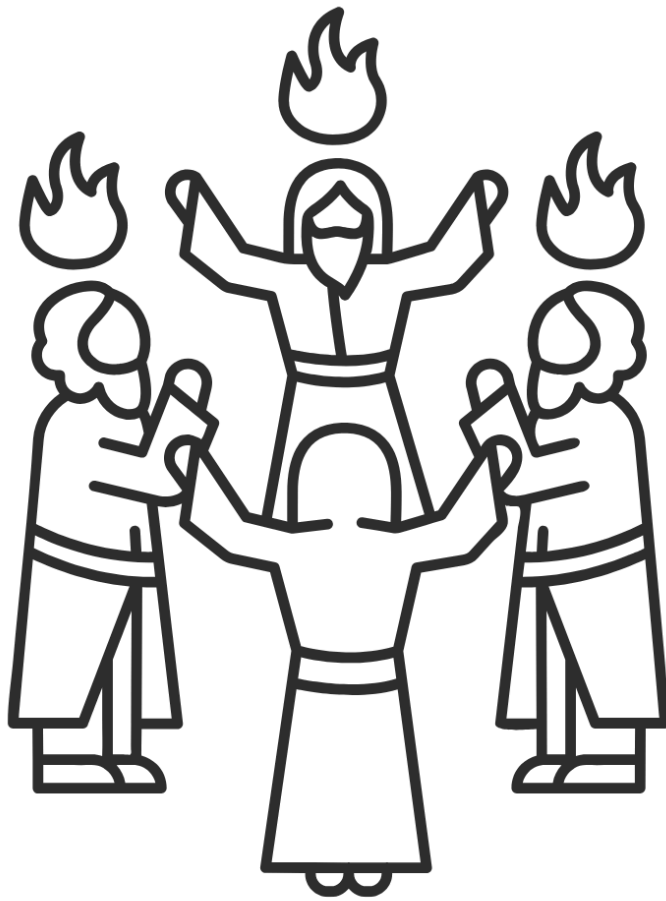


The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 10, 2024

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's!

Name tags are available. We'd love to make one for you if you do not have one already.

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table, where there are weekly activity bulletins and crayons.

Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15 am.

Our YouTube channel link is available on our website, stmarksandstjohns.org.

We appreciate your financial generosity to support our mission and ministry. Though we do not pass the offering plate during service, you can find it at the entrance of the church or contribute online at stmarksandstjohns.org/give.

PRELUDE

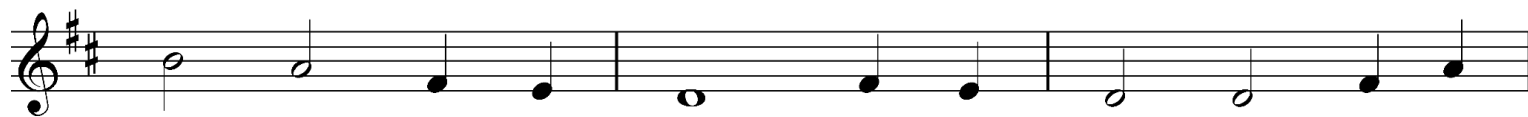
OPENING MUSIC

"Come, thou fount of Every Blessing"

1982 Hymnal, 686



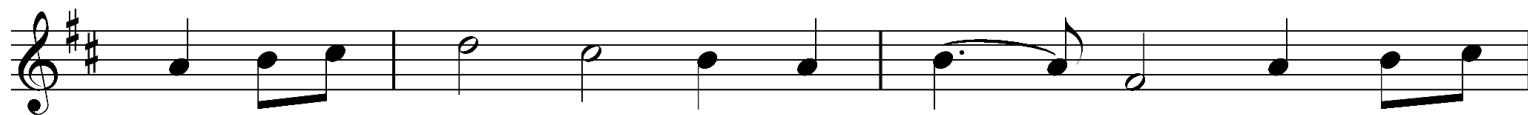
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



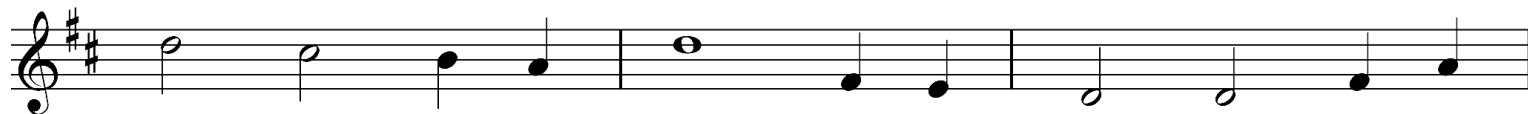
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



