ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, YEAR A

Service of the Holy Eucharist

November 1, 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.

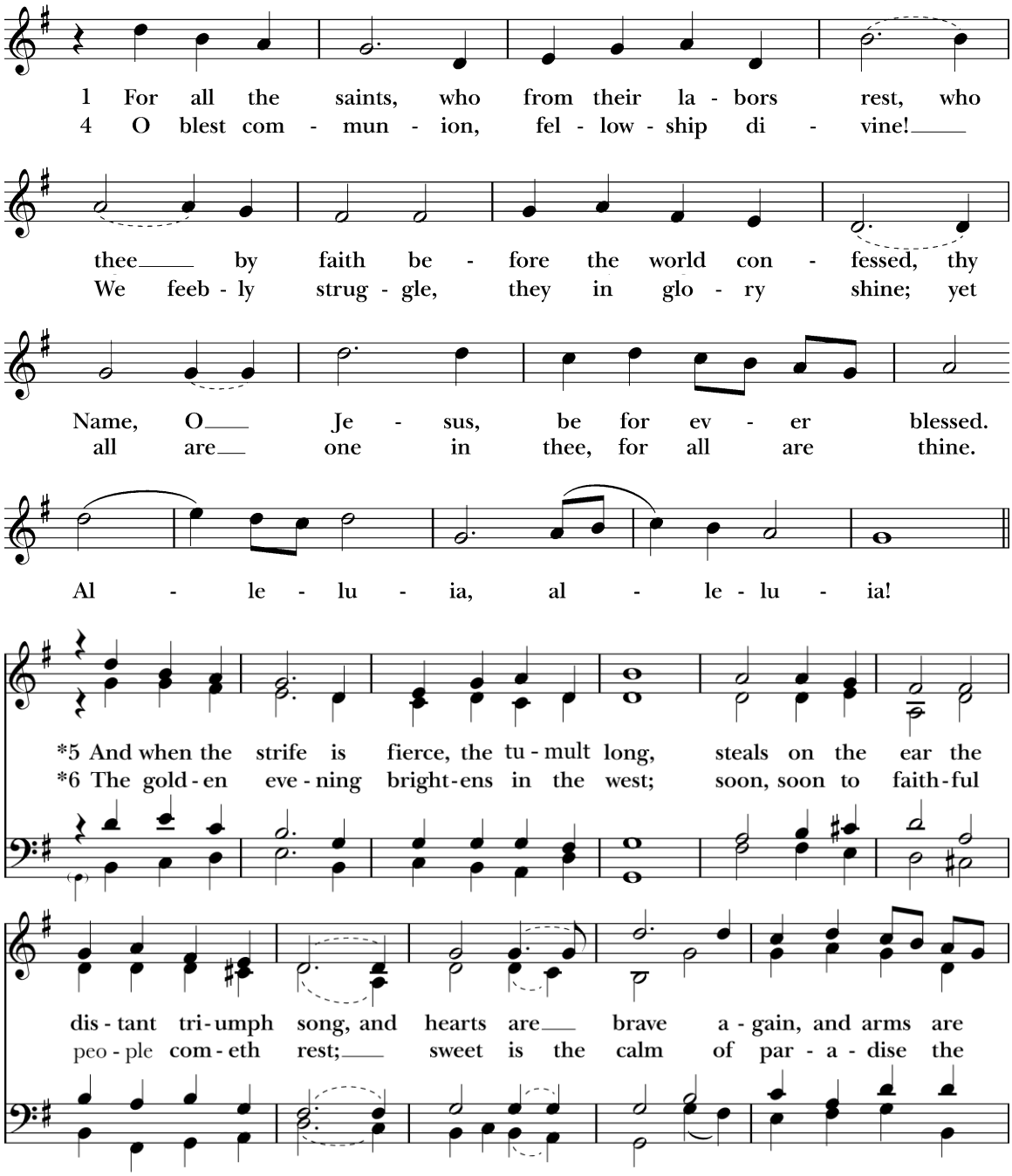
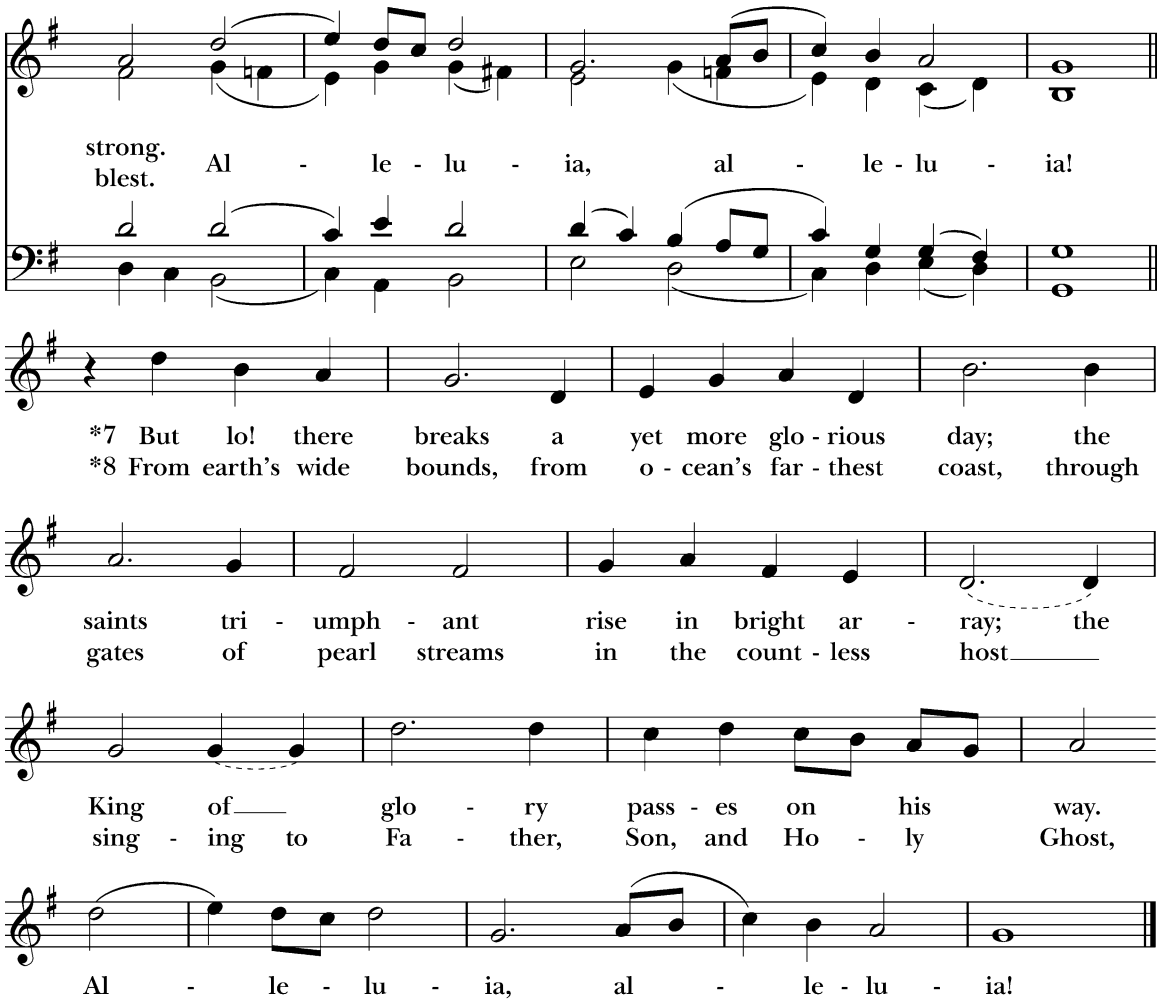
VOLUNTARY Apparition de l'église éternelle
Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

