All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026 · 9:30 a.m.



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

1100 E Murdock Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901

All Saints' Sunday

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation/All**

***** ***Invitation to stand***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: 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.
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

* Gathering Hymn: *For All the Saints* ELW 504

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

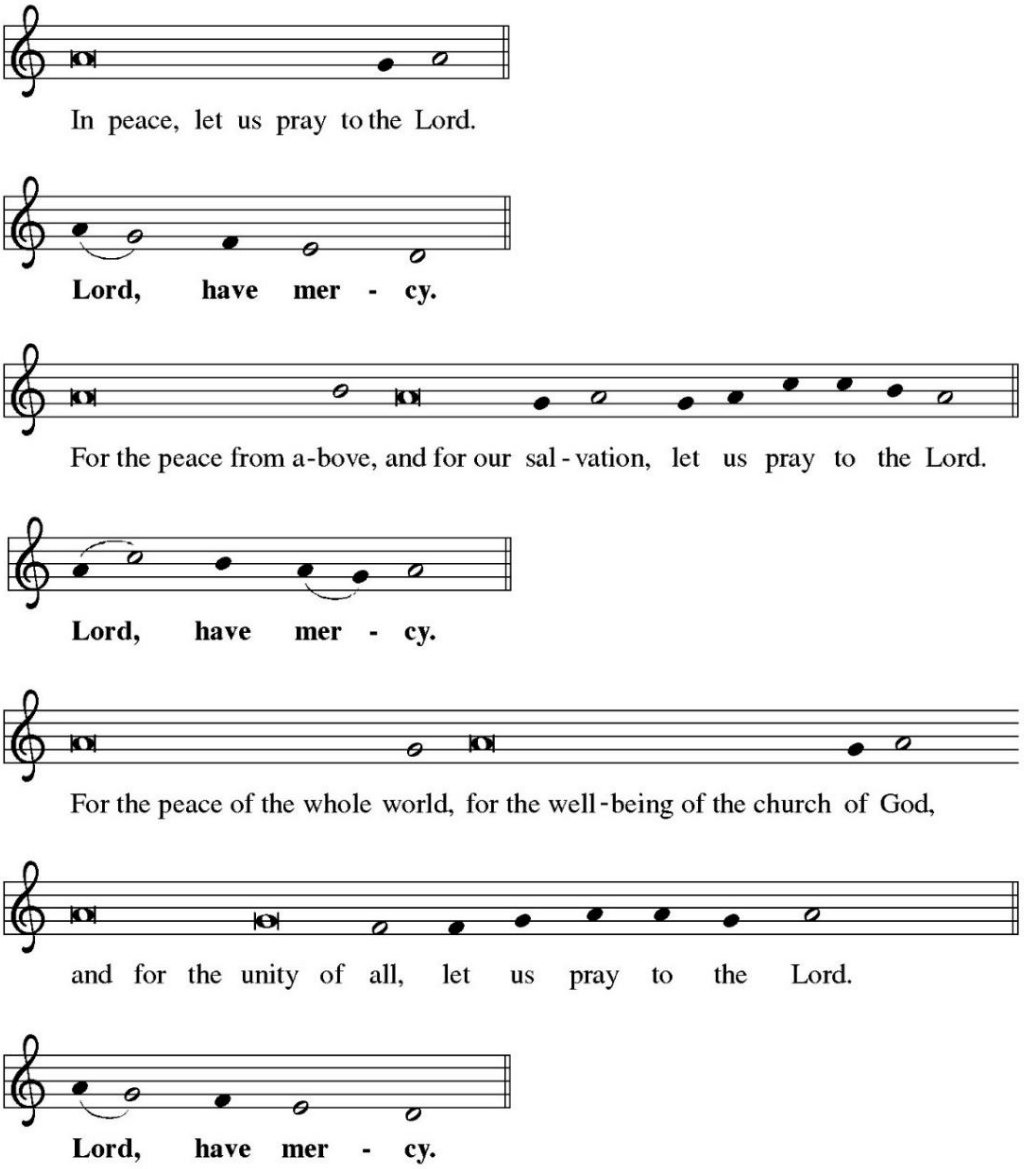
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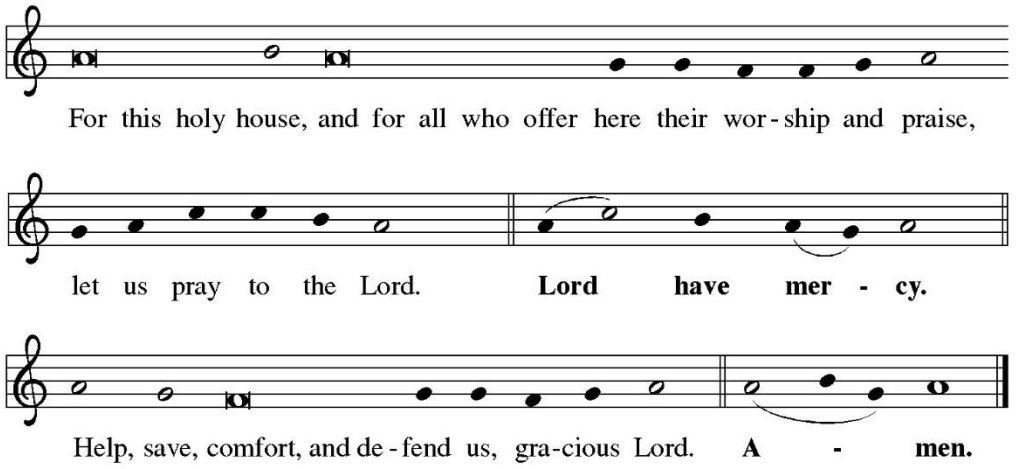
*The Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

