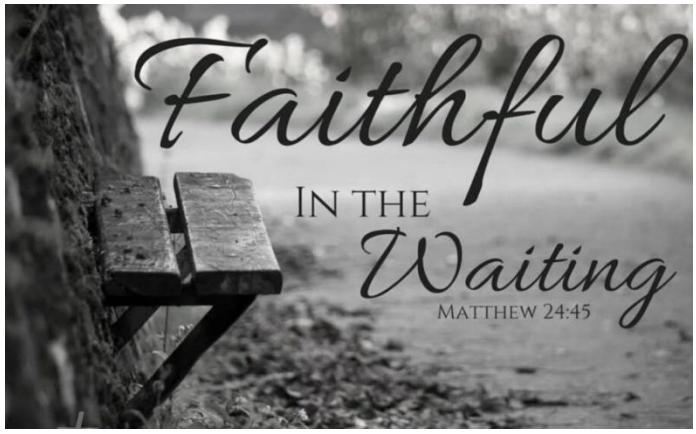
Sunday, November 15, 2026
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
10:00am



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

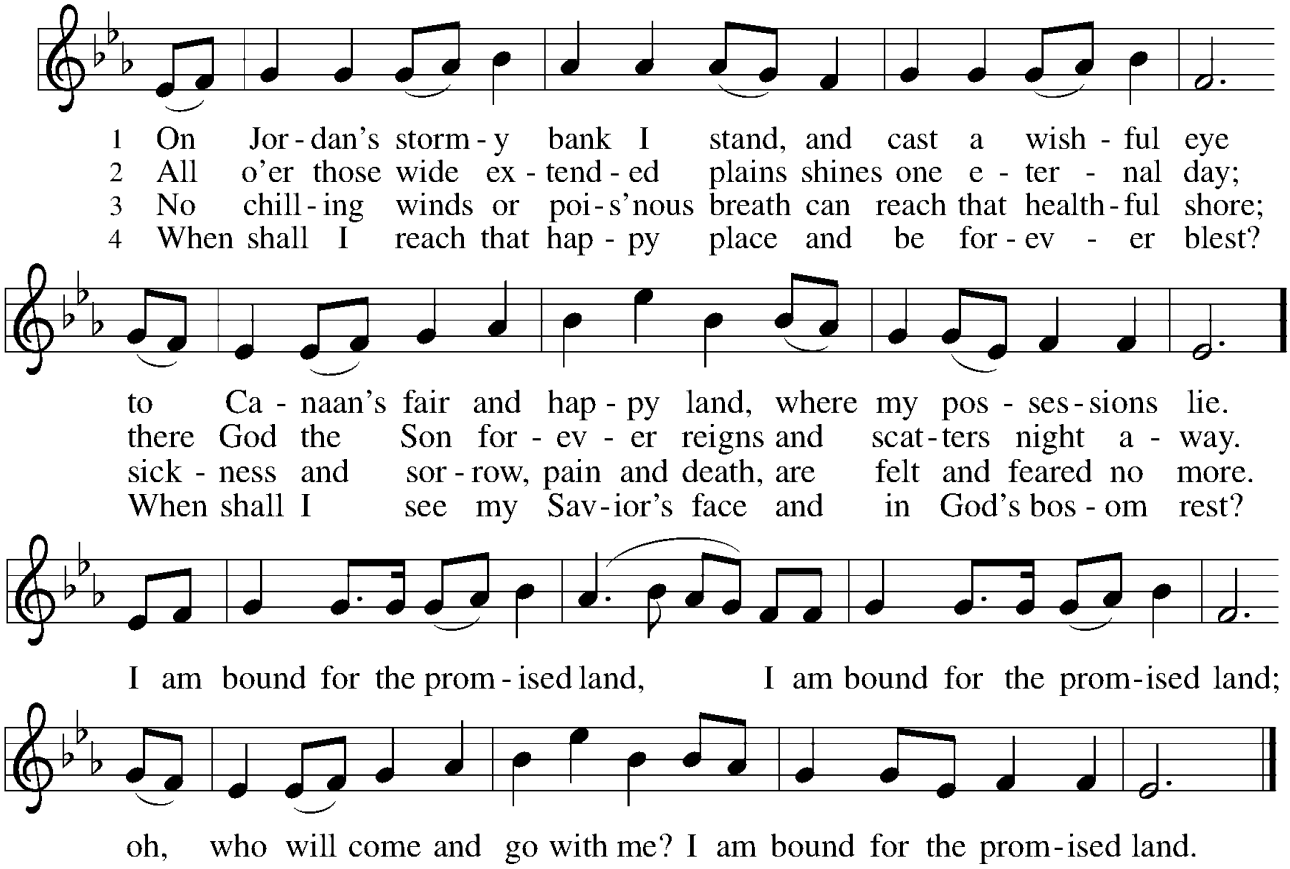
Justified by God's grace through faith,
