St. Francis' Episcopal Church



All Saints' Day
with Baptism and New Member Welcome
Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints Day, one of the seven great feasts of the church. Our liturgical color, white, is the color of the celebration. Other feasts that call for white are Christ the King, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, and Trinity Sunday.

The New Testament uses the word "saint" to describe the entire membership of the Christian community. Therefore, today we celebrate not only people of heroic sanctity, like Sts. Francis and Clare, but all those baptized in the name of the Trinity, living and dead. We remember particularly those who died before us, but who are still united to us in this communion of saints. We will open our liturgy remembering them.
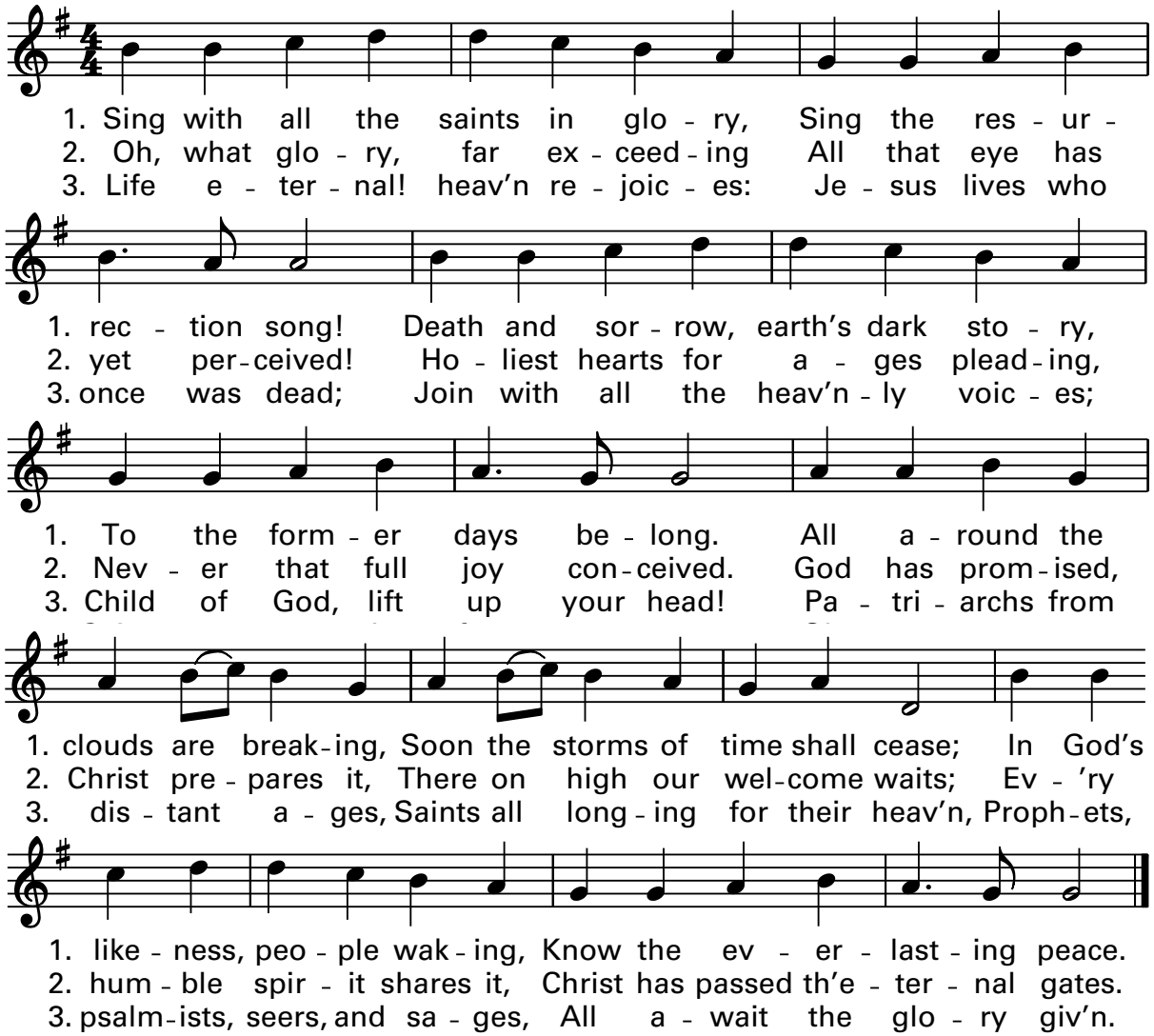
On this feast day that recalls our unity with one another, we baptize Connie Flagg into the Christian family and welcome parishioners who are new to St. Francis', celebrating their unity with us!

