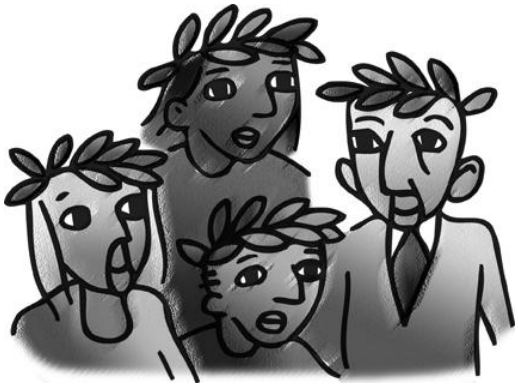
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026



St Andrew's & Unity Lutheran Church

San Mateo & South San Francisco, CA

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GATHERING

Prelude Linda Underwood

Many Thanks to The Brass Act
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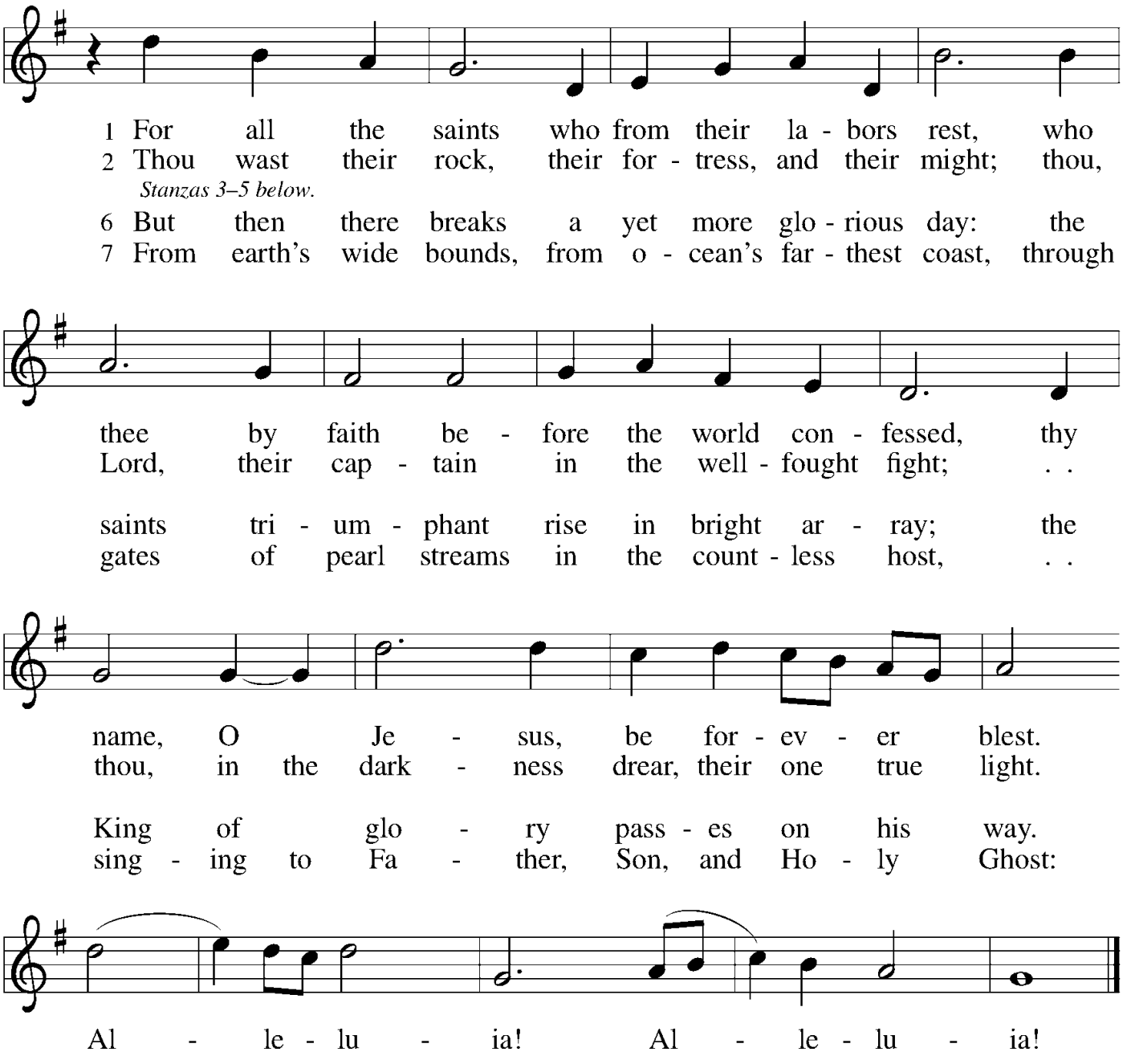
Welcome Pastor John Kuehner

