Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Episcopal Church in Garrett County
worshipping at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ◊ October 25, 2026

The Liturgy of the Word

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing,

Celebrant I see you.

People **We are here.**

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

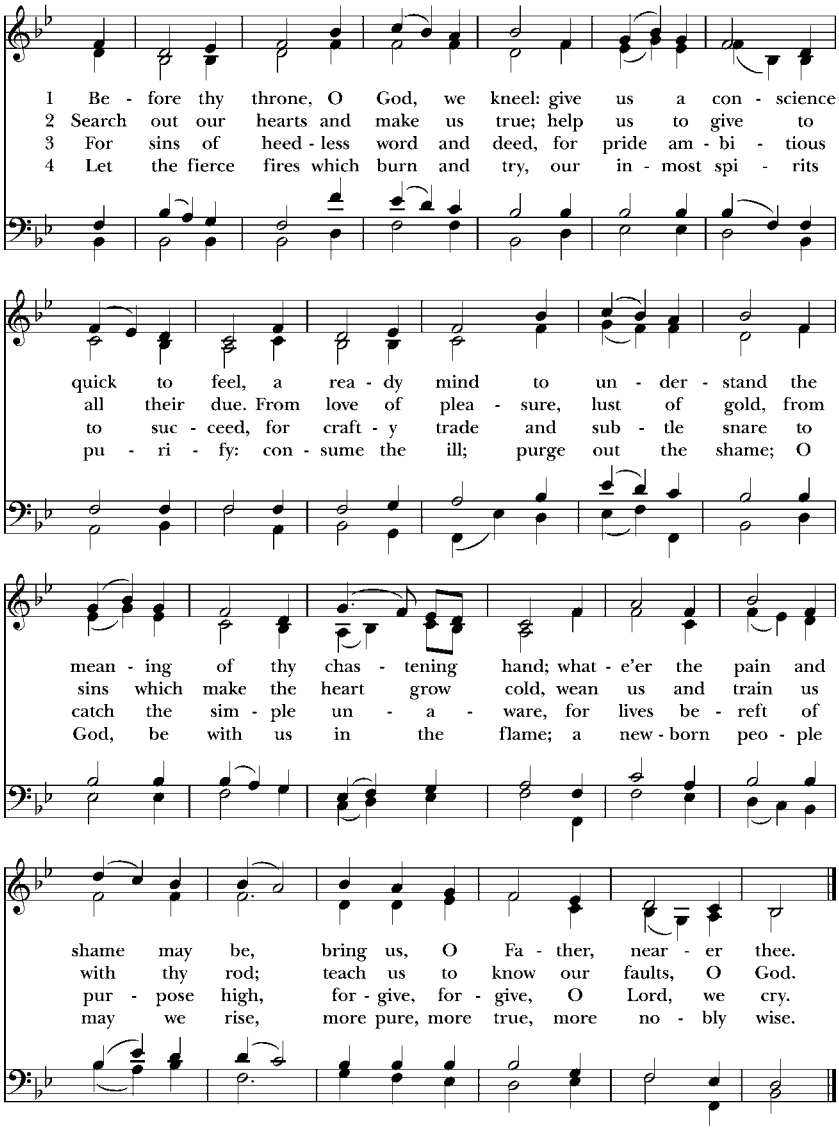
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God we kneel



