The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8 November 2026 | 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist



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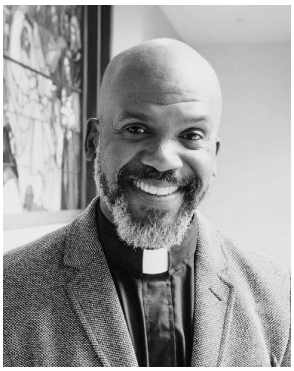
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, CINCINNATI, OH

Empowering people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world.

A Welcome from the Dean



Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today. Jesus said, "when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." Indeed, it is my hope that through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God's table, you will feel the presence of Christ's love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ's love. In covenant with God and each other, we share a mission to be Christ's loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese. It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, *all* are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also free to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are or where you're from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards (or use the QR code) in the pews; one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week. And if you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Swan Area (just outside of the library). If you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the Undercroft! Again, I welcome you and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ,
Dean Owen Thompson+

Children are welcome in worship! Many take delight in the sights, smells, and sounds of the liturgy. Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the nave. The **Pray and Play Pew** is an area designed specifically for little ones who need more room to move around. It includes items to help them worship their way—with wonder and wiggles.

Another option for children and families is our **Children's Room**. There you will find caring staff and a safe space for open play during the worship service. Children are welcome to stay in the Children's Room for the entire service, or can be picked up for communion.

Whether your children feel most comfortable in the Children's Room or prefer to stay in the service, we're so glad they're here! We would love the opportunity to get to know you and your family. If you'd like to get connected or have any questions, feel free to email John Snavely at **jsnavely@cccath.org**

THE WORD OF GOD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Organ Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
IV. Adagio

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

HYMN AT THE ENTRANCE

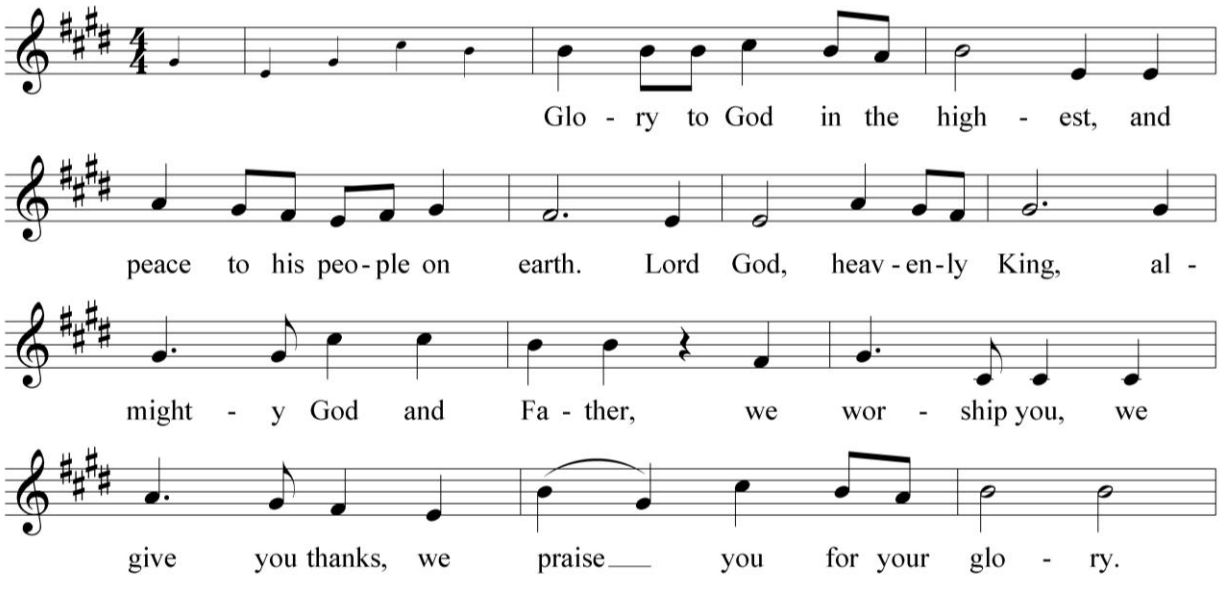
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *The Hymnal 1982*: No. 436

