# The Church of the Holy Cross
## Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

## *The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*
## *All Saints' Sunday*

**November 1, 2026**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
**11:00 AM**

## *Welcome Home to Holy Cross!*

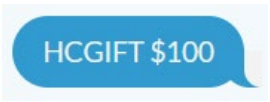
It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

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It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

*Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.*

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## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** Trio in G minor — Josef Rheinberger

**The Announcements:** *(Pages 15-16)*
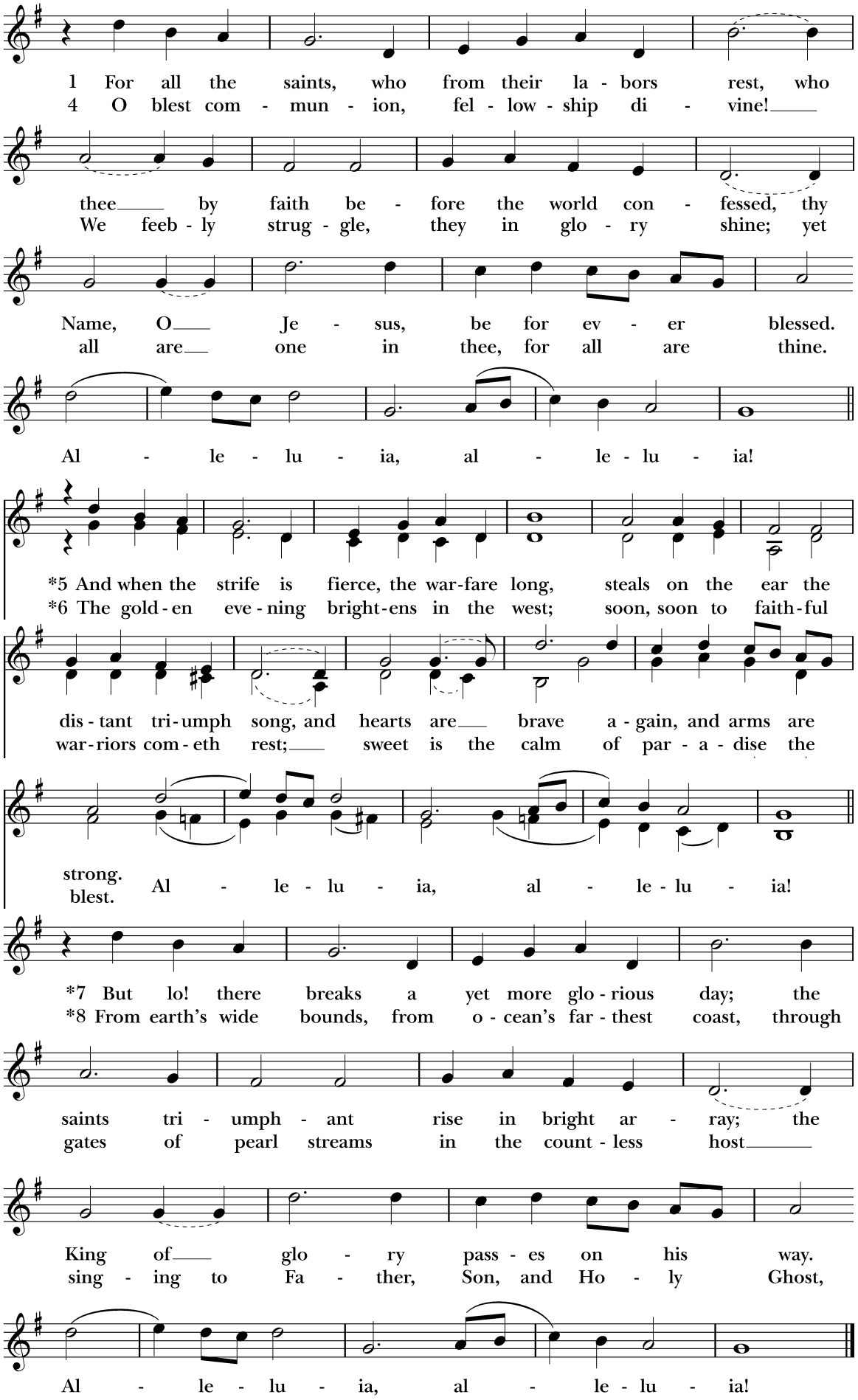
**The Prayer for the Care of Children:** BCP 829

Priest: Let us pray.