let us acknowledge our sin.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness ☩ and the promise of eternal life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *On Jordan's Stormy Bank* ELW 437
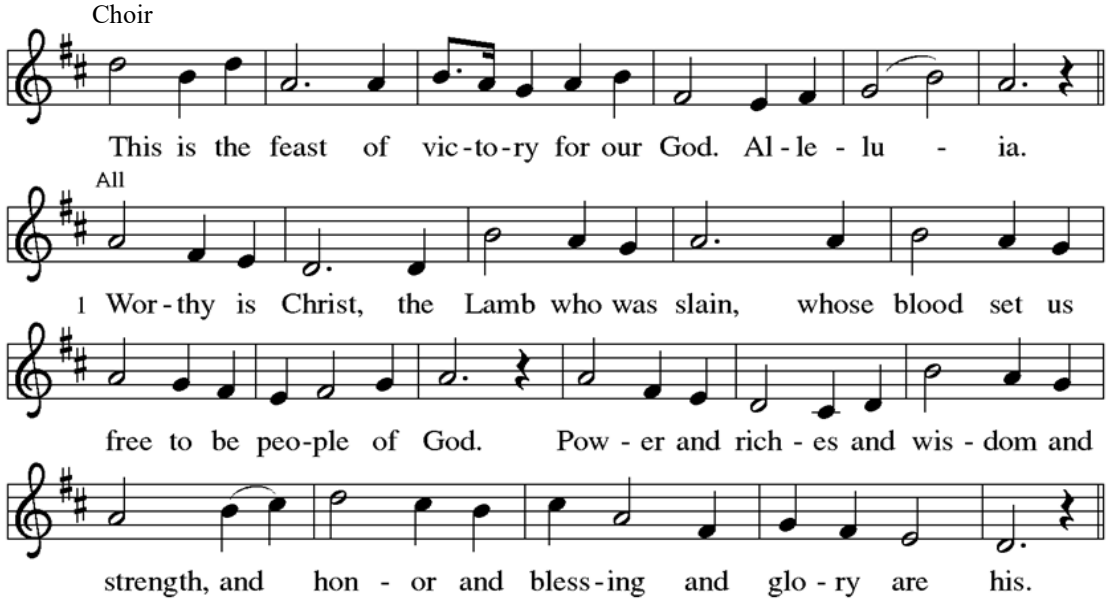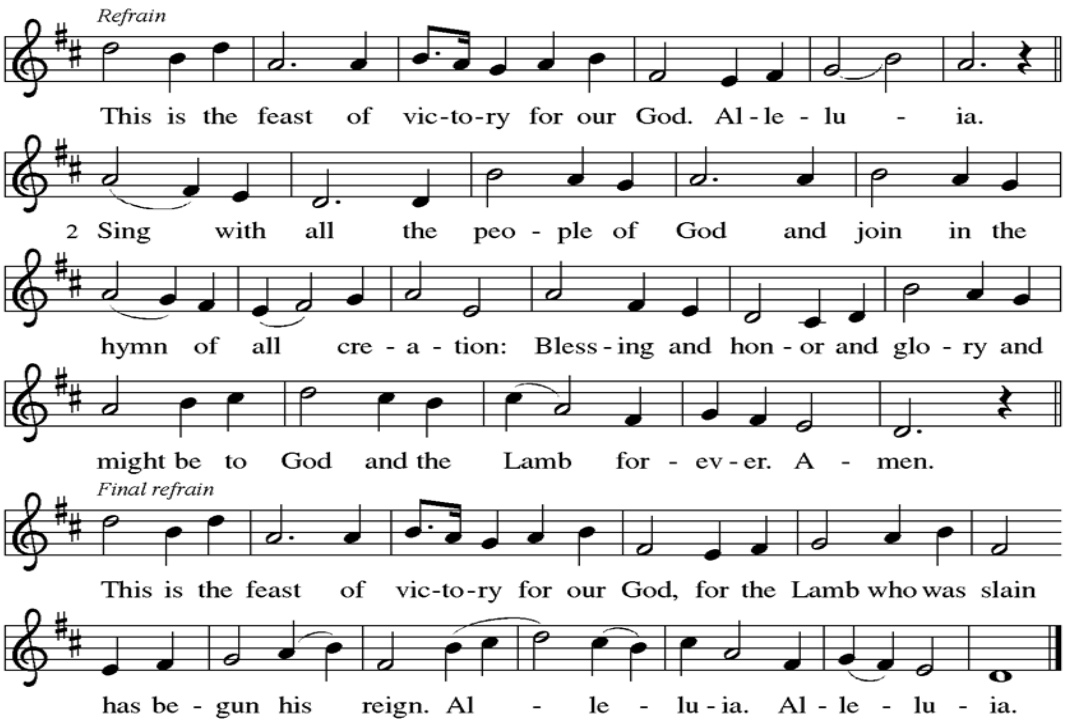


Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and Righteous Father, we are your children and you provide us with all that we need. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Zephaniah presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

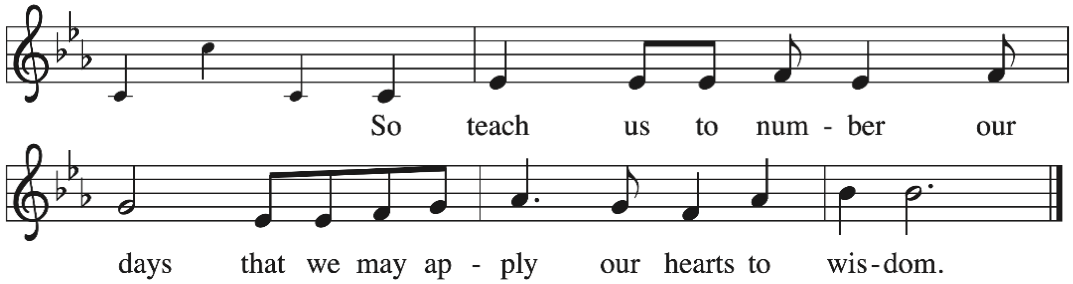
7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.”
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the
Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a
full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12

*The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "***R***"*



1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth." R

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. R

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

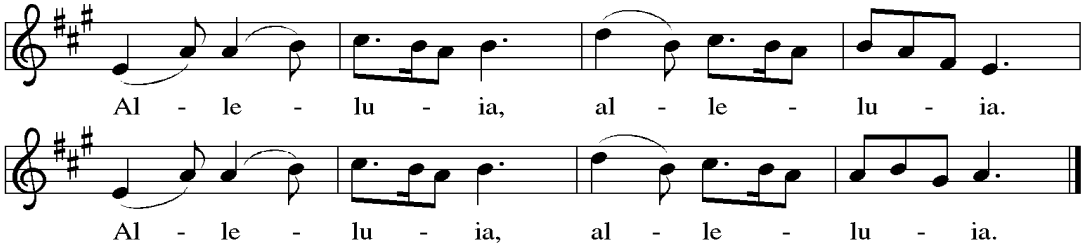
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 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! 4 But you, brothers and
sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,
7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 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. [9] For God has destined us
not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died
for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness
Congregation repeats "Alleluia"

