

Welcome

November 12, 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Presider

The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia,
Interim Priest

Preacher & Eucharistic Minister

Michele Rogers

Lector

Judy Miranda

Minister of Music

James Jelasic

Cantors

Ann Aarhus

Leslie Malek

A string of colorful autumn leaves hanging against a light background. The leaves are in various stages of autumn color, from green and yellow to orange and red. They are arranged in a slightly overlapping line, with some leaves showing more vibrant colors than others. The background is a soft, light beige or cream color.

Prelude

Praeludium

Josef Ferdinand Norbert

James Jelasic, Organ



Welcoming Hymn
Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah
1982 Hymnal #690 (v. 1-3)

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

1982 Hymnal #690, v. 2

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **and blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.***

Glory to God/*Gloria in Excelsis*

1982 Hymnal S#280

**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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 Old Testament: A reading from Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16.

All scriptures are from the NRSV.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her

account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: A responsive reading from Psalm 70.

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 for ever,
“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.

The Epistle: A reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

But 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew 25:1-13.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

“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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.



Sermon

Michele Rogers, M.Div.

And So We Feast!

Meditations on Community, Food, and Hope



Community



Food

Hope

A rooted way of living is an embodied spirituality
lived out in a community of open-hearted
spirituality, lived out in a practice toward the
common good, looking towards hope.

Collective Groaning and Collective Hope

Everything Happens.
WITH KATE BOWLER

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The Mystery of God
WITH NT WRIGHT



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Rooted in abundance,
our community's cruciform way of living
is **Abundance vs. Scarcity** spirituality,
lived out in a practice toward the common good,
looking towards hope.

Abundance mindset: you believe there are plenty of
resources for everyone (there is enough).

Scarcity mindset: you believe there are limited
resources (there is not enough).



What is God's call to us?

Abundance and mystery?

Scarcity Scarcity and certainty? **Abundance**

hyper-focused

collaboration

turn inward

There is something

value relationships

competitive

about the mystery of

give easily

hoarding

God that calls us to

see connections

abundance.

short-term solutions

long-term solutions



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Collective Groaning and Collective Hope

Abundance and Scarcity

Mending and Making



Mending and Making

Kintsugi

kin – “gold”

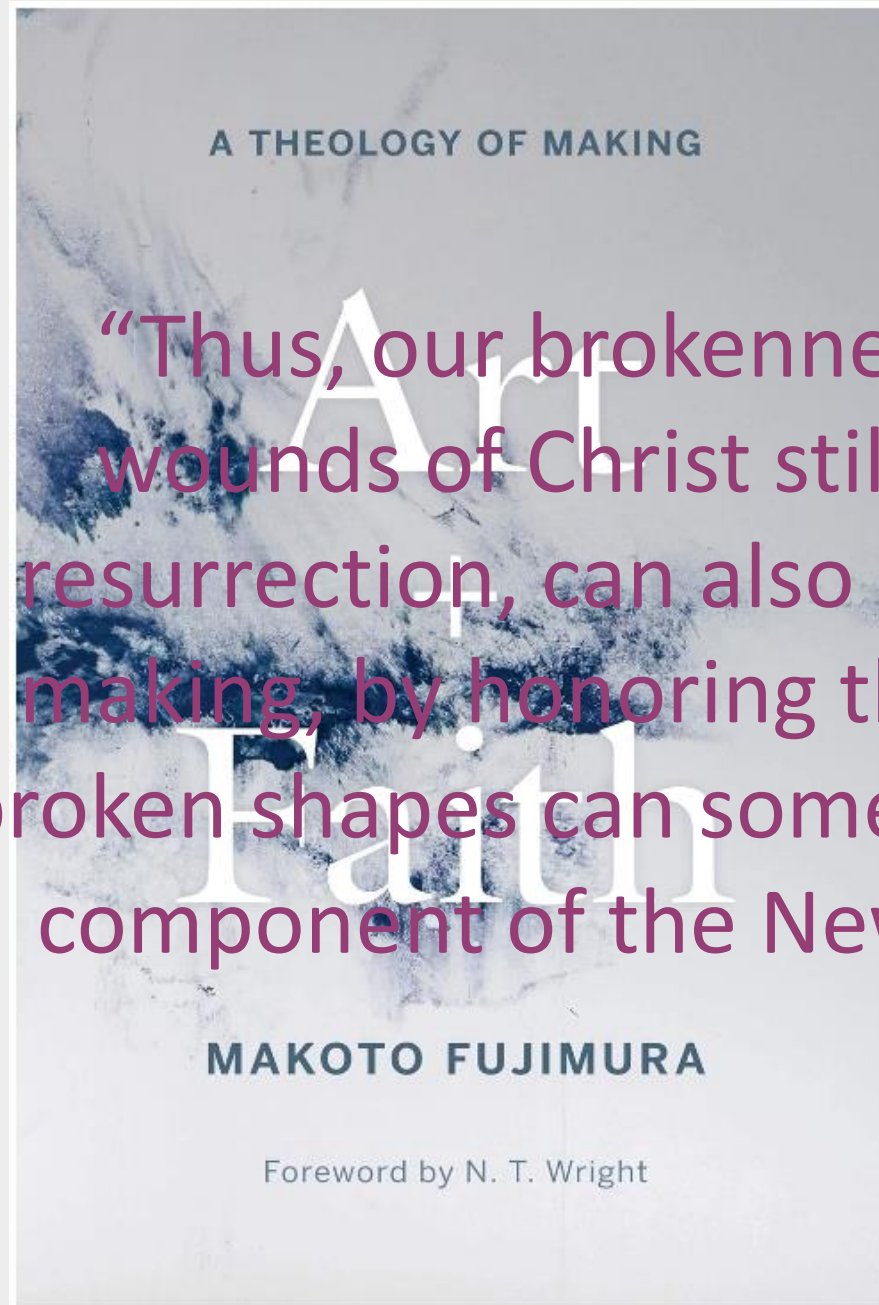
tsugi – “to reconnect”





