The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

We believe in sharing love and grace
with God and one another.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

The Rt. Rev. Richard Lawson, Bishop of Alabama
The Rev. Candice B. Frazer, Rector
The Rev. David Hall, Interim Associate Rector

MINISTERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY
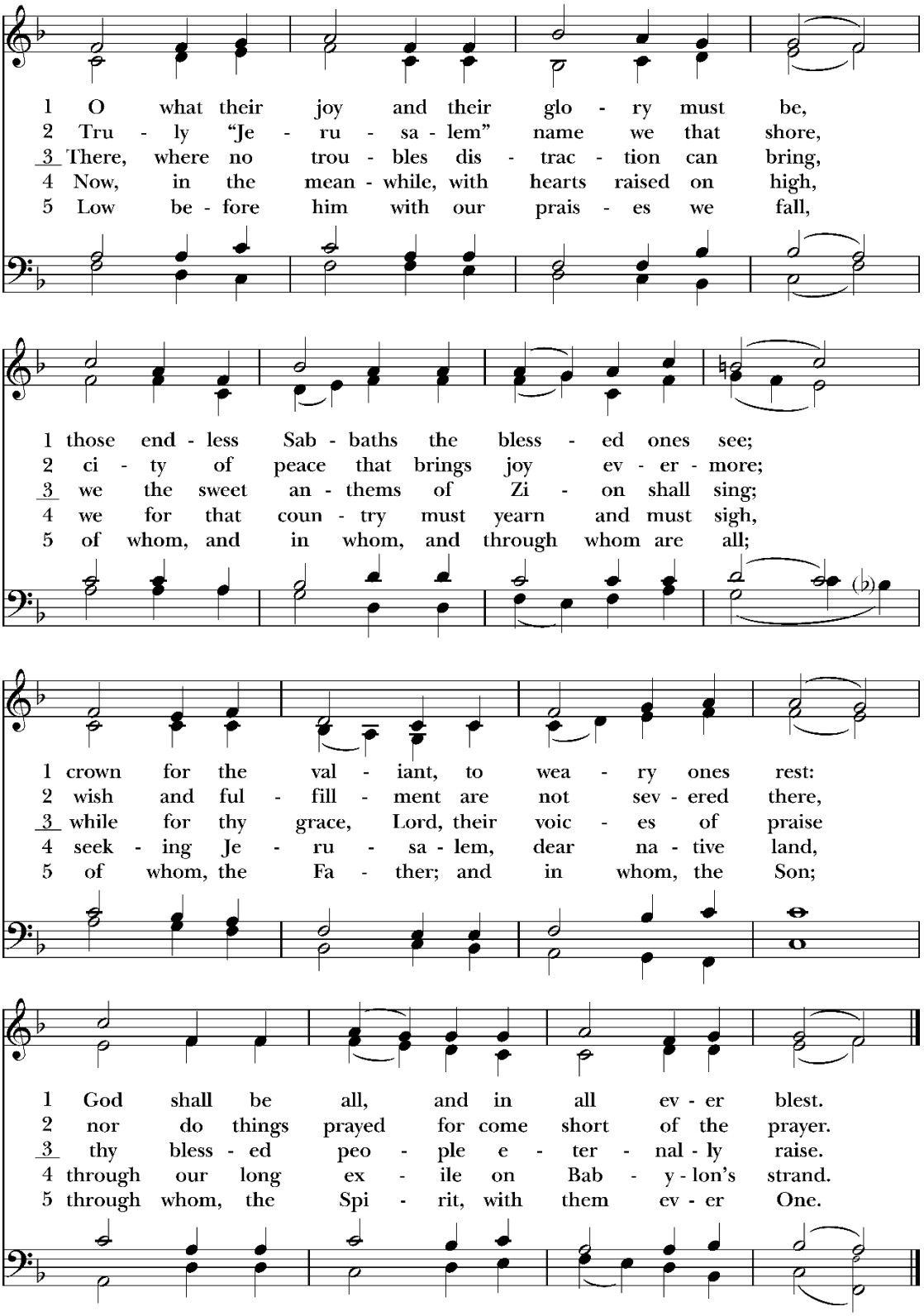
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Joel Gregory
LECTOR: Paula Smith
LEMs: Virginia Humphrey, Robert Prescott, Anne Kimzey
VERGER: Ellen Brooks
ACOLYTES: Alden Pate, Dylan Curin, Sam Edmondson

AV CREW: Jason Pate
ALTAR GUILD:
Ellen Brooks, Stacia Bailey
FLOWER GUILD: Richard Norris

CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO 11:00 AM

Prelude: *Elegy* George Thalben-Ball
Sinfonia (Funeral Cantata) JS Bach

Processional Hymn



Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Q quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Word of God

The people standing, the Bishop says:

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

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*.

