Welcome to Grace Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King

Proper 29A

November 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. at the Grace Church Chapel
67 State Rd, Great Barrington

GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

Step into Grace where strangers become friends.
We are an open and affirming church.
Everyone of every age, race, ethnicity, culture,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability,
and economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the
Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice.
No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—
you are welcome here.

At the sound of the bell, we invite you into silence in preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

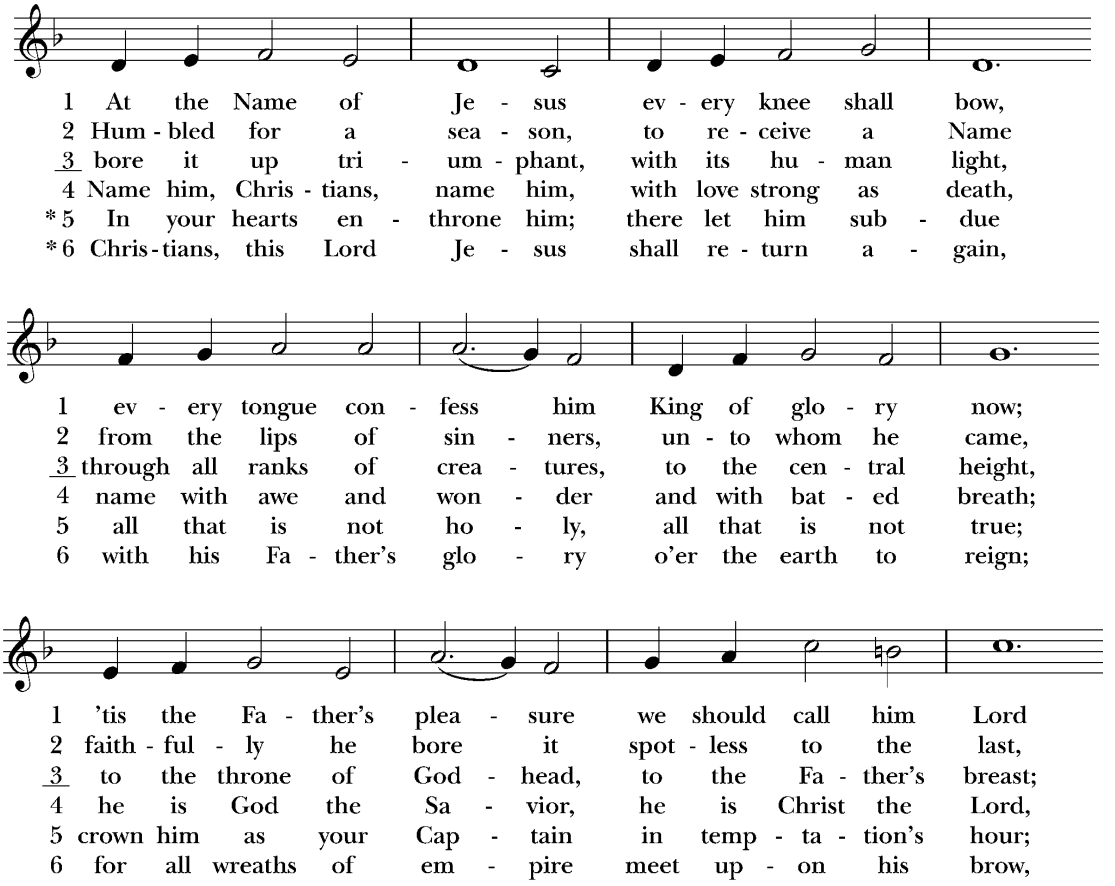
Theme from New World A-Coming
from *Sacred Concert* #1 by Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

WELCOME The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: H 435

At the Name of Jesus





Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.
Music: *King's Weston,* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

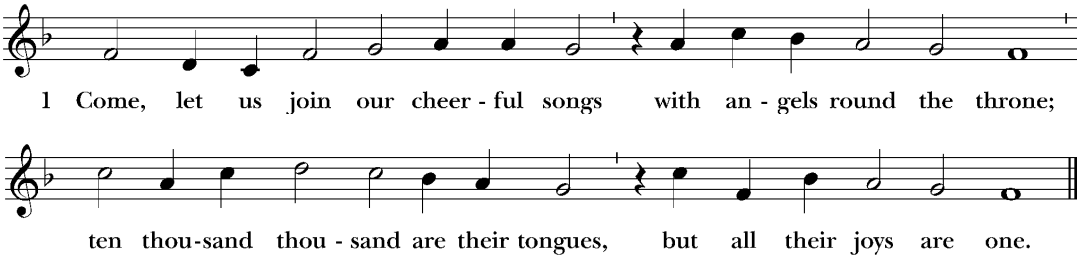
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom,**
now and for ever Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE: H 374

Come, let us join our cheerful songs



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of *A Song of the Lamb*
Music: *Nun danket alt und bringet Ehr,* melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse

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.

