ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

WELCOMING AND CELEBRATING NEW MEMBERS:

Basha Stanbury

Sherry Maple

Chris Pelto

Melissa Pearce

Simon Behr

Hearing assistive devices are available.
Please ask an usher.

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center.
Access the Pitarys Family Nursery Room from the north lobby, just past the elevator.
Follow the signs or please ask an usher to escort you to Room 109.

VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach

All rise as able as the bell tolls.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Judge eternal, throned in splendor*

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, 596 ©; Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.
Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerishtetes Meiningisches Gesanbuch*, 1693

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, S 278 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A reading from the Prophet Amos (5:18-24).

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 70 chant by Edward John Hopkins

Deus, in adjutorium

Sung by the choir.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18).

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who

have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*

All rise as able and sing.



Hymnal 1982, 61 ©; Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)


cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -
ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to
has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

All rise, as able.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1-13).
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Barbara Feldon

All may be seated.

Silence follows the sermon.

All rise, as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Trusting in the God whose kingdom grows from the smallest seed and works quietly like yeast in the dough, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need**.**

For the Church throughout the world, that we may faithfully sow the seeds of God's kingdom and bear witness to Christ's love in all we do. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the Diocese of Olympia, we pray for the Diocesan Council, the Board of Directors, and the Standing Committee.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For St. Thomas Church and for our Profile Committee, that in this season of transition we may treasure both the gifts of our past and the new things God is bringing forth among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the nations of the world and all who hold authority, that justice, mercy, and peace may take root and flourish for the good of all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened by any trouble. We pray especially for:

All **Lilian, Tyler, Edward, Phyllis, Debbie, Fr. George, Laura, Nora, Jeremy, Estelle, Alan, The Carson Family, Richard, Gene & Nikki, Dave, Robyn, Joan, Louise, George, and Martha.**

Intercessor Grant them healing, comfort, and hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially:

All **Meredith Blundell, William Cahill, Dorothy Bishop, and JoAnn Scheyer.**

Intercessor May they be gathered into the fullness of your kingdom, where every tear is wiped away.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Please add the intercessions and thanksgivings you hold in your heart, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you have revealed your kingdom in hidden treasure, in a pearl of great price, in a mustard seed, and in yeast that leavens the whole loaf. Give us eyes to recognize your presence, hearts to value your gifts above all else, and courage to follow wherever you lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen**.

The Province de l'Église Anglicane du Congo (PEAC) serves over 500,000 members across the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Founded through 19th-century missionary work, it became an autonomous Anglican province in 1992. The church has 16 dioceses, each led by a bishop, and is active in pastoral care, education, healthcare, and community development. Its ministries focus on spiritual formation, literacy, peacebuilding, and social services, often in areas affected by poverty or conflict. Worship blends Anglican liturgy with Congolese music and culture, reflecting local faith expressions. PEAC emphasizes leadership development, reconciliation, and service, seeking to transform both church and society through justice, compassion, and community engagement.

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members are invited to come forward or stand, as able.

Celebrant Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into the community of St. Thomas Church. We welcome them to join this community in seeking to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. St. Thomas welcomes and cherishes their unique gifts and experiences as they follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

Presenter I present *names* to be welcomed as members of this community.

Celebrant Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Thomas Church?

New Members I do.

Celebrant Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up the common life of this church?

New Members I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought them to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

All rise, as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share some of the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, at stthomasmedina.org/giving, or at Paypal with email donations@stthomasmedina.org.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Never weather-beaten sail* Charles Wood

