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-fourth Sunday after the Day of Pentecost

November 8, 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
Jo Schoeppe ~ Officiant
Musicians ~ Stephanie, Piano & Elena, Violin

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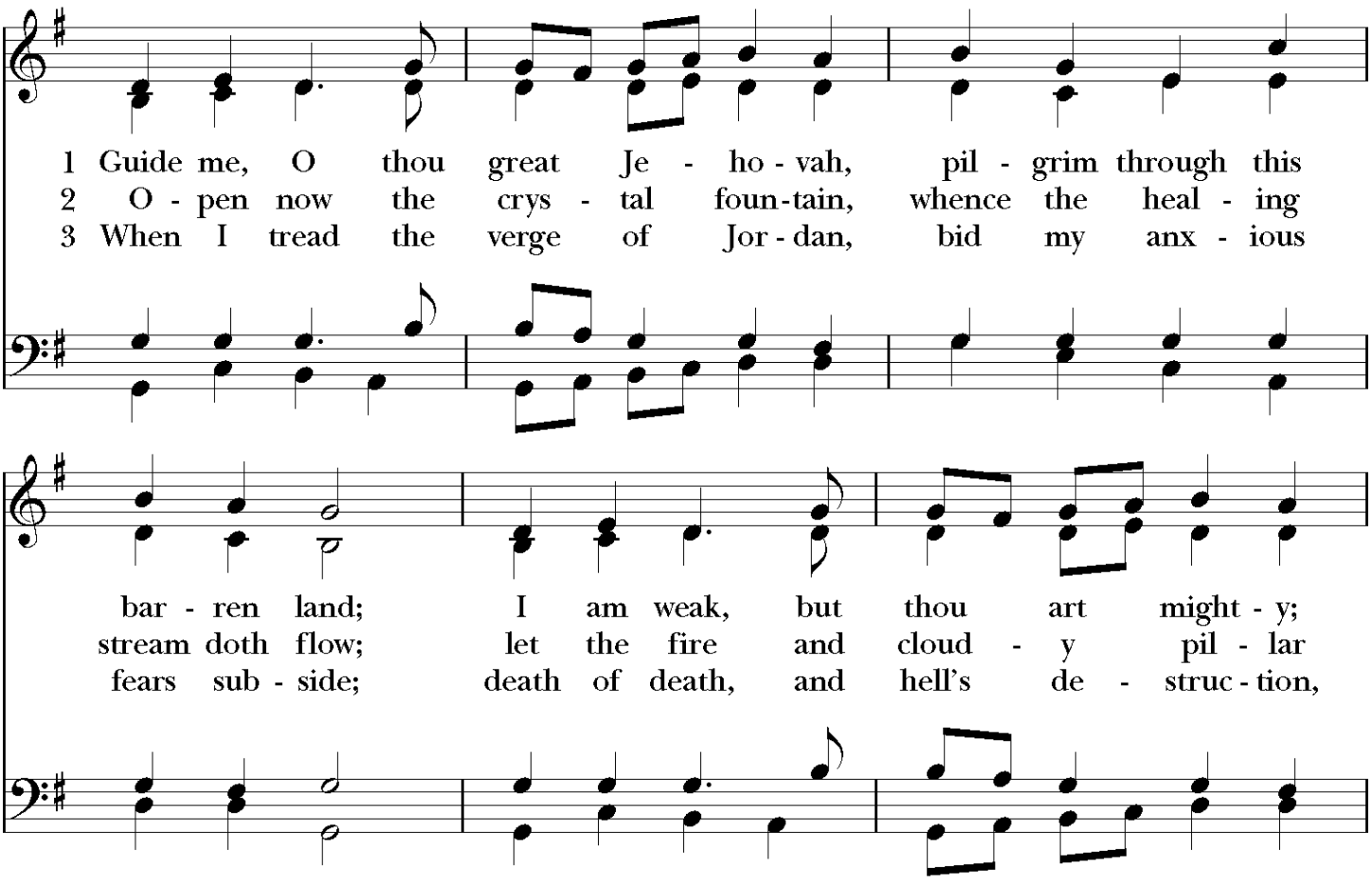
Liturgy of the Word

All stand as able and join in singing the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda,* John Hughes (1873-1932)

