St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Worshipping at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond Pl NE, during St. Mark's building renovation project.

November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



O Sapientia ● O Wisdom

WELCOME

All are welcome to worship in this place. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Upon arrival, we keep silence in the church that we all may pray quietly in preparation for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Hearing assistance devices are now available in the First Church auditorium and Fireside Room. Please ask an usher for help if you need one. To activate the loop system, please turn on your T-coil.

Children of all ages are always welcome in Worship!

- Families with small children are invited to take seats in any pew, or in the pews reserved for families up front on the left (*north*) side of the auditorium adjacent to the Fireside Room.
- Or, if you prefer, we offer care for children ages 0-3 during the service in the Fireside Room.
- Young children who wish to attend **Children's Chapel** during the service may follow the cross out of the auditorium and into the Fireside Room adjacent to the auditorium after the Gospel reading for songs, stories, and prayers relating to the day's Bible readings. Children ages 0-3 may attend with a caregiver, and youth ages 9+ are welcome to be a helper. Children and youth return at the Peace.

Please see today's announcements insert for details about today's Sunday School Classes for children, youth, and adults and other church events.

Newcomers: We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card**, available from any usher, and leave it with an usher or in St. Mark's Parish Hall after the service.



TODAY WE CONTINUE ST. MARK'S SEASON *of off-site Eucharist Services in the auditorium of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. We are grateful to the First Church staff and Board of Directors for graciously sharing their building and for working with St. Mark's to create a Sunday worship plan that works for everyone.*

Renovation of the St. Mark's Nave and other worship spaces began in late April and will last 6-8 months.

WHAT TO KNOW:

- Our Sunday service during this transition begins promptly at **9:00 am**, ending by **10:15**, with coffee hour immediately following in St. Mark's Parish Hall at **10:15** so that our host church may prepare for its service at 11:00.
- **BE SURE TO COLLECT A GREEN "GATHER" HYMNAL FROM AN USHER BEFORE FINDING YOUR SEAT.** Hymns from the blue *Hymnal 1982* will be printed in the Order of Worship.
- Please continue to use parking in and around the St. Mark's lots. Ushers and "crossing guards" are available to guide all worshipers before and after services so that all feel welcome, safe, connected, and supported.
- Thursday morning *Contemplative Prayer*, *Holy Eucharist*, and *Bible Study* also meet at First Church (*see back cover for times*.)
- Restrooms are located just inside the foyer to the right (*south*).
- Please do not bring food or beverages into the First Church auditorium.

QUESTIONS? Contact stmarks@stmarksabq.org or call 505.262.2484 and ask for Mother Sylvia; Jennifer Lind, Administrator; or Deb Bluestone, Communications.

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TODAY'S COVER ART



"O Wisdom, coming from the mouth of the Most High, spanning the world in power from end to end, ordering all things for good: Come, and teach us the way of knowledge. Amen."

Today's cover art is by St. Mark's parishioner Patricia Catlett.

The O Antiphons are seven ancient prayers by which we prepare for the Christmas season, calling for the coming of Christ among us. The O Antiphons in 2026 take place from December 17-23. They are used each evening during the final week of Advent before Christmas Eve. Each day features a unique title for the coming Messiah drawn from the Old Testament. For the seven weeks leading up to Christmas, the St. Mark's worship bulletin will feature original artwork by members of St. Mark's, inspired by the imagery of the O Antiphons.

For more resources to deepen your Advent prayer practice, including chants, prayer/song cycles for use with Anglican Prayer Beads, and ASL (American Sign Language) interpretations of each O Antiphon, scan the QR Code.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

We welcome all children to join in the Entrance Procession, following the Children's Cross, before taking a seat with their families for the Liturgy. Children may select a candle to carry with them in procession throughout the service (at the Entrance, the Gospel, and the Closing Hymn).

OPENING HYMN – *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #853

Please stand.