INTROIT (*Sung by the Schola Antiqua*) Justorum animae
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN For all the saints (**287**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

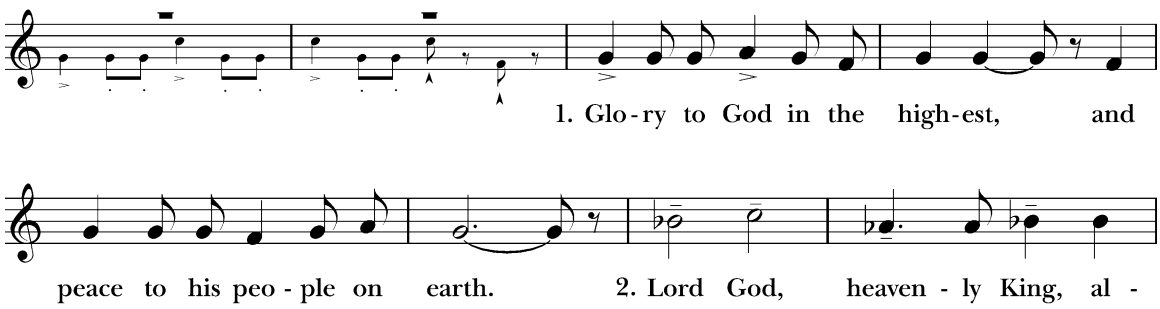
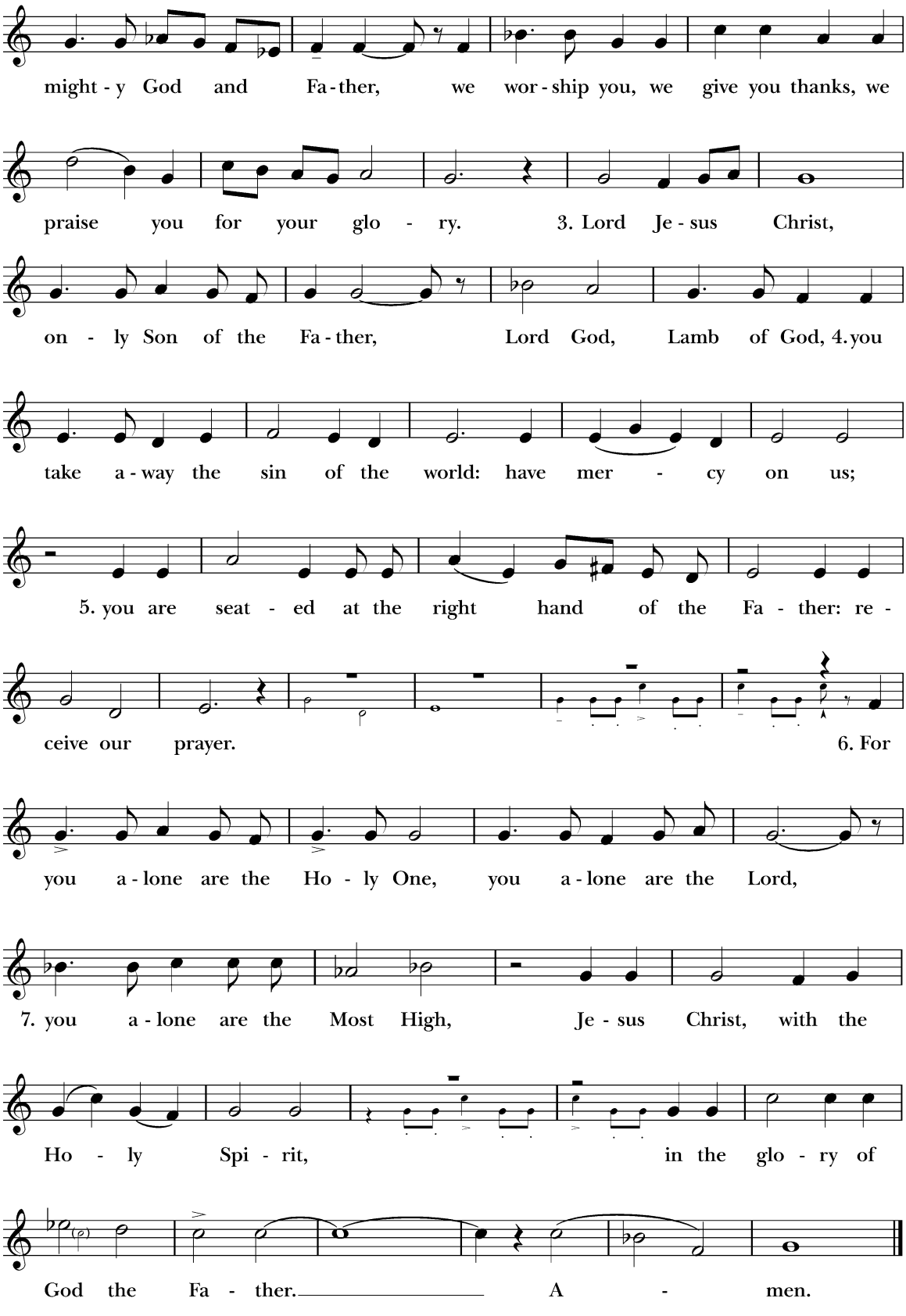
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider

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.**

GLORIA

Glory to God (**S 278**, *The Hymnal 1982*)



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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I, John, 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that 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.

