

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

October 25, 2026
The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

~~ Everyone is WELCOME here, for we're all in God's family ~~

Every Sunday we remember that God made one big, human family – and Jesus came to know, love and save us all. St Jude's is on the Christian / Anglican / Episcopal branch of that family tree. If you are new to our church today, a special *WELCOME!* Instead of the usual coffee hour fare, we are having a special brunch and discussion today after the service. All are invited, even if you didn't sign up in advance, as we consider possibilities for ministry collaboration.

In today's Scripture readings: After many weeks with Moses, we hear the end of his story and the passage of leadership to Joshua. We learn from Paul's epistle about his evangelism methods in Thessalonika. And in our Gospel Jesus gets more questions, and asks some of his own, while teaching in Jerusalem's great Temple.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer homemade Bread and gluten-free Wafers, which may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.
WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #372 _____*Praise to the Living God*
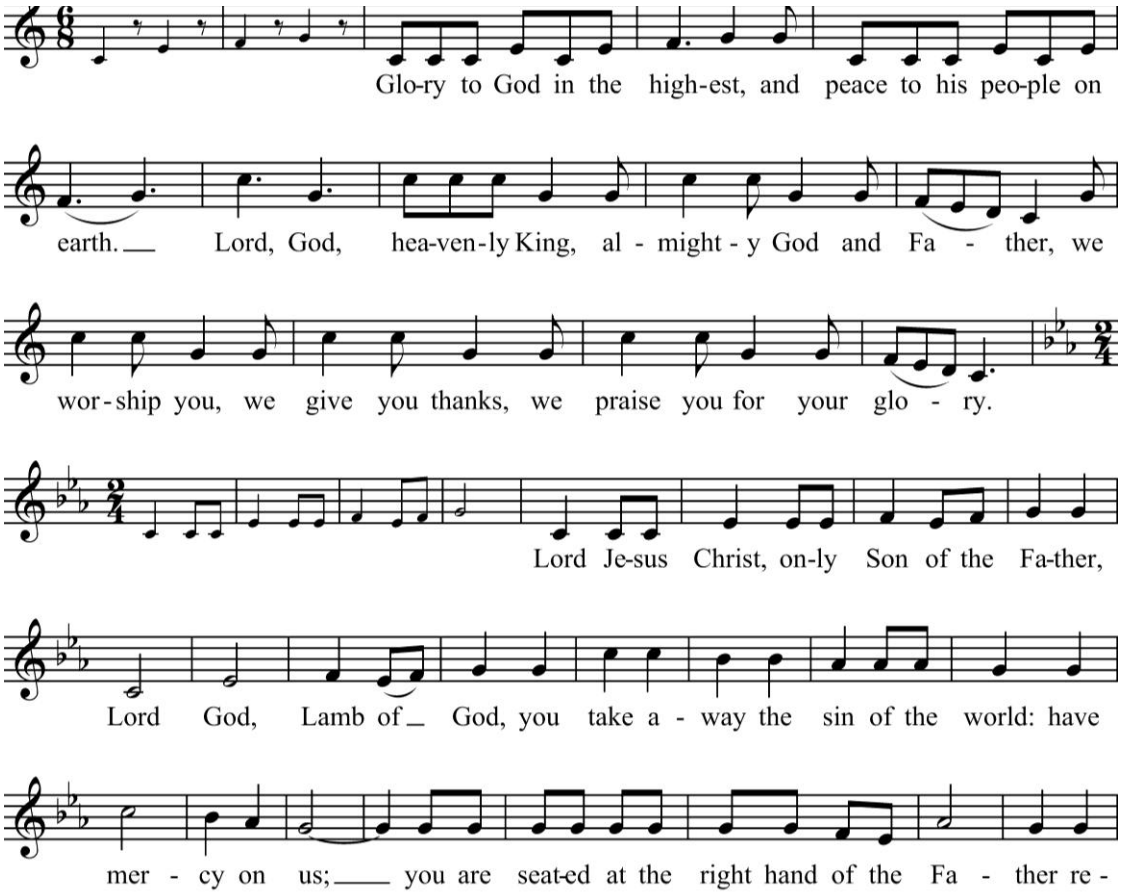
Opening Acclamation & Collect _____

