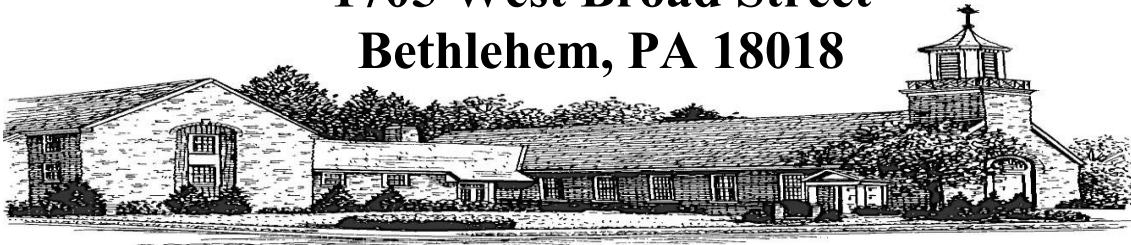
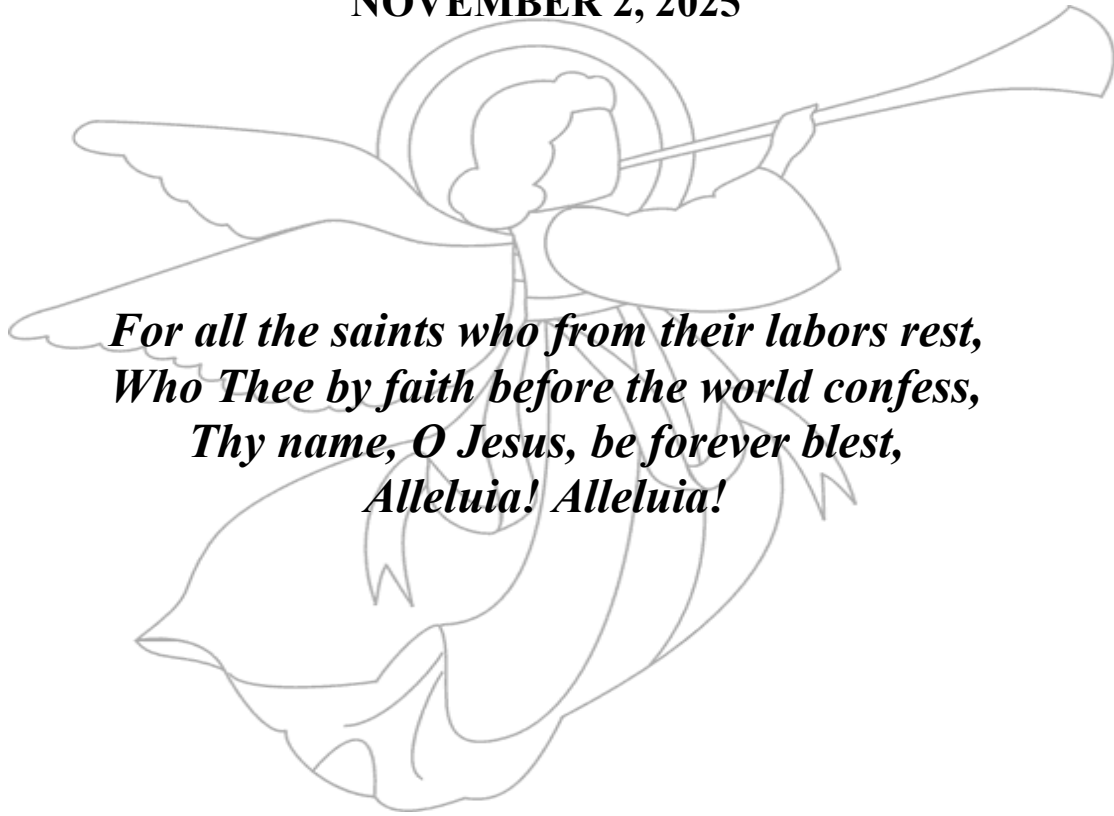


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT
1705 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018**



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2025**



*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Helga Rimonneau.
A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those
who may be joining us for the first time. Your presence enriches this
gathering and contributes to the creative evolution of the Blessed Trinity at
Rosemont community. Thanks for the gift of you!
Today we observe All Saints/All Souls Sunday and the 21st Sunday after
Pentecost Sunday. Everything you need to follow along with the worship
service can be found in your bulletin. Everyone is welcome to join us for a
time of fellowship following the gathering.

PREPARATION

Leader The Lord is with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

The altar and care candles are lit.

