THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Holy Eucharist

October 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

JAZZ AND JUSTICE, GROUNDED IN JESUS

Welcome to St. PJ's! Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, whatever questions dwell in your heart, and whatever your race, age, sexuality, gender identity, income, nationality, or beliefs, you are loved, affirmed, and welcomed here as we worship God and honor God's image in one another.ant

Today's order of service is taken from both the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. Text in bold is read by everyone together. Our average Communion service is typically around 75 minutes long.

At St. PJ's, our music is in the jazz tradition, a special gift that draws on diverse traditions, touches every God-created emotion, highlights the liturgy in new ways, and expresses deep spirituality.

Single-user restrooms are in the hall to your right (with changing table and diaper pail) and the narthex/entryway at the back. A blue lost-and-found bin is in the church office.

This service is live-streamed online. By attending, you acknowledge that you may appear in the video.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus loves the crying, laughing, and wandering little feet, and we do too! Please sit anywhere you like; the special Pray and Play area in the back is just one fun option. Most Sundays, we also offer the optional Children's Garden Sunday School in the parish-hall classroom, down the office hallway on your right. Children depart the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, and return at the Peace before Communion.

STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Nathan Empsall
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and give thanks for the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger nations who resided on this land before it was taken from them, and we confess Christianity's role in forced colonization. We ask God to help us to learn from our past mistakes, to remember that the Earth does not belong to us, and to live humbly in right relationship with all God's creation as instruments of love, justice, and peace.

ST. PJ'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Thursday Midday Prayers | 12:30 p.m. | Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembering loved ones next week for All Saints Day: On All Saints' Sunday – next Sunday, November 1 – we will pray for those in our extended church family who passed over the past year. Please submit names you would like to remember in the bulletin that day to pastoralcare@stpaulstjames.org by the end of the day this Tuesday, 10/27.

The Path: Adult education after church today: Our new, ongoing adult education series begins today! Following the 10:30 Sunday service, we will explore "The Path: A Journey Through the Bible." Our first discussion will be "Chapter 1: God Saw That It Was Good," on Genesis 1-3, led by Dr. Sam Ernest.

Reading the week's chapter of "The Path" each will enhance your experience. You may purchase the book at the following link, and the church also has a limited number of copies available in the Chapel: https://bit.ly/PJsPath

Next week we will discuss "Chapter 2: The Sign of the Covenant," covering Genesis 4-11, with Kelly Park. You can come anytime; you do not need to have attended the previous week.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Felix Rivera

Liturgical Assistant: Kelly Park

Lectors: David Boyer and Marilyn Bergen

Altar Guild: Suzy McDowell

Breadbaker: Sue Galvin

Cantor: Dr. Samuel Ernest

With thanks to our usher, musicians, and all others who made today happen!

All Souls' Day Soup Supper, 11/2, 6 pm: As we move through the autumn season and the veil between life and death feels thin, you are invited to a soup supper in observance of All Souls' Day. Bring photos, tokens, or simply memories of loved ones who have passed away. We will enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread, and share about those we love but see no more. Soup provided! For more information, contact Kelly Park, our pastoral care associate: kelly@stpaulstjames.org

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✠ **Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) Cycle of Prayer:** St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; Holy Spirit, West Haven; and all diocesan ministries to, with, and for women, including chapters in ECCT of Episcopal Church Women and the Girl's Friendly Society

✠ **Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Central Africa

✠ **St. PJ's Mission and Building Partners:** Loaves & Fishes, Sunrise Cafe, and the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK)

The prayer list is prayed aloud in community each Thursday at the 12:30 Midday Prayer service.