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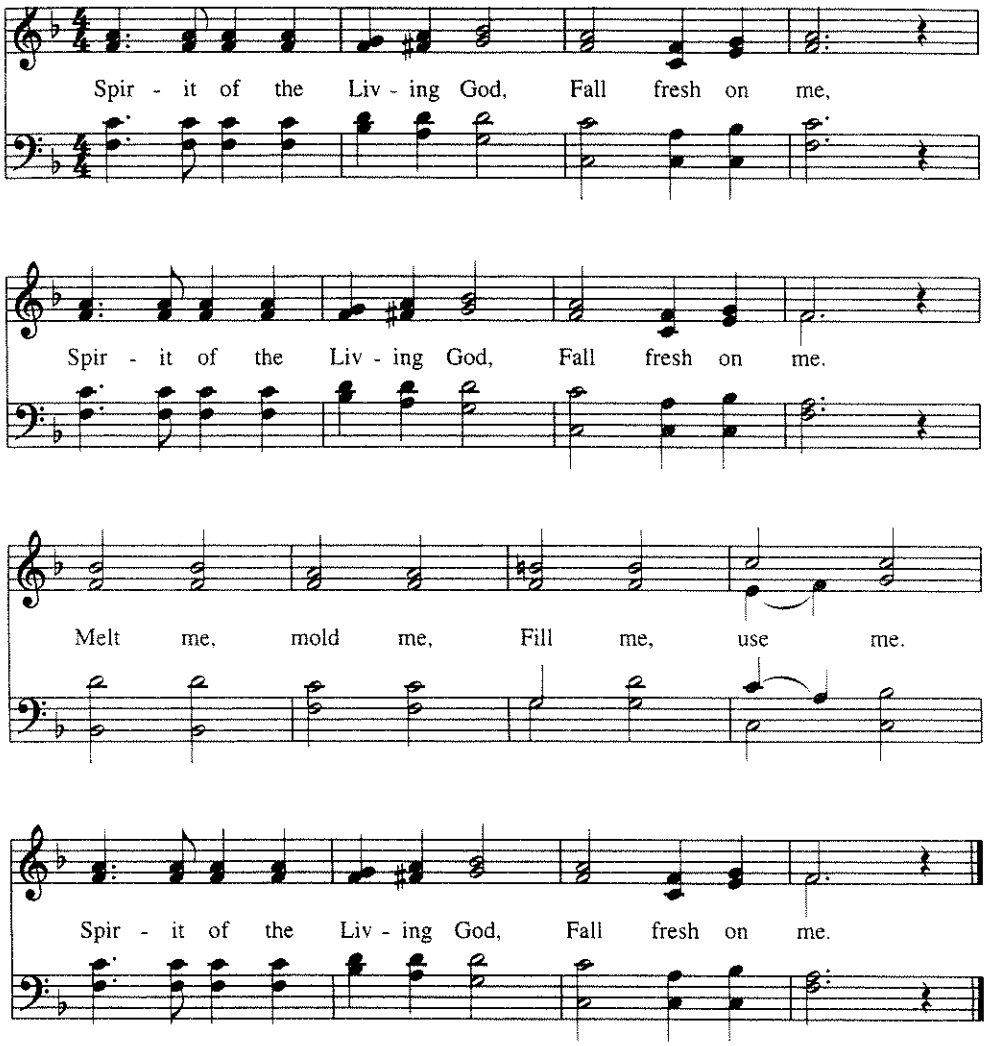
Opening Prayer

Celebrant Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response **We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.**

Hymn 115 (LEVAS) *Spirit of the living God*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

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.

