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November 15, 2026

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

A Sung Service of Holy Communion

10:30 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you worship with us.



Growing in Christ's love in the neighbourhood

Inclusive Community * Local Outreach * Faithful Worship

"We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread". *1 Corinthians 10:17*

Please note all hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*, the blue hymnal.

Prelude Prélude au Kyrie from *Hommage à Frescobaldi* Jean Langlais

Welcome & Gathering

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn – God, My Hope on You is Founded - CP #529 MICHAEL

All

God, my hope on you is founded;
You my faith and trust renew:
Through all change and chance you guide me,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
Call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown, betray our trust;
Though with care and toil we build them,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

Daily does th'almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
Deepest wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attending,
Beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
Those who follow shall not fall.
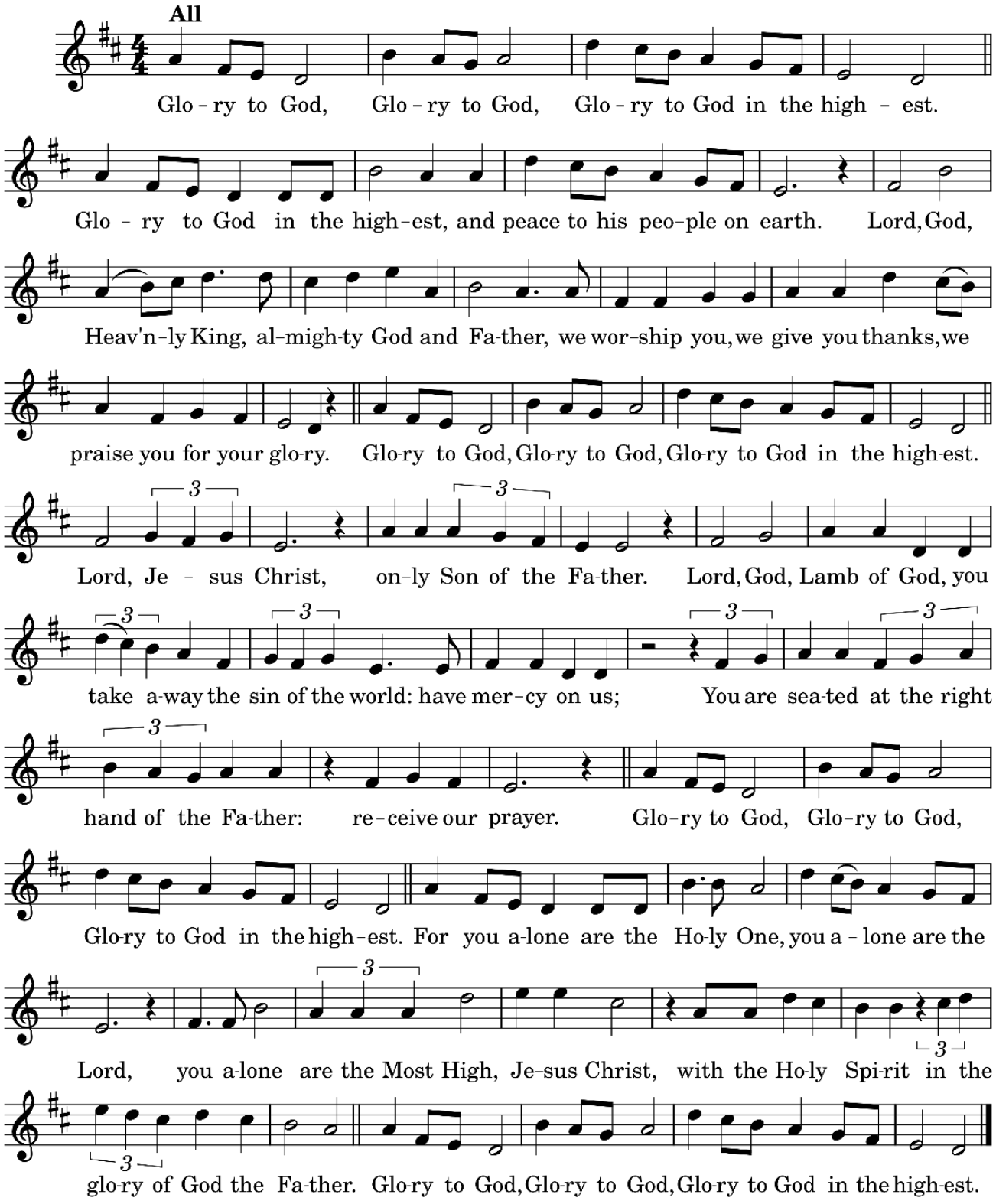
Text: Joachim Neander; tr. R. S. Bridges, alt.
Music: H. Howells

