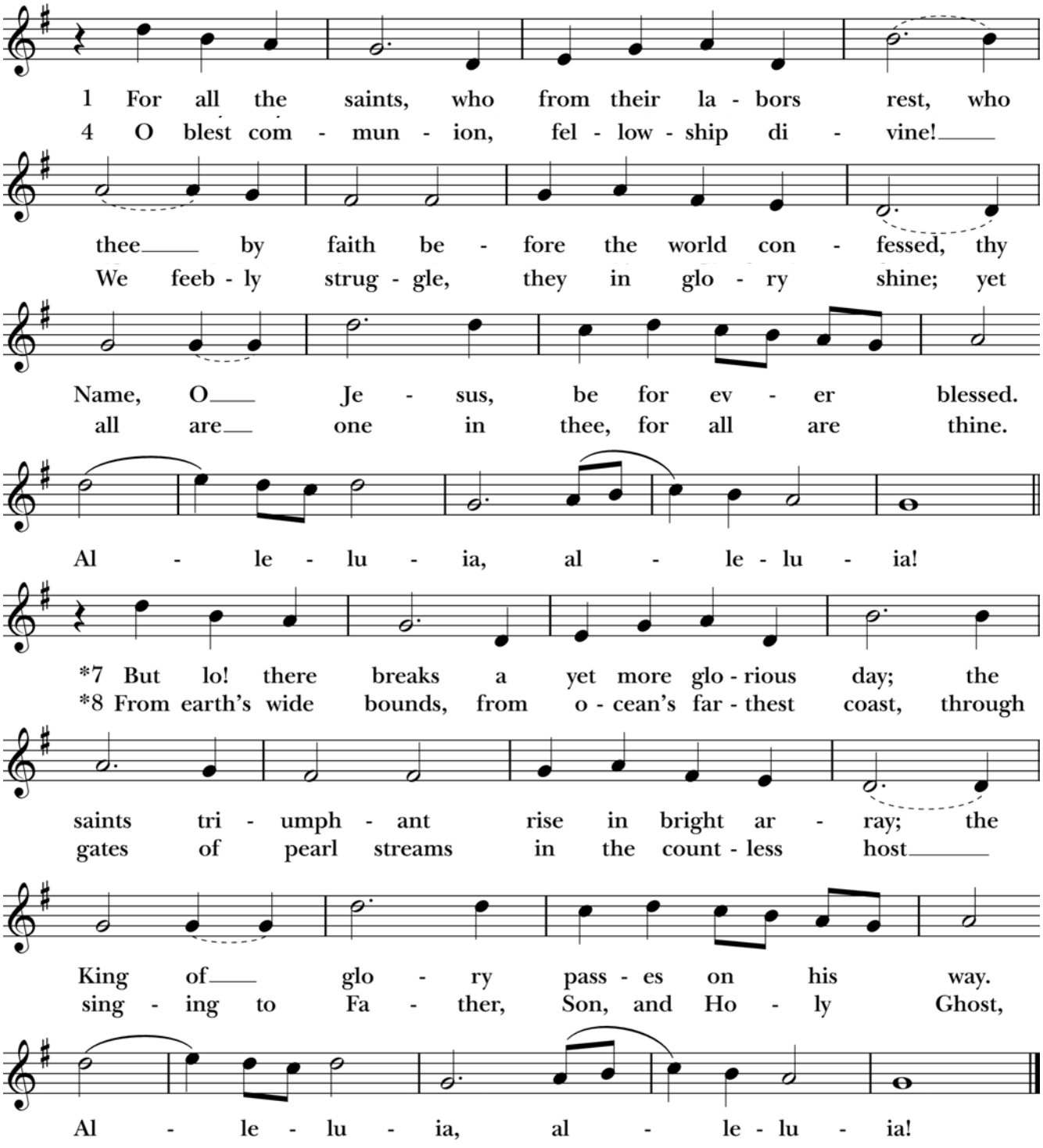
All Saints' Day

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: For All the Saints *The Hymnal 1982 #287 vs. 1,4,7,8*

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

A Litany for All Saints Day

Presiders and Deacon(s)
O God: Source of all being; Advocate and Redeemer; Holy Spirit; one holy and undivided Trinity:
Stand here beside us!

By the creation of the first humans from the dust of the ground, their forming in your holy image, and inspiration with your sacred breath,
Stand here beside us!

By the calling forth of Noah and his family, the gathering of earth's creatures, and the gift of your covenant as a bow in the sky,
Stand here beside us!

By the blessing and sending of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel, Joseph, and all our shared ancestors in faith,
Stand here beside us!

By the call of Moses at the burning bush, the liberation of the Israelites from Pharaoh's oppressive hand, and the rending of the Red Sea,
Stand here beside us!

By the establishment of the holy city of Jerusalem, your Temple, and the monarchs who struggled for your glory,
Stand here beside us!

By the courage of your holy prophets and all those who called your people to faithfulness and justice,
Stand here beside us!

By the Annunciation to Mary by the Angel Gabriel, the visitation to Elizabeth, and the Incarnation of the Word,
Stand here beside us!

By John of the wilderness, and who baptized Jesus in Jordan's waters,
Stand here beside us!

By Peter, James, John and all the disciples, their journey into faith and discipleship,
Stand here beside us!

By the witness and proclamation of the resurrection by Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna, and Salome,
Stand here beside us!

By Mary and Martha of Bethany and their brother Lazarus, who sought, served, and cried out in the midst of death,
Stand here beside us!

By the Canaanite woman, who persisted in the face of denial and procured healing from Jesus for her daughter,
Stand here beside us!

By the sacred stories of your evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Stand here beside us!

By the blinding light sent to Paul, his ministry to the Gentiles, and the bringing of Christ's Good News to all,
Stand here beside us!

By Anthony of Egypt, Benedict of Nursia, Clare and Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Sienna, Kateri Tekakwitha and all who have called your people to live lives of holiness and prayer,
Stand here beside us!

By the Cappadocian siblings Gregory, Macrina, and Basil and Gregory Nazianzen; by Augustine and Monica of Hippo; Hildegard of Bingen, Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, and all theologians who invite us into a faith that seeks understanding,
Stand here beside us!

By Augustine of Canterbury, Patrick of Ireland, Brigid of Kildare, Aidan and Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Hilda of Whitby, Julian of Norwich and all who shined the Gospel light into the British Isles,
Stand here beside us!

By Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, Elizabeth Tudor, Ignatius of Loyola, John and Charles Wesley, and all leaders and theologians who renewed and reformed your church:
Stand here beside us!

By Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero, Dolores Huerta, Hiram Hisanori Kano, Pauli Murray and all who lived lives of integrity, inspiration and truth,
Stand here beside us!

By John Lewis, Jonathan Daniels, Vida Scudder, Paul Washington, Elijah Cummings, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and all stalwart champions in the on-going struggle to demand respect for the dignity and worth of every human being,
Stand here beside us!

