St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

November 22, 2026
10:00am
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary
Adagio (from Voluntary in F) - John Bennett

Welcome and Announcements

The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal #535 - *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

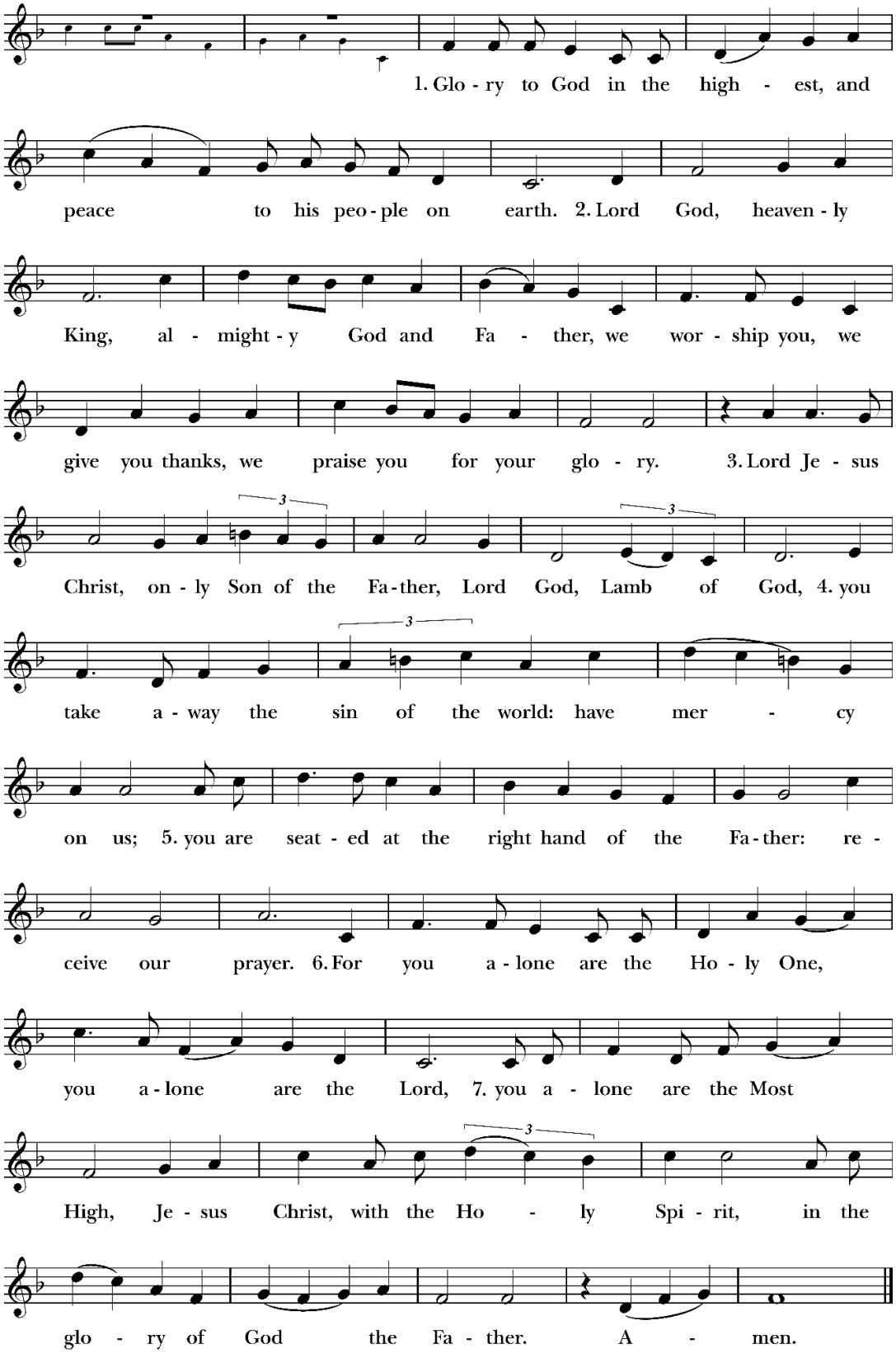
Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer page 355)

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

Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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.

Blue Hymnal S280 - *Glory to God*



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The Collect

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus*

Sung by the choir

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

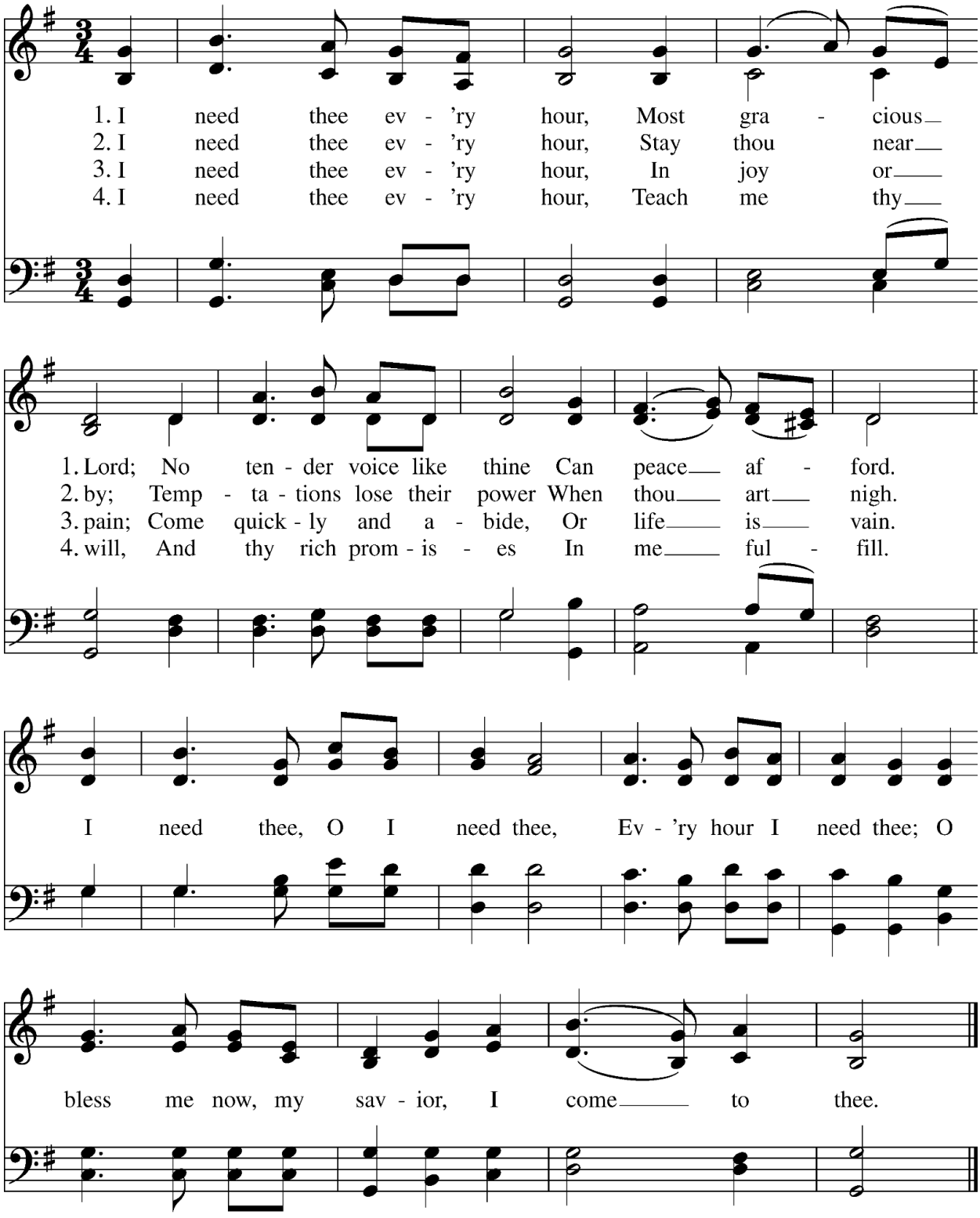
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #192 - *I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour*



Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Many: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

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

On this, the Feast of Christ the King, we give thanks O Lord God; that you search for your sheep and seek us out from all nations and peoples, and from every corner of the earth, to feed us with justice, and to shepherd us in good pasture:
The Lord has made us, and claimed us as God's own.

You have set Jesus in our midst, the great shepherd of the sheep, and he will seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak:
We are the people of God's pasture; the sheep of God's hand.

Tend our sick, Lord Christ, comforting weary hearts, and reviving health and courage, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered for The Sanchez family,

Holly and family, Kent and Sallie, and Bill and Ann, Charles, Nancy, Sean, Kent, Ann, Earlene, Donald, Jane Z., Frank, Kimberley, Marsha, Veronica, Susan J., Laurel, Ann C., Elena, Jay, Susan S., Loretta, David B., Debby, Kenny, Jane P., Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Donna, Mark, Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, Robin, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, and Russell. And for those who have died, including Hugh Morrison and for our service members killed in the current conflict. Fix in them sure knowledge of your care:
The Lord has made us, and claimed us as God's own.

You are our sovereign, and give into our charge the ordering of human affairs. Make us to hold accountable every earthly ruler, and to insist on the establishment of justice in the earth. We intercede especially for these United States, our President, Congress, and Supreme Court and for all who are to uphold the rule of law:
We are the people of God's pasture; the sheep of God's hand.

Be with the bishops of our Church and of this Diocese, with those priests given charge over parishes and missions; for our Rector, for all laity exercising authority in this parish and in our Church, that your reign may be seen in the midst of your people:
The Lord has made us, and claimed us as God's own.

As we come more and more to know you by the grace of the Spirit; enlighten the eyes of our hearts, give us wisdom and insight, and help us glimpse your power at work within us:
We are the people of God's pasture; the sheep of God's hand.

You, O Christ, are above all rule and authority and above every name that is named in this age and in the age to come. You are the head of the Church, your body, the fullness of God who fills all in all, and to you we give our praise, our worship and allegiance:
The Lord has made us, and claimed us as God's own.

We pray for all who are seeking a relationship with God and a church community to support their faith. Lord God, bring them to our community so we may know and share the love of God with them and be blessed by the gifts they bring.
Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

The people may offer their prayers.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A brief silence is kept for examination of conscience.

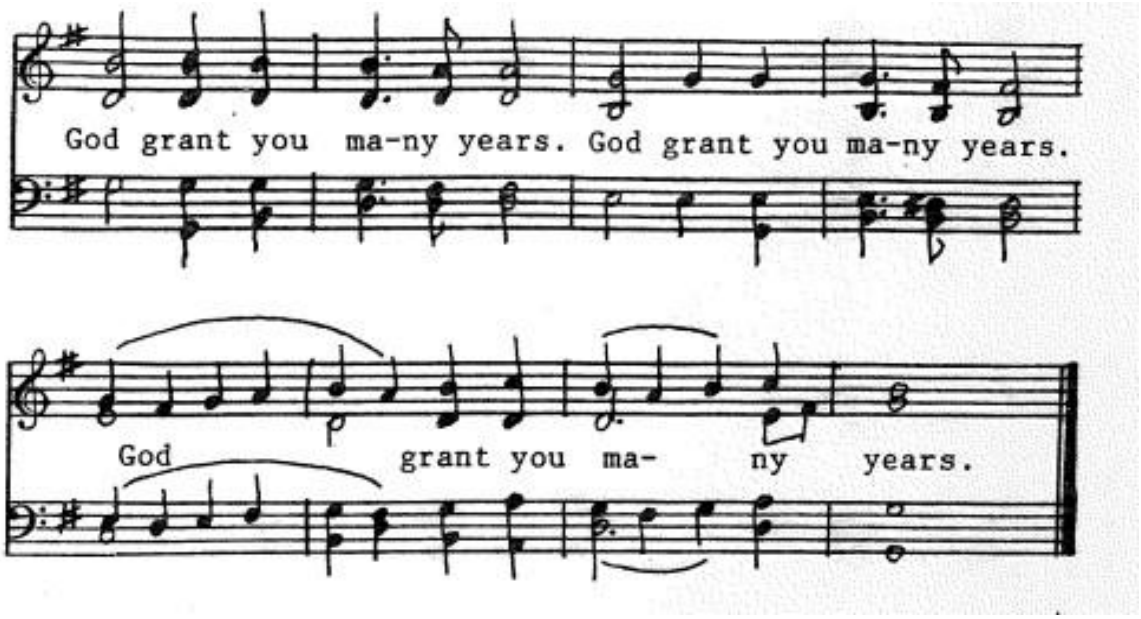
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.

