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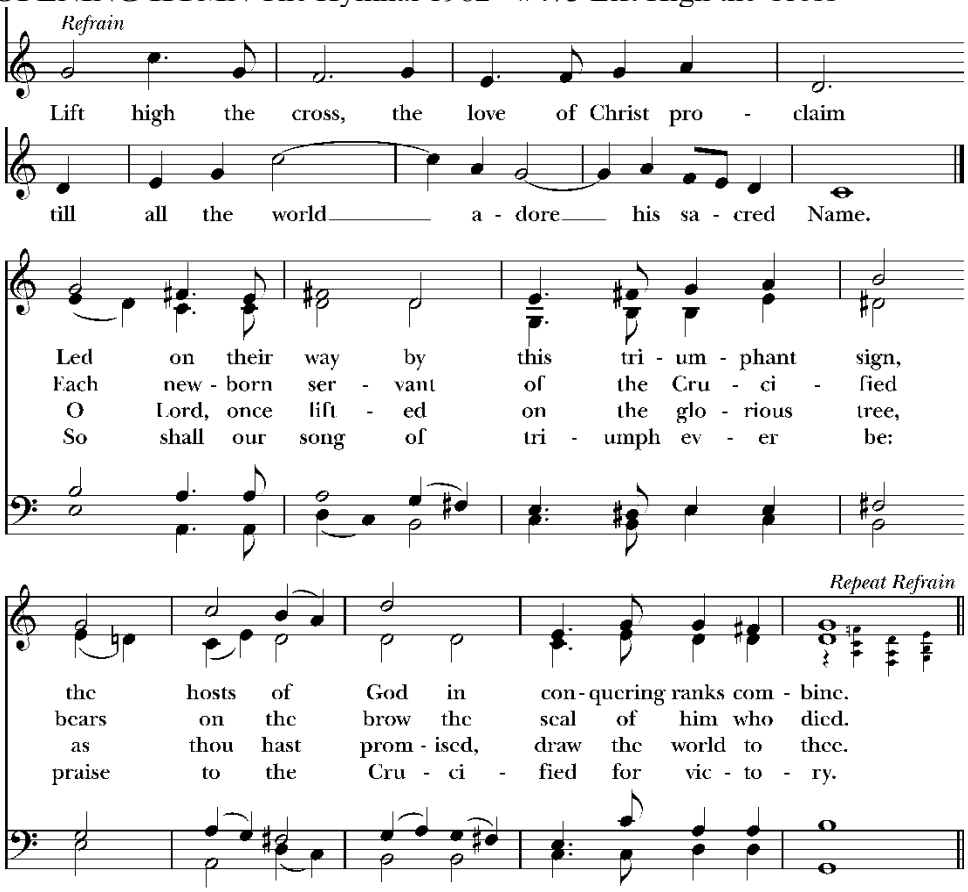
Centered in our love for Jesus, we worship God, reach out to those in need, celebrate our blessings, and love and care for each other. We are inclusive and welcoming of all God's people. Together, we strive to faithfully meet the challenges of a changing world.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday November 15, 2026 ~ 10AM

