St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Church on Main Street, where God's love is lived.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS (1851 - 2026)

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are delighted that you are here.

All of what you need to join us is in this bulletin or in one of two hymnals:

Hymnal 1982 (the blue book)
"H" followed by a number indicates hymns.
"S" followed by a number indicates selections that appear in the front section of the blue hymnal.

St. Stephen's Hymnal (the red spiral bound book):
"SSH" followed by a number indicates hymns.

PRELUDE

Gather

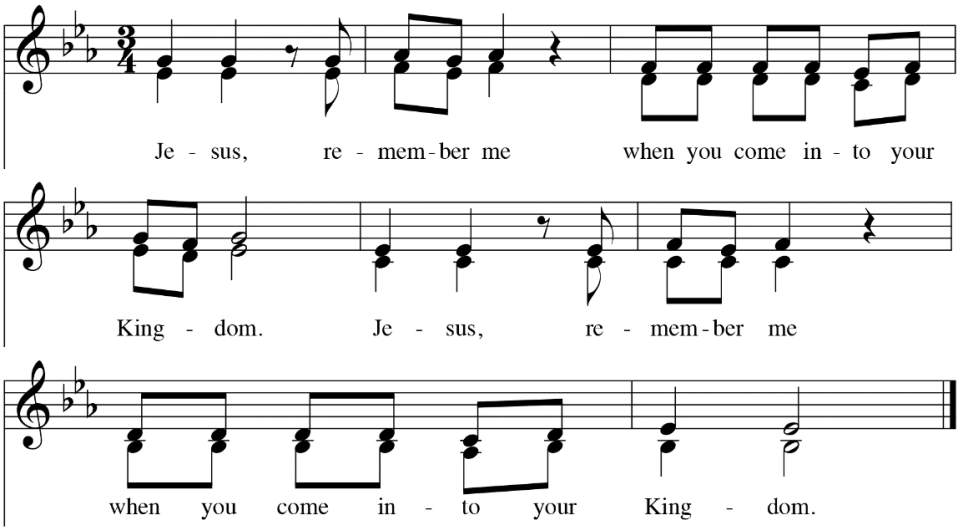
We come together to praise God.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We will sing *"Jesus, remember me"* three times before the prayers.

AT THE NECROLOGY

SSH 49 Jesus, remember me *Taizé*



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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus 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 Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, Sovereign of the saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For all the saints in heaven, who rest now in perfect Love, free of any pain, sorrow, or burden, including these beloved children of God, departed this life and commended to our prayers this year:

Rob Agree
Antonio DaSilva
Walter Fields
Eugene Foley
Ronald Gadbois
Lowan Lookmanshire
Florence Magya
Jenna Mitchell
Paul Moran
John J. Murray
Kathleen N.
Doris Rockwell
Keith Taber
Hedwig Turner

