Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

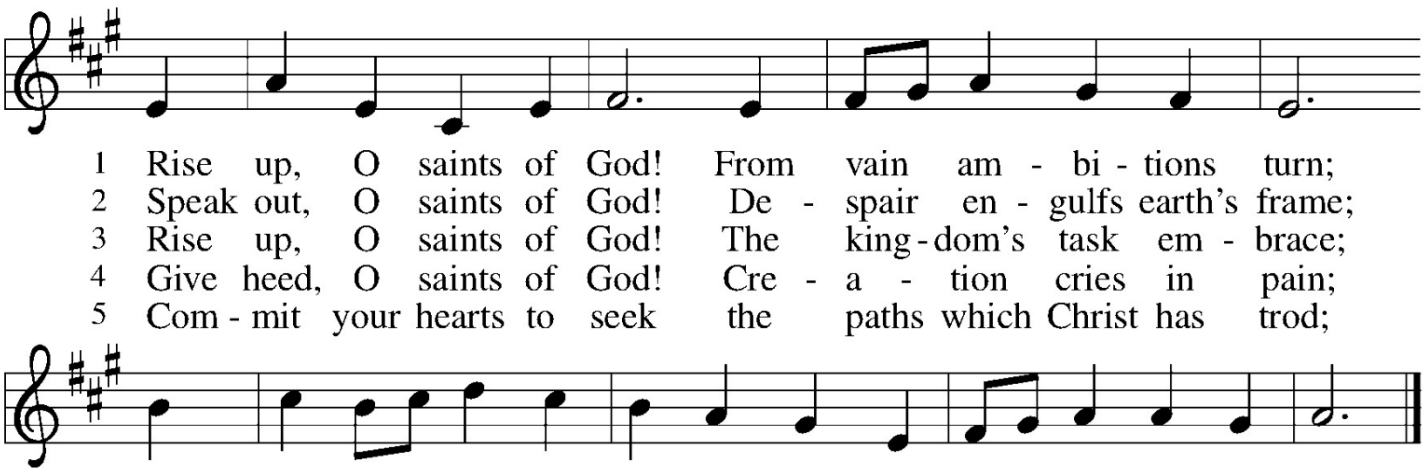
Introduction
All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Prelude… "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"

Announcements

Preparation for Worship – Silent Prayer

Gathering Hymn…….. “Rise Up, Oh Saints of God!”



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.

2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.

3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom’s task em - brace;
re - dress sin’s cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.

4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.

5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it’s pow’r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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Remembering the Saints

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

And also with you.

On this day of Celebration of All Saints, we hear again the words from the Revelation to St. John:

"I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them."

Today we remember with thanksgiving all those who have left the legacy of faith. They were created by God to offer praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave them new life through Jesus in Holy Baptism. They were nourished in the company of God's people at the Holy Table. God's mercy summoned them to the nearer presence of the Holy One so that they may continue in God's joyful service forever.

Yvonne Weber

Barbara Brooks

Mike Handley

John Berry

Brian Goebel

Joan Tryhus

Ron Koch

John Goesling

Kathie Roenigk

Vincent Augenstein

(The bell will toll for each of these saints)

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord these members of our household of faith who have gone before us in the faith during this past year.

and so **we offer you thanks, Lord God, for their gift of faith and we hold fast to the certainty of your promise.**
We remember also, others we know who have died since our last celebration of All Saints. We remember those who have died tragically from violence and neglect, and those from disease and tragedy—and so in joyful expectation of the resurrection, we name them in our hearts before you… (the bell will toll seven times remembering these saints) …

and so **We offer you thanks, loving God, for these saints, for their gift of faith and we pray that you might hold us fast to the certainty of your promise in Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to

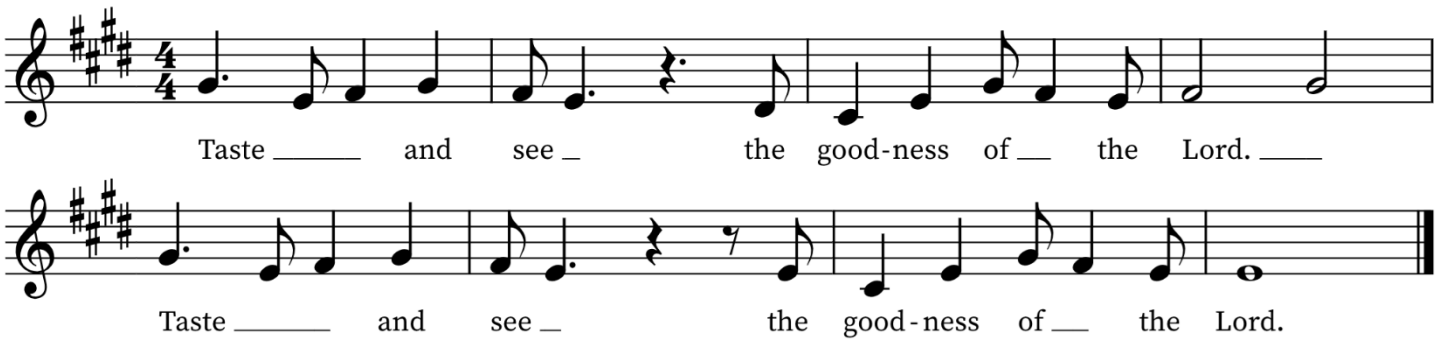
one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Psalm 34—Taste And See

Refrain



2-3 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.
Refrain.

