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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026 at 12 p.m.

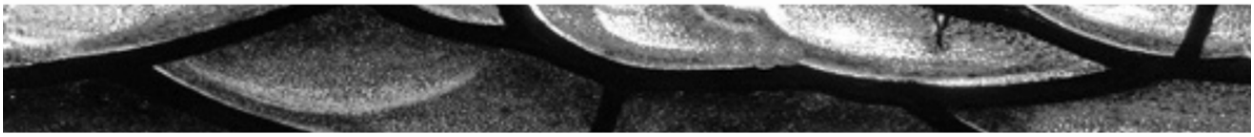


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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!
Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children
We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education
Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion
In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connetcted
Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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I'M NEW!

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Announcements: Nov. 8, 2026

TODAY: We will **gather and bless pledge cards** for 2027 during worship (all services). You will be invited to bring forward your card (or a card indicating you've already pledged) during the Offertory. Together, we're Sowing & Growing a beautiful future for Trinity!

TODAY: **Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m.** Kids ages 4-10 are invited to work on a special Advent project during Sunday School in the Upstairs Conference Room (Red Room). Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will gather in the Basement. Come to the Large Conference Room for learning with Darren Elzie. Coffee Hour is in the Parish Hall.

The **Anointed One is Coming!**—An Advent Preview. Join Darren Elzie for an exploration of the upcoming liturgical season at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Learn about the history, theology, and traditions of Advent that shape Episcopal practices.

College students are invited to a fellowship supper on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the kitchen! Contact Mother Annelies with questions: a.moeser@tcu.edu.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Let's make sure 4Saints & Friends Episcopal Food Pantry has plenty of inventory for the holiday season and all the days in between! Pick up a shopping list in the Parish Hall and bring your contributions next Sunday, Nov. 15.

Get tips for staying safe online at the next **Senior Ministry** gathering: Thursday, Nov. 12 at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lunch is provided. The guest speaker is chair of the cybersecurity program at Tarrant County College. RSVP: seniors@fortworthtrinity.org.

State of the Church: 2025: There have been major developments in The Episcopal Church including the release of the 2025 Parochial Report, a new strategic plan for our denomination, and decisions impacting the church's headquarters. Get an overview led by Sarah Martinez on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Trinity parishioner Ann Buis is gauging interest in a new fellowship group for current and aspirational **mahjong players**. Email her to learn more: abuis@sbcglobal.net.

Join **Women of Trinity** on Thursday, Nov. 19 at noon for a brown-bag lunch and program in the Parish Hall: "Increasing Access to Fresh Produce through Food Banks." Questions? Want to be added to the group's email list? Reach out: women@fortworthtrinity.org.

Dr. Scott Langdon (TCU) and Trinity's Peace & Justice Ministry Group will present "Being in Relation: **Native American Nations** and Communities, the Land & TCU" on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. All are welcome.