To add or update a name on our prayer list, please contact Pastoral Care Associate Kelly Park: pastoralcare@stpaulstjames.org

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 1: THE WORD OF GOD

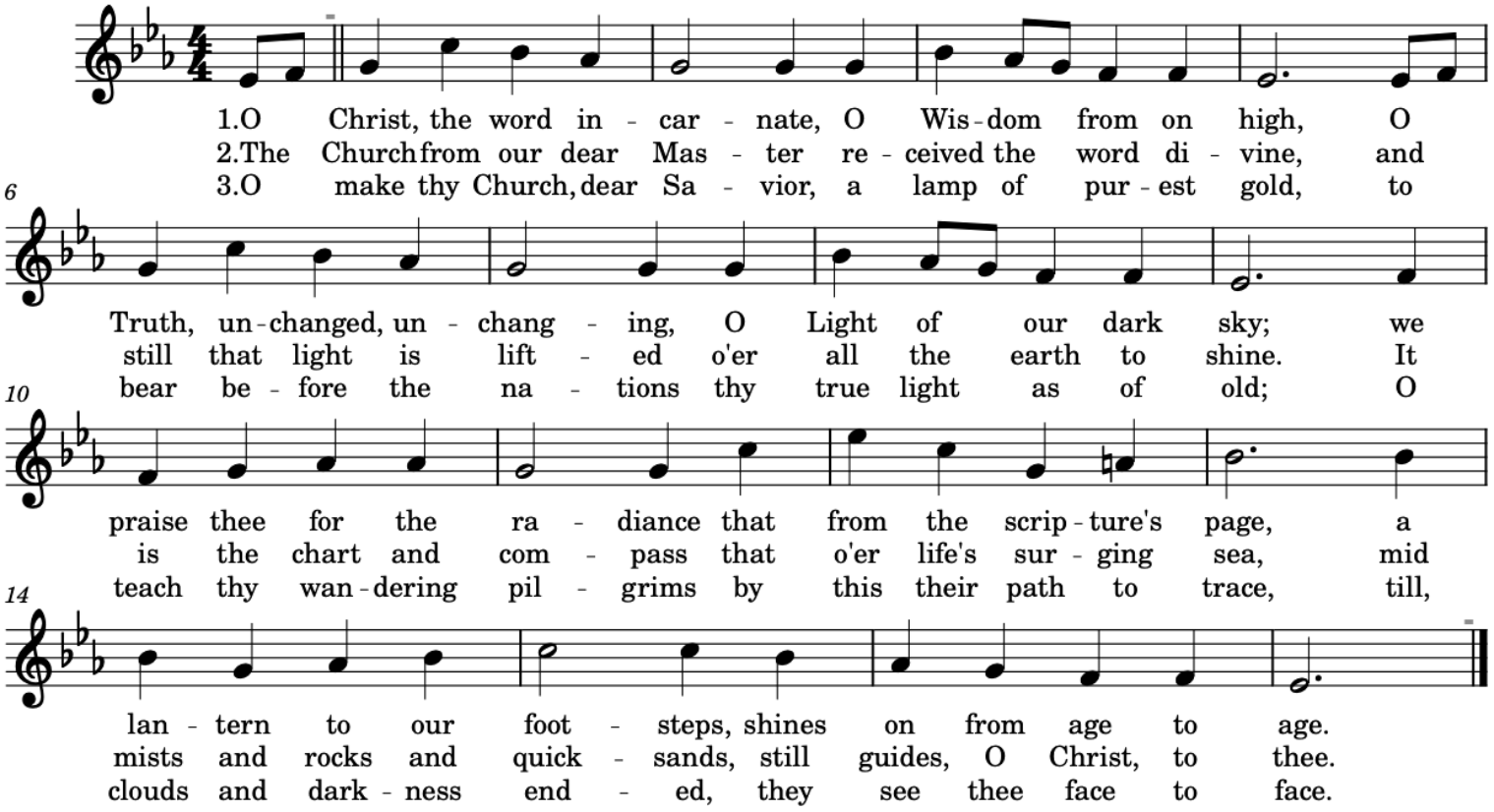
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPENING HYMN

O Christ the Word Incarnate

Please rise in body or in spirit



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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

