

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

All Saints' Day  
Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## Binghamton's First Church

*Explore your faith, connect in community, serve others*

*Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.*

*The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.*

*We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.*

*Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail. Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.*

# GATHERING

Welcome

Voluntary

For All the Saints: Improvisation

James Woodman (b.1957)

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn*

Opening Hymn 287

For all the saints

*Sine Nomine*

## The Opening Acclamation

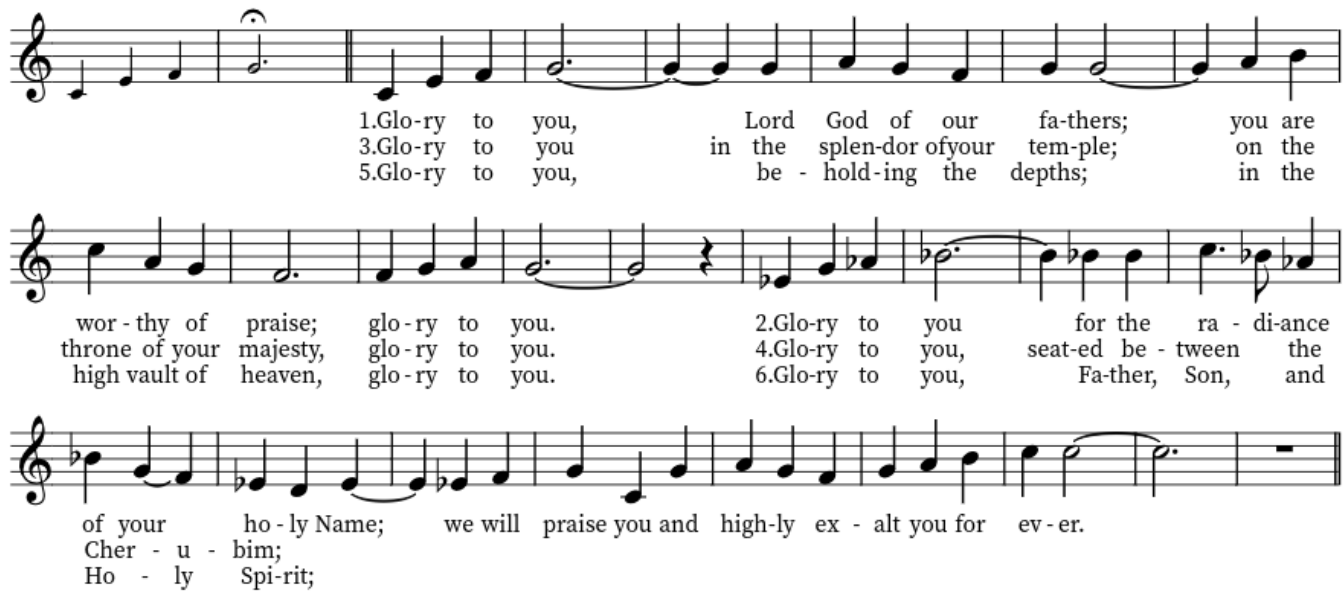
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

## Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

S236



1.Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are  
3.Glo-ry to you, in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the  
5.Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the

wor - thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance  
throne of your majesty, glo-ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the  
high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you. 6.Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and

of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
Cher - u - bim;  
Ho - ly Spi-rit;

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*The congregation may be seated*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

