25th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism and Eucharist Rite Two
November 15, 2026, 10am

Christ Episcopal Church
Valdosta, GA

**PRELUDE:** *Partita on "Ora Labora" (Come Labor On)* arr. by Austin Lovelace

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Come Labor On* (H 541)

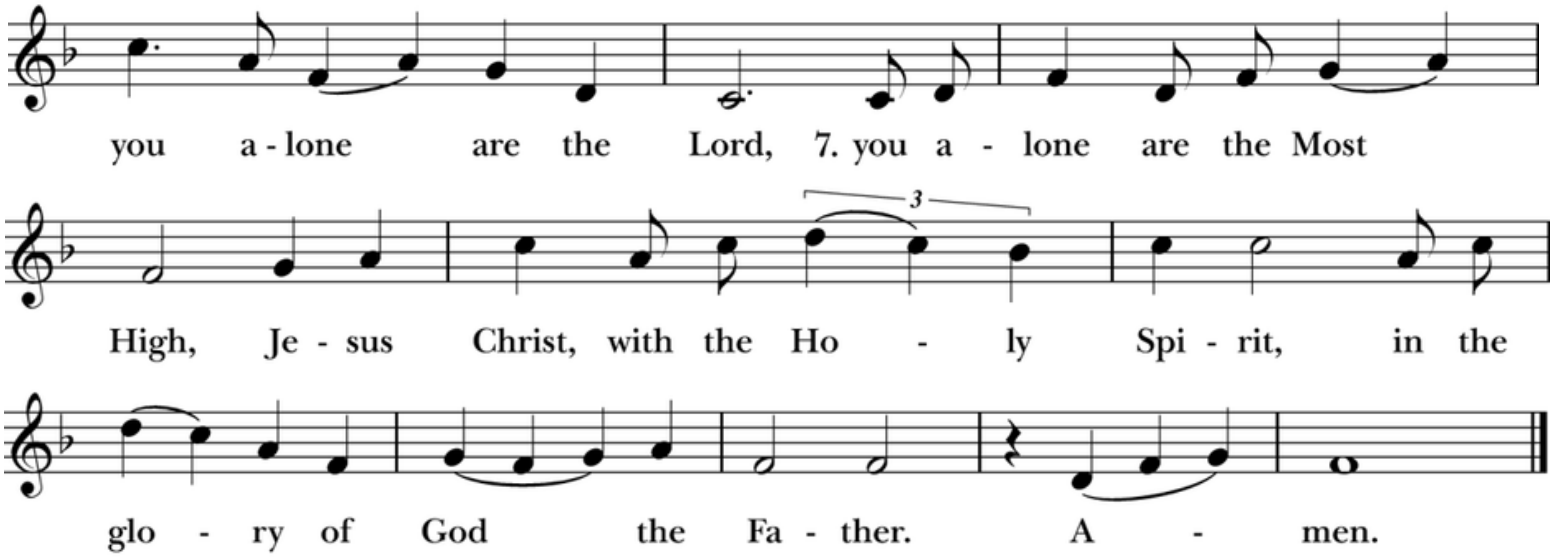


## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

## GLORIA *S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*






**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 LESSONS** **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

A reading from the book of Zephaniah,
Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out

like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90:1-8,12**



**Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we consume away in your dis-pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful in-dignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. A-men.**

**The Epistle** **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from 1st Thessalonians,
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* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:** ***Lord Christ, When Thou First Cam's to Earth*** (H 598)

1 **Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up-on a cross they**
**bound thee, and mocked thy sav-ing king-ship then**
**by the thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs**
**may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that**
**stead-y brow, and robe of sor-row round thee.**

2 **O awe-ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de-**
**nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom**
**the powers which crucified thee, till not a stone**
**was left on stone, and all those na-tions'**
**pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be-side thee!**

3 **New and advent of the love of Christ, shall we a-gain re-**
**fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war**
**we per-ish as we lose thee? From old un-faithful**
**our souls re-lease to seek the kingdom**
**of thy peace, by which a-lone we choose thee.**

**4 O wound-ed hands of Je-sus, build in us thy new crea-**
**a-tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,**
**we wait thy rev-e-la-tion: O love that tri-**
**umphs o-ver loss, we bring our hearts be-**
**fore thy cross, to finish thy salvation.**

**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.**

**THE SERMON-** Mr. Sandy Sandbach

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Celebrant* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
*Parents & Grandparents* I present Gwendolyn Elizabeth and Sebastian Philip Vincent to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for the seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?
*Parents & Grandparents* I will, with God's help.
*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?
*Parents & Grandparents* I renounce them.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and grandparents who speak on behalf of the infants and young children*
*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.
*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.
*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
*Answer* I do.
*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
*Answer* I do.
*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
*Answer* I do.