By John Ross/Tsan-Usdi, Peregrian Pinos, Dario Marine, Grandfather Black Elk, Chief Bigfoot, and all indigenous leaders who have upheld the dignity and traditions of their people in the face of colonialist atrocities,
Stand here beside us!

By Oscar Grant, Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Elijah McClain, Walter Wallace, Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright, and all whose lives have borne deep witness that Black Lives Matter,
Stand here beside us!

By Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Harvey Milk, Harry Hay, Leslie Feinberg, Gilbert Baker, Aimee Stephens, Monica Roberts, and all who have fought for LGBTQIA+ justice and shined lights of hope,
Stand here beside us!

By Matthew Shepard, Brandon Tina, Chanelle Pickett, Rita Hester, Gwen Araujo, Kassim Omar, Michelle Henry, and all LGBTQIA+ people whose authentic lives and sudden loss cry out against transphobia, queerphobia, and all manner of hatred,
Stand here beside us!

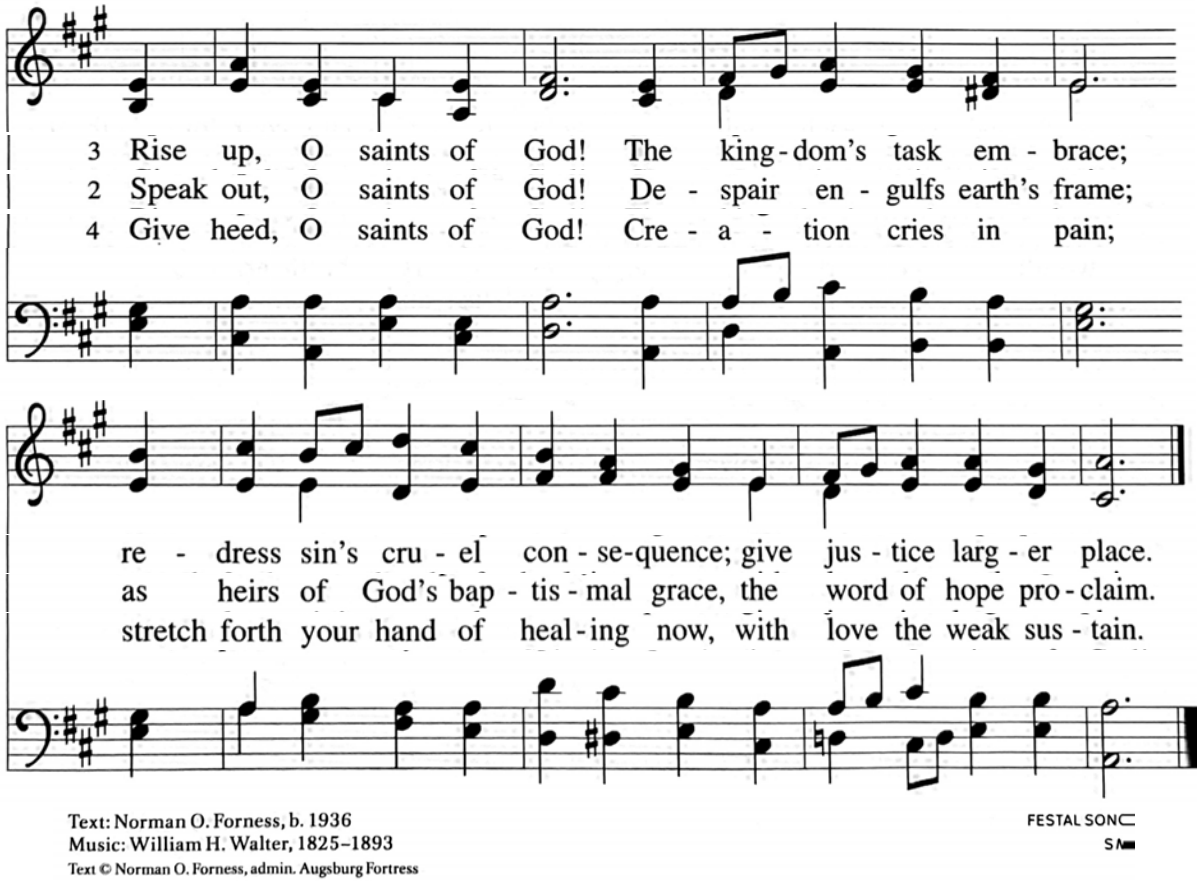
By Barbara Harris, Sam Hulsey, Robert Shahan, Delano Ellis, William A. Thompson, Andrew Fairfield and all leaders of every church who have preached the gospel and have called God's children to live in communion with one another,
Stand here beside us!

By Phyllis Edwards, the Philadelphia Eleven, the Washington Four and all who opened pathways of ministry to women and people of all genders.
Stand here beside us!

By the power of the Paschal Mystery, we pray for all whom we love but see no longer, that they may rest in peace and perpetual light until we all are reunited to each other and you. All who have gone before us,

Stand here beside us!

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Hymn of Praise: Rise Up, O Saints of God *Evangelical Lutheran Worship #669, vs. 3, 2, 4*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider 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 Savior: 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 Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from 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."

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

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

The Deacon or Presider introduces the Psalm and reads the Antiphon. All join in reading the bolded text.

Antiphon Those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

1 I will bless our God at all times;* your praise shall ever be in my mouth.

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

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;* let us exalt God's Name together.

4 I sought you, O God, and you answered me* you delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant,* and let not your faces be ashamed.

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

7 Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,* and you will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Holy One is good;* happy are they who trust in God!

9 Fear the Holy One, you that are God's saints,* for those who fear God lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek our God lack nothing that is good.