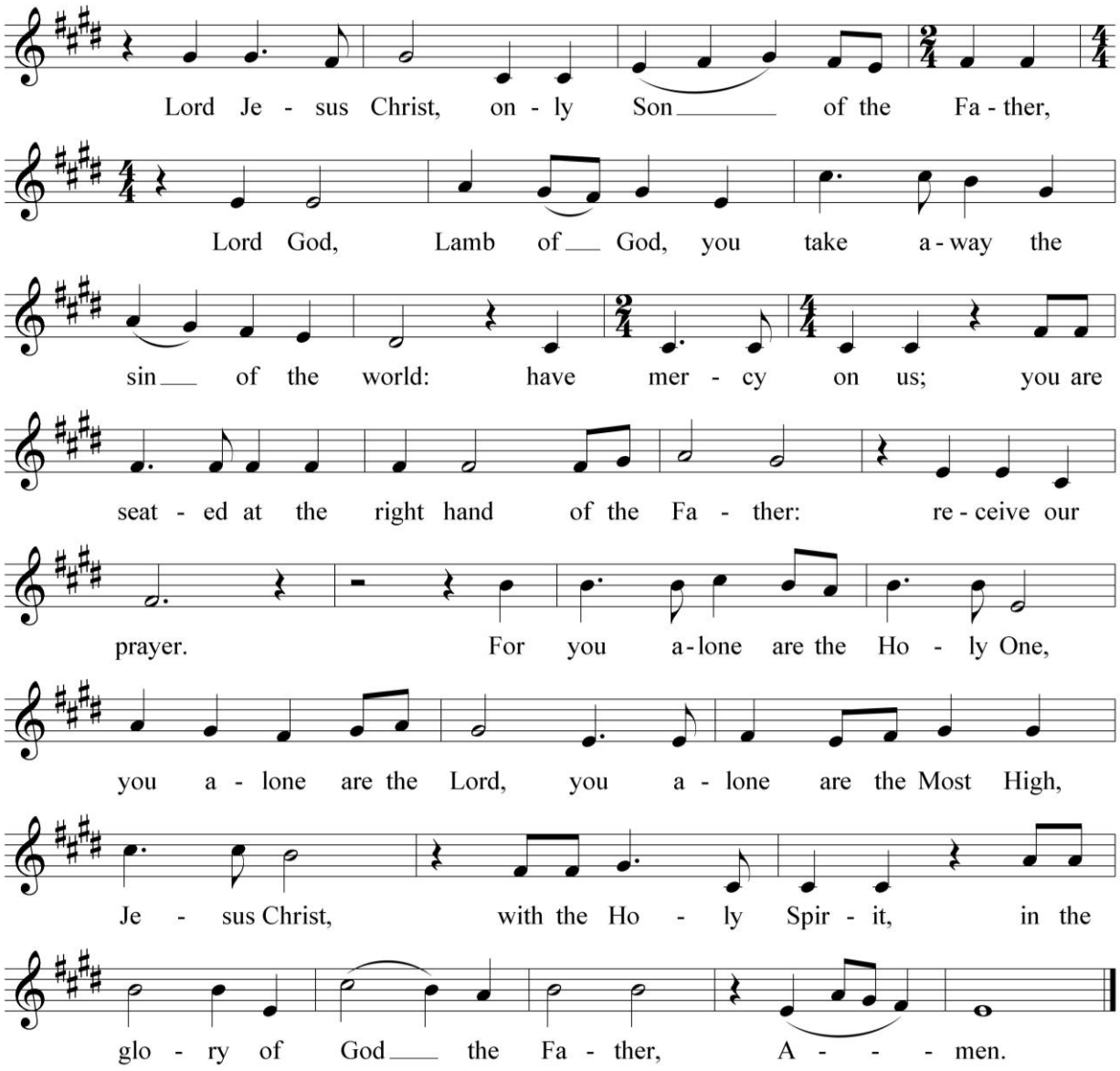
OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Gloria in excelsis Deo*





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

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. *Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (NRSV)*

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

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the choir.

