First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 **8 & 11 am**



Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church.

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE: Whether this is your first time or you're a regular, we invite you to fill out an attendance sheet located within the blue binders in each pew to let us know you're here. If you're watching online, you can let us know you joined us by clicking the "Let Us Know You're Here" link on our website's worship page.

OFFERINGS: Our mission and ministry is not possible without you. Gifts can be shared in a variety of ways during the service. Checks, cash and "I Give Online" cards may be placed in the offering baskets passed during the service. Online and mobile gifts can be shared via the app and QR codes listed below. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



NURSERY: Children are a joy in worship, *and* we understand that little ones might sometimes need a break. The nursery, for children ages 0-3, is open throughout Sunday mornings until the end of the 11:00am service. For children in worship, you can find busy books and activity bags outside the sanctuary. Please ask one of our ushers if you need help finding the nursery or worship resources.

COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Ushers will guide you to the altar where you can either kneel or stand to receive the body and blood of Christ. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine is received either by drinking from the silver chalice or saving the bread and dipping it in the chalice, or by taking an individual cup. Individual cups include both wine (red) and non-wine (white) and may be discarded in the baskets found at the aisles while returning to your seats. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone. For those unable to commune at the altar, our pastors will bring communion to you.

ABOUT THE CHURCH SEASON: The Season of Advent, from the Latin *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming", spans the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Denoted within the church by the color blue, (found in the banners, paraments, and pastor's vestments) Advent is a season of waiting, hopefulness, and expectant joy.

Visit calvaryftw.org for more information, our newsletter, and to view the full church calendar.

The Liturgy at Calvary Lutheran Church

Prelude *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*
Tune: Wachet Auf, Philipp Nicolai (1599)
Setting: Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945)

We stand & face the baptismal font as we begin our worship.

Confession And Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near!
Let us make confession to God.

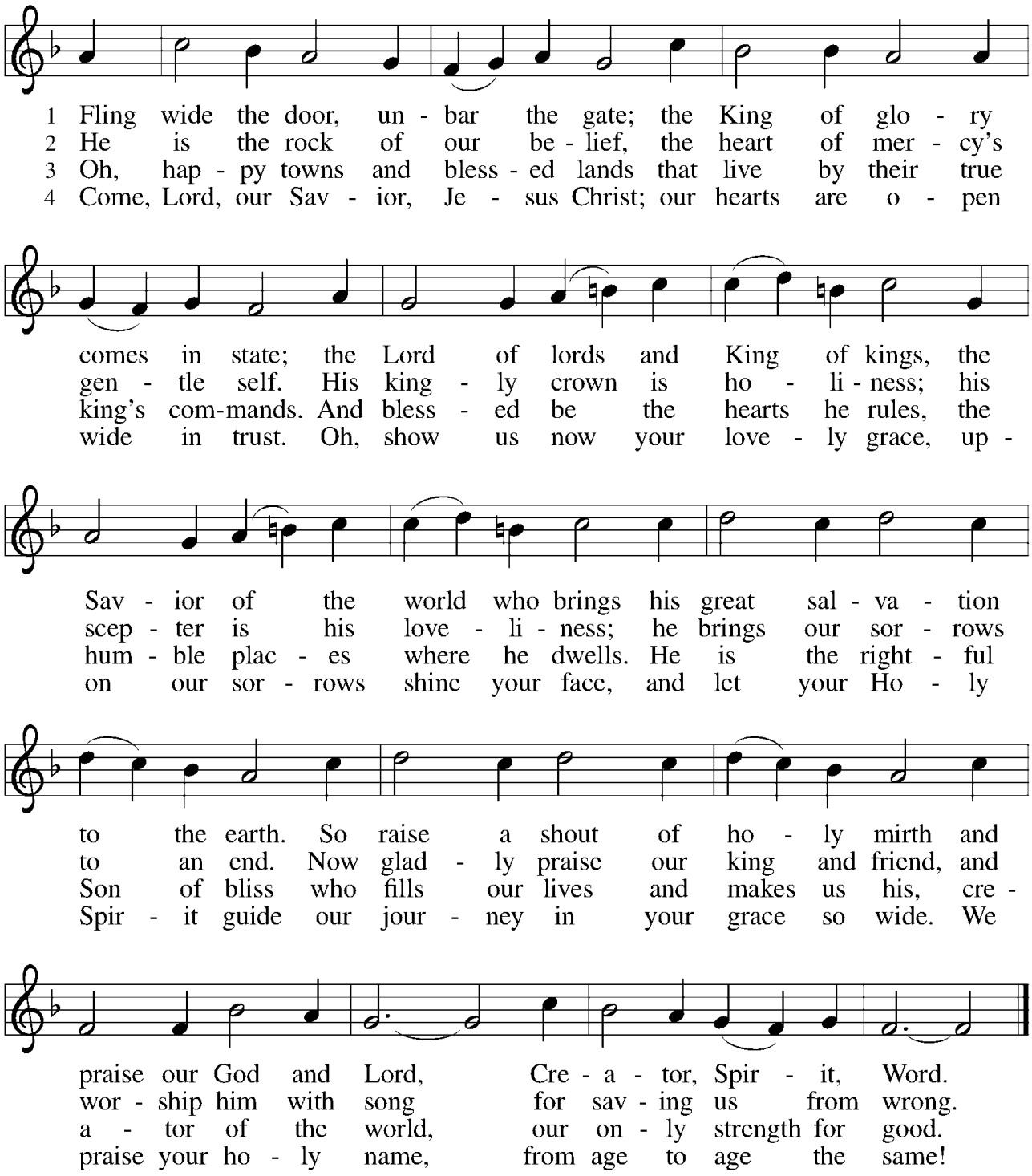
We pause for a moment of silent confession.

P Faithful God…
C we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you. We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, O God of might. Let your face shine upon us, filling our hearts with your light and love. Amen.

P Lay aside the works of the night;
put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins.
Almighty God grant us forgiveness, keep us in the grace of Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill us ✠ with joy and hope.
C Amen.

We turn in place, following the cross as it passes in procession to the altar.

