, the prelude is played.

PRELUDE *O My Soul, Be Glad And Joyful* Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

A bell is rung three times in honor of the Trinity and in remembrance of the those who have gone before us. Followed by a moment of silence.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please Stand

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.
Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

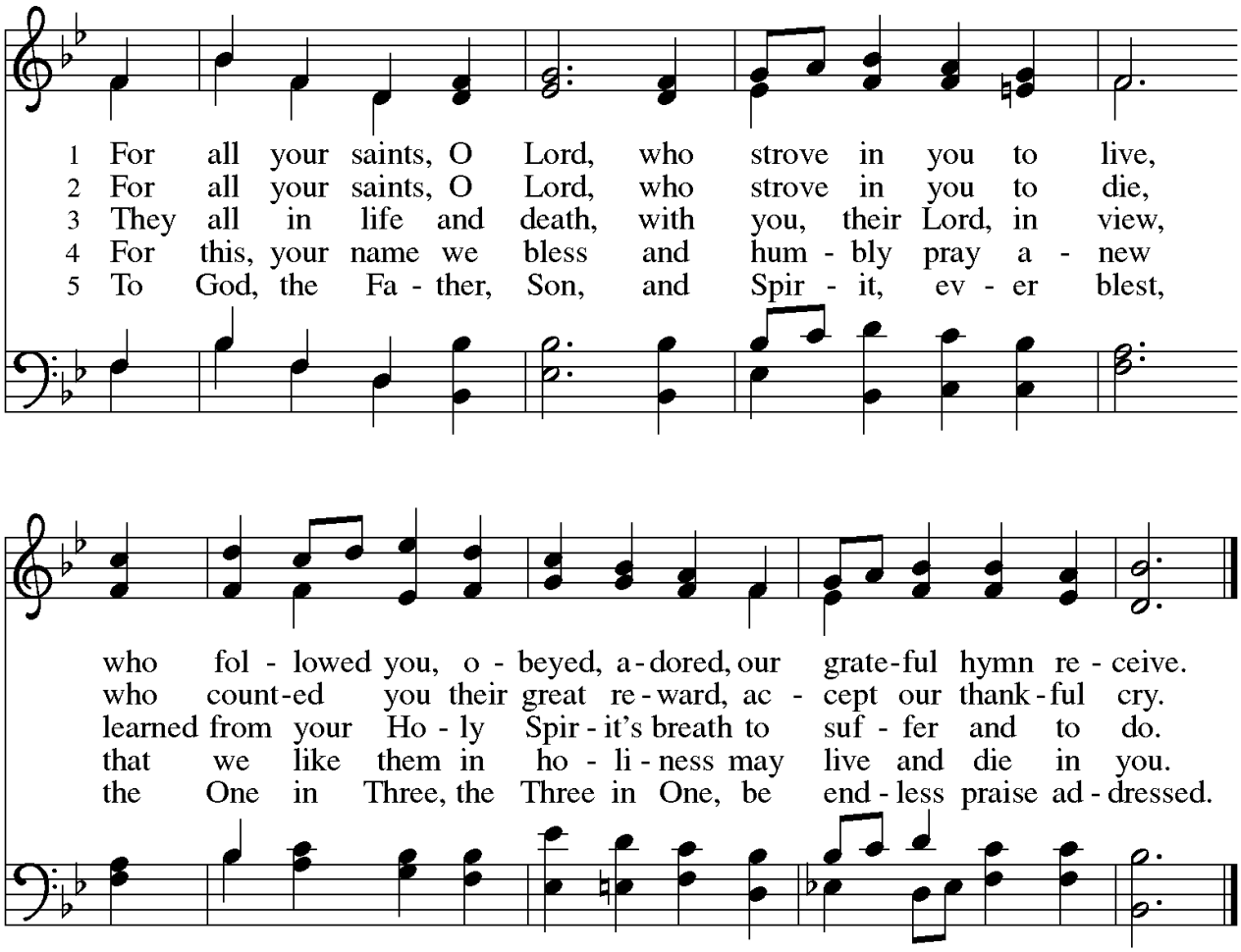
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

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 *For All Your Saints, O Lord* (ELW 427)



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW 167)



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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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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."