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

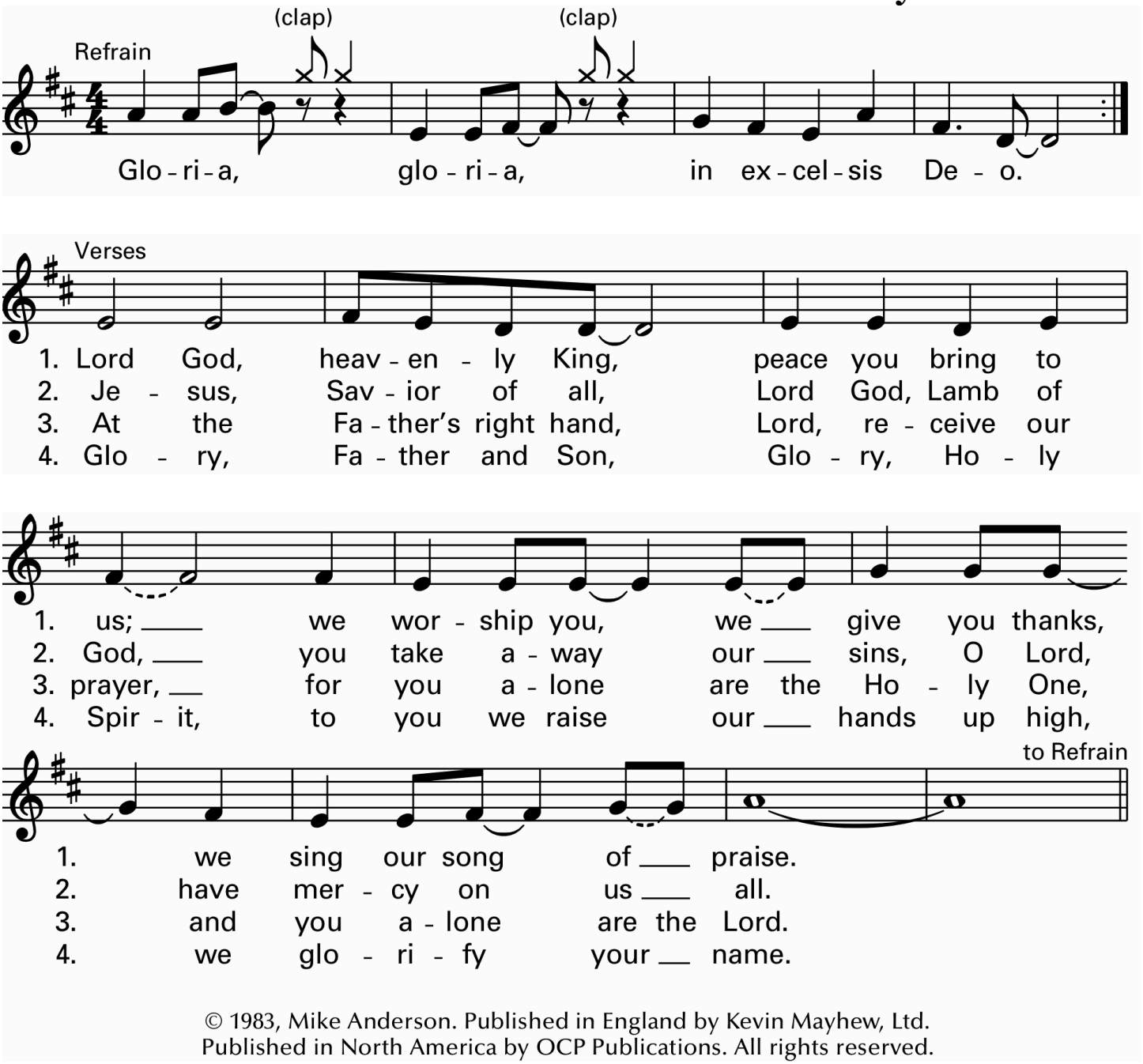
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Officiant says

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading *Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25* Ken Vaughan

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.' Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord,

for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 78:1-7 — Stephanie Hall

Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

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7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* Elena Levi