THE FIRST LESSON: REVELATION 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I, John, 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that 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.

"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.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him 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.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

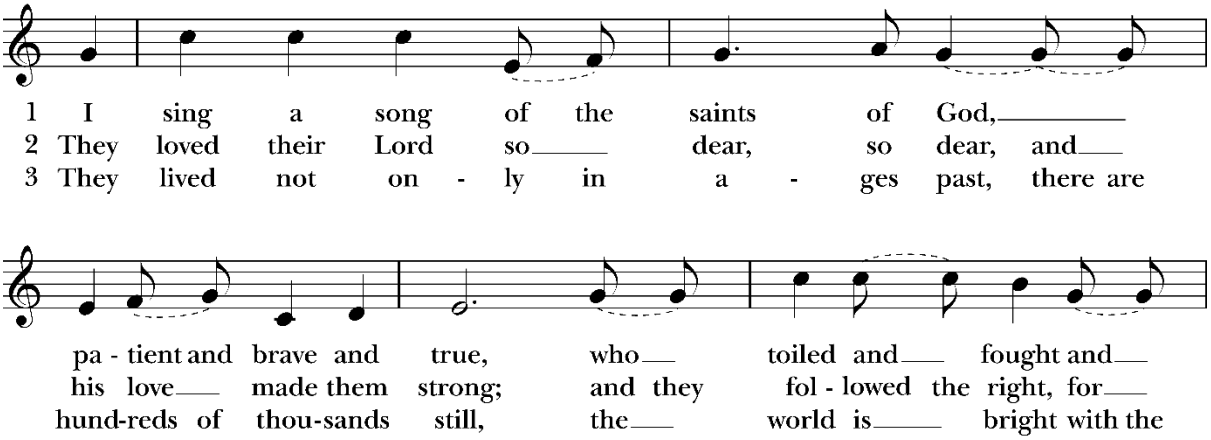
The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

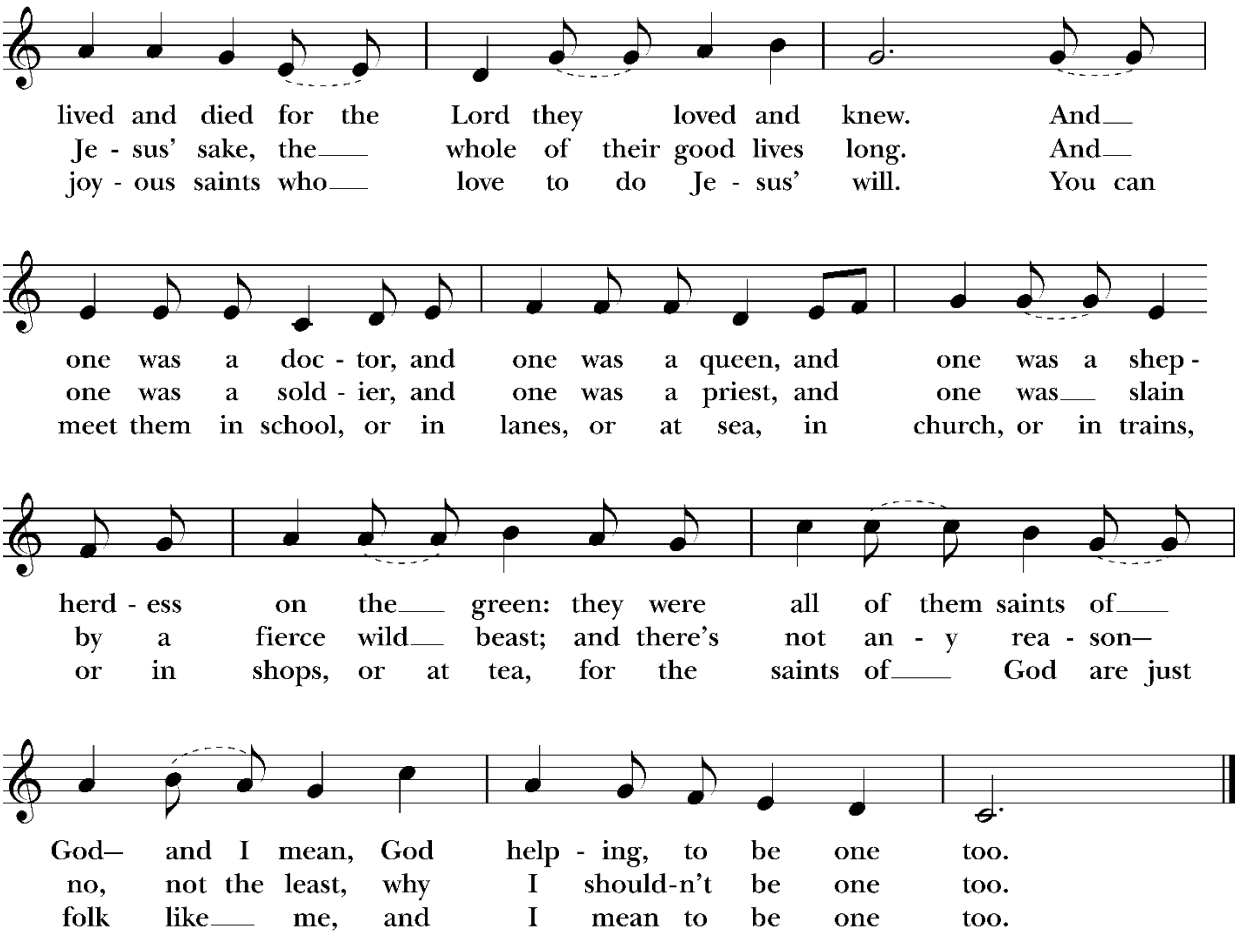
A reading from first John.

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Sequence Hymn **293** ***I sing a song of the saints of God*** GRAND ISLE





Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The Sermon *The Rt. Rev. Richard Lawson*

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented**.**

Presenter I present these persons for Confirmation**.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
The Baptismal Covenant *(standing)*

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A period of silence follows.
A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confirmation *(seated)*

For Confirmation: The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (name) with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. Amen.

Concluding Prayer by the Bishop
Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements
Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link. Or on Venmo: @ChurchoftheAscension-Montgomery,Alabama

Offertory Anthem ***In Paradisum (Requiem)*** Gabriel Faure
Gentle Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.~ *sung in Latin*

The Presentation *The Doxology:* Hymn **380**, vs. 3 *Old 100th*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

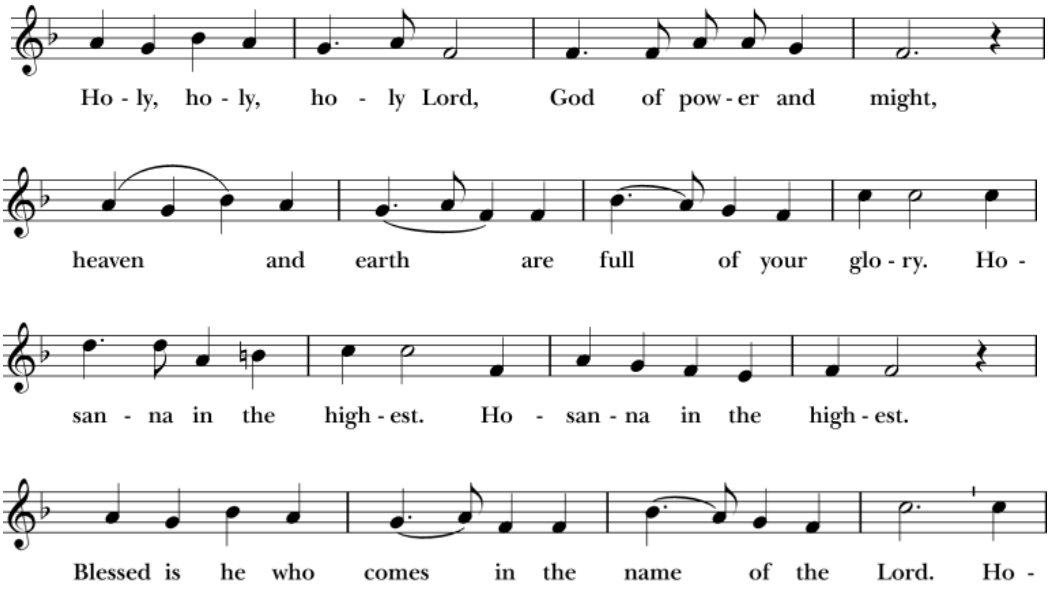
The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
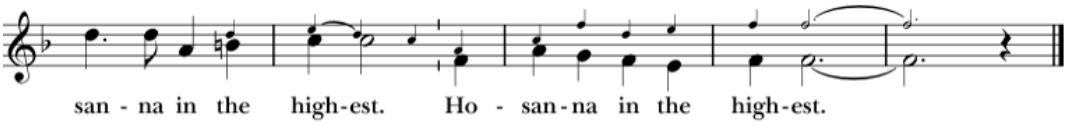
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For 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 Hymn **S128**





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The people kneel or stand.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;
The Celebrant continues

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 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.