*People:* **Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*All stand as able.*

**The Opening Hymn: #287** *(vss. 1, 4-8)* **"For All the Saints"** *Sine nomine*



**The Opening Acclamation:** BCP 355

Priest: Blessed be God (†): Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
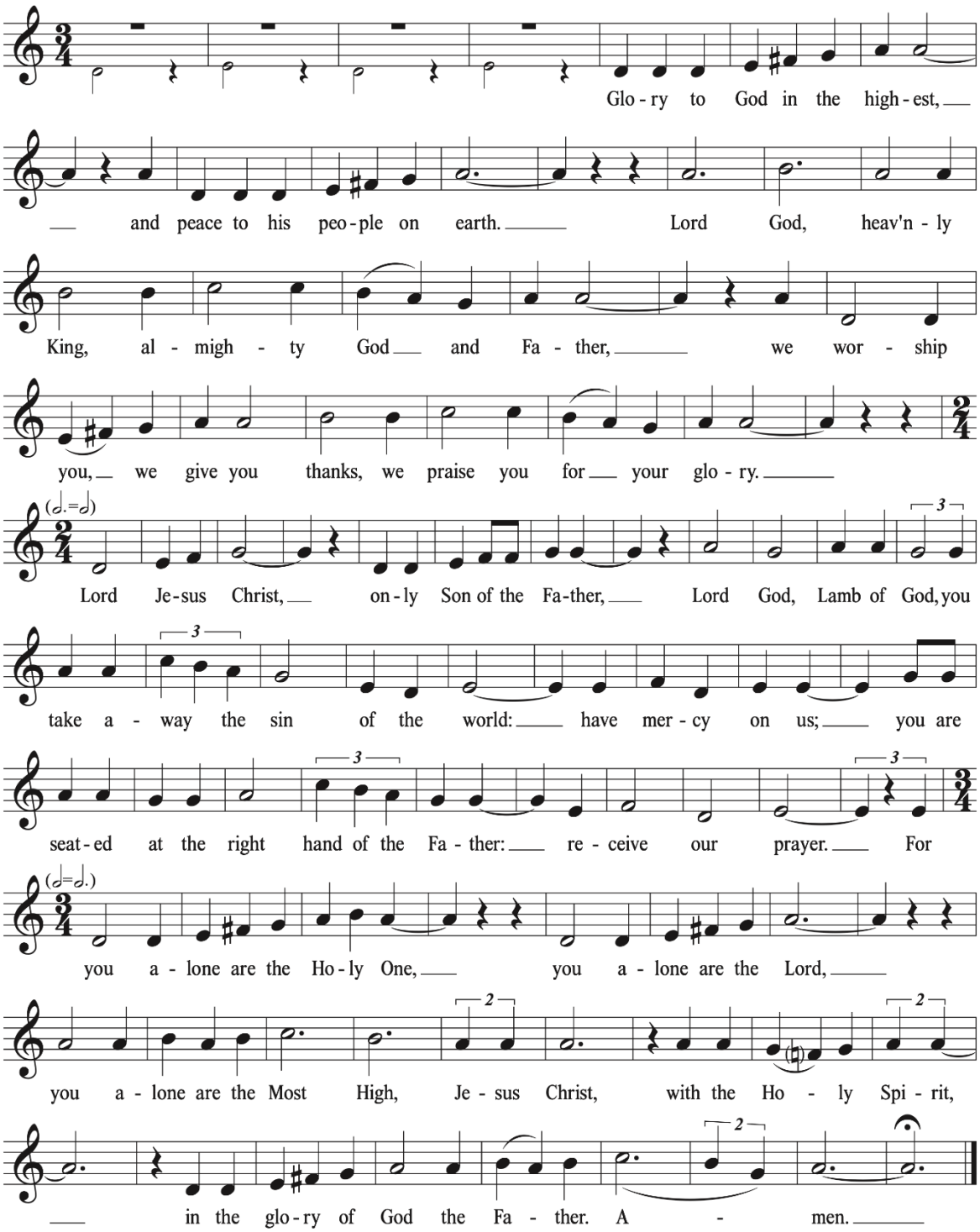
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity:** BCP 355

Priest: 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

**The Gloria:** *WLP #900 (Green Hymnal)*



**The Collect of the Day:** BCP 245

Priest: The Lord be with you.
*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