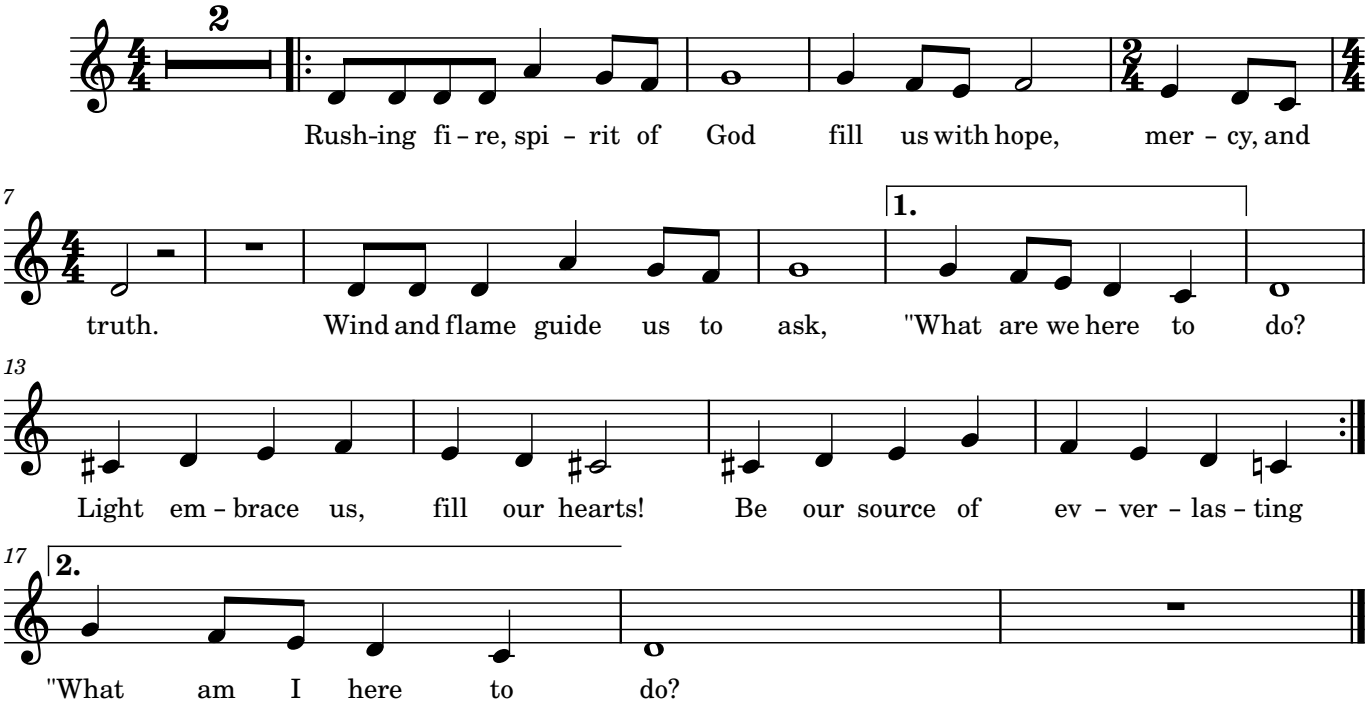
The Second Lesson — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder



2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

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

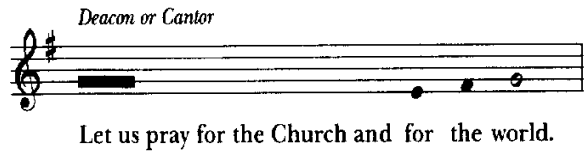
The Sermon — The Rev. Jason Poling

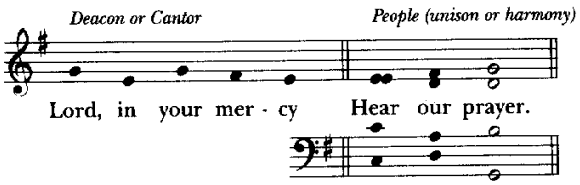
All stand for

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: 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.

The Prayers of the People





Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) 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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *The people remain standing.*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

