Welcome to Worship for

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, November 8, 2026

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. James Hilden-Minton, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

PRELUDE **John Womack**

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

The congregation stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

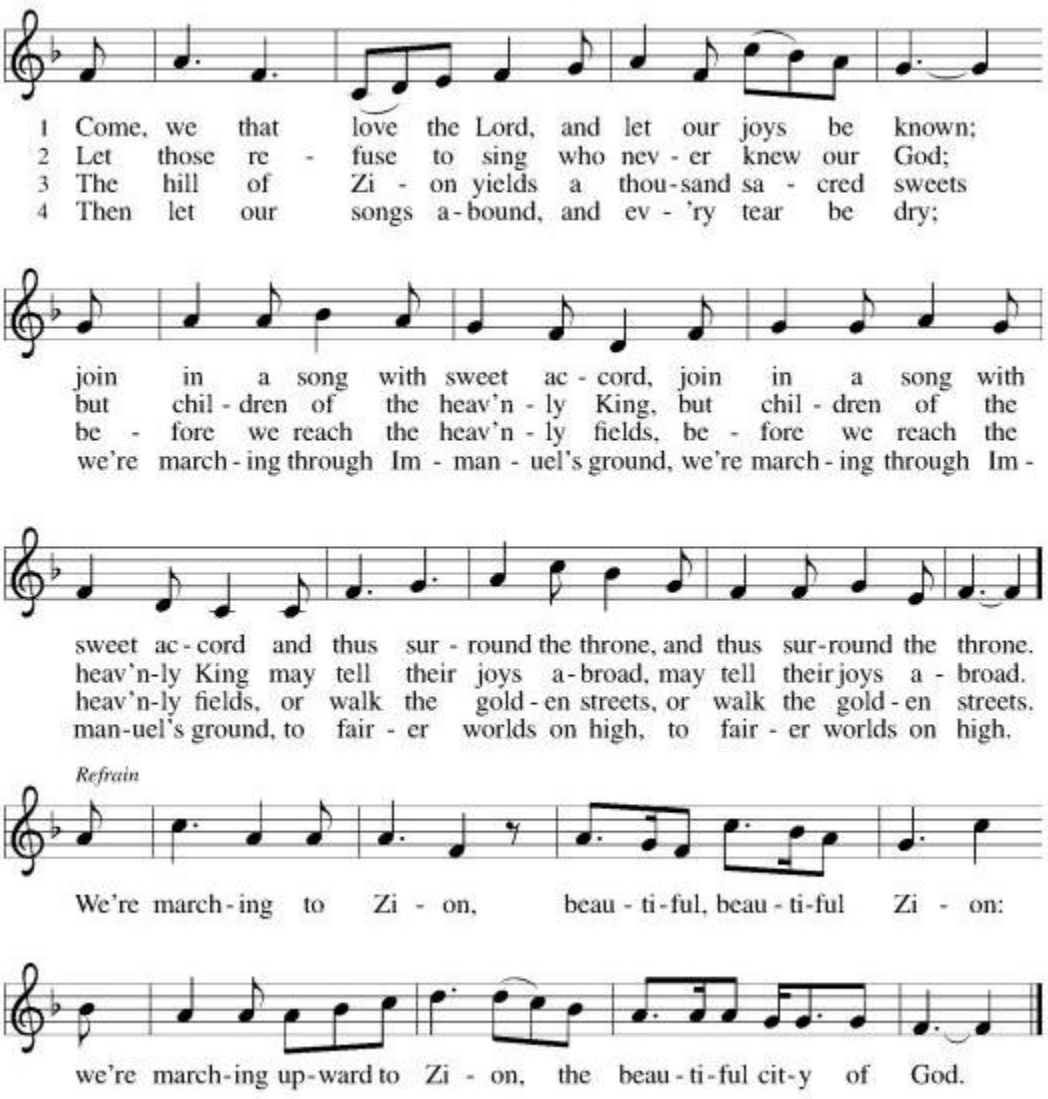
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG **ELW 625**

Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

GREETING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 **John Womack**

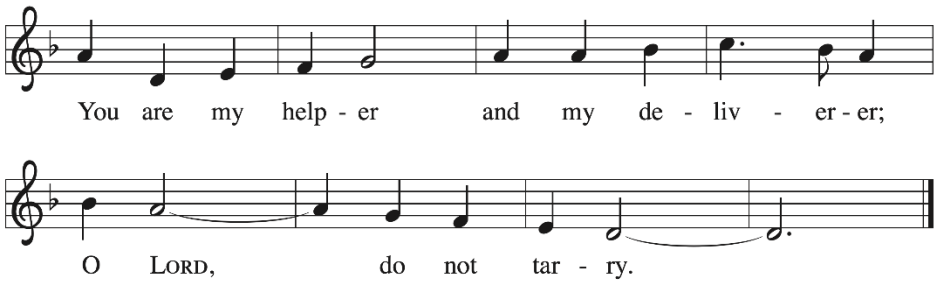
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM 70 **John Womack**



Psalm 70:5
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1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

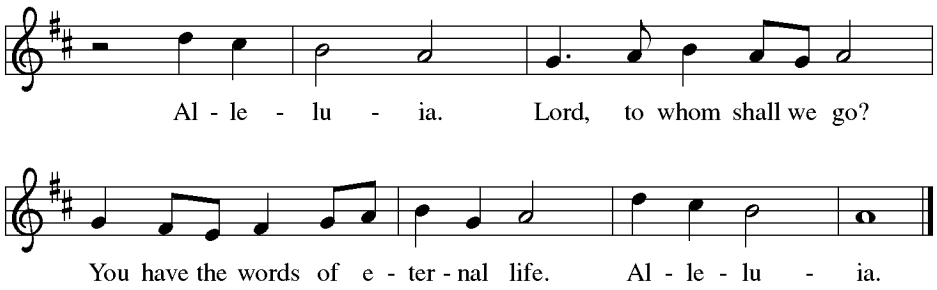
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **John Womack**

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

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13 **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

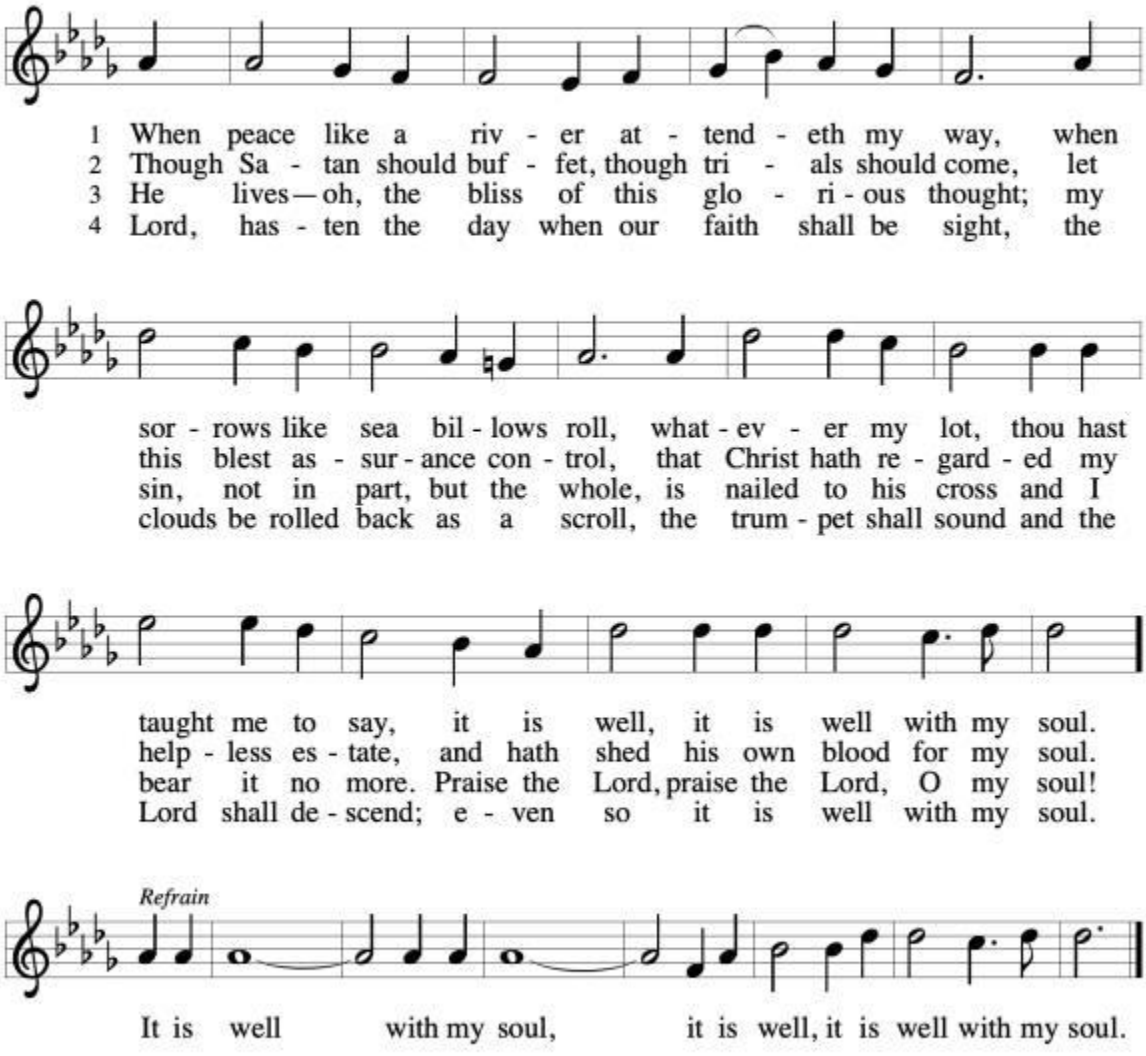
The congregation is seated.