GATHERING MUSIC Liturgical Improvisation *My Soul Hath a Desire and
Longing to Enter the Courts of the Lord* – George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS A DAY FOR REMEMBERING

*The assembly stands as they are able for
The Sentence and Prayer of the Day and Gathering Hymn.*

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader God will destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples;
God will swallow up death forever. - Isaiah 25:6

Pastor God of all the saints who have gone before us, spoken to our hearts and
touched us; help us to see the saints who live beside us, and may we aspire
to be the saints who live beyond us and who challenge us.

Assembly **Amen. May it be so!**



GATHERING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord



- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
- 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
- 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

The assembly is seated.

Leader

LAMENT

Loving Creator - source of all life.

You are with us from our first breath until our last.

Boundless love who knows all the ways of our life's journey
we grieve the passing of loved ones in far off places.

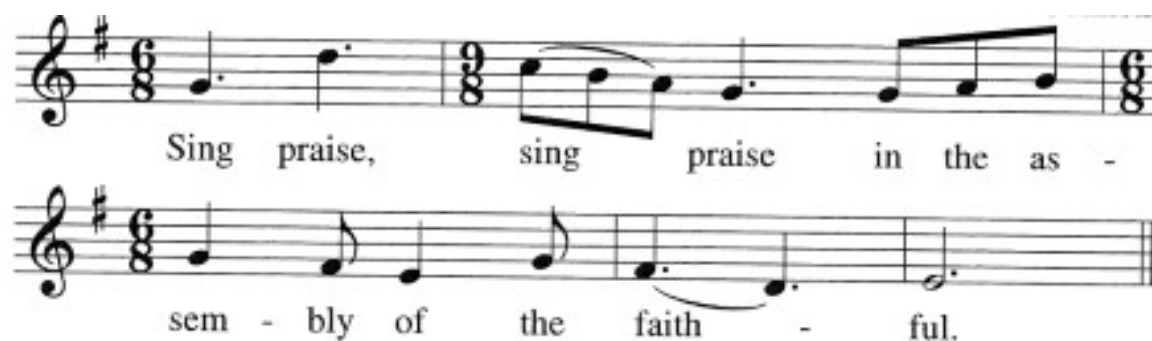
We weep from the gulf of separation and the loss of the last gaze
and final touch on loved ones.

Soothe our broken selves with the knowing that you are always there.

Heal our hearts as we hold fast to precious memories.

Embrace us in the love which never ends in this realm and the next.

PSALM 149 Michel Guimont



Sing a new song to the Lord,
sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker.
let Zion's people exalt in their king. **R**

Let them praise God's name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.
For the Lord takes delight in his people,
and crowns the poor with salvation. **R**

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest. **R**



A READING Revelation 21:1-7

Lector A reading from the book of Revelation.

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people,
and he will dwell with them. They will be his people,
and God himself will be with them and be their God.

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

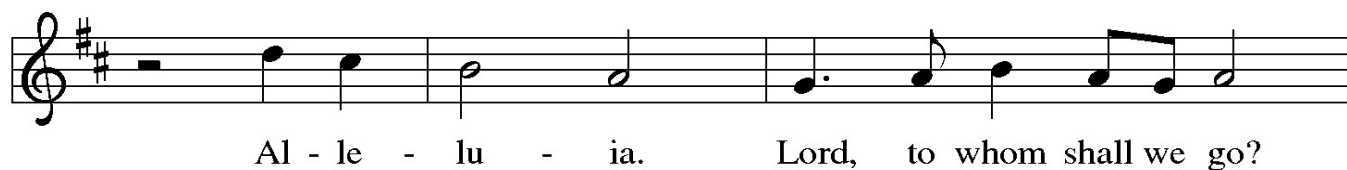
Those who are victorious will inherit all this,
and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands for the Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor A reading from the + Holy Gospel as written to us by Matthew.

Assembly Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: “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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

Lighting of All Saints/All Souls Memorial Candles

*(A candles will be brought down the center aisle. Light your candle from it's flame
and pass it to the person next to you.*

Lector An All Souls Day poem by John O'Donohue

On the Death of a Beloved

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or might or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour.

The sound of your voice
Found for us
A new music
That brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being;
You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
With wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,
Your spirit was live, awake, complete.

