ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 24, YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 18, 2026 10 A.M.

Welcome!

Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey, **there is a place for you here**, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish. There is a saying in the Episcopal tradition that answers many a question: "All *may*, some *do*, but none *must*." We gather to feast on Word and sacrament and song, to learn and inquire, to enjoy relaxed fellowship and find mutual support. And we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

To participate in worship today all you need is this bulletin. If you are new or visiting, we invite you to consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a **nametag**, which will be waiting for you on the table inside the main entrance.

All church spaces are accessible. Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **gender-neutral restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

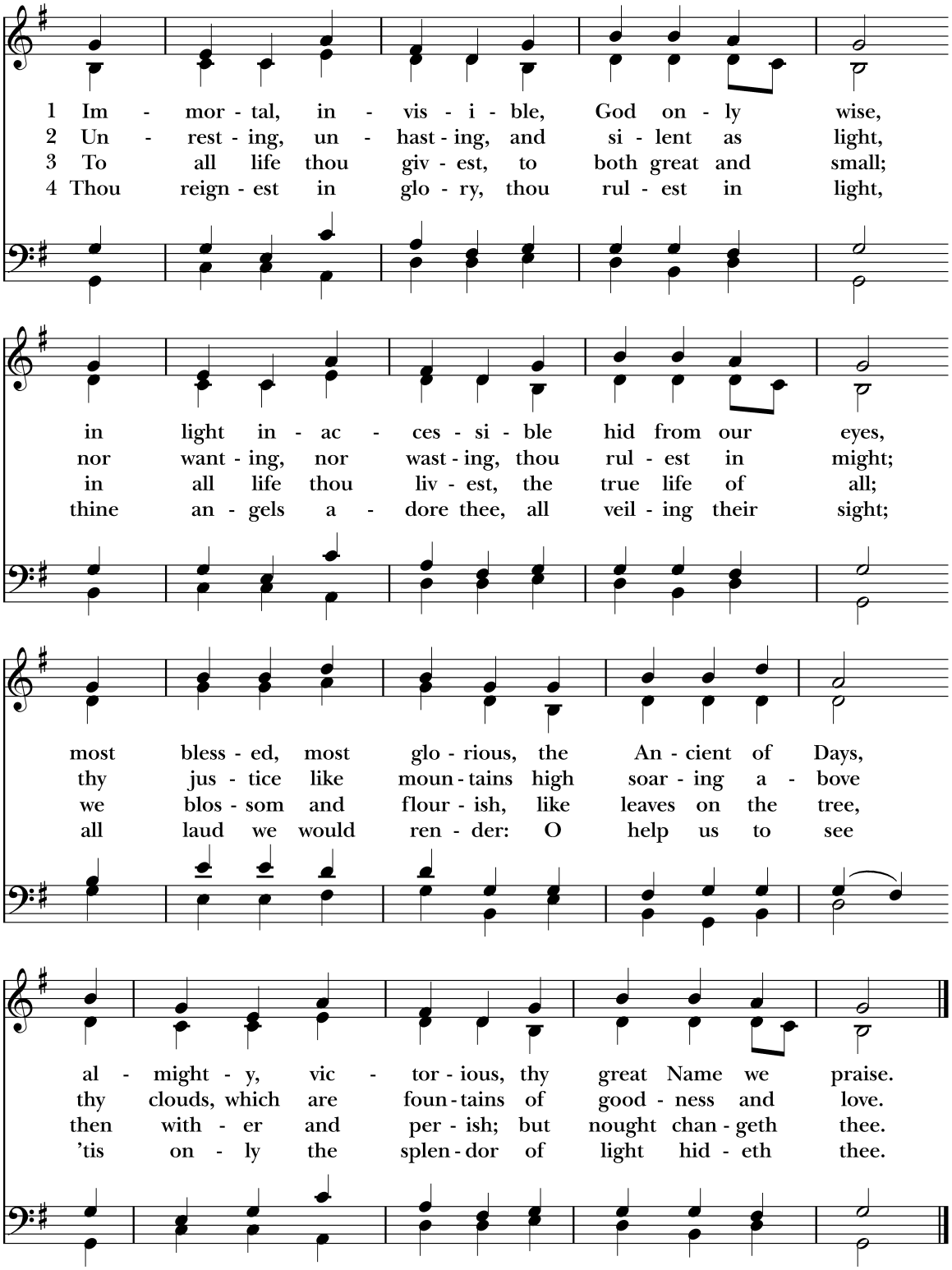
Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

VOLUNTARY Morning Song

Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006), from *Suite for Organ*

