ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

All are invited to make an Advent wreath in the Great Hall after the service.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:3

Hearing assistive devices are available.
Please ask an usher.

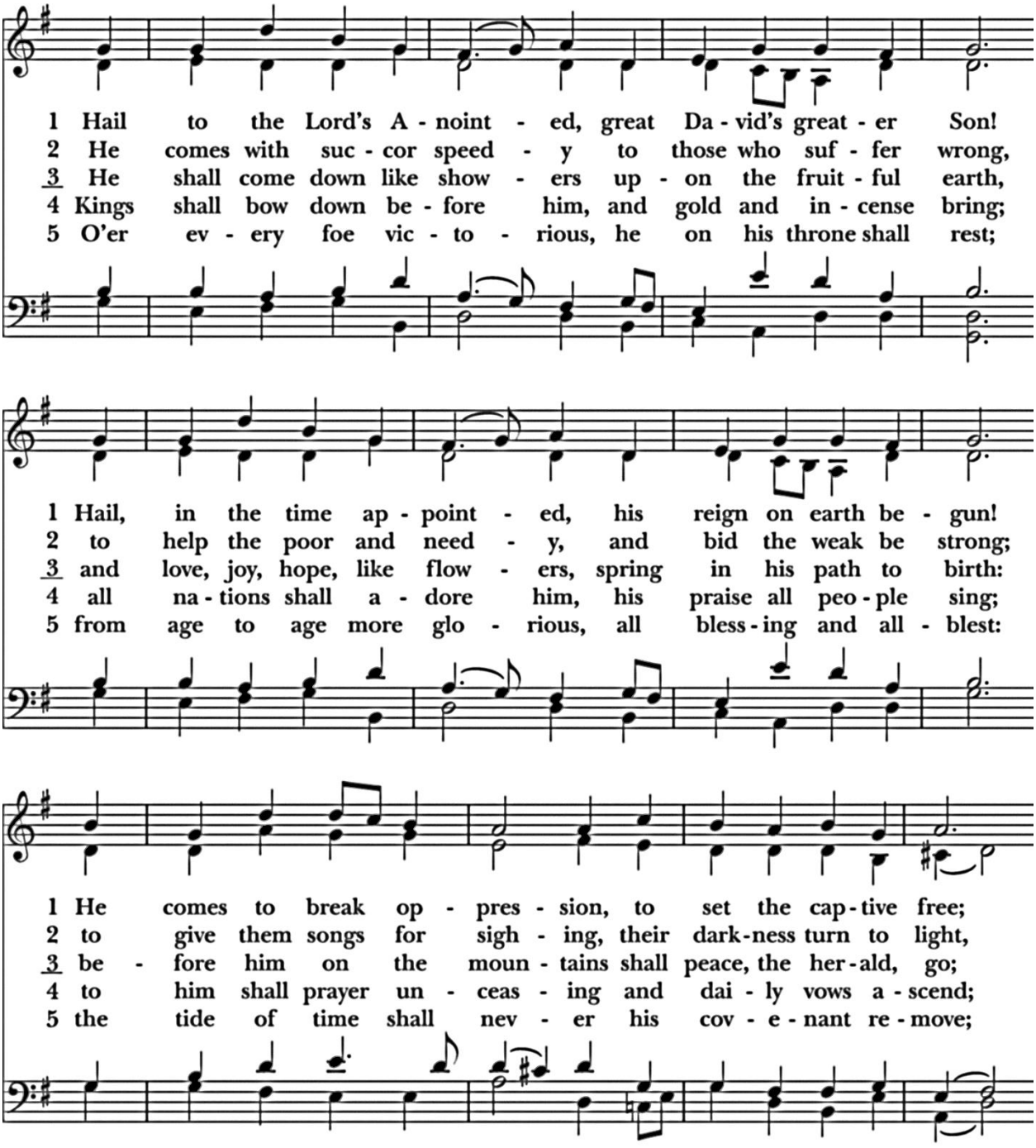
Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center.
Access the Pitarys Family Nursery Room from the north lobby, just past the elevator.
Follow the signs or please ask an usher to escort you to Room 109.

VOLUNTARY *Rorate caeli* Jeanne Demessieux

All rise as able as the bell tolls.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

All sing.



