

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX
## The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of the Reign of Christ
## November 22nd, 2026
## 8:00 am & 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.
And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door
And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

**The Processional Hymn**

**The Hymnal 1982 #494 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
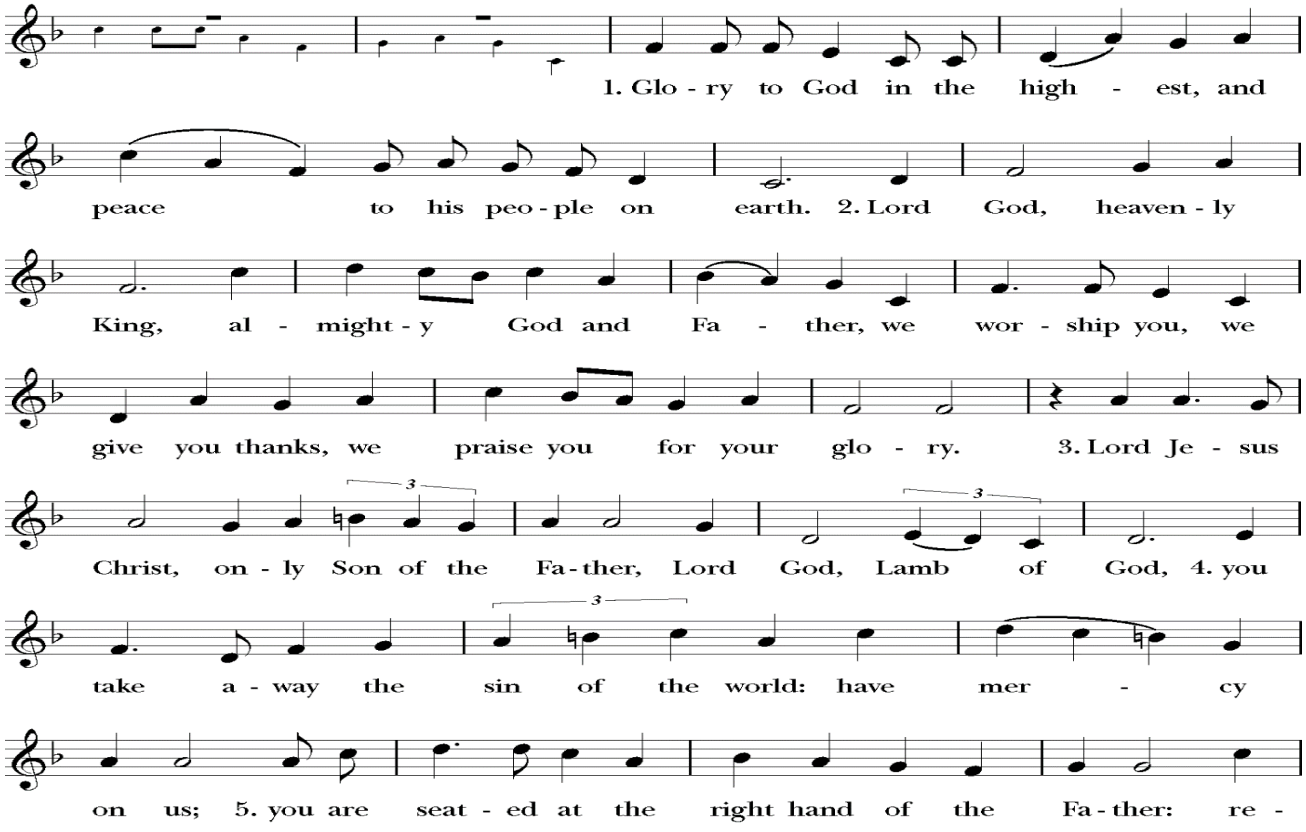
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

