

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response**.**

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.

Welcome
Prayer Requests

Prelude — *Rejoice in God's Saints* — Charles Callahan

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

Children's Sermon

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog (Revelation 7:9-10)

P I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

C "Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"

Hymn 422 — *For All the Saints*

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

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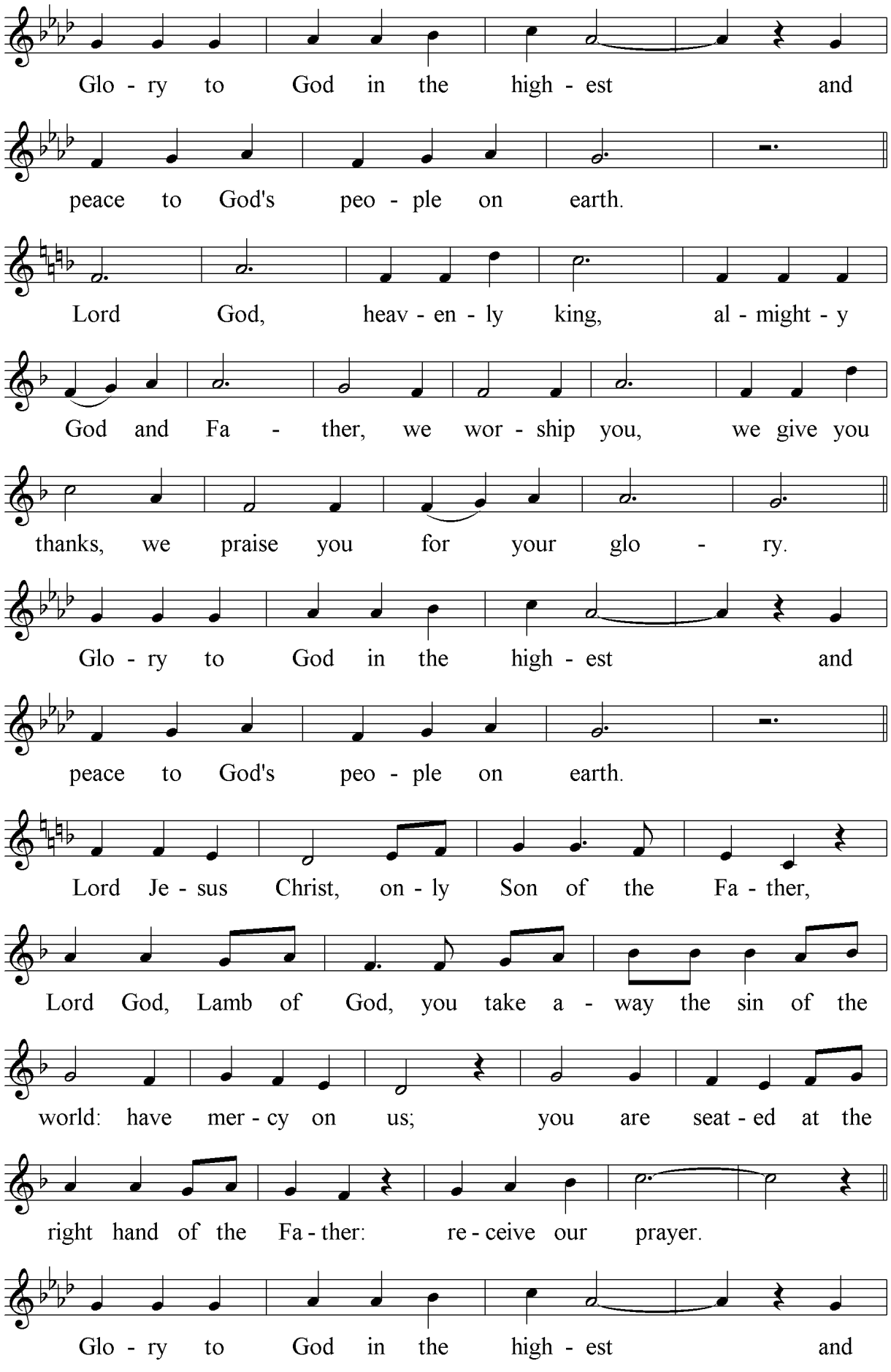
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
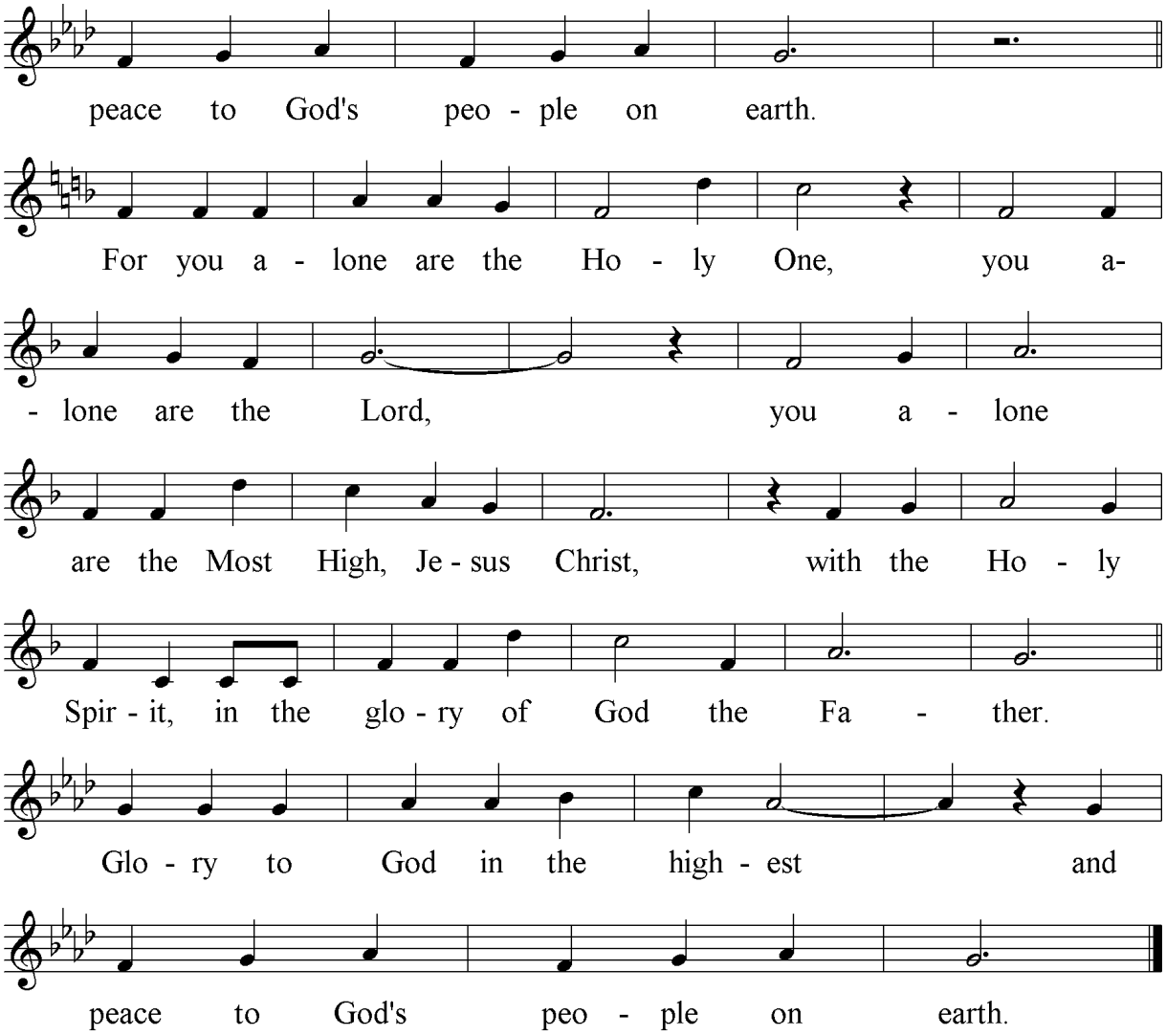
C And also with you.