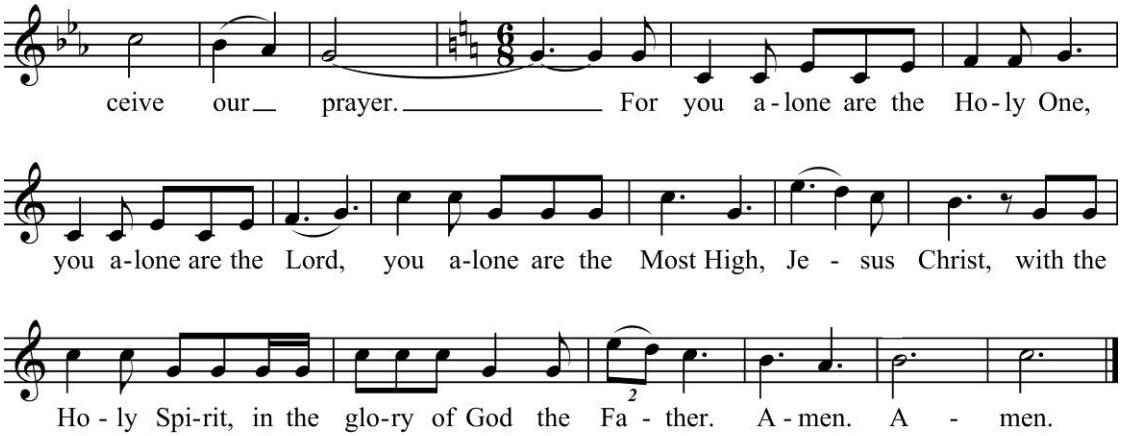
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song of Praise: Glory to God, MHSO #6 _____ *setting by F. Vidal-White*





Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command.

He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

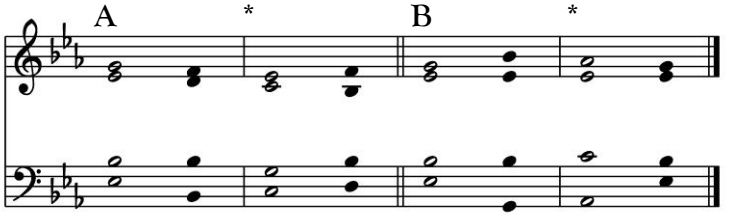
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 90:1-6,13-17*

Chanted by all to Simplified Anglican Chant, *S-411*



A 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

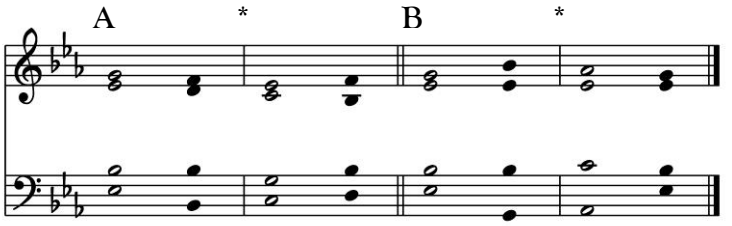
B 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

A 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

B 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

A 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

B 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.



A 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
B 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
A 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
B 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
B 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

