NOVEMBER 1, 2026
11:00AM

ALL SAINTS' DAY

ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS
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LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us! Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!

The Holy Spirit gathers us in love around the means of grace: the living Word and the holy sacraments. At the table of communion, Christ comes to us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, then sends us forth to carry the good news and serve all in need.

We welcome families with young children. Little ones may delight in the Prayground rug in the Narthex, and the nursery is open for ages 0–4. The laughter and voices of children are a treasured blessing in our worship.

Please sign in at the Welcome Desk or on your smartphone and wear a name tag so we can greet each other by name.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the narthex, or you can listen through your smart phone. The ushers are happy to help you.

Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.**

PRELUDE

ORGAN SONATA NO. 4 IN B-FLAT MAJOR: *ANDANTE RELIGIOSO*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN, OP. 65

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

The tower bell rings as we begin worship.

The people are seated for the musical reflection.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

LITENAI — FRANZ SCHUBERT

Litany for the Feast of All Souls

Ruhn in Frieden alle Seelen,
Die vollbracht ein banges Quälen,
Die vollendet süssen Traum,
Lebenssatt, geboren kaum,
Aus der Welt hinüber schieden:
Alle Seelen ruhn in Frieden!

Und die nie der Sonne lachten,
Unterm Mond auf Dornen wachten,
Gott, im reinen Himmelslicht,
Einst zu sehn von Angesicht:
Alle, die von hinnen schieden,
Alle Seelen ruhn in Frieden!

May all souls rest in peace;
those whose fearful torment is past;
those whose sweet dreams are over;
those sated with life, those barely born,
who have left this world:
may all souls rest in peace!

And those who never smiled at the sun,
who lay awake beneath the moon on beds of thorns,
so that they might one day see God face to face
in the pure light of heaven:
may all who have departed hence,
may all souls rest in peace!

The people stand as they are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

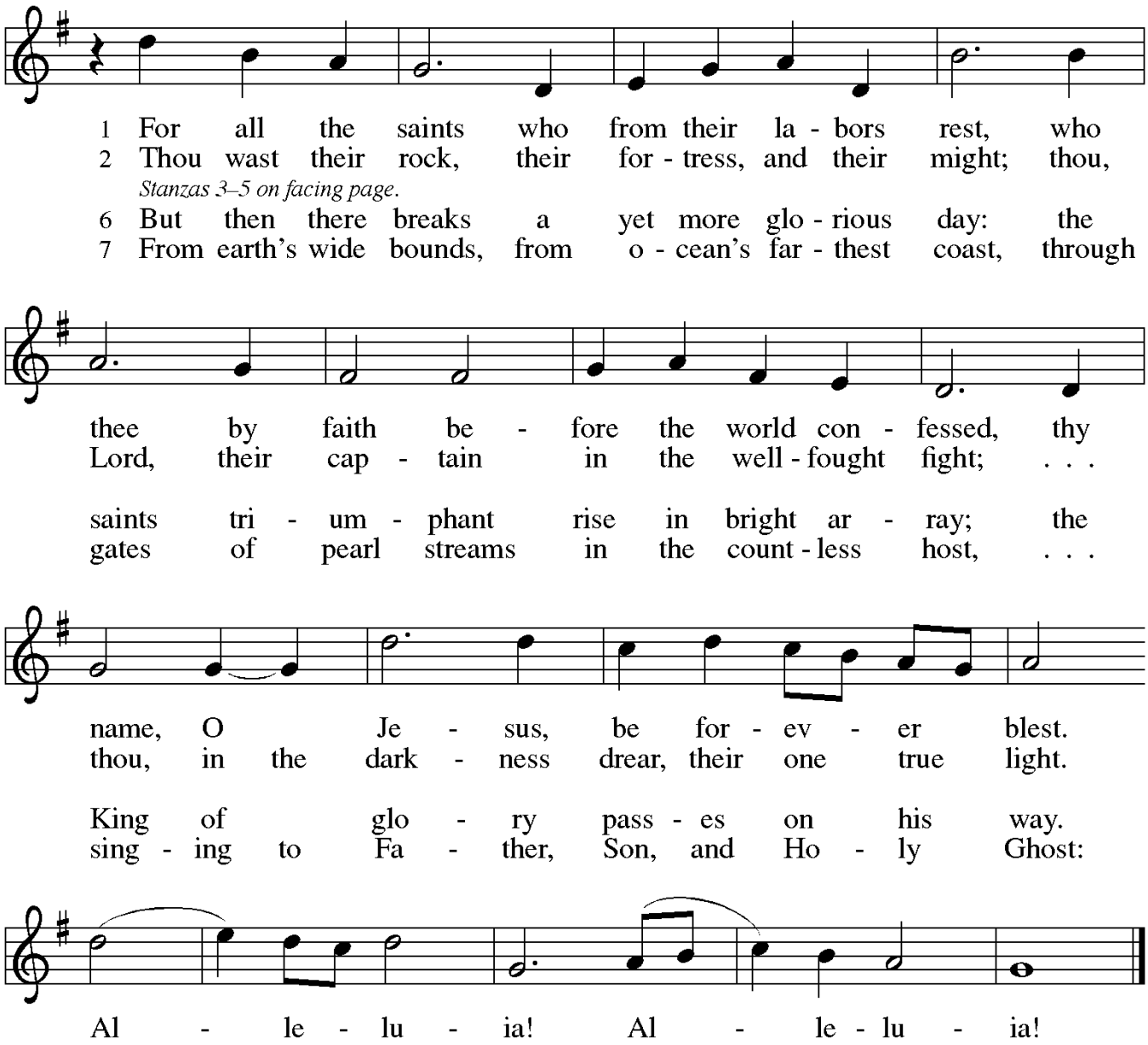
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
FOR ALL THE SAINTS