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

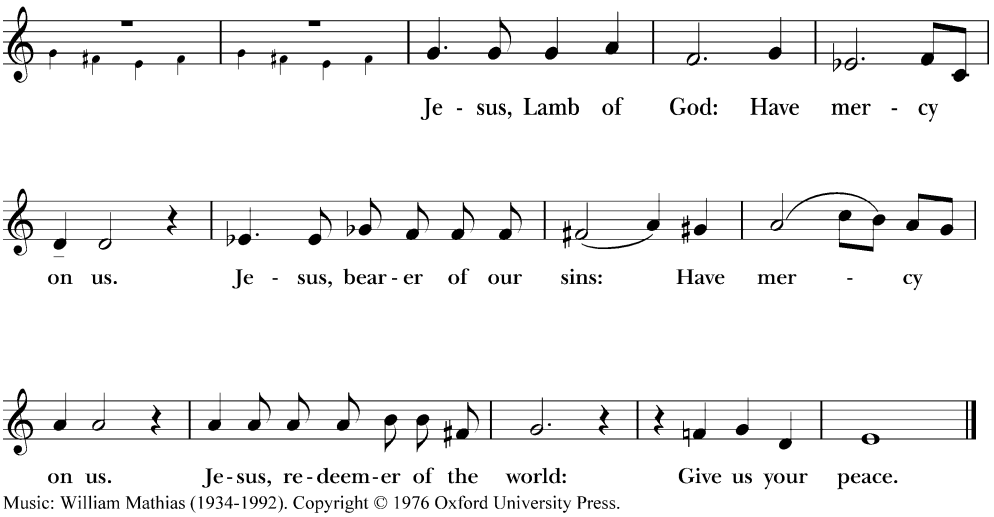
People and Celebrant
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

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 Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Hymn **S165** *Jesus Lamb of God*
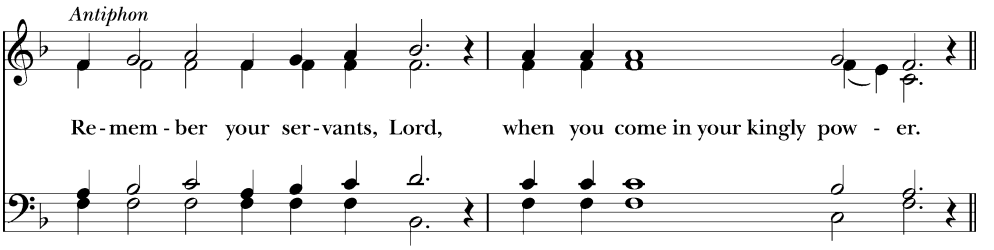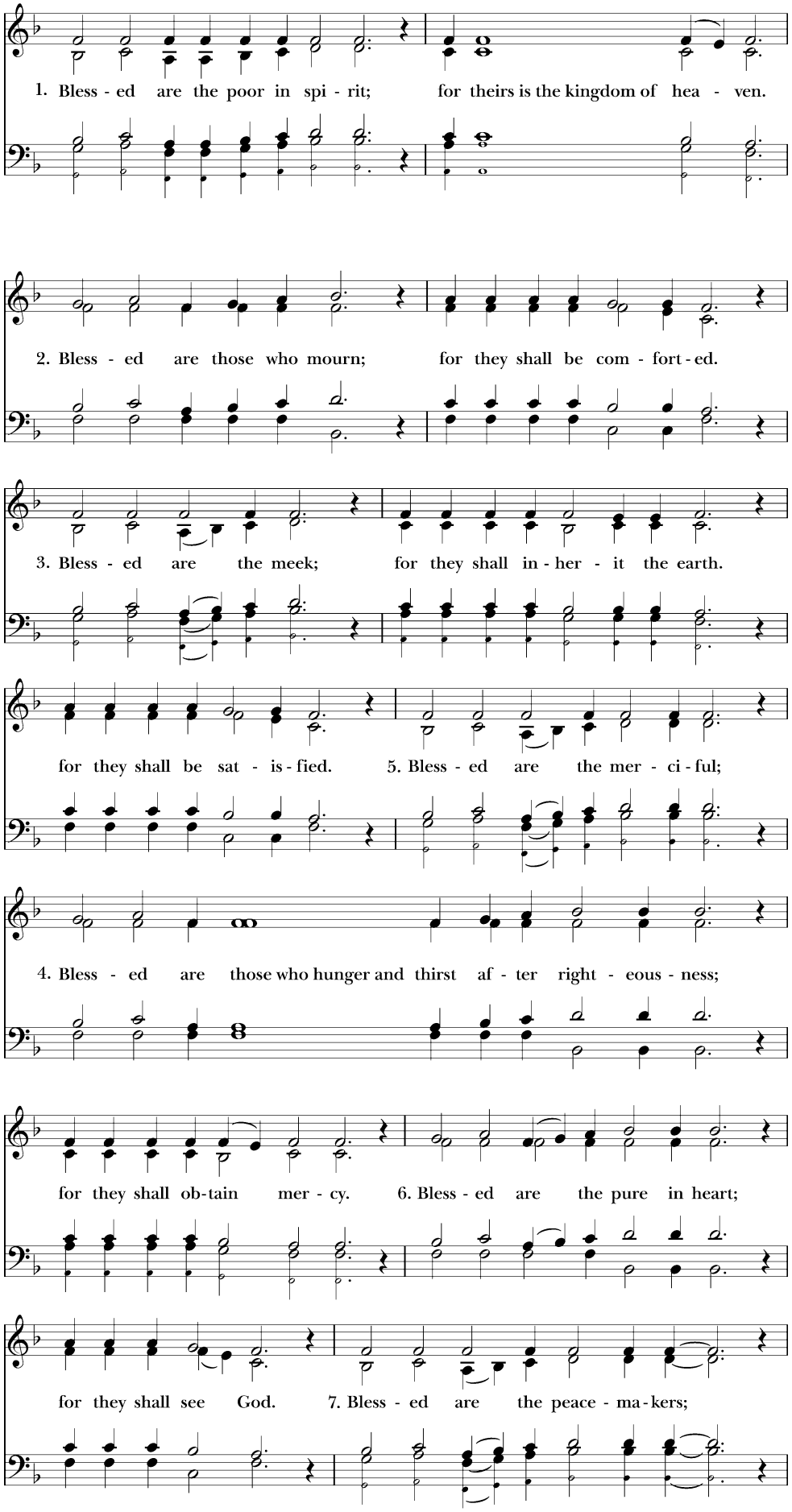


