ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awaking to the Abiding Presence of God

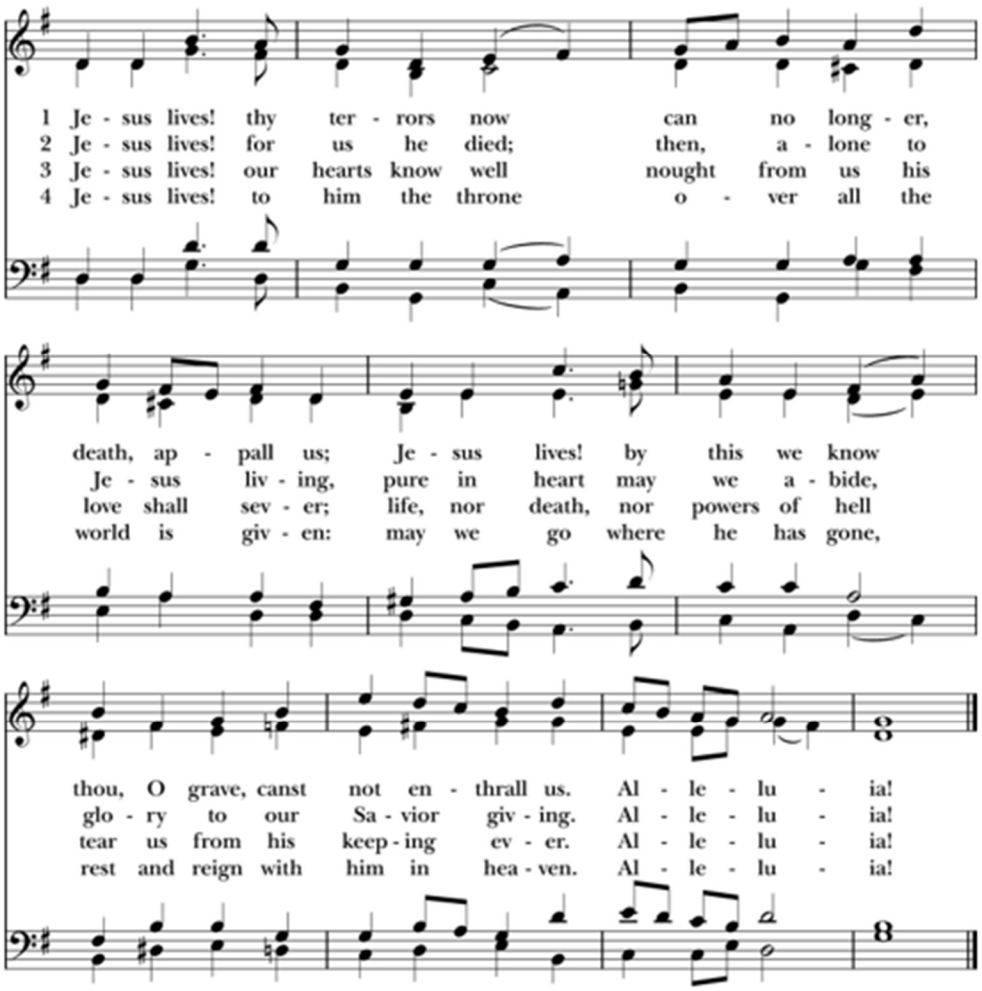
NOVEMBER 08, 2026
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE "Offertorium" *Gordon Young*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(10:15)*

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand when you hear the music for the first hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION *The Hymnal, 195*

