ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ALL SAINTS' DAY, YEAR A

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

November 1, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Saint John's!

You always have a place here at Saint John's. Whether you have been coming for years or this is your very first visit, we are grateful to have you here. This wonderful parish is full of life and activities. We are excited for all that God is doing in and through Saint John's.

Sunday School and Children's Chapel are available for young people, and we have wonderful once-a-month Wednesday evening activities planned for the whole parish. I have a feeling this may be one of the most fun years we have ever had at Saint John's!

Most of all, we want Saint John's to be a place where people encounter Jesus Christ—where He is known, worshipped, and adored, and where we grow together in faith, hope, and love.

If you are new to Saint John's, or if you are looking for a church home, please stop by the welcome table in the courtyard and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you, get to know you, and welcome you into the Saint John's family.

Above all, let us remember that this is God's Church, and all that we do is ultimately for His glory. Let us continue with grateful hearts, joyful spirits, and great expectation for what God has in store for Saint John's.

Thanks be to God, and God bless us all!

Faithfully,



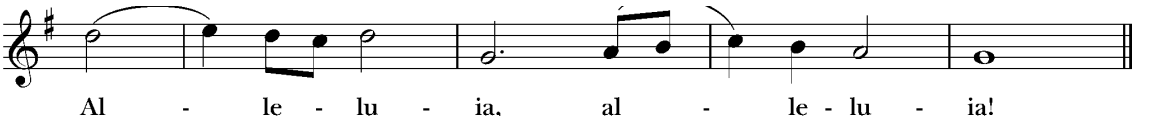
The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan

The people stand as the Ministers enter

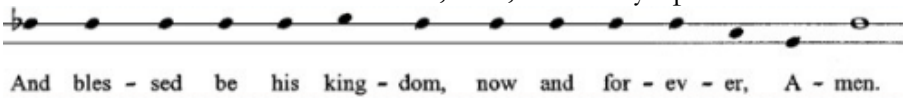
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 1-4, 8 *Sine Nomine*



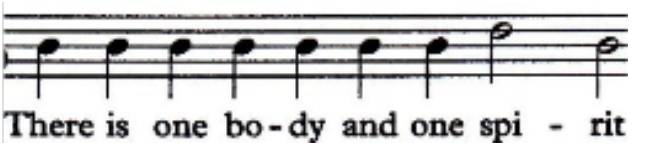


OPENING ACCLAMATION & SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

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



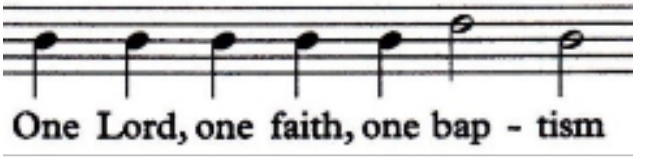
People



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HYMN OF PRAISE 286

Zeuch mich



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

The people sit

THE LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

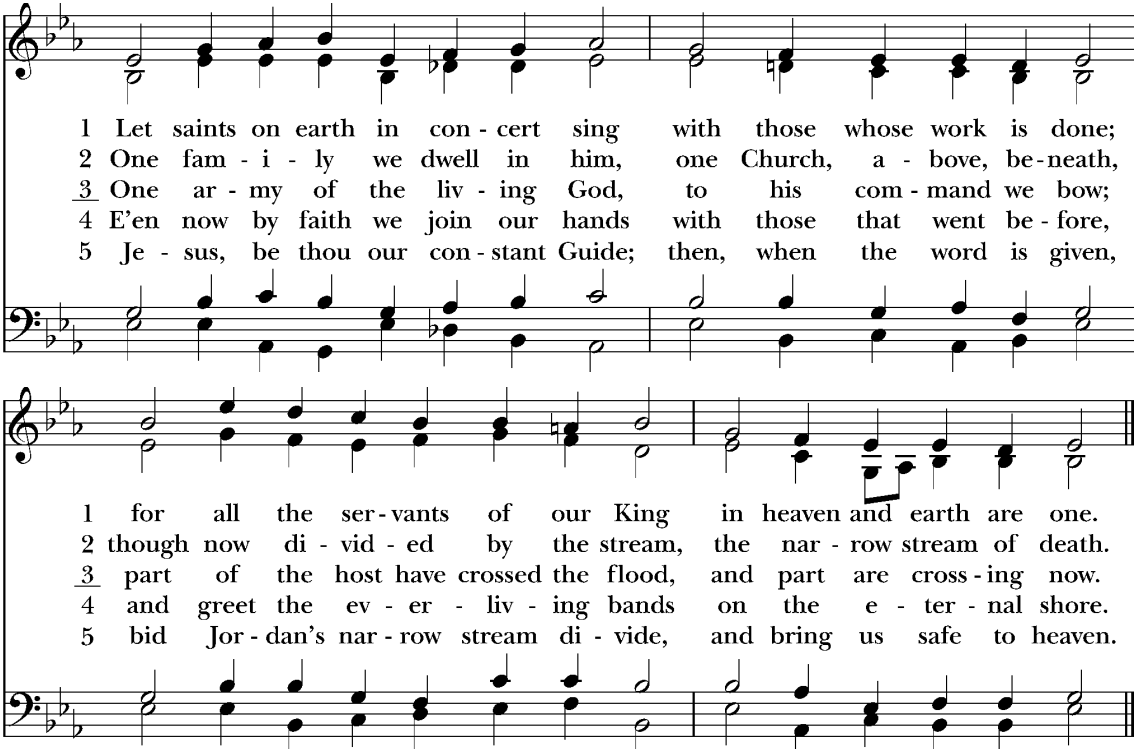
Lector A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All elementary-aged students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN 526 *Dundee*



THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men 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 so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Father Christian M. Wood

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor(s) *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Presenters *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

The celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate *I do.*

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer *I do.*

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the whole congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(Standing)*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant 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 on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The altar party, candidates, and family now process to the baptismal font.

The Cantor leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead with Chrism, the sign of the cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

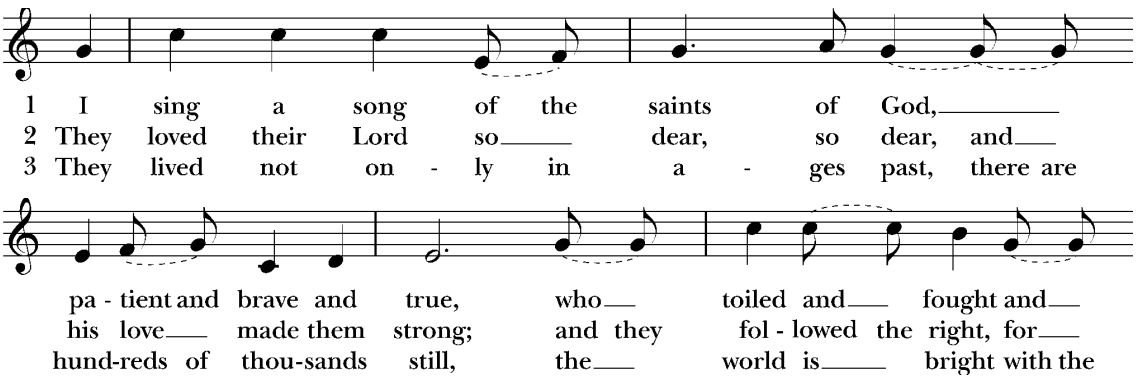
When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays for the newly baptized saying:

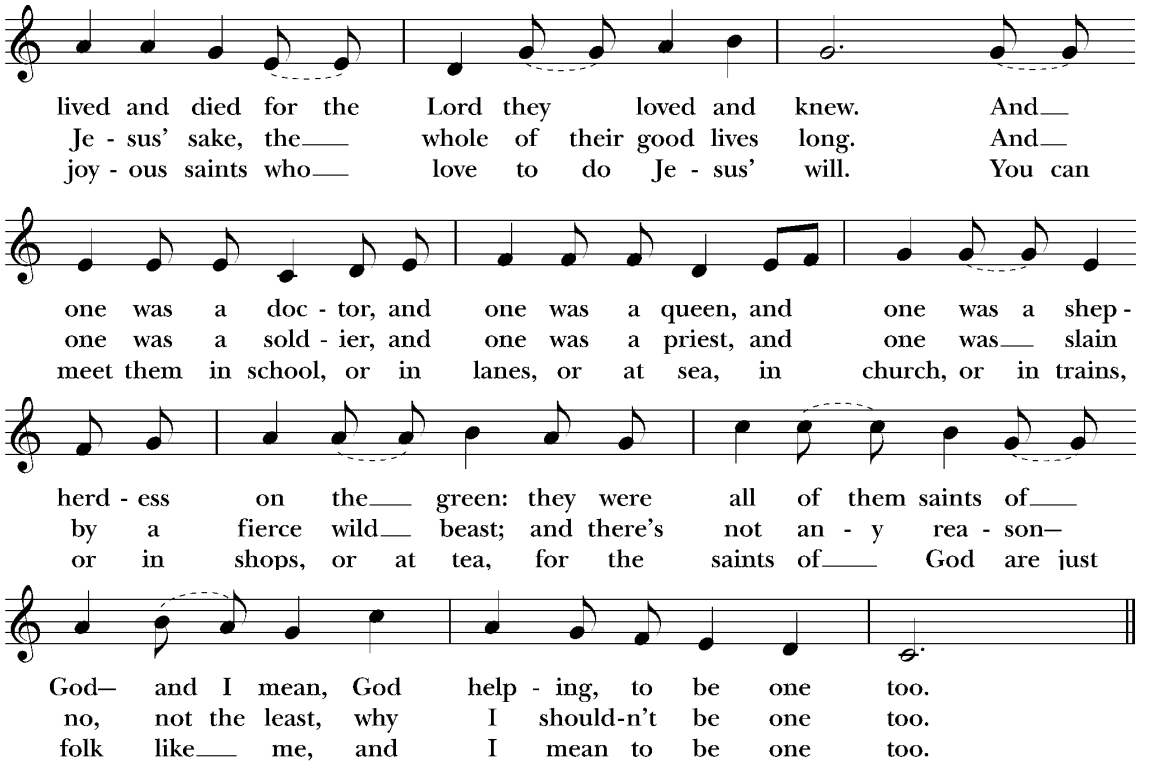
Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

HYMN 293 *Grand Isle*





Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit for the announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven — Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

The people stand

DOXOLOGY 380 *Stanza 3* *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*



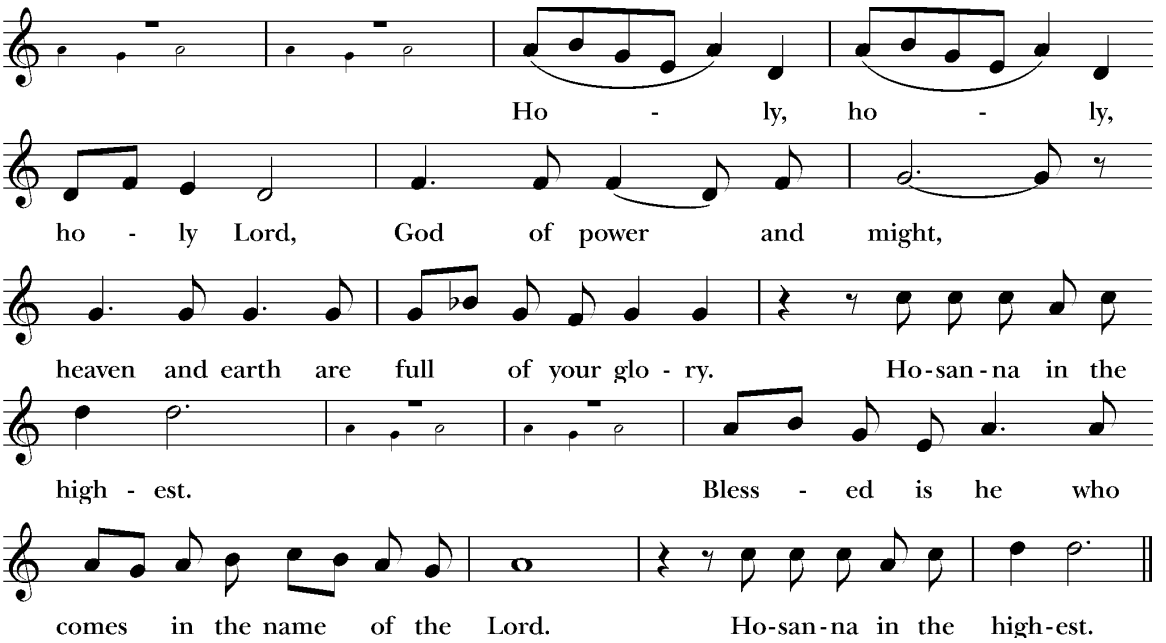
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-128 William Mathais



The people kneel

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

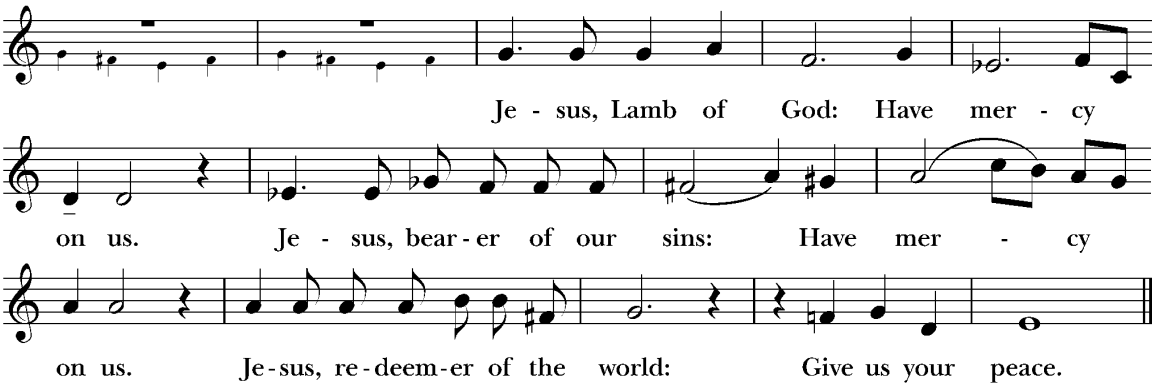
Celebrant and people

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

FRACTION ANTHEM S-165



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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Sunday School students and teachers receive first.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

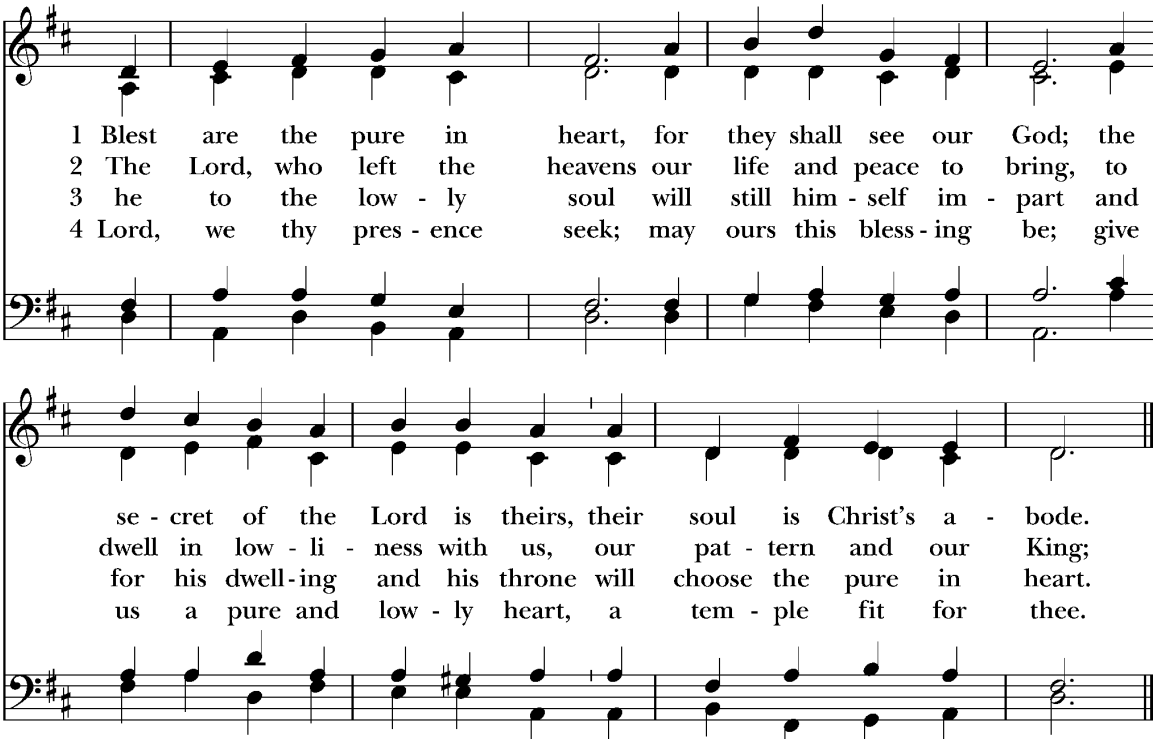
COMMUNION MOTET

Hail Glorious Spirits — Christopher Tye

Hail, glorious spirits, heirs of light, the high-born sons of fire, whose souls burn clear, whose flames shine bright: all joy, yet all desire. Hail all you happy souls above who make that glorious ring. About the sparkling throne of love, and there forever sing.

COMMUNION HYMN 656

Franconia



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the Blessing

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

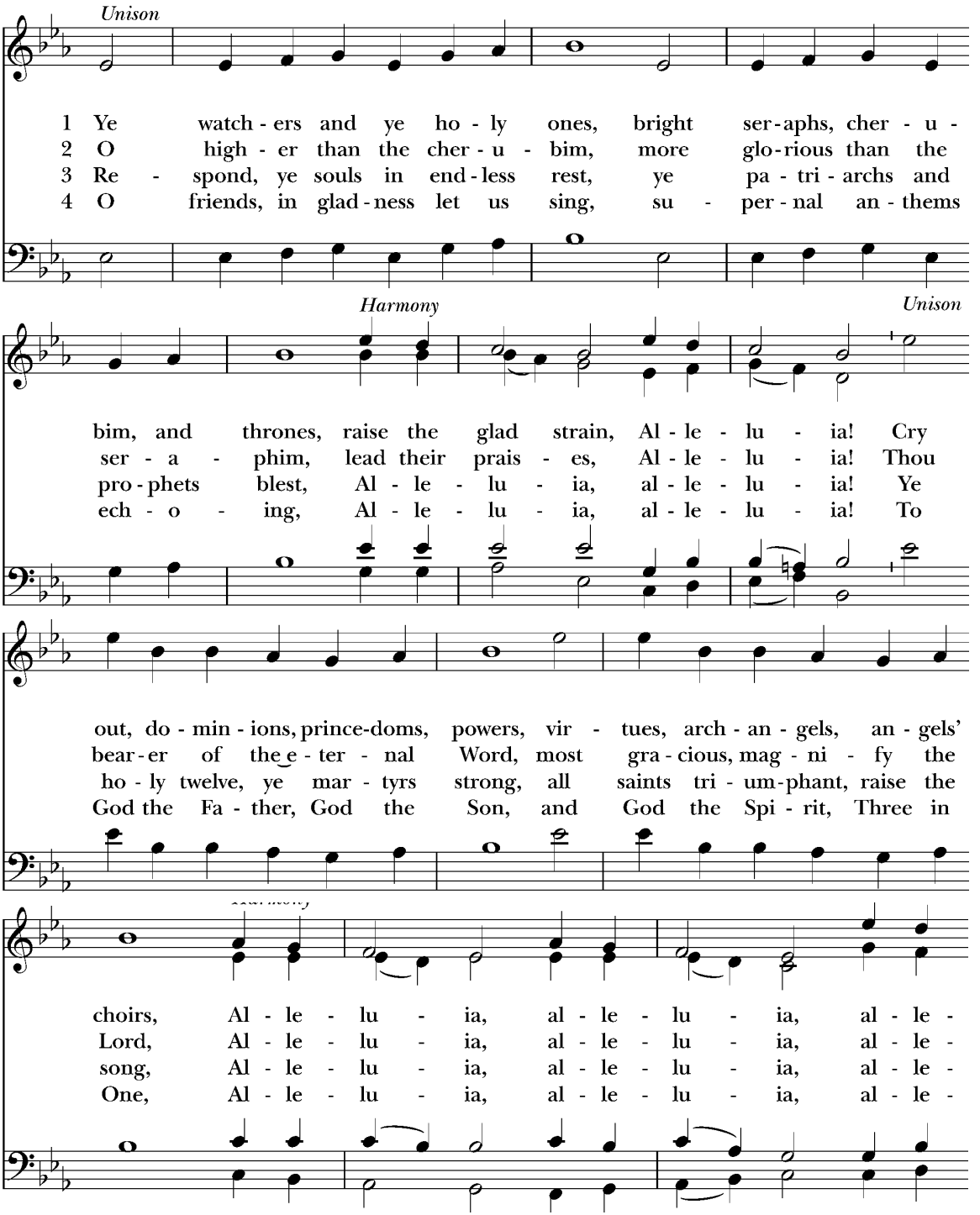
The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618

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VOLUNTARY *Intrada* *Grayston Ives*

The Organ Voluntary is an integral part of the service. Please leave the church quietly out of respect for those people who choose to stay to listen.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg.

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya), and Brandon

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:
November 1: Minnie Norton, Sherrie Weekley, Allison Shamblin, Ginny Collier, Anna Marie Stracey, Rick Waterhouse, Lane Light, John Jordan
November 2: Carson Eckhard, Sykes Eckhard, Jensen Whittlesey, Jude Whittlesey, Jonathan Maya
November 3: Houston Marnell, Anne Gerber
November 4: James Few, Gerd Michel, Evan Spencer, Cynthia Peters, Sam Stephens
November 5: Joseph Lykes, Vera Farmen, Peter Cannon
November 6: Walker Barnes, Hywel Leonard, Alex Gem, Gabriel Picone, Bennett Cruse, Matthew Conlee, Andrew Moore, Michael Wood, Elizabeth Watkins
November 7: Evelyn Bowles, Julia Green, Jack Little

Candidates for Holy Baptism

Andrew Douglass Bucken
Luca James Potts
Malcolm Orion Mount-Johnson
Rigel Reeves Gamble Mount-Johnson
Luke Cole Rodebush
Claire Joy Rodebush
Joseph Anthony Reitz
James Brice Reid
Rainey Reid

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Jackie and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family, and her medical team; Jayce, Michael, Richard, Will, Tor, Ron, Scott, Sam, Collin, Lee, David, Jack, Jim, Katy, Minnie, Berta, Mary, Ellie, Sunny, Gwen, David, Melinda, Damian, Cole, Sue, Kathy, Lee, Holly, Brandon, Lisa, Christopher, Harry, Jill, John, Ava, Barbara, Jim, Billy, Theodore, Paul, Hallie, Molly, Michael, Jim, Judi, David and family; and all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Joy Hoby
Shawn Cline

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Assisting in Today's Services

Want to know who's serving today? Scan the code to view all our serving schedules:



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VI Bishop of Southwest Florida

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Deacon

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Organist and Director of Music

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