Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Wise and Foolish Virgins" – Charles Haslewood Shannon

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

Proper 27 ~ November 8, 2026 at 10 AM

The Reverend Jack Zamboni ~ Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray ~ Junior Warden
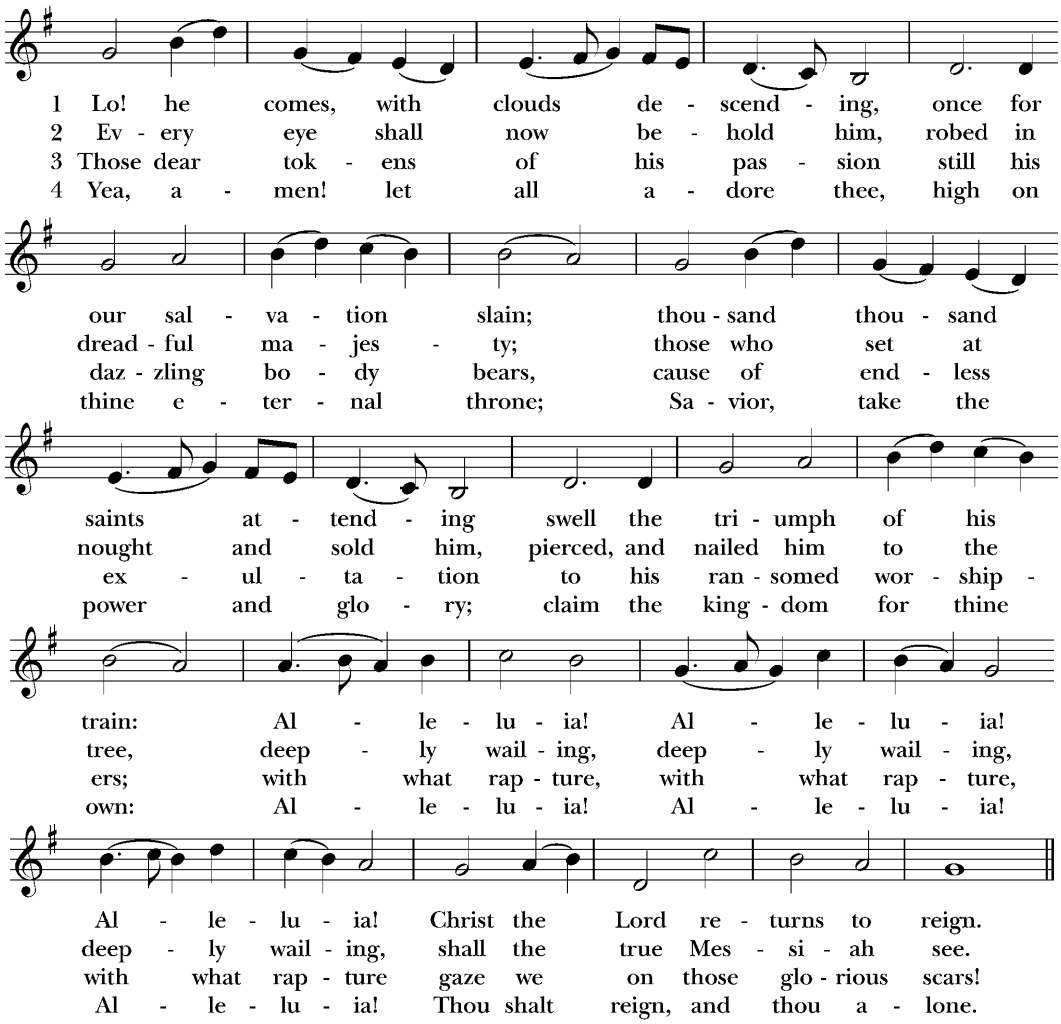
Welcome Casey Woodruff

Prelude "Prelude on *Helmsley*" – Charles Callahan"

At the end of the prelude, the bells are rung and the People stand.

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn *Helmsley* Hymnal 57



Acclamation Enriching our Worship 50
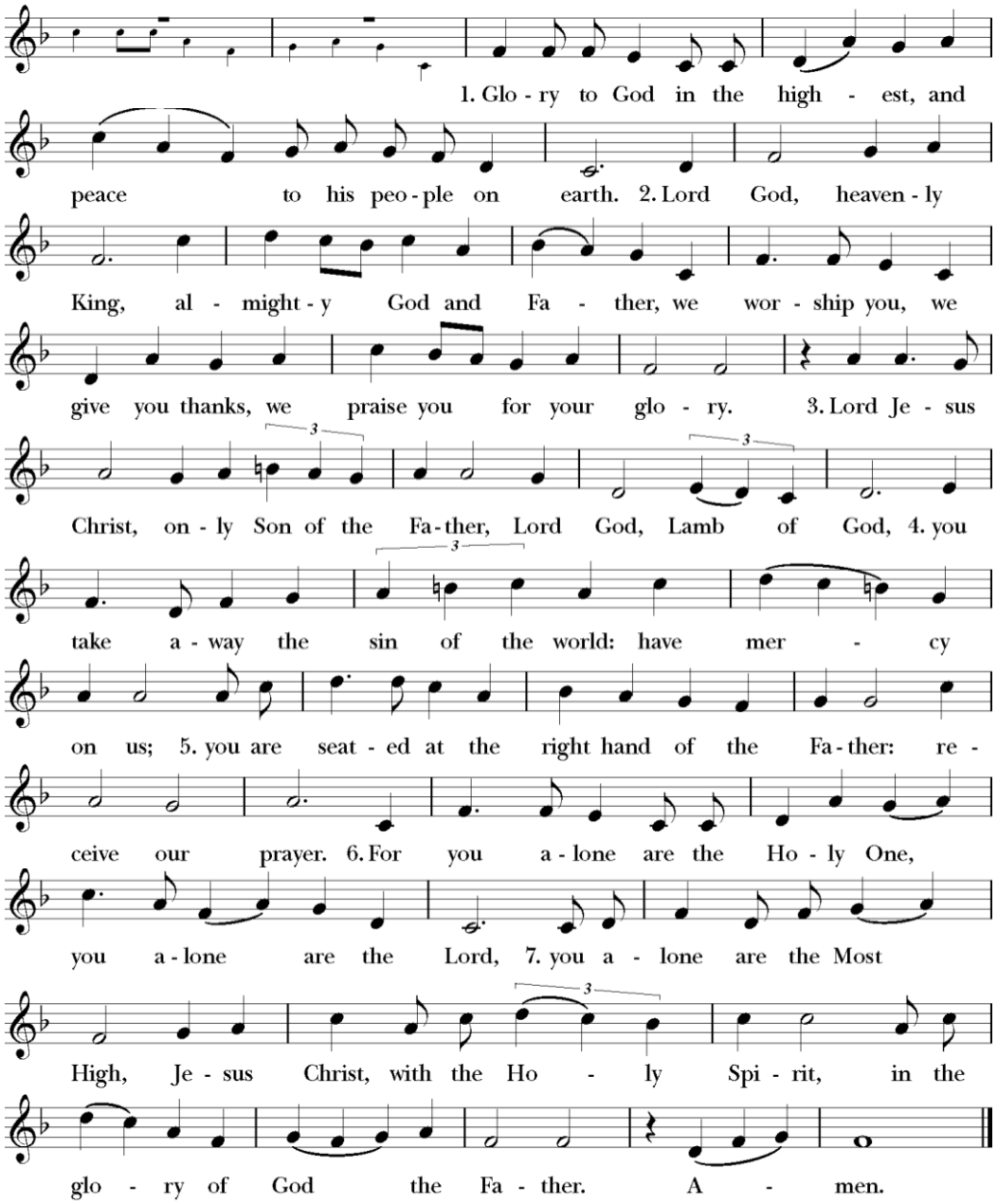
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Gloria *Robert Powell* Hymnal S 280