22 You ransom the life of your servants,* and none will be punished who trust in you.

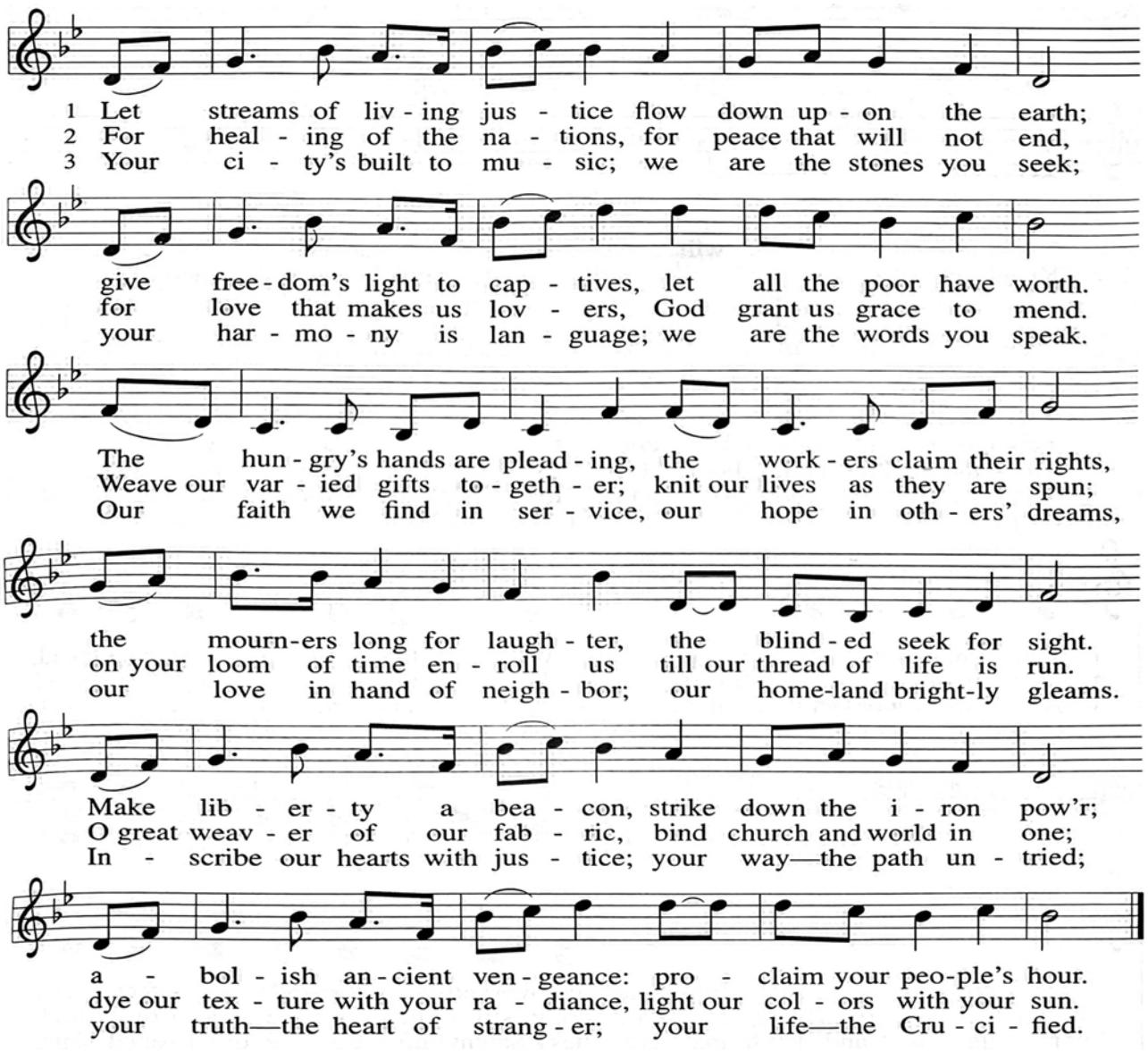
Antiphon Those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from 1 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.

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

Hymn Let Streams of Living Justice *Evangelical Lutheran Worship #710*

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The Gospel

Deacon or Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12).
People ***Glory to you, O 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."

Deacon or Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People ***Praise to you, O Christ***

The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Partridge

Silence *After the sermon, a bell will sound to mark a brief period of silence. The bell will sound a second time to mark the conclusion of this time.*

The Nicene Creed

Deacon, Seminarian, or Presider Together, let us join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Confession

Deacon or Presider Let us confess our sins against God and God's Creation.

A space of silence is kept.

All ***Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.***

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

Deacon At this time I invite you to come forward and place a photo or memento of a loved one on the table in front of the altar.

After the people have returned to their seats, the Deacon continues,

I invite your prayer for all who have died since our last observance of All Saints and All Souls, remembering especially Marilyn Joyce Thomte, Father John Shozawa, Alton Woo, Virginia Procter, Kathy Randlett, Michelle Henry, Marybeth Wallace, Doug Yorke, Cleo Fry, David Jamieson, Kay Wells, Barbara Purcell, Hazel Perkins, Mike Isaacs and from the St. Cyprian's community for Norma Planizcka., and other beloveds we name either silently or aloud.

After the people have shared the names, the Presider continues with the Peace.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