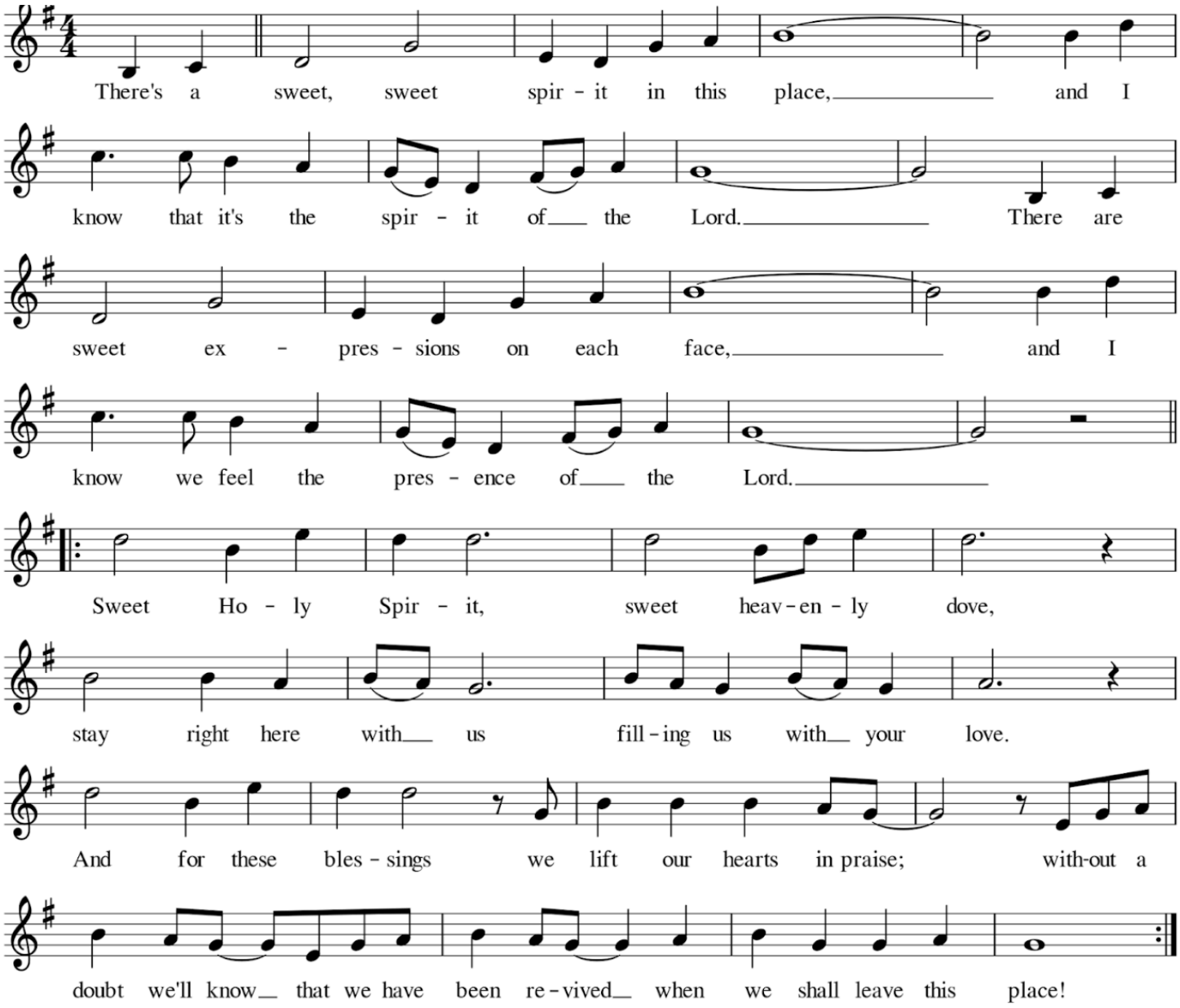
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God!

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever!**

Celebrant: **Let us pray.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit *Please rise in body or spirit*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 34: 1-12* *Please be seated.*

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

THE RESPONSE *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*

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, *
"Go back, O child 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 us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

SECOND LESSON *1 Thessalonians 2:1- 8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *Zimbabwe Alleluia*

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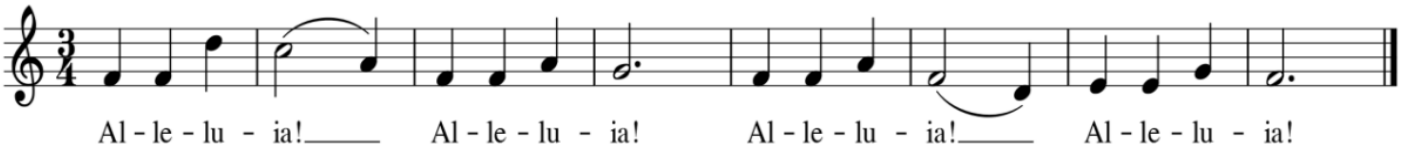

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 34-46*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> 'The Lord said to my Lord,
> "Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *The Rev. Deacon Felix Rivera* *Please be seated*

JAZZ RESPONSE

NICENE CREED *Please rise in body or in spirit*

Deacon: Let us join together as one church with fellow Christians across time and space, centuries and continents, to pray the historic Nicene Creed. Together:

All: **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of our ancestors, you led your people out of slavery into a new homeland. Your faithfulness was with them through all the trials as it is with us today.

