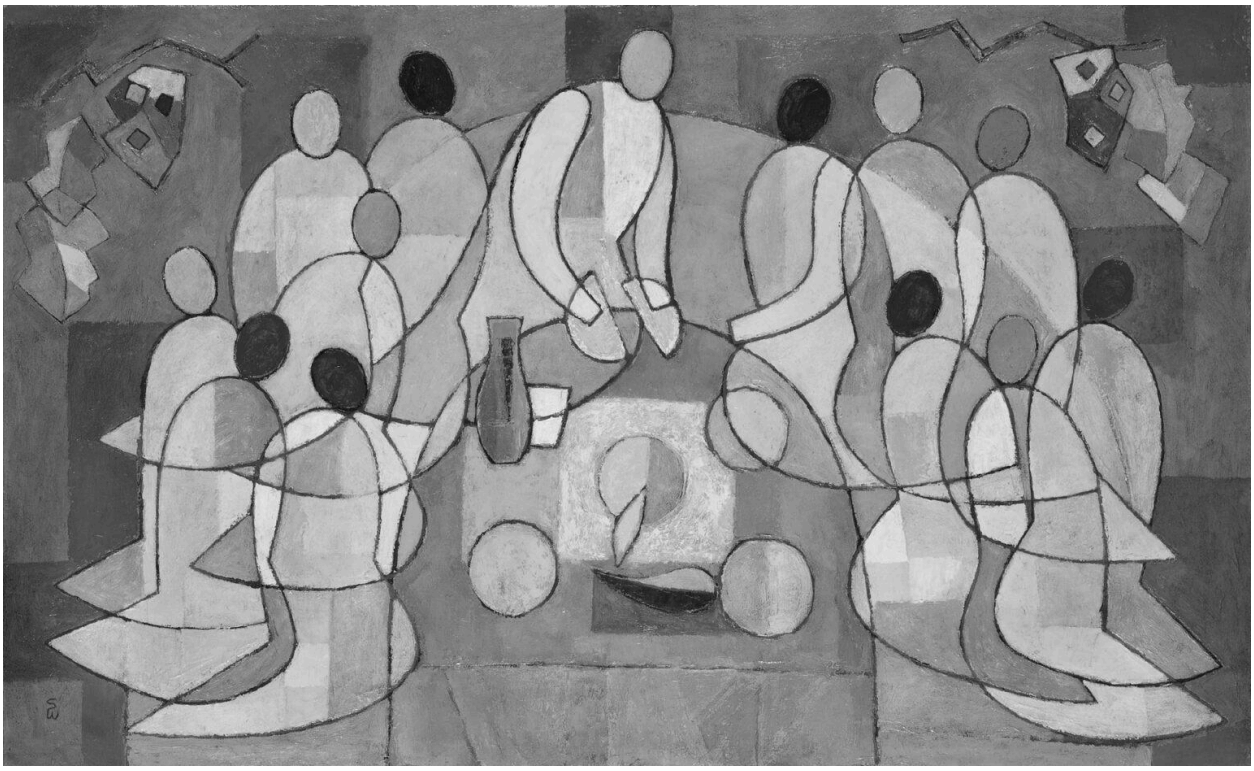
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism



We are All One in Jesus, Soichi Watanabi (b. 1949)

November 15, 2026
10:30 am

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Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God

In Thanksgiving for my birthday.
By Susan Walker

Prayers of the People

Updated November 9, 2026

Prayers for Healing in Body, Mind or Spirit; or for those in any need

Madie Redfern

For Expectant Parents

Bryan and Kendall Matias

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Kevin Kutis*, Grandson of Ed Kadlec*
Mark

Long Term Prayer List

Parishioners
Ed Kadlec, Jackie Mennella, Barney & Chris Sexton, Mary Schmidt, Dawn Weddel, Leslie Schilling, Mary George, Pete Goutos

Friends, Family & Community
Charlotte, *friend of Ruth Kozlowski*

Prayers are added in the top portion when considered "acute" and stay there for approximately six [6] weeks unless specifically requested to be renewed. After 6 weeks please let us know. Upon your request we will add them to the Long-Term prayers for more chronic prayer requests.

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✠ *This symbol signifies a moment in the liturgy when it is customary to make the sign of the cross upon oneself, if it is one's custom.*

All stand or adopt a posture of praise at the ringing of the second set of bells.