THE 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

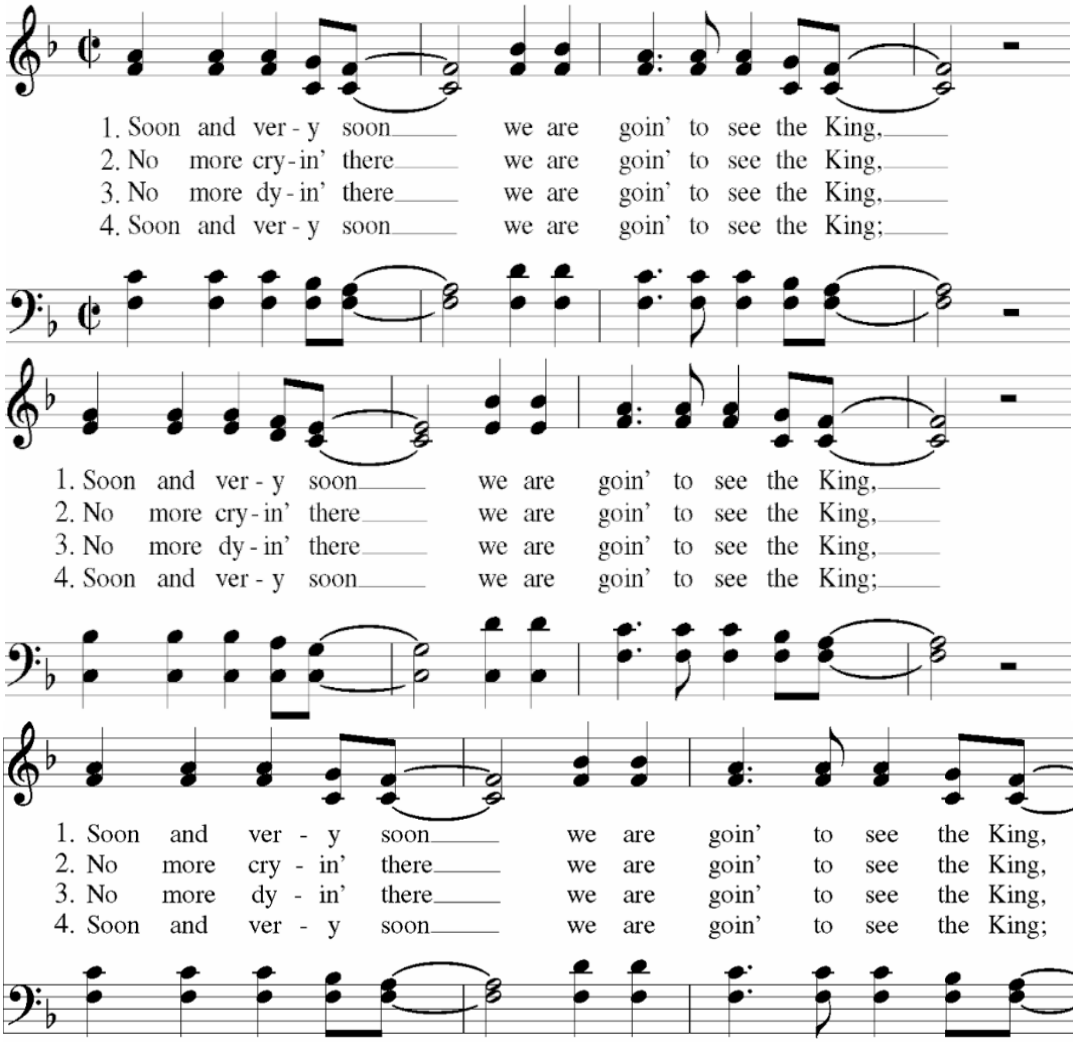
his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

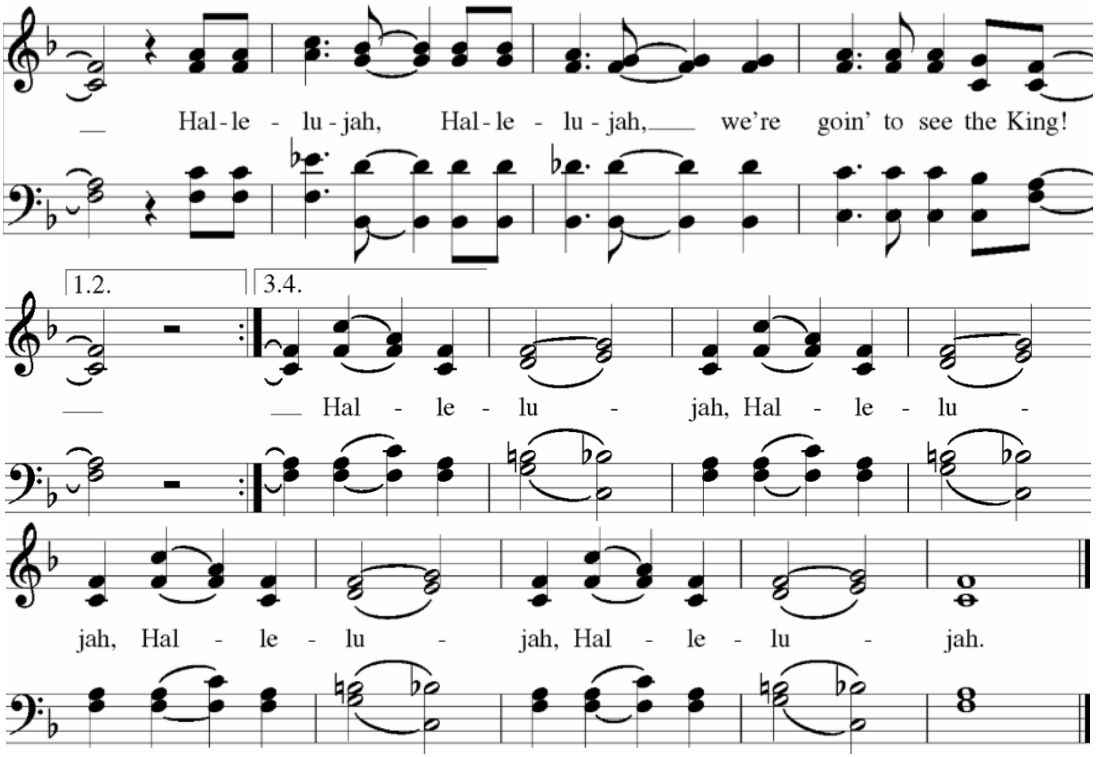
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: LEVAS 14

