

GRACE CHURCH
IN NEWARK

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Prelude – Sonata No. 3: II. Andante tranquillo Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Please stand at the sound of the bells and join in singing the hymn, which can be found in the blue hymnal. After the procession, the Priest sprinkles the people with holy water as a sign of their baptism.

Introit *Graduale Romanum*

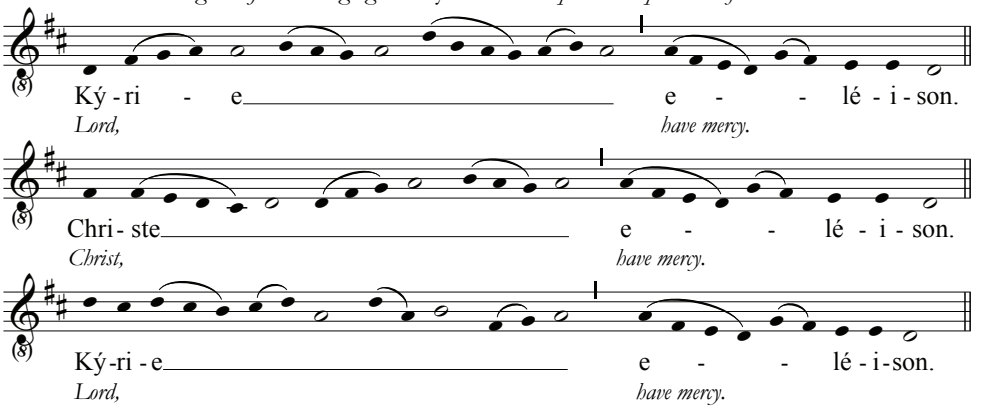
The Cantor sings the Antiphon. The Priest kisses and censes the altar with frankincense and myrrh, the gifts of the Magi at Jesus's birth, in honor of Christ's sacrifice, and presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament.

Intret oratio mea in conspectu tuo: inclina aurem tuam ad precem meam Domine.

