St. Matthias
Episcopal Church



Sunday
November 1, 2026

All Saints' Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert III
Mrs. Gina Mobley, M.A., Music Ministries Coordinator

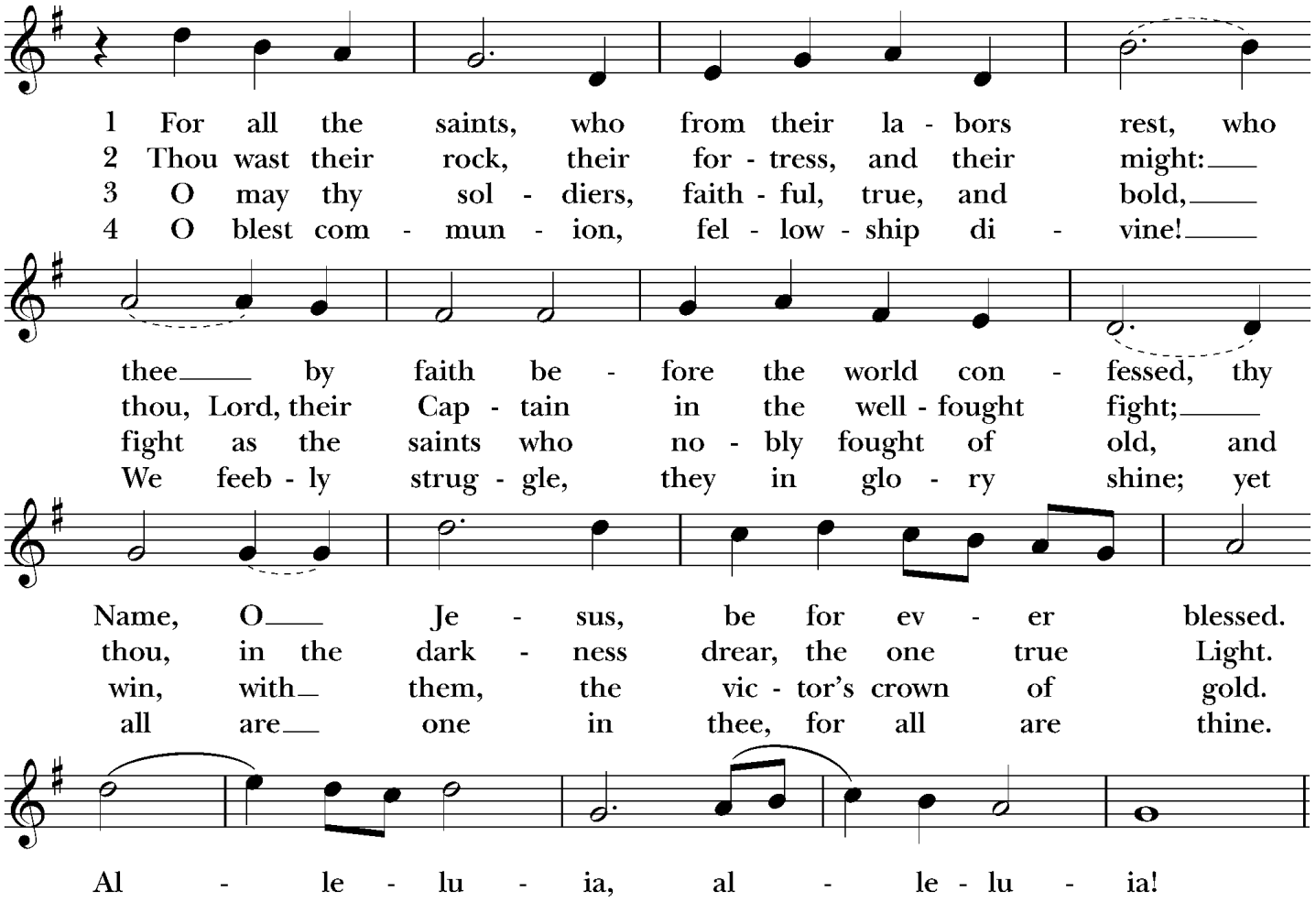
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Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

VERSES 1-4



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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*.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 232 *By all your saints still striving (Nyland)*

[1]By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus,
for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor
reflected from your throne.

[2]Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment
and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness
is only known to you,
by walking in their footsteps
we give you praise anew.

[3]Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory
and praise to God alone.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 245)

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

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."

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

PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Remain seated.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

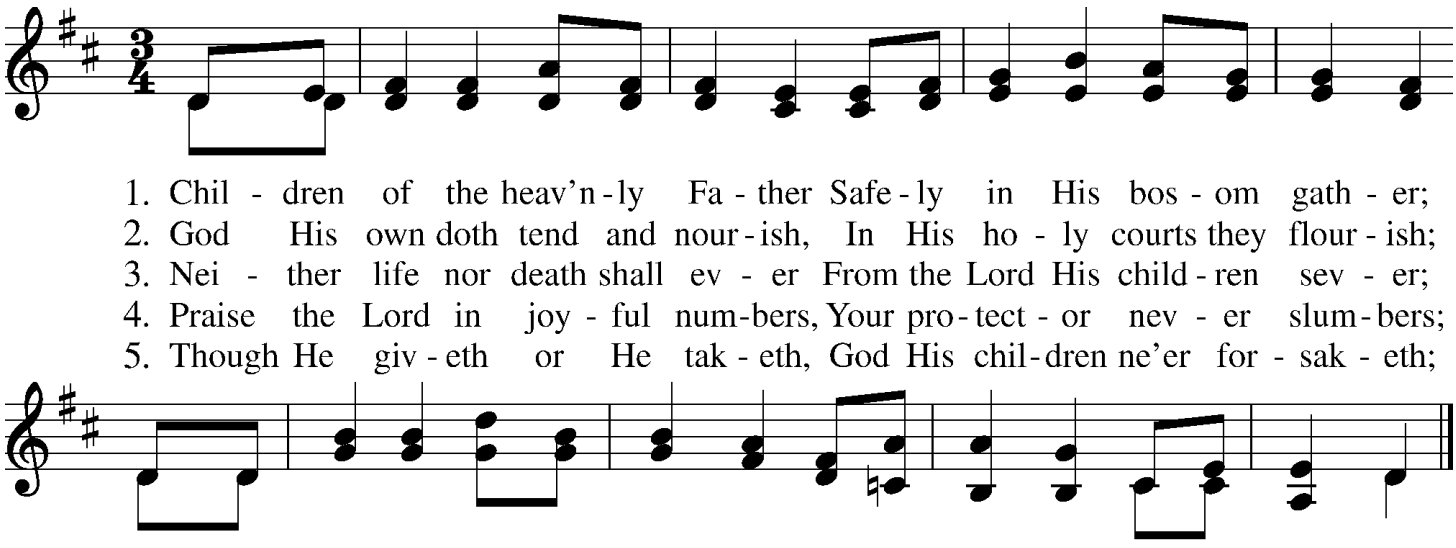
Remain seated.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (LEVAS) 213 *Children of the Heavenly Father*



THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE RT. REV. WILLIAM JAY LAMBERT III

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (BCP p. 292)

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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 to the dead.
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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen*.**

PRAYERS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY *Written by Rachel Fulton Brown*

Humbling ourselves with all the saints before the throne of the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God, through your saints you have given us models of the kinds of human beings you want us to be. Teach us, your Church, to follow in their footsteps, imitating the Lamb in whose image we are made.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God, who numbers as his children every one of us, be with our leaders that they may govern us in righteousness, protecting the meek and working always for peace.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God, whom angels serve and the heavens proclaim, make us mindful of the ways in which our desires and actions affect your world. Bless those among us who are working to change our habits of work and play so that our children's children will have a healthy and happy place to live.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God, who ensures that none who seek him lack for good, be with our Parish, that we may be thankful for the blessings that we have received from those who have sojourned with us and welcome with open arms all those who come to us in service and in need.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God, who wipes away all our tears and saves us from our troubles, comfort all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, those looking for work to support themselves and their families, and those living in either spiritual or physical fear.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For those in position of public trust, (especially _____); that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Lamb, before whom the multitudes of saints stand robed in white, welcome the souls of those who have died to join in your eternal celebration.

We pray especially for _____.

Silence.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, that they may look upon you radiant with your joy. We pray especially for _____; and _____.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us, the people of St. Matthias and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Search Committee and Vestry as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will, and bless our parish life with mutual trust, respect, and courage as we walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant says

God, whose image we see manifest in the virtues and lives of your most holy saints, grant that we may be emboldened to realize their virtues in ourselves and so to work for the coming of your kingdom in this world and the next. Through the one who taught us to recognize us all as your children. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

OFFERTORY HYMN 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God (Grand Isle)*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant and People

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. *Amen*.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 372 – Eucharistic Prayer D)

The People remain standing.

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

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 373)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS S-130 *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]
[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember _____.]
[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

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

People and Celebrant

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

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.***

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.

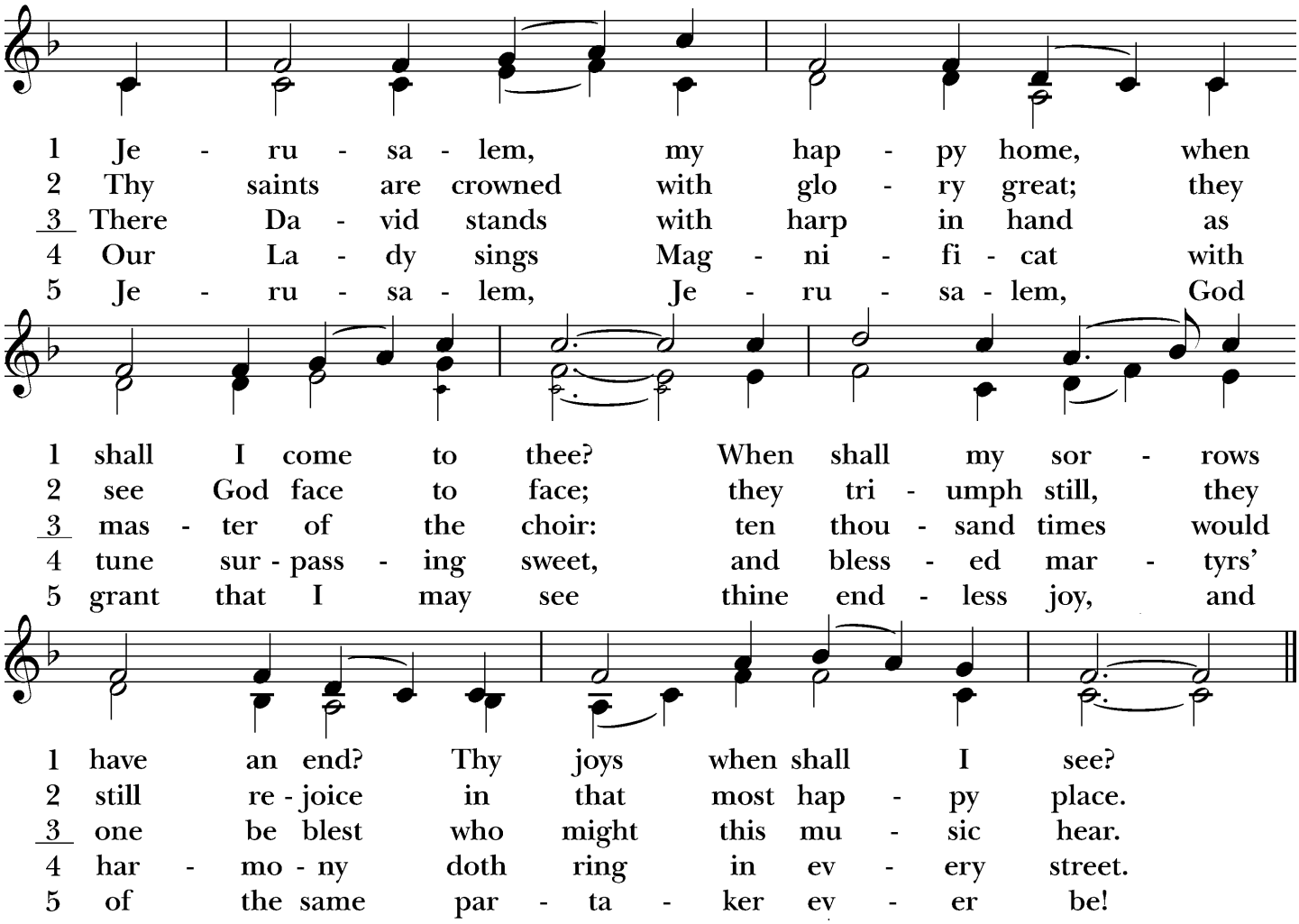
Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The Celebrant will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.

COMMUNION HYMN (LEVAS) 14 *Soon, Very Soon*



COMMUNION HYMN 620 *Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest)*



COMMUNION HYMN (LEVAS) 12 *We're Marching to Zion*



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 366)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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*.

PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(said by all when needed)*

Celebrant and People

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. *Amen*.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)