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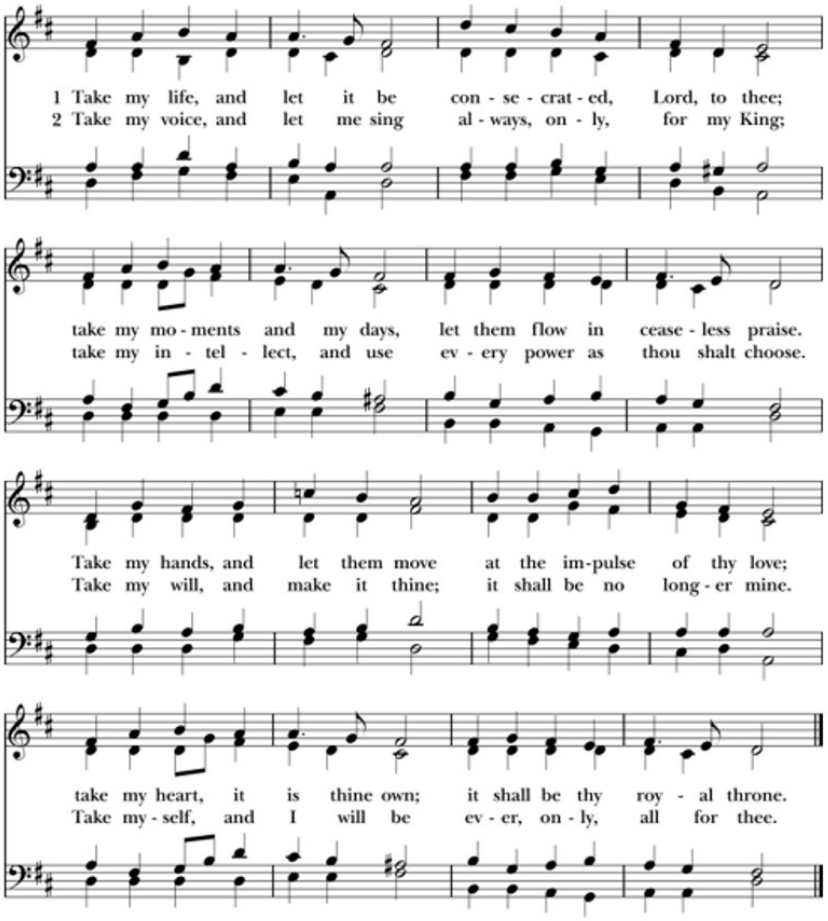
ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE *(10:15AM)* *The Hymnal, 707*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