O God, you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, for our faithful bishops Jeff and Laura, for all clergy and lay leaders, and for the Annual Convention that concluded yesterday. We especially thank you for the faithful witness and representation provided for us by our convention delegates, David Tate and David Boyer.

O God, you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

O God, remember us in these difficult times of political unrest in our own country and throughout the world. As early voting is underway, may we be faithful in speaking up against what is evil and do our part to vote with a clear conscience. We pray for those caught up in civil unrest, especially in France and throughout the world.

O God, you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

God of Compassion, we remember all who share in the Sunrise Cafe and Loaves and Fishes programs and the volunteers who support these offerings. Be present also to us with our questions, to those listed on our prayer list, and to all who suffer, especially those we name now, whether in our hearts or aloud…

[Please offer your own prayers at this time.]

O God, you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

Loving God, we pray with those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries at this time. May they celebrate the gift of life they share.

We remember also those who have died, that they may find peace everlasting, and all who mourn…

[Please offer your own prayers at this time.]

O God, you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and all God's creation.

[Silence]

All: 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 heart;
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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace (fist bump, side hug, peace sign) and be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Prayer by Thomas Merton

Throughout stewardship season, we will hear briefly each week from a different parishioner on their relationship to this community and what keeps drawing them to St. PJ's. Their remarks will be followed by a moment of silent spiritual reflection and the following prayer.

This week, we will hear from Kate Galambos.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us;

Our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are.

Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer:

Who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

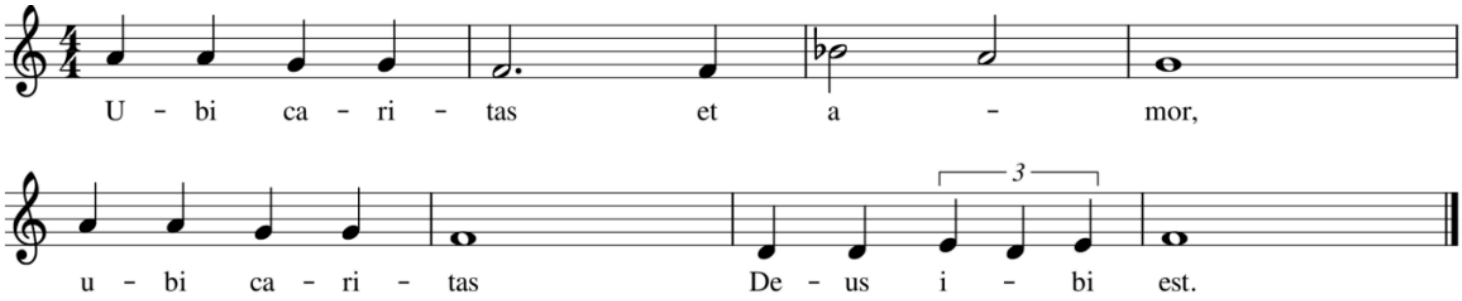
Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in you is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following him.

May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 2: HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRESENTATION HYMN *Ubi Caritas* *Please rise in body or in spirit*



