St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Welcomes You!

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
& All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026
8:15 - Spoken Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist with Hymns and Choir

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Welcome to St. Mary's

Welcome, one and all! Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are most welcome here at St. Mary's! We strive to be an LGBTQ safe space and to live out our anti-racist principles in word and deed. The sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to know God in Christ. Come to the feast!

A Special Welcome for those Bringing Children to Worship

We are very happy that you are here today!
We want you and your children to feel at home here at St. Mary's.

- First, please relax. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children – and their sounds – are most welcome here.
- To make worship a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see what is going on, note the colors, watch the choir and clergy, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go through the liturgy, consider softly explaining the service to your children and encouraging them to chime in on the people's responses. All of these words belong to them, too.
- Be sure to sing, say, and pray the people's parts of the liturgy as much as possible, even as you are busy caring for your children. Your children will learn how to participate actively in worship by following your lead.

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

A warm welcome to worship at St. Mary's this day!

Wherever you see the † in our bulletin, it is customary to stand, as you are able. Please listen to your body and remain seated as often as needed. If you need a restroom during the service, please exit through the rear doors of the church, walk through the windowed cloister, and enter the Parish Hall. Bathrooms will be on your left.

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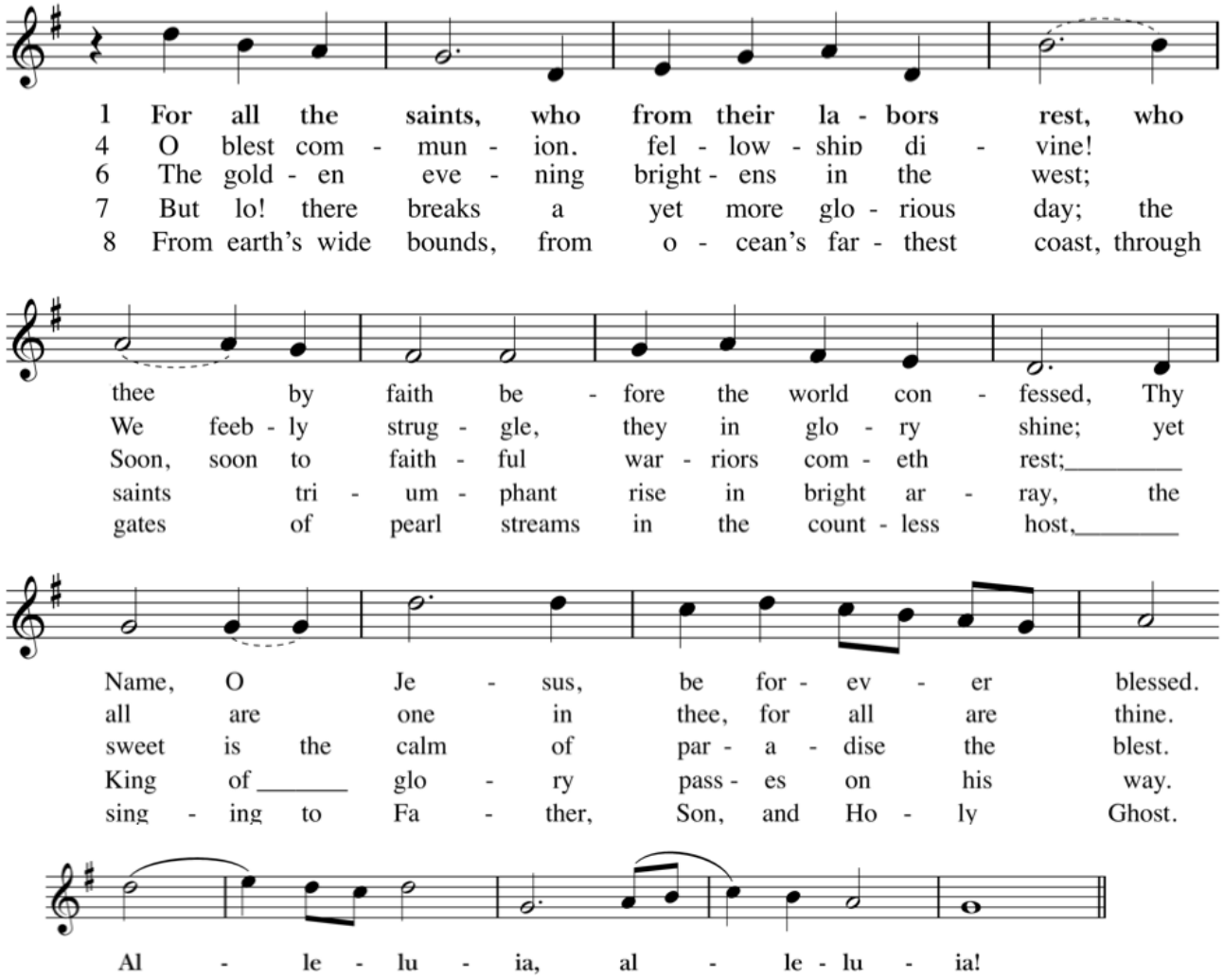
Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — J. S. Bach, arr. Wallace/Head
Simple Gifts — *Shaker Tune,* arr. S. Heitzer
The Rejoicing — G. F. Handel, arr. Wallace/Head