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

Call to Worship Unity Choir / St. Andrew's Choir / Misson Bells

Gathering Hymn *For All the Saints* *ELW 422*



Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

Amen

WORD

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.

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!" 11 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, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 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.
15 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. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the
sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 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."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my
mouth. 2 **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name
together. 4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me
from all my terrors.** 5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not
your faces be ashamed. 6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD
heard me and saved me from all my troubles.** 7 The angel of the
LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take
refuge in God!** 9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who
fear the LORD lack nothing. 10 **The lions are in want and suffer
hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their
trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
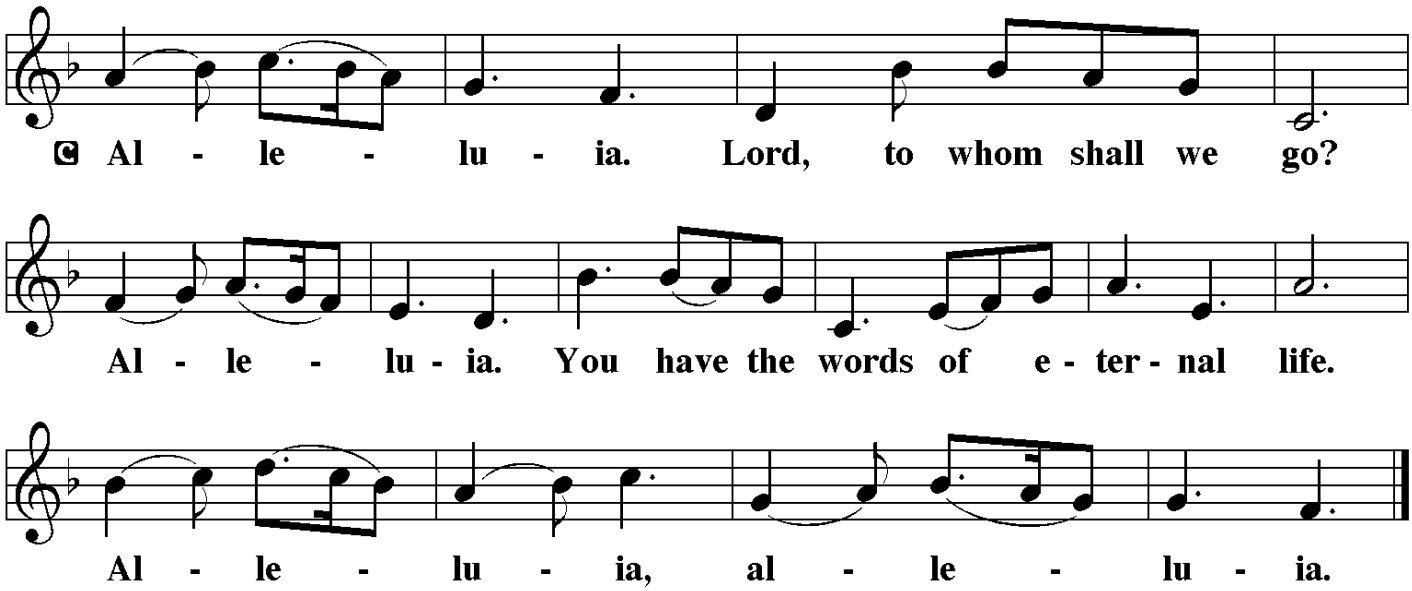
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 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. 2 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. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation

WOV Setting 5



Gospel Verse

P: The Gospel according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
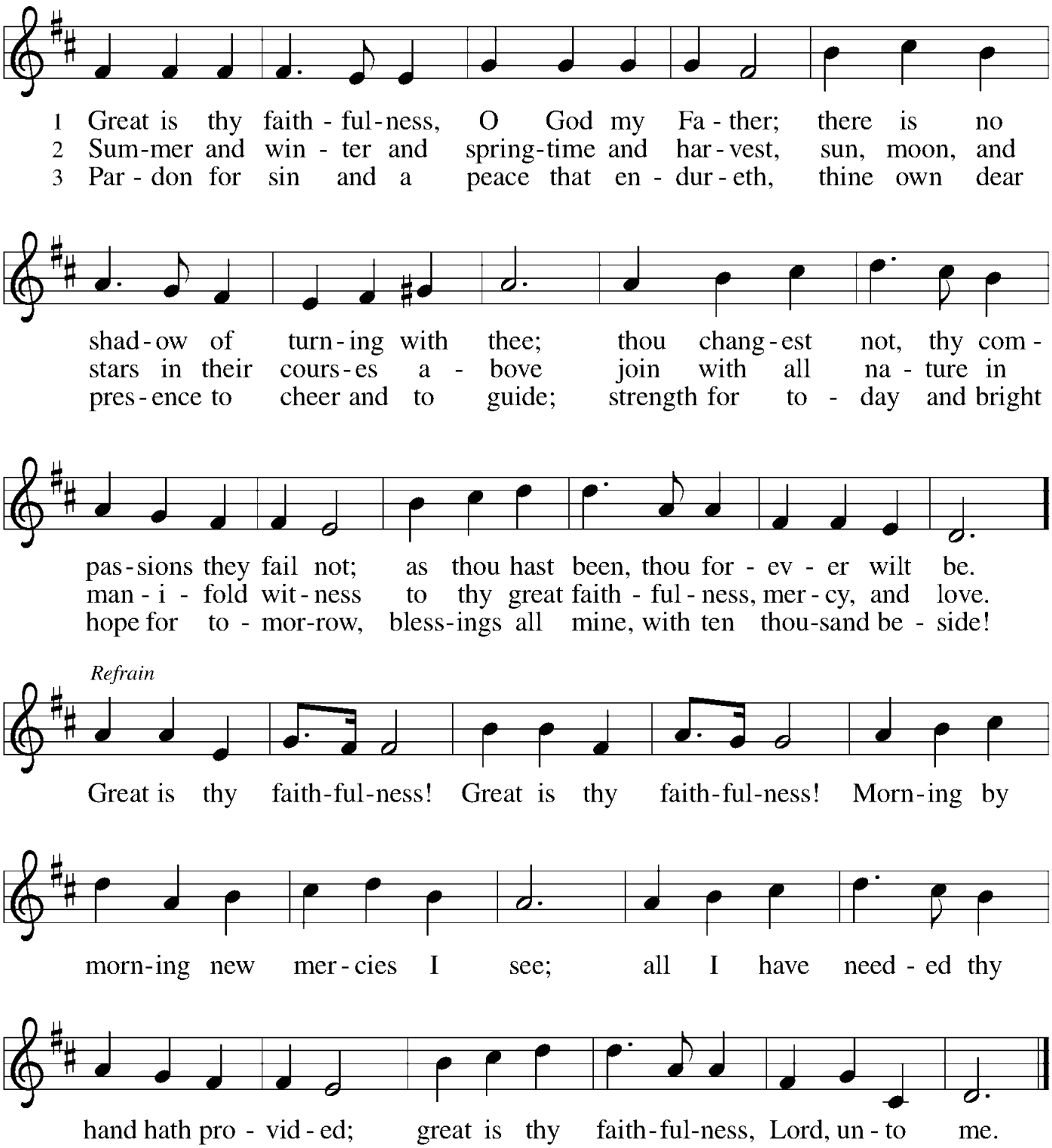
Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor John Kuehner

Hymn of the Day *Great is Thy Faithfulness* *ELW 733*



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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 *Response to each petition*

A: God in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Offering Time and Reflection

