November 15, 2026 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy

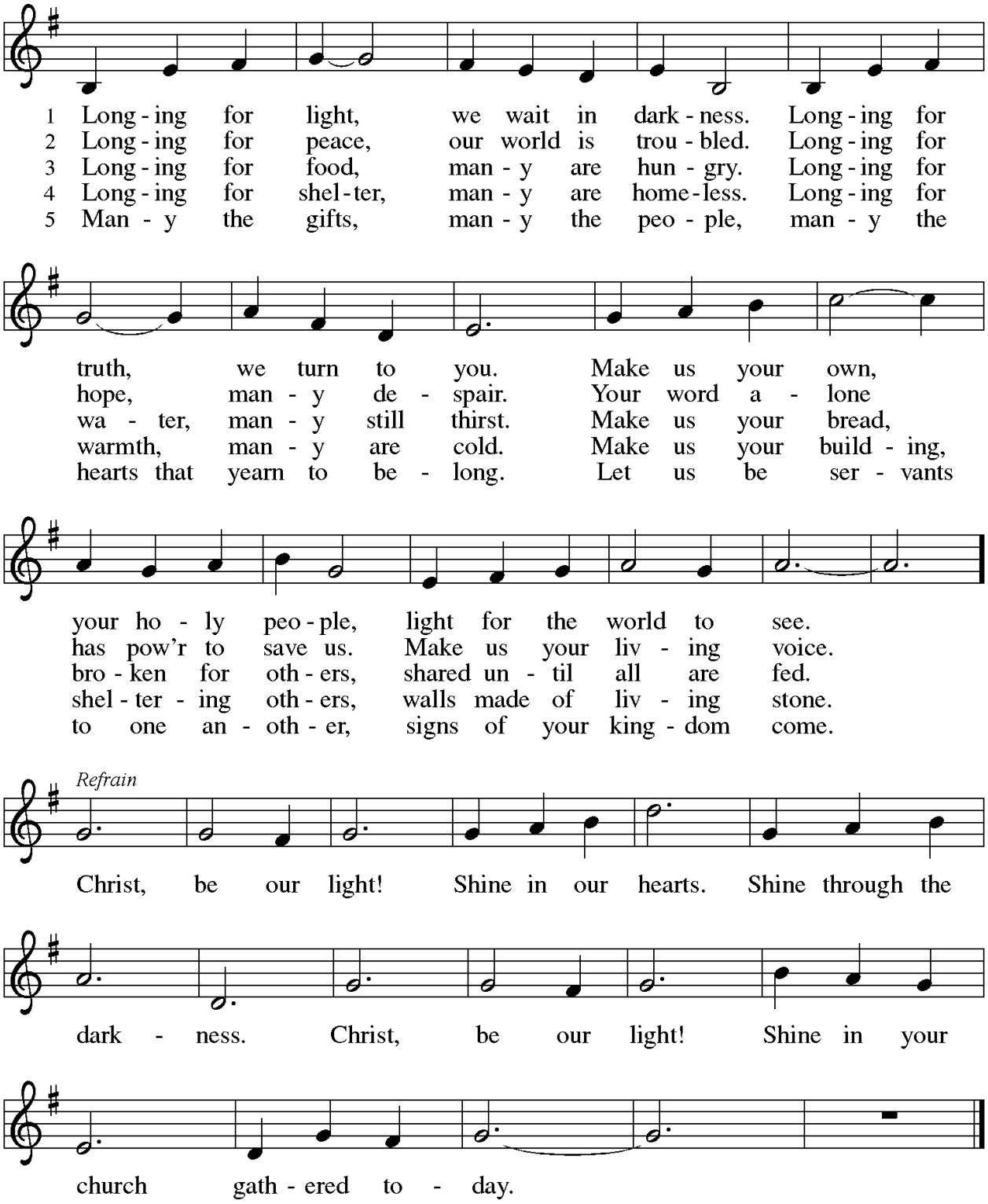


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Welcome to Prince of Peace! This morning's complete service is printed in this booklet.
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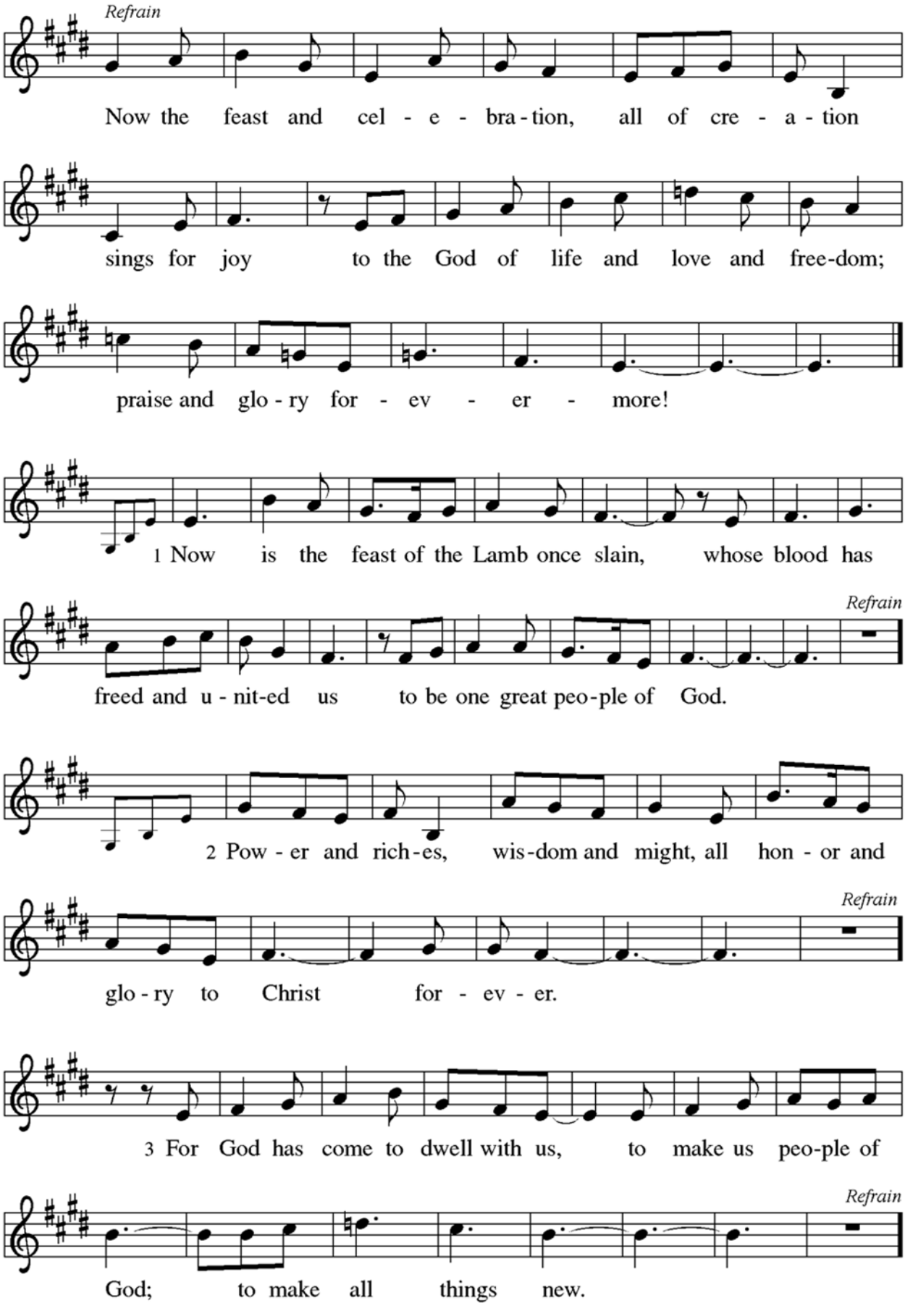
Prelude: *My Hope I Built on Nothing Less* - arr. Greg Bottomley
Greetings & Announcements
Opening Hymn: *"Christ, Be Our Light"*



P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



P) Let us pray … Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) Amen.