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN Immortal, invisible, God only wise (**423**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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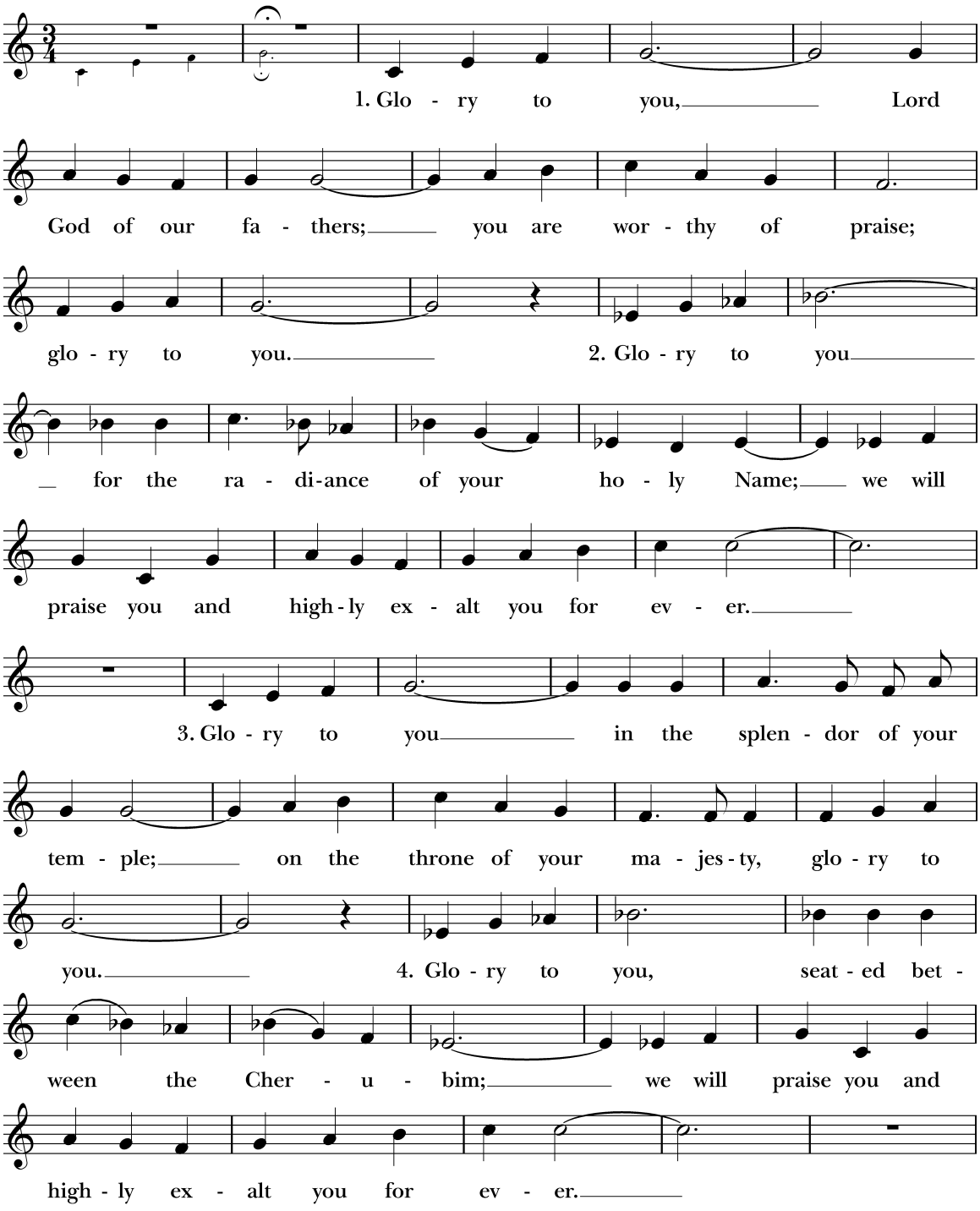
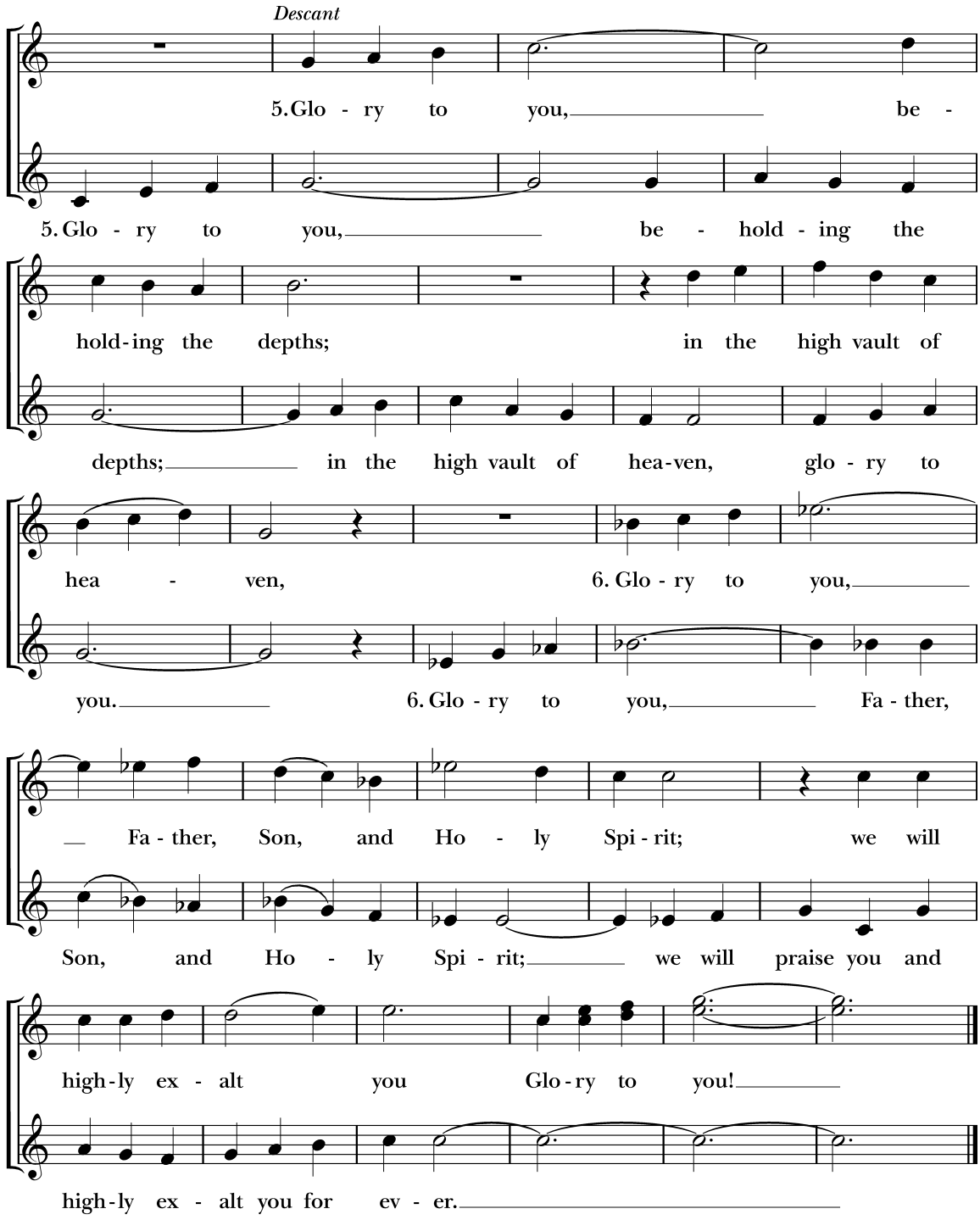
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers (**S 236**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere

with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON EXODUS 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (*Sung by the Choir*) Thomas Attwood

1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

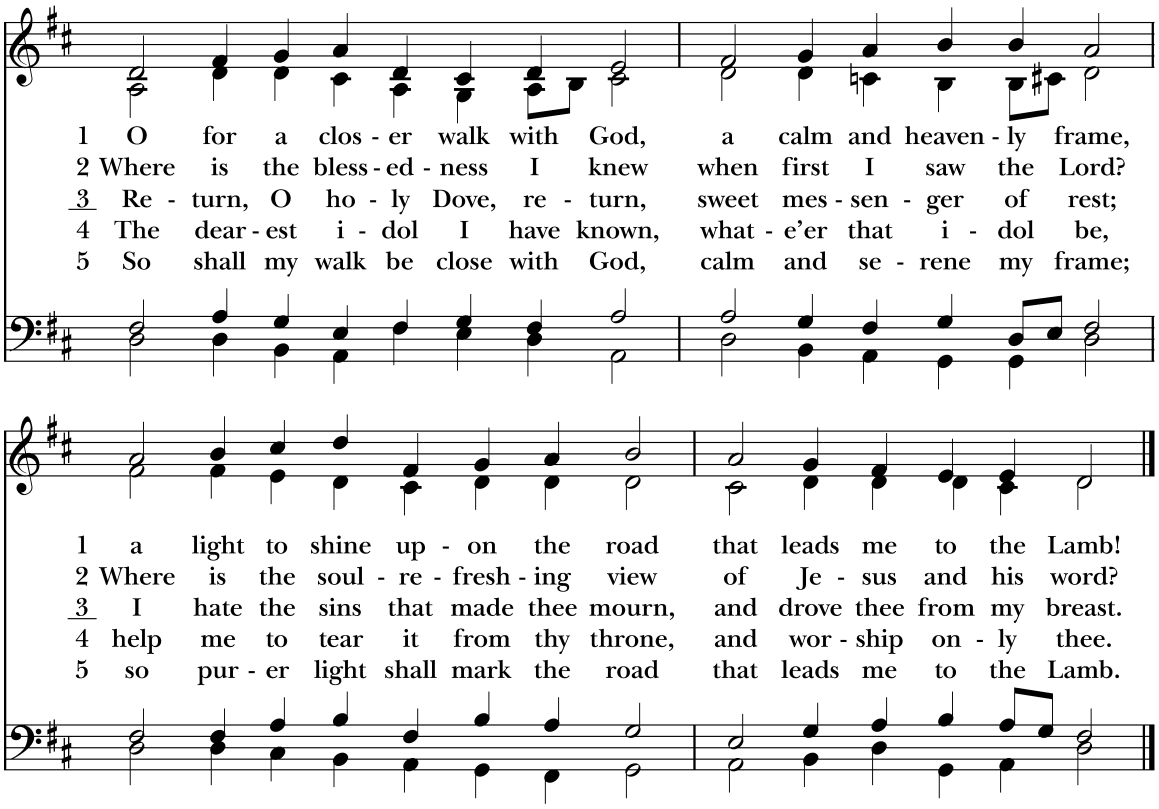
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead–Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN O for a closer walk with God (**684**, *The Hymnal 1982*)