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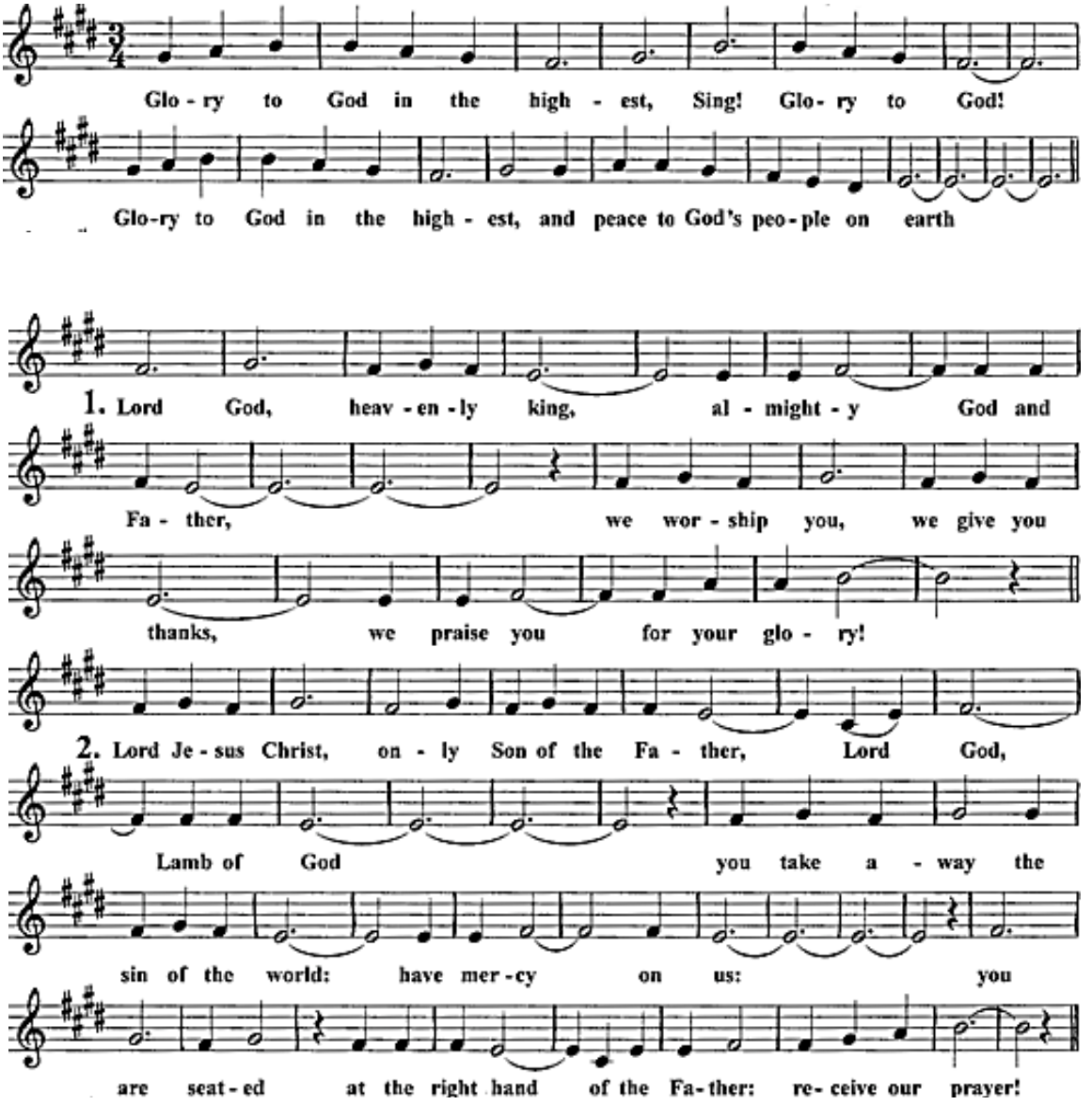
OPENING ACCLAMATION – *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), p. 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
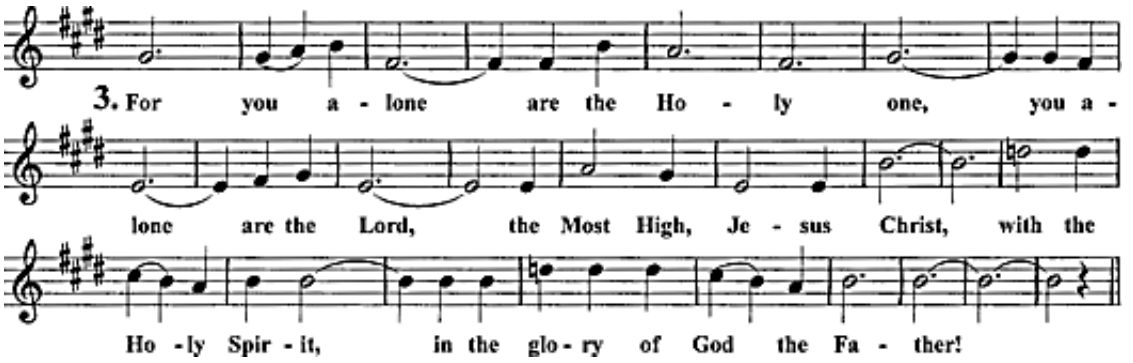
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA – *Glory to God in the Highest*