The Song of Praise, or Gloria *("Glory to God…"), is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Je-sus Christ. (Luke 2:14).*

Song of Praise

Glory to God





On this All Saints Day, we remember the "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) who have gone before us, especially those members of our congregation who have died since last All Saints Day

Thanksgiving for Departed Saints

P Let us remember all the saints before God.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

C Amen

P Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C and you will find rest for your souls.

P For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C And you will find rest for your souls.

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors:

Pam Deel
De Johnson
Wanda Miller
Maggie Nelson

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first reading is from the Old Testament.

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

L A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed
in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A psalm is spoken or sung as a response to the first reading.

Psalm 34:1-8

*We sing the psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the verses in **bold**.*

1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

[5]Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6]**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.

[7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and de- livers them.
[8]**Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- uge in God!

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-13

L A reading from First John.

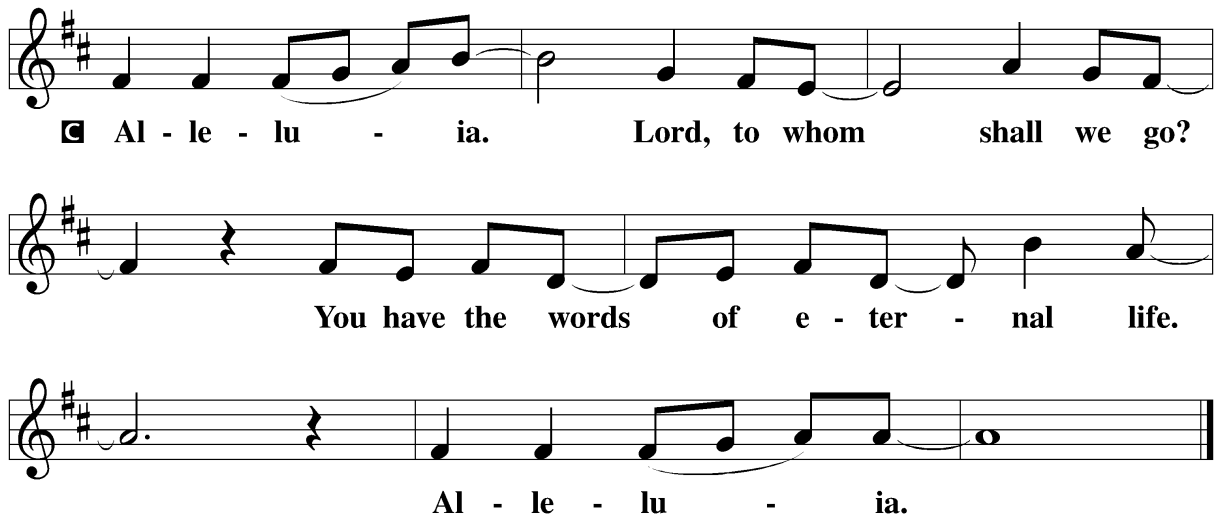
[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

The Gospel Acclamation is the congregation's response to the announcement and reading of the Holy Gospel. It gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.

Gospel Acclamation



The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon — Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

Hymn 418 — *Rejoice in God's Saints*

The Apostles' Creed (which begins, "I believe…") is tradi-tionally attributed to the first apos-tles, working under the inspira-tion of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C 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

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

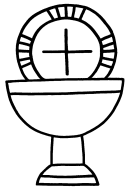
The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

The Offering

Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

Offertory Anthem — *Behold a Host* — arr. Jacob Gordon

Evan Odson, soloist

The home of God is among mortals.
He will wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
See, God is making all things new.

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
like thousand snow clad mountains bright,
with palms they stand. Who is this band
before the throne of light?

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

Lo, these are they of glorious fame
who from the great affliction came
and in the flood of Jesus' blood
are cleansed from guilt and blame.