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First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

R) The Word of the Lord.
C) Thanks be to God.

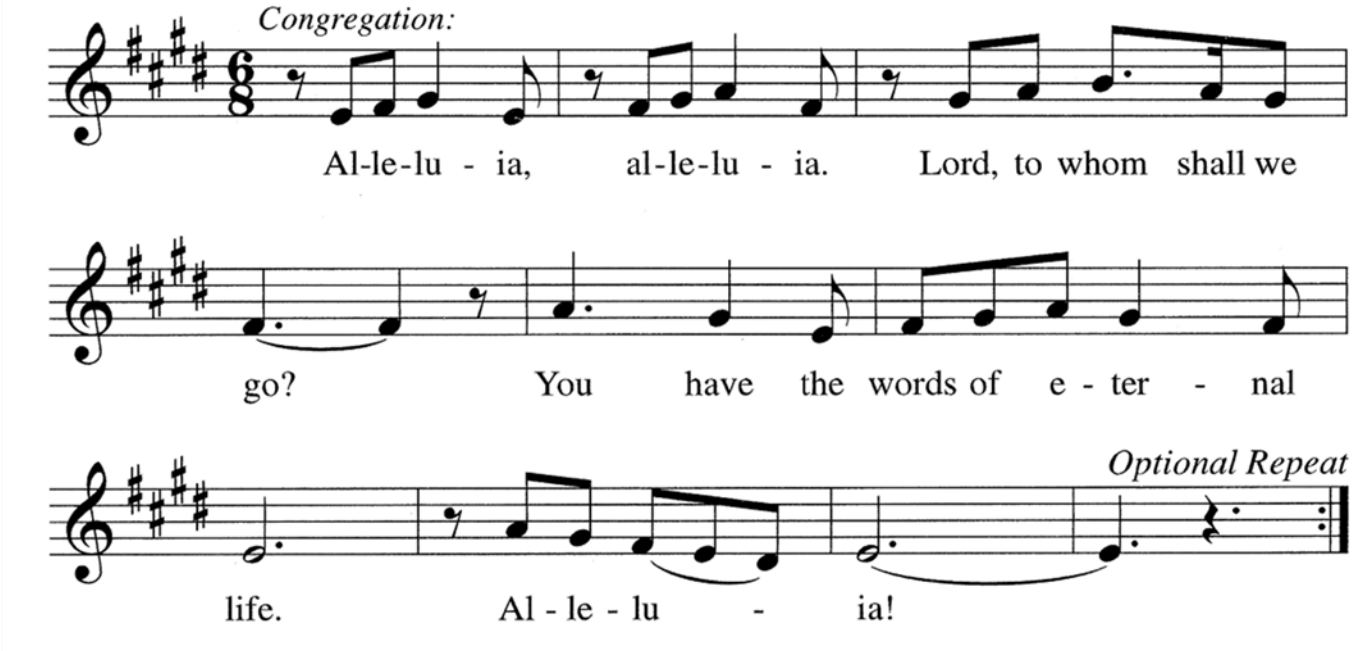
Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (Read responsively by whole verse)
Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction

will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R) The Word of the Lord.
C) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P) The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus said, For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two