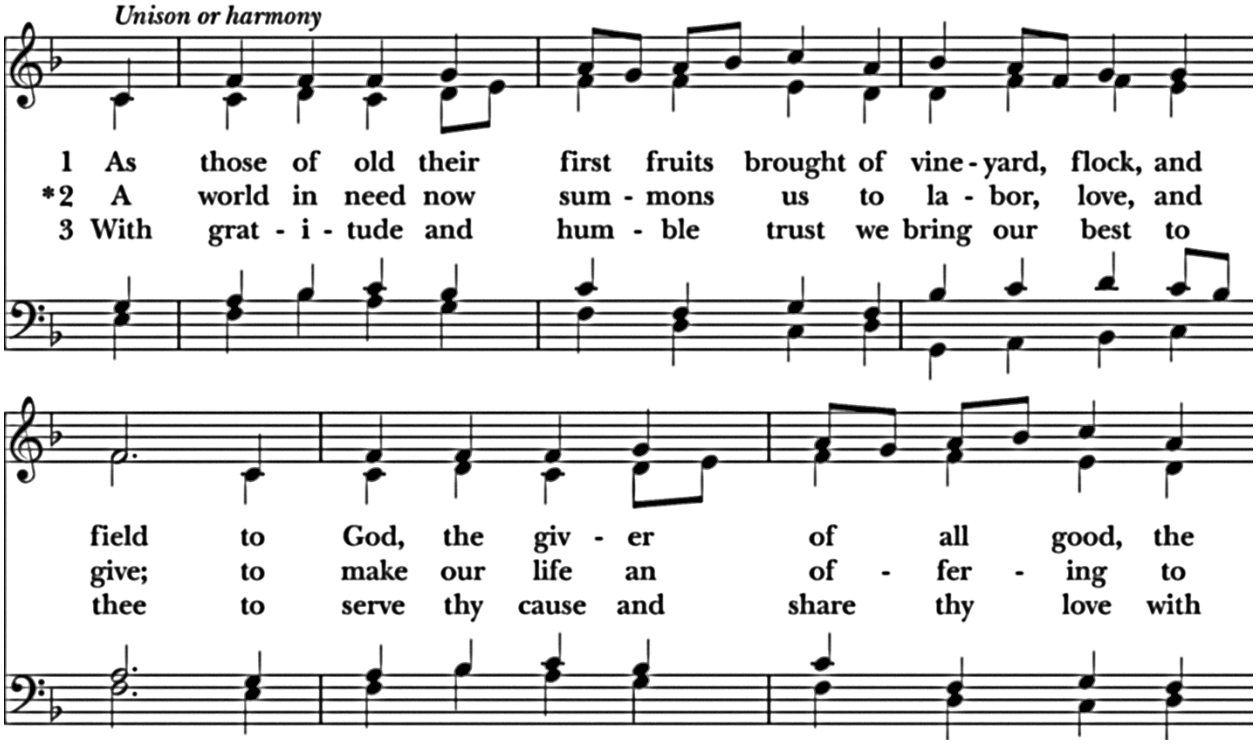
Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapor dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

text: Thomas Campion

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *As those of old their first fruits brought*

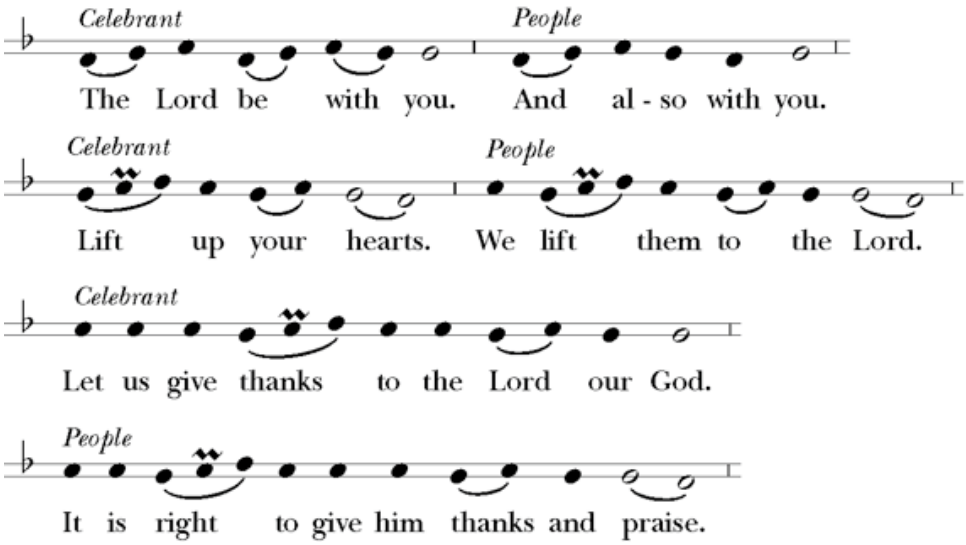
All rise as able and sing.



