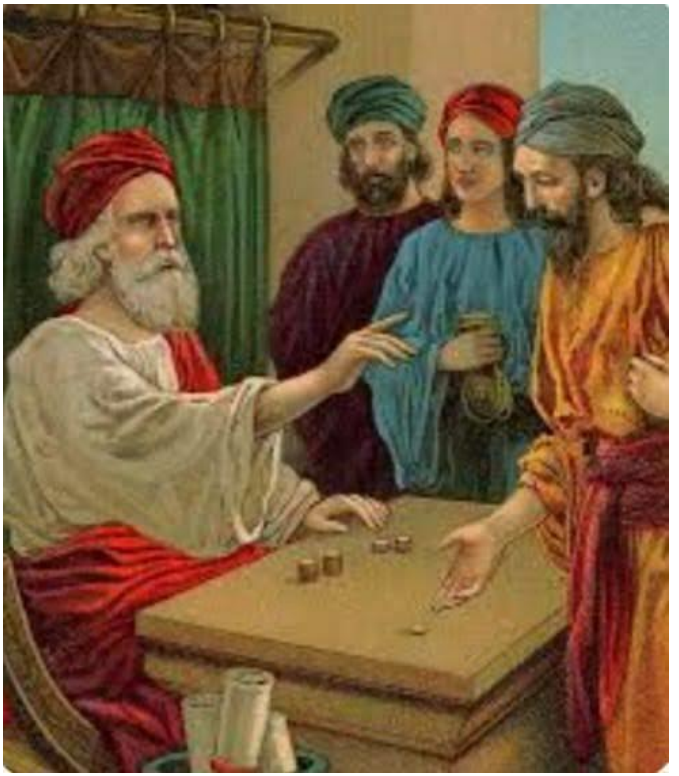
The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

" I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

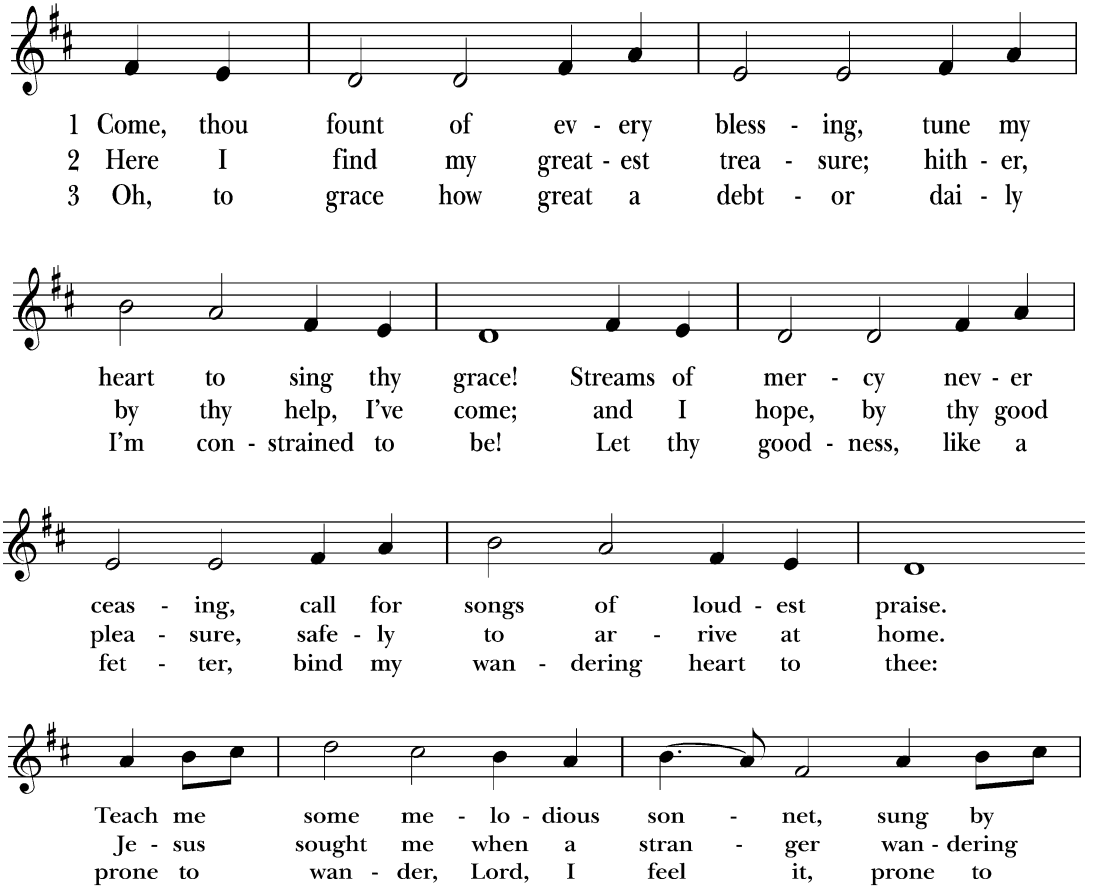