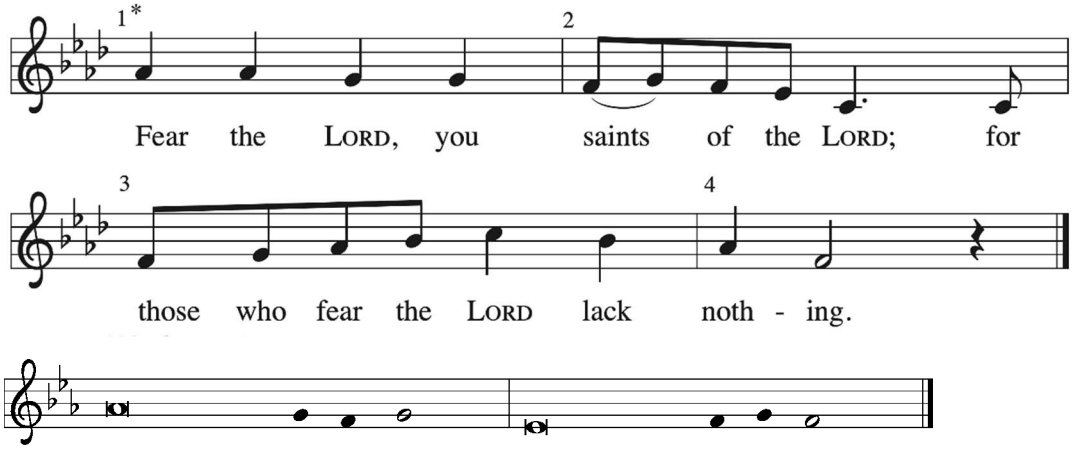
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in the blood 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 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. R
[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. R
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge 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. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

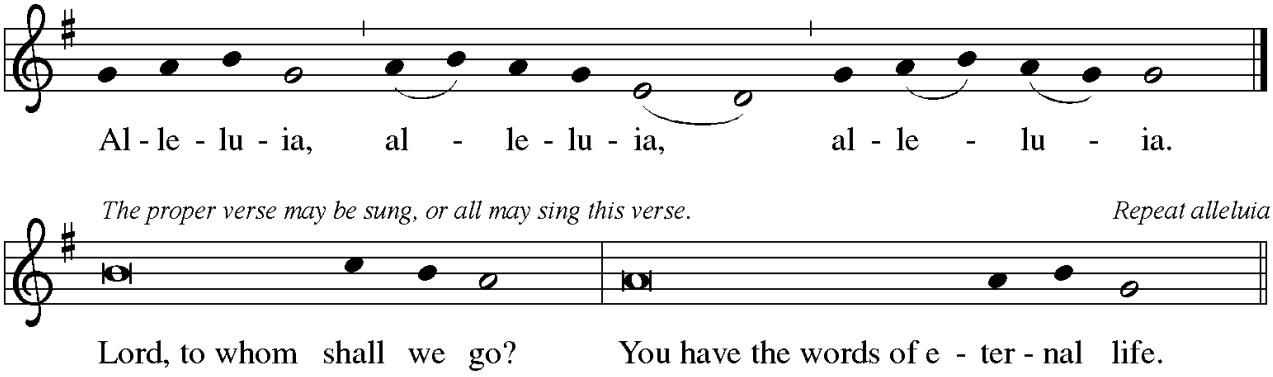
[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and
that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know
him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed,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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Music: Plainsong mode VI

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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 **REV. LARRY CLOSTER**

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints* (ELW 422) *vs. 1,2,6,7*



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
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.

Please be seated

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

As you look around the sanctuary, you'll see quilts lovingly made by our *Sewing for the Savior* group, whose members gather twice a month. These quilts are shared with hospital patients throughout the year or sold to help purchase supplies for future projects. This ministry is a blessing to our church and our community.

Let us pray,
Almighty God, you bring comfort and your presence to all who call upon you in distress. Thank you for all who gave of their time and talents to create these beautiful messages of love to those who may be seeking your word of grace and comfort. Bless these quilts wherever they may be used, that they may provide warmth and security to those who are lonely or who have experienced heartache or tragedy. May all who receive these quilts be wrapped in your love and forgiveness. May they also encounter your grace and peace and learn the joy of Christ. As you bless these quilts renew our desire to feed the hungry, and provide comfort for the sick, weary, and outcast. May these quilts aid us in welcoming the stranger and being a loving neighbor to all people. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

Please stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness Shirley, Louise, Bernie, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Jeff, Adam, Anthony, Dan. *(worshippers may add names silently or aloud)*. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

Please be seated

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Merciful Lord, we remember those among us who have departed within the last year, and we entrust them to your everlasting care:

As names are read, a candle will be lit and a bell will sound.

