St. George's Episcopal Church

TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

10.00 am

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Munsee Lenape and the Mohican tribes, whose land we now occupy. This region was once their home, and it was taken from them. Their continued presence on this land reminds us of their resilience in the face of genocide and our continued complicity in the echos and benefits of empire. We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

Welcome to St. George's!

If this is your first time as our guest, there is some helpful information on the last page of this bulletin.

We'd love to get to know you!

Please take a moment to share your contact information with us. Scan the QR code to connect online or fill out the form below and give it to an usher.
We're happy you are here!

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Service **8.00 am** **10.00 am** (circle one)

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. People's responses are in ***bold.*** *Music is found in the Hymnal 1982 (Hymnal) and the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (LEVAS).*

Teaching the Psalm

Anglican chant is used throughout The Episcopal Church for singing psalms, usually led by a choir. We use a different chant every month so that we can sing these psalms together as a community. In church music, we usually refer to these by the composer's last name and the musical key of the tune. Music for the psalm is on page 6.

Fisk in B — Charles Fisk (1925-1983)

The Procession into the Sanctuary

The hymn is sung by all.

For all the saints — Hymnal 287, SINE NOMINE

The Prayer for our Children and Sunday School

The children are prayed for by the congregation. Following the prayer, the children will continue on to Sunday School.

Almighty God, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, and watch over these children as they go now to learn and play. Fill their teachers with wisdom and tenderness, keep them safe, and teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and Living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Gloria

The Gloria*, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship. The Gloria is sung by all, using the music on the following pages.*