> "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.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,
> nor any scorching heat;
> 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."

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 *(sung by the Choir)* J. Marcus Ritchie

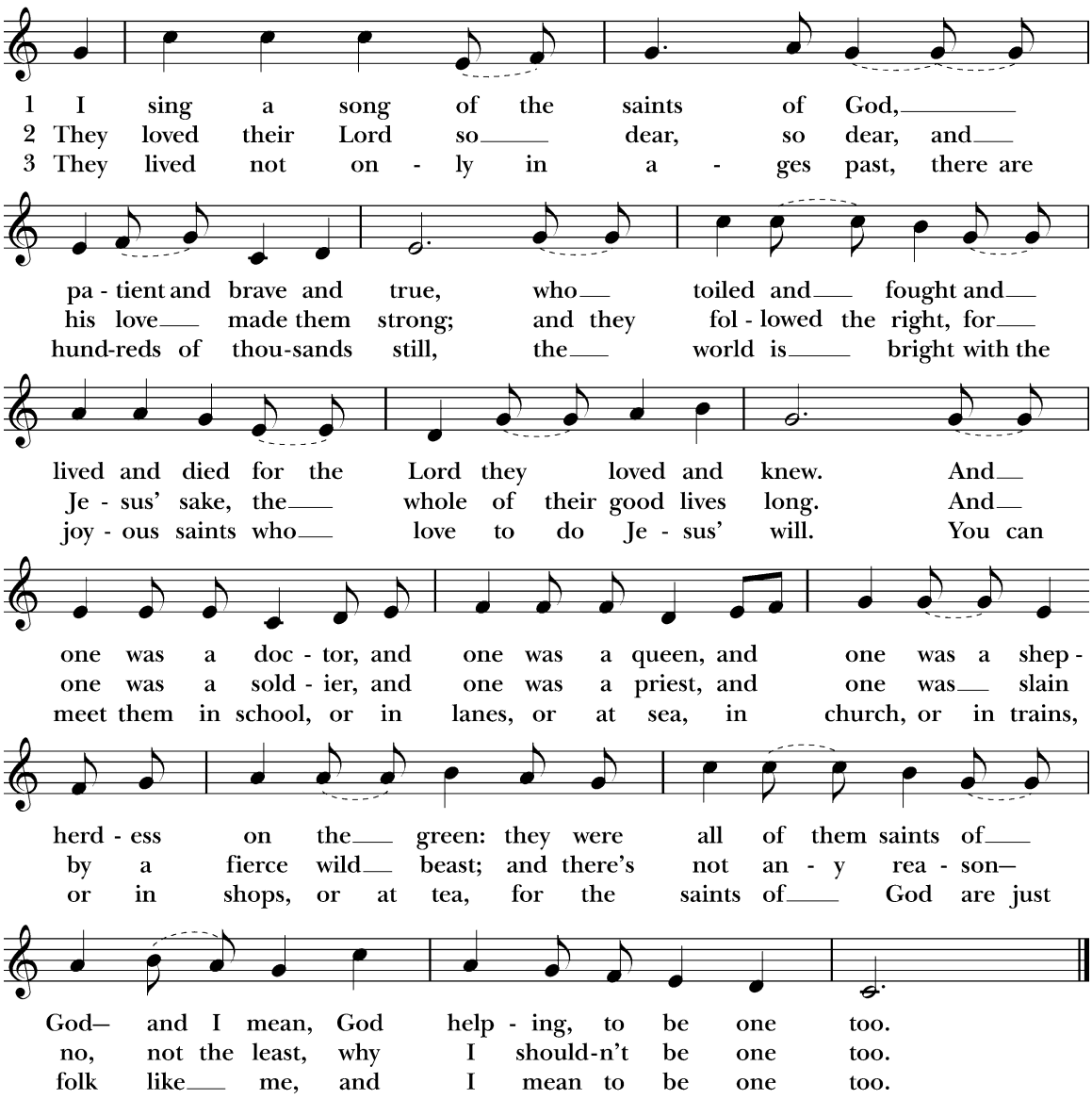
1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver 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 suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing 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 3:1-3

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN I sing a song of the saints of God (**293**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider
Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: 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.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider

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

Intercessor and People

God has raised Jesus Christ and has raised us up with Christ in the heavenly places. Let us therefore pray to God for all the world and for all the saints.

