The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

November 8, 2026



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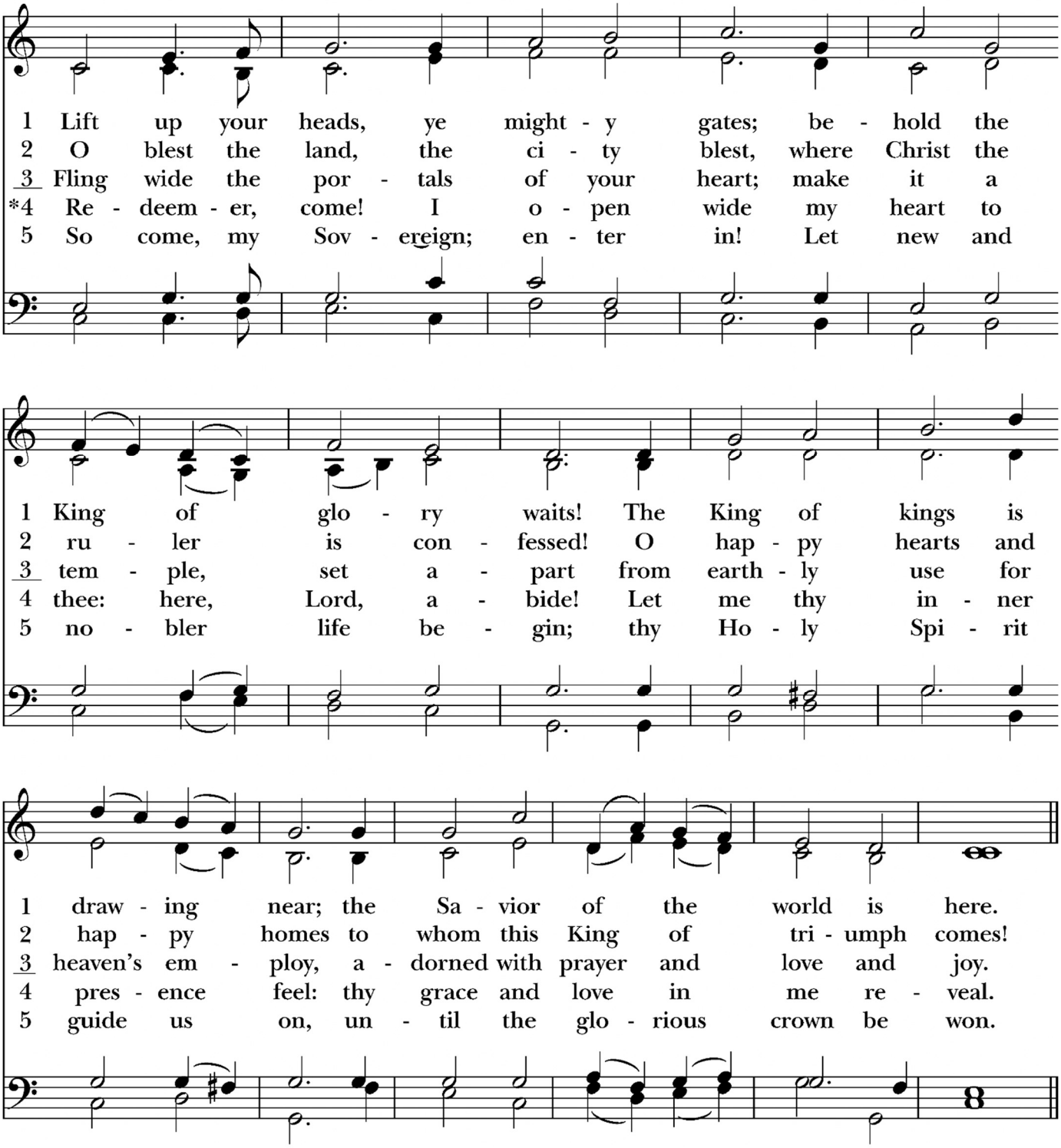
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OPENING HYMN: *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* **HYMNAL 436**



OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen*.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

INVITATORY (BCP p. 80)
Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
    and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
    and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
    and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
    Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM: Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom
The beginning of wisdom *
    is the true desire to receive teaching,
and a longing to be taught *
    comes from a love of her;
the one who loves her *
    will keep her laws.
Observing the laws of wisdom *
    assures immortality,
and immortality brings one *
    nearer still to God;
so the desire for wisdom *
    leads to the authority of one who rules.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)
Canticle 15: The Song of Mary
Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

13 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. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. 15 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. 16 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. 17 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. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)
Canticle 20: Glory to God
Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THIRD READING: Matthew 25:1-13
The people remain seated.

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said,] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]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.' [10]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. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

[13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Silence may follow.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)
Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

The Prayers

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)
The people stand or kneel

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)
Officiant 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

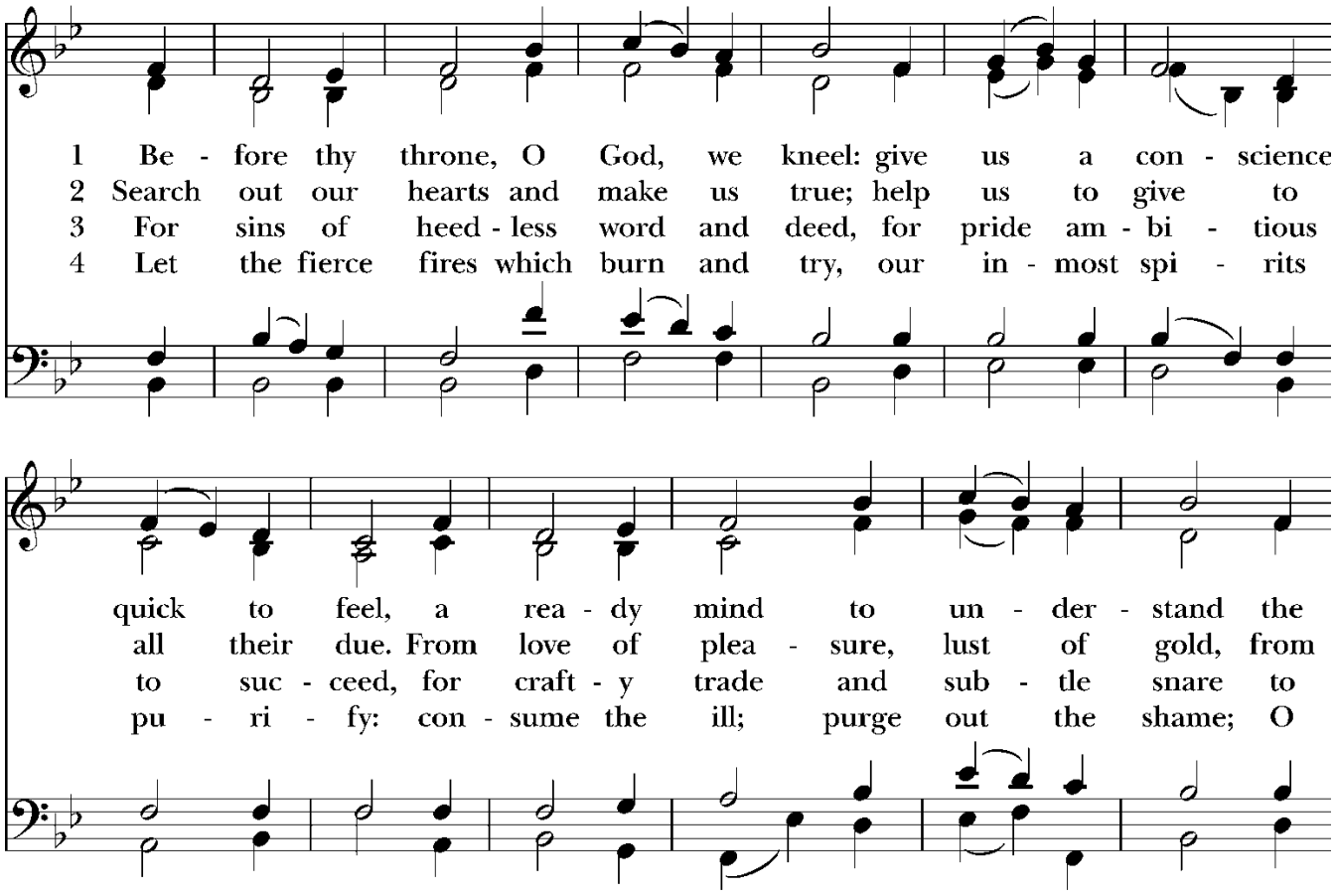
FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may 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*.**

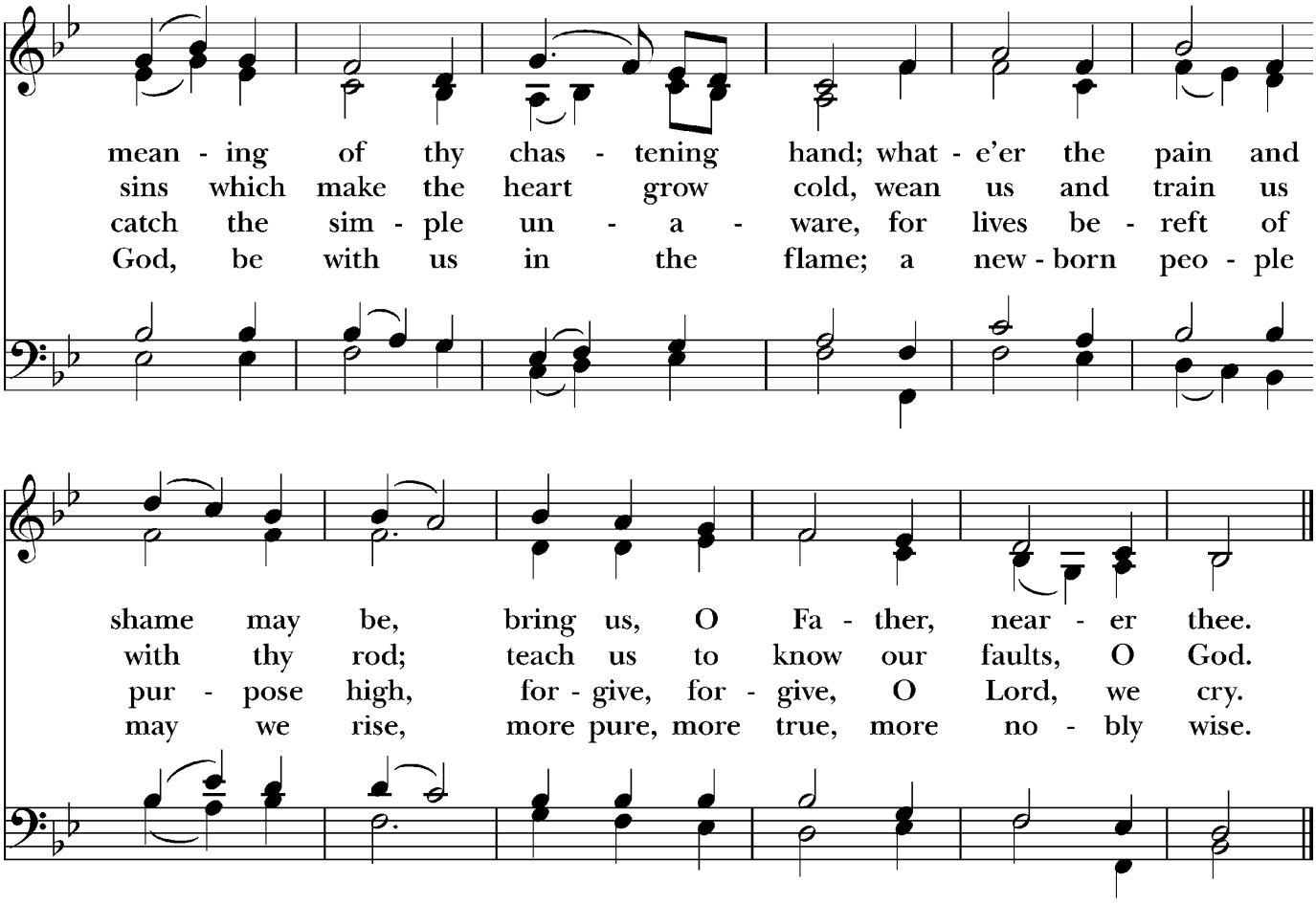
SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 98)
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfullness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