***Sing refrain after each verse*:**



(*Continued on next page*)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – *BCP*, p. 237

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

THE LESSONS
Please be seated.

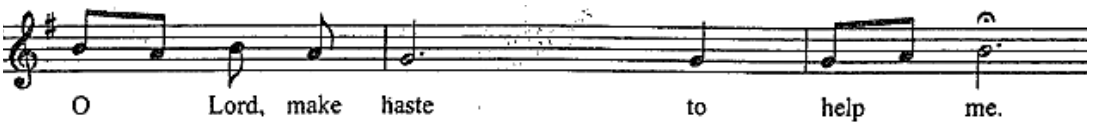
THE FIRST READING – Wisdom 6:12–16
A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: Hear ends the reading.

PSALM 70

***Congregation sings refrain:* "O Lord, make haste to help me."**



1. Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. (*Refrain*)
2. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD." (*Refrain*)
3. But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

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

Please stand. It is customary to turn toward the Gospel Reading.

We welcome all children to join in the Gospel Procession, following the Children's Cross. After the Gospel, children who wish to do so may follow the leader to Children's Chapel in the First Church Fireside Room, returning before Communion.

SEQUENCE HYMN – *O Holy City, Seen of John*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #767

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then 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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON – Deacon David Martin

A brief time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED – *BCP*, p. 358

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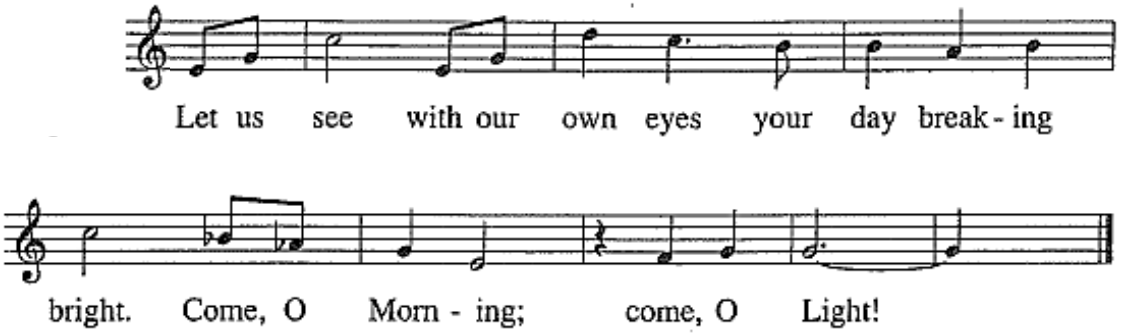
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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.