Nov. 29 is the **First Sunday of Advent**. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall at 10:45 a.m. to make or refresh an Advent wreath. It's also the first session of our Advent book study using the new book, *Gospel Voices*. Reading the book is helpful, but not required.
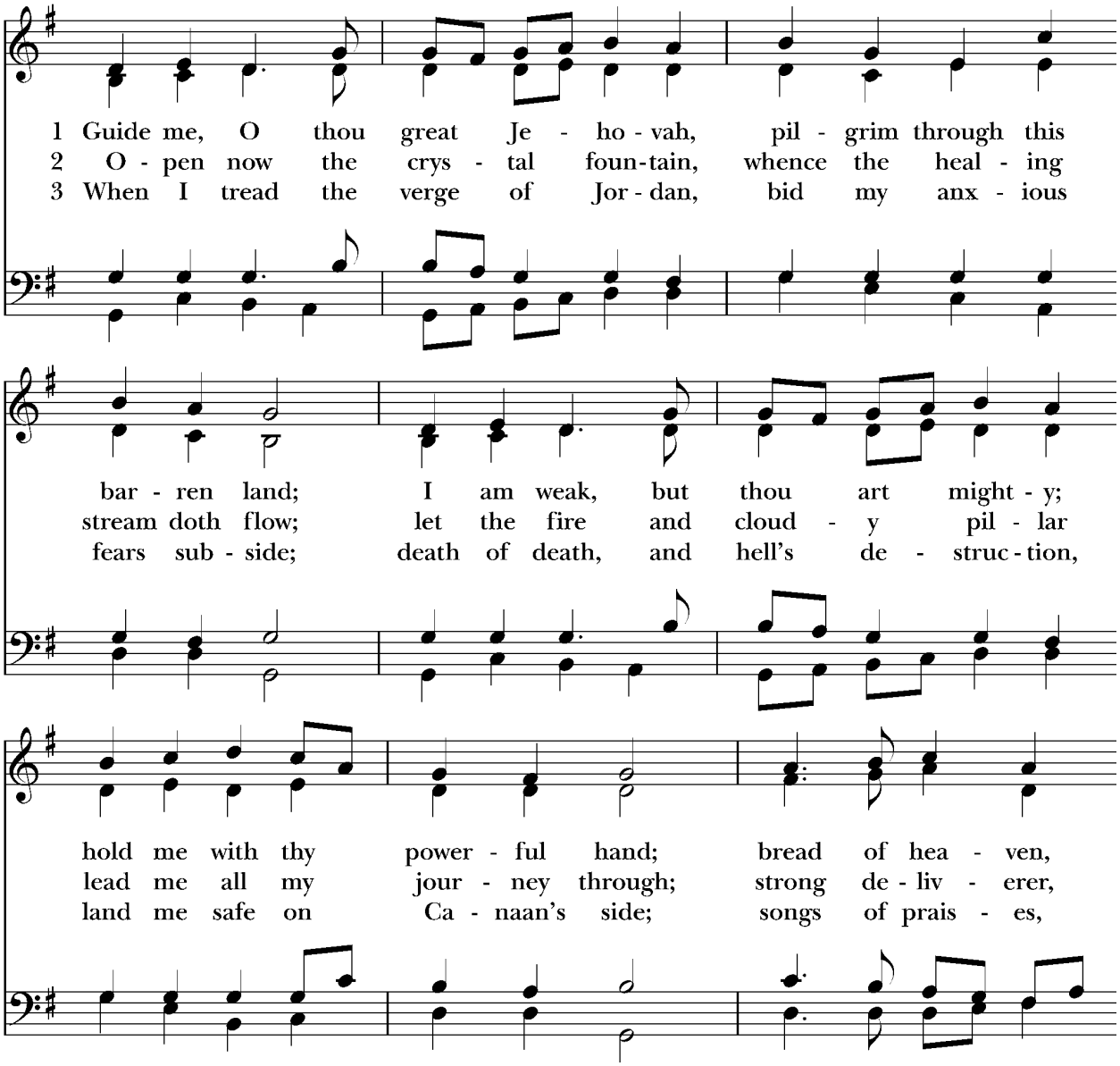
Trinity parishioner D.J. Cheek and Michael Bukhman (TCU), invite you to join them and fellow musicians for a **Music for Food** concert at Trinity on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Admission is free; please plan to give generously to support local food banks.