We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

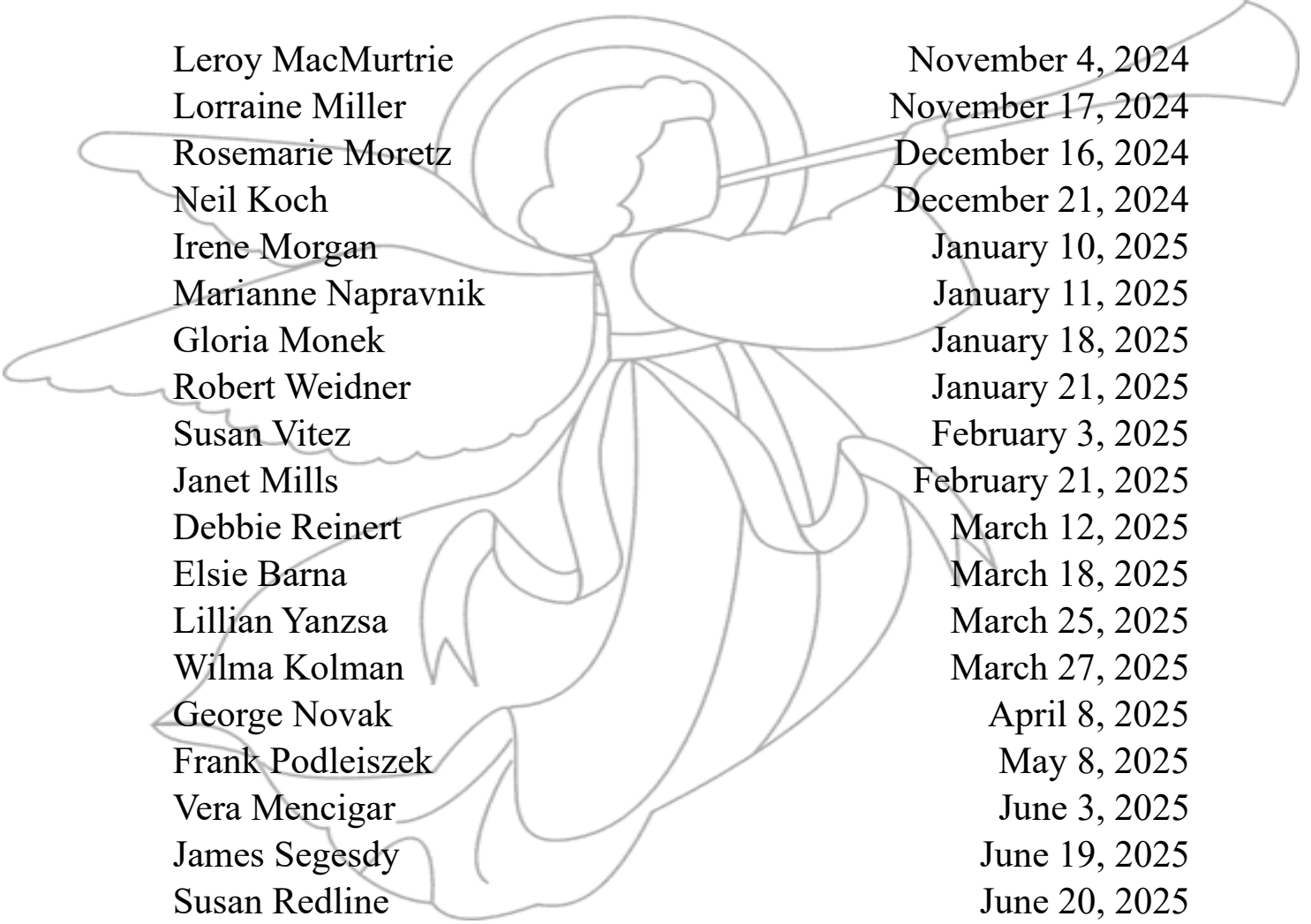
When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:

To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN MEMORY OF CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Leader These saints of God who are so dear to us and so precious to God, are just ordinary folks who in the course of seeking to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in striving to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind, they ended up touching our lives in ways that changed us and had a profound effect on who we are today.



Leroy MacMurtrie	November 4, 2024
Lorraine Miller	November 17, 2024
Rosemarie Moretz	December 16, 2024
Neil Koch	December 21, 2024
Irene Morgan	January 10, 2025
Marianne Napravnik	January 11, 2025
Gloria Monek	January 18, 2025
Robert Weidner	January 21, 2025
Susan Vitez	February 3, 2025
Janet Mills	February 21, 2025
Debbie Reinert	March 12, 2025
Elsie Barna	March 18, 2025
Lillian Yanzsa	March 25, 2025
Wilma Kolman	March 27, 2025
George Novak	April 8, 2025
Frank Podleiszek	May 8, 2025
Vera Mencigar	June 3, 2025
James Segesdy	June 19, 2025
Susan Redline	June 20, 2025
Sherry Allender	July 16, 2025
Anthony 'Tony' DeAngelis	July 25, 2025
Helen Daniels	September 11, 2025
Jean Perry	September 24, 2025

Pastor Hear us, caring God, as we remember in love, those whom we have placed in your hands. Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in your arms of mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints Hymnal 422*



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

*The assembly may extinguish their candles
And be seated or kneel for prayer.*

PRAYERS

Lector Let us pray together in God's grace.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* (Psalm 84)
- Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

OFFERTORY HYMN Hymnal 423

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



CELEBRATION HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
 blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us. Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, everlasting God,
 at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise
 through Christ your only Son.