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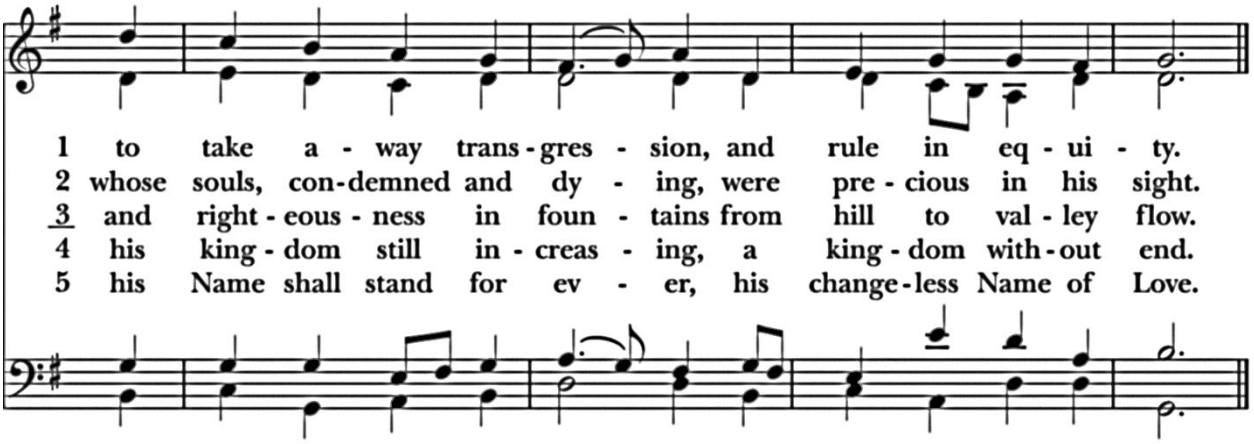


OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

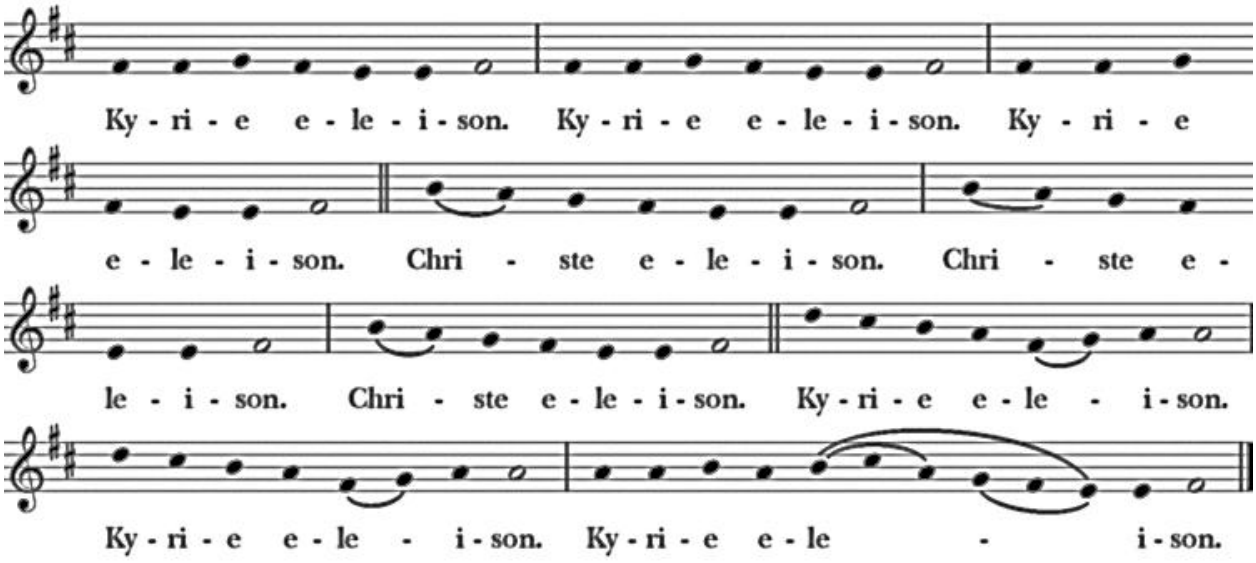
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

All **Amen.**

KYRIE

All sing.



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (64:1-9).

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 chant by Luke Flintoff

Qui regis Israel

Sung by the choir.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9).