*People:* **Amen.**

*All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.*

**The First Lesson:** **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I, John, 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
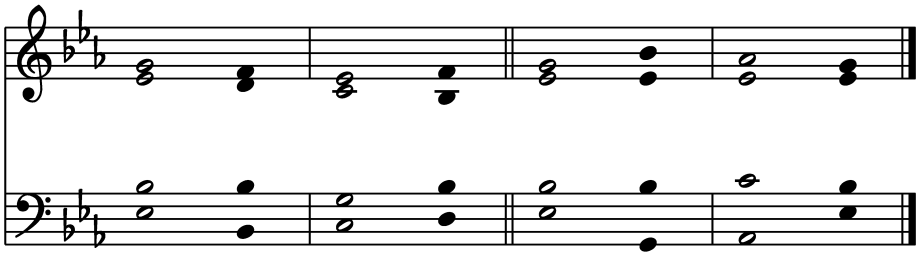
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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: The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Response:** **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**
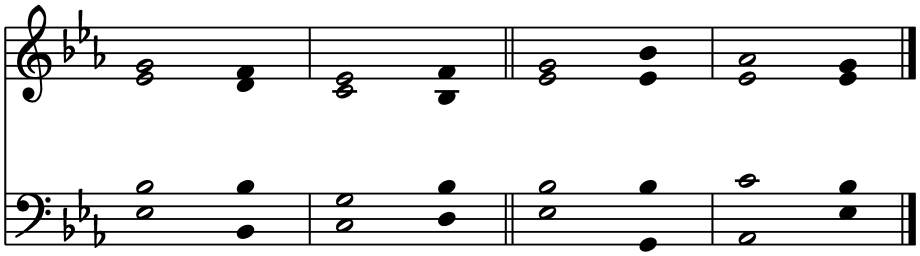


1 **I will bless the LORD at all | times; ***
**his praise shall ever be in my | mouth.**

2 **I will glory in the | LORD; ***
**let the humble hear and re- | joice.**

3 **Proclaim with me the greatness of the | LORD; ***
**let us exalt his Name to- | gether.**

*Continued…*

**The Response:** *(continued…)* **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**



4 **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me *
and delivered me out of all my | terror.**

5 **Look upon him and be | radiant, *
and let not your faces be a- | shamed.**

6 **I called in my affliction and the LORD | heard me *
and saved me from all my | troubles.**

7 **The angel of the LORD encompasses those who | fear him, *
and he will deliver | them.**

8 **Taste and see that the LORD is | good; *
happy are they who trust in | him!**

9 **Fear the LORD, you that are his | saints, *
for those who fear him lack | nothing.**

10 **The young lions lack and suffer | hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is | good.**

† *final two measures* 22 **† The LORD ransoms the life of his | servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in | him.**