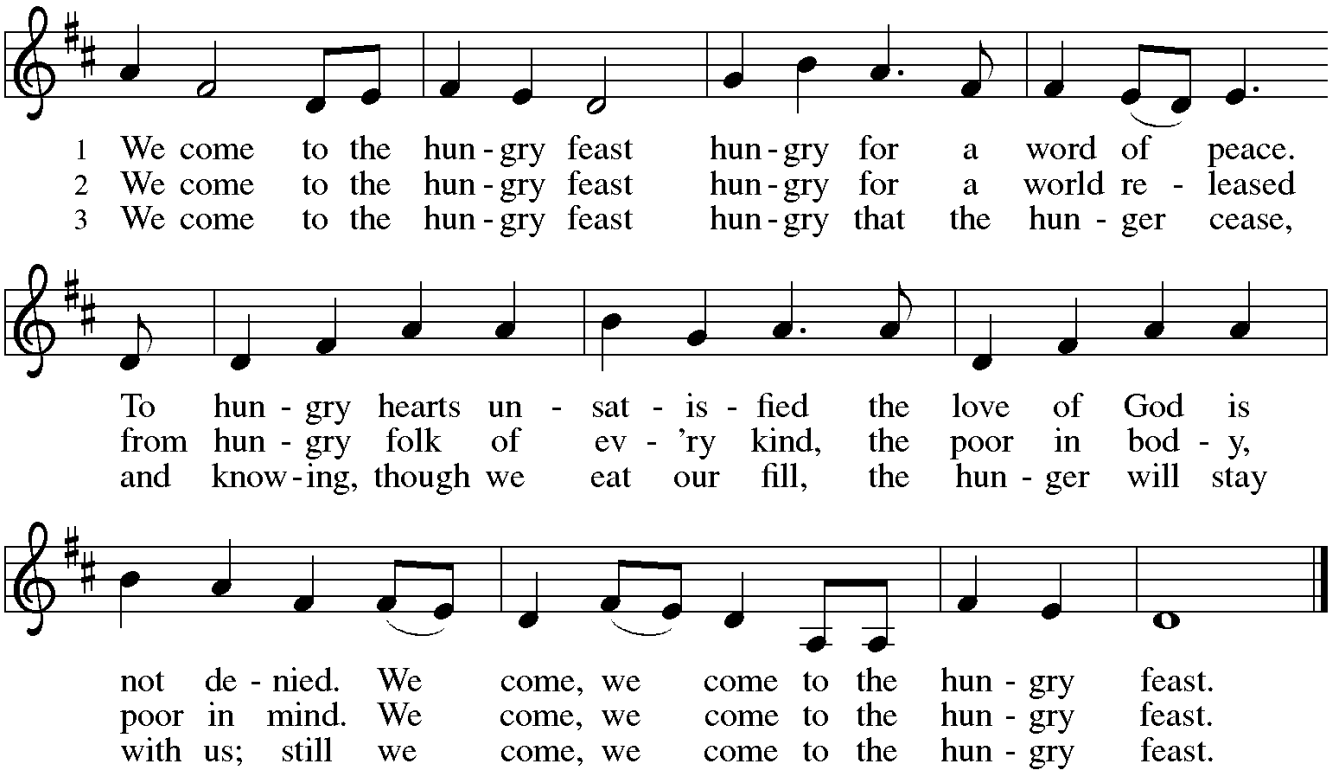
talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P) The Gospel of the Lord.
C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*



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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Apostles' Creed

C) I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) Hear our prayer.

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) Amen.

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence

P) Gracious God,

C) have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) And also with you.

