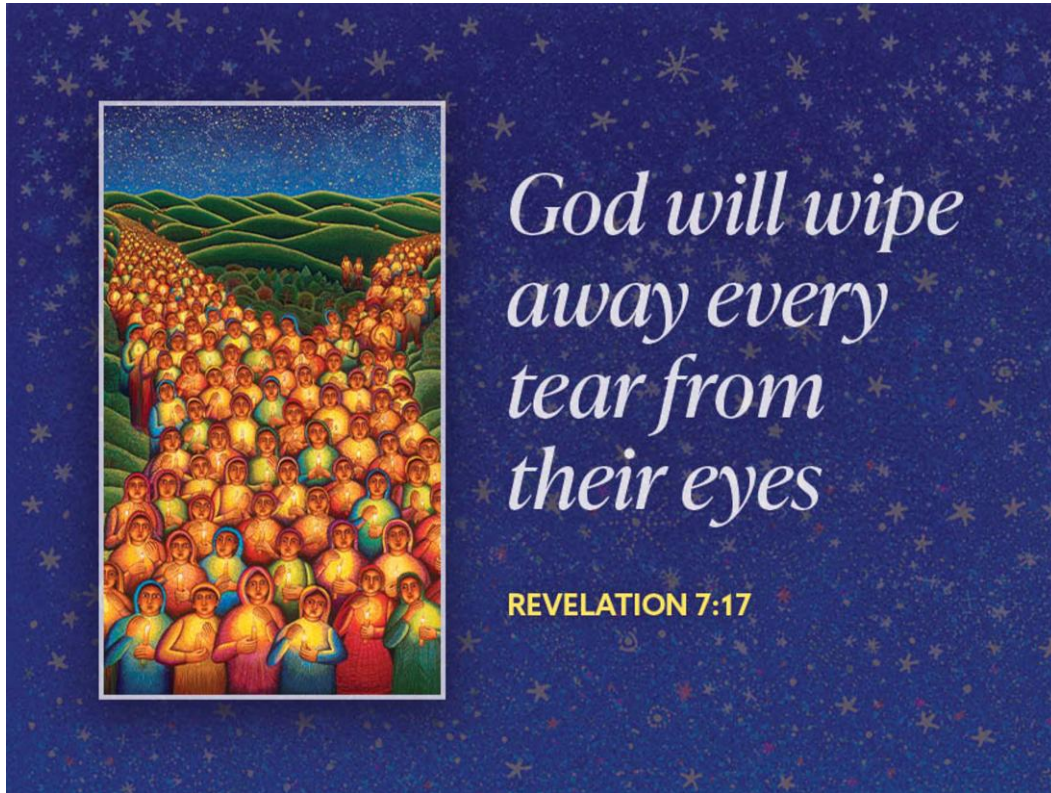


The Lutheran Church of St. Mark
75 Griswold Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Phone: (860) 633-1188
Email: churchoffice@saintmarkglastonbury.org



ALL SAINTS DAY

Service of Word and Sacrament

November 1, 2026

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY!

*Guests—please take a moment to fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.
We would like to acknowledge your time with us and extend a friendly hand of hospitality.*

*Please **turn all cell phones off** or on vibrate before the worship service begins.*

**Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*We gather in the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

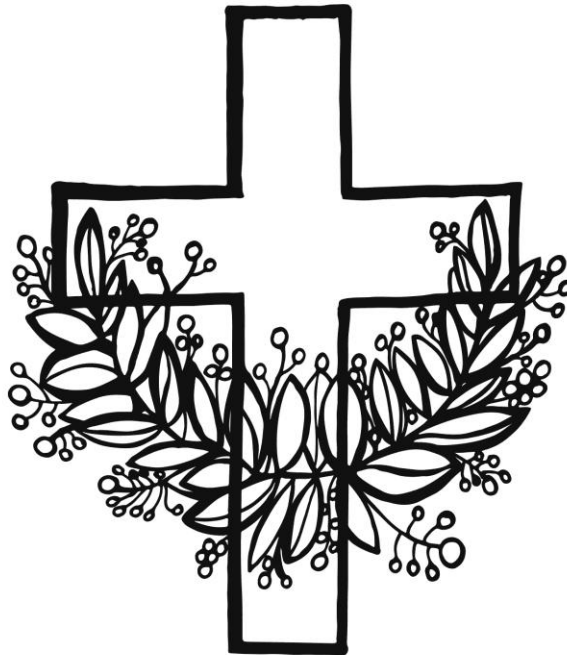
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel or sit for the confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. † Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**



