

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Chester, Vermont
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026**



Prelude Selected and played by Karlaine Livingston

After the prelude, the bell is rung ten times to summon the people of Chester to join us for the Eucharist on this Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Then we observe a moment of silence before the opening hymn.

Entrance Hymn 287



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:____
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,____
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____



thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;____
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



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!



*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,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and people

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.

Song of Praise S-280 The Hymnal 1982 Service Music

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



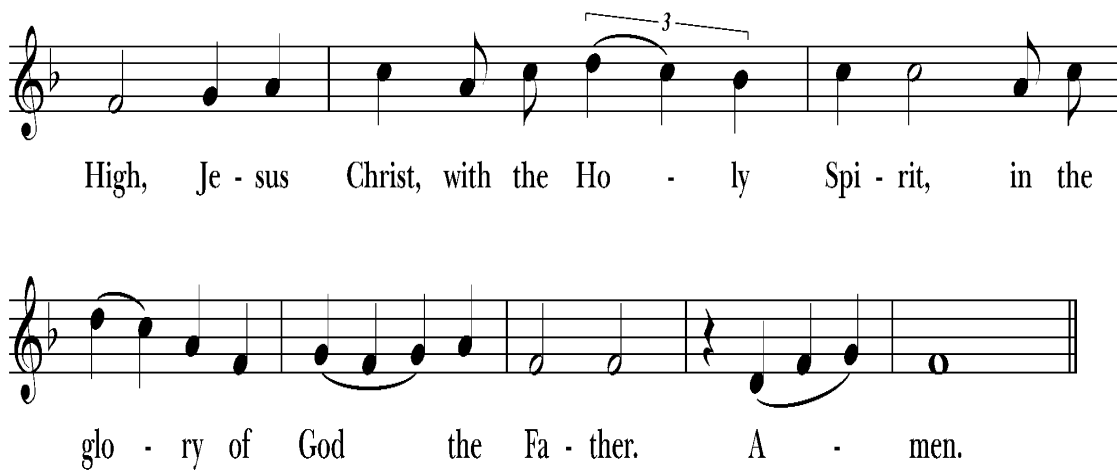
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect for the All Saints Sunday

Presider and people

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.* (Book of Common Prayer)

The First Reading – Revelation 7:8-17

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John

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 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.

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 34:1-10

1. I will bless God at all times, * and praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. I will glory in the Most High; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
3. Proclaim with me the greatness of God; * let us exalt God's Name together.
4. I sought, and God answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
5. Look upon the Most High and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
6. I called in my affliction, and God heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
7. The angels encompass those who fear God, * and God will deliver them.
8. Taste and see that God is good; * happy are they who trust in the Most High!
9. Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, * for those who fear God lack nothing.
10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

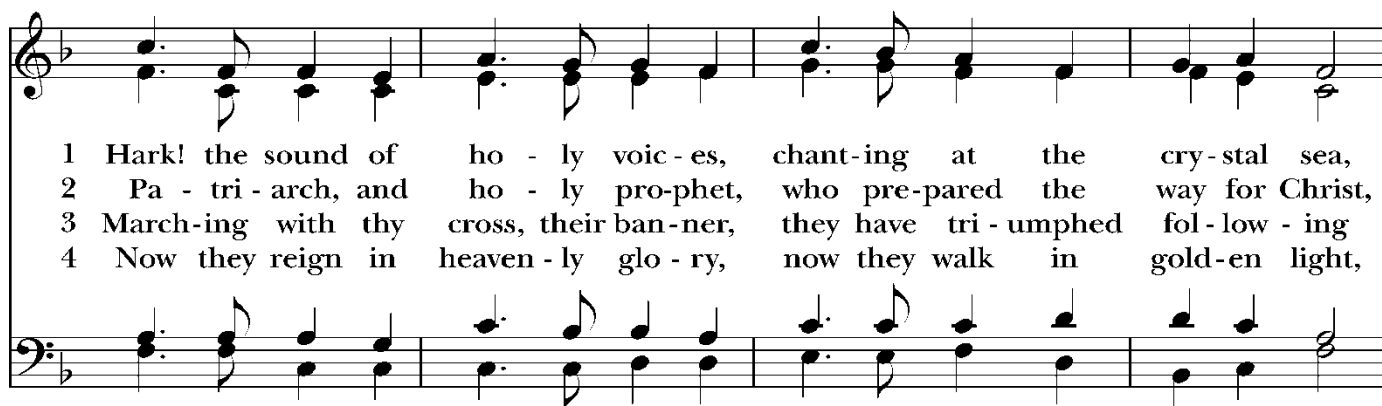
Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 275 *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Hark! the sound of ho - ly voic - es, chant-ing at the cry-stal sea,
 2 Pa - tri - arch, and ho - ly pro-phet, who pre-pared the way for Christ,
 3 March-ing with thy cross, their ban-ner, they have tri - umphed fol-low - ing
 4 Now they reign in heaven - ly glo - ry, now they walk in gold-en light,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to thee!
 king, a - pos - tle, saint, con-fes - sor, mar - tyr and e - van - ge - list,
 thee, the Cap - tain of sal - va - tion, thee, their Sa - vior and their King.
 now they drink, as from a riv - er, ho - ly bliss and in - fi - nite;