The Offering

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The Offertory

Firm Foundation with The Church's One Foundation - arr. Victor Labenske

Offertory Prayer
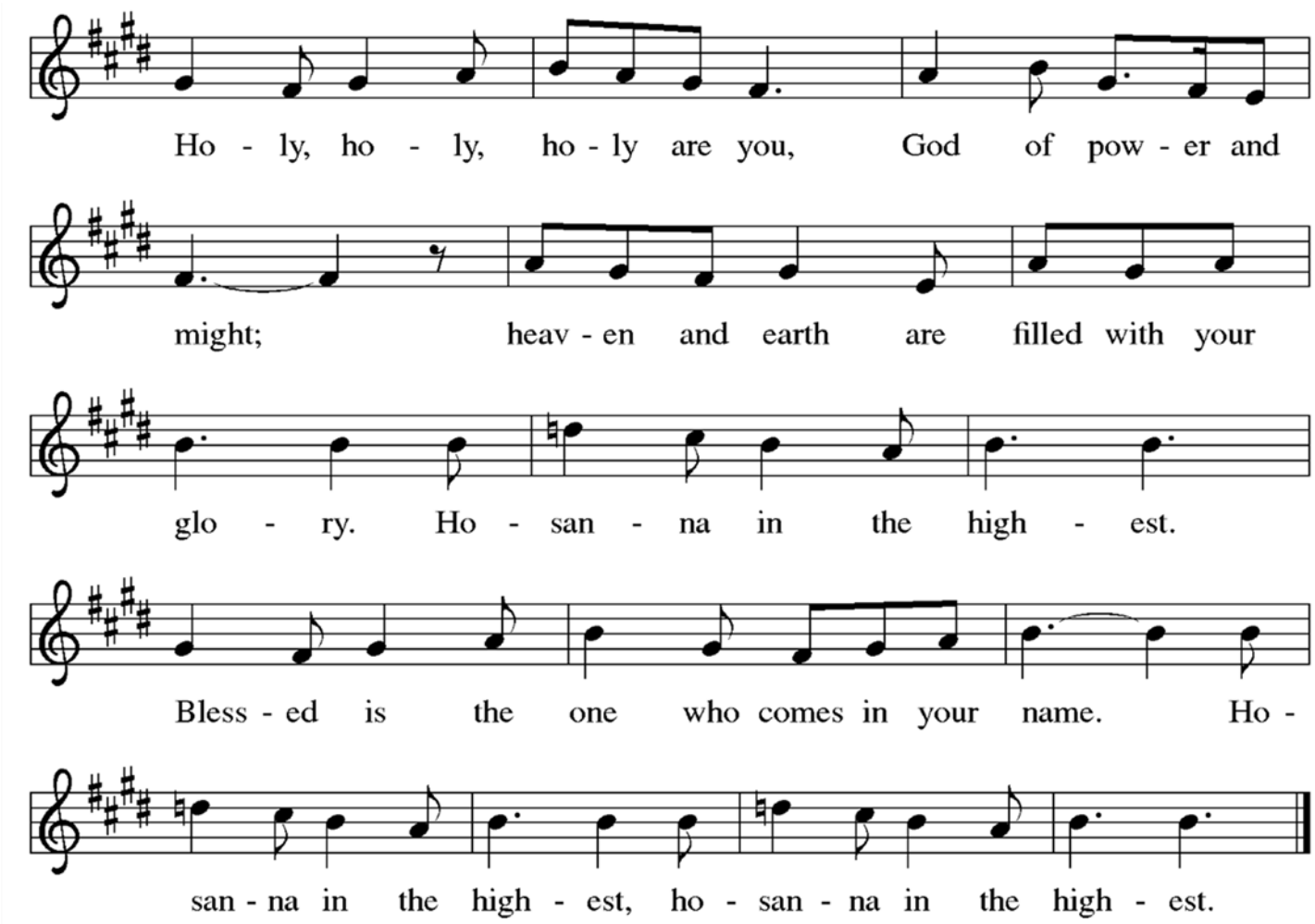
P) Let us pray... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C) Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P) The Lord be with you.
C) And also with you.
P) Lift up your hearts.
C) We lift them to the Lord.
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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The Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
in the beginning you created heaven and earth.
You gave us the gift of life, and you blessed us with your Spirit,
so that we might have life abundantly.
You loved us throughout the ages,
for even when our sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills, to take our sins upon himself,
and to form us again into your people.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