*GATHERING HYMN

Stand Firm *Litany of the Saints*

Words: Traditional, from
Exodus 14:13

Music: Cameroon, source unknown
Arr. John L. Bell, adapt. Marty Haugen

Stand, O stand firm, stand, O

stand firm, stand, O stand firm and

see what the Lord can do.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. There are three lines of music. The first line ends with a repeat sign. The second line has a 9/8 time signature change. The third line has a fermata over the final note. A bracket with the number '2' is placed over the first two measures of the third line.

Arrangement © 1990, 1998 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community
GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American Agent. All Rights Reserved

*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.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

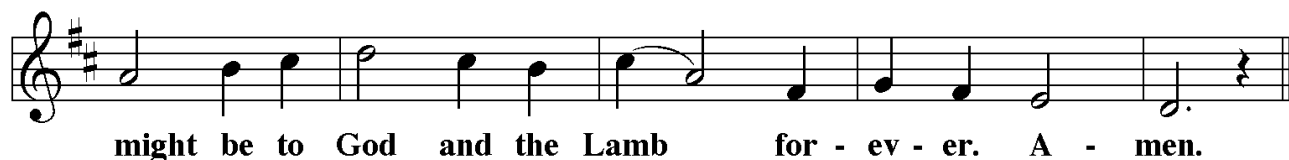
This is the feast

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

A reading from Revelation:

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.**



PSALMODY

34:1-10,22

Refrain

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for
those who fear the LORD lack noth - ing.

**May be sung in canon.*

Tone

- ¹ I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- ⁵ Look upon the Lord | 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. R
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
- ²² O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A reading from 1 John:

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.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.' The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence on the last staff.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter. **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.**

HOMILY

*HYMN OF THE DAY

For all the saints

ELW 422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



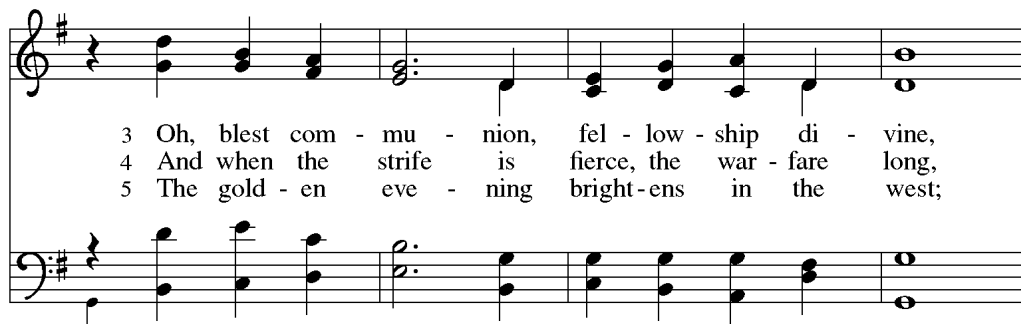
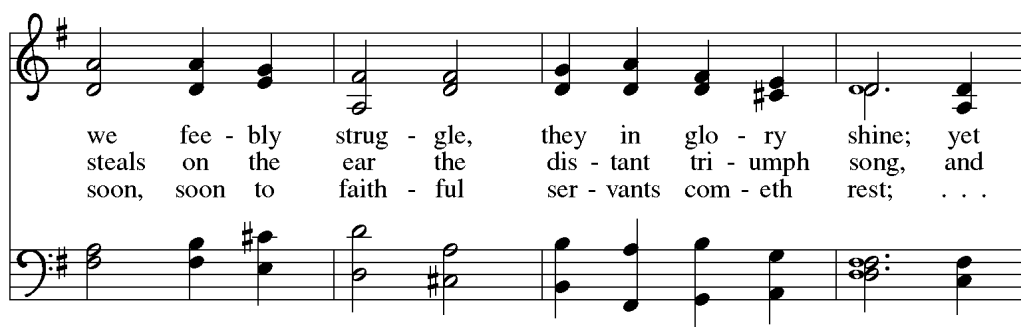
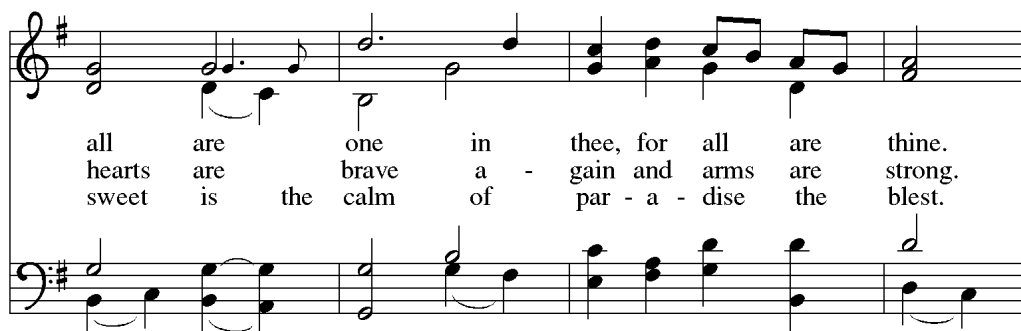
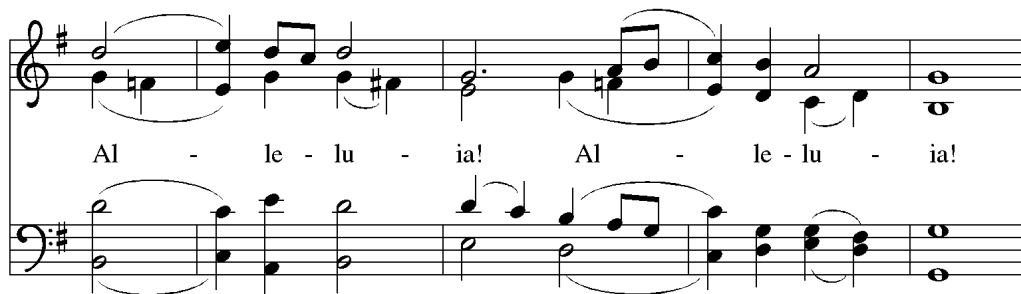
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

*APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope we confess what we believe.

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 THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition. The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God**"*
*The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "**Amen.**"*

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

O, God we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Open wide your gates of beauty*

Text: Benjamin Schmolck

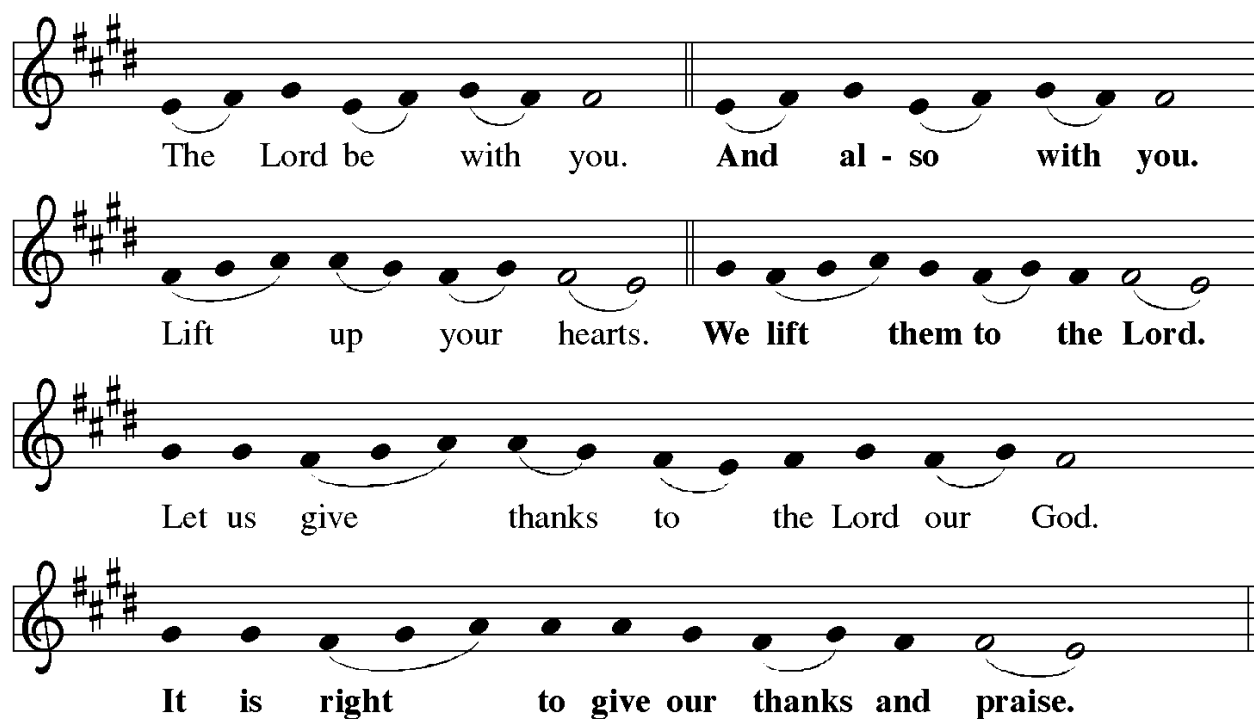
Music: Eugene Englert (1931-2024)

(a close translation may be found at ELW 533)

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*PREFACE DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

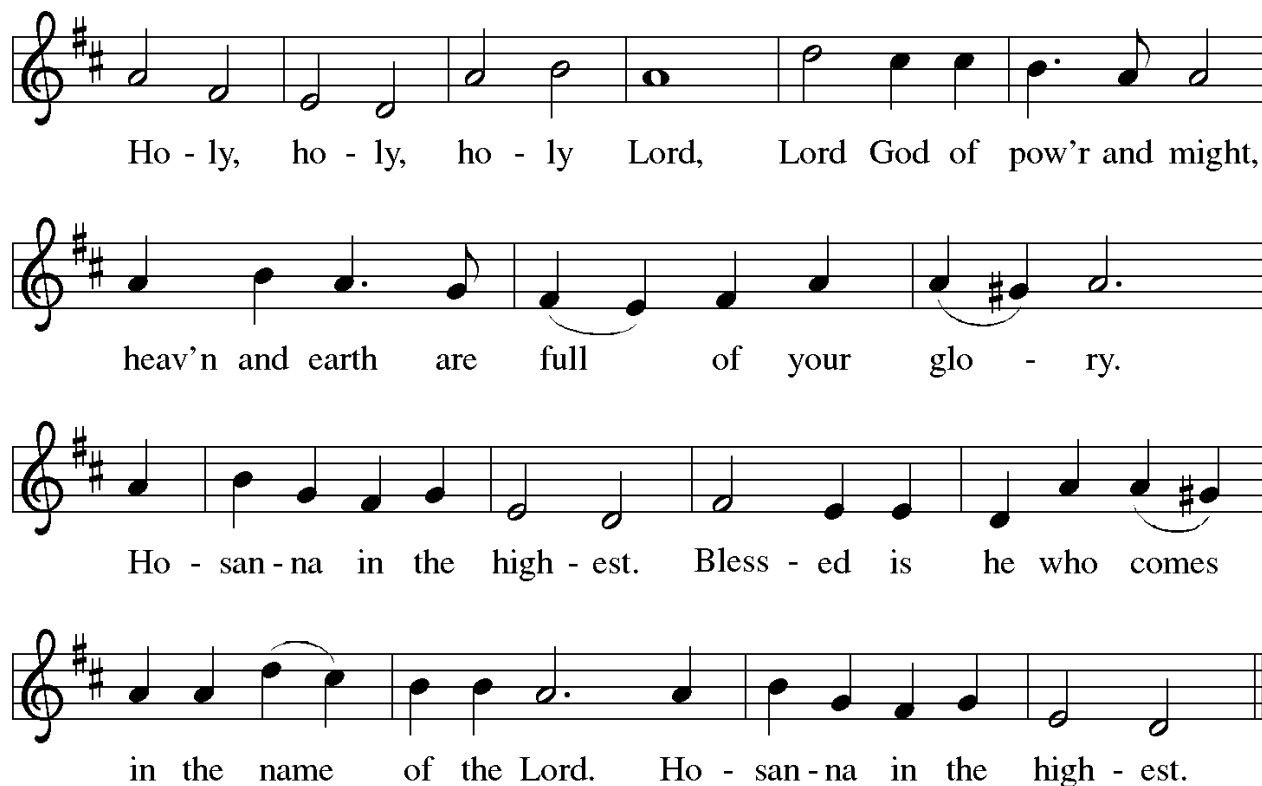
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed ... unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 forever. Amen.