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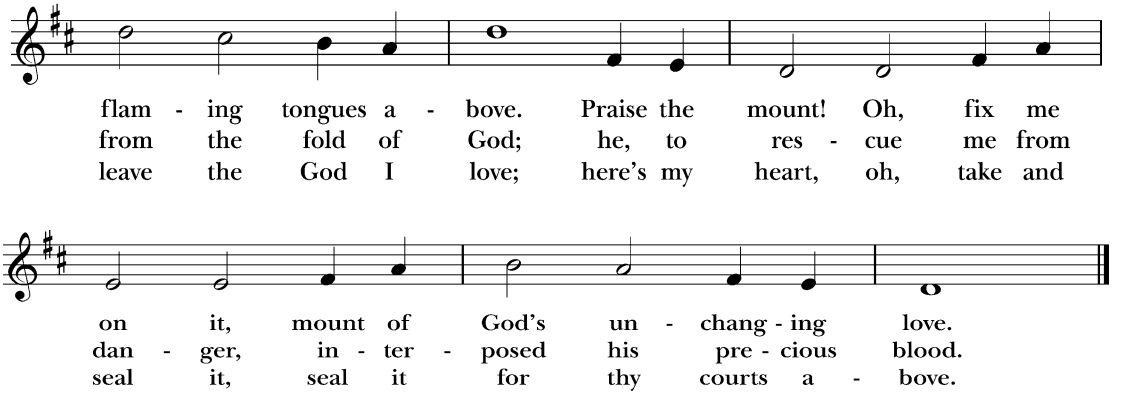
Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King Arr. J. Krug