Gathering *(please remain standing)*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Gloria *Mass of St. Thomas* David Thorne



The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Listening to God – First Reading *(please be seated)*

Reader A reading from Judges. *Sandra Geddes*
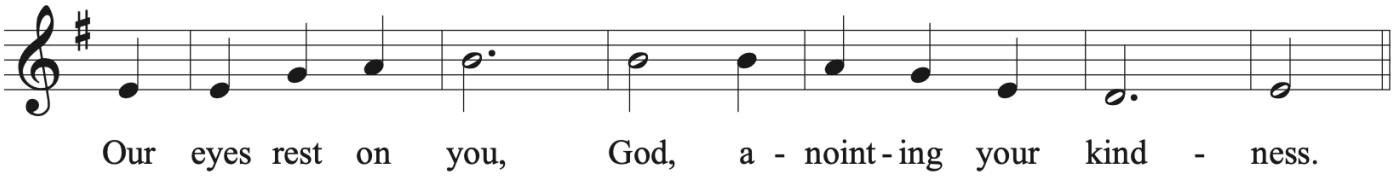
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' *Judges 4:1-7, NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 George Black

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.



Cantor To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to you, our God,
until you show us your mercy. ***Refrain***

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud. ***Refrain***

Listening to God – Second Reading *Sandra Geddes*

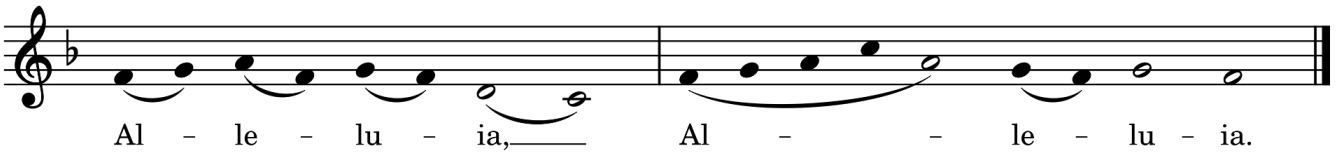
Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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

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Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia Adapted from *Missa de Angelis*

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.



Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**
Cantor: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel *(please remain standing)*

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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." His 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." And 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." His 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." Then 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:14-30, NRSV

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(please be seated)

Homily *Rev. Alison Falby*

Music for Reflection

The Apostles' Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Prayers of the People *Elsa Jones*

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Deacon Most merciful God,

All **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 neighbours 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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

