The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Holy Eucharist: Rite II November 22, 2026 10:30

ALL SAINTS

Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church! Whether you are a first time visitor or you have been a part of All Saints for generations, thank you for joining us this morning. We invite you to explore how All Saints can be a part of your journey with God.

Dear Visitors, to learn more about All Saints, please read the "Saintly Particulars" card in your pew. It includes lots of information about a variety of topics, including our offerings for families with children (Welcome parents! You've got this!) like Children's Chapel and our nursery. We also invite you to complete a visitor card and give it to an usher so we can get to know you better. We are glad you're here!

Opening Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657 — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn #494 *(Sung by all, standing)* — The Hymnal 1982



Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

The Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Songs of Praise The Children of All Saints Preschool & Betsy Cockriel

After the Songs of Praise, young people age 3 through 5th grade may follow the wooden cross to Children's Chapel. All will return during the Peace.

The Collect Of The Day BCP, p. 236

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading *(Please be seated)* Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a *(Sung by the choir)* Tone by Stephen Elvey

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

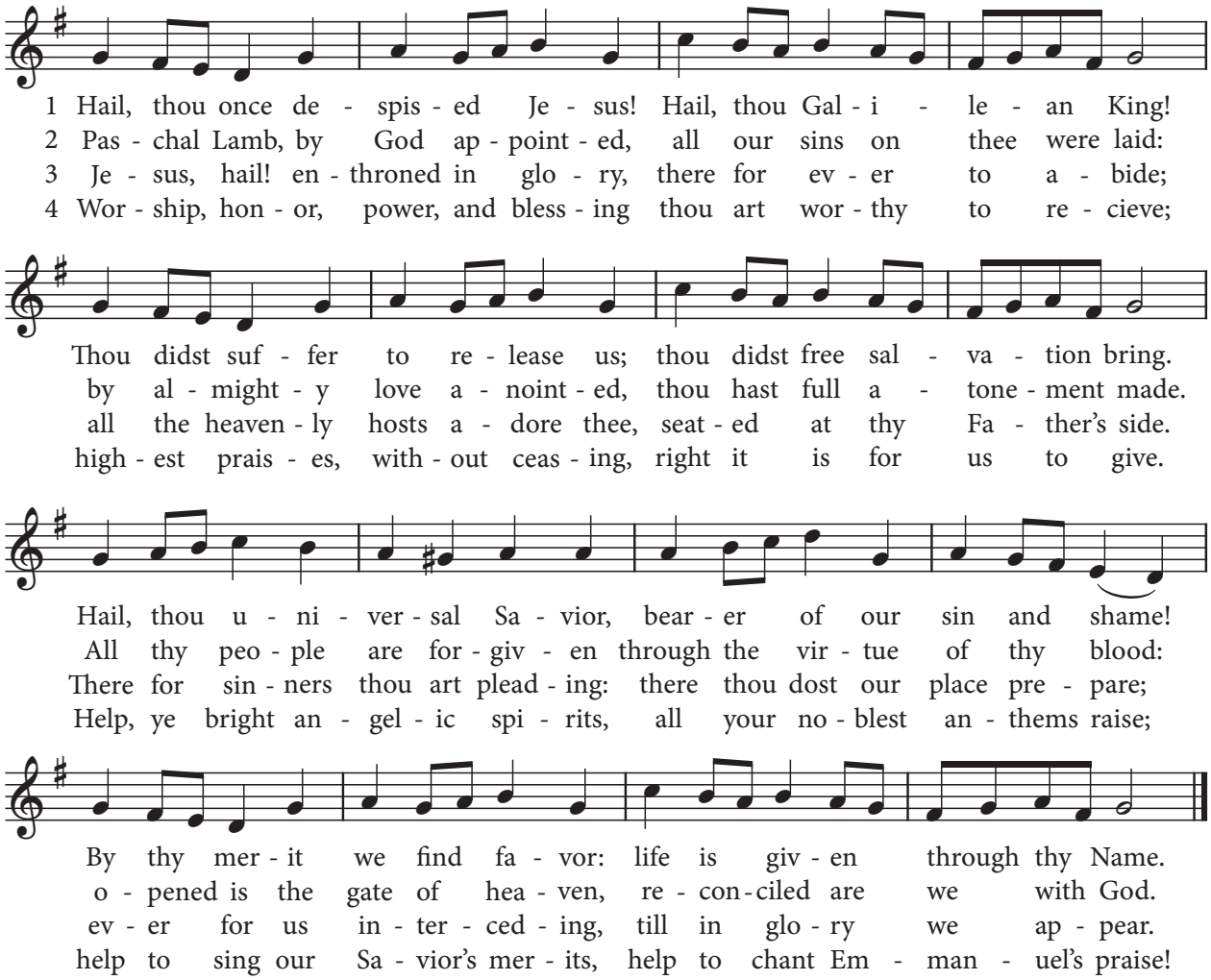
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #495 *(Sung by all, standing)* The Hymnal 1982