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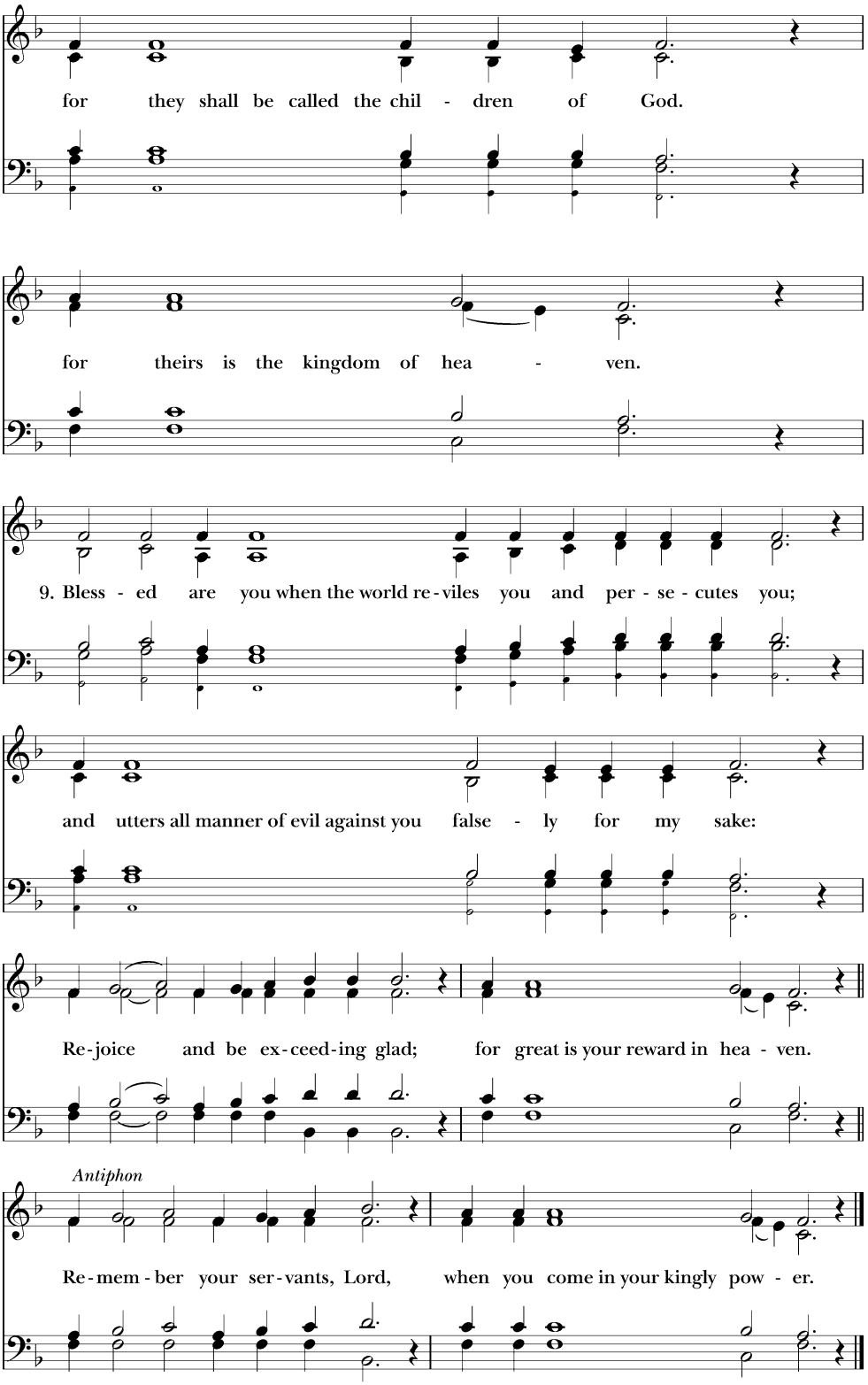
Celebrant
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem *There Is a Happy Land*