THE beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. *Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 (NRSV)*

Chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul 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. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NRSV)*

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

The People stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Jesus came, adored by angels *The Hymnal 1982*: No. 454

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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." *Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)*

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The People stand.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Celebrant bids the Prayers saying

RECONCILED by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

After each intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The People respond.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

GOD of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says
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

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY — The Christ Church Singers

Keep your lamps!

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

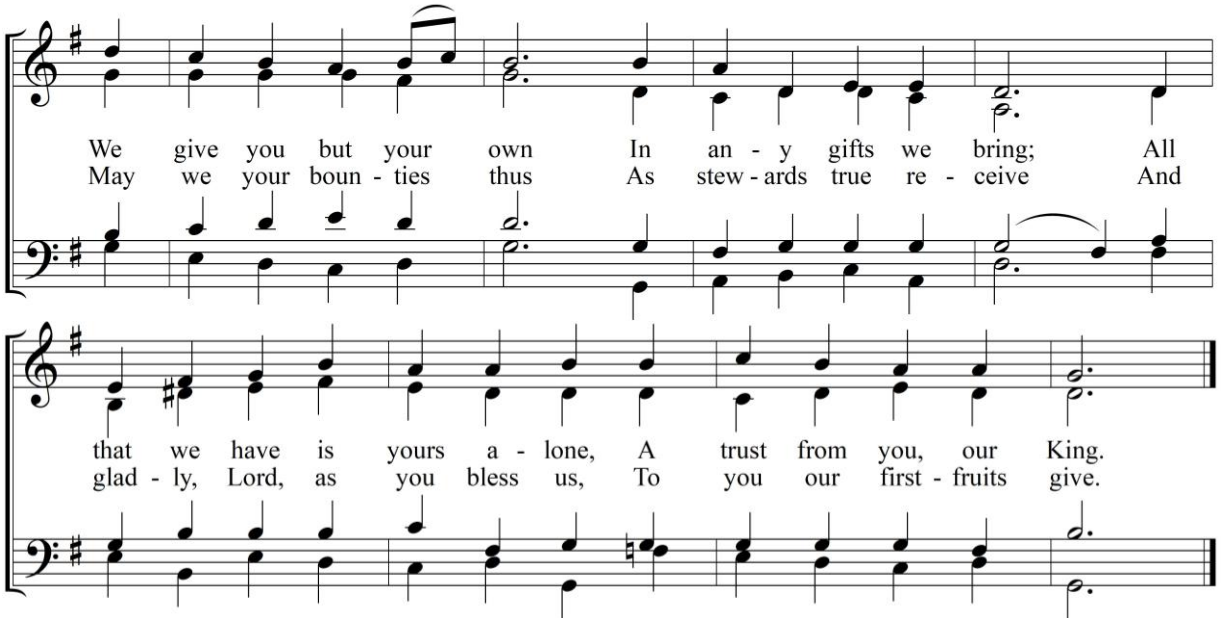
Text & music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

Conductor and composer André J. Thomas served for decades as Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University. In demand as a choral clinician and adjudicator, his compositions and arrangements are performed throughout the world. Dr. Thomas's book Way Over in Beulah Lan': Understanding and Performing the Negro Spiritual *has quickly become an important resource in this area of study.*



HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

We give you but your own



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

GOD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

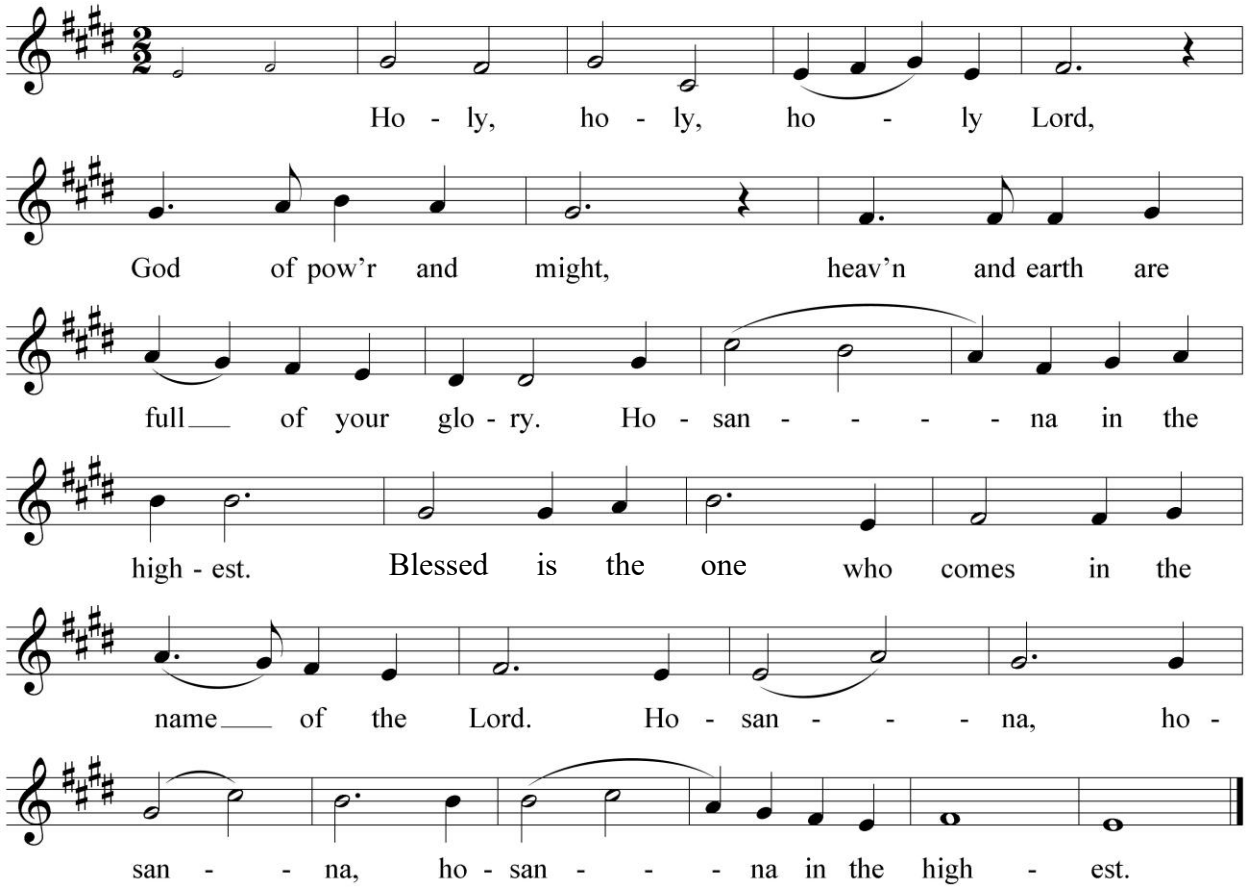
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



The Celebrant continues, recalling God humbling God's self unto death, the last supper, and Jesus binding his presence to that of the bread and wine.

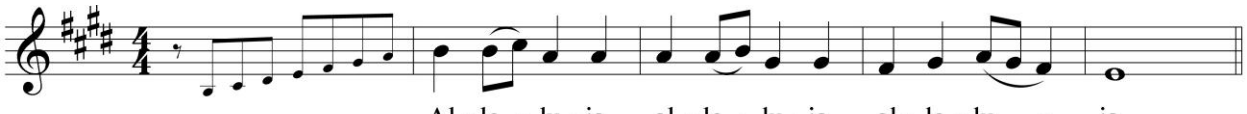
...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 daughters and sons, that with 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.**

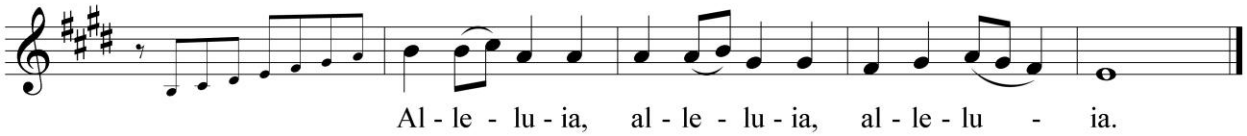
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



Choir
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.



