

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

November 8, 2026
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

We return to our series of readings today after the "All Star Break" (All Saints Day) last Sunday. In our first lesson, Joshua has taken over leadership of the Israelite emigrants and is about to send them forth into their new home, the land of Canaan (ancient Palestine). Paul's letter to the Thessalonians tries to answer their questions about death and resurrection when Jesus returns, shortly. Later he'll have to rethink all this. And our Gospel presents the parable of the ten bridesmaids, some of whom are ready for a delay in the festivities, and some are not.

"All in the Family" has been the theme of our 2027 Pledge Campaign, and today we will collect and bless the pledge cards. Extras are at the entrances to our sanctuary. *All pledges matter!*

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 #518_____*Christ is made the sure foundation*

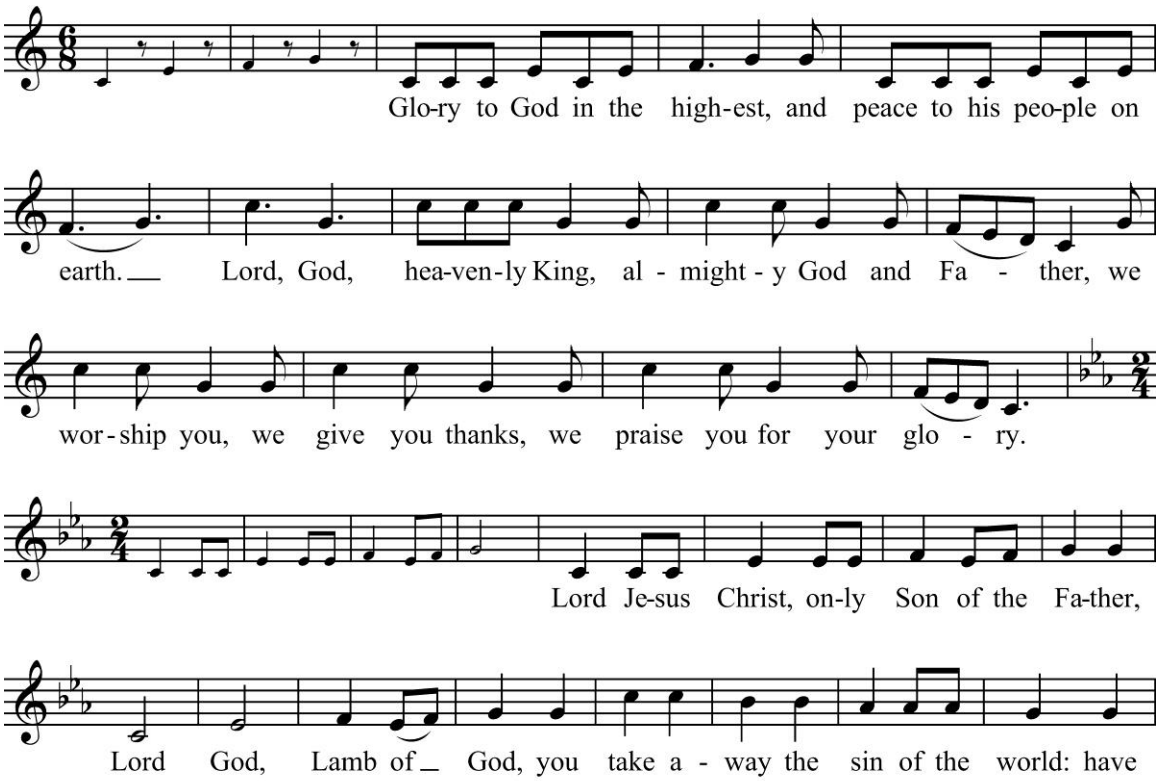
Opening Acclamation & Collect _____

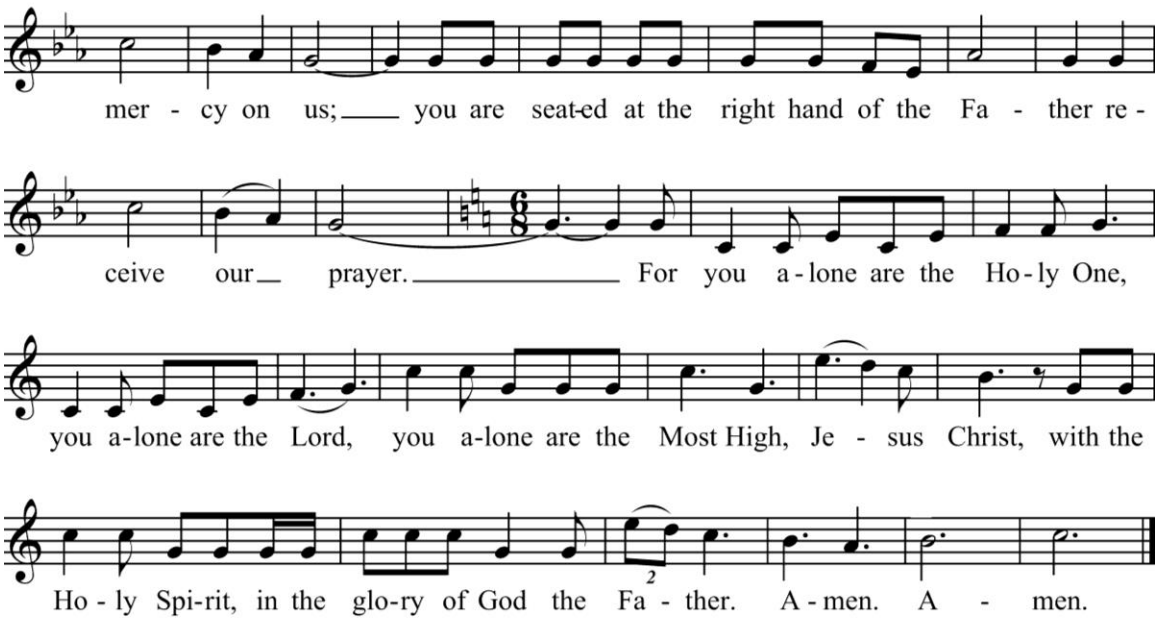
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 _____ *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Joshua:

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

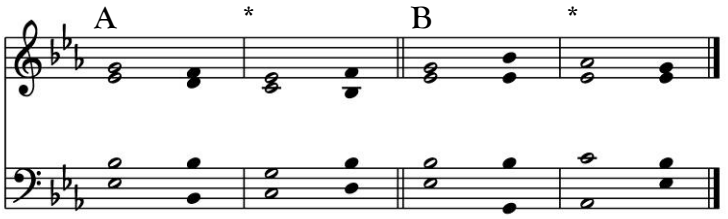
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
B 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
