ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Communion of Saints, Elise Ritter

All Saints' Day

9.30am 1 November, 2026

Today is the **Feast of All Saints**, a day recognising all those who are heroes of the Church, known and unknown. A saint is not so much someone who has lived a perfect Christian life, as one through whom the light of Christ has shone in a clear and profound way. Saintliness has more to do with aliveness in Christ than moral perfection.

At this Eucharist we welcome baby **Kalen,** who comes to receive the anointing of a catechumen prior to baptism next Sunday. This anointing is intended as a symbol of strengthening before baptism for the work of a Christian in the years ahead. We also welcome Kalen's parents **Lisa and Adrian** and his wider family and friends, who are all here today to surround Kalen with their love and prayers.

All the words for the Eucharist are in this booklet; we hope this frees you to focus on worshipping our merciful and compassionate God. The sitting/standing notes are advisory only: please feel free to adopt the posture that best allows you to worship God fully.
Welcome also to those who join us via our YouTube stream.
It is Christ who calls us to his table and Christ who is our host, so communicant members of other churches are warmly invited to receive communion here.

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TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY for The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan and South Sudan

The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate †Mark Short; The General Secretary – Juliet Wenden; The General Synod and the Standing Committee

The Parish of Milmerran

Anglicare Southern Qld (ASQ): Sue Cooke & staff

Anglican Schools Office, Church House: A/g Executive Director – Geoff Newton, Executive Director & staff

Parishes seeking new incumbents: Banyo, Beaudesert, Beenleigh, Booval, Chelmer-Graceville, Dalby, Drayton, Hendra-Clayfield, Jimboomba, Kingaroy, Noosa, North Pine, Nundah, Palmwoods, Rochedale, Roma, Toowong, St James' Toowoomba.

Schools seeking chaplains: St Luke's Anglican School, The Glennie School

Cathedral Outreach (November): The Archbishop's Appeal supporting the work of the Anglican Church in Melanesia to build stronger, healthier, safer and more climate resilient communities.

Candidates for Baptism this month: Grace, Kalen

In Our Community: Yvonne Kelly, Jennifer Godwin, Sherri Laurie, Barry, Lyn & Samantha Rees, Claire Gourlay, Alex McConnell, Angus Hutchings, John Miesen, Benjamin, Mavis Ralph, Margaret McNickle, Julie Rogan, Pete, Gwen Trow, Steve, Steph & family, Jen, Jeff & family, Sam & family, Heather & Tom Wood, Sarah Weston, Eve & Nathan Oslo-Stevenson-Edward's, Lorraine, Glynis & Denzil Scrivens, Beres Martin, Michael, Sophia, Mary Dorman, Peter Danaher, Robin Martin, Rebecca Irwin, Dearne Edwards, Carol da Costa-Roque, Shai & Joshua Egan, Jenny Maclean, Garth, Cheryle Edwards, Judy & John Smith, Doug & Vicki, Barbara Bosschieter, Sarah Aldridge, Rod, Kirsty McLintock, Meredith Goodall & family, Angela Simmons, Rachael, Helen Connor, Jo Pyecroft, Cindi Smith & family, Lorraine, Joy Payne, Julie Lewis, Alan Hutchings, Tracey, Shane Hubner, Craig McBride, Josie Dooley, Sally-Ann Cooper, Roger Crawfoot, Oliver Thurstan, Darren, Alison, Craig, Jillian Williams, Patricia Kable, Bryan, Denise Schellbach, Peter Robert Matthews, Veronica, Amelia Crawfoot, Brian & Chris Smith, Anne, Geoffrey, Quang Nguyen, Alice Mary, John Grogan, Doug & Gail Williams, Rose Drake, Michael, John Postle, Nancy Lee, Marie-Claire Harch, Jan Bray, Christina, Rodney and Avis Matheson and their family, Sheryelle Grant, Joan Taylor, Colin Paull, Dorothy Craig.