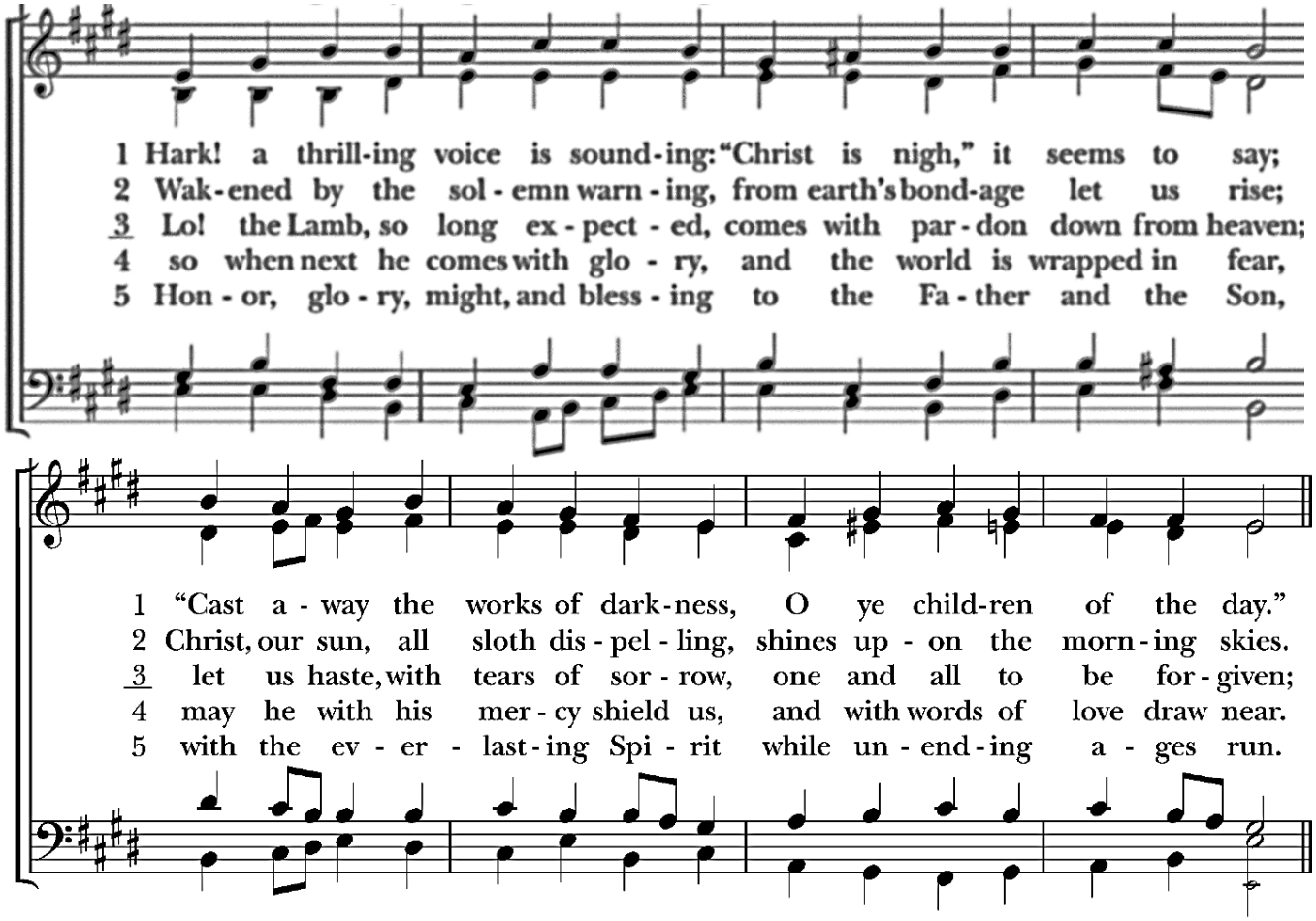
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

All rise as able and sing.



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Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

All rise, as able.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37).
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Tom Ortung

All may be seated.

Silence follows the sermon.

All rise, as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Intercessor The Kingdom of God is upon us. Let us put away the works of darkness and be clothed in the brilliance of God's light, as we offer our prayers responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the Diocese of Olympia, we pray for the Center for Spiritual Development and St. James Family Center, Cathlamet; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come between the warring nations of the world, enter the chambers of government and the hearts of our leaders, and bring the peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come to those suffering from addiction, free them from falsehood, shame, and guilt, fill them with courage that overcomes temptation, and give them an abundance of your grace; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come to those who sit alone in empty rooms, who suffer from the pain of hunger and grief, and who live with anxiety and fear, and invite them into the glorious fellowship of the blessed Trinity; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come, spare us from our deceit and selfishness, from our attachment to the false idols of our age, from our excuses for not living the gospel, and awaken us to your hope that we may keep watch for your appearing; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come in the Eucharistic Meal, that strengthened by your Body and Blood, we may proclaim your kingdom in our daily lives; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come and open wide the gate of heaven, that the faithful departed may find themselves in the arms of your mercy; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in our hearts, as we continue the offering of our prayers.