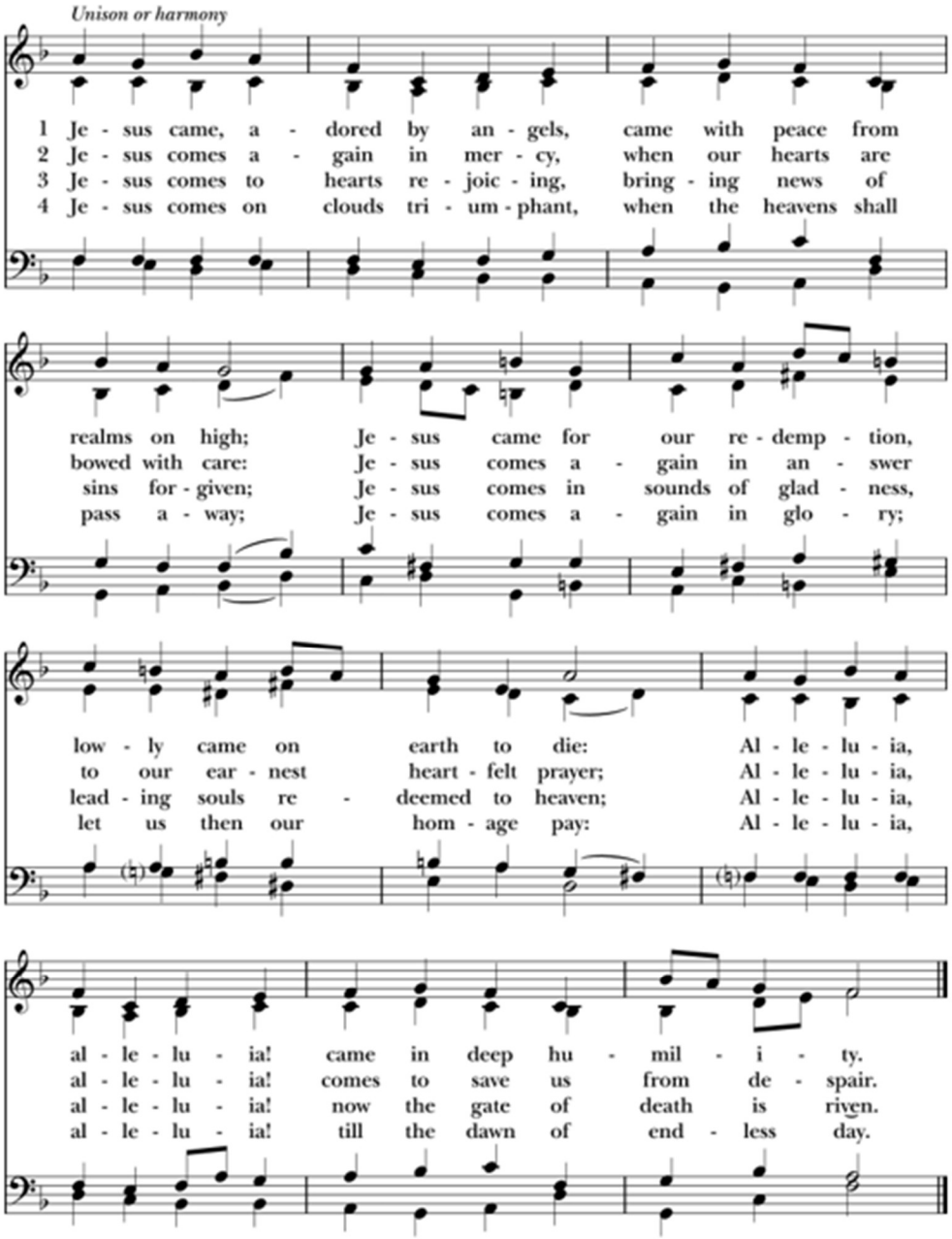
Following each lesson…

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

PSALM 78: 1-7 *BCP, p. 694*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

A WORD FROM THE MODERN CHURCH *Patty Meyer*

THE GRADUAL HYMN *The Hymnal, 454*

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Preceding the Gospel…

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

Following the Gospel…

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *The Reverend Elizabeth Moriarty*

Silence is kept following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the 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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION, FOR THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayers, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

Lord, in your mercy,
***Prayer Response*: Hear our prayer**

THE CONFESSION

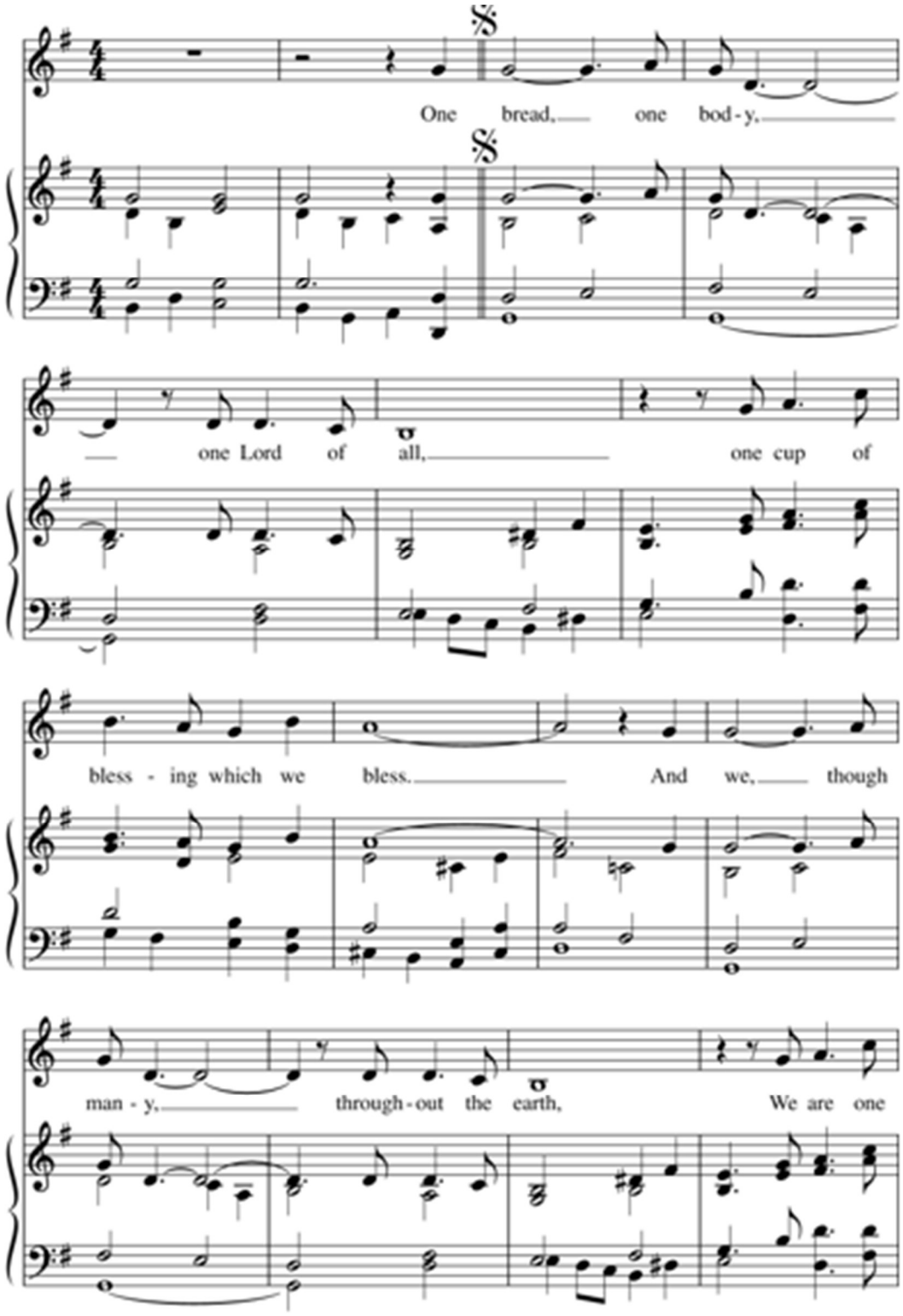
Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
The Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

