ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Welcome All. Grow Together. Serve with Love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — *For All the Saints* — arr. Douglas E. Wagner
STEC Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

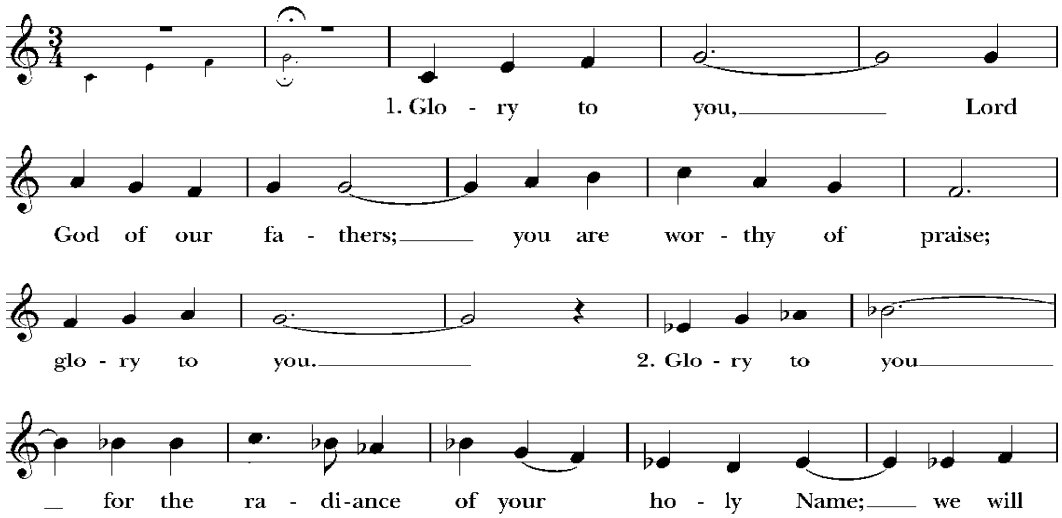
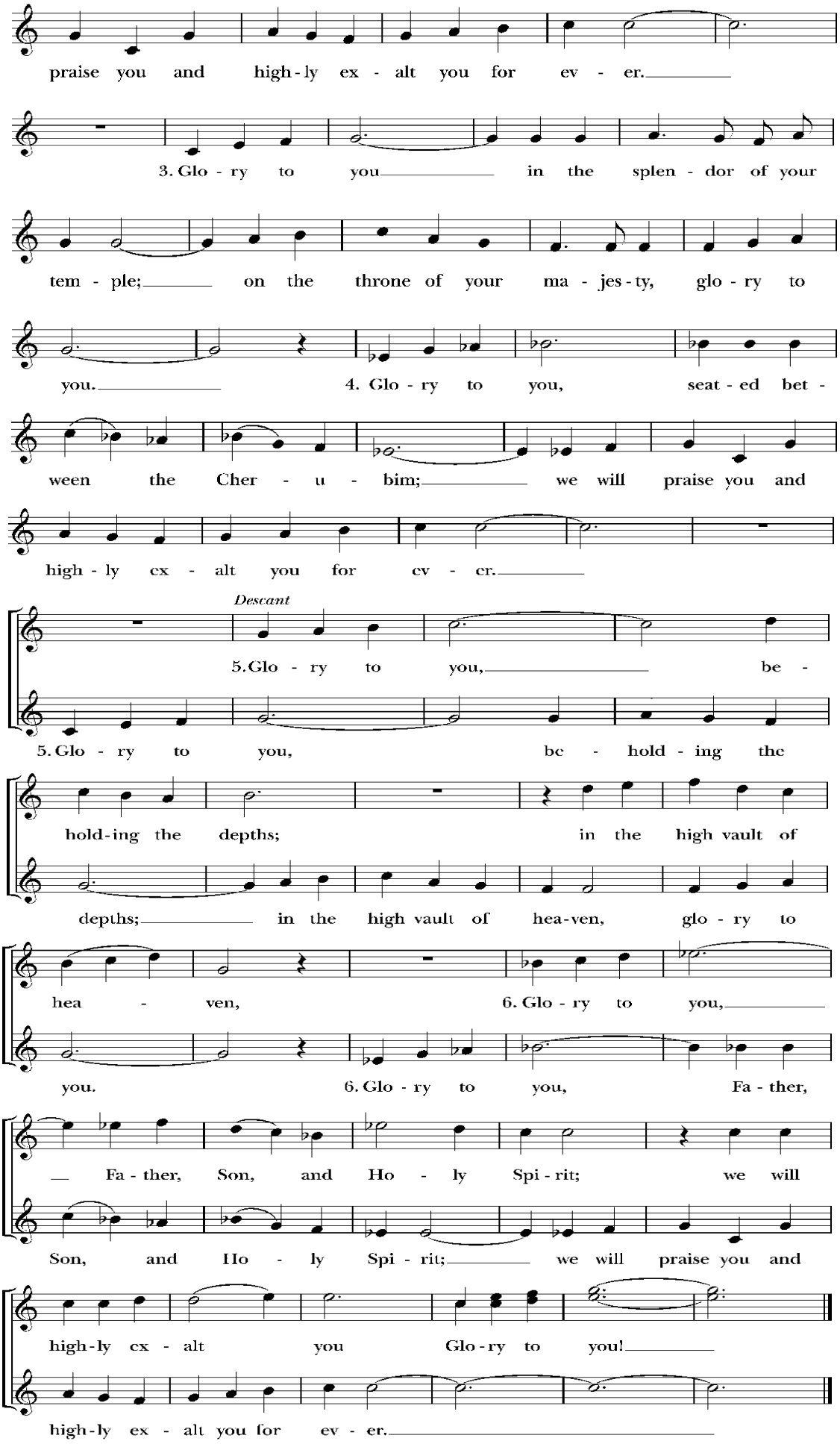
Celebrant In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth.
People **And God saw that it was good!**
Celebrant One thing we ask; one thing we seek:
People **To live in God's house for all of our days,**
Celebrant To behold the beauty of God, and learn of God's ways.
People **Here, in the temple of the church,**
Celebrant And here, in the temple of creation!
People **Turn toward these things!**
Celebrant Live toward these things!
People **Come, let us worship God!**