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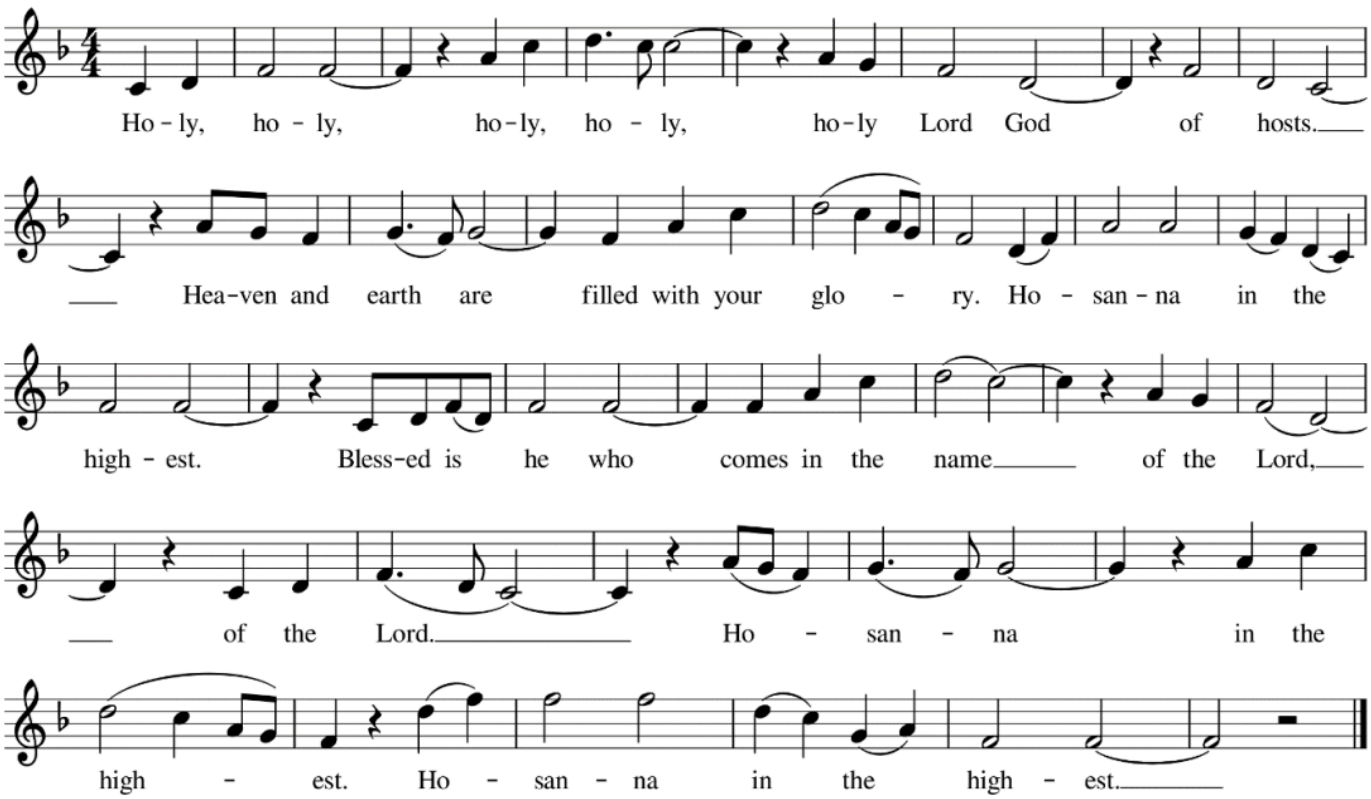
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3*

Celebrant: God, Creator of all, be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Creator.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

[The celebrant continues until:] We join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:



[The celebrant continues until:] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