THE ANTHEM "Deep River" *arr. Moses Hogan*
Donald Woodford, bass

All stand to sing

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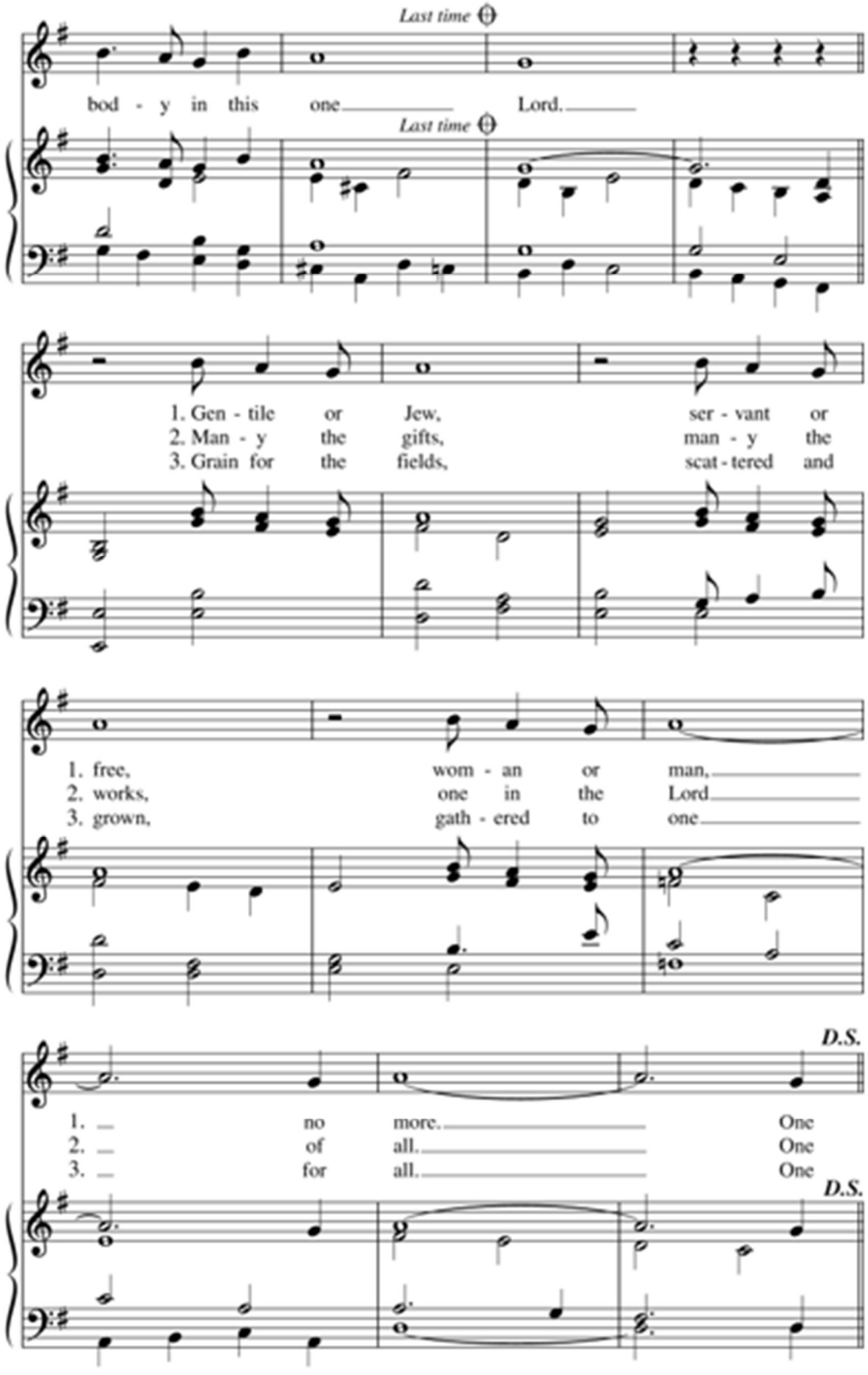
one Lord of all, one cup of
bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

