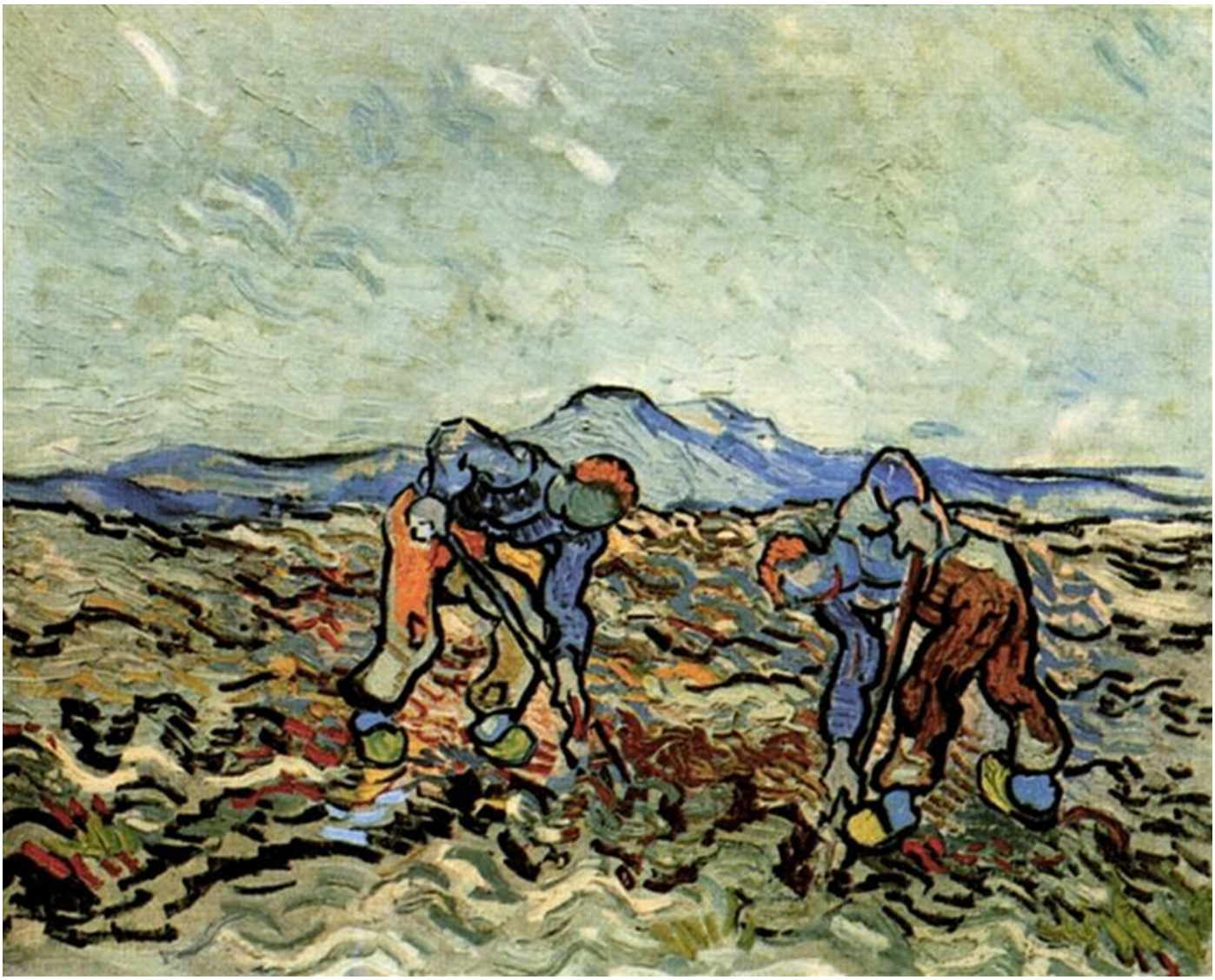


Van Gogh 1890

AND DUG A HOLE IN THE GROUND

GRACE CHURCH

15 November 2026
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *My* God, thy table is now spread Rockingham

(A time of silence to prepare for worship. Before the service speak to God, during the service let God speak to you, after the service speak to each other. The voices of your children are always welcome.)

The Procession Hymn #555

Lead on, O King Eternal



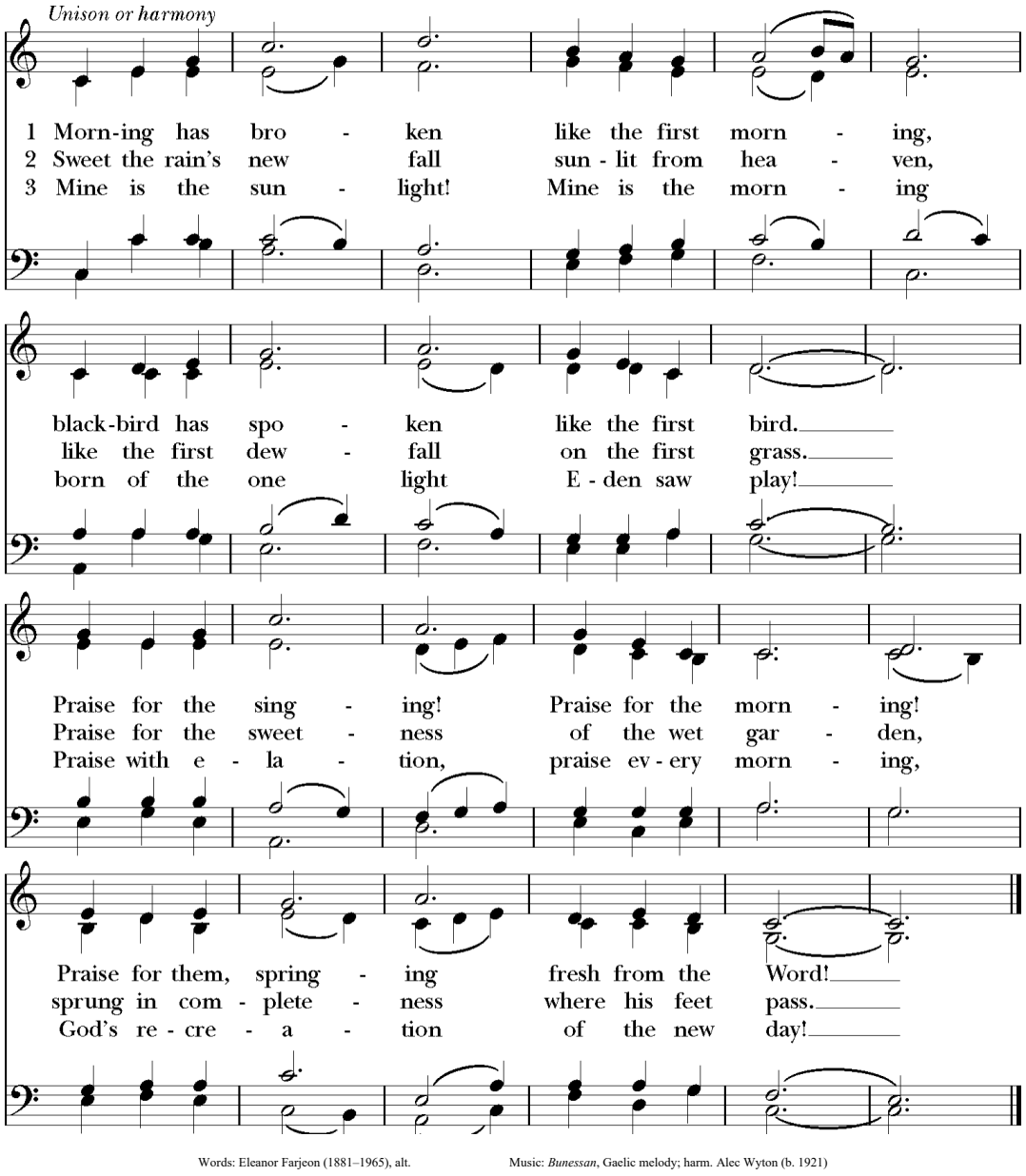
Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862–1917) Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879)

The Liturgy begins on page 1 of Booklet

The Word of God

Song of Praise Hymn #8

Morning has Broken



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt. Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

The Collect

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 First Lesson

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.'"

The Psalm

Psalm 123 *(read responsively by half verse)*
Ad te levavi oculos meos

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,

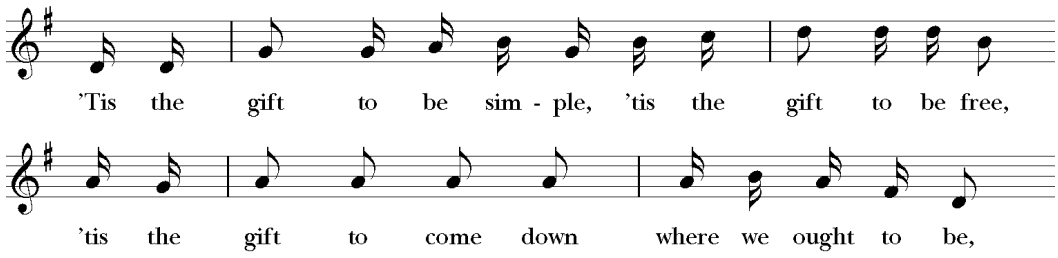
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

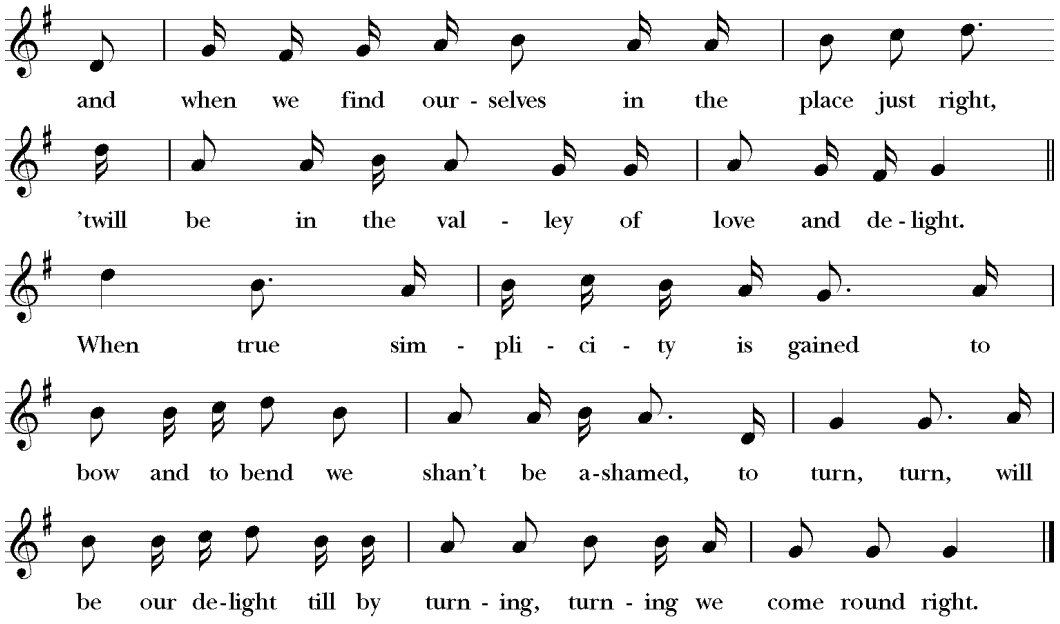
The Second Lesson

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.

Gospel Hymn #554

Tis the gift to be simple





Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797–1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

The Holy Gospel

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

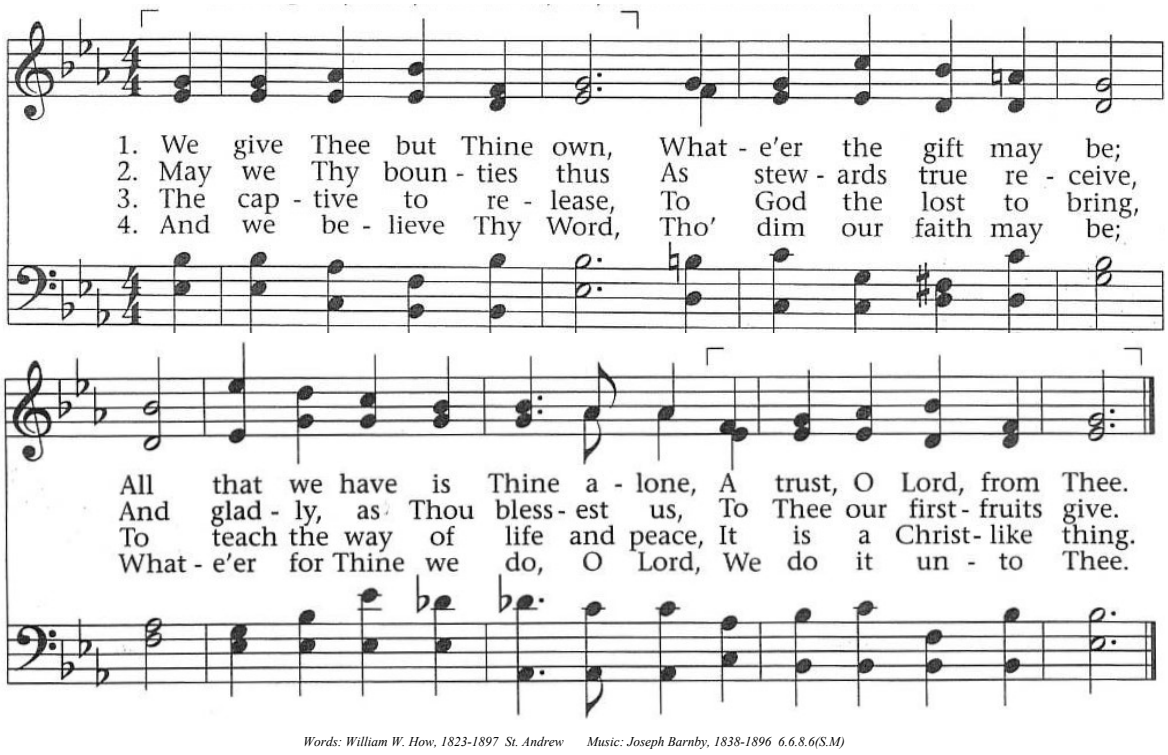
Matthew 25:14-30

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.'"

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

The Sermon
An Affirmation of Faith - page 1 of Booklet
Prayers of the People - page 2 of Booklet
Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 5 of Booklet
The Peace
Announcements ***(Please notify the rector beforehand)***
Offertory - *thanksgiving* *John Ness Beck*
Hymn #380

We give Thee but Thine own

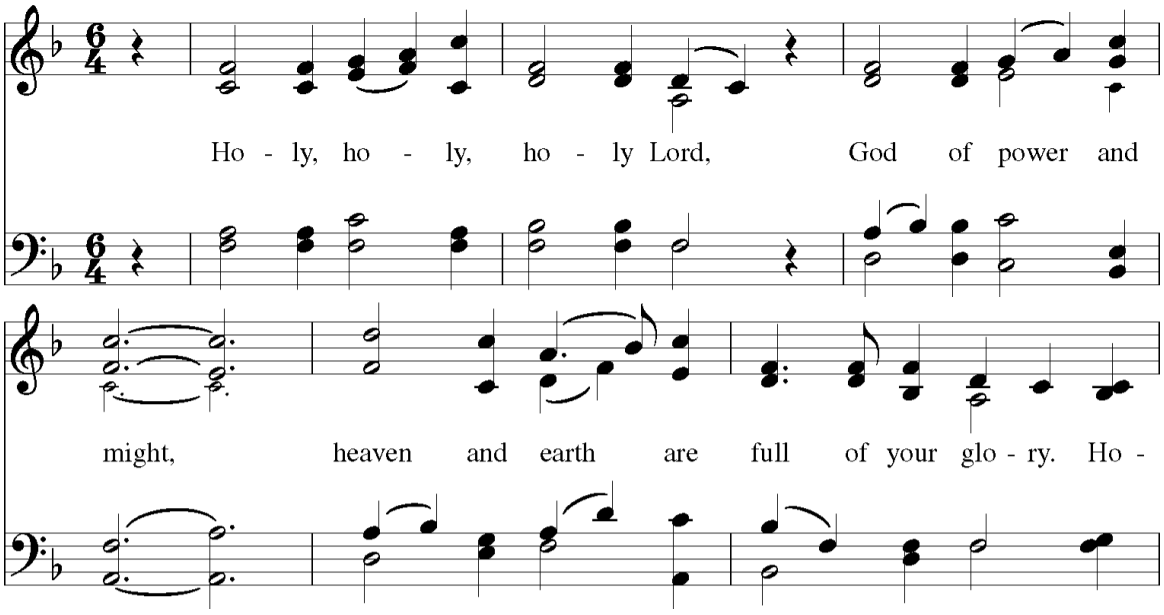


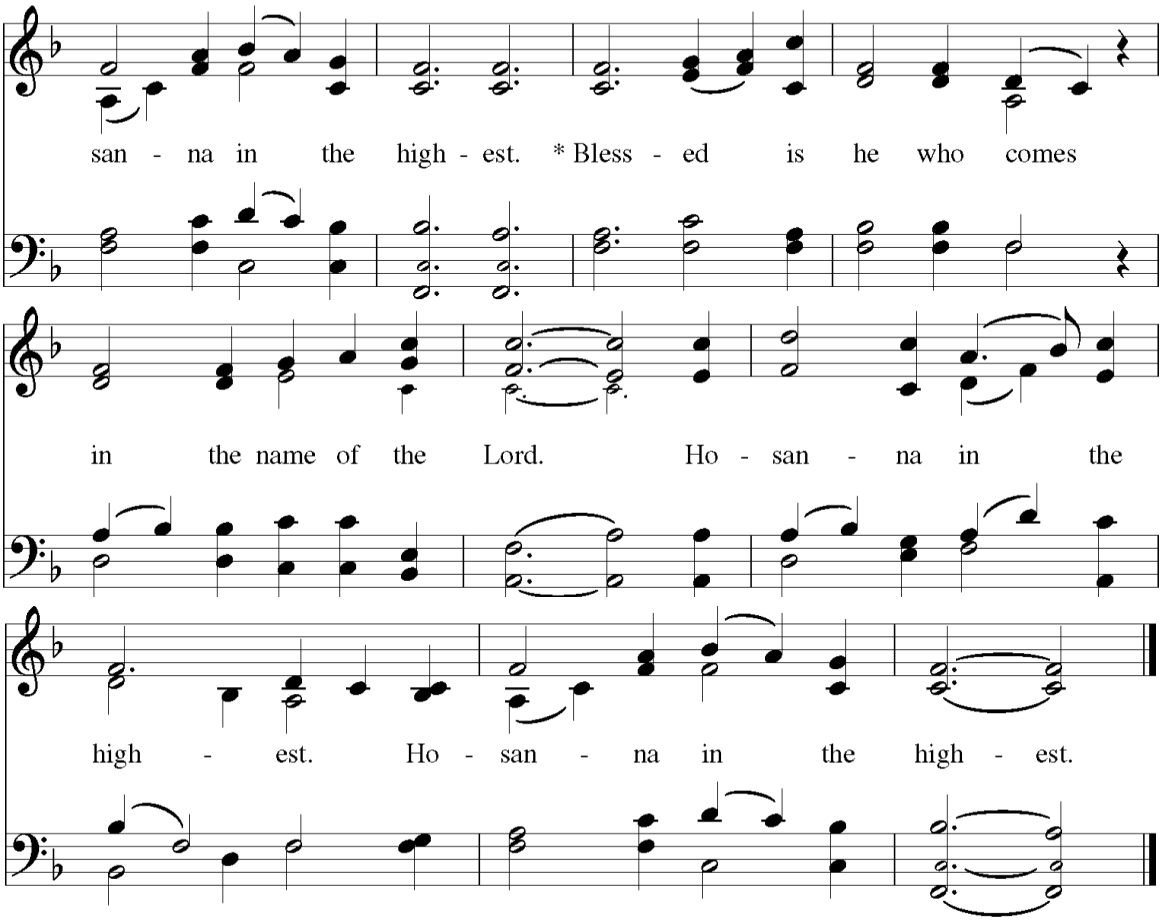
Words: William W. How, 1823-1897 St. Andrew Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 6.6.8.6(S.M)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer - page 6 of booklet
Sanctus WLP #858

Holy, holy, holy Lord





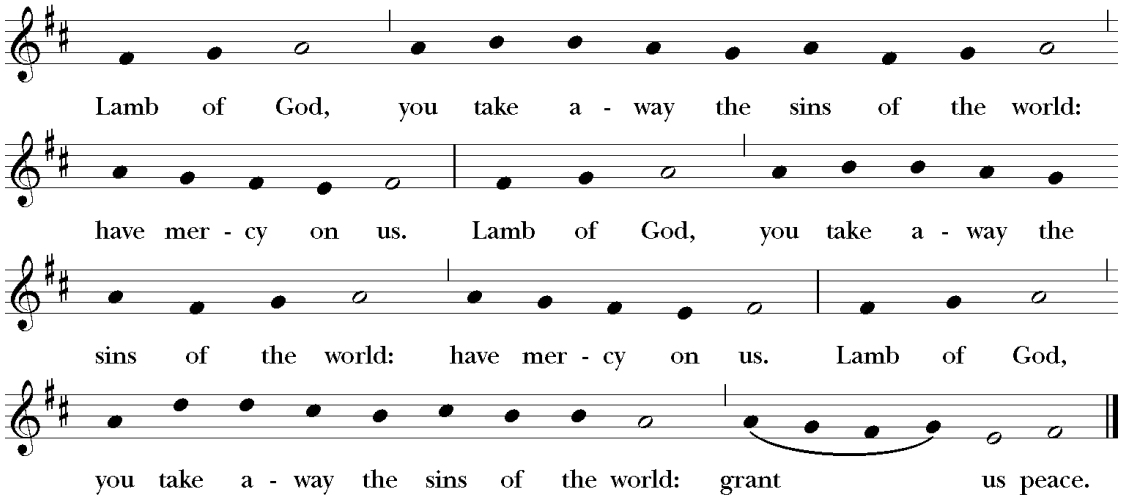
Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord *[Sanctus]* Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

The Great Amen # S-146



Title: The Holy Eucharist, Amen Music: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

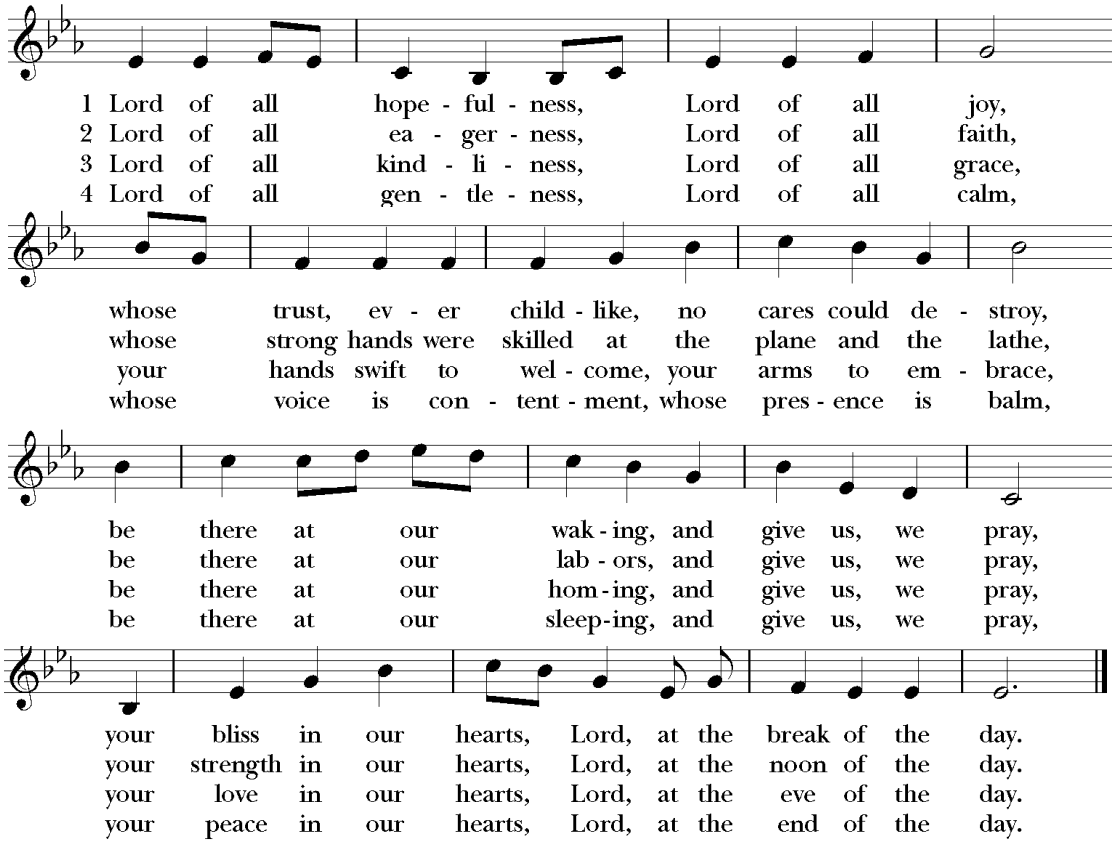
Fraction Anthem # S-161



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #482

Lord of all hopefulness



Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953) Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*,1927; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

Hymn #325

Let us break bread together





Words: African-American spiritual Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Post Communion Prayer - page 9 of Booklet
The Blessing of the People
The Procession

Hymn #594

God of grace and God of glory



Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

The Sending Forth - page 10 of Booklet
Closing Voluntary - *Fugue in d minor* *J.S. Bach*

Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **Advent Study** begins Sunday 11/29 at 9:15 a.m. in Fr. Jack's Study. We will be discussing a book of daily Advent reflections of the four Gospels called *Gospel Voices*. $8 for the book, pick up the book at the class.
- **Vestry** will meet Monday, 11/16 at 6 p.m.
- Grace Life will be having the **Grace Chili Cook-Off** on Wednesday, 11/18 at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring on the heat. If interested in attending or submitting a chili contact Cindy Dougherty at (631) 766-3619.
- If you haven't done so already, please turn in your 2027 pledge card as soon as possible! The Finance Committee is ready to finalize the 2027 Operating Budget, and we need your pledge numbers to complete this. If you have already turned in a pledge, thank you!
- **Grief Support** will meet Thursday, 11/19 at 10 a.m.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will meet Thursday, 11/19 at 6 p.m.
- **Anderson Christmas Lights** is in need of volunteers for the evenings of 12/12 and 12/18. Some of the proceeds for these two nights go to Family Promise. Go to QR code to volunteer.
- **Adult Sunday School** is every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the library. Join us as we learn about Jesus' life and ministry while moving through the lectionary.
- **EYC** is collecting items for Thanksgiving bags to be passed out to families in our community. Please see the list by visiting the bulletin board outside the parish hall, scanning the Grace code, or talking to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265.
- Hi Grace Church! Dust off the old recipe cards and pull out "mama's famous casserole" instructions… Grace is updating its cookbook and we need YOUR HELP! We are working on coming up with a seamless way to gather all the recipes in one place. As we work on the submission process, please prepare your recipes you'd like to share! Please add your name to the recipe when you submit it. Additionally, if you have any interest in helping put the cookbook together, please reach out to either Bill Scott (scottwn2003@yahoo.com) or Kirri Kinley (kirrikinley@gmail.com). We look forward to your recipe submissions!
- **Advent Wreath Making** will be Sunday, 11/29 at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Bring clippings of your own or use the ones provided to make a beautiful wreath for your home. If you have a wreath from last year, you are highly encouraged to reuse it for this year.
- If you would like to sponsor a **poinsettia** at Christmas the forms are located in the cloister and outside parish office. Please fill these out and return to Nikki by December 14th.
- The December **Outreach meeting** will be held on Sunday, 12/6 in the parlor after the 10:30 am service.
- **Daughters of the King** will meet Thursday, 12/10 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace.
- The **Bridge club** is leaving Grace. Their last meeting will be Wednesday, 11/25.

Stewardship Report
As of 10/31/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue $363,142
YTD 2026 Expenses $378,357
YTD 2026 (Deficit) ($15,215)

- **THE GRACE CODE**
  Scan or tap to visit:
- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise
- Trunk or Treat

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Jodie Webb
Second Counter: JoCarol Titmas
Lector: Jodie Webb
Lector: Stu Adamo
Intercessor: Abby Burden
Chalice 1: Joey Oppermann
Chalice 2: JoCarol Titmas
1st Crucifer: Lacrecia Bilbrey

Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden
Ushers: Reggie Titmas, Debbie Hand
Linen Guild: Pam Herold
Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Cindy Hopkins
Nursey: Rachel Fullerton, Carmelita Trotter
Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant
Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott
Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway

Those with birthdays this week	Baptismal Newbirth Day
Celeste Shaw	
Quinn Camak	4 December
Joe Herold	4 December
Helen Kerley	1 April
Ella Clark	21 December
John Taylor	17 May
Ed Barnwell	1 December
Eloise Owens	
Julie Bates	6 January

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Al Sloan	15 November
Addie Ehlert	15 November

Expectant Parents

Thomas & Lillian Alexander

Jon & Sara Owens

Jackson & Kathryn Potter

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in memory of Carolyn Taylor from John Taylor.

Weekly Gatherings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: FFF meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - Noon.
Women, Wine, & Wisdom meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Ladies Prayer group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish library.
Children's Choir meets at 5:15 p.m. & Adult choir meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday.
EYC meets Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting is January 24th.

2027 Pledge Drive

Week 4
2027: Pledged: $254,244
Cards : 73
2026 Pledged: $246,959
Cards: 66

Vestry Members

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 2025-2027
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
Carol Miller 2nd alternate
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

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