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:44, 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect. [14] For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them
and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents
made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off
and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] 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.'
[21] 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.' [22] 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.'
[23] 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.' [24] 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, [25] so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master
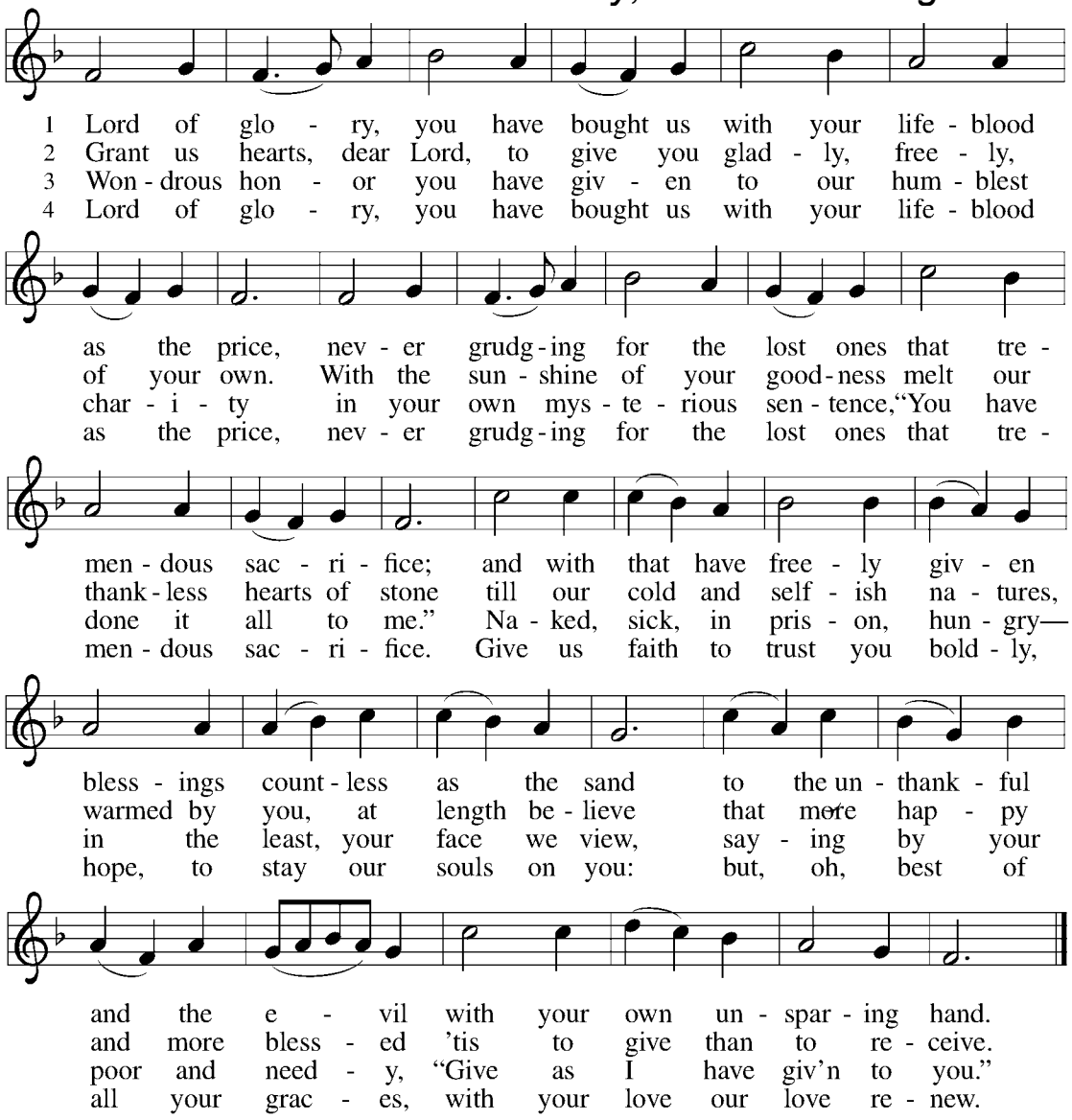
replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 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. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* ELW 707