“Thus, our brokenness, in light of the wounds of Christ still visible after the resurrection, can also mean that through making, by honoring the brokenness, the broken shapes can somehow be a necessary component of the New World to come.”

Mending that leads to Making
- Makoto Fujimura





scarcity and abundance

mending and making

“What kind of church would we become if we simply allowed our community’s cruciform way of living people to gather, and did not try to ‘fix’ them but simply to love and lived out in a practice toward the common good, behold them, contemplating the shapes that broken pieces can inspire?”



And So We Feast!
Meditations on Community, Food, and Hope

“Let us come and eat and drink at the supper of the Lamb now so that we might be empowered by this meal to go into the world to create and to make, and return to share what we have learned on this journey toward the New.”





We pause for reflection...



Stewardship Sharing:
Sister D. Bracher

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

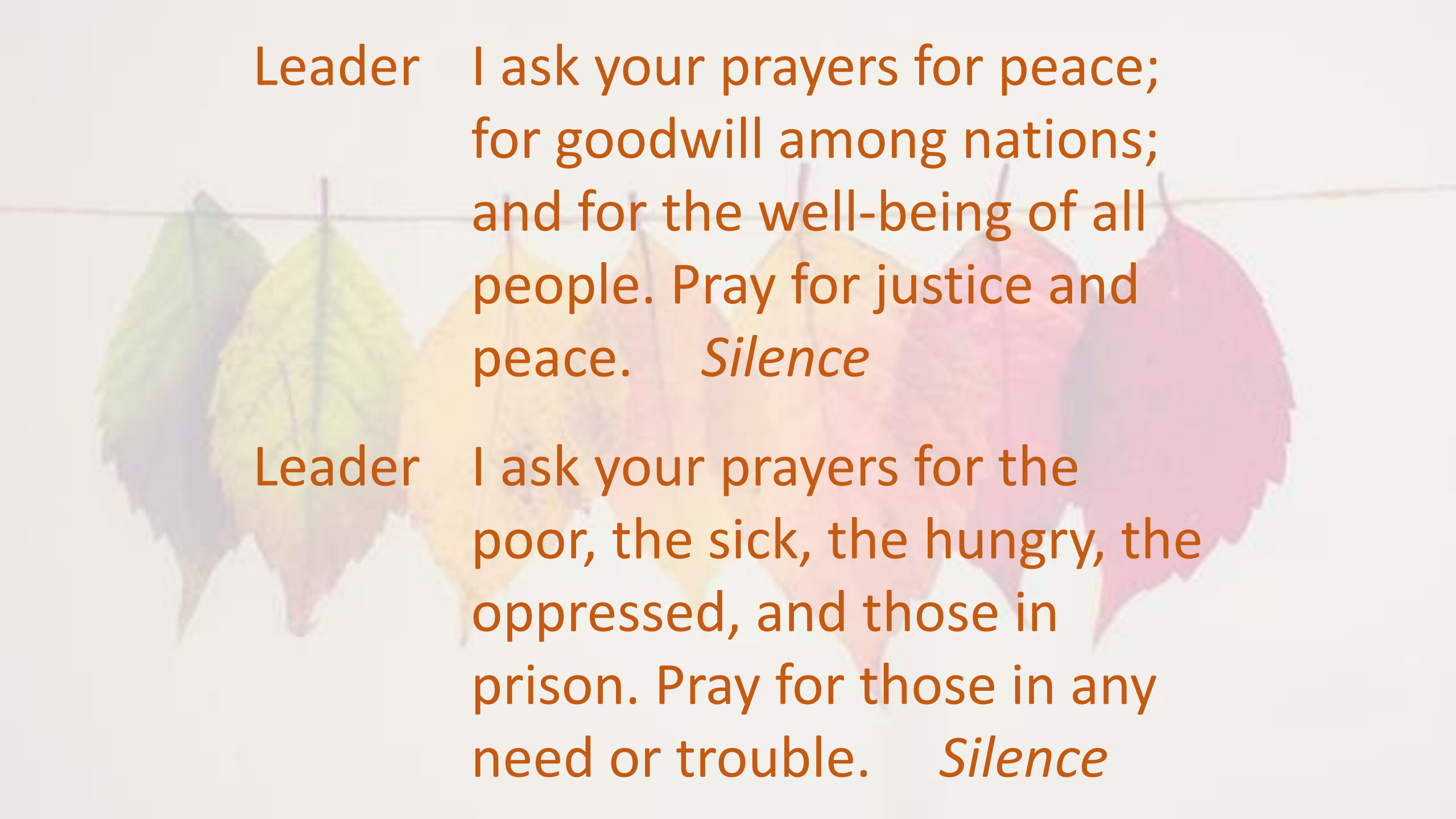
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