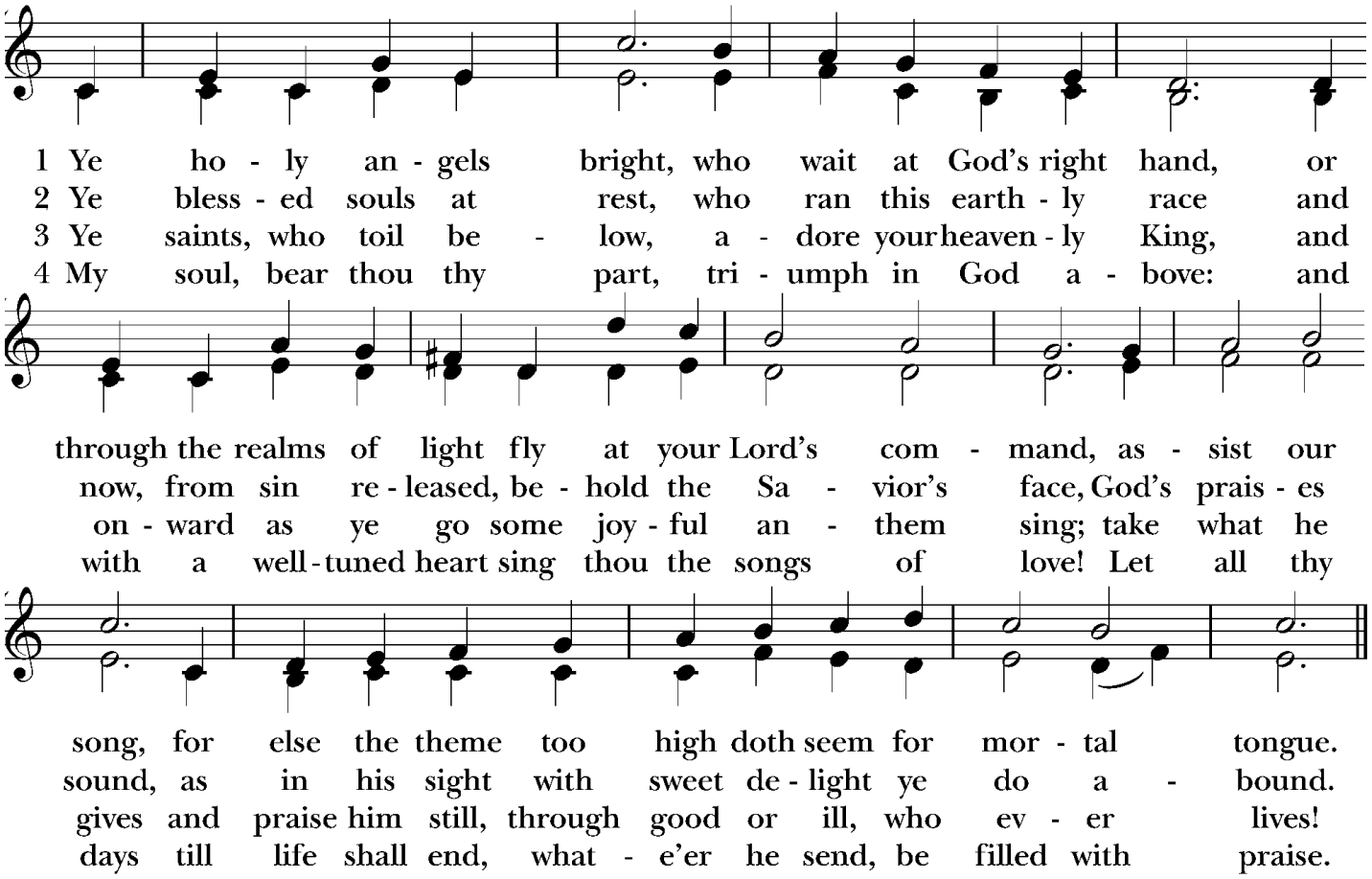
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE BLESSING

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 625 *Ye holy angels bright (Darwall's 148th)*



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones Who Have Passed

Bernice
Clara
David
Dennis
Eddie
Emily
Helen
Ursula
Chris Alfieri
Tony Alfieri
Harold Andrews
Arlington Ashby
Richard Blume
Helen Boeni
Barbara Bond
Eldon Bond
Gerald Bond
Stephanie Bond
Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Bonner
Joseph A. Bradshaw
Buford Family
Etta Ruth Burnett
John Burnett
John Burnett, Jr.
Burrowes Family
Tatianna Cesar
John Clure
Dianne Daniell
Linda Denslow
Hugh D. Dial, Sr.
Lillian Dial
Sandra Dunkley
Ryan Dyer
Anita Erickson
Anita Erickson
Pat Eyer
John Foster
Telecia Palmer Francis
Hazel Gamelli
Vincent J. Gamelli
Chasity Garnison
Stanley Gordon
James Graff
Cathy Gustafson
Gary Gustafson
Marjorie Hamel
Russ Hope
Carl Jahreis
Elizabeth Jahreis
Beth Hazeltine Jahreis
Mr. & Mrs. William Jefferson
John Paul Jones
Noel Kirton
Margaret Link
Robert Link
John Luposello
Una McLachlan
Frank Macripo
Vincent Martin
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Ivy Osborne
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Ken Ricklick, Jr.
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Fr. Tom Ryan
Ann Seitz
Fr. William Seitz +
Joscelyn Shakes
Sylvia Shakes
Angella Simon
Marywynne Shattuck
Phil Sinns
Celestine Tomlinson
Hanzel Tomlinson
Tracey Family
Liane Traniello
Annie Tyson
Milton Tyson
Millicent Adeline Yearwood

After the 9:00 am service, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee & Conversations.

Options for Giving:

1. *Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in*
2. *the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.*
3. *Credit or Debit Card via the QR code or the giving tab on our website at stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/.*
4. *Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with "matthias" & amount in body of text.*
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