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.
Music: *In Babilone,* melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710

The Gospel *(Please remain standing)* Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in

prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon* The Reverend Ben Robertson

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)* BCP, p. 358

**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:
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.**

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand or kneel)* BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

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Offertory Anthem

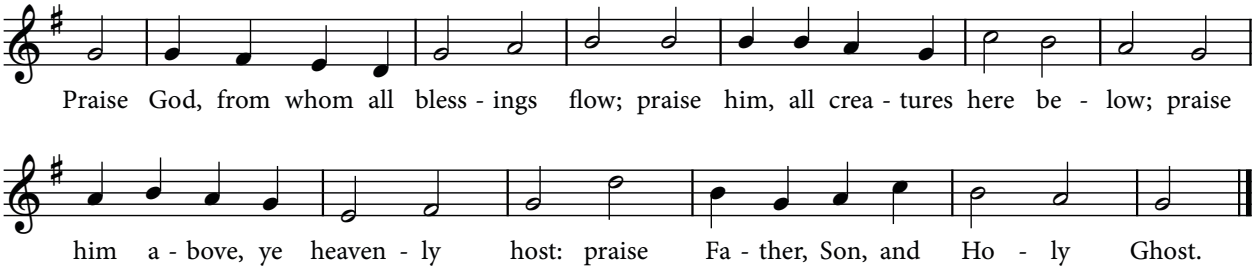
Words by Herbert Brokering (1926-2009)
Music based on *The Ash Grove,* arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Creator of glory, all seasons thy story. The roses, the rivers, the ridges, thy mirth.
The straining of power, of eons each hour, all heavens, o'er meadows, all signs of rebirth.
The weeping in willows, all children in pillows. All valleys, all oceans. The spaces of birth.
Thy blossoms unfolding, all angels beholding. With morning and darkness renewing the earth.

In quaking and thunder, when life breaks asunder. In pain and in sorrow, all death is thy door.
Thy table of prizes in daily surprises, our souls only feasting thy treasure and stone.
Their silence and wonder our spirits would ponder, a sight of the brightness which saints now adore.
Thy love comes escaping. While watching and waiting, our hearts overflowing adore Thee adore.

Thy beauty so tender, we live on thy splendor, O send us the life of the Lamb on the throne.
Come visit our tables, our castles and stables, till nothing and no one be ever alone.
Come father, come mother, come sister, come brother. The cup is o'er flowing, the harvest is done.
Rise up, O partaker! Give praise to Thy Maker! The banquet is set in the midst of the Son!

The Presentation Hymn *(Sung by all; standing)*



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551.

The Great Thanksgiving *(Please remain standing)* BCP, p. 369

Presider 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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