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust our prayers, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**
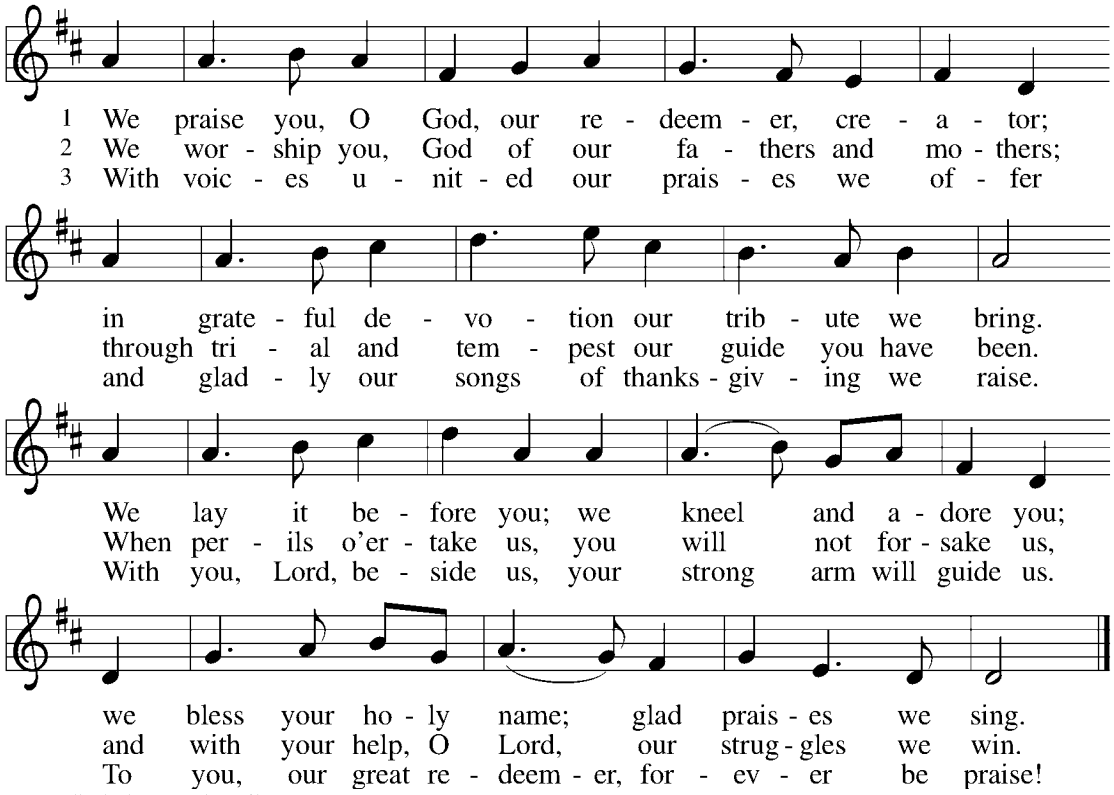
THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

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OFFERTORY HYMN *We Praise You, O God* ELW 870