Collect of the Day BCP 236

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 People sit. Children PreK-3 through Grade 4, gather in the crossing for the blessing.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teachers Jack Zamboni

Presider May God bless those who teach and those who learn,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Joshua.

Then 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. I gave him Isaac. 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."
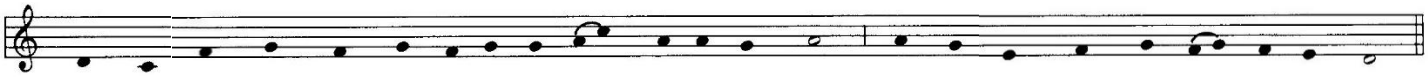
And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."
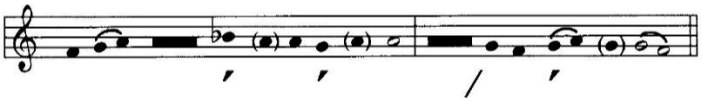
The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, populе* Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.





TONE I.2

1 *Hear mÿ* teaching, Ó my péople; *
incline your ears to the / words of mÿ möuth.

2 I will open my móuth in a párable; *
I will declare the myster/ies of áïicient tïmes.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our fórefathers háve told us, *
we will not / hide from théïr childrën.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the pówer óf the LORD, *
and the wonderful / works he hás döne.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a láw for Ísrael, *
which he commanded them to / teach their chïldrën;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yét unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it / to their chïldrën;

