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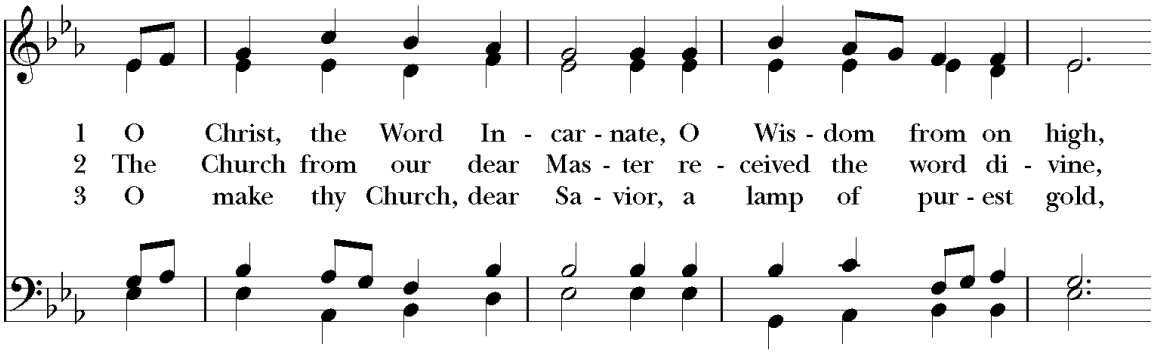
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28 Year A
November 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; *Morning Prayer – Hybrid*
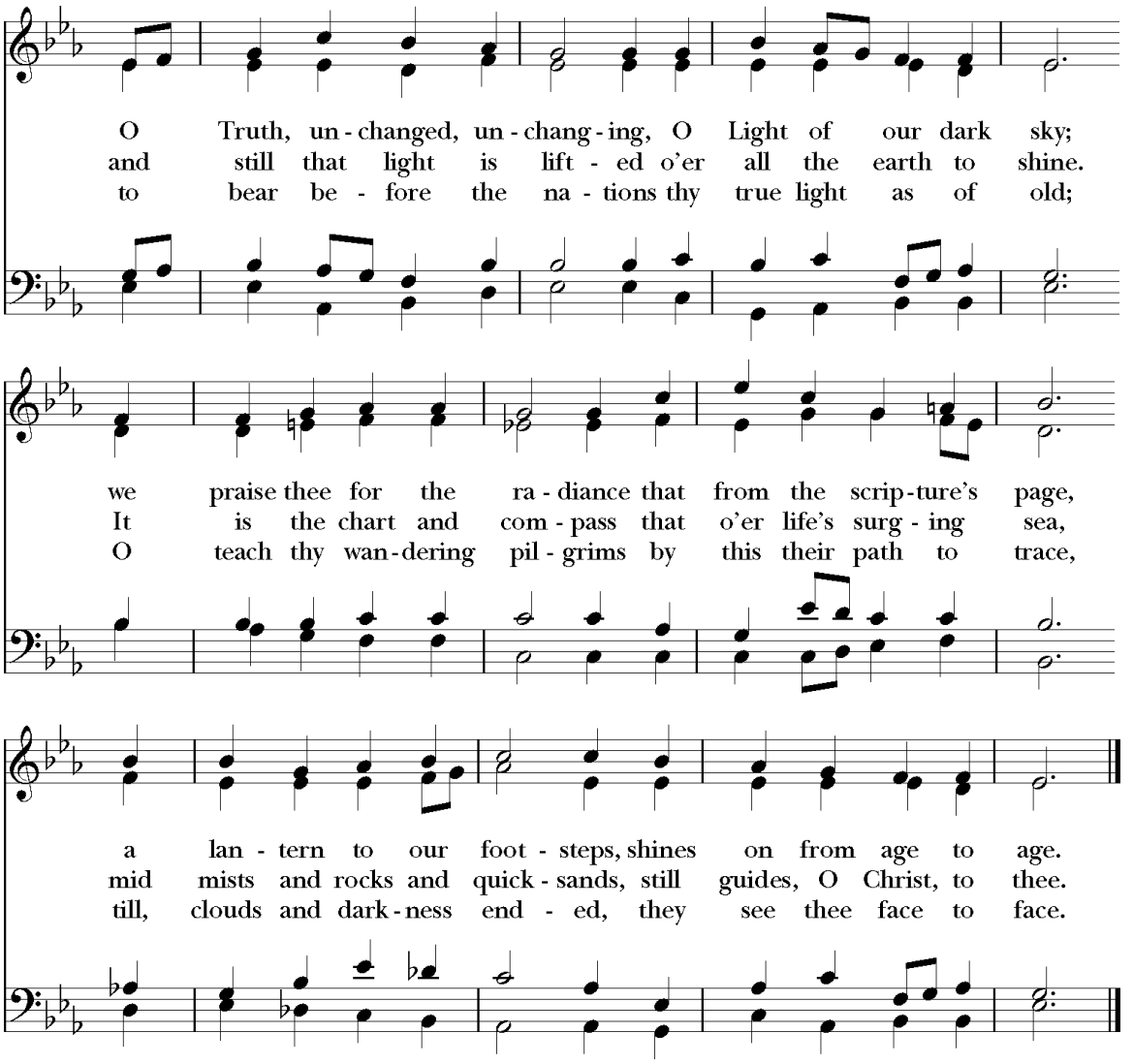
Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then re-mute.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn
Oh Christ, the Word incarnate Hymnal 632