A 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
B 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
A 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
B 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
B 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

The Second Reading _____ *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Sequence Hymn #68 _____ *Rejoice, rejoice believers!*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Zack our 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 the nations; and those newly elected to serve. Help us to care for one another and bring your kingdom closer to all. *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, hear our prayers for the world and make us ready to share the blessings we enjoy. Amplify our love to bring hope, healing, and joy to our neighbors. 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 _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

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 Anthem_____ *Keep Your Lamps!*

The Presentation of Offerings and Pledge Cards _____ **Hymn #288**
Praise to God, immortal praise

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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

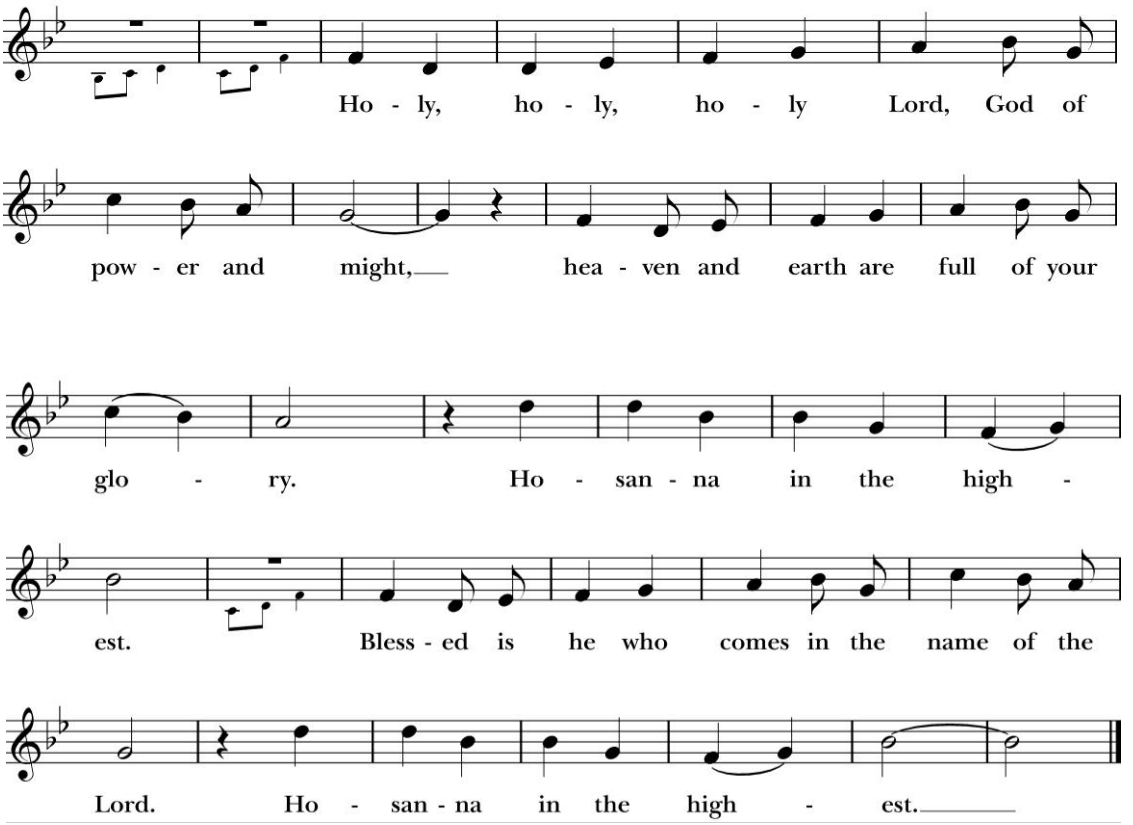
The Lord be with you. **And also with you**.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise**.