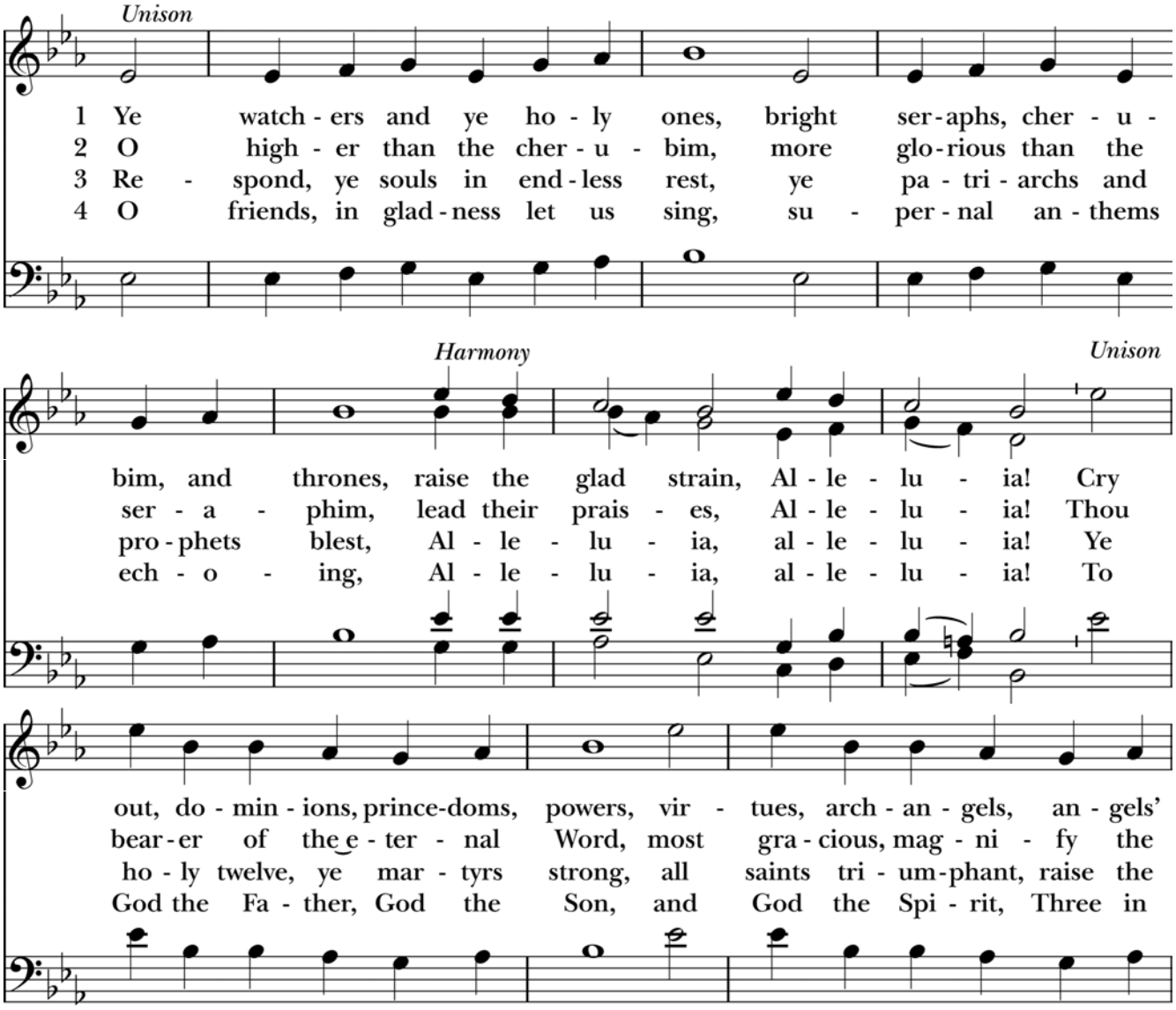
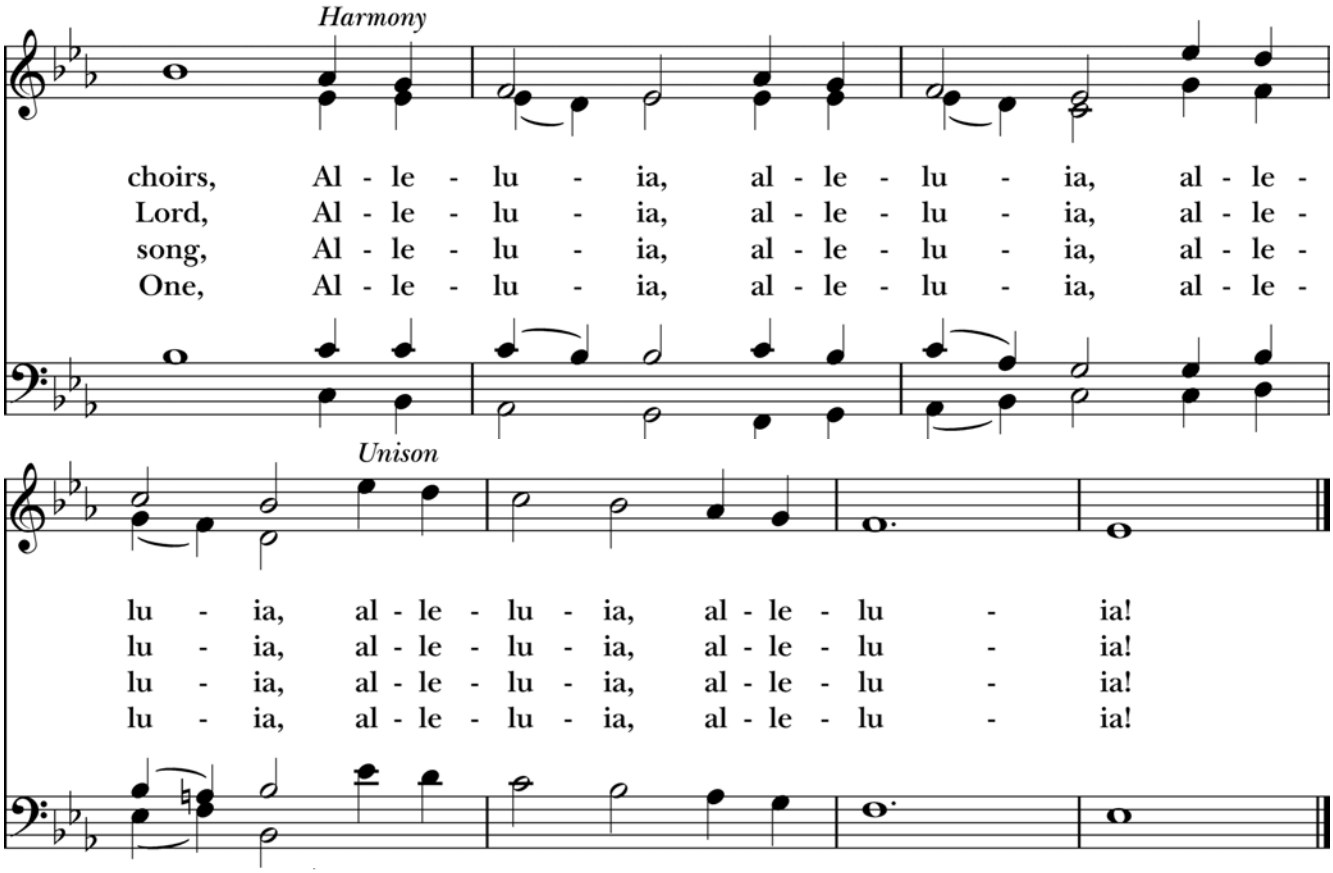
You are invited to share a sign of peace or if you are on Zoom, unmute and greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Stewardship Reflection Katherine Bertaut

Offertory Prayer

Presider O God, may we cling wholeheartedly to you: whose tender touch and kindness, whose ever fresh remembrance and fragrance, whose radiant visage and clarity continually shares heavenly joy with us and with all the citizens of the heavenly city. ***Amen***.

Offertory: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *The Hymnal 1982 #618*

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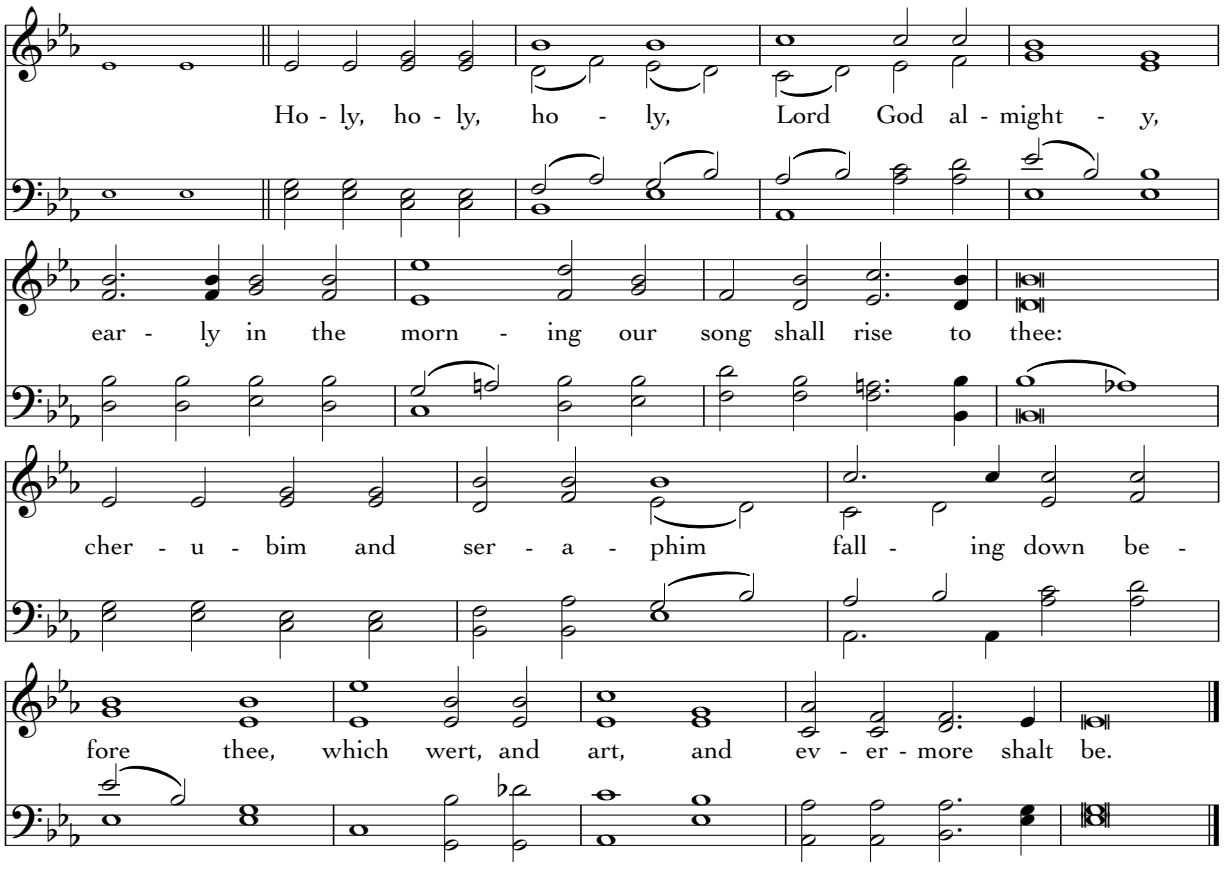
The Deacon, Seminarian, or Presider sets the table

