St. Luke's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.
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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude
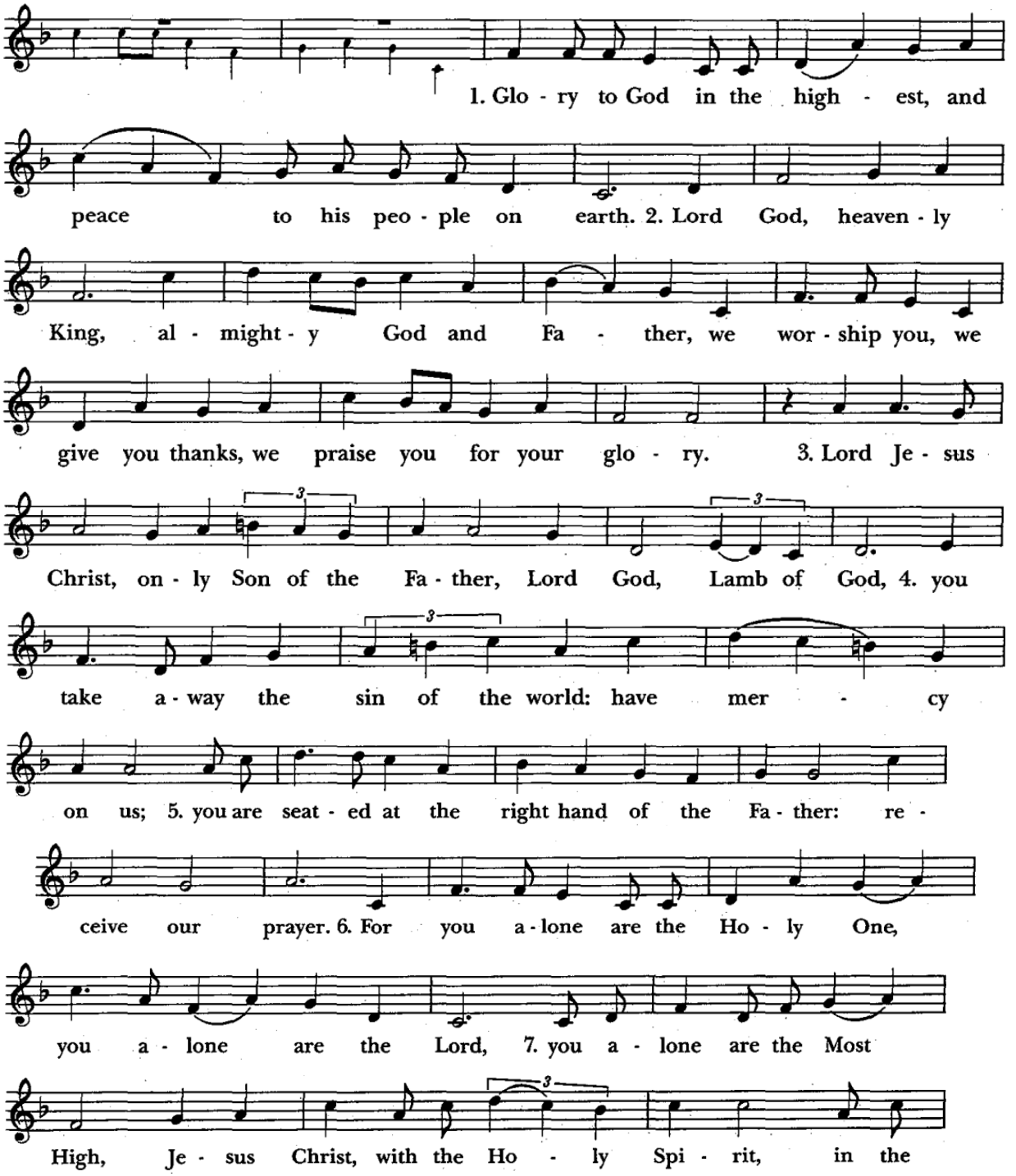
Opening Hymn "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" Hymn #632

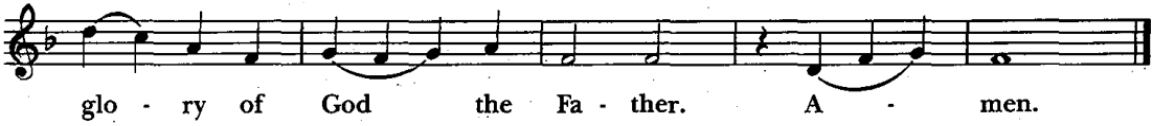
THE WORD OF GOD

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**.

The Priest says
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





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson
(Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18)

Reader A reading from the Book of Zephaniah:

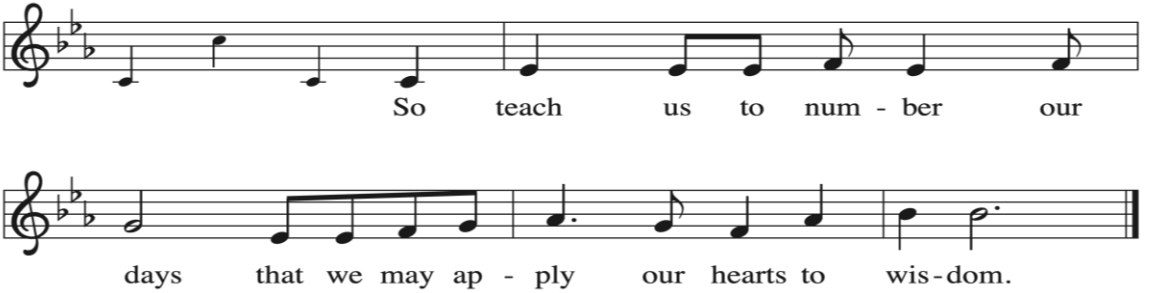
Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night; ***Antiphon***
[5] you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8] Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ***Antiphon***
[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10] The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12] So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson
(1 Thessalians 5:1-11)

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Sequence Hymn "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel" Hymn #574

The Gospel
(Matthew 25:14-30)

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed

over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Sermon The Rev. Geoff Ward

Nicene Creed
Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2
**Asterisks indicate a variance from the* Book of Common Prayer.

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,
***was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**
***and became truly human.**

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,**
***who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**
***who 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 – Form V

Leader
In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Here and after every petition the People respond: **Lord, have mercy**.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Matthew, our own Bishop; for the Diocese of Wisconsin, as we discern our next bishop; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Wisconsin, the Mayor of Racine, and all those elected to office, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, especially the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____] , we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who are sick or suffering, [especially: _____], we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially: _____], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Priest adds the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Priest says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and 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

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

The Peace

All stand.

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Priest may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture
Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*
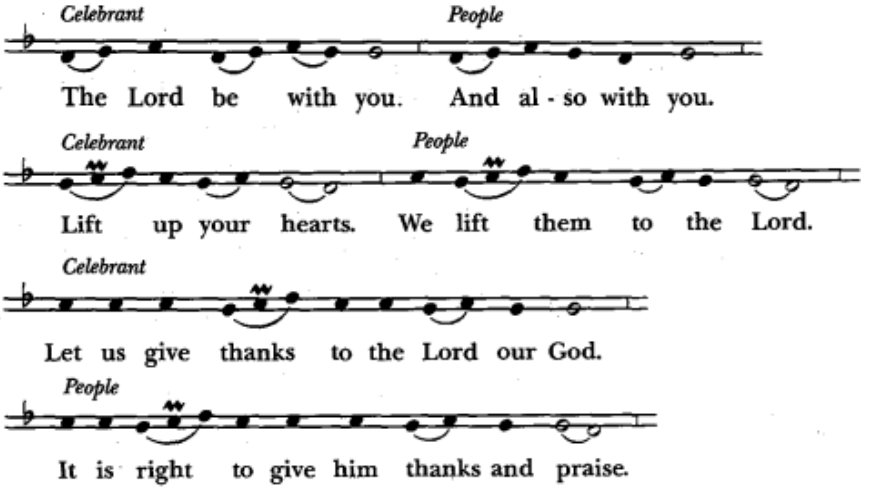
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Offertory Voluntary

Priest All things come of Thee, O Lord
People **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

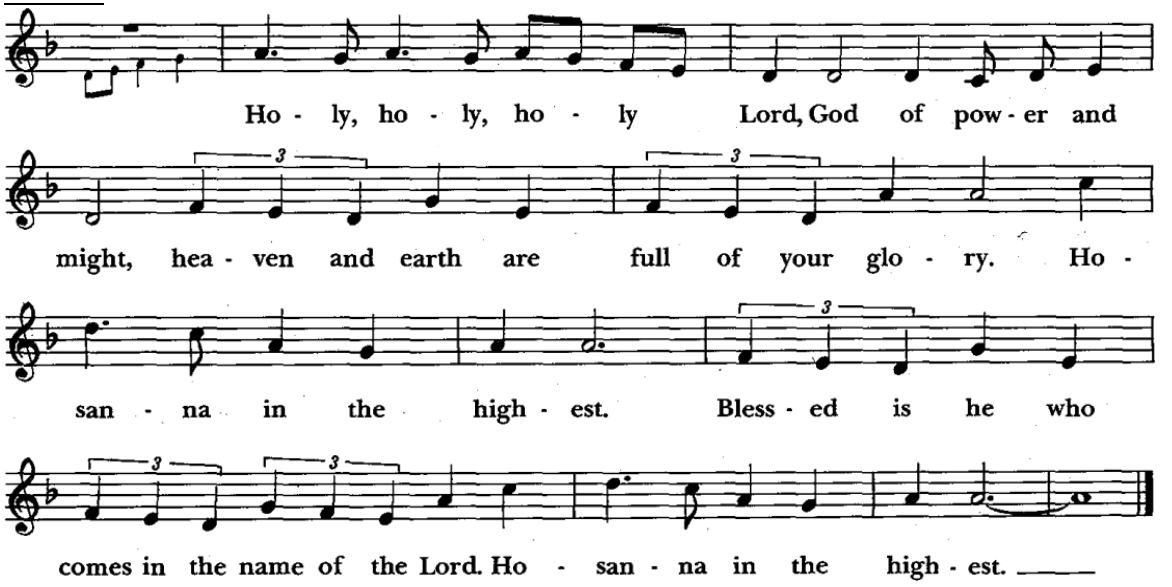
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B *Please Stand* (BCP 367)



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Priest 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. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



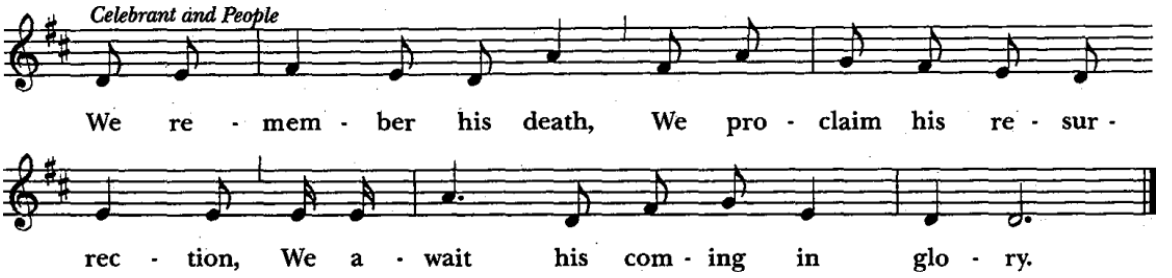
Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people may kneel or stand.

