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"The Ten Young Women" by Jesus Mafa

Holy Eucharist

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 at 9 a.m.

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Voices on the Commons:
conversations for the common good



SEPT 27

- Funmi Olopade, Nigerian-born American professor and expert in cancer risk-assessment and individualized treatment, MacArthur Fellow
- Ray Suarez, journalist and author of *We are Home: Becoming American in the 21st Century*



OCT 4

- Nancy French, author and political commentator
- David French, opinion columnist and journalist



OCT 11

- Eileen Shanley-Roberts, seminary professor and director of contextual learning
- Richard Hoskins, diocesan chancellor emeritus and professor of law



NOV 1

- John Palfrey, philanthropic leader and specialist in digital technologies
- Darrell Miller, scholar of civil rights, constitutional law, and state and local governments



NOV 15

- Lisa Key, museum executive director
- Lisa Hackney-James, cathedral dean

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Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

Whether you are visiting or are a regular worshipper, you're not just welcome at St. James – you belong! This booklet contains everything you need to worship with us today. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral, please complete one of the visitor cards available in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome here, and this service is designed to actively engage them in worship. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children 5 and under to play under your supervision and a changing station for parents of our youngest members under the church in the restrooms.

HOLY COMMUNION

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer. We are also happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to come to the altar. Please let an usher know if this would be helpful for you.

PARKING

On Sundays, reduced-rate parking is available at R.O.W. Parking Garage (50 E. Ohio) for $2 for up to six hours from the time of entering the garage. Discounts are also available for all-day parking at Ohio Ontario Self Park (33 W. Ontario) for $11. To receive a reduced-rate parking voucher, please go to the welcome table in the narthex or the reception desk in the Welcome Center.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located on this level in the Welcome Center in the attached modern building. Additional restrooms can also be found on the lower level via the stairs in the Wabash lobby.

GET INVOLVED & BECOME A MEMBER

There are a variety of ways to become involved, whether you are already a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or someone simply seeking connection. Refreshments are available after the service, where we look forward to getting to know you! For more info about becoming a member, visit SaintJamesCathedral.org/Join.



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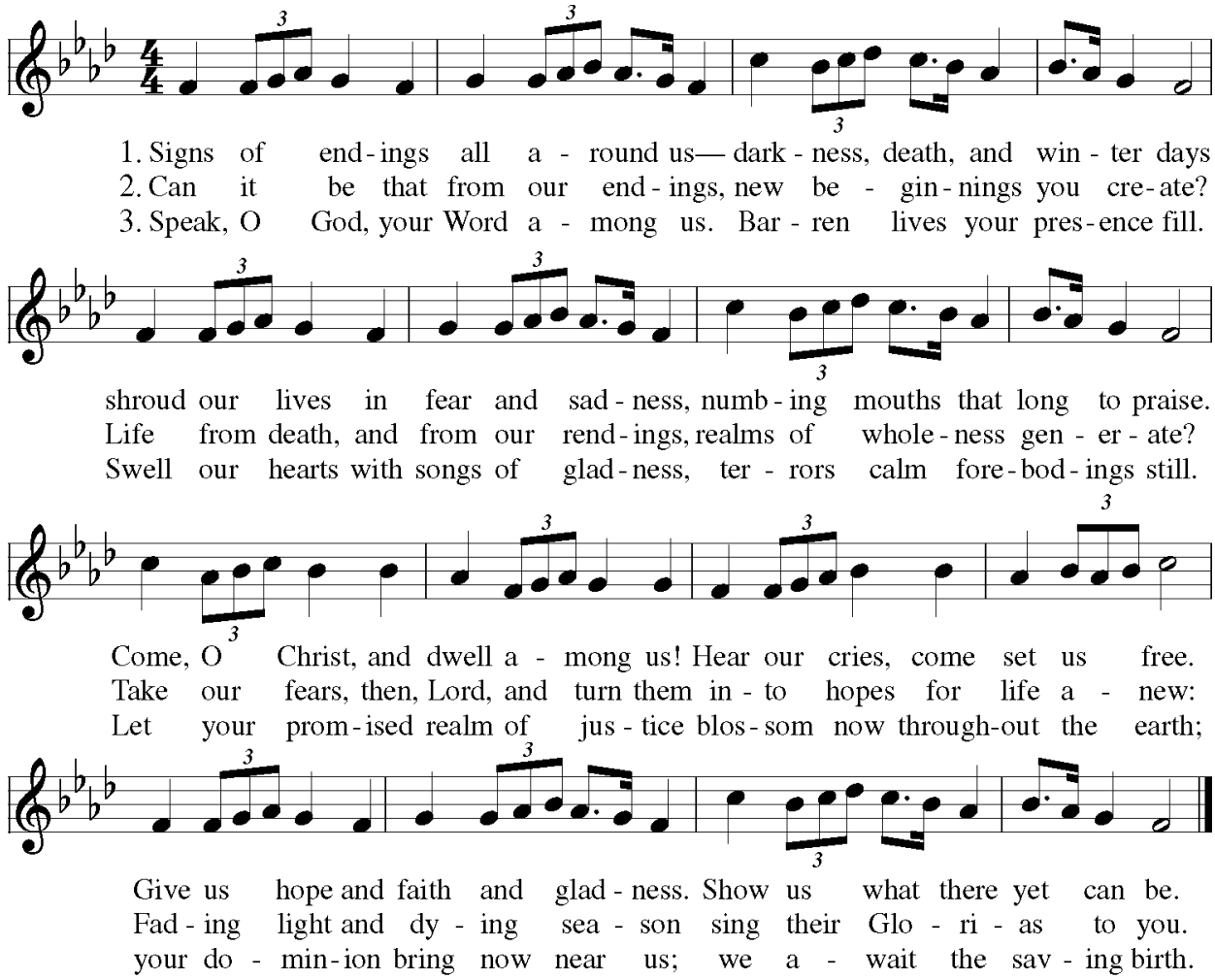
Gathering