Vs 1-2 before Gospel
Vs 3-4 after Gospel

Soon, Very Soon





Words and Music: Andrae Crouch (1942-2015)

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25: 31-46**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **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."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

THE NICENE CREED *Enriching our Worship Translation*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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
Book of Common Prayer *Form VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Gracious God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean and Miguelina our Bishops, for Jimmy our Rector, for our Vestry, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, God;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

CONFESSION

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

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

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

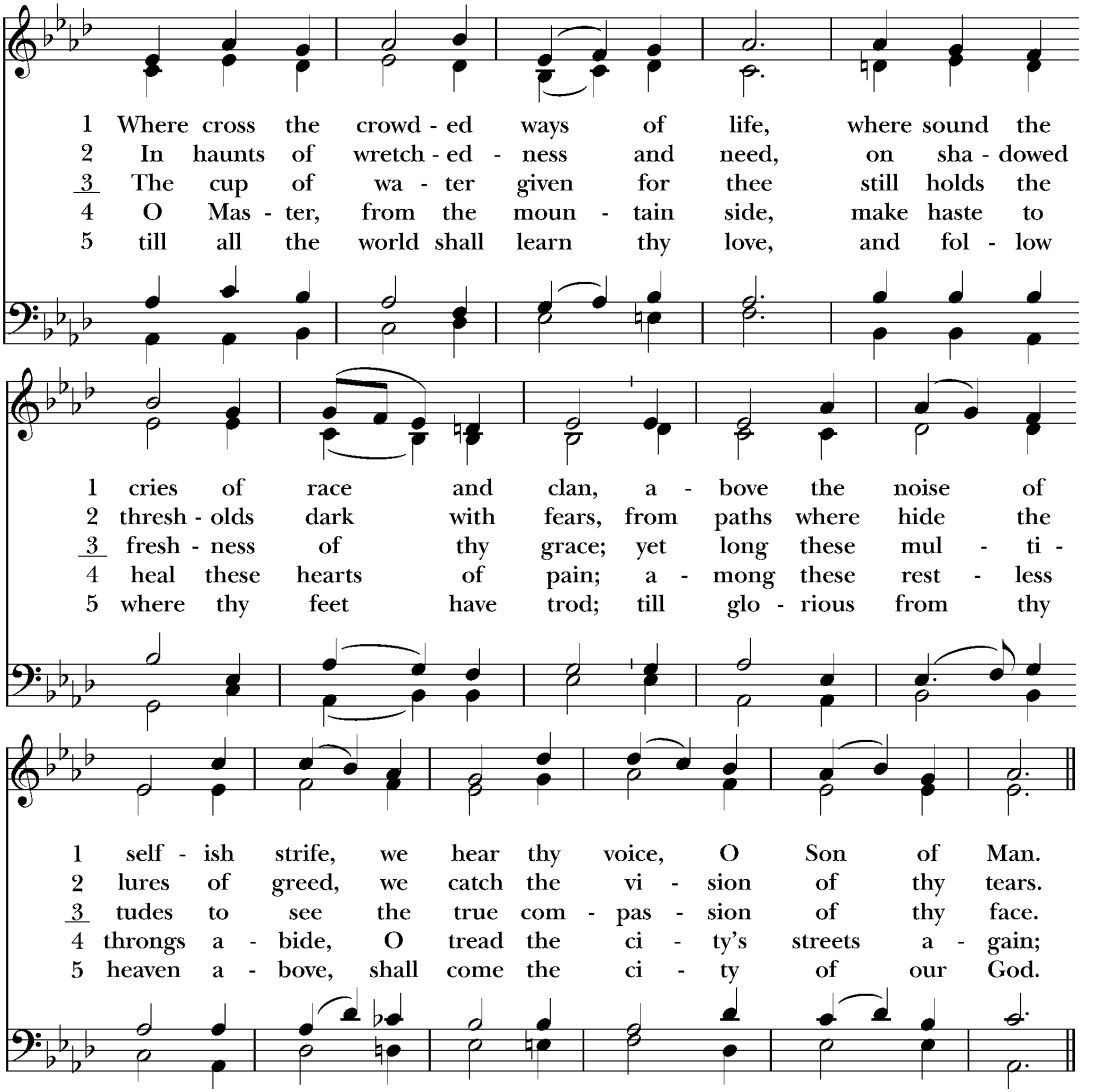
Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment briefly with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: H 609

Where cross the crowded ways of life



Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.
Music: *Gardiner,* from *Sacred Melodies,* 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer C (Expansive Language Version) *The Book of Common Prayer*