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

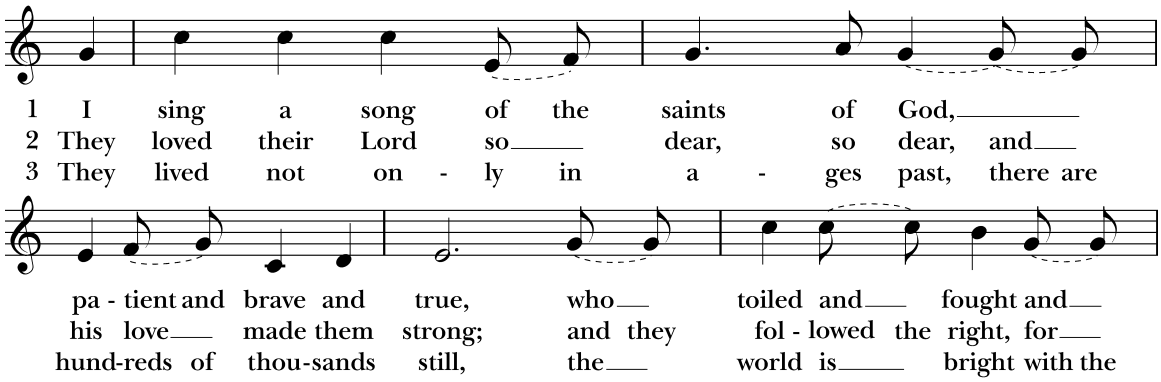
**The Second Lesson:** **1 John 3:1-3**

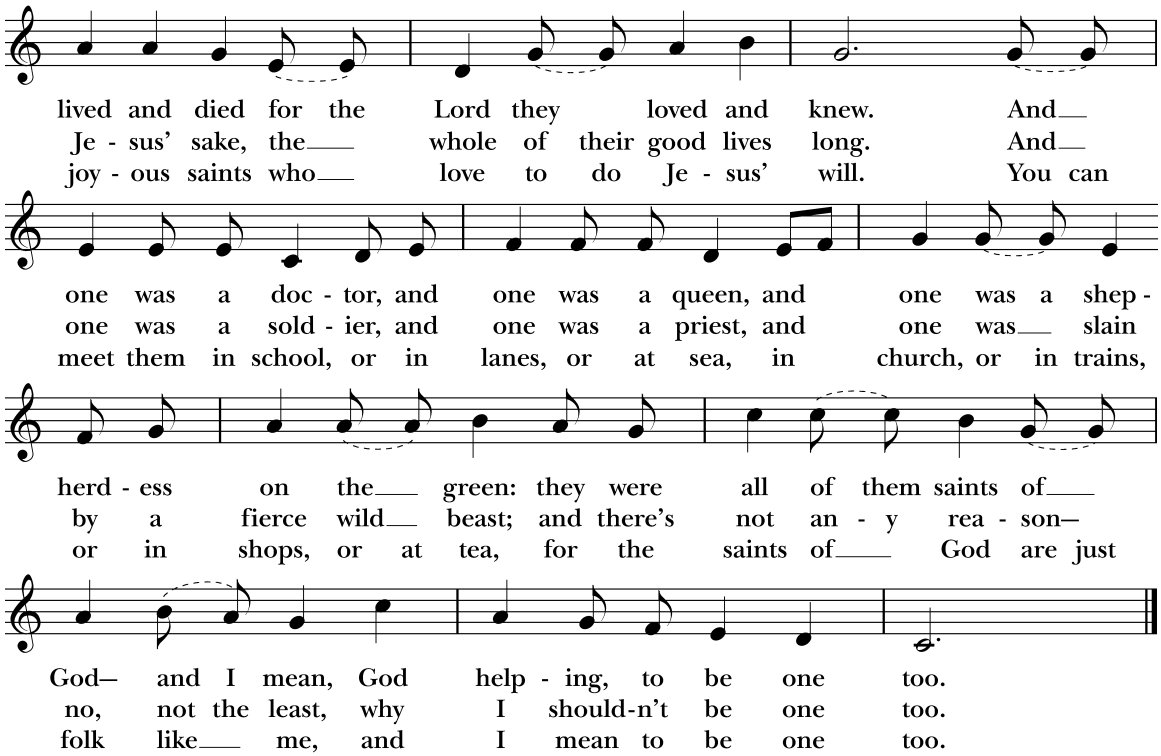
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*All <u>stand</u> as able.*

**The Gradual Hymn: #293** **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"** *Grand Isle*






**The Holy Gospel:** **Matthew 5:1-12**

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

**The Sermon:** **The Rev. Jonathan C. Chesney**

*A time for silent reflection follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.*

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:** BCP 304

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
*People:* **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?
*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.** *Continued…*

**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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

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

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

*All kneel or stand as able.*

**The Prayers of the People** **Form III** BCP 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Dayton Cole (and _____.)

*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those who are in harm's way, for those who have asked for prayers, for those who are sick, in sorrow, need, or any adversity, and those whom we name aloud at this time:

*The people speak the names of those on their prayer sticks, and may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

*When you arrived at the service, you received a stick with a name on it. That is the name of someone who has requested our prayers. Please call out the name of the person on that stick as well as anyone else on your heart, and keep them in your daily prayers through the coming week.*

*At the Offertory, simply drop the sticks in the offering plate. This is a wonderful way for all of us to share in the prayer ministry of our Parish.*

*The Priest offers a concluding Collect.*

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**The Confession of Sin:** BCP 360

**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.**

**The Absolution:**

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.

*People:* **Amen.**

*All stand as able.*

**The Peace:**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People:* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

**The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:**

**Watch over your child(ren) 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* heart(s) may your peace which passes understanding,**
**abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**

**A Stewardship Reflection:** **Walter Browning**

## *Concerning The Holy Communion*

*A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.*
*We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.*

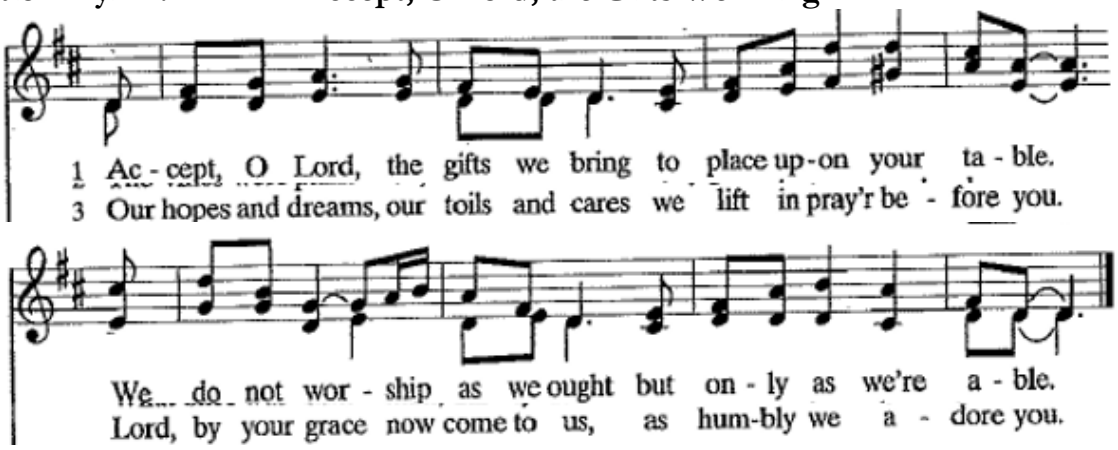
*To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, retain the bread in your hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest. If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.*

