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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

10 A.M. Worship

Celebrating the Risen Christ through Acts of Love, Care and Justice

Theme of the Day (Year A)

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us. (Lectionary 33)

Prelude *Abba, Abba Hear Us* Jim Loeffler

Tolling the Worship Hour

Confession and Forgiveness

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

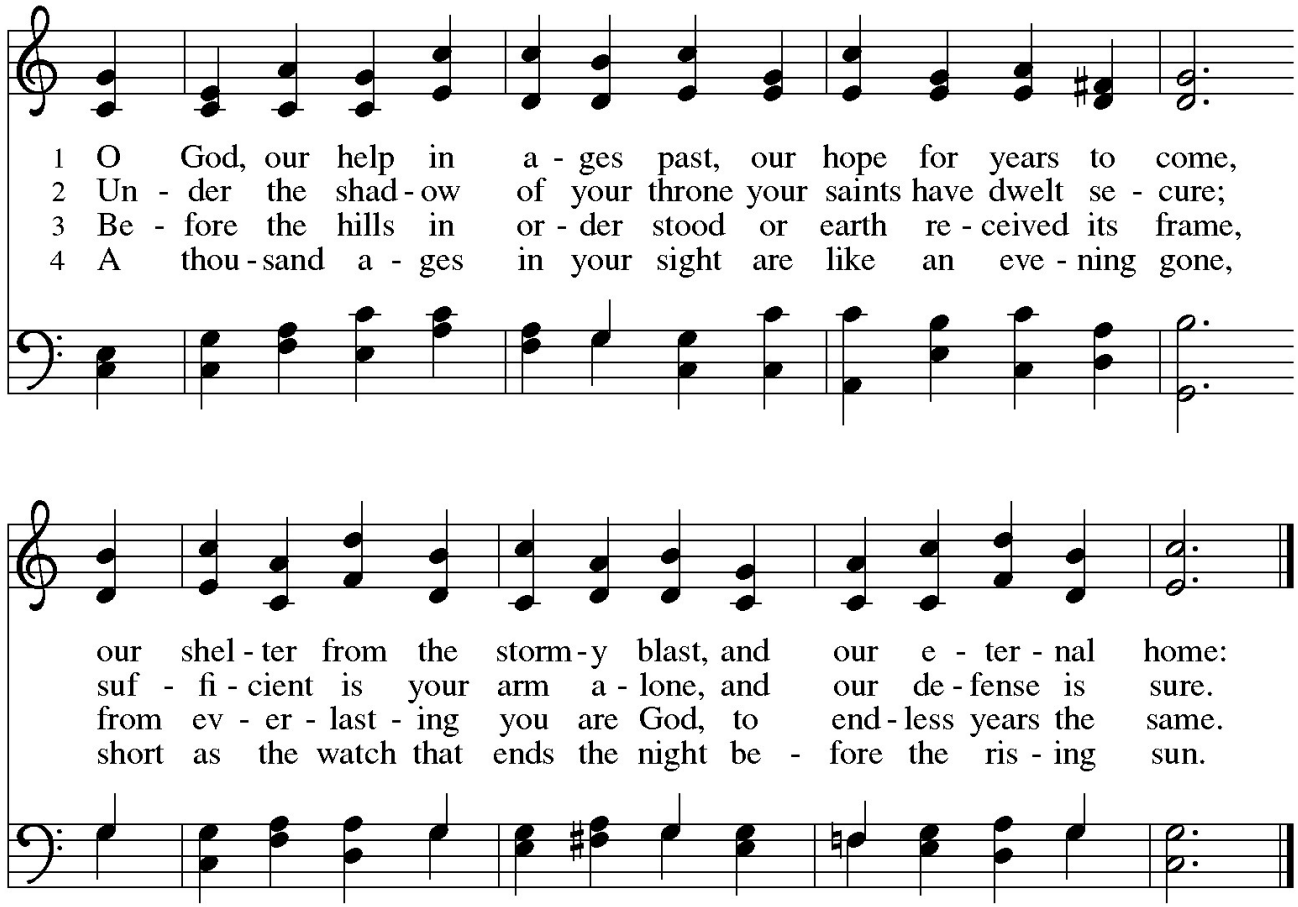
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW #632