For all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened by any trouble, especially:

All **Laurie, Lilian, Tyler, Edward, Phyllis, Debbie, Fr. George, Laura, Nora, Jeremy, Estelle, Alan, The Carson Family, Richard, Dave, Robyn, Joan, Louise, George, and Martha.**

Intercessor Grant them healing, comfort, and hope; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially:

All **Meredith Blundell, William Cahill, and Dorothy Bishop.**

Intercessor May they be gathered into the fullness of your kingdom, where every tear is wiped away; for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Please add the intercessions and thanksgivings you hold in your heart, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held.

Intercessor For this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All **Amen**.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church in Hong Kong, has around 50,000 members in three dioceses and a missionary area. Anglican presence began in the mid-19th century during British colonial rule, and the province became autonomous in 1998. The Church plays a significant role in society through its extensive network of schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Worship is often bilingual, reflecting both Anglican and Chinese traditions. In a complex and changing political environment, the Church seeks to offer stability, pastoral care, and a public witness grounded in service, education, and the common good.

CONFESSION

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

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 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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**



All rise, as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share some of the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, at stthomasmedina.org/giving, or at Paypal with email donations@stthomasmedina.org.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come* Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

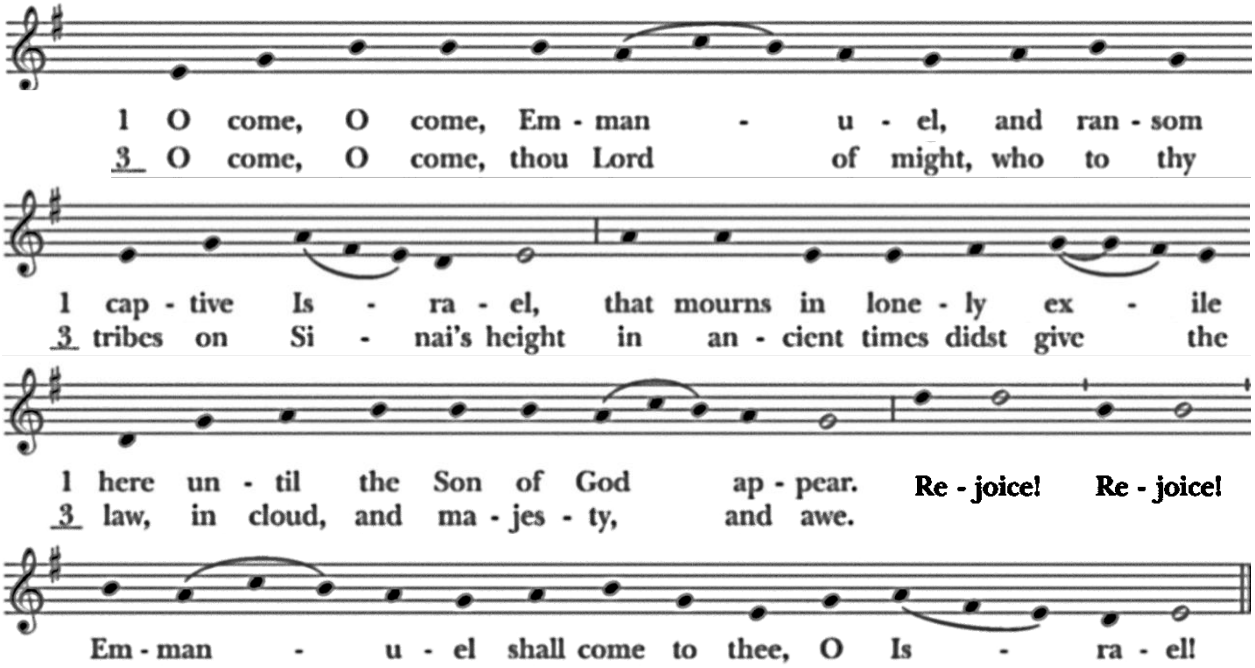
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

text: adapted from Revelation 22 by Ruth Manz

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

All rise as able and sing.