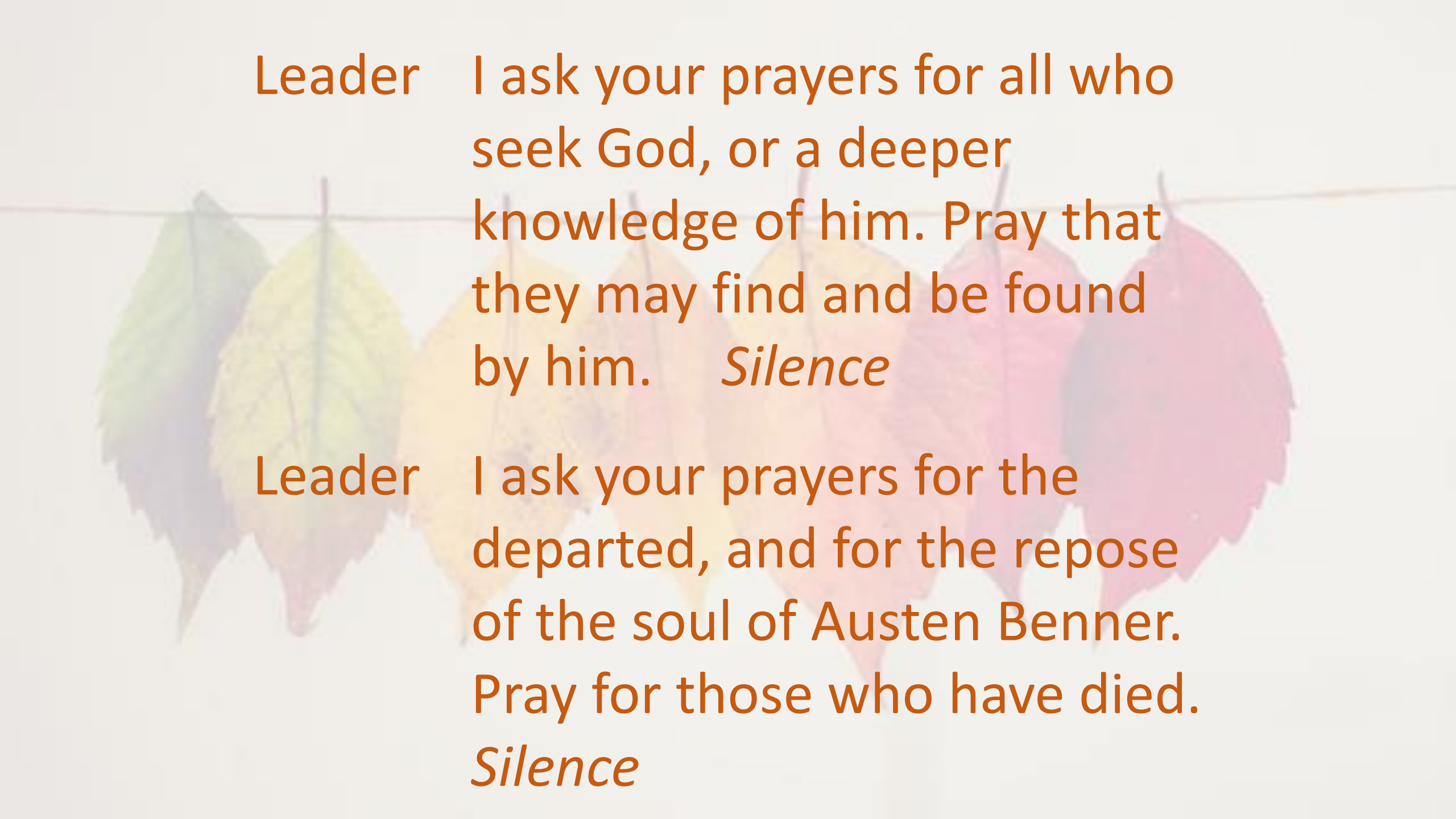
Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Provisional Melissa Skelton; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence (at each silence, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud)