Hymn **560 Remember your servants Lord**



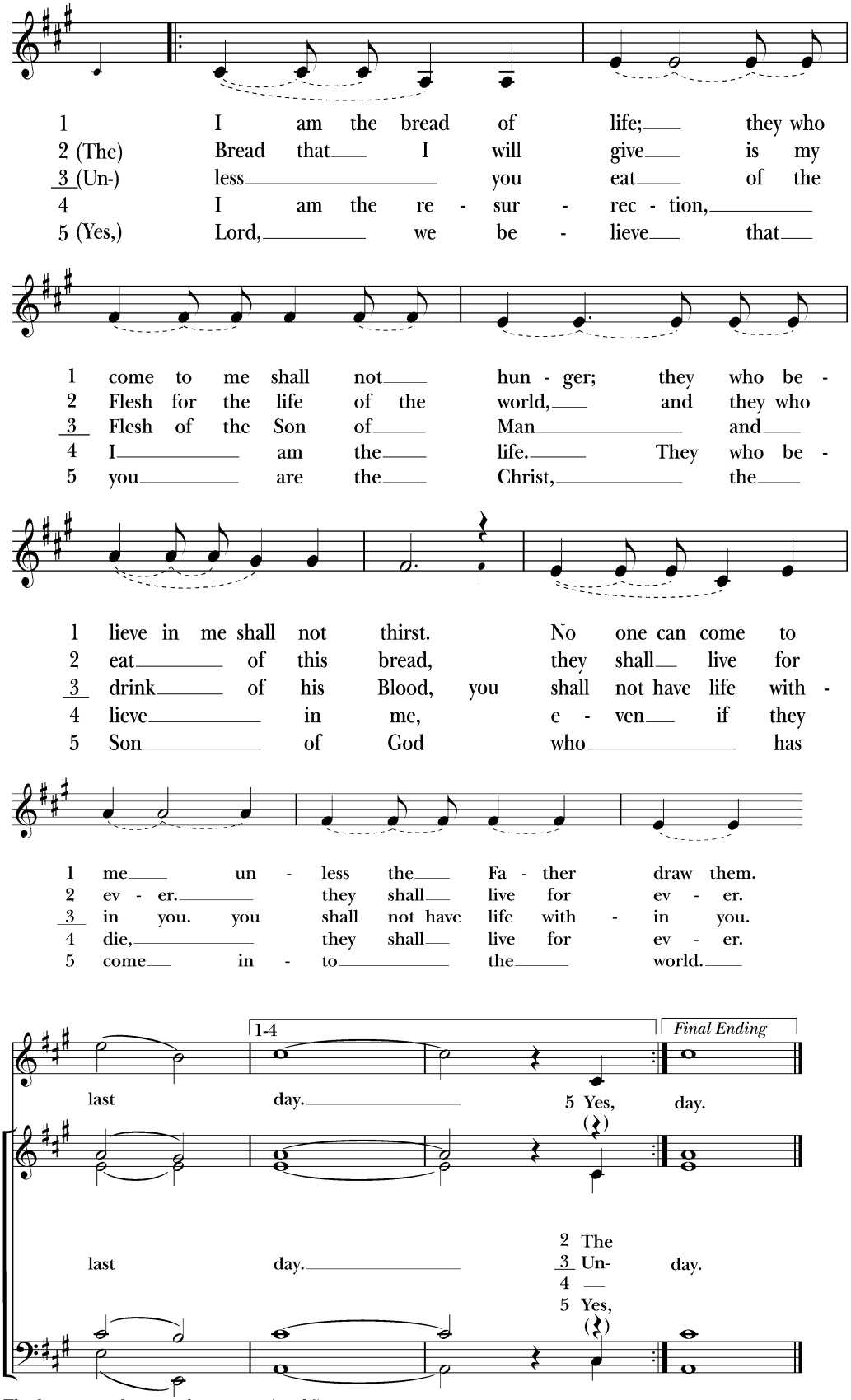

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit; for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.
2. Bless - ed are those who mourn; for they shall be com - fort - ed.
3. Bless - ed are the meek; for they shall in - her - it the earth.
for they shall be sat - is - fied. 5. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful;
4. Bless - ed are those who hunger and thirst af - ter right - eous - ness;
for they shall ob-tain mer - cy. 6. Bless - ed are the pure in heart;
for they shall see God. 7. Bless - ed are the peace - ma - kers;



The second bass part is optional.