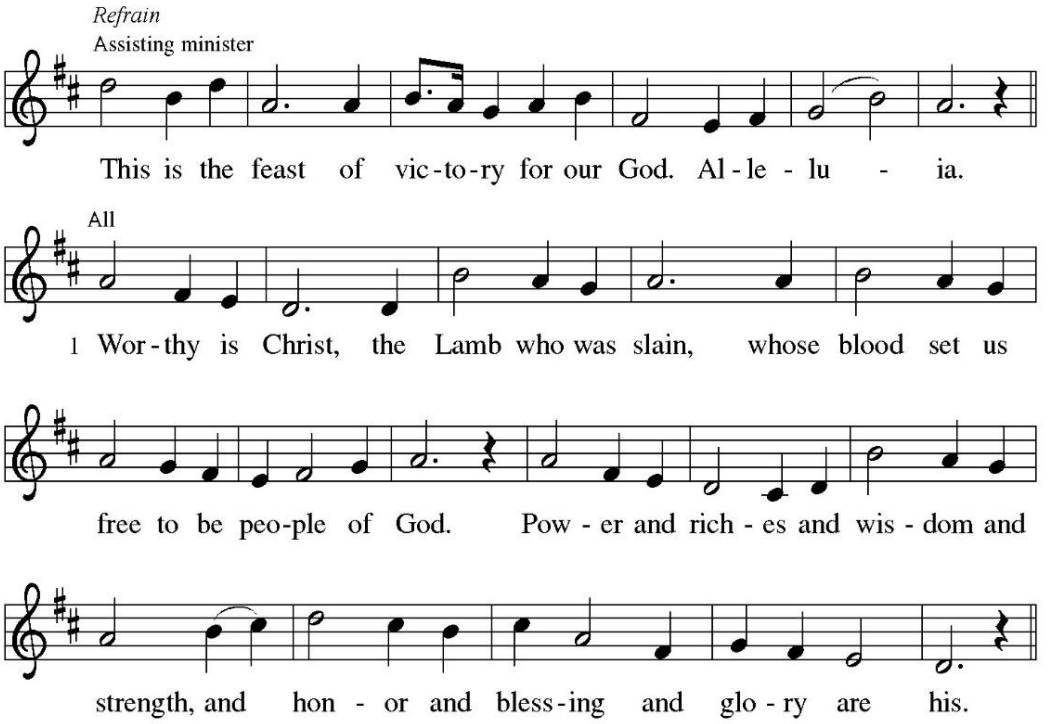
C: And also with you.
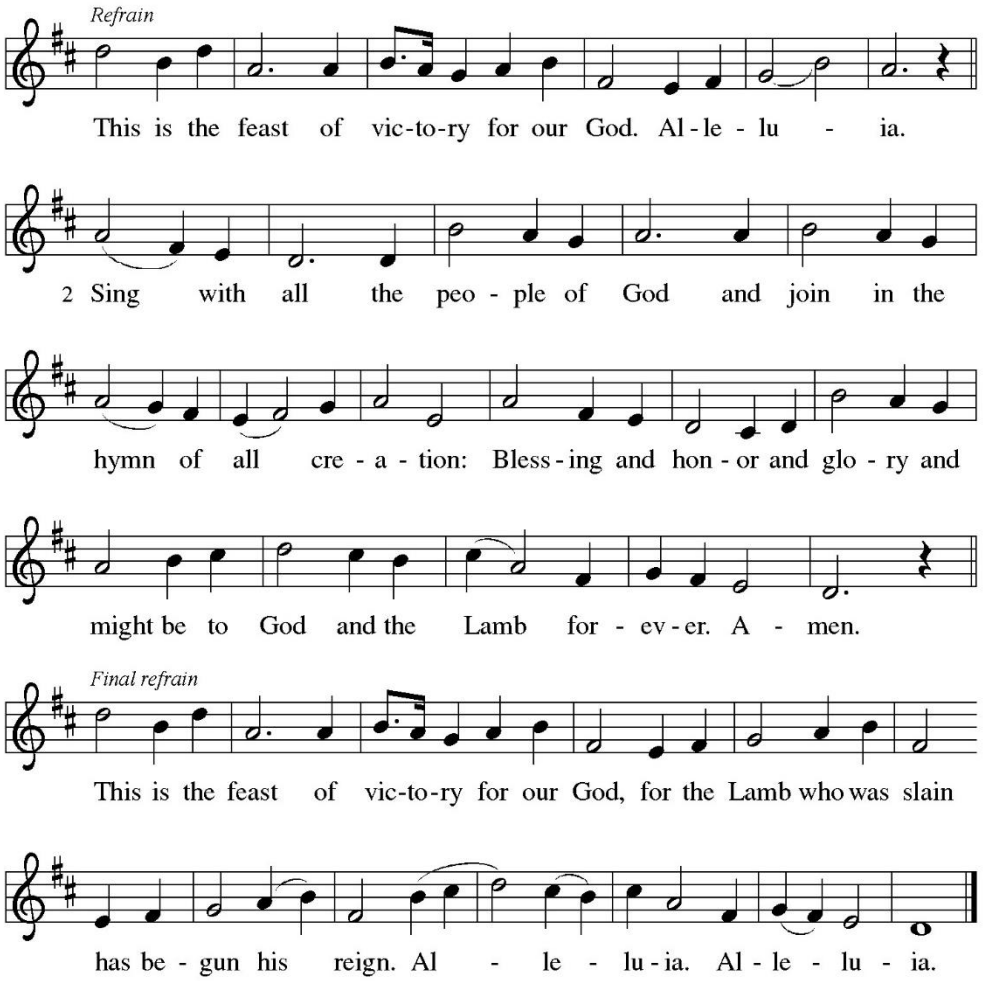
* Kyrie