Prelude *10:30am* **Instrumental**

Welcome

Gathering Hymn **Sing With All the Saints**

At 8:30am, sing verses 1 and 3. At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



The Commemoration of All Saints

Presider — Dear friends in Christ, we gather on this day to give thanks to Almighty God for the countless holy people, saints known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith and now rest in the regions of light. We give thanks that we are surrounded by that glorious band, whom none can number, who in their life and death nurtured the light of Christ and shone with divine radiance. We call to mind our own saints, family and friends, especially those buried at St. Francis', whom we love but see no longer and give thanks for their presence in our lives and their time along our journey. We too will one day join that glorious company of saints. May our lives, like theirs, shine with the light of Christ, and may the Eternal God fill us with peace.

The Reading of the Names

Deacon reads the names of those who died in the last year. The asterisks indicate when the bells chime, and at 10:30am, when a youth leader brings up a candle of remembrance.

Charley Coleman
Wayne Hoover
Troy McCart
Paddy Wrob
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Katie Amant
Steve Amant
Ron Atkinson
Marie Anzilotti
Bruce Bancroft
AJ Barks
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Bradley Bates
Ann Becker
Tom Boland
Gabe Bowman
Terry Boyd
Chris Bradshaw
*
Henderson Brathwaite
Gary Brundick
Tom Butenhoff
Rev. Barbi Click
Erica Nicole Davis
Tom De Bold
*

Robert Dobynes
Andrew Evans
Jersey Greer
John Griffin
Ray Gullet
Gene Harfst
*
Robert Johnson
Don Korn
Rebecca LaRussa
Jessica Lashly
Ken Martin
Rebekah Massmann
*
Noel Nauber
Rob Rice
Willard Ripple
Carol Barbier Rutherford
Anna Salter
Emma Schleisd
*
Joe Schmidt
Marjorie Schuchat
Tim Schwab
Sandy Sermos
Andrew Shawberg
Matt Siemer
*

Aydin Silhavy
Rose Smith
Juanita Thomas
Keaton Wieczorek
Sam W.
Ann Wright
*
Cambree York
Hal
Ruth
Sonia
Stephen
*

Presider We thank you, God, for these saints, who from their labors rest, and who by faith in this life called out your name. May perpetual light shine on them.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People **Glory to God, forever and ever.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your child, Jesus, the Christ: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those indescribable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

We Hear the Sacred Stories *Sit*

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation. 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.

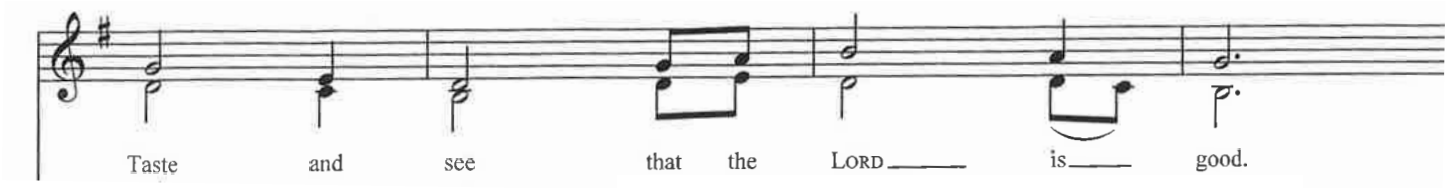
"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day 34