Opening Sentence

Officiant

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth. *John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution/Prayer for Forgiveness

Officiant

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst.
People O come let us worship

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Said in unison

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
  let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
  and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For you are a great God, *
  you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
  and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
  And your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
  and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
  Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant O God, let mouth shall proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 *Domine, refugium*

Said in Unison

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
  from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
  or the land and the earth were born, *
  from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
  "Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Gail Currier

Reader: A Reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People: Thanks be to God

A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother Isaiah 66:10-14

Said in Unison

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *
all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *
all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *
from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *
"I will extend peace to her like a river,
the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,*
and you shall nestle in her lap.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Bill Currier

Reader: A Reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People: Thanks be to God.

A Song of Our Adoption Ephesians 1:3-10

Said in Unison

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,*
according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 Jim Jarvis

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

(In Morning Prayer, all remain seated while the Gospel is read by a layperson.)

Jesus said, "[The kingdom of heaven] will be as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon Christine Faris

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, standing as able

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 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 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.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Collect for the Human Family

Said in Unison

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

Said in Unison

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Said in Unison

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

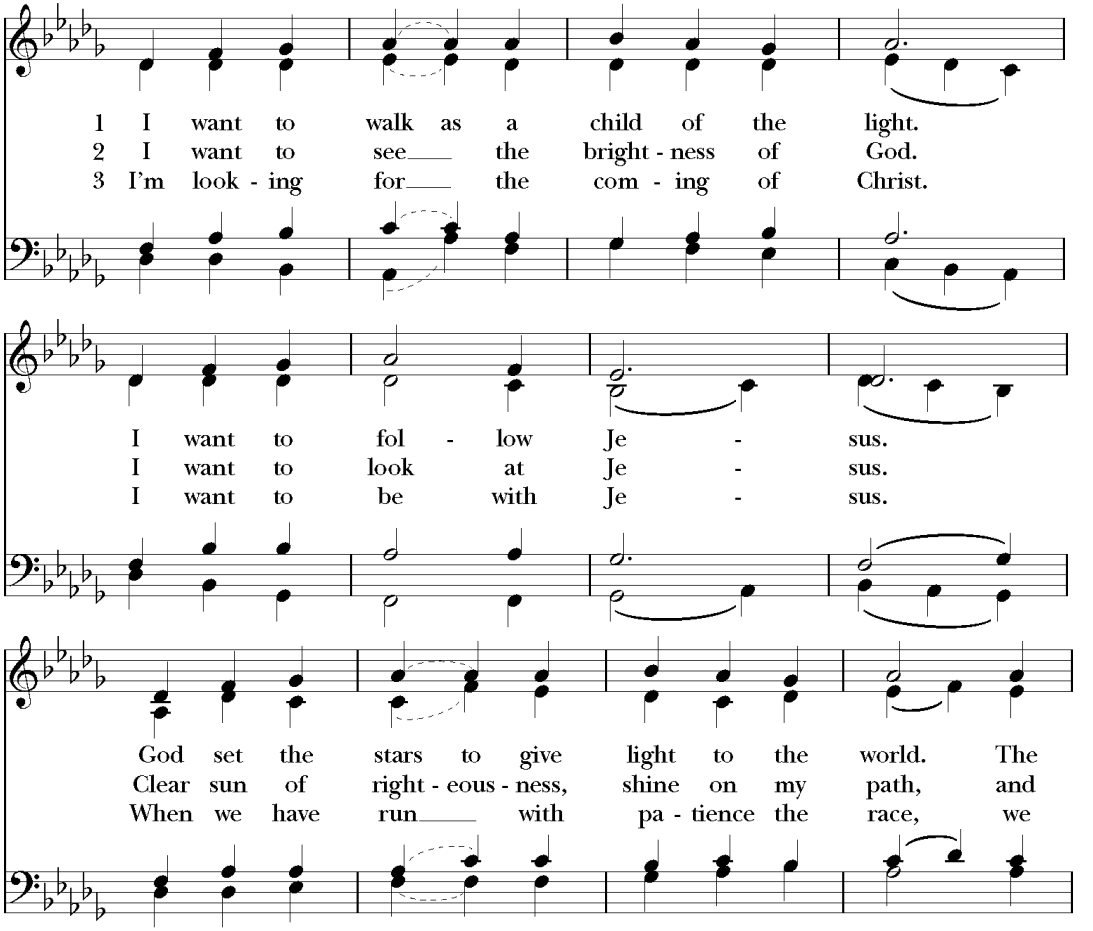
A Collect for Mission
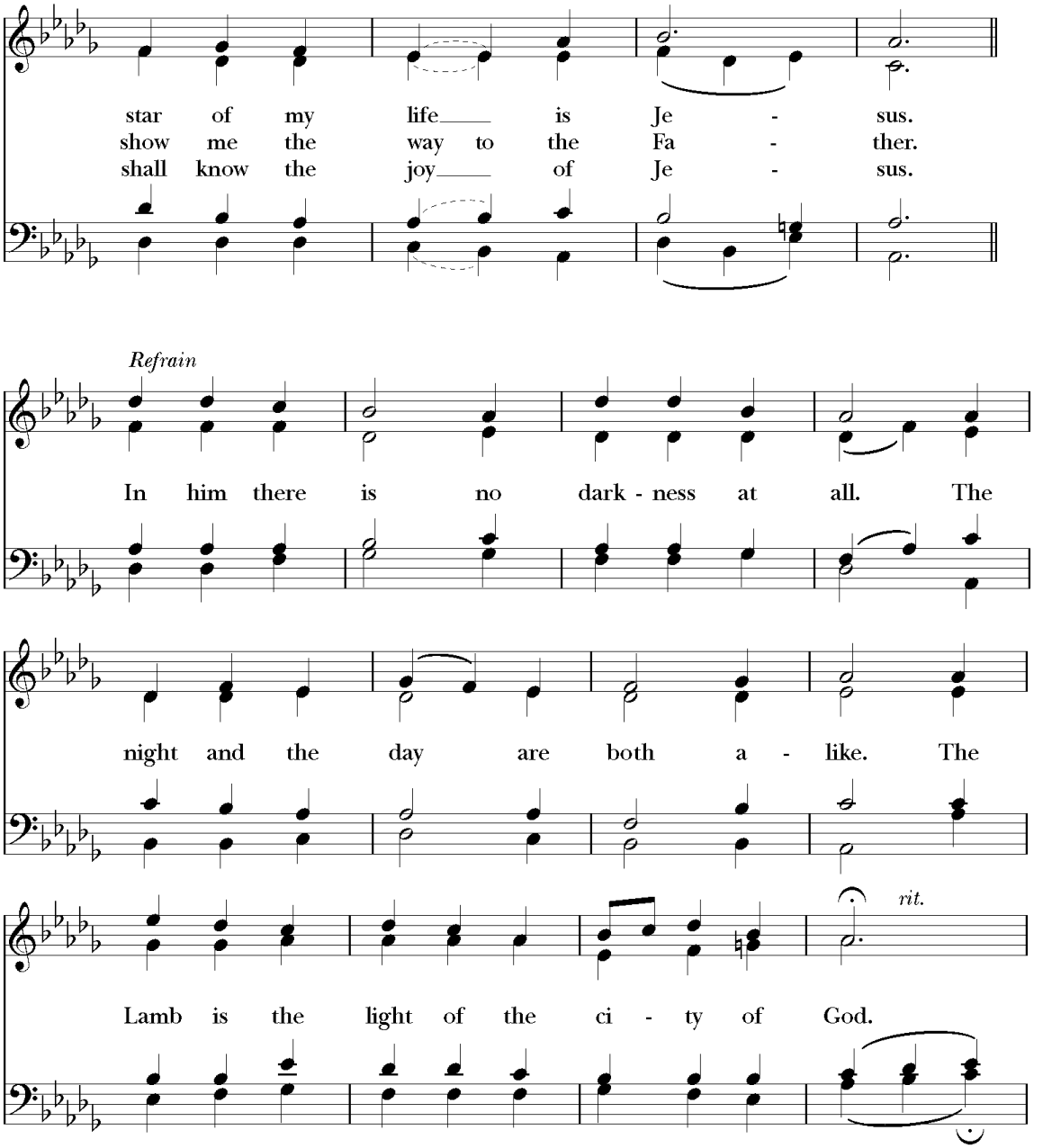
Said in Unison

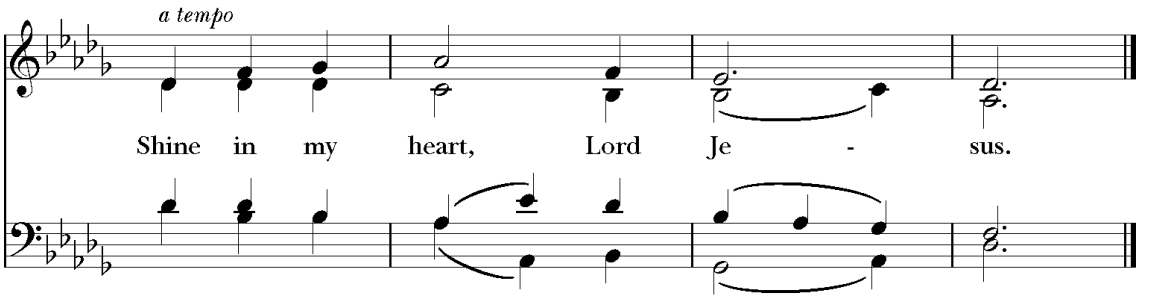
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Office/Offertory Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal 490




star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.
Refrain
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
rit.
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



Local Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.
*Please remember to **unmute** before speaking in the **silence that follows each bidding**.*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Windsor; Betty Cyr, Senior Warden, and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially those we now name …

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially those we now name …

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those we now name …

I invite your additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time. …

Concluding Collect

Glory to God whose power, working in , can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