Entrance Hymn *Fling Wide the Door* (ELW #259)



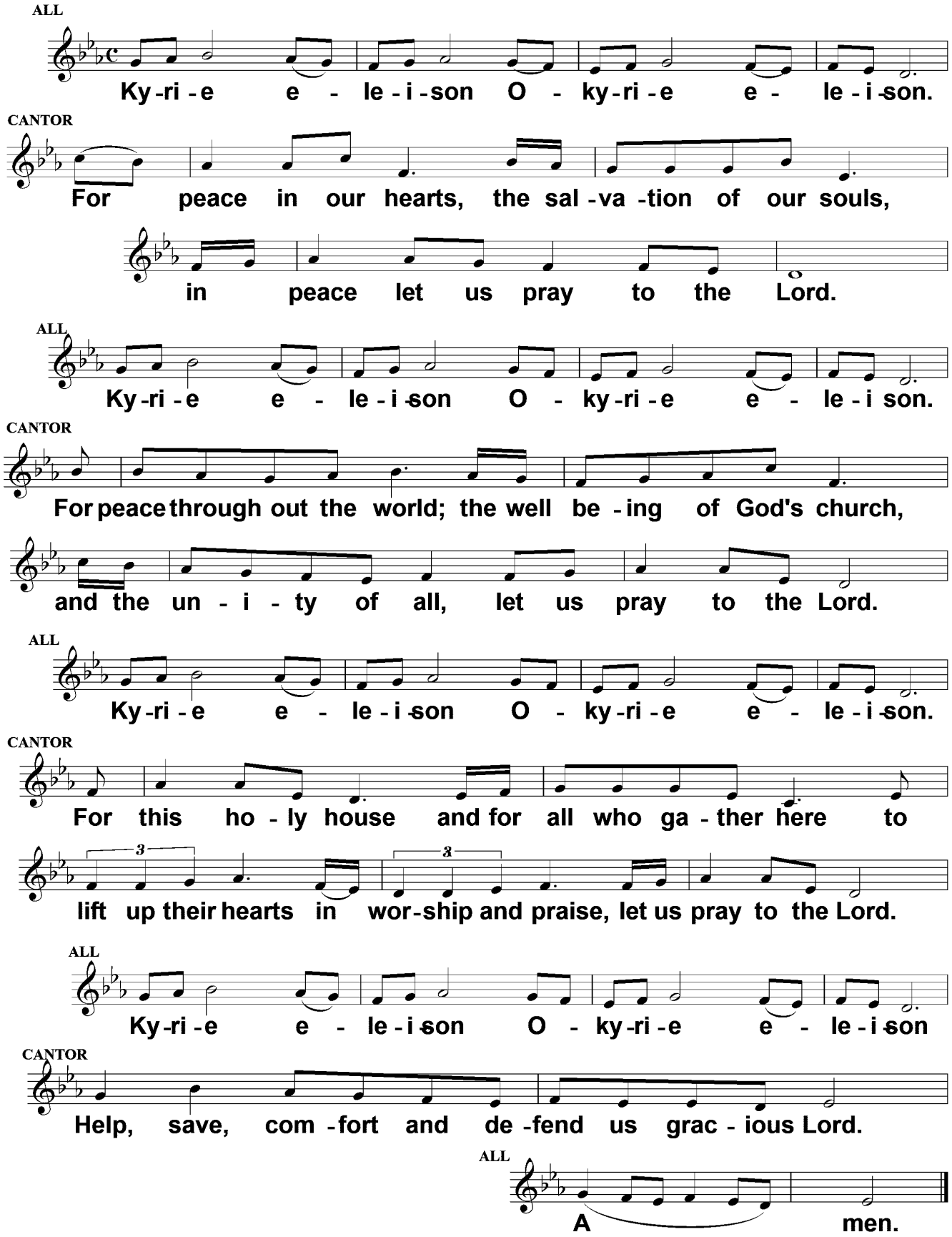
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Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