Last time
bod - y in this one Lord.
Last time
1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
1. free, wom - an or man,
2. works, one in the Lord
3. grown, gath - ered to one
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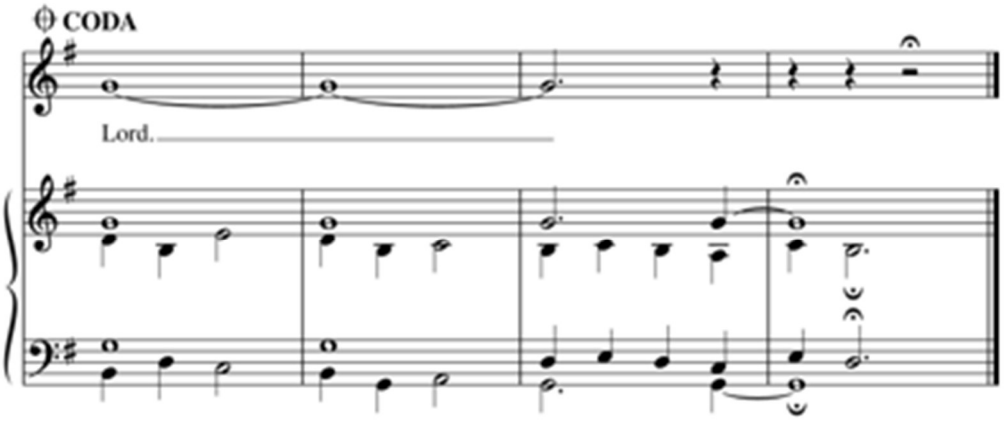
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THE OFFERING

During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. To give online, text the message GiveStMichaels" to the number.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Presider says

The Lord be with you.

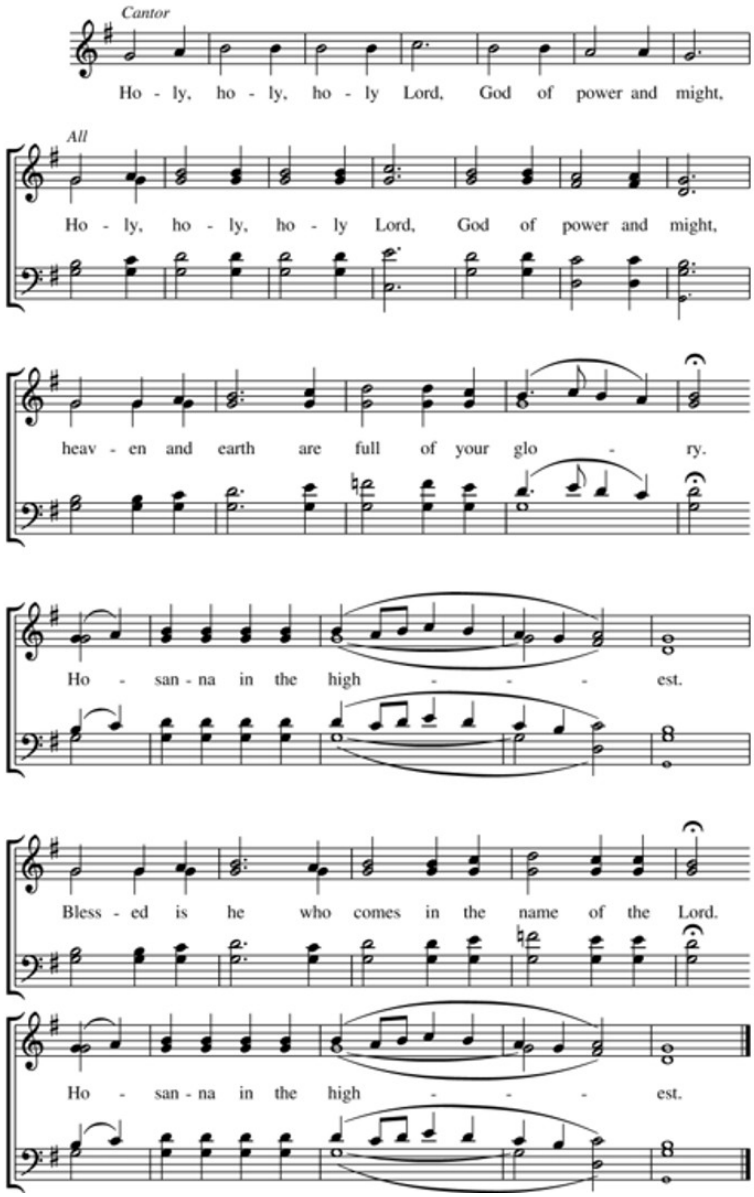
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts,