O God, we thank you today for the fellowship of the saints, both present and past. Thank you for this mystic, sweet communion into which we were welcomed in our baptism. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Thank you for every disciple who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints in heaven. We especially remember all those in our families and in our community who have made the transition to life eternal in this past year. [*Pause.*]

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us. Give them the hope only your word can offer us. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church here on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive toward unity. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your spirit to move in and among them. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to those nations in conflict. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help us all to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider
God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. Keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus and help us to keep giving clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **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

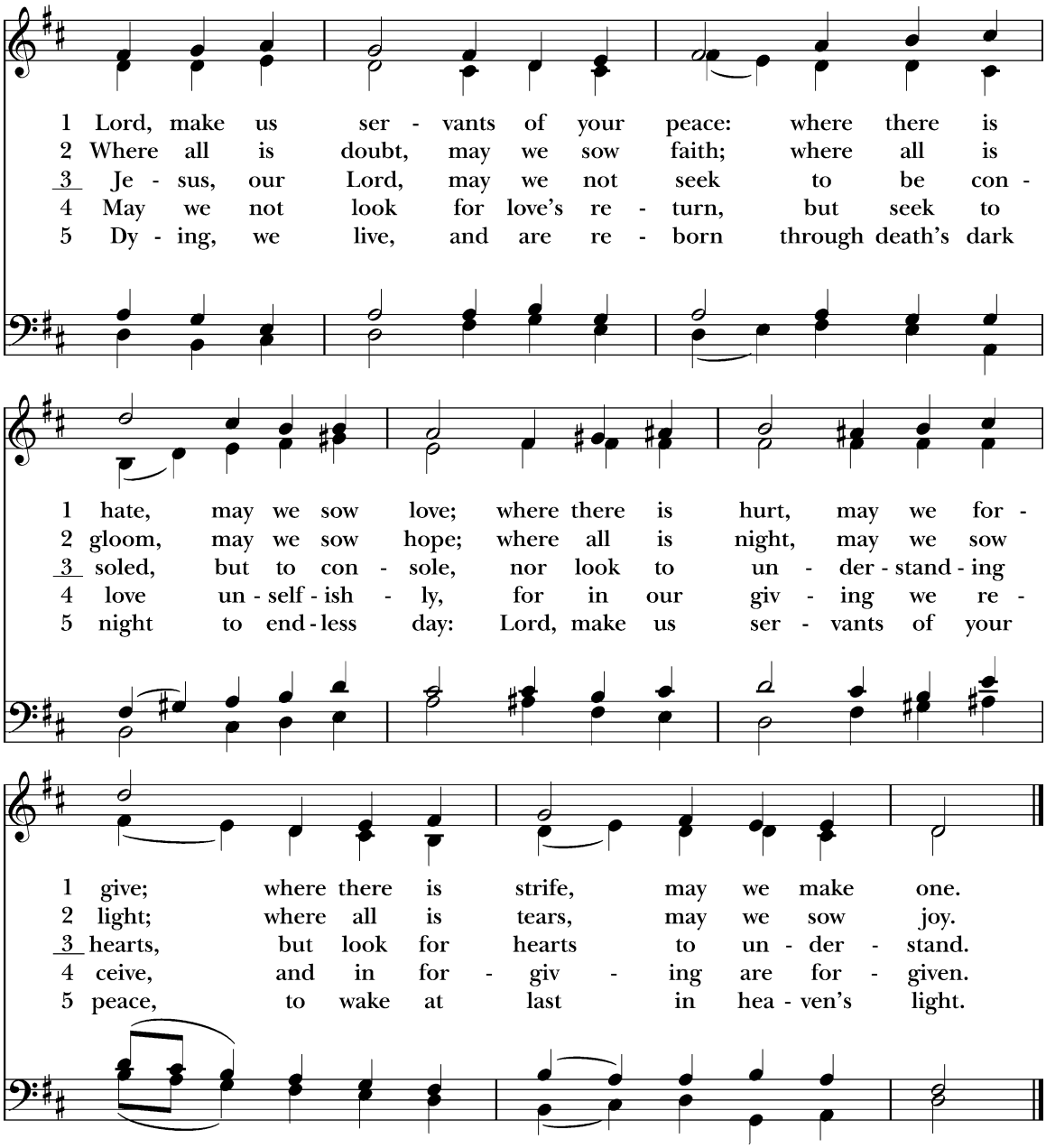
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*sung by the Choir*) Holy is the true light

