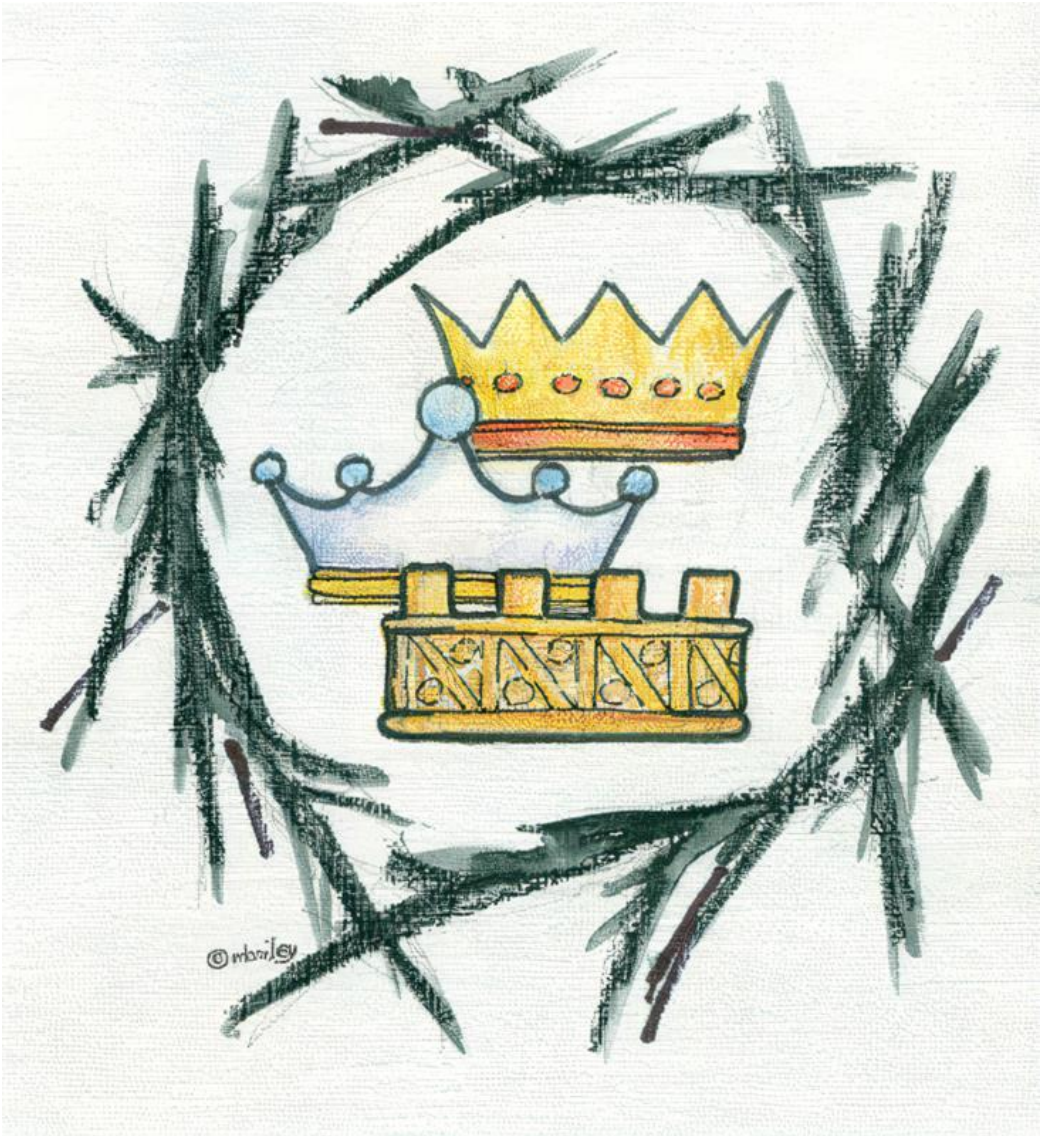
The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Reign of Christ ***November 20, 2022***