Recently Departed: Jacqui Gourlay

Remembrances for this week in November:

1 *ALL SAINTS.* Judy Ryland (Priest)
2 *ALL SOULS.*
3 *Richard Hooker.* David Binns (Priest), Kestell Cornish (Priest), David Johnson (Priest)
4
5 Graeme Normoyle
6 Timothy Ahearn, MArgaret Lawson, Joyce Barrett
7 Penny Smith

Welcome

Social Justice Statement

St John's Cathedral is committed to the principles of social and eco justice. We actively pursue just outcomes for all.

Rostered for this service

Presider: The Rt Rev'd Dr Jonathan Holland
Deacon: The Rev'd Canon Jess Grant
SubDeacon: Simon Tinkler
Readers: Miriam Kernke; Karen Walters
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Julia Van Den Bos
Intercessor: Anthony Scott

Cathedral Bells

The Cathedral bells are rung before the service by the Brisbane Ringers.

Choir

This service is sung by Lumens Chamber Choir, directed by Kathryn Morton.

Words in Bold Type

Everyone is invited to say the words in **bold type** and to sing the hymn verses in **bold type**.

Children's Ministry

Children are very much part of our family and the children's area is available during all services. Children's ministry is offered during the 9.30am service as well as on the Cathedral YouTube Channel and on our facebook page (access via the Cathedral website).

Restrooms. Restroom facilities (including infant change table) are available across the car park on the northern side of the Cathedral.

Disabled Access. Ramp access to the Cathedral is via the north-west door (from the northern car park) and the south-east door (beside St Martin's House [SMH]). The above restrooms have disabled access. There is also a restroom with disabled access in SMH.

General Information

Please ask a Steward (those wearing a yellow lanyard) if seeking assistance or information.

As our worship is corporate, we ask you to respect the presence of others by ensuring that mobile phones and other electronic devices do not distract us.

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you.

If your hearing is impaired we have equipment to aid you.

Kneelers are available from the Stewards.

First Aid. Please advise a Steward if First Aid assistance is required.

Further Information

The Literature Stand adjacent to the Font at the West End of the Cathedral contains information about the Cathedral and coming events. The ***Monthly Notices*** booklet amplifies many of the Sunday Notices in these Service Notes.

Contact Directory

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Please tag your deposit carefully with what it is intended for.

For payments by credit card or using Parish*Direct*, please talk with a Steward or contact the Cathedral Office by phone or e-mail as above.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the Cathedral community, please ask a Steward for a Welcome Pack.

Mass setting Communion Service in E (*Collegium Regale*) Harold Darke (1888-1976)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

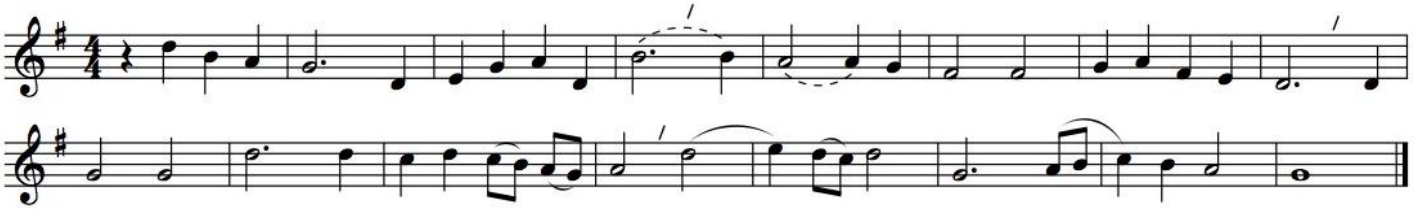
Beati mundo corde Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Please stand as you are able for the Introit Hymn, during which the choir and ministers proceed to the sanctuary.

Introit Hymn TiS 455

SINE NOMINE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. For all the Saints
who from their labours rest,
who to the world their Lord by faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
Alleluya, alleluya!

2. You were their Rock,
their Fortress, and their Might,
you were their Captain in the well-fought fight,
in deepest darkness still their one true light.
Alleluya, alleluya!

3. So may your servants,
faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya, alleluya!

4. O blest communion,
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
all yours, all joined in unity divine.
Alleluya, alleluya!

5. And when the strife
is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya, alleluya!

6. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest,
the peaceful calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya, alleluya!