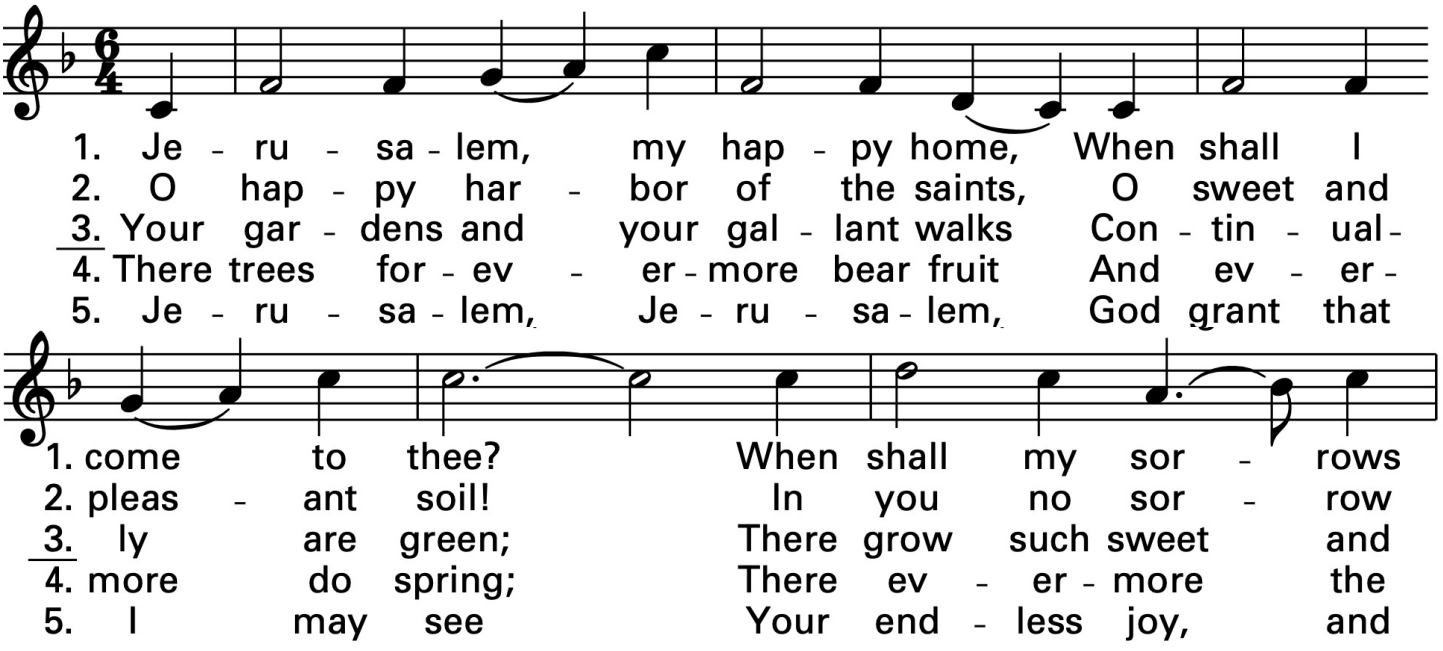
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

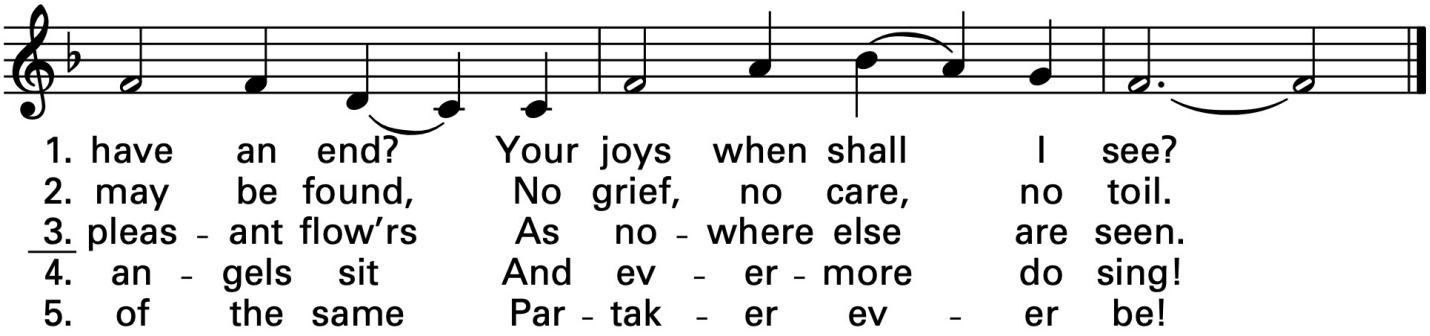
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sequence Hymn *Jerusalem My Happy Home* Hymnal 620

All stand as able.





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Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13** ***Jo Schoeppe***

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 like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon **Jo Schoeppe**

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 — Dave Muldoon

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* **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 Don Cowling*.
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.***

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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Today's loose offering will go to the Glory Hall.

If you haven't turned in a pledge card, it is not too late.
They are available in the entry.



Offertory Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence — Hymnal 324



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 & Dan Hall***

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.**

Announcements

People may be seated and announcements are now made.

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.

Please stand as able and join in singing the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates — Hymnal 436



Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
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 27: Sunday closest to November 9—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. Now, as we enter the last weeks of the Church year, the liturgy is focused on the "last things," and especially the return of Christ as Judge. The Gospel reading is the familiar parable of the wise and foolish maidens. The emphasis here is always to live in readiness for the Lord's return.

We are drawing near the end of our reading through the ancient story of God's people. The Israelites have now settled in the Promised Land. Joshua has called them together to renew the Covenant they made with God at Mount Sinai. This renewal recalls to them all the mighty acts God has done on their behalf from the time of Abraham to their own time.