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Worship as we move forward in COVID-19: We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:00pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required. As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for link) or through the livestream on the Website: https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood
Greeters: Merle Wall, David Buckman
Crucifer: Heather Lee
Sacristan: Judith Branion
Readers: Erin Kelly, Lorraine Gates
Gospel: Joan Huzar
Intercessor: Sarah Kell
Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Judith Reid,
Chuck Neilson, Jessie Bosma
Verger: Douwe Bosma
Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
Conductor: Char Hodgkins
Sandra Fletcher, organist

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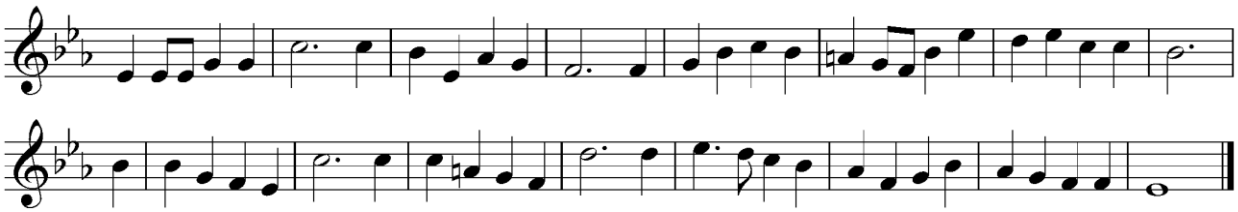
Prelude

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,
All: **you have called us to be your family**
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray now, for all members of our family
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.
Through your spirit keep us united in love.
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.
Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times.
Help us to know that we are your people,
that we are your Family, always.
Amen.

Processional Hymn (CP 378) DIADEMATA



1. **Crown him with many crowns,**
   the Lamb upon his throne:
   hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
   all music but its own!
   Awake, my soul, and sing
   of him who died for thee,
   and hail him as thy matchless King
   through all eternity.

2. **Crown him the Lord of life,**
   who triumphed o'er the grave,
   and rose victorious in the strife
   for those he came to save.
   His glories now we sing
   who died and rose on high,
   who died eternal life to bring,
   and lives that death may die.

3. **Crown him the Lord of peace,**
   whose power a sceptre sways
   from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
   absorbed in prayer and praise.
   His reign shall know no end;
   and round his piercèd feet
   fair flowers of paradise extend
   their fragrance ever sweet.

4. **Crown him the Lord of love;**
   behold his hands and side,
   rich wounds yet visible above,
   in beauty glorified.
   All hail, Redeemer, hail!
   for thou hast died for me;
   thy praise shall never, never fail
   throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.
Music: George Job Elvery (1816-1893).

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

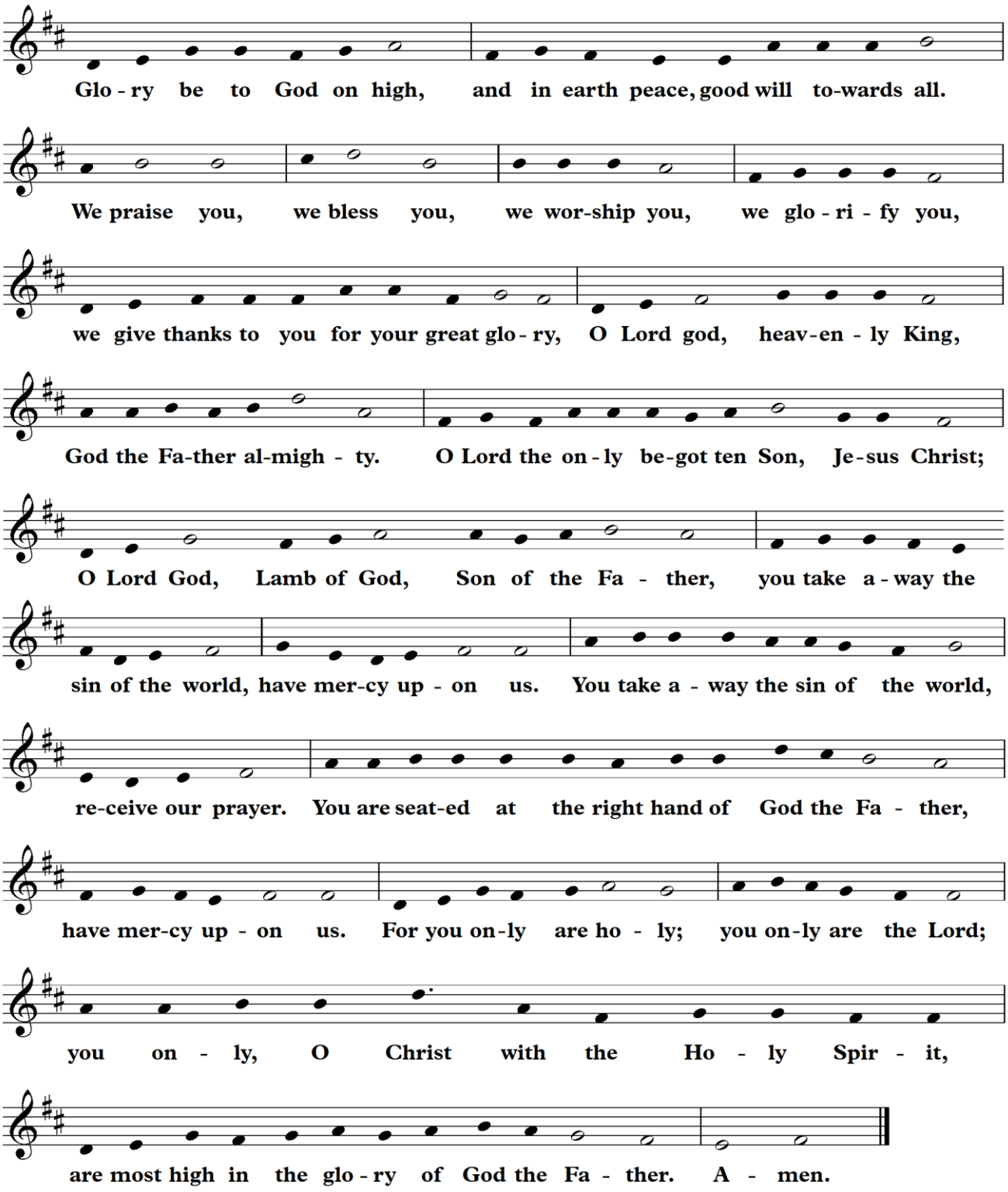
All: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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

John Merbecke (1510-1585), adapted



The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of unbroken weakness,
you scorn our lust for power.
Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ,
crucified and victorious,
in whose authority we dare to speak your truth,
even in the face of injustice and death.

All: **Amen.**

Propers Working Group (2016).

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; /
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, /
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, /
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, /
that he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies /
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, /
all the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: /
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people /
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God; /
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, /
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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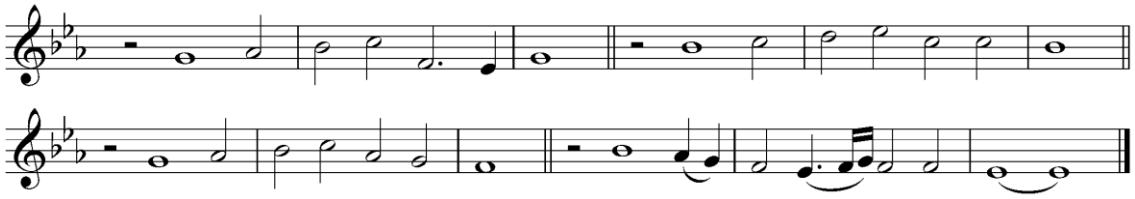
Gradual Hymn (USA 585)

SONG 13



1. **Morning glory, starlit sky,**
   soaring music, scholar's truth,
   flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
   memory's treasure, grace of youth:
2. **Open are the gifts of God,**
   gifts of love to mind and sense;
   hidden is love's agony,
   love's endeavour, love's expense.
3. **Love that gives, gives evermore,**
   gives with zeal, with eager hands,
   spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
   ventures all, its all expends.
4. **Drained is love in making full,**
   found in setting others free,
   poor in making many rich,
   weak in giving power to be.
5. **Therefore he who shows us God**
   helpless hangs upon the tree;
   and the nails and crown of thorns
   tell us what God's love must be.
6. **Here is God: no monarch he,**
   throned in easy state to reign;
   here is God, whose arms of love
   aching, spent, the world sustain.

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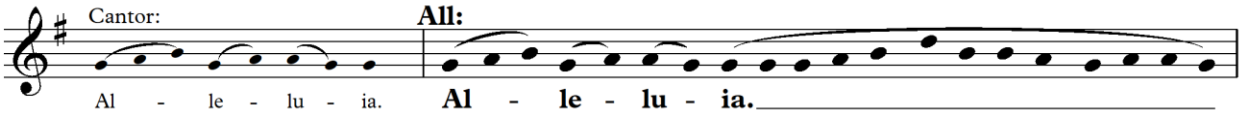
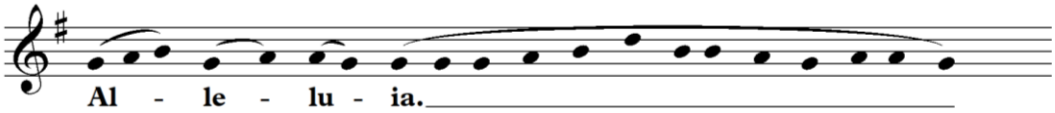
The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord : peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.



God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the good news of Jesus according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

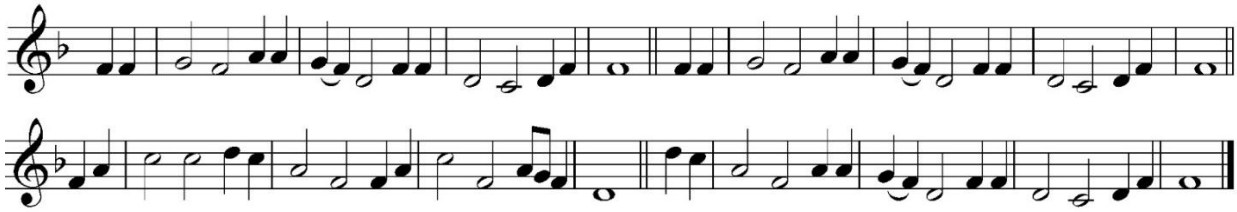
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

BEACH SPRING



1. I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.

2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.

3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

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Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 374)

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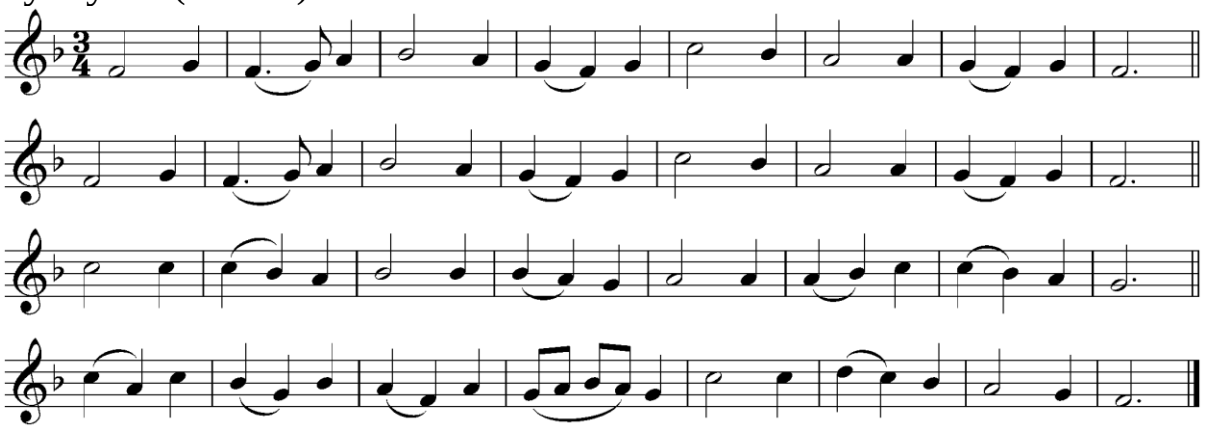


1. **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**
   His the sceptre, his the throne;
   alleluia! his the triumph,
   his the victory alone.
   Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
   thunder like a mighty flood;
   Jesus, out of every nation,
   hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. **Alleluia! Not as orphans**
   are we left in sorrow now;
   alleluia! he is near us,
   faith believes, nor questions how.
   Though the cloud from sight received him,
   when the forty days were o'er,
   shall our hearts forget his promise,
   "I am with you evermore"?

3. **Alleluia! Bread of heaven,**
   thou on earth our food, our stay;
   alleluia! here the sinful
   flee to thee from day to day;
   Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
   earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
   where the songs of all the sinless
   sweep across the crystal sea.

4. **Alleluia! King eternal,**
   thee the Lord of lords we own;
   alleluia! born of Mary,
   earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
   Thou within the veil hast entered,
   robed in flesh, our great high priest;
   thou on earth both priest and victim
   in the eucharistic feast.

5. **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**
   His the sceptre, his the throne;
   alleluia! his the triumph,
   his the victory alone.
   Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
   thunder like a mighty flood;
   Jesus, out of every nation
   hath redeemed us by his blood.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).
Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3,
Book of Alternative Services

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You exalted him as Lord of all creation
that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom:

a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus *(Sung by the choir)*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	*Holy, holy, holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*Lord God of power and might.*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit	*Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini.	*in the name of the Lord.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

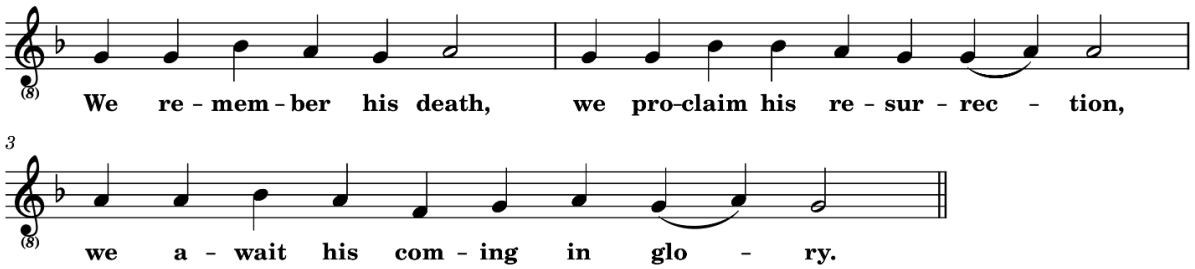
We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All:

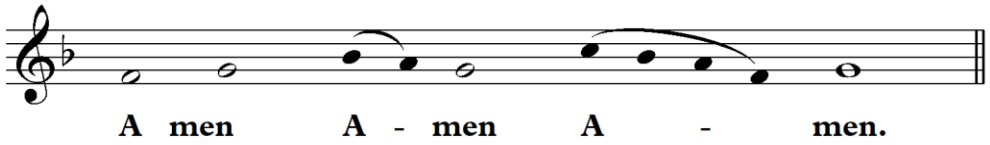


and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

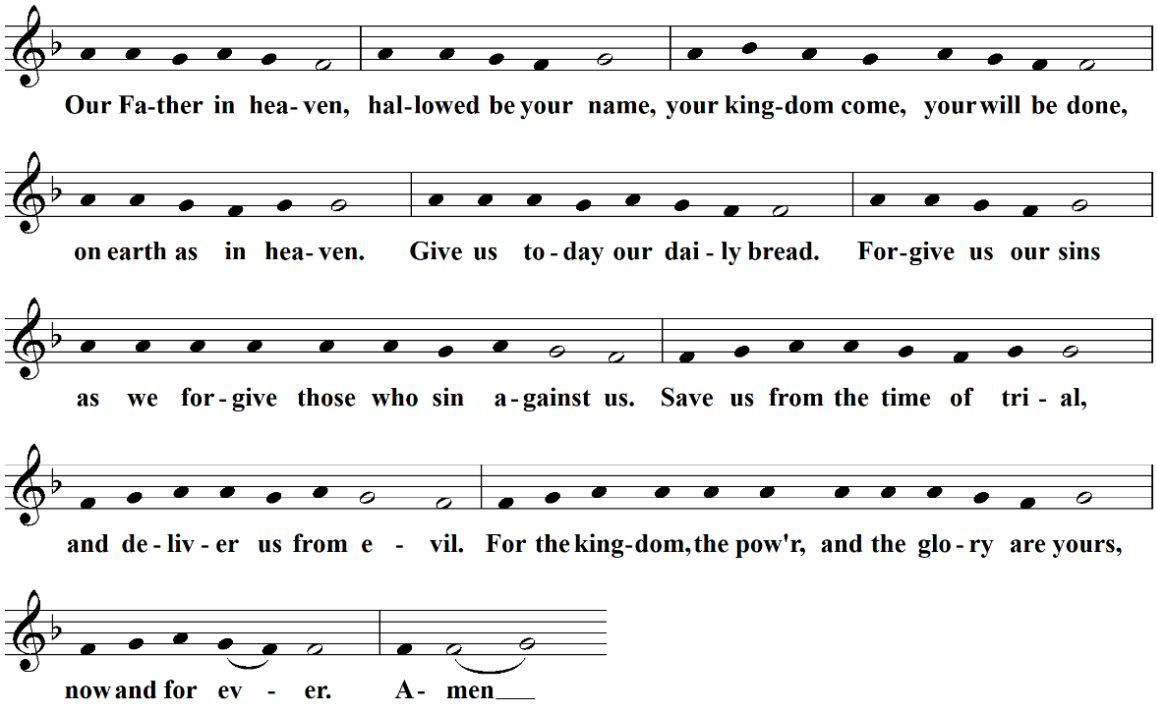
All:



The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to receive communion. If you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of*
miserere nobis.	*the world, have mercy on us.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of*
dona nobis pacem.	*the world, grant us peace.*

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

All: **For, though we are in many places,**
we spiritually share one bread.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

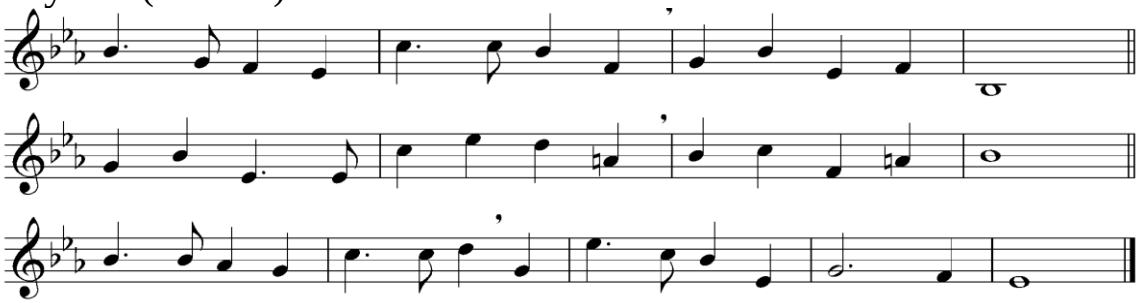
Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (SPr 267) GUITING POWER



1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

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Please join us on Zoom and in the church for refreshments.

Readings for November 27th – The 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 A vision of peace is offered for all nations and all peoples.
Psalm 122 Sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem, this psalm praises God for peace, unity and security.
Romans 13:11-14 Paul urges his readers to wake up, to realize that salvation is very near—the time awaited is about to arrive.
Matthew 24:36-44 Be watchful: when least expected, God breaks in.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Charlotte	Rudolf & Marguerite	Richard
Caspar	Justin	Joe and family
Megan	Paul	Pat
Nancy	Tony	Chris & Meghan
Ethan	Bruno	Nancy
Martha	Pip & Derrick	Jeffrey
	RR & family	

The Advent Procession – Nov. 27th, 4pm
Sometimes known as the 'Advent Carol Service', this service is actually a moving sequence of readings, hymns, anthems, and motets, exploring the themes of Advent -- eschatology, darkness, light, hope, and justice. The service is based around the seven ancient Advent Magnificat antiphons, known as the 'O' Antiphons, which form the basis of the well-known hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

The Christmas Carol Service – Dec. 11th, 4pm
The traditional carol service, held this year on the Third Sunday of Advent, featuring the standard Christmas hymns and the sequence of lessons and accompanying choral carols first made popular through the Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge.

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