VOLUNTARY

The people stand

INTROIT HYMN

WLP 721



Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944)
Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The presider welcomes the people to the service

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Reader Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.
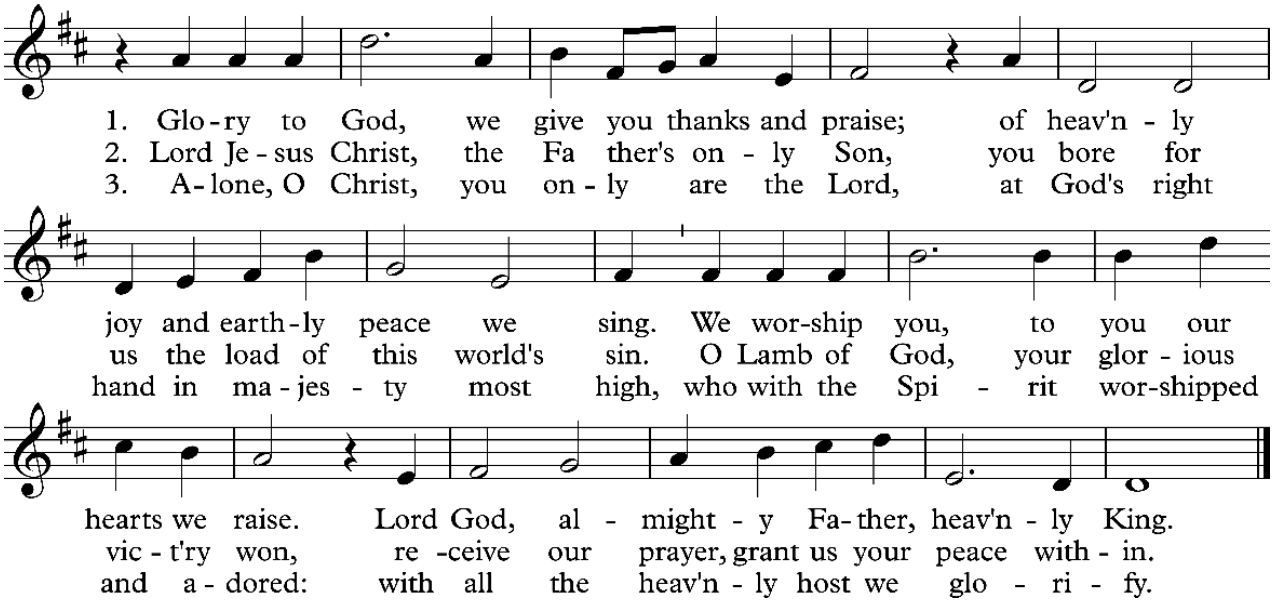
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness

GLORIA



Words: Edwin Le Grice (1911–1992)
Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949), alt. Desc: Cathedral Choristers, Choir Camp 2025

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians (4:13–18)

My friends, we want you to understand how it will be for those followers who have already died. Then you won't grieve over them and be like people who don't have any hope. We believe Jesus died and was raised to life. We also believe that when God brings Jesus back again, he will bring with him all who had faith in Jesus before they died. Our Lord Jesus told us that when he comes, we won't go up to meet him ahead of his followers who have already died.

With a loud command and with the shout of the chief angel and a blast of God's trumpet, the Lord will return from heaven. Then those who had faith in Christ before they died will be raised to life. Next, all of us who are still alive will be taken up into the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the sky. From that time on we will all be with the Lord forever. Encourage each other with these words.
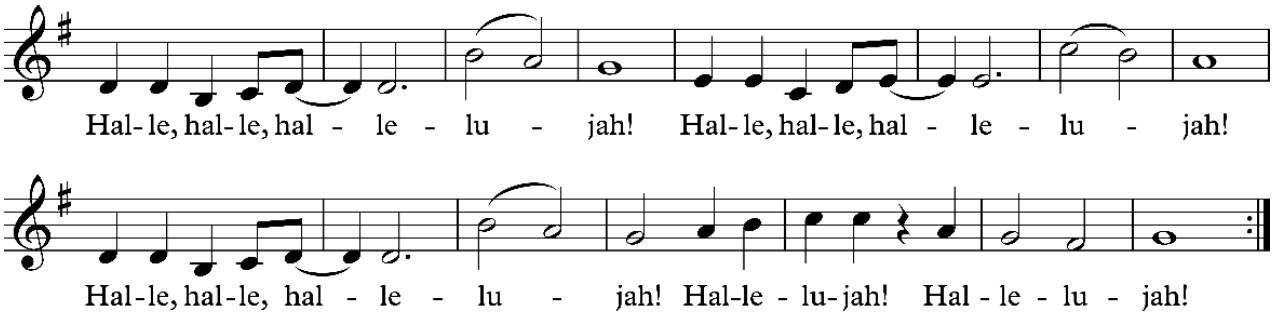
The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA

As the Deacon carries the Gospel book past the play area, all children are encouraged to join in the procession, gathering around as the Gospel is read.