The second reading continues the first letter to the Thessalonians. Some in that church, expecting the Lord to return in their lifetimes, have begun to doubt because some of the members have died. Paul assures these early Christians that those who die before the Lord's return will nonetheless be saved.

In our Eucharistic gathering, we are in a kind of rehearsal for life in the Day of Judgment. We find in our prayer the model for the commitment to ministry and social justice, which gives heart and soul to our worship; and in communion, we meet the Lord as judge and as Savior.

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H 620 - Music: Harmony, Copyright © 1938 by J. Fischer & Bro, a division of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Copyright renewed. Used with permission. All rights reserved. **Gloria (Clap, clap, clap Gloria)** Type: Music; First Line: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo Language: English Contributors: Mike AndersonTune: © 1983, Kevin Mayhew **Jerusalem My Happy Home** Type: Words and Music; First Line: Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee Language: English Text: CM; F. B. P., London, ca. 16th cent., alt. Music: Trad. American melody. Contributors: LAND OF REST ***Reprinted & Streamed with permission under OneLicenseA-721147. All rights reserved.***

Serving Schedule ~ November 1 – November 29, 2026

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dan Hall
1st Reading	Elena Levi	Ken Vaughan	Sean Murphree	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe
Psalm	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Rob Smith
2nd Reading	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Jo Schoeppe	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall
Gospel	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Prayers of the People	Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi
Chalice Bearer	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith	Dan Hall & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith
Worship Leader	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play
Coffee Hour	All Saints Potluck	Paulina & Andrew	?	Bailey	?
Ushers	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Dave Muldoon	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba	Jeff & Carol Fujioka

"Let Your Light So Shine"

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"The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet" Matthew 25:8-10

As my children used to say when they were younger: "You snooze, you lose." Although in the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids (also 'Virgins') it wasn't sleeping that made half of them miss the Bridegroom's arrival, it was the fact that the foolish ones left to go purchase oil for their lamps. They weren't around when the Bridegroom arrived, they were off on a fool's errand.

Now I know that many faithful people have understood this parable to be a rebuke of foolish people who don't have enough of the Holy Spirit (oil) or who are not prepared for the coming of Christ and, therefore, are not 'saved.' You snooze, you lose. It's their own fault those foolish bridesmaids missed the arrival of the Bridegroom.

It seems to me, however, that the foolish act was to listen to the "wise" bridesmaids and leave (in the dark?) to go and attempt to purchase oil. What if the "foolish" had stayed in the light of the other five? One imagines the shame they may have felt failing to bring enough oil. Foolish, yes, but what if they had stayed there with the others--the wise? What if they had stayed; feeling ashamed, unworthy and a failure, standing on the edge of the light coming from the other's lamps, but hoping in their darkness for the forgiveness and mercy of the bridegroom--the Lord of Light? Those "foolish" bridesmaids would have been there to greet him and to stand in the radiance of his good news.

That doesn't seem foolish to me

Last Sunday we were reminded that it is Christ who makes Saints--it is Christ alone who hallows the wise and the foolish. There is no Saint who would say they earned their holy status. Instead, a saint would likely say that they were living for and with Christ and trusting only in His love, mercy, and grace. Saints are fools for Christ (see I Corinthians 4). To be wise, as I see it, is to bear the light of Christ, to bring others to stand in the light of Christ, to share the light of Christ even with fools.

I know what I've written doesn't seem to fit the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids or a more traditional interpretation of its meaning. I understand that human hearts sometimes want us to say: "you snooze, you lose." Perhaps I'm being foolish. *"But you are the light of the world--like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and then puts under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds glorify your Father in heaven [and come to see and know the Bridegroom of life and light: Jesus Christ our Lord].*" (see Matthew 5:14-16)

It is the wise thing to do.

Please Remember these Ministries

AWARE
Works to prevent violence and support people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence.

AWARE is in need of travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size or full size body wash, women's only deodorant, full size bath towels, any brand liquid only laundry soap and 13 gallon white trash bags.

BARTLETT HOUSE
Bartlett Regional Hospital serves patients from all parts of Southeast Alaska. Some patients and their families have to travel considerable distances for treatment. It's a convenient, low-cost lodging alternative for families of out-or-town patients. Bartlett House is situated on the Bartlett Regional Hospital campus, mere steps away from the emergency department and cafeteria.

Bartlett House can use individual packages of snacks, cup of soup, nuts or trail mix, single serve cheese and crackers, 2 pack cookies, snack pudding, and oatmeal packets.

Also, Remember that items for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank can be brought with you on Sundays. Look for the "FOOD BANK" basket at the back of the church.