7. But see, there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya, alleluya!

8. From earth's wide bounds,
and ocean's farthest shore,
through heaven's gate the holy people pour;
the Three in One for ever they adore.
Alleluya, alleluya!

William Walsham How (1823-1897) *alt*.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Presider welcomes all and offers an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Deacon says: This is wisdom. Let us attend. *Silence is kept.*

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

Kyrie

Κύριε ἐλέησον,	*Lord, have mercy,*
Χριστέ ἐλέησον,	*Christ, have mercy,*
Κύριε ἐλέησον.	*Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Please sit.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading **Revelation 7.9-17**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I 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 worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever 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 centre 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.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.1-10, 22 chant by Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

(The exclusive use of male pronouns to denote the Divine is a convention adopted by the translators. This incorrectly associates God with maleness and maleness with God. Please feel free to replace 'he' with a pronoun of your choice)

I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.
Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
O taste and see that the Lord is good:

happy are they that hide in him!
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.
Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.
The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

Second Reading **1 John 3.1-3**

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.

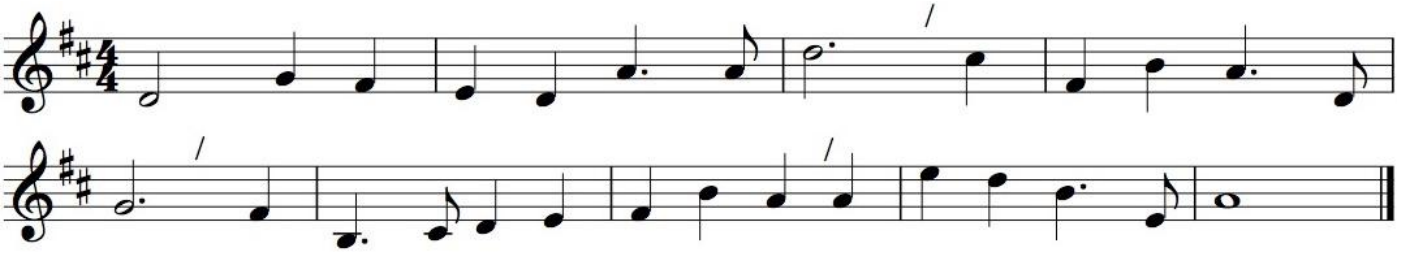
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn TiS 438

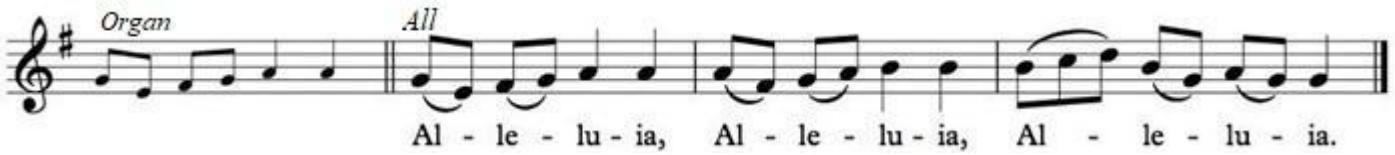
SAN ROCCO
Derek Williams (1945-2006)

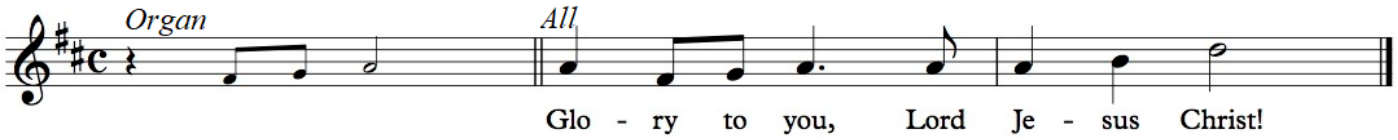


1. **Give me the wings of faith to rise**
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
2. **Once they were mourning here below,**
and poured out sighs and tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.
3. **I ask them whence their victory came;**
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
4. **They marked the footsteps that he trod,**
his zeal inspired their quest,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.
5. **Our glorious Leader claims our praise**
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) *alt*.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 5.1-12**

The Deacon carries the Gospel Book to the nave during the acclamation. We turn to face the Gospel Book.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord,
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

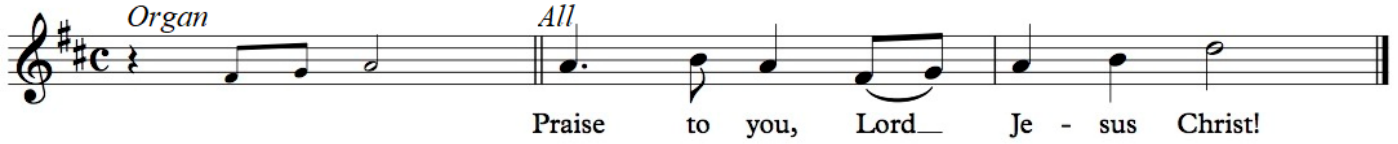
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,



The Sermon *(Please sit)*

Middle Voluntary

Offertoire, from *Messe de la Toussaint* André Fleury (1903-1995)

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able)*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped 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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Petitions may end with one of the following responses:

Lord, in your mercy	Father, hear our prayer	Lord, hear us
hear our prayer.	**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**	**Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith. *Silence is kept.*

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace *(Please stand as you are able)*

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

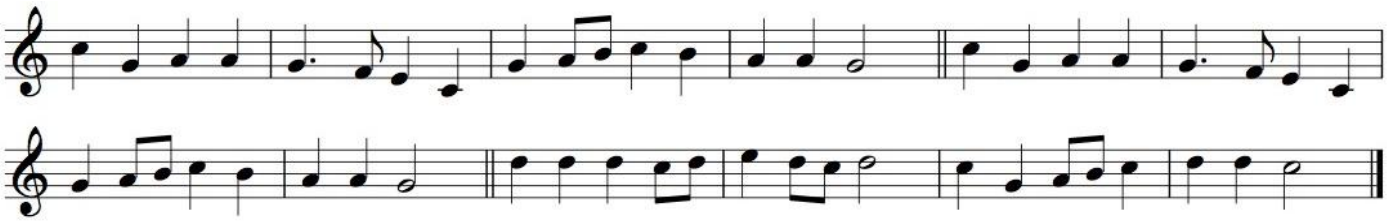
THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Our offerings are collected during the following hymn. Alternatively, you may make a financial offering using the EFTPOS machine (ask a Steward) or by scanning this QR code, or, as set out on page 3 of this booklet, by credit card or by electronic transfer.

Offertory Hymn NEH 231

ALL SAINTS

Melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* (Darmstadt, 1698)



1. **Who are these, like stars appearing,**
   these before God's throne who stand?
   Each a golden crown is wearing;
   who are all this glorious band?
   Alleluya, hark! they sing,
   praising loud their heavenly King.

2. **Who are these of dazzling brightness,**
   these in God's own truth arrayed,
   clad in robes of purest whiteness,
   robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
   ne'er be touched by time's rude hand —
   whence comes all this glorious band?

3. **These are they who have contended**
   for their Saviour's honour long,
   wrestling on till life was ended,
   following not the sinful throng;
   these, who well the fight sustained,
   triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4. **These are they whose hearts were riven,**
   sore with woe and anguish tried,
   who in prayer full oft have striven
   with the God they glorified;
   now, their painful conflict o'er,
   God has bid them weep no more.