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 (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings and Healing Prayers



The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

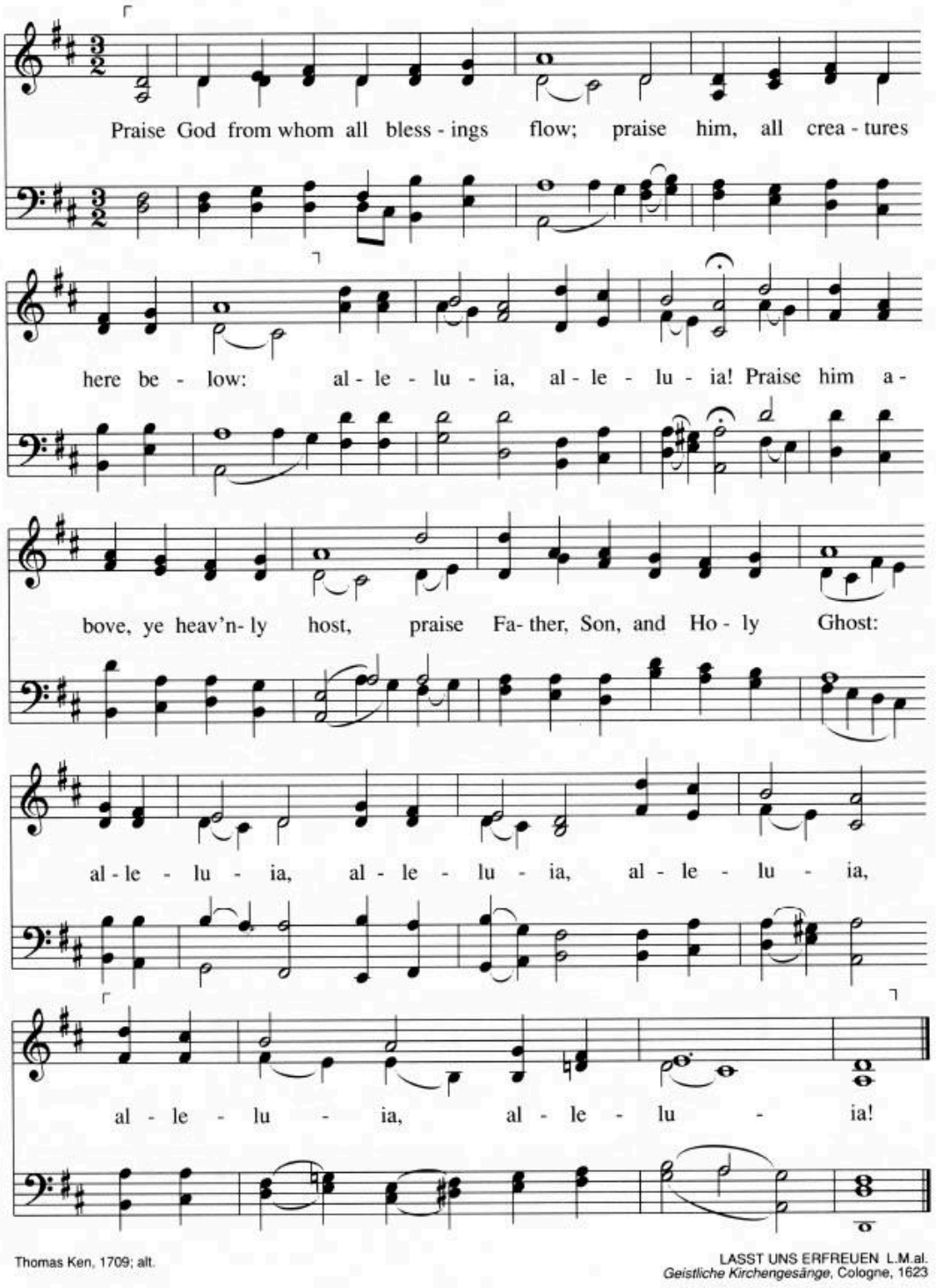
O God, the King of Glory

text from *Eleven Anthems on General and Particular Occasions*

music by Joseph Key

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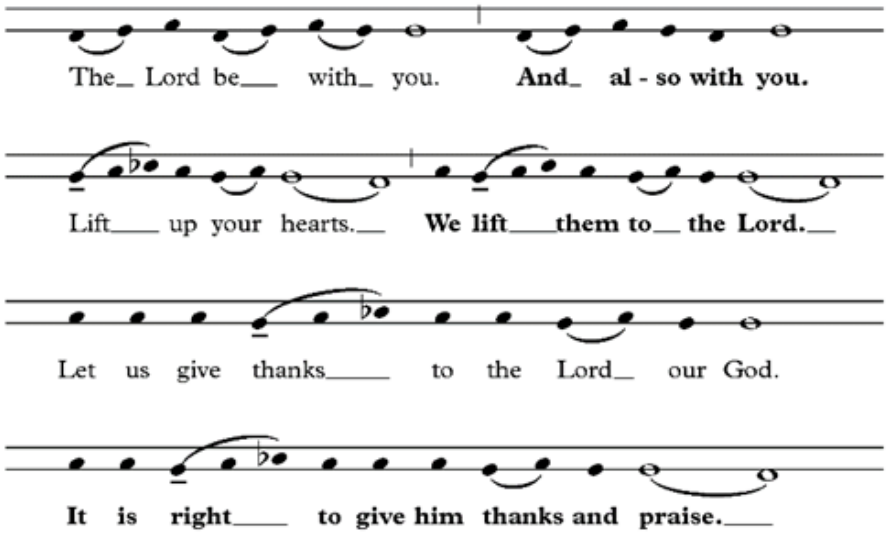
