St. Luke's
Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse, with Christian worship and service at the heart.

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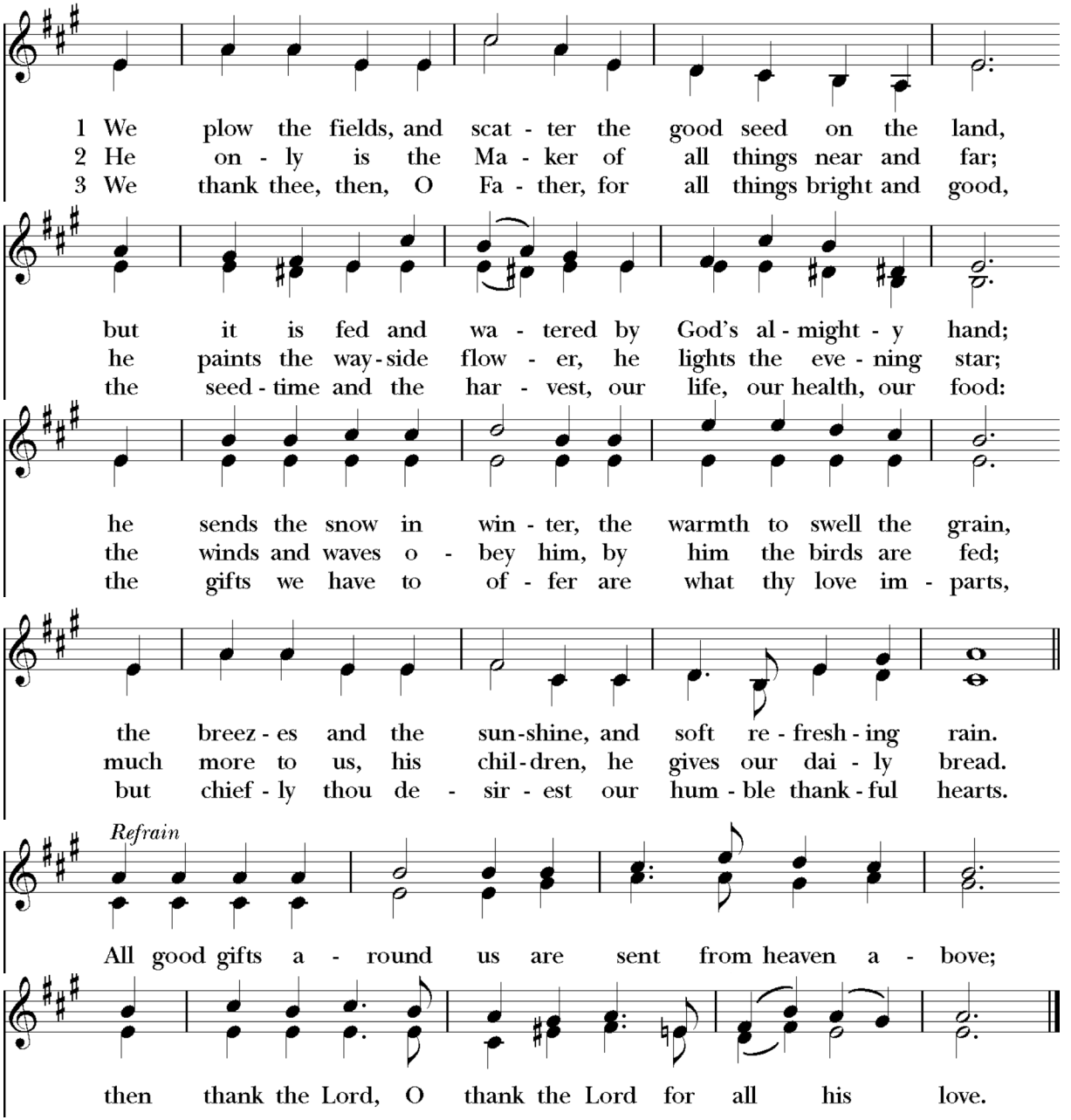
We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