The Liturgy of the Table

Presider God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to God.***
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Aidan and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***AMEN***.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon or Presider As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,
All ***Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,***
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Mother, Father, Parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Presider breaks the bread and says,

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
People ***Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.***

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the Presider invites the people, saying

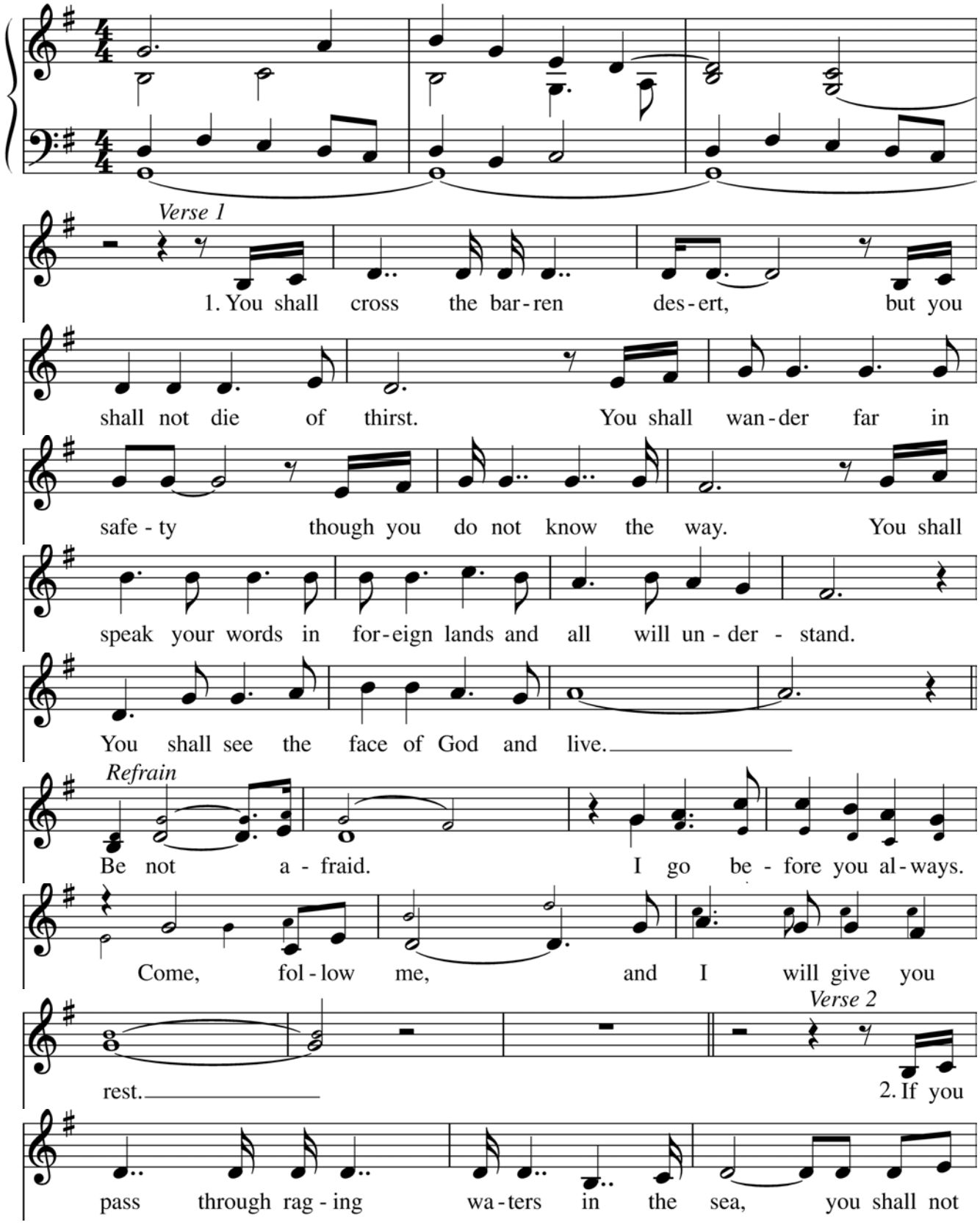
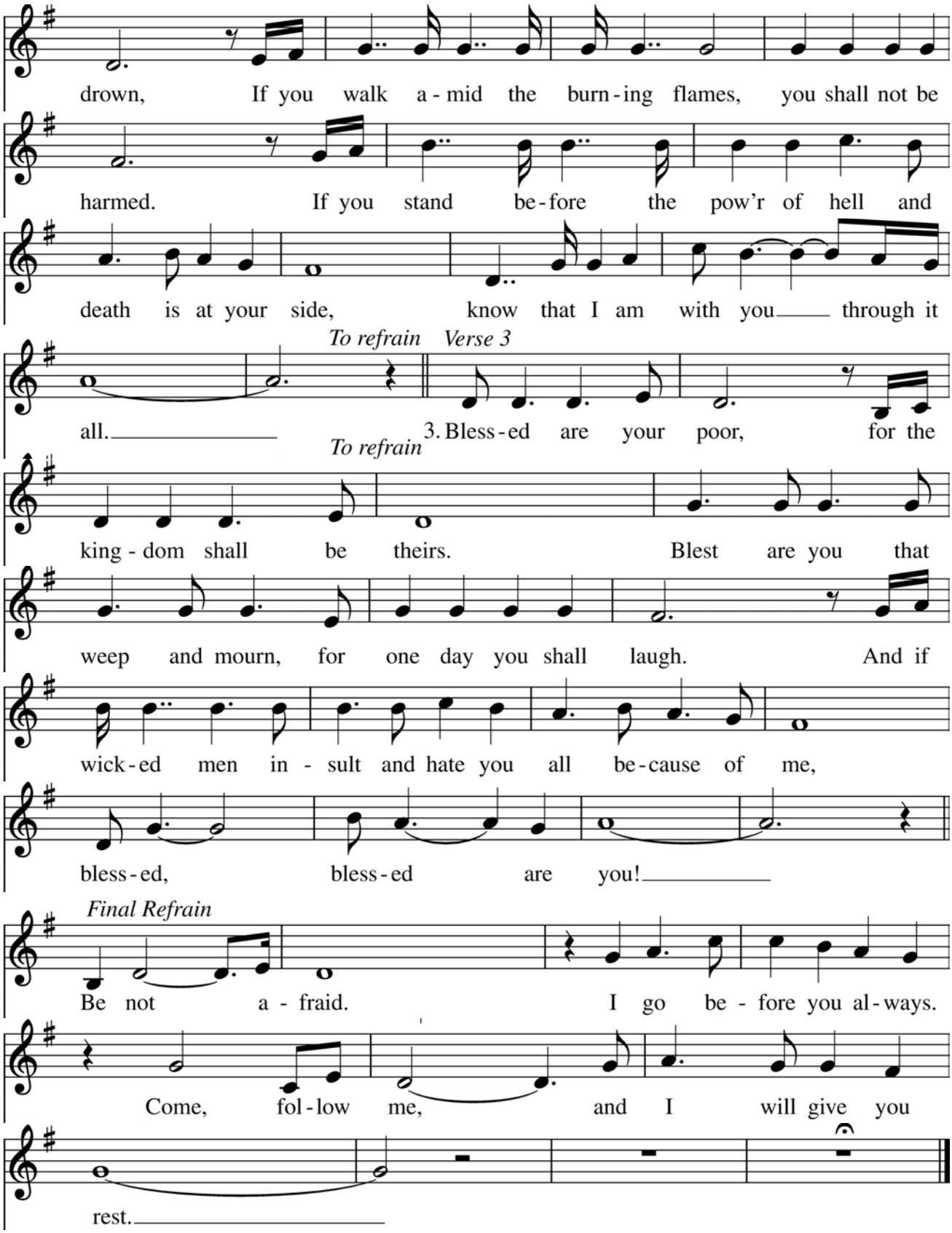
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

This Altar belongs to God and all are welcome to partake, wherever you are on your journey of faith.
If you choose to not receive the bread and/or wine, you are also welcome to receive a blessing;
simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven; The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

During Communion, those present via Zoom are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion that we have shared together throughout the pandemic:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body. Amen.

Communion: Be Not Afraid *Wonder, Love, and Praise #811*

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Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All ***Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Healing Prayer

The people are invited to share a request for healing prayer.
You may make a request for yourself or on behalf of another. The Presider then offers a prayer.

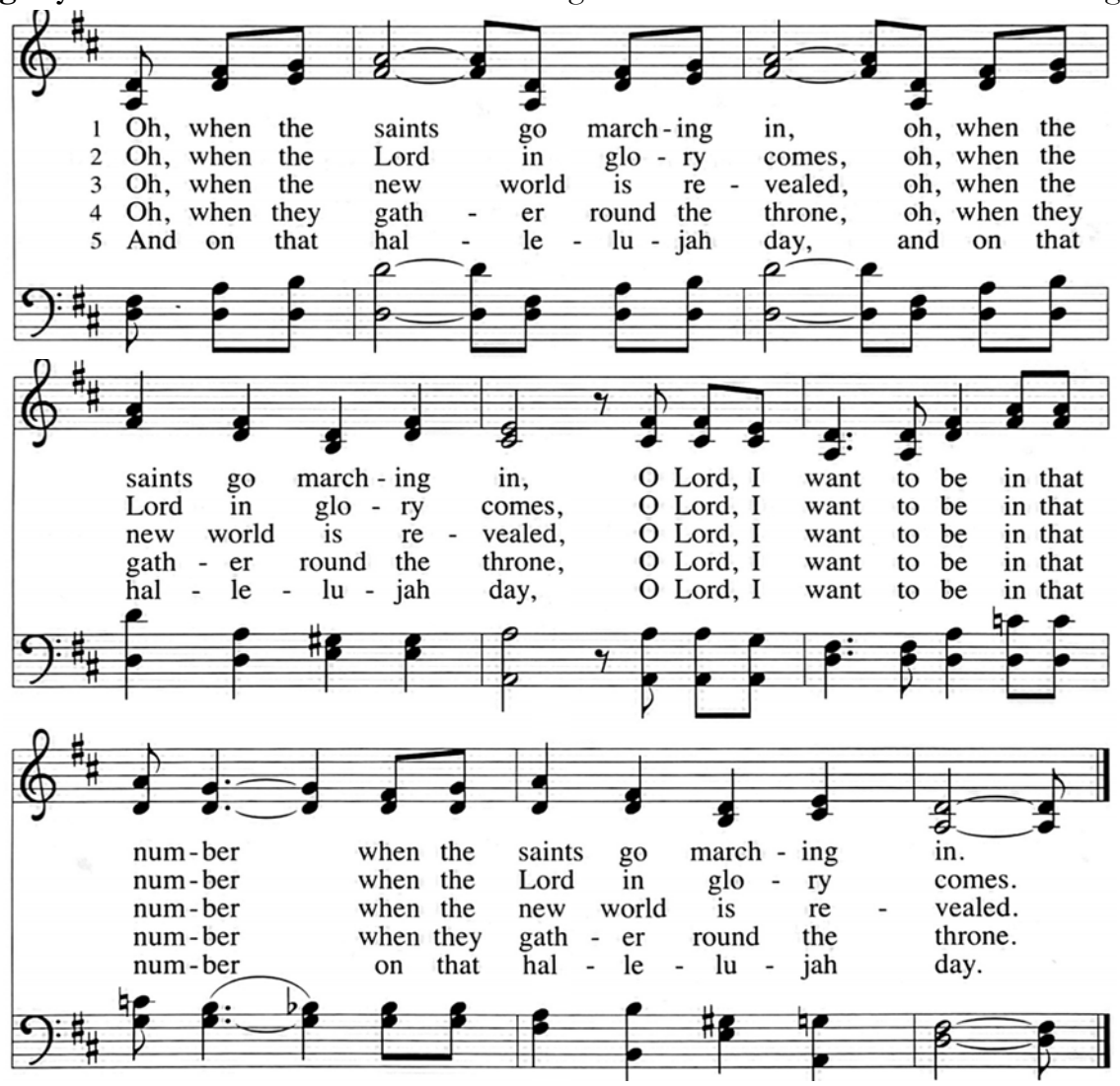
Election Prayer

Blessing

Presider

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, always walks with you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn: O When the Saints Go Marching In *All Creation Sings #950*



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The Dismissal

Deacon or Presider Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People ***Thanks be to God!***

SOURCES

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Peter Fairfield*, Prayers of the People*
Dave Frangquist*, Eucharistic Minister*
Janice Tickner Leonard, *Altar Guild*
Paul Nocero, *Sound / Zoom*
Barbara Stevenson, *Bread Baker*
CoCo Lin, *Child Care*

Announcements

Today! 1 November 2026, Shortly after the end of the 10 am Service

Guest Speakers: Reina Gaines & Day of Death Volunteer
End of Life Choices, California

A Closer Look at Medical Aid-In-Dying in California
On Sunday, 1 November the St. Aidan's End of Life Ministry (ELM) will be sponsoring another conversation in our series on Life Care Planning.

Over the last several years, the ELM team has sponsored several sessions about how one can influence the health care that they would like to receive as life is nearing an end. We've talked about advance directives, the types of life support and life sustaining options; their uses, key questions to ask, and disadvantages and advantages of use. Most recently we discussed Hospice and Palliative care as well as the End-of-Life Option that allows one, meeting certain criteria, to end their life – know in California as Medical Aid in Dying.

This session will be a more intimate discussion not only about the End of Life Option, the law but about the experience of someone who has accompanied those who have chosen this option.

As with our other programs, we'll be providing information so people can exercise their agency to make an informed decision.

We'll provide a light lunch. Please attend, in person or on ZOOM, to be curious and to learn.

Poetry for Advent: A Formation Series

"The Holy Ghost over the bent world broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings." So concludes "God's Grandeur" by the English Jesuit poet Gerard Manely Hopkins. Whether you read poetry frequently, or barely at all, come join us this Advent for a five-week series in which we'll read poetry together. We'll read poets such as John Donne, T.S. Elliot, Mary Oliver, Janet Morely, Jay Hulme, Rachel Mann, Padraig O'Tuama, Malcolm Guite, and W. H. Auden. In one of our sessions, we'll even be joined by a guest poet, the Rev. Dr. Regina Walton, the poetry editor for the Anglican Theological Review!

We'll meet five Wednesday on Zoom from 7-8 PM, just after Evening Prayer:

November 11 & 18, [skipping November 25], and December 2, 9, & 16.

If you need the Evening Prayer Zoom link, please reach out to Cary at office@staidansf.org.

Queer Chorus of San Francisco Presents "Queer as Folk Music"

Queer as Folk Music weaves together the music of queer singer-songwriters with folk and country genres to celebrate songs that tell the stories that the history books leave behind: songs of migration and belonging, resistance and resilience, love and loss.

Music by Dolly Parton, Joy Oladokun, Allison Russell, Brandi Carlile, Dunkan Skeik, and many others.
Friday November 6 at 7:30 PM.
Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez Street
For Tickets:https://tickets.chorusconnection.com/qcsf/events/1933

Men's Group: Saturday, November 7, 9-10:30 am, via Zoom. We will connect for prayer, study, and fellowship. All men are cordially invited. If you haven't received connection information by November 5, contact Dave Frangquist (frangquist@acm.org).

Our St. Aidan's Women's Spirituality Group will meet via zoom Saturday November 7th at 10:15. As before, we will have time for both checking in and personal sharing as well as time for spiritual growth. We are certainly open to formats and approaches such as reflections on a poem, scripture, narrative passage or another focus for our growth. We want our group to meet the needs and desires of those who participate. If you want to join us, and we hope you will, please contact Elaine Mannon at elaine@mannon.com to get the information for signing into our meeting.

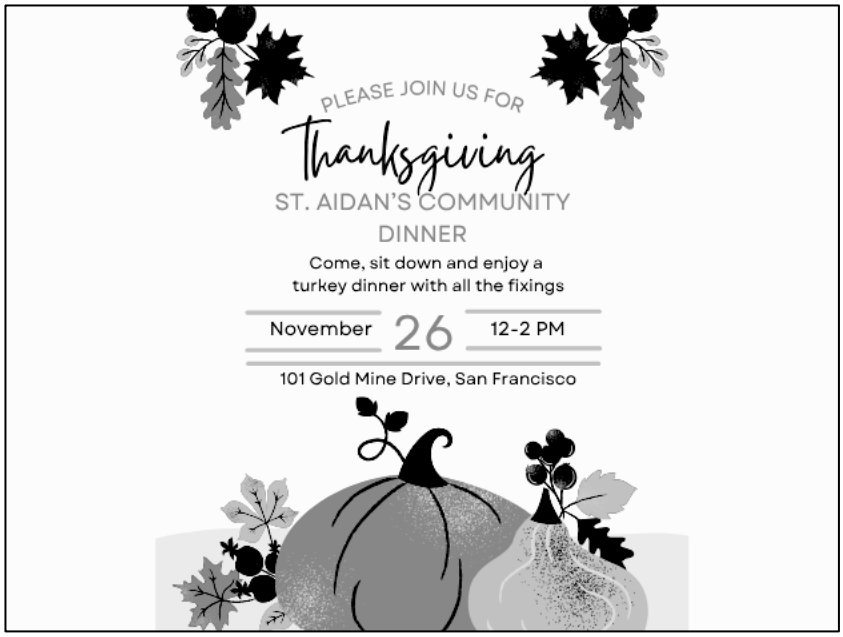
Good News Gardening – Coming up Saturday, November 14th!
We'll continue with the second Saturday of the month at our usual 12:30-2 pm time and our next dates will be Nov 14, Dec. 12, etc. Please reach out to Margaret at mdyerc@stanford.edu with any questions.

AAPI Commission Eucharist - Saturday November 14th, 3:00-5:00 PM, Holy Child and St. Martin, 777 Southgate Avenue in Daly City.
Join our kickoff gathering where we'll come together for Eucharist, food, and fellowship!

Whether you worship in a historic AAHPI+ congregation or are discovering the intersection of faith and identity, this community is for you.

Friends, family, and allies are welcome.

Contact info and RSVP here!



San Francisco Deanery Pilgrimage - Join a walk in our San Francisco Deanery!
Solvitur ambulando – It is solved by walking. Saint Augustine of Hippo's words attest to the revelatory experience of being in motion. SF Deanery Pilgrimages offer opportunities to reengage this ancient wisdom in community. Join walkers beginning this fall on a faithful pathway through San Francisco's Episcopal churches and live into Saint Augustine's maxim.

At a time of social instability and separation, the ancient practice of pilgrimage can bring us together with opportunities for personal reflection and group discernment toward the healing we seek and the thriving God desires for us.

Four quarterly walks over the year are planned. Join one, part, or all of them. On each pilgrimage, a morning's walk brings walkers to one of four parish regions around the city. By the fourth walk, pilgrims will have had the opportunity to visit all the Episcopal congregations of San Francisco and will be welcomed and blessed at our diocesan cathedral.