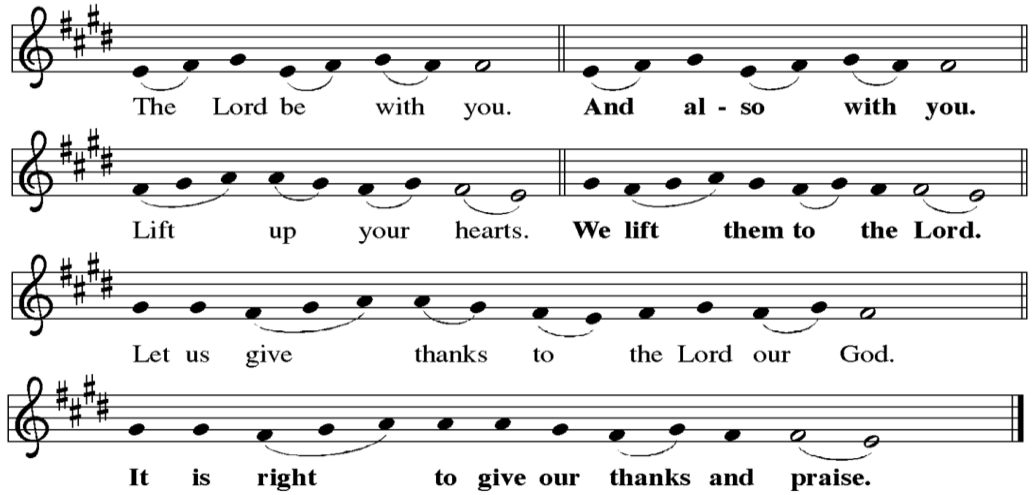


Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

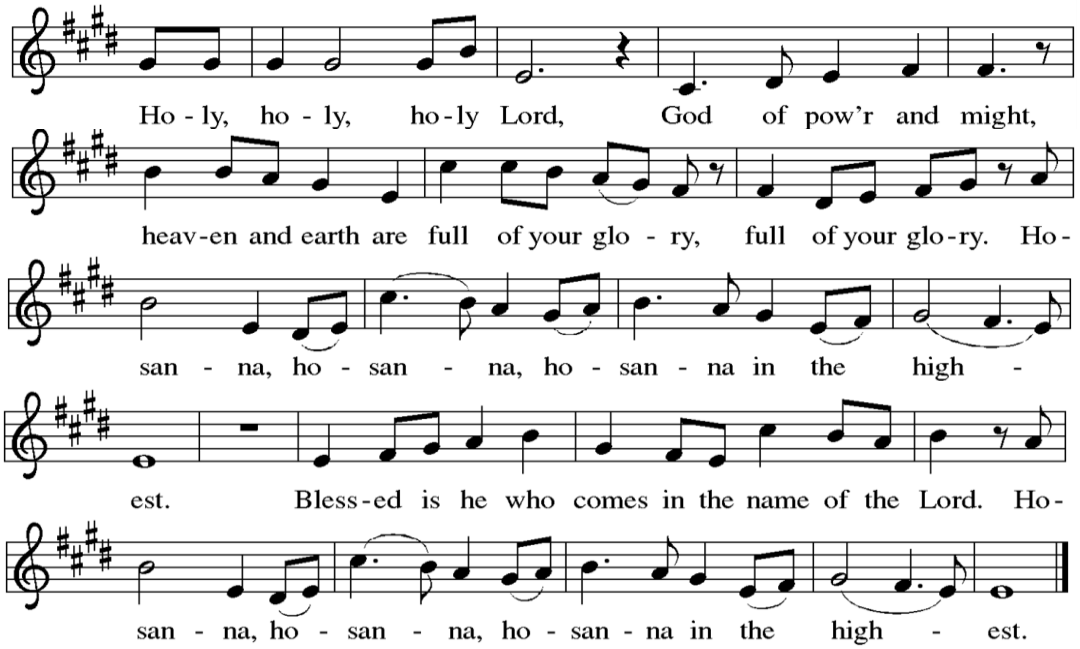
OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
all blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service for you and in love to our neighbors. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

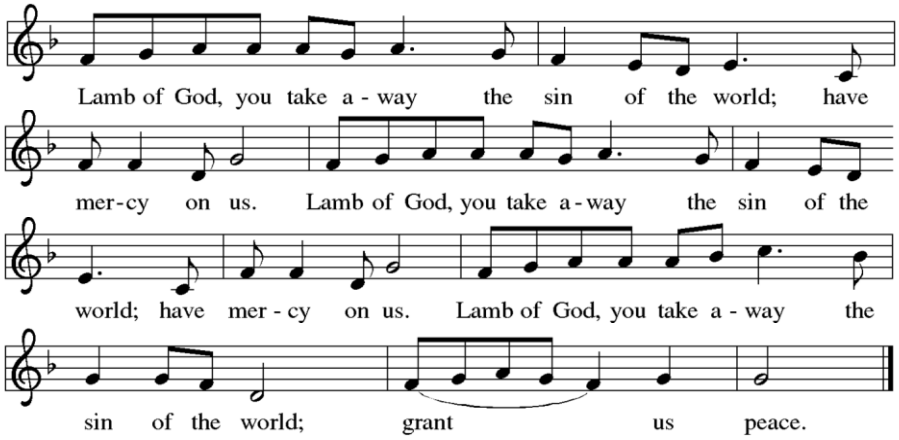
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.
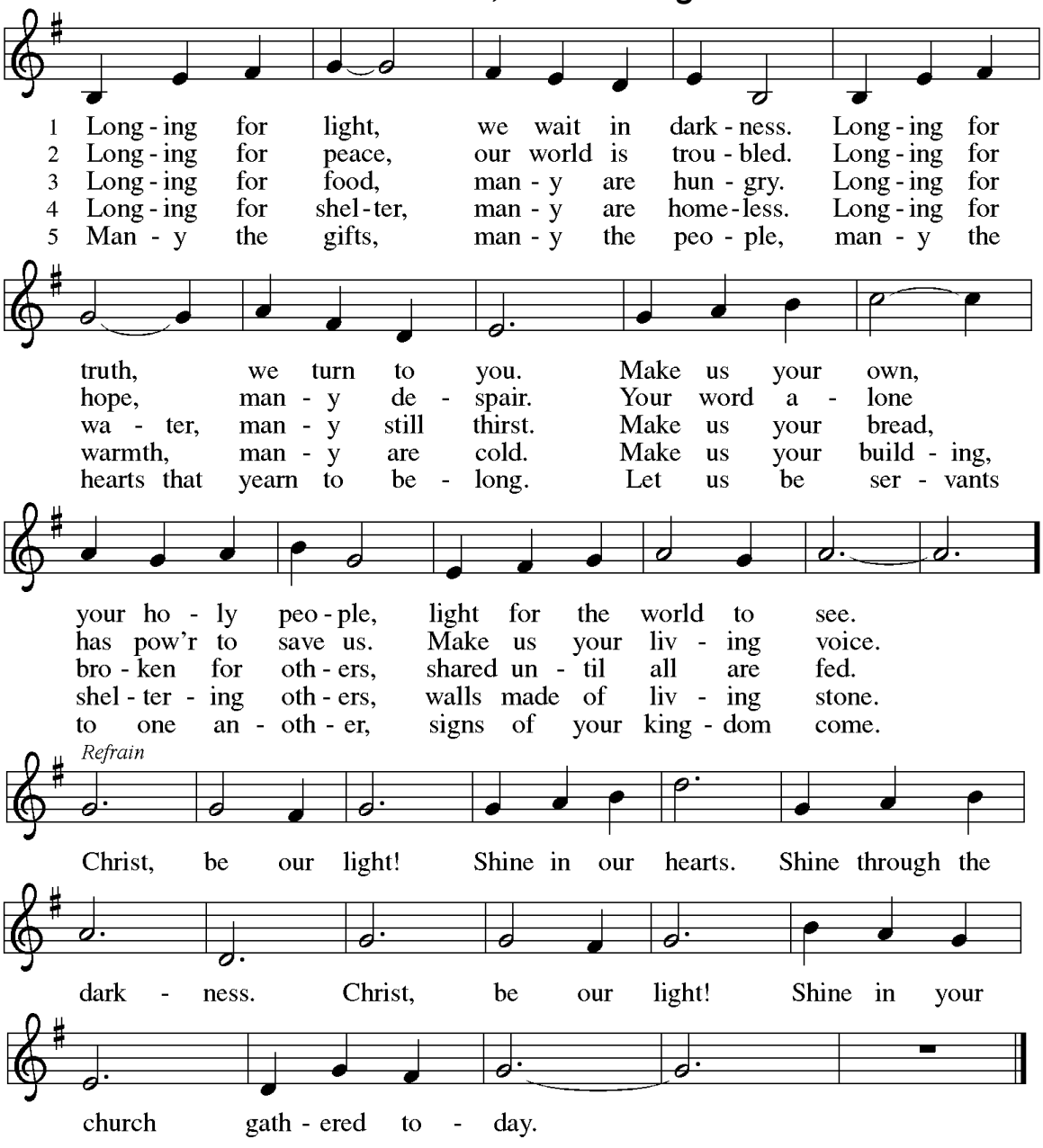
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to his table.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW 715