Music: Caribbean traditional, arr. John L. Bell (b. 1949)

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (22:34–40)

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

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when ten young women took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but no extra oil. The ones who were wise took along extra oil for their lamps.

The groom was late arriving, and the young women became drowsy and fell asleep. Then in the middle of the night someone shouted, "Here's the groom! Come to meet him!"

When the women got up and started getting their lamps ready, the foolish ones said to the others, "Let us have some of your oil! Our lamps are going out."

Those who were wise answered, "There's not enough oil for all of us! Go and buy some for yourselves."

While the foolish ones were on their way to get some oil, the groom arrived. The five who were ready went into the wedding, and the doors were closed. Later the others returned and shouted, "Sir, sir! Open the door for us!"

But the groom replied, "I don't even know you!"

So, my disciples, always be ready! You don't know the day or the time when all this will happen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

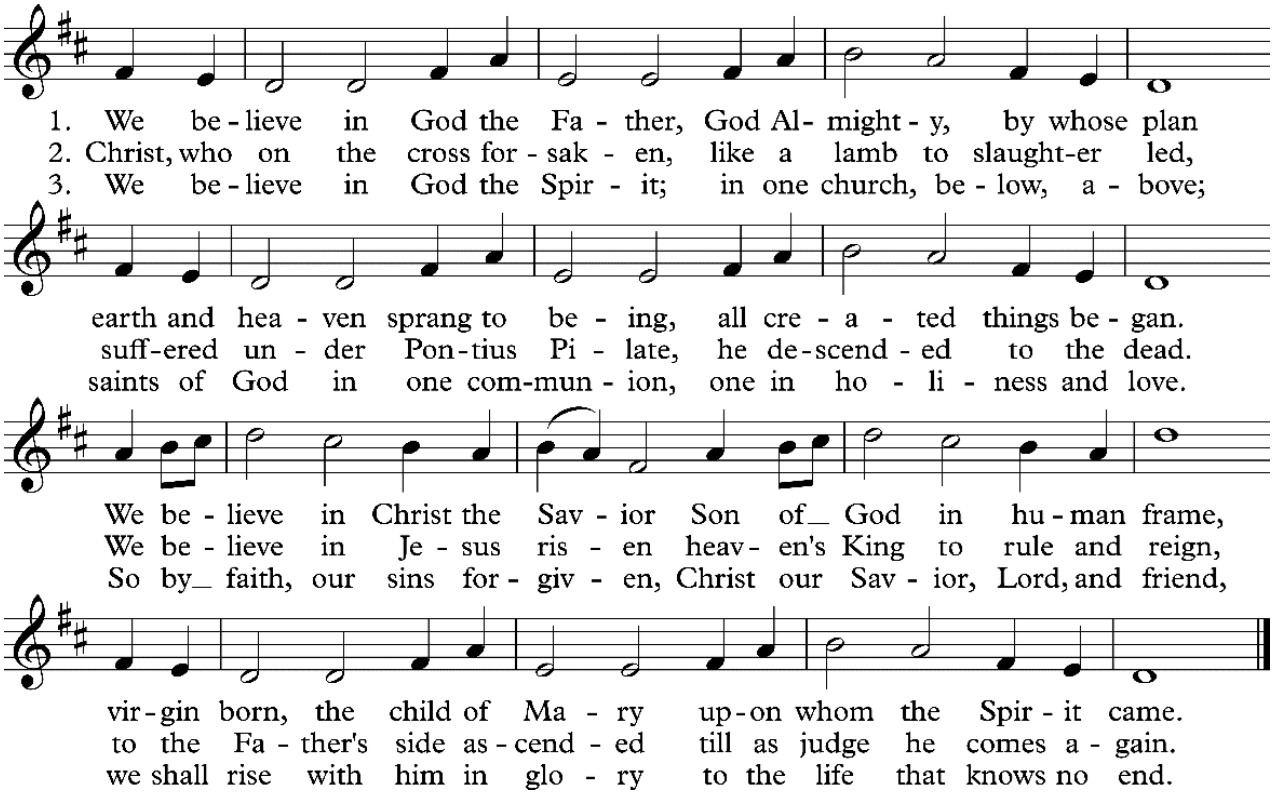
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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SERMON

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James
Dean of the Cathedral

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



Words: Timothy Dudley–Smith (1926–2024); from the Apostles' Creed
Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks for what is good in the world and pray for the Church, the world and our local community, the sick, those who need our prayers, and those who have died.