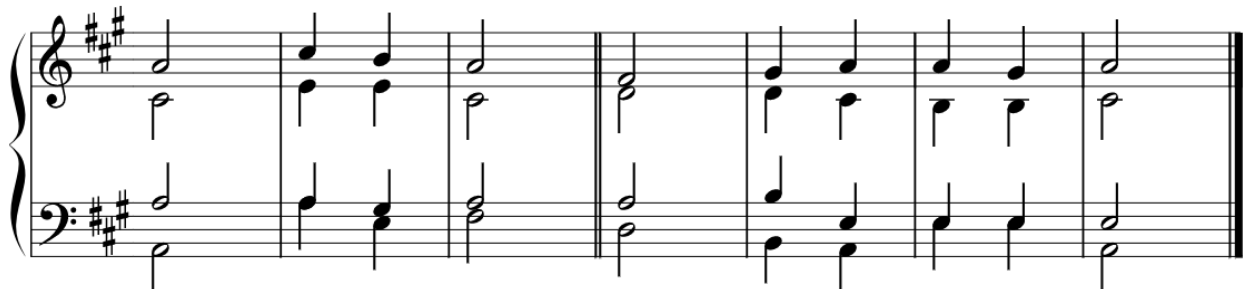
*Revelation 7:9-17*

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 34:1-10, 22

*Stephen Elvey*



1 I will bless the / LORD at / all times; \*  
his praise shall / ever be / in my / mouth.

2 I will / glory in the / LORD; \*  
let the / humble / hear and re/joice.

3 Proclaim with me the / greatness of the / LORD; \*  
let us ex/alt his / Name to/gether.

4 I sought the / LORD, and he / answered me \*  
and delivered me / out of / all my / terror.

5 Look upon / him and be / radiant, \*  
and let not your / faces / be a/shamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the / LORD / heard me \*  
and / saved me from / all my / troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses / those who / fear him, \*  
and / he / will de/liver them.



8 Taste and see that the / LORD is / good; \*  
-- / happy are / they who / trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that / are his / saints, \*  
for / those who / fear him lack / nothing.

10 The young lions lack and / suffer / hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack / nothing / that is / good.

22 The LORD ransoms the / life of his / servants, \*  
and / none will be / punished who / trust in him.

### A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*1 John 3:1-3*

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

### Sequence Hymn 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

*Grand Isle*

### The Gospel

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Matthew 5:1-12*

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

*Please be seated after the Gospel book has been placed on the altar*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Katrina Grusell

## The Baptismal Covenant

*All standing*

*Celebrant* Together let us recommit ourselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## The Dedication of Chalices, Paten, Cruets, and Lavabo Bowl

*Fr. Jim* I present to you these vessels to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord;

*People* **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

*Celebrant* Prosper the work of our hands;

*People* **Prosper our handiwork.**

*Celebrant* Show your servants your works;

*People* **And your splendor to their children.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these chalices

and paten, cruets, and lavabo bowl to your praise and glory and in memory of William and Alice Branan, Robert A. Branan, Grace Geckle Branan, and Evelyn Nichols Branan: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Fr. Jim* Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.  
The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

*People* **The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Grant that all who receive the holy Mysteries from these vessels, which we now consecrate for use in your Church, may be sustained by his presence and enjoy for ever his heavenly benediction; who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

*NZPB*

*The congregation responds with the emboldened words following each petition.*

Let us pray with all the saints on earth and heaven, with the martyrs and the faithful in all ages, and in the name of Christ, as we gather in communion. We bring before you, merciful Savior, all our needs, trusting that you will hear them, as we pray. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Saints, make your Church a holy Church, a praying Church, a giving Church. May the saints in heaven be an example for all Christians so that they may serve God in Jesus' way of love. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Peace, we pray that those in authority may follow the example of the saints who strove for peace and love. Guide the leaders of all nations that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, bring healing and hope to those who grieve, suffer pain, or have been affected in any way. May we all be aware of your compassion, which calms our troubled hearts and shelters our anxious souls. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Justice, keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods, and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice. Help us listen to one another and eliminate the discord and violence that exists around us. Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn. Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Communities, we pray for our own community of greater Binghamton; for Christ Church and for those who will find you through our mission and ministry. We give thanks for all those who over generations worked tirelessly to make Christ Church a beacon of light in this community. Enable us to do your will and give us courage so that we may speak and act as witnesses to your Word and truth. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Fellowship, we pray for our families and friends. We thank you for the fellowship of your people here. May we as a family of your people be rooted and established in your love and come to know the extent of your grace as you dwell in us. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

God of Healing, we bring to you those whose lives are darkened by pain, fear or weariness. Come to our aid; help us to bear what must be carried, and take from us all resentment and bitterness, replacing it with the abundance of peace. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints – those recognized by the Church and those known only to you. We ask your blessing on those we have named this All Saints' Day on our prayer list. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they live in your heavenly kingdom with every tear wiped away. In your mercy may all who have died know your lasting peace. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

#### *Celebrant*

You are welcome at this time to offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

As we go out from church today, may the light of God shine on us, may the love of God shine in us and may the light of the Spirit shine through us. Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion; those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy know. If you need to receive communion seated in the pew, due to mobility or dog, please let the ushers know.*

**Offertory**

Never Weather-beaten Sail

*Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more, Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast: O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest! Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise, Old age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes: Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessèd only see: O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my soul to Thee! —*Thomas Campion (1567-1620)*

*The congregation stands*

**Presentation Hymn 526**

Let saints on earth in concert sing

*Dundee*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**Sanctus**

*S125*

*Celebrant and People*

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





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*Then the Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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 for ever. AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.

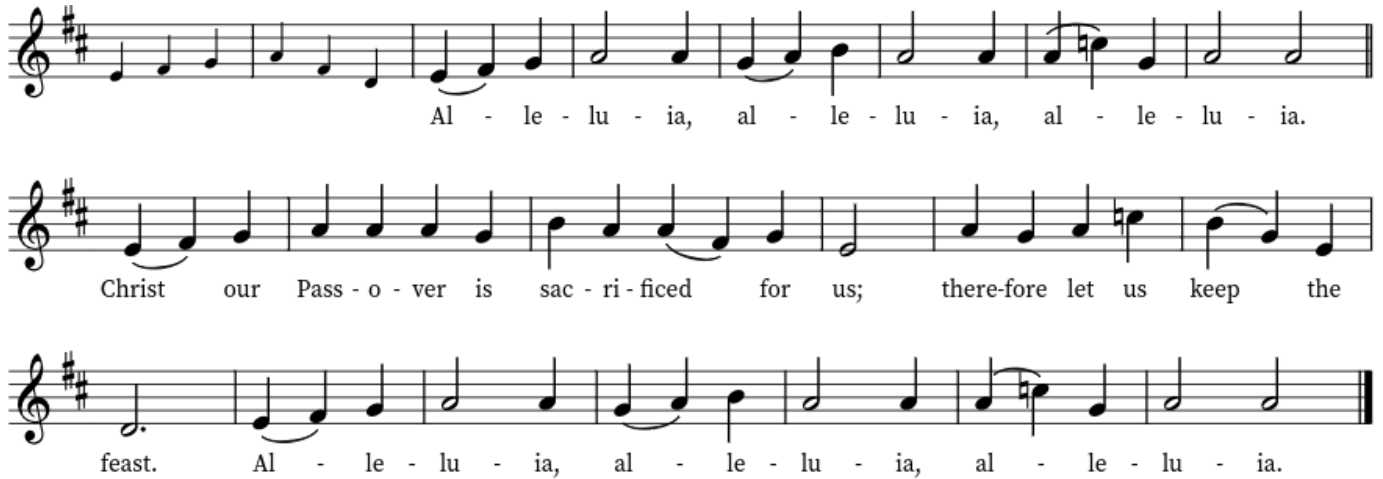
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

## Fraction Anthem

S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Anthem

Thank You, Lord

*trad. African American!; arr. H. Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)*

Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord. Praise you, Lord. I just want to praise you, Lord. Love you, Lord. I just want to love you, Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

*The congregation stands*

*Celebrant* Let us pray,

*Celebrant and People*

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

The Lord Bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now  
too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.  
May God take your minds and think through them;  
May God take your lips and speak through them;  
take your hands and work through them.  
And May God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
Be blessed now and bless others with love. Amen.

## Sending Forth

**Processional Hymn 618**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Dismissal**

**Voluntary**

For All the Saints: Prelude & Chorale

*James Woodman*