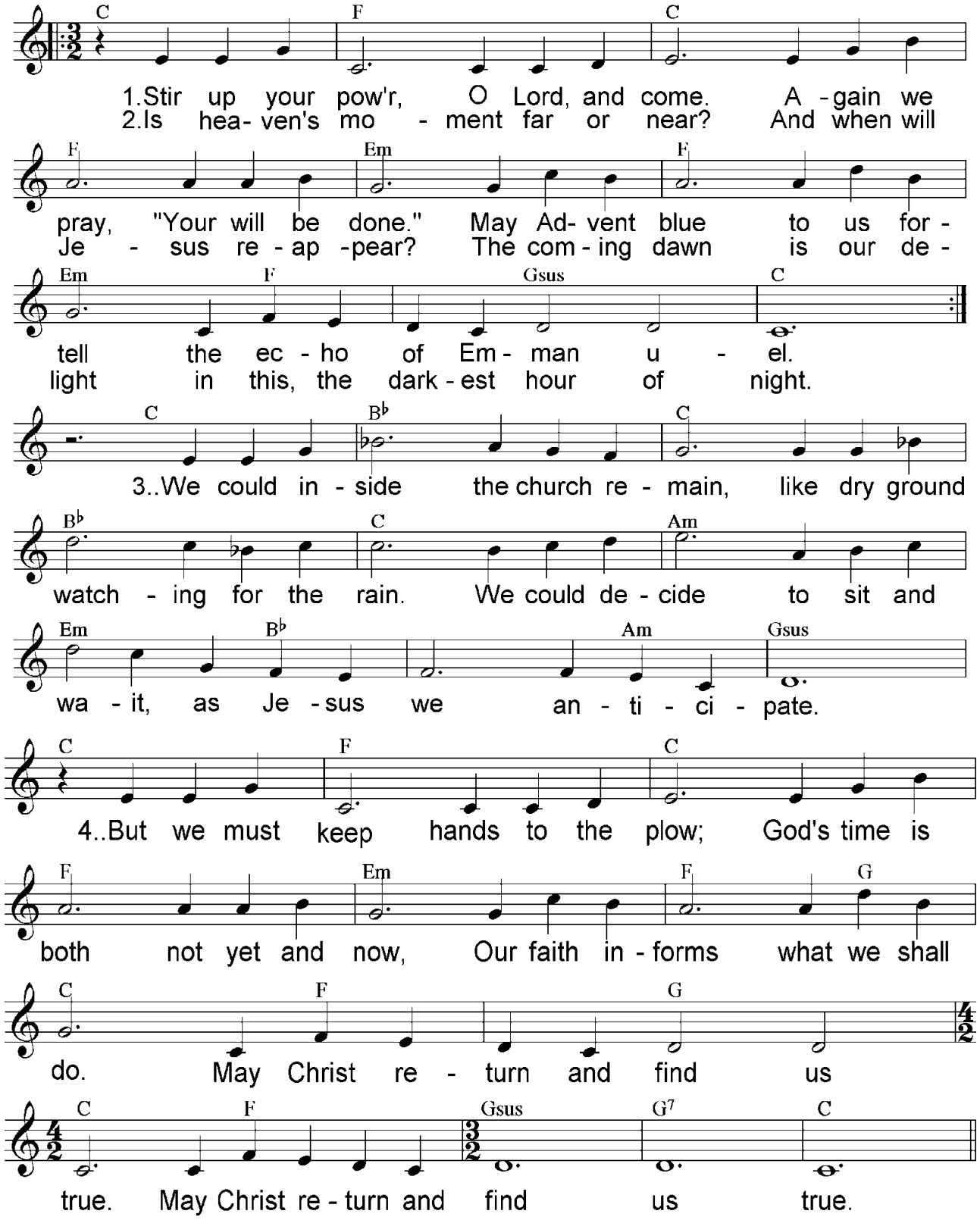
Kyrie Eleison



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Hymn of Praise ***Stir Up Your Power O Lord and Come***

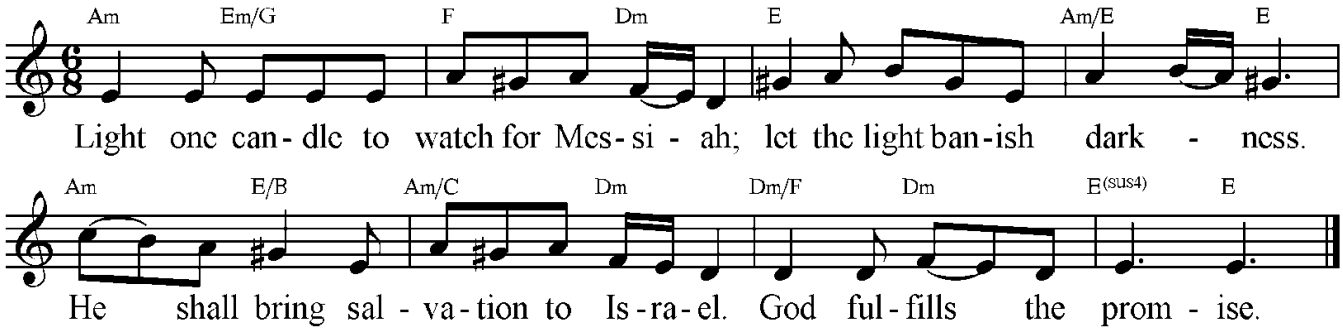


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Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is more than a decoration – it is a liturgical clock, counting us down, week by week, to Jesus' birth. The circular shape symbolizes the unending nature of God's love, with each candle lighting our way to Christmas. The pink candle is traditionally lit on the third Sunday of Advent known as "Gaudette (Joy) Sunday". As we sing the refrain and offer our prayer of blessing, we pause in the midst of a busy season to anticipate God's coming promise to make all things new.

The following verse is sung before and after the blessing.



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P We praise you, O God, for this wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 64:1 – 9

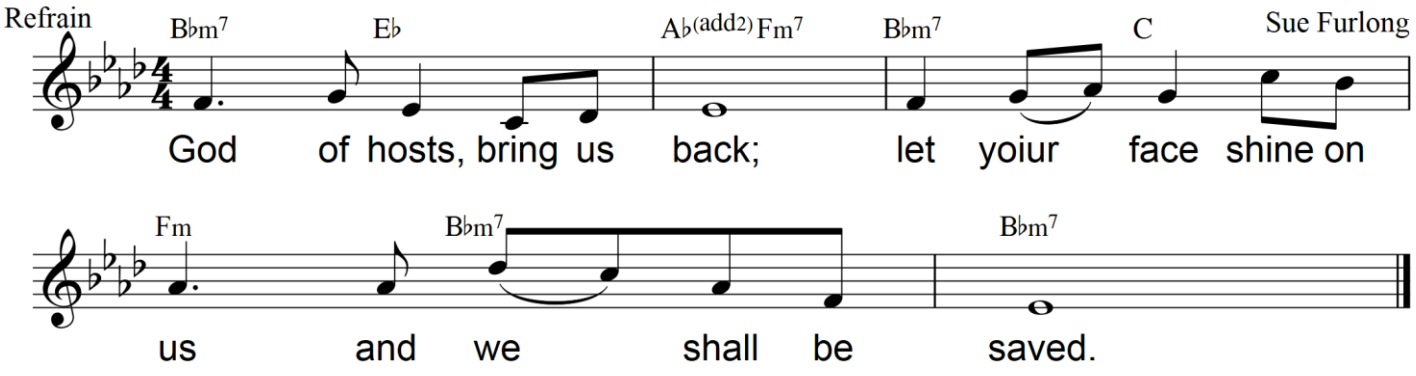
1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 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.
5 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.
6 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.
7 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.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

The choir leads our Psalm. They sing the refrain and the congregation echoes it, The congregation then sings the refrain following the verses sung by the choir.