Mul - ti - tude which none can num - ber like the stars in glo - ry stands,
 saint-ly maid - en, god - ly ma - tron, wid-ows who have watched to prayer,
 Glad-ly, Lord, with thee they suf-fered; glad-ly, Lord, with thee they died;
 love and peace they taste for ev - er, and all truth and know - ledge see



clothed in white ap - par - el, hold-ing palms of vic - tory in their hands.
 joined in ho - ly con-cert, sing-ing to the Lord of all, are there.
 and by death to life im - mor - tal they were born and glo - ri - fied.
 in the be - a - tif - ic vi - sion of the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, O Christ.

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then 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 righteousness' sake, 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. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bruce MacDuffie

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People 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.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Presider

With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

Intercessor

In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

As we vote in mid term election on Tuesday, let your wisdom and the presence of the Holy Spirit guide our choices, and give us the grace to support each other with neighborly love after the election.

Hear us, O host of heaven.

For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

Please turn to the lists as we remember those who have died from our midst and our lives. and continue to be embraced by your healing love.

We ask your blessing and guidance for Sean, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, for Shannon our Bishop, and for Bruce, our priest, and for Adowa, leader and guide of Communities for Spiritual vitality..

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.” (Psalm 34)

Offertory Hymn 625 *The Hymnal 1982*

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Offertory Presentation Hymn 380 Verse 3 "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer *The- people remain standing.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. And so as the stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider and people S125 *The Hymnal 1982*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand, sit, or kneel as is comfortable.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

you have freed us from sin,

brought us into your life,

reconciled us to you,

and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,

poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,

longing for Christ's coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts

your earth has formed and human hands have made,

we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and people

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these gifts of bread and wine

that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of
time gather us with blessed Luke, the patron of this congregation, and all
your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Presider and people

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

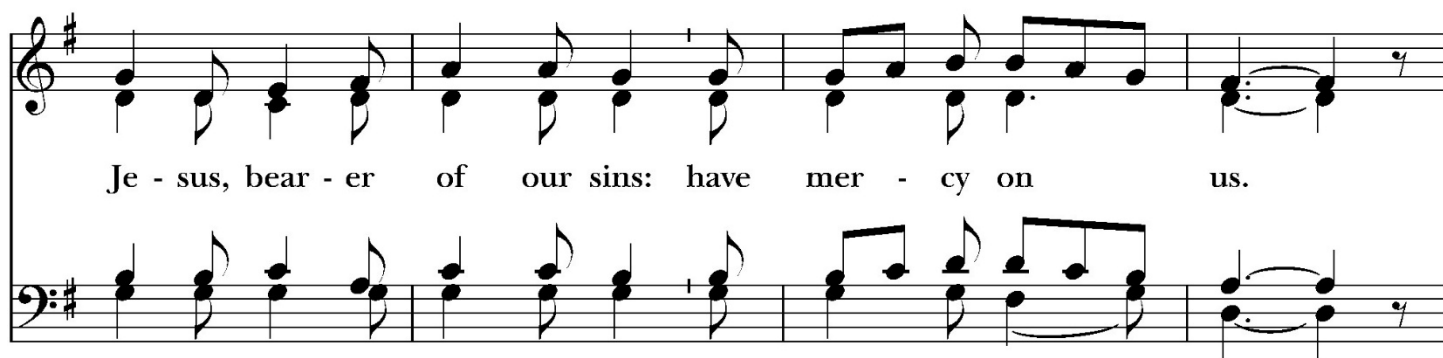
Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