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.



* Hymn of Praise





* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: 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.

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.

L: A reading from the book of 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."

L: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

A: I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
C: I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
A: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
C: I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
A: Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
A: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
C: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
A: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
A: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished**.**

Second Reading: 1st 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.
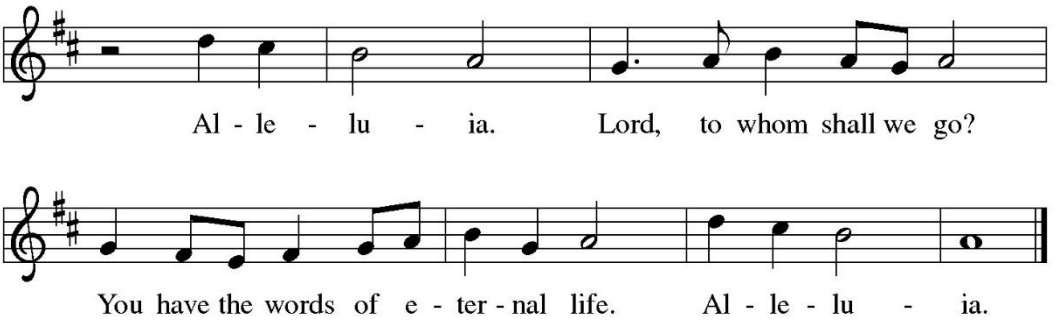
L: A reading from 1st John.