PEACE

The presider says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord



Holy Communion

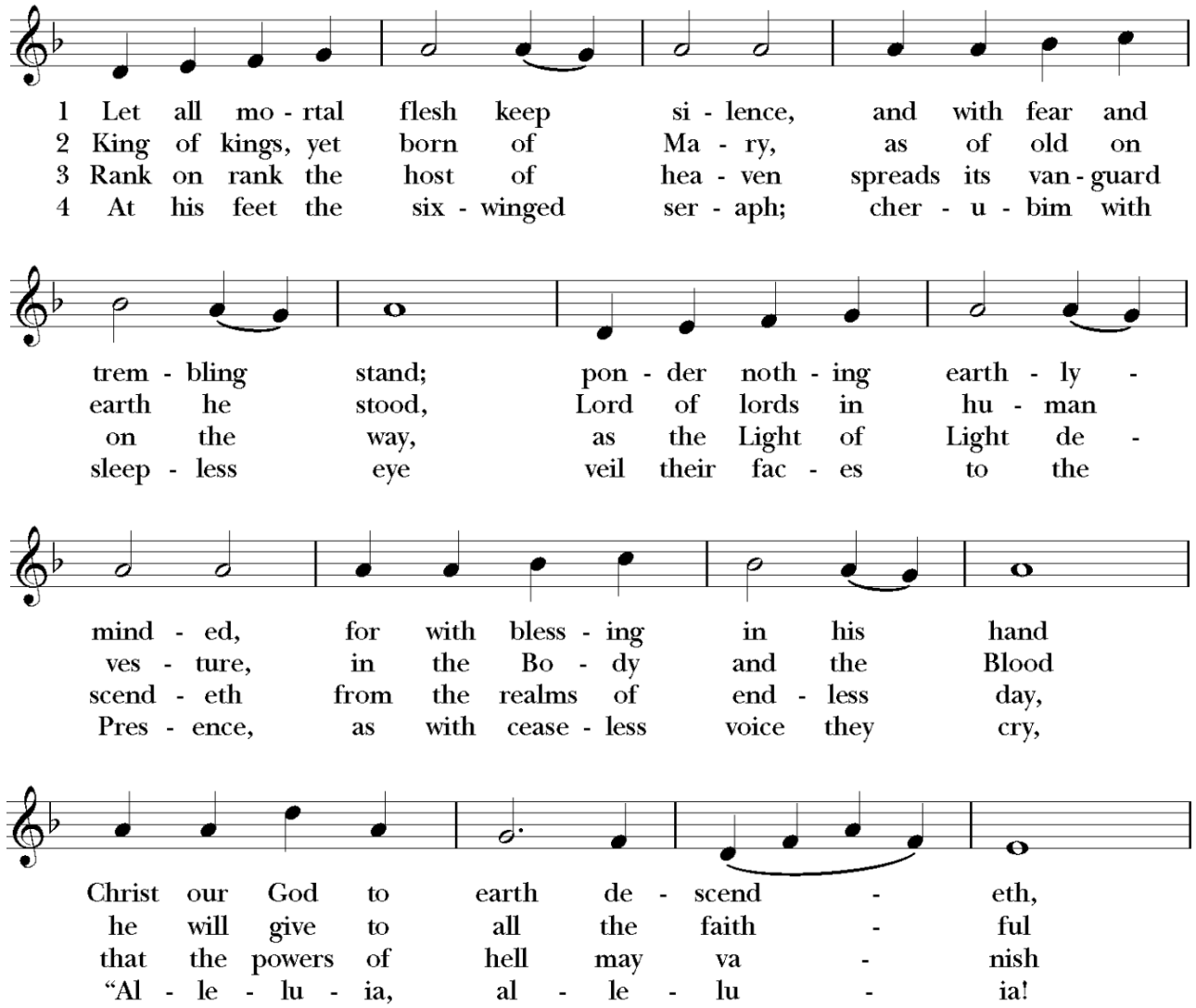
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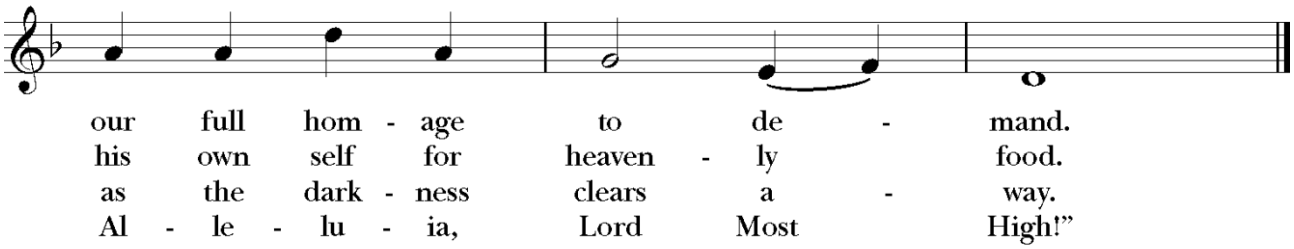
Your offering supports the ongoing mission of St. James Cathedral, including the St. James Meals, Meals Among Us, and Summer in the City. Contributions are welcome online at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

The people stand

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 324





Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)
Music: *Picardy,* French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France,* 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal,* 1906

GREAT THANKSGIVING

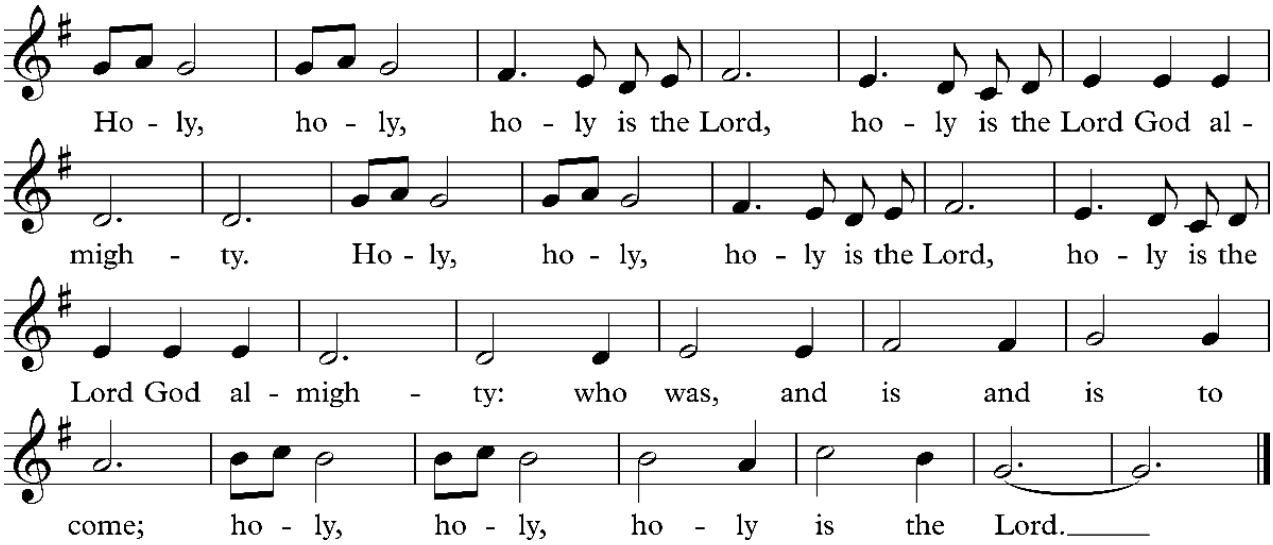
Presider God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Reader Why is it right to give God thanks and praise?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us friends and families busy streets for young and old, the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



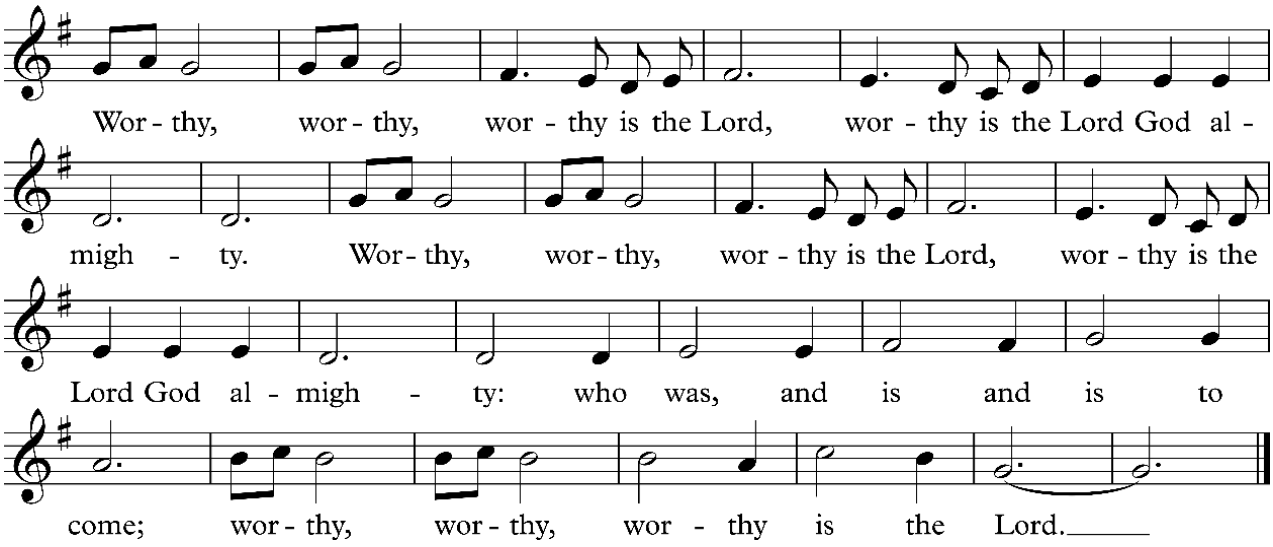
We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Reader Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

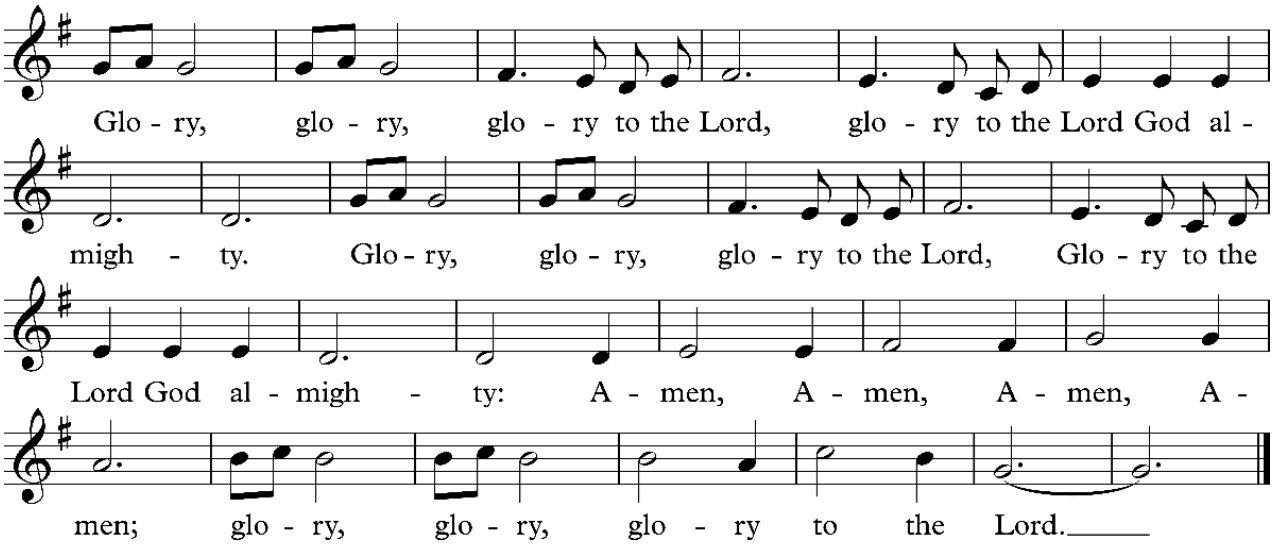
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.



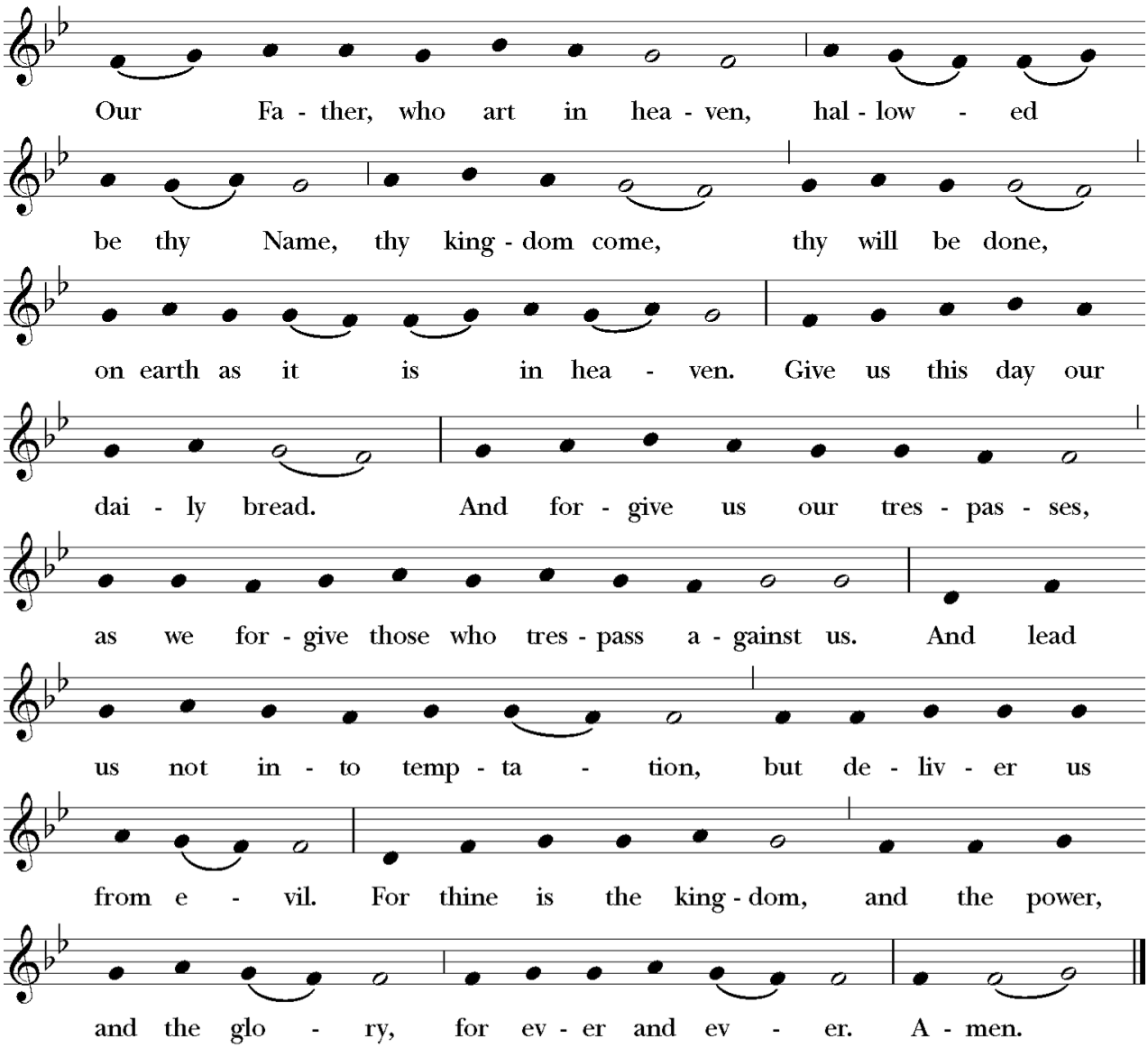
Reader How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