4-5 Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Refrain.

6-7 Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.
Refrain.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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 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 who 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."

HERE ENDS THE READING.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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.

HERE ENDS THE READING

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

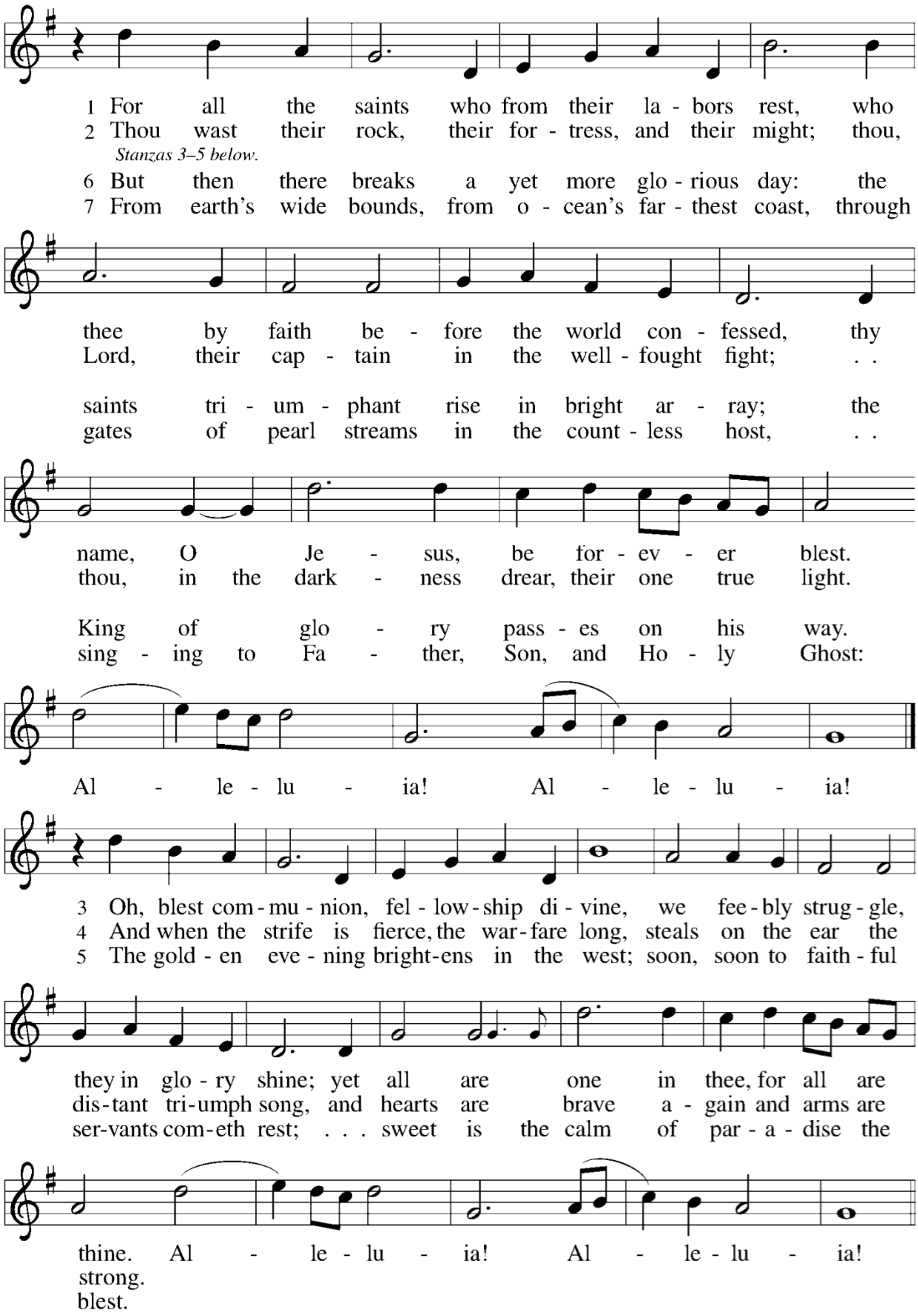
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for 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 the sake of righteousness, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn…… “For All the Saints”



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially Joyce, Sylvia, Jeff, Eric, Brian, Lizzy, Christi, Julia, Larry, Gene, Dimitri, Eileen, Don, Angelika, Jenna, Dave, Joy, Frank, Robert, John, Tom, Lois, Matt, Terry, Prestyn, Gene, Shirley, Roy, Jana, Karen, Del, Keith, Jim, Dale, Kristen, Bob, Michael, Iris, Peter, Marge, Andy and Kelly*).
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (*especially Barbara, Mike, John, Yvonne, Brian, Ron, Joan, John, Vince and Kathie*). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song….. "God Will Make A Way"

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever.
Amen.