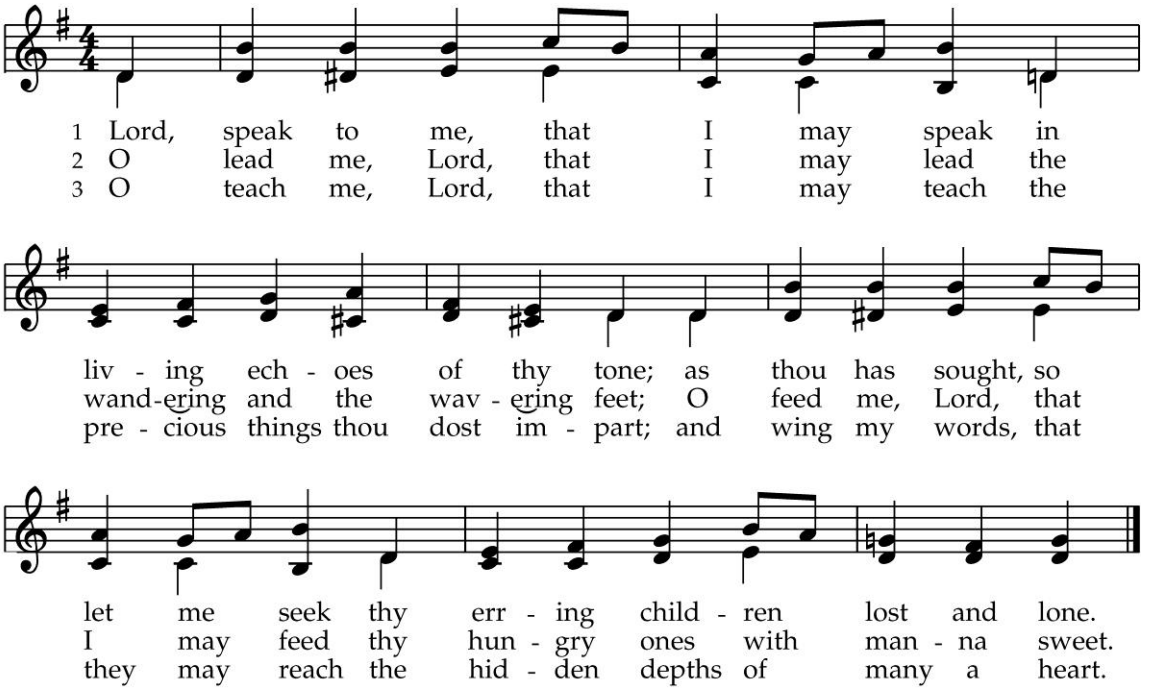
The Second Reading _____ *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Sequence Hymn, VF #98 _____ *Lord speak to me, that I may speak*



The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 22:34-46*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*

Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel*_____

Deacon With gratitude that our gifts from God enable us to love God and to love our neighbors, let us offer our prayers to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, which calls forth our best efforts and supports our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for ___ our new Bishop-elect; and for all the leaders of our diocese and parish. Give us wisdom to discern new opportunities to serve alongside one another.
Silent prayer
When we trust in God's abundance,

Response **There is always more than enough.**

I ask your prayers for the world and its creatures of every kind. Enable us, O God, to be better caretakers of your Creation. We pray also for those who lead nations, states and communities; and those seeking office or re-election in these divisive times. May we have compassion for all people as we vote for our future and theirs.
Silent prayer
When we trust in God's abundance,
There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors who struggle to meet basic needs like housing, employment, education and food security. For our neighbors who are in prison, marginalized or persecuted; for those who are sick or dying; for lonely and isolated people; and for those who sleep on our streets. We pray for those on our prayer list, and those we name now… that they may be comforted by our loving God.
Silent prayer
When we trust in God's abundance,
There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for the departed, who forever enjoy God's table of plenty. We look forward with hope to joining them and all the saints, at the eternal banquet given by Jesus Christ. Especially we remember our loved-ones who have died… confident that they rest with God in peace.
Silent prayer
When we trust in God's abundance,
There is always more than enough.

I ask your thanksgivings for graces we have received. Let us pause to thank God for the blessings of the past week, and for opportunities to share them.

Silent prayer

When we trust in God's abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Priest O God, our help in ages past: bless us again, and make us grateful and generous stewards who are eager to give from what we receive. Amplify our love to bring hope, healing, and joy to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel*

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

People
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 *is pronounced by the priest*

