St. Luke's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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	"Wachet auf" *Based on hymn 61*	J0. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	"Judge eternal, throned in splendor"	Hymn #596

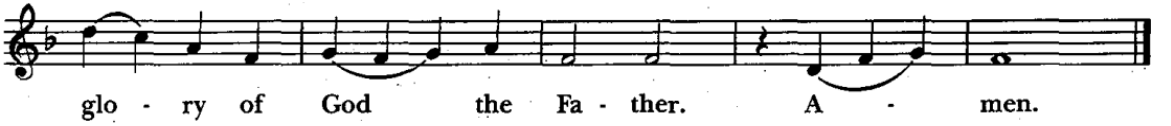
THE WORD OF GOD

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.

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**.

First Lesson
(Wisdom 6:12-16)

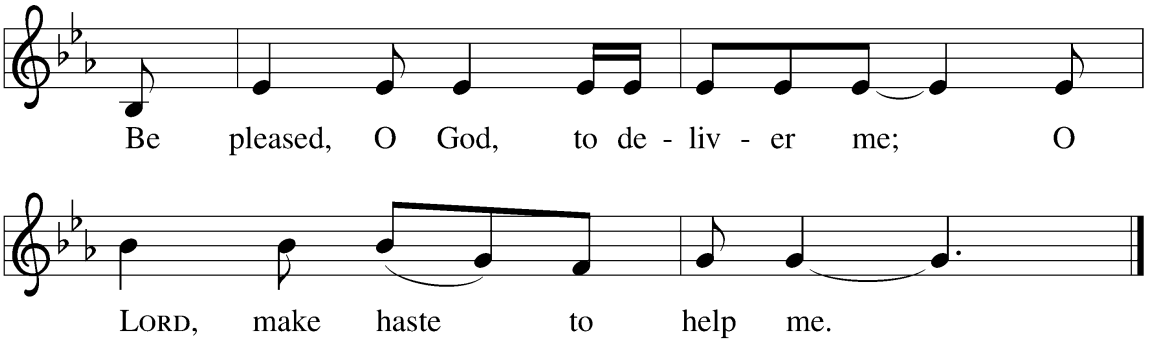
Reader A reading from the Book of Wisdom of Solomon:

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
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 70

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]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. ***Antiphon***

[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!" ***Antiphon***

[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(1 Thessalians 4:13-18)

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul 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.

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

Sequence Hymn "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us" Hymn #61

The Gospel
(Matthew 25:1-13)

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

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

Sermon Fr. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

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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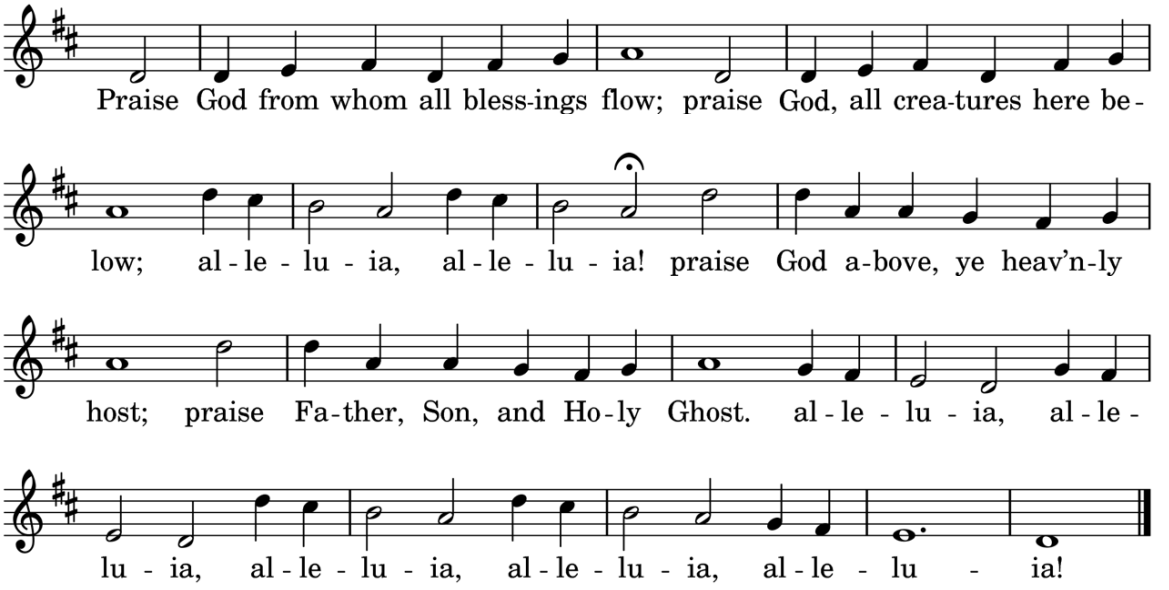


Stewardship *At this time, you may bring your pledge sheet forward*

Offertory Voluntary "Prayer" Brenda Portman

Doxology

Please Stand
As the gifts are being brought forward, the people sing:

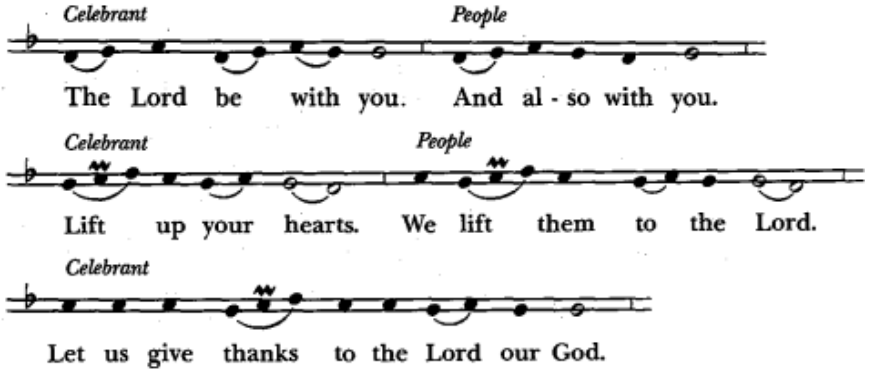


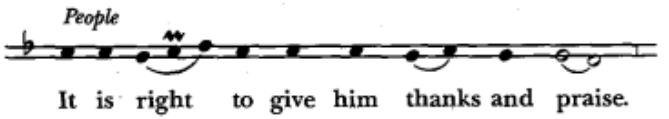
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Music: **"Lasst Uns Erfreuen", LM. al: *Geistliche Kerchengesange,* Cologne, 1623.**

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

The Great Thanksgiving

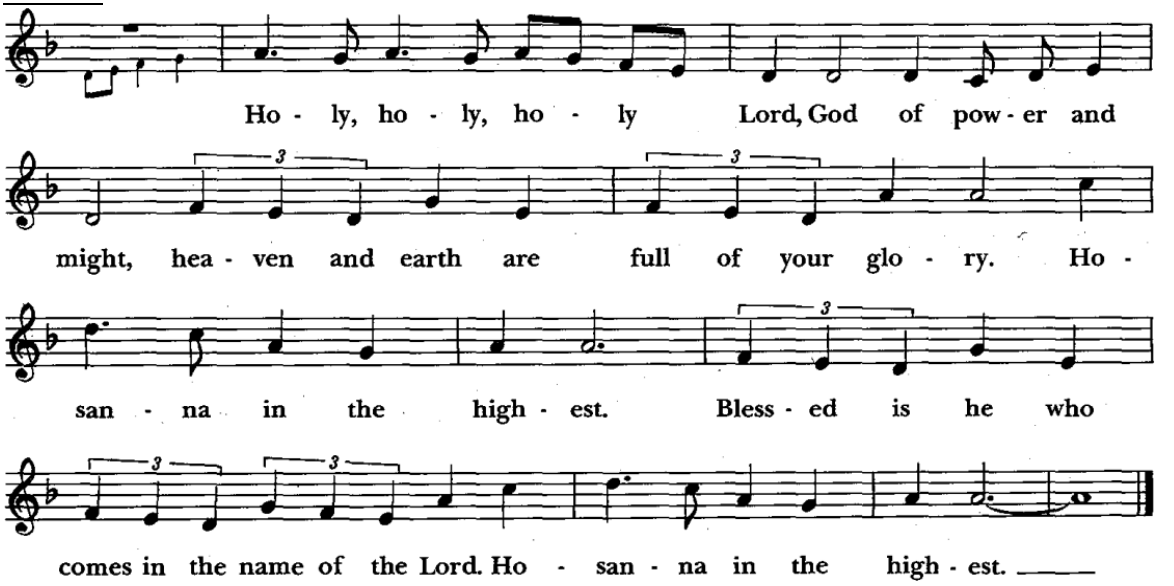
Eucharistic Prayer B *Please Stand* (BCP 367)





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

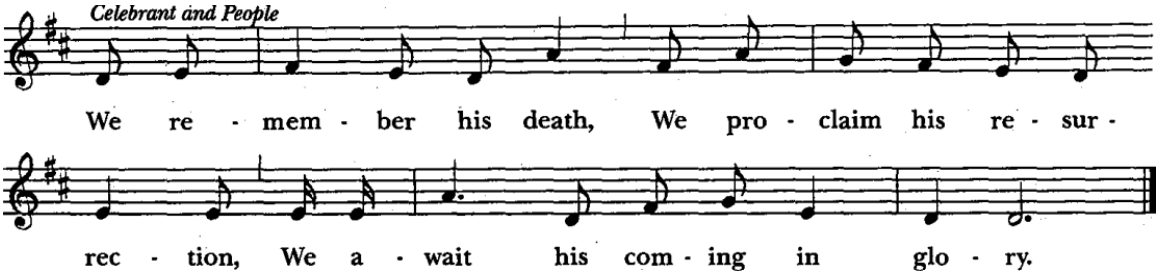


Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

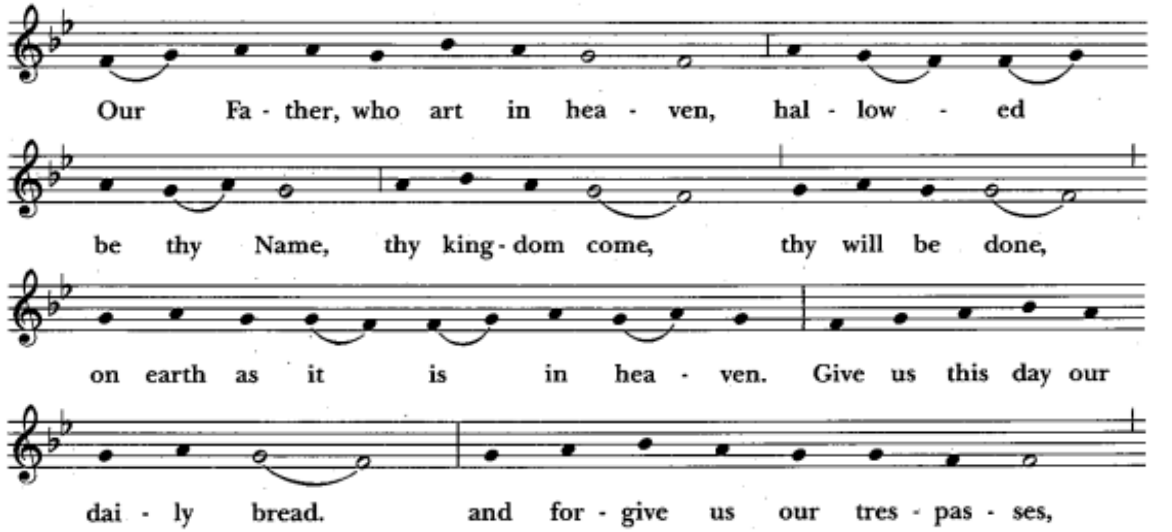


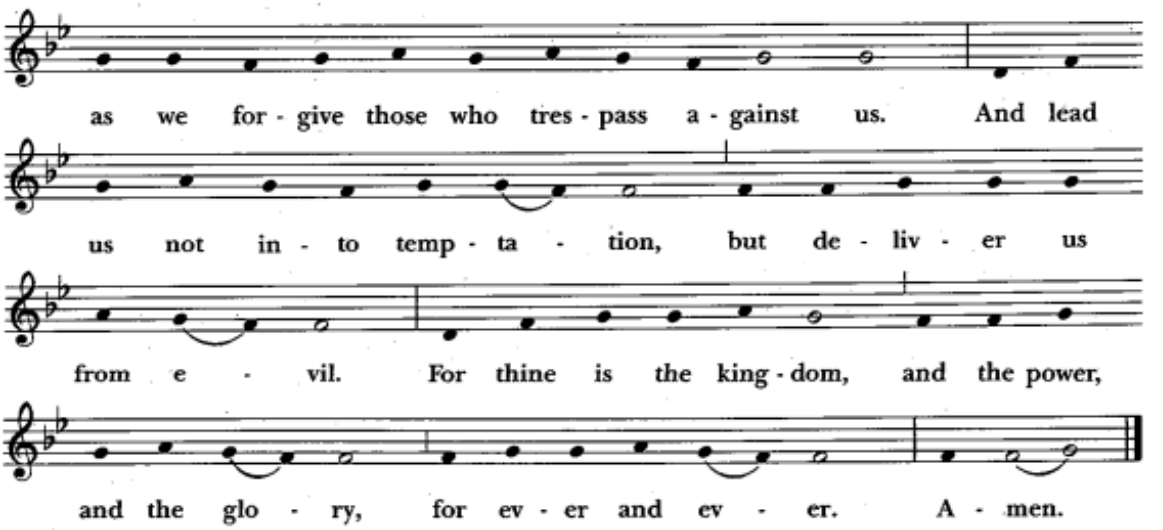
Setting: McNeil Robinson (b. 1943)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Priest and People:



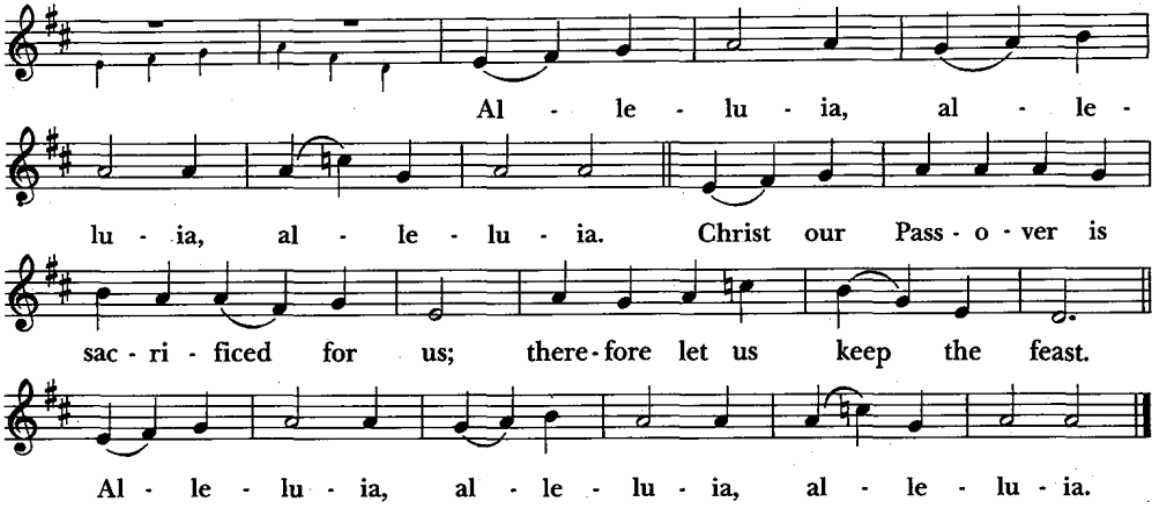


Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" Hymn #324

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 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" Hymn #436

Dismissal

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

Postlude "Wachet auf" *Based on hymn 61* Johann Gottfried

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: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Ganzel

FIRST READER: Hazel Dickfoss

SECOND READER: Tricia Frost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Grace Ellingham

USHERS: Tricia Frost, Gregory Rawlinko

COFFEE HOUR: Potluck

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
For our Parish

For the Church: In the World
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
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

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 Brandon Campbell to the glory of God.

Thanksgiving for Birthday: Tom

Stewardship Message for November 8

Today is In-Gathering Sunday. Like Joshua's people at Shechem, we're asked to choose, as a household, whom we will serve — and like the wise bridesmaids, to come prepared rather than empty-handed. Bring your pledge card forward today at the offertory. Celebration to follow at coffee hour!

THIS WEEK'S INVITATION

Bring your completed pledge card forward at the offertory. Stay and celebrate with your parish family at the parish potluck. If you could not make it today, you may pledge using this online form

Continue your household's daily prayer.

Gracious and generous God, all things come of you, and of your own have we to give. Plant in us this season a spirit of joy, not obligation; of trust, not anxiety. Grow St. Luke's in faith, in generosity, and in care for one another and our neighbors. Bless our rector, vestry, staff, volunteers, and all members of our parish; and grant that the time entrusted to this shared ministry may bear fruit far beyond what we can see today. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

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