*COMMUNION INVITATION

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
(psalm 34:8)

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a **gluten-free host**. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an X.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Am the Living Bread

Based on John 6:51-54

Carl Johengen

Refrain:

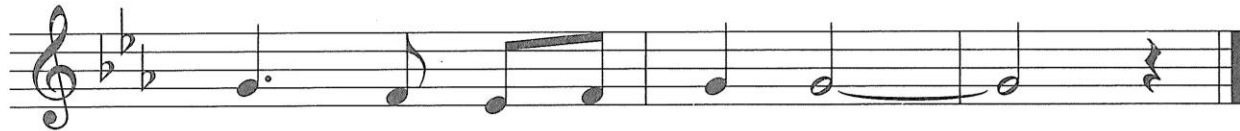


I am the liv - ing bread come down from



heav - en.

I am the liv - ing



bread come down from heav - en.

Music © 1994 The Archdiocese of New York. All rights reserved.
Text © 1981 The International Committee on English in the Liturgy.
All rights reserved. Published by GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

Those not receiving communion are invited to pray the following while communion is being distributed:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. When I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

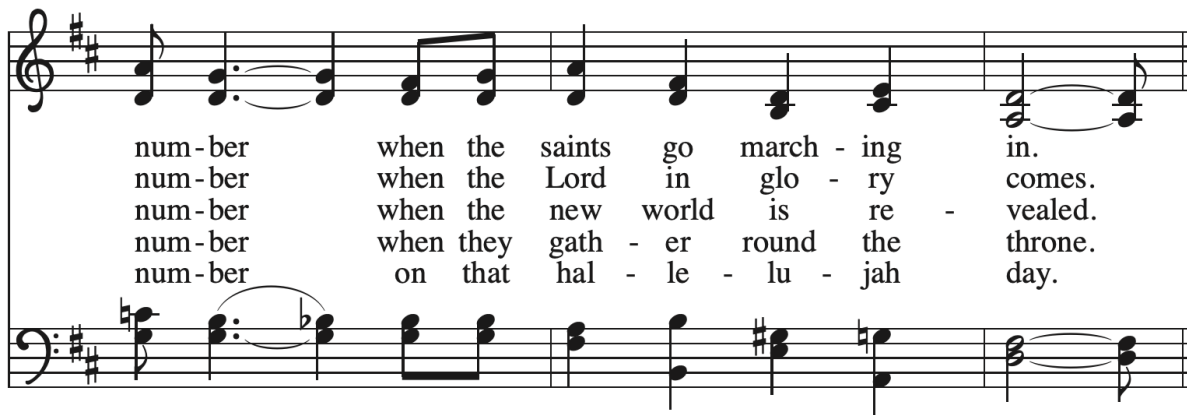
*SENDING HYMN

Oh, when the saints go marching in

ACS 950

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

Arr. © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

*DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Emma Ross, flute
for the beautiful music!

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Dave & Linda Obedzinski
In honor of the Call Committee and its successful efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that there is NO Bible Study this evening. Join us next week for Bible Study. For more information, please contact Jan Frick.
- Join us for Matins via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9:00am The link is available on our website. Please note that Vespers will resume during Advent.
- The ministry of Carol's Closet at St. James will once again be collecting coats for November, December, and January. We at St. Mark have been supporting the Carol's Closet ministry over many years, as the needs of our neighbors are ever present. If you have any spare coats that are in good condition, then please consider donating them. You can bring them to church and leave them in the Carol's Closet baskets located in the St. Mark coat closet. If you have any questions, then please contact Jan Frick.
- Please join us for a special Stewardship Sunday Breakfast Church on November 8. Breakfast at 8:30am. Worship at 9:00am. Please sign up in the narthex to bring something for the breakfast.

- The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated at South Church on Tuesday, November 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Address: South Church, 949 Main St, So. Glastonbury.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, November 1	9:00am	<i>All Saints Day</i> Service of Word and Sacrament Followed by Coffee Hour Sponsored by Amigos & Amigas
Tuesday, November 3	<i>Election Day</i> 9:00am	Matins via Zoom
Thursday, November 5	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 8	8:30am 5:00pm	Breakfast Church Bible Study



www.SaintMarkGlastonbury.org
<https://www.youtube.com/user/stmarkglastonbury>
<https://www.facebook.com/lutheranchurchofstmark>

*Parts of the Liturgy and music used by permission
and Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under Augsburg Fortress License #SAS025154,
One License # A-721348, & CCLI License #3161225 and #20851450.*