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. *Psalm 88:3*

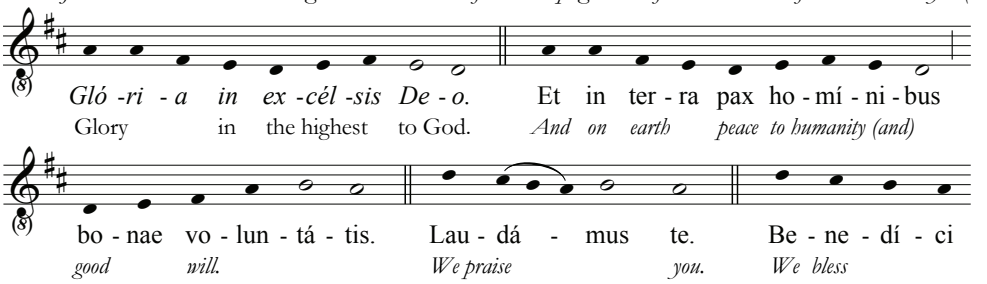
Kyrie Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)
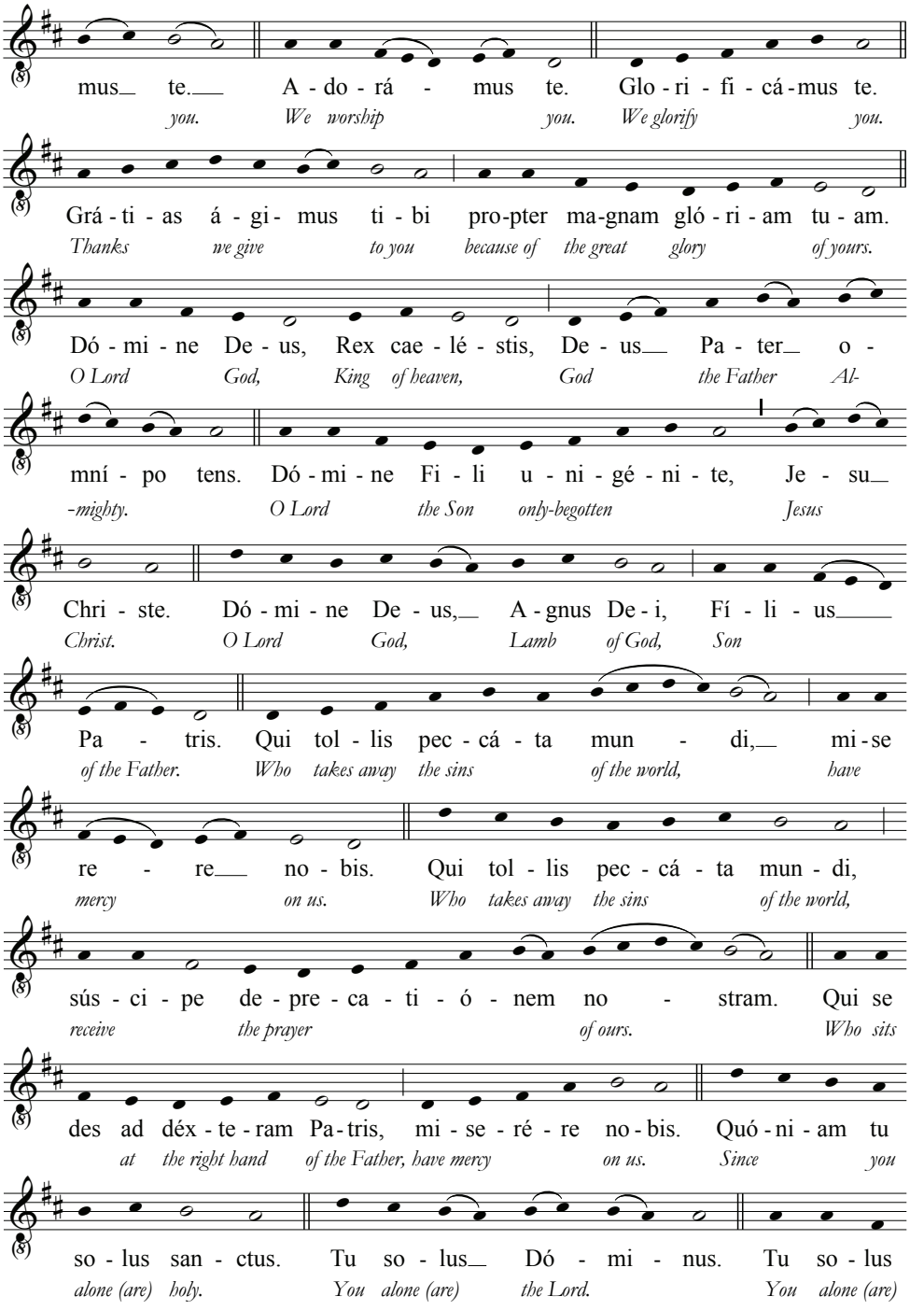
Please remain standing and join in singing the Kyrie. *Please repeat each petition after the Cantor.*

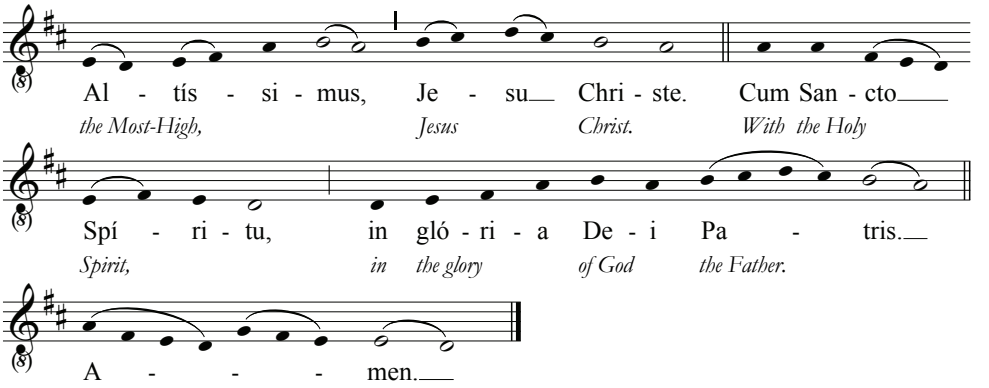


Gloria Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please join in the Gloria. *An English translation is found on page 356 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*




mus te. A - do - rá - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - cá - mus te.
you. We worship you. We glorify you.
Grá - ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi pro-pter ma-gnam gló - ri - am tu - am.
Thanks we give to you because of the great glory of yours.
Dó - mi - ne De - us, Rex cae - lé - stis, De - us Pa - ter o -
O Lord God, King of heaven, God the Father Al-
mní - po tens. Dó - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su
-mighty. O Lord the Son only-begotten Jesus
Chri - ste. Dó - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fí - li - us
Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di, mi - se
of the Father. Who takes away the sins of the world, have
re - re no - bis. Qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di,
mercy on us. Who takes away the sins of the world,
sús - ci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - ó - nem no - stram. Qui se
receive the prayer of ours. Who sits
des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - ré - re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu
at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. Since you
so - lus san - ctus. Tu so - lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so - lus
alone (are) holy. You alone (are) the Lord. You alone (are)