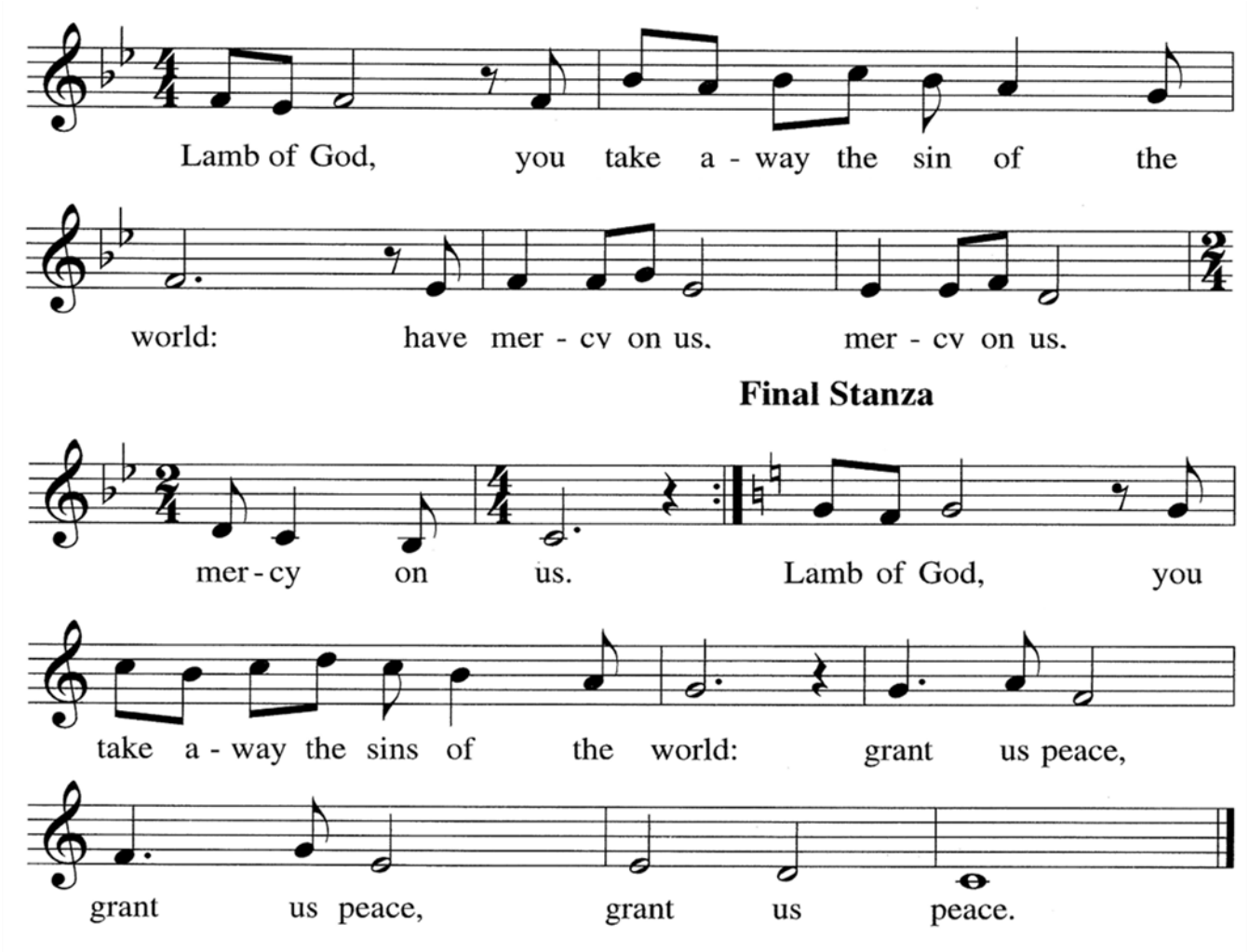
Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing, his self-offering on the Cross,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when Christ will come again
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with your Son, the Bread of life.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafters are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

Touch the Sky - Joel Houston

P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C) Amen.