The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Clergy are available for healing prayer at this time. If you desire prayer, approach the priests in the side aisle after you have received either Communion or a blessing.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — The Christ Church Singers

O sacrum convivium

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;	O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;	the memorial of his passion is renewed;
mens impletur gratia;	the soul is filled with grace;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.	and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.

Text: Antiphon to the Magnificat, Second Vespers, Corpus Christi
Music: Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

Rejoice! rejoice, believers — *The Hymnal 1982*: No. 68

The People stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

GOD of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The People respond
Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us — *The Hymnal 1982*: No. 61

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude, Op. 29, No. 1 — Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

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We welcome to our service today the **Christ Church Singers**, an un-auditioned ensemble that leads music in liturgy several times during the year. The next Singers rehearsal is Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:00 to sing in the Sunday 10:00 service on March 22nd. For more information, e-mail music administrator Doug Bruestle (dbruestle@cccath.org). The Cathedral Choir returns next Sunday.

Please join us at one of our upcoming services:

This afternoon, 11/8: The Noon Service, 12:00 pm (Centennial Chapel)
Saturday, 11/14: Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm (Centennial Chapel)

Music Live at Lunch this week features Students from the **University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music's Organ and Harpsichord studios.** Join us for this free concert (in the Nave) on **Tuesday, November 10th at 12:10.** Bring your own lunch or purchase one when you get here!



Throughout the month of November, all donations collected at Music Live performances will benefit **Easterseals Redwood.**

MINISTERS

The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Canon Liesebet Gravley, *Preacher*
The Reverend Canon Joanna DeHaan Unangst, *Deacon & Healing Minister*

Dianne Butler, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Bill Myers, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Jerry Stein, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Mary Lynn Woebkenberg, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*

Ryan Dye, *Reader*
Jean Lauterbach, *Reader*

Berta Lerch, *Intercessor*

Steve van Allen, *Verger*

Jerry Stein, *Acolyte Master*
Hugh Evans, *Acolyte*
John Snavely, *Acolyte*
Beth Zavodny, *Acolyte*

Tucker Stone, *Head Usher*
Lexie Bopp, *Usher*
Tom Cecil, *Usher*
Chris Christensen, *Usher*
Sigrun Haude, *Usher*
Barbara Koerner, *Usher*
Julieta Simms, *Usher*

Drew Abbott, *Welcome Table*
Lynn Okel, *Welcome Table*

Jennifer Blair, *Communion Bread Ministry*

Lexie Bopp, *Altar Guild*
Mary Lynn Woebkenberg, *Altar Guild*
Cindy Cecil, *Altar Guild*
Brenda Shawver, *Altar Guild*

Brooke Reidy, *Flower Guild*
Susan Anuforo, *Flower Guild*
Pat Haug, *Flower Guild*
Anna Thorner, *Flower Guild*
Caroline Hatch, *Flower Guild*

The Christ Church Singers
Stephan Casurella, *Canon Precentor & Director of Music*
Abraham Wallace, *Associate Director of Music*
Matthew Johnson, *Organ Scholar*
Kirsten Marron, *Associate Musician*

Land Acknowledgment

Our Cathedral and Cincinnati occupy the ancestral lands of the Shawnee and Miami Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the painful history of colonization, genocide, and intergenerational trauma that they have endured, and commit to working toward truth and reconciliation. We honor the perseverance and resiliency of indigenous people, and we will continue to seek their guidance and participation in our efforts to build awareness of the history, traditions, and contributions of indigenous cultures.

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