THE OPENING HYMN — *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty* — Hymnal #362

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION — Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE — S-236



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant 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**.

THE FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the First Book of John

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *I sing a song of the saints of God* Hymnal #293

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **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.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY — The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS — BCP 292

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litanist United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. We pray for those we name aloud or silently within our hearts *(brief silence)*. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. We remember those we name aloud or silently within our hearts *(brief silence)*. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

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 ABSOLUTION

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.**

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Dwell in the Light Forevermore* Lloyd Larson

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma / Text based on Revelation 22:5

Into the valley of shadows, under a veil of gray,
God calls the good and the faithful, then guides us on the way.
Through the valley of shadows, lost in the dark of night,
Our God goes before us to lead us to the light.
There will be no more night!
No need for lamp or ray of sun, the Lamb will be the light.
There will be no more night!
No need to fast, to watch, and to weep
around the throne so bright.
Out of the valley of shadows, we step into the day.
We see the Lamb upon the throne and hear the Savior say,
"Well done, well done, my good and faithful one!
Come dwell in the Light of Life forevermore!"

This anthem was written in memory of the children and adults of Sand Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut, December 14, 2012, and for all who grieve.

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

8:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer II – BCP 340

10:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer D – BCP 372

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.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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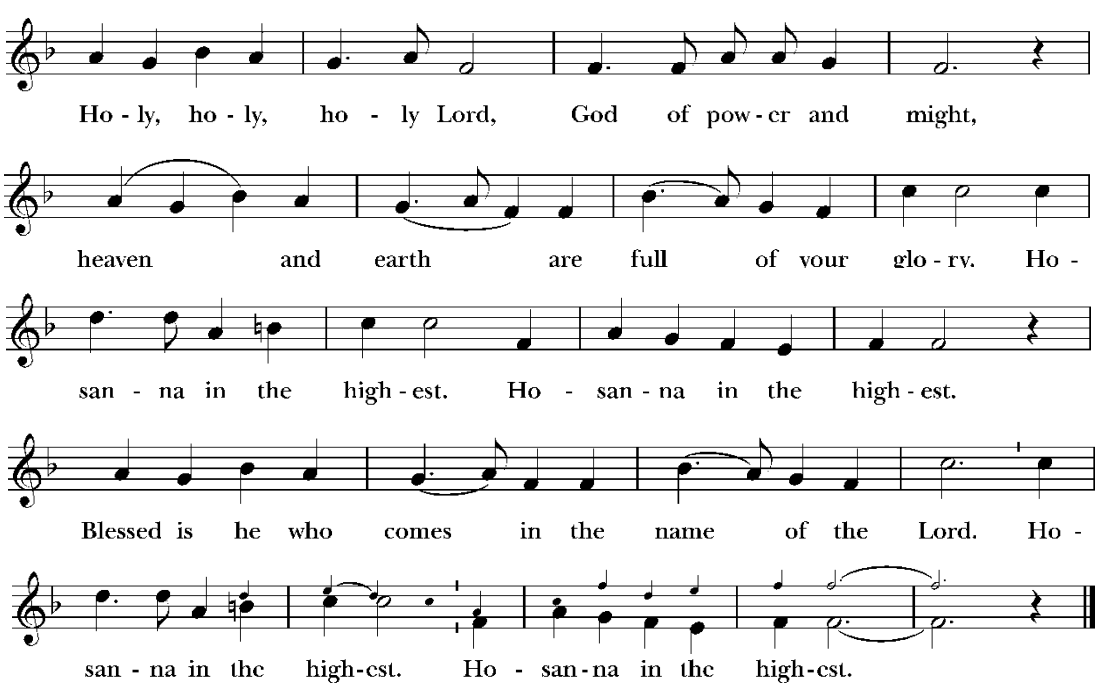