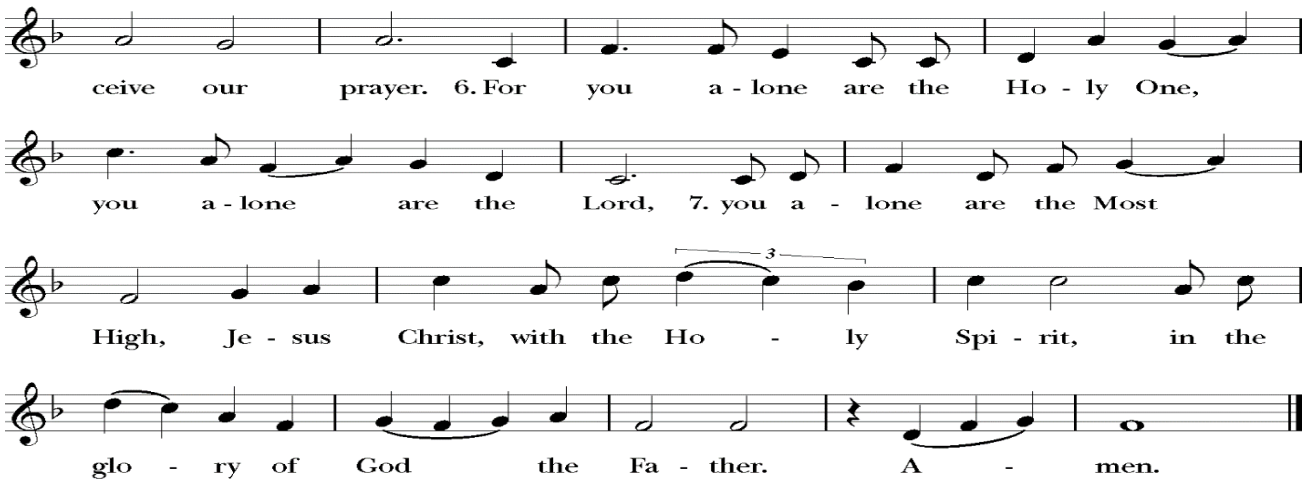
**The Collect for Purity**

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**.

**The Gloria**

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*






**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**The Readings**
*All are seated.*

**A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.** (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

**Psalm 100** *Jubilate Deo* (Read responsively by half verse)

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
**serve the Lord with gladness**
**and come before his presence with a song.**
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**A reading from the letter to the Ephesians. (**Ephesians 1:15-23**)**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*All stand as are able.*

**Gradual Hymn**
**The Hymnal 1982 #435 (vs 1-4), At the Name of Jesus**

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

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

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche

*A brief time of reflection follows the sermon*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*The intercessor and people pray responsively.*
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For the peace and unity of your Church throughout the world;
**For all ministers, and all who herald your Gospel and serve You.**

For all who read, teach, and proclaim the Holy Scriptures;
**That through your Holy Spirit, Your word alone may be heard.**

For all who are entrusted with positions of leadership and responsibility;
**That we may be granted wisdom, courage, and discernment in the service of your people.**

For Stephenville, the United States, and the world;
**For those who labor for justice, freedom, and peace, and for all who suffer by oppression, violence, and the abuse of power.**

For all who have been entrusted with gifts, talents, and resources;
**That we may be delivered from fear and complacency, and find the courage to use what you have given us in the service of others.**

For all who await the second coming of your Son;
**That we may live and encourage one another in the hope of Your redemption.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or in any need, and for those who care for them.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Jane, Oma T., Bruce, Tami, Brenda, Eddy & Cissy, Betty, Marion, Mary, Jose, Robert, June, Sandy, Evelyn, James, Jessica, Tommy, Sam, Steve, Nancy, Adelaide, Micah, Emma, Jennifer, Shirley, Grace, Kim