SERMON **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 785**

When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

APOSTLES' CREED **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION **John Womack**

The congregation sits or kneels.

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

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options.

We offer you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.
A brief silence

- We pray for the family and friends of Mary Kathryn Stoner, on her passing.
- We pray for the family and friends of Bob Zopf, on his passing.
- We pray for Nancy; David; Pastor James and family.
- We pray for Sharla; Ruth; Sharon; Martha; Hannah.
- We pray for Sharon and her family.
- We pray for Willie; Flossie; Lorraine and Bob; Gary.
- We pray for Roger; Jim; Kathryn; Robin and Cathy.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

- We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Gaza, Israel, Ethiopia, Syria, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar.
- We pray for safe and positive environments for students, teachers, and all school personnel.
- We pray for free and fair elections around the world.
- We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.
The congregation stands.

PEACE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

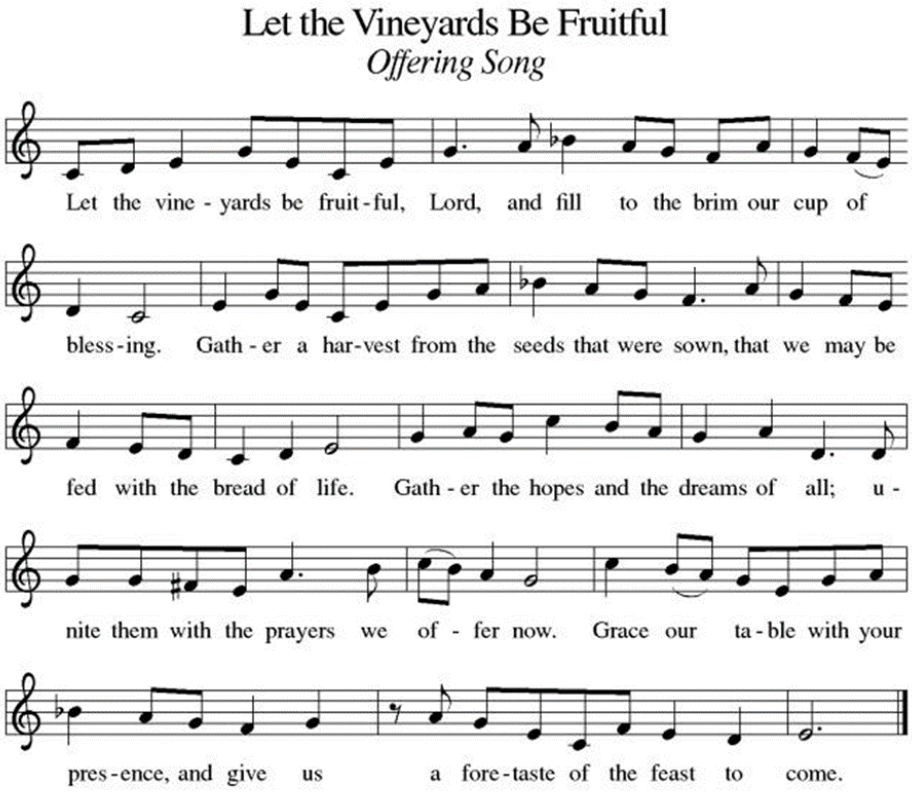
---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING **John Womack**