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Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
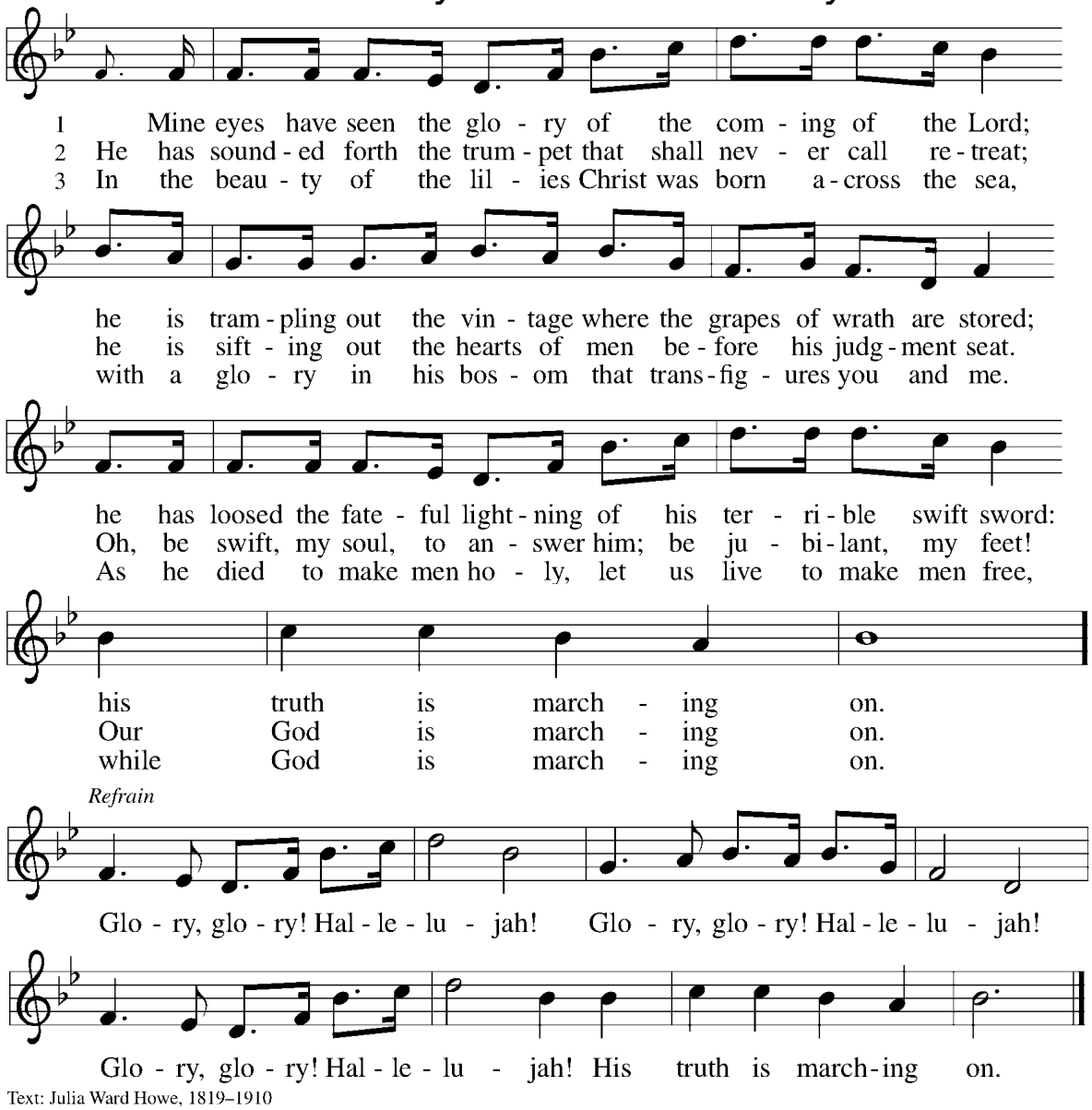
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us to serve a needy world.
Make us signs of liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace draw you closer together in the body of Christ, grant you strength and joy through the Holy Spirit, and bless you ☩ now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ELW 890