The holy ones of the Most High shall
receive the kingdom and possess it forever,
forever and ever.
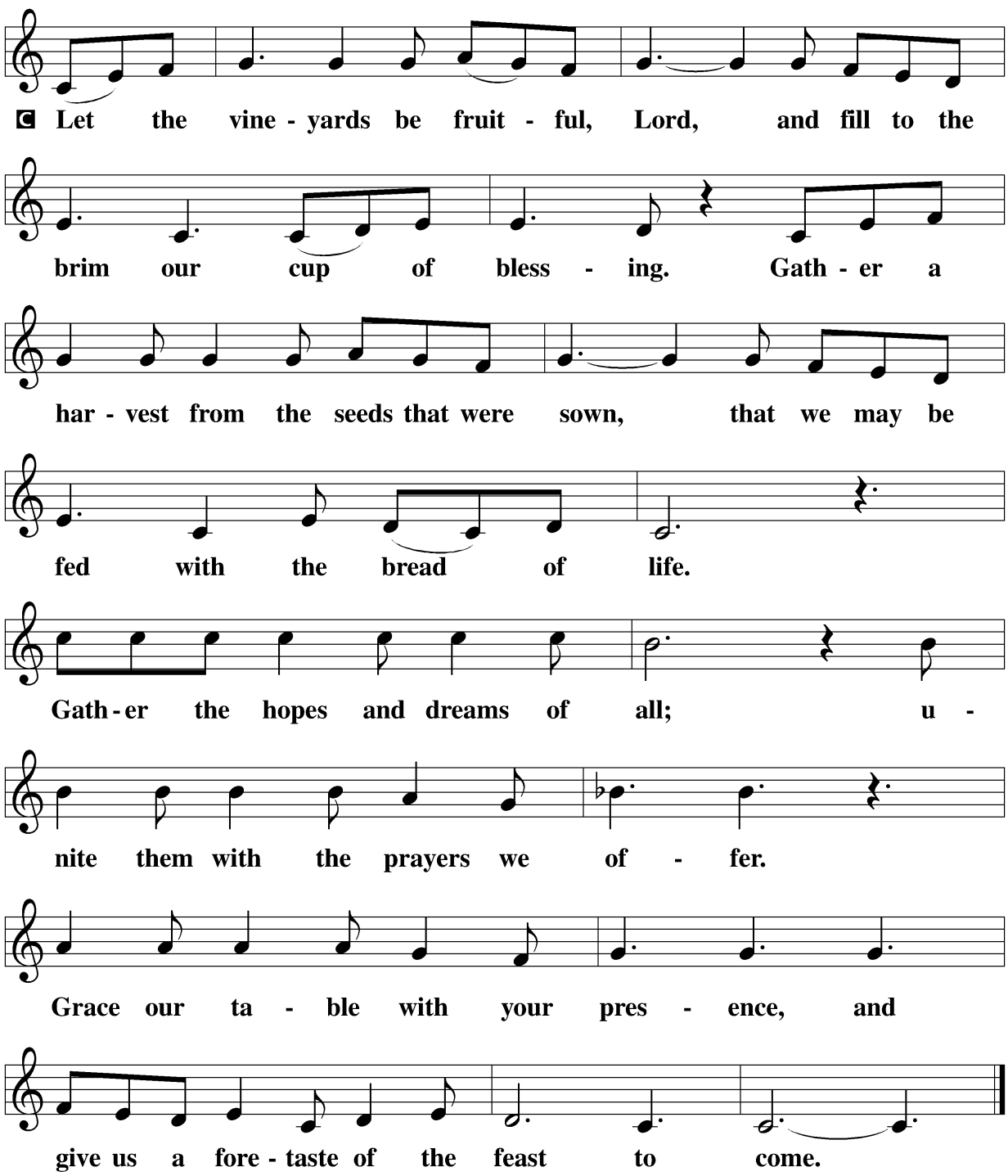
Now gathered in the holy place
their voices they in worship raise,
their anthems swell where God doth dwell,
mid angels' song of praise.

- hymn text by Hans Brorson, tr. Carl Døving;
quoting Rev. 21:3, Wisdom 3:1, and Daniel 7:18