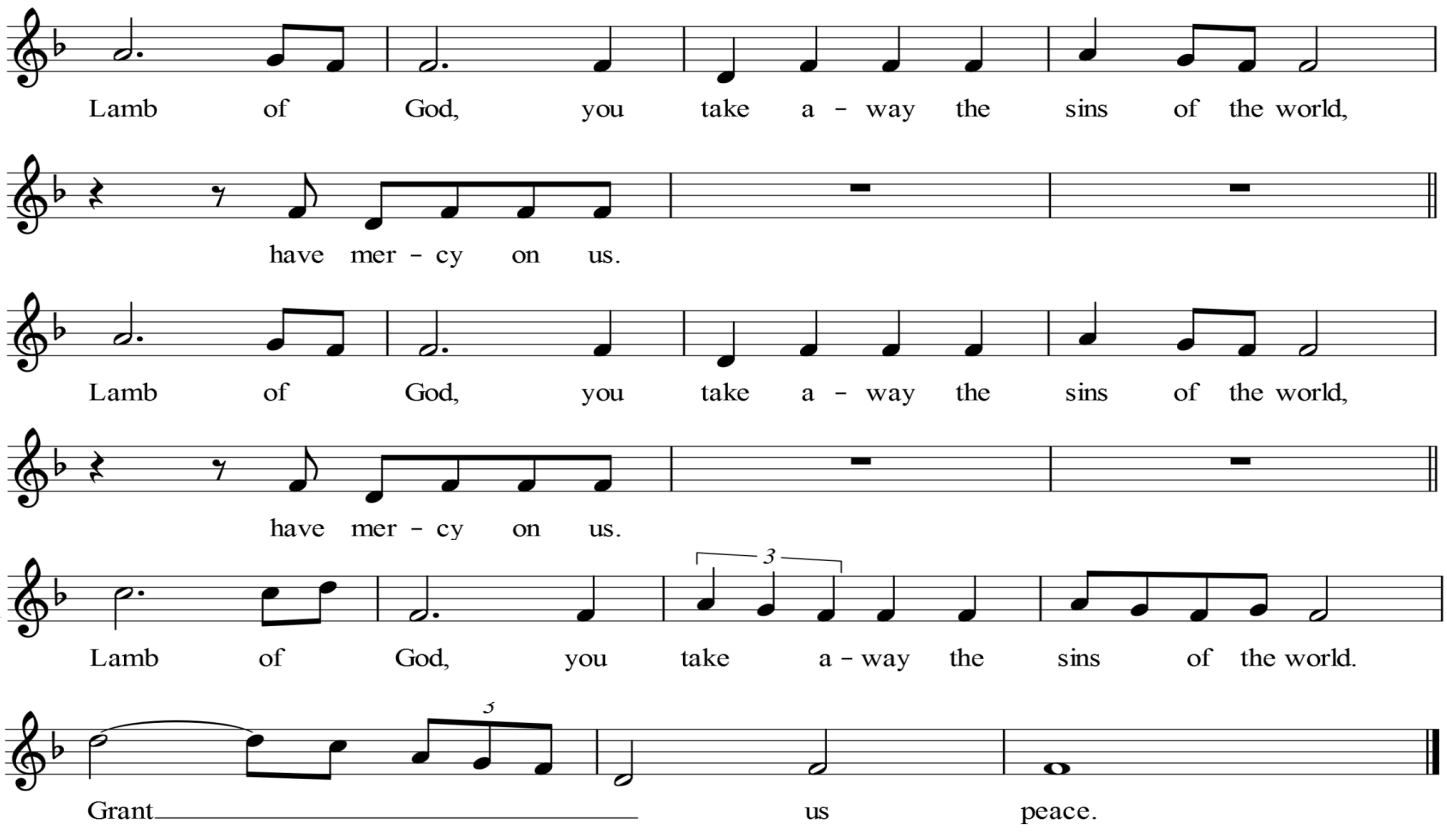
[The celebrant continues until:] Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the many languages of our hearts,

Our Father in heaven,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,	Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
hallowed be your Name,	santificado sea tu nombre;	que ton nom soit sanctifié;
your kingdom come,	venga tu reino;	que ton règne vienne;
your will be done,	hágase tu voluntad	que ta volonté soit faite
on earth as in heaven.	en la tierra como en el cielo.	sur la terre comme au ciel.
Give us today our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.	Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Forgive us our sins	Perdona nuestras ofensas,	Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
as we forgive those	como también *nosotros* perdonamos	comme nous pardonnons aussi
who sin against us.	a los que nos ofenden.	à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Save us from the time of trial,	No nos dejes caer en la tentación	Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
and deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.	mais délivre-nous du mal.
For the kingdom, the power,	Porque tuyo es el reino, el	Car c'est à toi
and the glory are yours,	poder y la gloria, ahora y por	qu'appartiennent le règne,
now and for ever. Amen.	siempre.	la puissance et la gloire,
	Amén.	pour les siècles des siècles.
		Amen.