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.
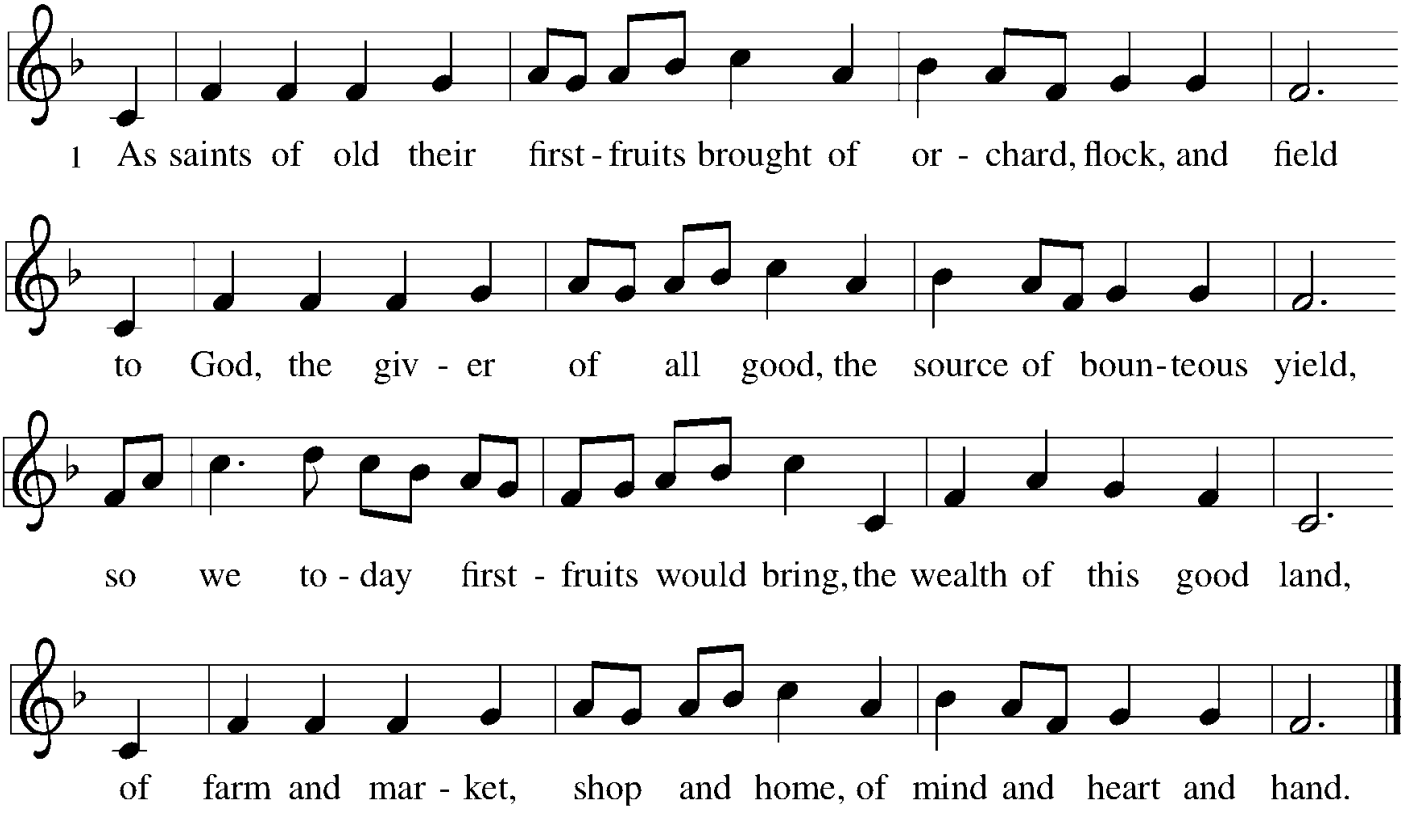
The passing of the offering plate has been the historical way of making donations to church ministry, yet we recognize that with technology and monthly/quarterly giving patterns, not everyone has something to put in the plate each week. That's okay !

We continue the tradition as a way to reflect on our time, talents and treasures. As the plate comes by, take a moment to nod, place your hands together toward the plate, make the sign of the cross, place your hand on your heart or place your donation, whatever works for you !