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. If you're joining us online, a link is available in the comments. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE **ELW 182**



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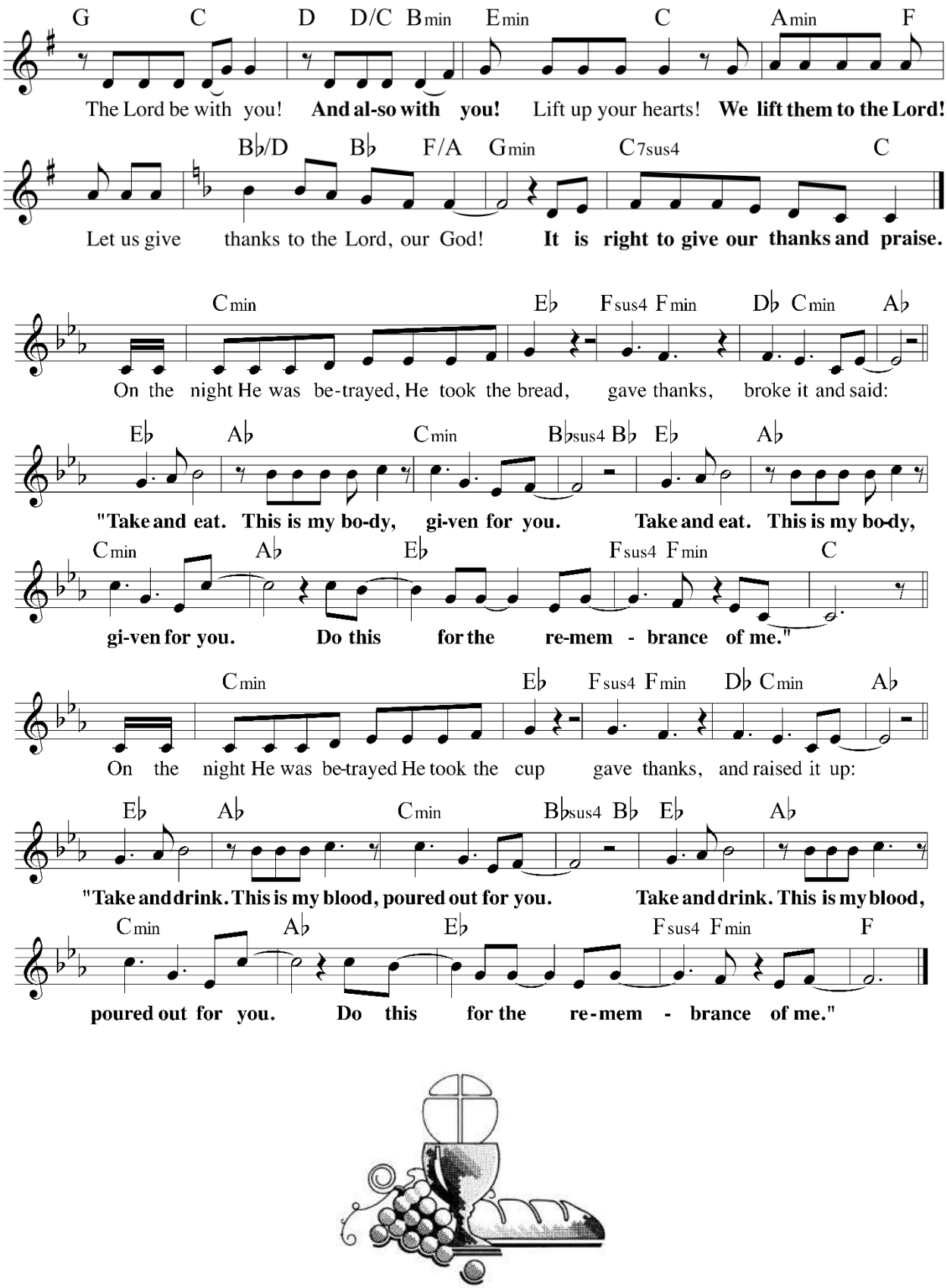
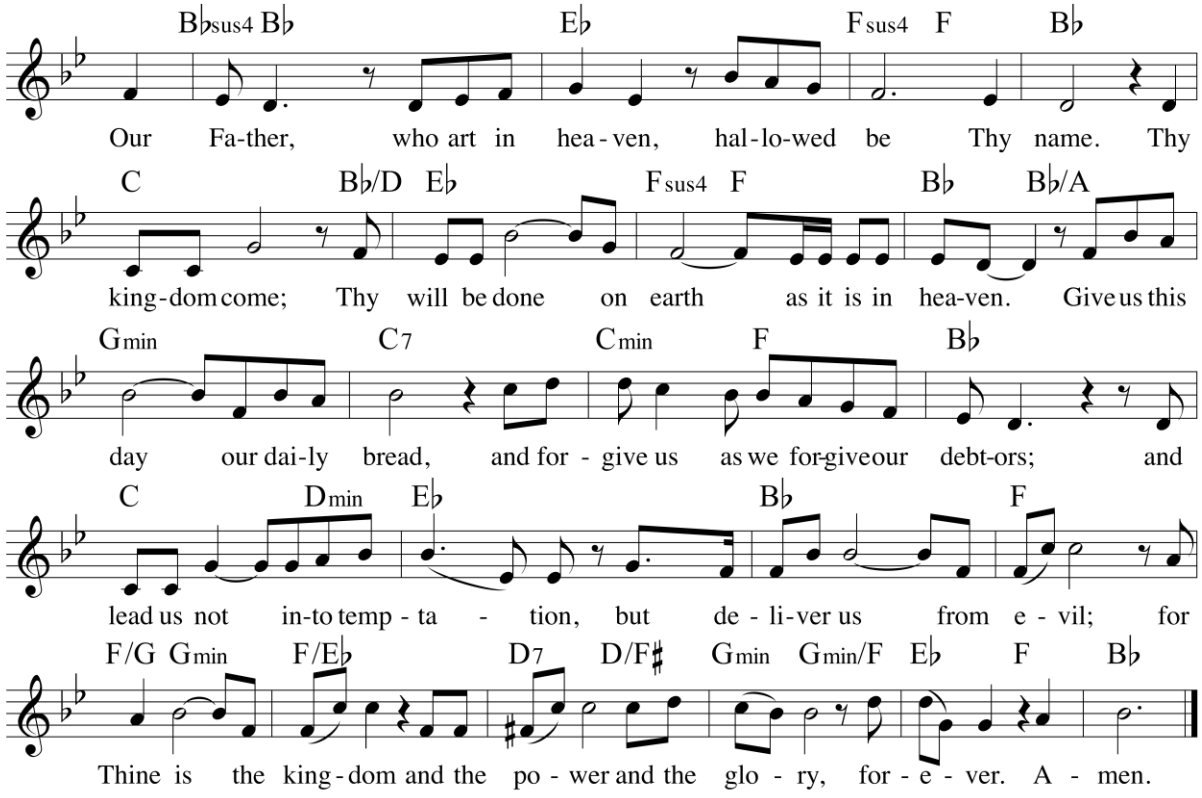
OFFERING PRAYER **John Womack**