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

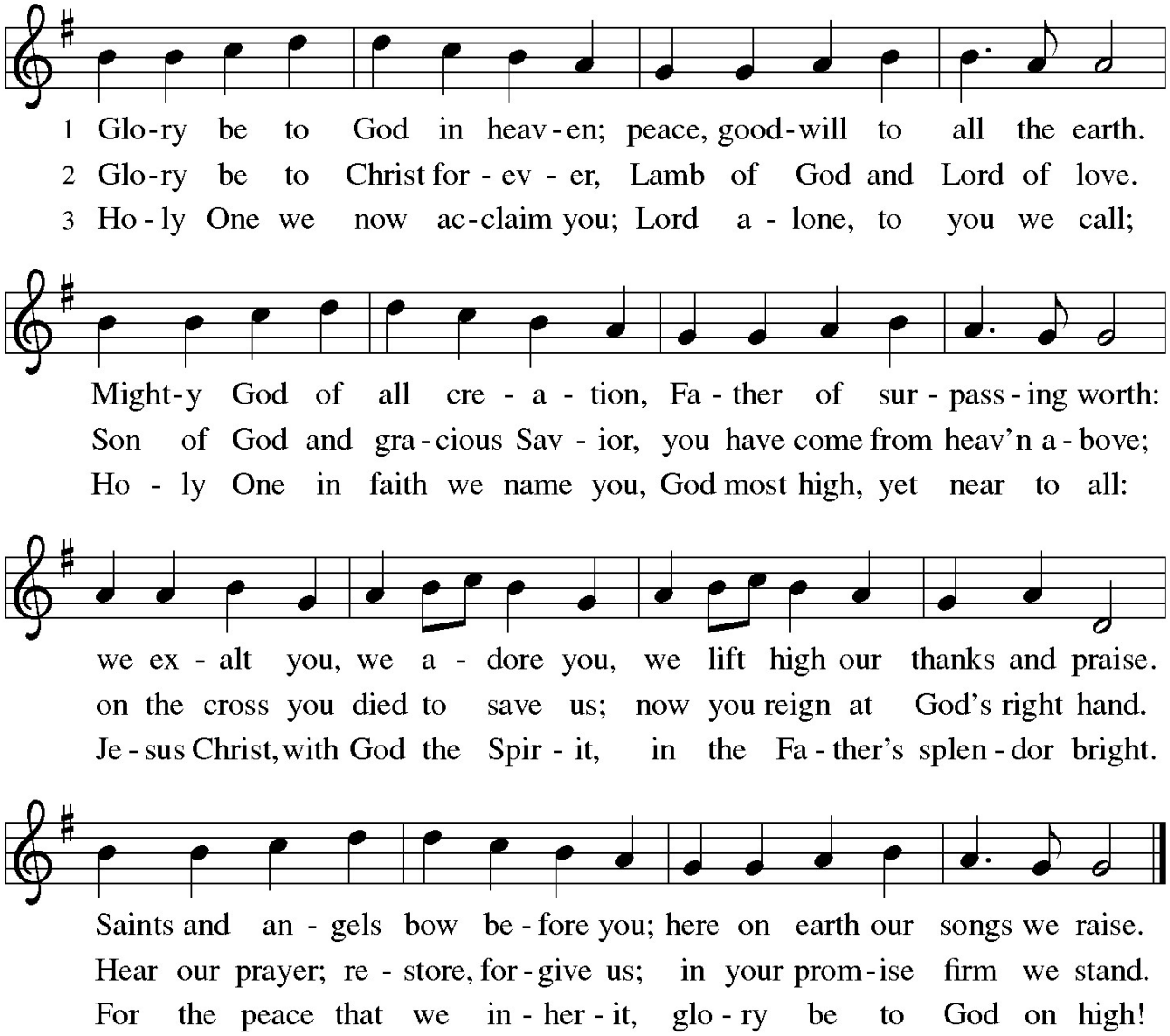
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Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE **GLORY BE TO GOD** **ELW pg. 204**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with You.
And also with you.

Let us pray… Righteous God, our merciful master,
you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon / Announcements

WORD

First Reading **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18** **Pew Bible, pg. 765**

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

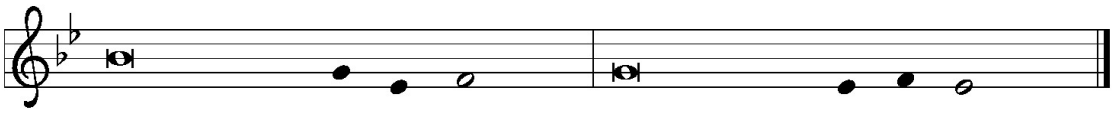
7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day
of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has
prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated
his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with
lamps, and I will punish the people who
settle like dregs in wine, those who say in
their hearts, "The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm." 13 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.

14 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. 15 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,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.

17 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. 18 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.