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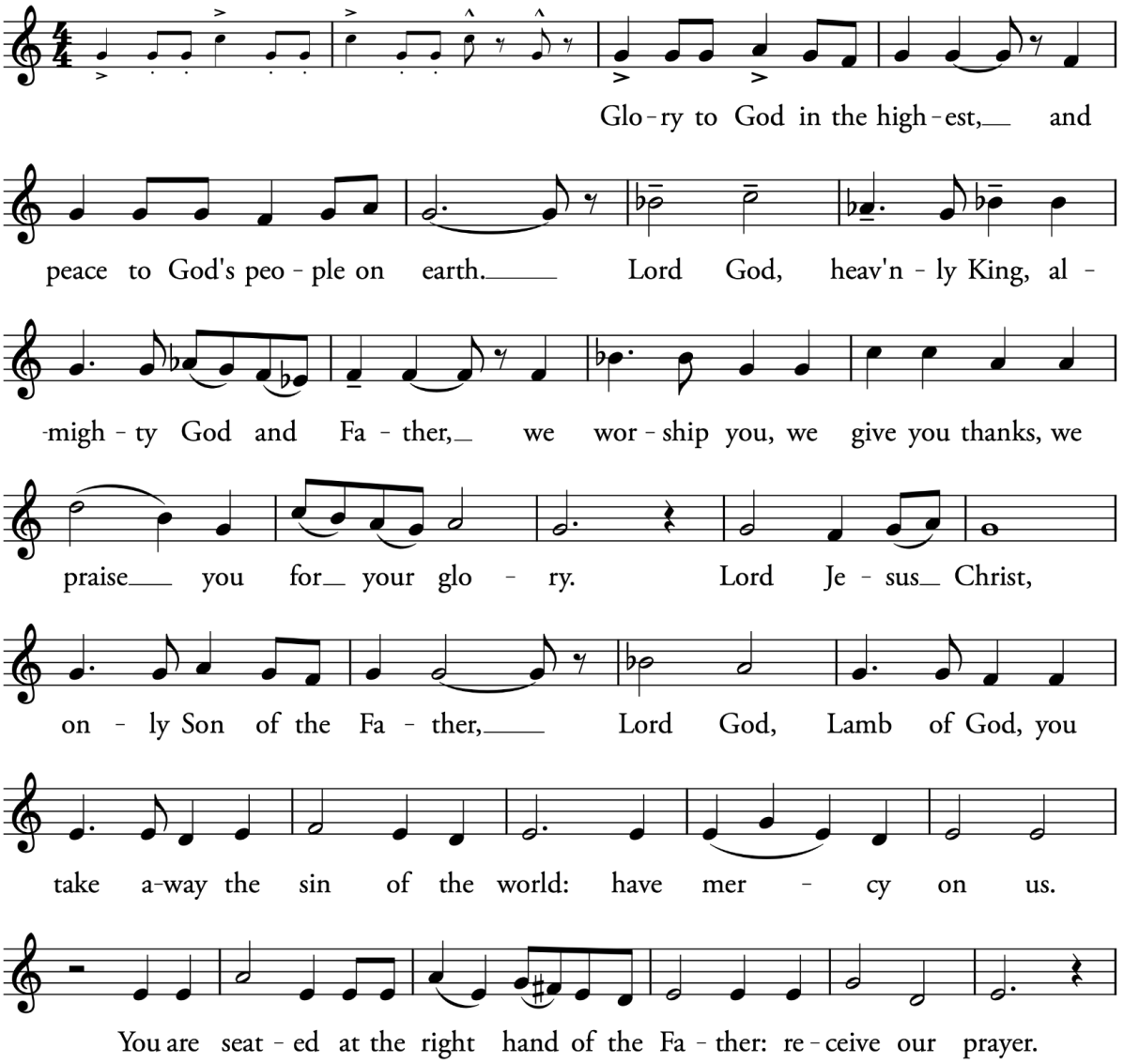
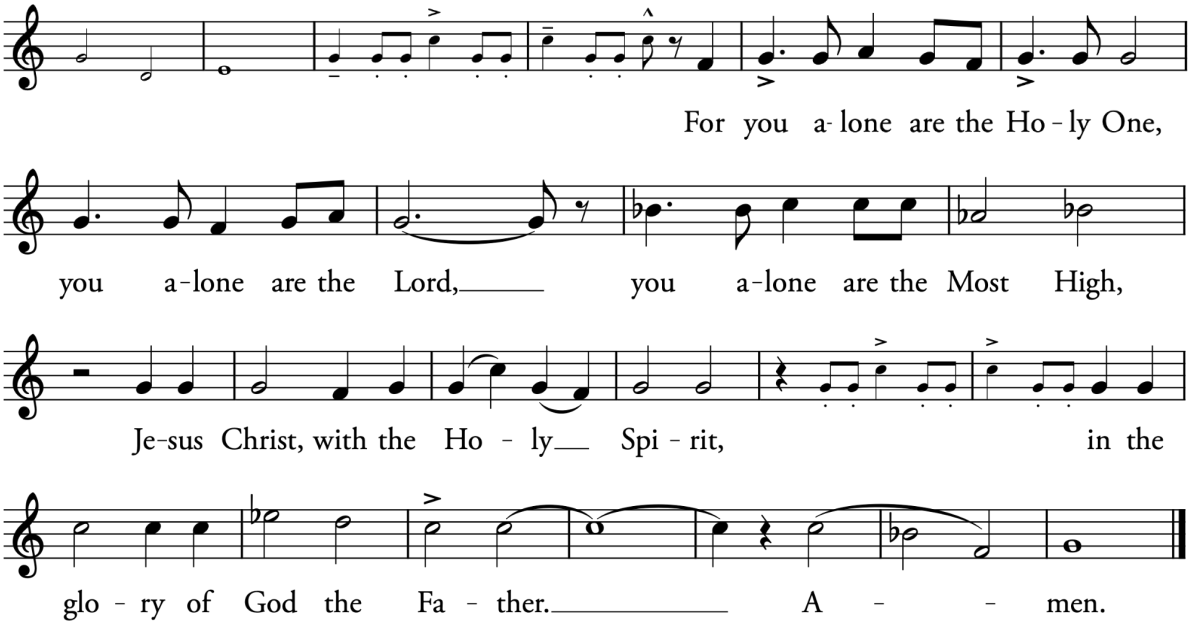
(1934-1992)