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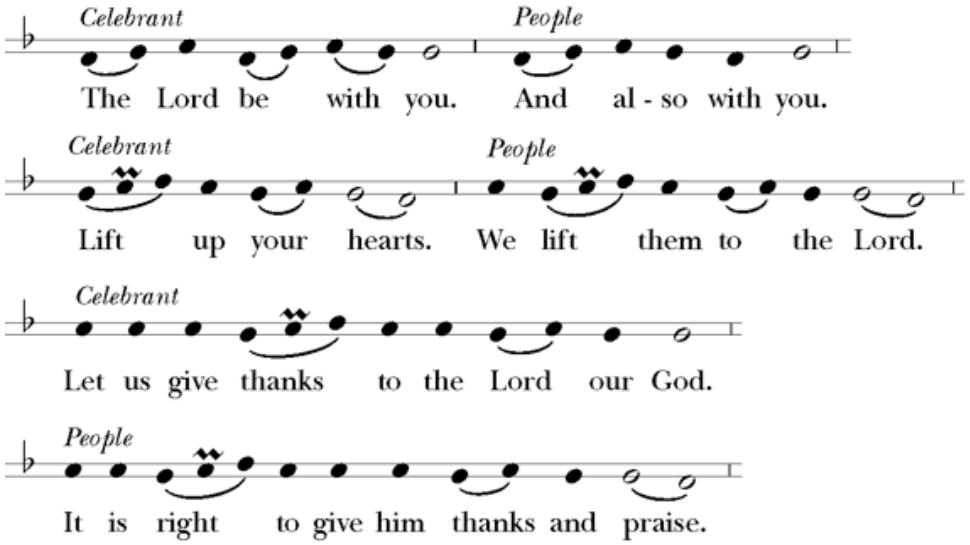
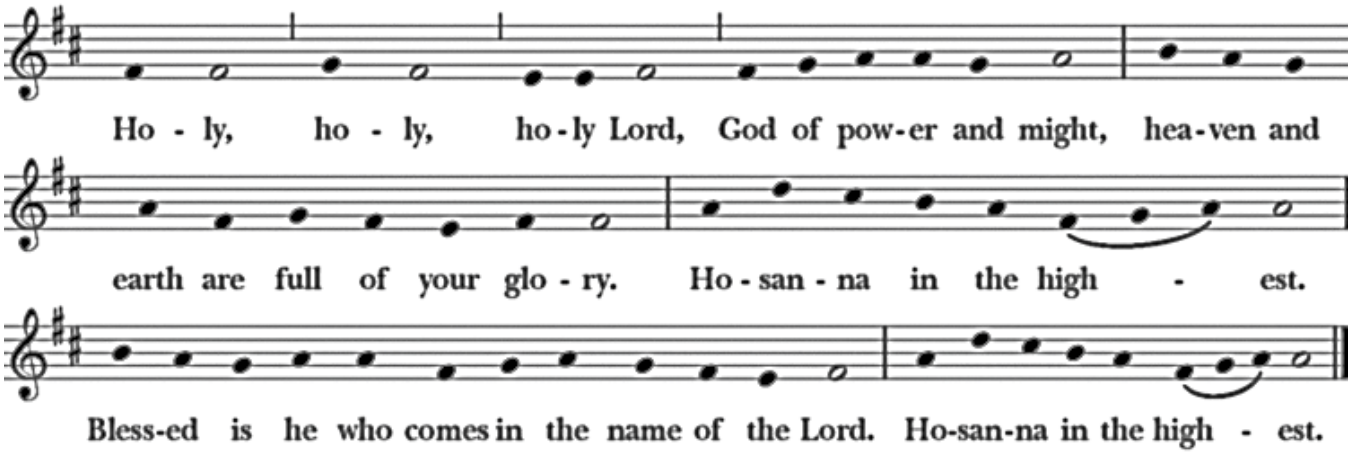
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 & BENEDICTUS

All sing.



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Celebrant 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,

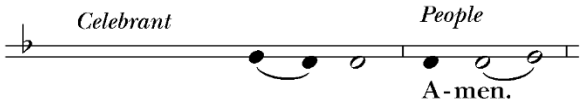
All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