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The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember those from St. Thomas' who have died the last twelve months: Linda Carol Garner, Grace Martin, Dave Owen Thomas, Jr., Joanne Kandel Leaf, Charlie Milmine, Bill Friend, Jr., Clint Langley, Edward Carter, Kevin Fleming Smith, Carol W. Dedes and all who have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy & light. And grant that we may find our inheritance

with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 363

Celebrant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

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

Celebrant 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.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION *Deep River* with *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Lloyd Larson
Cantors
Jerusalem, my happy home Hymnal #620

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer:

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Celebrant 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

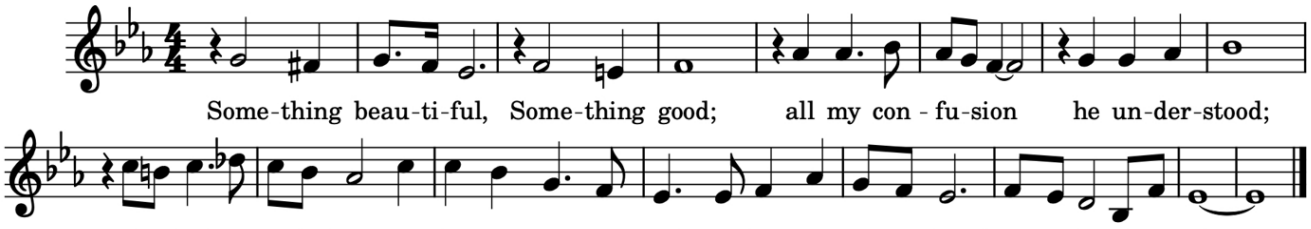
spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Go now in peace, whatever is good, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, just, pleasing, and commendable; if there is any excellence, anything worthy of praise; my friends, if there is anything beautiful: turn toward these things. Live out these things. For these are the things for which we were made. In the name of the Maker, Christ, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *For all the saints, who from their labors rest* Hymnal #287

CHORAL BENEDICTION



THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

The flowers on the altar are given by Beth Wall to the glory of God and in loving memory of her late husband, Bill Wall.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00 am) David White
(10:00 am) Annie Quaile and Jane Gilchrist
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Rick Lantz
Acolytes: Thurifer: Eva Aguilar; *Crucifer:* Tino Aguilar; *Book Bearer:* Vivian Bernard;
Children's Cross: CeCe Bernard
Lectors: (8:00 am) David White (10:00 am) Daniel Sims
Ushers: Lela White and Steve Calver
Vestry on Duty: Tracy Edgar
Altar Guild: Stacie Bacon, Tracy Edgar, Mary Haley, Salli White
Hospitality: Minis Families
Worship Tech: Blake Haynes
Nursery: Dianne Jones and Barbara Arnott
Children's Chapel: Karen Otto and Sallie Johnson
Cantors: Emma Reardon and Kaleb Reavis