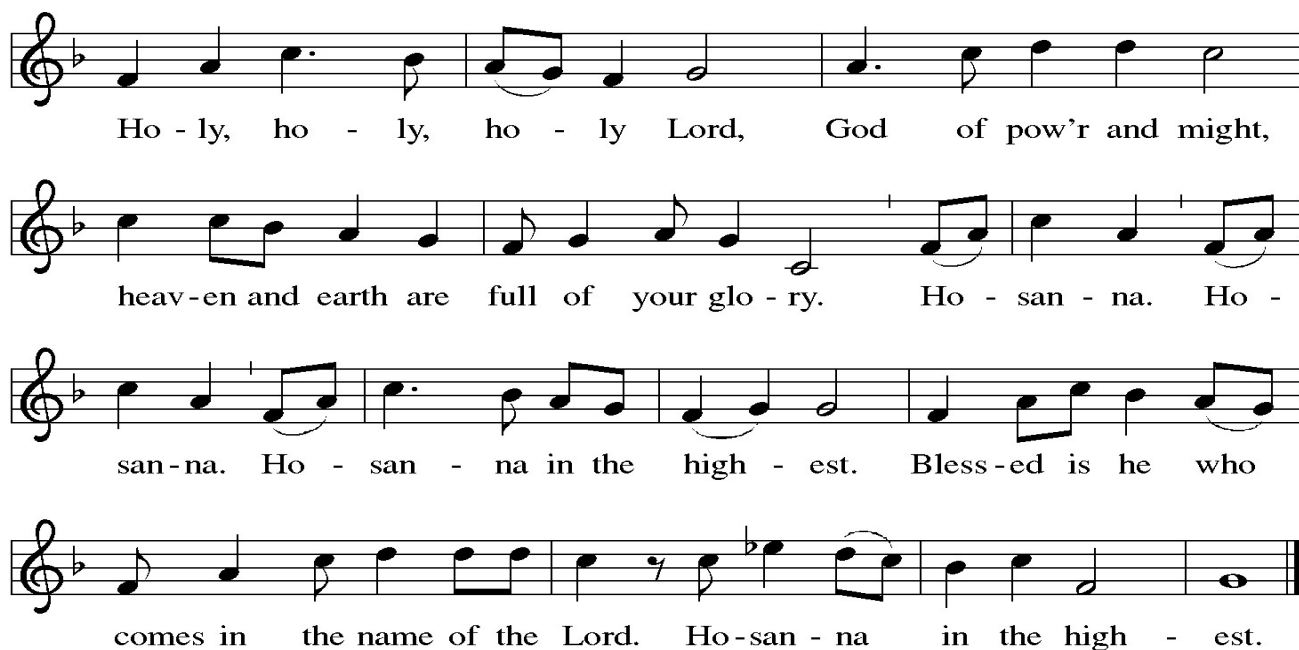
You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you
have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own
image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

In him you made us a holy people by sending upon us your
holy and life-giving Spirit.

We give you thanks that even in death
we are safe in Christ's victory over death. Though under judgment we rest
in our Savior's hand; sorrowful, yet we rejoice;
for he is the hope of everlasting life to all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, especially,
(silence as we remember all those we've loved and lost only for a while)
and with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven we
proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:



Pastor On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when he had given thanks
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our
redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