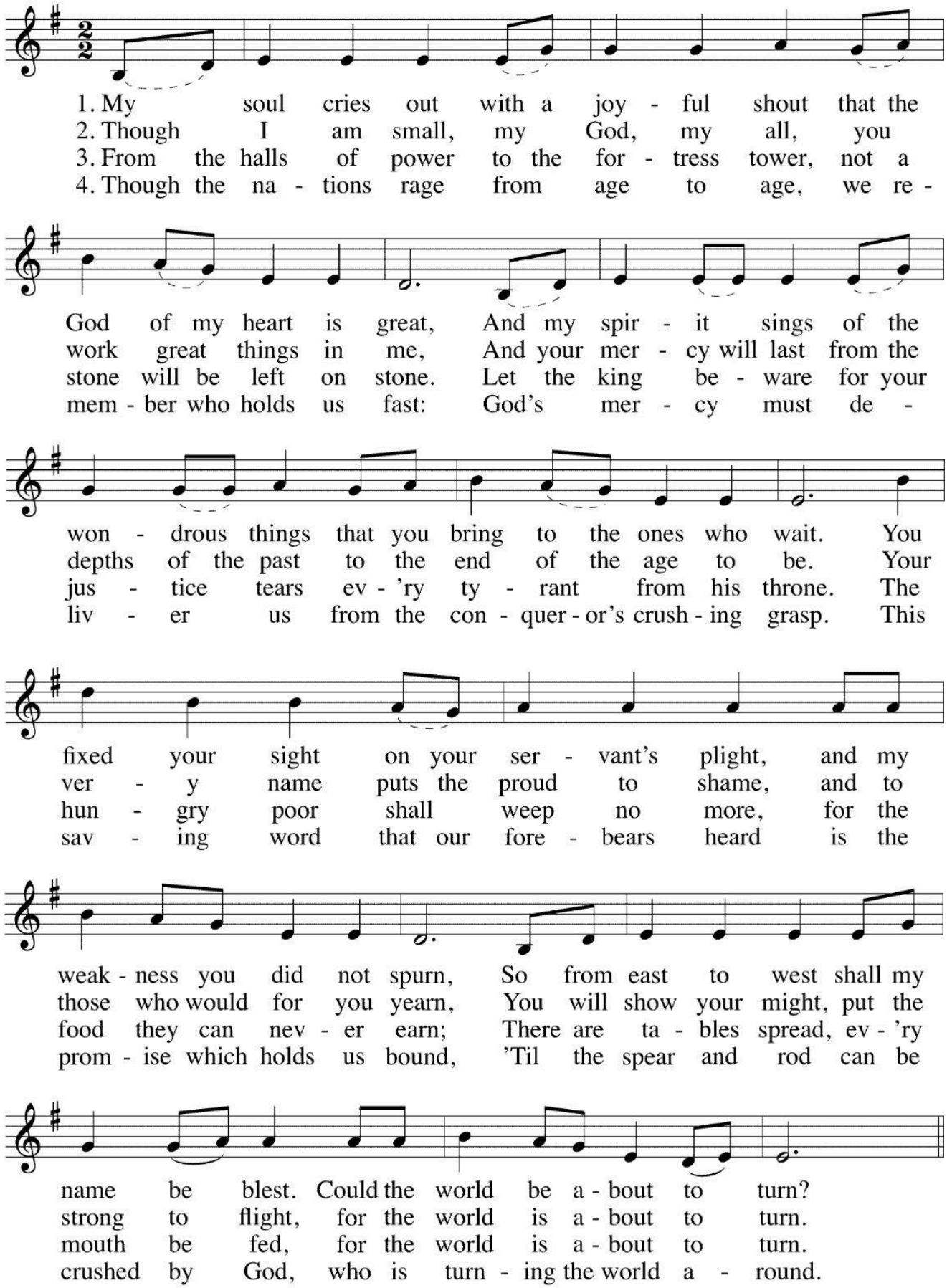
All **And also with you.**

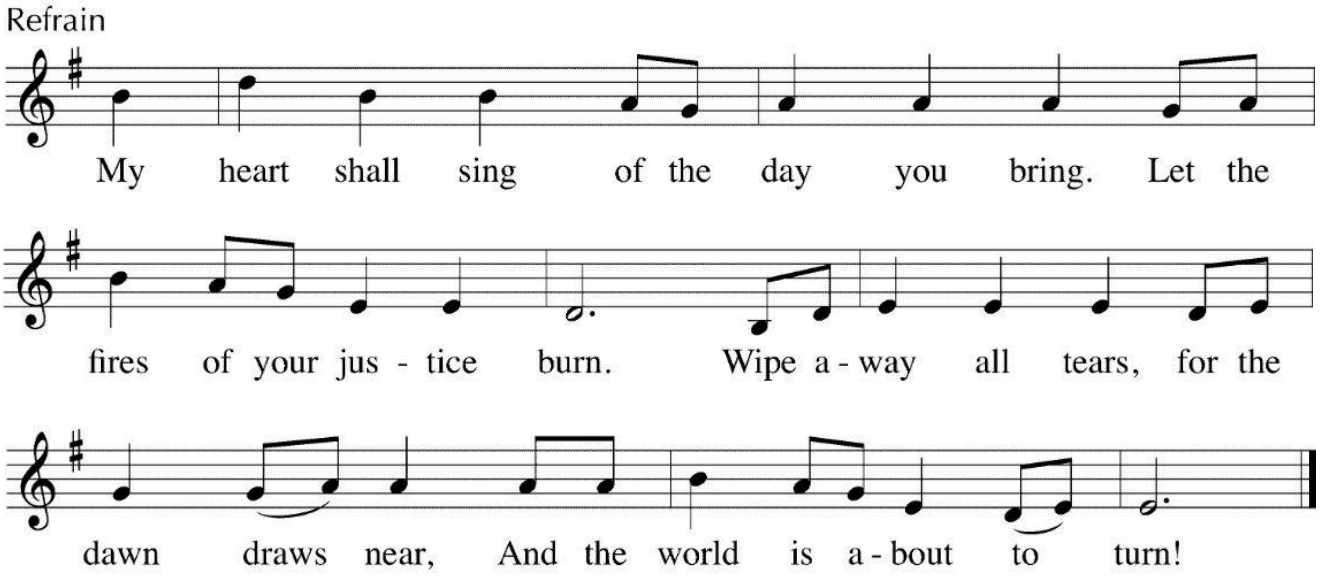
The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Invitation to Offering

We at Christ Church Deer Park give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the local community. We invite you to contribute financially as you can to the life and ministry of the parish, and thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving.