PRELUDE Prelude Op. 22/iii by Scriabin
Please stand in body or spirit

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #473 Lift High the Cross



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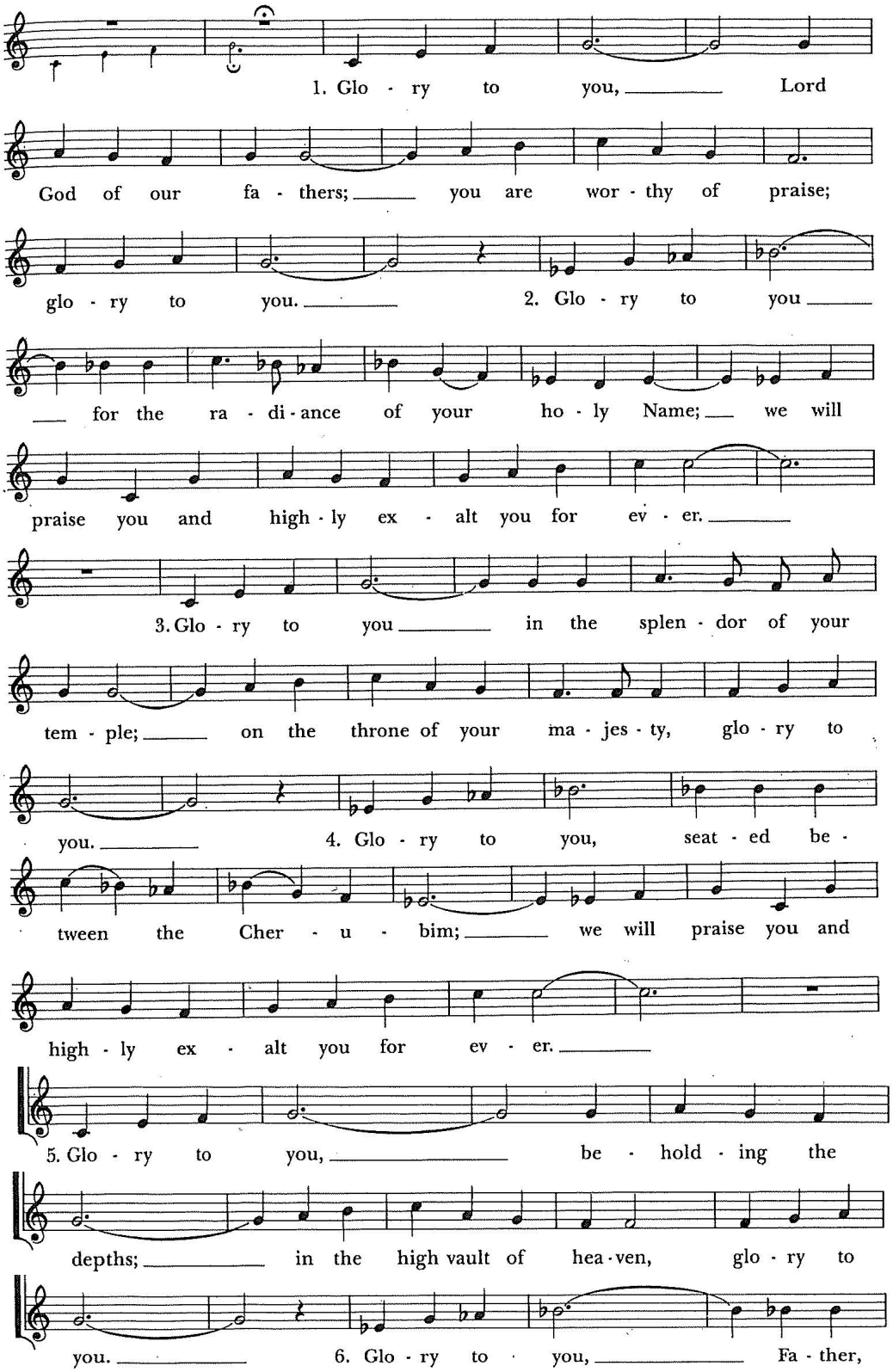
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
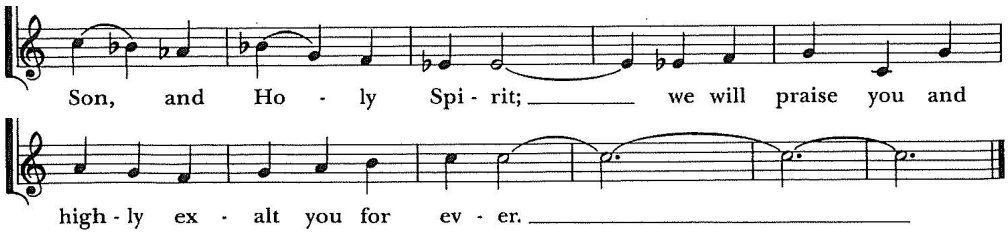
Celebrant welcomes the congregation.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE The Hymnal 1936—#S236 Canticle 13, Glory to God *(Please join us.)*





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY HOMILY St. Michael's Episcopal Day School's 5th Grade

Children are welcome to follow the Sunday school teacher to the Godly Play classroom for a lesson.

THE LESSONS & PSALM

A reading from the book of Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Please pray Psalm 123 responsively by half-verse.
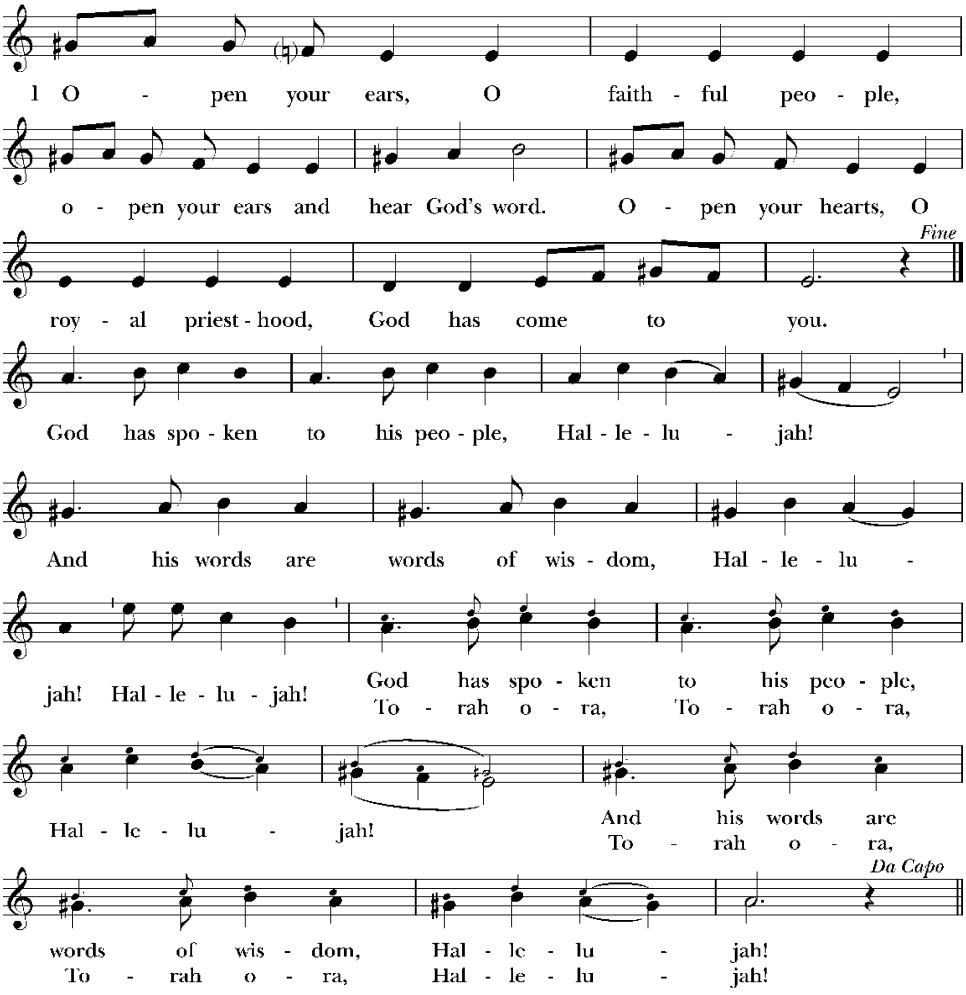
1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—# 536 Open your ears, O faithful people (*Verse 1) Please join us.*



"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Matthew (25:14-30)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Rodney Davis

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand in body or spirit.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Lord, you give us the gift of life and call us to use this gift for the betterment of the world and the glory of your name. Grant us courage to use your gift fearlessly and in joy and hear us as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the church to be in deeper relationship with each community, for the wisdom to reach those who hunger for you, and to bring them into the work of loving and serving the world in your name. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan, our Bishop, Megan, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. We pray for the life and needs of all people and an end to policies of oppression. We pray for those who govern, that they might have hearts for their people and priorities for those most in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community and this congregation, that we might cling to hope and labor ceaselessly to build the kingdom in our midst. We especially pray for Olivia, our interim head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students of St. Michael's Episcopal Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health of the world, for sustainable policies that ensure the abundance of creation and the thriving of people and all your creatures. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to illness and suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those who work to bring hope, healing, and assistance to those who are lost, marginalized, imprisoned, ill, suffering, persecuted, or broken. Especially we pray for **Clara, Kyle, Denise, Mary, Rick, Larry, Diane, America, Ramiro, Fred, Ellen, Bill, Carol, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Mike and Hunter**. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the promise of new life and for all those who leave this life with the hope of being in your presence. May we and all those who came before and who will come after us, enter into your kingdom to hear your praise: "Well done good and faithful servant." Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else or whom else shall we pray? *(A time of silence is kept.)* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord, hear these prayers and answer them as may be best for us, O Father, O Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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 AND OFFERTORY *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

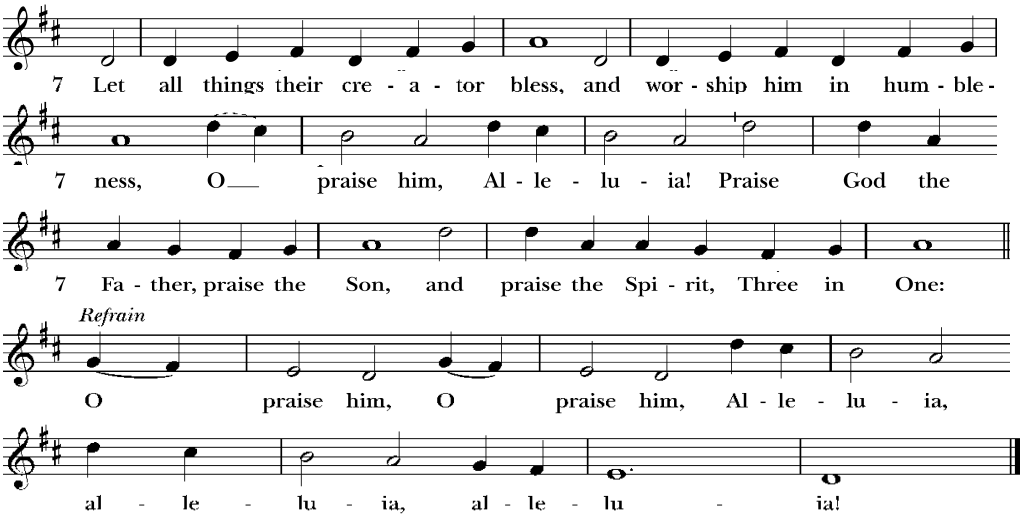
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Dorsey

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King *(verse 7) Please join us.*



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.
Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

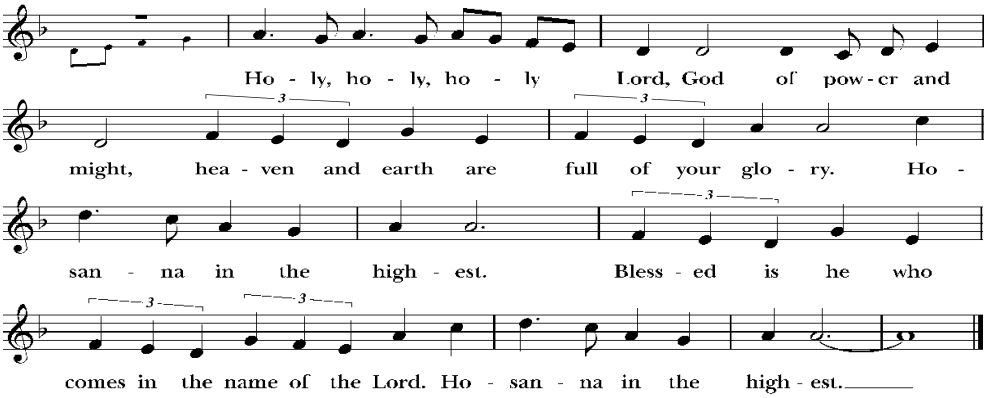
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand in body or spirit. Eucharistic Prayer Enriching Our Worship 1*

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 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:

THE SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—S#129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



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Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

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 in 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 Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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 they 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 Michael, your archangel, and all your angels and 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**.

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

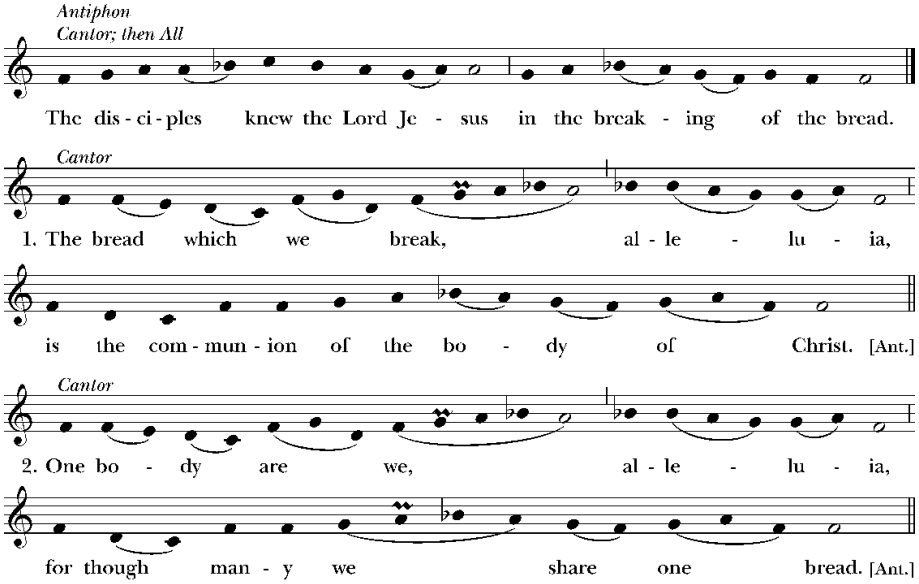
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who

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 BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION

The Hymnal 1982—S#167 Jesus, Lamb of God *(Please join us.)*

This setting is not used in Lent.



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***Communion Bread ingredients:** Gluten Free Flour (*Rice Flour, Whole Grain Brown Rice Flour, Sorghum Flour, Tapioca Starch, Potato Starch, Cellulose, Vitamin and Mineral Blend [calcium carbonate, niacinamide (vitamin B3), reduced iron, thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin B1), riboflavin (vitamin B2)], Xanthan Gum, Cellulose Gum.*), Baking Powder, Salt, brown sugar, honey, olive oil, evaporated milk and water. If you have any allergy concerns, contact Rev. Megan.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread, made in a gluten free space, ingredients are listed below. The Bread and Wine is offered around the altar, and grape juice is offered at the back of the altar. Communion will be taken by eating the bread and sipping from the cup. If you do not feel able to sip from the cup please allow it to pass by. We believe that if you have received communion in one kind (bread only) you have received a full communion. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing in place of consuming. Baptism from any Christian tradition is anticipated for those regularly receiving. Let an usher know if you need to receive at your pew.

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Sure on this Shining Night by Lauridsen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*
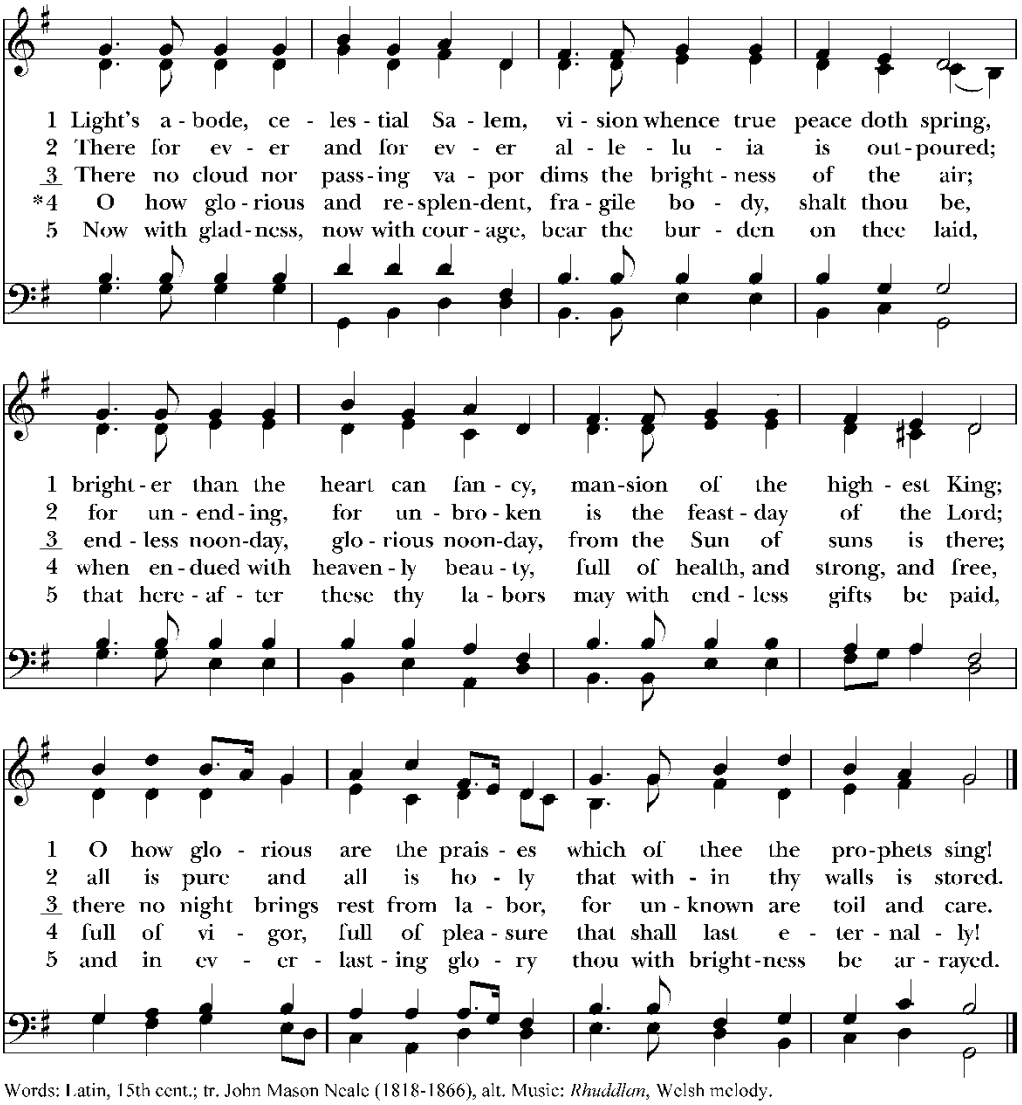
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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 peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#621 Light's Abode, Celestial Salem (*Please join us.*)



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Rhuddlan*, Welsh melody.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Lobe den Herrn ("Praise the Lord") by Flynn

The Flowers are given in Celebration of The Daughters of the King's 34th Anniversary.

Serving Today

The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin Celebrant
The Rev. Rodney Davis Preaching
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Deacon
St. Michael's Episcopal Day School's 5th Grade Class Children's Homily
The Acolyte Team
Tammy Murray, Dianne Robbins & Eileen Thomas Altar Guild
Catherine Curran, Warner Seargeant & Marilyn McEntyre Readers
Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson, Sue Davis & Rev. Kathy Hopner Eucharistic Ministers
Huey Tidwell & Dave Claugus Ushers
Marilu Fresquez Greeter
The Chancel Choir
Dr. John Cozza Music Director
Daughters of the King Coffee Hour Hosts

St. Michael's Youth & Family

Sunday School is taught in the Godly Play room in the Church office. Children are invited to join the Sunday School Teachers immediately following the Children & Community Homily for a lesson, craft, and prayer. Our teachers will escort the children back to the service for communion.

SAVE THE DATES
Saturday, Dec. 12 **Winterdance 20th Annual Celtic Christmas** ~ 7pm *(Tickets available mollysrevenge.com)*
Sunday, Dec. 13 **A Service of Lessons & Carols** ~ 5pm *(light dinner to follow)*
Thursday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve**
4pm **Family Service** *(with drop in Christmas pageant)** *Festival of Christmas Carols at 6:30pm*
7pm **Choral Service**
Friday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day** 10am Service*
* All children in attendance at the 4pm Family Christmas Eve Service will be invited to join the Christmas pageant on the night, more details to follow in the coming weeks. There will be no 8:30am Contemplative Eucharist on Christmas Day (12/25).

St. Michael's Learn & Connect

Book Reading with Marilyn McEntyre - Today Nov. 15
Join us after coffee hour in the Friendship Center to hear Marilyn McEntyre read from and discuss her new book, As We Age: A Conversation.

Documentary & Dessert evening - Today **Nov. 15** at 6:30pm Join us in the Friendship Center for a short PBS documentary about data centers & a reflective discussion.

Welcome Table–This is the point of contact for visitors, new & existing members to connect with our ministries, office or clergy.

St. Michael's Cont. Studies—
Healing Circle – 3rd Saturdays at 11am in Friendship Center.
Sacred Circle - Last Wed. of the month 6pm on zoom.
Centering Prayer - Mondays in Friendship Center (or the Sanctuary) at 9:00am & Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm.
Thursday Bible Study—Thursdays at 10am in Friendship Center & on Zoom led by John McEntyre.

St. Michael's Serves in the Community
Below are the many ways you are invited to join us in serving the community. Please note that no one is expected to participate in all of these opportunities.

Thanksgiving Gift Card Collection ends today! This supports those in need at River City Food Bank and The Center at St. Matthew's have a special Thanksgiving meal. Please note "Food Gift Card" in check memo, on donation envelopes or if you give online.

Formula Collection ends today! In partnership the SMEDS 5th Grade Class November collection we will be collecting baby formula thru November 15.

Gifts from the Heart is back again for its 34th year at St. Michael's! The last gift tags will be available from 9:30 - 10 and 11:15 - 12. Drop off dates will be Sat. Dec. 5 from 1 – 3pm and Sun. Dec. 6 from 9 – 2pm. Please direct any GFTH questions to Laura Quené or Holly Yue or contact the office.

Winter Respite – Monday's January 4 & 11 – Volunteers Needed to help provide a break from the cold and wet for our unhoused neighbors. This year Carmichael Presbyterian will be hosting again. HART anticipates we will have approx. 20-30 guests each day. St Michaels is responsible for Monday's, January 4 and January 11. More info found in the messenger. See the sign up sheet at coffee hour or Cindy Dewey.

Volunteers & Donations Needed for Loaves & Fishes – See Messenger for Details.

Regular Outreach opportunities
River City Food Bank Center at St. Matthew's - Distribution Prep every Tuesday—Friday & Distribution every Wednesday & Friday
Carmichael HART Carmichael Presbyterian Church - Lunch program on Thursdays & the Shower Ministry on Saturdays
God's Helping Hands Laundry at Mega Wash on Fair Oaks Blvd. at El Camino. Volunteers needed on 3rd Saturday of the month, and donations are appreciated.
Plastic Film Collection in Parish Hall – see messenger for more info.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website.

Sunday November 15 – The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Book Reading with Marilyn McEntyre 11:30am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom
Documentary & Dessert 6:30pm Friendship Center

Monday November 16
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Centering Prayer 9am Friendship Center

Tuesday November 17
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am Zoom
EfM 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday November 18
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday November 19
Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Bible Study 10am Friendship Center & Zoom
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Centering Prayer 7pm Zoom

Friday November 20
Contemplative Eucharist Prayer Service 8:30am

Sunday November 22 – The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King
Holy Eucharist 10am with Livestream
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Halls
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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Save the Date

Saturday, December 12 – Winterdance – 7pm
Sunday December 13 – A Service of Lessons & Carols – 5pm
Thursday December 24 – Christmas Eve
4pm Family Service
6:30pm Festival of Christmas Carols
7pm Choral Service
Friday December 25 – Christmas Morning 10am

Clergy, Staff & Volunteers

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
The Rev. Megan Anderson Gartin Rector
The Rev. Rodney Davis Associate Priest
The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
The Rev. Mike Ferrito Associate Priest
Andy Chamness Sexton
John Cozza Music Director
Michelle Falcy Parish Administrator
Jack Cozza Videographer
John Quené Treasurer
Kate Muris Bookkeeper
Diane Rehrer-Salisbury, Eileen Thomas, Sue Corbin, Renée Pierce, Mary Ellen Ferguson Office Volunteers

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Mary Ellen Ferguson Member
Mary Kessler Member
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