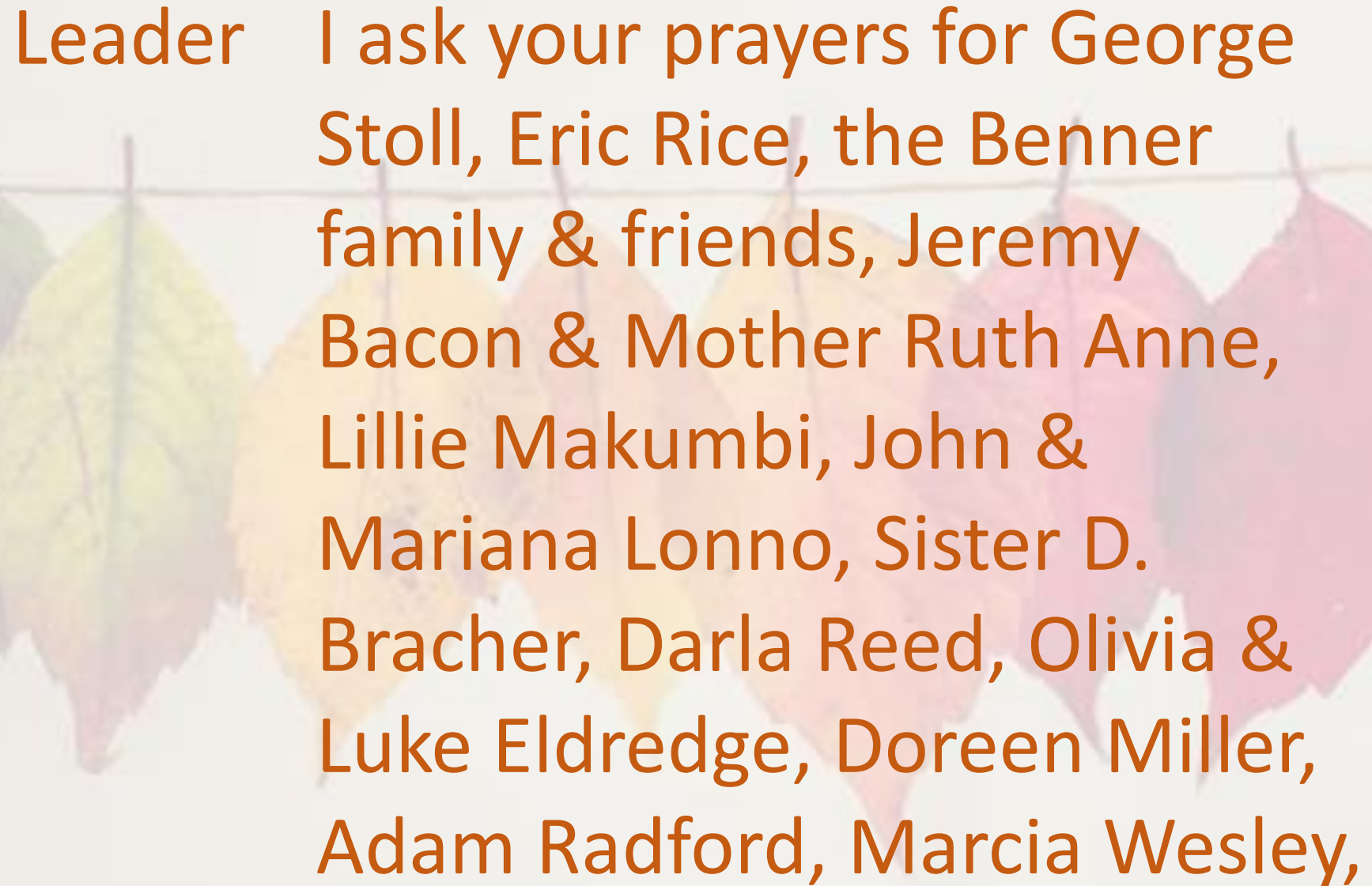
Leader I ask your prayers for peace;
for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all
people. Pray for justice and
peace. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for the
poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in
prison. Pray for those in any
need or trouble. *Silence*



Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed, and for the repose of the soul of Austen Benner. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

The background features a string of autumn leaves in various colors including green, yellow, orange, and red, hanging against a light, warm-toned background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Leader I ask your prayers for George Stoll, Eric Rice, the Benner family & friends, Jeremy Bacon & Mother Ruth Anne, Lillie Makumbi, John & Mariana Lonno, Sister D. Bracher, Darla Reed, Olivia & Luke Eldredge, Doreen Miller, Adam Radford, Marcia Wesley,

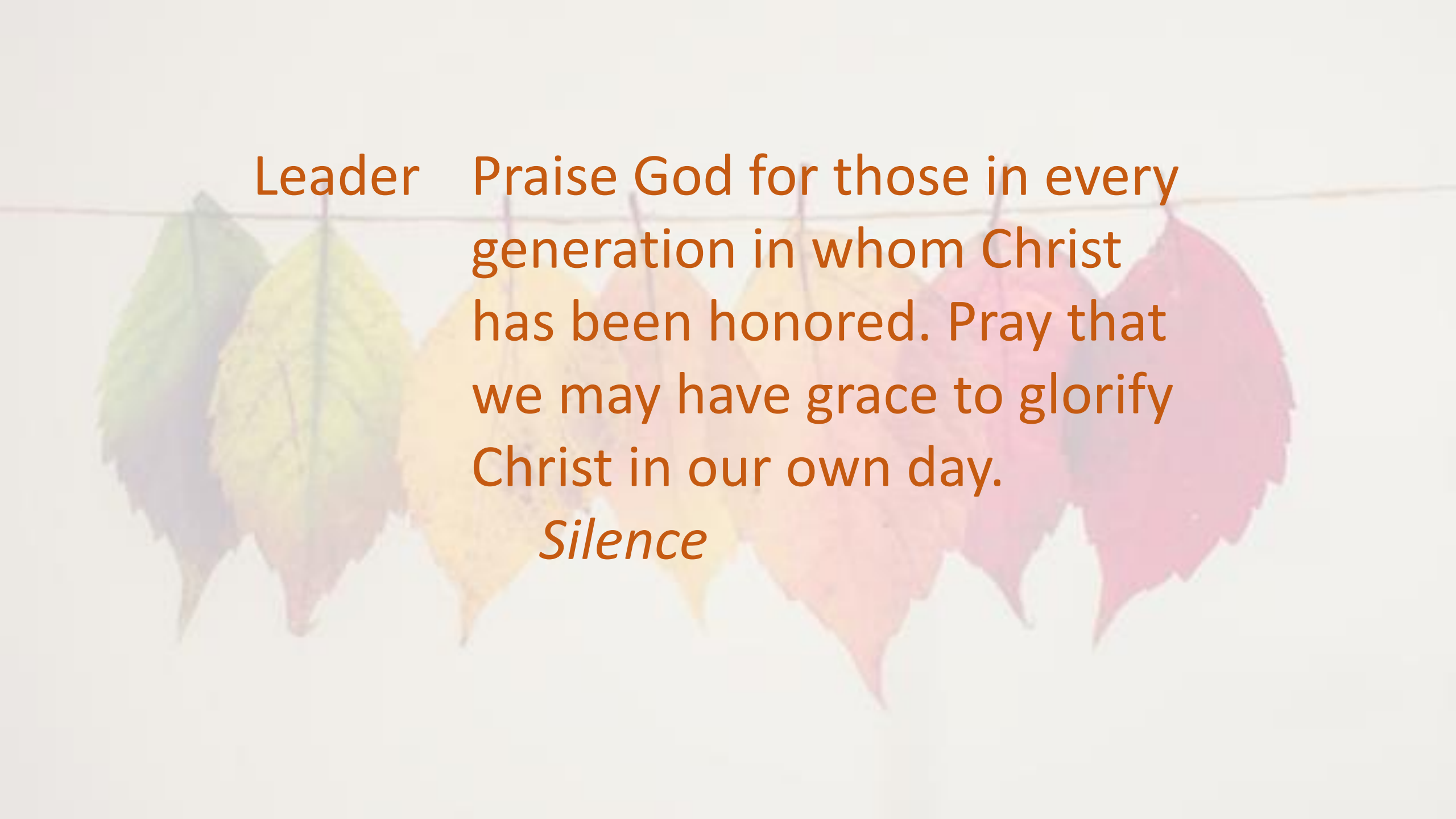


Ellen Flick, Cathryn Wilkerson,
Deb McGarry, Kathy Scholl,
and Dorothy Yantis.

Silence

Leader I ask your thanksgiving for
life, love, and community.

Silence

A string of colorful autumn leaves hanging against a light background. The leaves are in various stages of autumn color, ranging from green to yellow, orange, and red. They are strung on a thin, light-colored cord.

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Presider

Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

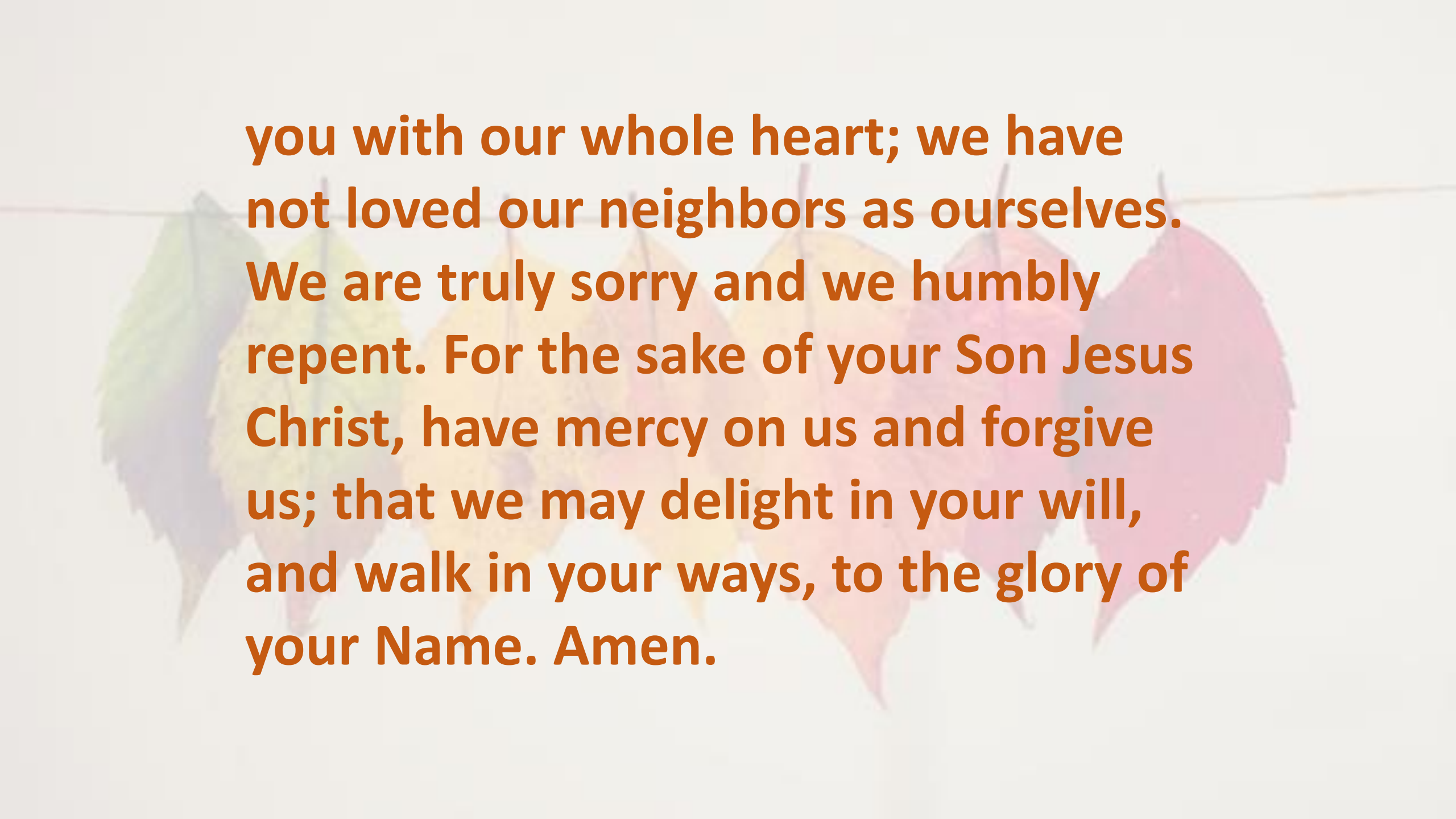
The Confession

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

Silence

All

**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**

The background features a soft-focus image of several autumn leaves in various colors including green, yellow, orange, and red, hanging from a thin wire. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, orange-brown font.

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 Absolution

Presider 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

Presider

People

The Peace of the Lord
be always with you!

And also with you!

Announcements

TODAY:

Join us in Parish Hall (downstairs) for **Coffee Hour** after the service. Stay for **Bible Study!**

NEXT SUNDAY, November 19:

Harvest Home Service of Thanksgiving

Join the Altar Guild on Saturday, November 18, as they create a bountiful harvest display at the altar. Contact Barbara Bailey to donate harvest items or let her know you want to help on Saturday.

THE STUDIO (Artist-in-Residence) with Sister D. Bracher

Tuesdays 4:00 - 8:00 pm

2nd and 3rd Saturdays 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars:

Francis Fest coming May 4 and 5!

Saturday, May 4 – community fun

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 – plant sale

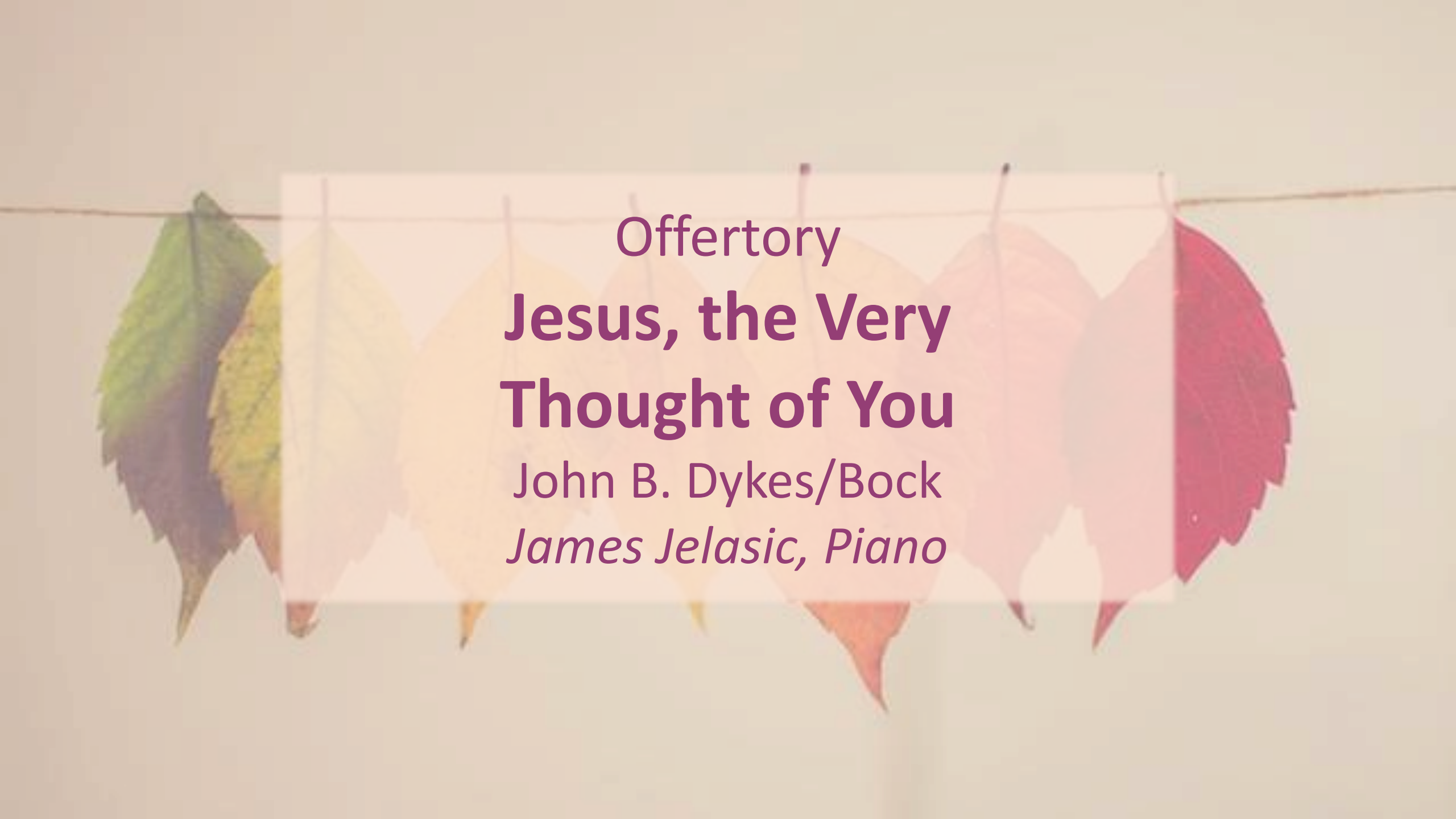
Plant starts, divided bulbs and tubers needed.

Questions? Contact Ann A., Sister D., or Laura B.

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Offertory Sentence

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory
**Jesus, the Very
Thought of You**

John B. Dykes/Bock
James Jelasic, Piano

The Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* 1982 Hymnal S#130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." †

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your
creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James and all your saints, we

may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen. †**

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

**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, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Communion Hymns

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

LEVAS #152

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1982 Hymnal #324

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.


Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Blessing

Presider

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



Sending Hymn
**Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates**
1982 Hymnal #436 (v. 1-5)
James Jelasic, Piano

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1982 Hymnal #436, v. 1 & 2

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here.

 O blest the land, the city blest,
 where Christ the ruler is confessed!
 O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

1982 Hymnal #436, v. 5

So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.



The Dismissal

Presider

Let us go forth rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit!

Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, alleluia!



Postlude

**Lift Up Your Head,
Ye Mighty Gates**

James Jelasic, Piano