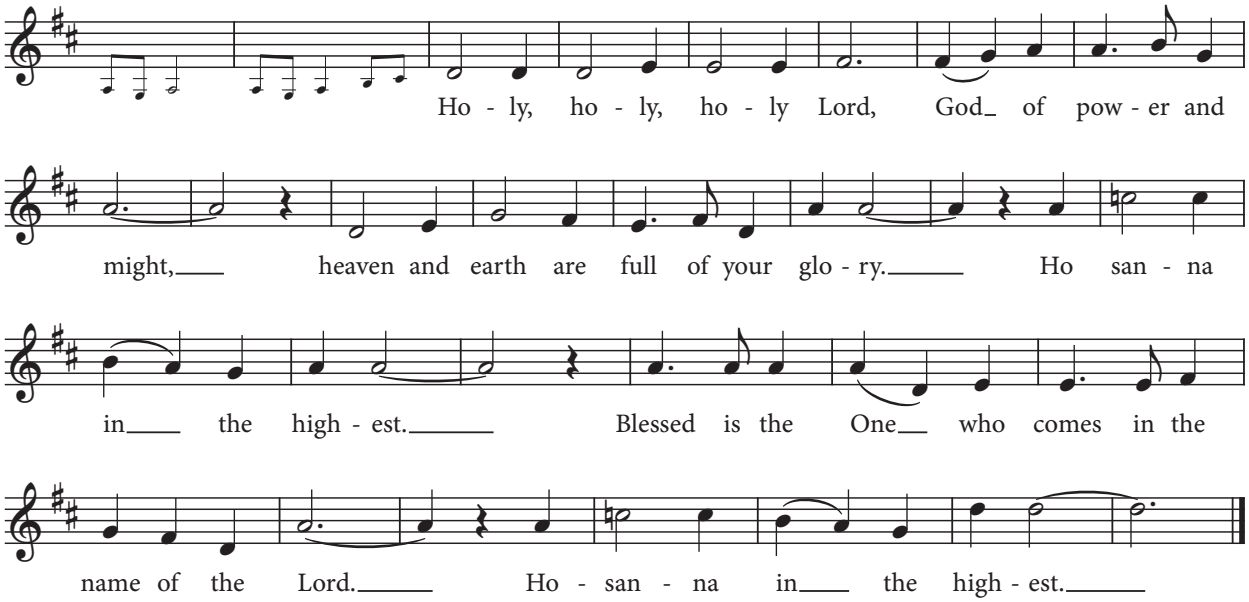
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(Sung by all)* *Festival Eucharist*, Craig Phillips



The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues . . .

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

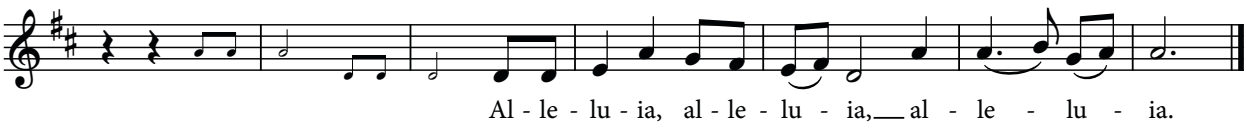
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

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

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 & Fraction Anthem *(Sung by all)* *Festival Eucharist*, Craig Phillips



Choir: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.* **Refrain.**

Invitation to Communion The Iona Community

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Looking for guidance or information about receiving Communion?
Please feel free to ask an usher or consult the Saintly Particulars card in your pew.

Communion Anthem Words by Isaac Watts (1709)
Music by F. Price (1835), arr. by Martha Shaffer (b. 1946)

Lord, I cannot let thee go, till a blessing Thou bestow:
Do not turn away thy face, mine's an urgent, pressing case.
Do not turn away thy face, mine's an urgent, pressing case.

Dost thou ask me who I am? Ah, my Lord, thou know'st my name:
Yet the question gives a plea to support my suit with Thee.
Do not turn away thy face, mine's an urgent, pressing case.

Thou didst once a wretch behold, in rebellion blindly bold,
Scorn thy grace, thy pow'r defy; that poor rebel, Lord, was I.
Do not turn away thy face, mine's an urgent, pressing case.

Communion Hymns The Hymnal 1982

#382, King of Glory, *General Seminary*
#433, We Gather Together, *Kremser*

Post-Communion Prayer *(Please stand)* BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 #397 *(Sung by all, please remain standing)* The Hymnal 1982



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

The Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr, BWV 663 J.S. Bach

~ Participants In Today's Liturgy ~

The Reverend Megan McDermott, *Presider*
The Reverend Ben Robertson, *Preacher & Deacon*
Blair Wilcox & Dennis Biggs, *Lay Ministers*
Spencer Gaffney, Harrison Keefer, & Wesley Smith, *Acolytes*
Andrea Mulvaney/Don Lahy & Team, *Ushers*
Gretchen Cosgrove & Team, *Altar Guild*
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Scott Hayes, *Choirmaster*
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