Barbara Shimp 4/11/1935 – 11/15/2025
Pat Godding 2/19/1936 – 6/01/2026
Phyllis Wilson 9/7/1938 – 9/23/2026

At this time the readers will read the names of parishioners, and the loved ones who have passed away that they wish to honor. A bell will sound with each name, while the pre-lit votive candles shine in loving memory of those remembered.
When all names have been read, the service continues:

Let us pray,

O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please stand

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

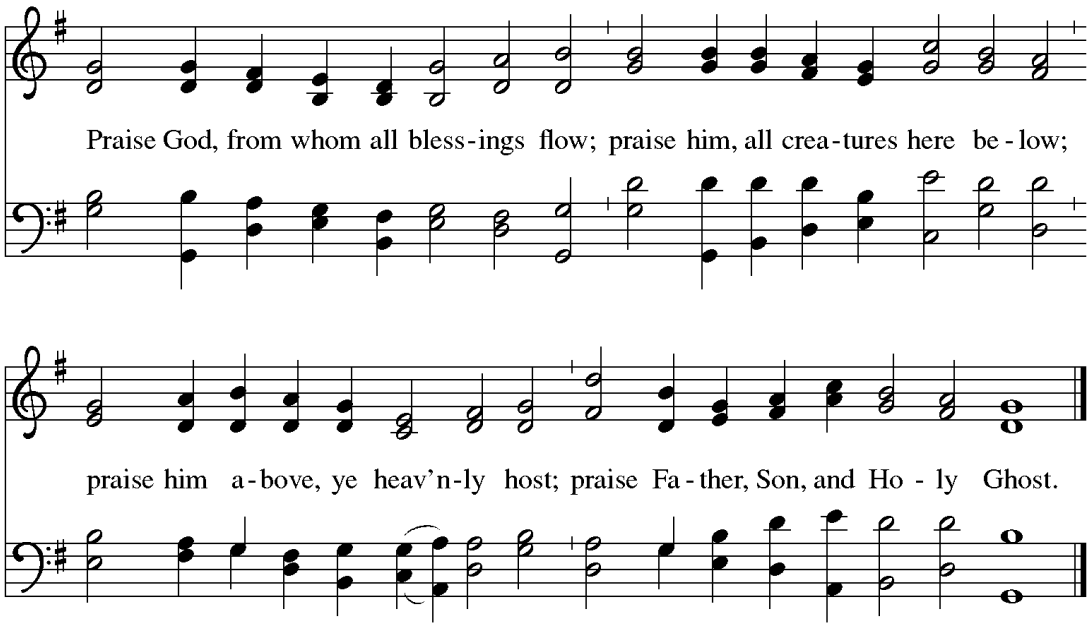
Please be seated

OFFERING *I've Got peace Like a River* Arr. Tammy Waldrop Trinity Chime Choir

Offering is an act of worship. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may place your offering in the offering plate or scan the QR code adjacent.

Please stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION (ELW 884)



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, As we bring before you our offerings, we are reminded that you are our provider, our sustainer, and our strength. Without you, we are nothing. May these gifts impress upon us our dependence on you, acknowledging that all we have comes from your hand. May these gifts be used to spread your love to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need. Thank you for your love that never fails us.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all
things for our salvation.

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.

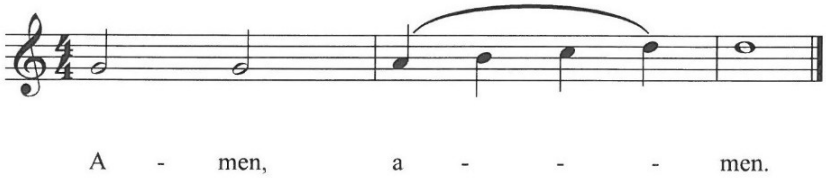
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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, Taste and see that the Lord is good.