7 So that they might pút their trúst in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep / his commándmënts; *[Ant.]*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.
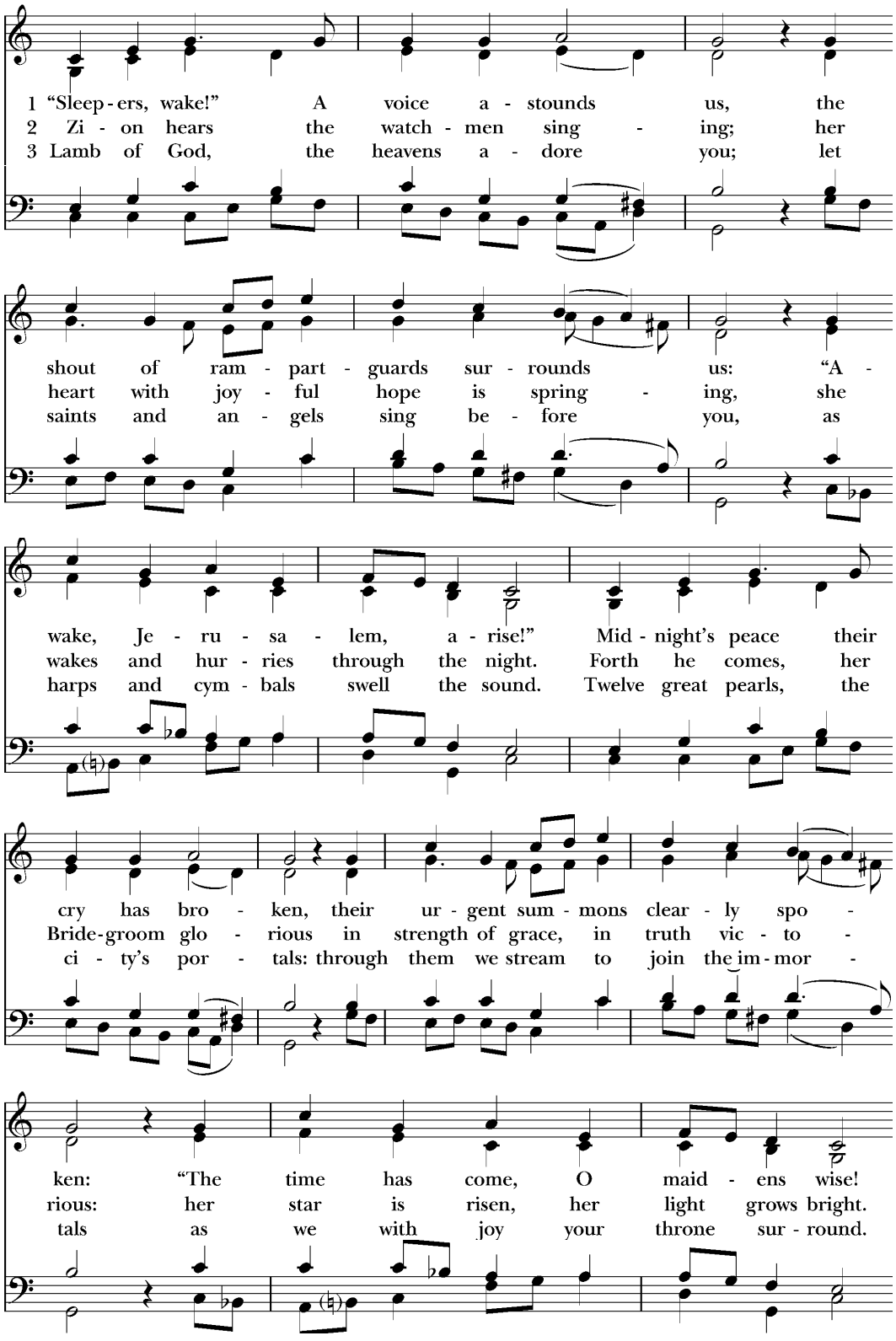
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.
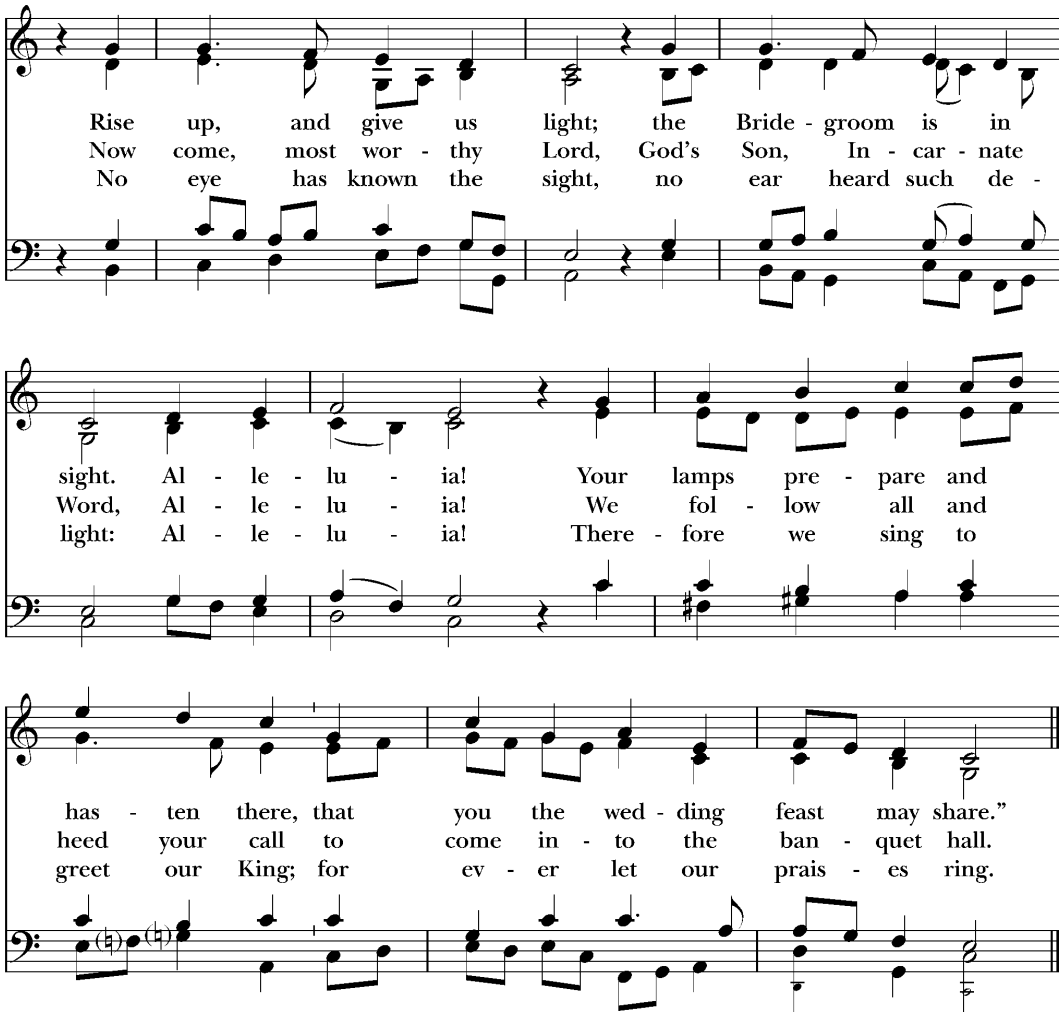
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn *Wachet auf* Hymnal 61

The People stand.





Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily Jack Zamboni

Nicene Creed Enriching Our Worship 53

The People 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,
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 Common Worship alt.

Presider United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

The Intercessor prays

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Bless Sally our bishop and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we will be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we will be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they will find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow will be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

The Presider continues

Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light upon our path: expose our partisan prejudice and renew our zeal for your kingdom, so that we will faithfully participate in your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace BCP 360

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

Announcements Kathy Murray

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence Psalm 96:8

The Presider says

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.

The Ushers pass the collection plates among the people.
Another option is to give to Trinity online –
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.

Offertory Anthem "Keep Your Lamps" – African American Spiritual
Arranged by André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.
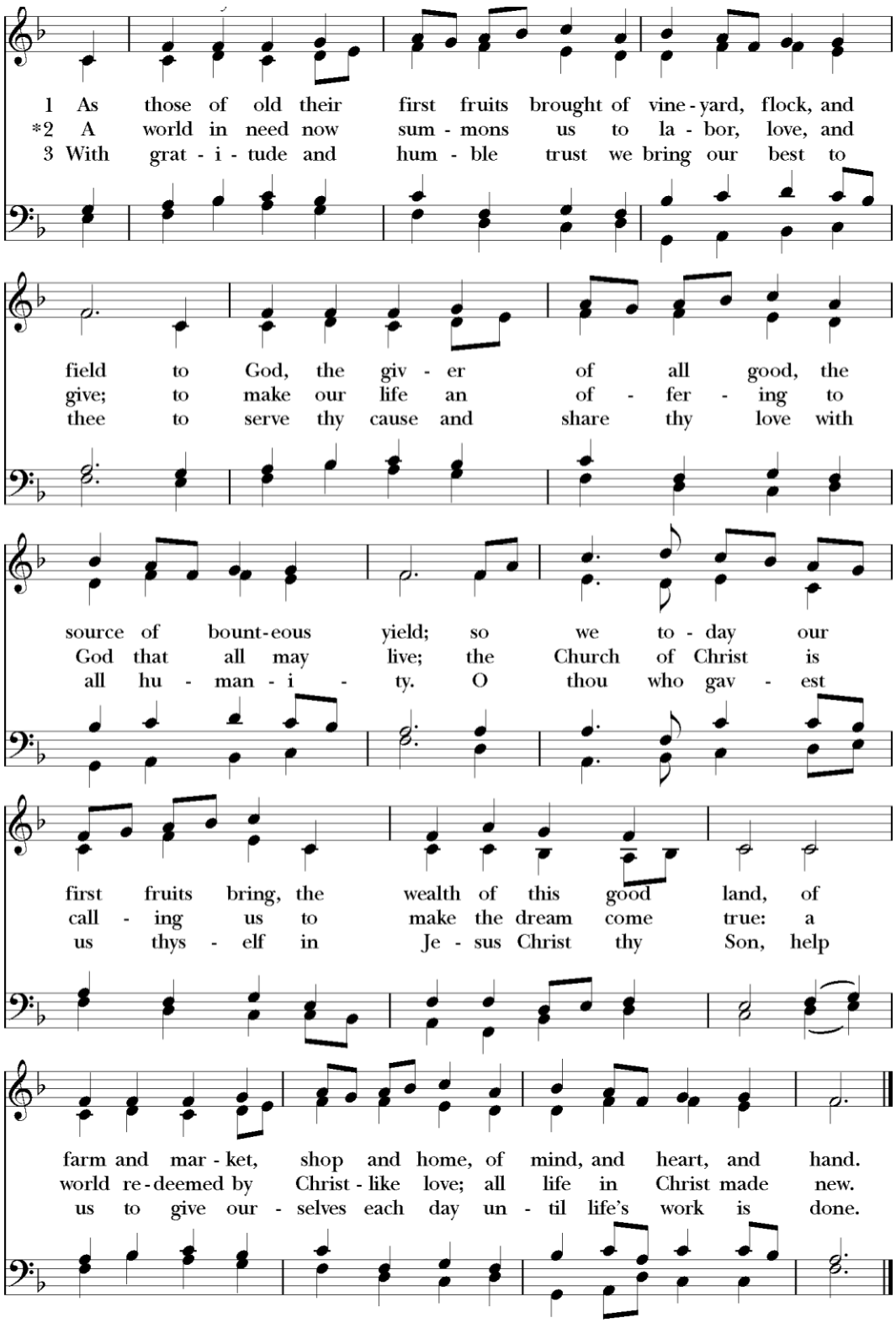
Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
The time is drawing nigh.

