Grace Church
MADISON, NJ

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A
November 8, 2026, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and also uses texts from Enriching Our Worship, a collection of supplemental resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.
Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin and also the blue Hymnal in the pew rack.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Bayard U. Livingston
by Peggy & Kirk Oakes, Gretel & Whitney Merrill & Sallie & Brian O'Connor,
and
in loving memory of Captain James Gurbisz, US Army
by the Cullen family.

Children begin in service with their families, and will be invited to
Sunday School in Nieman Hall by Miss Kathryn.
The children will rejoin the service at the Peace.

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE *"Wachet auf"* J. S. Bach
organ

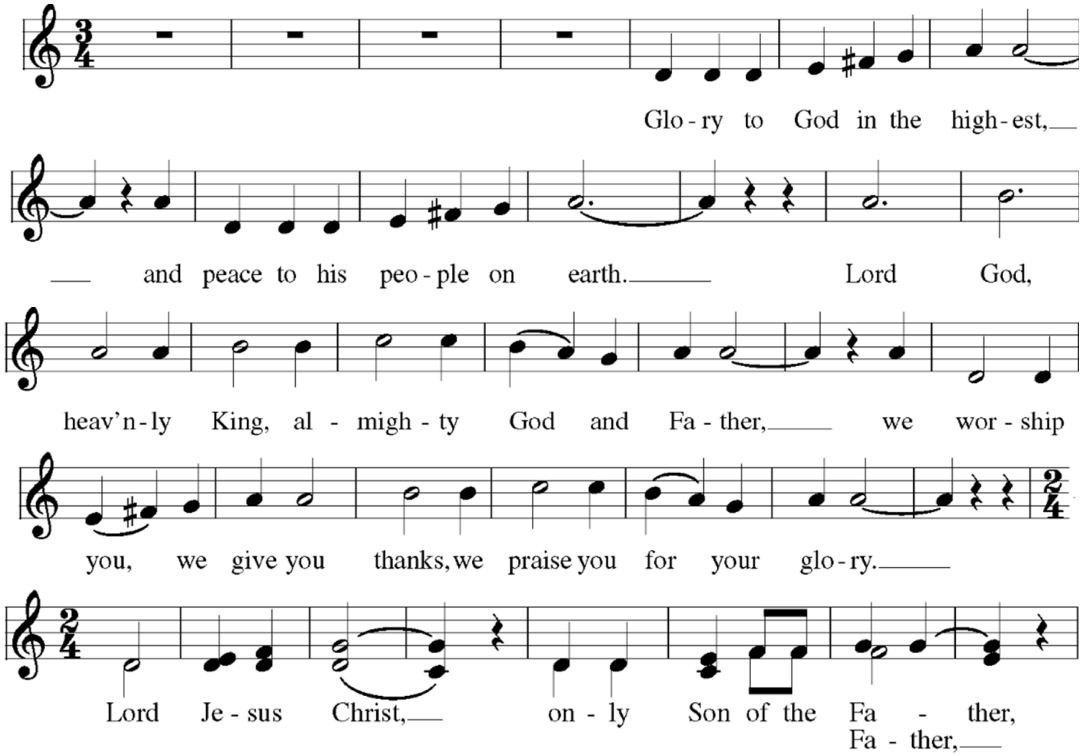
PROCESSIONAL "Lift Up Your Heads" Hymnal 436
(Truro)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, p. 355

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Sung by all.* John Rutter





Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace.
Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP, p. 236

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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

PSALM 78:1-7 *Sung by the choir.* Anglican Chant
John Goss

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

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA *Sung by all, before and after choir sings the verse.* TAIZÉ D MINOR



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.



The people sit.

SERMON

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED 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

The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes … God of love,
People respond **hear our prayer.**

Leader "...through Jesus Christ our Savior." **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or sit.

Presider and People

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.

After the Absolution is said, the people respond **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

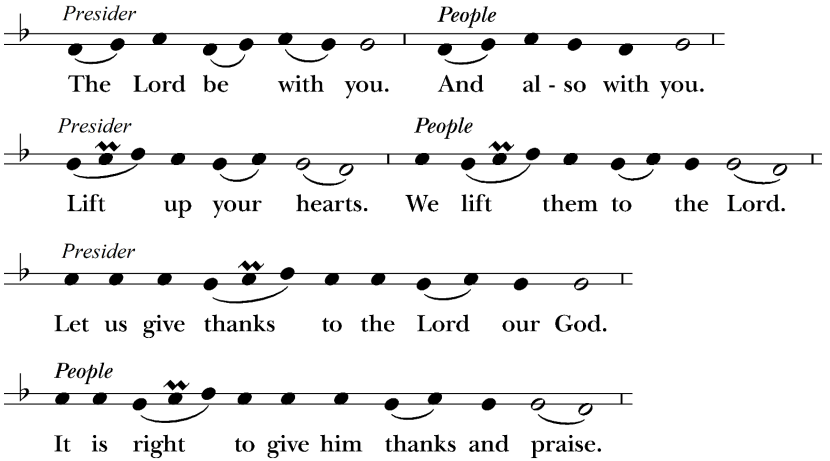
OFFERTORY "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Adam Gumpeltzhaimer
Choir

Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

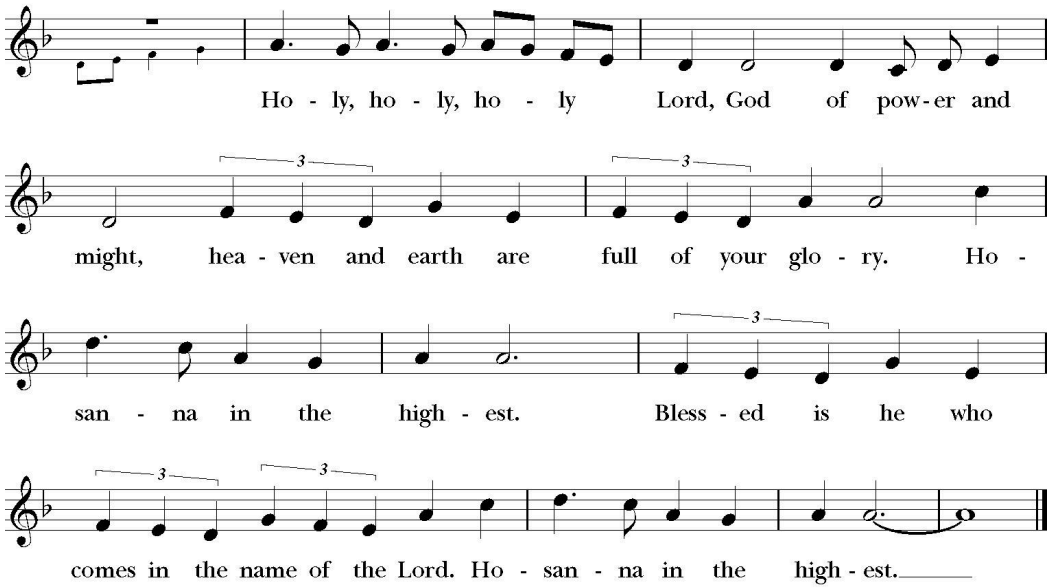
PRESENTATION HYMN "Sleepers, Wake!" Hymnal 61
(Wachet auf) verse 1

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A Hymnal S-120



Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing…
... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Hymnal S-129



The people remain standing.

Presider Holy and gracious Father:…
...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,…
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, p. 364

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

All **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

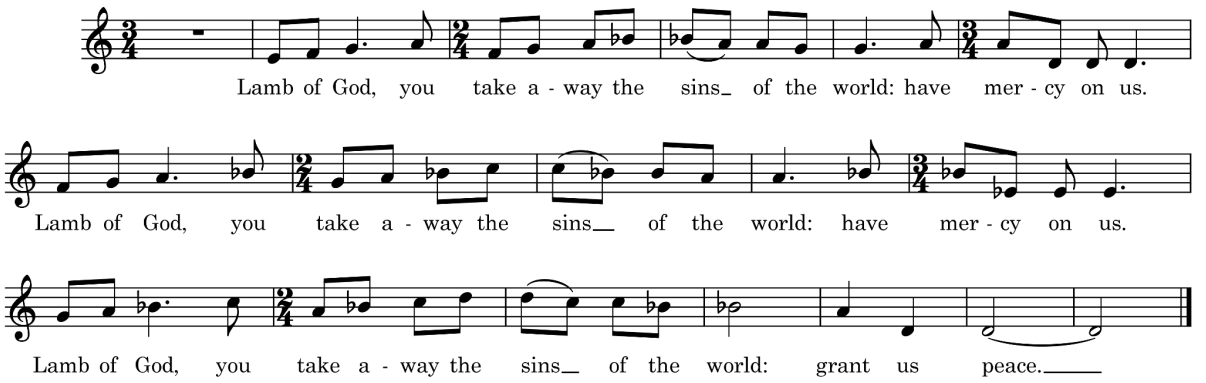
A period of silence is kept.



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.
Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and drink from the cup.
Intinction — dipping the wafer in the wine — is not practiced.
To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.
If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

FRACTION ANTHEM "Lamb of God" Rutter



COMMUNION MUSIC "Land of Rest" Charles Callahan
organ

COMMUNION HYMN "Jerusalem My Happy Home" Hymnal 620
(Land of Rest)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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

The Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Jerusalem the Golden" Hymnal 624
(Ewing)

THE DISMISSAL
The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Wachet auf"* Paul Manz

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Terry, Nancy, Scott, Christ Family, Joanne, Marilyn, Jennifer, Anne, Mark, Joe, Audrey, Katie, Ruth, David, Richard, Eloise, Croft, Matt, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Brigette, Sue.

Grace Calendar Highlights

Tues, Nov 10, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library
Fri, Nov 13, 6-8PM **Pop-up Potluck**, Grace Hall
Sat, Nov 14, 7:30PM **Quinception Wind Quintet**, *benefits instrumental music in Newark*
Sun, Nov 15, 11AM **Youth Group Brunch**, Kitchen
Mon, Nov 16, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, *The Midnight Library*
Tues, Nov 17, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, Library
Thurs, Nov 26, 10AM **Worship on Thanksgiving Day**, Church

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The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

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Heidi Griffee
Chris Hauck

Worship Services
Holy Eucharist Services
Sunday 8AM & 10AM
Morning Prayer
Wed & Sat 8:30AM Zoom

Staff
Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*
Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*
Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*
Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*
Liam Flanagan, *The Gargoyles Assistant Director*
Eve Albiston, Hadley Bendelius, Cathleen Nunn, & Annabelle Palmer, *Head Choristers*
Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*
Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*
Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*
Dan Baulig, *Head Usher*
Audrey Bendelius, Frank Nunn, *Head Acolytes*
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