Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Jorge Cocco Santángelo, *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

November 8, 2026 10:00 am

The HOLY EUCHARIST

We seek to love and minister to our neighbors, each other, and our children.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

We are a vibrant and inclusive Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, following Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, one other, and the earth. Rooted in the Laurelhurst neighborhood and engaged with the wider Seattle community, St. Stephen's has served and celebrated its mission for over 100 years.

Our mission as a people of faith is to *love and minister to our neighbors, each other, and our children*. We live this mission through worship, learning, and service, trusting that God continues to guide us to new expressions of ministry in a changing Seattle and ever-changing church.

We believe that God speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason. We engage both heart and mind as we explore our faith and discern how to share God's unconditional love with all people and all of creation.

If you are seeking a place to grow in love of God, serve the world, and gather strength for daily life, you have a place here. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome at St. Stephen's!

Some Ideas for Engaging Worship

- **Come as you are.** Let the liturgy unfold around you. Everything you need to participate is in the bulletin, and the ministers and choir will guide the service.

- **All are welcome at communion**. You may receive the bread and/or wine, or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Ushers will guide you.

- **We're glad to talk with you.** If you have questions about the service, sermon, or community, Rev. Jennifer would be glad to connect with you after worship, by email at revjennifer@ststephens-seattle.org, or phone at (206) 331-2364. You may also contact Assisting Lay Minister, Dave Baylor, at dbaylor@ststephens-seattle.org (206) 579-0522.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering

Prelude

At the sound of the bell, all stand as able to sing the opening hymn.

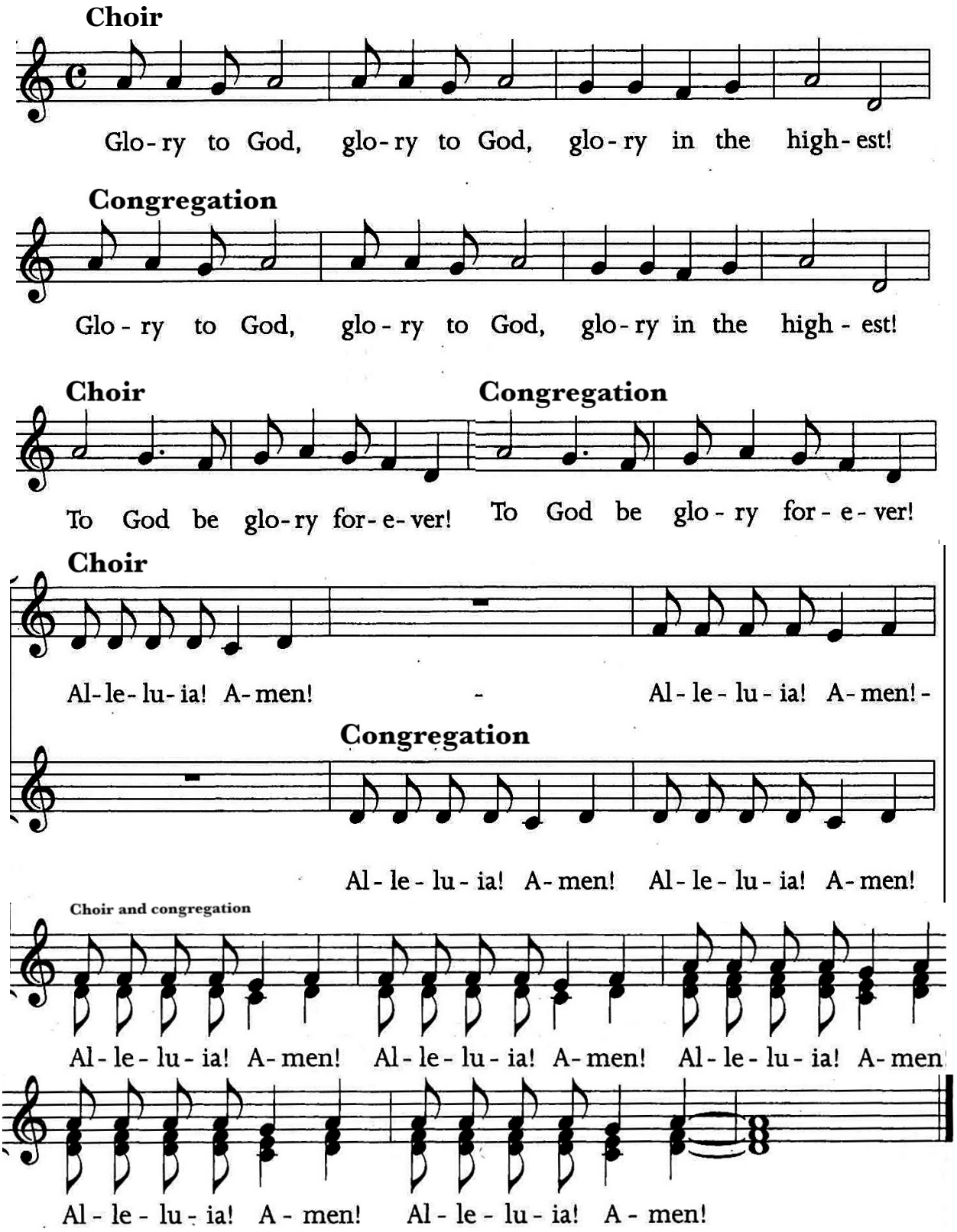
Opening Hymn # 462 The Lord will come *York*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