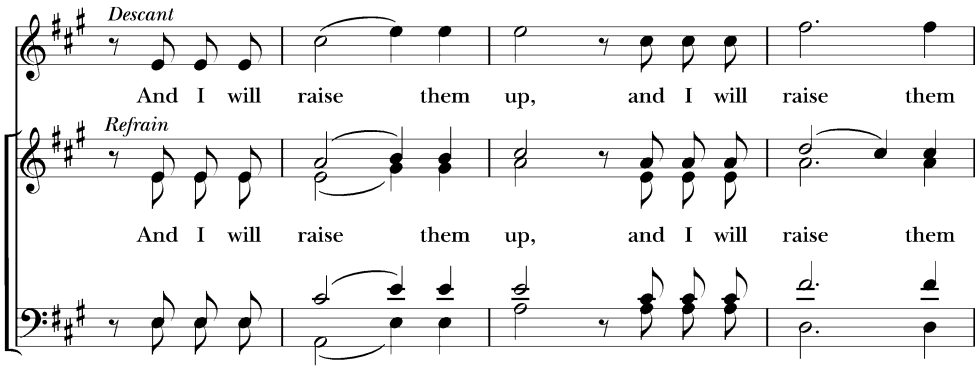
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Hymns: ***335 I am the bread of life*** I am the bread of life



The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Lay Eucharistic Commission:

In the name of this congregation, we 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 in one bread, one cup