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing or say the Sanctus together:

The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

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

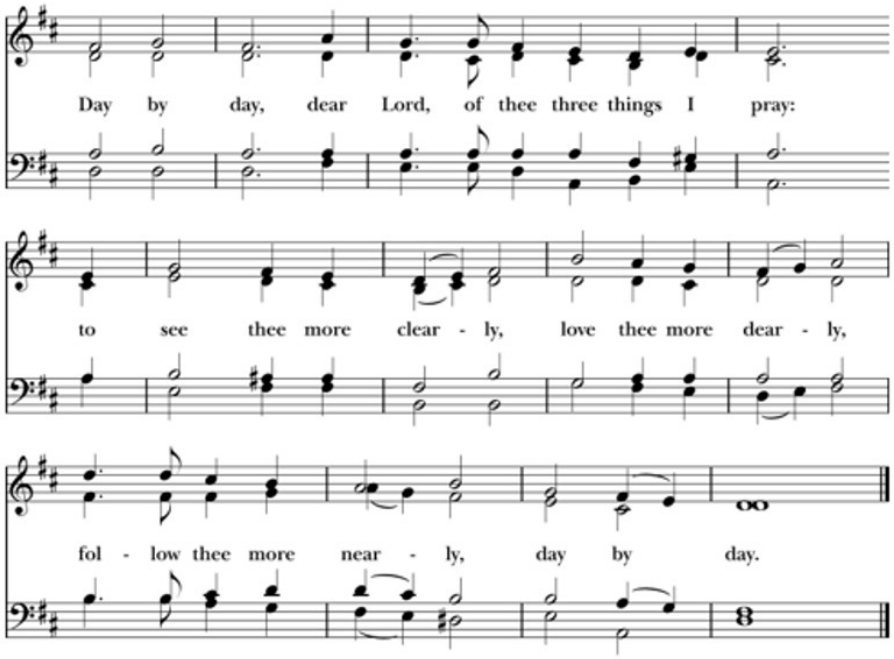
People and Presider
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

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,
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider recalls and calls forth Jesus' life and last supper.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

(10:15) The Presider breaks the bread. and all sing:

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Presider: Behold what you are.
People: **May we become what we receive.**