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The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

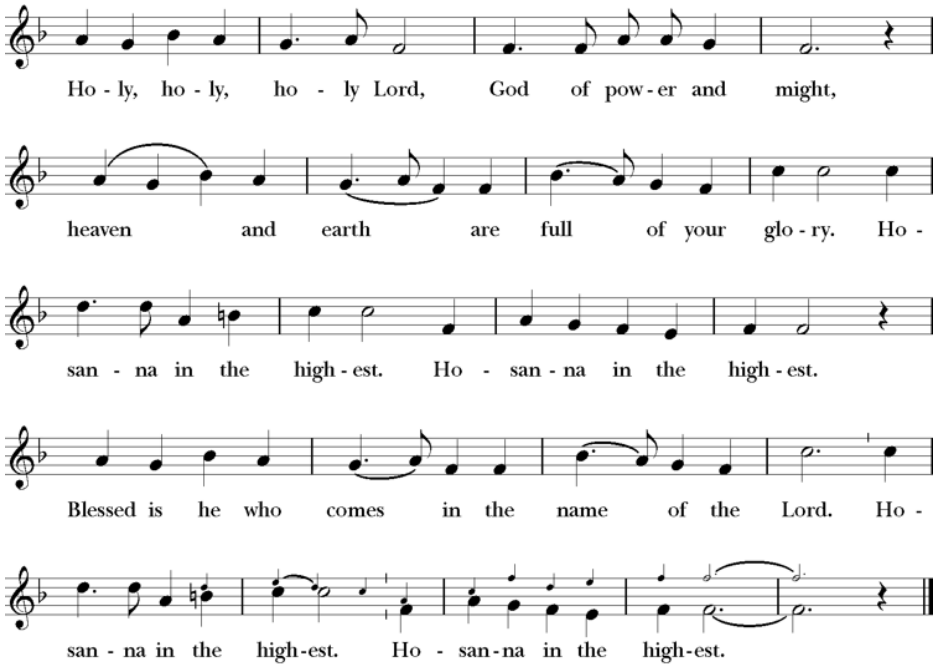


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Blue Hymnal # S125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*



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,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 St. John 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 363)

