Service of Holy Eucharist
Proper 27

November 8, 2026
9:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
W. Columbia, Texas
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The Rev. Bob Flick, Celebrant

We welcome all friends and visitors to worship with us this morning. St. Mary's is "The Mustard Seed Church," where out of a small number, great things will grow for the glory of God.

If you would like to receive more information about life within our community, please fill out a Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you so that we may get in touch with you this week. You can hand the card to the priest or usher as you leave or leave it in your pew.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Bob Flick
Chalice Bearer	AJ Mikel
Crucifer	Abigail Roddy
Lector	Gwynne Olson
Prayers of the People	Patrick Edelman
Music	Grace Culbreath
Ushers	Dan Roddy, Landyn Clarke
Greeter	Jackie Walker
Altar Guild	Theata Miller, Ann Kay
Technical Support	Matthew Grout

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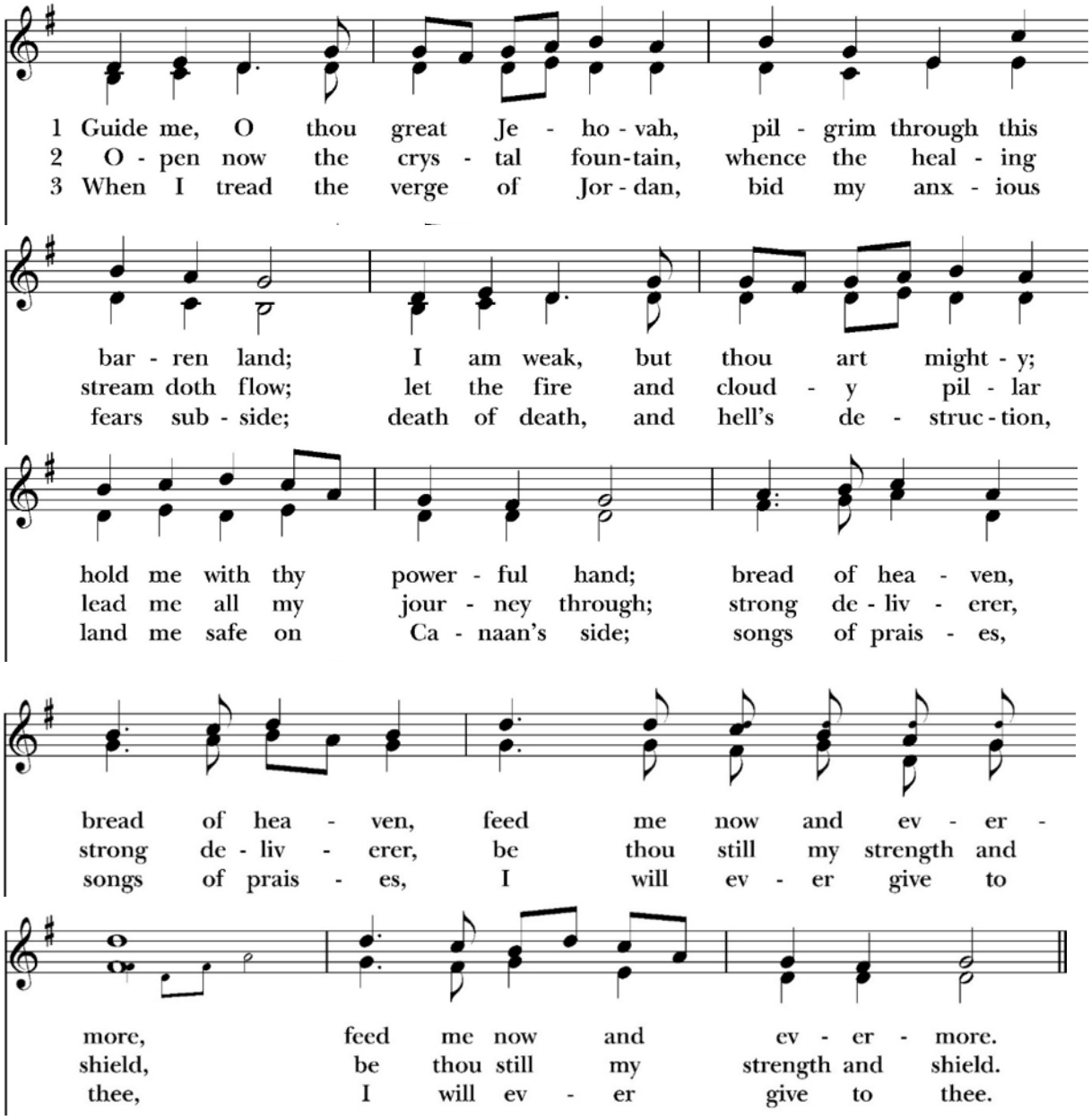
Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude Grace Culbreath, Organ