The Collect of the Day

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and often quoted.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The Psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

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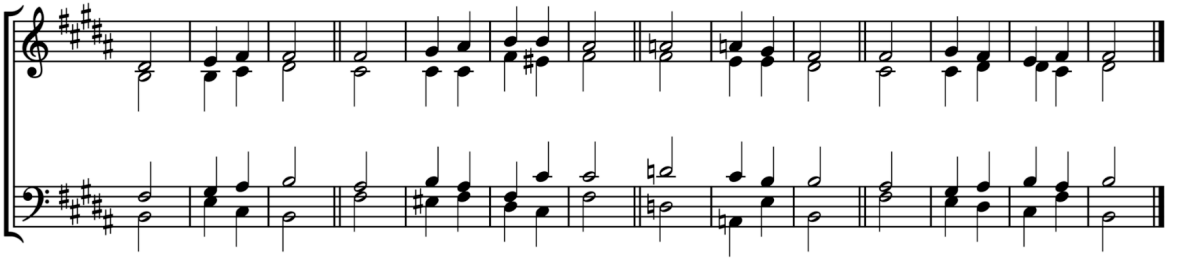

1 I will bless the Lord | at • all | times; *
his praise shall | ever • be | in • my | mouth.

2 I will | glory • in the | Lord; *
let the | hum- • ble | hear • and re- | joice.

3 Proclaim with me the | greatness • of the | Lord; *
let us ex- | alt • his | Name • to- | gether.

4 I sought the Lord, and he | an- • swered | me *
and delivered me | out • of | all • my | terror.

5 Look upon him | and • be | radiant, *
and let not your | fa- • ces | be • a- | shamed.

6 I called in my affliction | and the • Lord | heard me *
and | saved me • from | all • my | troubles.

7 The angels of the Lord encompasses | those • who | fear him, *
and | he • will de- | li- • ver | them.

8 Taste and see that the | Lord • is | good; *
happy are | they • who | trust • in | him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that | are • his | saints, *
for those who | fear • him | LACK | nothing.

10 The young lions lack and | suf- • fer | hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack | no- • thing | that • is | good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life | of • his | servants, *
and none will be | punished • who | trust • in | him.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:`-3

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles of the Revelation to John.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The sequence hymn moves us towards the summit of the Liturgy of the Word - the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news" - specifically the "good news of Jesus." The hymn is sung by all.

Come, ye disconsolate LEVAS 147
Samuel Webb

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

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

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Robert Morris

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Plenty Good Room

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Leader: Gracious God, you have made "plenty good room" for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, our prayers this week are especially for the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of St. Dunstan's, Succasunna; and in our Parish cycle of prayer, we pray for William, Alexandra, Claire, Thomas & Nathaniel Chou; Ricky Cortez, Anthony Zuco, Abby & Josh; Meg, Scott, Theo & Izzy Davis; and Magaly Denis-Roman.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of life, who calls us to beat our swords into ploughshares and to turn from violence toward the ways of healing, we lament that school shootings have become so common that our hearts risk growing numb to them. Keep us from receiving another shooting as merely one more tragedy and help us remember that behind every headline are lives to be mourned and names to be remembered. With each new shooting, bombing, and violent attack, we struggle to grieve and respond faithfully. Awaken us, O Lord, for your children cry out. Families grieve, the wounded suffer, and many are weary and afraid. Help us to remain compassionate amid so much suffering, and move us to act on behalf of those at risk of violence. Help us, as a nation and as a world, to seek just and effective measures to prevent violence and pursue peace, so that no child may know the terror of violence at school. You have called us to protect life through love. Give us the strength to live this out each day through the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless our stewardship campaign, so that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure may serve as faithful expressions of our trust in you.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of creation, you have made a world with "plenty good room" for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need.