Offertory Hymn – Canticle of the Turning STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN



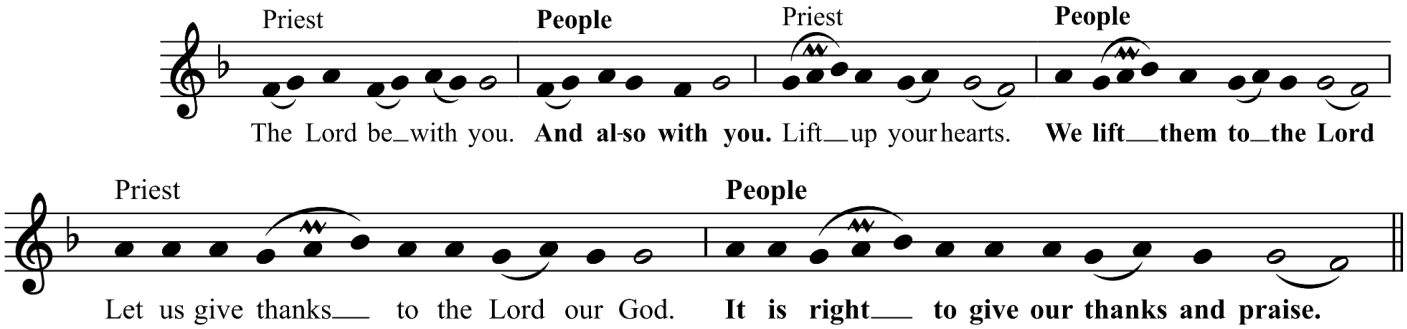


Text: Luke 1:46–58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN, Irregular with refrain; Irish melody; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist *(please remain standing)*



Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

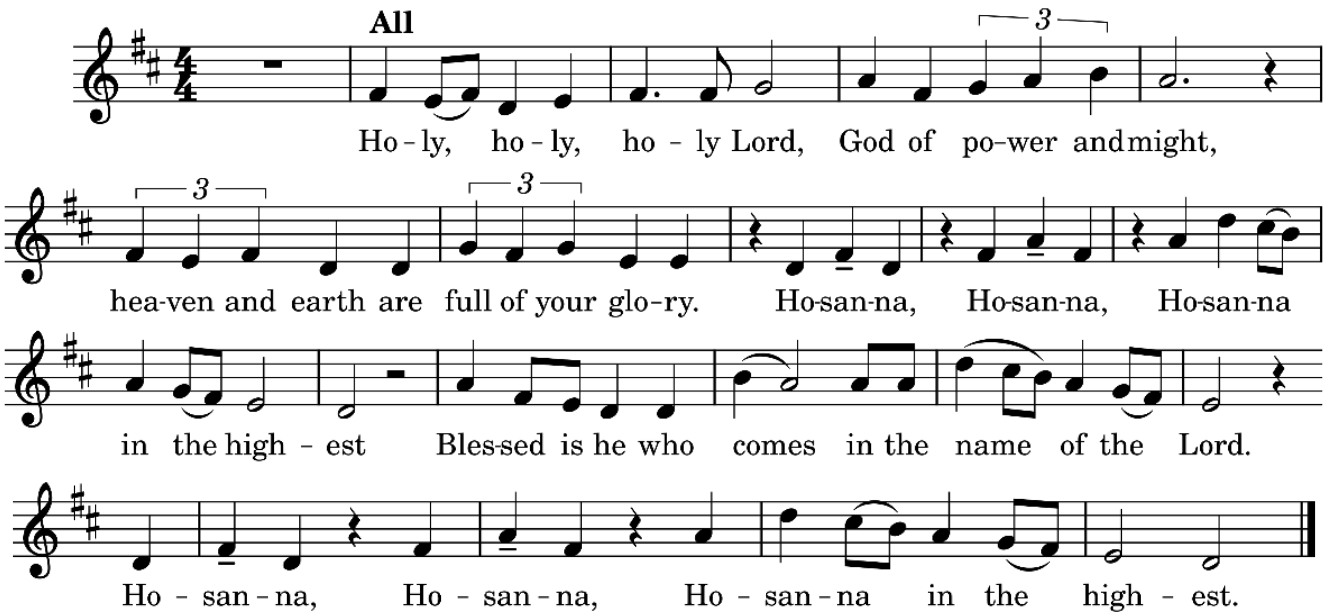
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus - *Mass of St. Thomas* David Thorne



Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

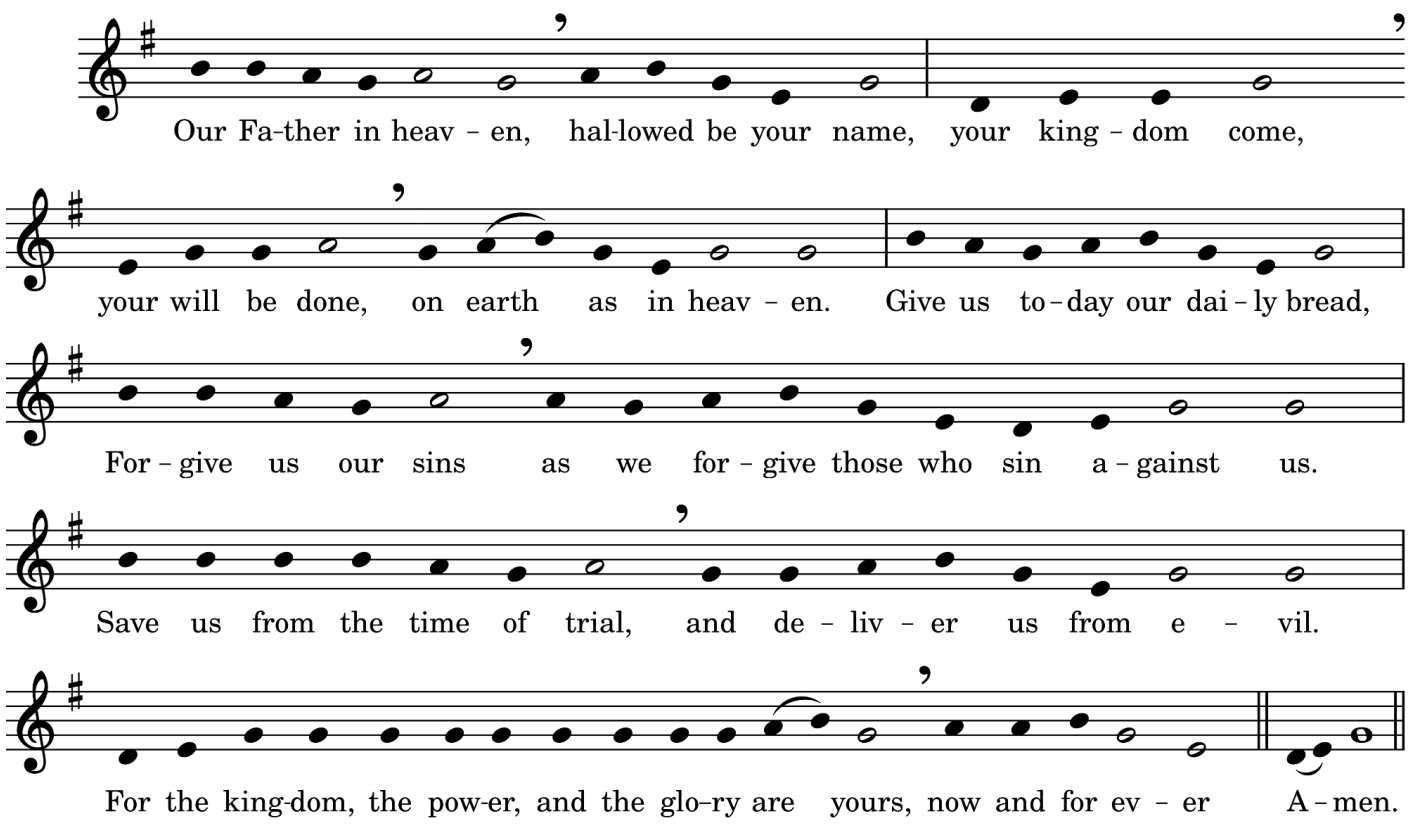
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



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Breaking of the Bread

Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.
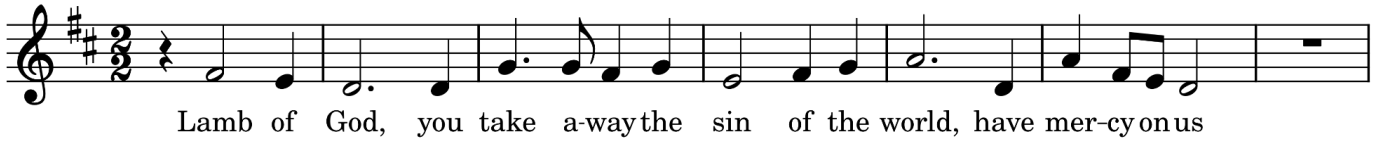
All **Thanks be to God.**
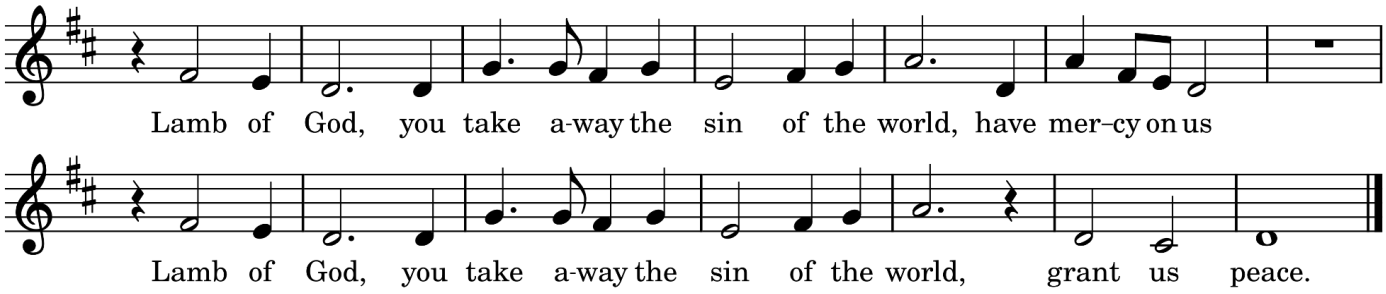
Invitation to Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion! Please let the priest know if you require gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come to the priest. You are receiving full communion with the bread alone. If you prefer not to receive the wine, you may acknowledge the chalice by touching the base or simply return to your seat.

(please remain standing)