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.**

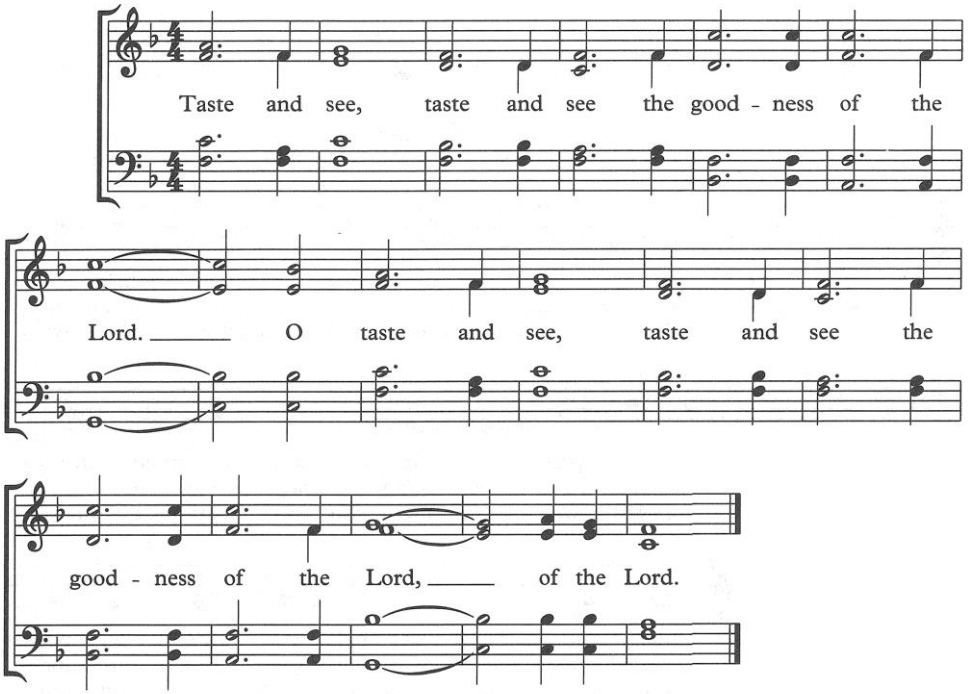
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