Offertory Response

ELW 695

As Saints of Old



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MEAL

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

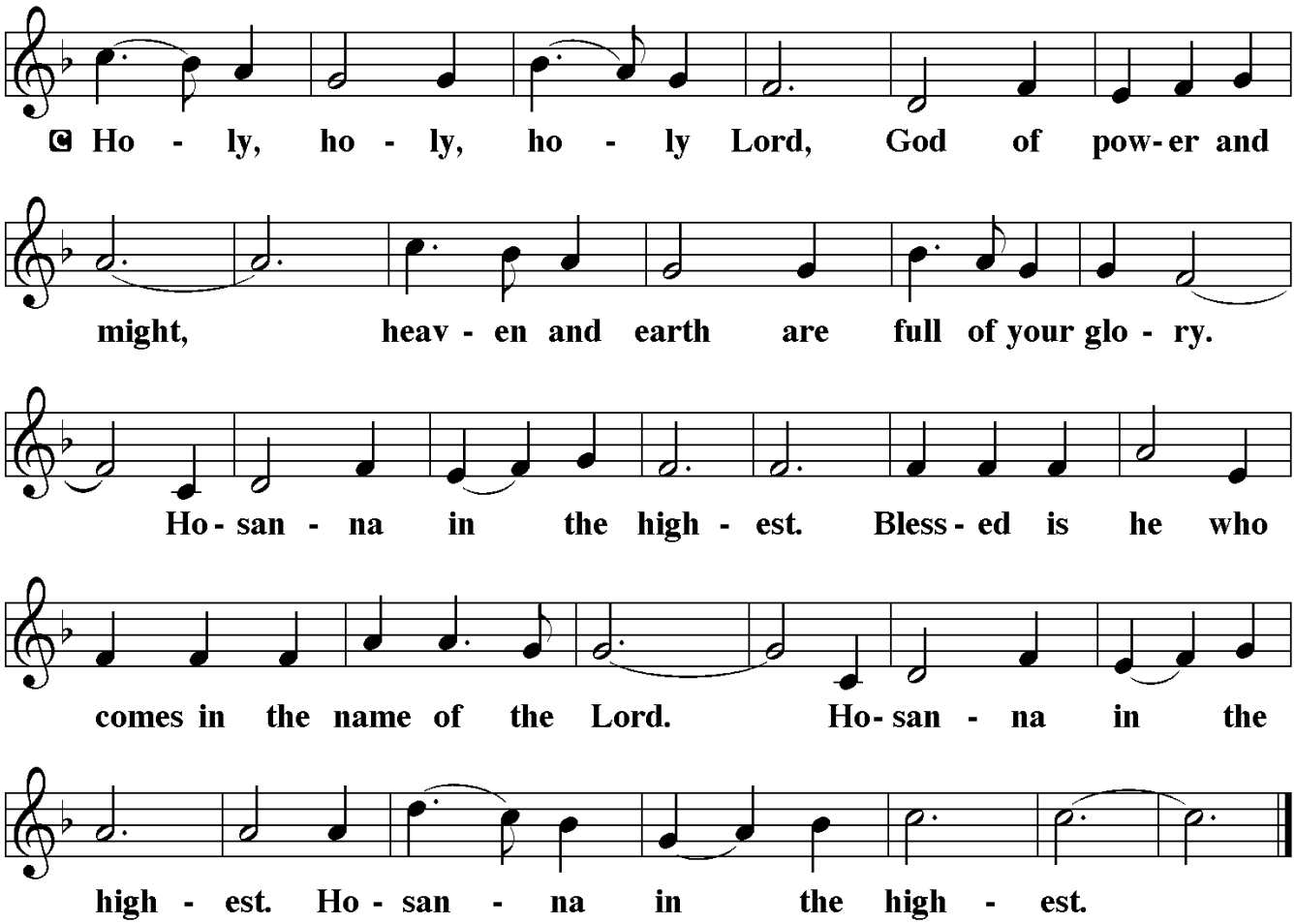
P: God be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy

WOV Setting 5



Words of Institution

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.

