THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
96 Jewett Parkway • Buffalo, NY 14214

November 18, 2026
Hilda of Whitby
6:00 P.M.
Congregational responses are **in bold.**

Opening Hymn

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

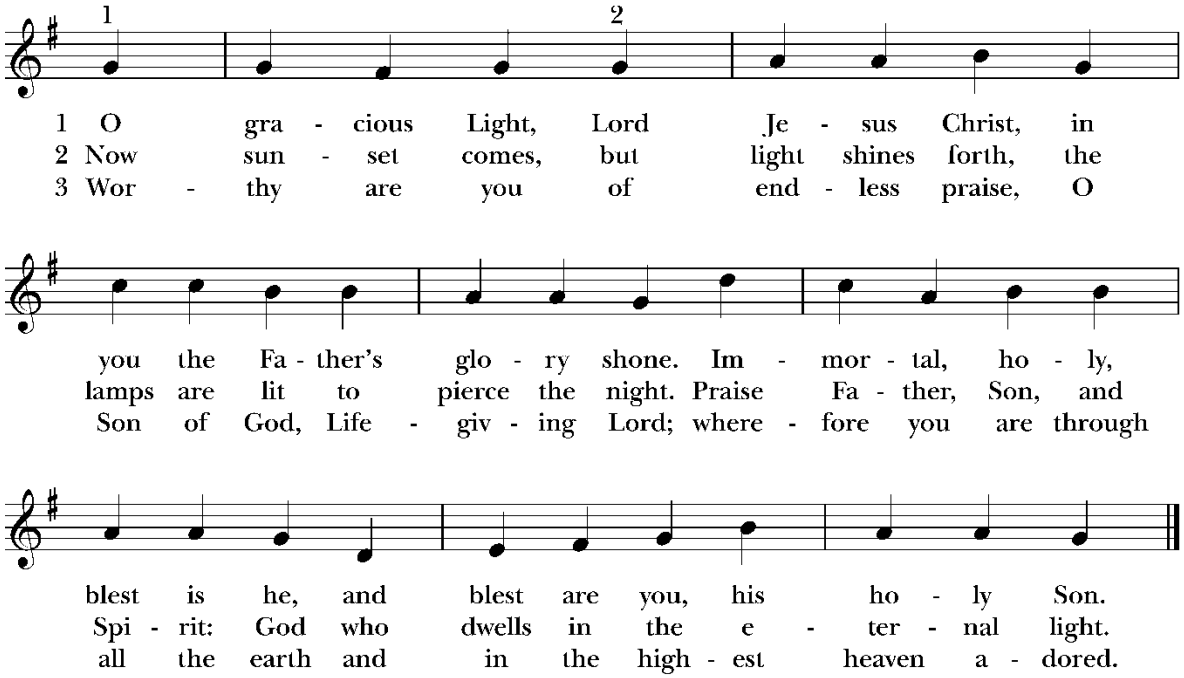
Confession of Sin
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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.**

Officiant O God, be not far from us.
People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Except in Lent add **Alleluia.**

Phos hilaron



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

Psalm 122 *(St. Helena Psalter)*
said responsively by the half verse

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of God."
2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Holy One, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of God.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8 For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-6
Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

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

Canticle of the Turning *Daigle/Cooley/Donohoo* *Insert*

Hilda Abbess of Whitby, 680

Hilda of Whitby (614-680) was a renowned Anglo-Saxon abbess, educator, and spiritual leader who founded the influential double monastery at Whitby, hosted the pivotal Synod of Whitby in 664 AD, and played a crucial role in the development of English Christianity and monastic life during the 7th century.
Key Facts

- Born in 614 AD as a Northumbrian princess, Hilda converted to Christianity at age 13 with King Edwin's court.
- Founded the influential double monastery at Whitby in 657 AD, where she served as abbess until her death in 680 AD.
- Hosted and presided over the Synod of Whitby in 664 AD, which decided on adopting Roman Christian practices in England.
- Developed Whitby Abbey as a center of learning and literacy, educating five future bishops and fostering the poetic talents of Caedmon.
- Known for her wisdom, leadership, and devotion, Hilda was sought after for counsel by kings and commoners alike.
- Despite favoring Celtic traditions, Hilda supported unity by implementing Roman practices after the Synod of Whitby's decision

Please stand for the proclamation of the Gospel
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Then Peter replied, "Look, we've left everything and followed you. What will we have?"

Jesus said to them, "I assure you who have followed me that, when everything is made new, when the Human One sits on his magnificent throne, you also will sit on twelve thrones overseeing the twelve tribes of Israel. And all who have left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or farms because of my name will receive one hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.

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

Homily

Please remain sitting for the singing of the
Nunc dimittis *Insert*

The Affirmation of Faith
Please stand, as we proclaim our faith, by saying:
We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms
And the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity,
A feasting God.
We affirm a faith,
That takes us beyond a safe place
Into action, into vulnerability,
Into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
And put ourselves on the line;
To bear responsibility, to take risks,
Live powerfully and face humiliation;
To stand with those on the edge;
To choose life
And be used by the Spirit
For God's new community of Hope. Amen.
(from Iona Abbey Worship Book by The Iona Community)

The Prayers

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.
And listen to our prayer.
Let us pray.
Leader: For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, we pray to you.
Christ, have mercy
For all who minister in your Church that they may have grace to build up your people in love, we pray to you.
Christ, have mercy.
For the leaders of the countries, that they will heed your call and persistently pursue peace, we pray to you,
Christ have mercy.
For the sick, the hopeless and those in danger, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*
We pray to you,
Christ have mercy.
For the dying and the dead, that they will rest in peace, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*
We pray to you,
Christ have mercy.

The Collect of the Day
O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household: Raise up these gifts in us, that we, following her example and prayers, may build up one another in love to the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,

source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
With *Hilda of Whitby* and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer sung
Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name
Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done in earth
As it is in heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power
And the glory
Forever. Amen

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia

The Gifts of God given for us, the beloved of God: Come and be fed.

Prayer after Communion
Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing
Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So… be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of the God,
who made us,
loves us,
and travels with us
be with you now and forevermore.
AMEN

Closing Hymn

The Dismissal
Our worship has ended, our service continues:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.