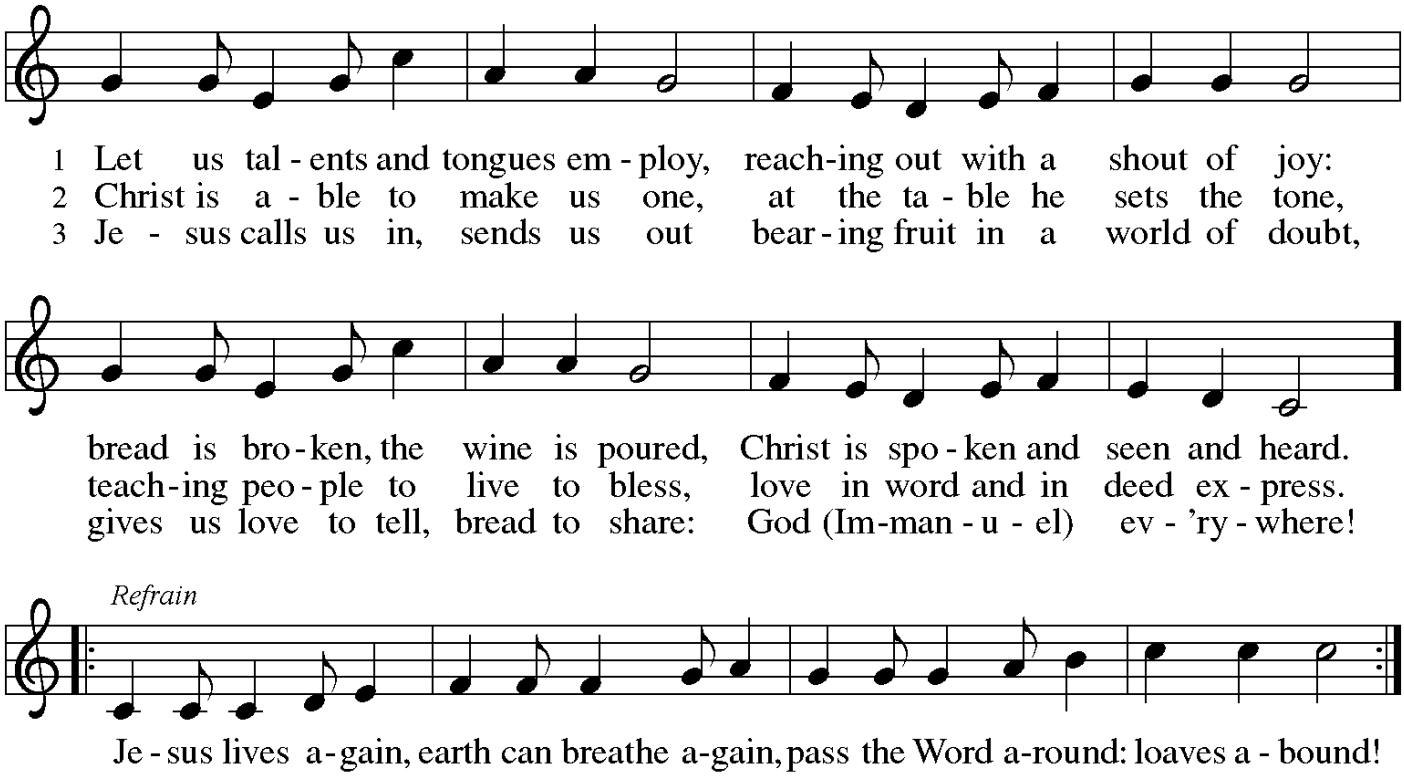
Post-Communion Prayer

P) Let us pray... O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C) Amen.

The Benediction

P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C) Amen.

Closing Hymn: *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*



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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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Dismissal

P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please also join us on:

Sunday, November 22

Worship @ 10:00 am

(in person & live stream on Facebook)

Prince of Peace will again support seven local families this Thanksgiving with full holiday meal fixings and grocery gift cards. We expect to receive our assigned families in early November. Our most immediate need is for volunteers to serve as family contacts, making two brief phone calls to learn about dietary needs and confirm delivery times. Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed. To help, please sign up on SignUpGenius or email Cherie. Any additional Thanksgiving donations will support the City of Gaithersburg's Christmas/Holiday Party, where each child receives a $25 gift card. City representatives have expressed deep gratitude for Prince of Peace's ongoing support.