The People stand and the ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers.

Offertory Hymn *Forest Green* Hymnal 705



Presentation of Gifts An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

People **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2 EOW 60

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

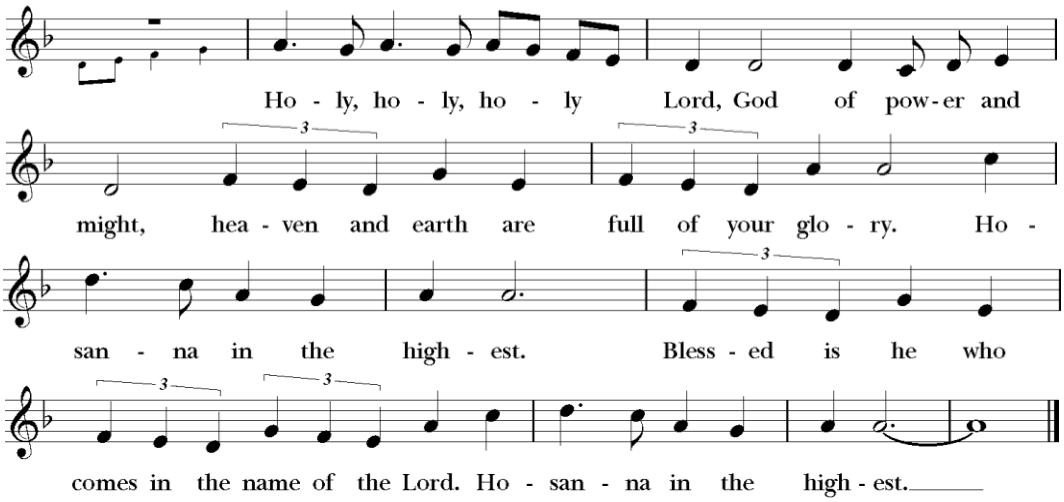
It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your mysteries well up from ancient depths, assuring us that we will be with you forever.

In the first of your mighty works, you created the earth and filled it with life. You rescued a people from slavery and called them to choose between wisdom and foolishness, between serving you and making their own gods.

In your child, Jesus, you have again called us to choose - to live in readiness for the promised return of the one who died and rose again, or to waste our opportunities and squander what you have given us. We choose to serve you, and with hearts full of gratitude we trust in your protection and look for the day when at the trumpet's sound the dead will arise and all will be embraced in the marriage of earth and heaven.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus *Robert Powell* Hymnal S 129



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
we remember Christ, crucified and risen,
People **The One who was, and is, and is to come.**
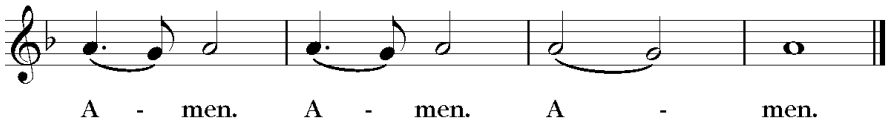
Presider We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
People **and ourselves as a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Great Amen *McNeil Robinson* Hymnal S 147



Lord's Prayer BCP 364

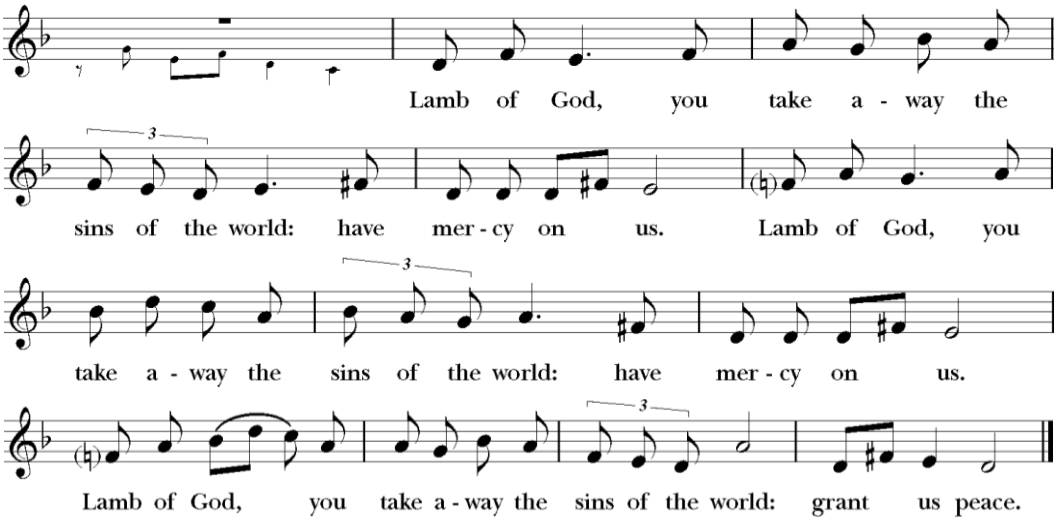
Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei *Robert Powell* Hymnal S 163