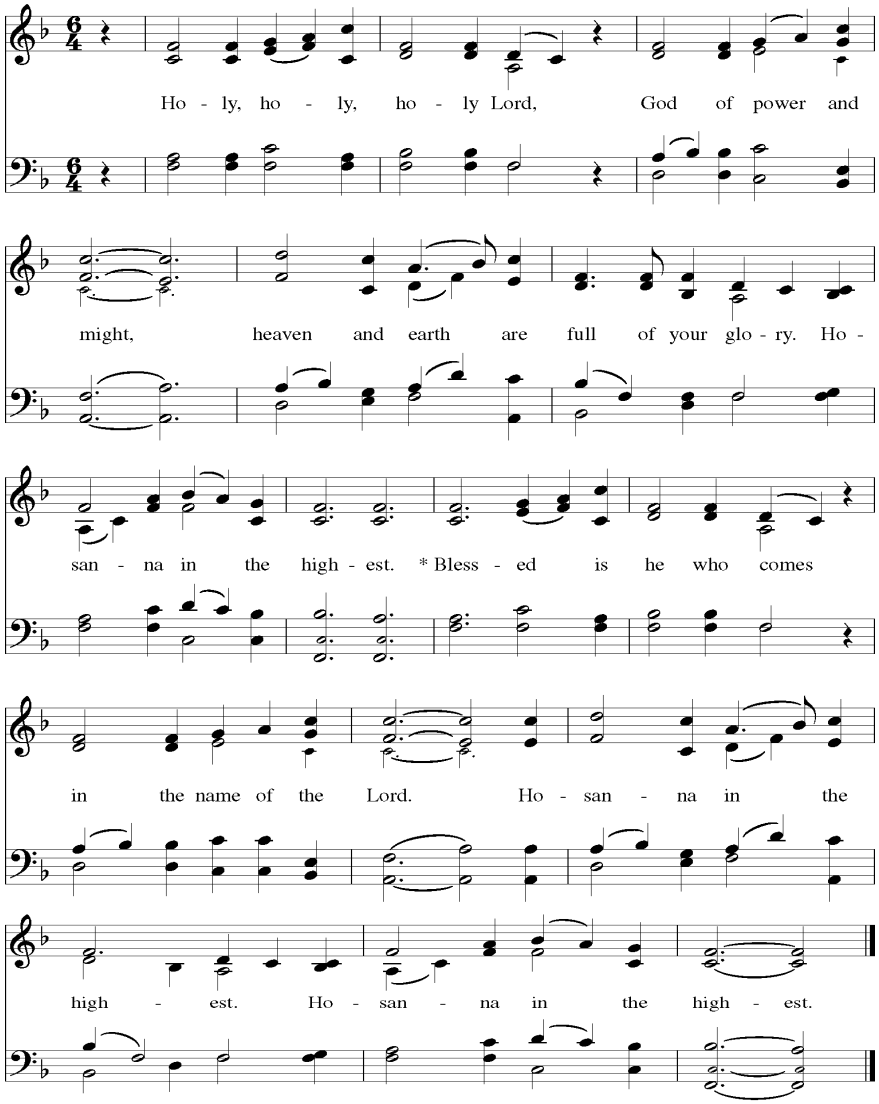
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

Hymn 858 (WLP) *Holy, holy, holy Lord*



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On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

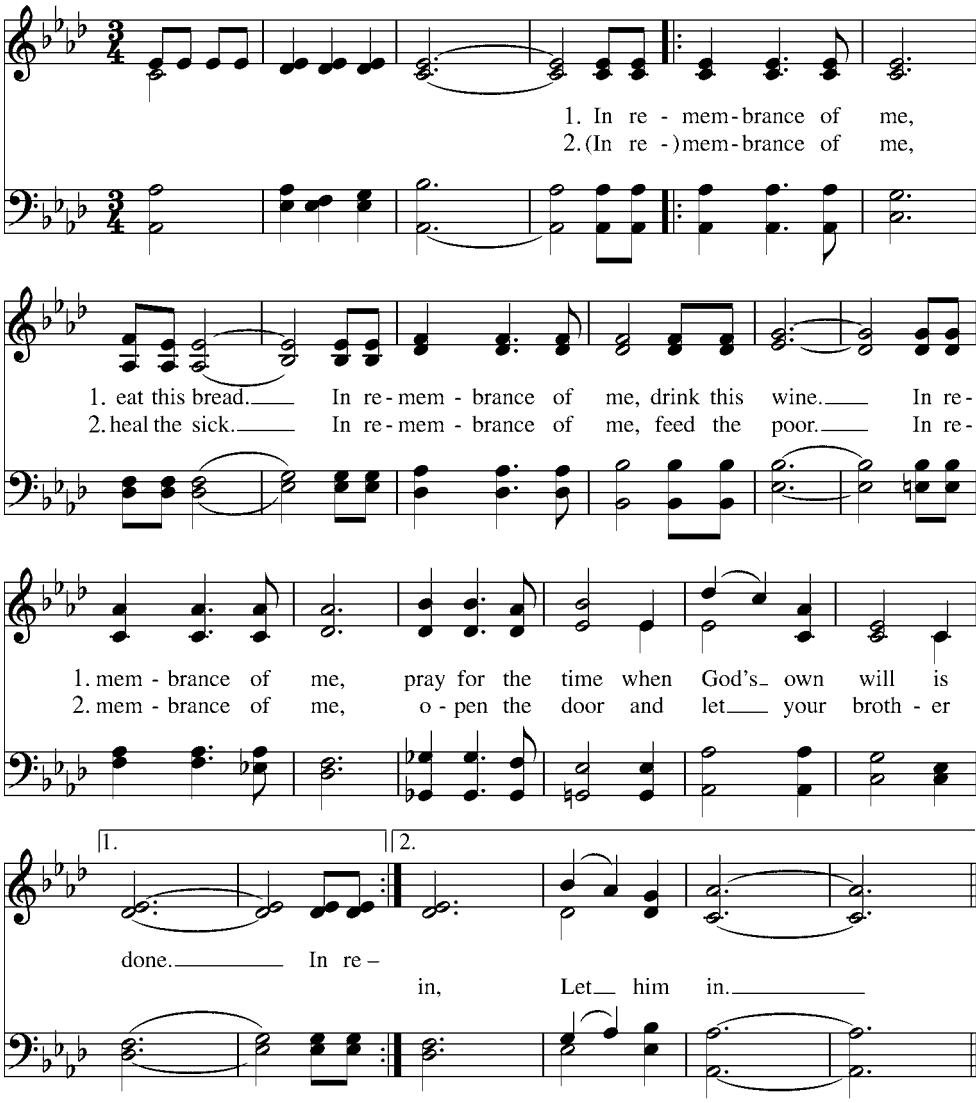
The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People