At 8:30am, all spoken. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

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! **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

The Second Lesson

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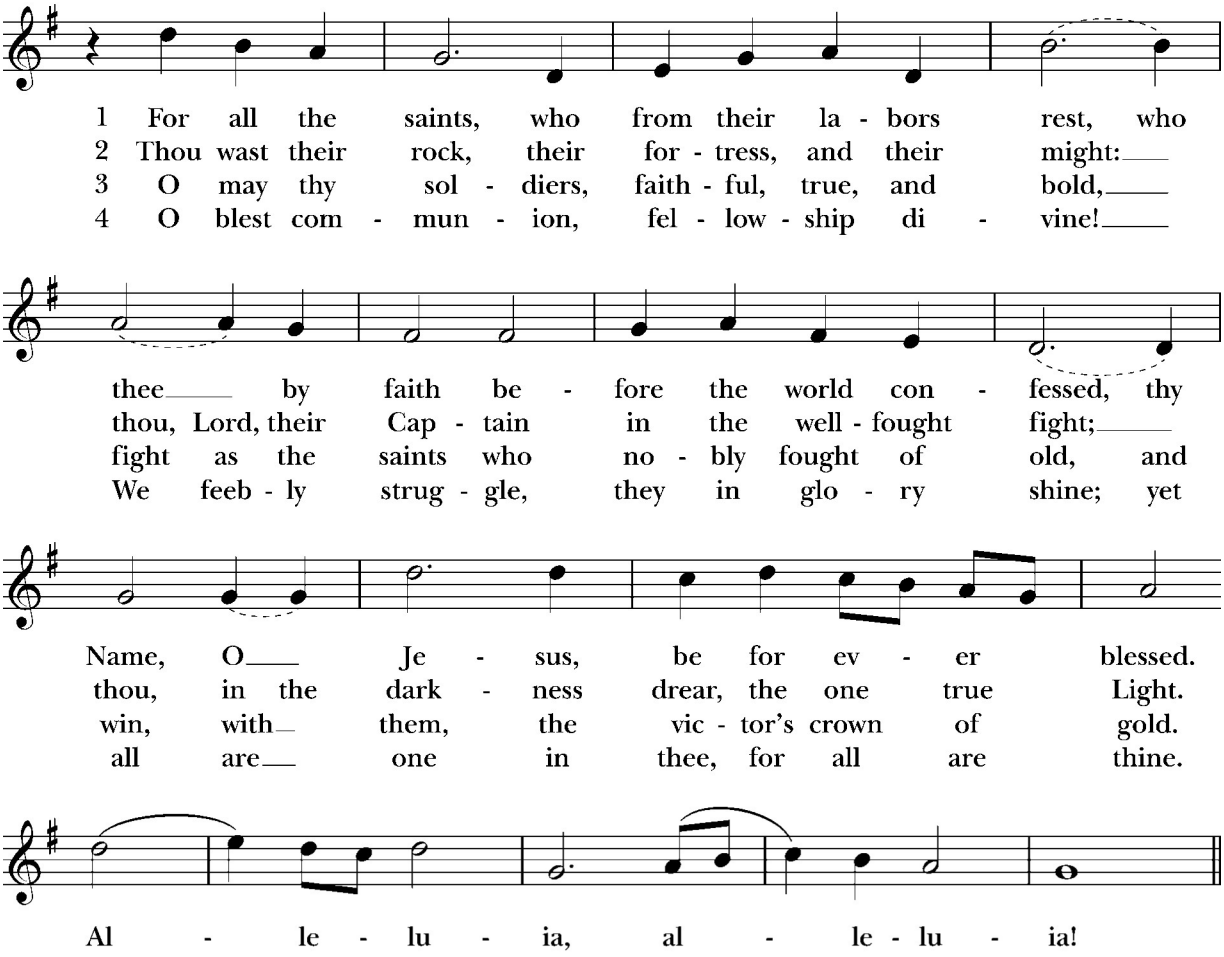
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Antiphon — For All the Saints

At 8:30am, stand and sing verse 1. At 10:30am, stand and sing verses 1 and 2.