The Word of God BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn Guide me, *O thou great Jehovah* **Hymn #690**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Children through 5th grade are invited to follow the cross to Sunday School. They will return during the Peace.

Song of Praise *THE GLORIA* **Hymn #S-280**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Our First Reading is from Wisdom (6:12–16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

Psalm 70 *(*read divided by whole verse)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

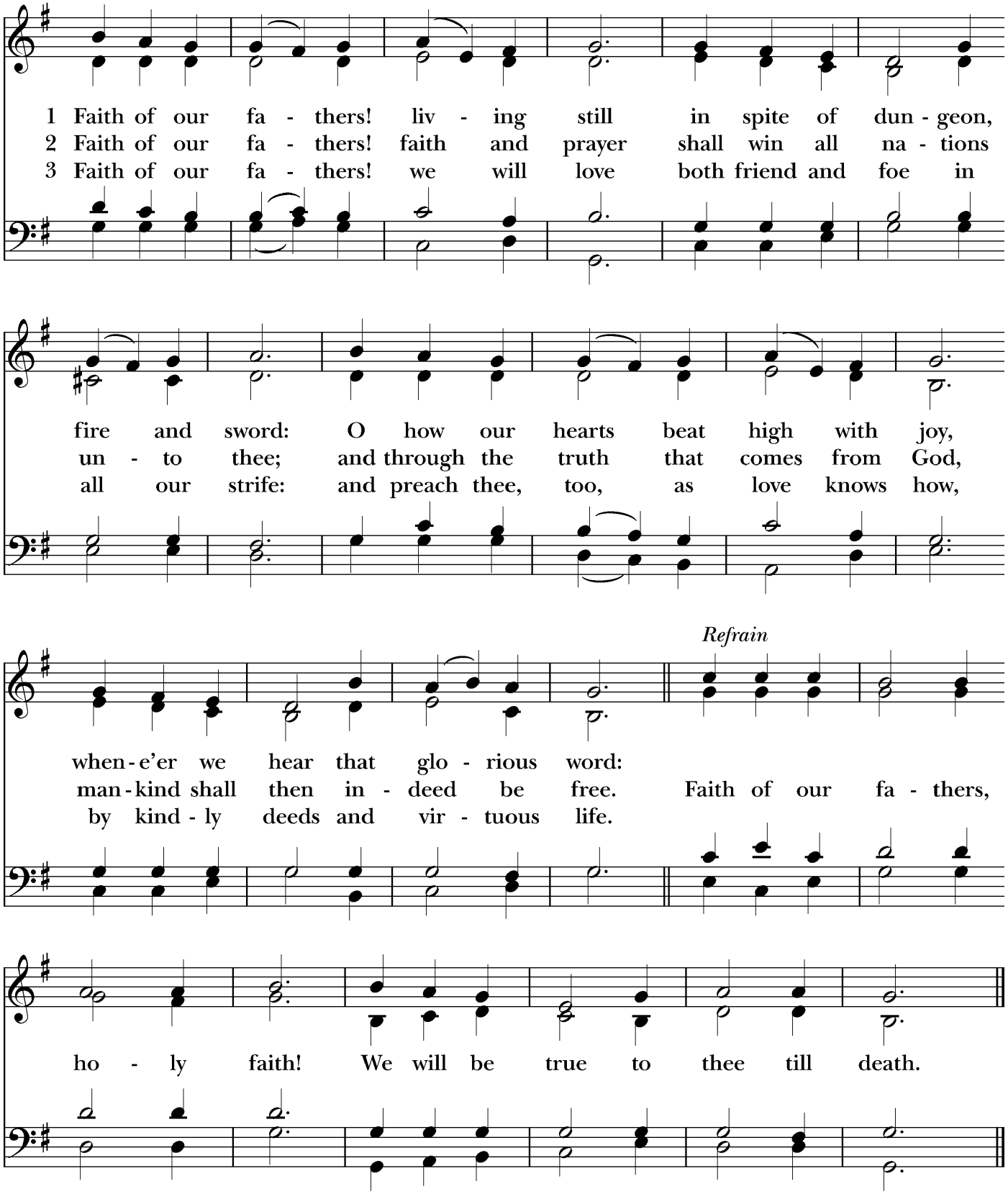
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Our second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel Hymn *Faith of our fathers!* **Hymn #558**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (25:1-13)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Bob Flick

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 *(standing or kneeling)*

The Prayers of the People are adapted from Form 6, in our Book of Common Prayer.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president and Greg, our governor;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; we pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, and Josef Gottlieb, that they may have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; Bob, our celebrant; and the People of St. Mary's Church.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Silence)
We pray for those for whom our prayers are requested; Mary, Marglet, Ouida, Anne, Jay, Buc, Bonnie, John, Theresa, Sue, Vicki, Cody, Saren, Scout, John, Daniel, Carol, Donnie, Shirley, Angela, Travis, Amelia, Meghan, Donnie, Mary Ann, Bill, Hayden, John, Robin, Mitch, Khalil, Ilyana, Sherri, Connie, John, Adam, and those we now name silently or aloud. Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating their birthdays, especially Hayden Culbreath; and those celebrating their anniversaries, (The People may add their own thanksgivings). We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for those we now name silently or aloud . . . . . Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader Please join me in reciting the Prayer to be Good Stewards of God's Blessings (said in unison)

Generous and loving God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to your service. Use us and all our resources – each minute of our day, each of our humble gifts and talents and finances, as you will, and always to your glory and for the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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 Peace

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Grace Culbreath

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar***.**

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

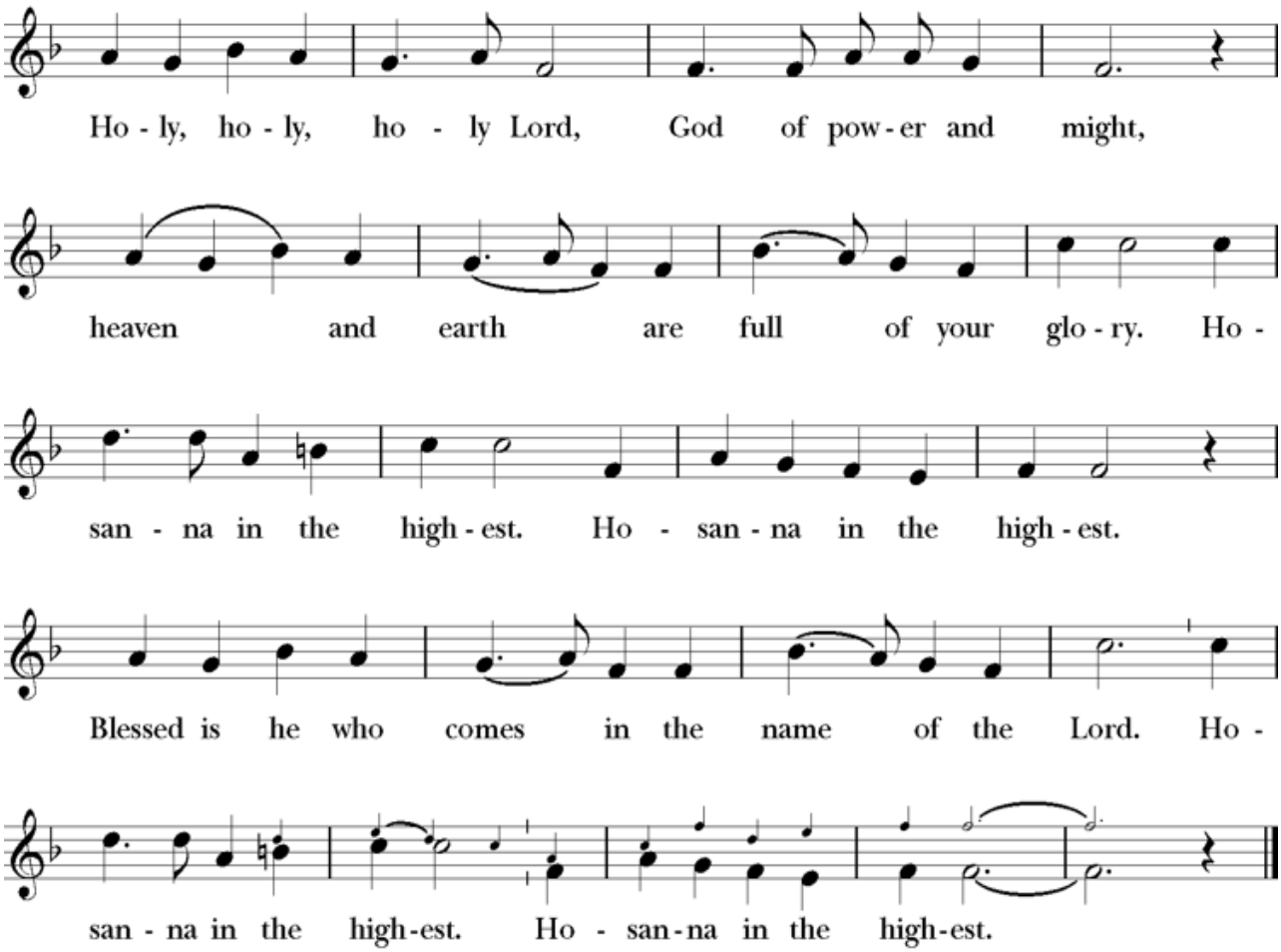
The people remain standing

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.**

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 **Hymn #S-12**



The people may remain standing or kneel.

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.

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.***

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 BCP p. 364

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

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.

All that desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to the table.
Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Please proceed down the center aisle to the Communion rail, where you may stand or kneel. The priest will put a wafer in your hand. If you desire wine, you may sip from the cup or lightly dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to receive only the bread or a blessing, so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. If you desire to receive Communion in your pew, please tell one of the ushers. The ministers will be pleased to bring the bread and wine to you.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these or similar words.

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen**.]*
*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen**.]*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