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.

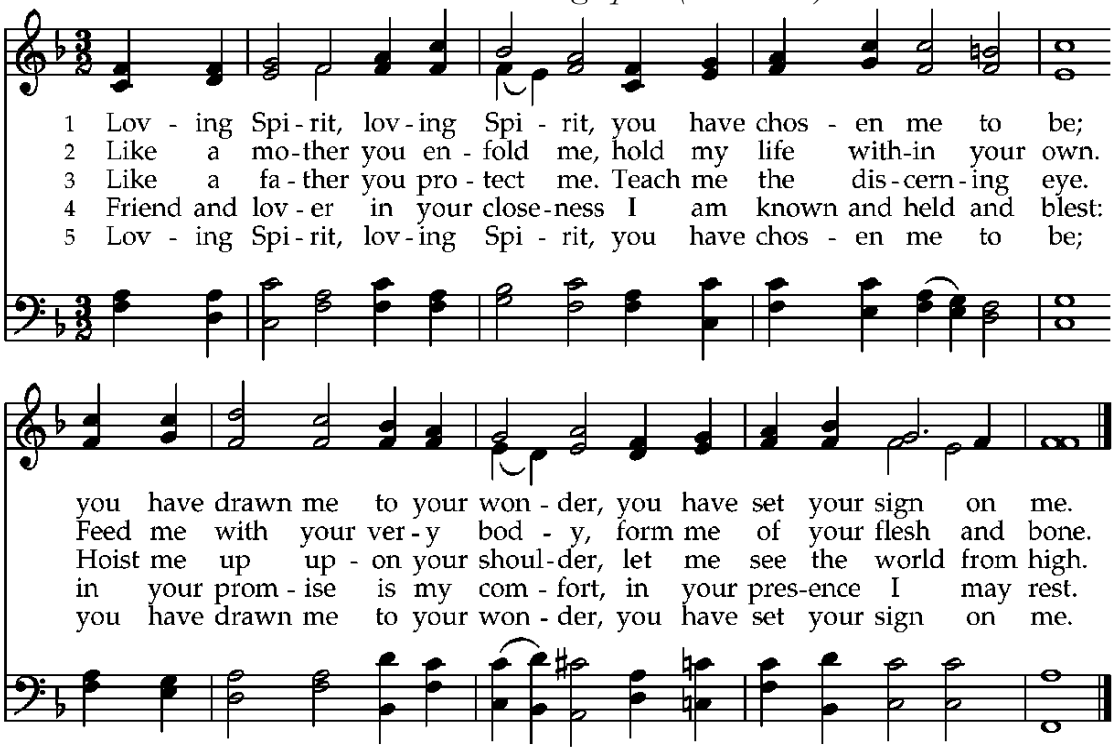
Fraction Anthem — Hymn 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

Post Communion Hymn 742

Loving Spirit (v. 1 and 4)



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Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895).

