Saint Bede Episcopal Church

In the love of Jesus, St. Bede's joyfully welcomes and seeks to serve and nurture spirituality in all.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 25 A

October 25, 2026

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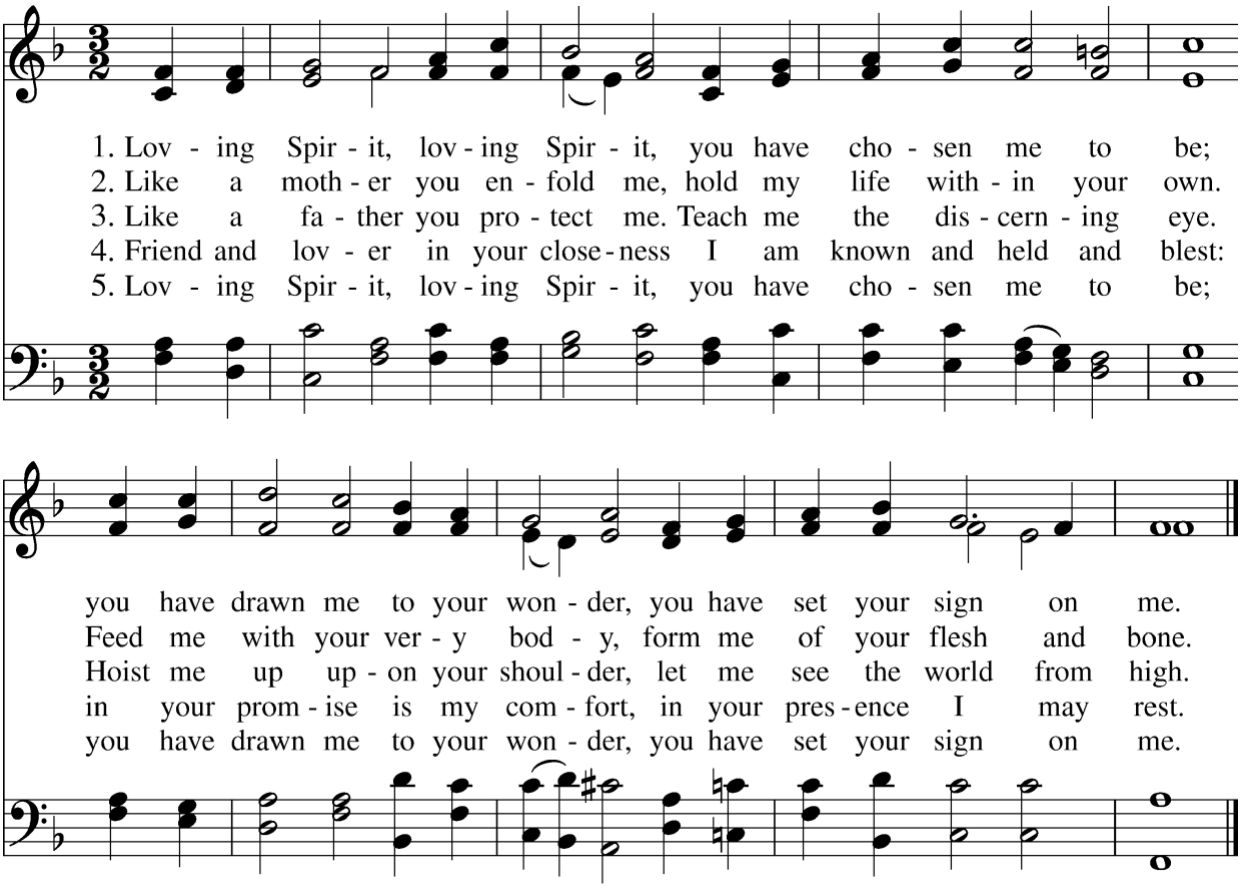
WELCOMING

GATHERING HYMN: Worship Love and Praise #742 Loving Spirit



The people remain standing, as able,

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

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

The Presider continues: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The following Gloria Hymn
Wonder, Love, And Praise (for music use green books in pew) #900

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

Old Testament Reading Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 *Please be seated*

Reader: A Reading from the book of Leviticus

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.
Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Reflective Silence *Begins and ends with the toning of a singing bowl.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law, day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