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

The Peace *Please stand*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**
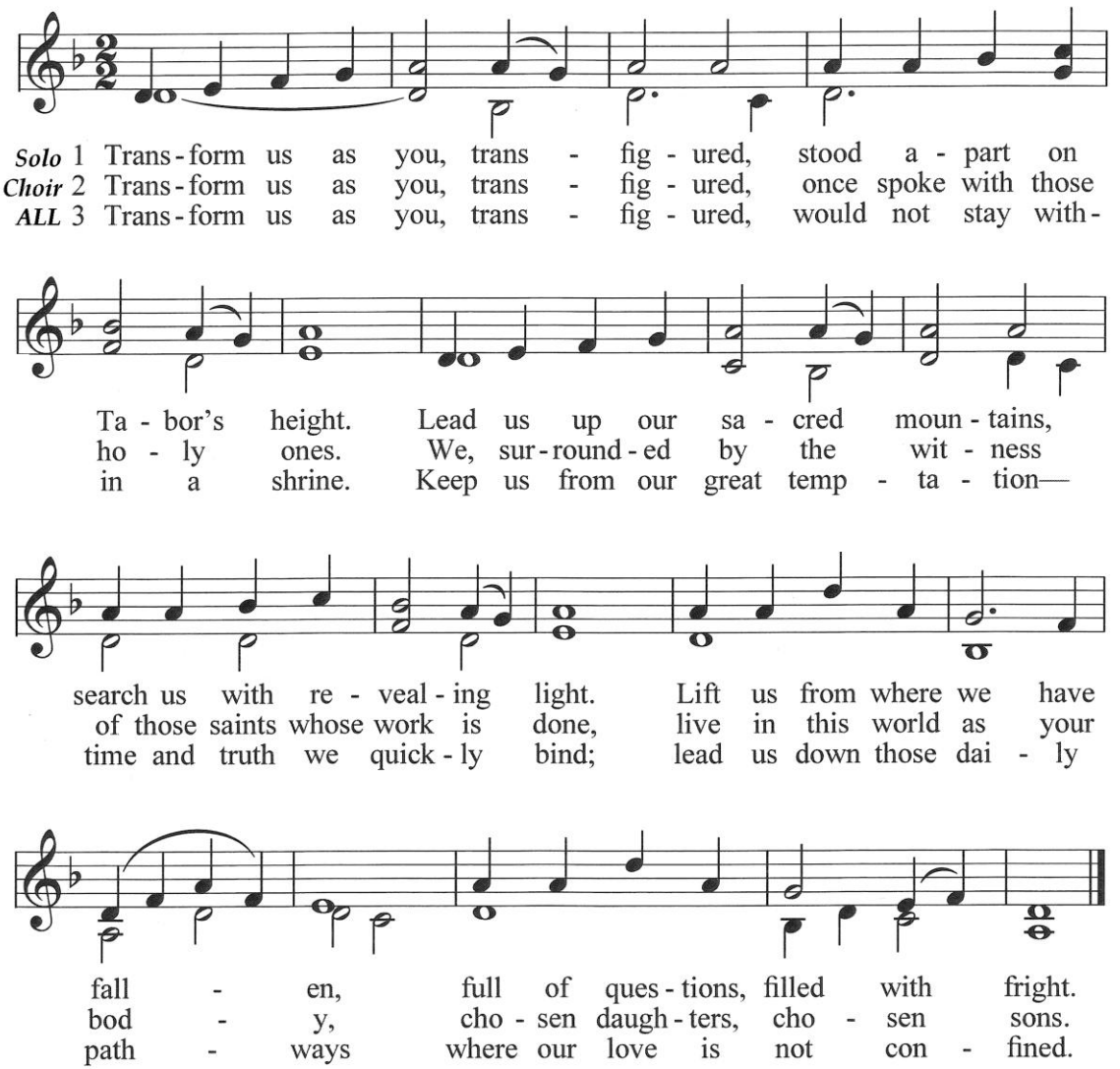
Milestones and Announcements

A Report from the Diocesan Convention *Delegates and clergy*

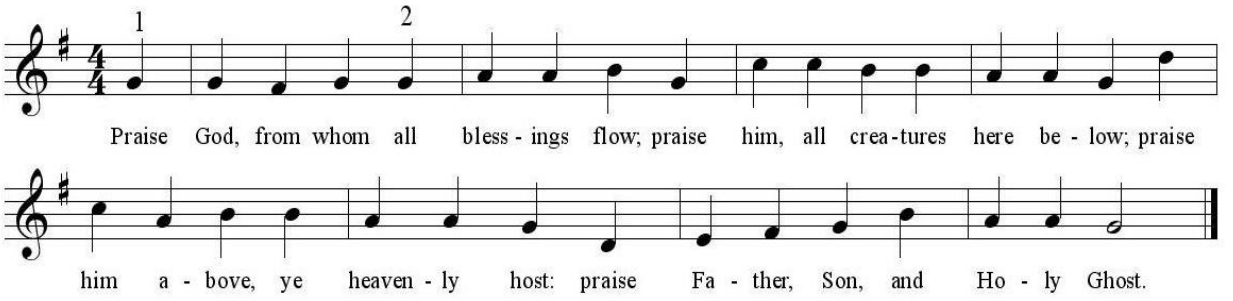
The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form.