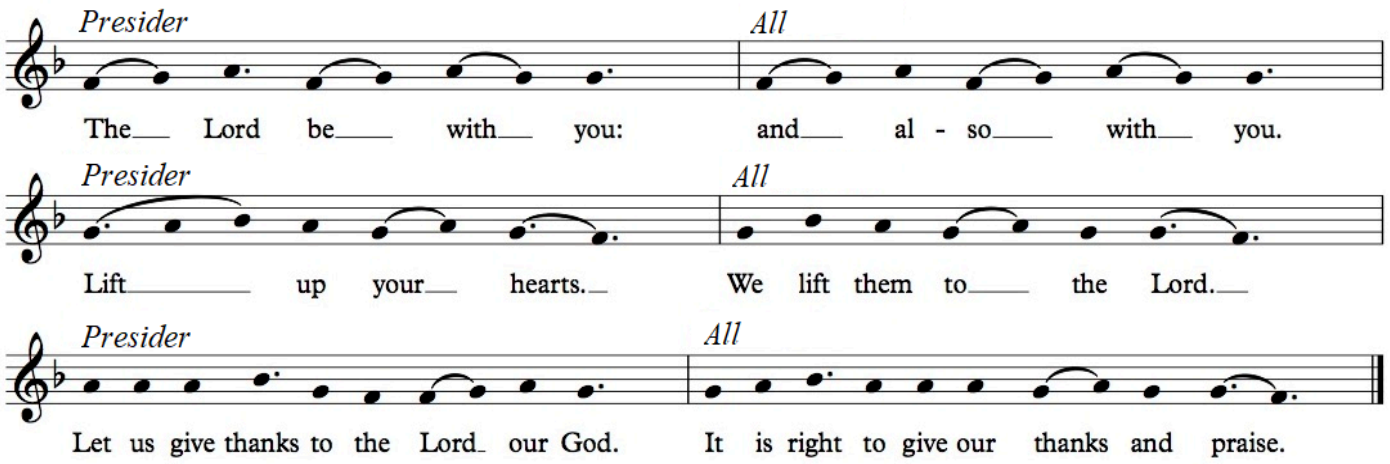
5. **These like priests have watched and waited,**
   offering up to Christ their will,
   soul and body consecrated,
   day and night to serve him still:
   Now, in God's most holy place
   blest they stand before his face.

Wer sind die vor Gottes Throne
German hymn by Heinrich Theobald Schenck (1656-1727),
tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Our offering of ourselves in bread and wine and through our financial giving is brought to the altar.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

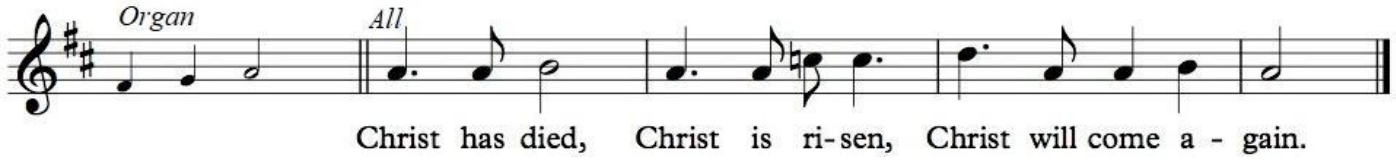
Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

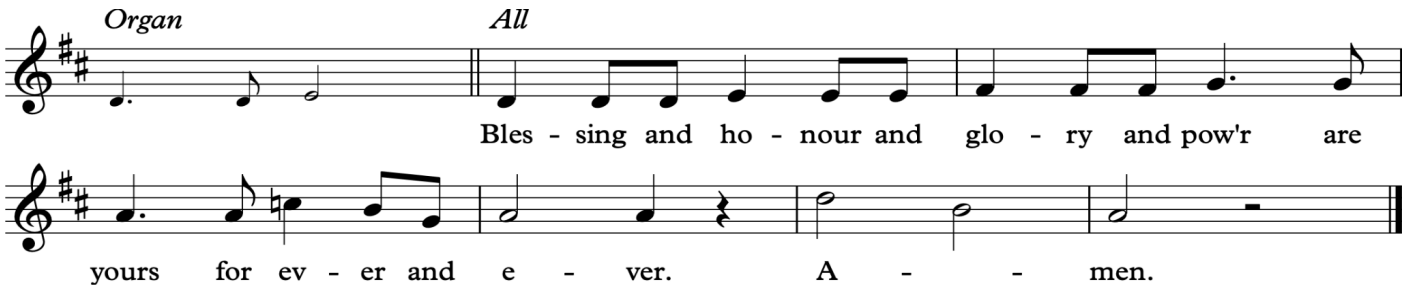
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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 Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We eat from one loaf and drink from one cup because we are one body, the Body of Christ.
If you do not want to drink from the common cup, but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence please pause before the chalice and say 'Amen'. Please note that intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted as it is a health risk.

If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please ask the priest when at the altar rail.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please ask the priest at the altar rail.
Please wait for the stewards to guide you to Communion. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

Laying on of hands with anointing.

Those seeking the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of healing are invited to make their way to the Oratory after receiving communion.

Communion Motet

Traditional spiritual, arr. Andrew Ford (b. 1957)

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, a long way from home.
True believer, a long way from home.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Post-Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Let us pray.

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.
Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

All sit. The candidate for the Anointing of Catechumens comes forward.

The Anointing of Catechumens

God gives the light of life to everyone, so that those who search diligently may find God and live abundantly.

The Presider invites the Companion to present the candidate.

Whom do you present?

The Companion answers,

I present Kalen who wishes to follow the way of Christ.

What do you seek?

The families say:

We want to know God's presence,to feel God's love for us, and to live in a richer light.

To the congregation the Presider says:

Dear friends in Christ,
will you support these people by prayer and by example,
in growing in the knowledge and love of God
and of the Son of God, Jesus the Christ?

We will. *The Oil of Catechumens is brought forward.*

Thanksgiving and Signing

God of steadfast love,
we thank and praise you for guiding Kalen to this day.
Make your Holy Spirit increasingly real to him in the years ahead;
help us to serve him faithfully with the kindness you have shown us,
and to accept joyfully all the gifts of grace he brings.
Together may we offer ourselves through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

The Presider marks the candidate with the sign of the cross, saying,

Kalen, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Hear Christ's call,
be assured of Christ's great love for you, and learn to follow him.

The Companion presents the candidates with the Apostles' Creed, saying,

Accept also this confession of faith, which binds Christians together in the covenant of God's grace. *We greet Kalen with applause.*

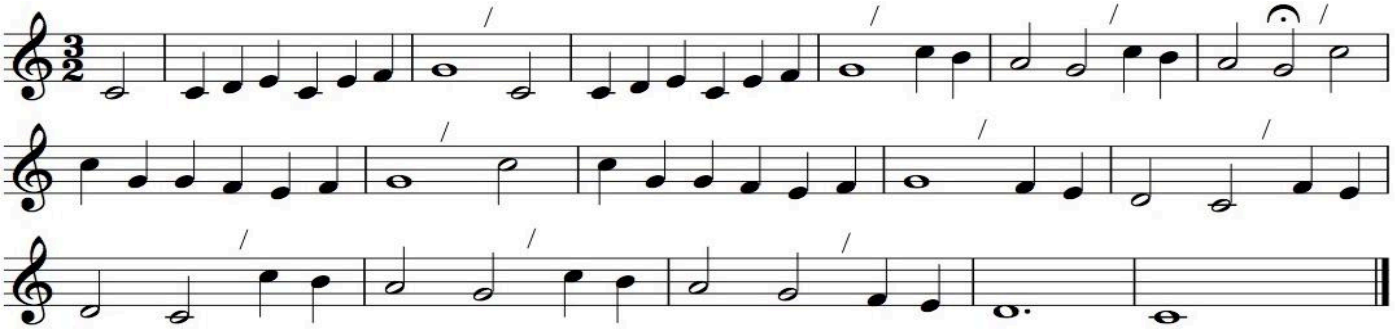
Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Missional Hymn TiS 150

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng* (Cologne, 1623)
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,**
   bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
   raise the glad strain: Alleluia!
   Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
   virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
   alleluia!

2. **O higher than the cherubim,**
   more glorious than the seraphim,
   lead their praises: Alleluia!
   Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,
   most gracious, magnify the Lord,
   Alleluia!

3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,**
   ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
   All saints triumphant, raise the song,
   Alleluia!

4. **O friends, in gladness let us sing,**
   supernal anthems echoing:
   alleluia, alleluia!
   To God the Father, God the Son,
   and God the Spirit, Three in One,
   Alleluia!

John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata, from Organ Symphony No.5 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Please remain standing as you are able whilst the choir and ministers depart during the Organ Voluntary.