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# Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m.

All Saints' Day November 1, 2026

**May our hearts be open to God and those around us. Please enter into quiet prayer as you prepare for worship and ask that we might recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.**

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**We are glad you are here!**

St. John's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community.

We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we.

No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are worthy and belong here. Come as you are.

If you are visiting, please complete the welcome card in the pew. Have this card be your gift to us by placing it in the donation plate when it gets passed or give it to a member of the clergy after the service. Though children of all ages are welcome at the worship service, **nursery care is available.**

### Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

You may receive the bread into your hand, consume it and then guide the cup to your lips. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, consume the bread and cross your hands over your chest.
If you would not like to receive the bread or wine but would like to come up and receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest when the clergy approach.
Children may receive Communion as there is no minimum age.
If you would like to receive Communion at your pew, please let an usher know and the clergy would be honored to bring it to you.

### Gluten Free Communion Wafer

If you need a gluten free Communion wafer, there is a small basket as you enter the back of the nave (worship space).
In it you will find a GF sticker that you can wear, or you can simply say "Gluten Free" to the clergy when they approach.

**Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rosemary Ryan by Mike Muncy & Elizabeth Ryan.**

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in G major, Op. 37 No. 2-* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
*All stand in body or spirit*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"For all the saints"* *verses 1-4* **Hymnal 287**




**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *p. 355*

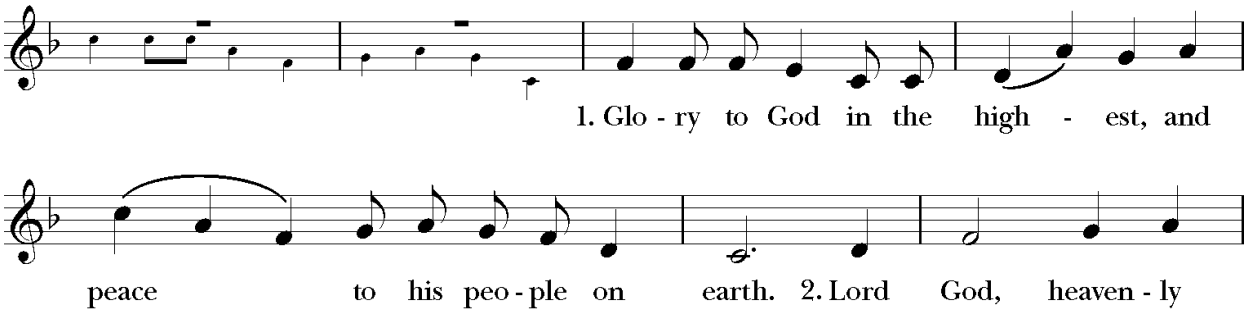
*Presider:* Blessed be God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:*** **And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Presider:* 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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S-280**






**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***People:*** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* 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.**

*Please be seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Revelation 7:9-17*

*Lector:* A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

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."

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

**PSALM 34:1-10, 22** *Chanted by the Choir*
arranged by Michael Lindstrom (b1955)

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.

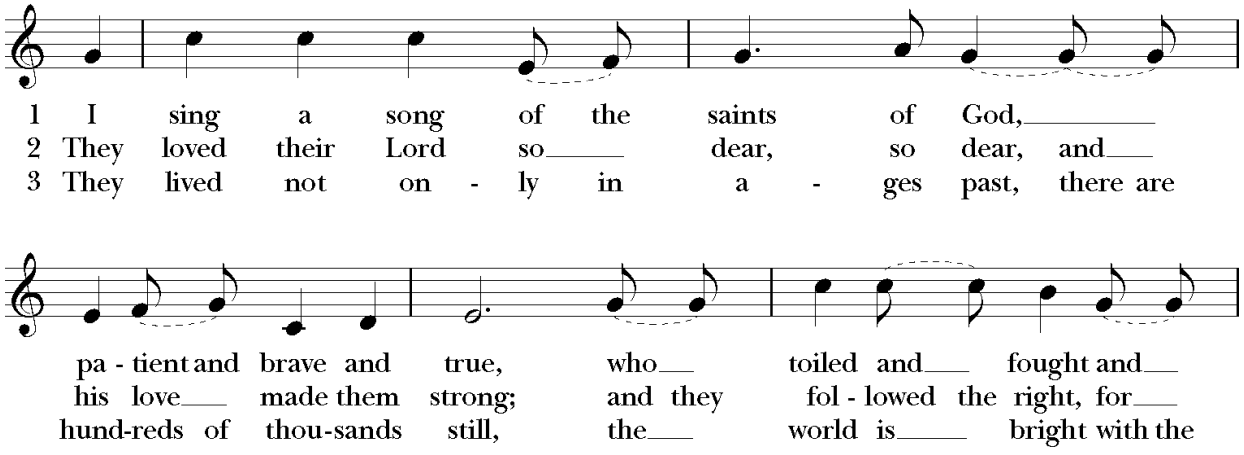
**THE SECOND LESSON** *1 John 3:1-3*

*Lector:* 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.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN** *"I sing a song of the saints of God"* **#293**