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

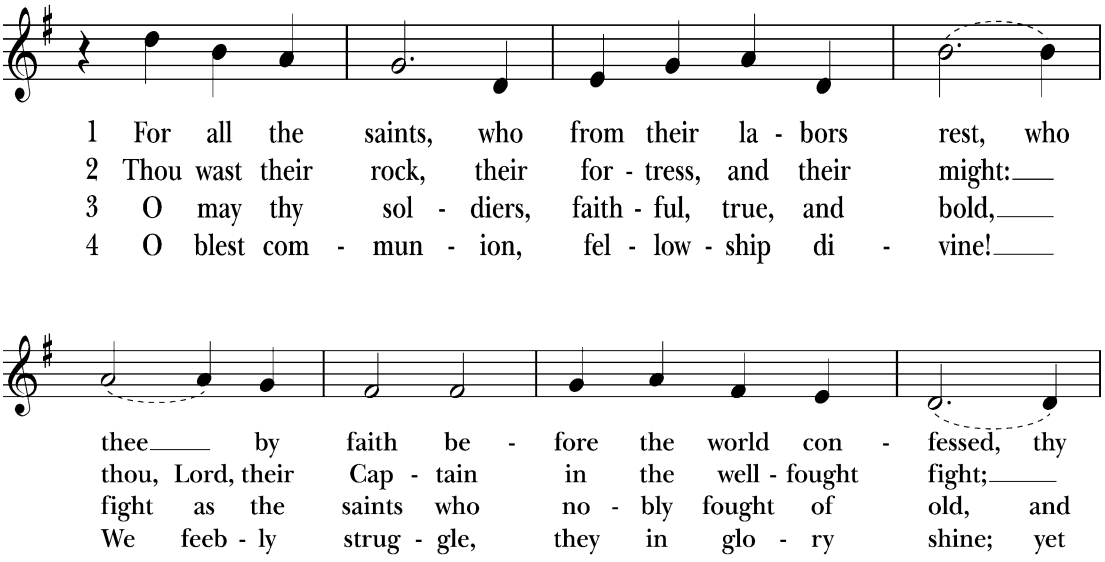
The People join in saying this prayer
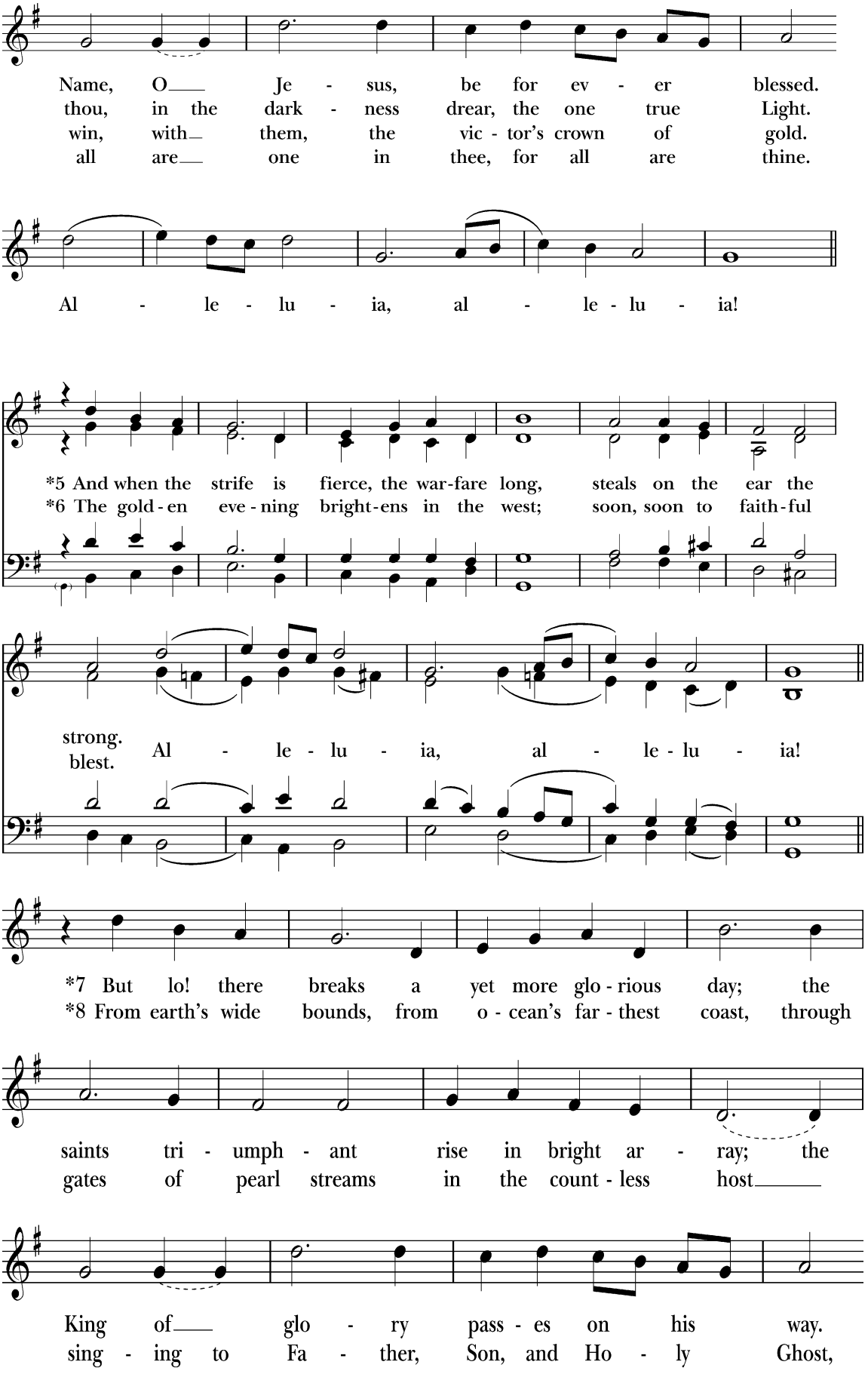
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

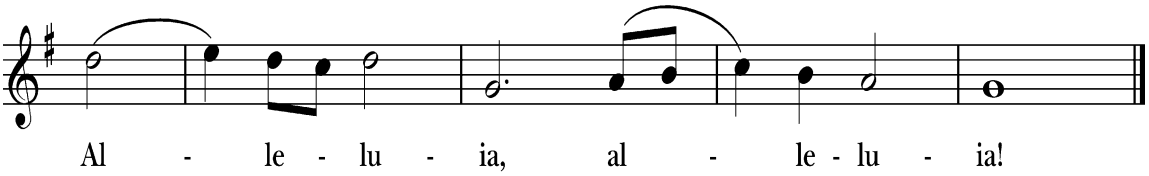
Blessing

The peace of God which passeth 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, Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen

Processional Hymn **287** ***For all the saints*** **SINE NOMINE**




Name, O Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful
strong.
blest.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

The Dismissal
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: ***For All the Saints*** *Arthur Hutchings*

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

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Babs Couch
Samuel Robert Edmondson
Anna-Louise Wolf McMullin
Matthew R. McMullin
William Nishibun
Matt Parker
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Geneva Pritzel
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Katheryn Werner
Penny Elaine Wishum

Gifts to the Bishop's discretionary fund.



Interfaith

THANKSGIVING

Service

NOVEMEBER 22, 2026
4:30PM
AT TEMPLE BETH OR

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

reception to follow

Christ the King Sunday



November 22, 2026

the Sunday before Advent

Advent Wreath Party & EYC Fundraiser Soup Luncheon

November 29, 2026

Ascension Hall following 10:30 Service

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF:

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John Walter Dzuirlik

2026 Paupers of the River Region

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