As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Offertory Prayer

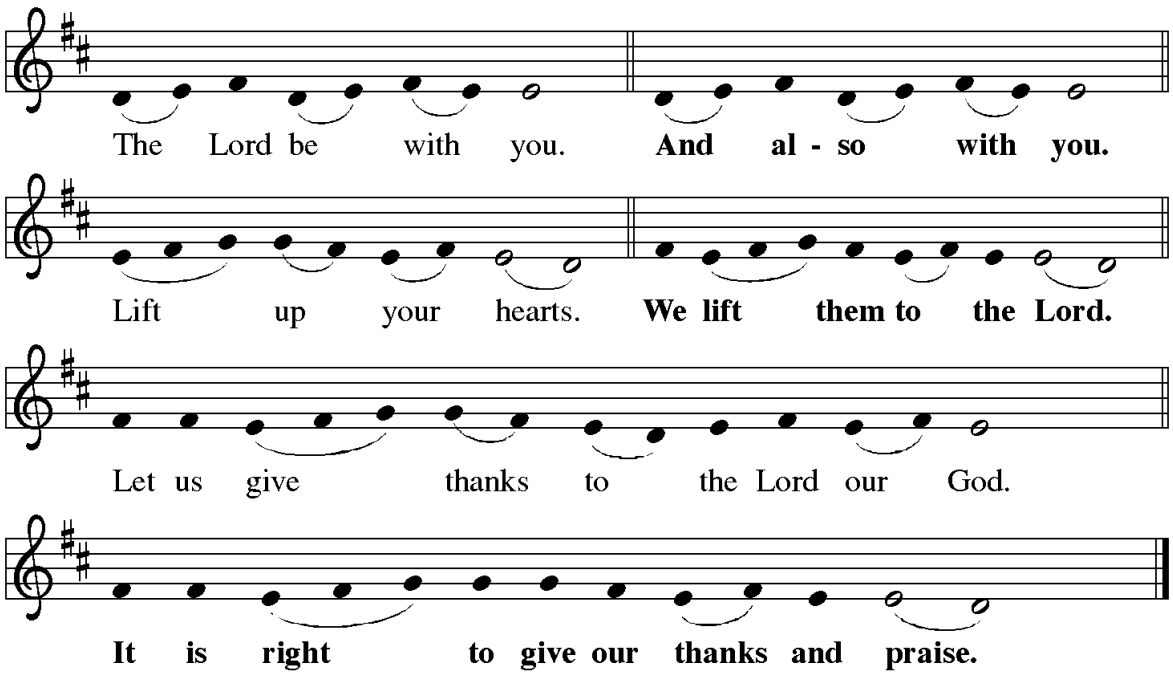
P Let us pray. God of creation,

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

Thanksgiving Dialogue

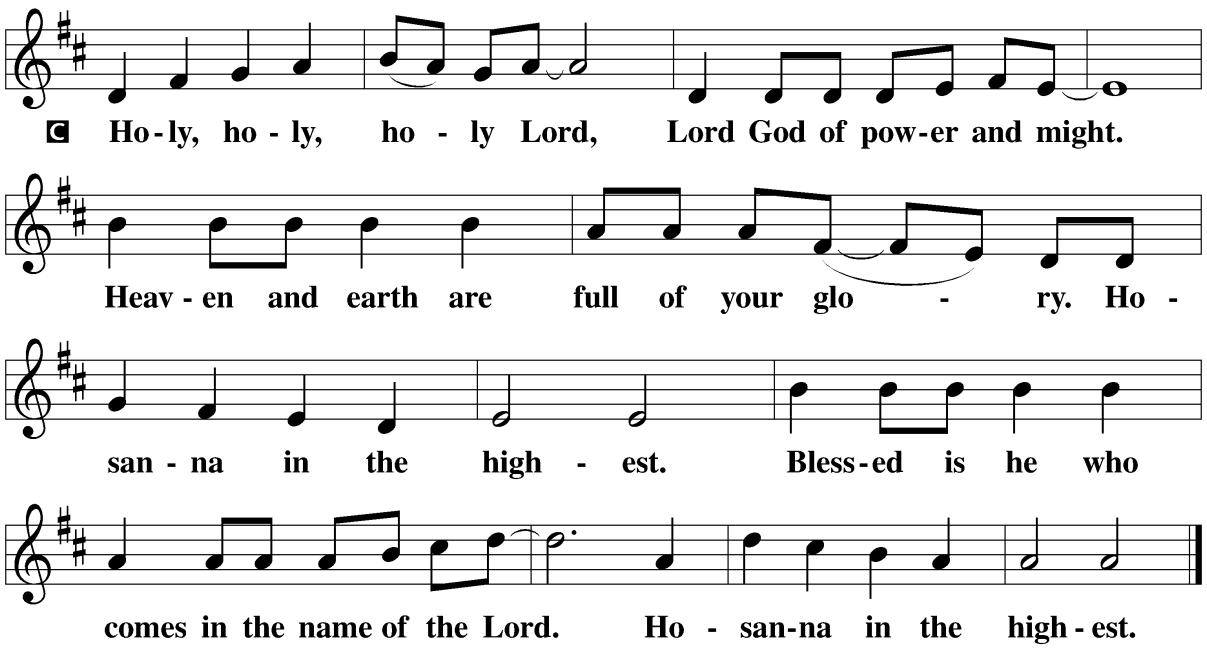


The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right …"
The proper preface concludes: **"**we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus *("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.*

Sanctus



The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

We are seated.

Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.





COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle to receive communion at the altar rail. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

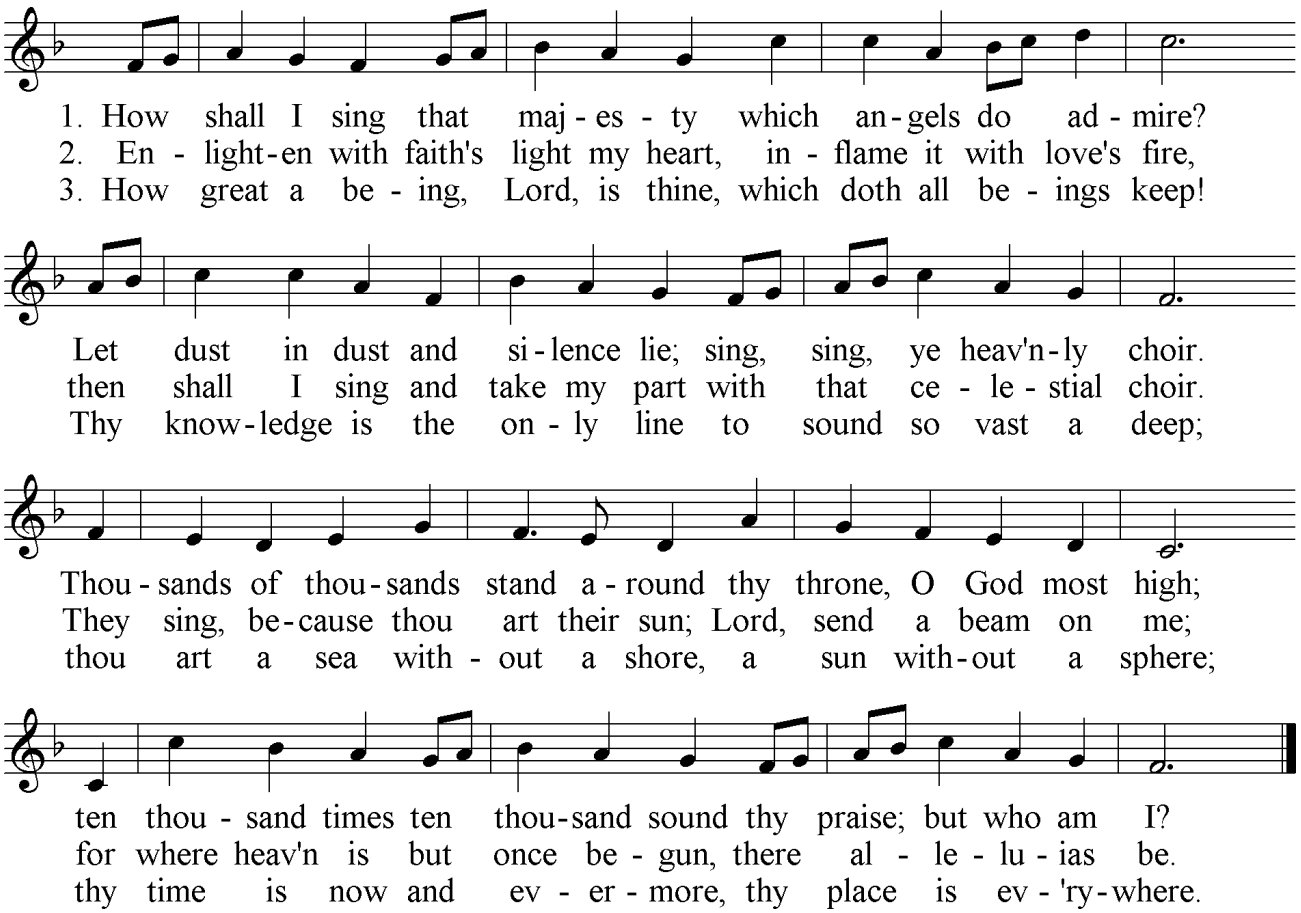
Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Sustaining God,
C with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
C Amen

Hymn *How Shall I Sing That Majesty*



We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude *For All the Saints* Arthur Hutchings

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S		
Sunday, November 1 *All Saints Day*	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 2	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, November 3		
Wednesday, November 4	6:30PM	Choir rehearsal (Nave)
Thursday, November 5		
Friday, November 6	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30 PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, November 7	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, November 8	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	Today	Next Week
Greeter	Susan Ware	Sandy Anders & Lois Ashby
Lector	Eric Mills	Allison Armentrout
Communion Assistant		
Coffee Hour	Jessica & Shon Thompson	

Attendance Last Sunday

Offering Received (Pledges/Loose) $735.00

Budget (Pledges/Loose) $3175.00

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How Shall I Sing That Majesty—text: John Mason; music: Noel, English melody, arr. Arthur S. Sullivan.