ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Festival Holy Eucharist

With Confirmation, Reception & Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Sunday, November 1, 2026
9:30 AM

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SOUTHERN SHORES
NORTH CAROLINA

The Right Reverend Sarah K. Fisher, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
The Reverend Thomas C. Drake IV, Rector

All Saints' Sunday

The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church as a single celebration dates back to at least the third century. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses to Christ's truth and love. The stories of these saints—those baptized Christians of all ages and in all walks of life—are models for all Christians throughout history. On this All Saints' Sunday, we hold up holy men and women in the Church who have lived lives of faithful and joy-filled service. As one of the recommended days for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we will all renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises. And at the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled in our lives.

Today, we also celebrate the continuing life and growth of All Saints as we welcome new members into our parish family through Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, and Transfer of Membership from other Episcopal congregations. Our bishop will confirm those making a mature, public affirmation of their baptismal faith and receive those who come to the Episcopal Church from other Christian traditions. We also joyfully welcome those who have transferred their membership from other Episcopal parishes and have chosen to make All Saints their spiritual home. Each comes to us by a different path, but all share in the one faith, one baptism, and one body of Christ. As we renew our own baptismal promises, we reaffirm our commitment to walk alongside them in faith, to support one another in Christian life, and to share together in the ministry to which God calls us.

Those Being Confirmed

Mike Sallade
Keith Corey

Those Being Received into the Episcopal Church

Lucian Koogle Falconer III
Sue Jordan
Jacqueline Klamut
Jean Loudon

Those Welcomed by Transfer of Membership

Barbara Baker
Donald Baker
Ruth Marie Jordan
Dewey Guy Jordan
David Lubelski
Kristen McMahon
Kevin McMahon

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Deborah Bedingfield, Lector

It is a great joy to welcome Bishop Sarah Fisher to All Saints for her first episcopal visitation with us. Although we use the word welcome, she is not really our guest; she is our bishop, our chief pastor, and a sign of our unity with the wider Church. I had the privilege of serving on the committee that searched for our next bishop, so I have had the opportunity to know Bishop Sarah for some time and to appreciate her faith, wisdom, warmth, and many gifts. In the years ahead, I believe you will come to know, love, and respect her ever more deeply. We are grateful for her leadership, grateful for the gifts she brings to our diocese, and very glad to have her with us today. Bishop Sarah, this is your parish too, and we are delighted you are here. – Father Tommy+

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold.**

This type of note, which offers directions for the service, is called a "rubric," from the Latin rubrica (red), referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

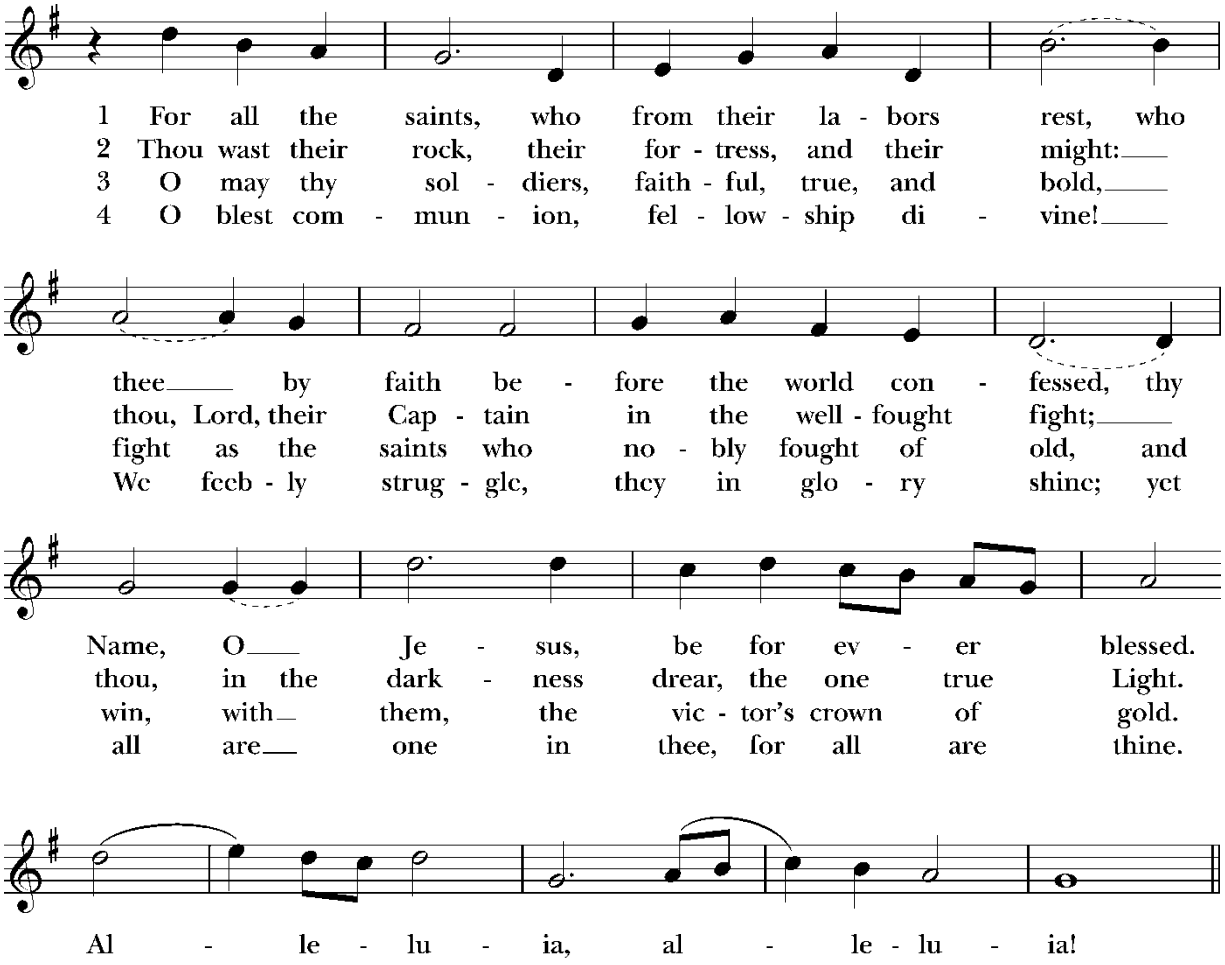
PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is *Dan Forrest*

The service begins with instrumental music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship

The people stand at the introduction of the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 287 (STANZAS 1—4, 8)

For All the Saints *Sung by all*

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen
There is one Body and one Spirit:
There is one hope in God's call to us:
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or the season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures of the day.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**
The people are seated

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

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
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Read responsively by half verse 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

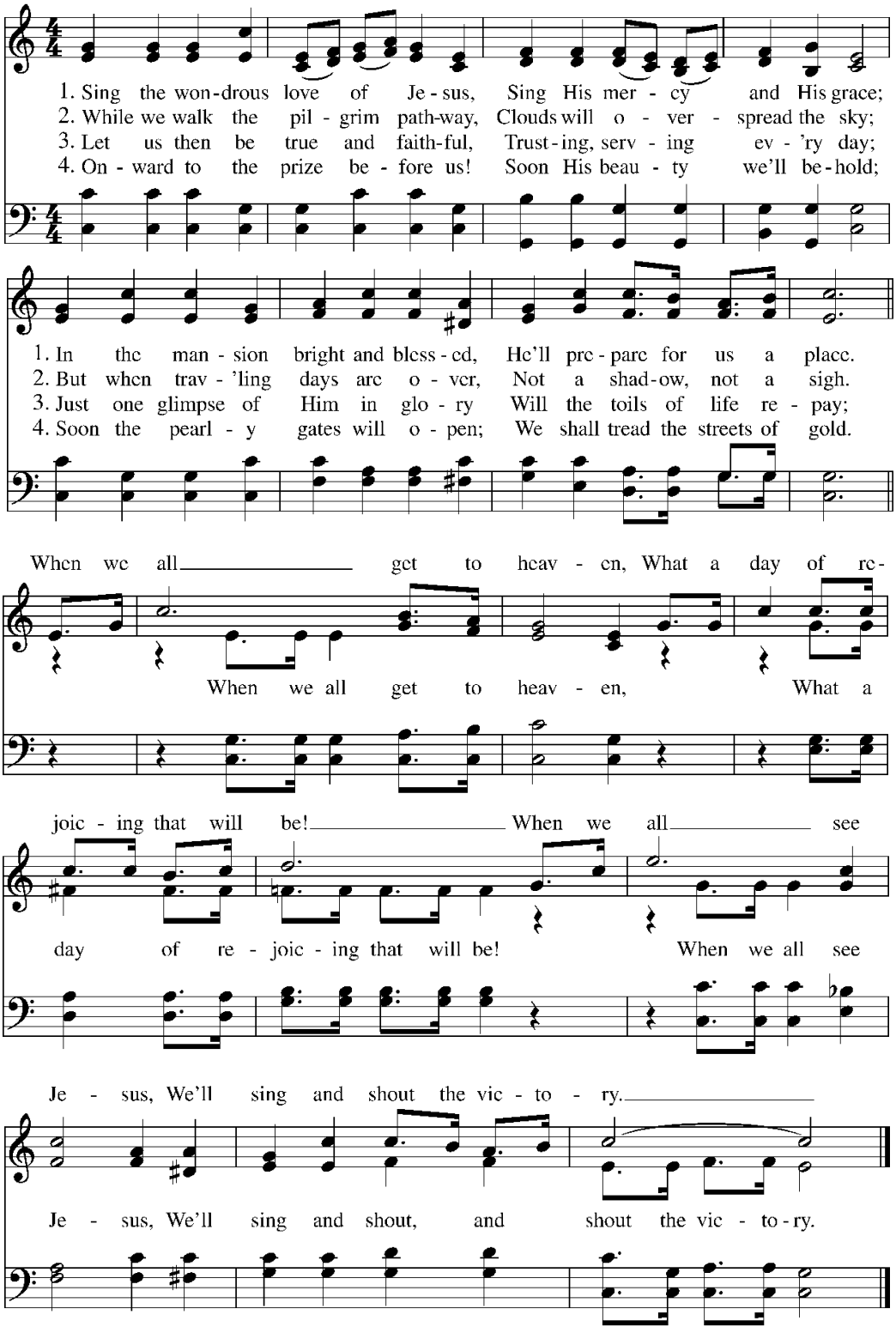
1 John 3:1-3

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
Thanks be to God

The people stand at the introduction of the hymn

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

When we all get to heaven *Sung by all* *Heaven*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher

THE SERMON — The Right Reverend Sarah Fisher

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates and their sponsors gather in front of the altar

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all the candidates have been presented, the Bishop invites the people to stand as they are able, and addresses the congregation, saying

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

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The people stand as they are able

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A period of silence follows.
Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION
The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION
N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

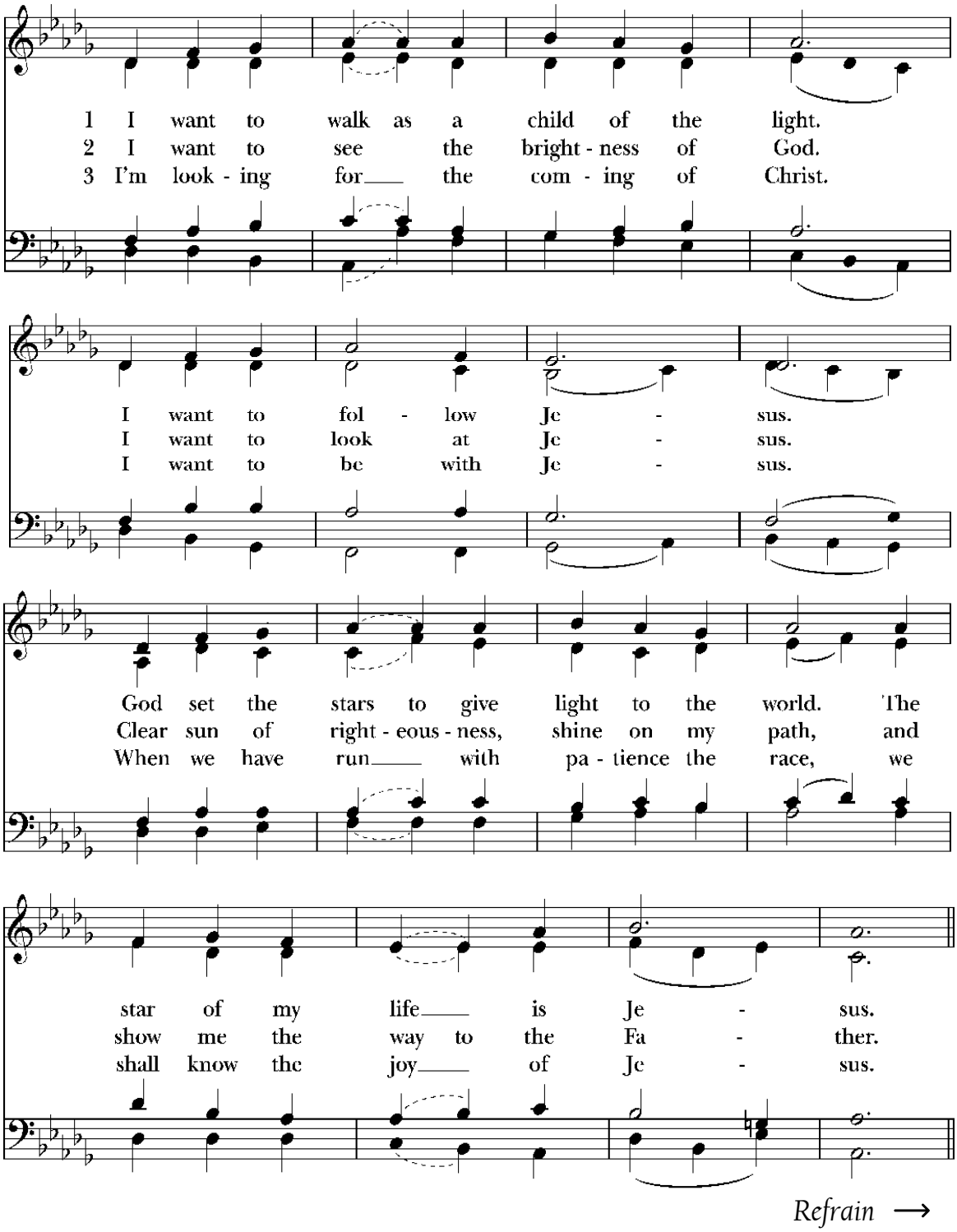
The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE ASPERGES

The people remain standing as the bishop sprinkles the congregation with blessed water

THE HYMN AT THE ASPERGES

I want to walk as a child of the light *Sung by all*

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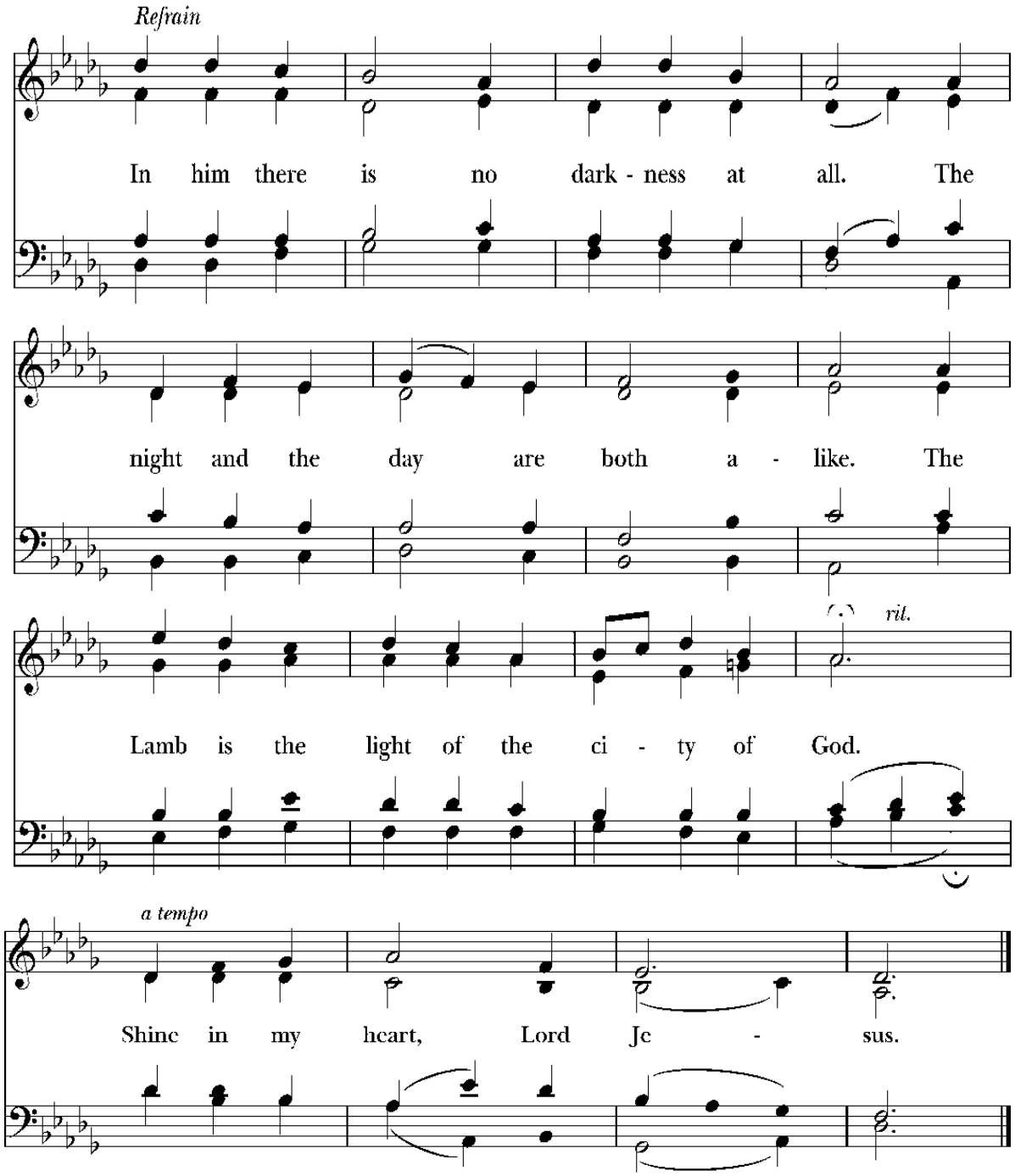
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THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

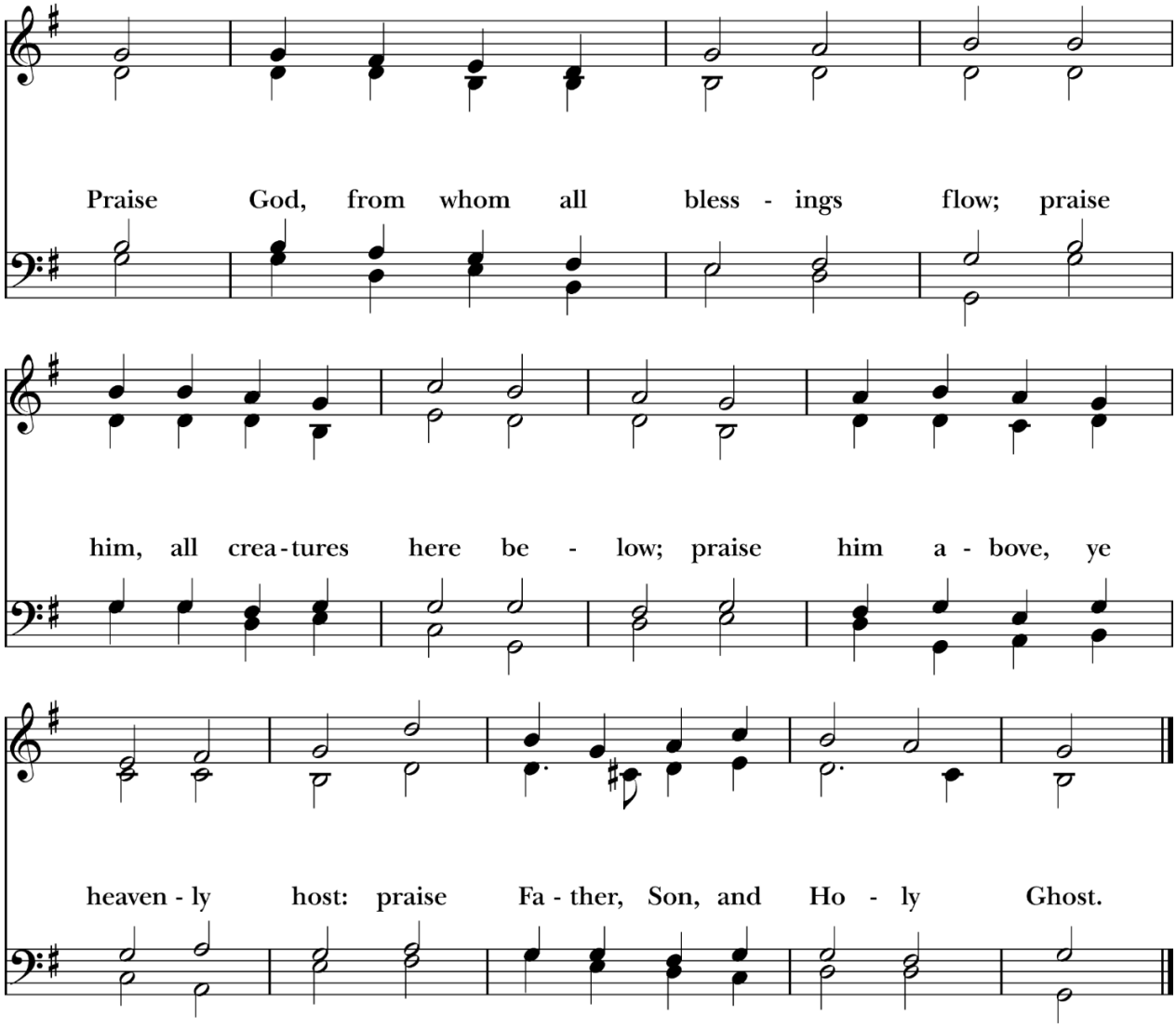
THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. All are invited to make a gift

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision *sung by the choir* arr. Philip Stopford

PRESENTATION HYMN 380, verse 3 *sung by all*



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, *meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.

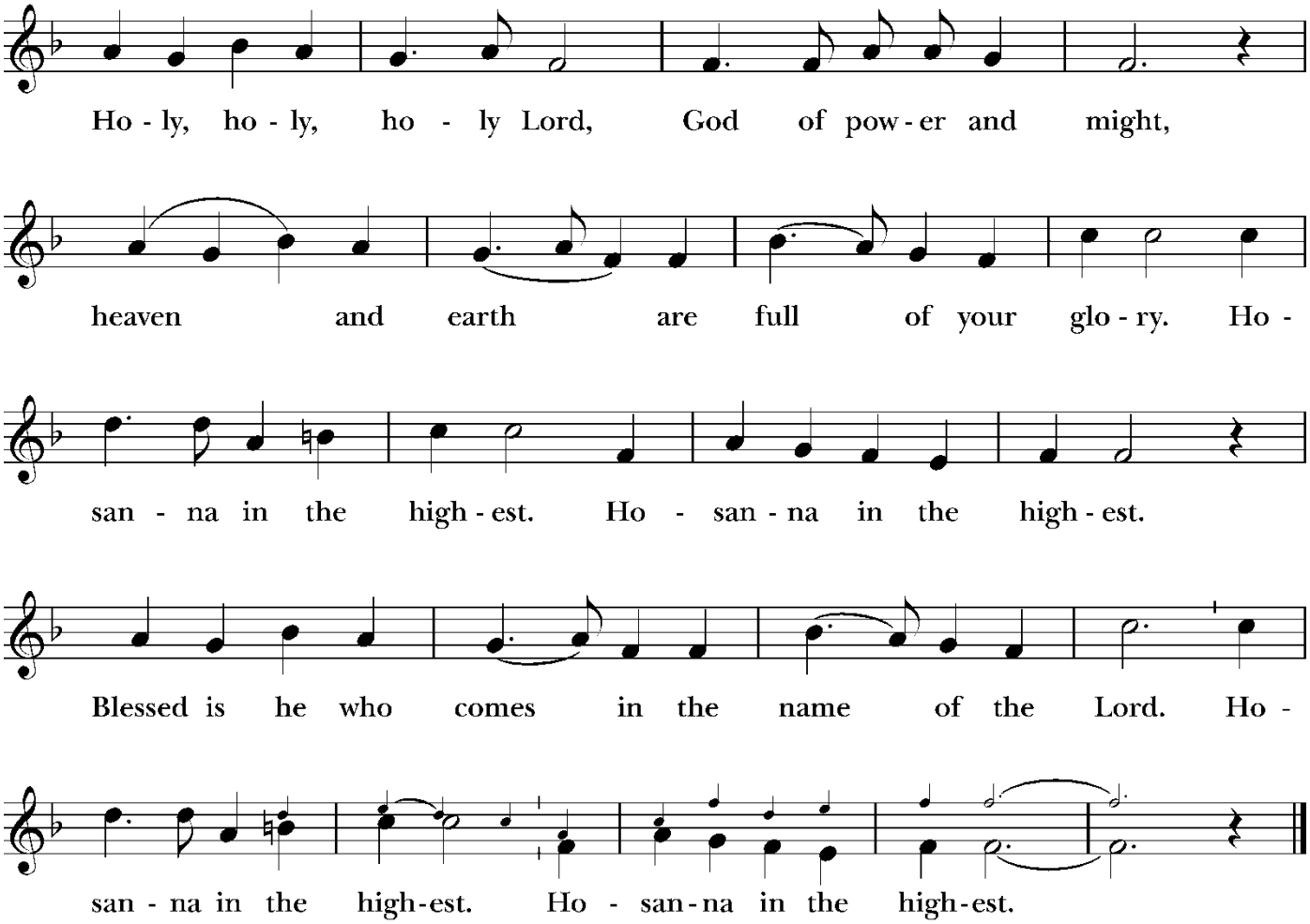
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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 & BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*



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We recall God's act of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation, we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

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 to 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.

The Great Amen is when the congregation, with a unified great voice, concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in The Book of Common Prayer, *signifying the greatest of the congregation's responses.*

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

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

The presider breaks the bread in silence

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by all*

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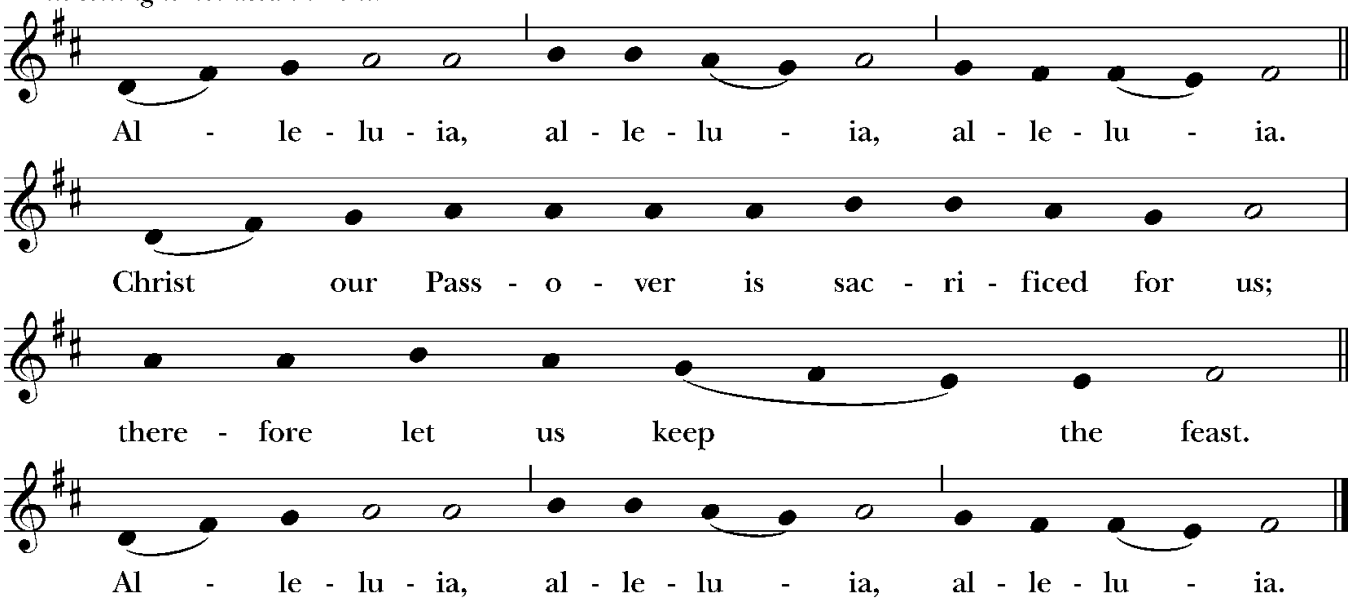

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THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

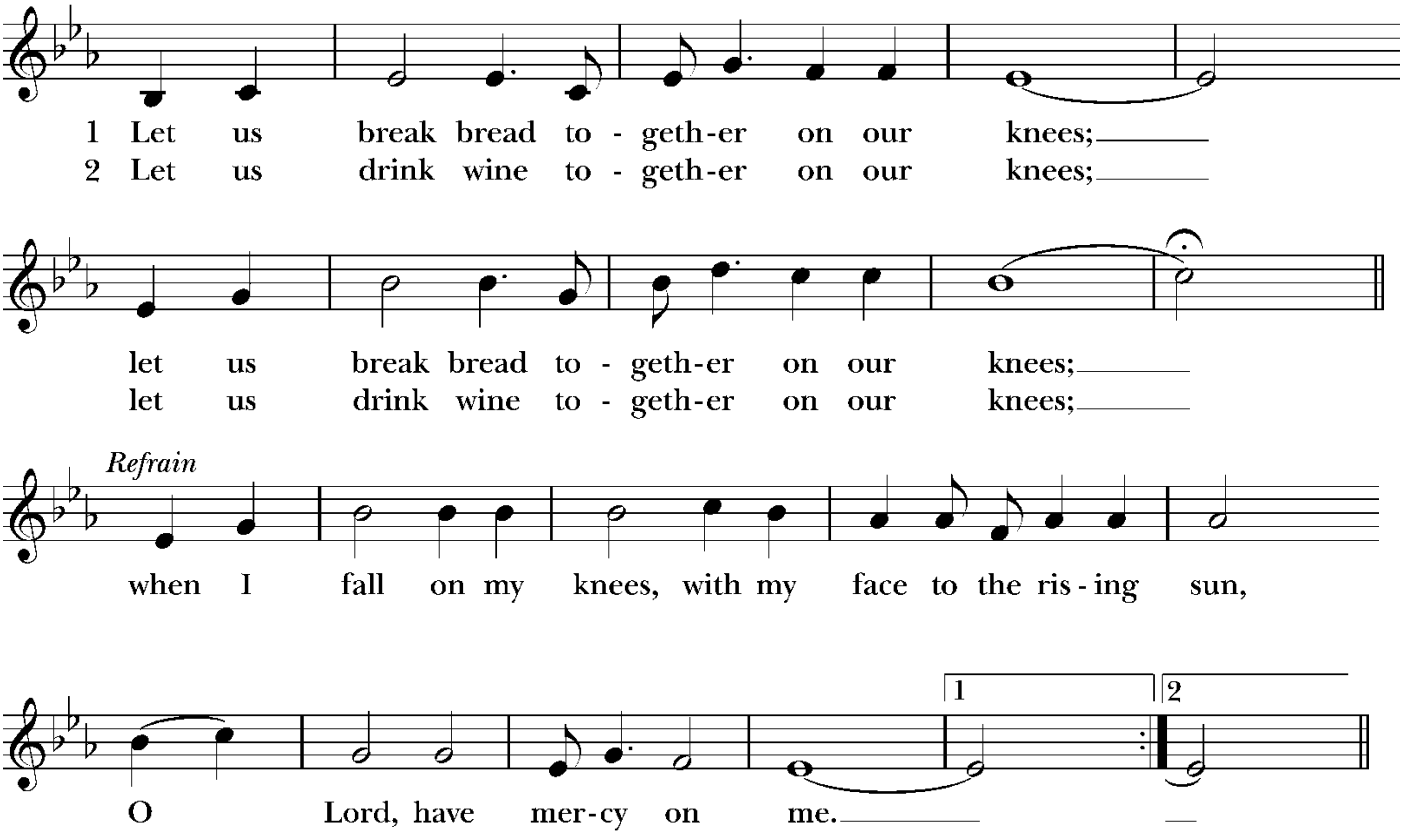
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

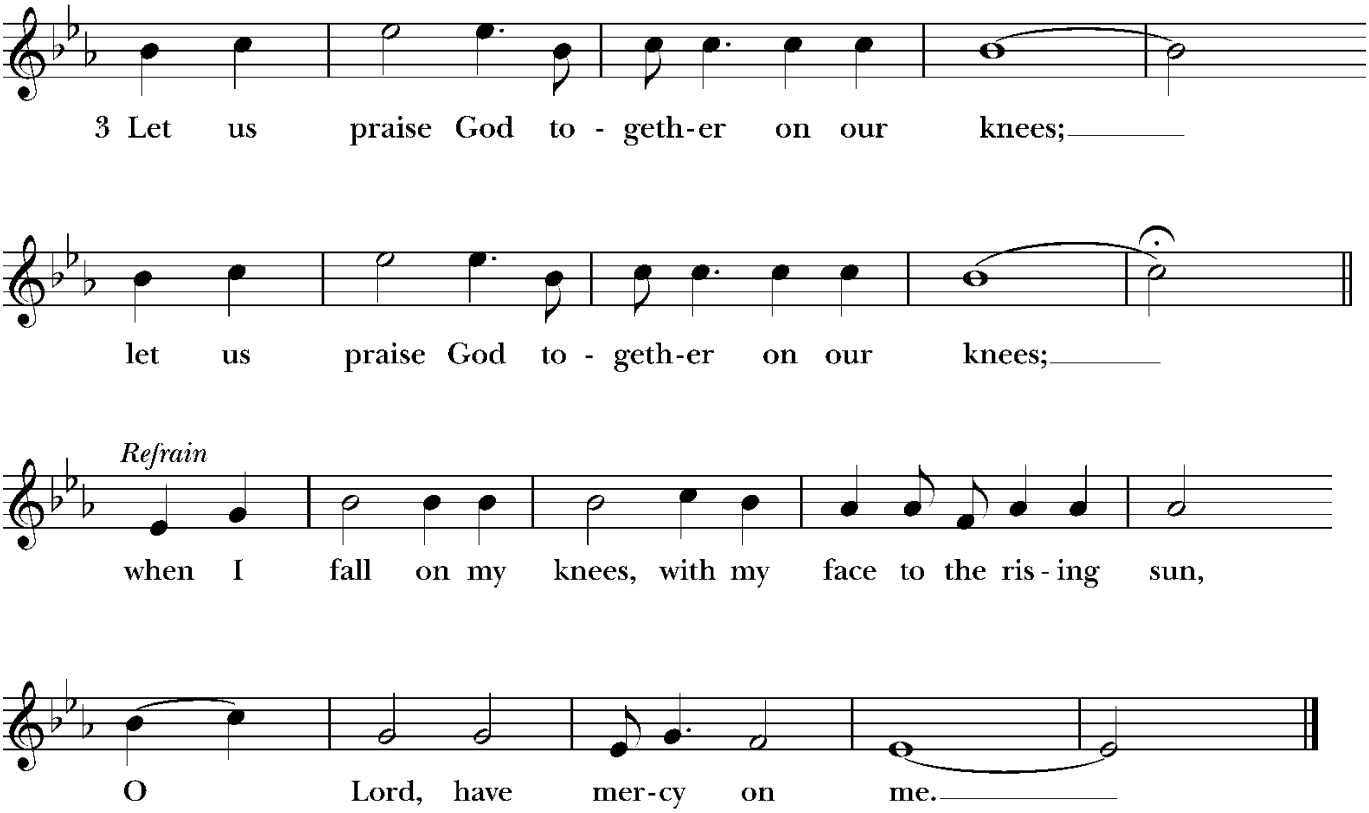
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. You may drink from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the bread) in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *sung by all*

Let us break bread together on our knees





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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people, and the people respond. **Amen.**

THE HYMN AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION

God of Saints of every nation

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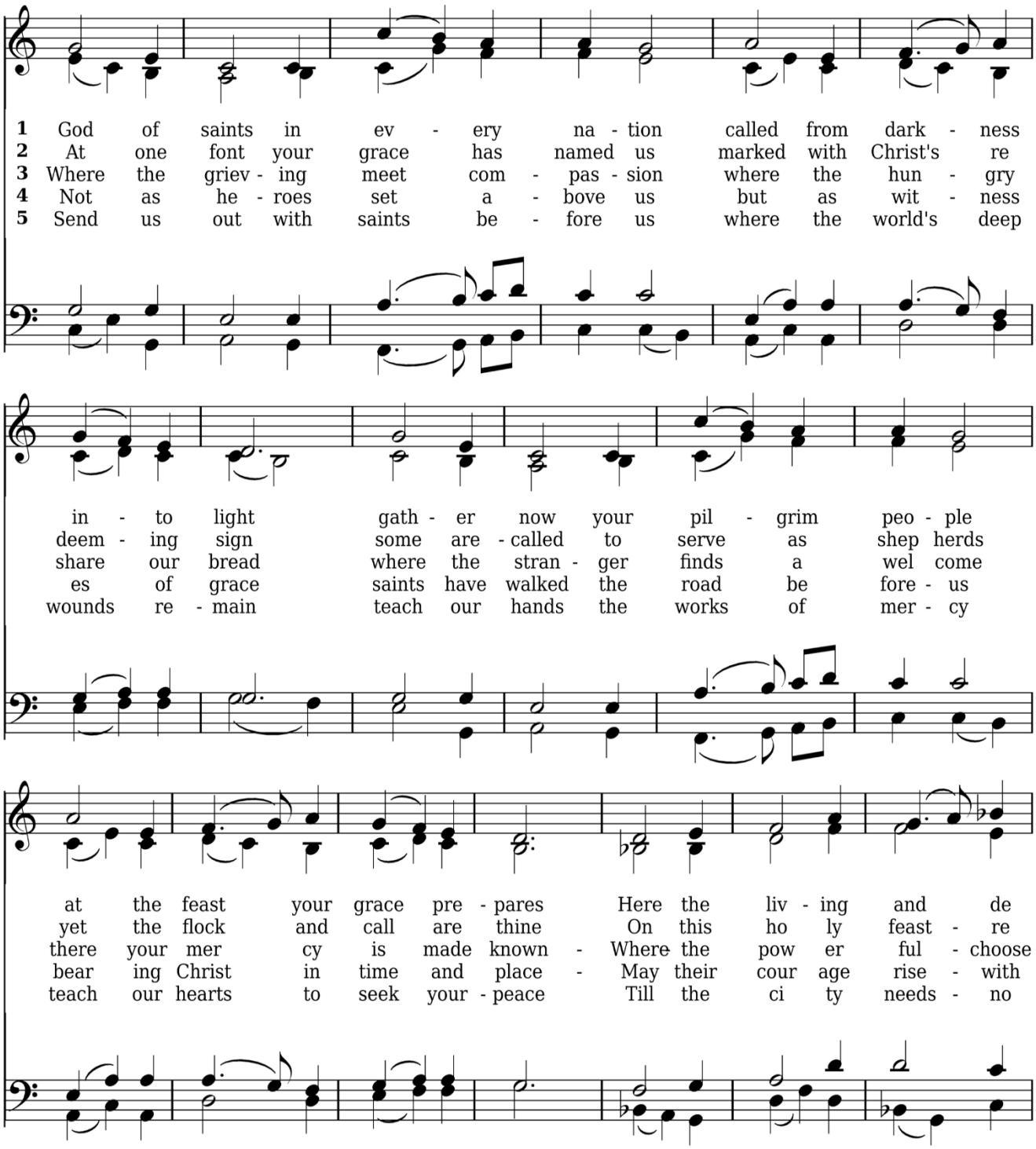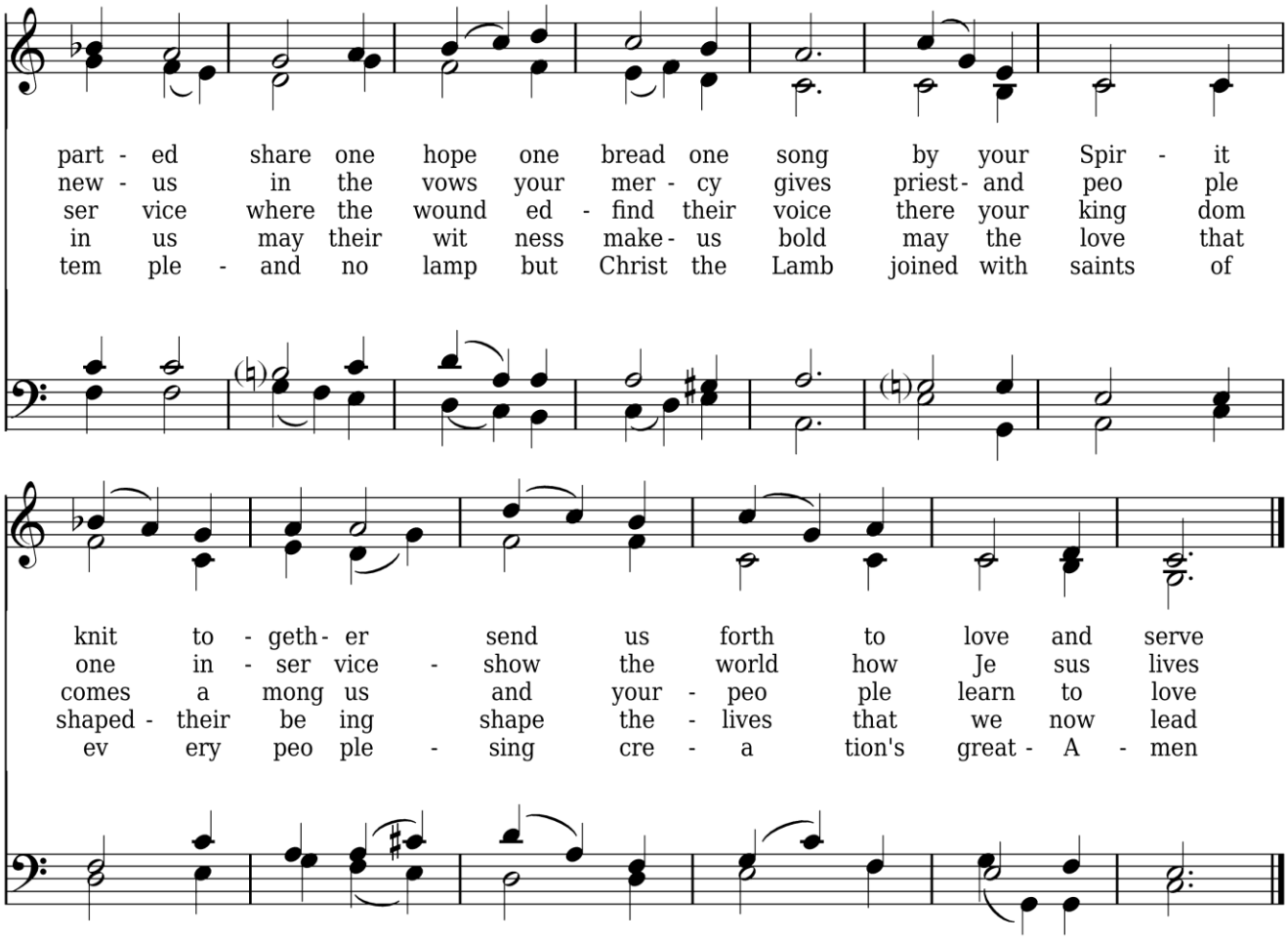
THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE
A Mighty Fortress is Our God *Bruce Greer*

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Following today's service, everyone is warmly invited to gather in the Gathering Space for a festive brunch as we celebrate All Saints' Day, welcome Bishop Fisher, and extend our hospitality to the newest members of our parish family. We hope you'll join us for this time of fellowship, thanksgiving, and celebration.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Cheryl H. Needham
Organist

Members of the All Saints Choir

Mary T. Moynahan
Welcoming Coordinator

Etta Lanuti, Carol Davis
Greeters

Tess Judge, Jack Myers, Tim McKeithan
Ushers

Laura Holmes, Steve Hotchkiss, Etta Lanuti
Altar Guild

Maureen McGrath, Paula Myatt
Flower Guild

John Hunting Dunigan
Vestry Person of the Day

Lisa Rock
Nursery Attendant

Rooted in compassion and enlivened by the Spirit, we are an inclusive and affirming parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We joyfully welcome the full diversity of all God's people—without exception—to worship, to belong, to serve, and to bear witness to love's power to heal and transform.