Reed, Jill, Pete, Sue Ann, Eloy, Gwen, Tatum, William, Aiden, Carl, Angie, and those we hold in our hearts.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including *[thanks on the St. Luke's prayer list]*.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, including Laura Seitz, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own remembrances.*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.*
Almighty God, whose Son calls us to watchfulness, faithfulness, and hope: hear our prayers, which we offer in Christ's name, and grant that they may also fashion our hearts in his love; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed,**
**by what we have done,**
**and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**
*All stand as are able.*
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements**
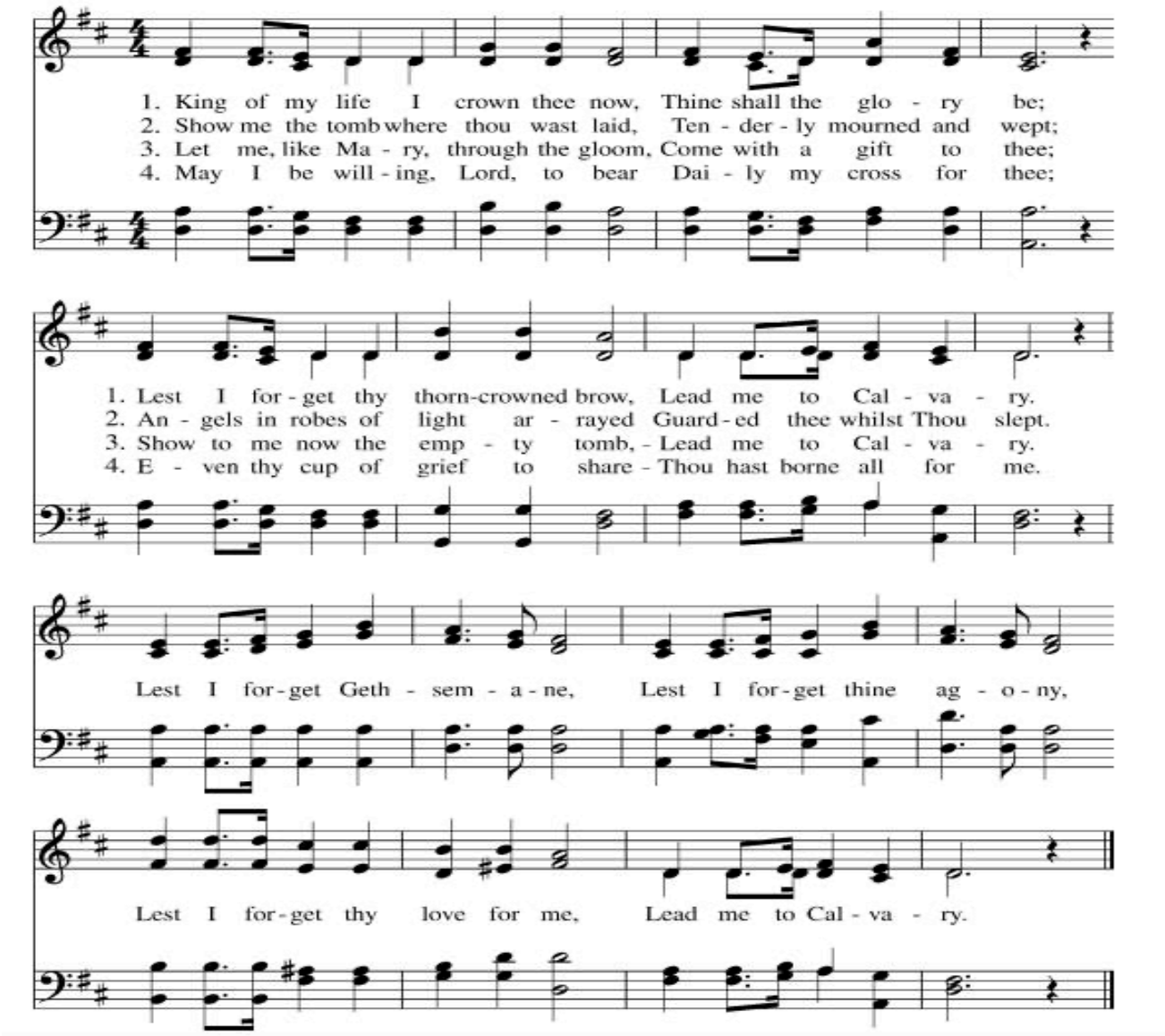
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**
Faith Harp (22nd), Dylan Dowell (24th)

*Celebrant and People*
**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*
If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, given by text by sending an amount to (254) 282-0706, or given online. Mailed checks may be sent to the address printed at the end of the bulletin.*

**The Offertory Hymn LEVAS #31 Lead Me to Calvary**




**Doxology** (*sung to The Hymnal 380*)

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;***
***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***
***Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;***
***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**The Great Thanksgiving**
**Eucharistic Prayer B**
*The people remain standing, as are able. The Celebrant says*

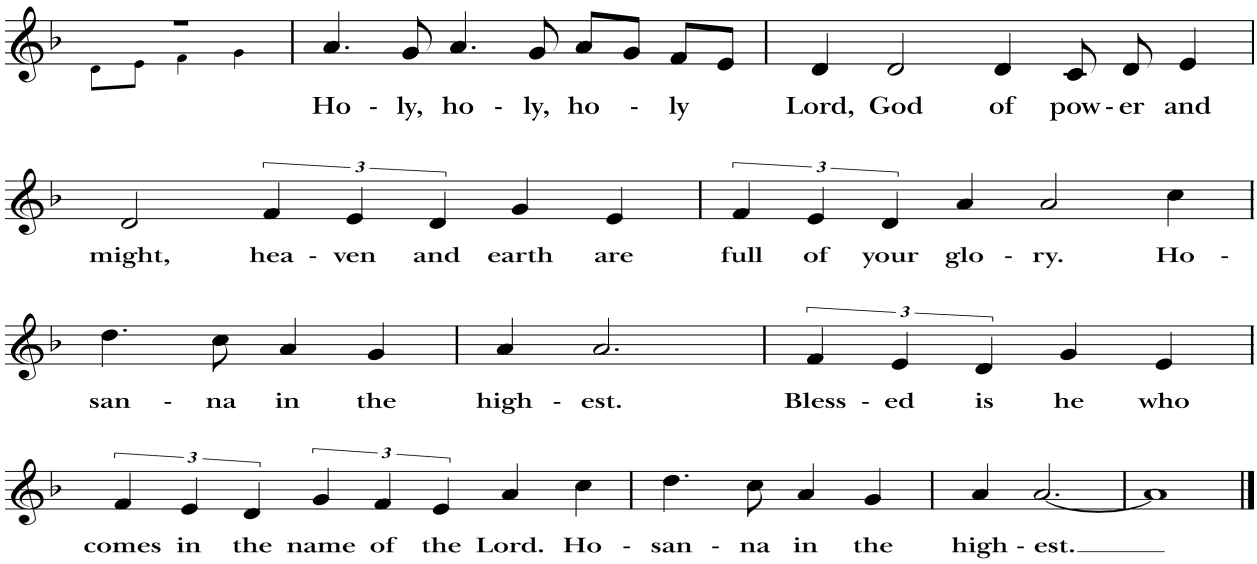
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| | The Lord be with you. |
| *People* | **And also with you.** |
| *Celebrant* | Lift up your hearts. |
| *People* | **We lift them to the Lord.** |
| *Celebrant* | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| *People* | **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** |

*The Celebrant proceeds*
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens in your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, #129




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*The people stand or kneel, as are able.*
*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be

incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*
**We remember his death,**
**We proclaim his resurrection,**
**We await his coming in glory;**
*The Celebrant continues*
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Luke, Clive, Clement, Catherine, Barbara, Margaret, James, Kamehameha, Emma and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

***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, for ever and ever. Amen***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Distribution of Holy Communion**

***Concerning Holy Communion***

*"This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.*
*It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.*
*So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,*
*you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,*
*you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.*
*Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.*
*It is his will that those who want him should meet him here."*

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*If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*
*Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*

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*Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

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*If after receiving Communion or a blessing you would like special prayers for healing, you are invited to go to the votive stand at the rear of the church where someone will pray with you.*

**Communion Hymn**
**The Hymnal 1982 #304 I Come With Joy**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*
Let us pray.

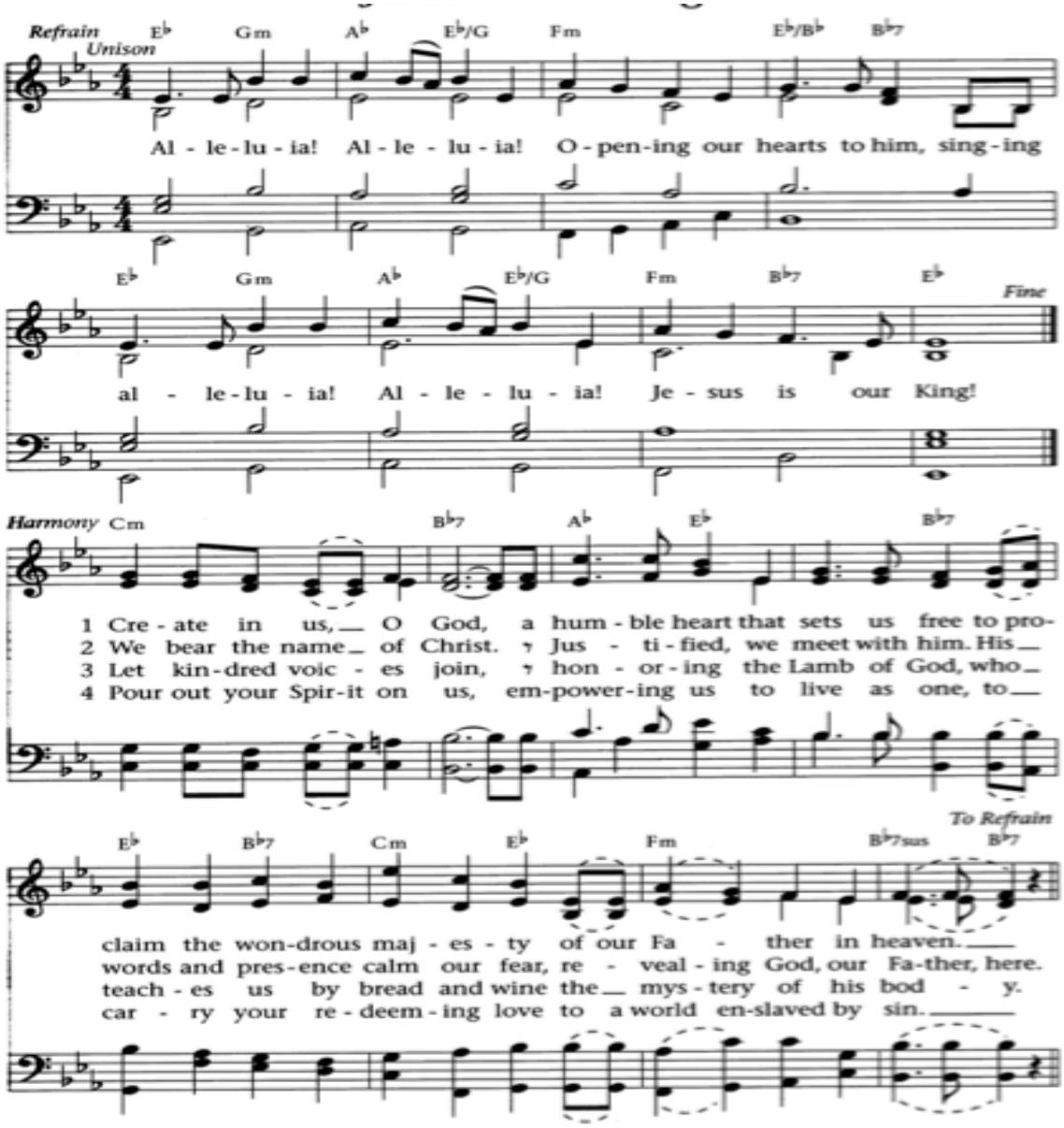
*Celebrant and People*
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
**Send us now into the world in peace,**
**and grant us strength and courage**
**to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest gives the blessing*

**Blessing**
The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
*The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer 1979 Unction*

**Processional**
**The Cry Hosanna #55, Jesus Is Our King**




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**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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**From the Calendar of Saints**

**November 22** Clive Staples Lewis *Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963*

Among his works, C.S. Lewis wrote in Mere Christianity, "Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up as a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call Him Lord and God." Lewis wrote of grief, including his own after the death of his wife, and about Christianity. He also produced fiction, and we have been blessed at St. Luke's to have a notable C.S. Lewis scholar of Dr. Joe Christopher.

**November 23** Clement *Bishop of Rome, c. 100*

Author of a letter from Rome to the Corinthians, "First Clement," urging church unity, Clement was a disciple of the apostles and third Bishop of Rome. In his letter, he advocated a hierarchical view of church authority.

**Thanksgiving Day**

Like agricultural festivals of antiquity and medieval times, Thanksgiving Day is an expression of gratitude for God's bounty. The American observance began with colonists in Massachusetts and Virginia and was endorsed by action of the Continental Congress.

**November 24** Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch *Martyrs, c. 305*

These three women were three of the most popular ancient and medieval saints, and they even attracted widespread devotion among Anglicans after the Reformation. The lives of all three virgin martyrs contain many elements that are indisputably either legendary or metaphorical. In recent decades, however, martyrdom accounts written in such a style have attracted increased scholarly attention as we have started to ponder the particular ways in which communities choose to remember trauma. Whatever is happening in these accounts, it seems to be a recasting of trauma into something that one might actually want to remember and feel inspired by. In these accounts, Catherine stands against the cruelty of an emperor, Barbara was locked away because of her beauty but dedicated her life to prayer, contemplating the Trinity, and

Margaret's was from a young age raised by a Christian nurse even though she was the daughter of a pagan priest.

**November 25** James Otis Sargent Huntington *Priest and Monk, 1935*

As founder of the first permanent monastic community for men in the United States, Huntington was committed to active ministry rooted in the spiritual life. His involvement in social causes influenced the Episcopal Church's later endorsement of social ministries.

The mother house of the Order of the Holy Cross is in West Park, New York.

**November 28** Kamehameha and Emma *King and Queen of Hawaii, 1885*

Revered by their people for their altruism and unassuming humility, Kamehameha and Emma requested missionaries to be sent to Hawaii to establish the Anglican Church there.

The king translated the Book of Common Prayer and much of the Hymnal; the queen committed her life to establishing schools and churches and helping the poor and sick.

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Term Ending 2027 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes
Term Ending 2028 – Gail Johnson & Dylan Dowell