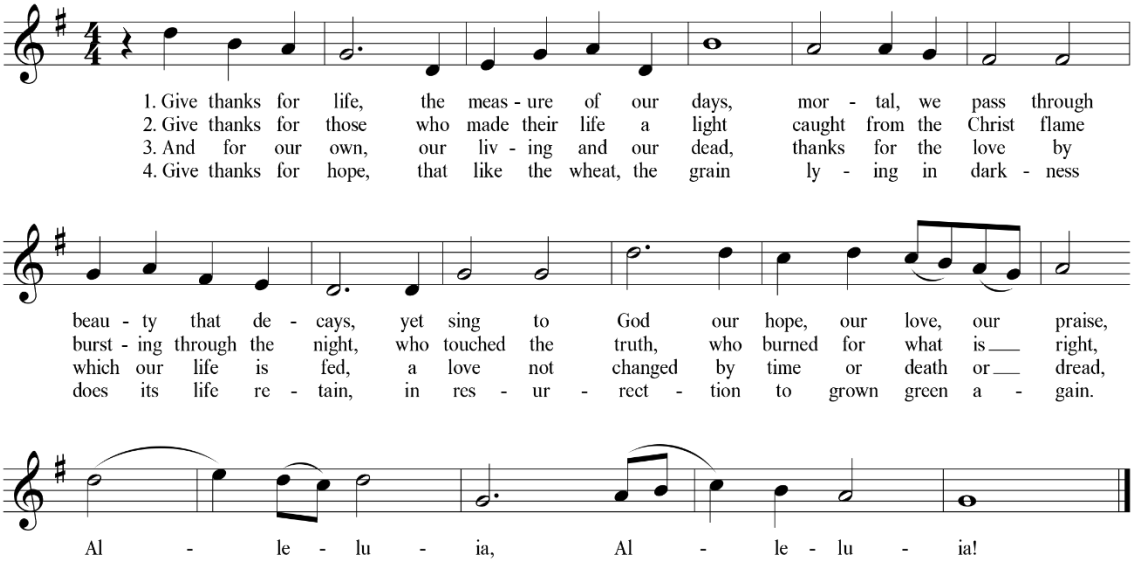
We will sing "Jesus, remember me" once before entering into a moment of silence.

We thank you, God, for those whose names and memories shine like stars in the midnight sky. May their memories continue to bless us with hope in the promise of eternal life with you. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

Give thanks for life *Sine nomine*



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WELCOME

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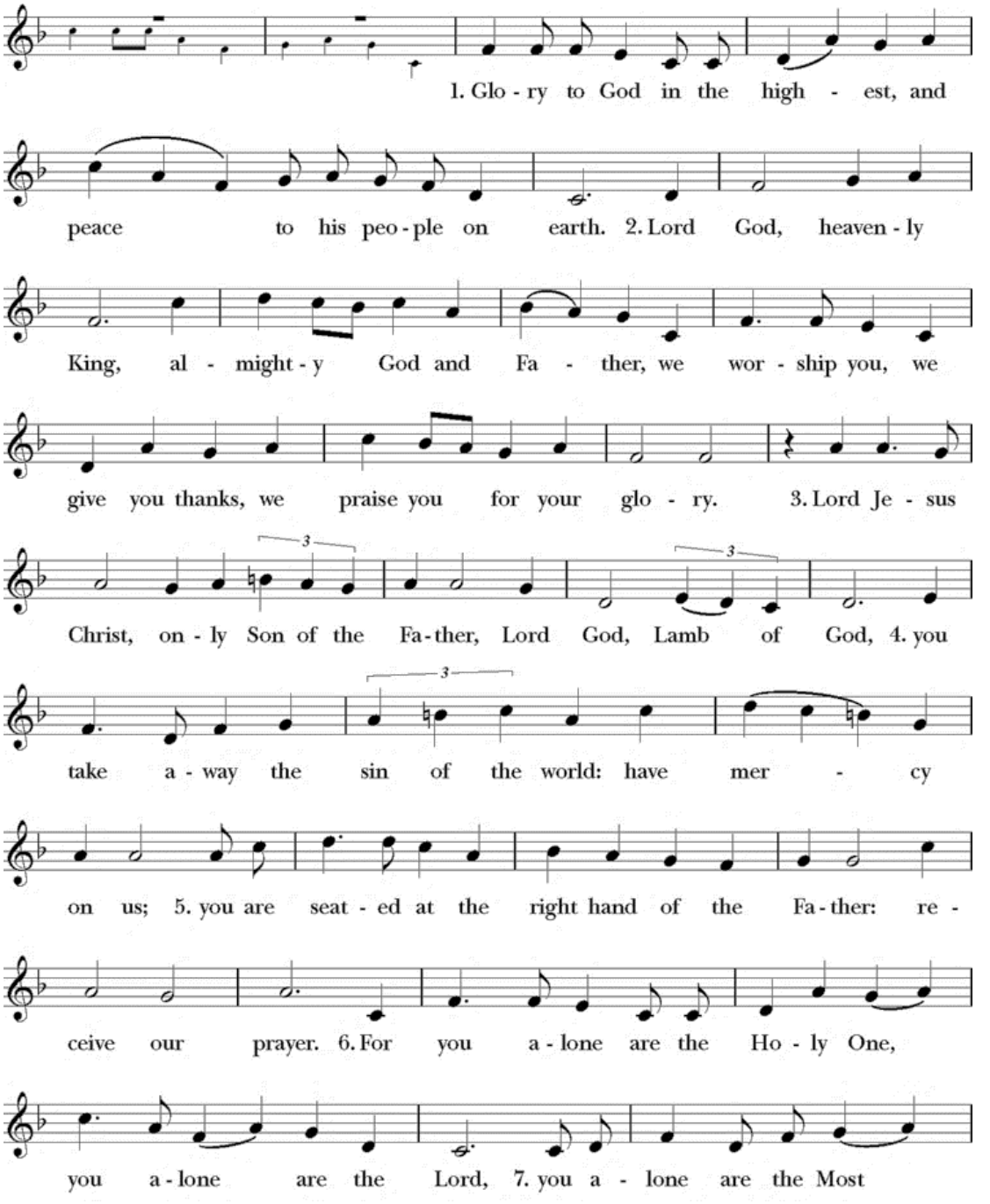
We hear and respond to the story of God's liberating acts.
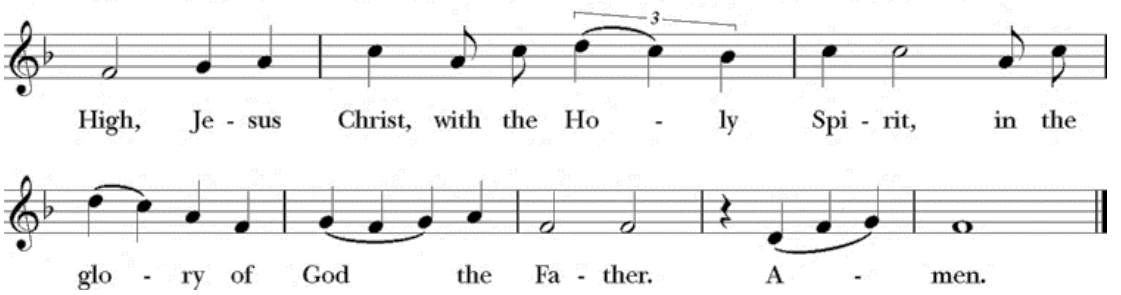
Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

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 GLORIA

S 280 Glory to God in the highest *Robert Powell*





COLLECT 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Revelation of John. *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 RESPONSE

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the First letter of John. *3:1-3*
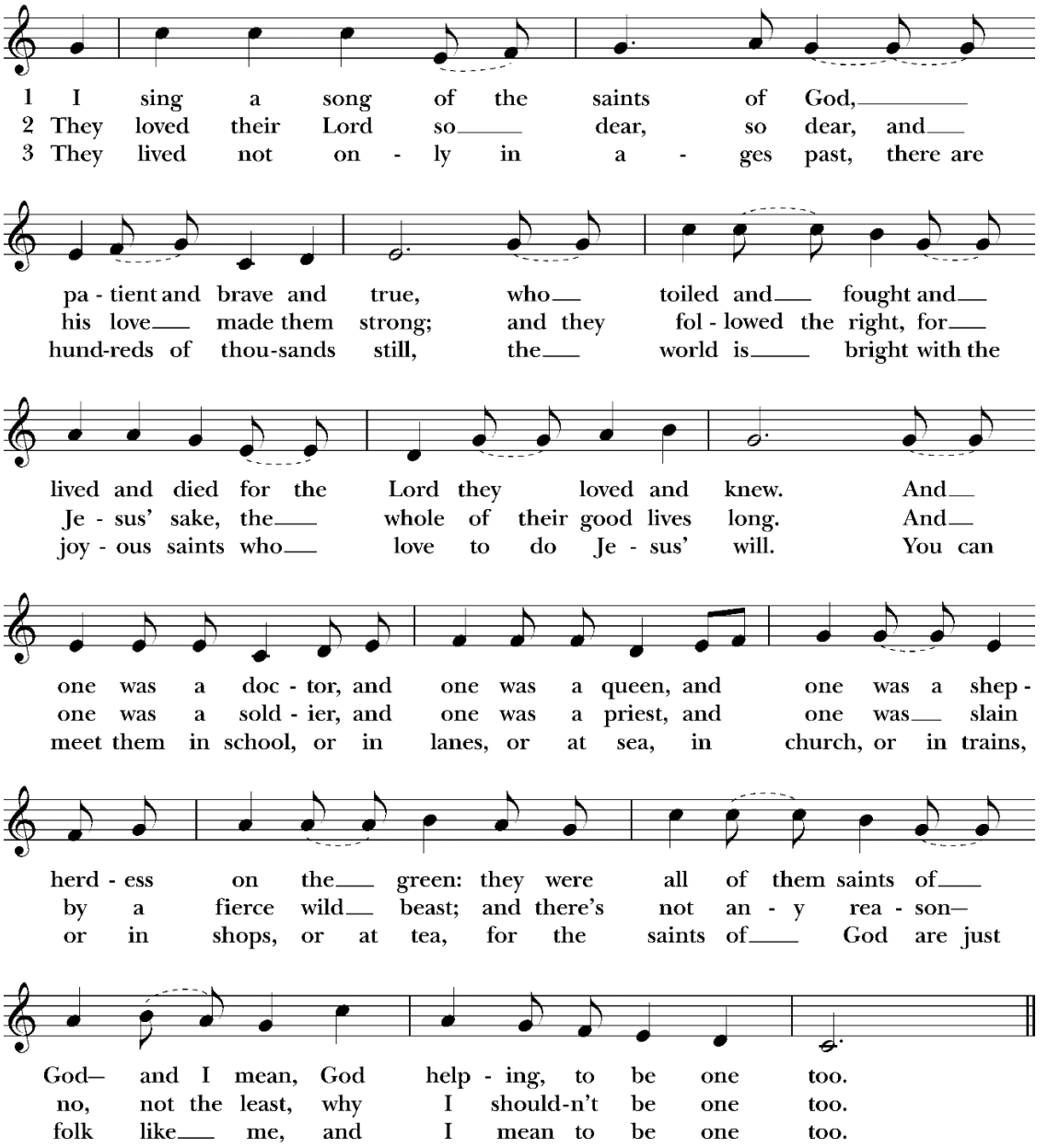
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

H 293 I sing a song of the saints of God *Grand Isle*



THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 5:1-12

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.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Paula J. Toland*

Please stand as you are able.

THE CREED *Enriching Our Worship*

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, 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 *PFRR Option I*

With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

In thanksgiving for many people, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents, and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace: let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Stephen, and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

For our Ministry Partners: Apostles' House, Cross Roads, Family Promise Essex County, North Jersey Pride, and North Porch; for our sister congregations in the Evelyn Underhill Regional Ministry Network: Calvary, Summit; Christ Church in Short Hills; St. Paul's, Chatham, St. George's, Maplewood; and Grace, Madison; in the Diocese of Newark, let us pray for St. Dunstan's, Succasunna; the ministries of the Rev. Christopher Streeter, the Rev. Dr. Cathie Studwell, and the Rev. Margaret Swetman; and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the the Rt. Rev. Benjamin M. Washburn; in the Anglican Communion, let us pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For all who serve in our worship, formation, hospitality, outreach, administrative ministries, and the preschool staff whose devotion and creativity enrich the life of our community; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For those on our parish prayer list:

Mary Ruth Stone Kris Hunt Aldaiza DaSilva	James K. Sue and Larry H. Maggie Holland	Ambika Bedi Timothy M. Kyle McManus	Maryann Ekberg Lizzie Ekberg Aiden Bogden

Martha Lipowski Boyd Hunnaman	Celine Ghiara Carol McManus	Karl Sauer Anne M.	

Let us pray to the Lord; **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

For our own needs and those of others, whom we name either silently or aloud. *Silence*
Let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O Host of Heaven.**

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

Holy One of blessing, you are the source and giver of all good things, hear the prayers of our hearts, minds, and lives; and give us the wisdom and grace to embody your way of love each and every day. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Table

We offer our gifts, give thanks, and we gather at Christ's banquet

Please be seated.

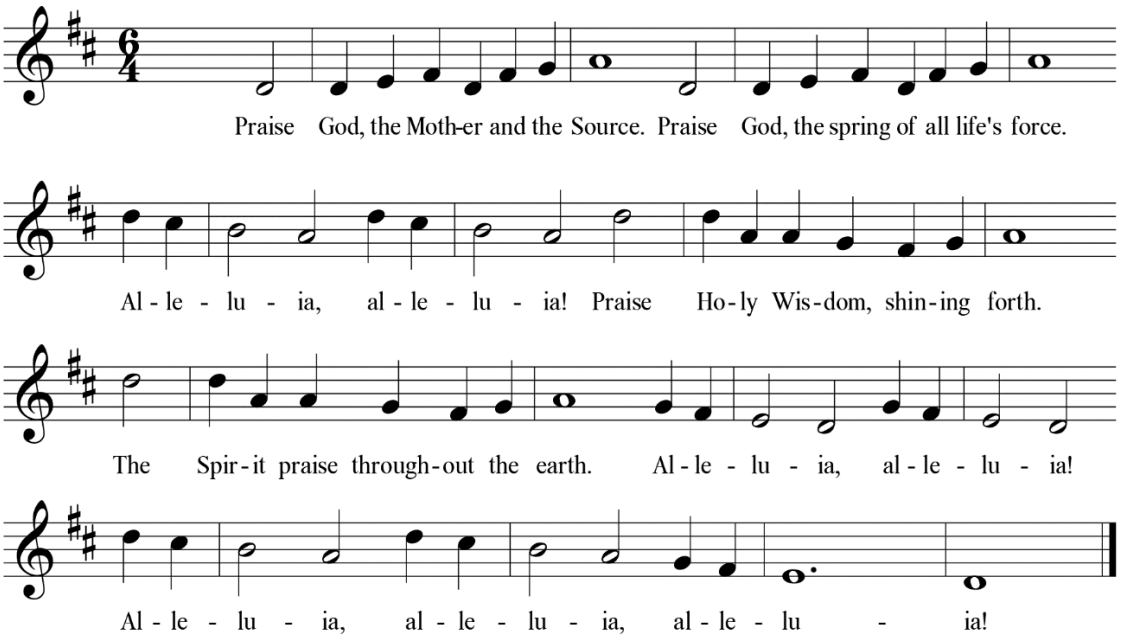
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hark! I hear the harps eternal — *Invitation; arr. Schweizer*
Senior Choir

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Mother and the Source — *Jody L. Caldwell*



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Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen,* melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesaeng,* 1623.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *EOW1 EP2*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

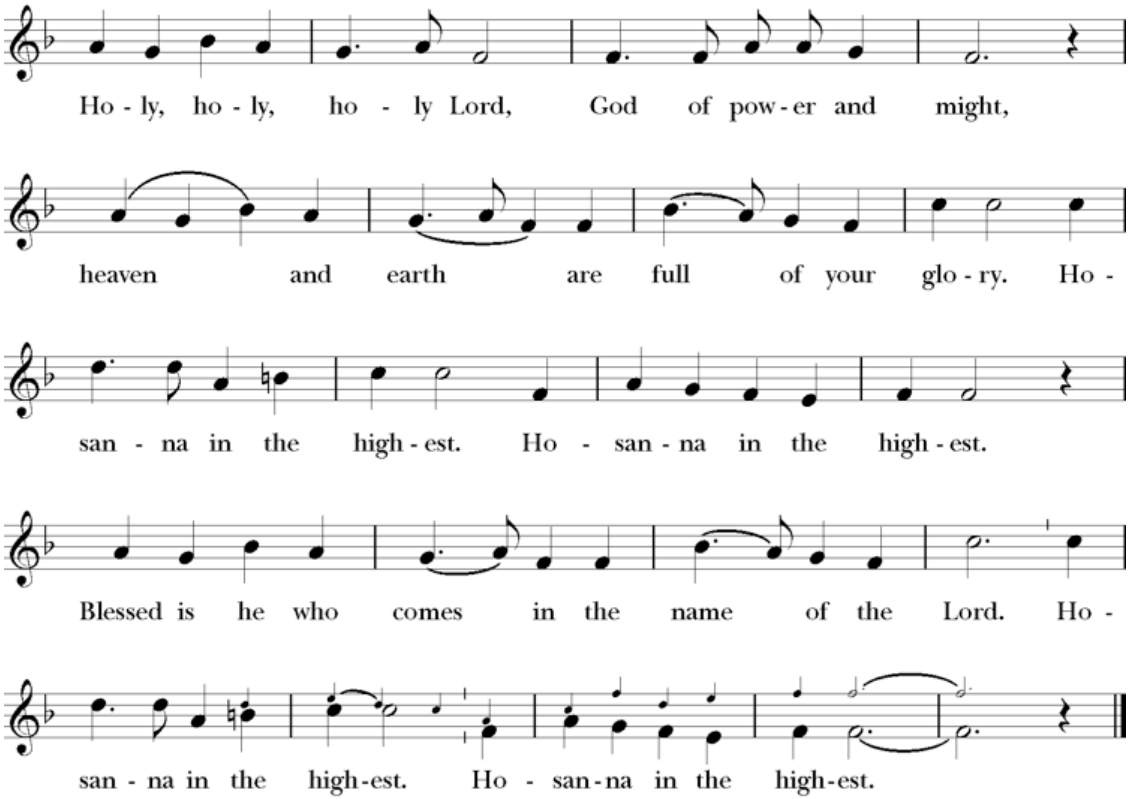
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS
S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Proulx*



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, our Mother, 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 INVITATION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Whoever you are, where ever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

All are welcome at God's table to receive Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available. Please use the hand sanitizer available in the pew before coming forward.

AT COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us in Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people on heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
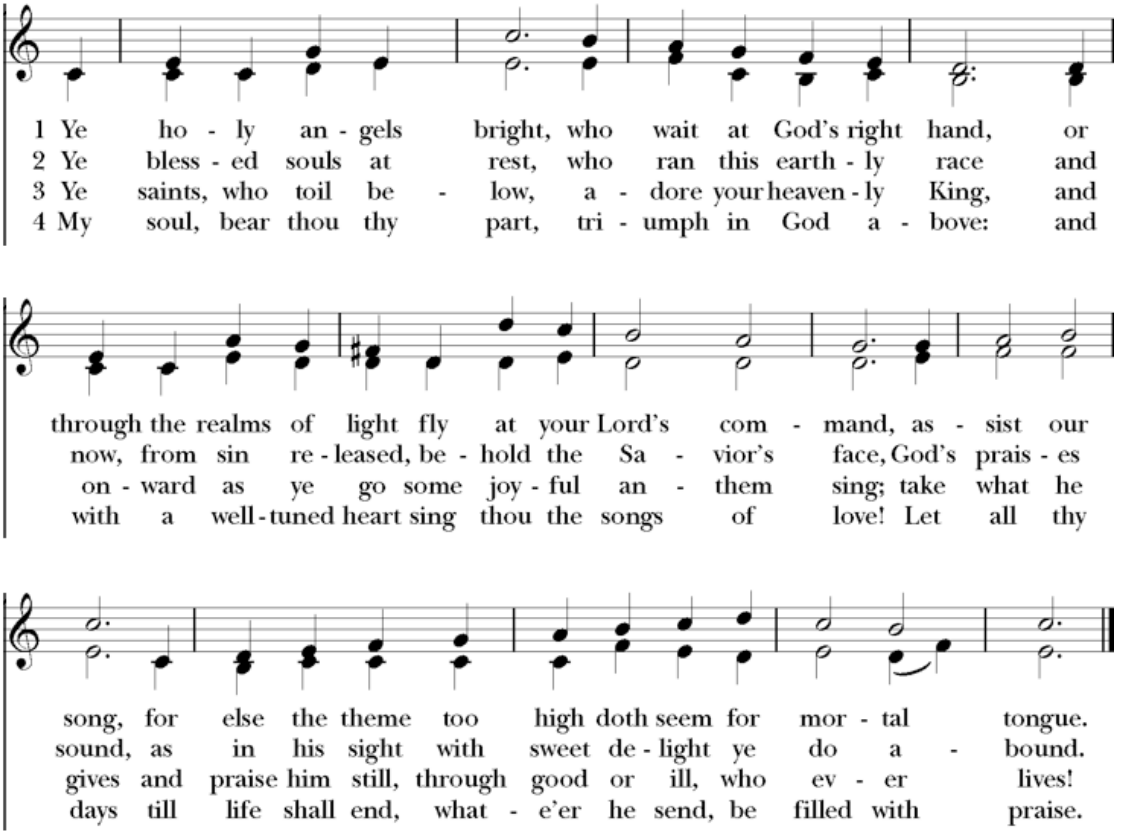
BLESSING

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God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

H 625 Ye holy angels bright *Darwall's 148th*



DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to live in newness of life with Christ and each other.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

LITURGICAL STEWARDSHIP

Officiant:	The Rev. Paula J. Toland
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Organist:	John Schucker
Altar Guild:	Irene, Nancy
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Greeter/Usher:	Maryalice
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Coffee Hour:	Maryalice

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Upcoming Events

Details can be found in the weekly e-newsletter, which is available on our website.

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
11/1	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
	1:00 PM	AA Meeting
11/2	7:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	MA Meeting
11/4	3:00 PM	Small Groups Crafting
11/7	5:30 PM	Parish Game Night
11/8	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
	11:30 AM	Reading with the Rector
	1:00 PM	AA Meeting
	4:00 PM	Organ Recital

READING WITH THE RECTOR – We will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters on Sunday, November 8th!

ALL-BACH ORGAN RECITAL – Eric Plutz, Princeton University Organist, will join us at 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 8th for an all-Bach program. General admission at the door. $20 suggested donation. Reception to follow the performance.

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – We will celebrate St. Stephen's 175th anniversary with a special Sunday service at 3:00 PM on November 22. There will be no 10:00 AM service. The bishop and other guests will join us for this festive occasion. Volunteers are welcome to help with cooking or decorating for the reception—please let Rev. Paula know if you'd like to help.

Legacy Giving Through Your IRA

If you are age 70½ and older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can be a powerful stewardship tool. By directing all or part of your IRA distribution directly to St. Stephen's, you can support the ministries and long-term mission of our parish while potentially receiving favorable tax treatment. For those subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), a QCD may also help satisfy that requirement. As we look toward future ministry, capital improvements, and endowment growth, planned and charitable giving opportunities such as QCDs can create a lasting impact for generations to come. Please consult your tax and financial advisors to learn more.

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