Response To The First Reading — Psalm 90:1-8, 12



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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 child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

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.**

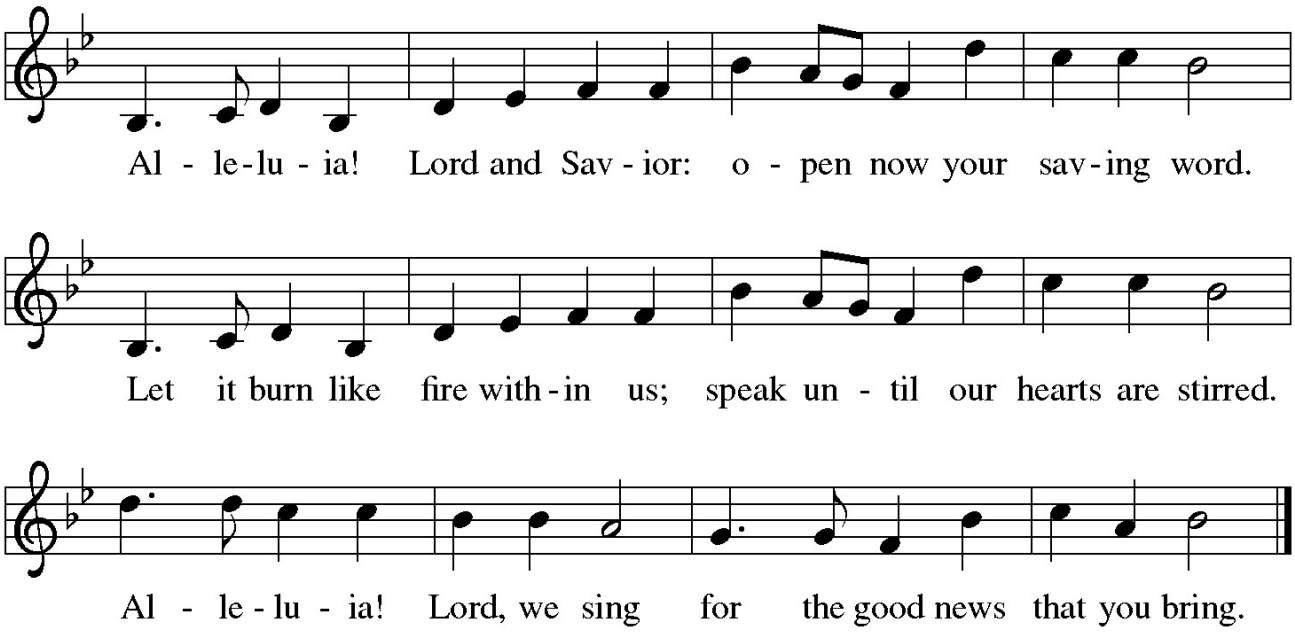
12 So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible, pg. 960

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[1] Now concerning the times and the
seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. [2] For
you yourselves know very well that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. [3] 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! [4] But you, brothers and sisters,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. [8] 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. [9] For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
[10] who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him.
[11] Therefore encourage one another and
build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

Alleluia Verse *(ALL sing)* ELW pg. 205



Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:14-30 — Pew Bible, pg. 807

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if
a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another
two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. At once
16 the one who had received the five
talents went off and traded with them and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made
two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20 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.' 21 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.' 22 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.' 23 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.' 24 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, 25 so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.' 26 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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent
from him, and give it to the one with the
ten talents. 29 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. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw
him into the outer darkness, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of Our Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — Pastor William Jon Irons

HYMN OF THE DAY **O Christ the Same** **ELW #760**



Profession of Faith—Apostles' Creed

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

(after each petition) God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

O Christ the Same
Text: Timothy Dudley–Smith, b. 1926
Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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MEAL