Hymnal 1982, 705 ©; Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996)
Music: *Forest Green,* English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant 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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 & BENEDICTUS

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, S 128 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

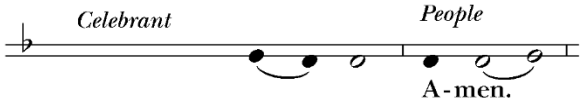
Celebrant After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

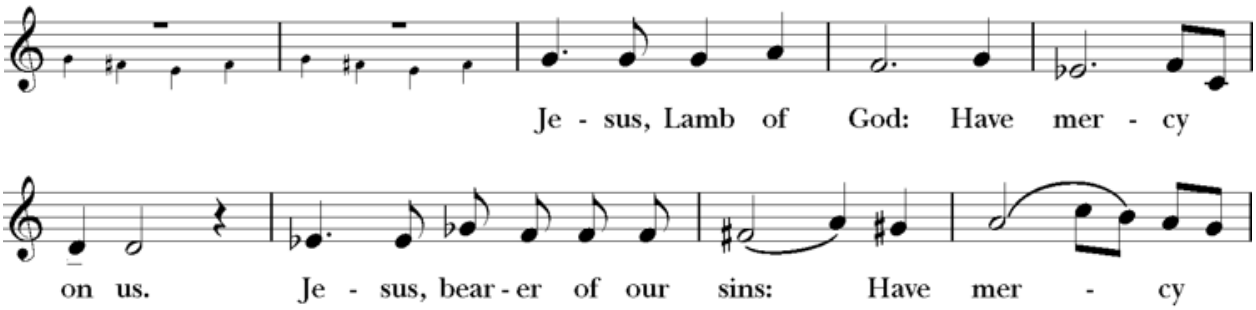
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Bread is broken.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, S 165 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

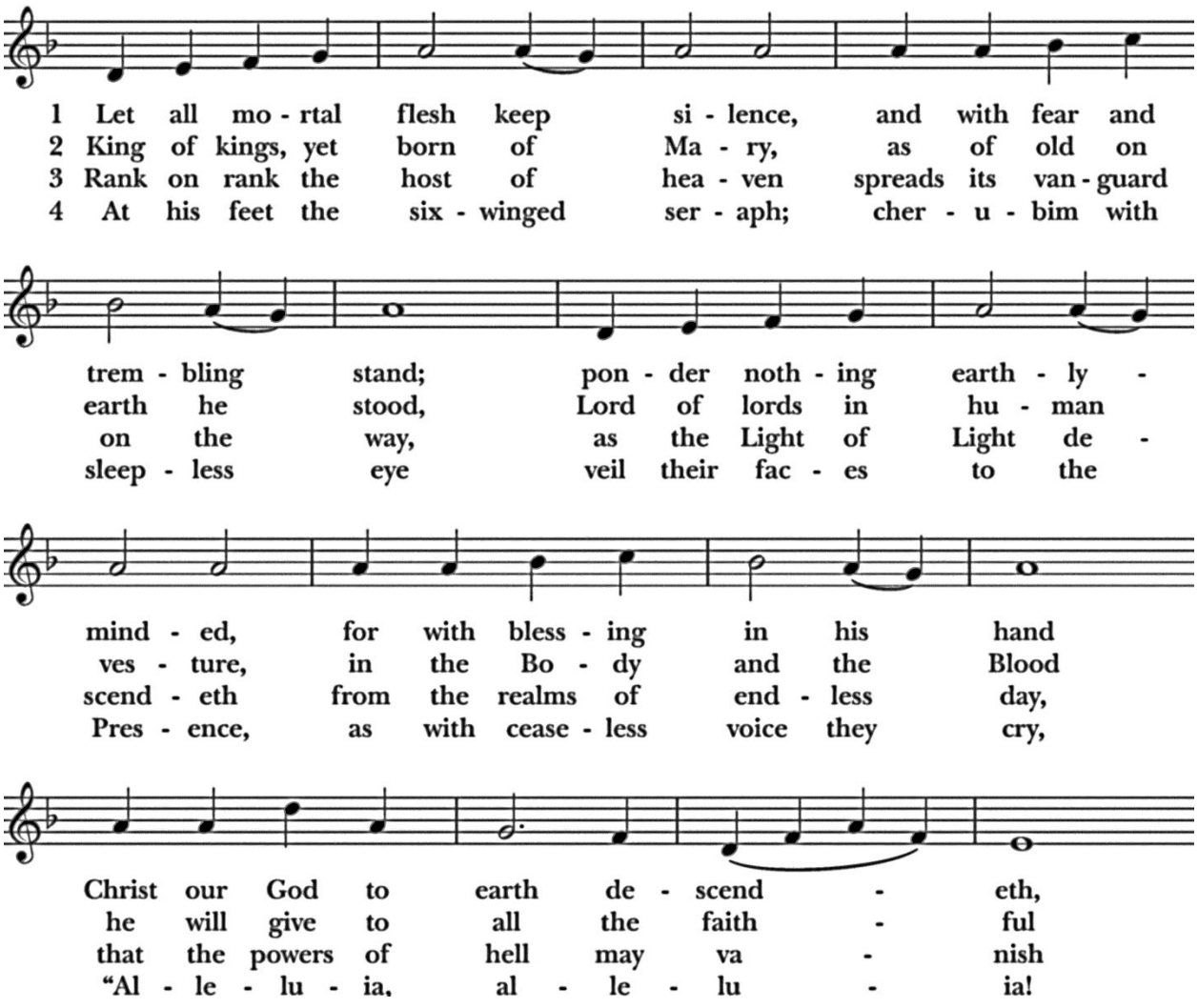
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is ***not*** *available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, 324
©; Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)
Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860