Silence is held for the names to be offered aloud.

Surround them with your healing and your peace.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your warm embrace. We remember especially Jeff Hou.

Silence is held for the names to be offered aloud.

People: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is "plenty good room" for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacraments of Holy Communion.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

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

The Announcements

Birthday Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessings

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:
We give you thanks for the union of these your servants who stand before us this day. Send your blessing upon them, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Please be seated as the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the collection is received.

Your giving is vital in continuing our mission and ministry to be an instrument of God's unconditional love in the world! You may offer your gift as the plate is passed, online at e-giving.stgeorges-maplewood.org, or by using the QR code.

The Presentation Anthem

The anthem is sung by the Choir.

Sanctus — Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

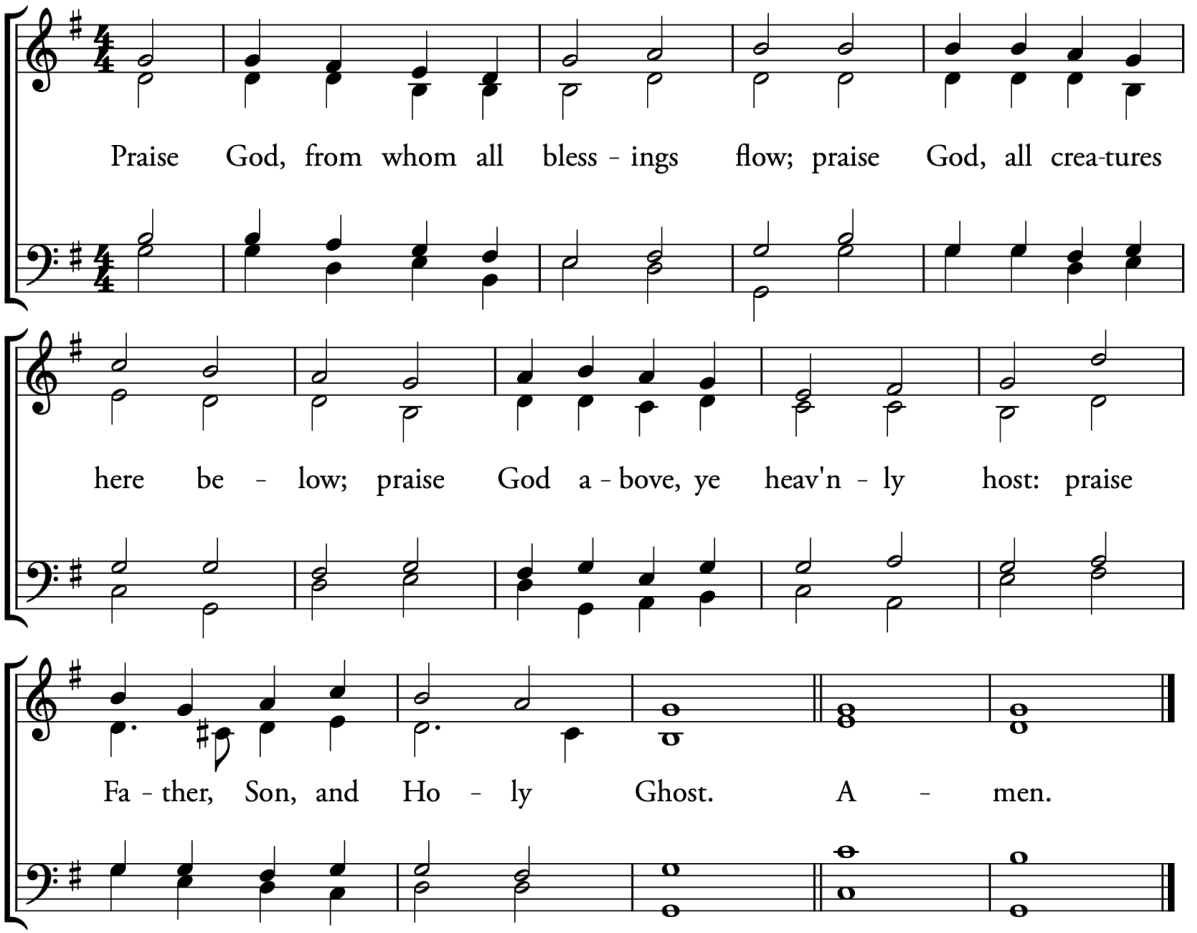
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	Holy, holy, holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is the one who comes
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