Blessing

Celebrant Blessed are you our God, Ruler of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth. May your blessing be upon those who cannot be in this place, that they may in Spirit share the love and belonging of this community with all. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

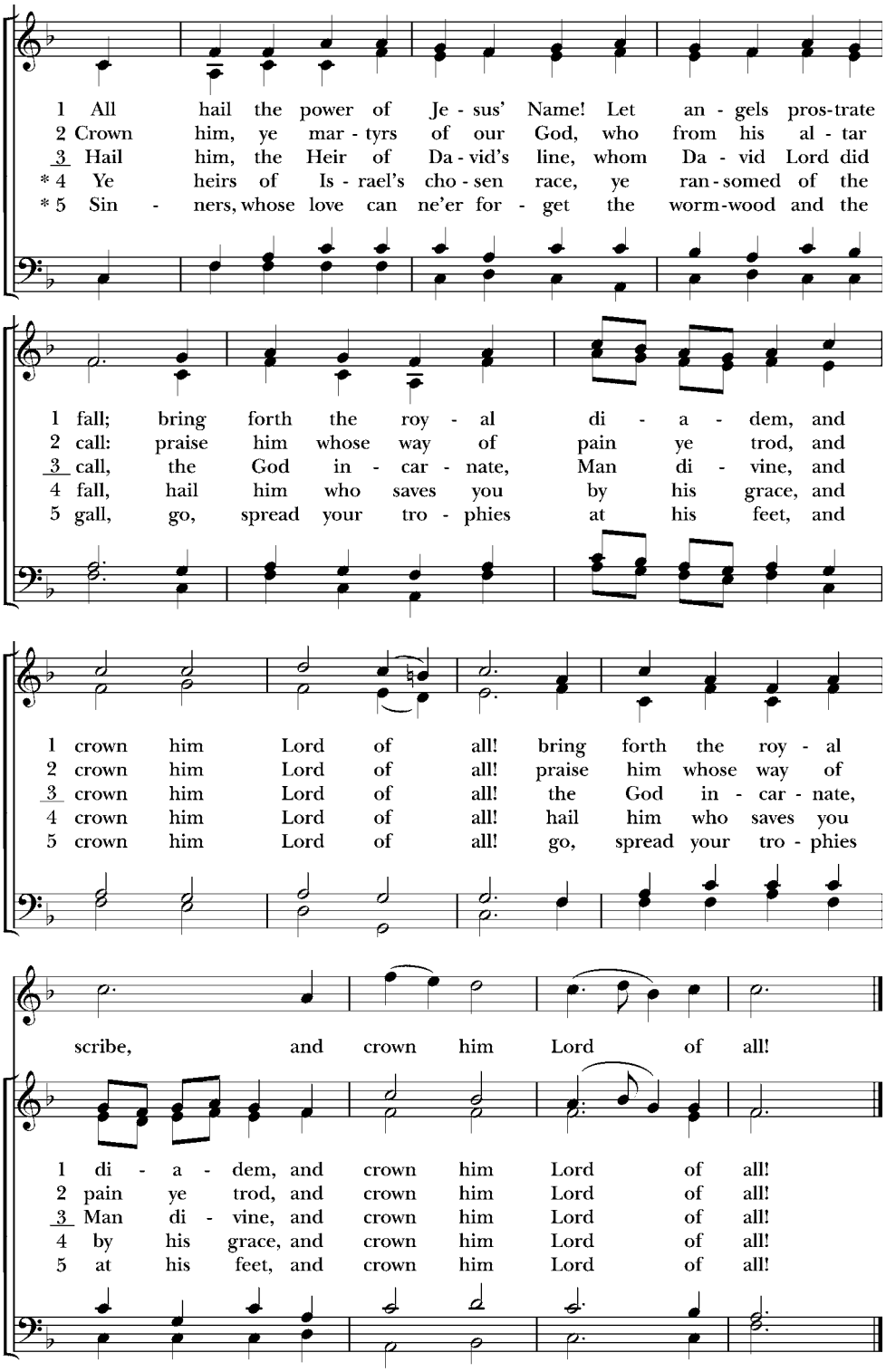
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' name



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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

announcements

all saints' day

Nexct Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Day, the day of the church year when we celebrate the Blessed Company of All Faithful People. This Blessed Company consists of all people of God - those who have gone before, those who are in the present, and those who are yet to come. On this day it is customary to remember those friends and loved ones who have gone on to their new life in the Lord.