*When at the Altar Rail, move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last.*
*Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.*

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem:** "Soon and Very Soon" Andraé Crouch

**The Presentation Hymn:** **"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"** *Barbara Allen*



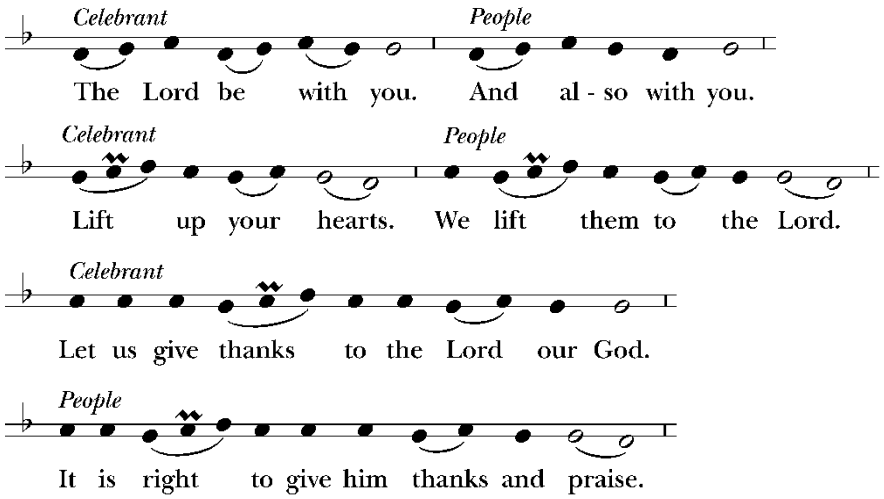

### The Great Thanksgiving
*Eucharistic Prayer B* BCP 367

**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed:**

*On this day, we give thanks for the witness of the faithful departed, especially members of this parish who died this past year, as well as those throughout the world who were known to the parish family.*

*In honor of these Saints of God, the parish bell tolls as each name is read aloud. A brief time of silent prayer follows the final toll.*

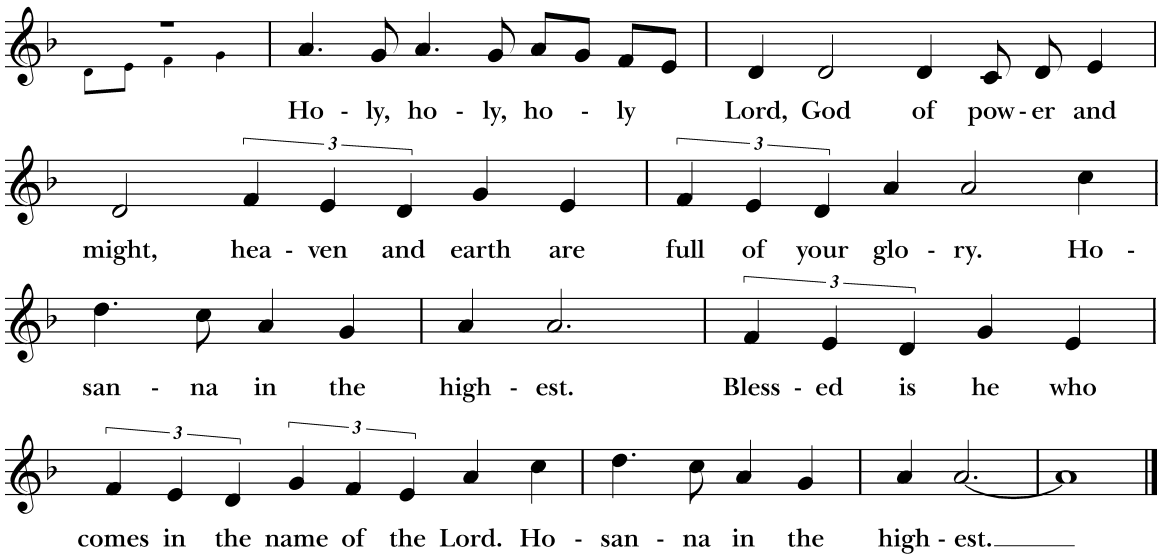
**The Sursum Corda:**



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 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.