SENDING

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

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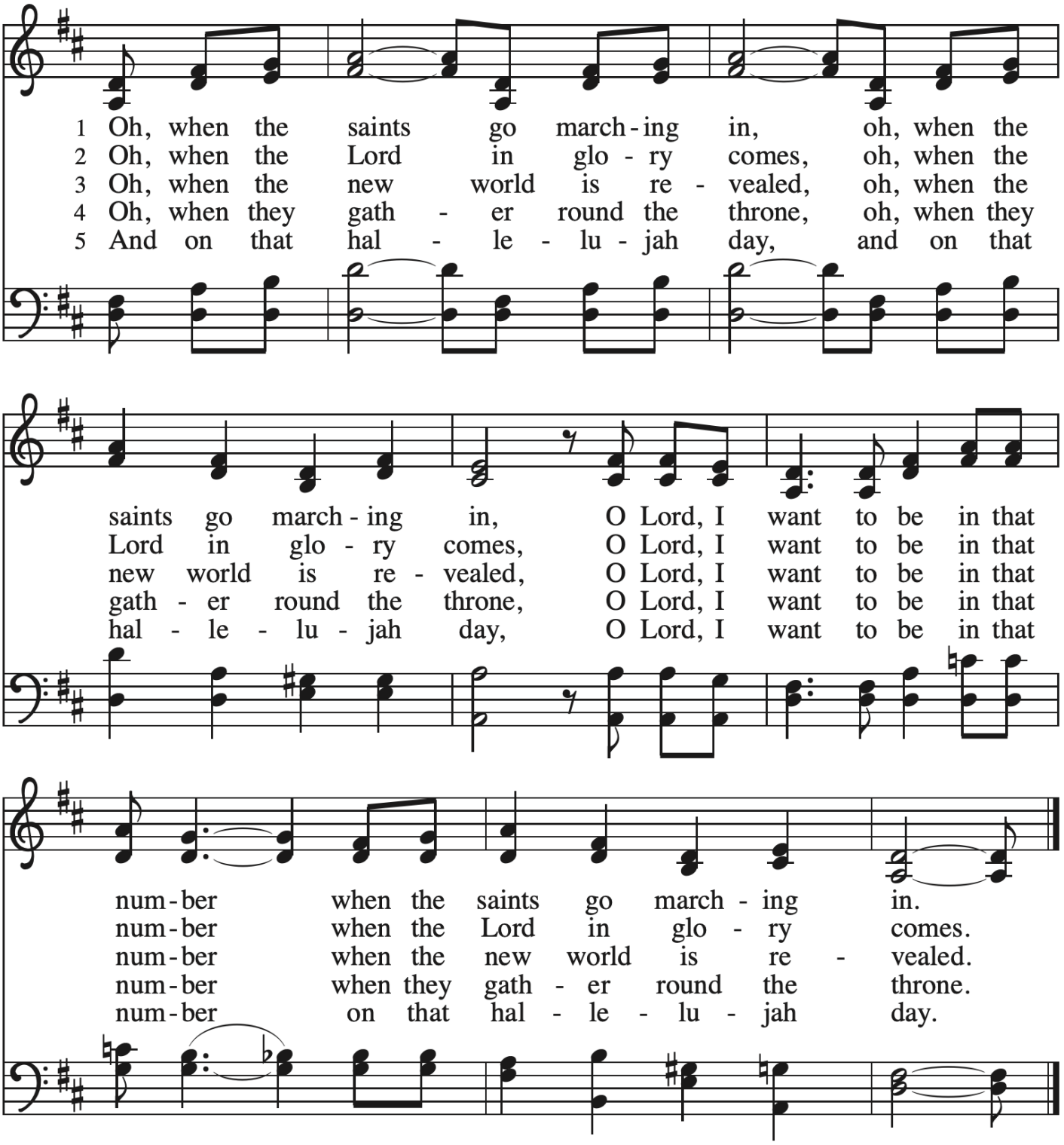
Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Linda Underwood

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HELP IN WORSHIP

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15
Sunday Festival	*All Saints*	*Pentecost 24*	*Pentecost 25*
Videographer	Carolina	Pouyesh	Linda R
	Kevin	Francie	Chelsea
Assisting Minister	Jenny	Mark	Stephanie
	Patty	Steve	Patty
Reader	Jenny	Mark	Linda H.
	Steve	Patty	Steve
Setting Up Communion	Kathy O	Stephanie	Pouyesh
	Sam / Patty	Sam / Patty	Sam / Patty
Usher / Greeter	Mark	Stephanie	Barb P.
	Jeffrey	Jeffrey	Jeffrey