Distribution

We will be using the intinction method for distribution. You will be handed bread and asked to dip the bread in the chalice. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available. Please make your way forward by the center aisle, returning down the side. If mobility is a problem for you, please notify an usher and you will be served at your seat.

Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Communion Song.... "All Who Are Thirsty"

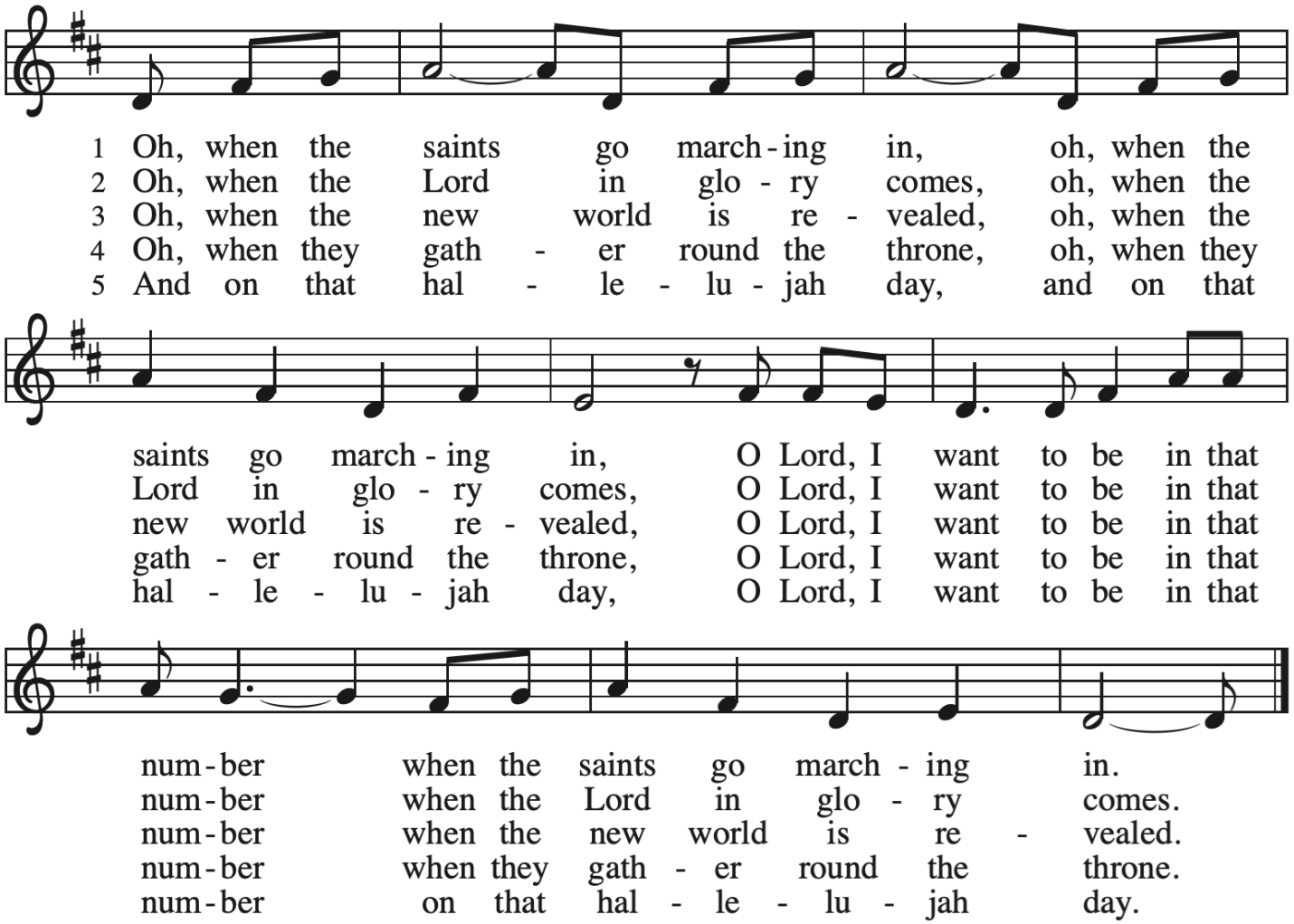
Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn..... "Oh When The Saints Go Marching In"



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Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.