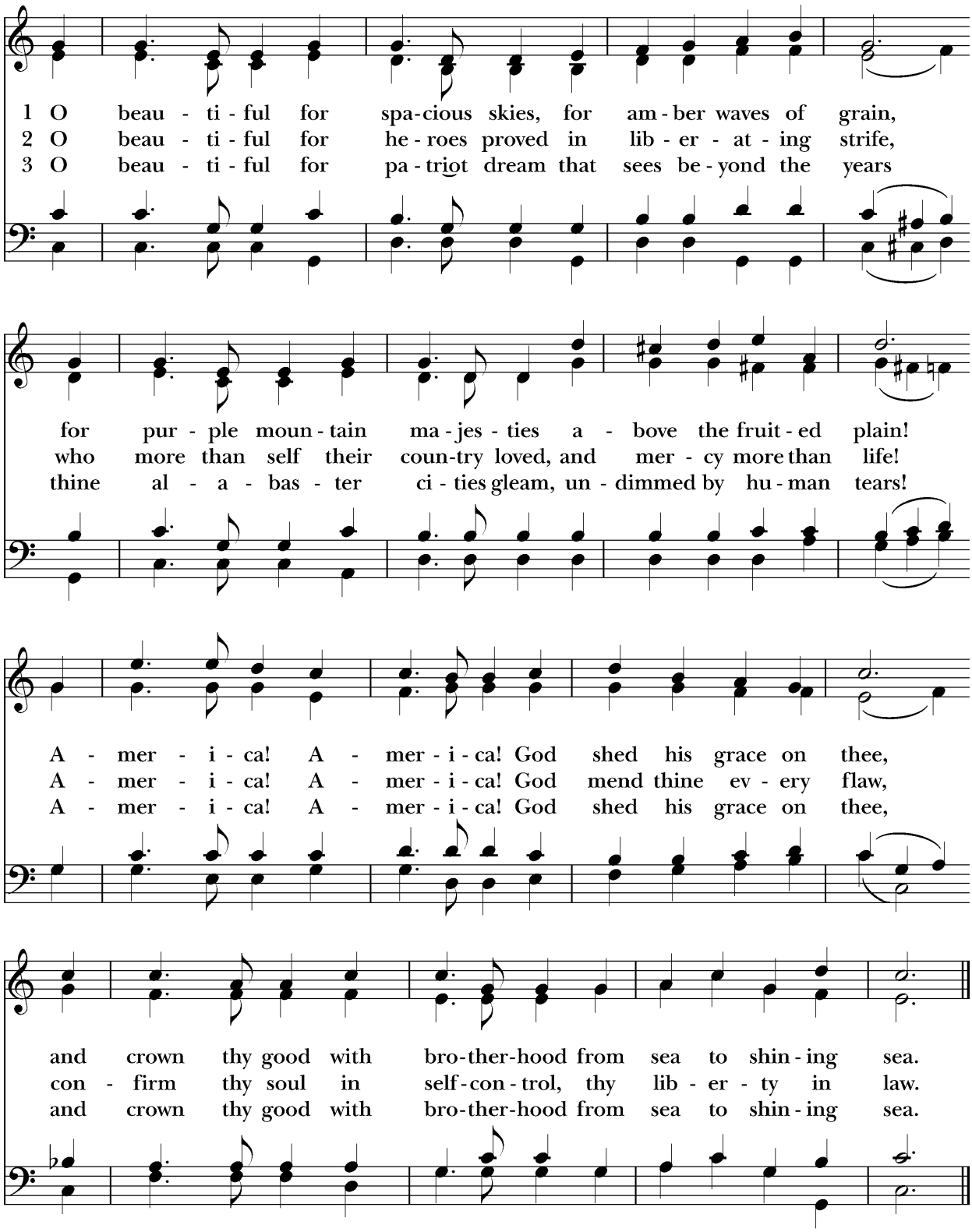
Let us pray.

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 Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn **Oh beautiful for spacious skies** **Hymn #719**

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the Glory of God

2026 OR 2027 FLOWER SIGN UP

The forms to sign up for 2026 or 2027 flower offerings are in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to honor or celebrate special days in your life. The cost is $50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, contact the church office. (979-345-3456)

Prayers

Prayers for Healing: Mary, Marglet, Ouida, Anne, Jay, Buc, Bonnie, John, Theresa, Sue, Vicki, Cody, Saren, Scout, John, Daniel, Carol, Donnie, Shirley, Angela, Travis, Amelia, Meghan, Donnie, Mary Ann, Bill, Hayden, Robin, Mitch, Khalil, Ilyana, Sherri, John, Connie, John, and Adam

Prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces: Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, and Josef Gottlieb

Prayers for birthdays: Hayden Culbreath (12)

Prayers for anniversaries:

Announcements

1. We welcome back the Rev. Bob Flick to our service.
2. We also welcome all visitors. If you need anything, the ushers will be happy to assist you.
3. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall after the service for hospitality and fellowship.
4. Sunday School for children through 5th grade will be during the service with them leaving the sanctuary during the Song of Praise and returning after the Confession.
5. Adult Sunday School from 10:30 to 11:15 (after hospitality) will be studying the Book of Ecclesiastes. Grace and Matthew Grout will be leading the class. There will be supervised activities for children, so parents can attend Sunday School. Next Sunday, there will be no Adult Sunday School.