THE FRACTION

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



Celebrant: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

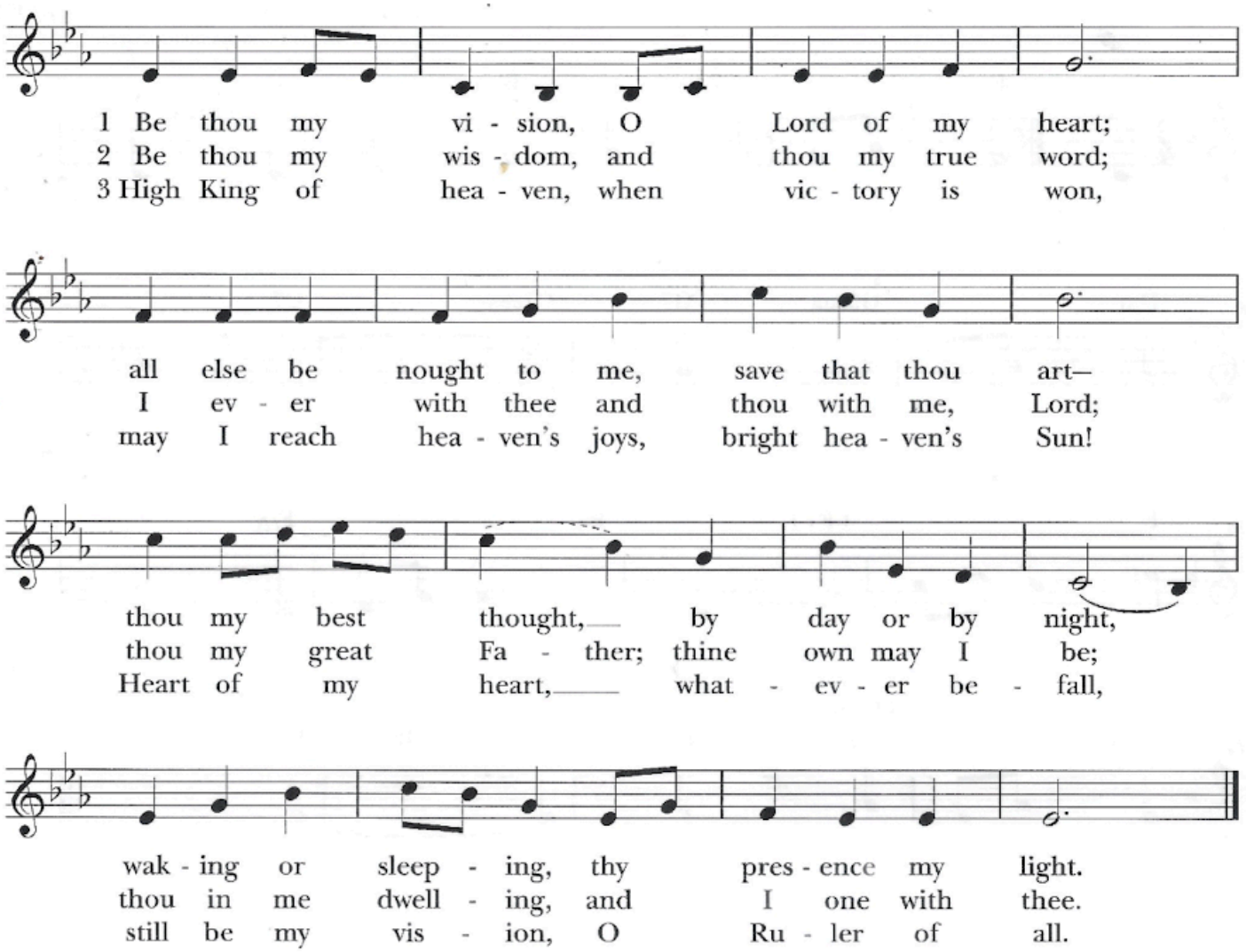
You may be seated when not in line

All are welcome at God's table. Any baptized Christian may receive Holy Communion, and others may receive a blessing (or talk to the priest after church about becoming baptized!). To participate, come up the center aisle to the line in front of the priest on your right. Approach with your hands out and they will place the bread in your palm and say, "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

If you choose to receive either the wine (first server) or non-alcoholic grape juice (second server) next, gently guide the chalice to your lips for a small sip while the server holds it and says the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." To value public health, we drink from the common cup and do not offer intinction (e.g. no dipping the bread in the cup).