[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.

L: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation



* Gospel: 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

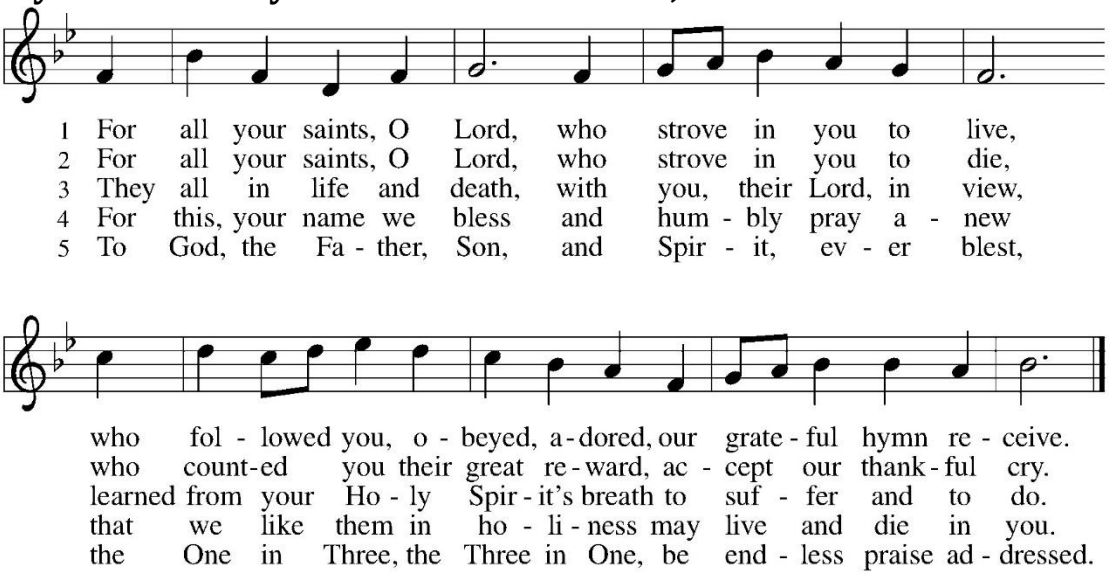
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day: *For All Your Saints, O Lord* ELW 427



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

* The Nicene Creed

A: Together, let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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 and the Son,*
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 Intercession

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways, lakes and rivers. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially those we now name in our hearts . . . God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, Jacquelyn Kildsig, H. Gene Drecktrah, David Morrison, Tracy Hawley, and those saints triumphant in our lives whom we name silently . . . . Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

* Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

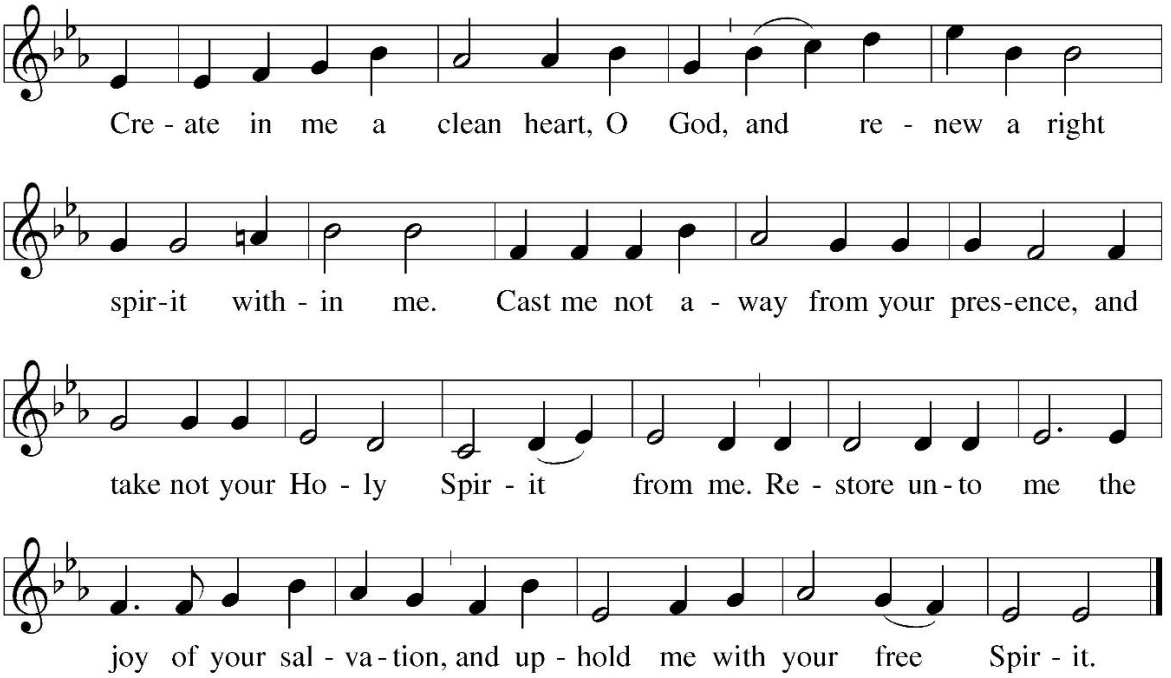
Our Offerings for God's Work

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary, as you enter or leave the church.

Butterflies with the names of our beloved saints will be brought forward at this time.

Death Be Never Last – Ray Makeever, Arr. David Sims
St. Andrew's Choir

* Offertory Hymn: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord* WOV 732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

* Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: Amen.

* The Great Thanksgiving

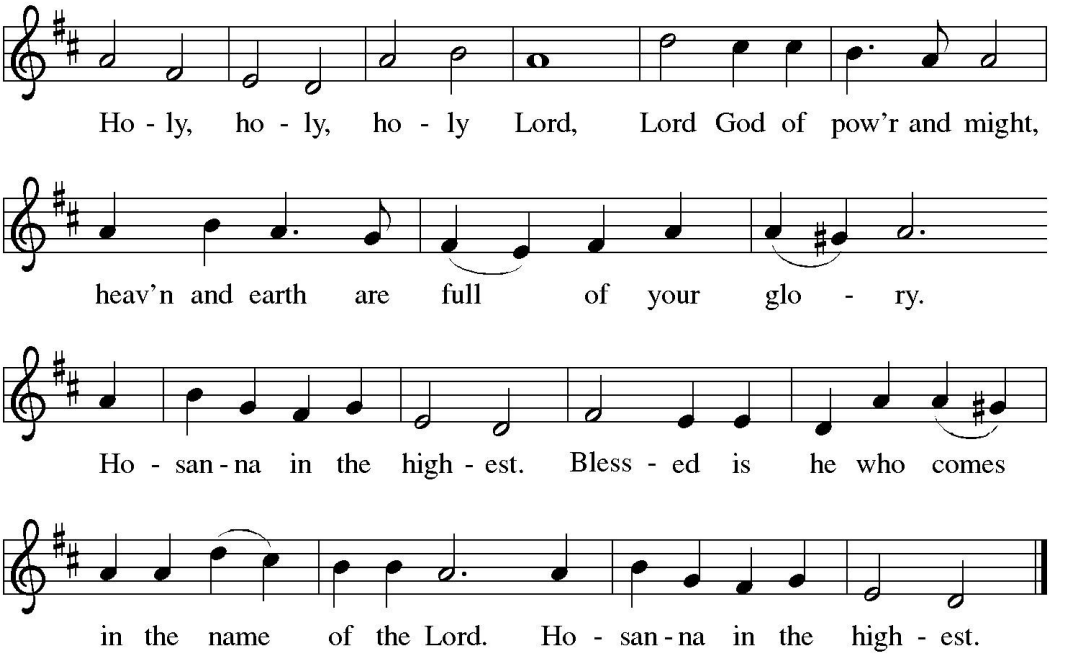
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

* The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



* The Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

* Lord's Prayer

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

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

* Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
C: Thanks be to God.

- ✞ ***<u>All are welcome at this table</u>***. *Please follow the direction of the ushers as you make your way forward to the altar rail.*
- ✞ *You will receive a wafer, then be offered a cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are also available.*
- ✞ *If it is either your practice or preference to not receive Communion today, please know that you are still welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.*
- ✞ *There is space on both sides of the sanctuary if you would desire to light a candle and observe a quiet moment of reflection as you return to your seat.*
- ✞ *If you need Holy Communion brought to you, please inform one of the ushers.*

Please stand, as you are able.

* The Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray:
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

* Benediction

P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

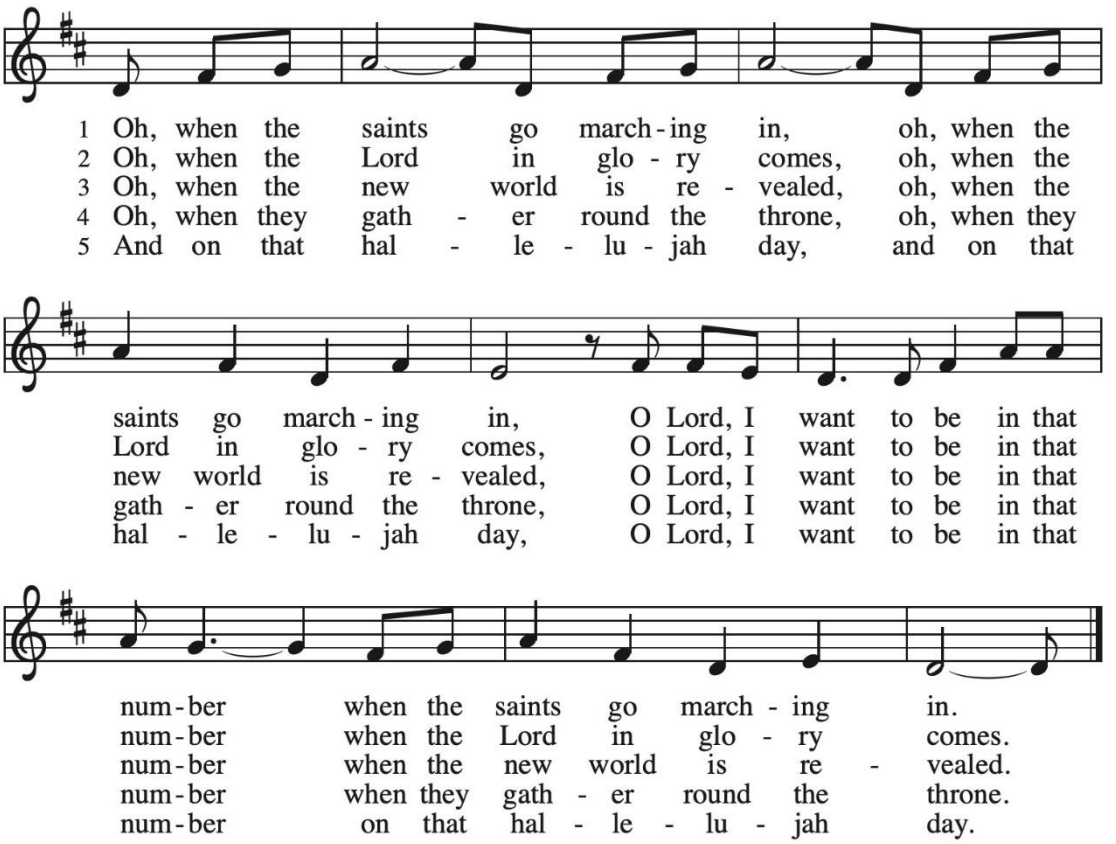
P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Sending Hymn: *O When The Saints Go Marching In* ACS 950



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

* Dismissal

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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