PRAYER SONG – *Let Us See*

***All sing refrain:* "Let us see with our own eyes your day breaking bright. Come, O Morning; come, O light!"**



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please add your own personal prayers and intercessions aloud, silently, or in the Zoom chat/Facebook comments during the prayers.

The congregation is invited to hum along with the organ under the prayers.

CONCLUDING COLLECT – *BCP*, p. 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; 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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

You may make your offering online at www.stmarksabq.org/give, place your offering in the plate during the collection, or mail your check to the church office: 431 Richmond Pl. NE, Albuquerque NM 87106.

OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness, by Craig Courtney*

The lyrics below are for the congregation's prayerful reflection and reference while the choir sings.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

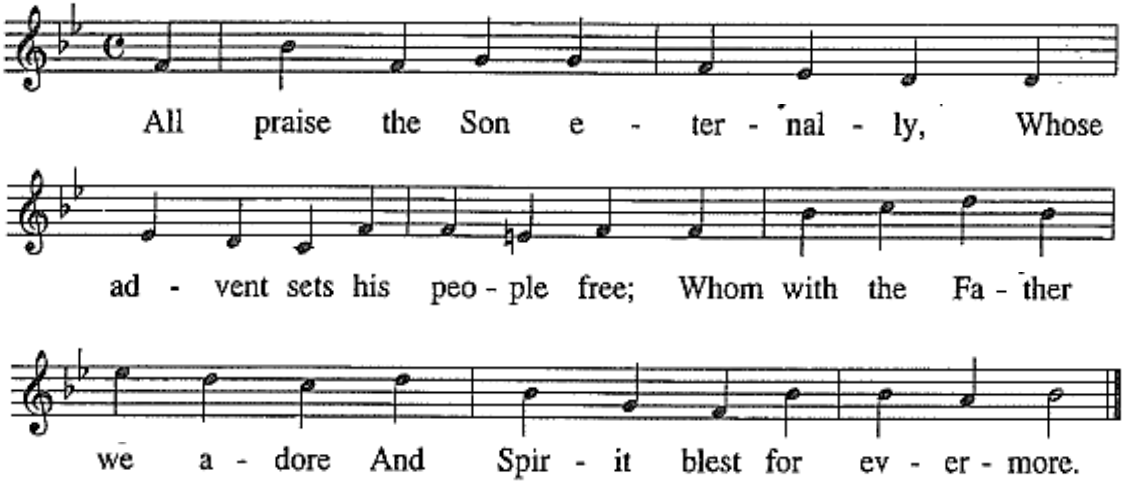
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*Chorus*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Chorus*)

DOXOLOGY – *All Praise the Son*

All sing:

"All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for ever more."



