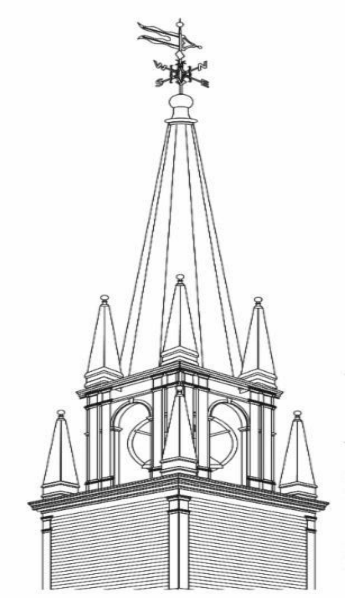


We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.
VISION: We are on a journey to reflect God's love, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of all.

MISSION: Together we strive to praise God, grow in faith, cultivate love, spread joy, care for all people and God's creation, promote peace, and do justice.

November 1, 2026

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS AND COMMUNION SUNDAY

We welcome all to our worship service, whether present in the sanctuary, joining us on streaming video, or watching our service in the future.

Spiritual Contemplation Quote for the week: "To be a saint is to be yourself." Thomas Merton

PRELUDE '*Shall We Gather at the River'* James Mansfield

RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR INTROIT '*Salisbury Introit' (Service Music from Salisbury)* Mark Patterson

* CALL TO WORSHIP
L: In the name of God and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **P: Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth. God be with you. **P: And also with you.**

Rev. John: Words of Introduction for Ewigkeitssonntag (John 11:25)

* OPENING HYMN *'For All the Saints'* Red Hymnal No. 486

Stewardship Moment -Angie, Faith & Development

OPENING INVOCATION TO PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM '*I Have Fixed My Mind' (on Another Time)* David Huntsinger, arr. Tom Fettke

JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern, Pastor: "God,"
Congregation: "Hear our prayer."

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE 'Let Peace Prevail on Earth'

Global Mission Partner Prayer this week: Afghanistan (Page 8)

MORNING PRAYER

SILENT MOMENT FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

TOTENSONNTAG/ EWIGKEITSSONNTAG

The Act of Remembrance Reading of the Names and Lighting of the Candles

L: We now call to remembrance the members of our community whom God has called home during this past year. We place their lives, and our grief, back into God's hands. (The pastor reads the names one by one, after each name, or group of names, a family member or church Leader steps forward to light a memorial candle) from the large Peace Candle, symbolizing Christ's resurrection.

Silent Prayer *{A prolonged moment of complete silence in the church for private prayer and personal remembrance }*

L: God, you are the God of the living and not of the dead. We pray for all who are walking through the dark valley of grief today. Give them patience with their pain, and friends to hold them up. God in your mercy:

P: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for this community. Help us to support one another in times of loss. Remind us of our own mortality, so that we may live our days with wisdom, kindness, and love. God, in your mercy:

P: Hear our prayer.

L: Gather all these prayers, spoken and unspoken, into the words your Son taught us

LORD'S PRAYER(debts) (The Words are Printed on the inside of the back of the red hymnal)

CHORAL *'Amen'*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV Anglicized Translation)
The Beatitudes

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.

L: This is the Word of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN *'This Little Light of Mine'* (v.1,3,1 again) Red Hymnal No. #364

SERMON 'Blessed are the Slightly Bewildered'

OFFERTORY PRAYER
OFFERTORY '*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!'* Gregg Sewell

* DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 46

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (bread is gluten free, grape juice for the cup) and Welcome

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: May the God of saints and sinners be with you.

P:And also with you.

L: Join me in glorifying our God. **P: We offer our hearts as we praise our God.**

L: Let us bless our God at all times. **P: Songs of thanksgiving will flow from our lips forever.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS
Forgive us, God, that we follow the wrong examples and listen to false teachings. It is the peacemakers who live into your hope; it is those whose hearts are shaped by yours, who are able to see you in the poor and broken; it is those who give themselves to serve others who are your saints, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Shepherd, guiding us to the wellsprings of life.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Rev. John
proclaiming our faith:

Christ died, so we might have life; Christ was raised, so we might have this hope of resurrection; Christ will be our guide, leading us to the living waters.

CONTINUED EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (LORD'S PRAYER IS FOUND BACK COVER OF RED HYMNAL)

* CLOSING HYMN *'Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether'* v. 1 only Red Hymnal No. 318

Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and juice
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commissioning

* HYMN *'When the Saints are Marching In'* (Bulletin Insert)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTORY RESPONSE *'Go Now in Peace'* (The Words are Printed in the inside of the back of the red Hymnal)

POSTLUDE '*For All the Saints'* James Mansfield
You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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"Our worship ends, let our service begin"

Those serving you today:
Ushers: Susan & Deane Attwood
Reader: Angie Eddy
Flowers**:** Ron Sanchez
Online Streaming: Jenny Surgenor

Please join us for fellowship, coffee or tea, and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Happy November Birthday to Rev. John Hogue, Deborah Olson, Karl Olson, Mary McKinney, Margot S. Sieracki, & Jan Whitfield

Help Yourself Shelf Wish List * jarred spaghetti sauce * 1lb. white rice * drink mixes * canned chicken *tuna * cereal * SPAM * mayo * baked beans * toothpaste * dish soap * cat litter *

Announcements Today

November 1 –UCC Midcoast Association meeting at FCCW today at 2:00pm.
November 3 – Election Day
November 8 - Stewardship Sunday
November 9 – Property & Finance meeting 11:00am
November 15 – Mission Sunday (Recipients of our Mission Funds come to receive funds)
Recognition of Veterans
November 16 – Council meeting 6:30pm

November 19 – Wreath Order Turn In
November 22 – John Adams Speaks
November 29 – Hanging of the Greens / Pledge cards turn in
November 30 – Advent Book Club 3:00pm

Coming Up This Week

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday-

Rev. John's Office Hours - 9:00am-12:00pm (**except Nov. 3rd** out of the office with appointments)

Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday - 9:30am – 1:30pm
Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm

Monday, November 2
Garden Club Board meeting 10:00am
Mah Jongg 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 3
SVC Practice 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 4
Organ Society meeting 9:30am
Feed Our Scholars 11:00am

Thursday, November 5
Garden Club meets 12:00-2:00pm
FCCW choir rehearsals 4:00pm
2nd Clean Up Day 9:00am-12:00pm (Rain date Nov.7 9:00am-12:00pm)

Sunday, November 8 Stewardship Sunday
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Coffee Hour 11:00am
Worship & Music meeting after worship
QR Code training

Shining the Light of Christ
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
in the Heart of Wiscasset

Global Mission Partner this week: Afghanistan

Global Ministries provide garden seeds to families who earn less than $5 a day. The garden hasn't solved everything, but it has made a difference. "My family members are very happy when I harvest fresh vegetables from the garden before meals," Naseer says. The family now eats fresh vegetables, spends less at the market, and Naseer feels more confident and hopeful about the future. The same project is reaching women, too. Working through trusted female volunteers and community mental health centers, it has ensured that women make up more than 80 percent of those in vocational and small-business training, despite heavy restrictions. Seeds, skills, and patience: small signs of God's kingdom taking root.

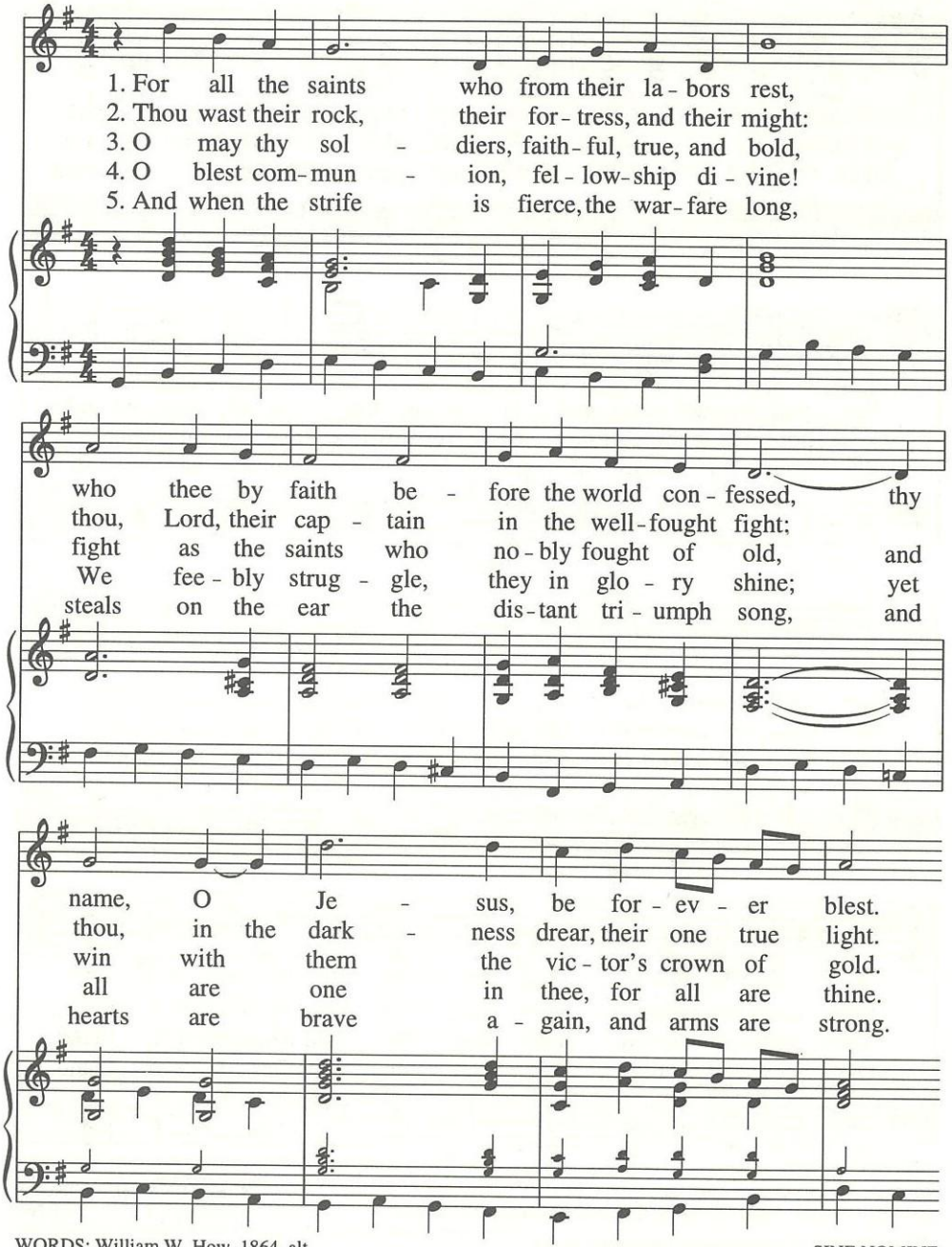
When the Saints Are Marching In

Katharine E. Purvis, 1896 — James Milton Black



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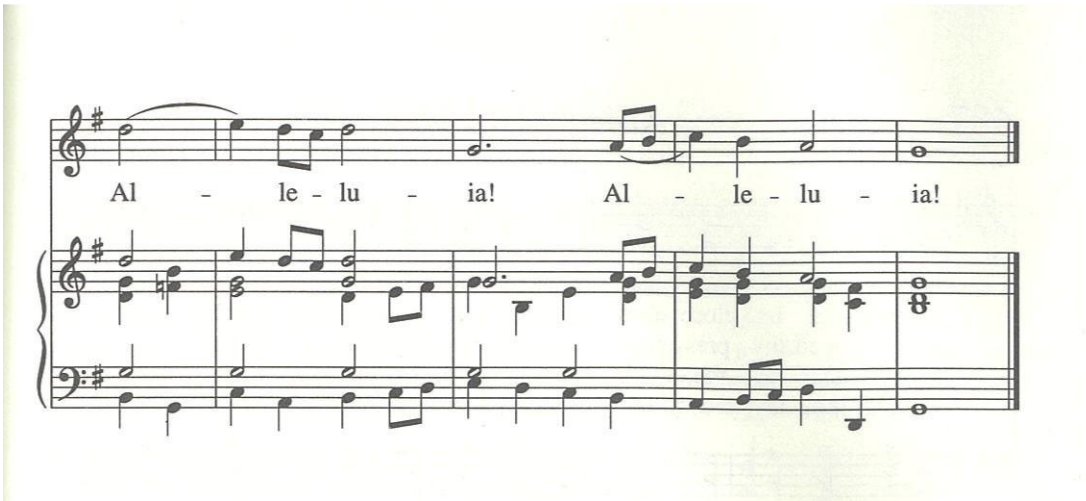


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MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal,* 1906

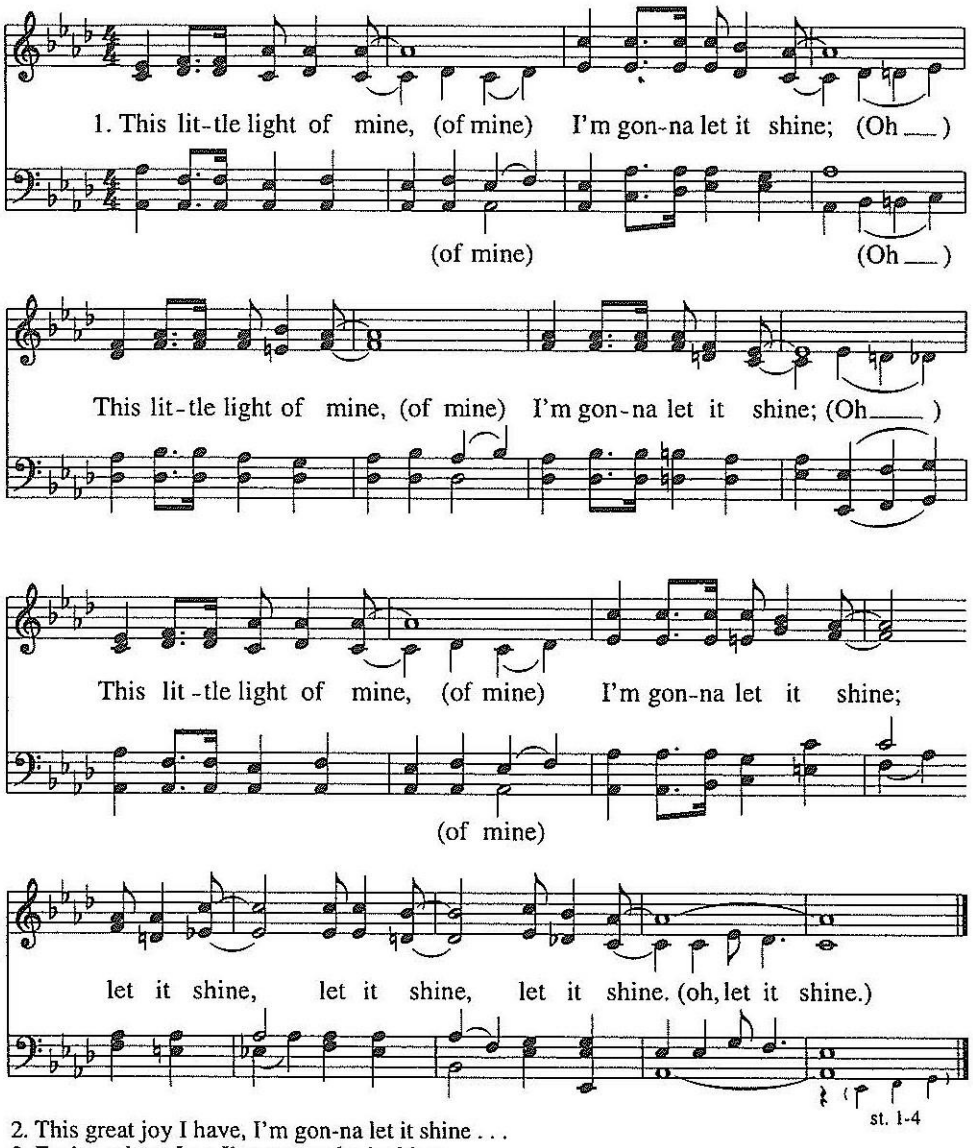
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Ralph Vaughan Williams' stirring tune, written for All Saints Day, appeared first in *The English Hymnal* of 1906, for which he was music editor.

DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE

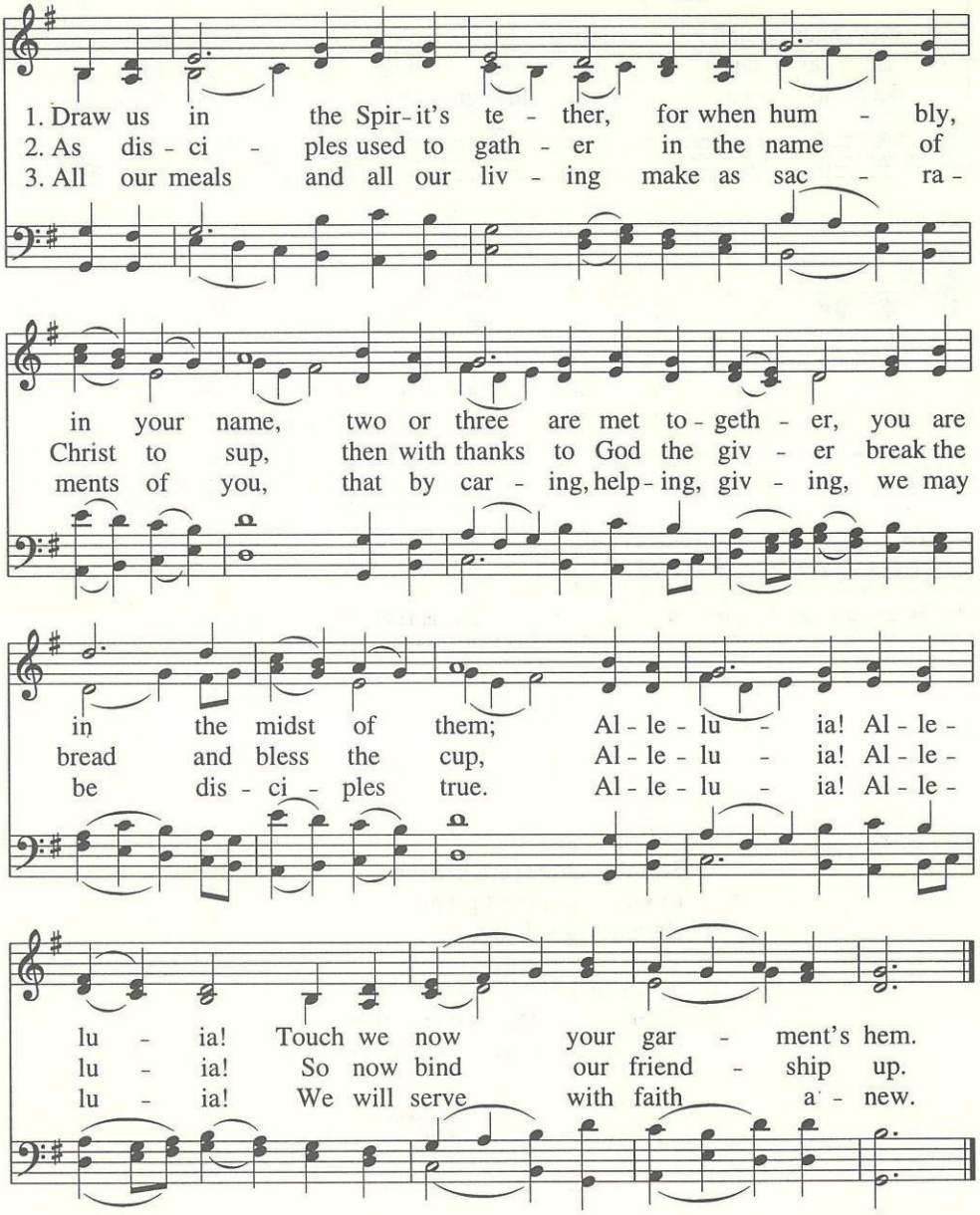

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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2. This great joy I have, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
3. Ev-'ry-where I go I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
4. All– through the night I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
5. repeat st. 1

318 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



WORDS: Percy Dearmer, *Enlarged Songs of Praise,* 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967, alt.

British hymnal editor Dearmer provides the words about the 'community' of communion. The tune is named for Union Seminary, New York City, a training ground for clergy of many Protestant denominations, including the UCC.

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It's time for the Annual Organ Society Wreath Sale. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 24th, through Sunday, November 30th.

Please pre-order by Thursday, November 19th.

Prepayment is appreciated! Forms and payments can go to the church office or to Martha Speed.

Name_____

Phone or Email _____

Small Wreath (8") - $12 Quantity___ Paid_____

Medium Wreath (12") 18 Quantity___ Paid_____

Large Wreath (18"). - $25 Quantity___ Paid_____

X-Large Wreath (24") - $40 Quantity___ Paid_____

If you would prefer your wreath to be undecorated or have only a bow, please check here:

No Decorations _____

Bow Only _____