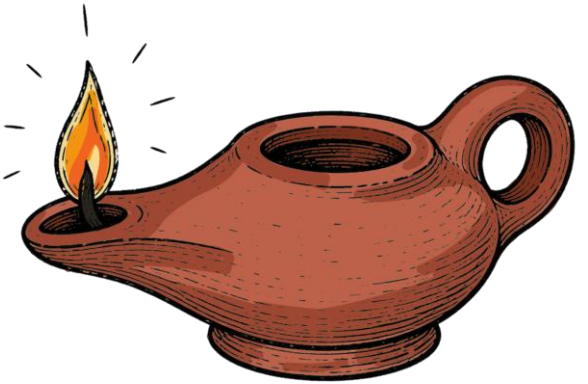
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24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
10:45 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.
Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.
If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!
The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children's use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers setting: Rizzotto

Welcome and Announcements

A Blessing for Veterans

We pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy. Amen

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd,
feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen

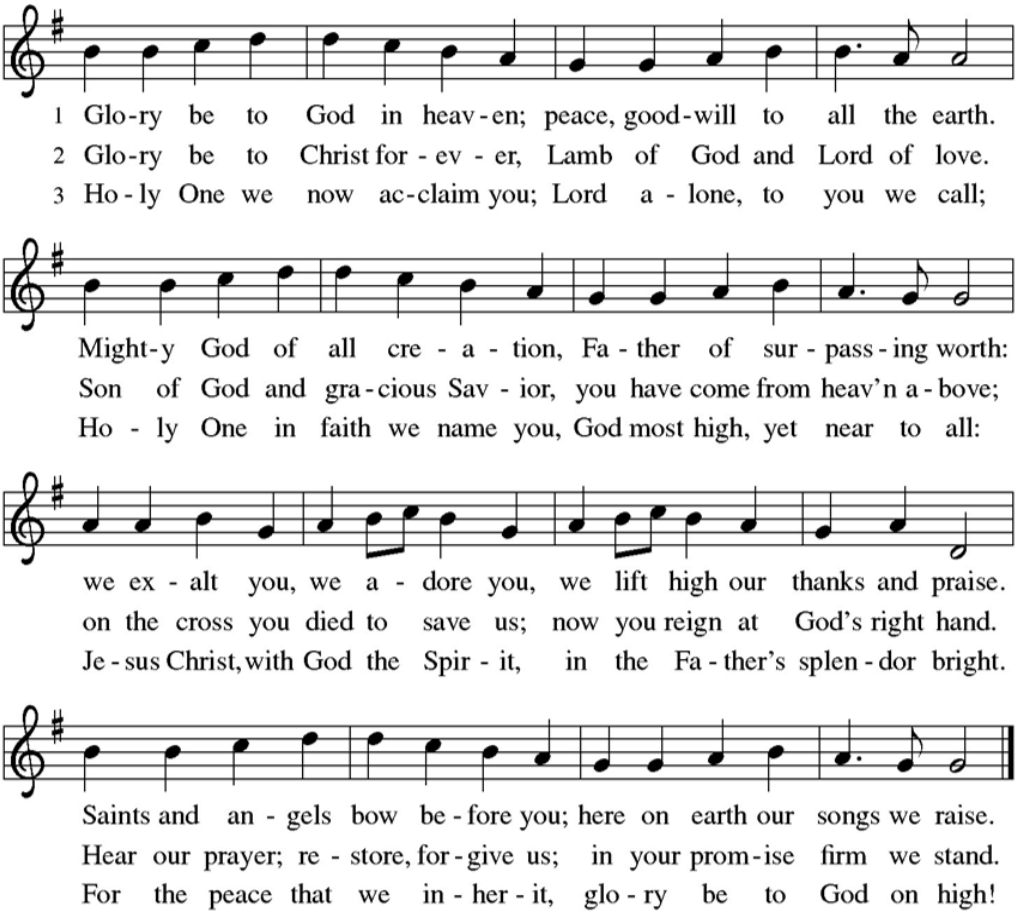
Gathering Hymn Come, We that Love the Lord ELW 625



Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

We pray.
God, when we overlook injustice in the world, our worship risks losing its meaning. Jesus, you overturned tables in the temple, angry at how we turned your house of prayer into a marketplace. Holy Spirit, lead us in daily repentance, that our service this day may be a delight to you as we worship in spirit and in truth. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading - Amos 5:18-24 Translation: NRSVue

A reading from the prophet Amos:

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Translation: NRSVue

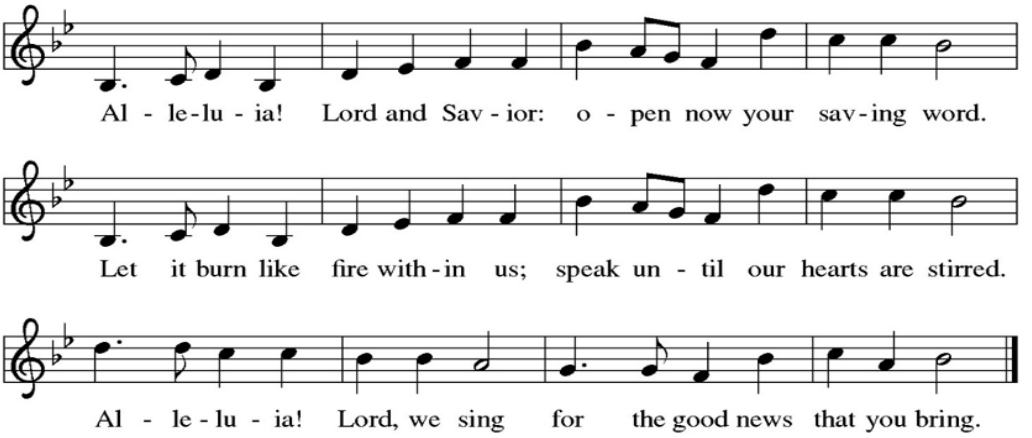
A reading from 1st Thessalonians:

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Translation: NRSVue

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us. 'But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Shari Duminy

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day What Is the World Like ACS 1047



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Thomas,
one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents the confirmand.

I present, Thomas, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

We pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Thomas, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new life. We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the confirmand.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you acknowledge there is evil in this world which tries to overcome God's good work?
Confirmand: Yes, there is evil.

Do you try to resist this evil and hope to do God's work?
Confirmand: Yes, I try to let good overcome evil.

Do you strive to follow Christ's teachings of loving and serving others?
Confirmand: Yes, I hope to love my neighbors as myself.

The minister addresses the whole assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Affirmation of Baptism in the Presence of the Assembly

Parents, grandparents and godparents may join the confirmand at the altar.
The presiding minister addresses the confirmand.

You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you hope to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand responds:
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support Thomas
and pray for him in his life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Signing with the Cross

You have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of the gospel, the sign given to you in baptism, on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

A parent or godparent traces a cross on the confirmand's forehead and hands, as it is named.

Receive the + cross on your forehead, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you. Learn to know and to follow Christ.

Receive the + cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

The minister and others may lay hands on the head of the confirmand.

Stir up in Thomas the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen**

Welcome

The confirmand faces the assembly.

Let us rejoice with Thomas in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Let us offer our prayers to God, confident that the love of Christ continues to appear in our lives in surprising and unexpected ways.

After each petition:

O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We remember before you all who have died that they may know your peace. Bless each of us with a sure and certain hope of the resurrection, that we may know our risen Lord, as we share eternal life with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Musical Offering: A River Flows through Babylon — Colon
Spirit Voices

Offering Prayer

We pray. Great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace.
Amen

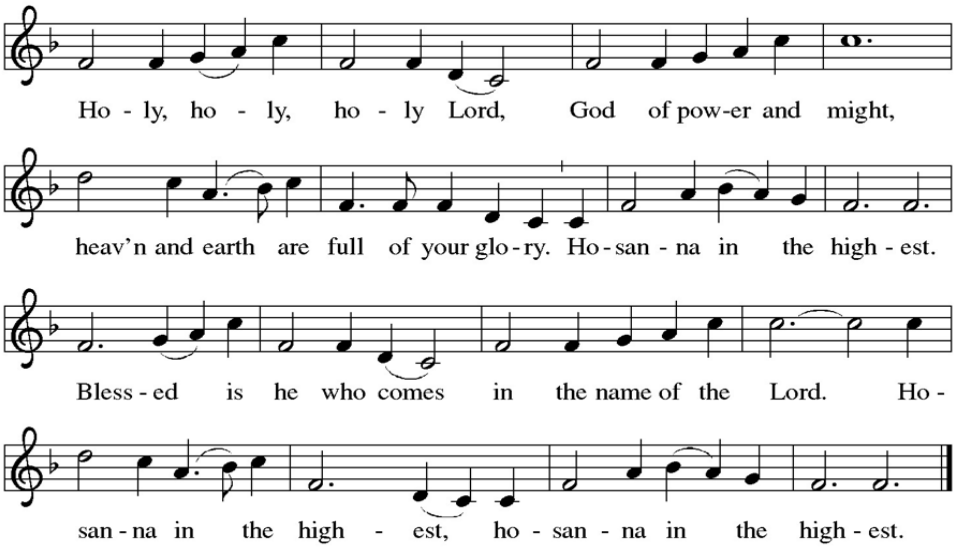
Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen

Agnus Dei



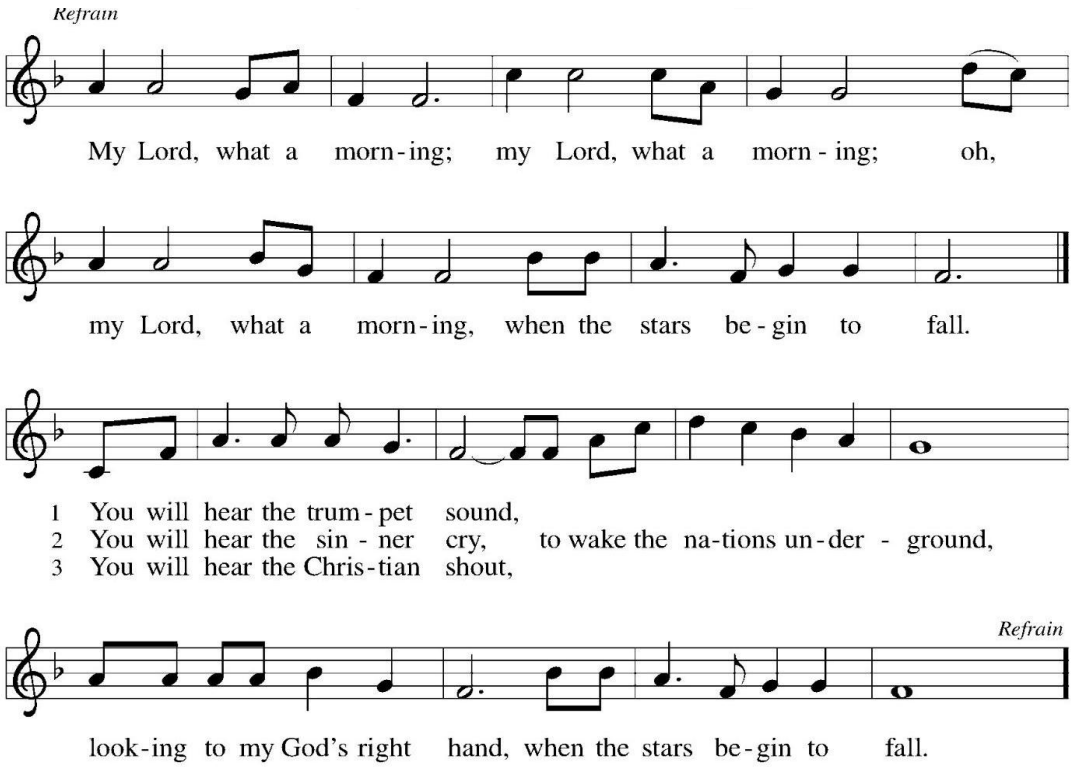
Invitation to the Table

Invited to a feast not of our own making,
Where there is room for all.
Come to the table.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn My Lord, What A Morning ELW 438



Communion Hymn Blessed Assurance ELW 638



Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen

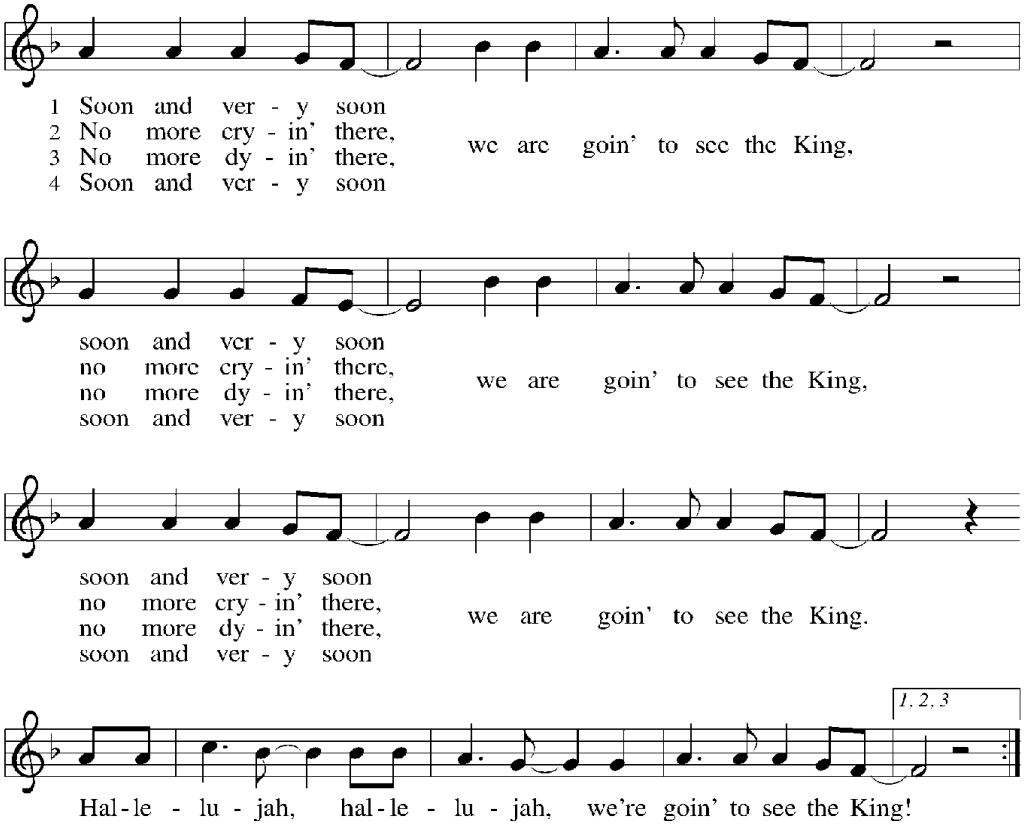
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep us fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And the blessing of the Triune God ☩
remain with us always.
Amen

Sending Hymn Soon and Very Soon ELW 439



Dismissal

Go out, sharing the good news of God's justice.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music Concertino Young

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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