Agnus Dei – *Mass of St. Thomas* David Thorne





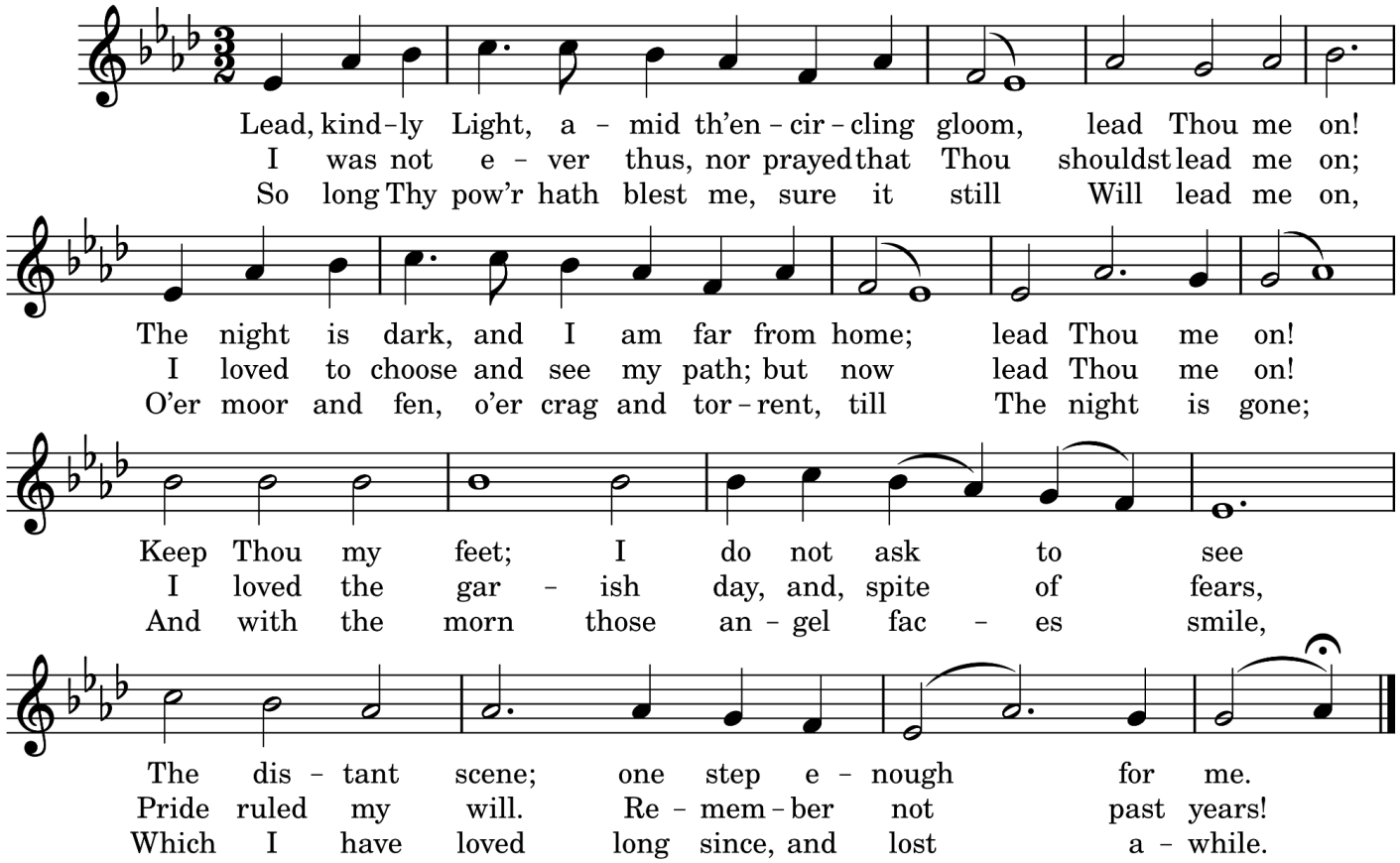
(please be seated)

Communion Motet – O Lord, My God to Thee — Jacques Arcadelt

Choir

O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul.
O Lord in thee have I trusted; let me not be ashamed;
let my foes not triumph over me.
O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me.
Teach me thy way, Lord; lead me in a plain path.
O hide not thy face far from me.
Amen.
- from Psalms 25 & 26

Communion Hymn – Lead, Kindly Light — LUX BENIGNA



Text: John H. Newman
Music: John B. Dykes

Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements *(please be seated)*

(please stand as you are able)

Closing Hymn – O Jesus, I Have Promised - CP #438 WOLVERCOTE

All

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
not wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode
Music: William Harold Ferguson

Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Fantaisie* from *Hommage à Frescobaldi* Jean Langlais

Please join us for fellowship in Elliott Hall.

Musical Note

As the autumn days grow darker and the lectionary readings address last things, the communion hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light" seems especially fitting. The text is a poem originally titled the "The Pillar of Cloud," by notable English theologian John Henry Newman. Newman wrote this in 1833 while recovering from an illness and feeling impatient. It offers a reassuring message of hope, which is perhaps why it has often been sung in times of distress and disaster, including on board the Titanic as it sank. This poignant poem has been set to several tunes; the one we will use today (LUX BENIGNA) was composed by the prolific hymn writer, John Bacchus Dykes specifically for Newman's text.

Also, if you hear Yorkminster Park's carillon (bells) postlude this Sunday after church (around 12pm), it's our Director of Music playing. Stefani started learning carillon this summer and was invited to sub in today.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Alison Falby

Deacon: The Rev. Christine Lambert

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Ivan Vutev, Peter Warren

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Reader: Sandra Geddes

Prayers of the People: Elsa Jones

Warden on Duty: Katherine MacDonald

Sidesperson / Greeter: Rhona Samuel

Welcome Team: Winnie Tang

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Next Week's Worship Preview:

November 22, 2026 at 10:30 am
The Reign of Christ - Patronal Festival

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Alison Falby

Hymns: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven | The King of Love My Shepherd Is | Crown Him With Many Crowns | All People that On Earth Do Dwell | Rejoice the Lord is King

Anthem: Ralph Vaughan Williams - O How Amiable

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Participating in the Offertory
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Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.

In Person
Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.

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