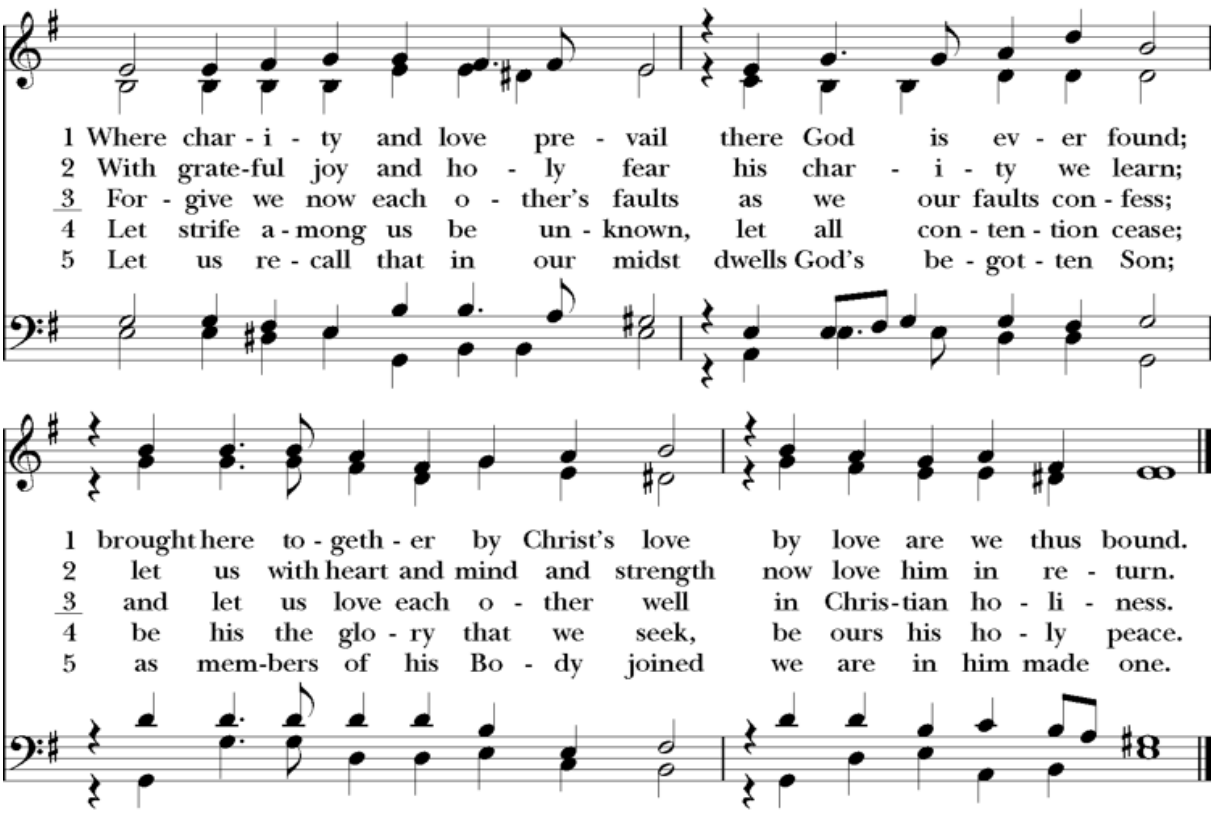
The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Reflective Silence: *Begins and ends with the toning of a singing bowl*

Gospel Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #581 Where Charity and Love Prevail

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily Kathleen Ebbert

Reflective Silence *Begins and ends with the toning of a singing bowl.*

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

We believe in one God,
the Father 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.

A Prayer for This Time of Transition *Pray together*

Loving God, we come before you in joy, gratitude, and humility as we prepare to take this next step on our journey as a congregation. We pray for the courage to be open to where You lead us, knowing we are being guided by the Holy Spirit. We pray for Fr. Chuck and the people of St. David's as we enter into this new

relationship. Open our hearts to new opportunities for growth and relationships. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Pondering the two great commandments of the law, let us pray together, saying: O God of love, hear our prayer.

