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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Annual Campaign - Please complete your Pledge card as soon as possible so that we can finalize the 2026 budget and present it to the congregation (stjohns-salisbury.org/annual-campaign). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministries of St. John's!

Trick or Treat So Others May Eat - Food Drive - Thank you for your participation! St. John's collected a total of 104 grocery bags! The total weight was 1390 lbs.

Communication Survey - St. John's is currently conducting a review of our congregational communications. We have created a survey and are asking for your input! The survey should take between 5-10 minutes. Scan the QR code or ask an usher for a paper copy in the narthex.



Installation of Pastor Spence Robertson. Join us on **Sun., Nov. 16th at 2 pm** for a special worship service as we officially welcome Pr. Spence into the pastoral ministry at St. John's. There will be a light reception to follow in Ritchie Hall.

Bibles & Brews - Men's Ministry - Tues., Nov. 18, 6 pm at Goose and the Monkey at 401 S. Railroad St., Lexington, NC. We look forward to seeing you there!

Faith Center's 10th Anniversary - Nov. 21, 6-8 pm. Join us in **Peeler Hall**, as we gather for finger foods and drinks followed by a time of music, recognition and looking to the future. RSVP by scanning QR code here.



Serenity Sisters - Nov. 23 at 5 pm. Contact: Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org to join or for more information.

Hanging of the Greens - Nov. 23 from 12-5 pm in the Sanctuary—We are inviting the congregation to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens." This event helps us begin decorating our church campus for Advent. Participants may want to bring work gloves to help fluff the tree!

Christmas Traditions - Join us Sunday, **Nov. 30, 5-7 pm**, at **The Vista at Walnut Hill** for our Christmas Traditions event. You'll enjoy Advent wreath making, soup, chili, the Solid Ground Coffee Truck and more! Sign up by scanning the QR code or online at <https://stjsalisbury.onechurchsoftware.com/forms/133/fields>



Angel Tree Sponsors - Angel Tree tags are still available. The trees will be in Peeler Hall by the Front Desk and in the Sanctuary narthex. Please list your tag number(s) on the sign-up sheet by the tree and take a handout with the details. **Unwrapped Items are due back by Dec. 8** and should be brought to Peeler Hall or delivered directly to the Salvation Army as stated on the tag.

Altar Flowers - Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Anne Loeblein, by Bob Loeblein.

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GATHERING

*The congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.
Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.*

PRELUDE

We rise and face the cross.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. **Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

'Come, We That Love the Lord'

ELW 625

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE

Leader Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your pro - mise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are now invited to **Kingdom Kids**, exiting through the door near the baptismal font. Children will return to the worship service after the sermon.*

WORD

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

READING

Job 19:23-27a

A reading from Job.

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

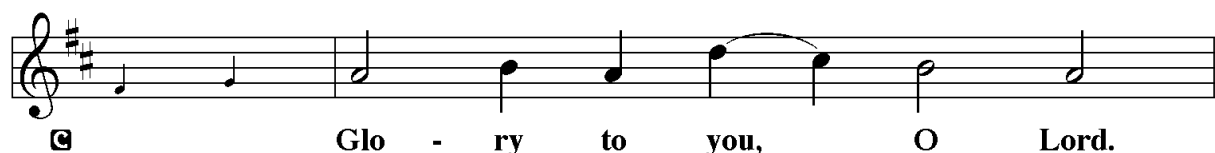


Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

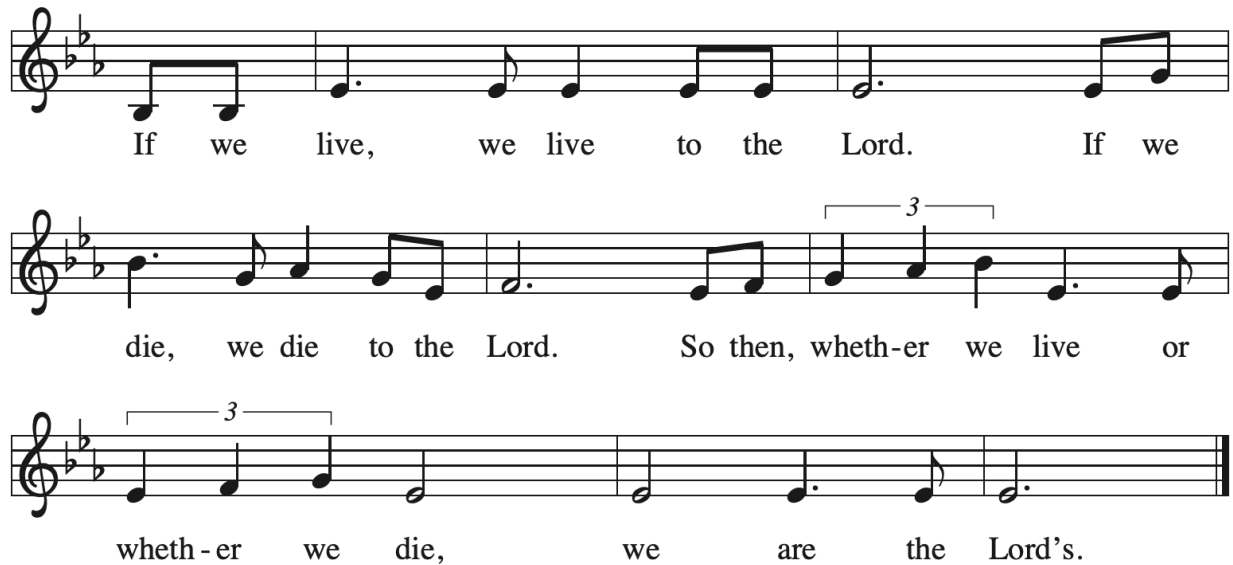
³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Choir: first time. Congregation: repeat twice.



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church and all the saints, we confess our faith:

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYER AND PEACE

Each petition concludes with the following:
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Be seated

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

'Every Day I Will Bless You'

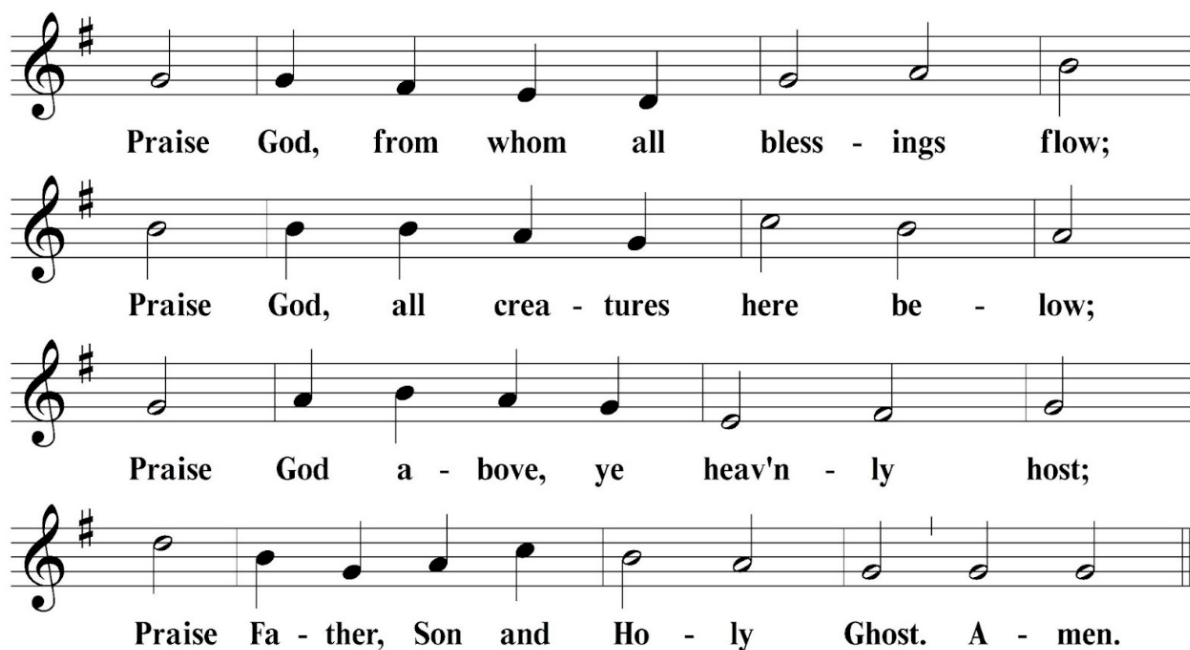
by Raymond H. Haan

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and I will bless your name for ever.
Every day I will bless you.*

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
One generation shall praise your works to another,
and declare your mighty acts.*

We rise.

RESPONSE AND PRAYER



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Let us pray: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

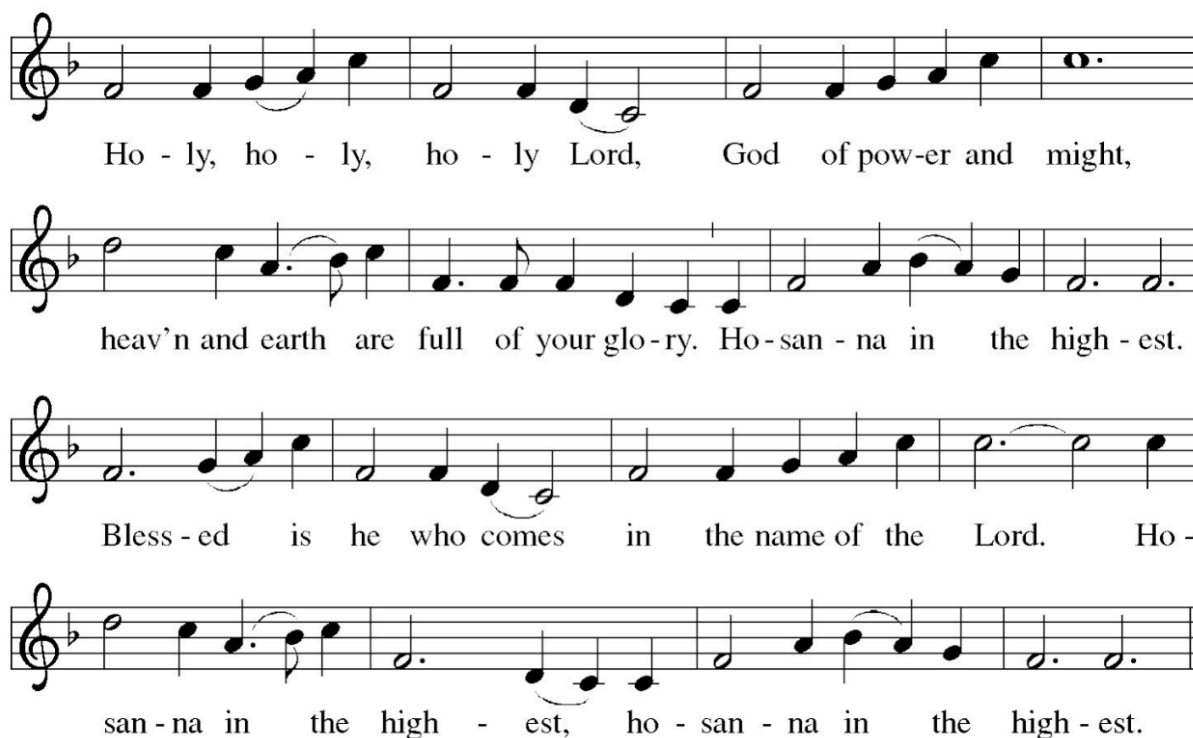
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC AND LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive a taste of life eternal. **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in the nave, following the usher's guidance. In the nave, communion is by intinction, dipping bread (gluten free by request) into wine (or grape juice). Those not receiving Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing (crossing your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor). If you need Communion brought to you, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.

COMMUNION HYMN



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG

'Let Us Break Bread Together'

*arr. Mark Hayes
performed, Janie Rollins*

COMMUNION HYMN

'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'

ELW 619

We rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

BLESSING

May God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

'Thine Is the Glory'

ELW 376

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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Preacher.....Pastor Spence Robertson
Presider.....Pastor Lori Carter

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*