THE OUR FATHER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

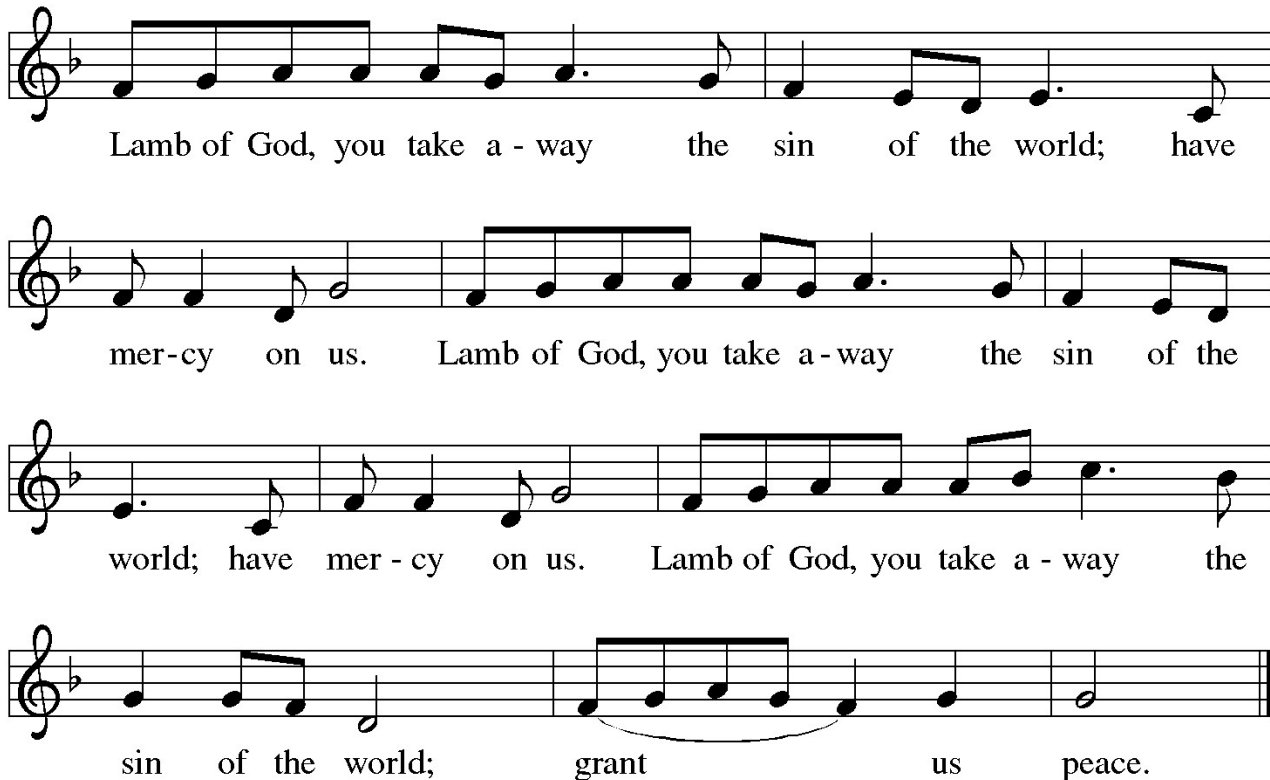
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share the bread and wine of this celebration.



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Sing With All the Saints in Glory (tune, *Hymn to Joy*) – Hymnal 426

Give Thanks for Saints – Hymnal 428

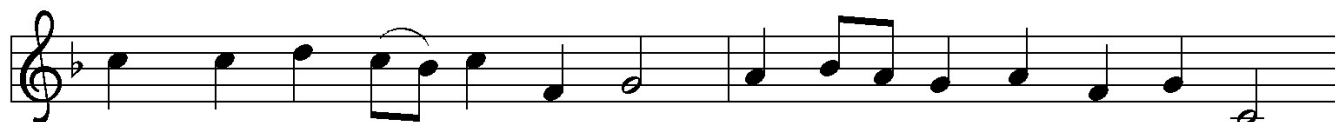
ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

The assembly may stand as they are able.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Let us pray;
Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints;
may we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal
kingdom, where Jesus is Lord now and forever.

Assembly Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual



The history of *When the Saints Go Marching In* is a blend of its origins as a Christian hymn with its transformation into a jazz standard and New Orleans tradition. While a hymn with this title was published in 1896, the modern, popular version evolved in the early 1900s, with the first known recording in 1923 and Louis Armstrong's 1938 version becoming a jazz landmark. The song is now deeply connected to New Orleans, particularly its jazz funerals, where it is played as a slow dirge and then an upbeat anthem.

PARTING WORDS *Accidental Saints – Finding God in all the Wrong People*

Pastor Blessed are they who doubt.
 those who aren't sure, who can still be surprised.
 Blessed are those who have nothing to offer.
 Blessed are they for whom death is not an abstraction.
 Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like.
 Blessed are they who don't have the luxury of taking things for granted
 anymore.
 Blessed are they who can't fall apart
 because they have to keep it together for everyone else.
 Blessed are those who no one else notices.
 Blessed are the forgotten.
 Blessed are those who know there has to be more than this.
 Blessed are the kids who step between the bullies and the weak.
 Blessed are those who hear that they are forgiven.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they totally get it. - *Nadia Bolz Weber*

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those whom
 we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the
 world. And may the blessings of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with
 you and remain + with you always.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



BT@R

FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

**You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.**