~Mass Ordinary, ref. Isaiah 6:3, codified in the 5th century

The Doxology

The doxology is sung by all..

OLD HUNDREDTH



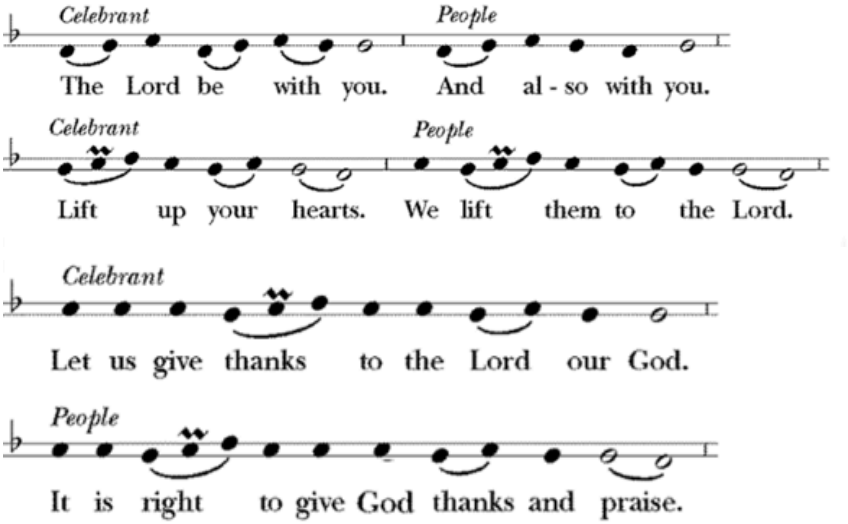
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching our Worship

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed,

broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The people remain standing.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

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:

The Sanctus

The Sanctus *(Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3. The Sanctus is sung by all, using the music on the following page.*

