ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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The Parable of Talents

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 28]

15 November 2026
10:00 a.m.

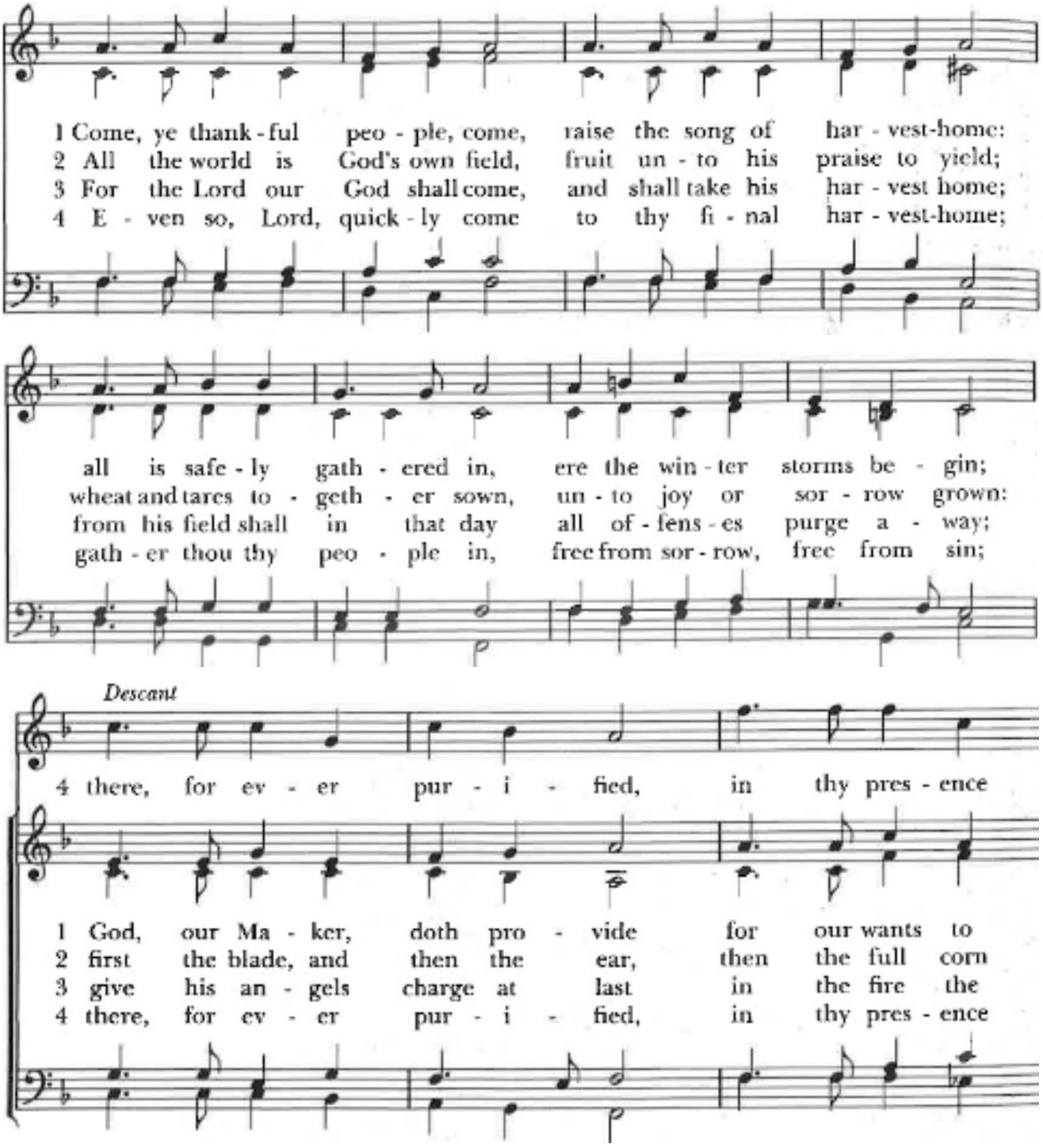
Prelude "Magnificat Octavi Toni" Johann Erasmus Kindermann

Community Notices

At the opening hymn, the People STAND and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn #290 "Come, ye thankful people, come" *St George's, Windsor*
The Hymnal, 1982





Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: *St. George's, Windsor*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