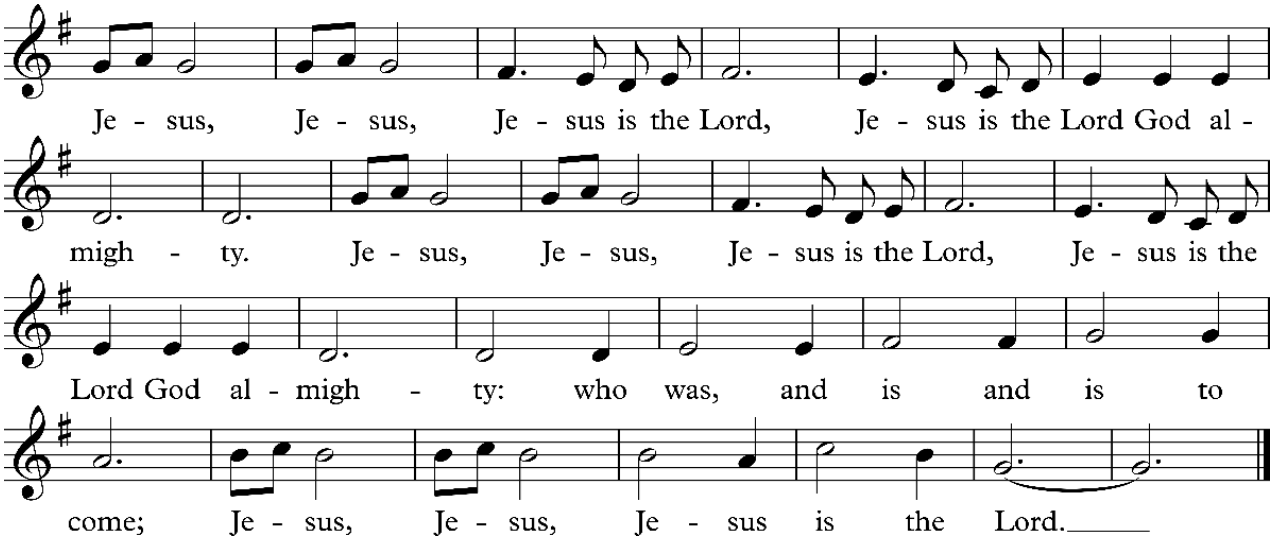
LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal S-119



Music: Plainsong

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



The presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

The choristers sing

COMMUNION ANTHEM

And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears — Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

I heard a voice out of heaven saying,
"Behold, the dwelling of God
is with all people
and God shall dwell with them
and they shall be God's people.
God shall be with them
and the voice of weeping
shall no more be heard;
and God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away."