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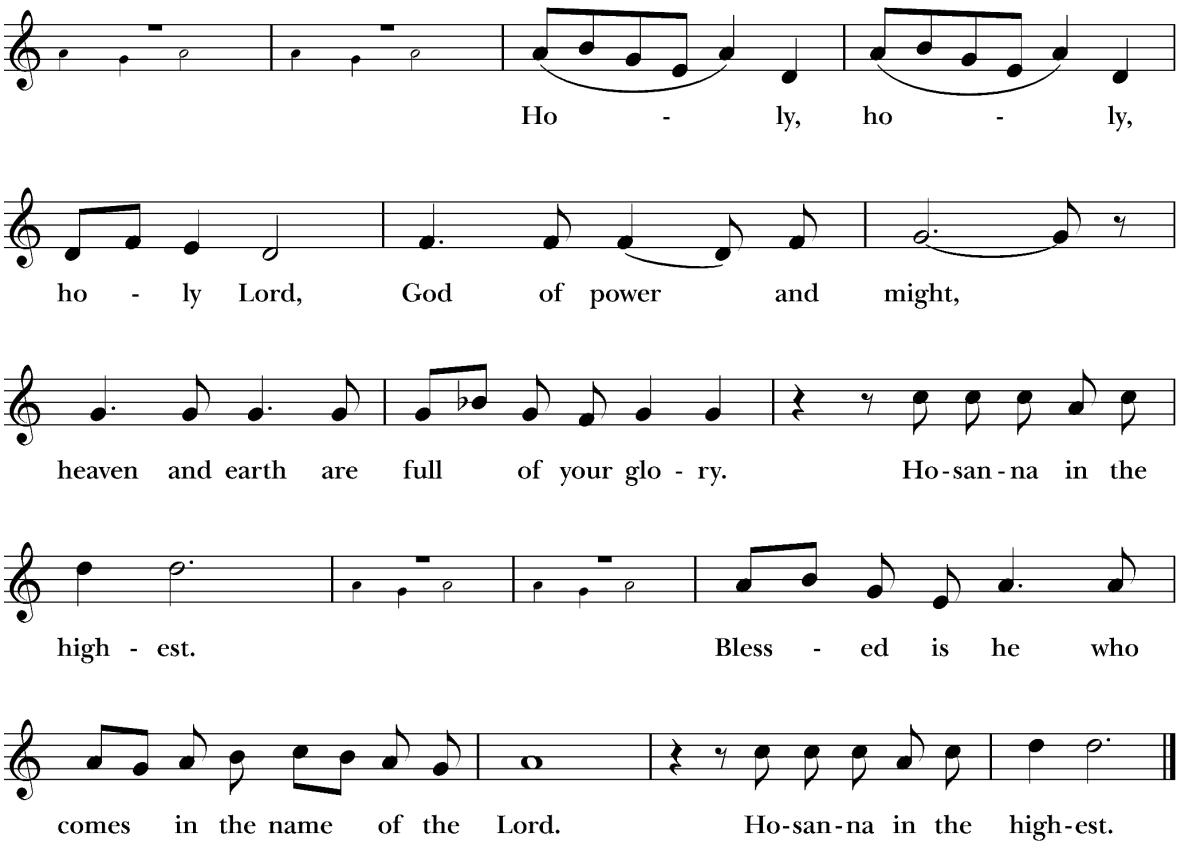


We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider said the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayers, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine. The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues:

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."
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

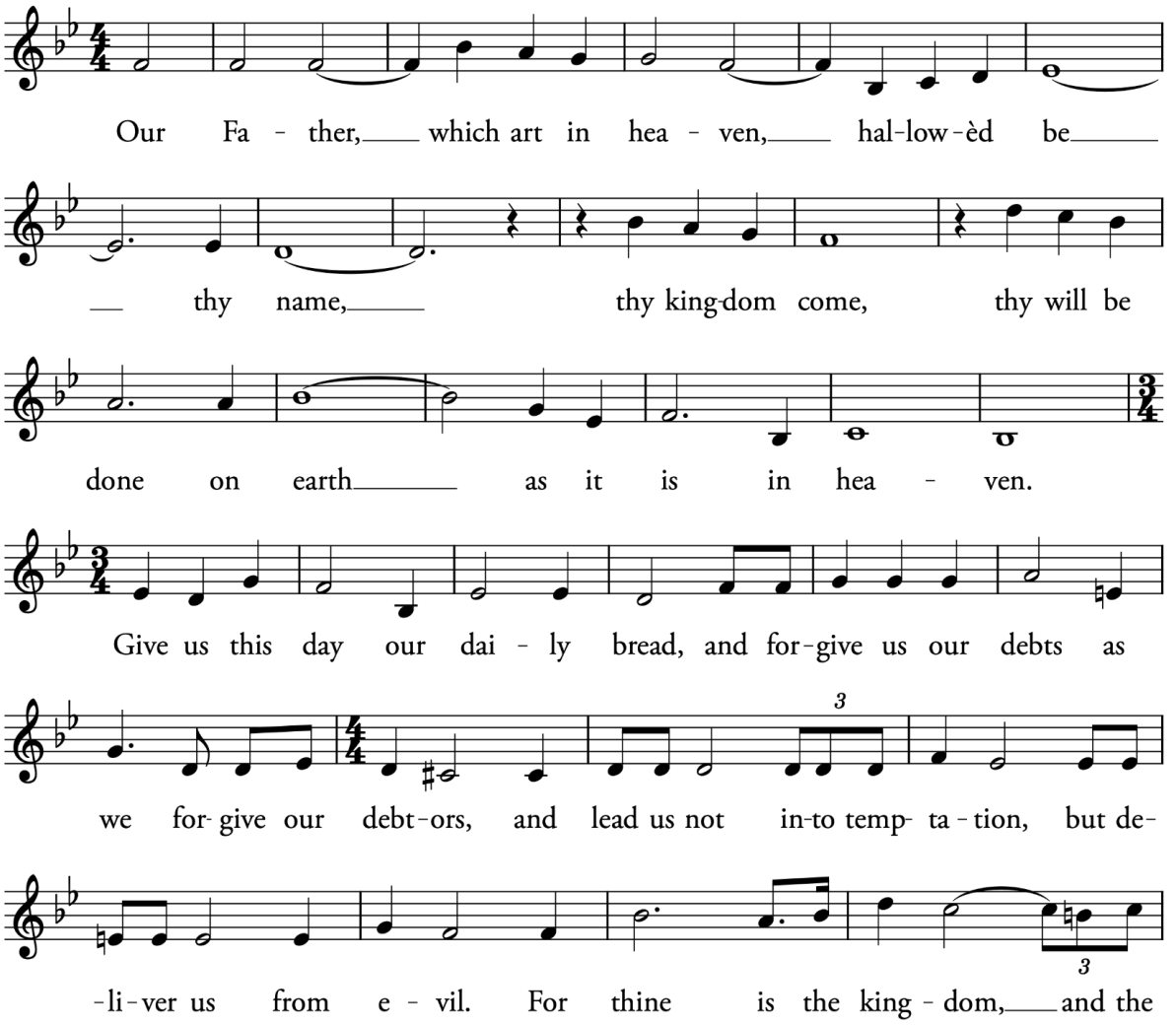
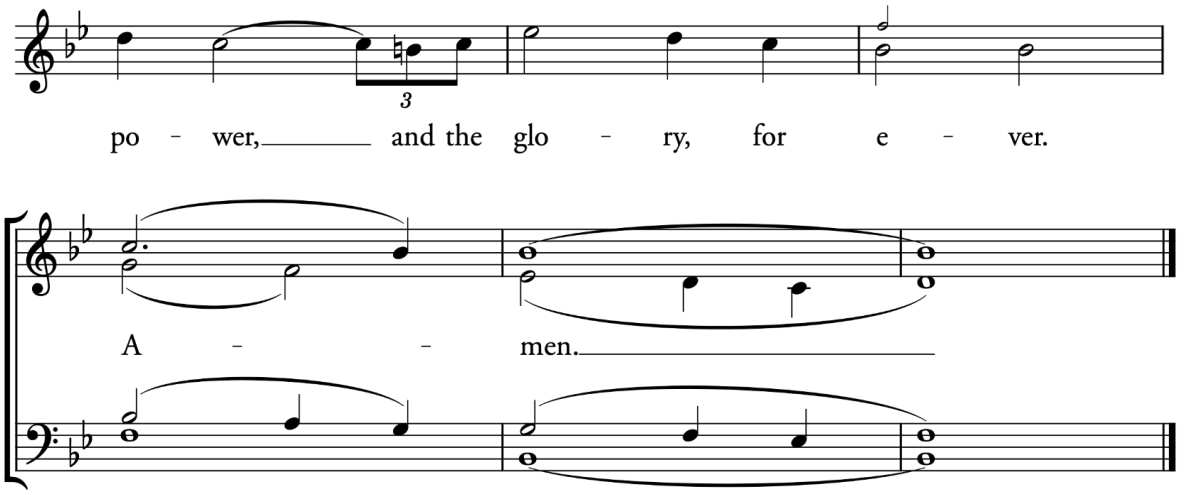
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregational response.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

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

The Lord's Prayer — Albert Hay Malotte, adapted (1895-1964)



The Breaking of the Bread

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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is a full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you wish to receive through intinction (dipping the bread), please let the minister know when you come forward to receive the bread. The ministers will intinct for you. If you wish to drink from the chalice, after receiving the bread, please move to the chalice to the left or right of the minister.