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**



LORD'S PRAYER



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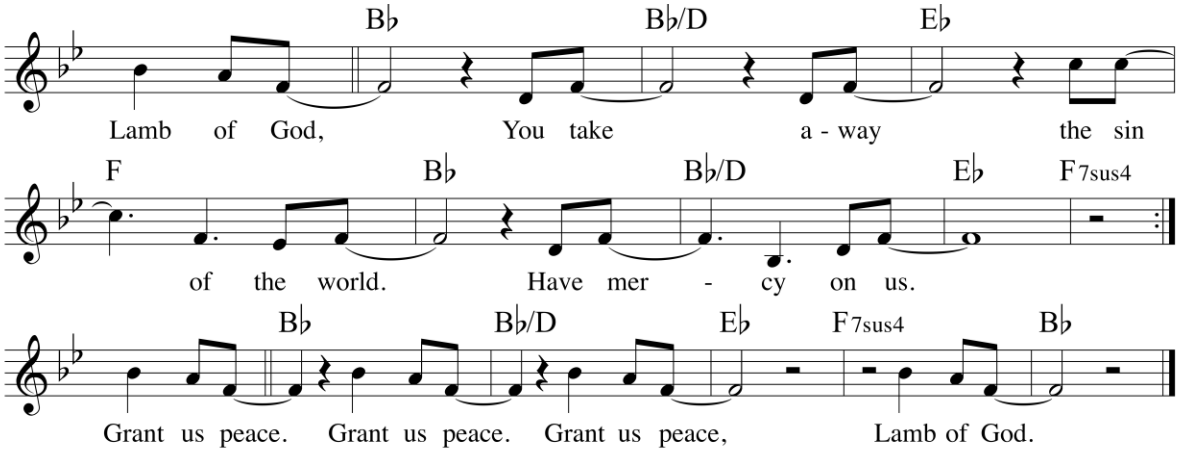

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The congregation is seated.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION **HANDBELL CHOIR**

"Steal Away" Wallis Willis
arr. Bill Ingram

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **John Womack**

Let us pray.
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

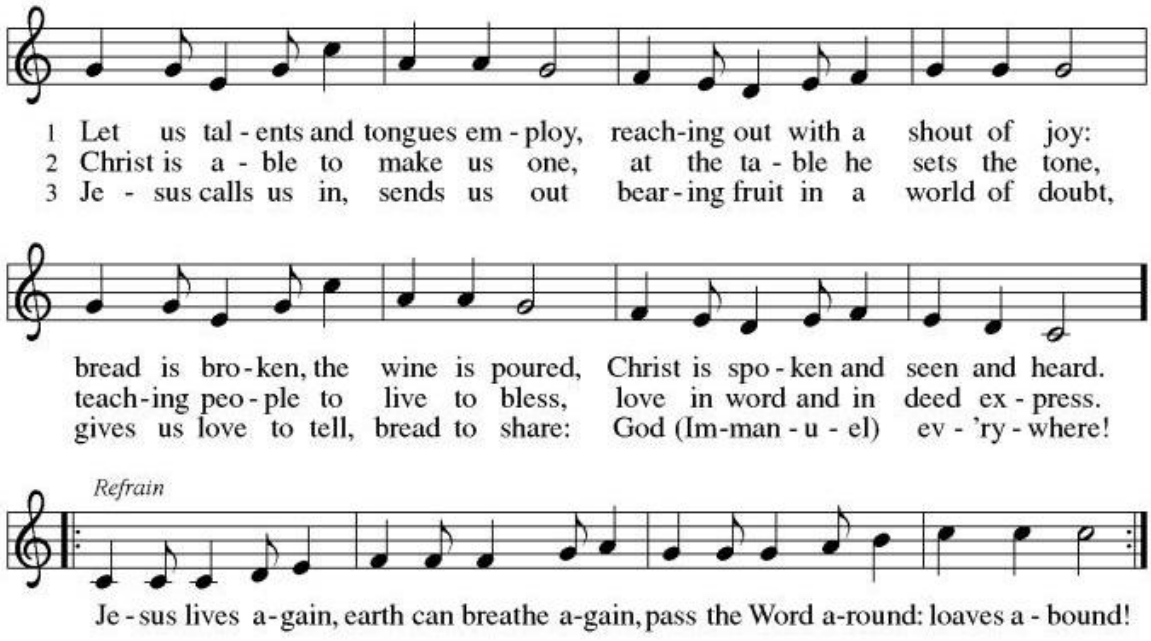
BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.



SENDING SONG **ELW 674**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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DISMISSAL **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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