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:

**The Sanctus:** *#S-129*

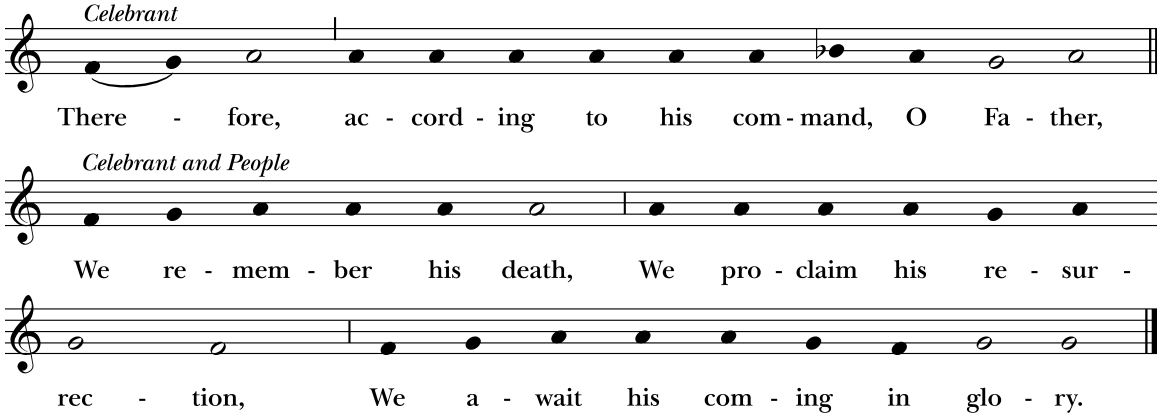



*All kneel or stand as able.*

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."

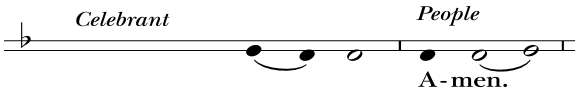
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, 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 (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.




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

**The Lord's Prayer:** *Traditional Version* BCP 364

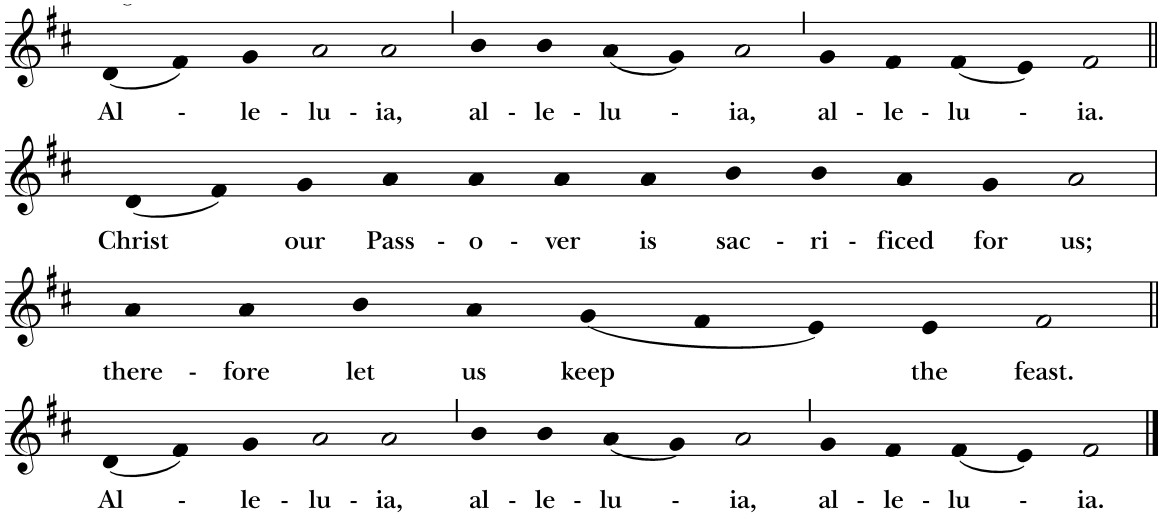
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy Name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread.**
**And forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**for ever and ever.**
**Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread:** (The Fraction)

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem:** *#S-154*



**The Invitation:**

*The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,*
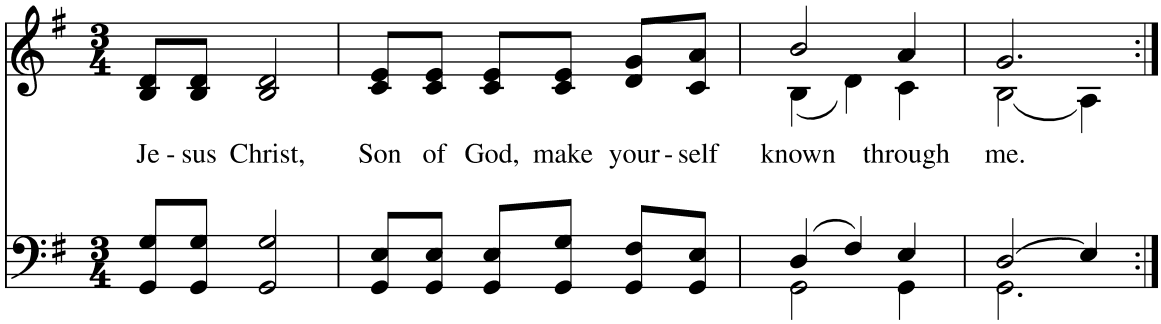
The Gifts of God for the People of God. *(And may add:)* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Hymns during the Communion:**