The Gospel

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

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

Deacon — 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.

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

Gospel Antiphon *At 8:30am, sing verse 2 on previous page. At 10:30am, sing verses 3 and 4.*

Sermon *Sit* **The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti**

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

Baptism *Stand*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Connie Belle Flagg to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidate I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Candidate I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Connie in her life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Deacon Let us join with Connie who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Deacon Do you believe in God?
People **I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Deacon Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Presider How will you connect to Christ in community?
People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Presider How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?
People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Presider How will you show Christ in your life?
People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Presider How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?
People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Presider How will you work for the reign of God?

People **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

Presider How will you preserve God's creation?

People **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Deacon Let us now pray for this sibling of ours who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, saying

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Baptism

The Presider then pours water saying

Presider Connie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us pray.

Abiding God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Connie your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on Connie's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Presider Connie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Presider then lights a candle from the Paschal candle.

Presider Let us welcome Connie.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

New Member Welcome *Sit*

New members are invited to come forward.

Presider Almighty God, we thank you for the life journey that brought these people to join our church today. We celebrate the unique impact they will make here and already have made here, through their presence, gifts and talents. May this congregation offer support in times of trouble and rejoice with them always. May our church home strengthen their faith and deepen their discipleship. All this we pray in Christ's Holy Name.

People **Amen.**

Presider To the church of St. Francis, do you promise to help them find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? If so, please answer: We promise, with the help of God.

People **We promise, with the help of God.**

Deacon Let us, the member of St. Francis, express our welcome and affirm our ministry together.

People **We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

Announcements *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.

Gathering at Christ's Table

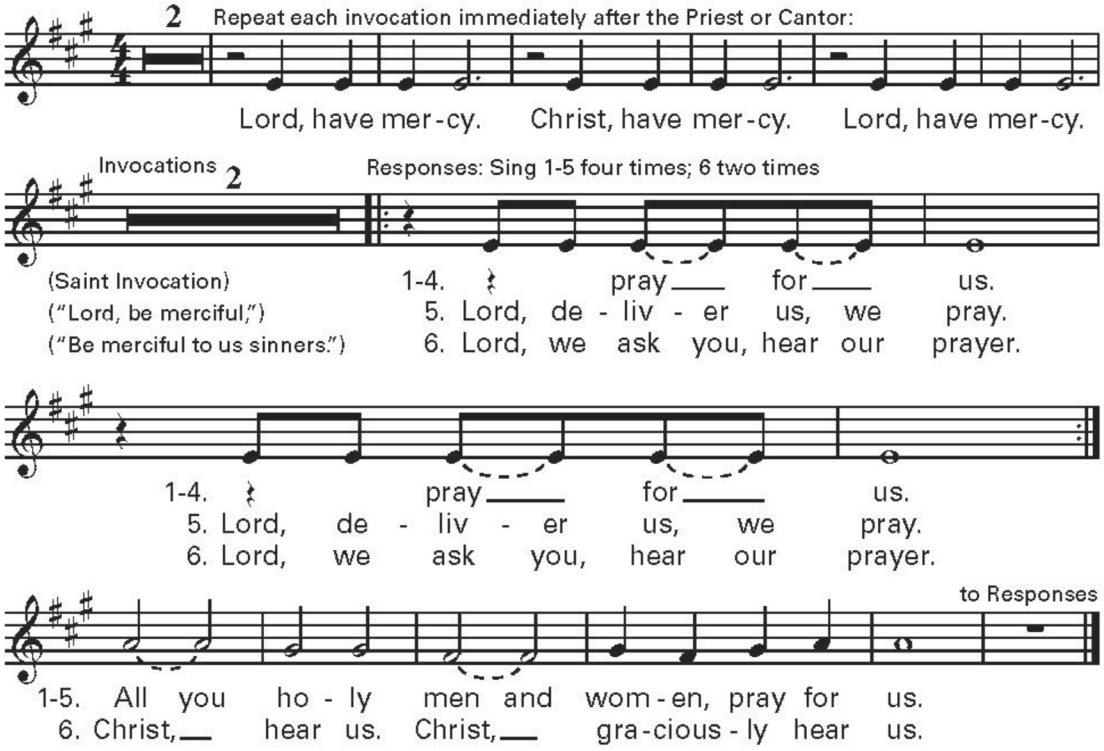
We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

Offertory *10:30am*

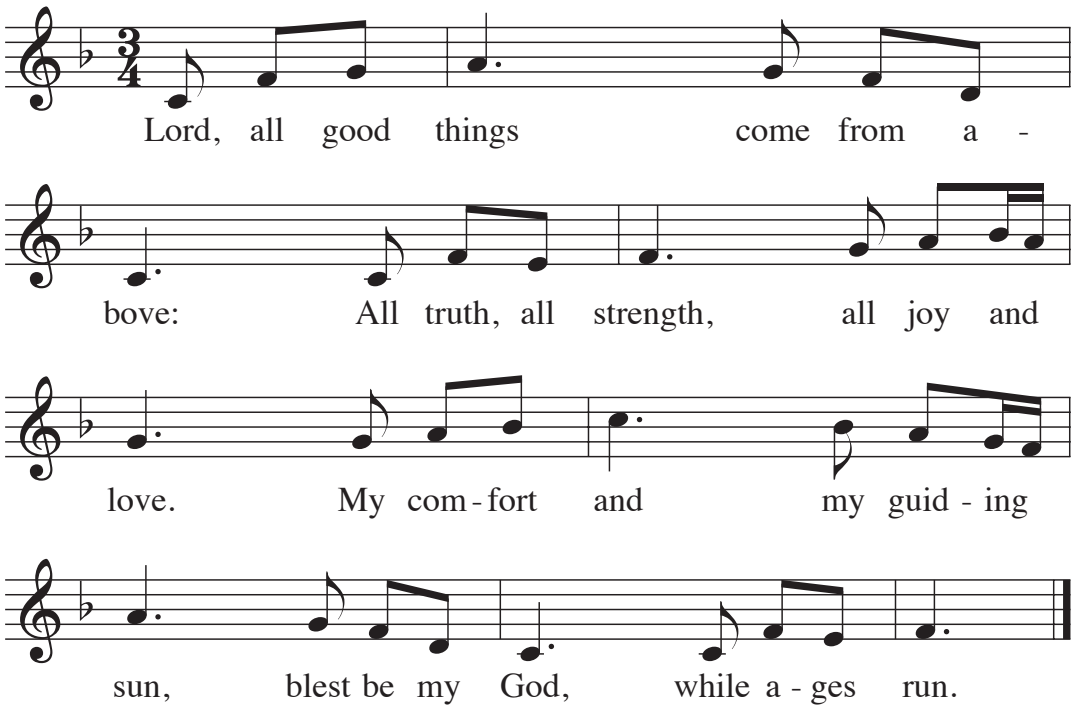
Litany of the Saints

St. Francis' Singers

Congregation sings the responses with the St. Francis' Singers.



Doxology *10:30am. Stand.*



The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

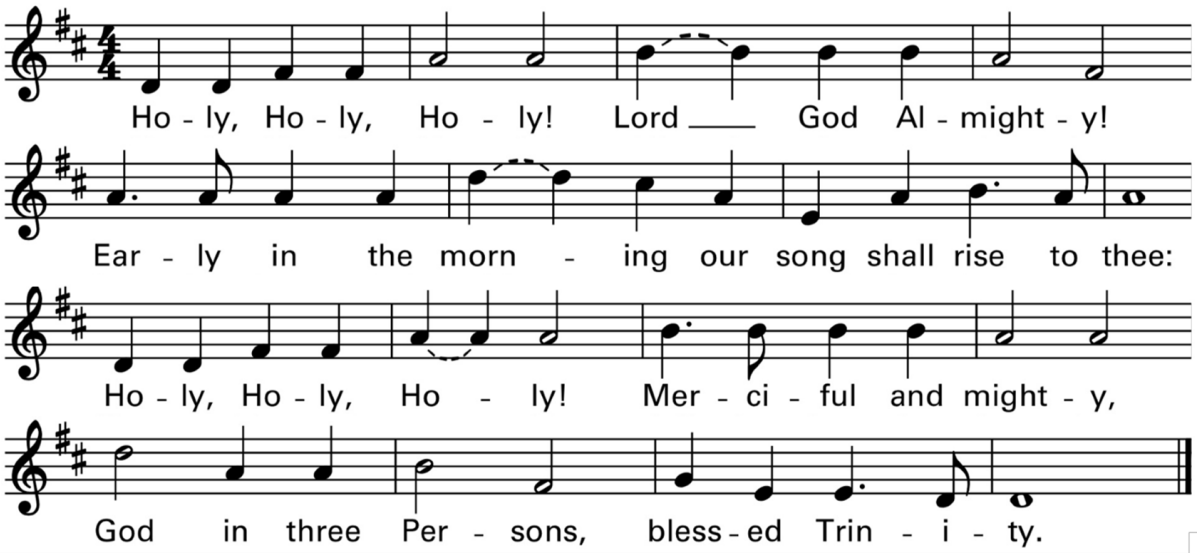
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther and Mary you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising of Christ you give us not just a savior but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us not to be heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.

Say at 8:30:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30:



Presider Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Presider Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony or isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward.
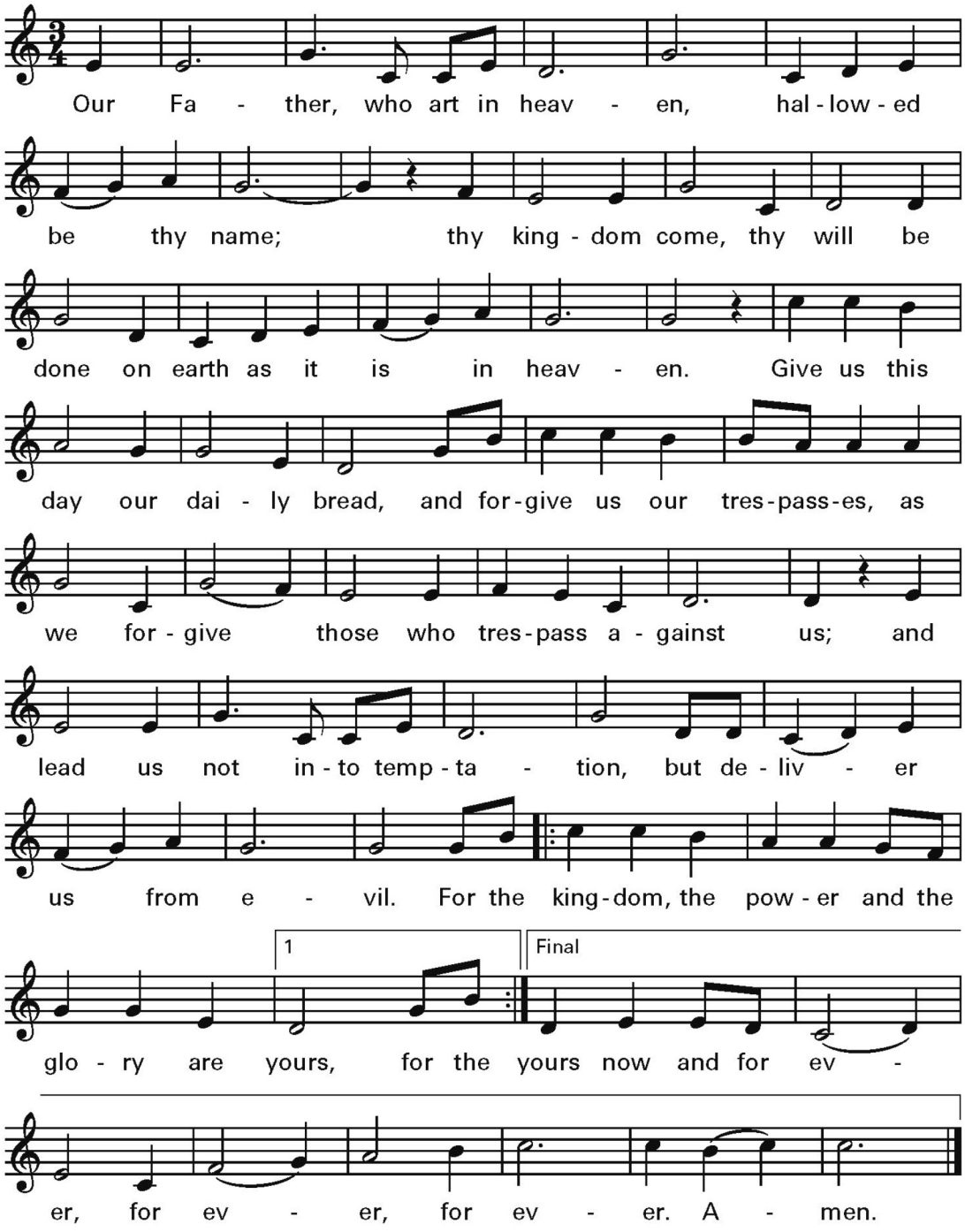
Where children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung.