*Now, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Gwendolyn and Sebastian in their life in Christ?
*People* **We will.**
*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal vows.

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Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?
*People* **We will.**

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

**The Baptismal Covenant**
*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
*People* **I believe in God the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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.**
*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
*People* **I will with God's help.**
*Celebrant* 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 Celebrant then says to the congregation*
Let us now pray for Gwendolyn and Sebastian who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*
*Leader* Deliver Gwendolyn and Sebastian, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
*People.* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader.* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen**.

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his holy resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever**. Amen.**

**The Baptism**

*Celebrant* Gwendolyn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Sebastian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we than you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an

inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen**.

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*
**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

**Announcements**
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

**OFFERTORY:** ***I Touched God in My Song*** Valdosta State University
*by Ivo Antognini* Chamber Singers,
Directed by Dr. Clell Wright

**DOXOLOGY**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**The Great Thanksgiving** BCP 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. 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." 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." 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. 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**.

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

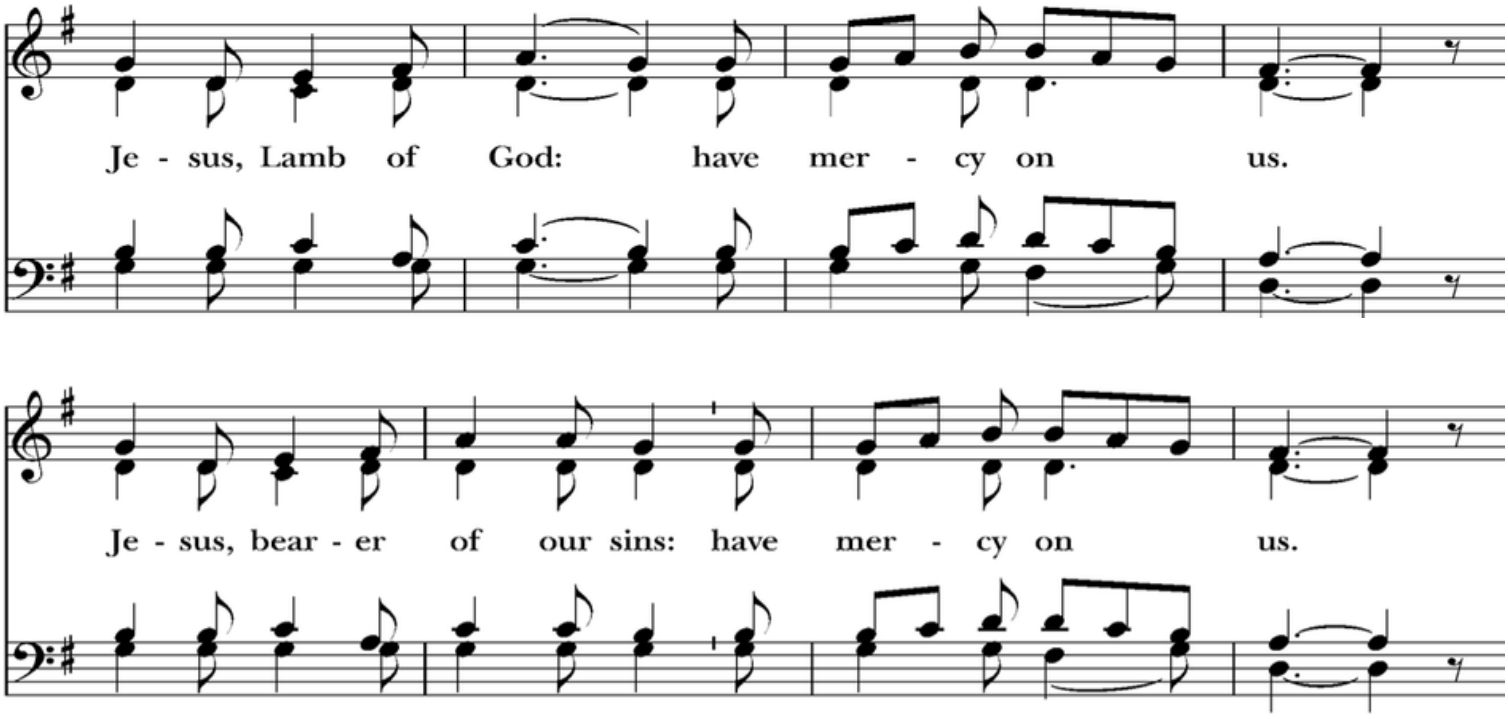
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy Name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread.**
**And forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**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

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

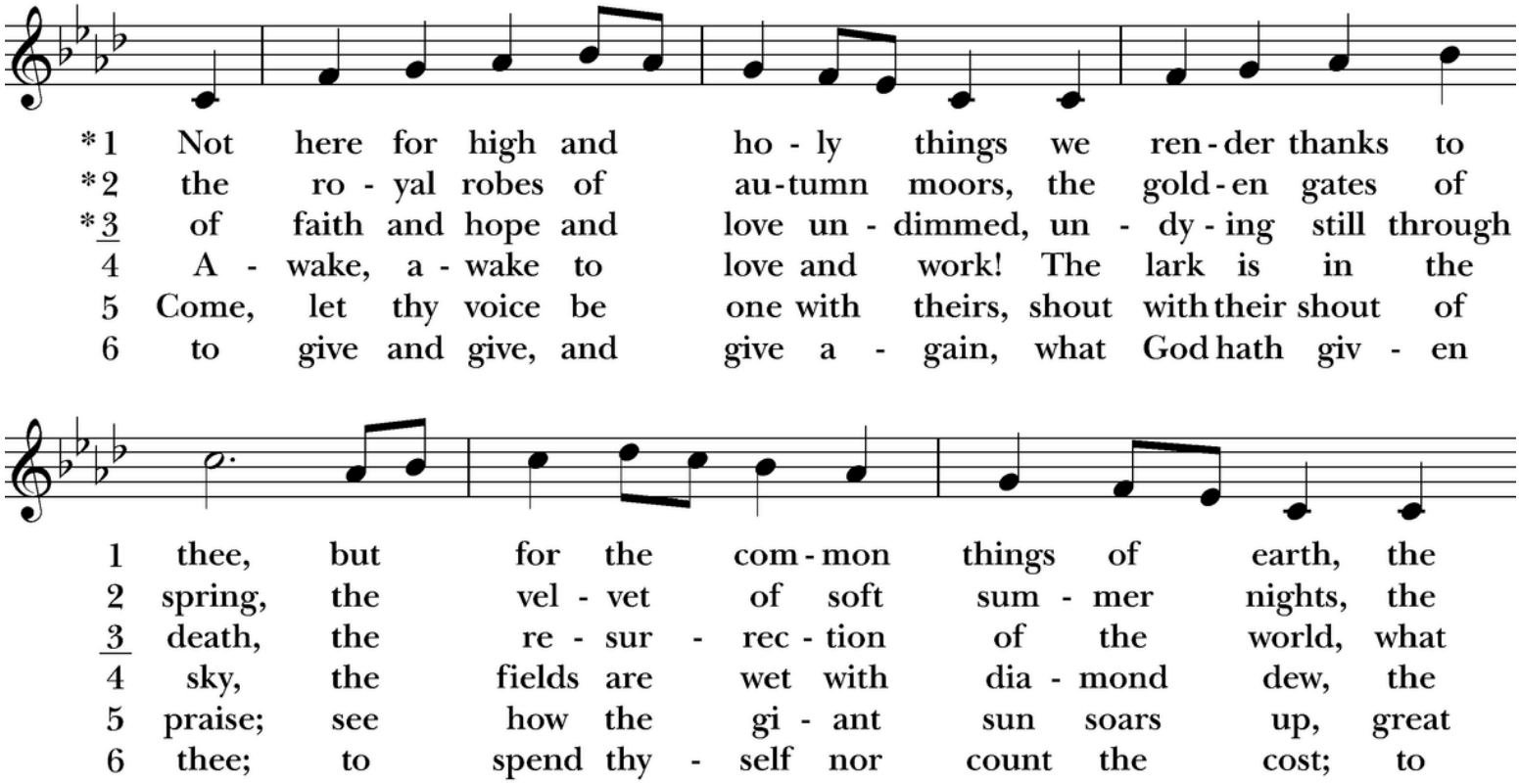
***Fraction Anthem S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)***





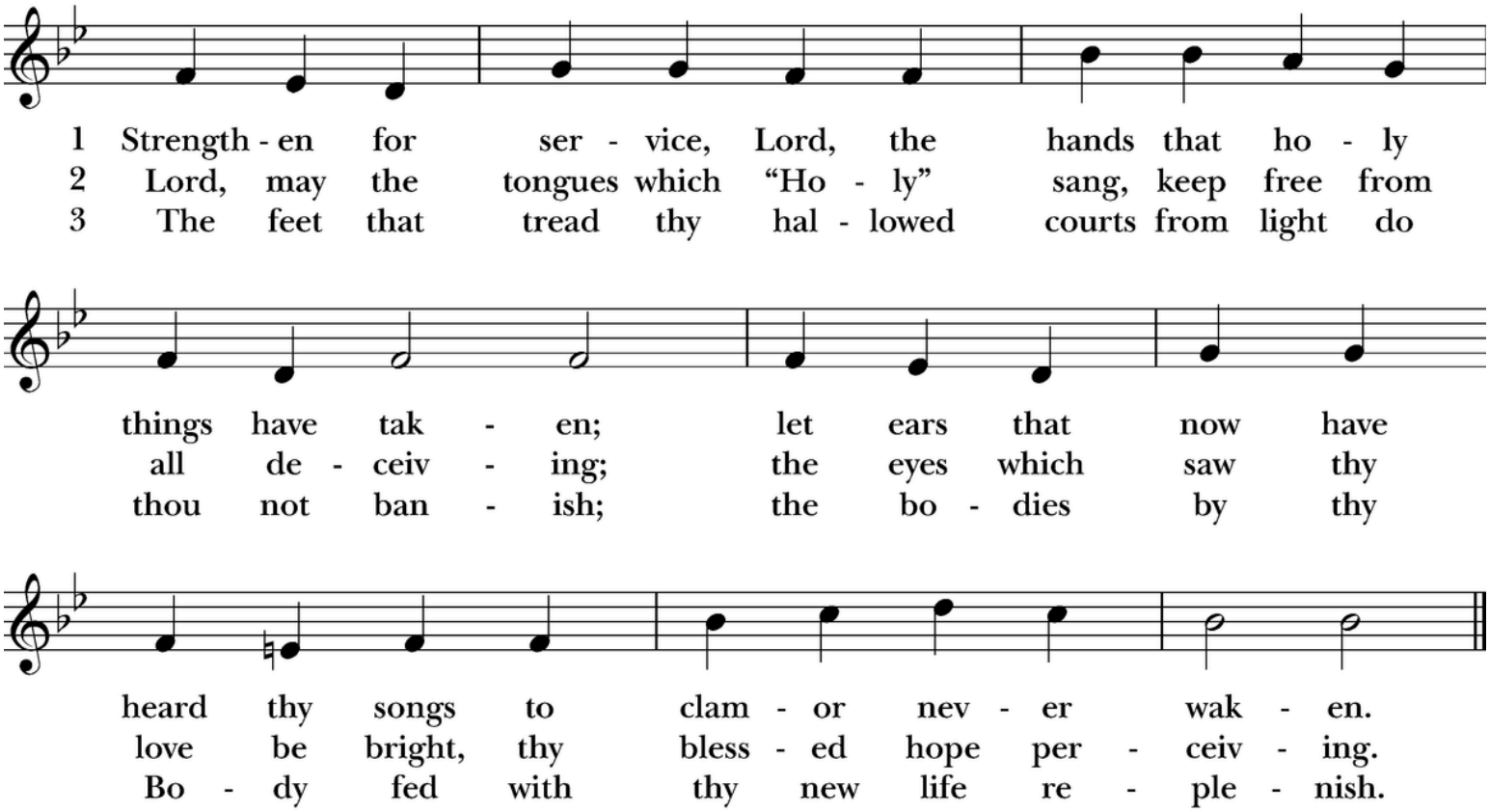

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN *Not Here for High and Holy Things* (H 9)






## COMMUNION HYMN *Strengthen for Service, Lord* (H 312 )



## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

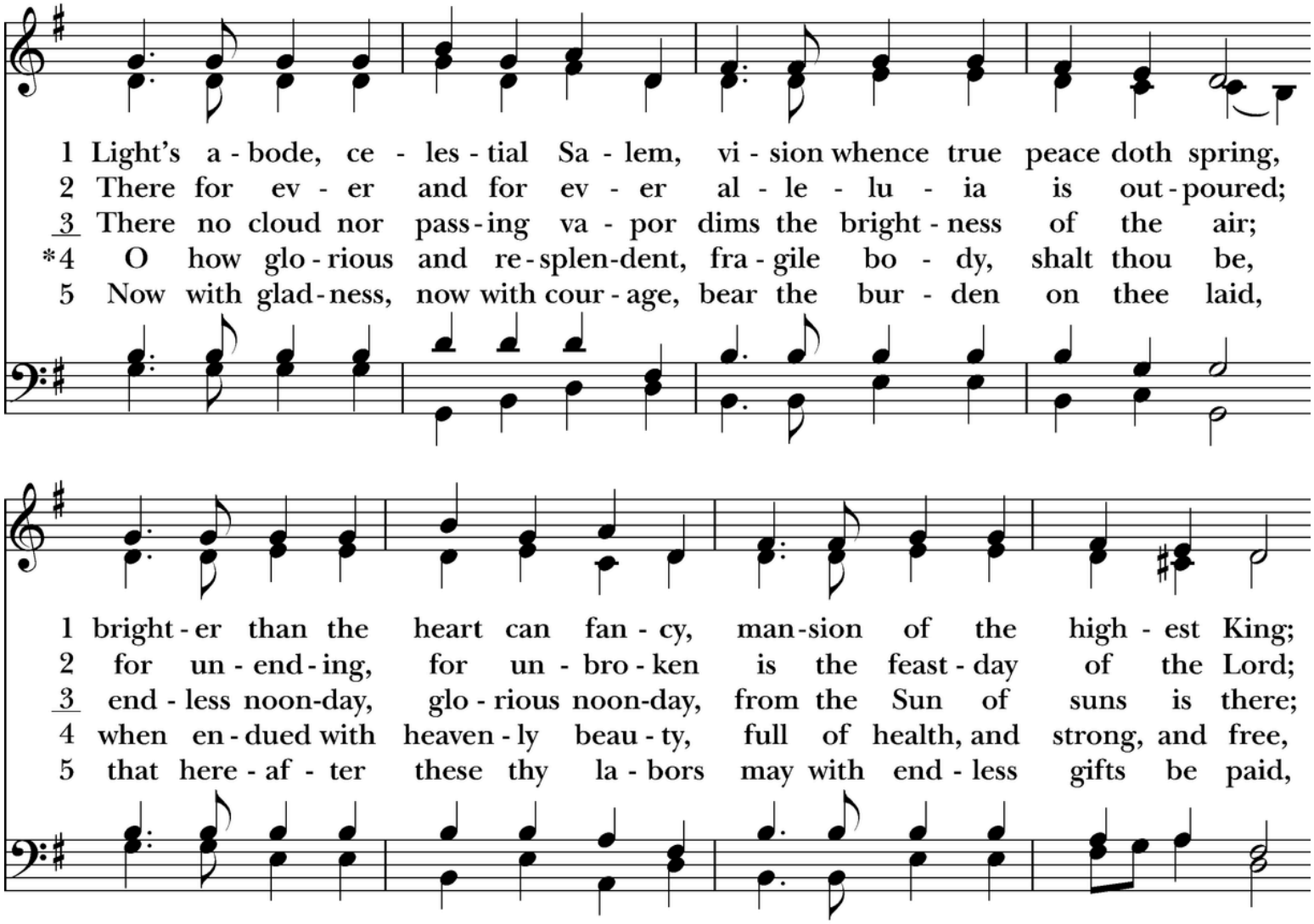
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

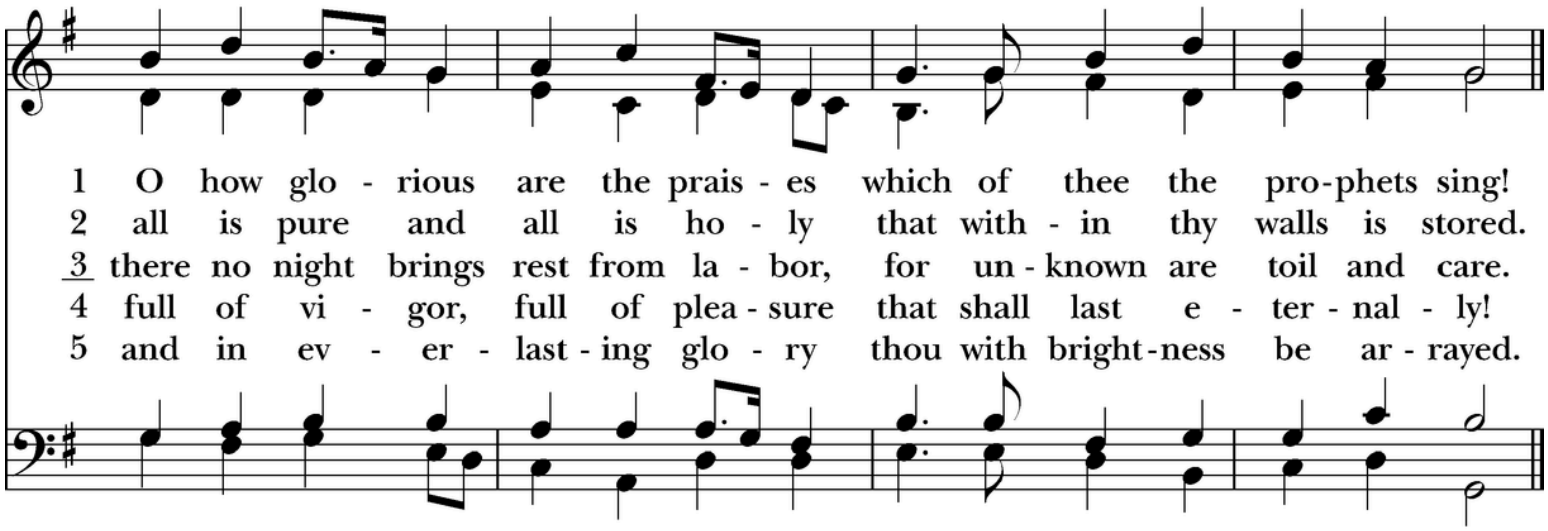
*People and Celebrant*

**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

## EXIT HYMN: *Light's Abode Celestial Salem* (H 621)






**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints*** By Wilbur Held

*The Altar Flowers this week are given in memory of Mike Synyard, by Jeani Synyard.*

**Serving Today**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Jeani Synyard
**Lectors:** Martin Holland, Jeani Synyard, Ralph Jackson
**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Polly Collins, Chris Rutland
**Altar Guild:** Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake
**Ushers:** Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson, Cameron Prevost
**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
**Coffee Hour Hosts**: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Sally Nunn
**Vestry Member of the Day:** Tim Hood

# Upcoming Events




**Thanksgiving Dinner with your Christ Church family.** John and Marcia McRae have graciously offered their home for the occasion. Drinks will start at 11am and at 12 noon. We will have Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and ham provided. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, November 22, and be sure to indicate what side or dessert you will be bringing.




**KOATS FOR KIDS**: Please consider donating new and gently used children's coats between now and the week before Thanksgiving. These coats will be donated to local children in need of a winter coat. Your generosity is appreciated. There is a sign above the box that has been designated for donations in the Parish Hall.




**Thursday Morning Bible Study and Women's Fellowship** 10:15-11:15 at 2701 Green Meadow Drive. The study will be on 52 Women of the Bible. For more information about the study call Tammy Borders at 229-560-5889.




**LUNCH BUNCH**- The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 28th, in the parish hall. Help make sack lunches for approximately 100 children in need of meals. It is an assembly line process that only takes about one hour of your time. All are invited to participate - just show up on Saturday at 10:45am.

**Venmo** is available as a Convenient giving option! Just scan the QR code and follow the prompts. Recurring gifts from your credit/debit card may also be scheduled via PayPal using the same code. If you are currently giving through Vanco, there is no need to switch to PayPal at this time.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** Providing flowers for the Altar is a terrific way to honor loved ones or a special occasion in your life. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

*Mission Statement:*

***As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.***

The Rt Rev'd Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

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Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

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