Processional Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing





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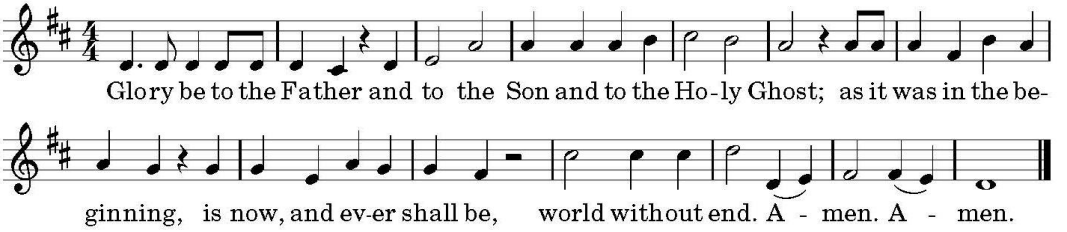
The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria



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

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson *Judges 4: 1-7*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out

Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, ***to you enthroned in the heavens.***
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,***
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, ***until he show us his mercy.***
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***for we have had more than enough of contempt,***
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***and of the derision of the proud.***

Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

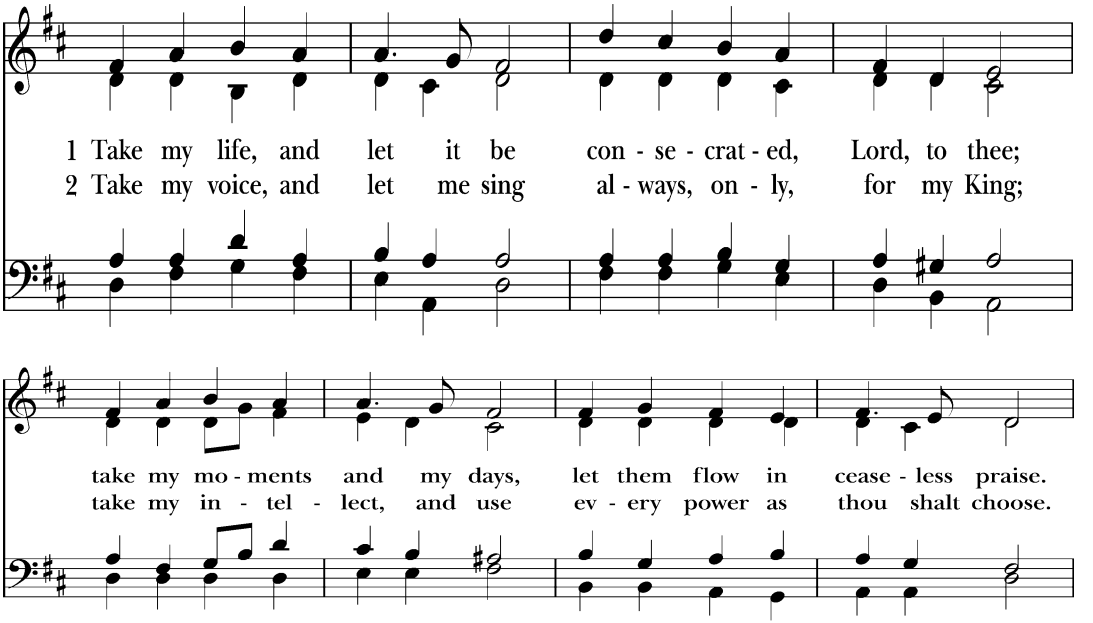
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of

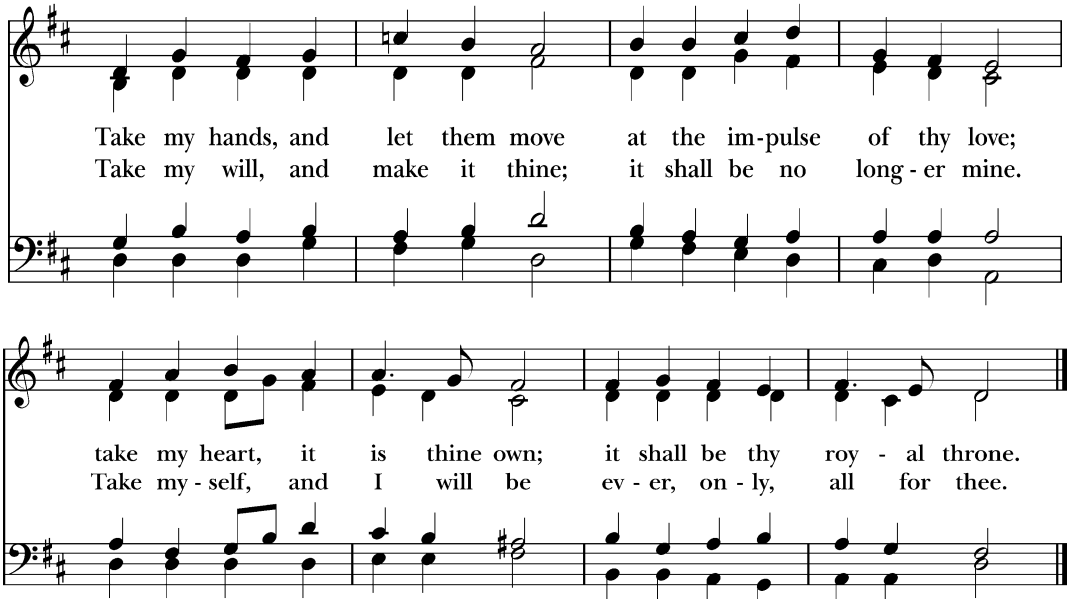
the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Take My Life And Let It Be





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Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time

the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon ***The Reverend Kevin Cross***

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

Diocese of Easton Discernment Prayer

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, ***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one

another and serve the common good. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: (*read the names on the prayer list*)…