Thomas Boulton, trumpet

† Gathering Hymn 287, vss 1, 4, 6-8 For All the Saints *Sine nomine*



† Greeting

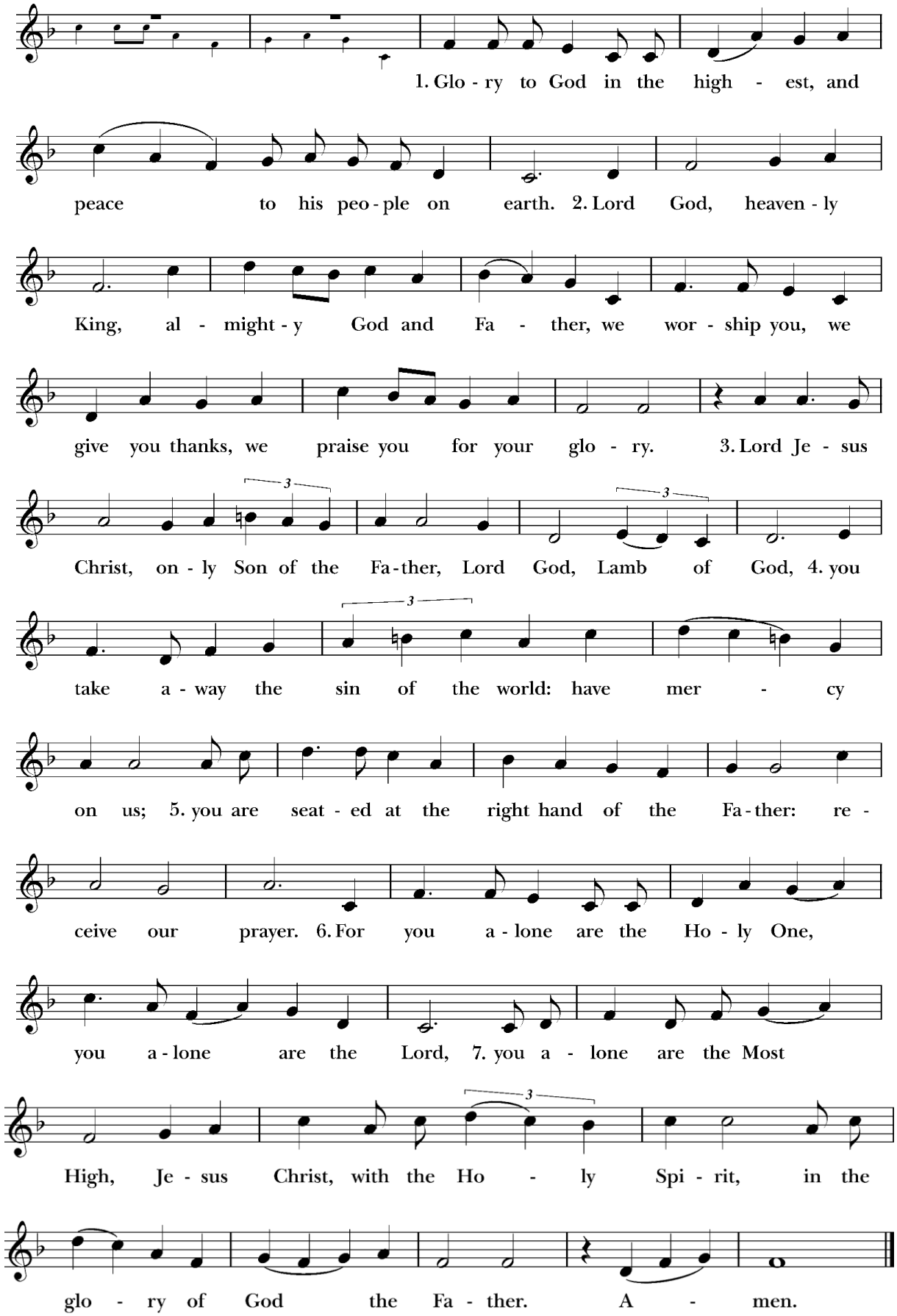
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

† Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer

Spoken in unison.

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** **S-280** Glory to God in the Highest Robert Powell

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† Collect of the Day *Book of Common Prayer*

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.**

† Collect for the Church *Book of Occasional Services*

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(10:30 only) **Children's Dismissal**

We're so glad that you have brought your children to worship today! During the 10:30 service, children in grades K-8 are dismissed at this time to participate in our Children's Ministry program. Younger children are also welcome to participate, with an accompanying parent. Children will return to the church prior to Communion.

If you are new to St. Mary's, please feel welcome to accompany your child in order to meet the adults who are leading Children's Ministry today. Children are also welcome to remain in worship, and there is an area for coloring and quiet play in the rear of the church. If your child needs a break from the sanctuary, you are also welcome to take them to the Parish Hall.

The First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17 *New Revised Standard Version*

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *The Saint Helena Psalter*

The psalm will be read responsively.

I will bless God at all times,
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Most High;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God;
let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought, and God answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and God heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God,
and God will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good;
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints,
for those who fear God lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

O God, you will ransom the life of your servants,
and none will be punished who trust in you.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-3 *New Revised Standard Version*

Lector A reading from the first Letter of John.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

† **Sequence Hymn 293** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God *Grand Isle*

† **The Gospel** Matthew 5:1-12 *New Revised Standard Version*

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.**

The Sermon The Rev. Julie Hoplamazian

After the sermon, a time of reflective silence is kept.

† Affirmation of Faith United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

† Prayers of the People *Book of Common Prayer*, Form IV (adapted)

Presider
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor
During the silence after each petition, the congregation is invited to name specific prayers.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Pause to allow for prayers, said silently or aloud.

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Increase our awareness of all the blessings of our lives, that we may give thanks with our whole hearts.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer..

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died and we pray that we may share
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Pause

Gracious God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Presider
Gracious God, accept the prayers of your people and keep us ever mindful of your love for us and all of creation, through Jesus the Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

† The Confession

The Presider says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept

Most Merciful God.
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word and deed
By what we have done and by what
We have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ
Have mercy on us and forgive us
That we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
To the Glory of Your Name.
Amen.

The Presider says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

† The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

You are most welcome here at St. Mary's! If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our weekly e-newsletter, please fill out the contact card on the back of the bulletin, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate.