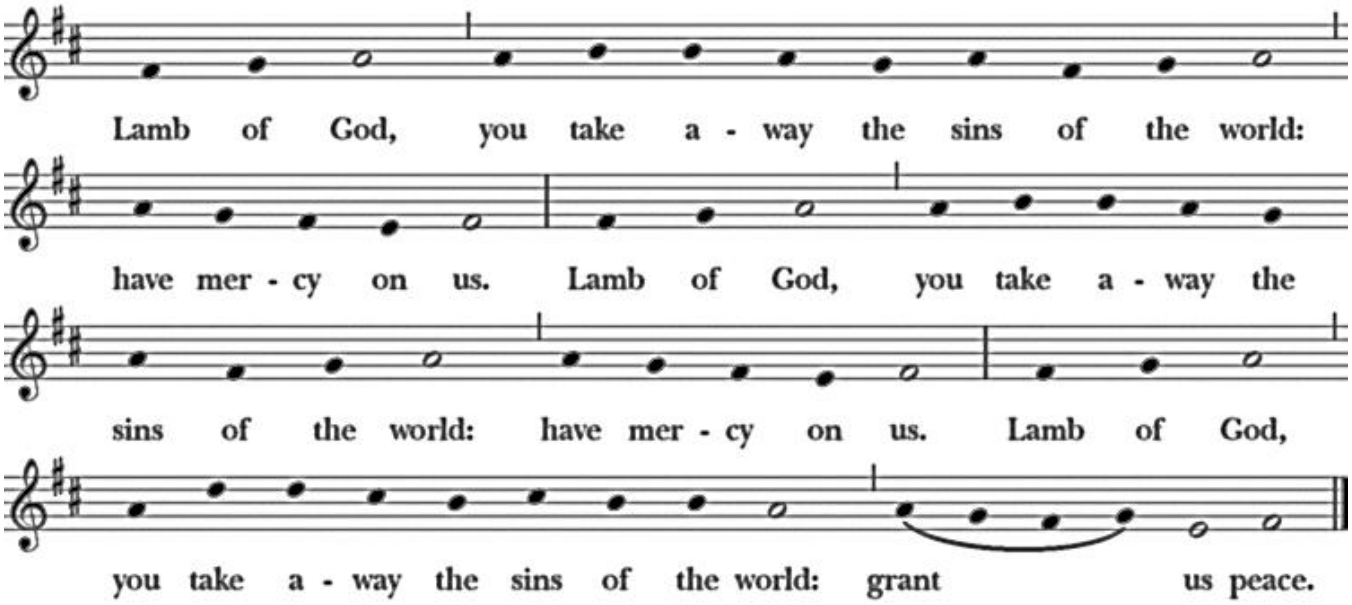
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 Bread is broken.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

All sing.



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

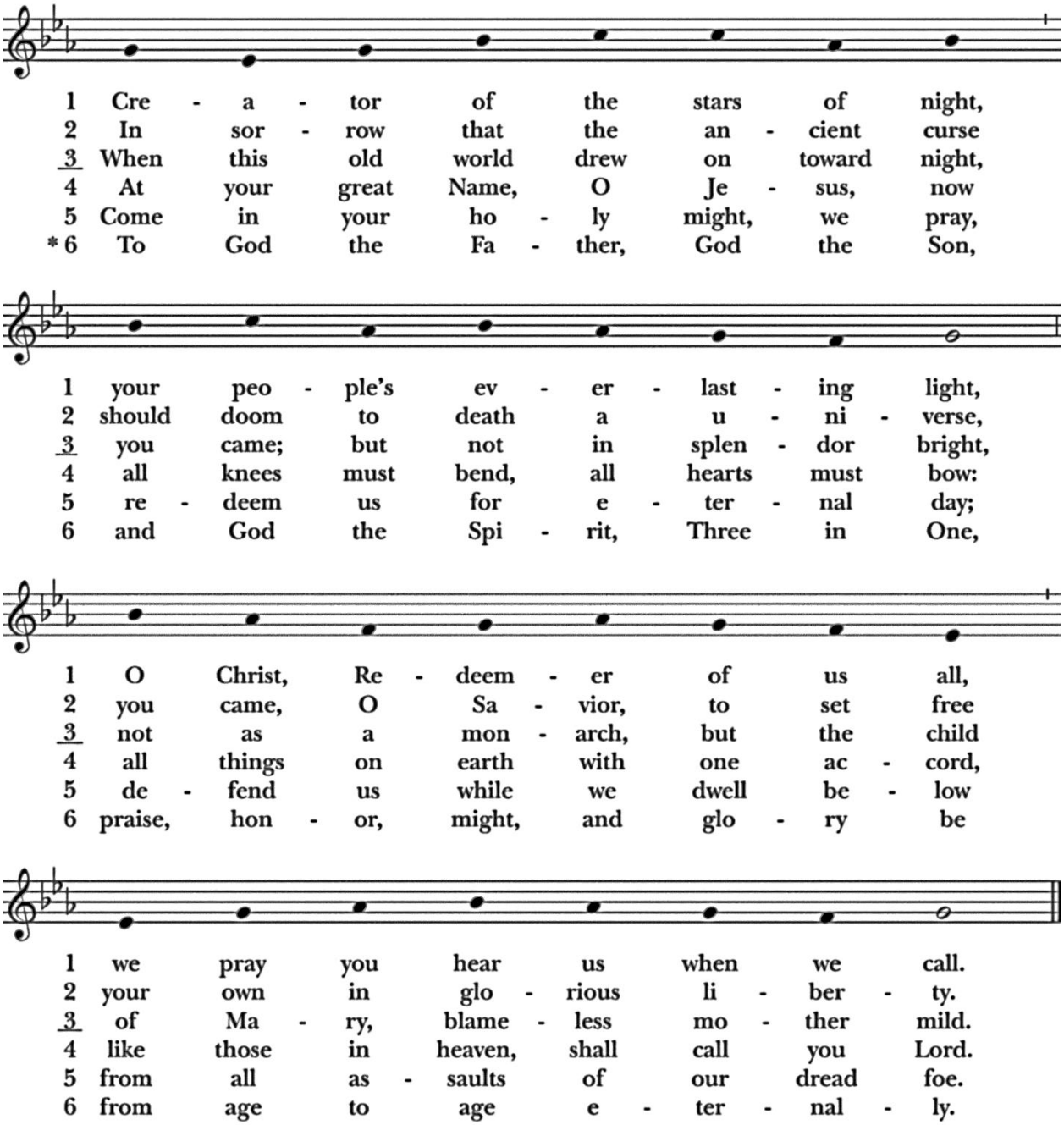
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is ***not*** *available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Creator of the stars at night*