ELW 422
SINE NOMINE



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The people are seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9–17

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."

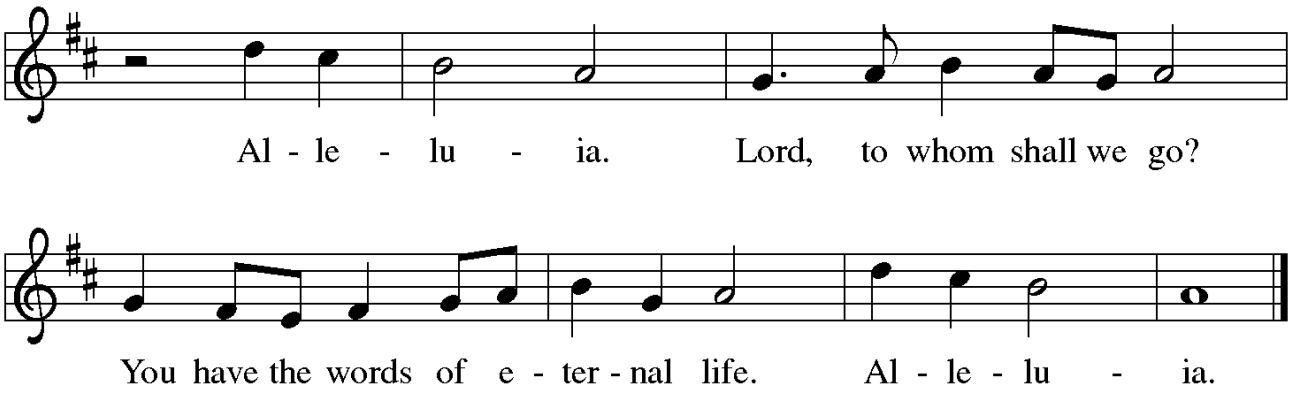
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in the blood 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."
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

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

The people stand as they are able for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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 And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S INVITATION

As the adults are seated, the children are invited to come forward for their special time.