The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People **Give us this bread for ever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

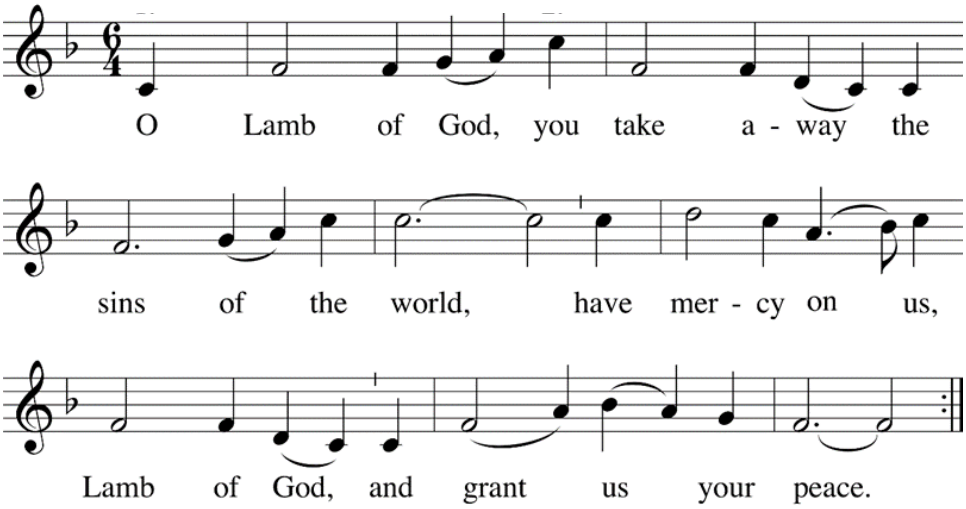
People **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

At 8:30am, spoken:

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;**
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.

At 10:30am, sung:

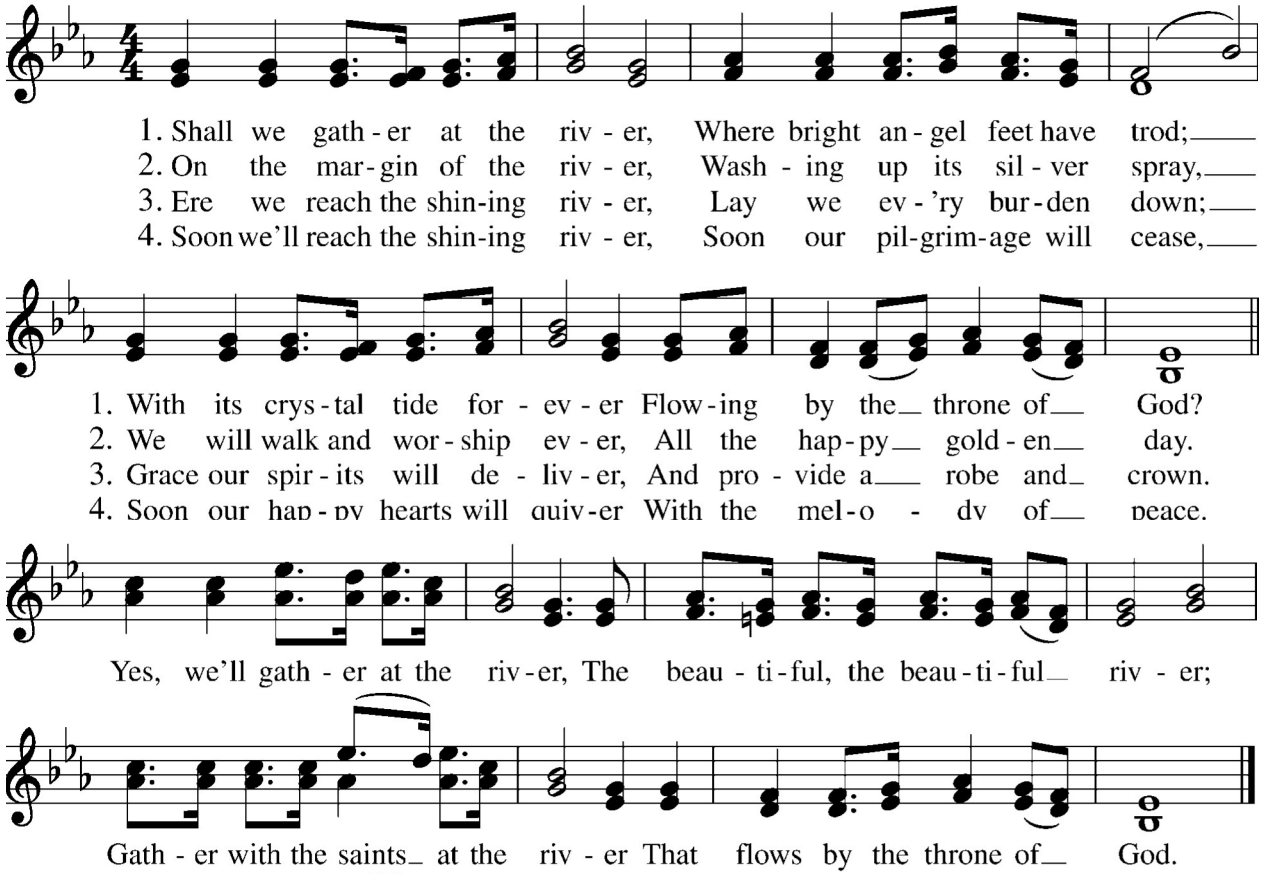


Presider God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn *10:30am* Shall We Gather at the River

At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



Post-Communion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this table:

People **For the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.**

Stewardship Speakers

8:30am Tom Connelly
10:30am Michael Booker

Blessing

Presider May God, who kindled the fire of Love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of God's grace. May God give you joy in fellowship with the saints and a share in their praises. May God strengthen you to follow them in the ways of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. And the blessing…

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go to live as God's saints in the world today. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sending Hymn When the Saints Go Marching In

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
When the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
When they crown Him Lord of all.

We'll dwell in peace forever more,
We'll dwell in peace forever more,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
Dwell in peace forever more.

After the service ends, anyone seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit is invited to the right of the altar to receive anointing for healing.

All are invited to attend a reception in the Community Room after 10:30am worship to congratulate and welcome our new members.