**THE GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 5:1-12*

*Deacon:* 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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON:** The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *BCP Page 358*

**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.**

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**
*BCP Page 830 (51)*

Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Form III p.387

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
***People:*** **That we all may be one.**

*Leader:* Lord, we pray for each other and for all the people of God, especially for our Diocesan Seminarians, those in the Iona School of Formation and Aspirancy Program; The Anglican Church in Central America; and University Lutheran Church, Norman.

*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***People:*** **That your Name may be glorified**
**by all people.**

*Leader:* We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***People:*** **That they may be faithful ministers of**
**your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* We pray for Donald, our President; Kevin, our Governor; Stephen, our Mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
***People:*** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Protect Jonny, Brock, Brooklynne, Riley, Tyler, Jackson, Liam, Nathan, Andrew, Jeanna, and all those, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
***People:*** **That our works may find favor**
**in your sight.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially, Glenda, Olive, Lindsey, Timothy, Conly, Betty, Leo, Luke, Barbara, Mark, Bob, Betsy, Cathy, Ray, Judy, Kiri, Kim, Marj, Courtney, Rōshni, Linda, Mary, Marsha, Susan, and the Allen family.

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
***People:*** **That they may be delivered from**
**their distress.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died, especially, Rex, Toni, Kathleen, Prakash, and those we now name:
*(Pause)*
*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest.
***People:*** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***People:*** **May we also come to share**
**in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence Additional Prayers may be added*

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**
*Presider:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN** *BCP Page 360*

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbor.

*(Pause for personal reflection.)*

***Deacon and People:***

**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.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

*(a reminder of God's grace and forgiveness)*

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Presider:* The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.

***People:*** **And also with you.**

*Offer on another some sign of Christ's peace.*

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Presider offers this or other offertory sentence.*

*Presider:* Let us make an offering of the gifts we have been given and make an offering of ourselves to God.

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Faith of Our Fathers*-ST. CATHERINE

**THE OFFERING**

During this time, we make an offering to the church for its mission and it is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

If mailing in an offering, please remit to: St. John's Episcopal Church
235 W. Duffy St., Norman, OK 73069
Or use this QR code for secure and "contact free" donations.

*All stand in body or spirit.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *"O bless the Lord, my soul"* *verses 1-3* **#411**



**THE PRESENTATION**

*Presider:* All things come of thee O Lord.
***People:*** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Prayer A, *BCP Page 361*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.
***People:*** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.
***People:*** **We lift them to the Lord.**

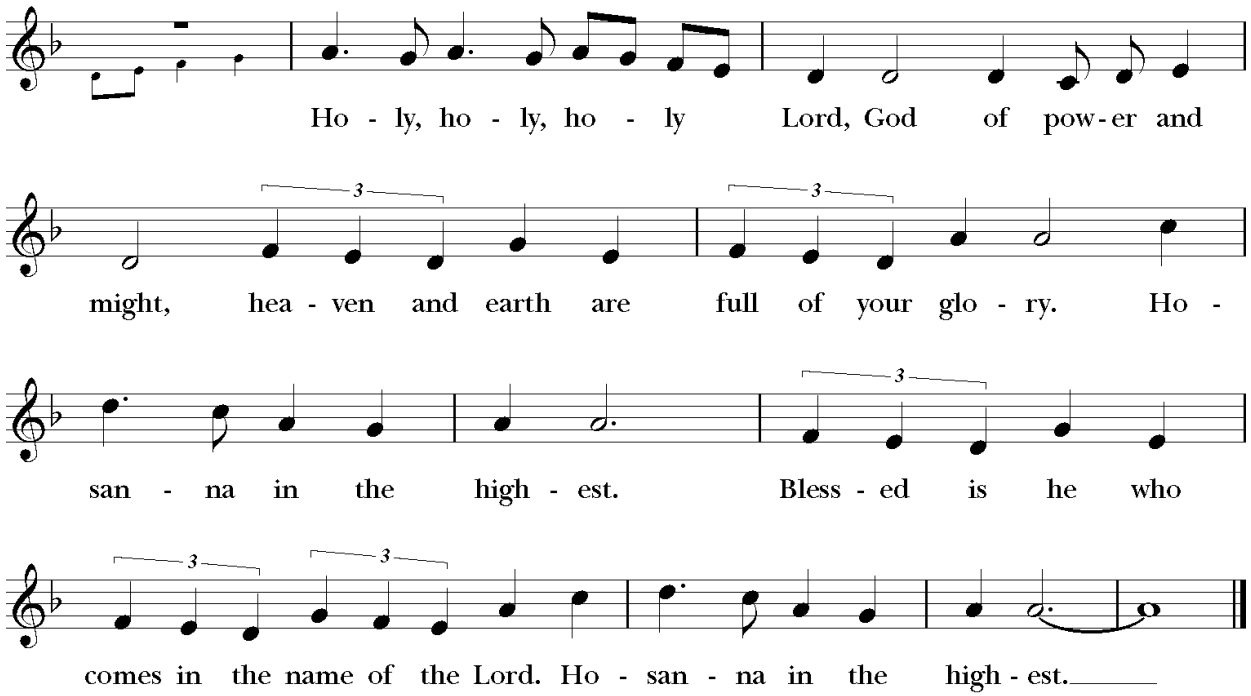
*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***People:*** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here the Proper Preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS #S-129**