–from Revelation 21

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
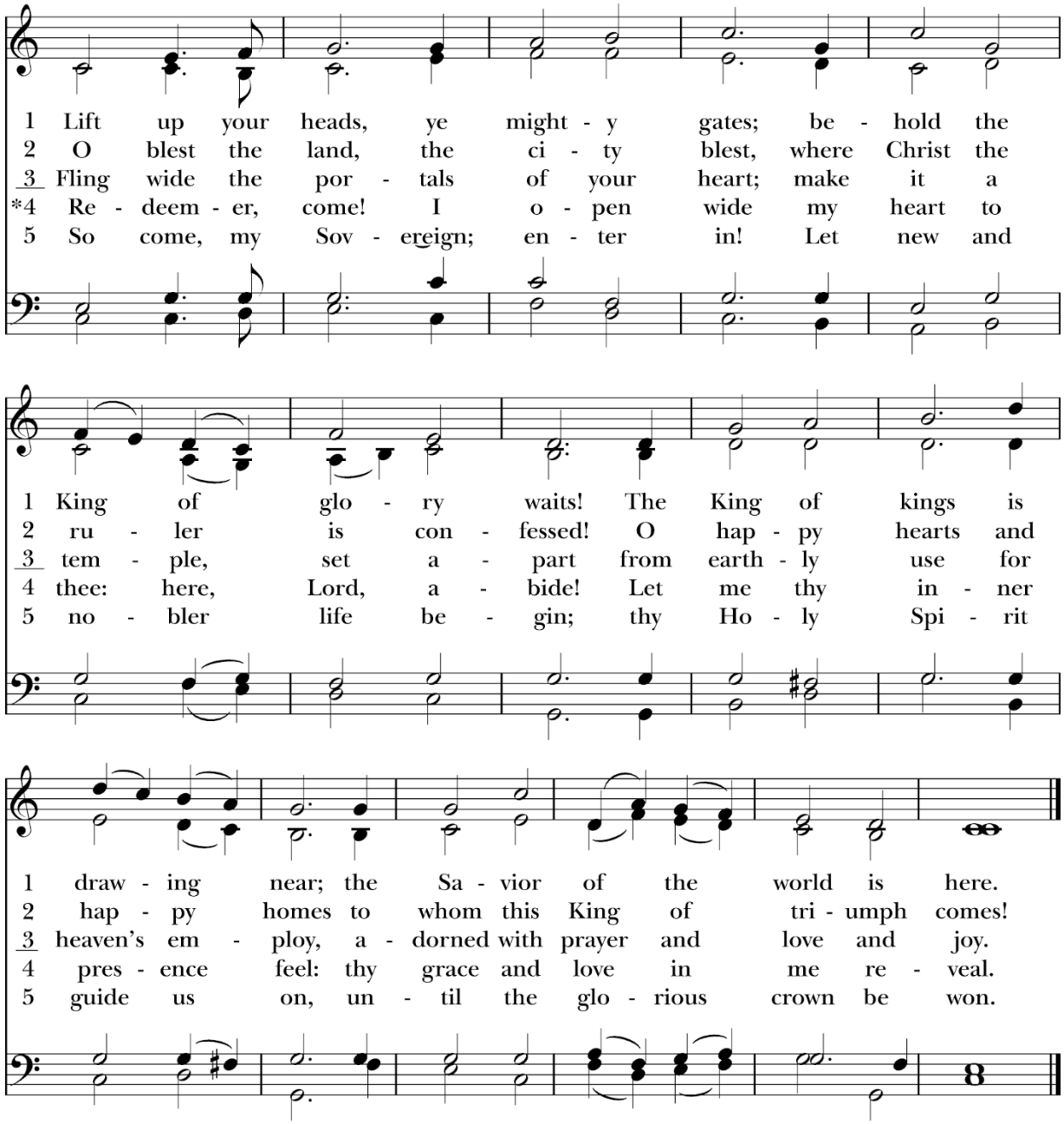
The people stand and presider says

Let us pray.

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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 436



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music: *Truro,* melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II,* 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

THE ST. JAMES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

The presider says

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.
Bless the mission and outreach of this cathedral church.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
enable us confidently to restore its fabric,
trustfully to reimagine our vocation,
and boldly to renew our ministries in your name.

Make this place a house in which your love dwells
and in which all your people find welcome.

Grant this, we pray, through the One who leads us ever onwards in your service,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The presider prays for God's blessing on the gathered people

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Ginger, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Lois, Mary, Yvonne, Lee, Rachael, Jonah, Richard, Cleo, Frank, Joshua, Nicole, Pamela, Sue, Wei Wei, James, Eoin, Bill, Gina, Dominic, Michael, Gary, Carolyn, Donna, Amanda, Robert, Thomas, Christopher, Marcy, Katherine, Ann, Russ

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Wilmer, Ricardo, Santiago

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: Our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Institutions and Organizations: Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Jubilee Centers; Bexley-Seabury Seminary; St. Augustine College; St. Augustine Center for Native Americans; and the Union of Black Episcopalians And for organizations in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Geiger Primary School and Renk Bible School in the Diocese of Renk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sign up for our weekly newsletter at **SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews** or texting SJCenews to 22828*

REVIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Partner with St. James and the ReVive Center to provide Christmas gifts for local families in need. Sign up and drop off all donations at the church by Monday, December 6 at **SaintJamesCathedral.org/ReVive**.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES:

THIS WEEK'S E-NEWS

- **The St. James Arts Council** meets today at 12:30 PM in the library. All are welcome to join us and share their thoughts on the essential role of the arts in our worship and community outreach.
- **The Cathedral Young Adults** meet today at 12:30 PM for our monthly prayer workshop series and lunch, featuring Lilia Ellis, M.Div. Be sure to RSVP using the E-News QR code!
- **The St. James Social Justice Committee** hosts a postcard writing event Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 PM in Kyle's Place. Join us to write notes to your elected leaders using the postcards, stamps, and addresses provided.
- **St. James Pride** invites you to get involved! Join us Saturdays through Nov 28 (11 AM–12 PM, Rm 210) to write holiday notes of support to LGBTQ+ community members (scan the QR code to participate). Plus, don't miss our lunch and movie afternoon on Sunday, Nov 15 at 1:00 PM at the cathedral, featuring a screening of For the Bible Tells Me So. Bring a friend and enjoy food, film, and community!

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Growing in Ministry
Stewardship 2027

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If you prefer hardcopy materials and a paper Pledge Card, pick up a Pledge Packet here that contains everything you need to make your Pledge.


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ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, November 29
4 p.m.
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR
A musical service of stillness and transcendence
as we prepare for Christ to come into the world
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke PREACHER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James
DEACON: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Spoken)*	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Family)*	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Choral)*	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service *(see enews, website, or YouTube)*	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Oct–June)*	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer *(see enews, or website)*	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Wednesdays, Sept–June)*	Cathedral

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The Rev. Canon Christopher Griffin, *Community Partnerships*
The Rev. Craig Mueller, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. A. Frank Donaghue, *Priest Associate*
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