**#279 "For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord"**
*(as needed)* **#526 "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing"**

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.*
*When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.*

**The Kneeling Hymn: WLP #814** *(Green Hymnal)* **"Jesus Christ, Son of God"** *(sung 2x)* *Celebration*




*An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the following prayer.*

*All kneel or stand as able.*

**The Post-communion Prayer:** BCP 366

**Almighty and everliving God,**
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**
**of the most precious Body and Blood**
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**
**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**
**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**
**And now, Father, send us out**
**to do the work you have given us to do,**
**to love and serve you**
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**
**be honor and glory, now and for ever.**
**Amen.**

*All stand as able.*
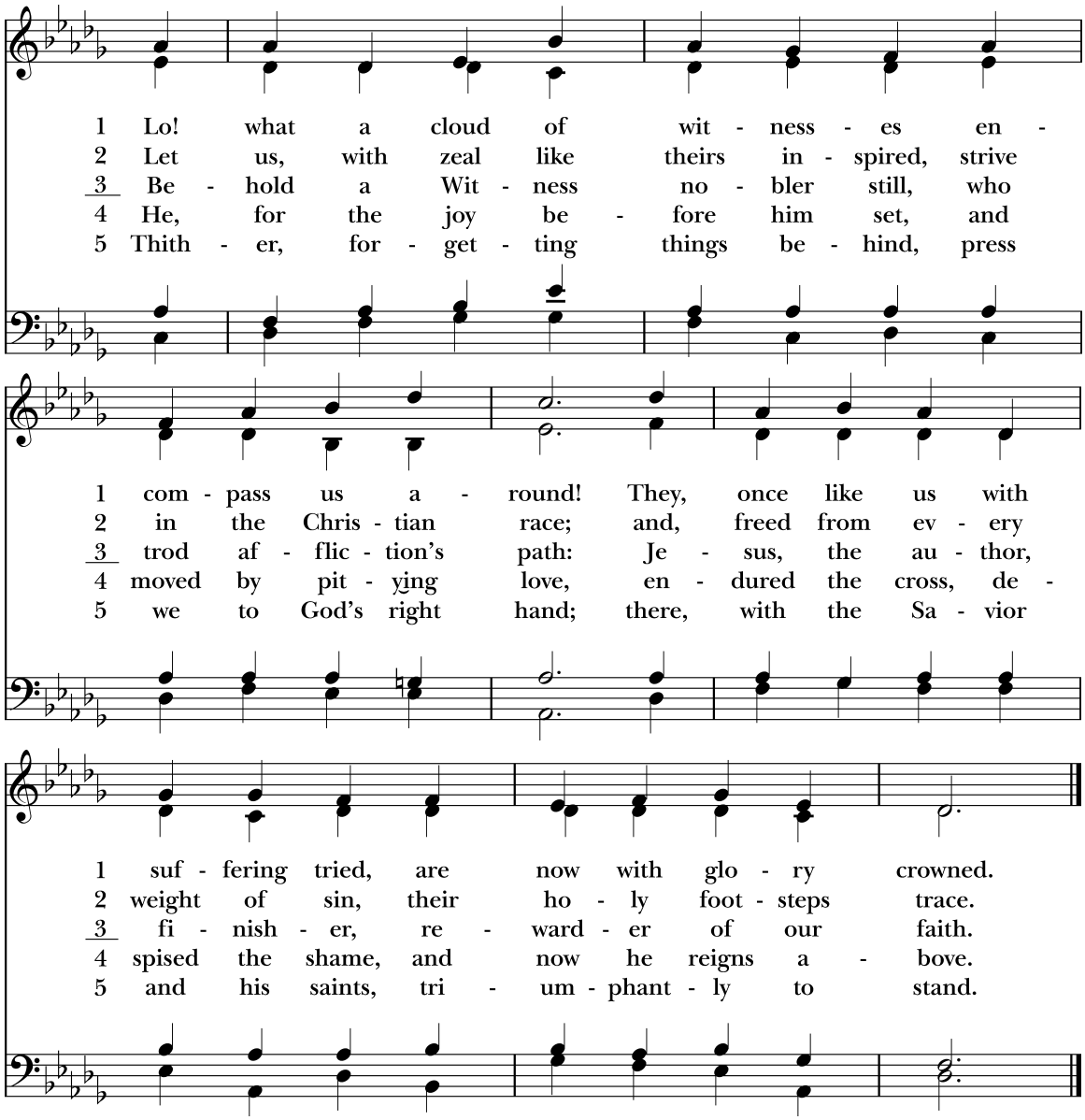
**The Blessing:**

*The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,*

And the Blessing of God Almighty: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day and remain with you for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: #545** **"Lo! What a Cloud of Witnesses"** *St. Fulbert*