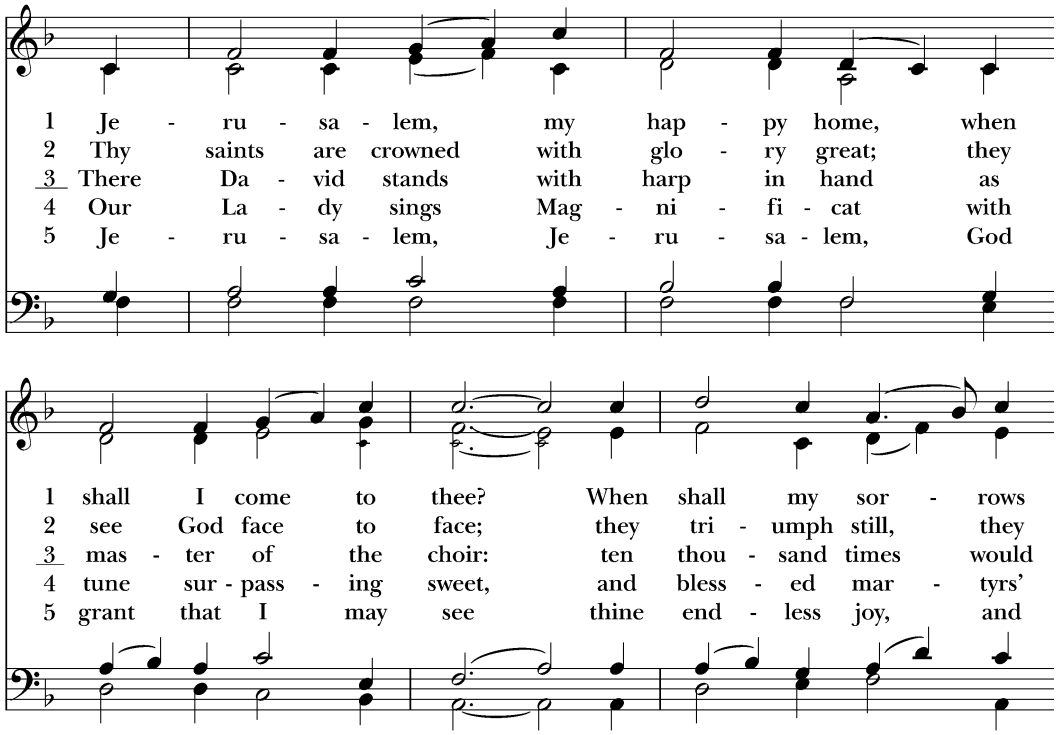
Invitation BCP 364
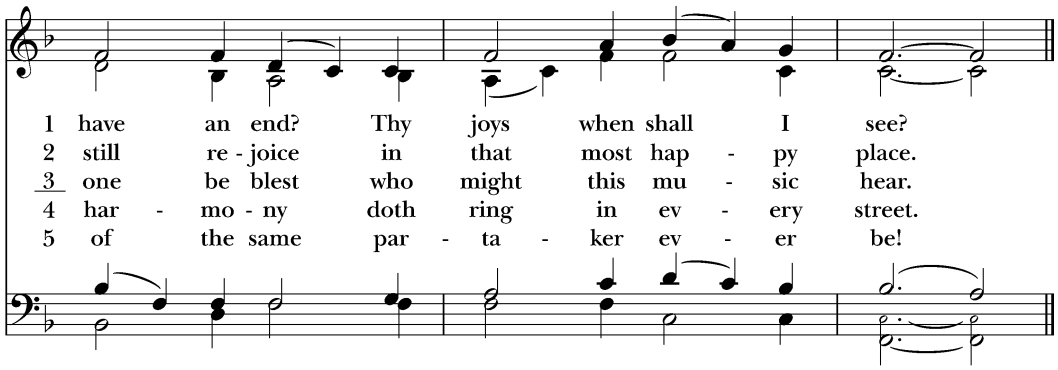
Presider The Gifts of God:

People **for the People of God.**
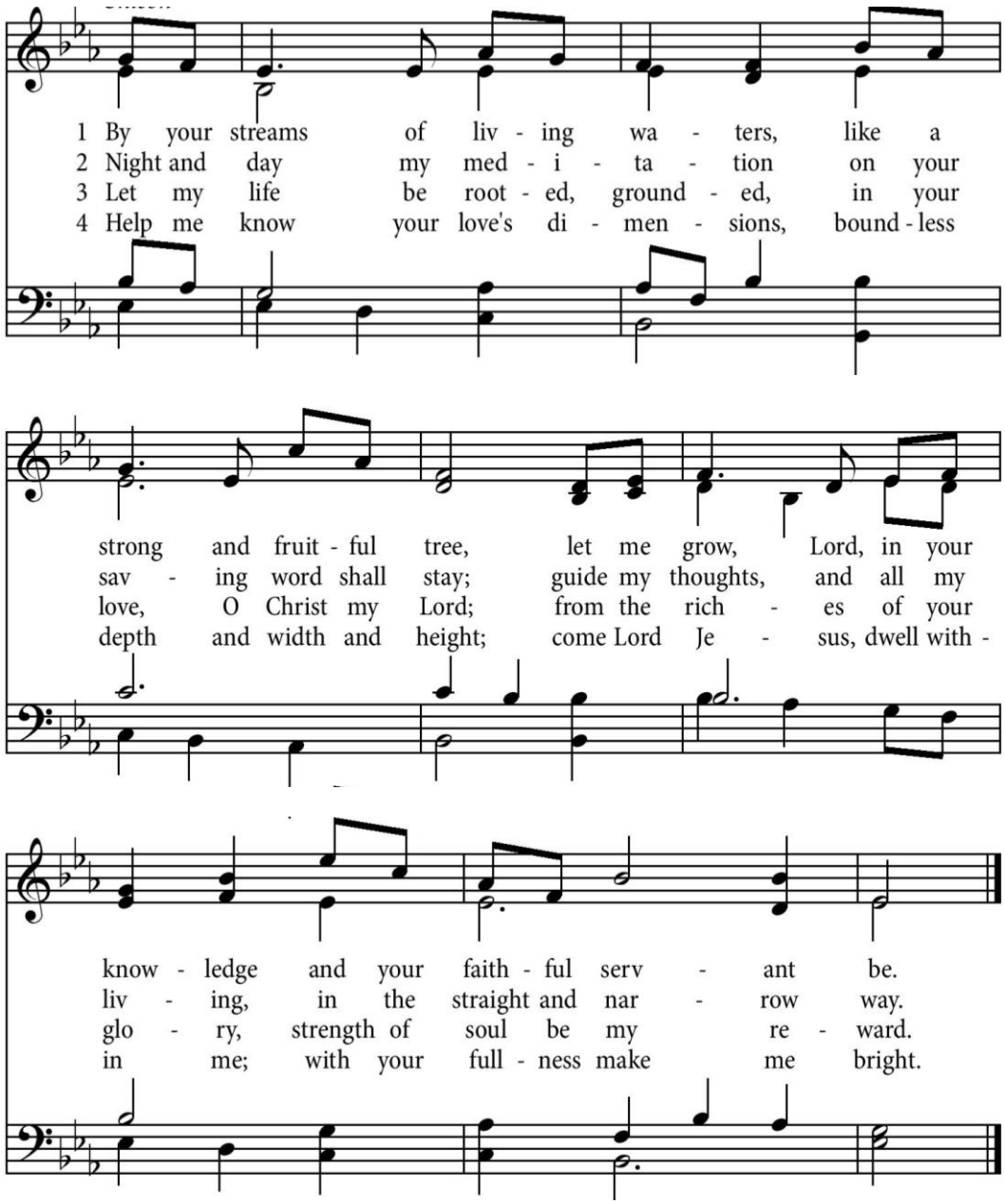
The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

First Communion Hymn *Land of Rest* Hymnal 620

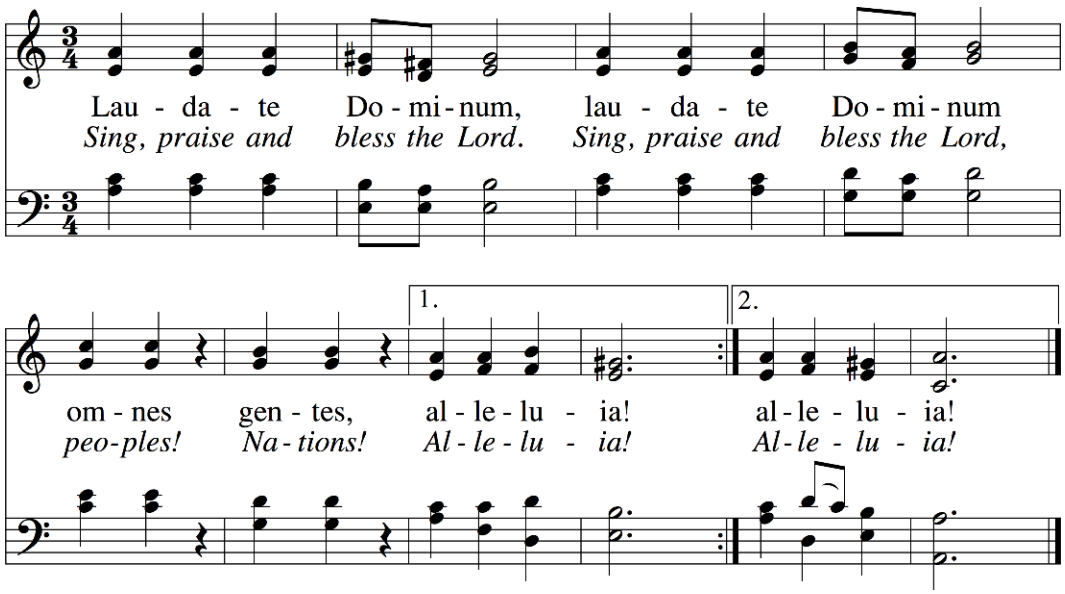




Second Communion Hymn *Orchard View* Take Up in Song 210



Communion Meditation *Laudate Dominum* Taizé Community



Post-communion Prayer Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

People **We thank you, Lord,**
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.
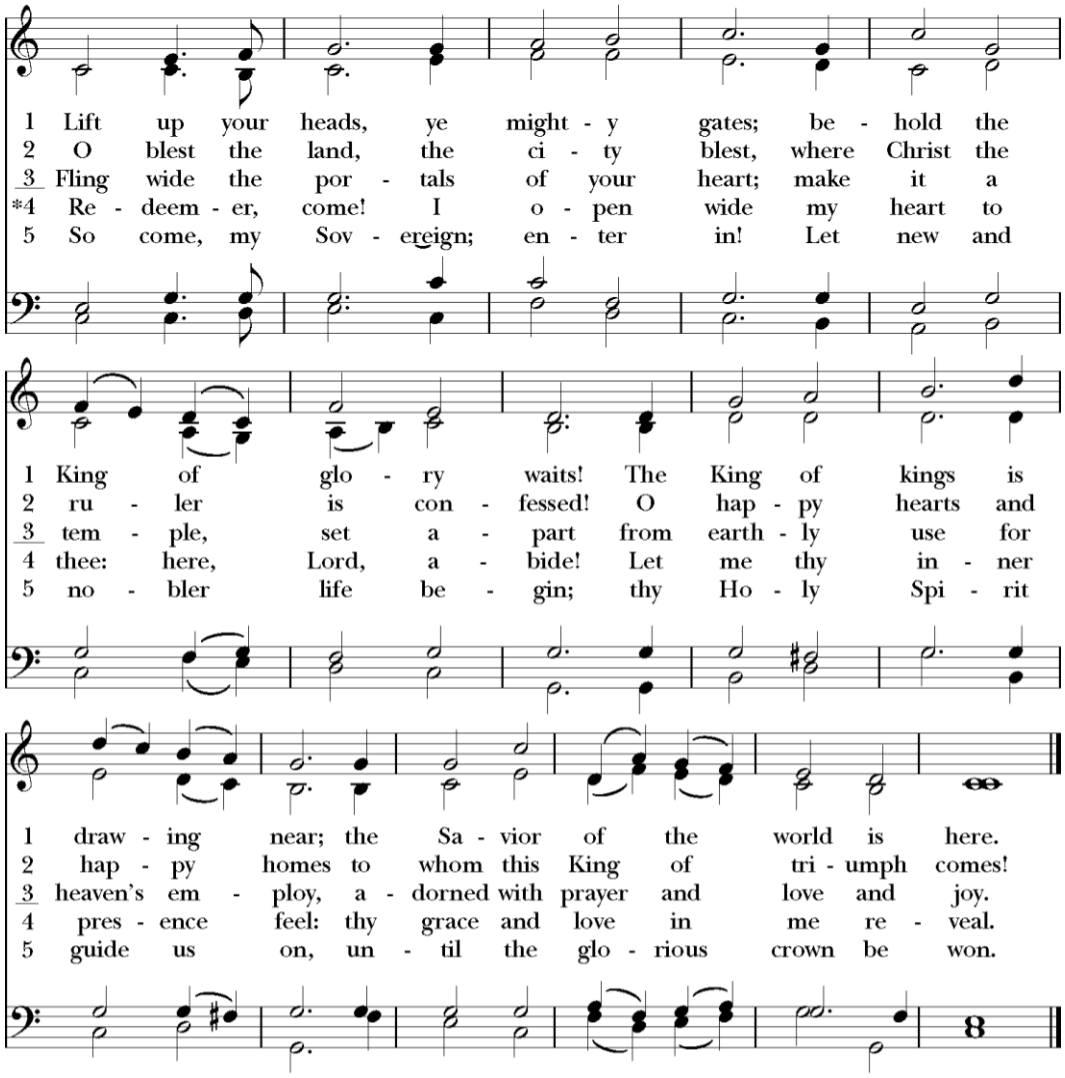
Commission and Blessing Nathan Nettleton alt.

Presider Revere the Lord.
Serve God in sincerity and faithfulness.
Teach those who come after you to trust in God.

And may God protect you along the way;
May Christ Jesus keep you alert and prepared;
And may the Holy Spirit fuel the lamp that guides your path.
Amen.

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn *Truro* Hymnal 436



Dismissal BCP 366

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *March in C* – Felix Mendelssohn

For Friends, Visitors and Newcomers

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford, New Jersey. Thank you for joining us in worship. The bulletin is designed to make you feel at home and includes everything you need for the service (liturgy, hymns, rubrics, etc.). Please connect with us; introduce yourself to the ushers so they can make you feel more comfortable. Father Andy is in the narthex (entrance) at the end of the service; it is an opportunity to connect on a more personal level. All are invited to Fellowship Hour in Sherlock Hall immediately after the service. An email blast is sent every Thursday by 2 PM with hyperlinks to sign-up sheets, methods to contribute to the parish or other charitable organizations, ways to contact individuals or receive information on events, etc. Please contact the parish office to receive it or alternative methods of communication.

What you need to know today…

Rector in South Africa Fr Andy is in South Africa to officiate his nephew's wedding, he will be away through Saturday, November 14.

The Rev. Jack Zamboni is our Sunday supply priest while Fr. Andy is away. He first came to Trinity as a seminarian in 1981, remains grateful that it became his sponsoring parish for ordination.. Fr. Jack served as a priest in the Diocese of New Jersey for over 40 years, most recently as Rector of St. Francis, Dunellen and continues to serve on the Diocesan Reparations Commission.

Stewardship For those who have not yet returned pledge cards, they are available in the narthex.

Sunday School Children (PreK-3 through Grade 4) gather in the church at the beginning of the service. Children and teachers receive a blessing after the collect of the day, depart for class, then return in time for Holy Communion. Younger children, supervised by their parents, are welcome in the nursery section of the narthex.

Fellowship Hour In Sherlock Hall, immediately after this service; coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

Children's Choir Today from 11:30 AM to 12 noon in the church.

Collection for Two Thanksgiving Baskets Outreach is collecting items for Cranford Family Care; there is a link in the email blast for items needed. Please note, there is no need for turkeys; another company is supplying them. Please bring in items by Sunday, November 22. Also, as. as a result of the collection for "Disaster Relief" in September and October, a check for $1200 will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD).

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Both are individually available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Anyone can make a request; there is no fee. Email the office by 4 PM Wednesday each week; multiple attributions are allowed. Altar flowers cost the parish $75 per week, and are a line item in the church budget. Donations towards that are gratefully appreciated and may be made anonymously via the collection plate or through the office.

What you need to know this week…

The Daily Offices Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are offered online from Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Add and update prayer requests via the link in the email blast. The list is prayed twice a day at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Parish Office Hours Office Manager Marion Nechuta is available from Tuesday to Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

Trinity Women's Group This Monday, November 9 from 7 PM to 8 PM online.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals This Wednesday, November 11 from 7 PM to 7:50 PM in the church.

Trinity Adult Choir This Wednesday, November 11 from 8 PM to 9 PM in the church.

Compline Thursdays at 8 PM online. A contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.

Knitting Circle This Saturday, November 14 from 10 AM to 11 AM in Sherlock Hall.

Handbell Workshop Saturday, November 14, 10 AM to 1 PM in the church, led by handbell expert Kathy Ebling Shaw.

What you need to know in the future…

Acolyte & Thurifer Training Next Sunday, November 15 immediately after the 10 AM Eucharist for all current and aspirant acolytes.

Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, November 19, 12:30-2 PM in Witherington Hall. The Thanksgiving Feast is chicken pot pie and sides; instead of a speaker, everyone is given a chance to say a few words about what they're thankful for this year. It's a very special time.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin on Sunday, November 22; children will receive the blessing as usual during the 10 AM service, and then move to Sherlock Hall. Click on the QR code to the right to sign up.

TESY Faith, Food & Loft Sunday, November 22, 5 PM to 7 PM in Sherlock Hall with dinner. Join Trinity Episcopal Senior Youth for a gathering where TESY members will engage in faithful reflection and discussion of upcoming renovations to the loft. Please email Katie Annarelli (Kathleen.m.annarelli@outlook.com) or Casey Woodruff (woodruff5073@gmail.com) for any teen attending.

Cranford Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 23 at 7 PM, Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Av, Cranford.

St Mark's Gospel Saturday, November 28, 10 AM to 12:30 PM in Witherington Hall. The Gospel will be read from cover to cover.

Youth Representative on Trinity's Vestry High school students who are in their sophomore or junior year should apply to be appointed to represent the youth of Trinity, The link to the application is in this week's email blast; complete it by Sunday, November 29.