HYMN *Before thy throne, O God we kneel* **HYMNAL 574**





THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.
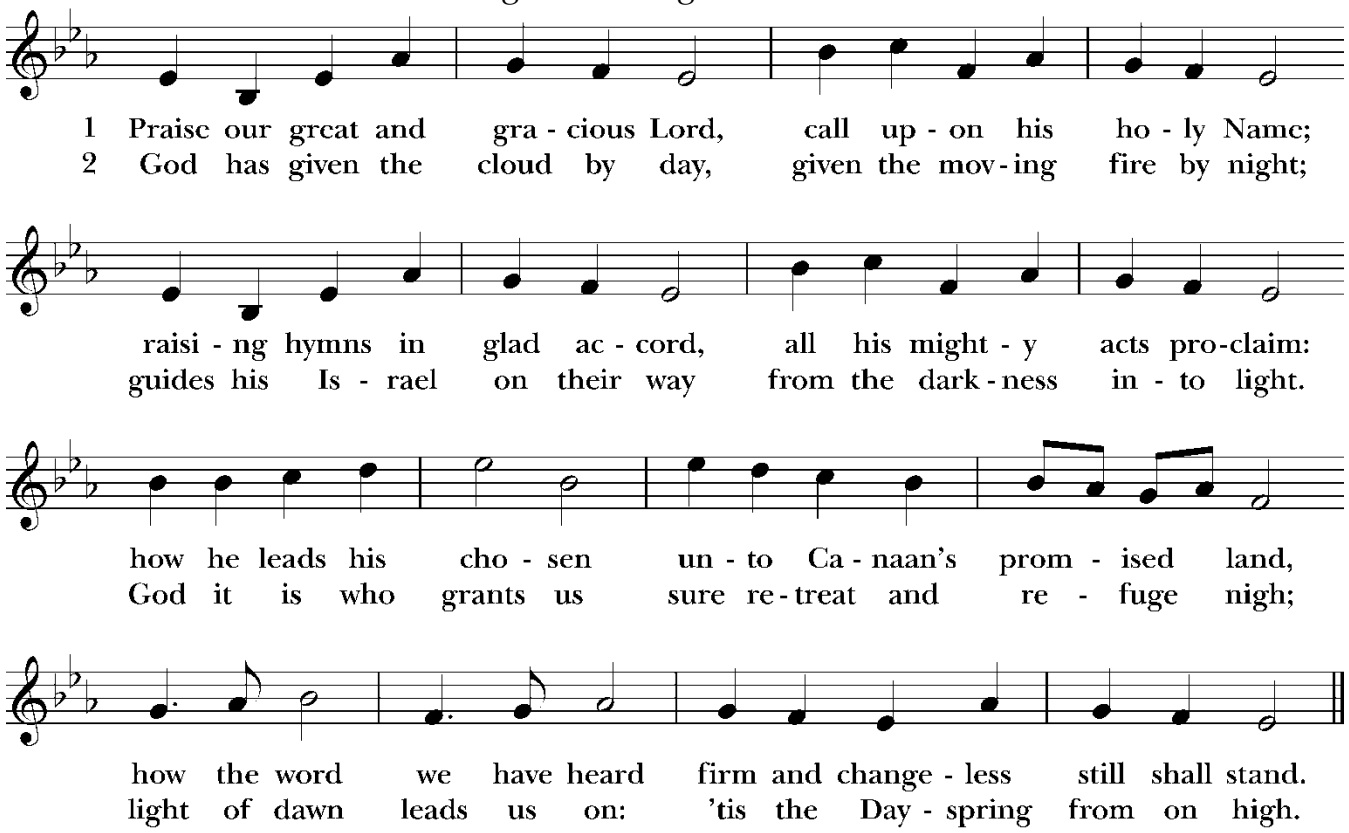
CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen***. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

CLOSING HYMN *Praise our great and gracious Lord* HYMNAL 393



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Recovery Meetings at St. Mary's

Narcotics Anonymous	**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Monday 7:30 pm OV	Tuesday 8 pm OSD; Thursday 7 pm BB

Our **Annual Cookie Stroll** will be held Saturday, November 28th.from 11 am to 1 pm. Please plan to help by donating a Christmas treat to our Stroll. We need many bakers to bake two (or more) dozen cookies of every kind. No store-bought cookies, please. Have friends who love to bake? Maybe they'll chip in, too! Drop off your cookies on Friday afternoon, or before 10 am on Saturday. We place the cookies on festive platters and label them, and folks purchase an empty box for $20 and stroll around the tables to fill them with a baker's dozen. There's also a Gingerbread Cookie decorating station for $5.00, which is very popular. Questions? email: saintmarysstoneharbor@gmail.com

This is a really FUN fundraiser and you get to take home cookies, too. Stay for seashell painting to benefit Shells of Hope for children's cancer.

We thank you for worshipping with us today!

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Mary's in Stone Harbor and in our surrounding communities.

Seashells, Sweets & Christmas Treats

A Holiday Celebration at St. Mary's

Saturday, November 28, 2026

9425 Third Avenue • Stone Harbor, NJ



Holiday COOKIE STROLL

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Walk from table to table gathering delicious holiday cookies and then pay **$20** for a baker's dozen.

Children may decorate a gingerbread man **($5)**.

Stroll through a wonderland of homemade treats and holiday cheer while supporting the ministries and outreach of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Make a day of it and Enjoy both!



Christmas Shell Painting

Drop in anytime • 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Create a festive seashell ornament!

$20 per person

Enjoy light refreshments while you paint.

Proceeds benefit Shells of Hope and the 7 Mile Island Players.

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Featuring Local Artist
Sydnei Smithjordan