The Gathering Rite

HYMN *(standing)* We Plow the Seeds and Scatter *H* #291



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever.**

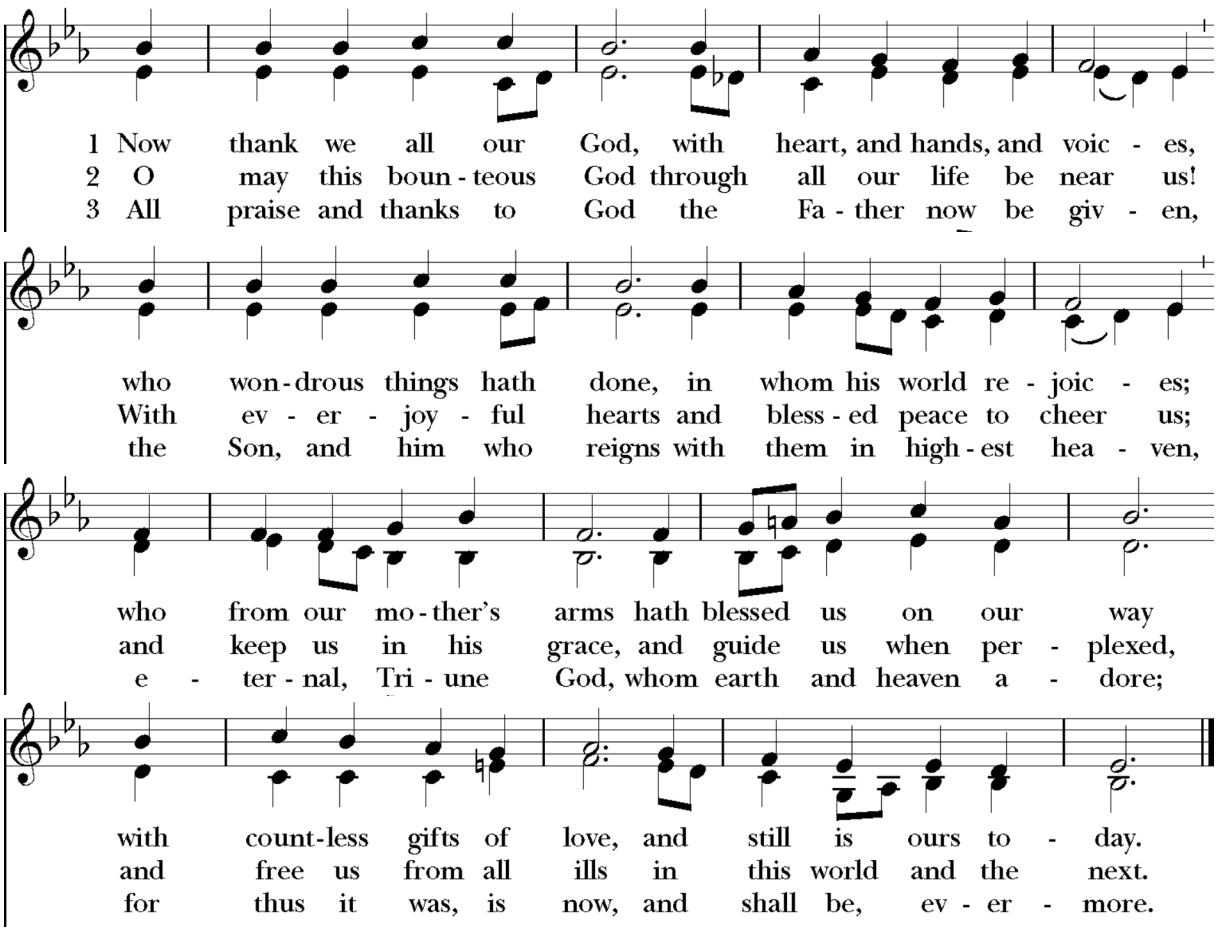
Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

Song of Praise

(standing)

Now Thank We All Our God — *H* #397



Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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 Word of God

Judges 4:1-7

From the Hebrew Scriptures *(seated)*

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.'"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, *
until God shows us mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

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

The Epistle *(seated)* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
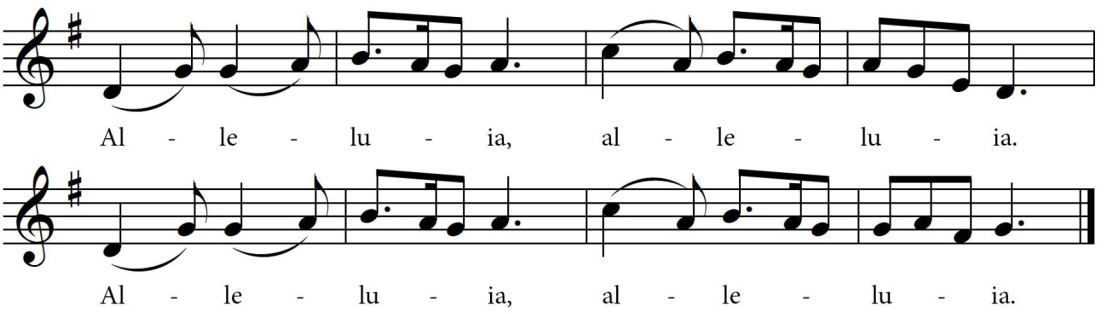
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(standing)*

Celtic Alleluia

ELW #174



The Gospel *(standing)*

Matthew 25:14-30

Presider 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.'"