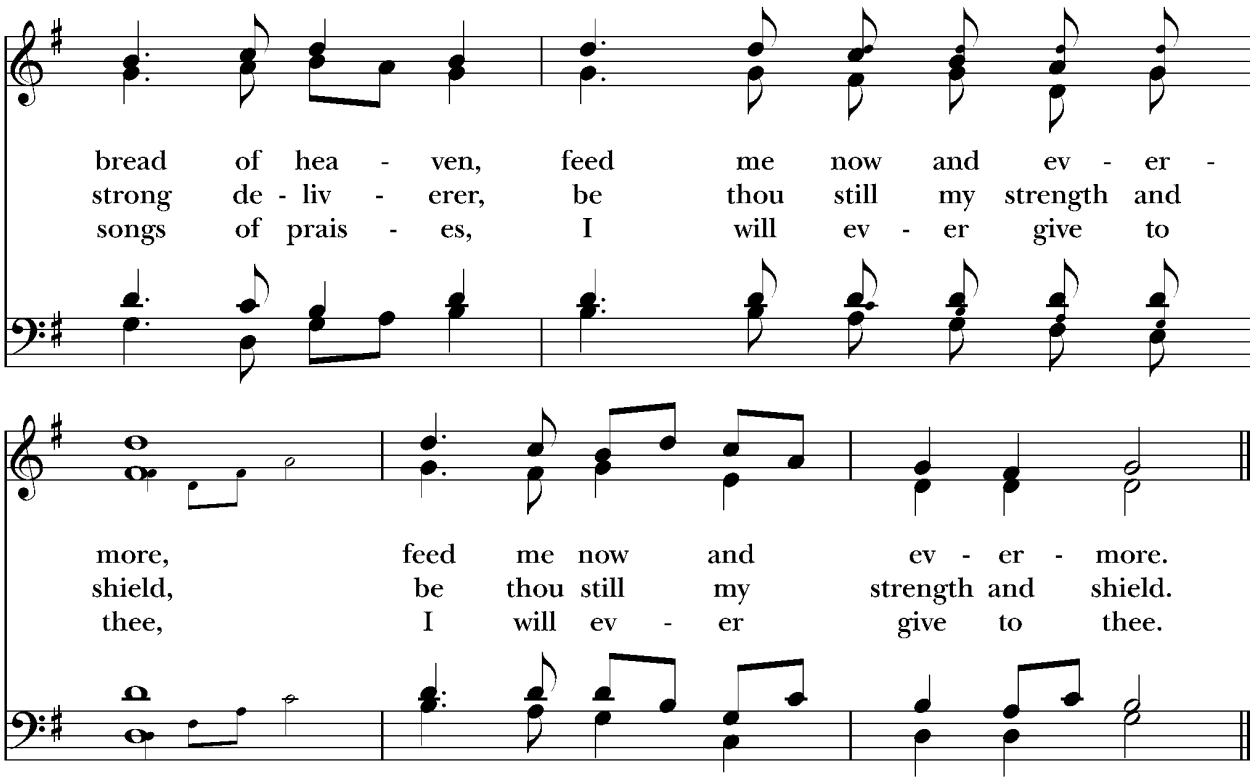
Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)* (H 690)





OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)
The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE
Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!) in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!)
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God most holy:
we worship you; we give you thanks;
we praise you for your glory!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

PSALM: Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom
Remain seated. We will read the Canticle in unison.