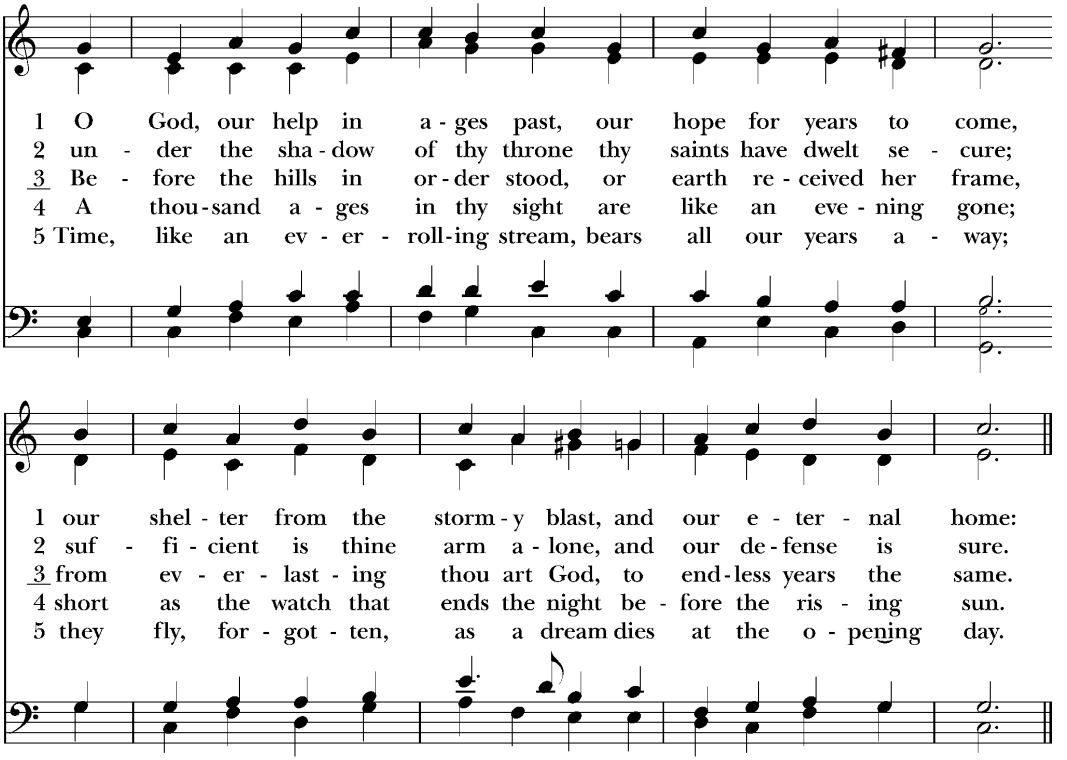
Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Sending Hymn

O God, our help in ages past Hymnal 680



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Postlude

Announcements

Calendar

Today: Coffee Hour, McClure Room; Community Choir Rehearsal, 2:00pm

Tuesday: Book Group on Zoom, 5:00pm (dianerooney123@gmail.com)

Next Sunday: Sunday School, Holy Eucharist, Thanksgiving Service, 2:00pm

Community Thanksgiving Service
Trinity will host the Shelburne Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22 at 2pm. Please join us as we gather to give thanks for all the blessings of the previous year. We will be joined by members from St. Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church, All Souls' Interfaith Church, and Shelburne United Methodist Church.

Trinity Book Group Schedule
Trinity's Book Discussion group will not meet on Tuesday November 24th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will continue our discussion of the Sara Miles book "Take this Bread" after the New Year. Our Advent book discussion will begin on Tuesday December 1st. We will be reading "Walking with Angels" by Eleanor Sanderson. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for the Advent season. Please email dianerooney123@gmail.com so we can be sure the zoom link is available if you wish to participate.

Trinity Stewardship Season
Welcome to our Plenty Good Room season of stewardship! Over these next few weeks, we'll reflect on God's abundance and our call to make space for all. There is room for everyone at God's table.