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

SERMON — The Rev. Brian Gregory

The Nicene Creed *said by all, 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 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 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

The intercessor offers the petitions and all respond, **Hear our Prayer.**

The Confession

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

A short period of silence will be observed.

All **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.

Absolution

Gratitude & Giving Testimony

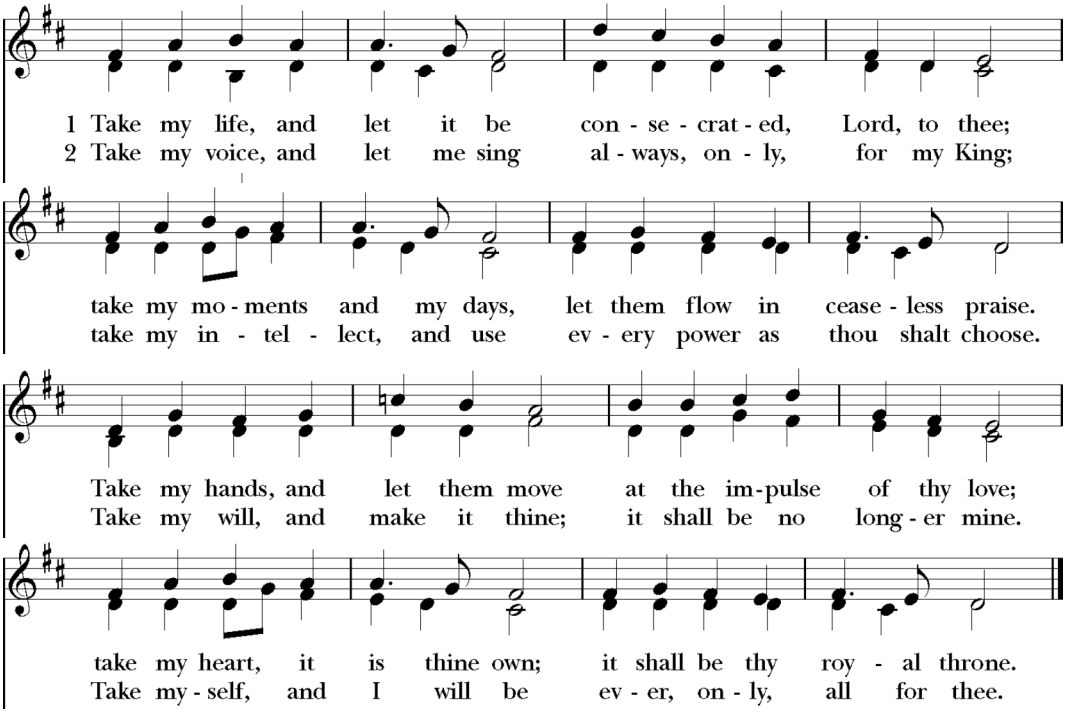
The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Prayers