Collect of the Day

Please sing "Amen" on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. This prayer sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings and post-communion prayer.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Amos 5: 18-24

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for 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 waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Gradual – Psalm 70 Arranged by Bruce Ford (1947-2025)

The Cantor sings the Gradual Psalm.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the LORD!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

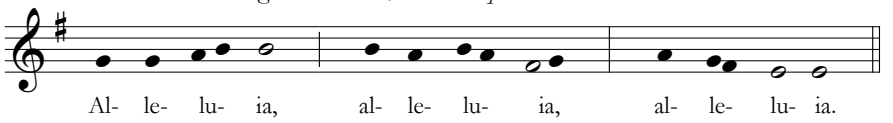
Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

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

Alleluia

Please stand. The Cantor sings the Alleluia, then all repeat.



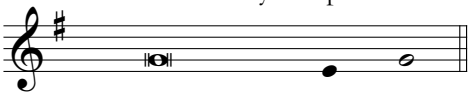
Cantor Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

All repeat Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

Please remain standing for the Gospel, which is censed with frankincense and myrrh as a way of giving honor to the ancient account of the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord. It is customary to make three small signs of the cross with one's thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart, asking God for the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

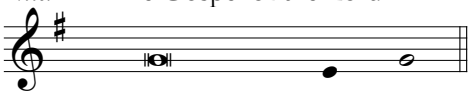
Priest The ✠✠✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids 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 bridesmaids 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 bridesmaids 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily Father Bates, Rector

Please be seated when the homilist says "✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Prayer Biddings

Please remain standing for the Prayers of the People. The Priest makes special prayer biddings.

- **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally,* Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo & Bartholomew,* primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish, our various ministries and leaders, Members of Vestry, *Andre & Tracy,* Wardens, *Michael,* Ministry Fellow, *John,* Organist, *Emmanuel,* Director of Choristers, *Rachel,* Cantor, *Egan,* Postulant for the Priesthood, and *Brent,* Rector.
- **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Donald*, President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Mikie*, Governor, and *Ras*, Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Iran, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.

- **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, especially *Hannah Flemmings, Ottie Blamah-Sah* and *Andre Murray*.
- **Birthdays:** Give thanks for all whose birthdays are this week, especially *Bernard Edwards (11/7), Kierra Williams (11/8), Tarique George (11/12),* and *James Drayton (11/14).*
- **Departed:** Pray for the departed, *Barbara Dragan-Marinucci (10/5/26), Joanne Murray (10/1/26),* mother of Andre, *Sarah Pack (11/5/95),* mother of Sandra Durrell, *Charles Ernest Pack (11/6/94),* brother of Sandra Durrell, and *Martin Fitzroy Francis (11/6/22),* father of Charmin Davies.

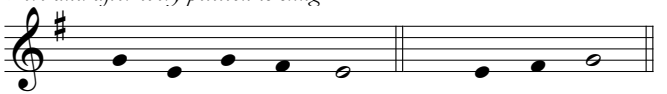
Prayers of the People

The Cantor offers the Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Here and after every petition is sung



Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

✠ We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Priest concludes

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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

Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say

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
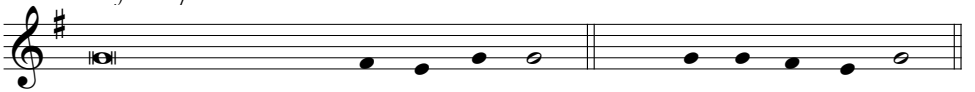
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest proclaims God's absolution of sin saying

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

Please stand for the peace.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism. Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed. If you do not receive the Sacrament, you are welcome to the altar rail for a blessing, indicating by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.

Offertory Antiphon *Graduale Romanum*

The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon.