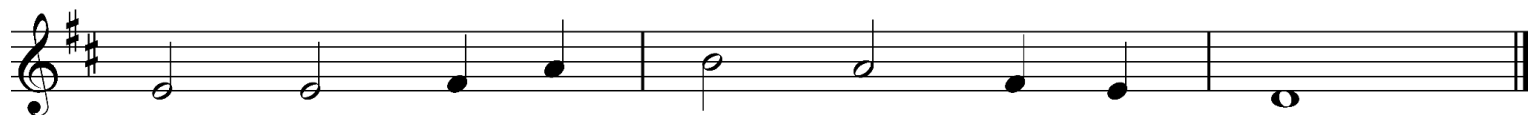
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WELCOME

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from the book of 1 Kings, the seventeenth chapter...

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the book of Hebrews, the ninth chapter...

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (2x)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains the melody for the first phrase: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____'. The melody is simple and melismatic, with long notes and ties. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev’d Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New Zealand Prayer Book

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are God.**

MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Please be seated

You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 especially pray for...

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: 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 forever.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of God's peace to one another.

After the Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

DOXOLOGY

“Lord, Make us Servants of your Peace”

1982 Hymnal, 593

Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements to the altar during the music.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

MUSIC

“Crowded Table”

*by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna
Text adapted for worship*

Refrain: I want a church with a crowded table

And a place at the altar for everyone

Let us take on the world while we're fed and able

And bring us back together when the day is done

**Verse: If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

HOLY EUCHARIST

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 God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we say together,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this in remembrance of me.

And so, remembering all that was done for us: his life and ministry, the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection longing for Christ's coming in glory, we present these gifts to you that your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us with all your whole creation into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion.

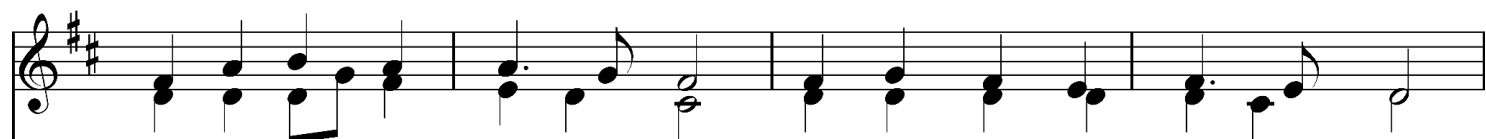
COMMUNION MUSIC

“Take my Life, and Let it Be”

1982 Hymnal, 707



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world as we live out your call to love and serve. Amen.

“THE BLESSING” (Aotearoa)

*adapted for SMSJ liturgy - original music and words by
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick*

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children,
and their children. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

FINAL BLESSING

May the God of all peace bless you and keep you.
And the wisdom, love and grace of God strengthen you to be God’s
hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you today and remain with
you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go forth in the peace of Christ. Tend our
neighborhood.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Worship Leaders for November & December (*Lectors*)

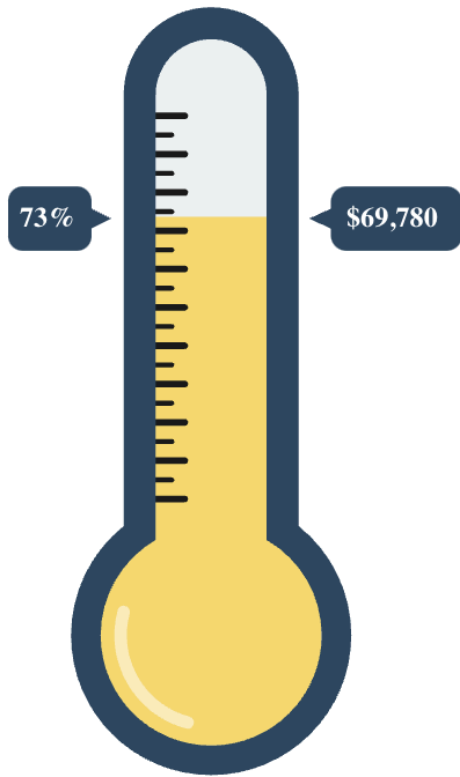
Date	First Lesson & Psalm	Second Lesson & Usher	Prayers of the People & Greeter
11/10	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.
11/17	Michele H.	Deb S.	Heather G.
11/24	Terri C.	Mary E.	Joe C.
12/1	Nancy W.	Tom F.	Theresa H.
12/8	Dave E.	Sharon K.	Mike F.
12/15	Mary E.	Dave E.	Bob C.
12/22	Heather G.	Terri C.	Deb S.
12/29	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.