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

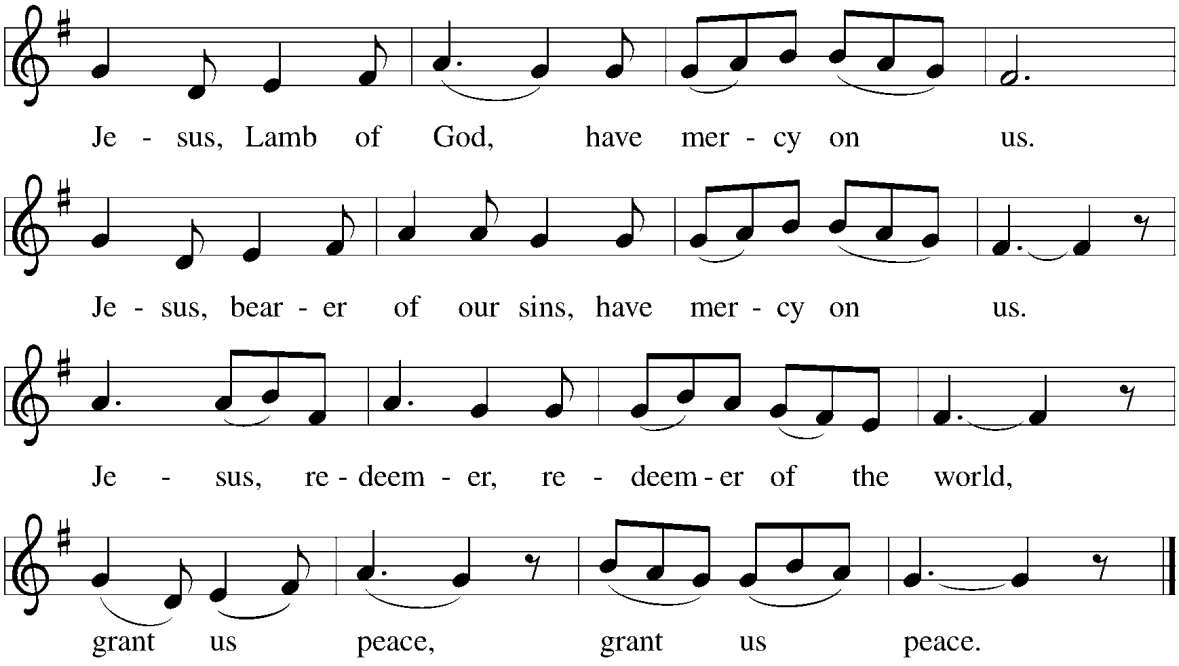
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

COMMUNION SONG

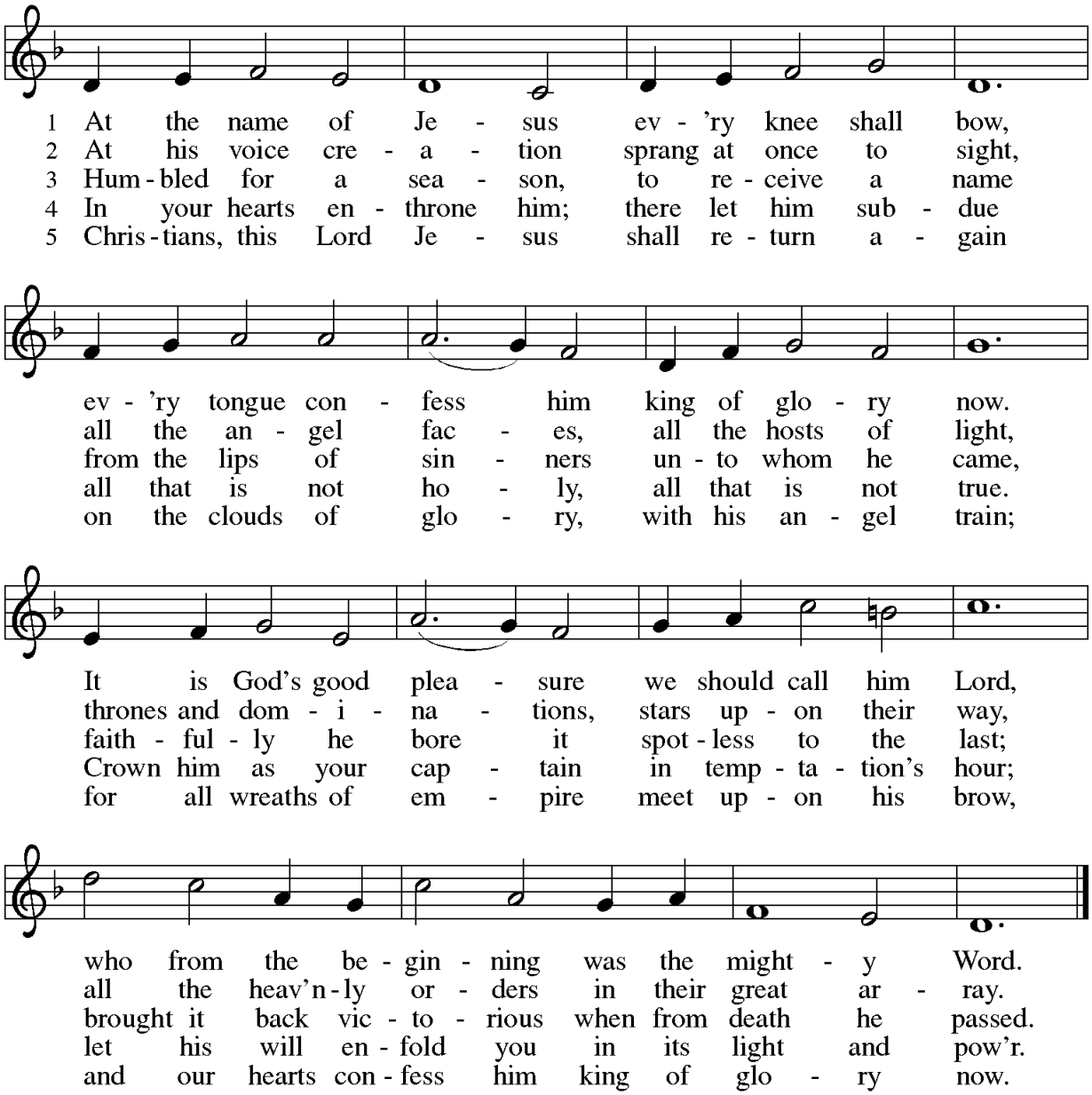


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Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt.
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

At the Name of Jesus (ELW 416)



Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–1877
Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious towards you
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *For All The Saints* Arr. Charles Callahan

IN REMEMBRANCE

- **Mary & Paul Anderson:**
  In loving memory of their parents, **Verron & Ruby Ridings**, **Paw & Ma Anderson,** and friend **Phyllis Wilson**.
- **Deb Crawford:**
  In loving memory of her daughter **Sarah Bower**.
- **Larry & Laurie Closter:**
  In loving memory of their friends **Jillian Shoop**, **Jeanie Ervin**, and mother **Evelyn Greiger**.
- **Martha Cooley:**
  In loving memory of her husband **Ben Cooley**, and her friend **Phyllis Wilson**.
- **Sandra de Azagra:**
  In loving memory of her parents **Leonard & Alice Mild**.
- **Bruce Everly:**
  In loving memory of his father **David Everly**, mother **Beverly Everly**, and brother-in-law **Rick Jones**.
- **Amy Hall:**
  In loving memory of **Violet Marsh**, **Robert Marsh**, and **Anne Mangini**.
- **Larry Hughes:**
  In loving memory of **Pat Godding**.
- **Bernie Jenkins:**
  In loving memory of her husband **Warden Jenkins**.
- **The Patterson Family:**
  In loving memory of **Scott "Wally" Gardner**, **Howard Zeliff**, and **Wayne Tucker**.
- **David & Pam Reichert:**
  In loving memory of their friend **Phyllis Wislon**.
- **Nan & Tom Righter:**
  In loving memory of their parents, **Richard and Helen Righter**, and **John and Paula Davis**, and their brothers, **Bob Davis**, **Dick Righter**, **Bob Righter**, and **Ronald Righter**.
- **Chuck & Marcie Stern:**
  In loving memory of their fathers, **Bill Edmonson** and **Bill Stern**.
- **Patty Stringer:**
  In loving memory of her friend **Barbara Strite**.

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- **Sue Teal:**
  In loving memory of **Evangeline Teal**, **Gilbert Teal**, **Arthur Fulton**, **William Copenhaver**, and **Margorie Copenhaver**.
- **Bonnie Wann:**
  In loving memory of her parents **Glenn and Mildred Sloop**. Her husband **Curtis Wann**, his parents **Max & Maigret Wann**.
- **Marianne Watson:**
  In loving memory of **Edward Quaintance**, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.
- **Betty Wymer & Vickie Hollis:**
  In loving memory of their mother, **Mrs. Mary Shryock**, and their aunts, **Miss Sarah Shryock** and **Miss Mildred Shryock**.



The Ministers of Service:

- Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- This Service: Greeters: Marianne Watson. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Christine Cornwell. Communion Assistant: Mary Anderson. Acolyte: Wayne Wright.
- Next Service: Greeters: Nan Righter. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Ken Martin. Communion Assistant: Barry Hockenberry. Acolyte: Jacob Caroll

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