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending
radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict:
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Words: from *The Salisbury Diurnal*, trans. George Herbert Palmer (1842–1933) Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973), 1948

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 Lord, make us servants of your peace (**593**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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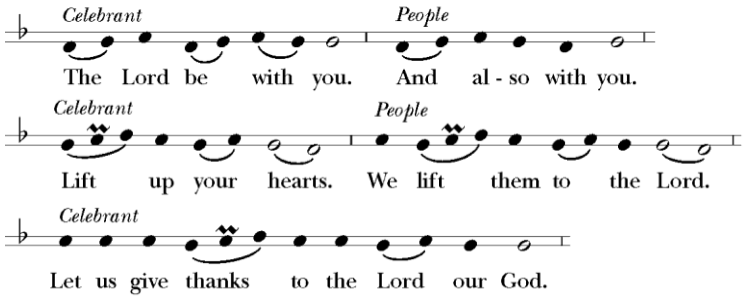
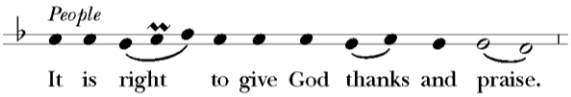
THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



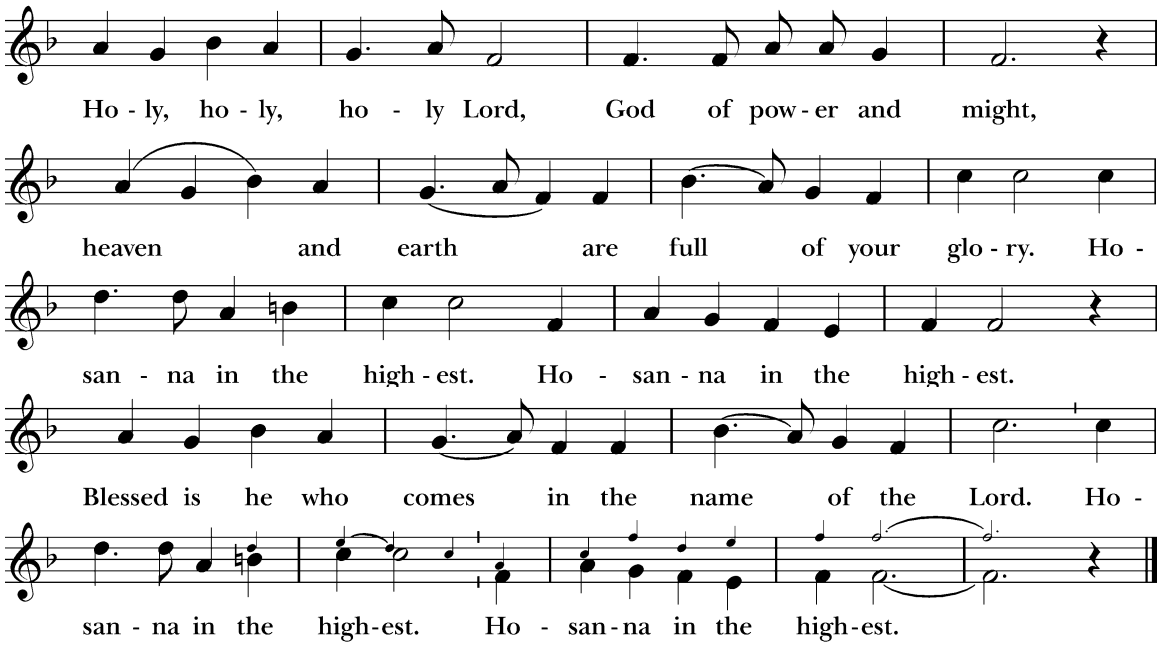


Presider

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 (**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

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

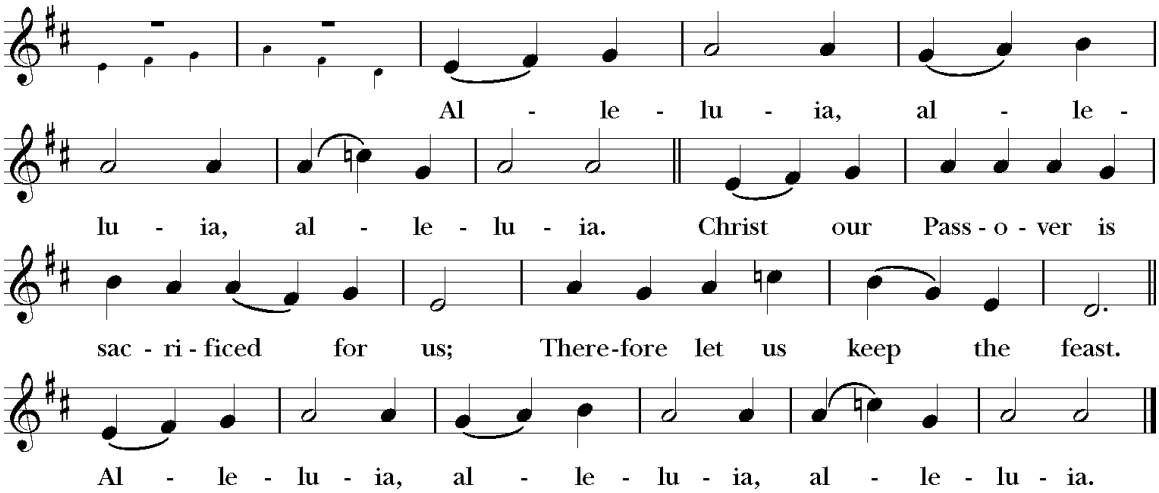
You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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 Pie Jesu

Sherezade Panthaki, *soprano*

Pie Jesu Domine	Gracious Lord Jesus,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.	grant them eternal rest.

Words: From the Requiem Mass Music: Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924), *Requiem*, 1887

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.

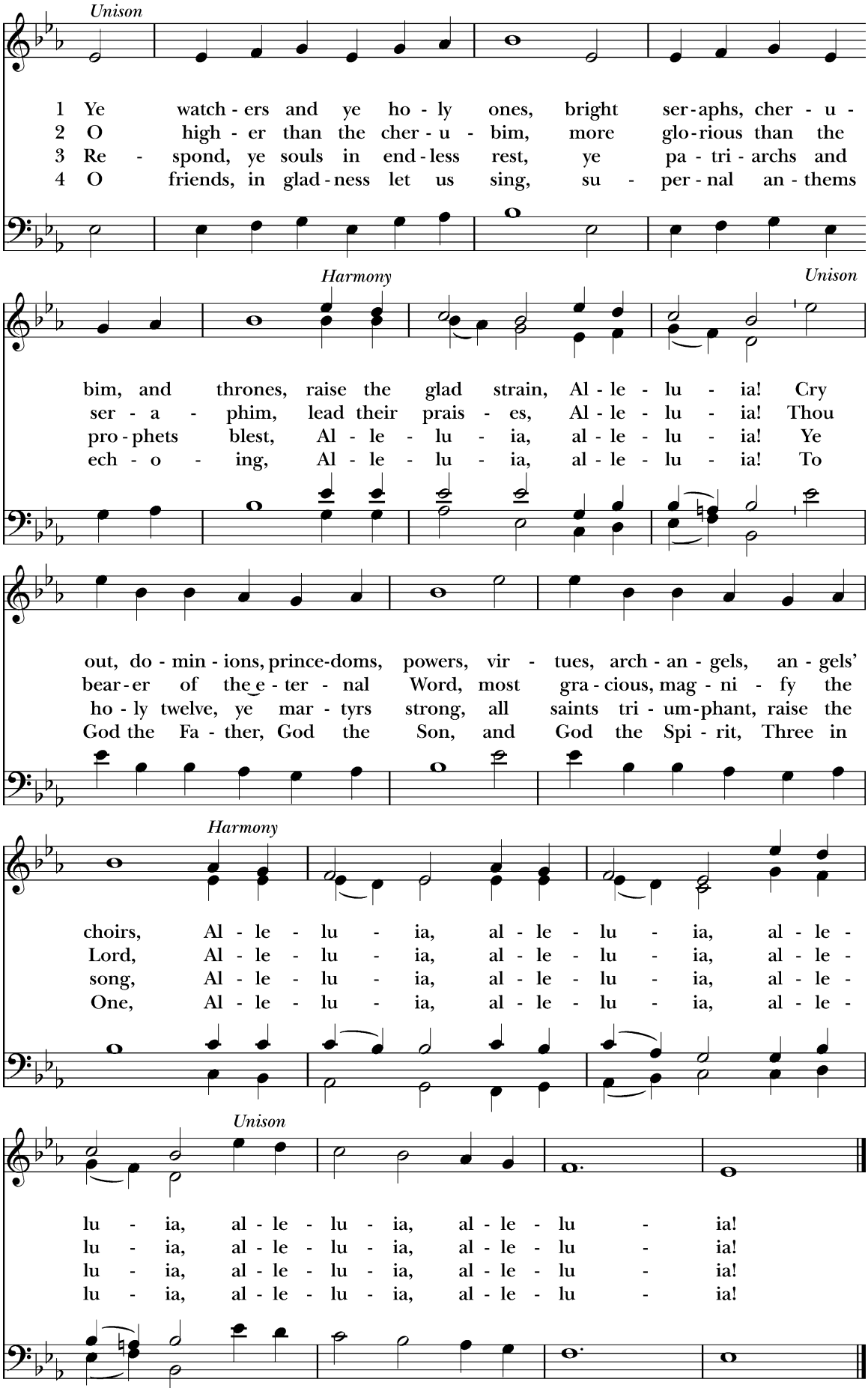
BLESSING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Presider
May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN Ye watchers and ye holy ones (**618**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY

L'Hymne d'action de graces 'Te Deum'
Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

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Serving Today

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jane Messer, Sally and Bill Nanfeldt
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Intercessor: Denise Terry
Lector: Jenny Chavira
Music Director: Dr. Matthew Cramer
Organist: Dr. Stephen Gamboa-Diaz
Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Alan Murchie
Sacristan: Debbie Griffin
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Vestry Host: Ricardo Chavira

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This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
for the Pivarnik and Slattery families
for Gary, Maria, 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, especially: Martin Thomas Slattery

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Persons employed by The Episcopal Church. For the Presiding Bishop & the President of the House of Deputies

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Canada, USA

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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.

Stewardship 2027: **Many Voices, One Story**
Our Treasurer, Bill English, concluded his moving stewardship message with an invitation: "In this time of flourishing, we need to think as a community about what we want to be and do in this, our spiritual home. I ask you to think and pray about what St. Thomas's can mean for you and for others, and what your financial contribution to St. Thomas's could help us to accomplish together. As you do so, please know that a commitment at any level is deeply appreciated." Join us! Pledge Cards are available in the narthex; to donate online, click here.

ECCT Annual Convention: A Message from Delegate Denise Terry
Alan, Bill English, and I represented our parish at the convention (October 23 & 24). Please check out the ECCT website (www.episcopalct.org) to learn about the resolutions that were passed. You can also watch a recording or read Bishop Jeff's inspiring speech. It was amazing to meet people from all over our state, gathered in support of one another and looking forward to carrying out our mission.

NEW! **Youth-Led Services** at St. Thomas's | November 15, February 28, May 9
Please mark your calendars! We are launching a new initiative, **Youth-Led Services,** on Sunday morning, November 15. On select Sundays, young members of our congregation serve as lectors, acolytes, intercessors, ushers, and more at our 10:00 service. Alan will offer a children's sermon. This is a great chance to invite families who might be interested in catching a glimpse of life at St. T's!

Inquirers' Class
Inquirers' Class meets 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.

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. **Youth-Led 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.).