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THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Presider

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Intercessor and People

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:
for our world, **the heavens tell of your glory;**
for our land, its beauty and its resources, **for the rich heritage we enjoy.**

We pray:
for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;
for artists, scientists, and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

[*Silence is kept.*]

We thank you for giving us life; **for all who enrich our experience.**

We pray:
for all who are deprived of fullness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

[*Silence is kept.*]

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

[*Silence is kept.*]

God, Creator, bring us new life. **Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

The Presider invites the People to share their own petitions aloud or silently.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider
Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider and People
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.

Presider
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

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

Please greet your neighbors with a sign of peace, in whatever way seems welcome. You may then be seated for brief announcements and the ***Offertory Anthem****.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. We will not pass a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online, go to the Church website Home page (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If viewing this document electronically, simply CLICK HERE. Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

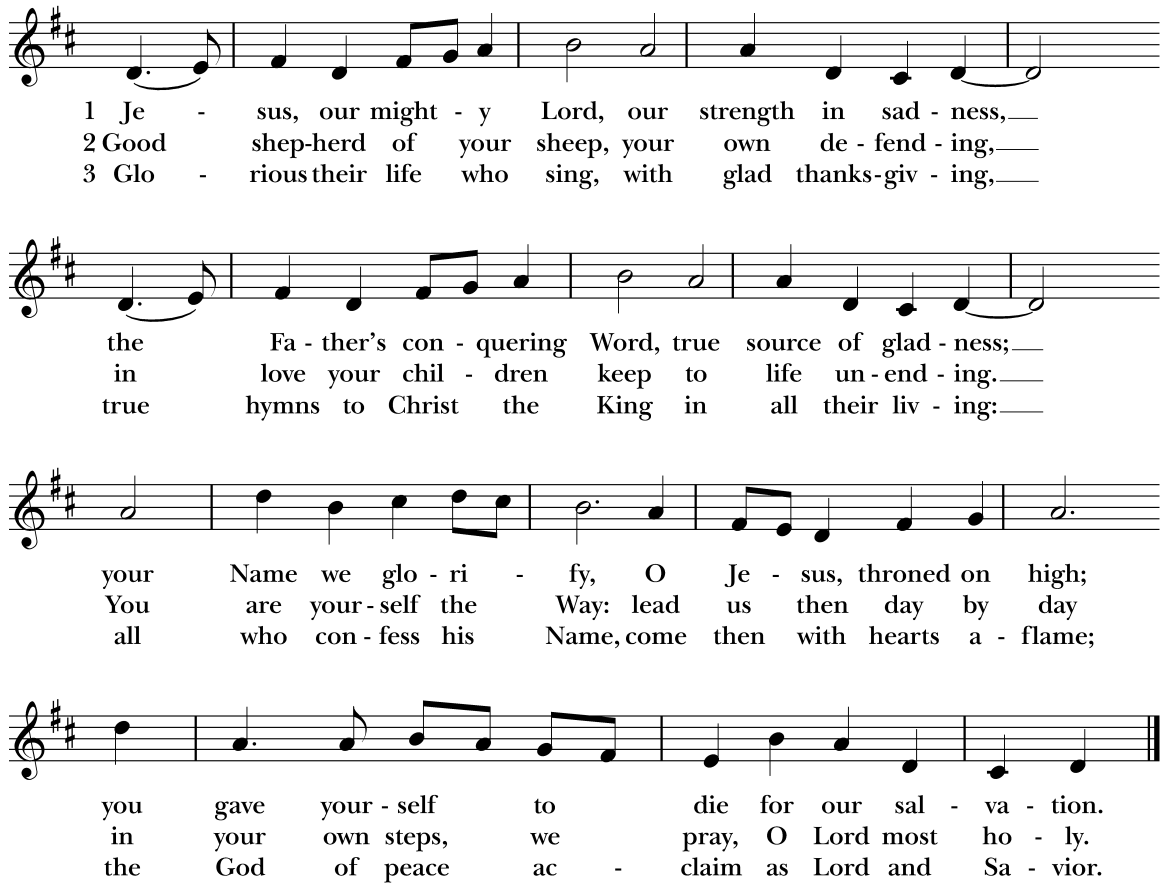
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*Sung by the Choir*) Give almes of thy goods

Give almes of thy goods,
and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord
shall not be turned away from thee.

Words: Tobit 4:7 Music: Christopher Tye (c.1505–1573)

During the singing of the ***Offertory Hymn****, the Ushers bring the gifts forward and the Presider sets the table. The People follow the Ushers and encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If this is difficult for you, feel free to sit in a chair near the altar or in the the front row of pews. You may also remain where you are.*

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN Jesus, our mighty Lord (**478**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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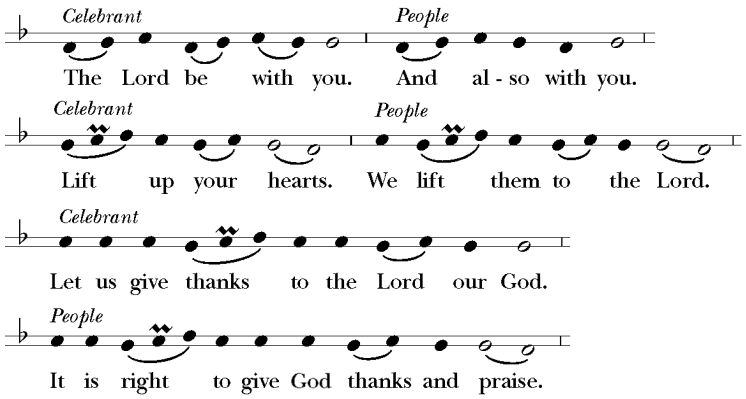
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (*ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*)



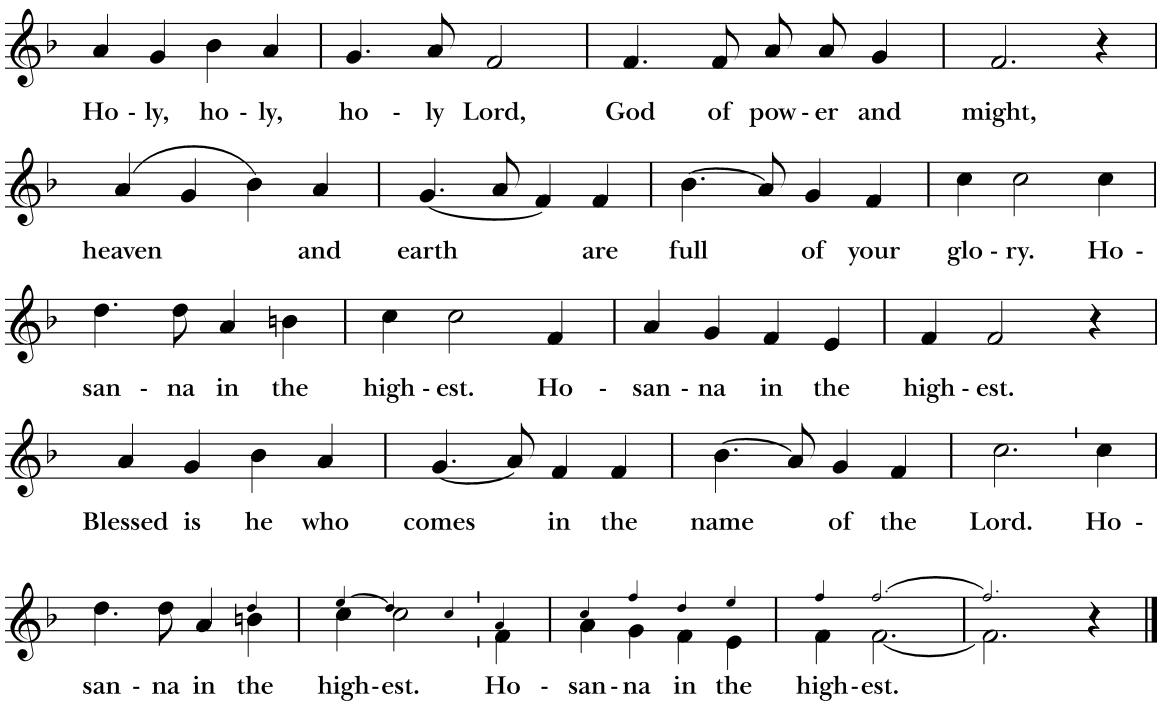
Presider

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 time 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:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord (**S 125**, *The Hymnal 1982*)



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Presider

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 [_____ and] 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

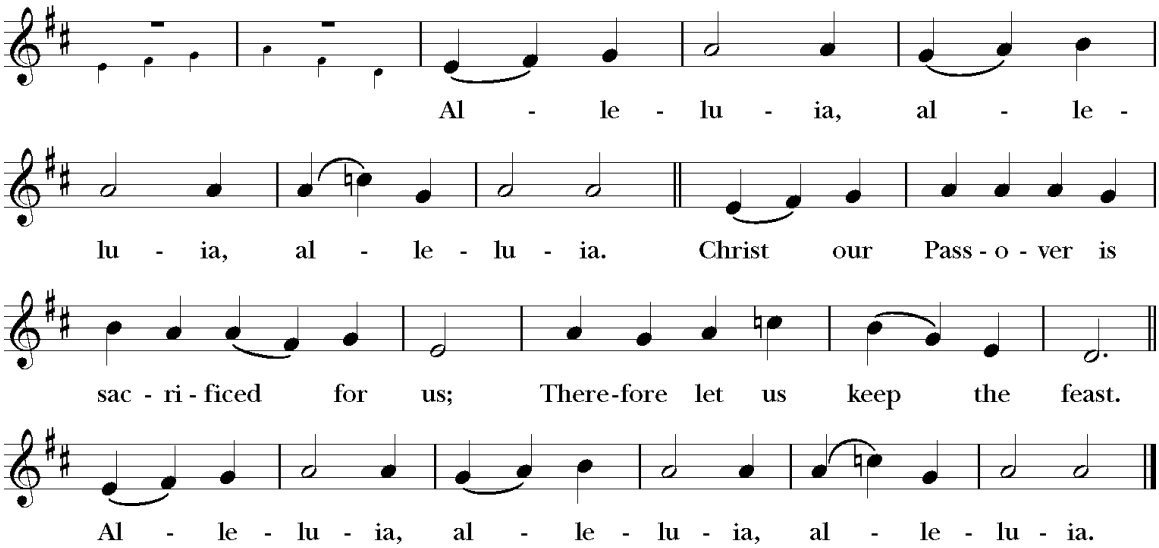
You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM Christ our Passover (**S 155**, *The Hymnal 1982*)



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. *Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic minister will come to you. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest. You may choose not to partake of wine—Holy Communion is complete and efficacious when received in one kind only. To receive wine, you may sip from the common cup, or intinct (dip the bread into the wine). If you choose to intinct, please dip only the tip of the bread into the wine—fingers that touch the wine are a source of contamination. After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM (*Sung by the Schola Antiqua*) Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
which was sacrificed and crucified for humankind,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Words: Eucharistic hymn, attr. Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362) Music: William Byrd (c1540–1623), 1605

After all have received communion, all stand.