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B – *BCP*, p. 367
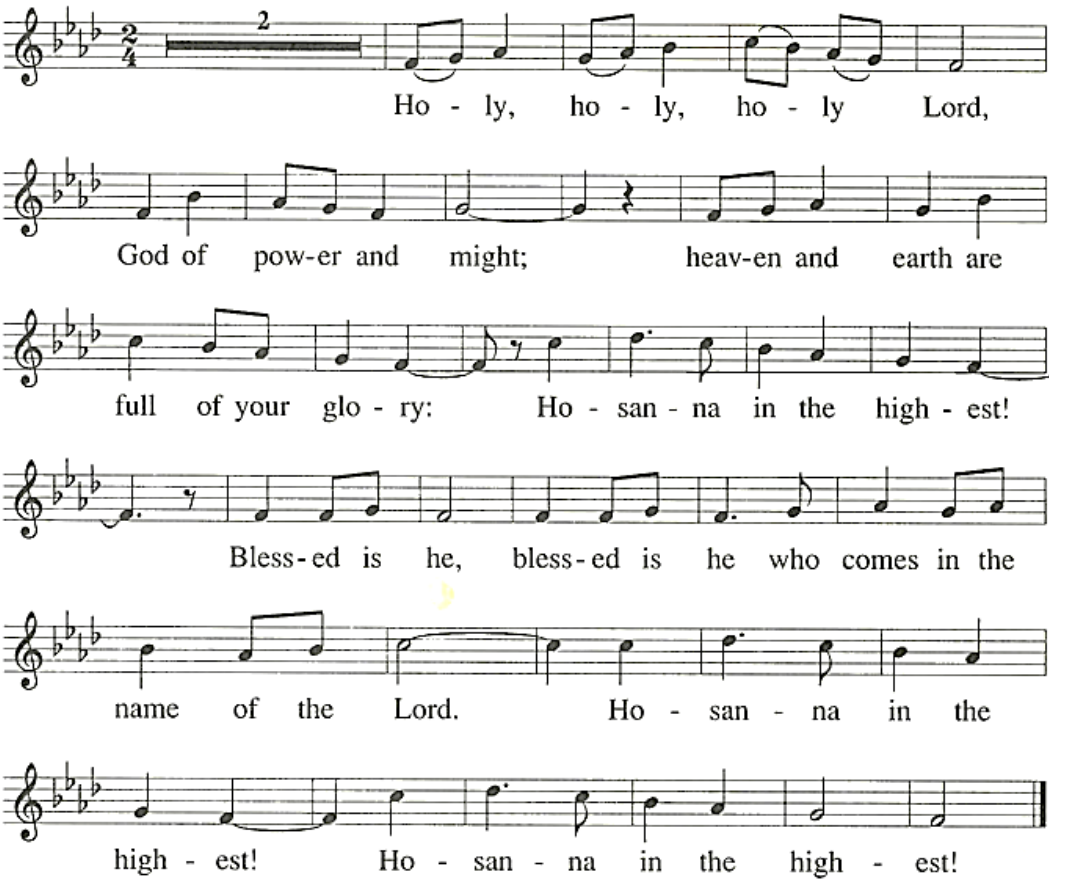
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS – *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
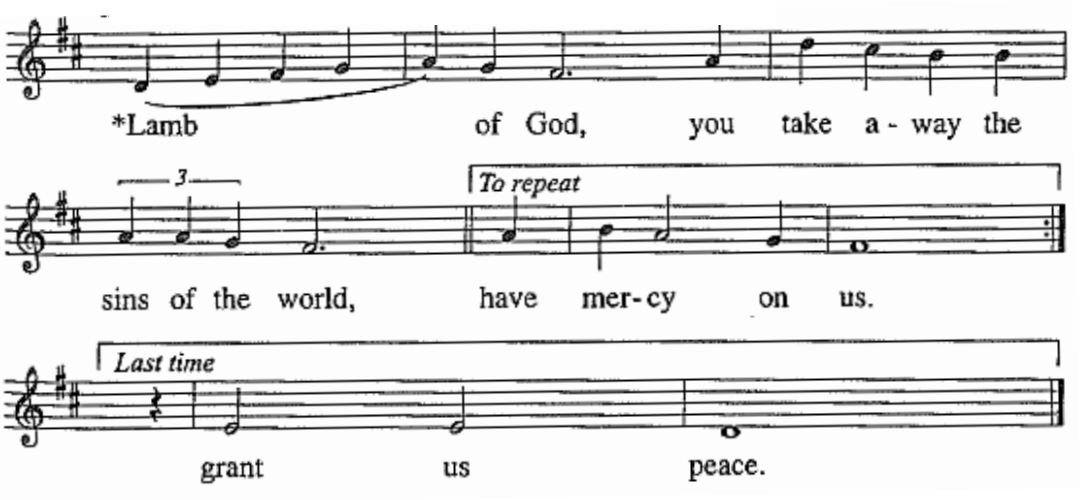
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI – *Lamb of God*
All sing refrain:



COMMUNION

We invite all who seek the presence of Christ to share with us in Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken from the cup by sipping. (Place your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). To avoid spreading germs, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine ("intinction"). If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the person who offers bread to you.