Offertory Hymn — Take My Life And Let It Be — *H* #707



Doxology Hymn

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

The Holy Communion

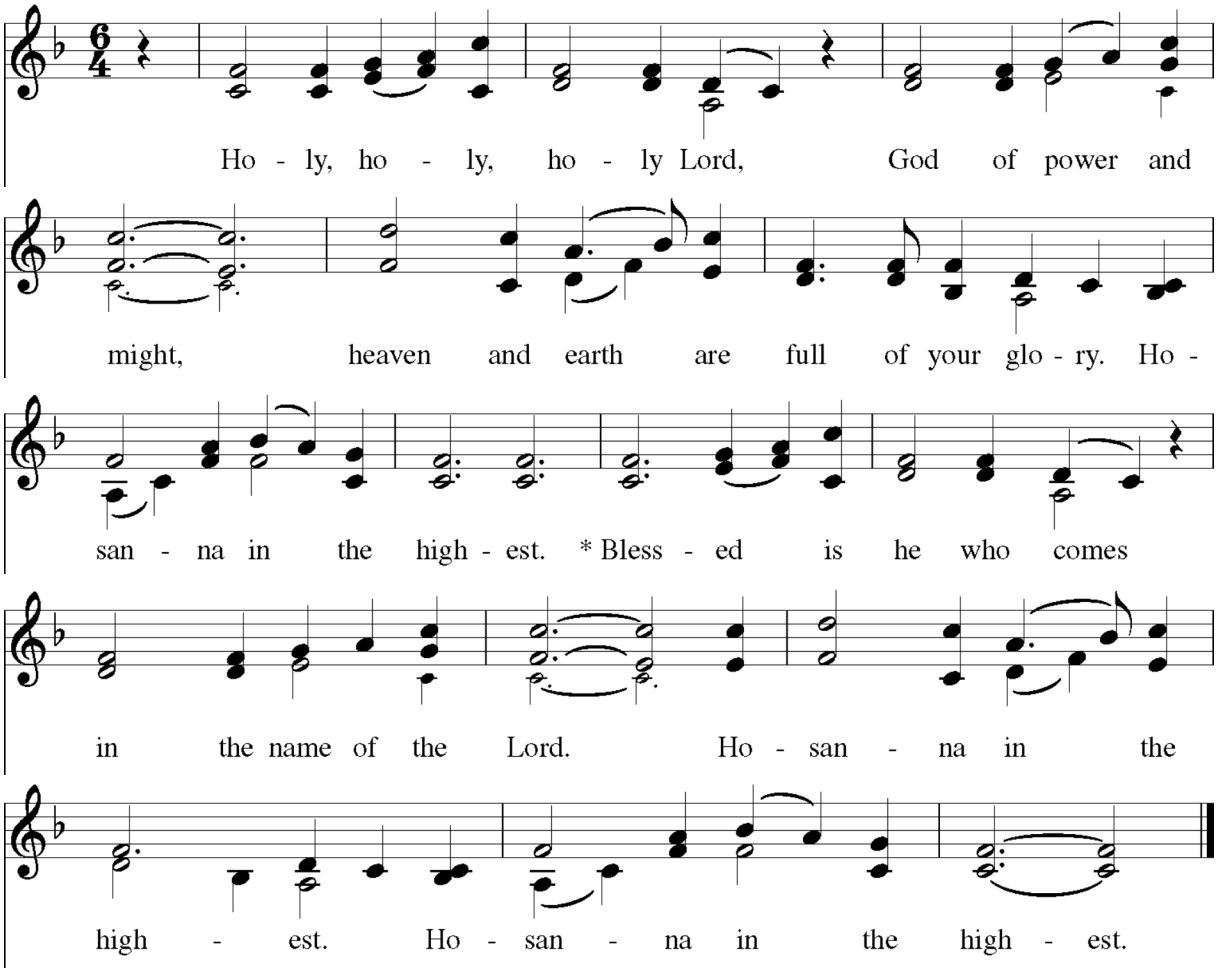
The Eucharistic Prayer *(standing)*

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks the One who created us.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks...

The prayer continues until...

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



The prayer continues until...

Presider ...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you:

People **We praise you, we bless you,**
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

The prayer continues until...

Presider Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As Christ teaches us, we pray:

People **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer for those worshiping at home

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Invitation and Communion

Presider 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 are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.