Joel	***Dan O'Neill***	***Stephanie Cooney Moorhead***
Ritzi Miller	***Jackson Beaumont***	***India***
Rich Wagner	***Courtney***	***Janet Wroten***
Eleanor Dallam	***Polly Obermeier***	***Leslie Howell***
Michael Delean	***Everett Kimball***	***Suzanne Litty***
Donna Richards	***John Dillon***	***Deborah Barbour***
Betty Jo Mackart	***Ron Kaufman***	***David Blanton***
Betty Mackart	***Diane Lapp***	***Philip Tragmar***
Elspeth Ritchie	***Sara Kadish***	***Dick Barnes***
Fr. Ambrose Boyd	***George Wadleton***	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(*pause*)… ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, ***George Richard Vaught,*** that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your

eternal kingdom. We remember especially the members of our military, who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart…(*pause)* … ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. ***Dear God, hear our prayer.***

A period for personal meditation is observed

All: ***God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.***

The Altar Flowers Are Given By Annie Decker
In Loving Memory of My Grandparents,
Margaret and George Doughman.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Meditation Arr. J. Krug

Doxology *(please stand)*

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

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.
People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

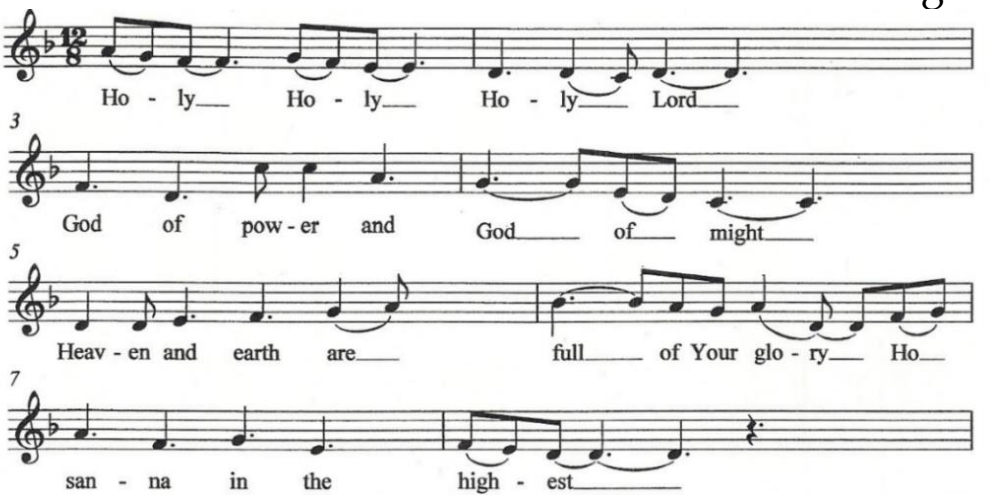
The Great Thanksgiving

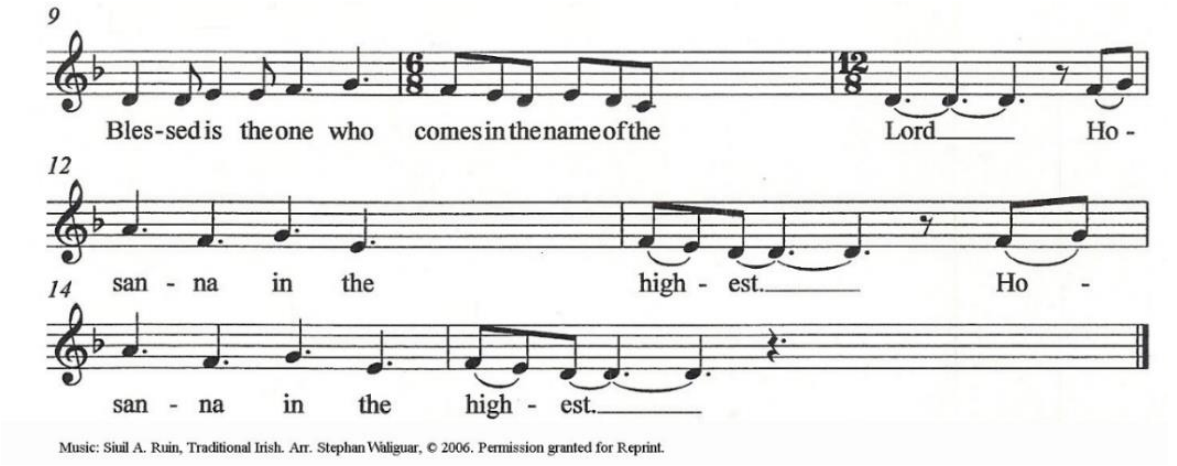
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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 Arr. Waliguar





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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever 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!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion ***(Prayed with those joining us from home and hospital bed)***

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Lord, Make Me An Instrument Of Thy Peace J. Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour 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.