COMMUNION HYMN *Jerusalem, my happy home*

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, 620 ©; Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.
Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING *** When appropriate.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

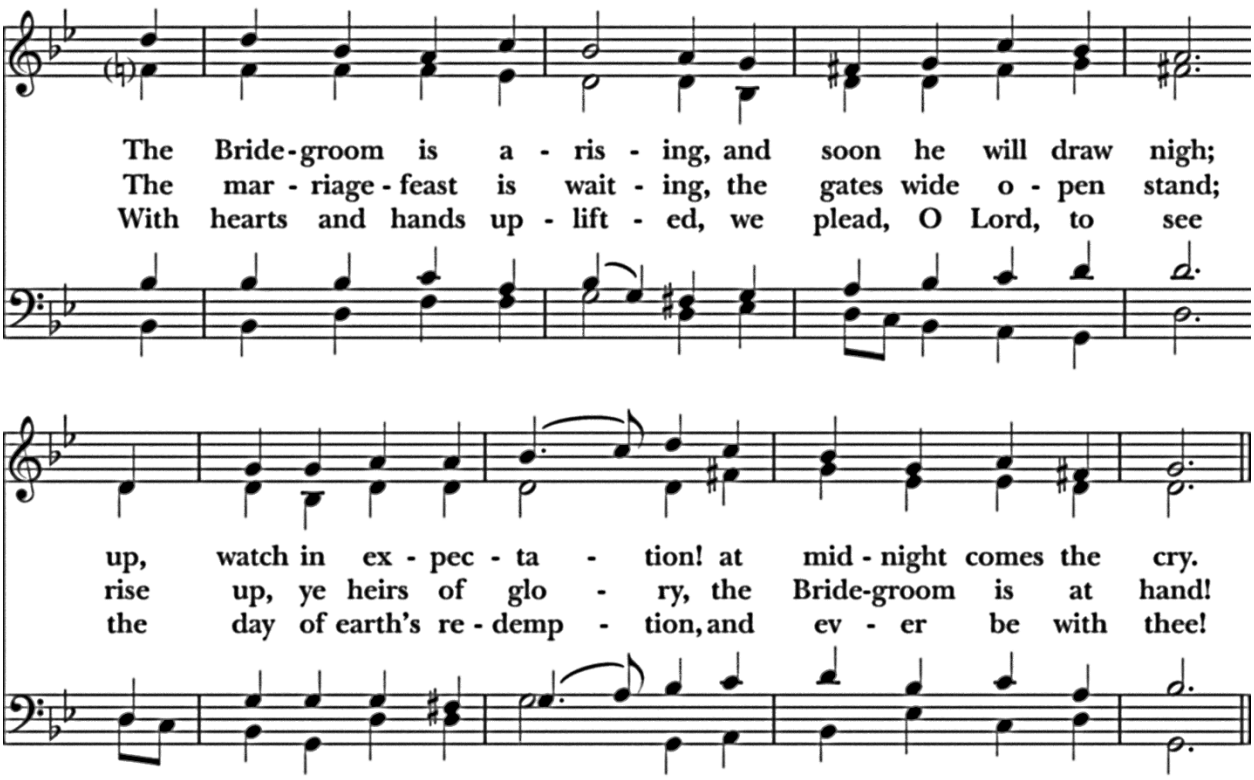
All **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, 68 ©; Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thomau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Obangiji* Fela Sowande

Please join us for coffee and refreshments, immediately following the service,
in the Great Hall of the Ebsworth Life Center,
just across the courtyard.

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