CHILDREN'S SONG
I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

CHILDREN'S TIME

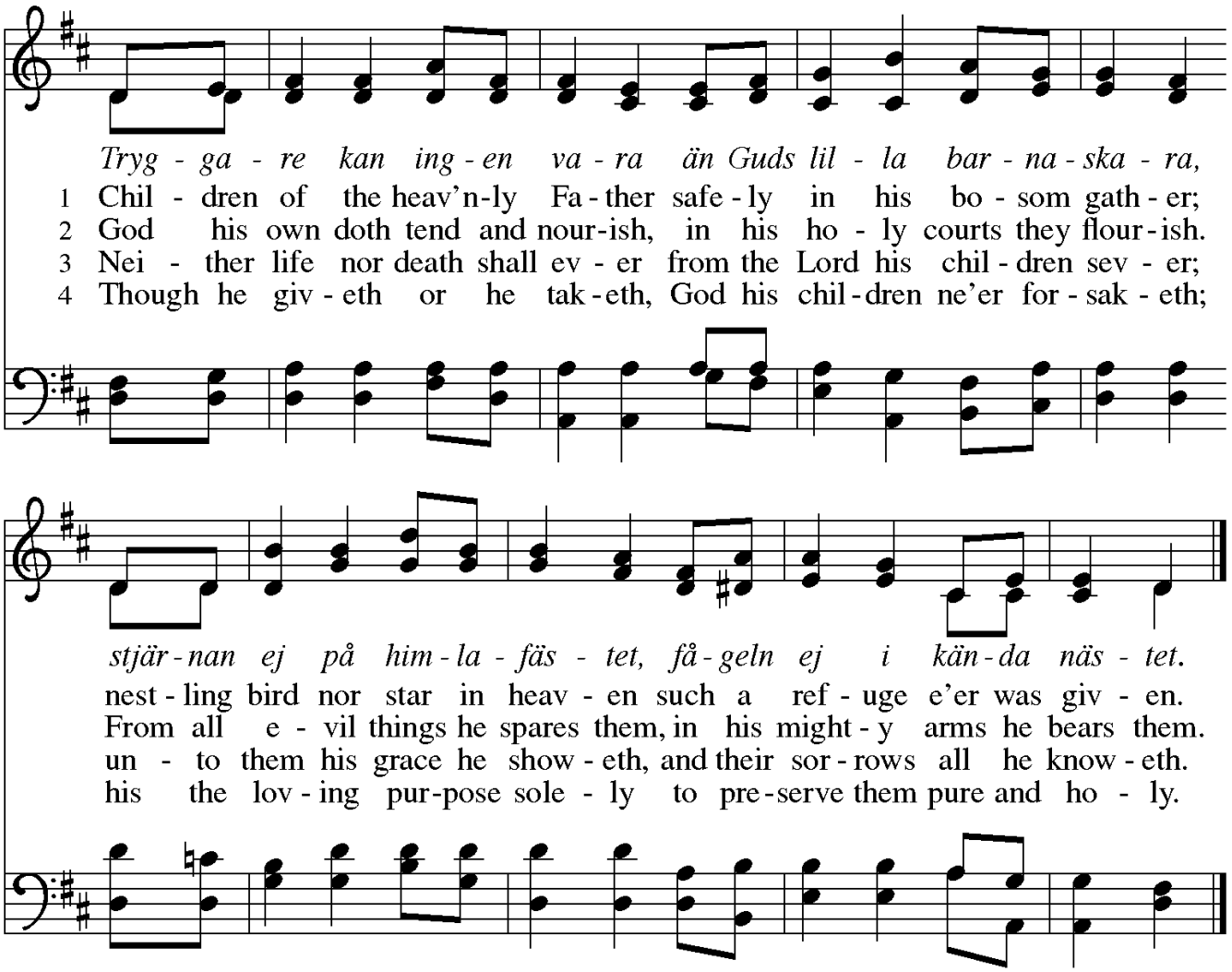
SERMON

The people stand as they are able.

Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during this time. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 781

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER — *Tryggare kan ingen vara*



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 INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this All Saints' Day, with grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, including those among us who have left this world in the past year:

Leona Abrahamson
Terry Adcock
Helen Altobello
Jo Ann Buerger
Stan Cravatt
E. David Henry
Eugene Johnson
Bob Mann
Bunny Oliver
Arthur Zenkner

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presiding Minister: 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.

The people greet their neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

The people are seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give now as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to saintmartins.org/giving or scan the QR code.

MUSICAL OFFERING

LACRYMOSA FROM *REQUIEM*

HOWARD GOODALL

(DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP)

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

The people stand as they are able.

OFFERING HYMN
HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

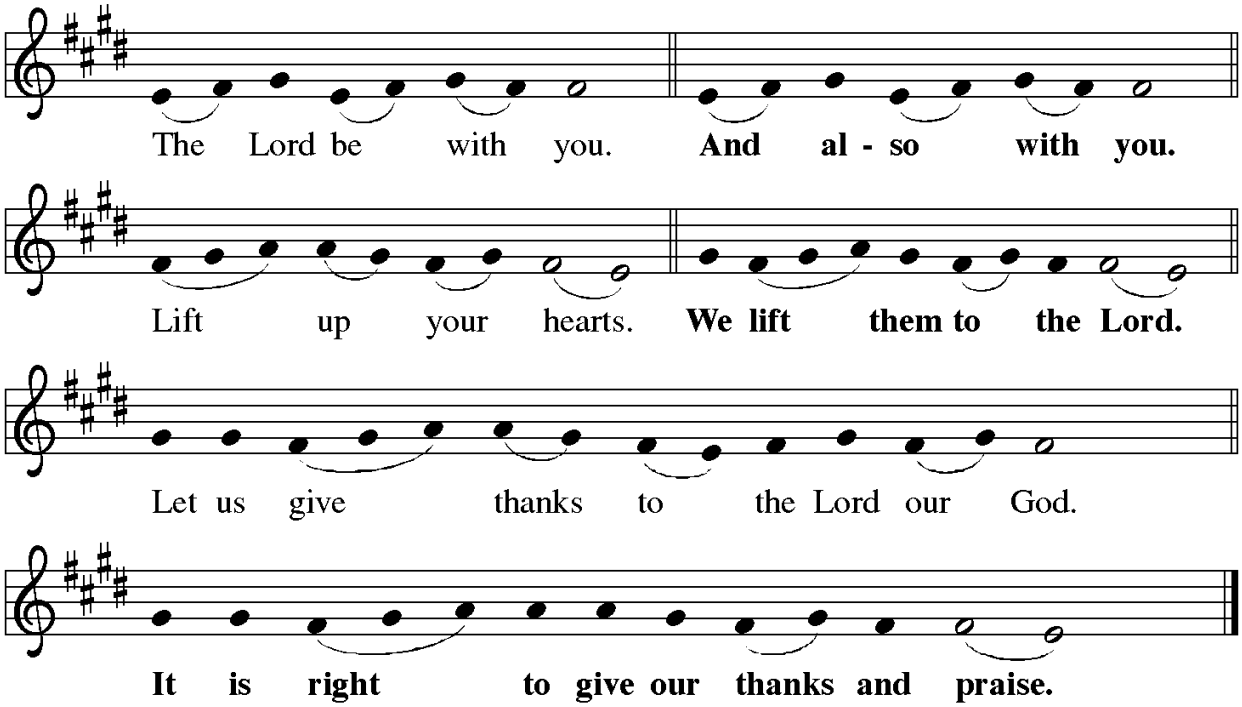
ELW 414
GROSSER GOTT

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

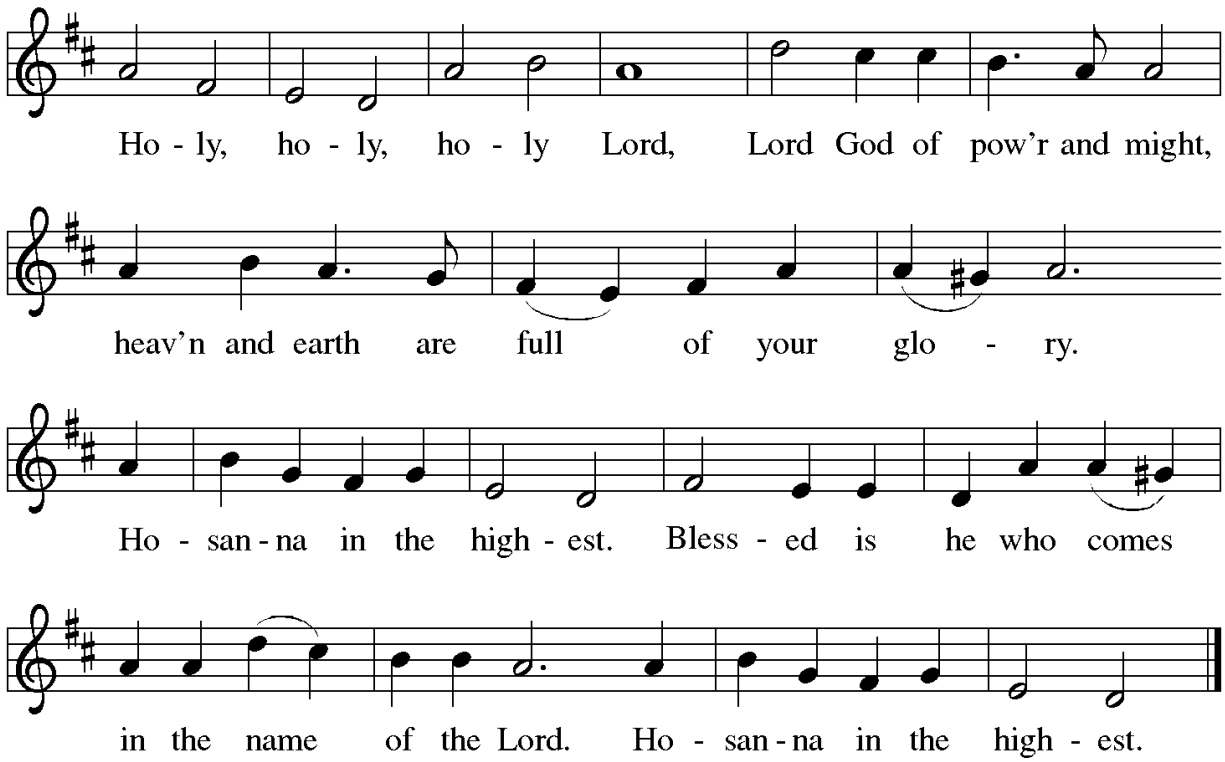
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



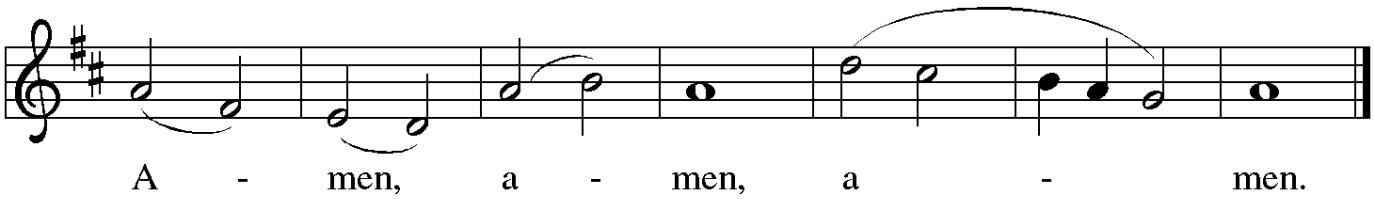
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, … and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God…
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son…
to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore…
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory in your holy Church,
both now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

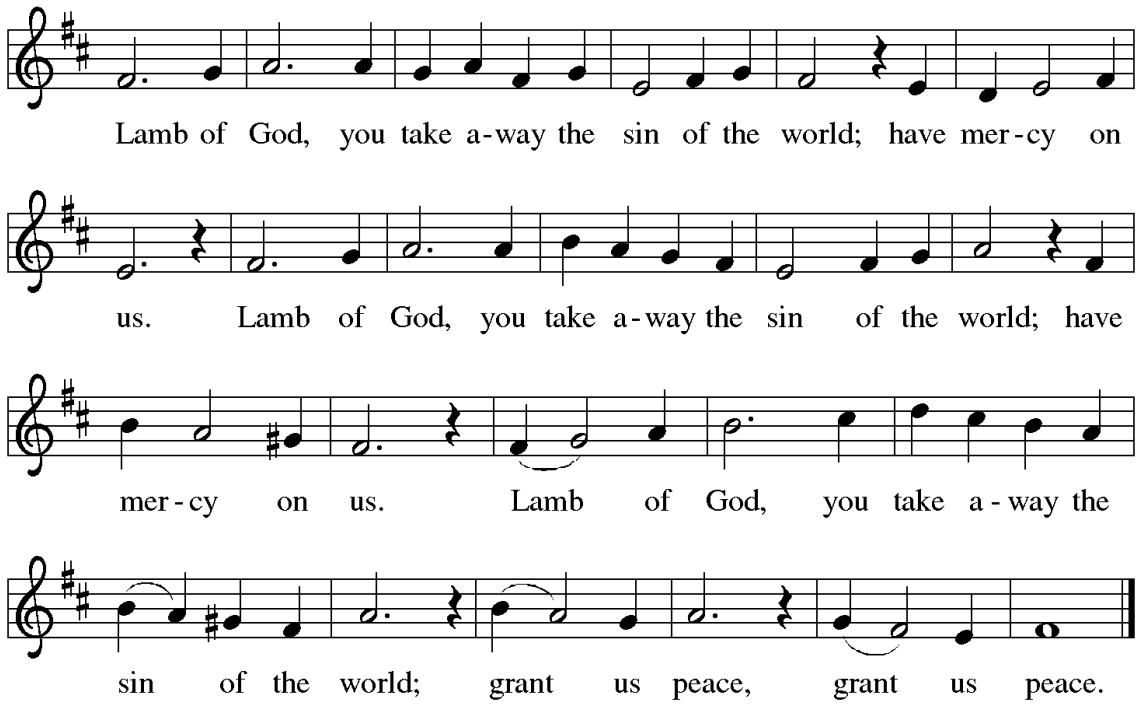
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. We practice distribution by taking the wafer in your hand, then before consuming the bread, dipping it into the bowl of wine. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest at the altar. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available on the small table as you approach the altar. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you. You are invited to bring your personal prayer concerns to the Stephen minister who will be near the altar. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table nearby.

AGNUS DEI



MUSIC AT COMMUNION

DEEP RIVER — AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

The people stand as they are able.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God bless you always
Happy Birthday to you!

You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

The people stand as they are able.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING MEDITATION
IN PARADISUM FROM *REQUIEM* GABRIEL FAURÉ

In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam jerusalem.
chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum lazaro quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise:
may the martyrs receive you as you arrive,
and bring you into the holy city of jerusalem.
may the choir of angels receive you,
and with lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
IMPROVISATION ON *SINE NOMINE* (FOR ALL THE SAINTS)

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Alan Watt - *preaching/presiding*
Mike Bruemmer - *assisting minister*
Nancy Schroeder - *lector*
Carey Henderson, Jaime Brown - *communion assistants*
Kathy Edgar - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*
Austin Haller - *Organist & Associate Director of Music*
St. Martin's Choir
Lisa Lamb - *harp*

Mike Kaase - *sound*
Norm Hummell, Joel Anderson, August Anderson - *ushers*
Joan O'Mara - *Welcome Desk*
Carey Henderson, Joan O'Mara - *Altar Guild*
Connections Committee - *fellowship snacks*

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