6. Stewardship is a time to reflect on God's gifts to us and how we can show our gratitude for these gifts and share them with others through our time, talent, and offering. In the bulletin there is an insert for you to take home to read and be inspired by the message it presents. Commitment Sunday will be November 15th when we will present our Giving cards at the altar to be blessed.

7. Our Thanksgiving Parish Dinner will be Wednesday, November 18th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. White Apron will once again be catering. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors as we gather together to give thanks for all our blessings.

8. St. Mary's Episcopal, Columbia Methodist, and Bethel Presbyterian are joining together to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. St Mary's is responsible for **30** jars of peanut butter, **30** jars of grape jelly, and **30** packets of gravy mix. Baskets for donations will be in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Envelopes will be available for monetary donations toward the purchase of our designated items. All items are due by Sunday, November 15.

9. Donations are being accepted for the Christmas Poinsettias that will adorn the altar and church on Christmas Eve. Forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. All donations are due by Tuesday, December 16th, so names can be placed in the bulletin.

10. The statues of Mary and Joseph will begin their travels to St. Mary's during Advent. As we have traditionally done, they will visit the homes of those who sign up in the Parish Hall or Narthex. You can also sign up by emailing or calling the church office.

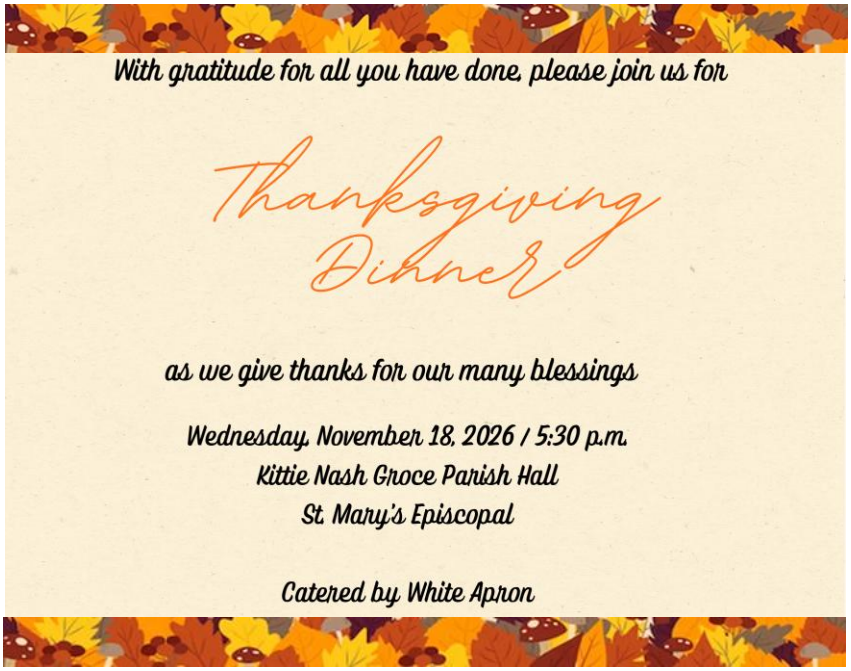
11. Check out the books and other materials in the bookcase beside the playroom in the Parish. These are for parishioners to take and enjoy. When you finish, you can return the item, pass it on, or keep it. There are also items on the table in the Parish Hall for you to take.

12. There are containers in the Narthex and Parish Hall for paperback books for the Military Moms and Wives.

13. In the Parish Hall, there is a container for empty printer cartridges. We turn them in to Office Depot for recycling.

14. Next week, our celebrant will be the Reverend Ed Gomez.

15. There are copies of Day by Day in the Narthex.


With gratitude for all you have done, please join us for
Thanksgiving Dinner
as we give thanks for our many blessings
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 / 5:30 p.m.
Kittie Nash Groce Parish Hall
St. Mary's Episcopal
Catered by White Apron