The Communion Meditation

Music sung during communion is meant to draw the listener closer to God as we share in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist together.

Let us now praise famous ones — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Let us now praise famous ones,
and our parents that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,
ones renowned for their power,

leaders of the people
by their counsels, and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes,
and recited verses in writing:

All these were honoured in their generations,
and were the glory of their times.

And some there be which have no memorial;
who are perished, as though they had never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace;
but their name liveth for ever more.

~Sirach 44

The Communion Hymn

The hymn is sung by all during the reception of the Eucharist.

I sing a song of the saints of God — Hymnal 293
GRAND ISLE

The Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with those who cannot be present at this table.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as we pray.

Let us pray.
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, to which they respond ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

The Celebrant now dismisses the people.

Our worship has ended; our service in the world continues. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

The Procession out into the World

The hymn is sung by all.

O for a thousand tongues — Hymnal 493
AZMON

The Postlude

The postlude is a piece of music, usually for solo organ or sometimes piano, at the close of a service of worship. It is usually a continuation or an expansion of the overall feeling of the service, and it is meant as a bridge between corporate worship and private devotion.

III. Chaconne — Dieterich Buxtehude
from Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major, BuxWV 137 — (1637-1707)

Join us for Coffee Hour.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Rene Campbell & Rosemary McHugh,
by Lindsay & James McHugh.

Welcome to St. George's!
If this is your first time as our guest, here is some helpful information:

Bathrooms are located in the Parish Lounge. The Lounge is located through the door to the left of the altar area, continue straight, and it is the first large space you arrive at. If you are in need of a nursing/changing area for your youngest, please continue in the same direction down the hall. The Rector's office is open for your use during worship.

We offer Sunday School and Nursery care during our 10am service. At the beginning of worship, we pray over our Sunday School, then send them off together. The older elementary group meets downstairs in the classroom next to the Parish Hall *(Take the stairwell on your right as you leave the sanctuary, then turn right into the Parish Hall)*. The younger elementary group and the nursery also meet downstairs *(From the Parish Hall, go up the stairs next to the stage)*.

Children are always welcome to remain in worship! We embrace the coos, ahhs, and cries of children in worship; it is how they know to worship and their offerings are pleasing to God. Do not fret if they make noise or need to wiggle a little. In the Narthex *(back of the sanctuary by the front doors)*, there are books, coloring sheets, fidget toys, and other faith based activities for them to engage while in worship if they need them.

A Step out space is available in the Parish Lounge for any who might need a moment of quiet or solitude during worship. The service is live streamed on the TV in the room, so you are still a part of worship. The Lounge also has a water fountain if you need a drink, as well as books, creative supplies, and fidget toys for those who need them.

Coffee Hour is located downstairs in the Parish Hall *(Take the stairwell on your right as you leave the sanctuary, then turn right).* We hope you will join us for some refreshment and conversation!

Our Ushers are happy to assist you during worship. Two are located in the Narthex *(back of the sanctuary by the front doors)* and one is located by the back entrance leading to the rest of the church building.

Looking to connect with a ministry?
Here are the Vestry Ministry Companion assignments.

St. George's Vestry

Senior Warden: Aleeda Crawley, *Property & Grounds, Fundraising*
Junior Warden: Magaly Denis-Roman, *Social Justice & Advocacy*
Denise Brown Allen, *Fun & Fellowship*
Nick Heller, *Community Evangelism*
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