All sing.



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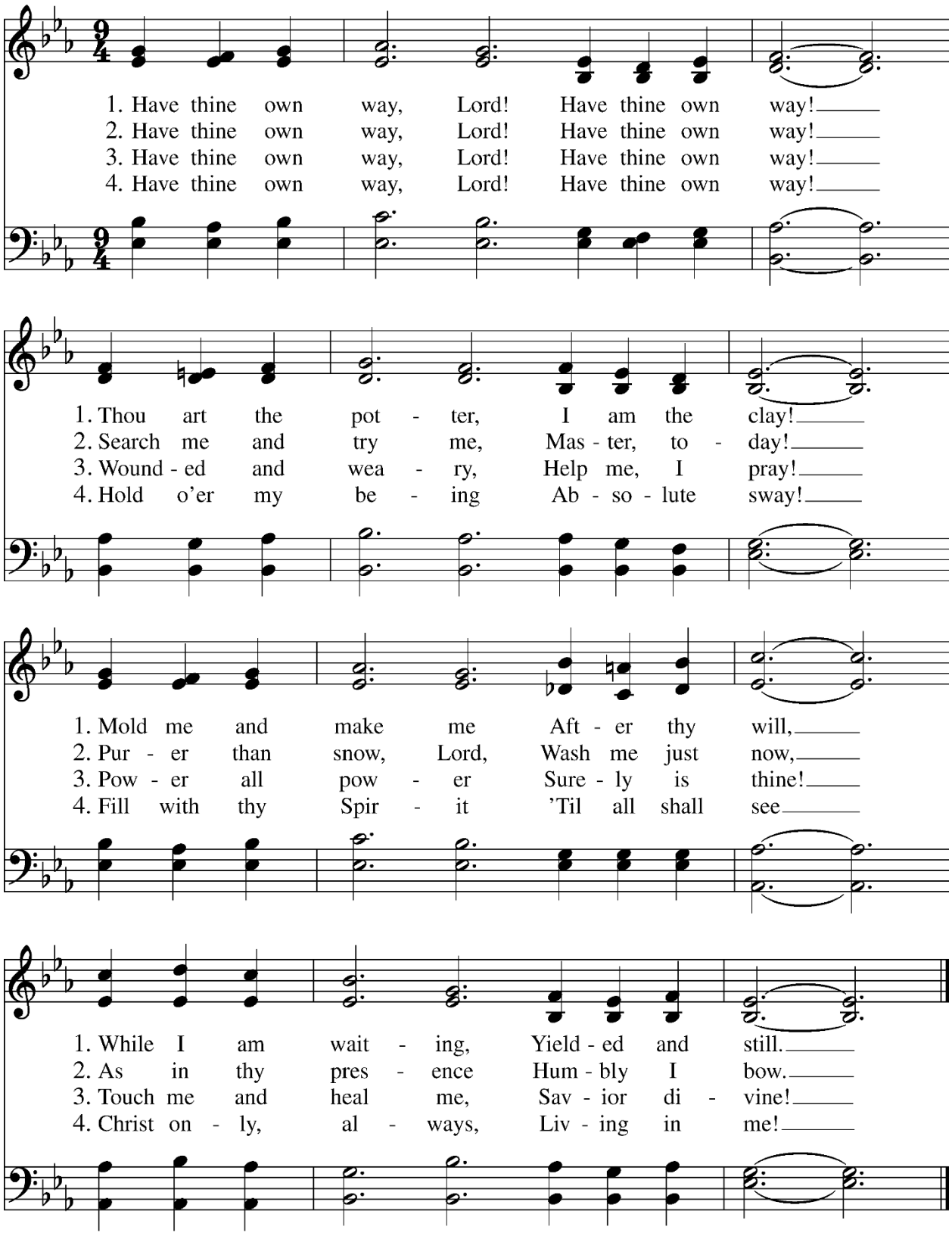
COMMUNION HYMN *Have thine own way, Lord*

All sing.