Gathering of Gifts

O God, Our Help in Ages Past Dudley Buck

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SETTING THE TABLE

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

ELW #183



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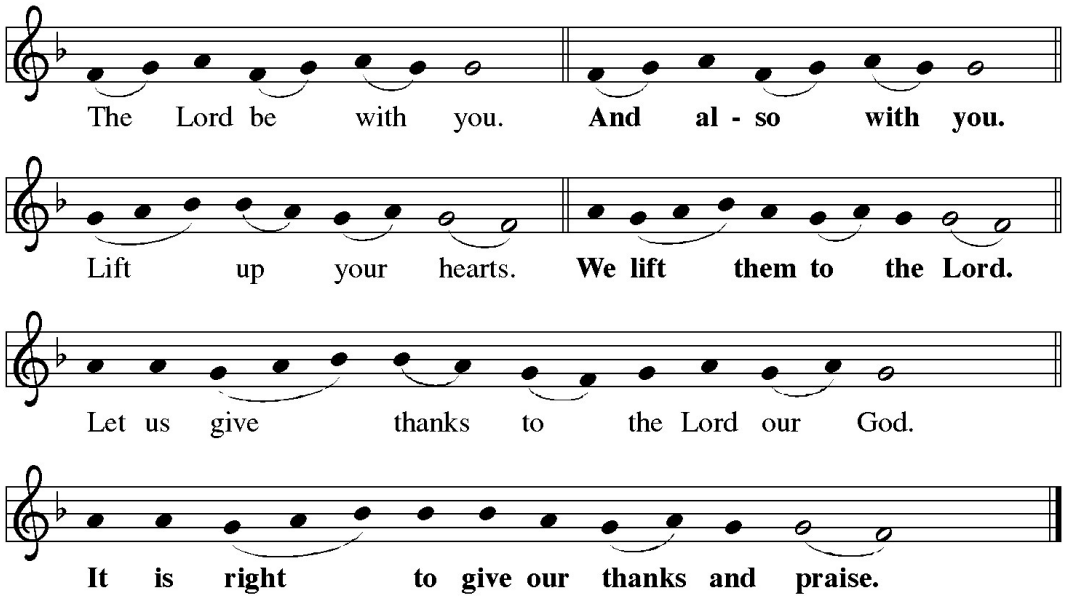
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray…Eternal God,

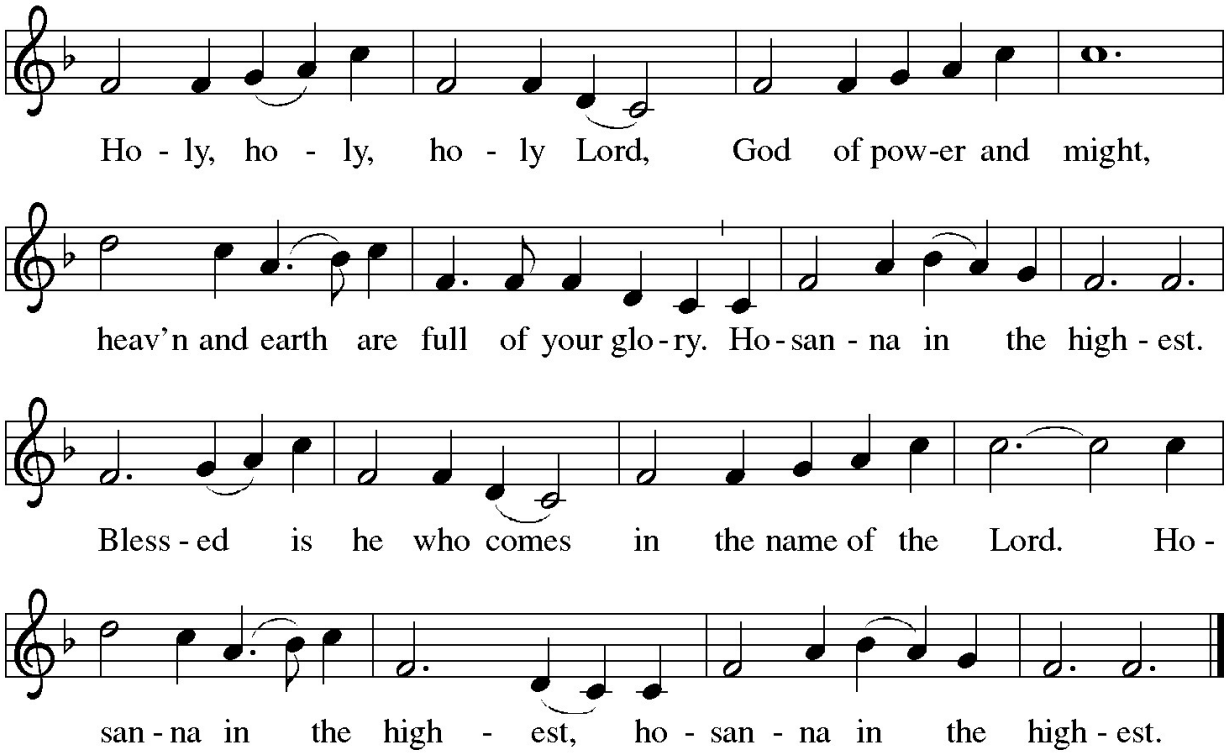
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 206



"It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…and join their unending hymn :

SANCTUS ELW pg. 207



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 208



Abba, Abba, Hear Us



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Music: ARIRANG, Korean traditional
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Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray...Holy God,

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

SENDING

Benediction

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn — Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand





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Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

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