Gressus meos dirige Domine secundum eloquium tuum: ut non dominetur omnis iniustitia, Domine.
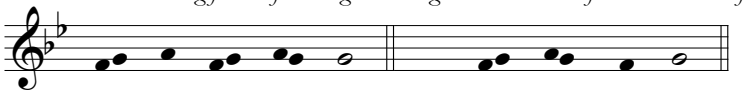
Steady my footsteps according to your promise, and let no iniquity rule over me. *Psalm 119:133*

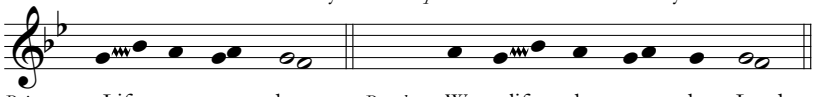
Hymn 607 O God of every nation

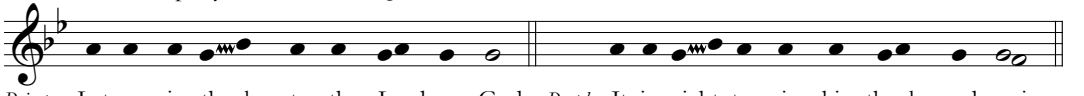
Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

Eucharistic Prayer II *Sanctus* – Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

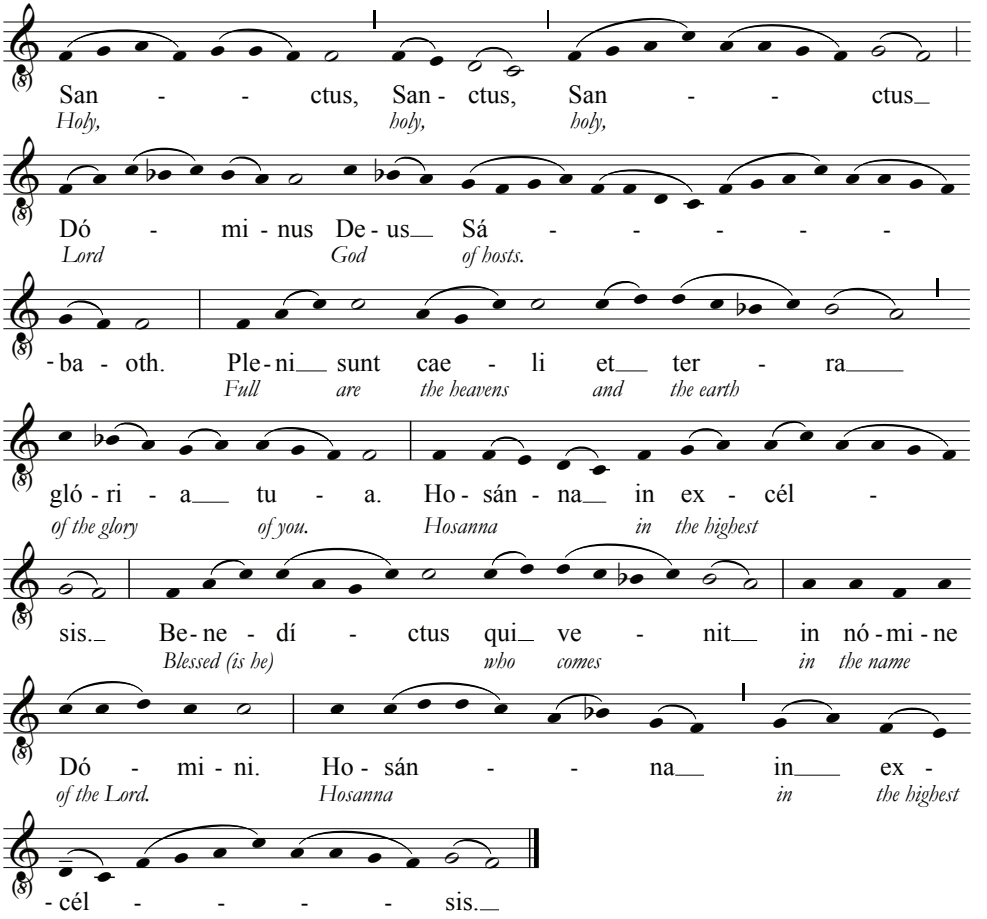
Please remain standing for the following. An English translation of the Sanctus *is found on page 362 of the red BCP.*







It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

All glory be to you, O Lord our God,
for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image;
and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world;
and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
'Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins.
Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.'

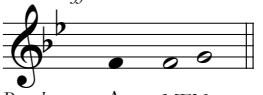
Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people celebrate and make,
with these your holy gifts which we now offer to you,
the memorial your Son has commanded us to make;
having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and,
with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, by which we offer and present to you, O Lord,
our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion
may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and be ✠ filled with your grace and heavenly benediction;
and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him,
that he may dwell in us, and we in him;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory be to you, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.



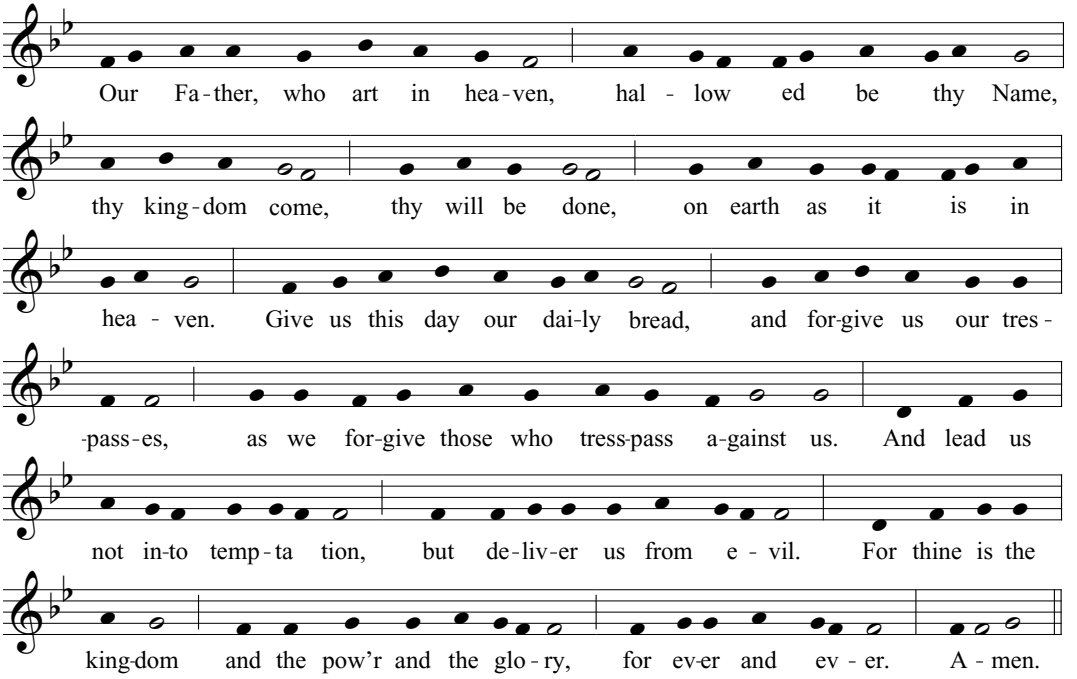
People A- MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins

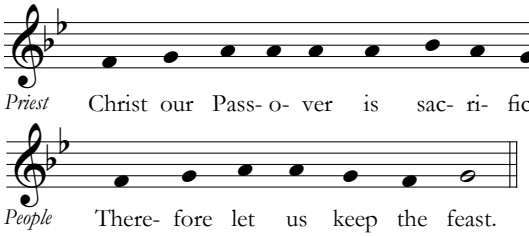
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Please continue



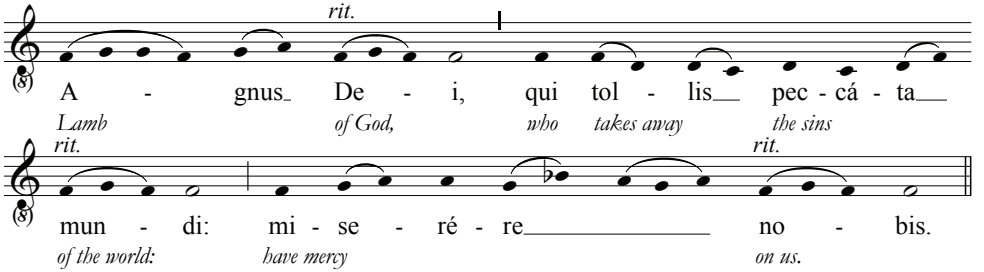
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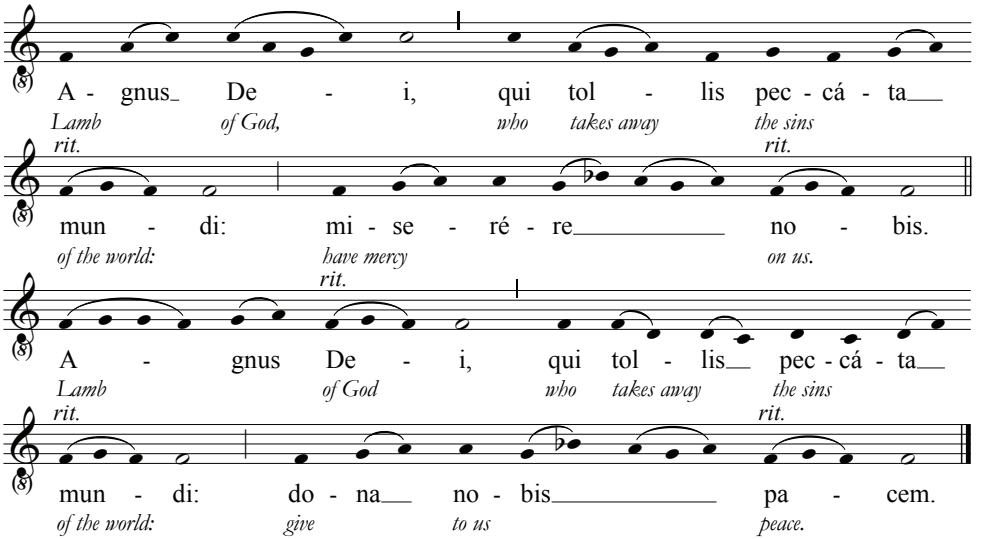
The Priest breaks the bread.



Agnus Dei Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei. *An English translation is found on page 337 of the red BCP.*





Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon *Graduale Romanum*

The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.

Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite obviam Christo Domino.

Five wise virgins took oil in their vessels along with their lamps: but at midnight a cry was made: Behold, the bridegroom comes: go out to meet Christ the Lord. *Matthew 25:4-6*

Hymn 382 King of glory, King of peace

Please stand, join in the singing of the hymn, and remain standing until the dismissal.

Postcommunion Prayer
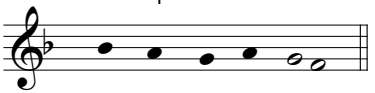
After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared the Priest says

Hear, O Lord, the thankful praises of those whom you have nourished with this holy food, and pour out your Spirit upon us: that, strengthened by the bread of heaven, we may serve you evermore in sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the people. Please remain standing until the end of the exit hymn, then be seated for the organ piece.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 472 Hope of the world

Postlude – Sonata No. 2: III. Allegro maestoso Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

GRACE NOTES

Welcome to our visitors this morning. We hope you will fill out a visitor's card located in your pew. All are welcome to join us at Coffee Hour upstairs in the Parish House after Mass. We are very glad to have new families worshipping with us! If you are in need of childcare, ask an usher. Online giving is easy at bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving or Venmo (@GraceNewark)

INTERMENT OF ASHES & MASS FOR THE DEPARTED FOR MARGE LINDSTROM

On Tuesday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. we will inter the ashes of Marge Lindstrom in the church's columbarium. The 12:10 p.m. Mass that day will be a Mass for the Departed.

WEEKDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS IN NOVEMBER

There will be no services and offices will be closed this Wednesday, November 11, due to Veterans Day and Friday, November 13, due to Diocesan Convention. Weekday services will also be suspended and offices closed Thanksgiving Week, November 24-27.

CHORISTER REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN

Chorister rehearsals continue each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the program year unless otherwise scheduled. Mass performances are approximately twice per month as scheduled, with the first being Sunday, September 27. Please continue to help recruit new children to the program. *The*

program is tuition free and the Choristers receive a stipend. For more information contact Director Emmanuel Bonilla-Acosta at ebacosta@gracechurchinnewark.org.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED

Bible study on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. has resumed. Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, for details and materials (mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org).

RECTOR'S DEPARTURE

After fifteen years of ministry at Grace Church, Father Bates has accepted a call to serve as the next Rector of St. Clement's Church in Philadelphia. Fr. Bates's last Sunday with Grace Church will be December 20, 2026, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. At the 10:30 a.m. High Mass that day, Canon Wright will preside at a rite of leave-taking, followed by a reception. Fr. Bates will celebrate his final Mass with Grace Church on Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:30 a.m. Further information regarding the reception and arrangements for Fr. Bates's departure will be forthcoming.

INTERIM AND SEARCH

The Wardens and Vestry are working with the Diocese of Newark to make arrangements for the interim period and the eventual search for Grace Church's next rector. More information about the interim leadership and the search process will be shared with the parish as plans develop.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for upcoming months. Consider signing up to bring a small dish (coffee cake, Dunkin Donuts, bagels, etc.) for us to share during this time of fellowship. Friends can team up to cook or bring a dish as well. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall. *If you sign up to bring a dish, please bring your food between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. This allows the Coffee Hour coordinator to set up before the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please Note: Food arriving after 10:00 a.m. will need to be placed and set up by the person bring it. Thank you for helping us keep Coffee Hour running smoothly!*

PRAYER LIST

Active members of our parish – Hannah Flemmings; Ottie Blamah-Sah; Andre Murray; Luis Sanchez; Joan Knowles; Shevon and Nora'a Armstrong; Mark McFadzean and family; Comfort Abogan; Ethelyn Washington; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Fred Gaspard; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; William Carter; Paola Breton.

Friends of our parish – Donald Seltman & Nathalia Seltman, grandfather and grandmother of Michael Banks; Debbie Hoglund, mother of Ron; The Stobbs Family; Justin Esquilin, cousin of Michael Banks; Deacon Luke Andersen; Father Raul Ausa; Fr. Prator; Aaliyah Hill-Grevious, friend of Tracy Cummings; Aubrey Phillips, father of Nadia; Brandon Allmon-Jackson, partner of Matthew Greene; Scott and the Norris family; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Anthony Mack, Sr., cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Ed & Linda Naskret, parents of Allie Ulrich; Aisha Lemon, wife of Rosemary

Kearney's co-worker; Frank Barber, Jr., friend of Courtney Dover; Brandon Bates, brother of Father Bates; Joseph Johnston and his family; Evelyn Cruz, mother of Ed Cruz; Geraldine Clarke, wife of Alman; Joanne Murray, mother of Andre Murray; Robert Alexander, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Susan Webb, daughter of Sylvia Christie, and Isabelle Wiltshire, granddaughter of Sylvia Christie; Cliford 'Cliffy' Gunsam and Ellen Greenwood, friends of Sylvia Christie; Tiffany Colon, daughter-in-law of, and Heather Hall Chambers, sister-in-law of, Jewel Lowe; Elizabeth Silva, former sexton of Grace Church; Max Woolley, son of Peter Woolley; Christal Phillips, sister of Nadia; Kenneth J. Jones III, nephew of Courtney Dover; Marjorie & India Calloway, Laverne Poole, Henrietta Pemberton, Mary Carroll, Annie Myhand, friends of Joan Knowles; Nate Williams, Connie Jeffrey, Louis Neblett, Brooklyn Joan, nephews and niece of Joan Knowles; Shamar O'Neil, Ronney Davis, Charon Davis, Mike and Joan Knowles' grandsons; the Riddick family, relatives of Joan Knowles; Cheryl Abernathy; Elijah Lassiter, great-grandson of Daphine Turner; Tom Durrell, husband of Sandra; Jean Armand Gaspard & Nicole Brevil, brother and sister-in-law of, and Wilner Altidor, brother-in-law of, Fred Gaspard; Michelle Portee, Ariel Maldonado, and Stan Zilinski, friends of Fred Gaspard; Yvonne Dunn, sister of Alman Clarke; Joseph Jolly, husband of Deleena and father of Brisco and Mariyam.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Said Mass

A simple spoken service celebrated at a side altar

10:30 a.m. – High Mass

An elaborate sung service with music, acolytes, and incense

Weekday Services – Tuesday through Friday

12:10 p.m. – Midday Mass *(Anointing offered Thursdays)*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer & 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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Comfort Abogan, Shevon Armstrong, Jason Scully, *Vestry Class of 2028*

Judith Alexander-Edwards, Rhoda Ansah, Angelina Kearney, *Vestry Class of 2029*