Hymn at the Procession *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (H7)*

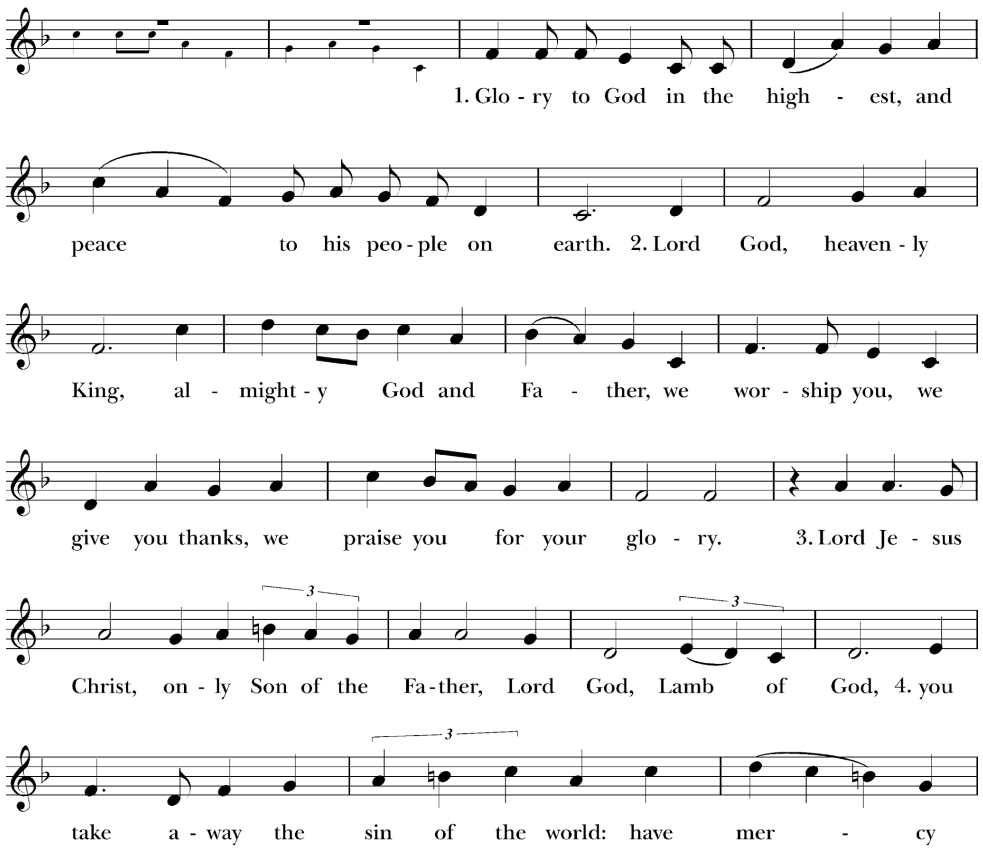
Opening Acclamation *Enriching Our Worship 1* p.50

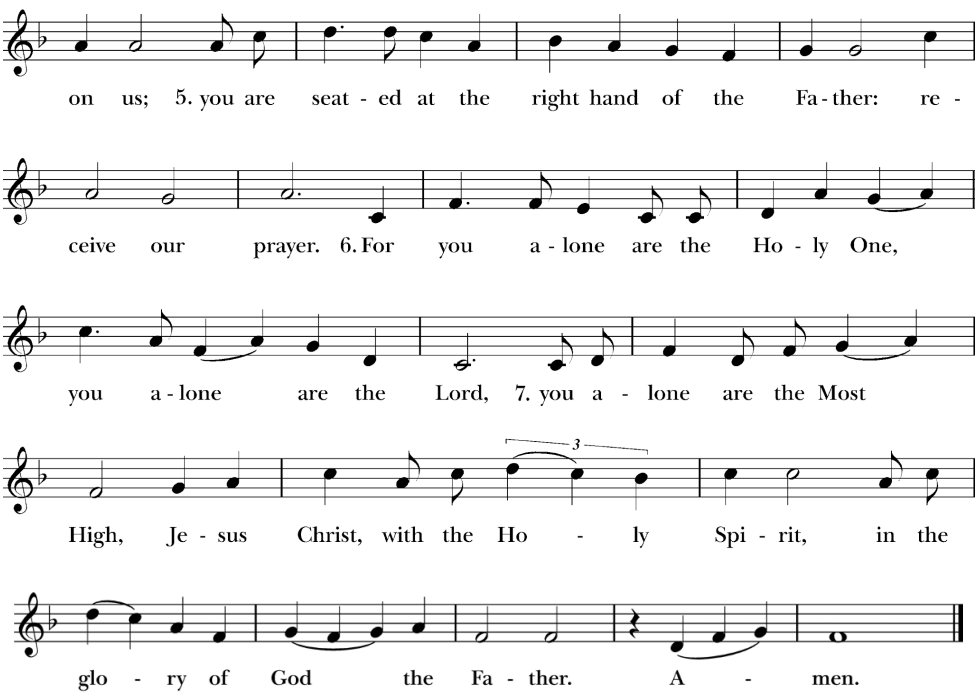
Celebrant ✠ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect of Purity *BCP p.355*

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God (S280)*





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

The Liturgy of the Word

All may sit.

The First Lesson *Judges 4:1-7*

A reading from the Book of Judges.
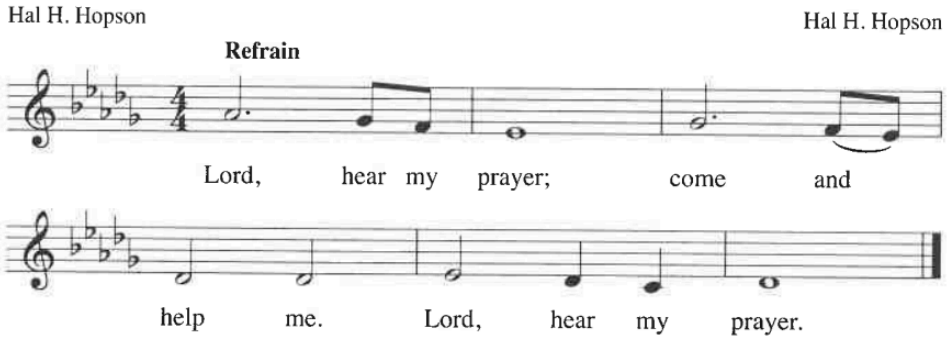
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *Psalm 123*

The psalm refrain is sung twice through, then again each time the word "refrain" appears. All speak the words of the psalm together in unison.



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1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy. **Refrain**

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.**Refrain**

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand or adopt a posture of praise for the next hymn and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round (H617)*

The Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is 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."'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Bryan Matias

The Celebrant approaches the baptismal font and invites the sponsor and candidate to stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation & Examination of the Candidate *BCP p. 301*

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsor **I present Eleanor Kathryn Tucci to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant asks the Candidate the following questions.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate **I do.**
Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Candidate **I renounce them.**
Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Candidate **I renounce them.**
Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Candidate **I renounce them.**
Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Candidate **I do.**
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidate **I do.**
Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Candidate **I do.**

After the candidate has been presented, the congregation is now invited to stand or adopt a posture of prayer.
The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says
Let us join with Eleanor Kathryn Tucci who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *BCP p. 301*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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 to the dead.
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.
Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**
Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate *BCP p. 305*

The Celebrant then says
Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water *BCP p. 306*

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The congregation may be seated.

The Baptism *BCP p. 307*

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying,

Eleanor Kathryn Tucci, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The candidate is anointed with chrism oil blessed by a Bishop, saying,
Eleanor Kathryn Tucci, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

The candidate is presented with a candle by the Celebrant, saying,
Eleanor Kathryn Tucci, receive the light of Christ and shine with God's grace in the world.

All stand.

Celebrant
Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People
We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements
Birthdays, Anniversaries & Traveling Prayers

The Holy Communion

For Communion at Grace, we line up at the altar rail at the front of the sanctuary; an usher will guide you. You may either kneel or remain standing. Cup one hand in the other; into your empty hands we will place the Bread of Life, saying, "The Body of Christ; the Bread of Heaven"; the response is "Amen." The bread we use is gluten free.

A second Eucharistic minister will offer a tray of individual cups saying, "The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation"; the response is "Amen." We have both cups of wine and cups of white grape juice for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. Please place your empty cup in the container beside the organ or the container beside the lectern.

If you prefer not to take Communion in either bread or wine, feel welcome to stay in your seat or to come forward and cross your arms over your chest; the priest will give you a blessing. All stand as able.

Offertory Anthem *Not Here for High and Holy Things (H9)*

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The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language Version 2018*

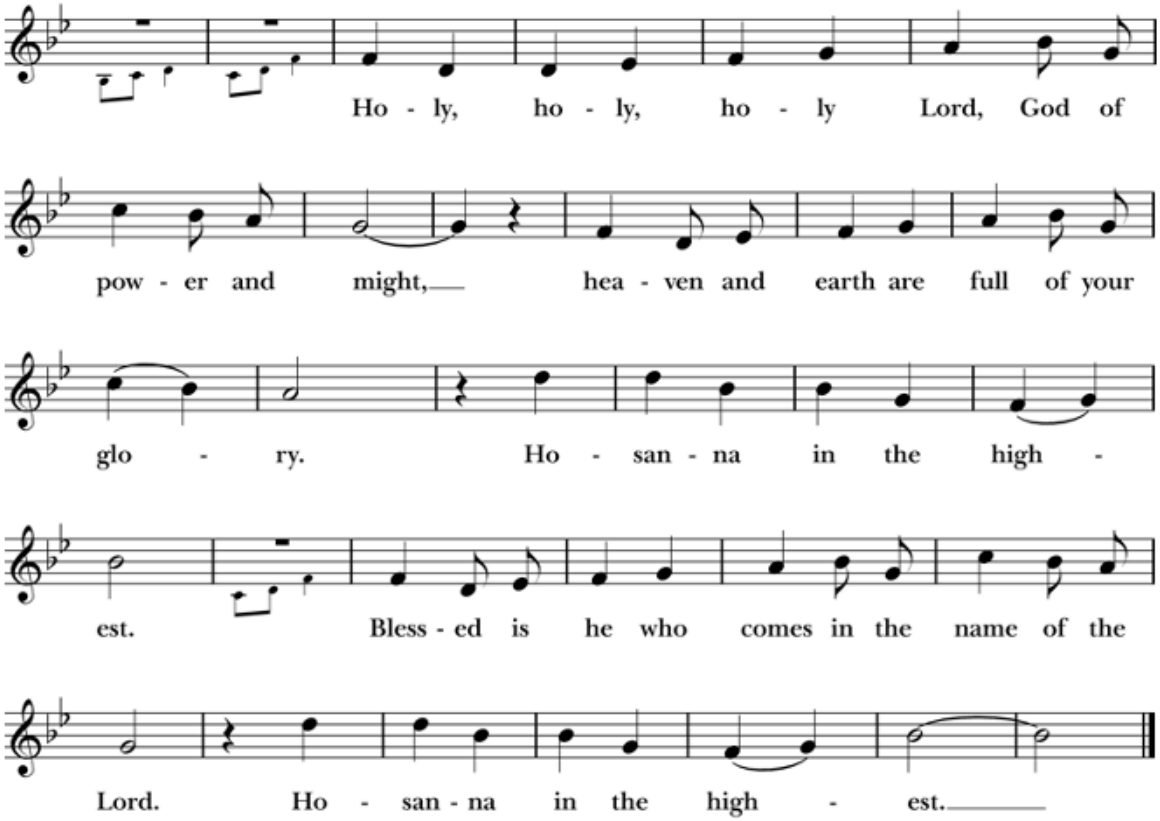
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Sanctus et Benedictus (S127)*



The people remain standing or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer *BCP p.364*

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

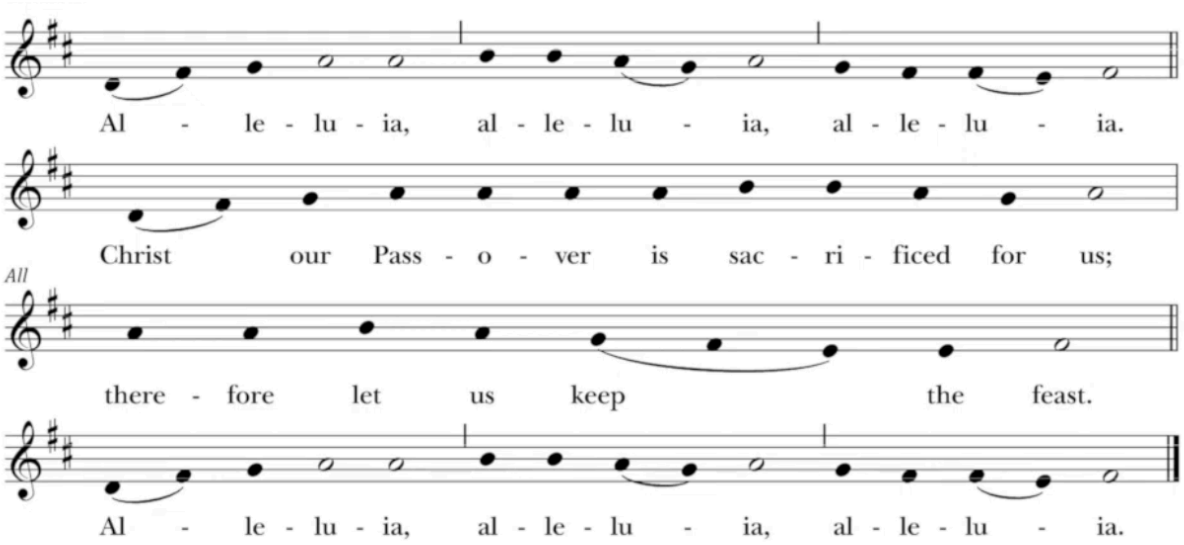
Celebrant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover (S154)*



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Celebrant These are the gifts of God.
People **And we are the people of God.**

The people may be seated.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised (H655)*

Communion Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (H490)*

Post-Communion Prayer *EOW1 p. 69*

After Communion, and stand as able and the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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;
and 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 for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing ✠

Closing Hymn *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God! (H551)*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Today we celebrate the baptism of

Eleanor Kathryn Tucci

Sponsor

Teri Lyn Tucci



Join us after the service for a reception in the parish hall to celebrate Eleanor Kathryn Tucci!