The four Saturday walks (9 am to approximately 1 pm) are:

- ~~**October 10, 2026: Central Parishes [Episcopal Friary of St. Francis, St. John's in the Mission, St. Gregory of Nyssa, Church of the Advent of Christ the King, and All Saints]**~~
- **December 12, 2026: Northwestern Parishes**
- February 13, 2027: Southwestern Parishes
- April 17, 2027: Northeastern Parishes

Sign up and explore maps of the routes here: https://gracecathedral.org/sf-deanery-pilgrimages/

More Opportunities for Solidarity with Immigrants
Several local organizations offer opportunities to stand with immigrants facing Trump administration attacks.

Faith in Action(www.faithinactionba.org**):** Local branch of a national community-organizing group anchored in faith communities around the country. In the Bay Area they focus on housing and immigration. Opportunities include:

- **Immigration Court.** Accompany immigrants to their court hearings. You'll need at least conversational Spanish, and you'll be trained before you get started. For more information and the sign-up link: www.faithinactionba.org/accompaniment.
- **Rapid Response Network (203) 666-4472:** Faith in Action operates the San Mateo County Rapid Response phone network, providing information for immigrants and their supporters in the whole Bay Area, not just San Mateo. Call the number:
    - If you or a loved one has been detained by ICE
    - If you learn that someone has been detained by immigration enforcement
    - If you see ICE activity in the community
    - If you need accompaniment at an ICE Check-In or court appearance
    - If you need support filling out your asylum paperwork within the first year of entering the country
    - If you think immigration enforcement is contacting you by phone call or text message

Immigration court demonstrations and vigils: Several groups maintain a presence outside the immigration court at 100 Montgomery in downtown SF. Here are a couple:

- **Interfaith Court Vigil (**www.im4humanintegrity.org/category/events**/):** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. Sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Click here to sign up: bit.ly/CourtVigilVolunteer**.**
- **Tuesday and Friday demonstrations:** Loosely organized, pretty confrontative demonstrations, called by Democratic Socialists of America and others.

Immigration Court Observers: The National Lawyers Guild trains non-lawyers to participate in observing and documenting what happens in immigration courts in S.F. Click here for more information: nlgsf.org/programs-committees/nlg-sfba-programs/immigration-justice-program/

Comprehensive action calendar: (www.actiontogetherwest.org/bayarea**)** A project that grew out of the 2016 Pantsuits Nation group, this is a very well-maintained and up-to-date calendar of resistance activities in the Bay Area.

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Club
We resume meeting via zoom with LeeAnn DeSalles serving as our zoom master. She has set up a zoom link that will serve for all our meetings. If you would like help with zoom, please contact LeeAnn at leeanndesalles@comcast.net. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com

- **Monday, November 30, 2026 7:00 p.m.**
    - ***Theo of Golden*** - by Allen Levi
      A story of the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. (399 pages)

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday from 8-9 AM via Zoom
We offer Contemplative prayer via Zoom. Contemplative Prayer is silent with the beginning and ending marked by a bell. You can practice meditation, silent prayer, journal, or otherwise enjoy the collective quiet. Thank you to Susan Spencer for anchoring this practice. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed, Fri at 7:30 AM
We offer Morning Prayer in hybrid mode (at church and via Zoom) on Mondays and Wednesday, and on Fridays via Zoom only. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom
We offer Evening Prayer via Zoom. Readings for the day are from the Episcopal Church's daily lectionary or calendar of saints, and the service includes a brief reflection time on the readings. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org

Mask Policy: We respect the preference of anyone who feels safer by masking. We continue to monitor public health advisories and may modify our mask policy, as appropriate. Please pray for the health and safety of all our members and friends as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

To add an announcement to the weekly bulletin of the Flame, please send your edited text no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@staidansf.org

St. Aidan's Vestry

Susan Spencer, *Senior Warden*;
Roya Rettberg, *Junior Warden*
Dave Frangquist, *Treasurer*;
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Calendar for the Week of November 1, 2026

Sunday, November 1	Holy Eucharist, 8 AM (In-Person) & 10 AM (Hybrid) ELM Presentation, 11:30 AM
Monday, November 2	Morning Prayer (Hybrid), 7:30 AM
Tuesday, November 3	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom), 8 AM Election Day
Wednesday, November 4	Morning Prayer (Hybrid), 7:30 AM Diamond Diners, 12 PM Evening Prayer (via Zoom), 7 PM
Thursday, November 5	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom), 8 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom), 3 PM
Friday, November 6	Morning Prayer (via Zoom), 7:30 AM Food Pantry, 1 PM
Saturday, November 7	Men's Group (via Zoom), 9 AM Women's Spirituality Group (via Zoom), 10:15 AM

St. Aidan's Prayers

In Your Prayers, Please Remember:

In acknowledgment that St. Aidan's is located within the unceded ancestral land of the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people, with gratitude for their ongoing relationship with this holy place.

In the Episcopal Church: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, President of the House of Deputies, and for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for All Saints', San Leandro; All Saints', San Francisco; and All Souls, Berkeley.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Choir.

For those with birthdays this week: Samuel.

For all striving for mental and emotional balance and wholeness, and for their families and friends.

For those who have asked for our prayers: André E., Ann C., ;Bill W., Carol-Ann, Charles, Chuck L., Cindi G., Dave P., Debbie C., Denise, Emily, Felicia F., Garry M., George C., Harry P., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jelly J., Jenny M., Jill, Jim F., Jim O., Jodi F., Joe, Joelle, John, Judy B., Julie A., Ken E., Lucinda G., Lyle B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Mercedes, Michaela, Milo R., Mina Marie, Patricia, Patty, Peter G., Ping, Rocky V. and Ruth S., Ron B., Stephanie M., Steve E., Tawanda, Tony F., Tony L., Vicky, Zakaria E.

For our ongoing work against intersecting forms of oppression, particularly racism and transphobia, and in affirmation of human dignity.

For our work in the world in our daily lives and for the ministries of the Friday Food Pantry and Diamond Diners.

For our congregation as we embrace our call to practice sanctuary: may we commit ourselves to prayer, education, and support for immigrants to this country and for all who are estranged, excluded, or threatened in 21st century America. We pray in thanksgiving for the numerous gifts our refugee and immigrant siblings have brought, and continue to bring, to this country.

For all who are struggling in this time of intensified injustice and polarization in our country and around the world: for strengthened relationships and deepened commitment to our common life and the well-being of our planet.

For those who have recently died: Sharon Martinas, Pat Kleinberg, Chandru Murthi, Jessica Stevenson, Carol Bertaut, Kate Murphy, Anna Yang, Marilyn Whitcher, Albert Tam, The Rev. Jan Cazden, Emily Hopkins, & Thales, Vanessa and Augusto Ushizima.

To place a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office at 415-285-9540, ext. 3 or office@staidansf.org. Names of the living are printed by first name and will be kept on the prayer list for four weeks. To keep someone on the list for longer, please notify the office.

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Plenty Good Room

Making Room for Plenty Good Harvest

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine.

After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest. TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?

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