Sunday, November 1	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	9:00 am	Sunday School - Proverbs, Library
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Church
	10:00 am	Children's Chapel, CE Building
	11:45 am	I'm an Episcopalian Class, Library
	11:45 am	NYC Choir Trip Meeting, Choir Room
	3:00 pm	Scottish Games Meeting, Parish Hall
	5:30 pm	AA, CE Building
	5:45 pm	All Saints Remembrance Service, Memorial Garden
Monday, November 2	10:00 am	Plarning, CE Building
	2:00 pm	Women Sharing Wisdom, CE Building
	4:00 pm	Beer & Hymns Rehearsal, Parish Hall
	5:30 pm	B&G Meeting, Library
Tuesday, November 3	All Day	Election Day, Voting in Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 4	9:00 am	Staff Meeting, Library
	11:30 am	Healing Service, Chapel
	5:00 pm	Wymberley Garden Club, CE Building
	5:00 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal, CE Building
	6:00 pm	Chili Cook Off, Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, CE Building
Thursday, November 5	10:00 am	CE Classroom Rental, Kim Tutan
	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study, Library
Friday & Saturday, Nov 6 & 7	All Day	SCAD Filming, CE Meeting Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's Make Something Beautiful!

During our annual stewardship campaign, "Let's Make Something Beautiful!" Stewardship is about more than money. It's about sharing our time, talents, and treasures to reflect God's love in the world. We are already making something beautiful at St. Thomas' through our worship, ministries, friendships, and service to others. But God isn't finished with us yet! There is always more love to share, more lives to touch, and more beauty to create.

November Outreach

The Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (CSAH) provides housing, outreach, and supportive services to reduce and end homelessness for individuals and families across Chatham County. The Cove at Dundee and Dundee Cottages in Savannah are two of the Innovative Housing Solutions developed as supportive housing for homeless veterans. The goal is to promote independence by providing supportive services including: credit and financial counseling, benefits access, workforce development, access to behavioral health care and medical care in addition to safe housing. During the month of November we will be collecting gift cards to help support independent living: Mastercard, Visa, Kroger and Target cards.

Please Note the Time Change for Tonight's Service

The All Saints Remembrance Service today will be at 5:45 pm due to the daylight savings time change.

Wednesday Night Supper – Chili Cook-Off

The NEST gathering will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30 pm in the CE Building.

Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Colette and Confirmations

Commitment Sunday, Ministry Fair and Breakfast

The Feast of St. Nick

Wednesday Night Supper
December 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Children's activities and crafts followed by a service in the church and a visit from St. Nick!

Children (under the age of five) FREE

Adults $8.00
Family Maximum $25.00

Blue Christmas

Join us for a different type of service:
of comfort, of loss, of hope

Wednesday, December 16th @ 6pm in St. Thomas' Chapel

Refreshments and gentle gathering to follow service

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Christmas Eve Services

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3:00 p.m. Family Service - Pop-Up Nativity
5:00 p.m. Traditional Service – Nursery provided

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We're so glad you're here to worship with us. Restrooms are in the Parish Hall and the Christian Education (CE) Building.

Children's faith formation is offered during the 10:00 am service for infants through 5th grade. In the Nursery (ages 0–4), children sing, hear Bible stories, enjoy crafts, play, and have a snack. If you use the nursery, we invite you to bring your child back into the church to receive Communion or a blessing.

During the school year, children are invited to participate in Children's Chapel during the first part of the service. They will process out behind the cross to the CE Building and return to the church at the Peace. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to accompany their child to either the nursery or Children's Chapel. If you have any questions, an usher will be happy to help.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians—of any age or denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At St. Thomas', we share the common cup. You may either consume the bread and sip from the chalice or hold your bread and dip (intinct) when the chalice comes to you. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

If you'd like to learn more about our worship or traditions, please feel free to speak with The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

We'd love to stay connected—please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and return it to a member of the clergy or an usher so we can greet you more personally in the days ahead.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Staff

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If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo.