St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after the Day of Pentecost

November 15, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.



The Mission of St. Brendan's

The mission of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church is to respond to the needs of the community and the world in a form that fosters and encourages a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We welcome visitors. Take time to sign our guest book in the entry, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Led by Worship Leader trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska
Dan Hall ~ Officiant
Musicians ~ Stephanie, Piano & Elena, Violin

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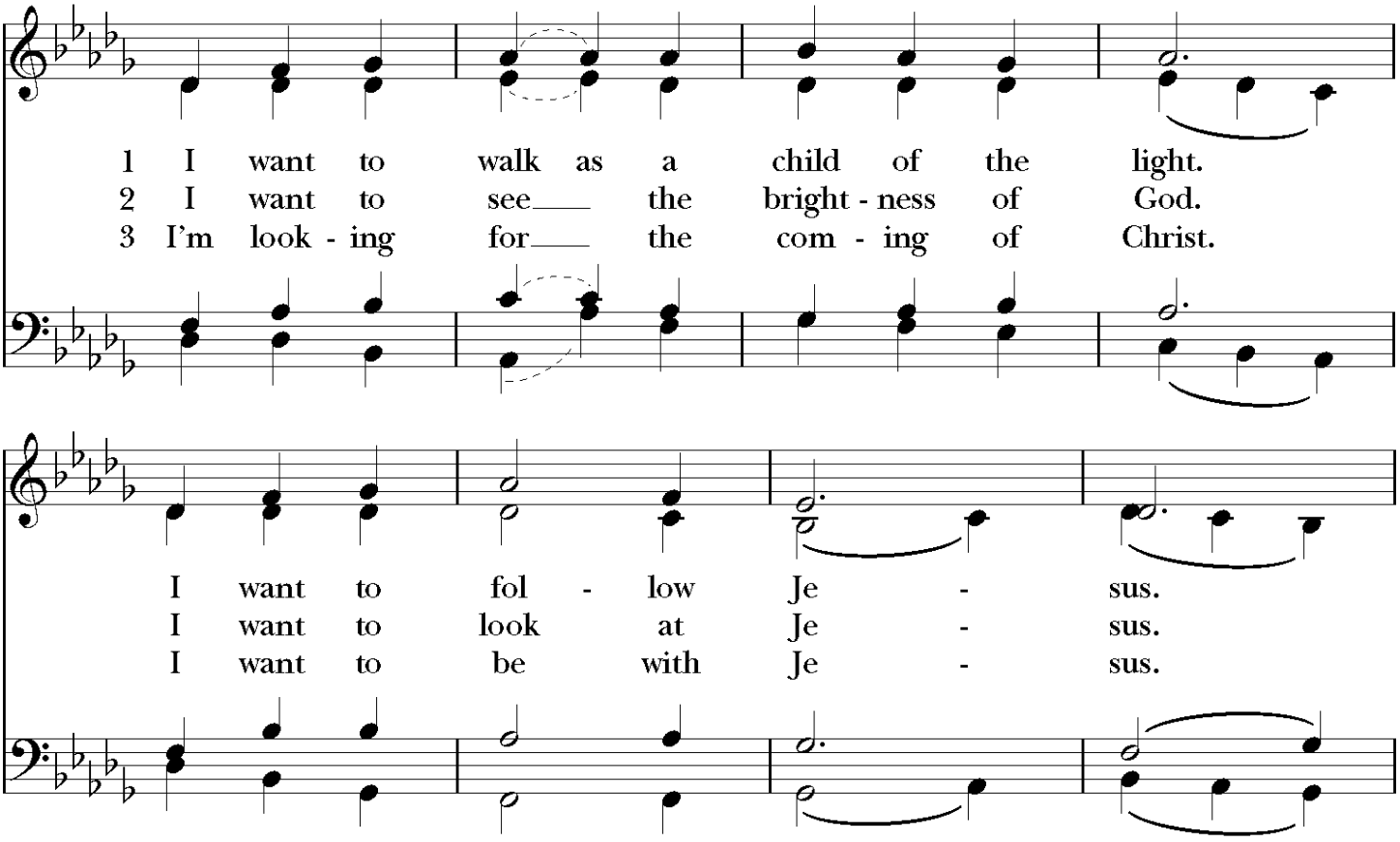
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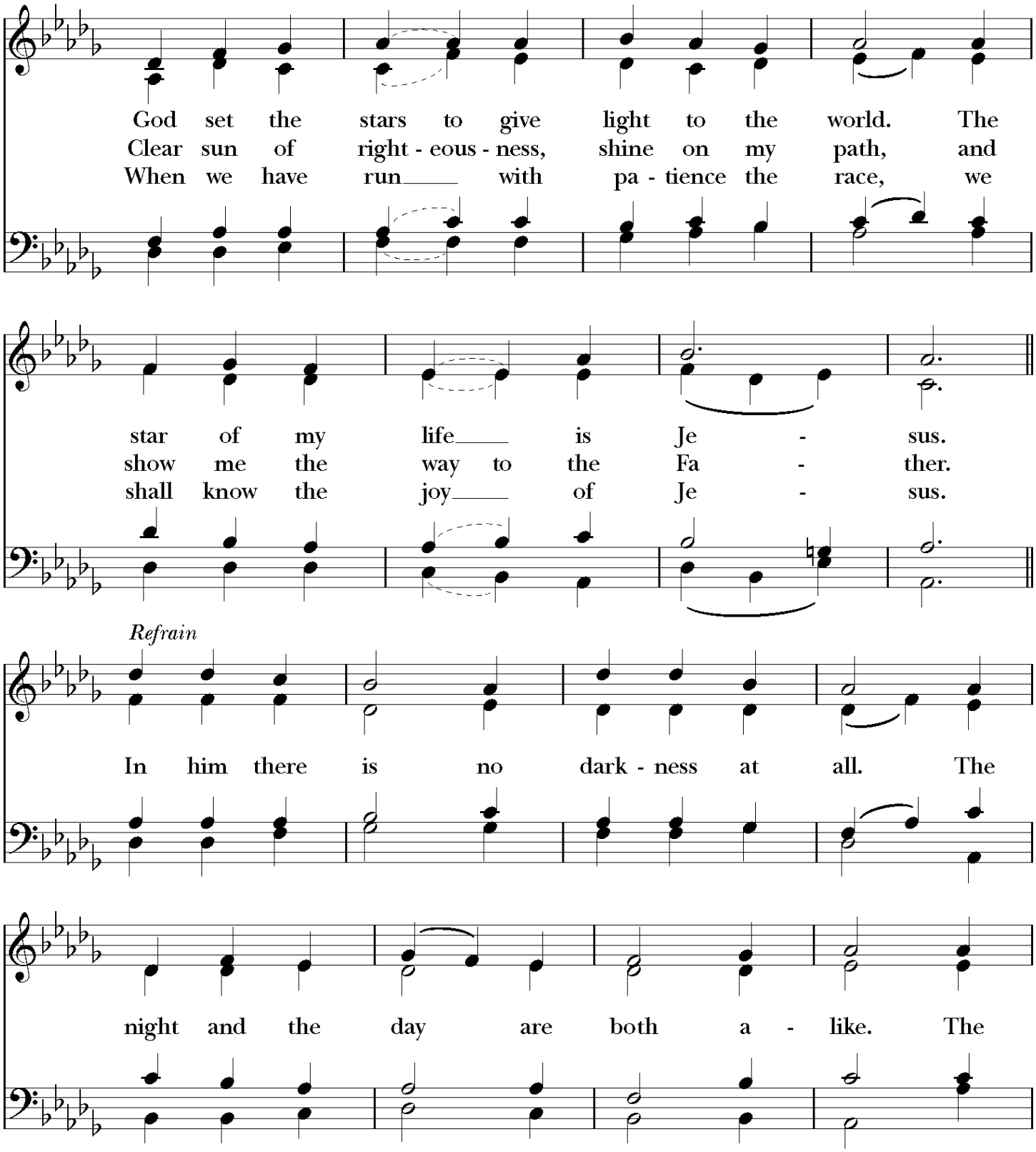
All stand as able and join in singing the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

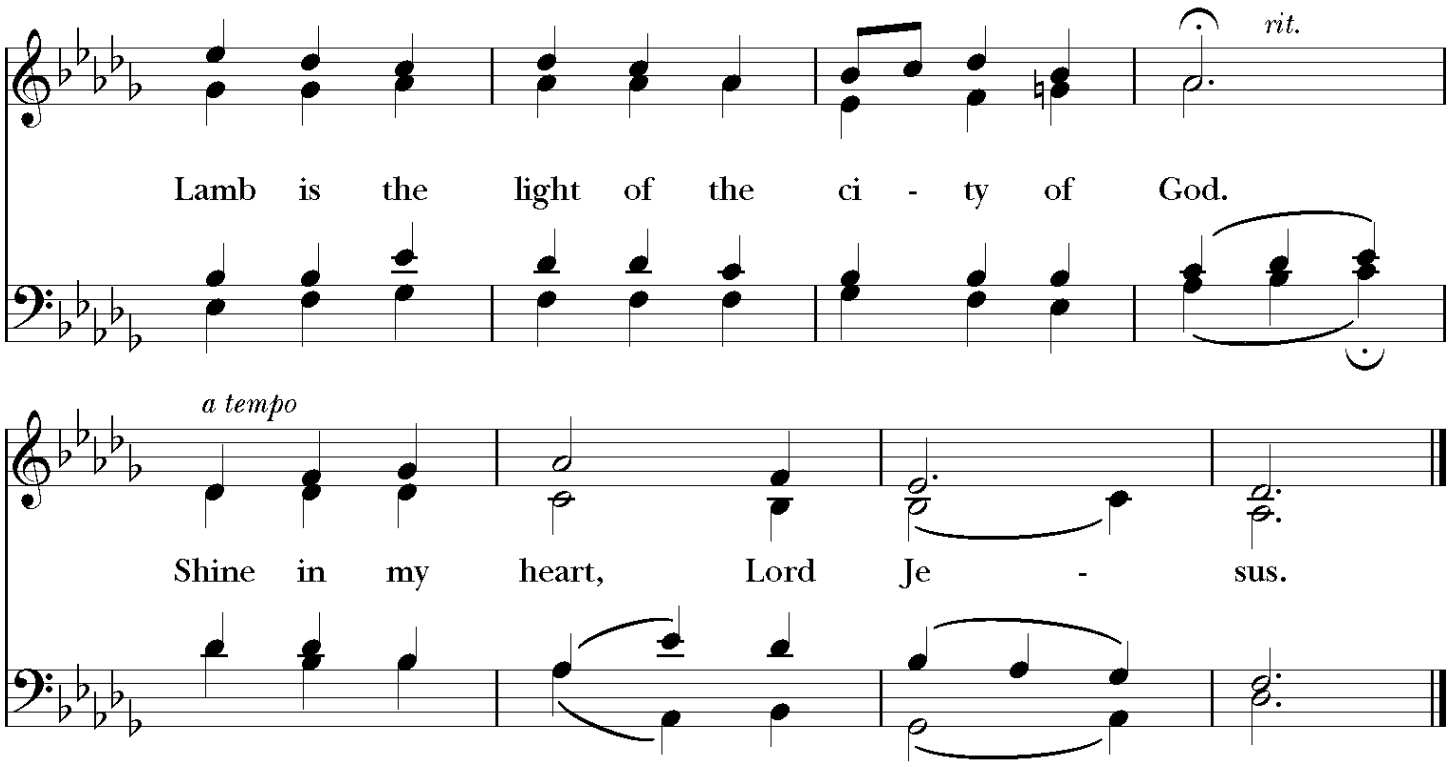
I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490





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All standing as able, the Officiant says

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel or stand as able.

The Officiant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen*.**

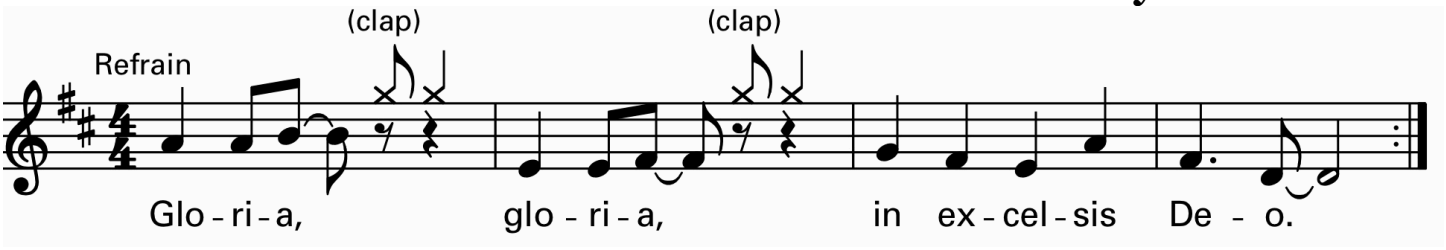
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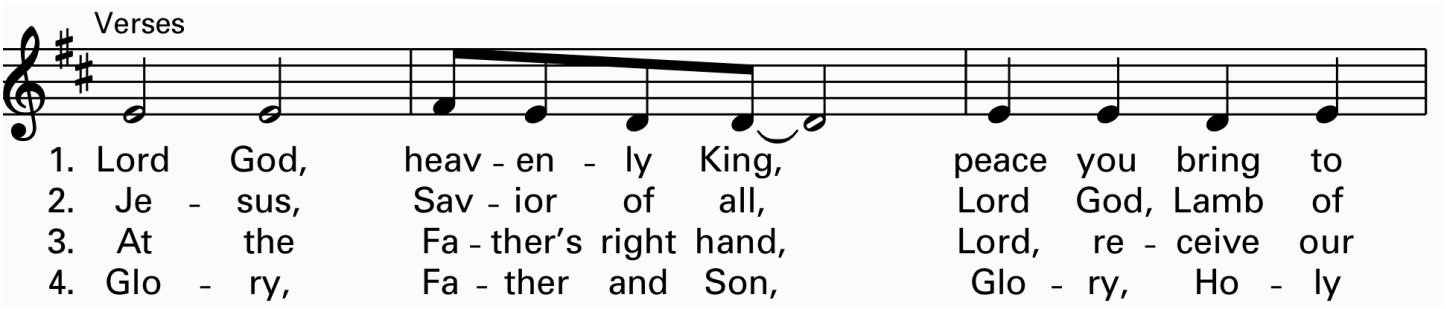
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen*.**
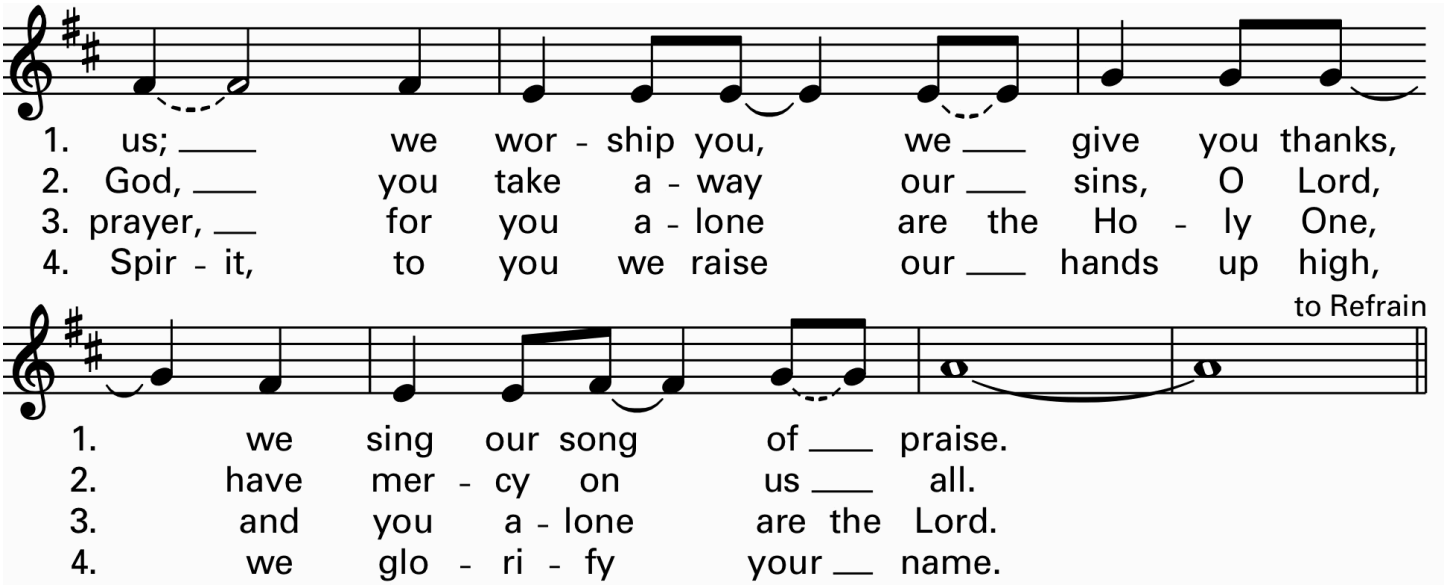


The following is sung, all standing as able.

Gloria — Glory & Praise 100







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Collect of the Day

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

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*.

First Reading *Judges 4:1-7* Sean Murphree

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Judges.

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.'"

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

Psalm 123 — Brita Rice

Ad te levavi oculos meos

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

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

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

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

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

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11* — Jo Schoeppe

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.
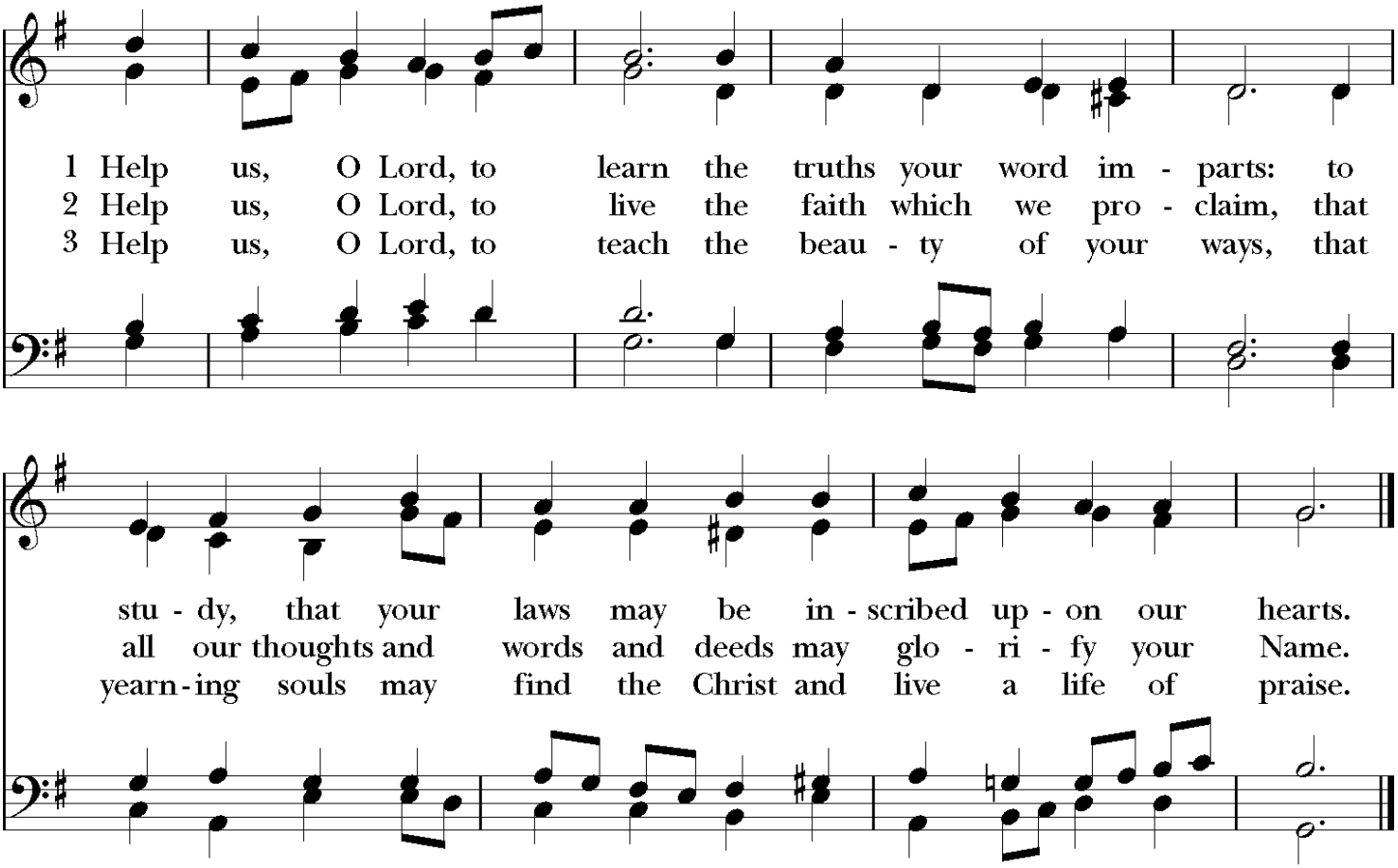
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as 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.

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

Sequence Hymn

All stand as able.

Help us, O Lord, to learn — Hymnal 628



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Holy Gospel — *Matthew 25:14-30* — Dan Hall

The congregation may remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when 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.'"

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

Sermon **Dan Hall**

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

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: Form III — Stephanie Hall

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble*;* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.*** We pray for ***Mary, Cindy & family, Gary, Christy, Eve, Kobe, Penny E., Ron, Geoff, Sarah, Jeff, Katie, Cecelia, Kendon, Mark, Al, Peter, Judy & family, Jim, Marilyn, Caroline, Tamira, Heather, Fred, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, John, Judi, Linda, John, Mike, Ashu, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Julie, Linda, Penny, Jim, Anne, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S: Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially Ray Wilson*
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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.***

Collect for St. Herman

Almighty God, who raised up your servant Herman to be a light in the world, and to preach the Gospel to the people of Alaska: Illuminate our hearts, that we also in our own generation may show forth your praise, who called us out of darkness and into your marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *Lesser Feasts and Fasts of the Episcopal Church 2024*

Peace

All Stand as able.

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

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says
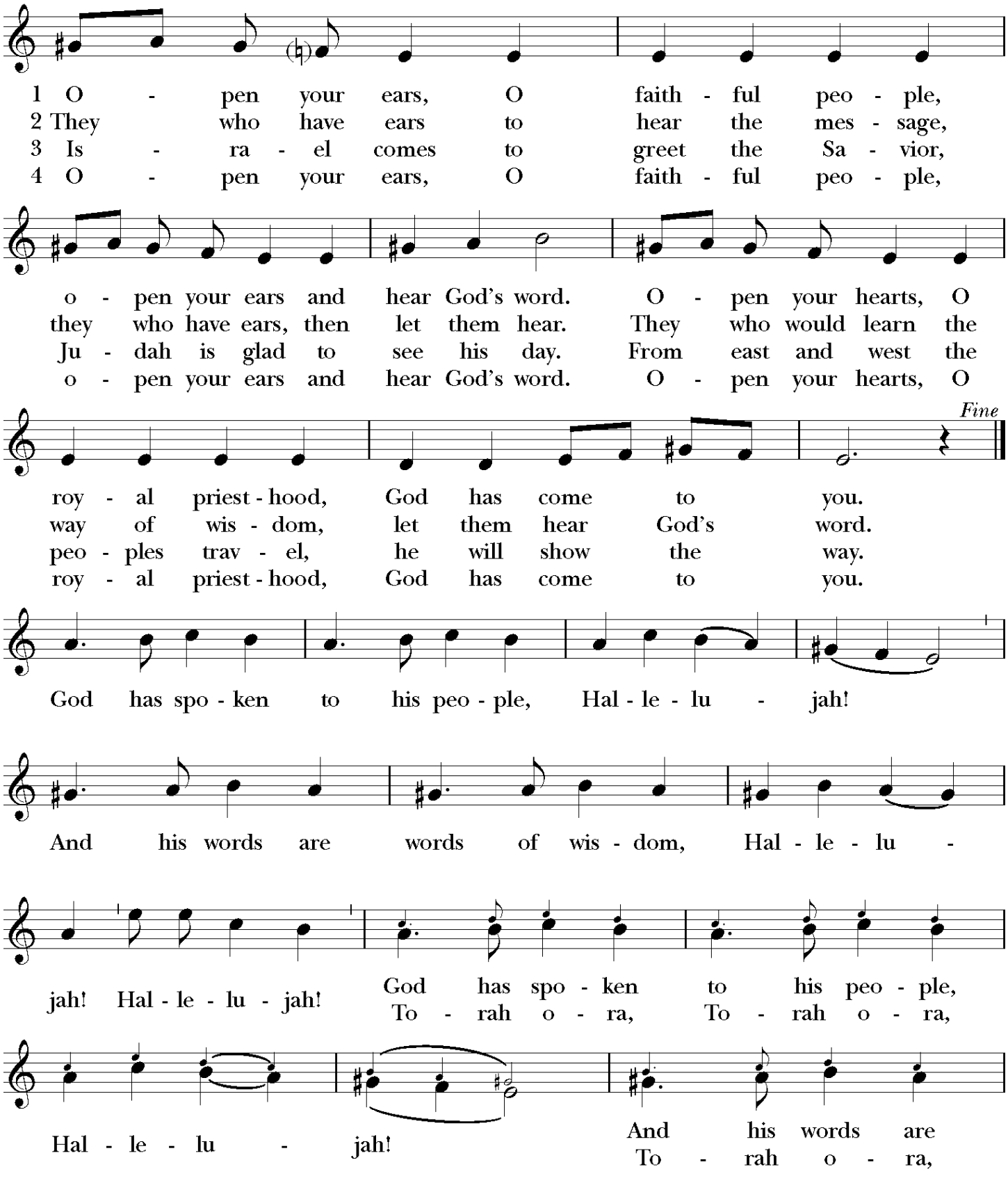
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

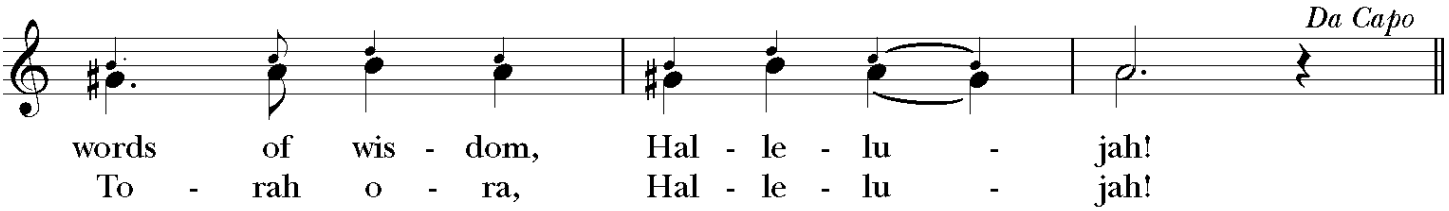
Today's loose offering will go into the General Fund.



Offertory Hymn

Open your ears, O faithful people — Hymnal 536





"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

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The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology *(a hymn of praise)*

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.

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion
The General Thanksgiving

BCP page 836

Officiant and People say

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*.

The Officiant says

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

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 Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's tale. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Worship Leader know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers –**Dave Muldoon & Jo Schoeppe***

Communion Music — Stephanie & Elena

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

**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.**

Please remain standing as able for any birthdays or anniversaries and together say

Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

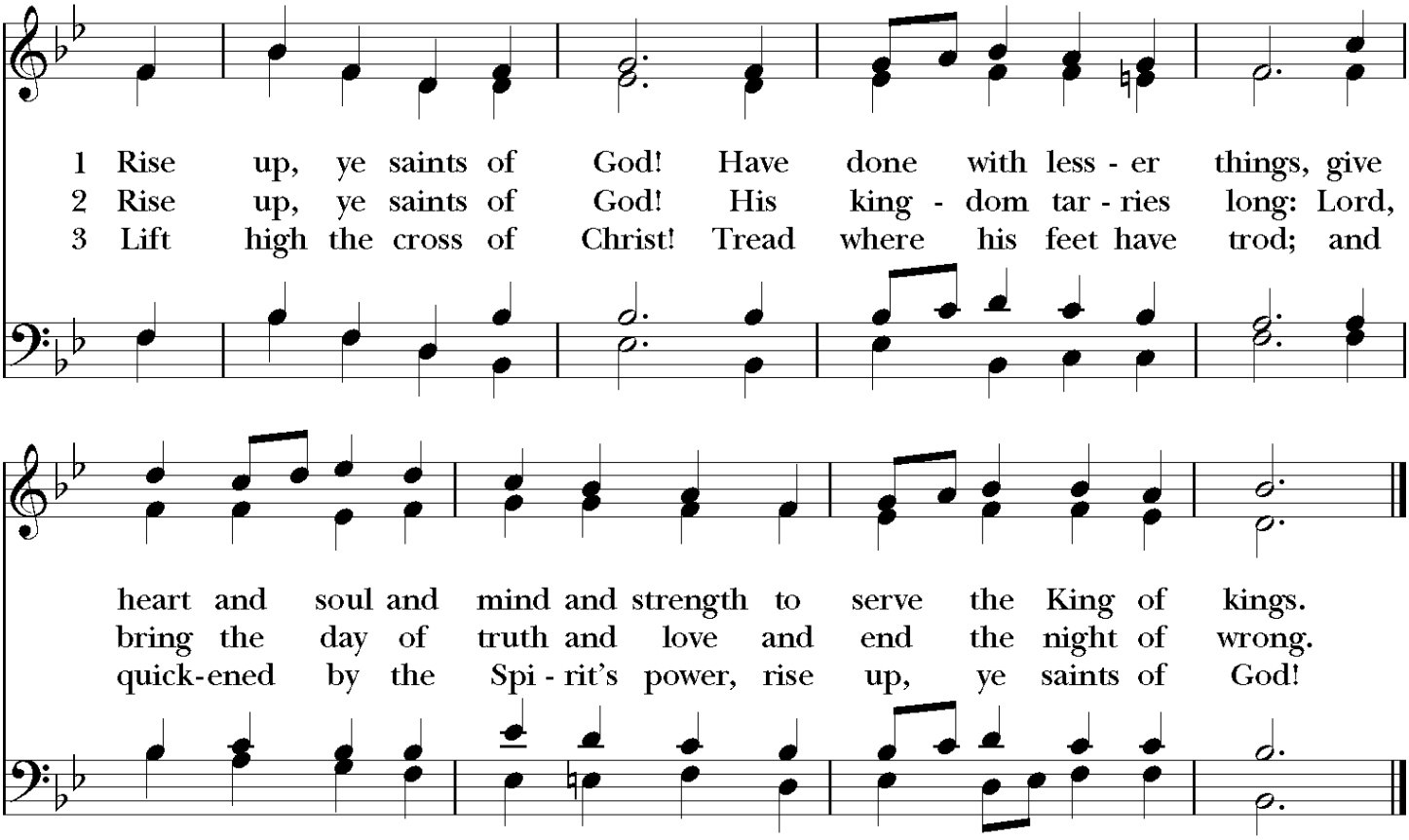
Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements...*See pages 20 & 21*

People may be seated and announcements are now made.

Closing Hymn

Rise up, ye saints of God **Hymnal 551**



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Dismissal

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

Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.*** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 28: Sunday closest to November 16—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. Our attention today is again turned toward the subject of Christ's return and the Day of Judgment. In the parable of the talents (a monetary unit worth fifteen years' wages in the first century), we are taught that what God has given us is to be used productively and ultimately returned to God enhanced by our use of those gifts.

The Bible's story of the people of Israel continues with their settling in the Land of Promise. Surrounded by enemies, their next years were filled with struggle. A number of leaders arose (called Judges). One of the greatest was Deborah, who rallied the people to fight off the Canaanites.

Today we conclude reading through 1 Thessalonians. In his final words to this early congregation, confused because the Lord has not yet returned, Paul tells them that Jesus' return cannot be predicted. In addition, he tells them, and us, to live in preparation all the time with the confident certainty of those who live in the light of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.

In historical periods of social confusion (such as our own time), popular religion often focuses on the most negative and pessimistic aspects of the biblical message of judgment. The central message of Holy Scripture, however, is not God's wrath but God's love and the promise made to us of salvation. As we gather in the Eucharist, we again hear that message of the loving God and are equipped to go forth to proclaim it to the world.

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THANKSGIVING EVE SOUP SUPPER



Aldersgate Methodist Church, 9161 Cinema Drive, will host a Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper on Wednesday November 25th at 5:30pm. This has become an annual tradition with our friends and neighbors from Shepherd of the Valley and Aldersgate. Please join us for some soup, bread, dessert and fellowship.
See Carla with any questions.



It is not too late to turn in a pledge card. You will find one on the table in the narthex, you can ask Dan for one or you can go to St. Brendan's website, www.wtbrendansjuneau.org

Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Build a Basket"

Donate the following items. Put in bins in the narthex.