Worship Leaders for November & December *(Eucharistic Ministers)*

Date	Common Cup	Single Cup Tray	Collect Cups
11/10	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.
11/17	Dave E.	Nancy W.	Mike F.
11/24	Sharon K.	Theresa H.	Tom F.
12/1	Michele H.	Joe C.	Deb S.
12/8	Terri C.	Heather G.	Bob C.
12/15	Mike F.	Sharon K.	Theresa H.
12/22	Nancy W.	Michele H.	Joe C.
12/29	Deb S.	Terri C.	Heather G.

Announcements

GOAL: \$95,000



Stewardship Campaign: We are currently \$25,220 short of our pledge goal. Giving to SMSJ helps make our neighborhood healthier and stronger. You can go to stmarksandstjohns.org - "Walk in Love" - "2025 Pledge Card" to submit an electronic pledge card or fill-out a paper pledge card and drop it in the Offering Plate near the sign-in book. Thank you for considering making a gift. Your pledge makes the mission, ministry, and operation of SMSJ possible.

All About Bishop Kara's Visit:

Bishop Kara visits on Sunday, December 8th. This will be the Bishop's first visit to SMSJ. Please sign-up to bring a treat to share during a special Coffee Hour following Worship.

If you would like to be Received into the church or Confirmed on that date, please let Pastor Cindy know ASAP.

In preparation for her visit, Bishop Kara will meet with our Vestry at SMSJ on Saturday, December 7th at 5 pm for supper.

Transgender Day of Remembrance - on **Sunday, November 17th** we will have special prayers during the service to remember those who have experienced homicide or assault. Knowing that their loved ones too often do not see justice. If you would like to participate in this part of the service please talk to Pastor Cindy.

Thanksgiving Worship will be held at 10 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. Join us for the celebration of the Eucharist, coffee, donuts, cider, and catch the end of the Macy's day parade.

There are a number of **Food Shelf shifts** available through the end of 2024. If you have a free Wednesday morning, we'd love to have your help! Sign up online at stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Are we missing your information? Let us know so we can add it and celebrate!

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Faythe N. - November 20	Maria & Kristen - November 1
Mary Ann B. - November 24	
Cath B. - November 26	
Pastor Cindy - November 28	

SMSJ Weekly Calendar

November 11-17

Monday, 11/11	2:30-5:30 p.m. <i>Freedom Scholar Afterschool Program</i>
Tuesday, 11/12	2:30-5:30 p.m. <i>Freedom Scholar Afterschool Program</i>
Wednesday, 11/13	2:30-5:30 p.m. <i>Freedom Scholar Afterschool Program</i> 10:30 a.m. - Food Shelf
Thursday, 11/14	2:30-5:30 p.m. <i>Freedom Scholar Afterschool Program</i> 5:30 p.m. - Freedom Scholars Family Dinner
Friday, 11/15	9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - SMSJ Winterize Gardens and Outdoor Projects (weather permitting)
Saturday, 11/16	
Sunday, 11/17	9:15 a.m. - Celebration of Holy Eucharist Special prayers - Transgender Day of Remembrance 10:30 a.m. - November Vestry Meeting



Join us this
season

advent &
christmas
at
st. mark's
& st. john's

Advent I 
Sunday Worship
9:15 am
dec. 1



Advent II
Sunday Worship
& Bishop's Visit
9:15 am
dec. 8

dec. 15
Advent III
Sunday Worship
9:15 am

Advent IV 
Sunday Worship &
Sanctuary Decorating
9:15 am
dec. 22



dec. 24
Christmas
Eve
Candlelight Service
7:00 pm



Christmas
Day
Pajama Service
10:00 am
dec. 25



dec. 29
Christmas I
Lessons & Carols
9:15 am







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