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love.
Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]

Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: *(**MLC**) = Meadowlawn Campus (**DTC**) = Downtown Campus*

Date	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
11/01/26	10 AM	Aimée Fox	Phil Rearick, Aimée Fox		
11/08/26	10 AM	Violet Prepost	Gary Bartelt, Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt	In honor of Veterans Day
11/15/26	10 AM	Gary Bartelt	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
11/22/26	10 AM	Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	Carla Sajda	IHO Sheryl Mayle's Birthday
11/29/26	10 AM	Terri Craig	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	F. Guido	For the Glory of God

Birthdays this week:
11/18 - Hope Baker

Anniversaries this week:
11/21 – JJ and Tyler Thomas

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (11/15)
9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
11:00am – Fellowship Hour (MLC Community Rm)
11:30am – Education Hour (MLC Community Rm)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (11/16)
Bulletin Items Due
10:00am – Bert's Breakfast Buddies (Kopper Kitchen)
7:30pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Tuesday (11/17)
1:00pm – Staff Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (11/18)
10:00am – Bible Study (MLC Lounge)
11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC Community Rm)

Thursday (11/19)
6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)
7:00pm – City Church: Men's Bible Study (DTC 2nd Floor)

Friday (11/20)
9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC Community Rm)
6:00pm – Faith and Film

Saturday (11/21)
9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:
Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider
Frances Guido
Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:
Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:
Jill Boos Martin
Linda Gascon
Pr. Tom Snapp
Will Diefel
Serenity Baker
Willie Rodriguez
Eliza Walker
Margarita Rodriguez
Rodger Nelson
Jennifer Rhoads
Jerry Barnard
Linda Barnard
Mike Lederhouse
Bob Gascon
Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Guy Smith
Joyce Dare
Phil Rearick
Stephan Shipley
Melody Cather
Juniper Mae Cather
Terri Craig
Ray Whynott
Marti Mahoney

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:
The family and Friends of Duane Bork
The Family and Friends of Brenda Heinicke
The Family and Friends of Edna Jaime