A Moment for Stewardship Jane and Perry Lentz

Invitation to Offering

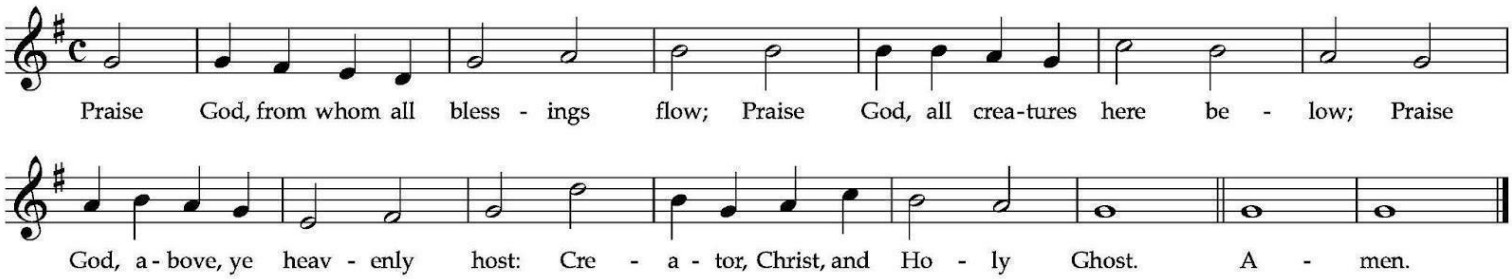
Presider Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

On the first Sunday of each month, all cash placed in the offering plate will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Checks with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo can be contributed in the offering plate or by mail at any time. The Discretionary Fund enables the Rev. to meaningfully assist people who approach St. Mary's seeking tangible, material help — parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Offertory Anthem Blessed Are the Dead Carl Schalk

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,
"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth".
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

† **Doxology** *Old Hundredth*



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); *adapt.*
Music: *Old 100th,* melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David,* 1551

† Eucharistic Prayer 1 *Enriching Our Worship*

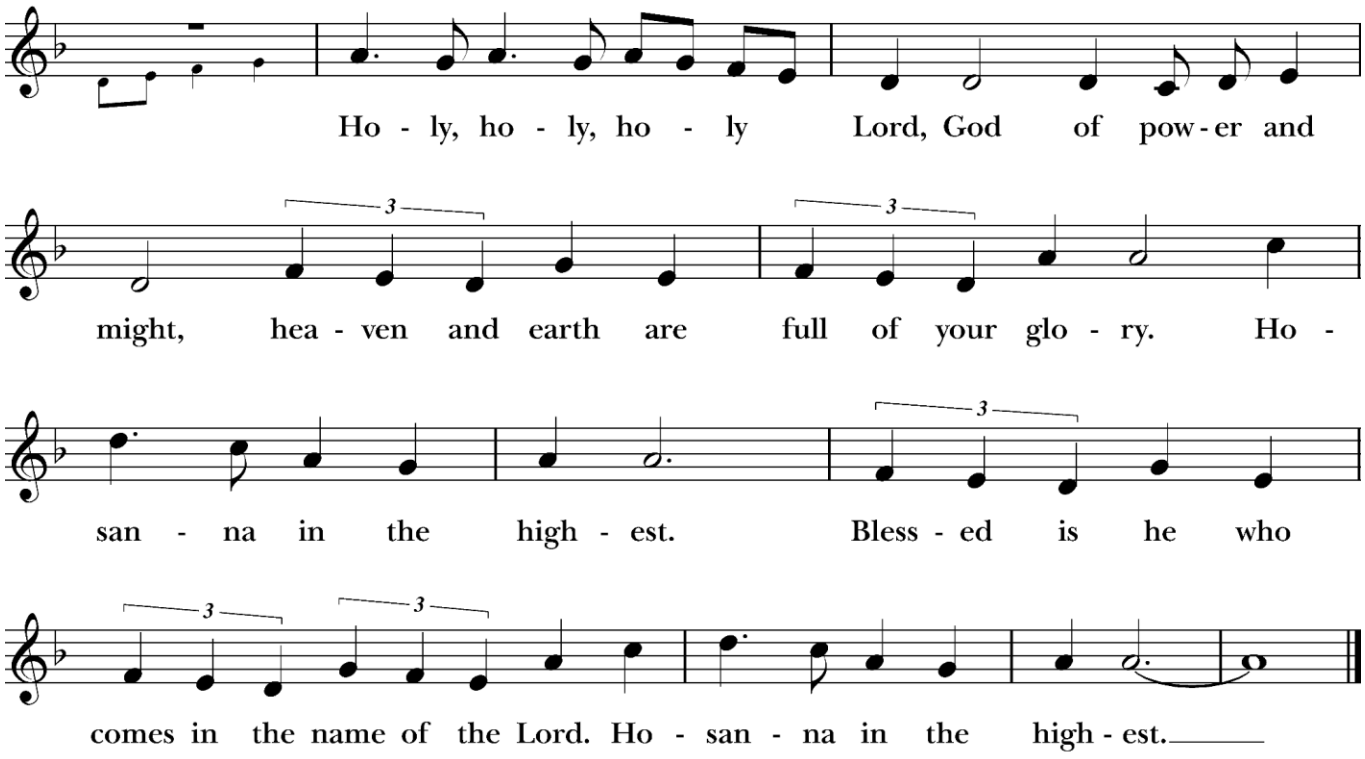
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

(8:15)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30) S-129 Sanctus (The Hymnal 1982) *Robert Powell*



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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
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 Jesus 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:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may this be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

The Book of Common Prayer

The Presider says

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

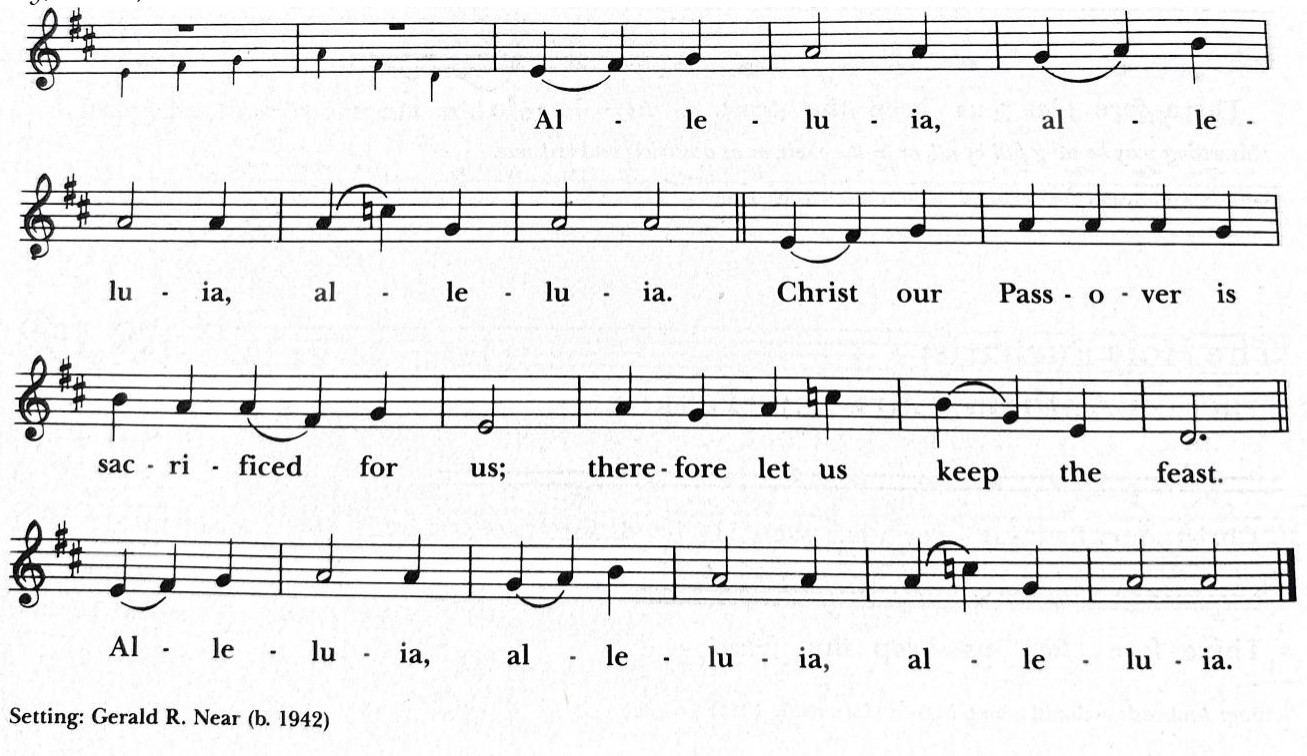
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

† The Fraction

The Presider breaks the bread in silence

(8:15 only) *Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

(10:30 only, S-155)



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

† The Presentation and Invitation

The Presider, joined by those others distributing, raises the elements and says

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are and wherever you are in the journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ's table..

Communion of the People and Healing Prayer

All are most welcome to partake in Holy Communion, including children of any age. We believe that desire to commune with God precedes understanding and that understanding grows over time. Even for those who are advanced in years and in wisdom, the mystery of the sacrament remains. If you wish to deepen your connection to this mystery and have not yet been baptized, please consider speaking with Rev. Sean about participating in that sacrament of belonging.

***If you are receiving Communion**, please allow the priest to drop bread into your cupped and outstretched hands. If you need gluten free bread, please request it from the person serving you. Wine or grape juice may then be consumed by sipping or by intinction (dipping): the chalice containing wine is silver and will be on your left; the goblet containing juice is crystal and will be on your right. You may switch Communion lines if you prefer to receive wine rather than juice, or vice-versa.*

***If you are not receiving Communion,** you are still most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to communicate a desire for a blessing.*

***If you wish to receive healing prayer and the laying on of hands,** please proceed to the side chapel after receiving Communion. You may request prayer for yourself or on behalf of others – for any reason. All prayer requests will be held in confidence by those who are offering healing prayer today.*

Music at the Communion **590** Remember Your Servants, Lord *Beatitudes*

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed The Church of England

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting.
Alleluia! Amen.

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love
to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

† Post-Communion Prayer *Book of Common Prayer*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.
Eternal God, 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.

† Blessing

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those
who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

† Retiring Hymn 618 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *Lasst uns erfreuen*

† Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People, and the people respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Festival Prelude on *Thaxted* Gustav Holst/David Pettit
"O God, Beyond All Praising"
Thomas Boulton, trumpet

The St. Mary's Prayer List

Marlene Allen, Stanley Allen, Analis, Dave Bellamy, Bertice Berry, Scott Gumpert, Melissa Hampton, Rosemary Herrick, Andy Jeffrey, Jim McCarthy, Kathy Meermans, Doug Norton, Jorge Rivas, Pancho Rivas, Diego Sierra, Tony Thompson, Carmen Ulgen, Doug Yocum,

We pray also for our neighborhood and wider community, especially those with whom we share space and ministry: the guests and volunteers of the Ardmore Food Pantry; the families served by Family Promise of the Main Line; the children, parents, and teachers of Play & Learn.

Should there be someone you would like to have added to the published Prayer List, please email Francesca (office@stmarysardmore.org) who will send you a link to a brief form. Names will remain on the new list for two months. If you'd like someone to remain on the prayer list for longer than 2 months, you can always re-submit their name. Thank you for continuing to keep our St. Mary's community aware of those needing our prayers and support.

Introduce Yourself
Link to Contact Card

Give Online
Link to Simple Give

Serve on Sundays
Link to sign-up

Happenings at St. Mary's – Get Involved!

There's always something going on at St. Mary's, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! From community gatherings to special events, everyone is welcome to join in.

Events & Activities

Date	Time	Location	Event
November 3	All Day	Hall	Voting
November 3	All Day	Office	CLOSED
November 7	9 AM	Outside	Youth Group Service Project
November 8	10:30 AM	Church	Bishop Visit & Confirmation *No 8:15 AM Worship*
November 15	11:45 AM	Small Hall	Cristosal's Executive Director Visit
November 18	5:30 PM	Zoom	Property Committee
November 22	11:45 AM	Small Hall	IAG Christmas Card Making

Kids, Youth & Families Events & Activities

Sundays	9:30 AM	K-3 Classroom	Youth Choir
Sundays	10:40 AM	Upstairs Classrooms	Children's Ministry
Sundays	6:30 PM	Upstairs Rectory	Youth Group
November 7	9 AM	Outside	Youth Group Service Project

Scan the QR Code to read Tidings and learn more about these activities!

SCAN ME

Have an idea? Planning something? Need to get it on the calendar?
Reach out to Francesca at office@stmarysardmore.org.

Pledge Campaign - A Participation Update

Thank you so much to the 22 individuals/families who have pledged as of Tuesday, October 28.
So far, $176,480 has been committed toward mission and ministry at St. Mary's in 2027.
The following individuals and families have made pledges:

Hollis Ann Chenery
Dale and John Cleary
Michael and Ann D'Antonio
David Eichelberger and Jose Vallejos
Louise Evans
Bill FitzGerald and Emilia Lievano
Seth Gillihan and Marcia Leithauser
Edward L. and Kathryn F. Lee
Perry and Jane Lentz
Claire and Bob Mead
Mark and Kathryn Miani
Mark and Deb Miller
Quoc and Lance Nguyen
William and Bonnie Powell
Barry and May Pritchard
Ian and Terry Richmond
Joe Schick
Judy and George Schofield
Betsey Useem
Elizabeth Vale
Joan Wallick
Christopher and Jill Welsh

Detach and place in offering basket.

2027 Pledge Card

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY/STATE/ZIP:_____

PHONE:_____

EMAIL: _____

I plan to pay my Pledge

In 2027, I/we pledge a total of $_____
to the mission and ministry of St. Mary's.

Payments toward our annual pledge will be made (please check one option):

- ☐ Weekly/52 Weeks
- ☐ Monthly/12 Months
- ☐ Quarterly/Every 3 Months
- ☐ One-time gift
- ☐ By transfer of stocks/securities

Future/Planned Giving Commitments?

I/We have included a gift to St. Mary's in our estate plan or will.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I/We would like to learn more about how to make a gift from my/our estate.

☐ Yes ☐ No

HELLO

We're so glad you're here! Thank you for joining us at St. Mary's today. We know it can be intimidating to walk into a new place where most people seem to already know what's going on. Many of us have been in your shoes, and we'd love to help you connect here. We have come to St. Mary's from a wide variety of religious and non-religious traditions. We've stayed because we want to be part of a community of shared values – of shared hopes and dreams for being human together on this fragile Earth – and because we've found deep meaning in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

WELCOME

St. Mary's is a church with a special history of caring for one another and for our neighbors. Founded in 1883 to serve the mill workers of Ardmore, some wealthier neighbors joined the parish, too. Later in our history, St. Mary's was on the vanguard of explicitly welcoming LGBTQ+ people. We seek to grow continually in our inclusivity and diversity, desiring particularly to become a community ever more deeply committed to anti-racist thought and action. Children are very welcome in every aspect of our life together as full and valued members – fussy babies and talkative toddlers included.

St. Mary's is also a church that strives to walk its talk. We founded, fund, and operate the Ardmore Food Pantry. We regularly provide housing for families – in partnership with Family Promise of the Main Line – as they seek stable, secure permanent housing. We also care deeply about welcoming immigrants and refugees, working against gun violence, and ensuring equal access to quality education. **We hope you'll continue to join us in our work and worship!**

Newcomer Contact Card – We Look Forward to Getting to Know You!

Your Name(s) _____

Your Email Address(es) _____

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