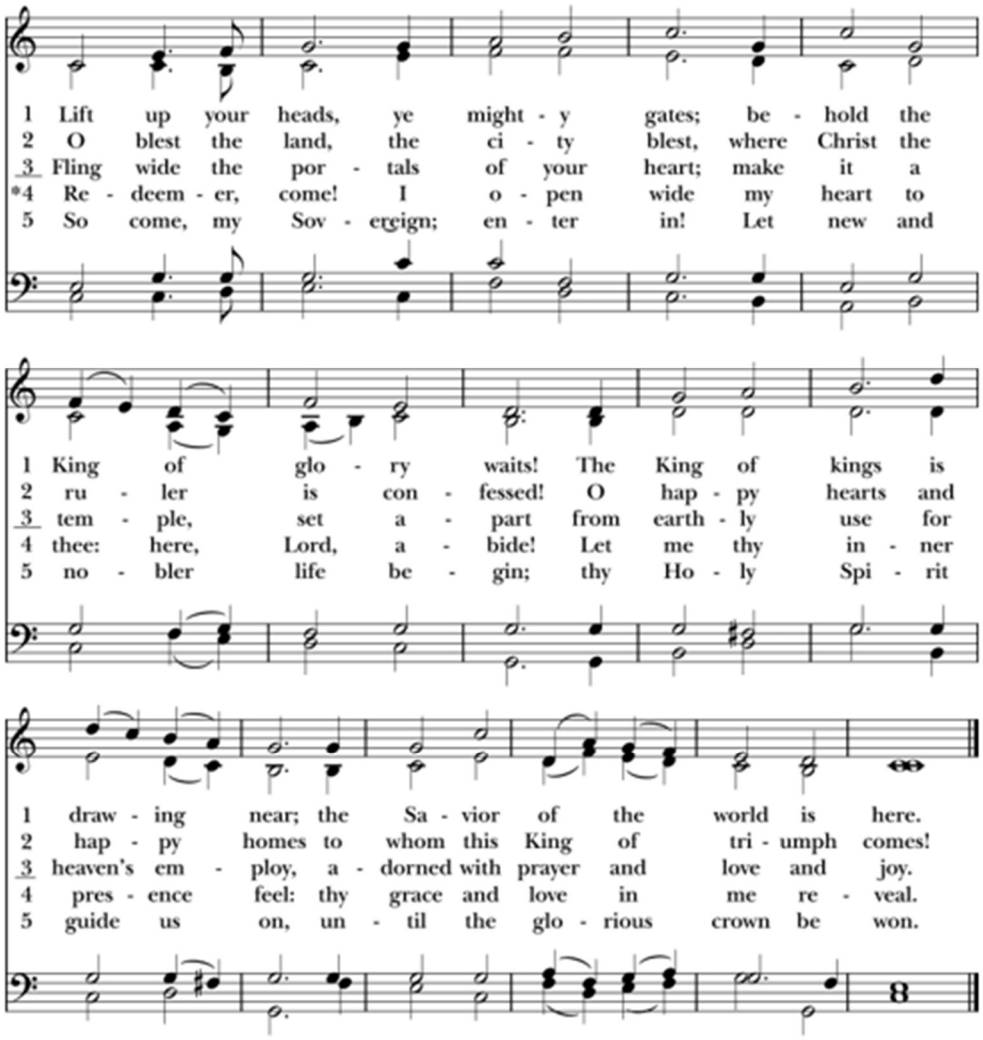
WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 436

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THE DISMISSAL

*Children in the congregation are invited to join the deacon in saying the words of the dismissa**l.***

Response:
Thanks be to God. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in A Minor" *Anonymous*

PARTICIPANTS

10:15 The Reverend Elizabeth Moriarty, preacher; ***The Reverend Mary Lindquist***, celebrant; ***The Reverend Lars Hunter***, deacon; ***Annamarie Pluhar***, lay assistant; ***Elizabeth Fisher*** and ***Kate Dare-Winters***, readers and element bearers; ***Carol Hesselbach***, intercessor; ***Chris Dubis*** and ***Jeremy Geragotelis***, ushers; ***Miranda Smith*** and ***David Haines***, chalicers; ***Megan Buchanan***, healing minister; ***Carol Hesselbach, Lindsey Boss,*** and ***Chris Hart***, Altar Guild.

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At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00 am and 10: 15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday-Thursday in-person the Chapel
Bible Study, 8:30-10 am, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at The Brattleboro Food Coop, 2 Main St.
Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel
Centering Prayer, 4-5 pm, Wednesday in the Chapel

Eucharist with the Saints, 12 noon-12:30, Wednesday in the Chapel
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday in the Chapel, in-person and on Zoom
Centering Prayer, 8 am, Saturday in the Chapel

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Jesse Ackerman-Hovis*, ***Miles Ackerman-Hovis***, and ***Louise Moody***, Sunday; ***Ruth Tilghman***, Monday.

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS TODAY! **Today we hope you will turn in your pledge of commitment in support of St. Michael's mission and ministry for 2027!** We are dependent on one another for this ministry of love and grace. There is an offering plate in front of the altar – if you have your pledge card, please place your card here when you come up for Communion. If you have already pledged – THANK YOU! If you are still on the fence or have questions about pledging, please contact the church office (parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org or 802 254-6048).

This year our goal is to receive **140 pledges** and raise **$329,500, a 3% increase** for our ministry in 2026. On behalf of the Stewardship Team, please know how grateful we are for YOU and for your continued participation and support in this Body of Christ called St. Michael's.

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UPCOMING ST. MICHAEL'S EVENTS:

- **Today**: Stewardship Ingathering of Pledges; Patty Meyer: Stewardship Speaker
- **November 11, 5:30:** Tea with Elizabeth (Undercroft)
- **November 12, 7:30pm:** Choral Compline Service
- **Sunday, November 15, 4pm:** The Gospel Connection with Suzanne Buell, a *fundraiser for Center for Solace* at the Latchis Theatre. For more details, please see the latest eNews

THE ADULT FORUM

Forums meet in the Meeting Room each Sunday from 9-10 AM

- **This morning**: **Post election discussion:** *"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning."* We have been waiting. Tension has been building for months in all corners of the country, and in many of our lives. The day is now done! This forum is to share the post election feelings, be with others in our faith community, and slowly release the tension. – led by Jeff Lewis
- **November 15***:* **Elders Ministry***: Gate VI – The Aftermath - Part 2: Those practical tasks after the death of a loved one.* In this last Forum in the series 'Navigating the Journey to the End,' we focus on the logistical and administrative tasks commonly required after the death of a loved one. Rob Szpila, founder of The Passing On organization, will provide an overview and lead a discussion on these "to do's," which can feel especially overwhelming in the midst of deep grief and mourning.

WELCOME, ELIZABETH!
Today, St. Michael's new quarter-time assistant priest, Elizabeth Moriarty, will be preaching. She is eager to get meet you all! Her email address at St. Michael's is elizabeth@stmichaelsvermont.org. Come for ***Tea with Elizabeth*** on Nov. 11 at 5:30 in the Undercroft and begin to get to know her!

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR ST NICHOLAS DAY FAIR, NOVEMBER 29 / 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Time is flying! The **Saint Nicholas Day Fair** is practically just around the corner! There are a number of opportunities where you can help support this wonderful and fun inter-generational parish event! **Please help** us with this festive start of the Advent Season For more details, please see the latest eNews.

CARRY ME HOME COLD WEATHER NEEDS
Carry Me Home is in need of winter clothes and footwear for all ages, in excellent condition. We offer these to anyone in need, Tuesdays and Fridays from our Free Shop at Centre Congregational Church. Thanks to all of you for your many kind donations in the past! Please check our needs list at https://bit.ly/CMH-Needs for more details, and leave your offerings, bagged, in the box by the elevator near the Common Room.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: A CALL FOR SINGERS
This year's Advent Lessons and Carols service is coming up on Sunday Dec. 6 at 4pm. If you'd like to sing, we ask you to please commit to coming to the three rehearsals we will have on Tues Nov. 10 & 24 and Thurs Nov. 19 at 6:30-8:30pm. Email Keane at keane@stmichaelsvermont.org with any questions.

COLLECTING JEANS: THE RAKUSU FLAG PROJECT
Marie Py, quilter and friend of St. Michael's, is working on a quilt which makes use of old jeans worn by you and others who live in this region. Marie states, *The Rakusu Flag Project* began as a meditation on what it means to be a US citizen in this political moment. It has become the visualization of a community coming together with the intention of living for the benefit of all beings. For more information about this beautiful project, go to https://mariepierrepy.com/rakusu-flag-project/ If you feel called to contribute a pair of black or blue jeans, please leave them in the box at St. Michael's near the office entrance and include your name with your jeans!

THE GUARDIAN: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
The Guardian team is currently seeking submissions. We are looking for short personal pieces (250 words or less) that may take the form of book reviews, personal reflections, short poems (15 lines or fewer), stories of faith. The Dec./Jan. theme is "Epiphany," and the due date is Nov. 10. See the eNews for more info.

THANKSGIVING ALCATHON 2026
All St. Michael's folk who are members of the broader recovery community are invited to Thanksgiving Alcathon 2026, which will be a gathering for gratitude, feasting, and fellowship held in the Undercroft of St. Michael's on Thanksgiving day sponsored by local AA groups. The day will feature morning AA meetings at 10, 11, and 12, with a potluck Thanksgiving feast to be served at 1:30. (Turkey will be provided; those who are able are invited to bring a dish to share.) The day will round out with AA meetings at 2:30 and 3:30.

THANK YOU to Elise & Andy Burrows and Cary Storm for hosting our coffee hour this morning. Please come and enjoy!