Priest God be with you
People **And also with you**

Priest Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them up to the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

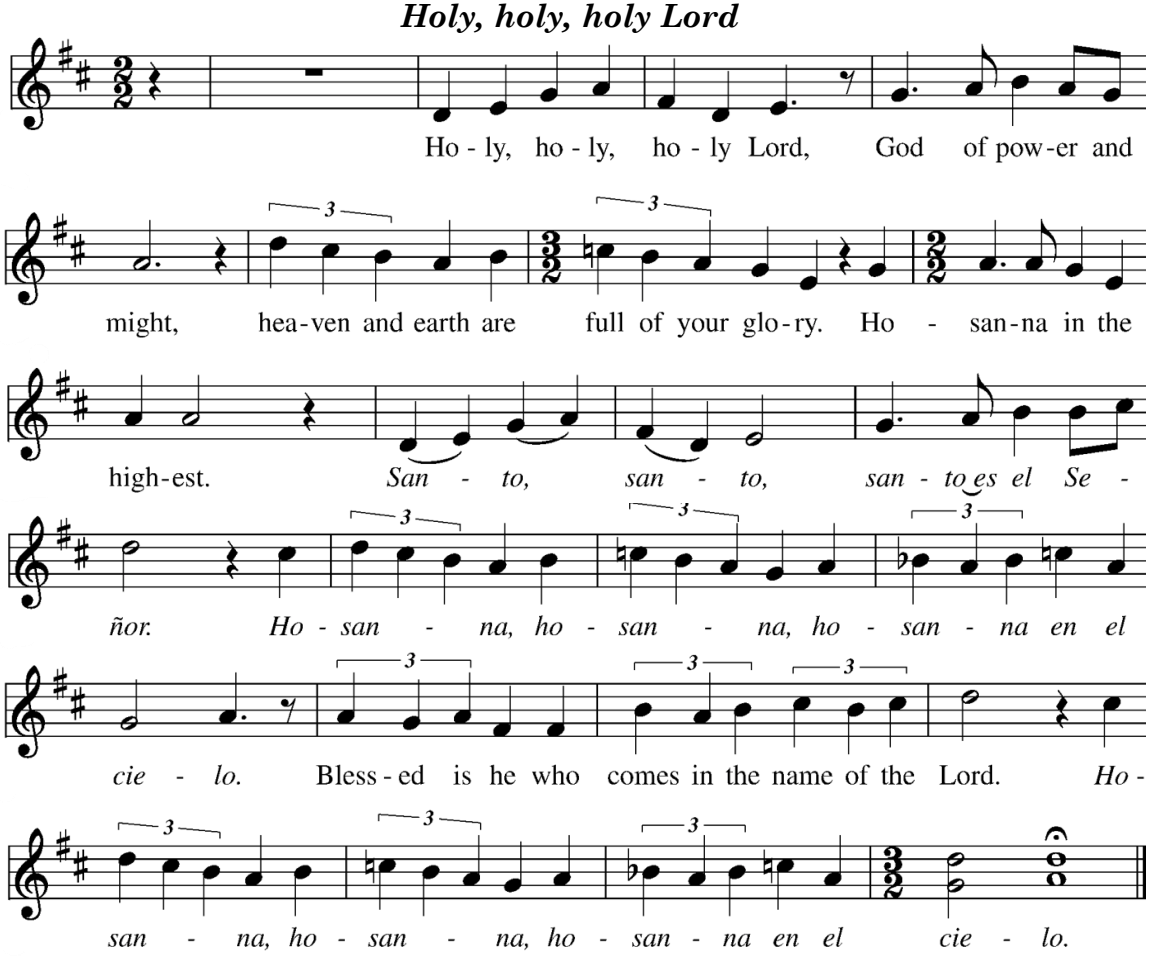
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: WLP 854



Setting: Joel Martinson (b. 1960), from *Missa Guadalupe*

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation**.**
Amen.

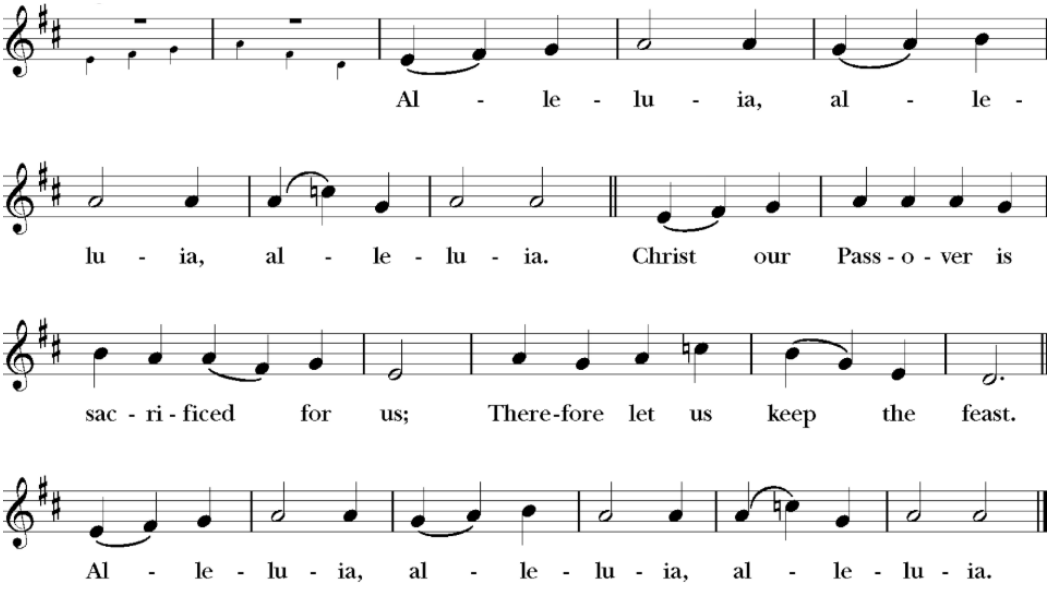
And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, and teaches us still, we pray in the language of our hearts,