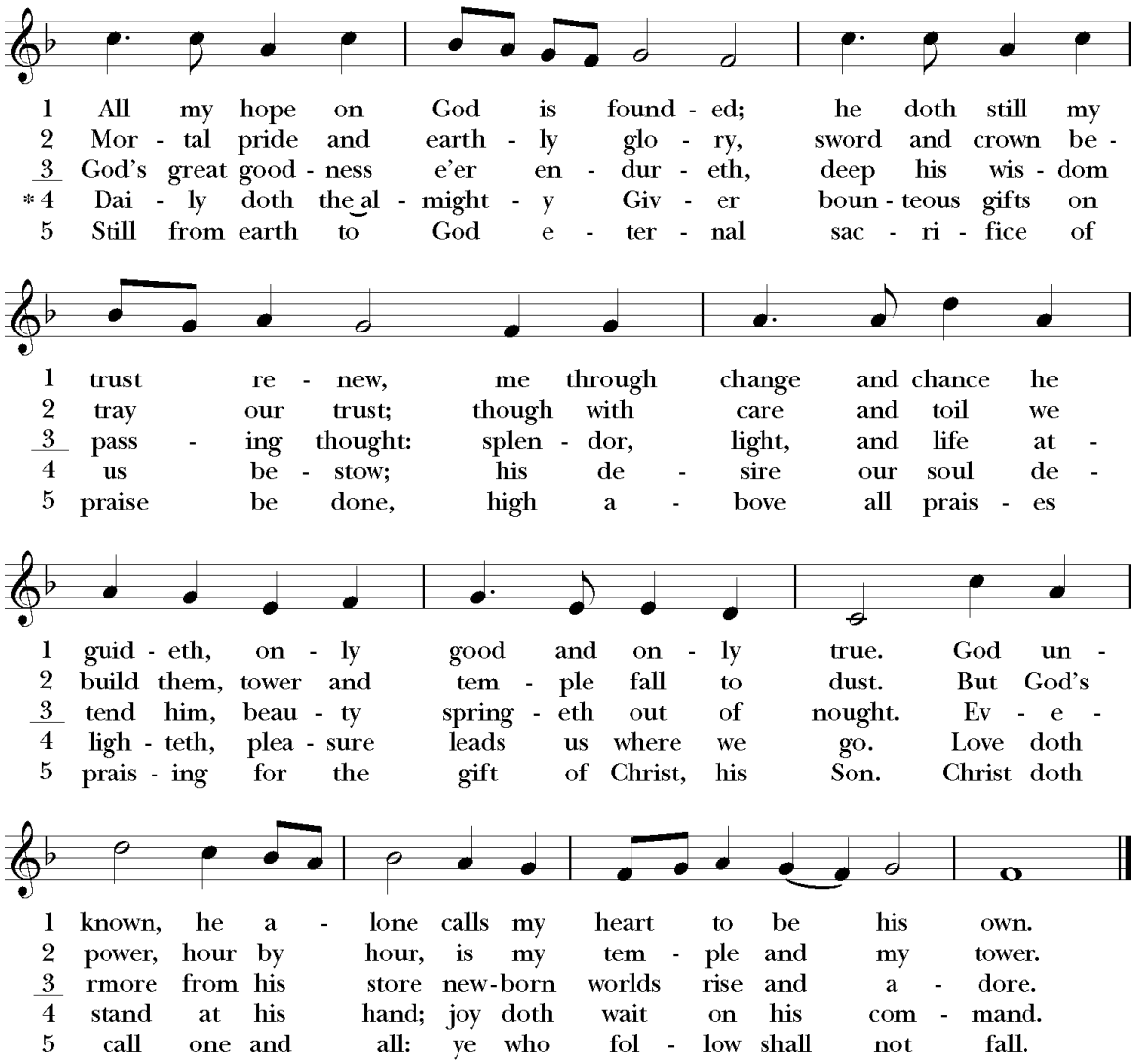
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People
**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

People: [*The Presider blesses the People.*]
People: Amen.

HYMN All my hope on God is founded (**665**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The Presider dismisses the People.]*
People: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.

VOLUNTARY Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

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Serving Today

Coffee Hour Hosts: Tracy and Avery Earnshaw, Alan Murchie
Flowers: Heather Robison
Intercessor: William English
Lectors: Chris and CharlotteRose Acosta
Music Director: Dr. Matthew Cramer
Organist: Karen Clute
Preacher: Teagan Sage
Presider: The Rev. Alan Murchie
Sacristan: Claire Scully
Subdeacon: Bryan Hiott
Ushers: Chris and CharlotteRose Acosta, Claire Scully
Vestry Host: Jennifer Herdt

Leadership at St. Thomas's

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Maria Coffin
Bill English (Treasurer)
Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)
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Denise Terry

St. Thomas's Clergy
The Rev. Eric Jeuland, Priest Associate
The Rev. Jane Jeuland, Priest Associate
The Rev. Alan C. Murchie, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp, Preacher-in-Residence

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
for Gary, Maria, Martin, Michael, Susan
for the people of Iran
for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia
for the people of Gaza and the people of Israel
for victims of civil war in Syria and the Sudan
for all who are afflicted by war, violence, and natural disaster

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church, Waterbury; All Saints Chapel, West Cornwall; Convention planning committee, Convention worship committee & all who participate in Annual Convention

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: The Anglican Church of Canada

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

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Announcements

For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), click Enews Archive for the latest edition or Enews (subscribe) to subscribe.

TODAY Day School Admissions Open House | Sunday, October 18 at 2PM
Please join us at Open House to tour campus, meet faculty, students, and current parents, and attend a breakout session on the program and culture of St. Thomas's Day School!