*The people remain standing, or may kneel.*

*Presider:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Presider and People:***

**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 forever…

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

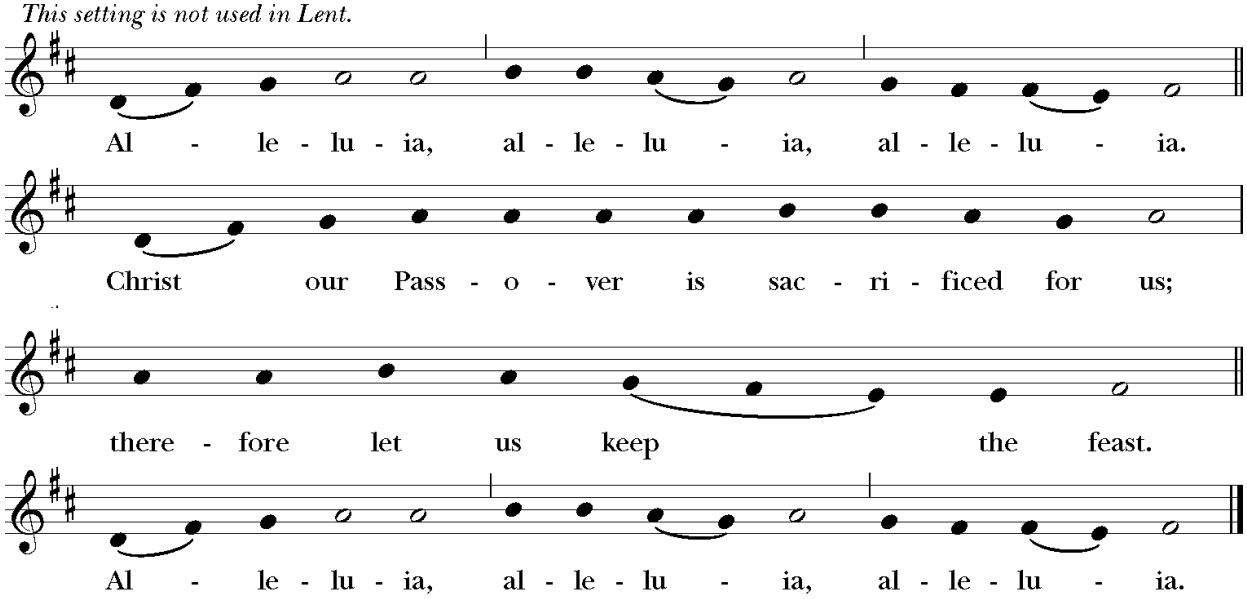
***People and Presider:***

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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**THE INVITATION**

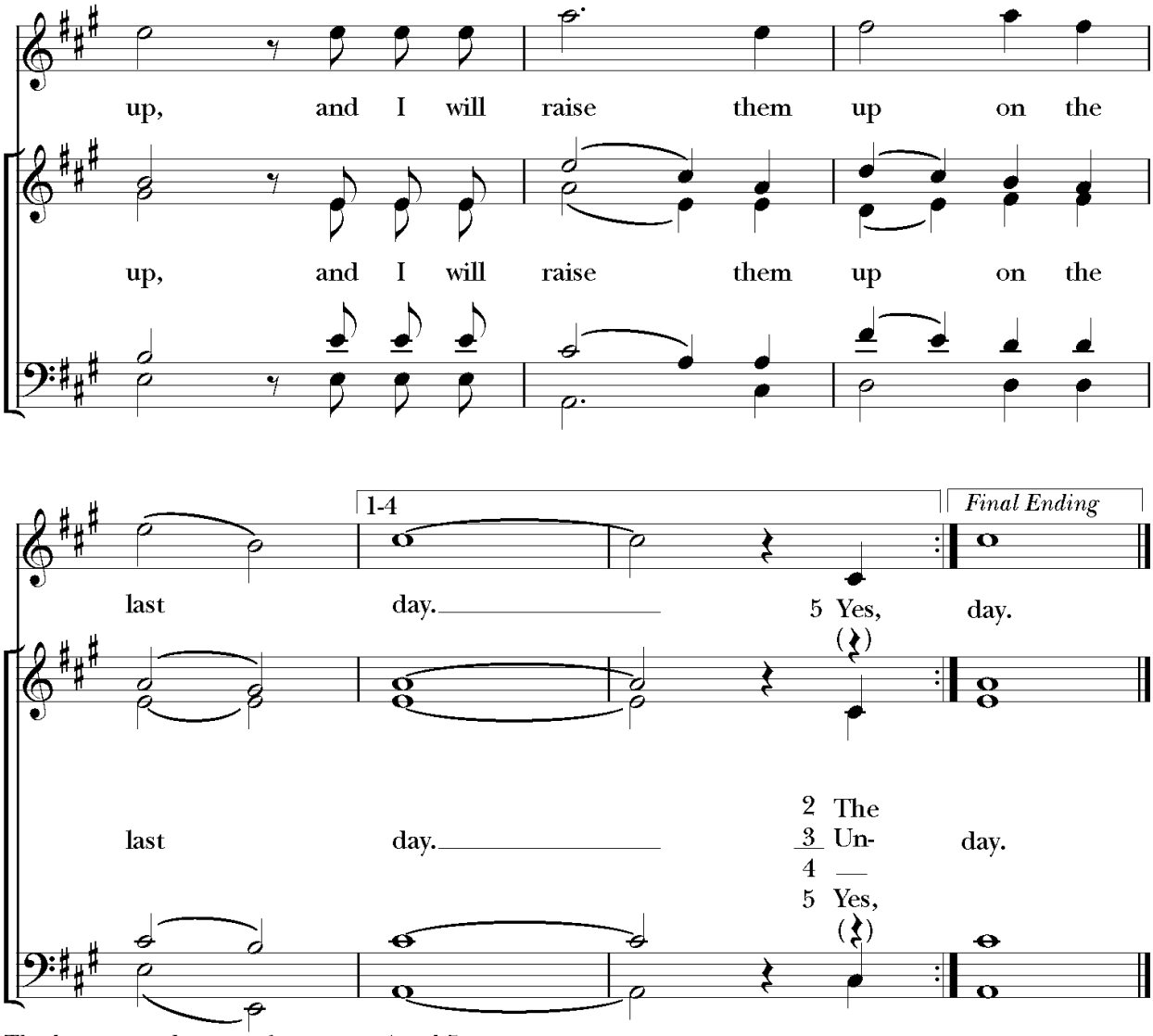
*Presider:* Come and be fed;
you who have much faith,
and you who are seeking more;
you who come here often,
and you who are new among us;
you who have done well,
and you who have stumbled along the way.
All of you are welcome and belong here at Christ's table. So come as you are,
for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here,
and these sacred gifts are for you.

**COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE**

*If you are new to receiving Holy Communion, there are some helpful hints on the front page*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *"I am the bread of life"* **#335**






*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*

**Sending Forth of our Eucharistic Visitors**

*If there are Eucharistic Visitors to be sent forth:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I 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.

***The congregation responds:***

**We who are many are one Body,**
**because we all share one bread and one cup.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *p.365*

*Presider:* Let us all pray together.

***People and Presider:***

**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 Priest offers a blessing*

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"* **Hymnal #618**



**THE DISMISSAL**
*The Deacon offers the dismissal and the people respond:*

***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ,* Johann Heinrich Buttstett (1666-1727)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark your calendar:**
**Today:** - First Sunday Pot-luck (after the 5pm service)
**Today: -** Guest Speaker: (See Below)
Nov. 3 – Election Day: Go Vote!
Nov. 4 – Monthly Memorial 12:10 p.m.
Nov. 6 – Empty Nester's Gaberino's 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 9 – Peace and Justice League Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 11 – Office Closed: Veterans Day
Nov. 11 – NO Worship Services Today or Bible Study
Nov. 13 – Movie Screening of HOPE at St. Crispin's

**"The 5 O'Clock Service"** Join us for St. John's Rite III Holy Communion service in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm. A potluck will be included following the service on the first Sunday of the month.