That the church throughout the world may love you with all its heart and soul and mind, and may exemplify your love in all its life, **O God of love, hear our prayer.**

That our country, in all its foreign and domestic policies, may care for all aliens and immigrants, the indigent and the oppressed, all victims of economic exploitation, and all poorer and smaller nations, **O God of love, hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of the churches, with insight and fidelity, may practice love and compassion for all in need, for the homeless, the un and under employed, for all who live in misery, and for all outcasts of society, **O God of love, hear our prayer.**

That like the Thessalonian community, may we be open to and live in the faith and joy of the Holy Spirit, **O God of love, hear our prayer.**

That the wealth of our land may enable us to live in responsible and just stewardship of the earth's good, in care of our natural resources, and in compassion for our sisters and brothers in need, **O God of love, hear our prayer.**

Presider: O God, you care for the widow and the orphan, and you hear the cry of the poor. Listen also to our cry; change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh with which to love you in truth and for your sake to show compassion to all your creatures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer **Amen**

The Confession

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Sign of Peace *Please stand as able*

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you
The ministers and the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements
Birthdays and other Significant Celebrations

Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Instrumental Music is played as the table is prepared

The table is set and the bread and the wine, the elements, are brought to the table. Once the table is set the gifts of our offerings are brought forth and standing as you are able, we sing The Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

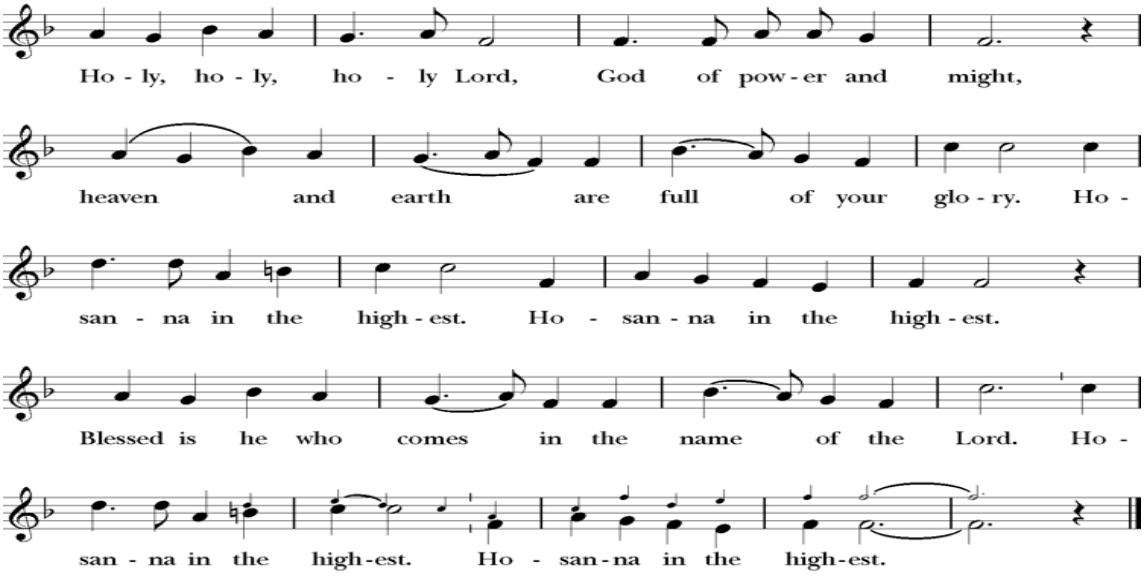
The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 **Enriching Our Worship**

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you
Presider: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Preside: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Bede, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: ***Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN***

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

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

Invitation to the Table

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or never before. You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.
Adapted from Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 20021).

> *All are invited to the table, if you, for whatever reason, do not feel comfortable participating in the meal, please ask for a blessing (simply cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will bless you.*

The Presider says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

> ***If anyone has trouble coming forward for Communion, please inform the Usher and Communion will be brought to you.***

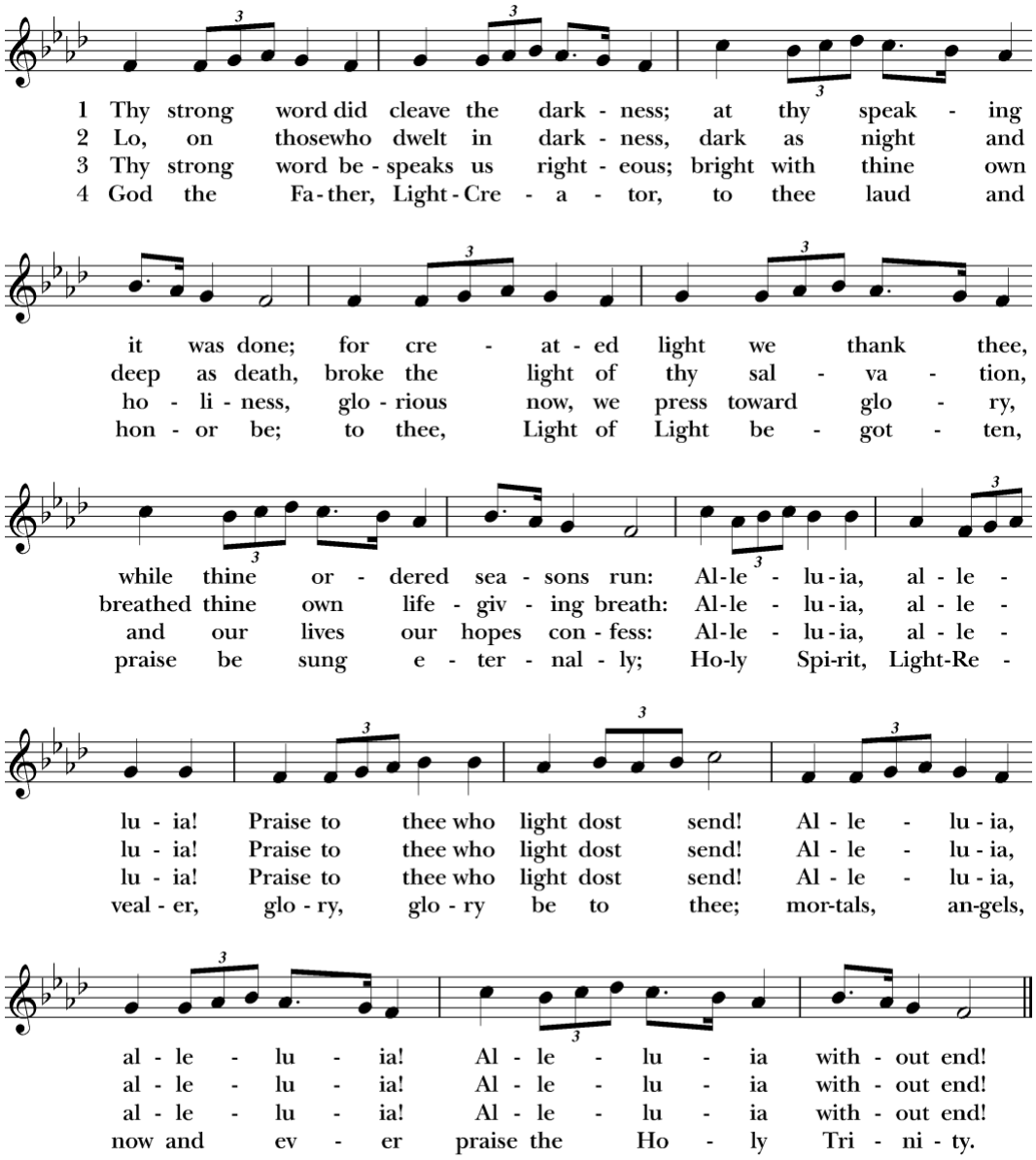
Instrumental Music

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as able)*

Presider: Let us pray

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 1982 Hymnal # 381 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Dismissal

Presider: The Rev. Craig Vocelka
Homilist: Kathleen Ebbert
Musician: Mary Ferrreira
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Ebbert, Don Little
Altar Guild: Karen Bathgate, Geraldine Liborio
Godly Play: Karen Bathgate, Judy Wilkin

Today's Altar Flowers
are given by
Judith Hill
In thanksgiving to Kathleen and Gary
for a wonderful time with them

The Sanctuary Candle
is given by
The Altar Guild

Announcements

Who Are We And Where Are We

A Gathering of Episcopal Neighbors

Wednesday November 11 5:00pm St Hugh, Allen

Together we will take a loving look at the life of our congregations: the ministries that give us life, how we are forming disciples and developing leaders, where are gifts and strengths are found, and where we may be experiencing challenges or limitations. This is not about comparing congregations or arriving a predetermined regional structure. It is an opportunity to listen and learn from one another, strengthen relationships, and learn where God may be leading us.
St Hugh – Allen, St David of Wales – Shelton, St Nicholas – Tahuya, St Germain – Hoodsport, St Bede, and Sacred Waters are all invited.

Next Sunday is All Saints Day

Little Pantry These are especially hard times for many. Please check list of suggested NON PERISHIBLE items and if possible be as generous as possible

Olive Crest donations needed, please see basket in parish hall

South Kitsap Helpline is always in need of ladies' and men's personal hygiene products as well as pasta, soup, and toilet paper.

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We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Bede's stands on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.