Offertory Hymn _____ *Transform Us*



The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ *"Tallis' Canon"*



The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B _____ *BCP p. 367, rev. 2018*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

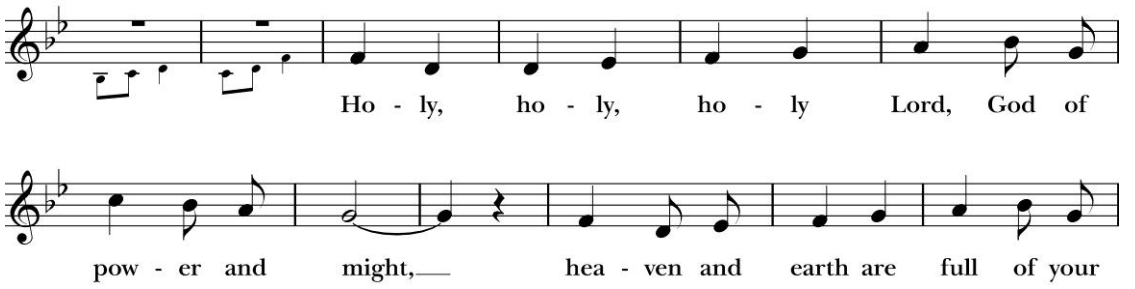
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

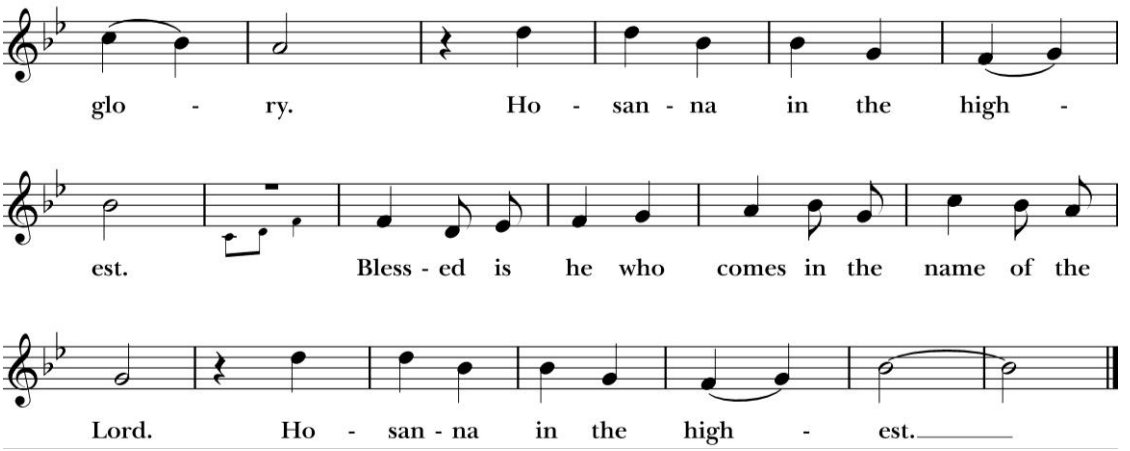
The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus _____ *setting by C. Hampton*