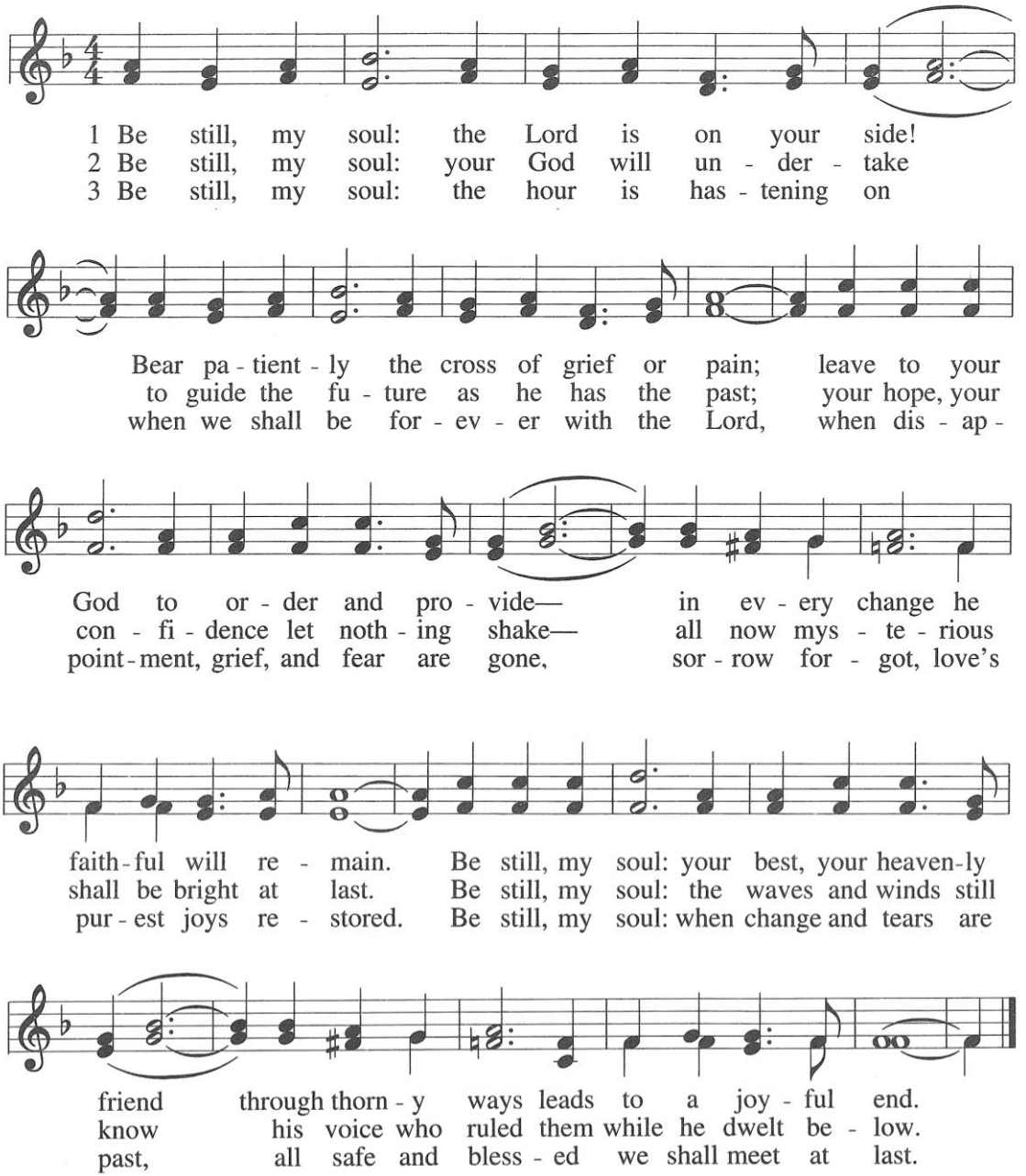
The Communion

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 #339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Hymn, "Be still my soul" _____ *Finlandia*



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 #555 _____ *Lead on, O King eternal*

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	Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman
Intinction Cup	Clay Putnam	Lynn Hopper
Reader	Ellen Tripp	Katie Young
Prayers	Annette Boyd	Dolores Ruby
Ushers	Dave & Deb James	Dave & Denise Rayner
Live-streamer	Lynn Hopper	Dave James
Vestry of the Day	Dolores Ruby	Sue Premo
Altar Guild	Sarah D., Lisa C.	Mary Louise S., Diane H.
Coffee Hour	The Rayners	Heather Ludwig

This Week at St. Jude's:

Tuesday, 11/10	7 pm: FCO Board Meeting
	7 pm: Finance Meeting
Wednesday, 11/11	6 pm: Outreach
	7 pm: Inquirer's Class
Thursday, 11/12	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 11/14	10:30 am: Alzheimer's Class

All are invited to a special coffee hour next Sunday, November 15 to celebrate Mary Ellen Hazell's 99th Birthday!

Ecumenical Service Project

Mark your Calendars for November 15 at 4 pm! This year our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Project will be held right here at St Jude's. We are bringing back the meal-packing project "Rise Against Hunger" which we did a few years ago (at the Methodists') and everyone had a great experience. There will also be "Plarning" plastic bags to make totes for flood zones, led by Dcn. Judy in the Library. Stay after the special coffee hour to help set up tables for the afternoon (see Dave Rayner for more information). You can sign up to help pack meals on the bulletin board in Vandenbergh Hall. You can also donate toward purchasing the food items for the packages. Thank you!

Advent Tea

Our annual Ladies' Advent Tea is scheduled for **Sunday, December 6 at 5 pm**. There are sign ups on the green bulletin board in Vandenbergh Hall to be a hostess or to RSVP. Please sign up if you would like to attend so that we can get our guests seated at each hostesses table early and they can plan. This year we are doing things a little differently with our menu. You can sign up to bring a dessert or you can bring $10 to cover the cost of the food.

Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Zack our Bishop-elect; 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: For all deacons in the Diocese - Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons; St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo - Mary Perrin, Rector

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, Michelle.