If you would like to have a person or people remembered, email the name or names to Julie. We will read those names on Sunday, November 1st during the Prayers of the People for those who have died. Please submit your names by **Tuesday, October 27th**.

fall session of house church

House Church meets again on **November 4th.** The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. This session will be led by Linda Eisenhart and will be a study of **Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis**. The tentative schedule, which is subject to change, can be found in the e-news. All are welcome to join at any time!

episcopals

EpiscoPals is held in the St. Matthew's Parish Hall on the third Sunday of each month at **5:30 pm**. The next gathering will be held on **November 15th**. All in attendance are asked to bring a covered dish of their choice to share. This will be a time to socialize with each other over a shared meal. We want to foster the opportunity for our church family to stay connected and for relationships to grow outside of church services and volunteering with our ministries. We feel it is particularly important to preserve this connection during this time of transition.

stephen's table

Our next meal will be Thanksgiving feast and will be served on **Thursday, November 19th from 5-6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net,** or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

it's in the bag

It's in the Bag has resumed its weekly packing of more than 320 bags of food. Volunteers meet each Wednesday at 11 am at St. John's.

seekers

The Seekers are always collecting **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the church.

nearly new

The store is always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries. The store is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10AM - 2PM, and during Stephen's Table each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

If your teen needs to earn service learning hours, they can do so through volunteering at the store. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, you can show up when we are open, or you can:

Send an email to **nearlynewcrew@gmail.com**, or

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**, or

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**, or

Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: **julie@episcopalgarrett.org**

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:	Rev. Jason Poling
Reader:	Linda Eisenhart
Chalicist:	Linda Eisenhart
Coffee Host:	

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to: **julie@episcopalgarrett.org**

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Nancy Ihloff; Kathy O'Connor; Sylvia Pritts; Bernie Ferguson; Michael Marine; Mary Ely; Donetta Sisler; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jen Virts; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Kunst; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Frances Carr; Jack Skeen; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; The Manning Family; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Arwana Schoemer; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; Frances Sharpless; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(*Silence*)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace, New Market; St. Andrew's, Glenwood; St. Barnabas', Sykesville.

We also pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, addiction, and economic and environmental injustice.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Linda Ludwig Baker; Diane Burns; Lexie Byrne; Betty Jane Cook; Laurie Cornett; Carolyn Germain; Larry Glatt; Regina Ray; Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner; Dan Jonson; Madeline Meister; Brenda Rathgeb; Kat & Matt Rayner; Kip Senholzi; and Gavin Tasker.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery are upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at episcopalgarrett.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

upcoming church schedule

November 1st		St. John's
November 8th		St. Matthew's
November 15th		St. John's
November 22nd		St. Matthew's
November 29th	Decorating	St. Matthew's
December 6th	Decorating	St. John's
December 13th		St. Matthew's
December 20th		St. John's
December 24th	7 pm	St. Matthew's
December 24th	10:30 pm	St. John's
December 27th		St. Matthew's

Sunday, October 25th - St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall
Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

Thursday, Oct. 29th - St. Matthew's

7:30 am Morning Prayer with Reserved Sacrament

Sunday, November 1st - St. John's All Saints' Day

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour in the fellowship room immediately following the service

sunday 10 am schedule

November 1st	Holy Eucharist Rite II	St. John's
November 8th	Holy Eucharist Rite II	St. Matthew's
November 15th	Holy Eucharist Rite II	St. John's
November 22nd	Holy Eucharist Rite II	St. Matthew's
November 29th	Holy Eucharist Rite II	St. Matthew's

every week

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's
10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's
10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday
10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday
7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II or Morning Prayer w/RS

Friday & Saturday
10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

every month

third Sunday
5:30 pm EpiscoPals (**November 15th**, SM Parish Hall)

next-to-the-last Thursday
5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (**November 19th**)

monthly
6 pm Vestry/Advisory Board meeting - SM (**11/5**)

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Leah DeLauder
Music Director

vestry/advisory board members

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