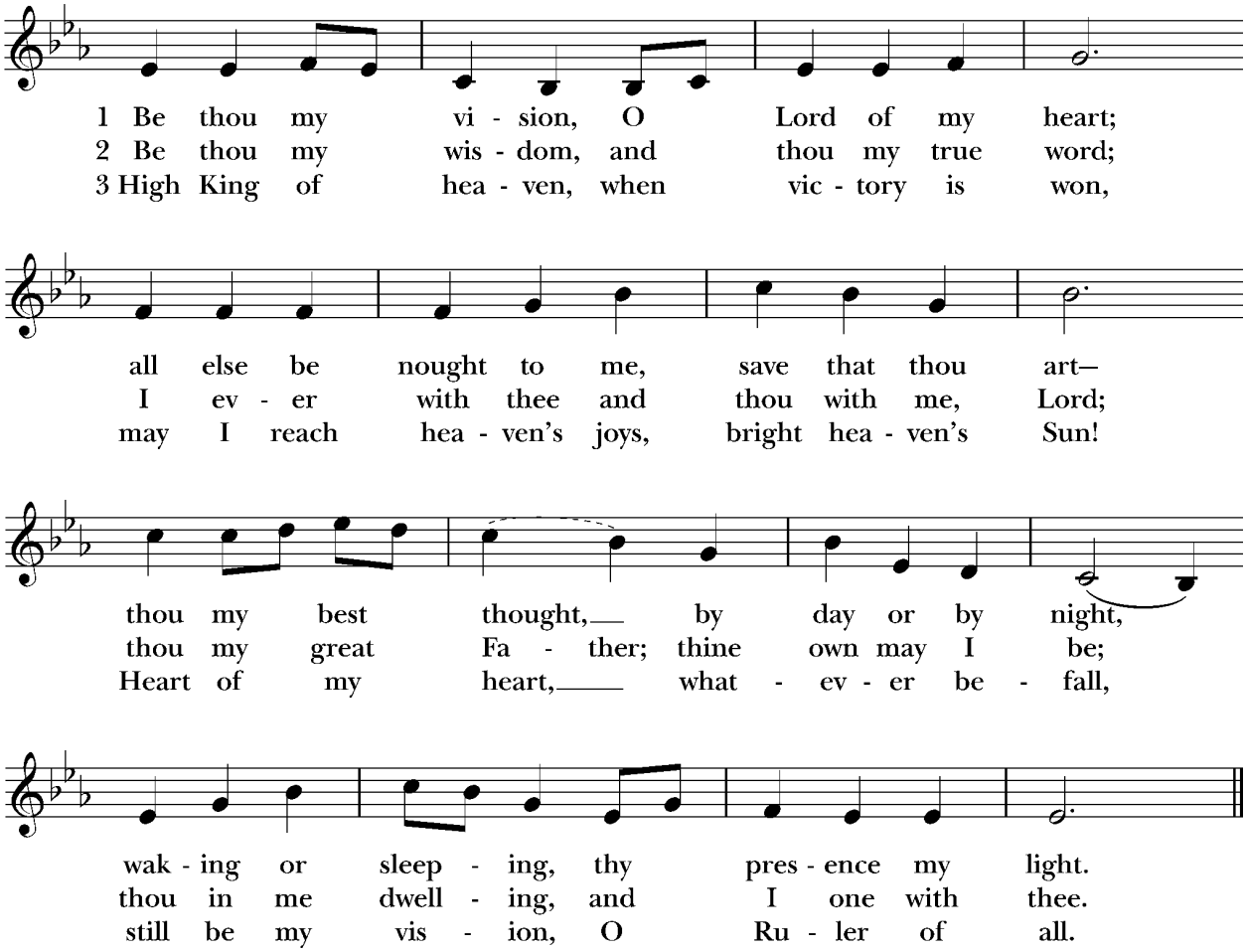
**The beginning of wisdom *
is the true desire to receive teaching,
and a longing to be taught *
comes from a love of her;
the one who loves her *
will keep her laws.
Observing the laws of wisdom *
assures immortality,
and immortality brings one *
nearer still to God;
so the desire for wisdom *
leads to the authority of one who rules.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

13We 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. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For 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. 16For 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. 17Then 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. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane)* (H 488)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
All stand.

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

[Jesus said,] 1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight
there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those
bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your
oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But 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.' 10And 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. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'
12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)
All 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of promises, we praise your glory and majesty as we humbly offer, from our hearts, prayers for your presence in our lives as we say Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Uphold and strengthen your church; show us how to be salve to a wounded world and a place of hope and aspiration amidst despair and cynicism. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant our nation a spirit of cooperation; grant our elected leaders the wisdom and courage to do what is right and grant us and our fellow citizens a renewed commitment to liberty and community. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Let each of us be agents of healing and reconciliation in the places we call home; that our love for you shines forth in all we do. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Unite the people of the world to address our global challenges and give us the fortitude to make and hold difficult choices. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer so that they might experience and know the peace which passes understanding that only you can offer. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Remember the dead and bring us together with them in your coming kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