Lift every Voice and Sing II, 145 ©; Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934)
Music: *Adelaide*, George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING *** When appropriate.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

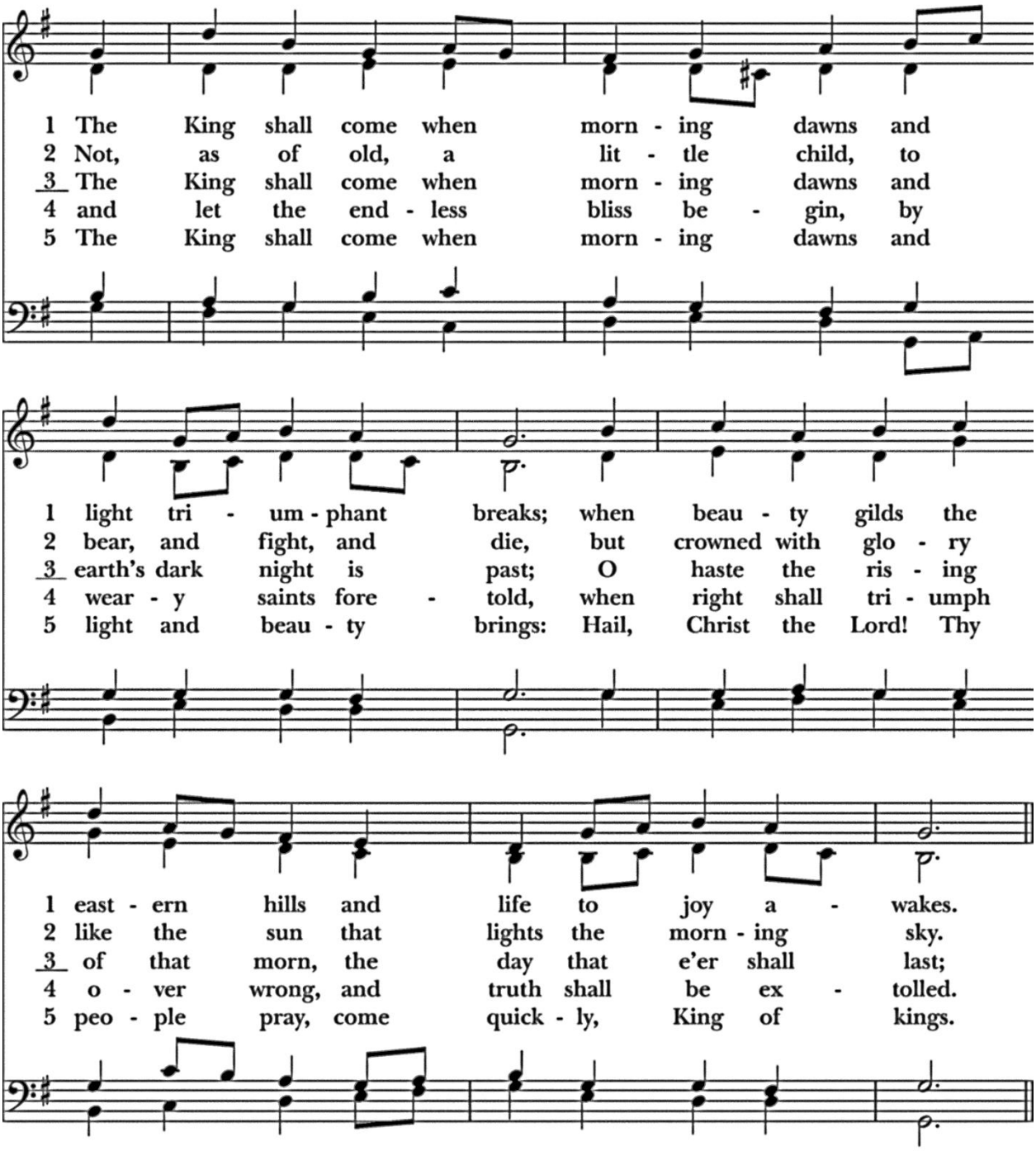
BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING *The King shall come when morning dawns*

All sing.



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Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm der heiden Heiland*, BWV 660 Johann Sebastian Bach

Please join us for coffee and refreshments, immediately following the service,
in the Great Hall of the Ebsworth Life Center,
just across the courtyard.



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