Our Father **in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: S 155

Christ our Passover



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

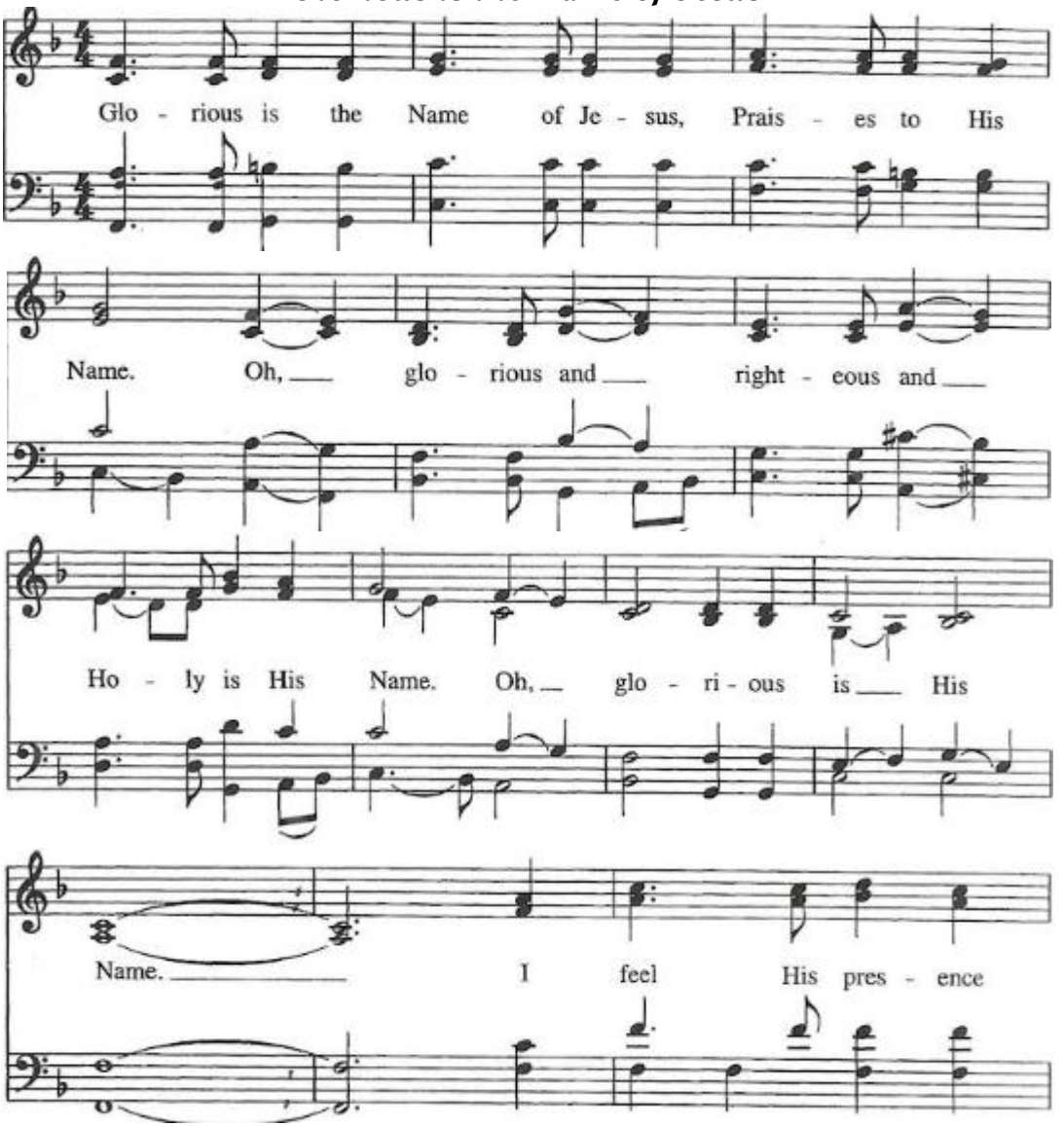
The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