We give thanks for your love and steadfast promises; grant us lives worthy of the gift of your grace and answer our prayers to our benefit and to your glory. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. **Amen**.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

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

The Priest stands and says

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 (BCP p. 360) *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)
The People remain standing.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

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:

Celebrant and People, Sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant 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 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 [_____ 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. **AMEN.**

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

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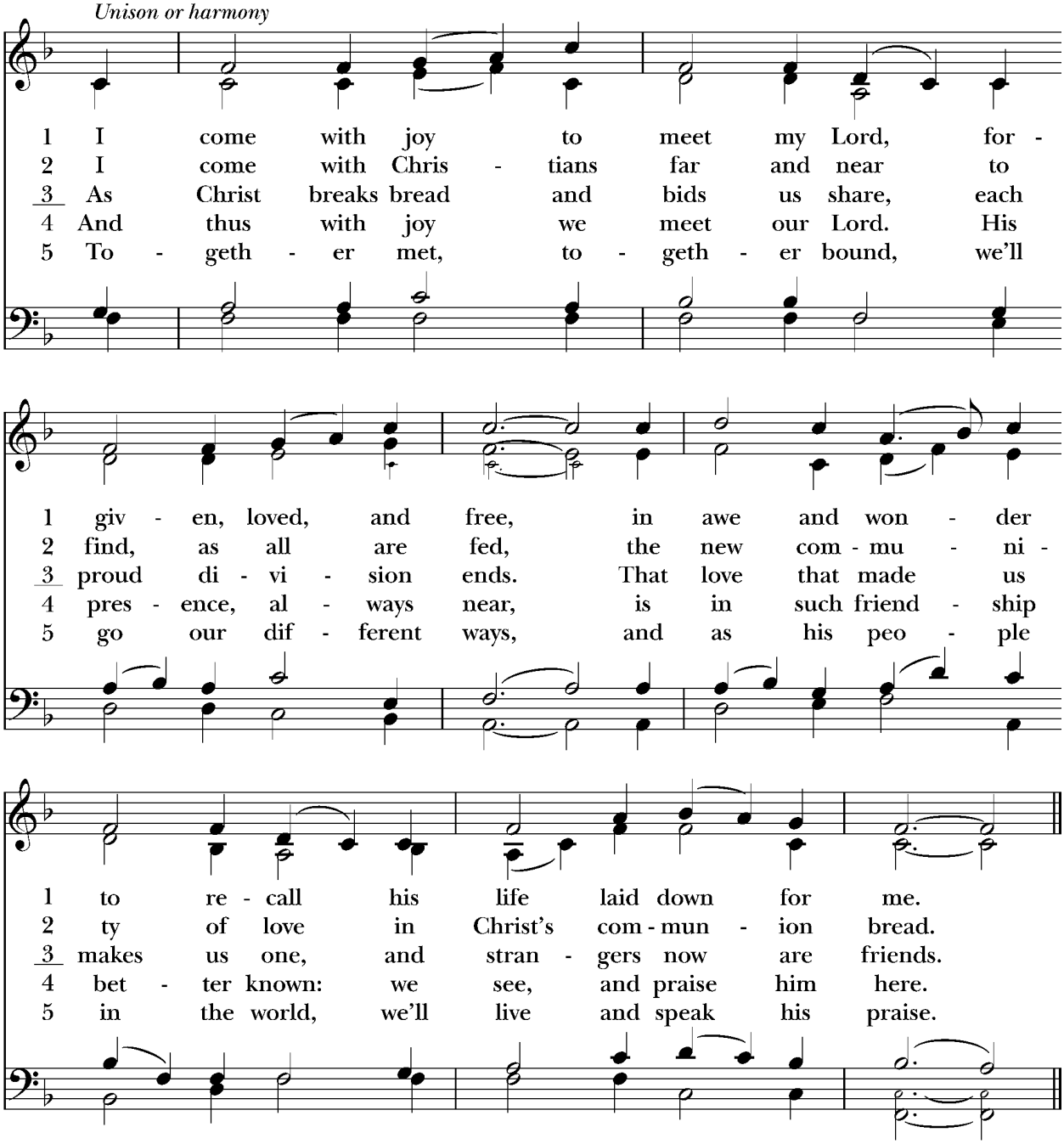
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *
Alleluia (x4)
Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia (x4)