Collect for Purity
(prayed by all)

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.


Choir
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Congregation
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Choir
Congregation
To God be glo-ry for-e-ver!
To God be glo-ry for-e-ver!
Choir
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Congregation
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Choir and congregation
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Celebrant God 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. **Amen.**

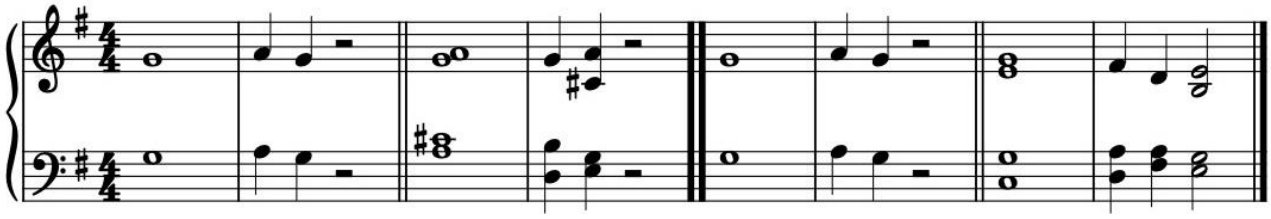
All are seated.

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12–16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *Chanted by all.*



The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for | in-struction
and concern for instruction is | love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of | her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immor- | ta-li-ty,
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and immortality brings one | near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads | to a kingdom.

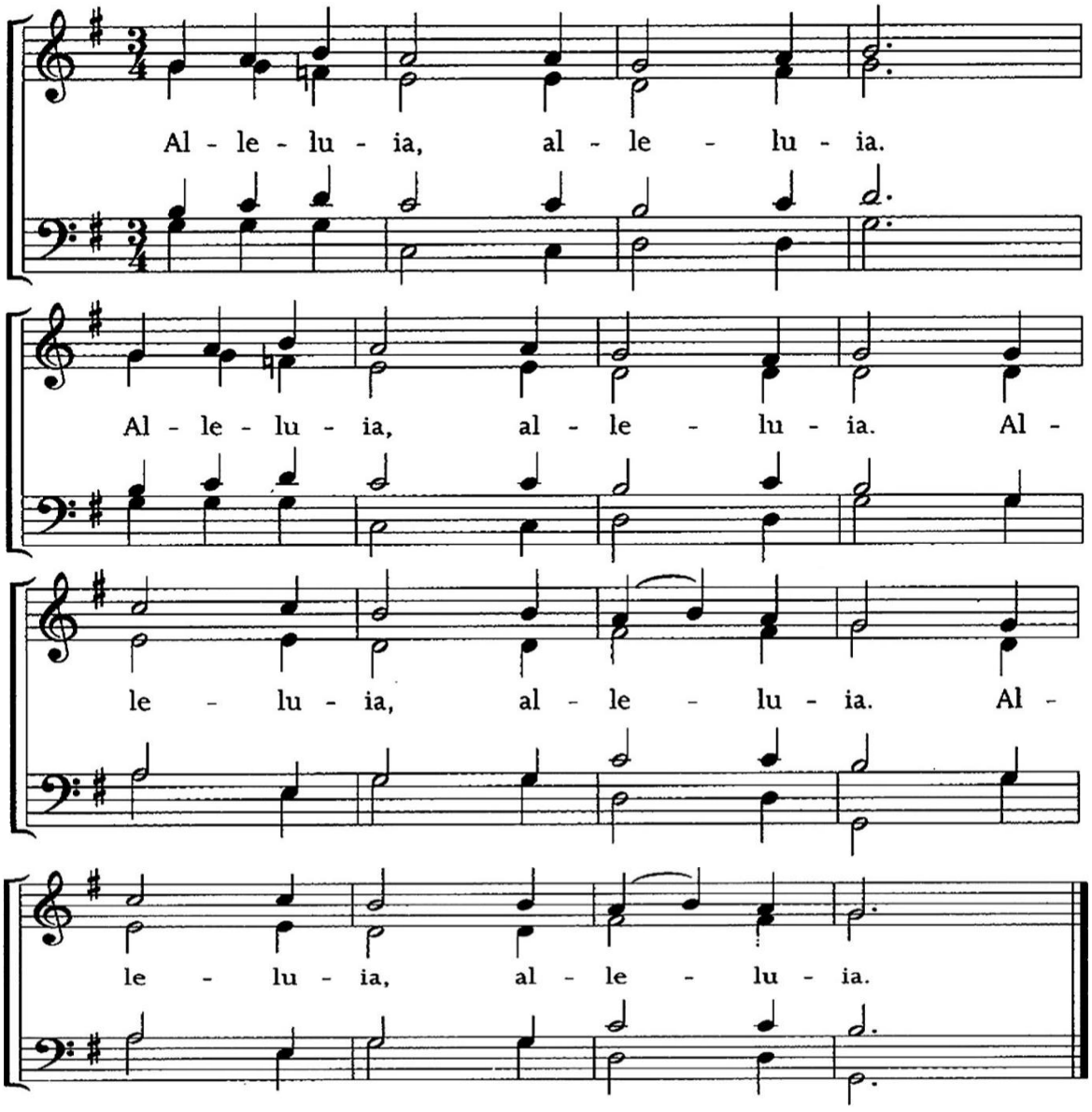
Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, for the Gospel procession.

Gospel Acclamation (*sung twice*)



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

The Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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."

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

The Gospel Acclamation is sung once more after the Gospel lesson.

Please be seated.

The Sermon **The Rev. Jennifer King Daugherty**

We pause for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

All stand, as able.

The Nicene Creed

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
All **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest . . . .
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for all the blessings of our lives, including this community of St. Stephen's.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others . . . .
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Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All share a sign of Christ's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on this (these) couple(s) who celebrate their anniversary of marriage. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

An offering of money is gathered. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. All our gifts make the life of this community possible. You may use the QR code to the right to visit ststephens-seattle/donations. (Wi-fi: STSTEPHENS2, dontgetstoned) or place money or a check in the offering plate.

Offertory Hymn # 61 Sleepers, wake! *Wachet auf*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand as able.

Celebrant All things come of you, O God.
People **And of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

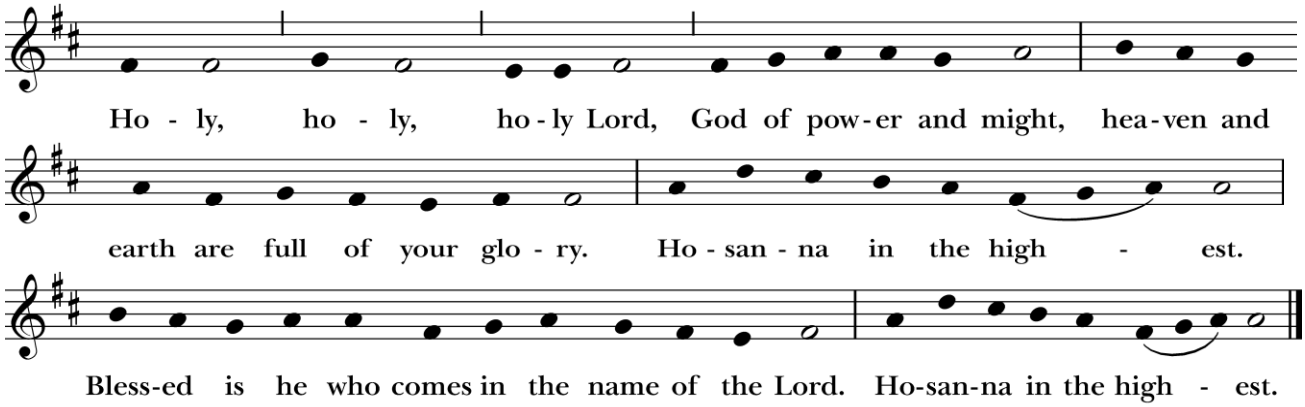
Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 Hymn # S124 Holy, holy, holy Lord David Hurd



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Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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 Stephen, Mary, 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

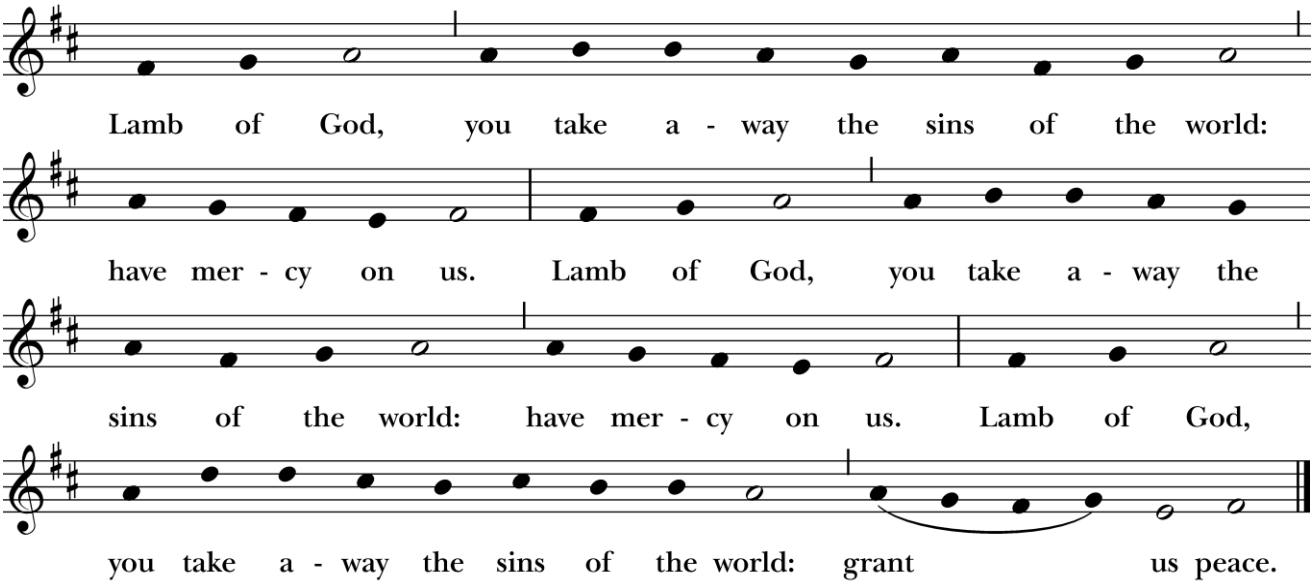
And now, as our Savior Christ had taught us, we pray,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn # S161