The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we

may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**
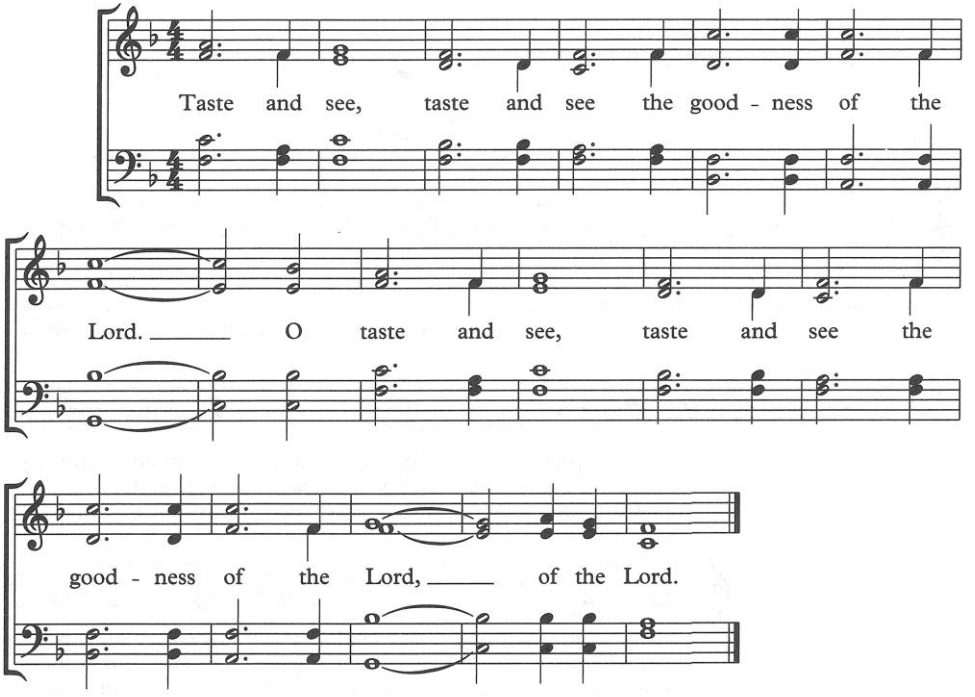
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Bread, *silence follows*

Priest Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Response **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**



An Invitation to Communion *is said by the clergy*_____

Deacon These are gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

Priest Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. ***All are welcome*** *but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

At Communion

Hymn #505 _____ *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God*

Hymn #603 _____ *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____

Priest Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing _____ *The people respond,* **Amen!**

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn #511 _____ *Holy Spirit, ever living*

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude_____

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Serving at the Liturgy	Today	Next Sunday
Presider	Rev. Susan A Williams	Rev. Susan A Williams
Assisting/Deacon	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Dcn. Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Katie Young	Katie Young
Organist	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
Eucharistic Minister	Dave Rayner	Dave Rayner
Intinction Cup	Bill Anderson	Mary Louise S.
Reader	Dolores Ruby	Denise Rayner
Prayers	Amy Freeman	Bill Anderson
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Nancy D., Lynne R.
Live-streamer	Dave Rayner	Paul Dolza
Vestry of the Day	Denise Rayner	Dave Rayner
Altar Guild	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Terri H., Francine J.
Coffee Hour	Dee Grossmann	Lynne Ronthi

This Week at St. Jude's:

TODAY	Following Service: Considering Collaboration Discussion & Brunch
10/28	7 pm: Considering Collaboration Discussion with desserts
10/29	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal
10/30	1-5 pm: An Event So Good It's Scary (downtown trick-or-treating)

It's All Saints Day next Sunday
If you have names that you would like included in the prayers next Sunday, November 1, please get them to the office by Tuesday, October 27.

Stewardship – All in the Family!
October is Stewardship month. Make sure to grab your stewardship packet and return your 2027 pledge card soon. Pledges are very important in formulating our next budget, and will indicate the level of clergy leadership we can hire. Strong participation and increased giving will say a lot.

Gift Card Fundraiser in October & December
In the months of October and November, Liz will be collecting money and order forms for physical gift cards. If you give gift cards to family or friends during the holiday season, consider ordering some through her. For each gift card you purchase, St. Jude's will get a small percentage of your purchase (3%-15% depending on the company) at no additional cost to you. She will take the order forms and order at the end of October and mid November and deliver your gift cards to you the following Sunday. Please help raise a little money to help St. Jude's with operations and general ministries as we finish out 2026!

Prayer List
Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity, Lexington - Mary Shortt, Priest; Christ Church, Charlevoix - Mark Heydlauff, Senior Warden; Monastic Solitary - Sarah Swart

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Abby, Ron, Emily Jane, Francine, Anna, Jan, Nina, Toñio and the Salcedo family, Charles, Jerry, Chet.