We affirm the ancient tradition of the church that communion in one kind (either bread OR wine) constitutes a full communion. If you or your children are drawn to the altar but do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have not been baptized and wish to receive communion regularly, please speak with one of the Clergy about baptismal preparation.

COMMUNION HYMN – *Steal Away to Jesus!*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #773

SENDING FORTH OF OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider: My friends in Christ, I send you out bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

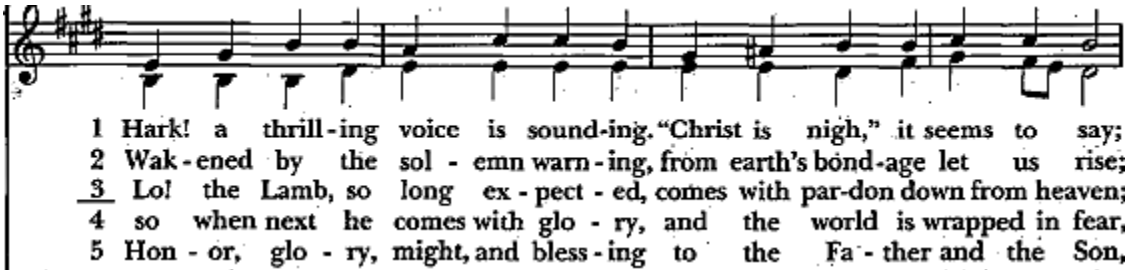
POST COMMUNION PRAYER – *BCP*, p. 366

Presider: Let us pray.

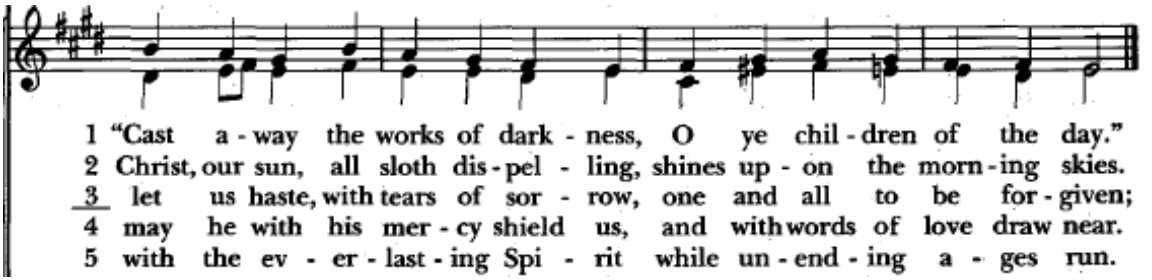
***Presider and People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN – *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*



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DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN – *We are Marching in the Light of God!*

We welcome all children to join in the Recessional, following the Children's Cross.

All sing as we process outside and return to St. Mark's:

"We are *marching in the light of God,**
we are *marching* in the light of God.
We are *marching* in the light of God,
we are *marching* in the light of God.
We are *marching*, *marching*, we are *marching*, *marching*,
we are *marching* in the light of God!"

*Alternate text: *dancing*, *singing*, *praying*, etc.

Please join us for coffee in St. Mark's Parish Hall and Courtyard!

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WEEKLY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

❖ THURSDAYS

10:30 am Contemplative Prayer **(First Church auditorium)**
11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II **(Fireside Room & online*)**
12:00 pm Bible Study **(Fireside Room)**

❖ SUNDAYS

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II **(First Church auditorium & online*)**
10:15 am Coffee Hour in St. Mark's Parish Hall and courtyard

*Livestreaming is available from our temporary worship location on Facebook and Zoom. For links, go to stmarksabq.org and click the Upcoming Schedule & Links button. For assistance, please contact St. Mark's during office hours.

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