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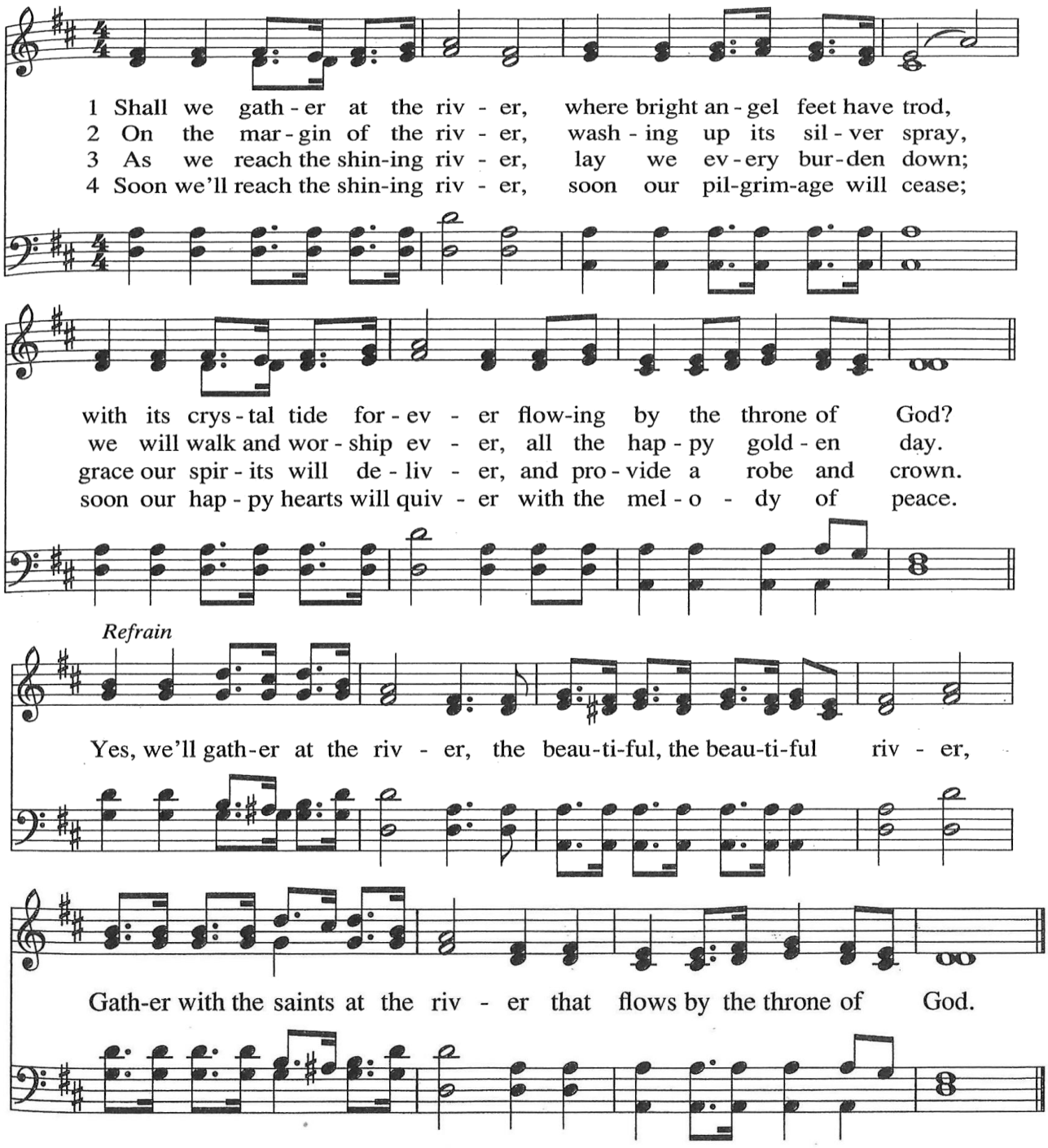
Invitation to Communion

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.

All who seek God are welcome at the Lord's Table. Hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer. You may drink directly from the cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. All remain seated before and after receiving communion.

Communion Anthem Oculi Omnium Charles Wood

Post-Communion Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River *(we are singing verses 1 & 2)*



Written during a time when an epidemic was claiming many lives in New York, Robert Lowry's hymn raised the question "Shall we meet again?" Lowry was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn from 1861 to 1869, and collaborated on numerous hymn collections with William H. Doane.

Tune: HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1864

All stand, 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn # 518 Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sundays	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist (Nave/Church) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
Sundays	3:00 pm	Youth Group Food Program (Great Hall)
Tuesdays	11:00 am	Still Waters Contemplative Prayer Group (Vestry Room)
Wednesdays	6:20 pm	Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study (Vestry Room)
Thursdays	6:30 pm	Choir practice (Chancel)
November 8	10;00 am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
	11:30 am	Forum: Finances and Budget
November 14	2:00 pm	Play: "When Chess Pieces Come Alive" by Elizabeth Clark-Stern (Parish Hall)
November 15	10;00 am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
November 22	11:30 am	Lay Liturgical Minister Training (Nave)

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Jennifer King Daugherty
Assisting Lay Minister	David Baylor
Lector	M.E. Kintzi
Intercessor	Andrew Bruce
Visiting Musician	Julianna Grabowski
Altar Guild	Anna Kinney, Faith Gaines, Jenn Azen, Anne Adams, Melissa Minas, Marilyn Anderson
Choir	Kathy Chamberlain, Elizabeth Clark-Stern, John Daugherty, Deborah Donnell, Scott Gary, Nancy George, Kathy Graunke, Temple Jorden, Debby Kearnes, M.E. Kintzi, Monty McGovern, Emma Petersen, Isaiah Ragland, Jaden Ritscher, Maddie Rivera
Acolytes	Ethan Azen, Liam Phillips, Rhys Prober
Communion Bread	Nancy George

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