Then the Priest 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. . .
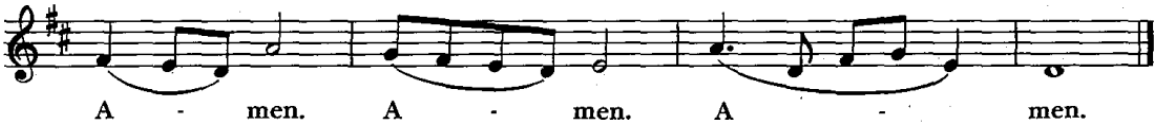
Therefore according to your command, O Father,



The Priest continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

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.

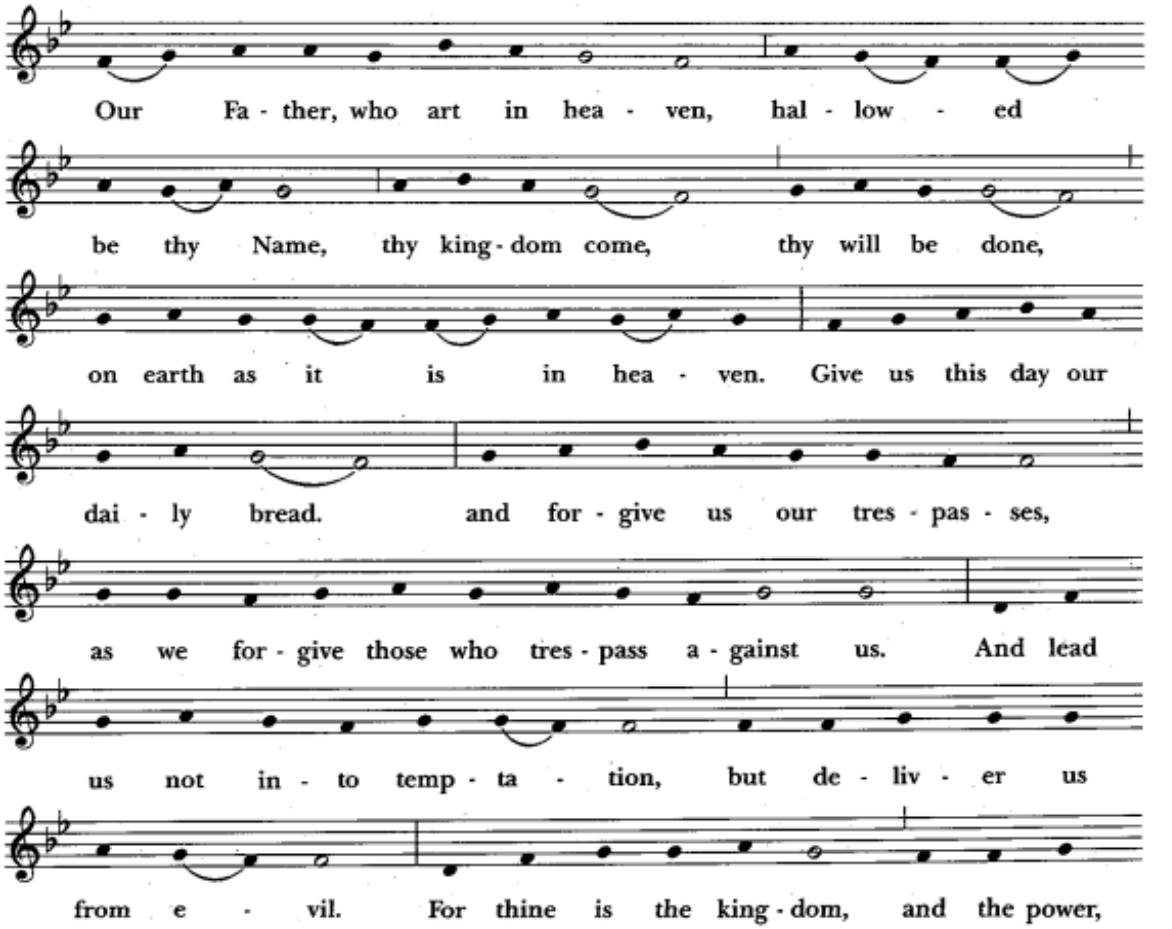


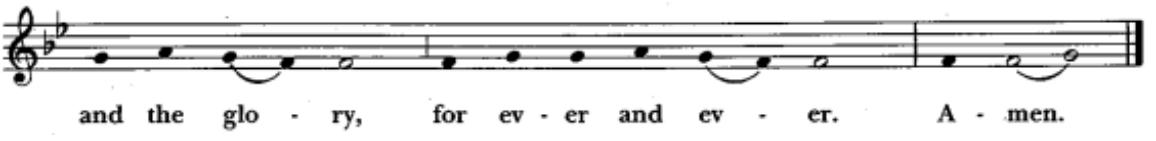
Setting: McNeil Robinson (b. 1943)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Priest and People:
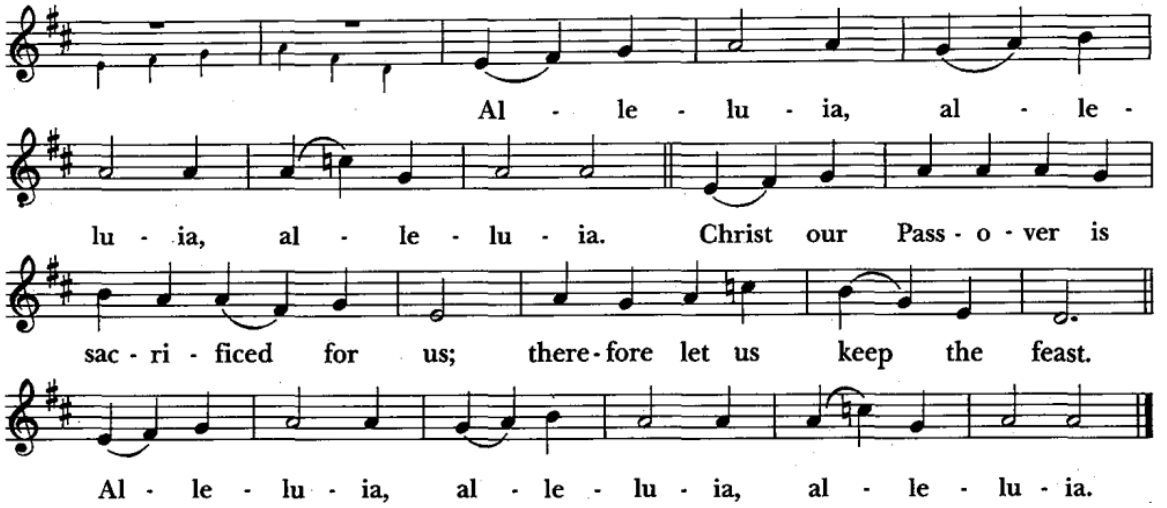




Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymn "O Jesus, I have promised" Hymn #655

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

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.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest	(Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).
People	**May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**
Priest	May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.
All	**Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "O God, our help in ages past" Hymn #680

Dismissal

Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Michelle Reyes

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Cindy Ganzel

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Becky Turk

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

ORGANIST: Jim Sodke

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Roger Mertins

USHERS: Mike Dillon, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin

Hospitality Center

Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, Elizabeth, Gregory, Andrea, John, Marcos, Tory, Irene, Lois, Ron, Marvin, Bob, David, Rogelio, Antonio Jayce **Homebound**: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **Haiti Project.** Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Cindy Ganzel to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the work of the Vestry

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Lois

For Those Who Have Departed

Chrisso Bender

Brown Bags Lunch

The next Brown Bags lunch to be hosted by St. Luke's will be on Saturday November 28 in Simpson Hall, starting at 10:30 am. Volunteers are needed to bring a food item, make sandwiches, and fill the bags for distribution. Please call or email Tricia Frost to sign up. Family members aged 8+ welcome! Thank you.

Stewardship

If you were unable to attend last week's service, you can turn in your pledge either by mail or put it in the offering plate or you may pledge using this online form.

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