Lectionary & Liturgy

Now, as we enter the last weeks of the Church year, the liturgy is focused on the "last things," and especially the return of Christ as Judge. The Gospel reading is the familiar parable of the wise and foolish maidens. The emphasis here is always to live in readiness for the Lord's return. The second reading continues the first letter to the Thessalonians. Some in that church, expecting the Lord to return in their lifetimes, have begun to doubt because some of the members have died. Paul assures these early Christians that those who die before the Lord's return will nonetheless be saved. In our Eucharistic gathering, we are in a kind of rehearsal for life in the Day of Judgment. We find in our prayer the model for the commitment to ministry and social justice, which gives heart and soul to our worship; and in communion, we meet the Lord as judge and as Savior.

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† **Cover Art –** "The Wise and Foolish Virgins" by Charles Haslewood Shannon at National Museums Liverpool, Walker Art Gallery He lived with Charles de Sousy Ricketts; the couple were artistic and personal partners for more than fifty years.

† **Prelude** – Dr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023) was a composer and expert on organs; his books are standard reference works and his writing style has been described by The Washington Post as "gentle, confident lyricism." He was honored by the American Guild of Organists with its 2014 Distinguished Artist award "for his illustrious career as composer, performer, teacher and consultant, and his lifelong service to the sacred music profession." –[© 1994 Concordia Publishing House]

† **Gathering Hymn** –Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The content of the text and particularly the title are derived from Revelation 1:7, which tells of the Second Coming. In the 19th century it was considered one of the "Great Four Anglican Hymns" – of 52 hymnals from the Anglican Communion around the world, 51 of them included this hymn. Music: Augustine Arne (1710-1788); most likely source is an Irish concert song "Guardian angels, now protect me."

† ***Gloria*** – Words: Anonymous, 15th century medieval. Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), American composer and organist.

† **Collect of the Day** – Composed for the 1662 revision, based on 1 John 3:1-9; Bishop John Cosin is believed to be the author. The present revision places it on the third Sunday before Advent when the lections begin to focus our attention on the second advent, the time of Christ's coming again with power and glory. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]

† **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); while recovering from illness, "There seemed to me nothing more sweet, delightful and agreeable, than the contemplation of the noble, sublime doctrine of Eternal Life obtained through the Blood of Christ. This I allowed to dwell in my heart day and night, and searched the Scriptures as to what they revealed on this matter. Then I found myself, thank God! wonderfully well, comforted in heart, joyful in spirit, and truly content., so that with the Prophet David I can say to Him, '0 how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee.'" Translation: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576).

† **Gospel –** The Christian gospel, for Augustine, wasn't just the answer to an intellectual question (though it was that); it was like a shelter in a storm, a port for a wayward soul, nourishment for a prodigal hungering, whose own heart had become, he said, "a famished land." It was, he said, like someone had finally shown him his home country, even though he had never been there.

† *** Nicene Creed –** Designed to contain "all the expansive language texts currently authorized." It is almost identical to the version in the BCP. The omission of the words 'and the Son' (*filioque*) restores the text of the Creed to the original wording agreed upon at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381 CE). The addition of that phrase was a later development implemented only in the Western Church and without the approval of a General Council.

† **Offertory Anthem** – Traditional gospel blues song which alludes to the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins; it has been attributed to Blind Willie Johnson, who recorded it in 1928; to Reverend Gary Davis, who recorded it in 1956; and to Mississippi Fred McDowell, who recorded it in 1959. Arranger: André Jerome Thomas (b. 1952), American composer and conductor, frequently addresses the struggle of becoming a black "classical" composer, as well as the challenge of performing ethnic music (spirituals and gospels) with integrity,

† **Offertory Hymn** – Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996) was a Presbyterian minister in California. "As pastor of two new churches, with small memberships and great financial needs, I have been deeply concerned with stewardship, also because I am deeply concerned about missions and the outreach of the church to all the world; also because stewardship is a very important phase of the Christian life. No one is deeply Christian until he is a good steward. –[©1961 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing] Music: English melody adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); named after a village in Surrey.

† **Proper Preface** – Nathan Nettleton is pastor to South Yarra Community Baptist Church, a small congregation located in an inner-city neighborhood of Melbourne, Australia; he also writes and teaches on Christian worship and Baptist identity. His website provides liturgical resources from which we have drawn this preface. –[© 2001 LaughingBird]

† **The Lord's Prayer** – John Dominica Crossan writes "What if the Lord's Prayer is neither a Jewish prayer for Jews nor yet a Christian prayer for Christians? What if it is instead a prayer from the heart of Judaism on the lips of Christianity for the conscience of the world? What if it is instead a radical manifesto and a hymn of hope for all humanity in language addressed to all the earth?"

† **First Communion Hymn –** Words: F.B.P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. The importance of this poem, the varying forms in which it, or some portions of it, are found in modern hymn-books, and the doubt which attaches to its authorship, necessitate an exhaustive treatment of its text and history. The fact that two versions are known, both dating from the latter part of the 16th century, (those of F. B. P. and W. Prid), points naturally to a common source from whence each was taken. Music: American folk hymn; adapt. & harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

† **Second Communion Hymn** – Words: Joy Frances Foster Patterson (1931-2026); an elder of the Presbyterian Church, "her work as a hymn text writer is an important part of congregational song," wrote The Hymn Society. Music: Roy Hopp is the Director of Music at Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI and Adjunct Professor of Choral Music at Calvin Theological Seminary, where he directs the Calvin Theological Seminary Choir. –[© Selah Music

† **Communion Meditation** – Words: Psalm 117 and Taizé Community –[© 1998, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent]. Music: In 1955, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), a French composer of liturgical music, was asked to compose music for the nascent community of 20 brothers at Taizé Community. In 1975, he returned and for the next 20 years built up a body of church music that is widely used in North American church music in both Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Until his death he served for 33 years as organist at St. Ignace Church, Paris; he requested that none of his own music be used in his funeral at Saint-Sulpice.

† **Sending Hymn** – Words: George Weissel (1590-1635), "important earlier hymn-writers of Prussia. His hymns, about 20 in all, are good in style, moderate in length, and varied in meter. The majority are for the greater festivals of the Christian year." –[Berlin Library] Music: melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789.

† **Postlude** – Felix Mendelssohn Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) was born into a wealthy cultured family. His father was a prominent Jewish banker, who added Bartholdy to the family surname after his conversion to Christianity. Mendelssohn's grandfather was a noted philosopher and mathematician. When Mendelssohn was 2 years old, the family moved to Berlin, where they became widely known for their artistic and musical activities. Mendelssohn was a child prodigy and made his first public appearance as a pianist when he was only nine. Mendelssohn's style of composition combines something of the economy of means of the classical period with the Romanticism of a later age."

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