**TONIGHT: Guest Speaker: Allen D. Hertzke, November 1st, 6:30 p.m.**
**Why Religious Freedom Matters: Human Rights and Human Flourishing**
Dine & Learn with lecturer Allen D. Hertzke, author of *Why Religious Freedom Matters: Human Rights and Human Flourishing* on Sunday, November 1, 2026, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Join us at the 5:00 service, eat some pizza at 6:00, enjoy the lecture at 6:30.**
All are welcome.
Allen D. Hertzke is David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus of political science at the University of Oklahoma. He is author or editor of ten books, including Freeing God's Children and The Future of Religious Freedom. He served a ten-year term on the prestigious Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences at the Vatican.

**Adult Formation: Spirituality in Healthcare**
**November 15, 9:30am to 10:15am in the Commons by Agatha Nolen, Ph.D., M.Div., FASHP**

As a licensed Pharmacist with a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School including certificates in Anglican Studies, Theology in the Arts, and Theology, Medicine, and Culture, Dr. Nolen holds a unique perspective in the area of Spirituality in Healthcare. She is also the co-author of the book Spirituality in Pharmacy Practice: Perspectives on Whole-Person Care. We hope you will join us in the Commons on November 15, at 9:30am for this presentation on Spirituality in Healthcare.

**Empty Nesters: Friday, November 6**
Empty Nesters is a time of food and fellowship for members of St. John's, singles or couples, who need a night out (some aren't even empty nesters).
We will gather at Gaberino's restaurant at 6:00pm. Though we order and pay separately, the unity is in coming together. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, come and join us. We just keep adding tables as we need them.

**St. John's Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck**
Sometimes we don't have many options as to where we celebrate Thanksgiving. At other times we have options, but we are not too keen on them. This year, Fr. Kirk is offering you another option.

On Thanksgiving Day (November 26) there will be a Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. There is absolutely NO expectation for you to come. However, everyone in the parish is invited. This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home.

So, for those of you who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, or you want to skip the family drama, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. John's community and feel free to invite a friend.

If you would like to prepare a turkey or a ham, please let me know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing…and mashed potatoes too… Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie!

If you know you are coming, please sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex and one on the bulletin board next to the bathrooms. If you can sign up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide) but if you forget to sign up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will provide.

The parish hall will be open at noon, and we'll eat at 1:00p.m. If you want to volunteer to help with setting up tables or cleaning up after the dust settles, please contact Fr. Kirk at 405-321-3020 or Kirk@episcopalnorman.org.

**Altar Guild Could Use Your Help**

We would love to have you take part in one of the most important responsibilities in our church. For more information speak to Fr Kirk and/or Altar Guild head Carol Upp (carolupp65@gmail.com or 405-831-8992). Join us...be part of something special!

**Name Tags:** Thank you for wearing your name tag. If you need one, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex (Entry to the church from the courtyard).

**"Knit" Night: November 5th**

"Knit" Night gathers on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month. Drop by and join us anytime 6:30-8:30 pm in the library at St. John's.

These are opportunities to work on any portable needlework or craft project you wish – not just knitting. Projects are optional, as we enjoy being together and supporting each other. All skill levels are welcome. For questions, or to be added to the email reminders sent a day or two before each meeting, contact Melody Palm, mpalm@episcopalnorman.org

**"Episco-Speak"**

**Sacristy:** The room adjoining a church where vestments, altar hangings and linens, sacred vessels, and liturgical books are kept until needed for use in worship. Clergy typically vest in the sacristy. Here at St. John's we have a separate vesting area.

**Cloister:** A covered walk found in a monastery, college, or church, usually facing a central courtyard.

**Narthex:** An entry space, foyer, or anteroom of a church between the door and the nave. The term is from the Greek for a "small case." Historically, the narthex was an enclosed vestibule or porch of a basilica. St. John's original narthex began when you walked through the red doors, which were the original exterior doors. We now have two spaces we call the narthex with the second being between the ornate entry doors and the red doors.

**Chancel:** At St. John's the chancel is the part the worship space where the clergy, acolytes, and lay worship leaders sit during the service. It is also where the choir traditionally sat prior to the organ being moved to the loft. The chancel is the space between where the congregation sits and the sanctuary and contains the lectern and pulpit.