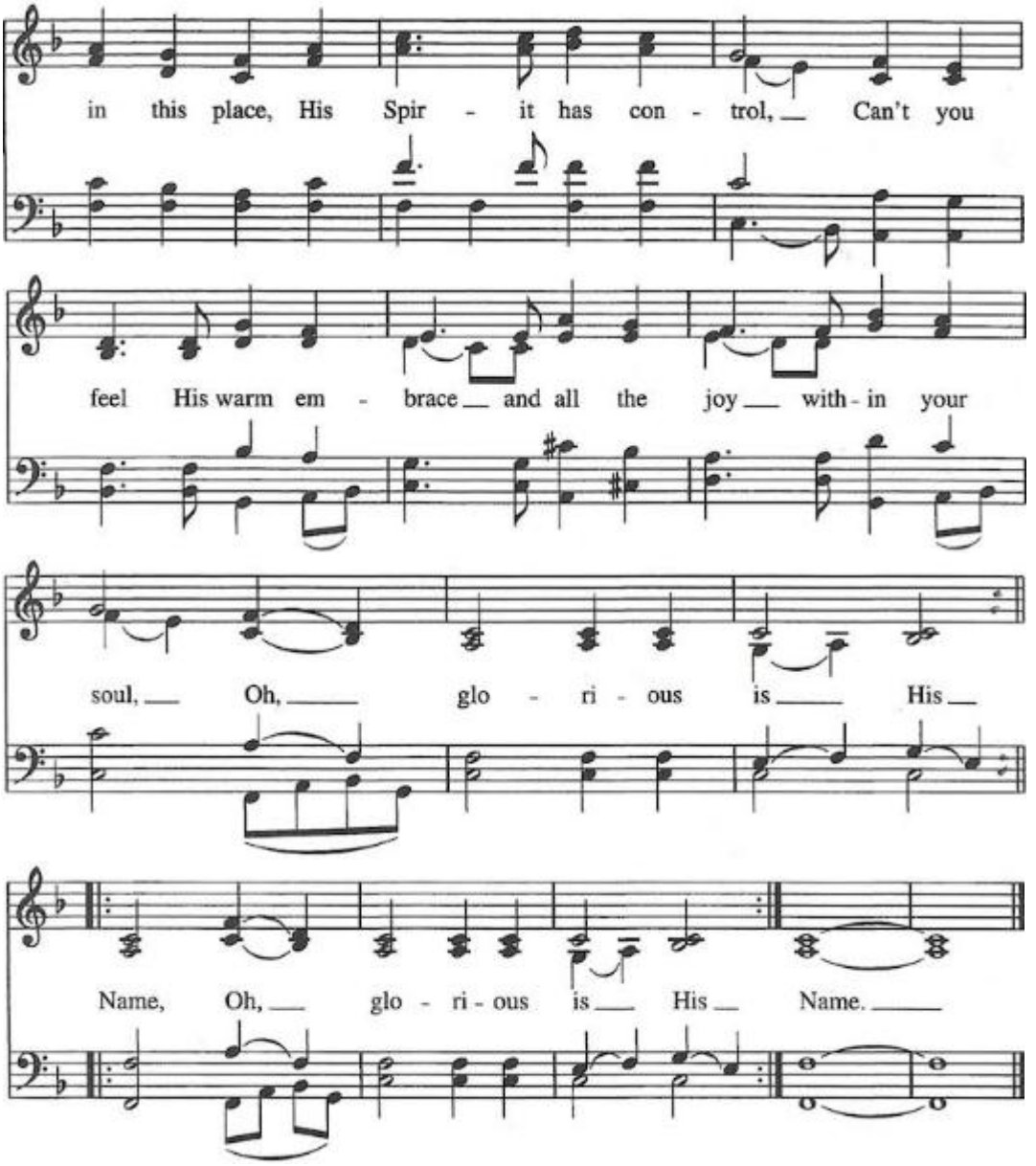
If you cannot physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: LEVAS 63

Glorious is the Name of Jesus





Words and Music: Robert J. Fryson (1944-1994)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Let us pray.

Most generous and loving God**, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child, you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child, you remind us to take care of all you have created.**

We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world.

Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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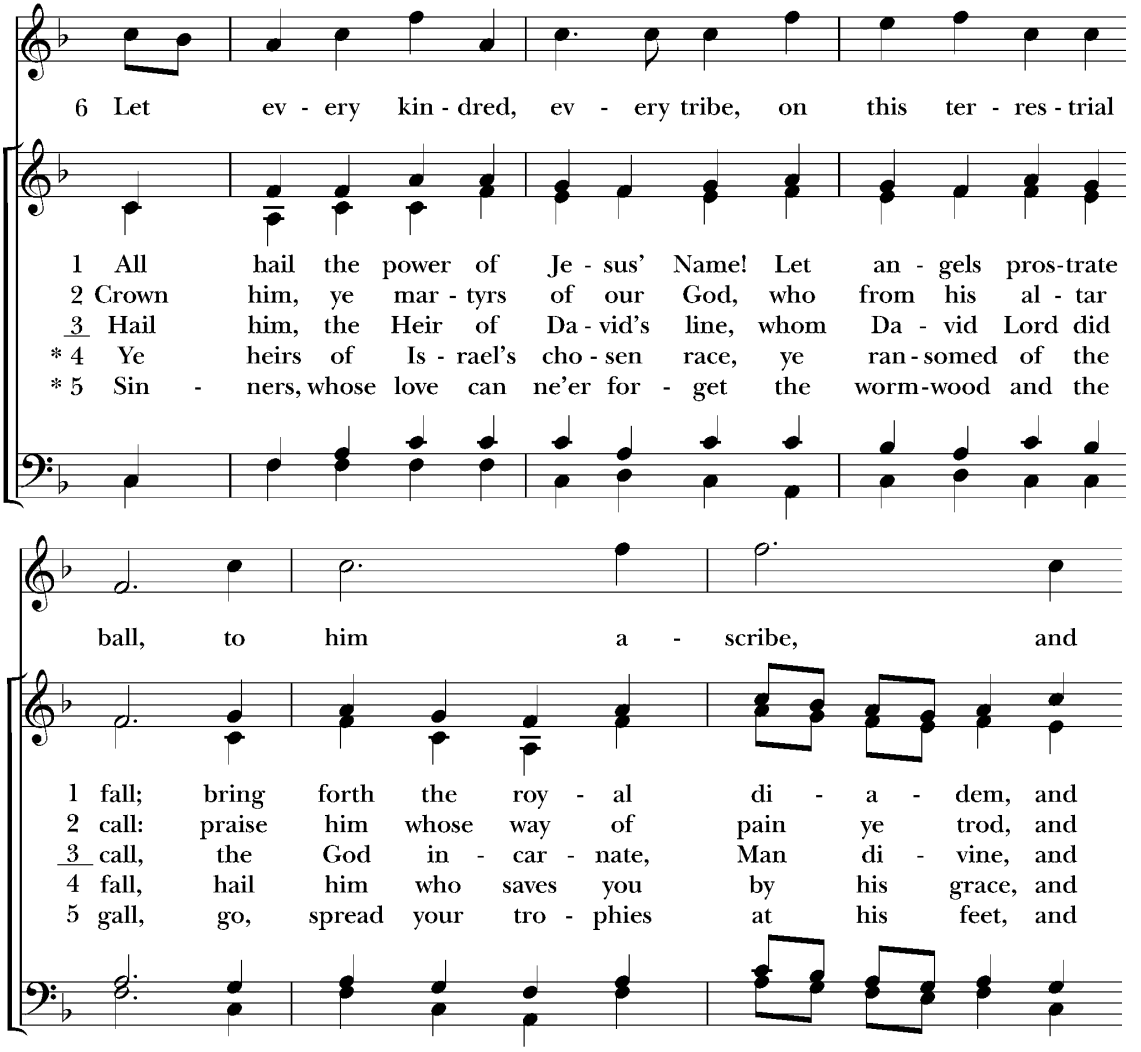
BLESSING