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

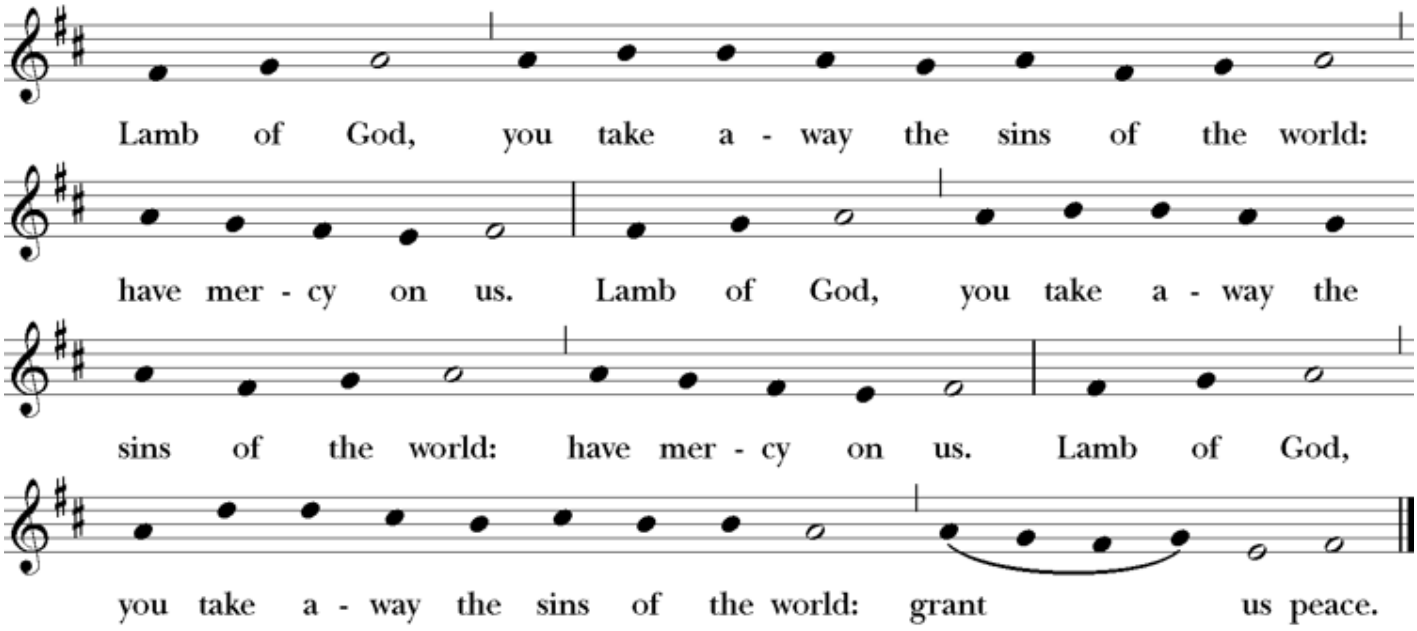
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal #S161 - *Lamb of God*



Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #324 - *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!'

Blue Hymnal #341 - *For the bread which you have broken*

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blesséd ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Blue Hymnal #339 - *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded—
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blesséd food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (BCP p. 365)

**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.**

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

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. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

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

Final Blessing (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #555 - *Lead on, O King eternal*

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle-song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy,
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal (BCP p. 366)

One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Many: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

Cornet Processional - David P. Dahl

Serving on Sunday November 22nd at 10:00am:
Acolytes - Grant P., Isaac P. and Evelyn S.
Chalice Bearers - David C. and Grant P.
Counters – Hilary G. and Mary W.
Lectors – Hilary F., Katharine F. and Michele V.
Ushers – Katharine F. and Mary W.

Serving November 22nd at 5:00pm Evensong:
Acolytes - Eric G., Robert F. and Ruth G.
Lectors - The Rev. James Haddix
Ushers – Jim B. and Mary W.

Serving on Sunday November 29th at 10:00am:
Acolytes - Dakota M., Edmund H., Matilda H.
Chalice Bearers - Nancy D. and Jacquie W.
Counters – Jim B. and Roger G.
Lectors – Brandon M., Emma P. and Chris M.
Ushers – Roger G. and Zach W.

Thank you to all who volunteer as **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Counters, Lectors,** and **Ushers**. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.

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Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: The Sanchez family, Holly M. and her family, Kent and Sallie, and Bill and Ann. **Continued prayers for –** Charles L., Nancy M., Sean C., Kent C., Ann C., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Frank B., Kimberley M., Marsha, Veronica Y., Susan J., Laurel, Ann, Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Debby, Kenny B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Donna W., Mark M., Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, Robin S., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., and Russell M.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Daniel Carson our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Spencer S., Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Deacon Ann and Eli S.

For the Departed: Hugh Morrison and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Wendell Livingston
by Ann Holland

The Ministers: *All the members of this church because we believe in the "priesthood of all believers" (1 Peter 2:5).*

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