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)* (H 304)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
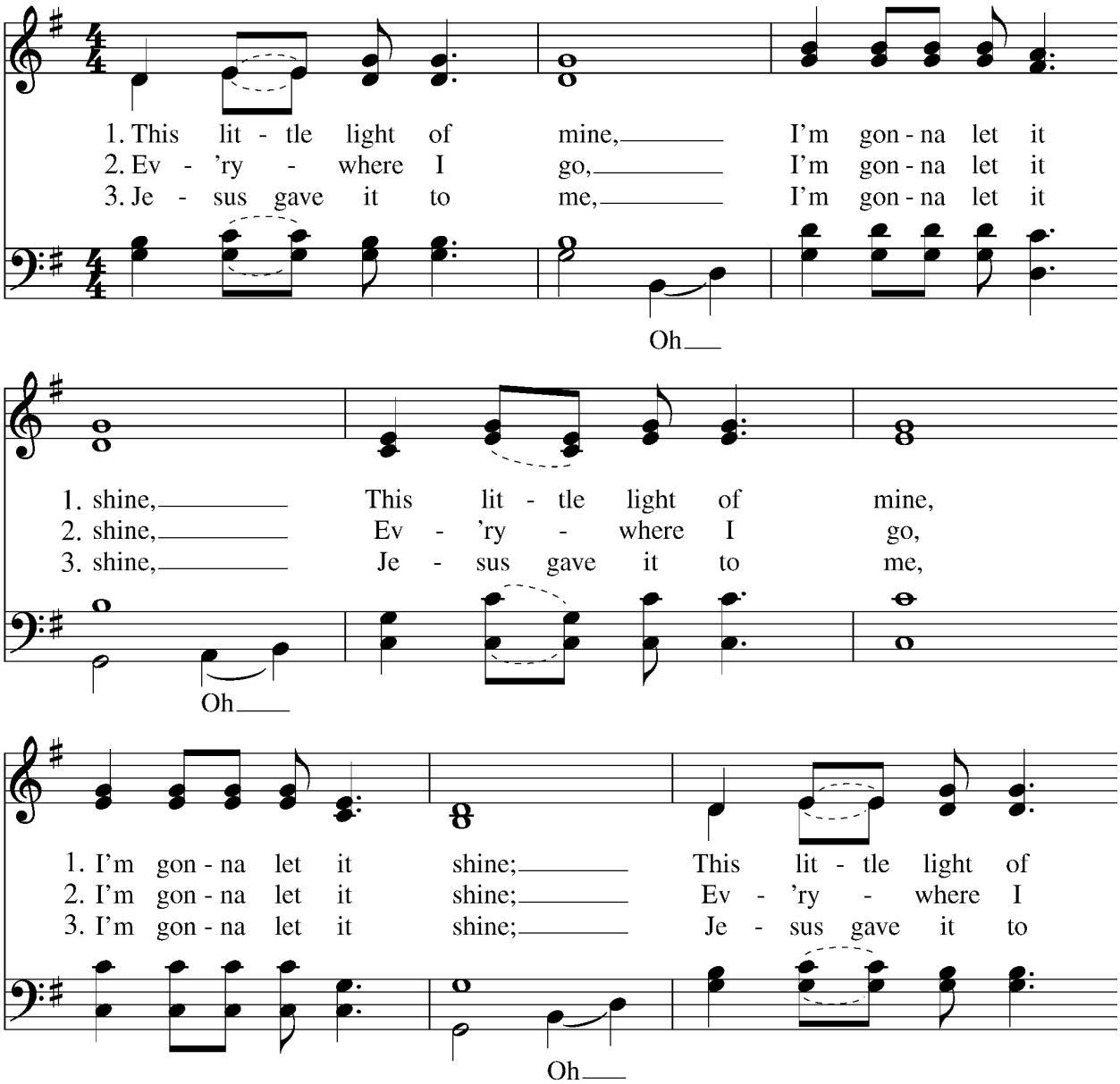
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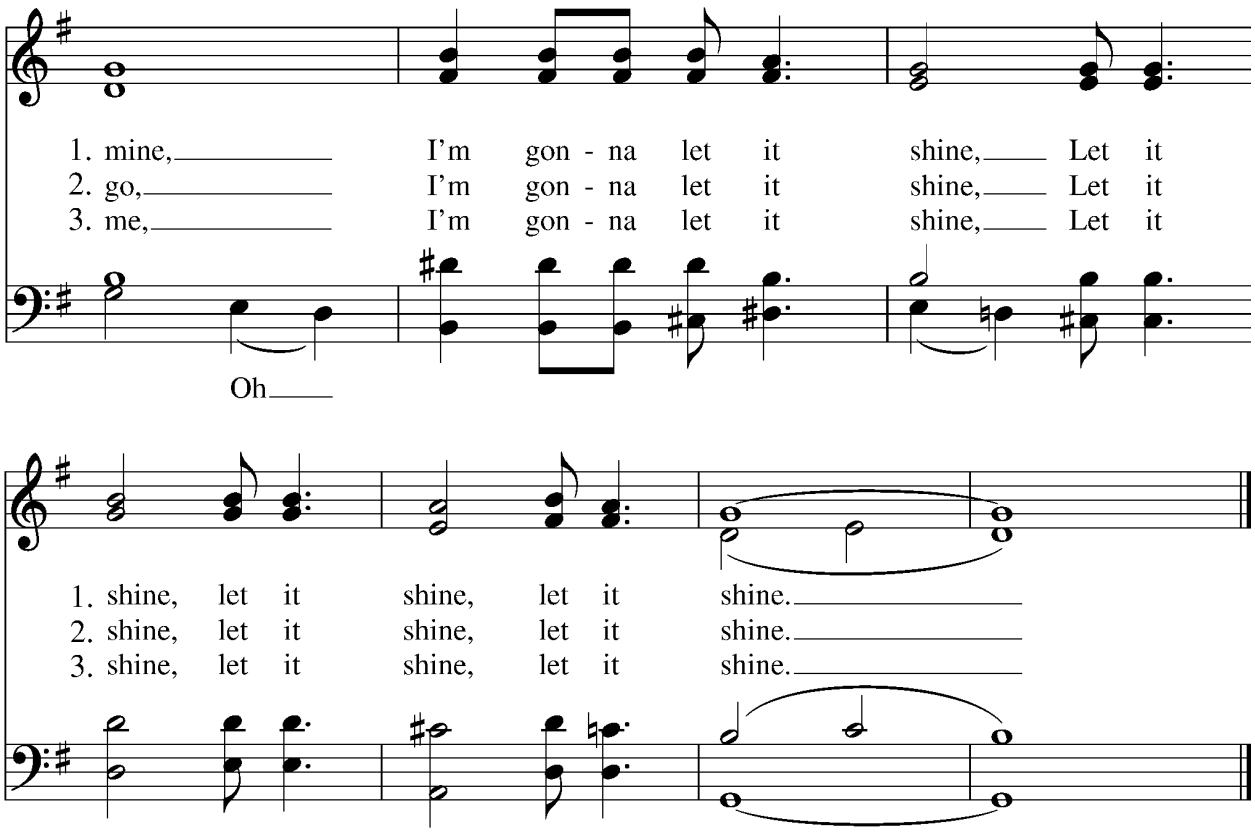
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

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.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *This Little Light of Mine* (LEVAS 221)





DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**