**The Dismissal:**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** "Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee" Flor Peeters

**The flowers on the Altar today are given**
**to the greater glory of God**
**in commemoration of the faithful departed**
**and in celebration of Margaret Lumpkin Love**
**and Dr. Arthur Lumpkin's birthdays, by their family.**

## *We thank those who served this morning*

| | *8:00 am* | *11:00 am* |
|---|---|---|
| *Musician:* | | Emma Pullium |
| *Greeters & Ushers:* | Stella Barbato | Jim & Darby Logan |
| *Lectors:* | Jane Blackburn | Margaret Love |
| *Prayers of the People:* | Jane Blackburn | Margaret Love |
| *Chalice Bearers:* | Karla Prudhomme | Dawn Harris & Nina-Jo Moore |
| *Acolytes:* | Karla Prudhomme | Nina-Jo Moore |
| *Healing Minister:* | | Kim Gauss |
| *Linen Fairy:* | | Mary Jane Major |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Today, Sunday, November 1, 2026*
## *All Saints' Sunday*

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *spoken service with no music*

**8:45 am** Fellowship in Skiles Hall

**9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service

**9:30 am** **Christian Formation** – The Early Church in the First Century
*Presented by Katerina Whitley in Skiles Hall*

**11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *with sacred music*
*Sunday School is available during this service*
*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*

**12:15 pm** Fellowship in Skiles Hall

## *November Christian Formation*
## *The Early Church in the First Century*

Join acclaimed author and beloved Holy Cross member Katerina Whitley on Sunday mornings in November as she leads our Christian Formation classes on the Early Church and the growth of our faith.

**November 1: The Context –** The Empire and the Culture of the Greco-Roman world contrasted with the Judean world in which Jesus was born; the Pentecost

**November 8: Beyond Pentecost –** Against the Culture of the Empire; St. Paul and his revolutionary letters

**November 22: The First Ekklesia –** Its dynamic nature, and the threat to the Roman Empire; persecution

## *Regular Compline Services*
## *Mondays & Thursdays – 8:00 pm via Zoom*

Compline is offered via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. every Monday & Thursday – please follow the link on the Church website to join the Zoom meeting. The "Virtual Waiting Room" opens 15 minutes before each service begins.

Contact Angela Williams or Mary Pietan if you have any issues signing on for Compline.

## *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service*

A reflective evening service of Holy Eucharist with healing prayers will be offered at Holy Cross **at 4:00 pm every Wednesday** unless otherwise announced. All are welcome.

*Next Sunday, November 8, 2026*
*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *spoken service with no music*
**8:45 am** Fellowship in Skiles Hall
**9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
**9:30 am** **Christian Formation** – The Early Church in the First Century
*Presented by Katerina Whitley in Skiles Hall*
**11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *with sacred music*
*Sunday School is available during this service*
*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*
**12:15 pm** Fellowship in Skiles Hall

*Sunday, November 15, 2026*
*Stewardship Dedication, Parish Annual Meeting, and Lunch*
*One Service Only at 11:00 am*

Come and celebrate the grace of God that has continued to abound through the ongoing mission and ministry of Holy Cross. We will dedicate pledges received thus far during the service, and at the meeting, hear reports from our leadership, and elect 3 new Vestry Members at the meeting. More information on the nominees will be coming soon. Entrée and dessert will be provided, and we ask those attending to bring a side to share.

*Sunday, November 22, 2026*
*6th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale*

Do you have family coming in for the holidays but don't have time to bake? A selection of goodies will be in Skiles Hall after the 11:00 service on Sunday, November 22nd to help you prepare for your Thanksgiving holiday.

Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving desserts to Skiles Hall on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to be labeled and priced. The proceeds will be used to benefit the children's ministries of Holy Cross.

# The Parish Prayer List: November 1, 2026

## *Please keep the following in your prayers this week:*

**For Healing:** Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Wendell S., Noyes L., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam, Bill B., Randy M., Shane B., Tav G., Andrea M., Charles III, Kate M., Floyd T., Leslie S., Suzie L., Pam C., Ann G., Rosalie G., Stuart T., Michael H., Laura B., Linda B., Mike M., Susan M., Jacquie M., Arthur L., Coleman B., Michael T., Wayne W., Sally, Ann I., Beth B., Daryl M., Angie N., Derek D., Mary S., Eric G., Radie A., Warren S., Carol J., Ella F., Terry S., Grace S., George S., Susan D., Norm L., Bill R., _____.

**For those in Harm's Way:** All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.