JACKET DRIVE - Prince of Peace will be collecting gently used or new jackets, mittens, and gloves to give to students at Brown Station Elementary School (sizes 10-14 and, a few smaller sizes needed, 4T-8). This year, we will also donate to the City of Gaithersburg Community Services (babies to adult sized jackets/coats). There will be a donation box in the Narthex **starting on November 8th** and will remain there for a couple of months. Contact Kathy Mellott with questions at ufda_gal@yahoo.com or Jennifer Maloney at maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

Cookies, Cards and Community - Please stay after the Saturday service on November 14th for an evening of fellowship and service. Everyone (adults, teens, and younger kids) is welcome. We'll have several service projects to complete and pizza, snacks, and beverages to enjoy. So, mark **Saturday, November 14th at 6 pm** on your calendar and watch for updates in the bulletin. Students can earn SSL hours. For more information, contact Jennifer Maloney at Maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

Honduras Mission 2027! We are already gearing up to form another Honduras Mission team for 2027! We are excited to continue extending our services and resources to these communities in need. Tentative trip dates are June 18-28, 2027. An interest meeting/Q&A will take place on **Saturday, November 21st at 8:00 am** at the headquarters of Haven Universe, our mission partners. Please contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle for the location of the meeting, or if you are unable to attend but would like more information.

GIVING TREE - Prince of Peace is participating in the Giving Tree program with Brown Station Elementary School in Gaithersburg providing selected students and their siblings with holiday gifts. The school identifies a few families that need some help for the holidays and then sends us the wish list from the kids. Then we shop! There will be a Sign-Up Genius available in mid-November. A box for the gifts will be in the Narthex **starting on Sunday, November 29th**. **The deadline for bringing gifts to church is Sunday, December 13, 11:00 am.** Please be on the lookout for details in Thursday issues of This Week at Prince of Peace, Sunday

bulletins, and in Glad Tidings. Contact Kathy Mellott with questions at ufda_gal@yahoo.com or 240-899-8029.

Christmas Pageant and Chili/Cornbread Cook Off - Save the Date: Sunday, December 13 at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are in the process of planning a fun afternoon which includes our Christmas Pageant followed by a Chili/Cornbread Cook Off. Signup sheets for pageant participants, chili makers and cornbread bakers are on the credenza in the narthex. Questions? Contact Lisa or Jon Conary (lconary@prodigy.net)

Join us weekly after services for the Coffee and Conversation hour after Sunday services, in the sanctuary. To view the schedule, or to sign up to lead a Bible study session this fall, please visit https://tinyurl.com/PoPAdultEd26to27. We look forward to having you!

Prince of Peace Farmers & Artisans Market is now being held each Thursday through November 19 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. Come browse and shop through and say hello to the local growers, bakers, makers, and your neighbors while supporting our church community. **Sign up to volunteer at our Farmers and Artisans Market by clicking here.**

Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!" - These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers. "Saturday Night Alive" events will occur on the following dates from 3:00-5:00pm at Lakelands Park Middle School (1200 Main St, Gaithersburg): **Nov 21 (Dance Party)** Volunteers are welcome to help with front desk check-in, AV tech setup/takedown, craft table, merchandise sales, or just mingling with participants. This is a chance to see God's work through our hands. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact Ric or Sherry Kienzle for questions. We hope you can join us to be a witness of Christ to others!

Prince of Peace has started a WhatsApp group to text PoP-related information and announcements to members. Please join by clicking this link! Contact Laura Dillon with any questions.

Thank you to everyone who donated eyeglasses to the Lions Club. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver 64 pairs to the collection center at the Villages of Rockville. Your kindness will help bring clearer vision and renewed opportunity to those in need.

Food for Thought: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. . .*Psalm 100:4*

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

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