Ca-BOO!-ret Fundraiser| Saturday, October 31 at 7PM
You are invited to a family-friendly cabaret fundraiser for the choir in the sanctuary on Halloween! Come hear spooky choral pieces and solos by members of the choir while enjoying light refreshments, all to help raise funds for our music ministry! We'll also have goodie bags and an organ demonstration for kids (and kids at heart!). Admission to the event is $25 for adults and $15 for kids 12 and up; children 11 and under are admitted free. To reserve your spot, or if you would like to help with refreshments or ushering, please contact Matt at m.cramer@stthomasnewhaven.org

✠ In Memoriam: Remembering the Departed on All Saints' Sunday, November 1 ✠
On Sunday, November 1, we will gather to remember and celebrate the faithful departed in every generation as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We give thanks to God for the communion of souls present and past in whom Christ's love has been made known. We will pray by name for all who have died in the past year; **we invite you to add names of beloved family, companions along the way, and friends in whose memory we will pray.** Please be in touch with us here in the parish office with names and, if you think helpful, pronunciations. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Alan

Special Note from Denise about All Saints' Sunday, November 1:
Dear friends, This year, we invite the parish to contribute to a special **All Saints' altar**. We will decorate our small side altar with marigolds and with small photos of beloved family and friends who have died in the past year. If you would like to participate, please send me a photo of your loved one at terry.df@gmail.com. Come on a Sunday in October to learn more or to pick up a frame. You may paint the frame yourself or we can do it for you. ~Denise

Inquirers' Class
Our monthly Inquirers' Class invites all interested into a dynamic, ongoing conversation about the Episcopal and Anglican traditions. What does it mean to be Episcopalian? What do we believe? What makes us distinctive? Topics include church history, the Prayer Book, music, architecture, liturgy, and much more. One may attend one, a few, or all; each class focuses on a different topic. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30. The next class will be held on **November 3**. All are welcome, whether new to the Episcopal Church or not! We meet in the Vesting Room just beyond the sanctuary. To enter the building, please use the ramp door (up the short ramp behind the building) since the main church doors are locked at that hour. Feel free to be in touch with Alan anytime with questions at alan@stthomasnewhaven.org.
*** St. Thomas's parish young people will create an altar Inspired by the Mexican "Day of the Dead." We will decorate with marigolds, adding small (3x5 inch) wooden craft frames. If you want to participate, please send a photo to Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com). You may paint the frame yourself or we can do it for you.

Children's Programs at St. T's 2026-2027 🍎
St. Thomas's welcomes children of all ages as full members of the parish. Plans for our children in the coming season include participation in Sunday morning liturgies, service projects, and special liturgical events.

Opportunities for 2026-2027 include:

1. **Family Sundays** featuring a children's homily and opportunities for children and youth to serve as l**ectors, intercessors, ushers and altar servers.**
2. **Service Projects** including blessing bags, Christmas and Valentine cards for children at Yale-New Haven Hospital, clean-up days at East Rock Park, and Chapel on the Green. We will also partner with **St. Thomas's Day School** in food and clothing drives.
3. **Special Liturgical Events**, including an **All Saints Day** altar in remembrance of those who have died this year; our beloved **Christmas Eve** pageant; and our **Palm Sunday** Stations of the Cross "Walk in Nature" at Edgerton Park.

Coffee Hour
Please consider signing up as Coffee Hour host, co-host, or contributor, either by adding your name to the poster in the lounge or by using our online signup here.

Parish Directory Updates
Please email Julie with any changes to your address or contact info, or if you wish to be added to the directory. Thank you.

Name Tags
Wearing name tags is a simple and wonderful way to practice radical welcome. If you have never had a St. Thomas's name tag, or have lost the one you had, please sign up in the narthex or at coffee hour and look for your new name tag in a week's time. You can also email Julie in the parish office, j.kelly@stthomasnewhaven.org to request a name tag. Name tags may be left in the basket in the lounge following coffee hour, or at the rear of the church in the name tag holders. Please wear your name tag every week!

Sunday Server Sign-ups
There are many ways to contribute to the worship life of St. Thomas's. We are eager to welcome new servers in the roles of lector, usher, intercessor, subdeacon, and sacristan. If you are interested in learning more or in receiving training, please reach out to Vestry member Claire Scully, chiarasam@comcast.net. We would love for you to share your gifts with St. Thomas!

Interested in joining St. Thomas's Choir?
The St. Thomas's Choir sings for Sunday morning and special liturgies during the program year, offering anthems, canticles and psalms. The choir includes volunteers and professional section leaders. Its repertoire is drawn from the rich tradition of Anglican choral music, spanning many centuries.
The St. Thomas's Choir rehearses on Sundays at 9 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., from September to June.
New members are always welcome; an ability to read music and prior choral experience is desirable.
Contact music director Dr. Matthew Cramer at m.cramer@stthomasnewhaven.org for more information.

Responding to Food Insecurity in our Community
Connecticut Food Pantries have seen a sharp rise in need this year, serving 23% more households. The need is great. Please join us in supporting Loaves and Fishes. You can give at this link.

Donating Clothing for Loaves and Fishes. Our support for the clothing ministry is ongoing. Please be thoughtful in your selection of items. Current specific requests include: men's/women's jeans; men's shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, new socks. Bring donations to St. Thomas's (leave them in the tub at the Whitney Ave. entrance) or to Loaves and Fishes (Thurs-Sat, 9-11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive St.).