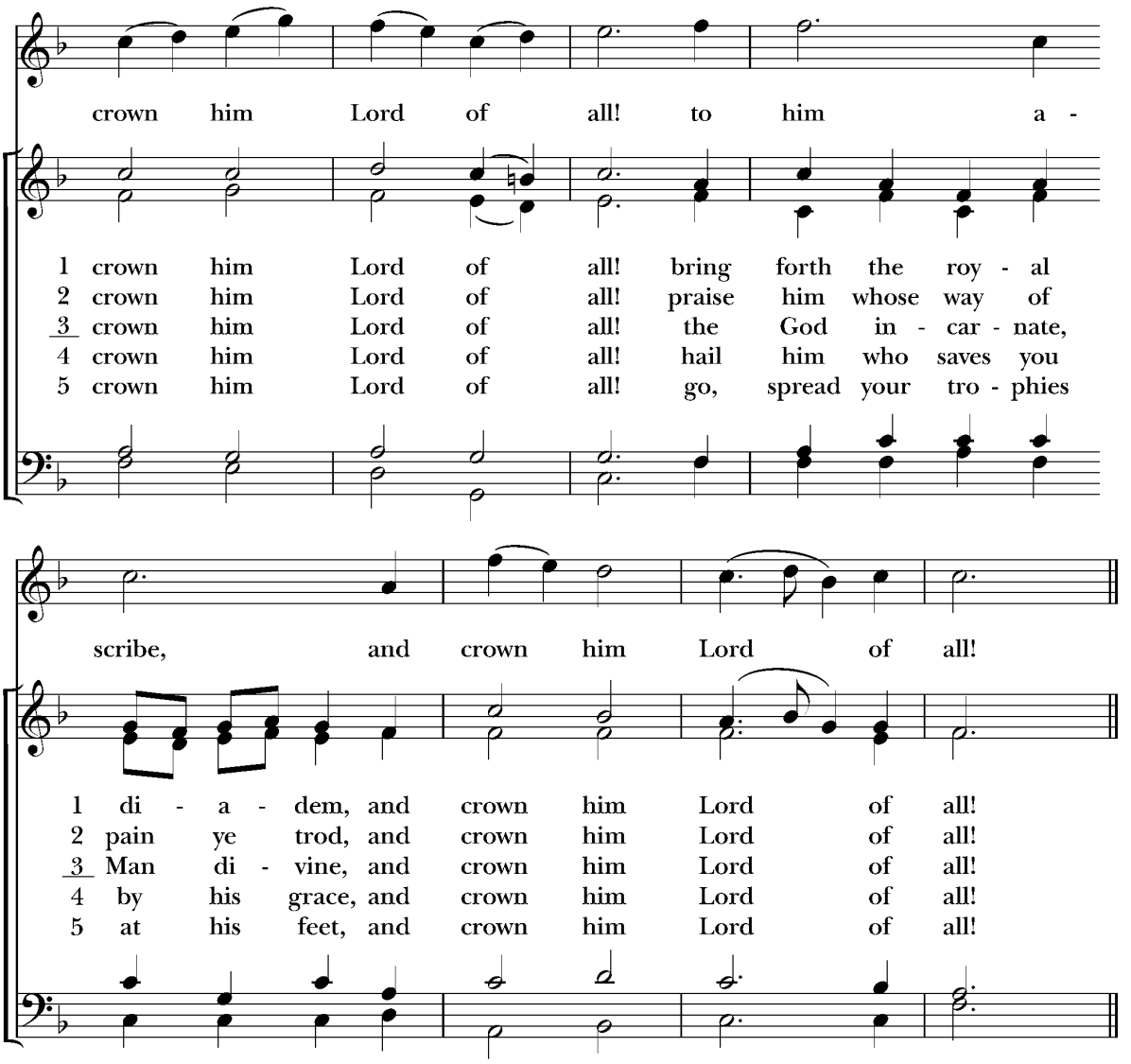
Celebrant

May the blessing of God Almighty, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit abide with you, all those you love, and those you don't know how to love, this day and for evermore.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: H 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name





6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1729-1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation,* Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young, (b. 1939)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Jesus said, "As the father sent me, so I send you." Go in peace to join in the work of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

from *Sacred Concert* #3 by Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

Flowers are given today by:

Steve and Andrea White

In honor of Aidan White's birthday
and in loving memory of Christen White Cranford



GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Richard Starr; Kirk and Connie Garber; David Pixley; Edna Leavenworth; Pennie Curry; Aicha and Matt Marcos; Rick and Sue Gore, and the Haywood family; Louise Peterson; Charlene Peet; The Rev. Marc Britt; Anne Andrews; George Raymond; Dindy and Mark Anderson; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Aya Abdallah and Frank Zimmerman, son and daughter in law of Janet Zimmerman; Pat Murray, grandmother of Caroline Murray; Lenny Clough, brother-in-law of Dindy Anderson; Judy Davis, grandmother of Jacob Greer; Lisa Solomon, friend of David Pixley; Jack Starr, father of Richard Starr; Julia DePeyster, friend of Lea Richardson; Ada Gómez, mother-in-law of Rev. Jimmy; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Doreen's sister, Linda Manardi; Paul, neighbor of Gina and Phil; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; George Laye; Fleming Rutledge; Tania Guerrero and her baby daughter Eugenia Marie Ayala Guerrero; David Rodriguez Ovalle, Sergio Rodriguez's father; Richard Cherneff; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Sara Miles and her wife Martha; Jerry and Karen Ericson; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Cathy Haywood, Doug Happ, Lorraine Colombo, Lisa Leavenworth**,** Fred Harris**,** Dick Rutledge**,** Dale Peterson, Hawa Kiebre and Salif Tiri Ouedraogo, mother and father of Aicha Marcos; Kathy O'Brien, Pennie Curry's sister; Paul Haywood, Sue Gore's brother; The Rev. Donna Larson former Rector of St. George's; Hannah Peabody, Caroline Murray's friend; The Rev. Donald Peet; Pamela Drumm.

Our world: For the people of Iran, Lebanon, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, the Sudan, and all other places of violence and war, that peace and justice may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of hatred in this country; for all victims of gun violence and also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For all who are alone, afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants, and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially for our partners at St. Paul's and the Rev. Samuel Vaught, the Rev. Jane Tillman, and the Rev. Libby Wade; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Mampong Babies' Home; and The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, our Bishop.

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	**Today 11/8/26**	**Next Week 11/15/26**
WELCOME TEAM	Mackenzie Kendall	Edward Cabot Carol Way
ACOLYTE	Jack Kamps	Louise Peterson
LECTOR	Dindy Anderson	Gina Beck
INTERCESSOR	Sarah Sieber	Gino Furio
CHALICE BEARERS	Jack Kamps	Louise Peterson Mackenzie Kendall
HEALING TEAM	X	Sue Gore Ted Cobden
ALTAR GUILD	Mackenzie Kendall Jack Kamps	Louise Peterson Jack Kamps
COFFEE HOUR	Mackenzie Kendall	Debbie Holmes Laura Jordahl
COUNTERS	Mackenzie Kendall Jack Kamps	Rick Gore Viola Bagnaschi
VESTRY CLOSER		Mary Booton

CALENDAR
ALL IN-PERSON + ON ZOOM

Wednesdays, 10:00 am: Contemplative Eucharist at Grace Church Chapel
Thursdays, 5:00 pm: Centering Prayer at Grace Church Chapel
Sundays, 10:00 am: Worship Service at Berkshire South Community Center

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden:	Matt Marcos
Junior Warden:	Evie Starr
Treasurer:	Sue Gore
Clerk:	Doreen Hutchinson
Class of 2027	Jainee McCarroll, Kevin Rosero
Class of 2028	Mackenzie Kendall
Class of 2029	Dindy Anderson, Phil Burt, Lynn Carlson

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Rector:	The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett
Gideon's Garden Director:	Jack Kamps
Choir Director:	John Cheek
Keyboardist:	Lee Cheek
Parish Administrator:	Mackenzie Kendall

Grace Church worships and gardens
On the traditional land of the Mohican people.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Light a Flame of Hope this Advent

Advent begins next Sunday! If you would like a set of Advent candles and a metal wreath base for your home, please let us know and the office will order them for you. Please sign up by Nov. 18th to get your Advent candles in time for the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29th.

Vestry Meeting

Today after service we will have a vestry meeting at the church office at 12noon! Vestry members, don't forget to bring your lunch.