1 box stuffing mix
1 pkg instant mashed potatoes
1 pkg gravy mix
2 cans green beans
2 cans whole kernel corn
1 can sweet potatoes or yams
1 can cranberry sauce

If you wish to complete the basket with a small frozen turkey and a pumpkin pie, please take these items to St. Vincent de Paul Administrative office on the first floor of Smith Hall (behind Mendenhall Auto). If you wish to make a monetary donation visit
www.svdpjuneau.org

See next page…15th Annual Market

St. Brendan's
Episcopal Church

Pancake Breakfast
9-11am



15th Annual HOLIDAY MARKET

December 5th
8:30am-3pm
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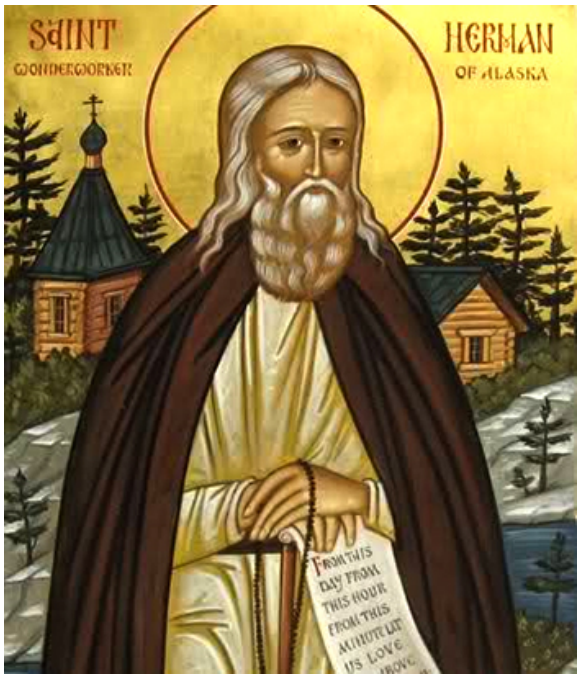
Proceeds benefit Ministries in our Community

HERMAN OF ALASKA, Missionary, 1837

Herman of Alaska, known in the Russian Orthodox Church as "St. Herman: Wonderworker of All America," was the first saint to be canonized by the Orthodox Church in America.

Herman was born in Russia, near Moscow, in 1756. His baptismal and family names are unknown, and he is known only by his monastic name. Naturally pious from an early age, Herman entered the Trinity-St. Sergius Hermitage near St. Petersburg at the age of 16 and, drawn to the spiritual charism of Abbot Nasarios, eventually transferred to the Valaam Monastery. He was never ordained, although his Metropolitan suggested it several times. For many years he secured permission to live as a hermit, attending the liturgies of the monastery only on holy days.

In 1793, with a small group of colleagues, Herman set out to do missionary work in Alaska. They settled on Spruce Island, near Kodiak, and named their community "New Valaam" in honor of their home monastery. Herman lived and worked in the area for the remainder of his life.



Herman advocated for and defended the native Aleut against sometimes-oppressive authorities, particular Russian and European colonists with commercial

interests. He cared lovingly and sacrificially for all who came to him, counseling and teaching them, and tirelessly nursing the sick. He especially loved children, for whom he often baked biscuits and cookies.

Even though Herman had minimal formal education outside of the monastic life, he was regarded among the native Alaskans as a great and compelling teacher. Over time he also developed a reputation as a teacher and sage among the Russian and European settlers in the area. He so captivated his listeners that many would listen to him through the long hours of the night and not leave his company until morning. The people he served often referred to Herman as their North Star.

Herman died at Spruce Island on November 15th, 1837.

Lesser Feasts and Fasts of the Episcopal Church 2024

On August 9, 1970, Bishops, Priests and faithful from the entire Orthodox world assembled at the Church of the Resurrection in Kodiak to witness the Glorification upon earth of St. Herman, the first Orthodox Saint of North America. His holy relics remain in that church to this day.

"Changes and Cuts Proposed to Block Grants included in the Episcopal Church Budget."

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska
Episcopal Diocese of Alaska E~News 11/13/2026

The Joint Budget Committee of the Episcopal Church has released the draft budget for the 2028-2030 Triennium. In addition to a completely overhauled format for the Episcopal Church Budget, the draft/proposed budget includes a 10% reduction in 2028 to the Block Grants--now listed as "Support to Aided Dioceses" with additional reductions to a total of 20% by 2030.

The proposed cuts are to the aggregate amount of the funds to Support Aided Dioceses (formerly the Block Grants). It is, therefore, not clear what Alaska's specific grant amount will be, only that the amount will be reduced by at least 20% by 2030.

Historically, the Block Grants from The Episcopal Church have represented 40-45% of our diocesan budget income.

In response to the proposed changes, Bishop Lattime shared these thoughts:

"I am always concerned that the traditional metrics of the Church: ASA(average Sunday attendance), new church plants, average pledge offering, numbers of baptisms and confirmations, etc, will be used to determine the value in supporting dioceses where ministry comes at higher costs or where a significant number of our faithful Episcopalians live in subsistence economic systems. In the context of Alaska, the cost of visiting a remote Alaska Native congregation is extraordinary, but I would never want the Church to even consider if it was worth the expense based on ASA or any other church metric. The lives, faith, witness and ministry of our Alaska Native, Native American and indigenous siblings should never be measured or reduced to budgetary values. We must always remember that church budgets are moral documents that witness to our faith and our walk in the way of the Gospel."

The Joint Budget Committee of the Episcopal Church will hold hearings on the proposed budget November 18 and December 8.