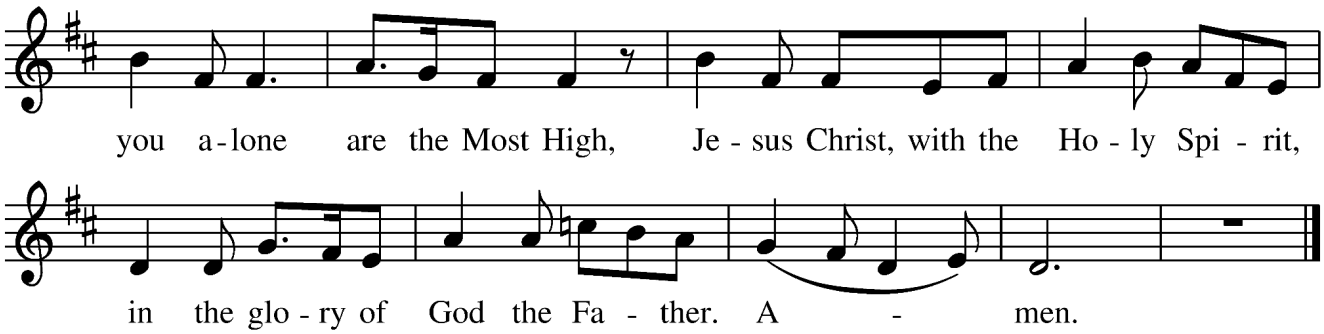
ALMIGHTY GOD, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All sing the Gloria.

The Gloria #20 "Glory to God" Peter Crisafulli

Enriching Our Music





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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***.

The People SIT.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons:

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7 Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Lector

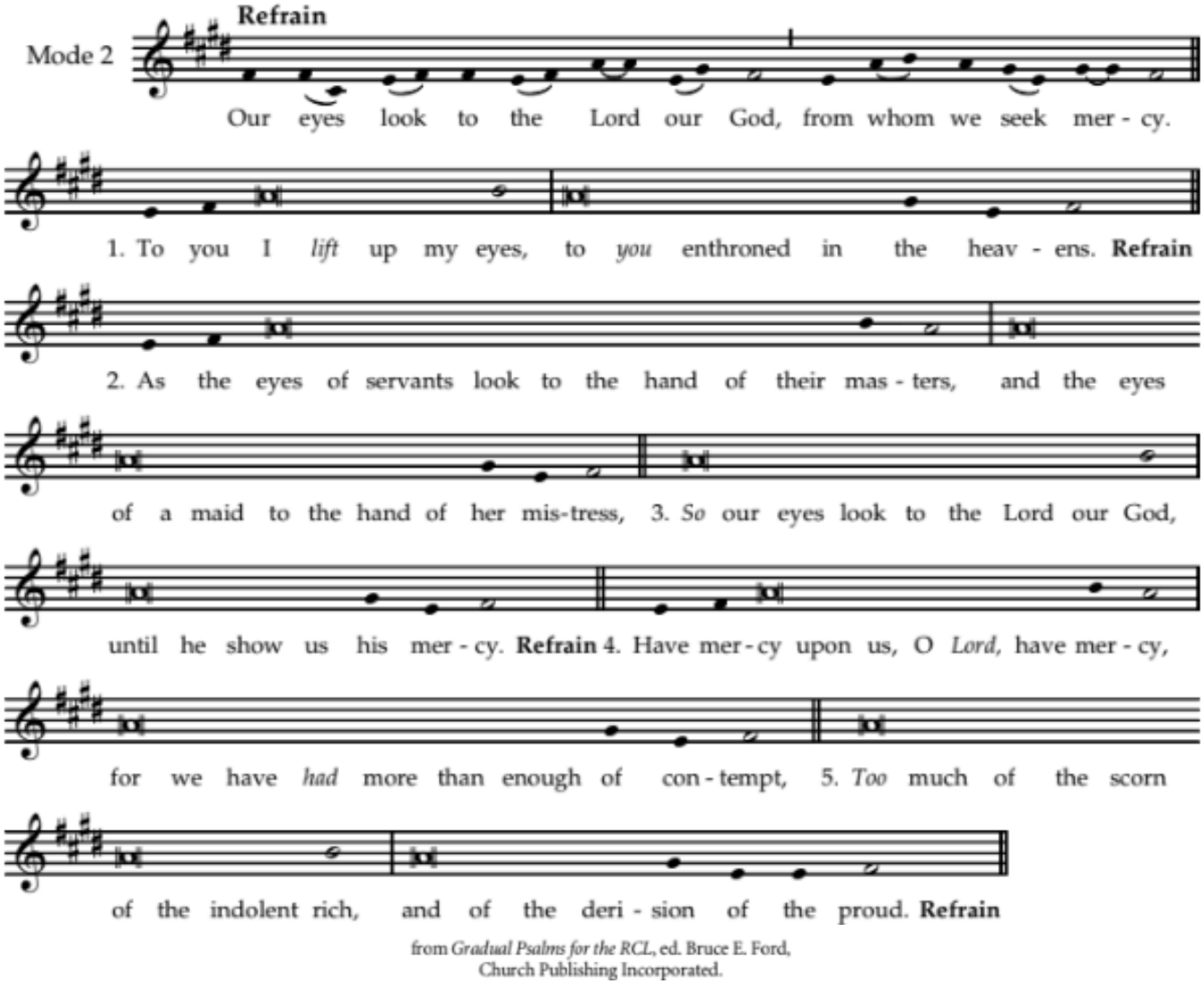
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine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

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

Silence is kept for a time. Then the People offer the Psalm.

The Psalm 123 ***Ad te levavi oculos meos***



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford,
Church Publishing Incorporated.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Joe Bianca, Lector

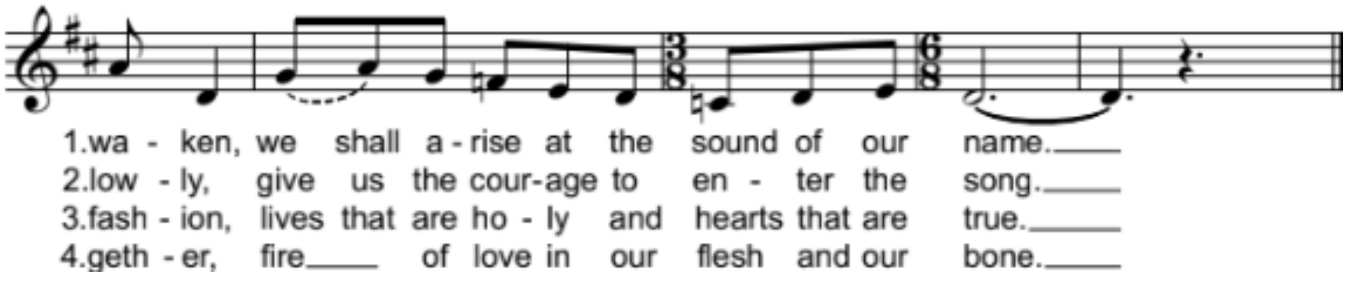
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as 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.

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

Silence is kept for a time. At the organ's introduction the People STAND to sing.

Sequence Hymn "Gather Us In" Marty Haugen





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Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

Gospeler: 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.'"

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

Reflection time is taken. Then at the Celebrant's invitation, the Creed is recited, all STANDING.

The Nicene Creed *Enriching Our Worship, pg 54*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 **Form III** Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Intercessor
Book of Common Prayer, pg 387

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. KNEELING or STANDING, we pray.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church: for our Bishop, Miguelina Howell; for our Bridge Pastor, Alan Gates; for this gathering; and for all

ministers and people. And in the weekly prayers of the diocese we remember St. John's in Williamstown, and all Inquirers, Postulants and Seminarians. We also pray for St. Philip's, that in this time of transition, all of us may be open to the promise of new life.

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***People*:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Nancy who is recovering from a heart attack; for Cecilia who is undergoing cancer treatment, and for her wife Kathryn and their daughter; for Noah, Graciela, and Pru, for Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for Josh, Andy, and Jon with their struggles with cancer; for Maureen as she recovers from a broken hip and manages heart failure.
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.
***People*:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***People*:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *Enriching our Worship*, pg 19

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the Congregation joins in the General Confession.

GOD OF ALL MERCY,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen*.

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

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 People STAND for the exchange of the Peace.

The Peace

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

The People greet one another in the Holy One's Name.

Community Blessings

OFFERTORY

The Celebrant extends an Offertory Sentence. This week, the regular collection plates for our Sunday offerings, will be brought forward along with a ***special second basket with our Pledges of Support for 2027.***

Offertory Choir Anthem "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Choir Singers Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman; arr. Lloyd Larson

Following the Anthem, the People STAND for the Presentation Hymn

Presentation Hymn #707 "Take my life and let it be consecrated" *Hollingside*



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The People STAND for the Presentation of the gifts.

Prayer of Dedication for Pledge Ingathering

The Liturgy of the Altar

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

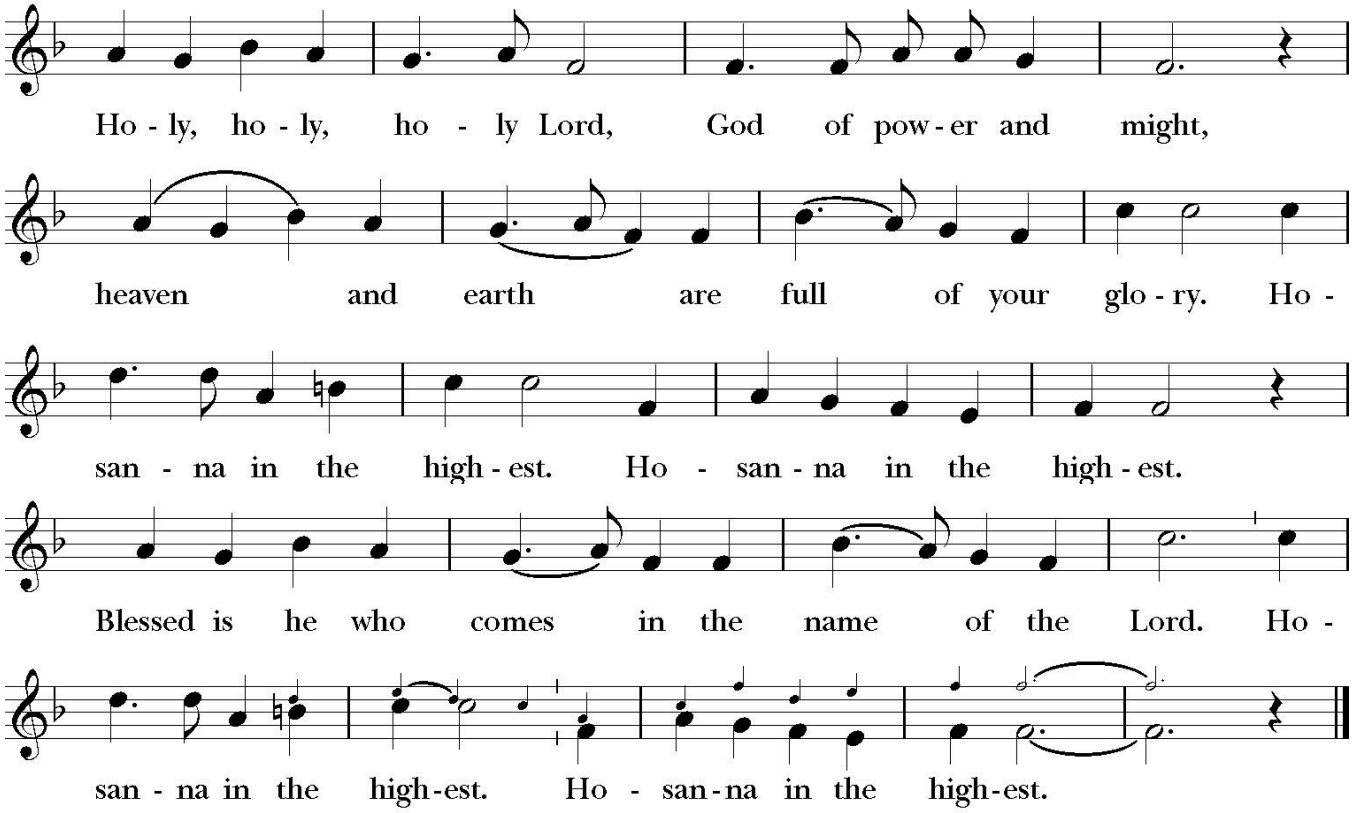
The Celebrant proceeds.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface
For you are the source of light and life: you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: #S125 *"Holy, holy, holy Lord"* *The Hymnal, 1982*



Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The People STAND or KNEEL.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.***

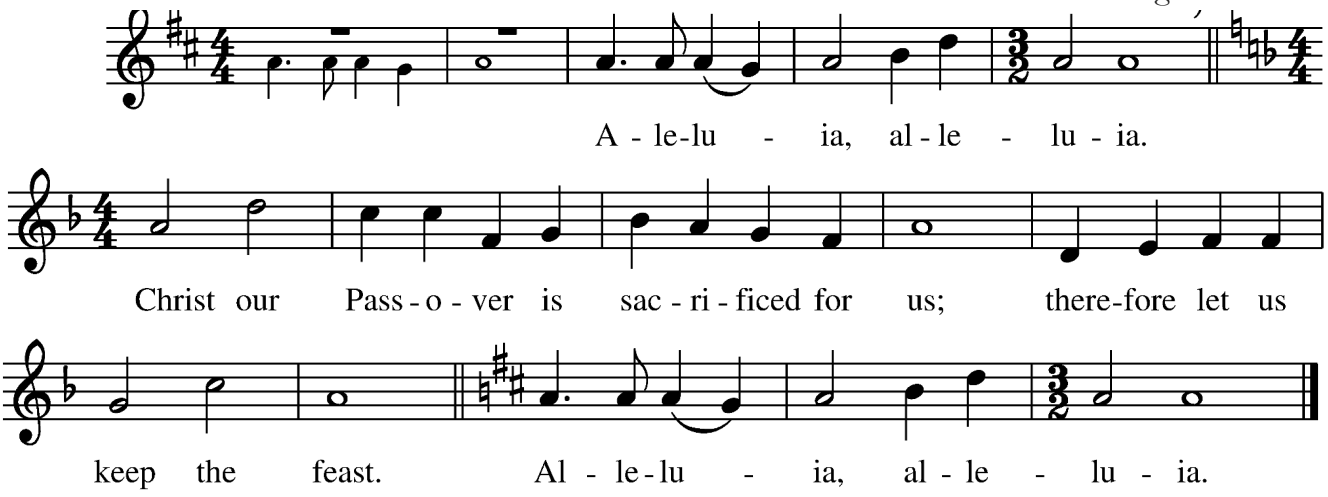
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

The Fraction Anthem #37 "Alleluia. Christ our Passover" Susan Calvin Fletcher
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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.

THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMON CUP,
PLEASE REVERENTLY HOLD THE CHALICE'S BASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."

PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT.

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

Post-Communion Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 365

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

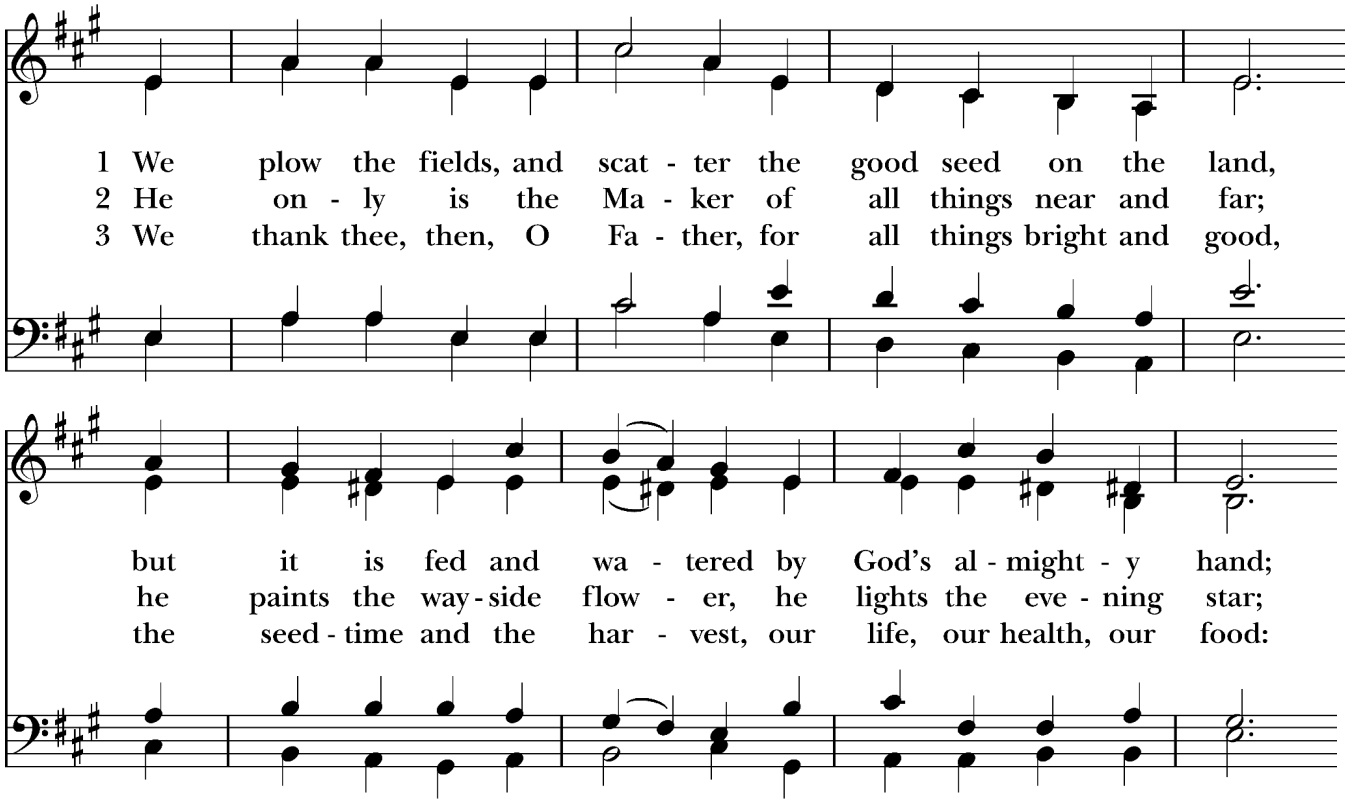
ETERNAL GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

All STAND for the blessing.

The Blessing

The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #291 "We plow the fields and scatter" *Wir pflugen*
The Hymnal, 1982





Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800).

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Lord God, We All Praise You" Johann Pachelbel

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Mary R., Cecilia D., Nancy D.
Noah, Graciela & Baby Pru and Cristosal in El Salvador,
Josh, Andy, Jon, Maureen L.
Please keep in your prayers the groups that use our facility during the week,
including the Easthampton Family Center (Tues-Fri) and AA Meetings (Sat-Wed)

Birthdays

None this week

Announcements

November 15, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates,
Celebrant/Preacher
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Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Joe Bianca,
Lectors
Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
St. Philip's Choir Singers
Joy Hermansen, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Joe & Mary Bianca, Ushers
Steve Taylor, Tech Minister
Marilyn Mooers, Deborah Murray Hrubesh,
Altar Guild
Janet Couch, Robert Shaw, Counters

COFFEE HOUR this week is hosted by Janet Couch and Sue Breines. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who decorated our worship space for today's service!

Please remember to **TAKE HOME** the photos of loved ones that were displayed on the Altar of Remembrance.

IN-GATHERING SUNDAY TODAY

If you are prepared to make a pledge of time, talent, and money for 2027 please place your pledge form in the special basket at the back of the church today. If you still need time to prayerfully consider your gift, please mail your pledge form to the office, or put it on the offering plate next week. Thank you!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY our young people are decorating tags for the Christmas Giving Tree.

THANK YOU for your support of our annual **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the food pantry at the Easthampton Community Center. This year, our young people are working with kids from four other congregations in Northampton to gather enough groceries to feed 200 families. Our parish's contribution to this effort is cans of pie filling and boxes of bread mix. This afternoon all the young people and their adult mentors will be delivering donated items to the Community Center.

The **LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP** meets on Sunday mornings for 45 minutes, starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom. Conversation and study focuses on the Collect, the Psalm, and the scripture readings appointed for each Sunday. All are welcome to participate as they are able. Please feel free to bring your coffee or tea with you! Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89166821732?pwd=IpZHQaDUBRZ2rG4CYoJDF8DZbHgwfU.1
Meeting ID: 891 6682 1732
Passcode: 7BdP26

BROWN BAG LUNCH GROUP meets on Tuesdays at noon. This is a "come as you can" event. If you have some free time, pack a lunch and come to church! The gathered group offers Noonday Prayers and then enjoys a simple meal and lively conversation. Questions? Contact Becky Taylor: beckyt21@verizon.net.

TAKE & EAT ~ St. Philip's and the Westhampton Congregational Church work together to provide meals for homebound people on the 4th weekend of every month. To volunteer, contact Emma Coles at ecoles614@gmail.com, or sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/takeandeat.

JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP, our virtual community. We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. Ask a vestry member for more information.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES
Members of St. Philip's are warmly invited to participate in two community Bible study programs held on Zoom and led by parishioner Linda Moore. Please contact her for more information and to receive the Zoom link for either or both groups:
bythegraceofgod@outlook.com
The **Pilgrims** group meets on Monday afternoons, 4:00 to 5:00. Now entering its sixth year, the group's current focus is the Epistle to the Hebrews, and promises a scintillating exploration of this New Testament book.
What is the Bible anyway? This group meets on Thursdays at 4:00pm, addressing such questions as, "How are we to read the Bible? What does it have to do with God? What's it got to do with me? How do the stories we read affect our lives?"

Our **EVENTS CALENDAR** is online at https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/upcoming-events

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