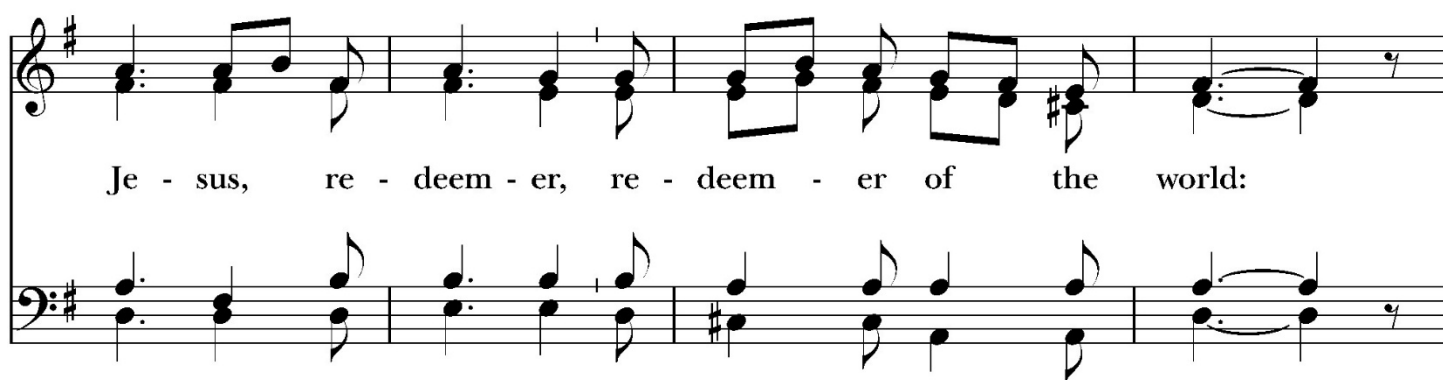
S 164 The Hymnal 1982

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence on a whole note.

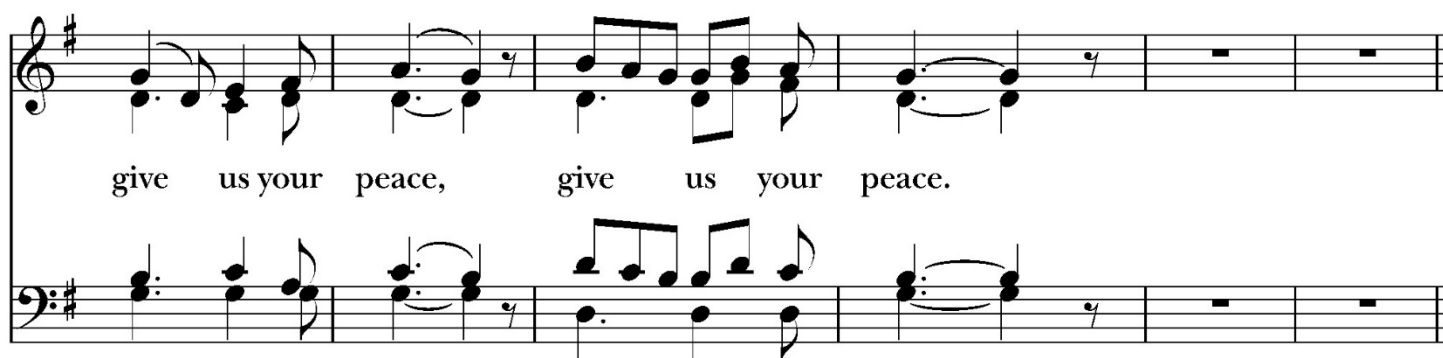
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider The Holy Gifts of God for the Holy People of God.

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Hymn 105 *My Heart Sings Out*

We are all chil - dren of the Lord, young and
 old, big and lit - tle. We are all chil - dren of the
 Lord, let us live in har - mo - ny! Man - y
 names, man - y fac - es, man - y lands, man - y
 plac - es, but through time and through spac - es we are
 one hu - man - i - ty. We are all chil - dren of the
 Lord, one by one, all to - geth - er. We are
 all chil - dren of the Lord, just like one big fam - i - ly.

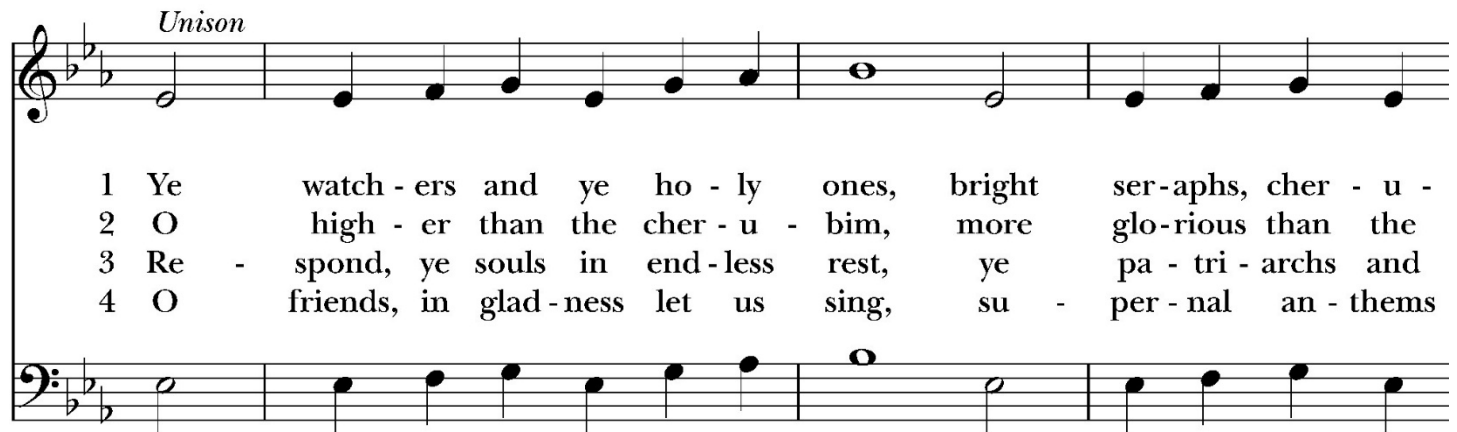
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Post Communion Prayer *Presider and people*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

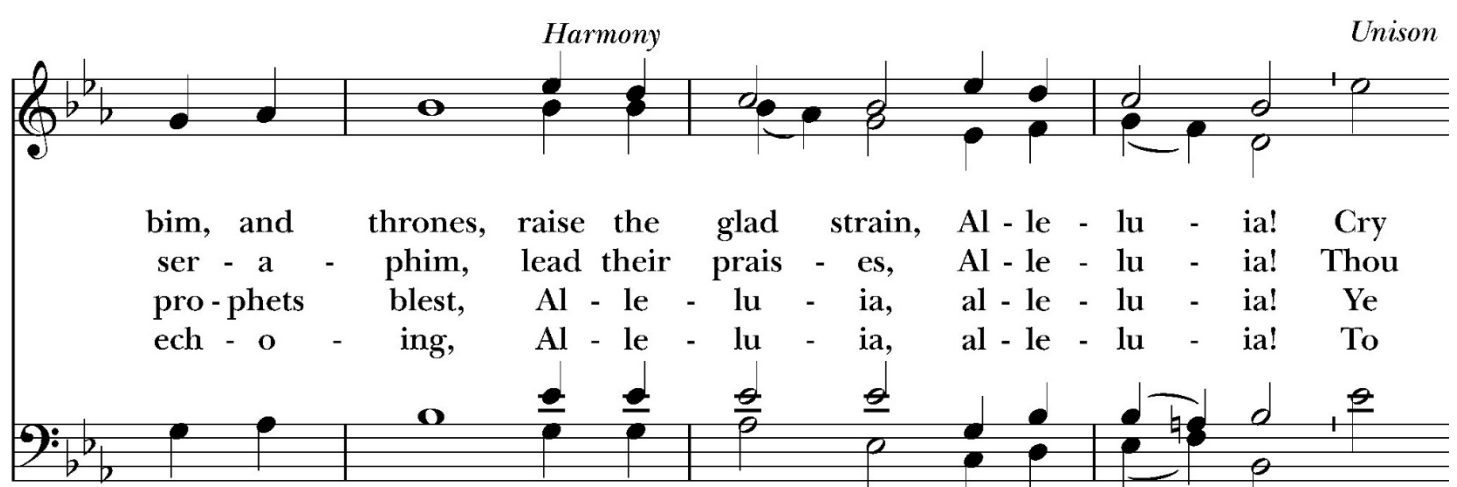
Closing Hymn 618 *The Hymnal 1982*

Unison

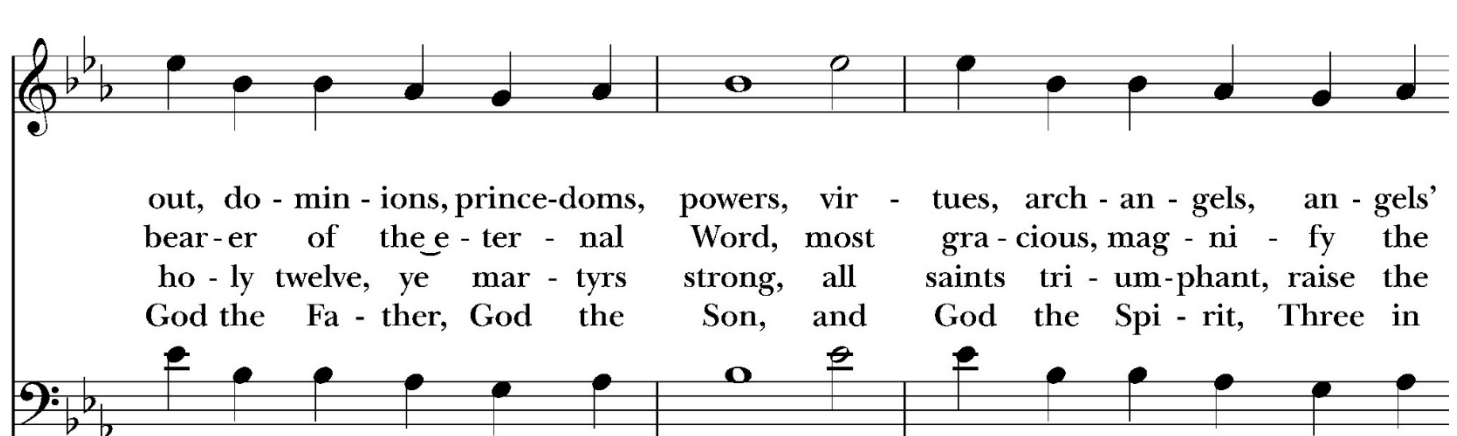


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Closing Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude Selected and played by Karlaine Livingston

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PLEASE!! Preparing for Sunday. Next Sunday, November 8, the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1

Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13. Prepare to more fully participate in worship by carefully reading the scripture lessons for next Sunday. Try reading them aloud even if to yourself. Write down or record what thoughts or questions come to you and

send an email with which to discuss your revelations and questions. Perhaps invite readers to respond.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday October 28 Midweek Eucharist 5:30-6:00 PM

Commemorating St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day 10-11:15 Holy Eucharist and

Remembering all the Saints of St. Luke's and our congregation

Wednesday, November 4 Midweek Eucharist 5:30-6:00 P.M. Commemorating

Adeline Blanchard Taylor and her companions

Sunday, November 8 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

10-11:15AM

Wednesday, November 11 5:30-6:00 P.M. Midweek Eucharist

Commemorating Martin of Tours

Sunday, November 15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10-11:15

Wednesday, November 18 Midweek Eucharist 5:30-6:00 P.M.

Commemorating Hilda of Whitby

OTHER EVENTS

Memory Café Thursday November 5 11:00 AM – 1:00 P.M.

Sunday November 8, 3-5 PM, Willard Hall. Board Games - Try a variety

Wednesday, November 18 6:15-7:45 P.M. Vestry Meeting

**Thursday November 19-Saturday November 21, Holiday Wreath Workshops,
advance registration needed**

Election Night Compline November 3 at 8 p.m.

Hosted By Division of Public Policy, Partnership and Witness



On November 3 at 8 p.m., join other Episcopalians in a prayerful service of compline, hosted by the church's Division of Public Policy, Partnership, and Witness in collaboration with the Mission Program team.

The Rev. Sarah Shipman, director of the church's Migration Ministries, will officiate. Prayers and readings will be offered in a variety of languages, and participants will be invited to share personal prayers in the chat.

Register on line