The Concluding Rite

Prayer after Communion *(standing)*
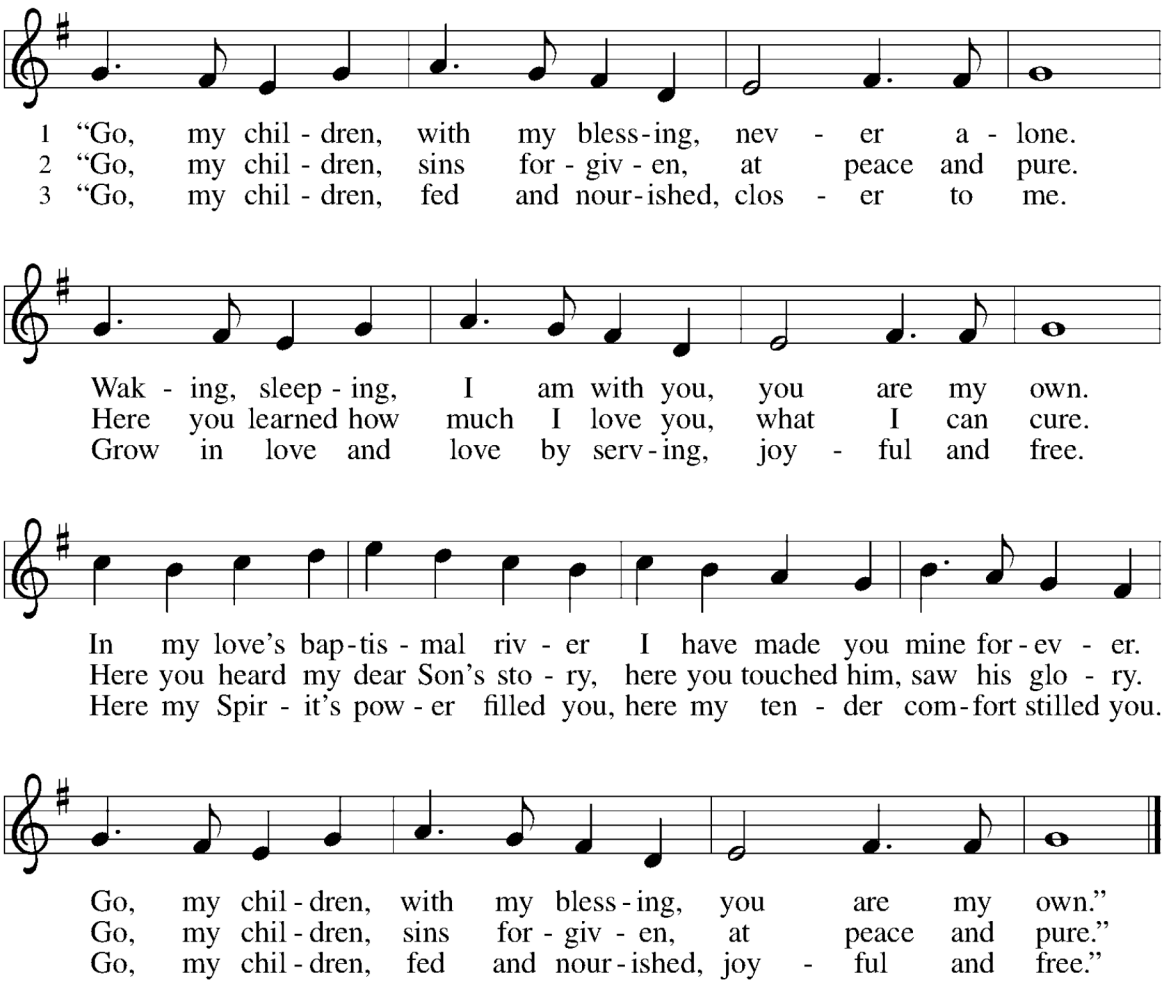
Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people.

Closing Hymn — Go, My Children, With My Blessing — *ELW* #543



Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Red Candles: Light for Palestine
Sunday, November 22

Guest preacher Ryan Pemberton will lead an adult forum on Red Candles: Light for Palestine, an ecumenical movement to support Palestinian Christians. St. Luke's will have an opportunity to participate in the program to stand up for peace and justice for the Holy Land.

An Update from the One Parish One Prisoner Team
Sunday, November 22

St. Luke's OPOP team has been learning and building a relationship with Jazmine for six months now. The magnitude of incarceration in our country and the barriers for those releasing are staggering. Consider this:

- Only 2% of incarcerated individuals receive trials. Almost all accused people take plea bargains under the threat of longer sentences, the ruinous cost of mounting a defense, and the under-resourced public defender system.
- 1.1 million Americans had an immediate family member incarcerated.

Mass incarceration is not a far-off reality. It is in and affects our communities and our families.

Our friend, Jazmine, transferred from the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor to work release in Seattle at the end of October! Next Sunday, November 22, our OPOP team will share more about our journey with Jazmine and further introduce her to the congregation.

Advent Wreath-Making & Forum
Sunday, November 29

Join us on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, as we kick off the season with wreath-making and the beginning of a 4-week adult forum with New Testament scholar Amy Jill Levine's book, *Light of the Word: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. We'll provide wreath-making supplies: candles, greens, wire, ribbon, etc., as well as other Advent crafts and treats. If you have a wreath form from past years and/or greenery to share, please bring it. Canon Britt will lead a discussion and introduction to the beginning of our adult forum at the same time.

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