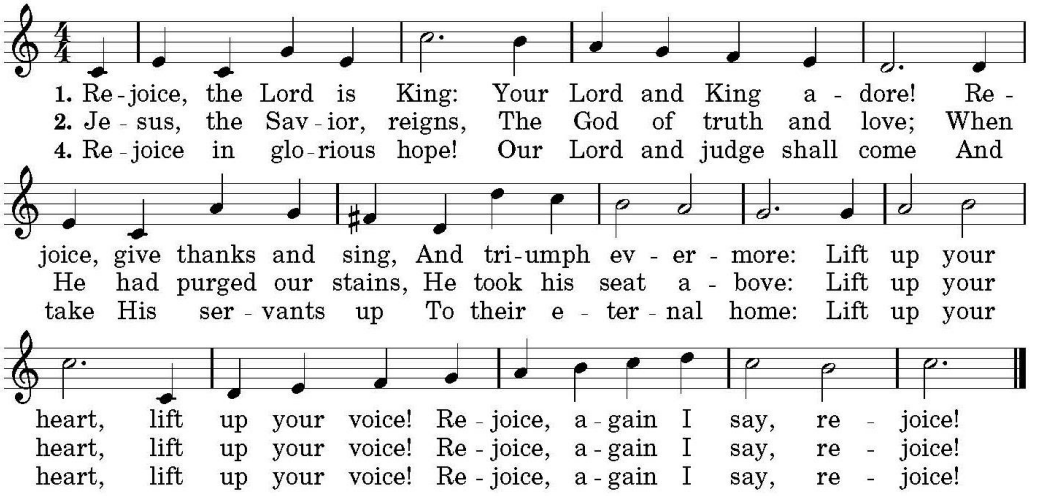
Birthdays

Anniversaries

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Rejoice The Lord Is King



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Sending Forth

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face. The world needs our joy, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let us go to share it. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star J. C. Bach

Thank you June DeHart for hosting Fellowship hour.

Thank you Amy Morgan for leading us in hymns today.

Fun crafts projects to sell at Christmas Marketplace and benefit those in need!
We need you to help us make FASCINATORS and NAPKIN RINGS!
Please join us this Sunday November 15 9:00-10:00
11:00-1:00. Bow making will also happen at this time.
Had so much fun you want to come back and do more or you missed out? Then join us Monday Nov 16 from 1:00-3:00 Thank you.
Barb

Help Make a Happy Thanksgiving

In November, we will be collecting donations to help families have a happy Thanksgiving. We hope you to put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help others have a happy and delicious Thanksgiving. During the month of November we will be collecting the following NONPERISHABLE items:

CANNED GREEN BEANS/CORN	JIFFY CORNBREAD
CANNED YAMS/SWEET POTATOES	PACKAGED GRAVY MIX - NO JARS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	CAKE/BROWNIE MIX
BOXES OF STUFFING	

Thank you for showing that we are all God's children

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

Monday – November 16 1:00 am – Fascinator and Napkin Ring Crafting 3:00 pm – Grief Support Group 5:00 pm – Men's Inquiring Believers **Tuesday – November 17** 8:30 am – Intercessory Prayer **Wednesday – November 18** 9:00 am – Women on a Journey **Thursday – November 19 Parish Hall in use in afternoon**	**Friday – November 20— Parish Hall in use all day** OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – Choir Practice **Saturday – November 21** OFFICE CLOSED **Sunday – November 22** 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

Vestry Members

Margot McConnel Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
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Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	**8:00 am**	**10:00 am**
Reader	Barbara Cross	Laura Cassidy
Acolyte	Dennis Roberts	Dennis Roberts
Usher	Chloe Pitard	Trish Malin
Vestry Greeter	Art Dent	Walda Roseman

Altar Guild	Sandy Wrightson, Veronica wainwright, Dennis Roberts, Kim Plumridge
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard