November 1, 2026 **All Saints' Sunday**
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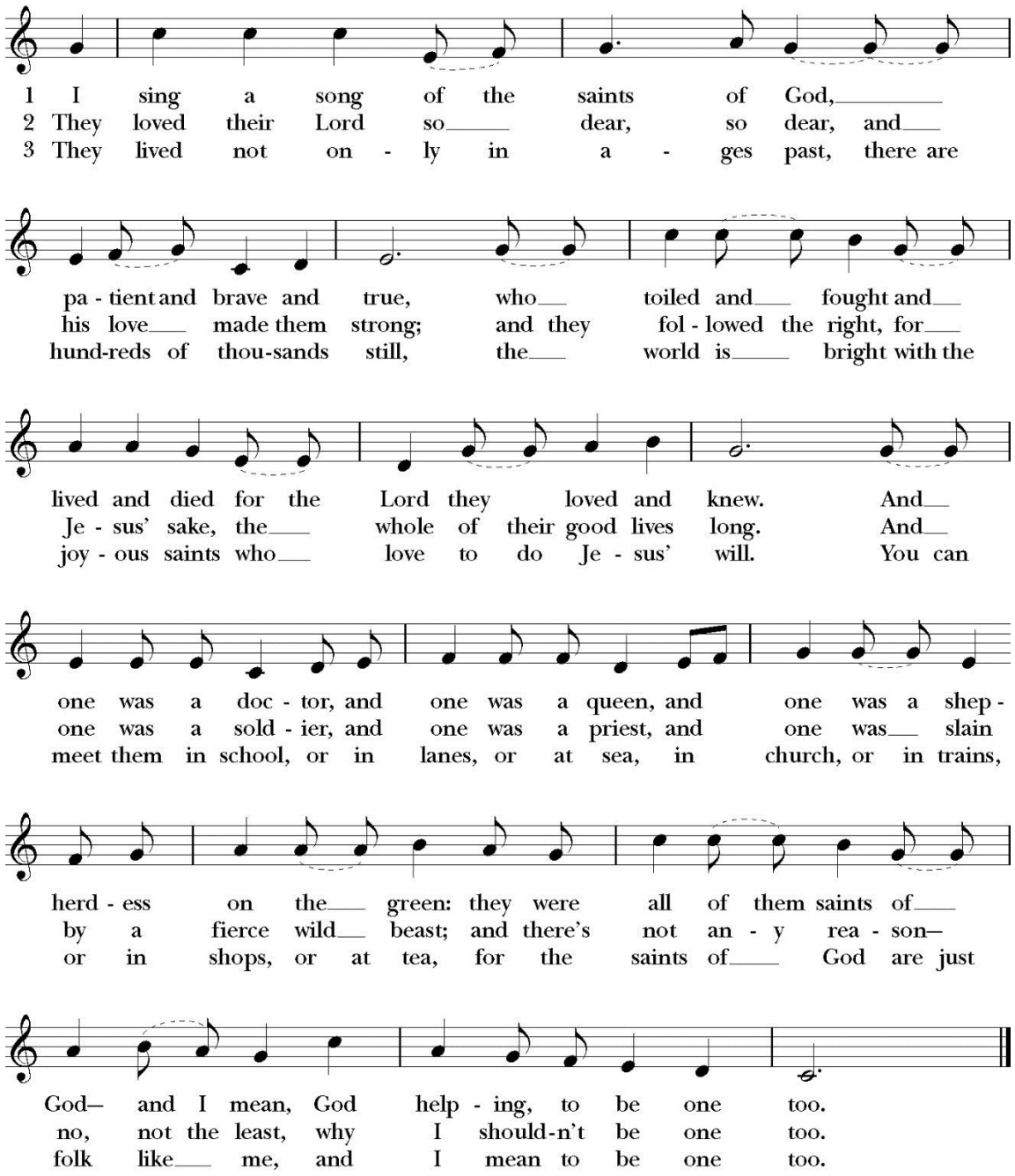


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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: *I Sing a Song of the Saints* *H 293*



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
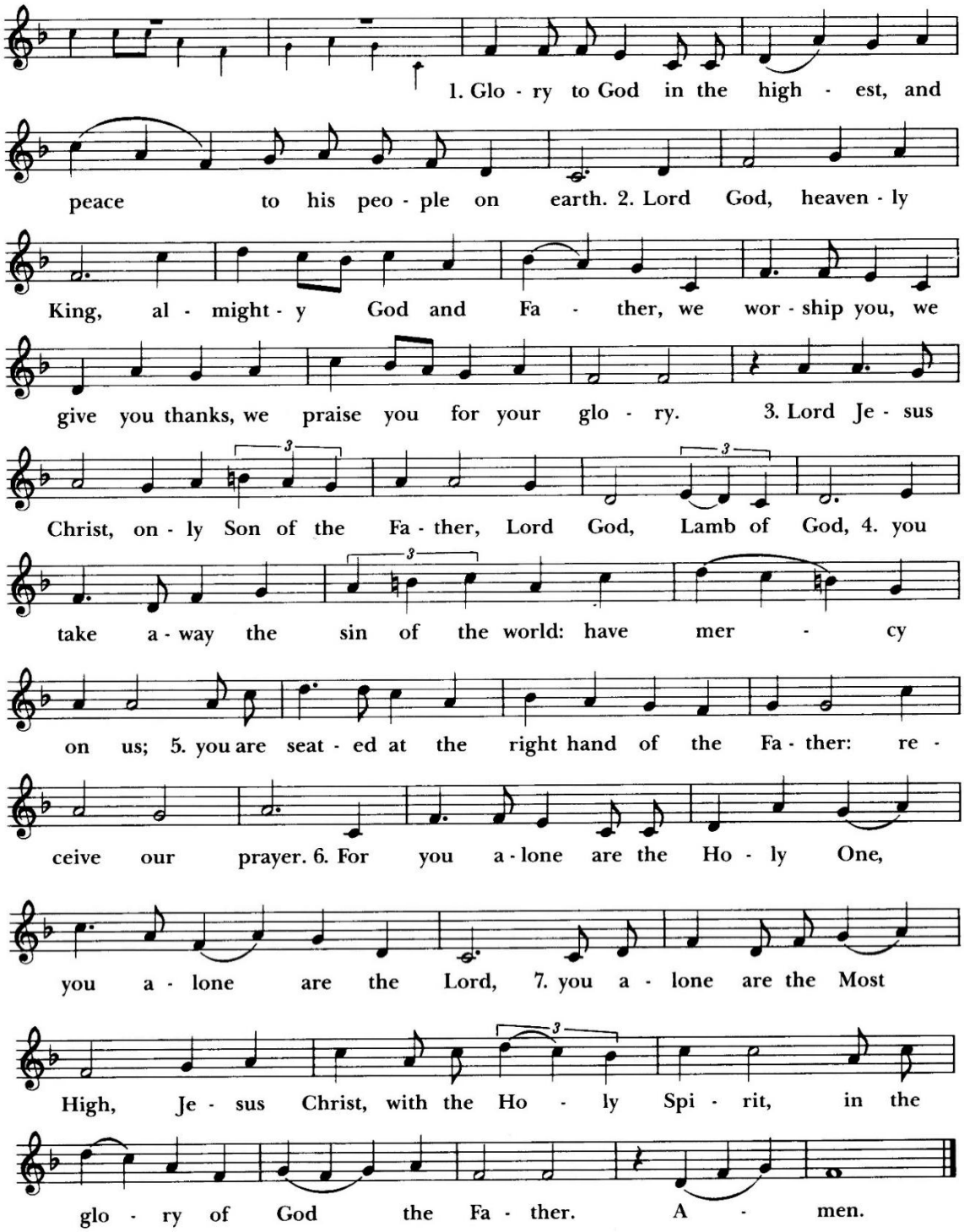
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All

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***



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 Lessons

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the Revelation to John.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: ***Psalm 34:1-10, 22***

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading ***1 John 3:1-3***

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual *I Am the Bread of Life* *YSB 23*

Verse 1:

I am the bread of life…
You who come to me shall not hunger
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me…
unless the Father beckons…

Chorus:

And I will raise you up...and I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Verse 2:

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread…
you shall live for ever
You shall live for ever.

Chorus

Verse 3:

Unless you eat...of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood...and drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.

Chorus

Verse 4:

I am the resurrection...I am the life
If you believe in me...even though you die
You shall live for ever.

Chorus

Verse 5:

Yes, Lord, I believe...that you are the Christ
The Son of God...who has come
Into the world.

Chorus

Gospel Reading ***Matthew 5:1-12***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: **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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon *The Rev. Ken Wratten*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: 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 at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: 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.

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

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

Presider: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Presider: 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.**

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People for All Saints' Sunday

Lector With the angels and archangels and the spirits of the blessed; With the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; With all the saints, witnesses to the Gospel;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector For Sean our presiding Bishop, Lucinda our Bishop, and all other bishops, priests, deacons, and ministers; for this holy gathering, and for

the people of God in every place;
For All Saints, Carmel; All Saints, Palo Alto; and All Saints/Cristo Rey, Watsonville. For The Episcopal Church in Almaden, San Jose, and for our Diocesan Convention;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector For all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector For the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the thirsty, the poor and the meek, and all who are persecuted;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector For the City of San Jose and those who live here,
and for our families, companions, and all those we love;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector In thanksgiving for all blessings;
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector Lord God, hear us as we humbly remember our dear loved ones who have passed on to be with you in your heavenly kingdom. Accept here, dear God, our humble attempt at remembering and honoring the precious lives of our loved ones, and be with us as we remember them.
Lord in your mercy:

People: ***Hear our Prayer.***

Lector These are the names of our loved ones whom we now remember _____ (*Read from the Necrology Book*.)
Loving God, help us to keep the memory of these loved ones in our hearts until we all rejoin to be with you in your heavenly kingdom.

People: ***Amen.***

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

The People may add their own petitions:

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

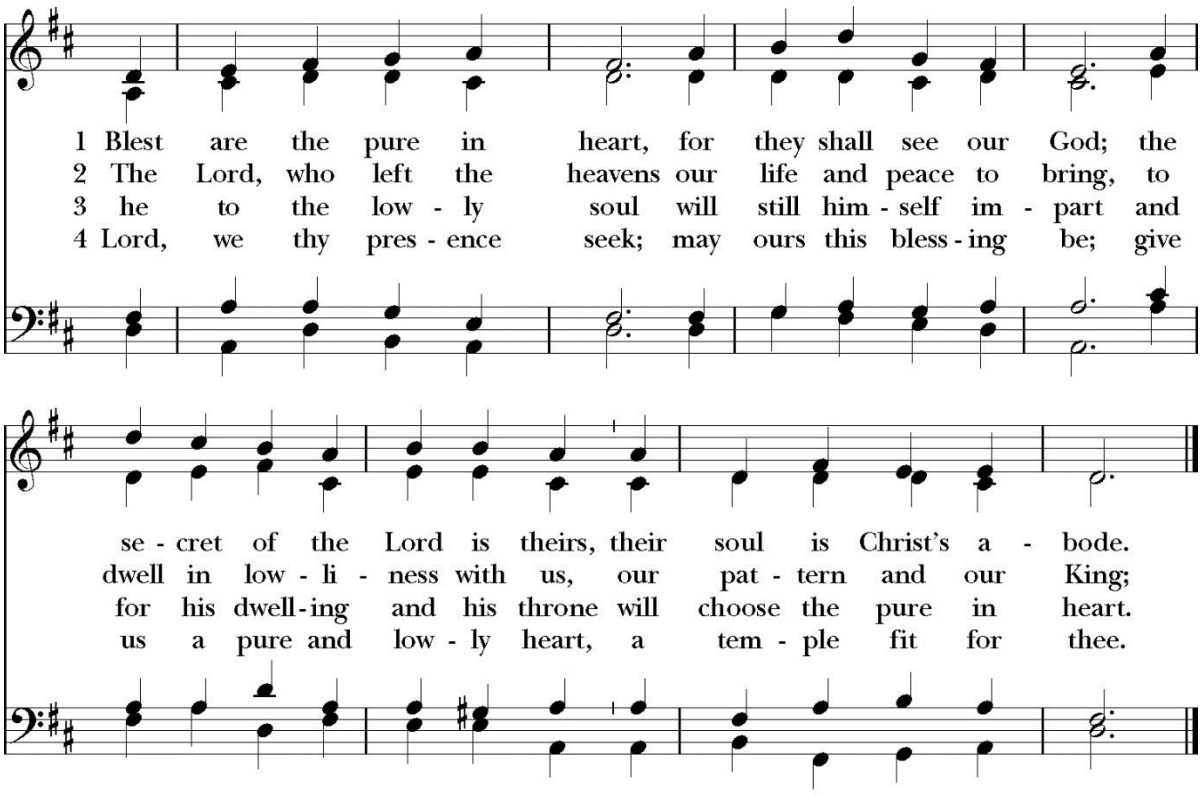
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory: *Blessed Are the Pure in Heart* *H 656*



Anthem: *Indescribable* *Duet – Genie Lee, Andy Lief*

Doxology *(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 Liturgy of the Eucharist: *Rite II Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
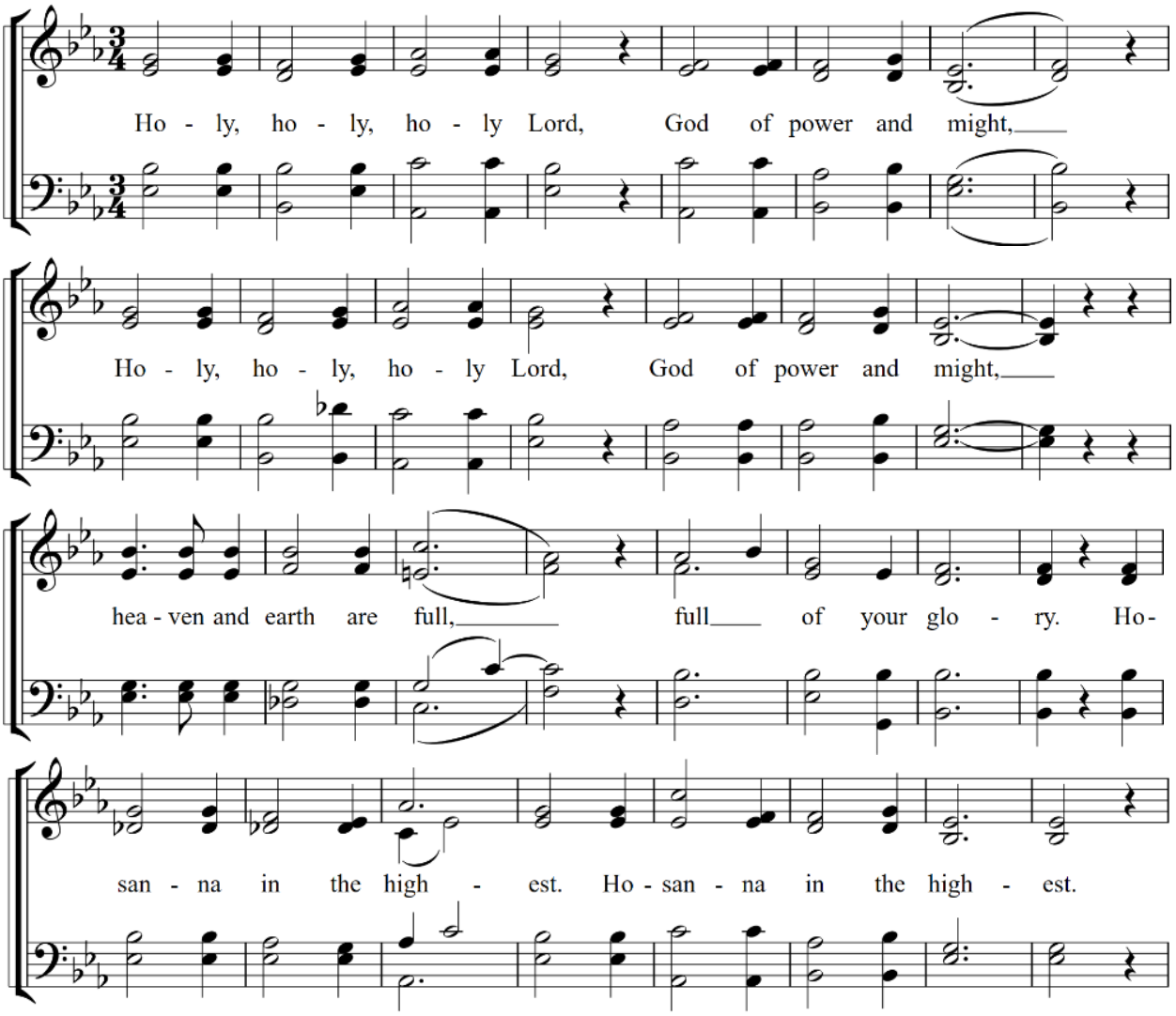
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

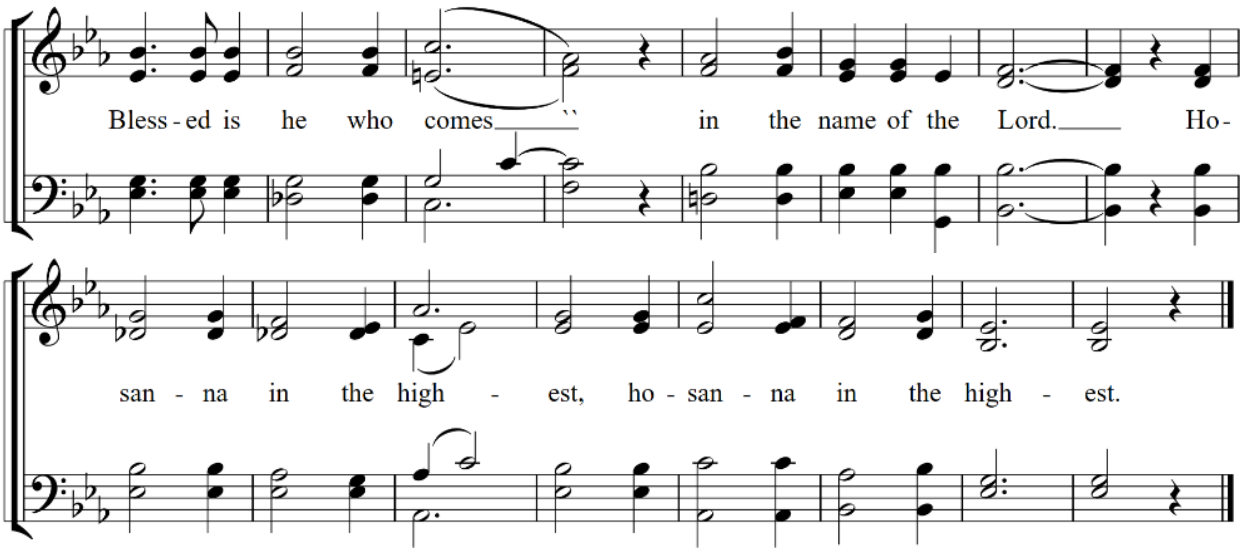
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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: S130





The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 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 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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection

under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn Lord Be Glorified YSB 36

Vs. 1 In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 2 In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In your world, Lord, be glorified today

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Announcements
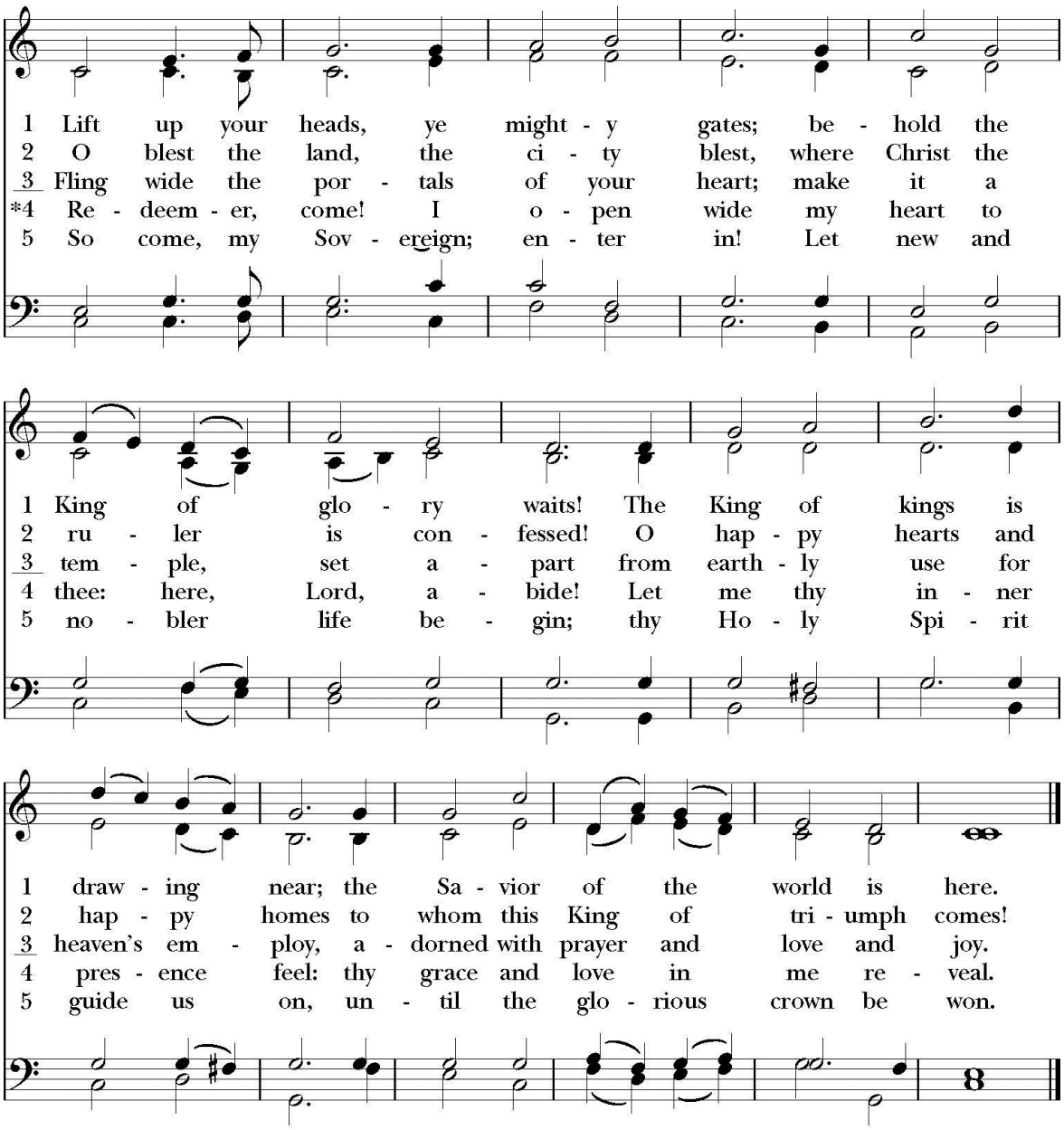
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Mission Song Lift Up Your Heads H 436



The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Mark Your Calendar

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Sunday, November 8th – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am
- Sunday, November 15th – Holy Eucharist, 10 am, Rev. Peggy presiding
- Sunday, November 22nd – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am
- Sunday, New Creation (1st Advent)

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