Communion is a Sacrament – a visible sign of God's loving grace within us – and you can participate fully in that sign by taking just the bread without the wine. We also offer consecrated, gluten-free alternatives to the bread; simply ask the priest. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you can either remain seated or receive a blessing. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will touch your forehead in the sign of a cross.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou my Vision

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

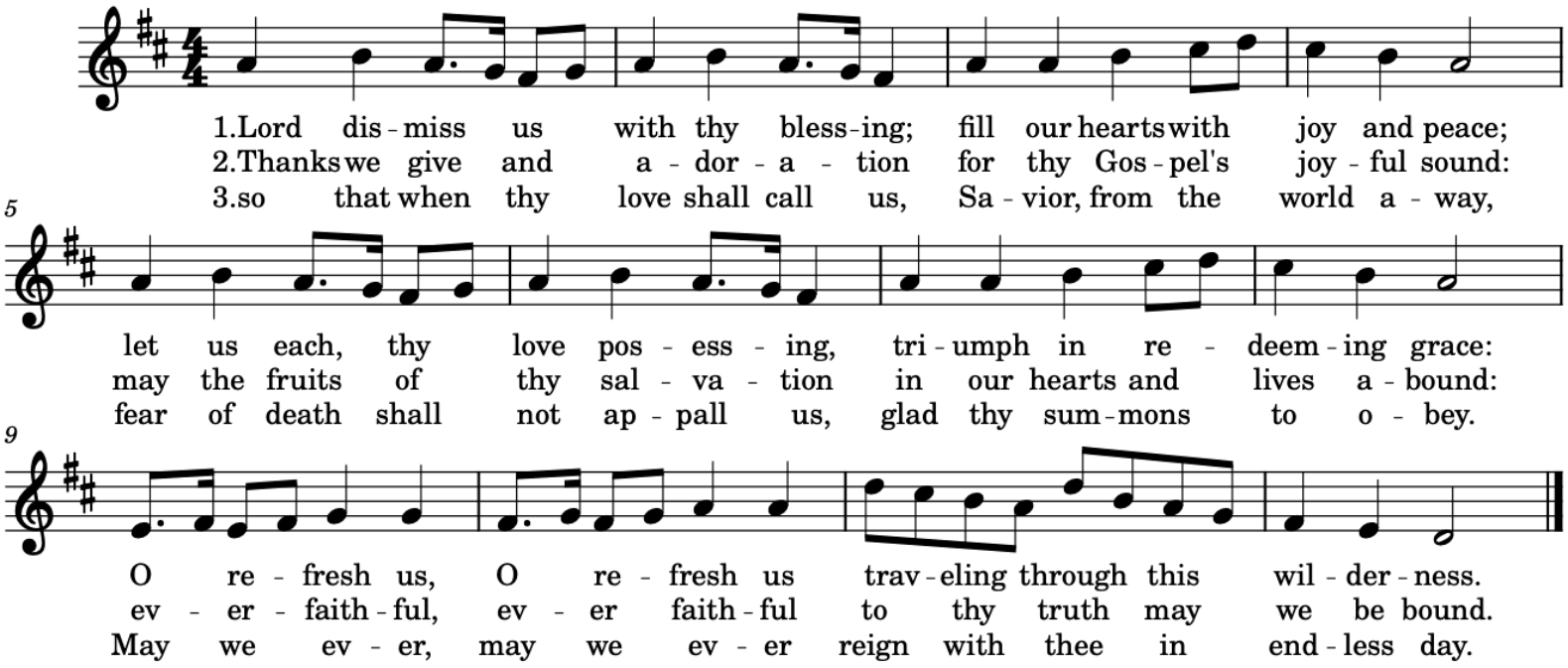
Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

GOING-FORTH HYMN *Lord Dismiss us With thy Blessing* *Please rise in body or in spirit*



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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Our worship is over, our service begins. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

After loving God with worship, please come love your neighbors at Coffee and Community Hour. Please wear a nametag to make this a warm and inviting place for all!

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all souls day

soup supper

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Monday 2 November 2026
6:00 - 7:30pm

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
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St. PJ's Church 57 Olive Street Wooster Square, New Haven in the Parish Hall

all are welcome

vegetarian, dairy free, and gluten free available