Psalm 80



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1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us. Sint forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might. O Lord, come ot our help **REFRAIN**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore. Look down from heaven and see, Visit this fine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

REFRAIN

3. May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given your strength. And we call never forsake you again; give us life that e many call upon your name. **REFRAIN**

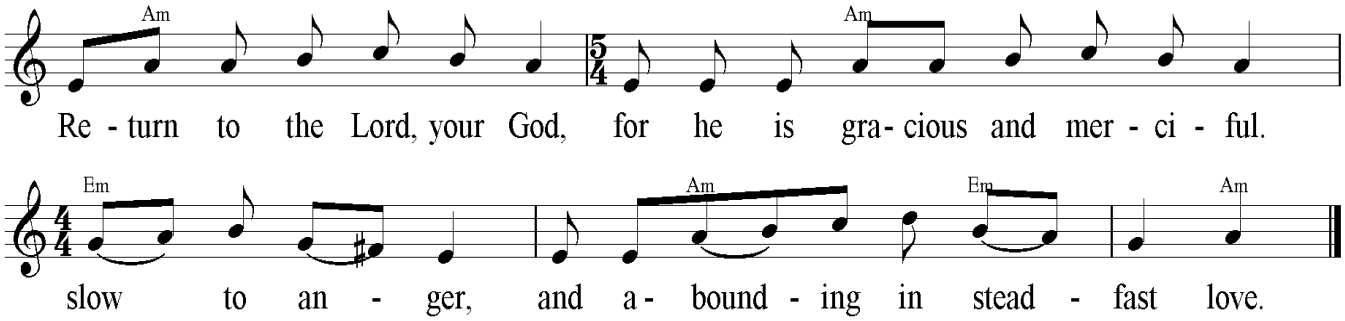
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3 – 9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

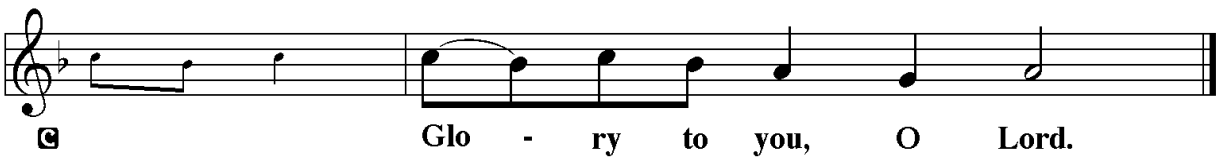
L The Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

We stand for the gospel as Christ, the Word of God, is proclaimed.

Advent Verse & Gospel



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter

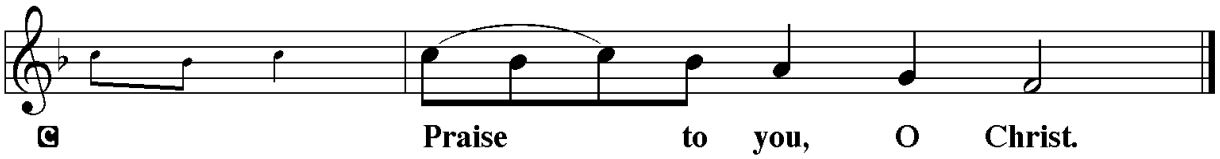


[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "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. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 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. 35 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, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

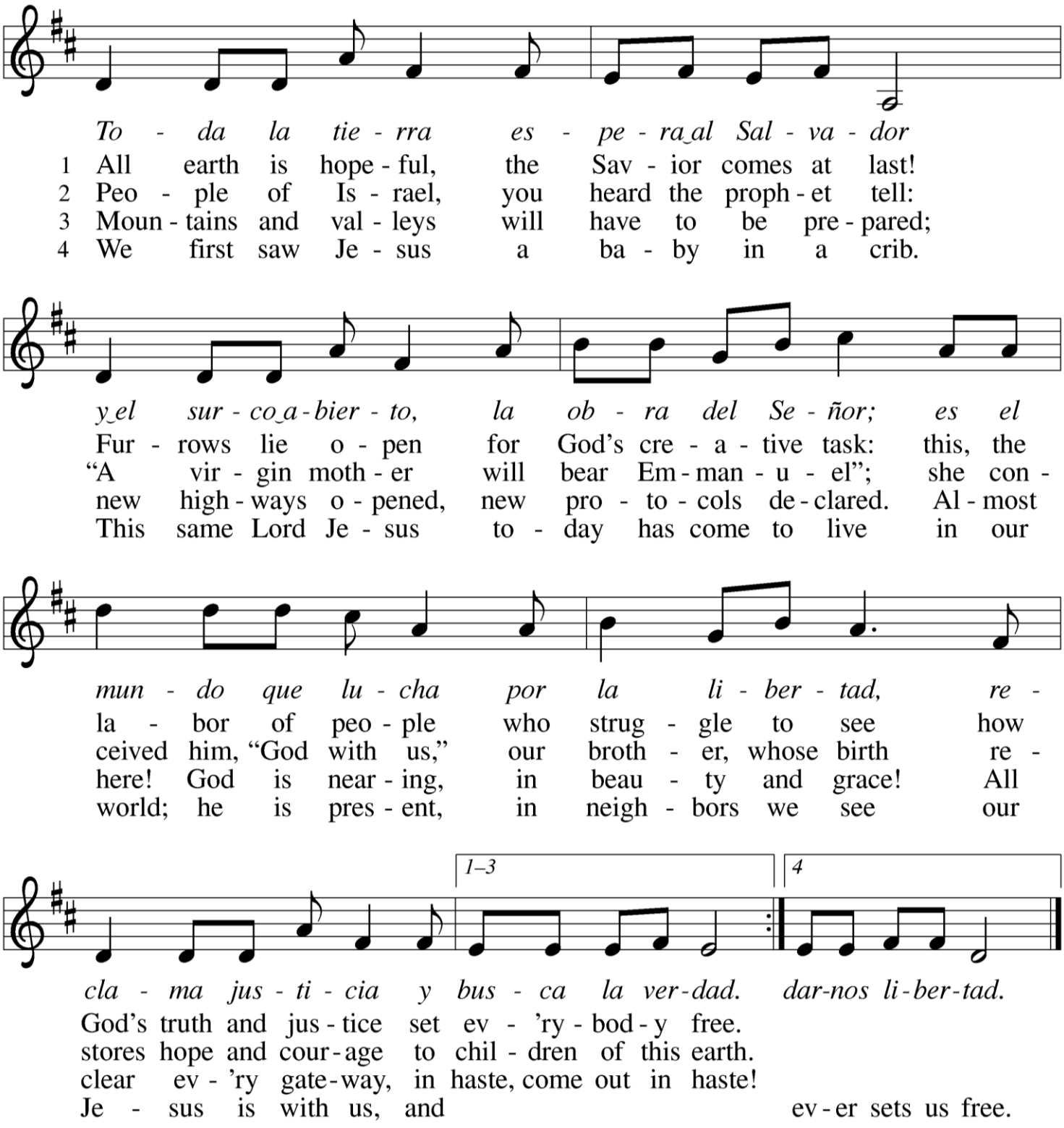
P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon Intern Michael Rivard

Following the sermon, we pause for a time of silence, reflection, and prayer.

Hymn Of The Day *All Earth is Hopeful: Toda la tierra* (ELW #266)



Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé
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Creed

Did you know that "Creed" comes from the Latin "Credo" meaning "I believe"?

A Let us profess the faith in which we are baptized:

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

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 into hell. 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.

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. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

The Assisting Minister will end each prayer petition saying "Lord, in your mercy…" to which the congregation responds, ***"hear our prayer."***

The Pastor will conclude the prayers with the following…

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

We greet our neighbors in the name of the Lord.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offertory [8] "Andante" From *Pastorale in F-dur, BWV 590*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
[11] *O Come O Come Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel,*
French 15th century Arr Whitney Dobyns (2007)
Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios Harp Duo

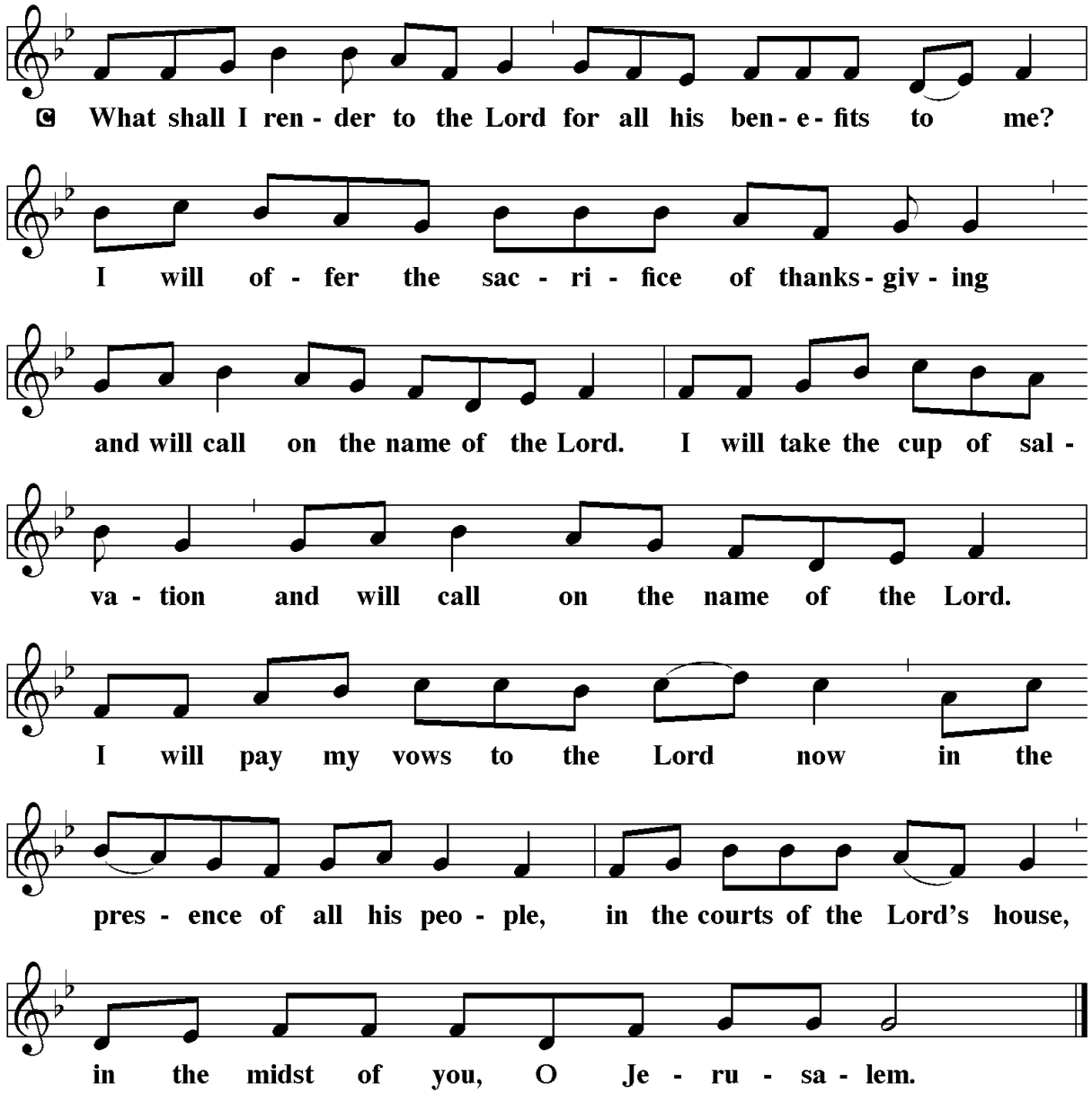
We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.

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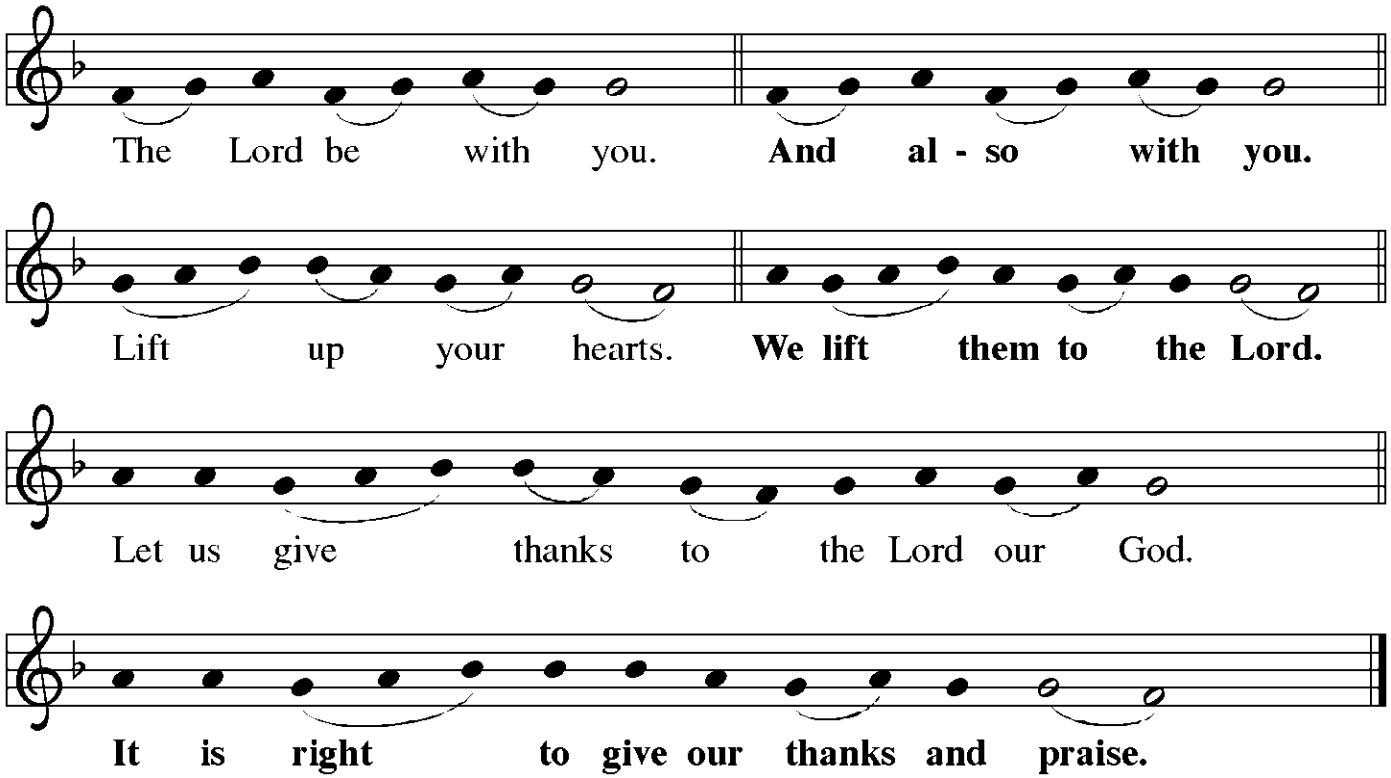
We stand as our gifts are presented.



A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



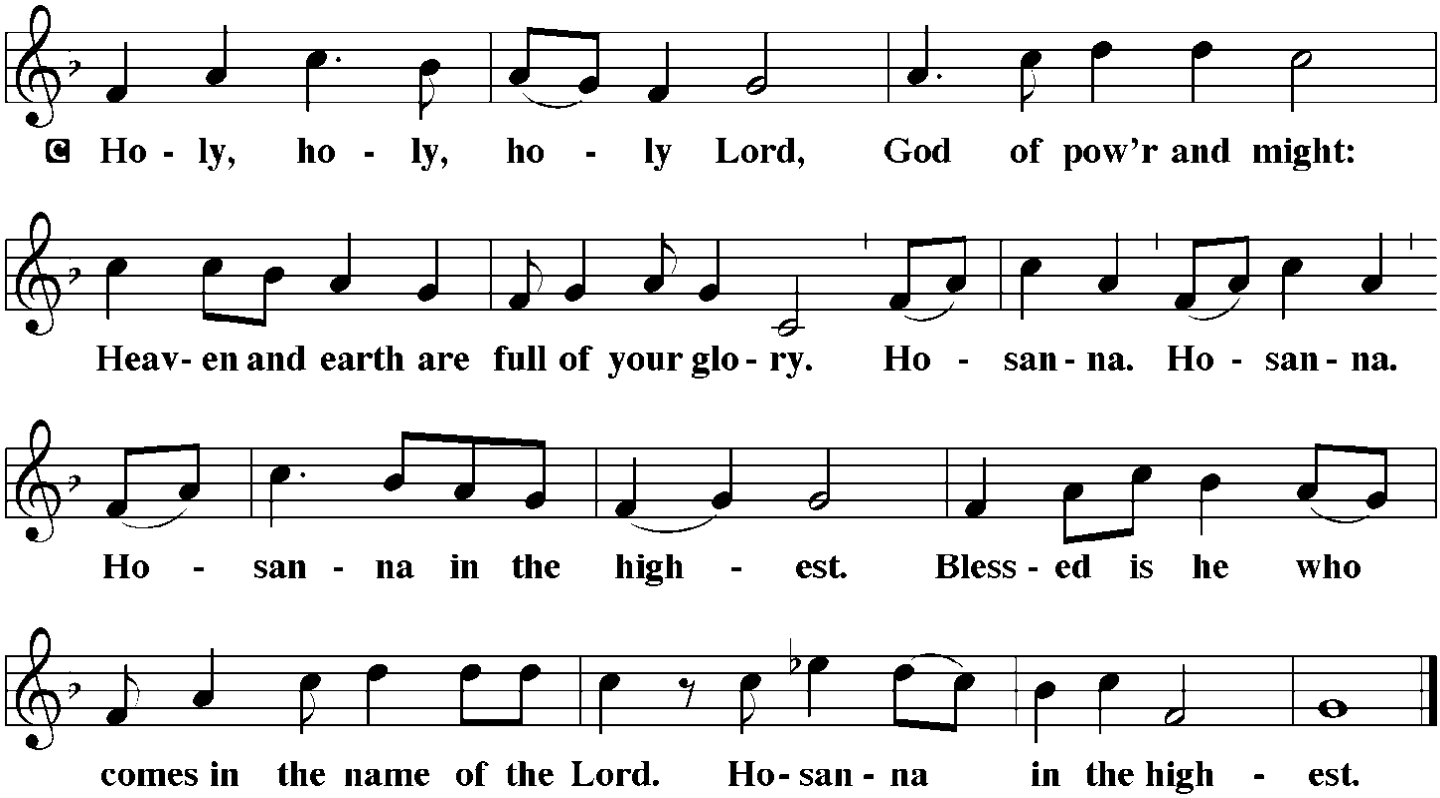
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

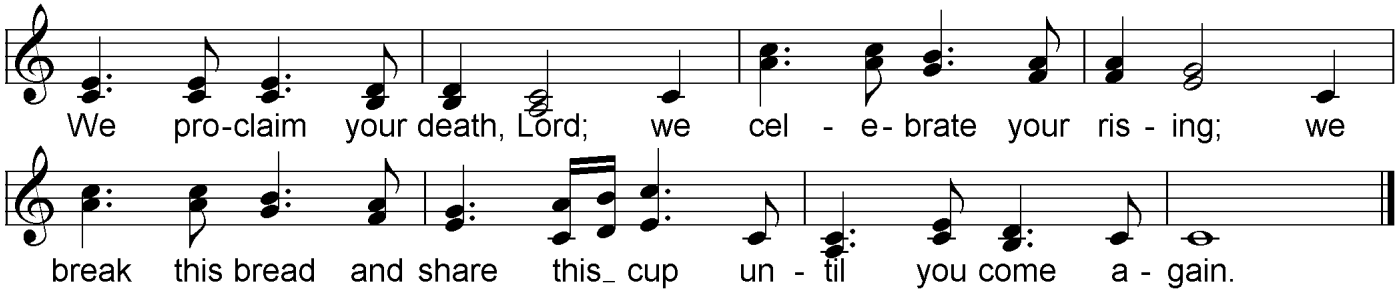
The Sanctus and Benedictus, translated from the Latin meaning "Holy and Blessed" is an ancient song that draws on the words of Isaiah and recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.



Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist is from the Greek meaning "Thanksgiving". The Pastor prays the Eucharistic prayer, weaving in the day's themes with the familiar words of Jesus from the Last Supper. We are reminded that we share in this meal "in remembrance of Jesus".

Eucharistic Acclamation



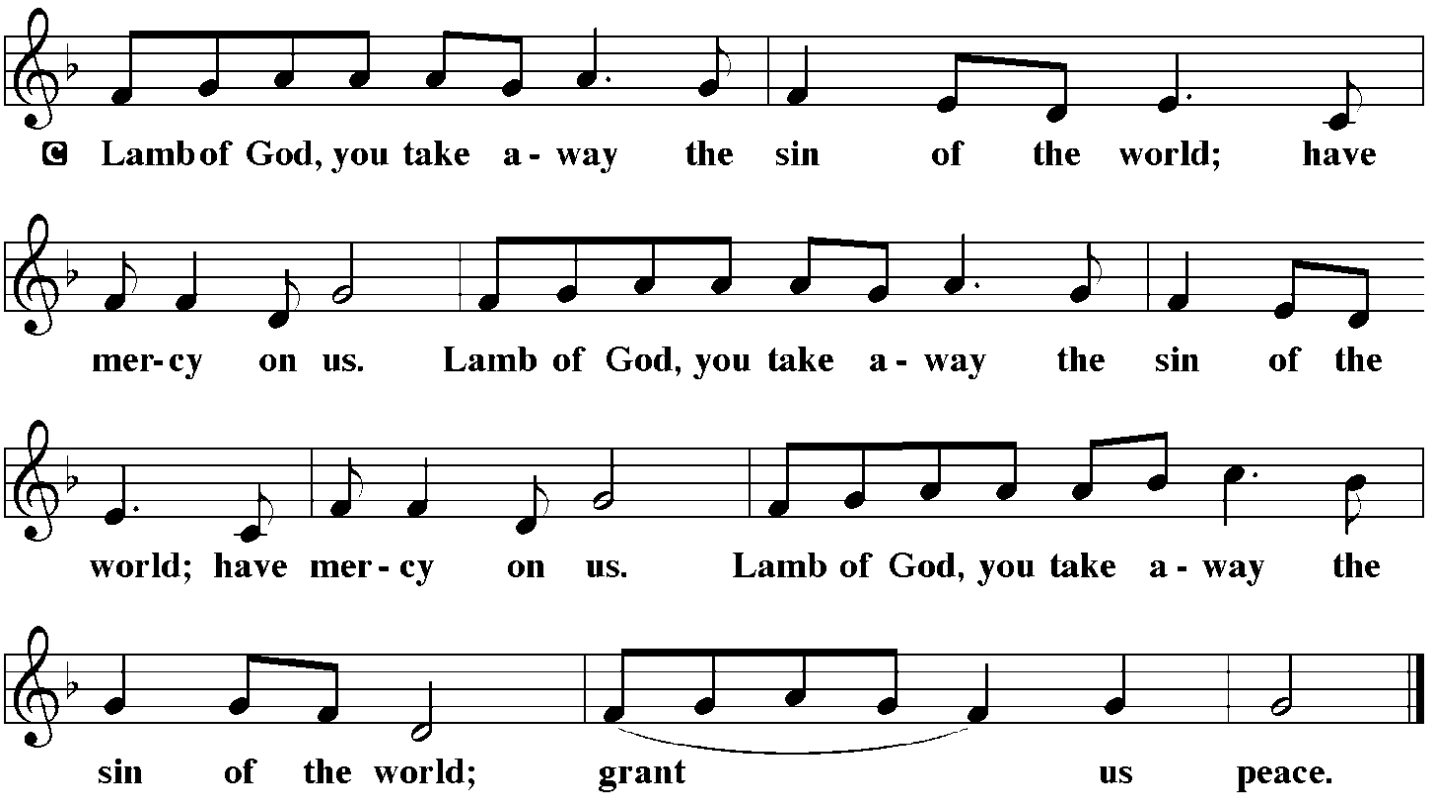
P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

P The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei

"Agnus Dei" comes from the Latin meaning "Lamb of God".



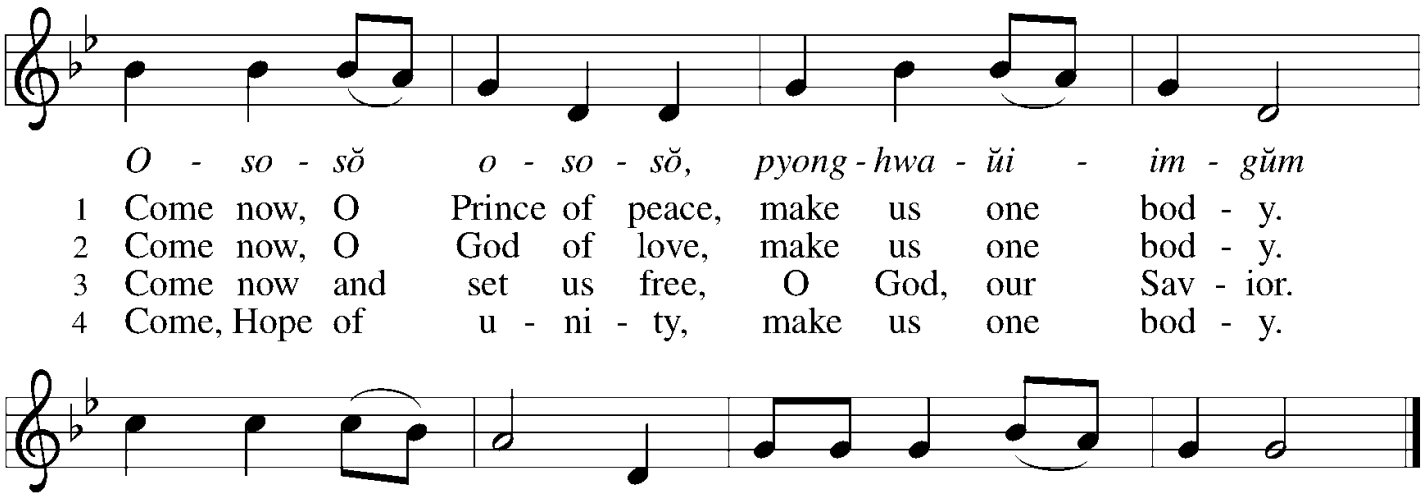
Sharing of Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.
Please follow the directions of the ushers as we share in this meal of grace.
As we share in the meal, the words of promise are shared:
"The body of Christ, given for you." and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Detailed communion information can be found on the inside cover of your bulletin.

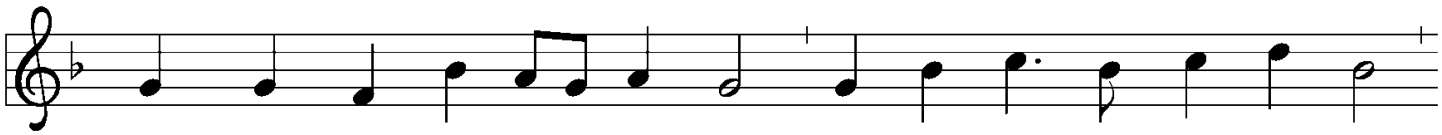
The following hymns may be sung during the sharing of communion.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace: Ososo, Ososo (ELW #247)

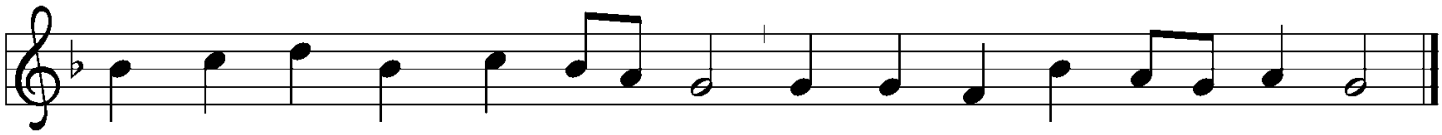


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Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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Savior of the Nations, Come (ELW #263)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth— oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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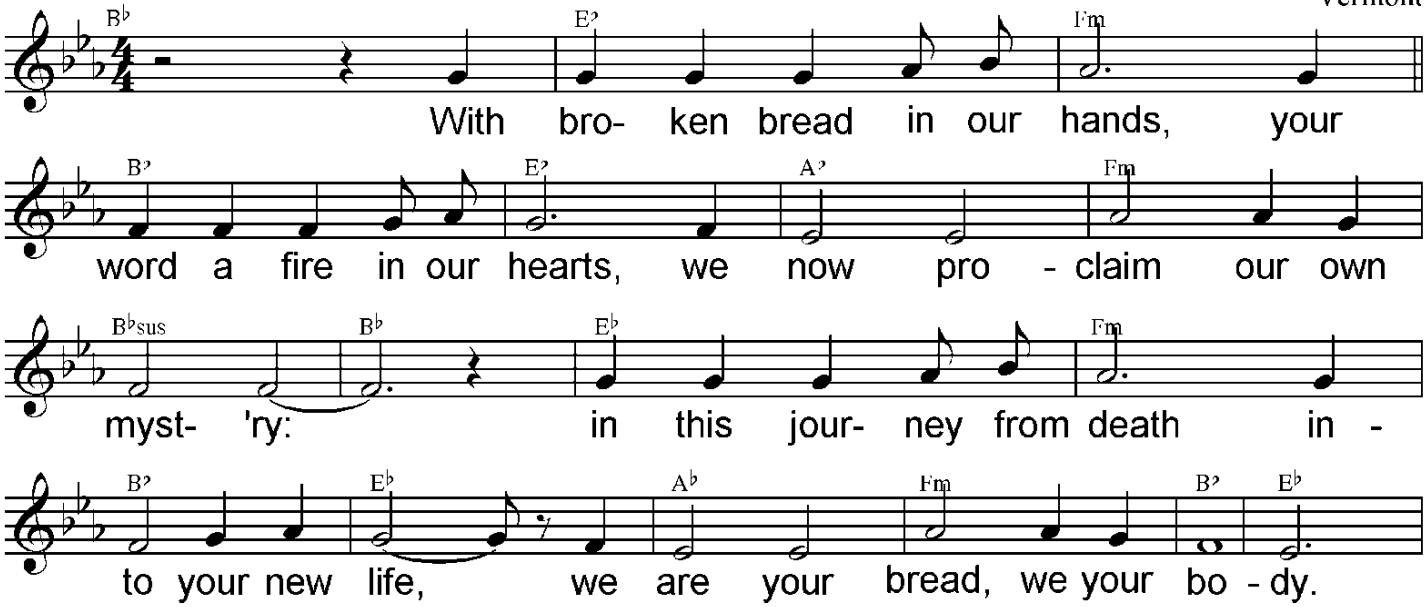
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
Vermont



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A Let us pray… Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

The Benediction evokes the language of the Priestly Blessing from Numbers 6:24 – 26.

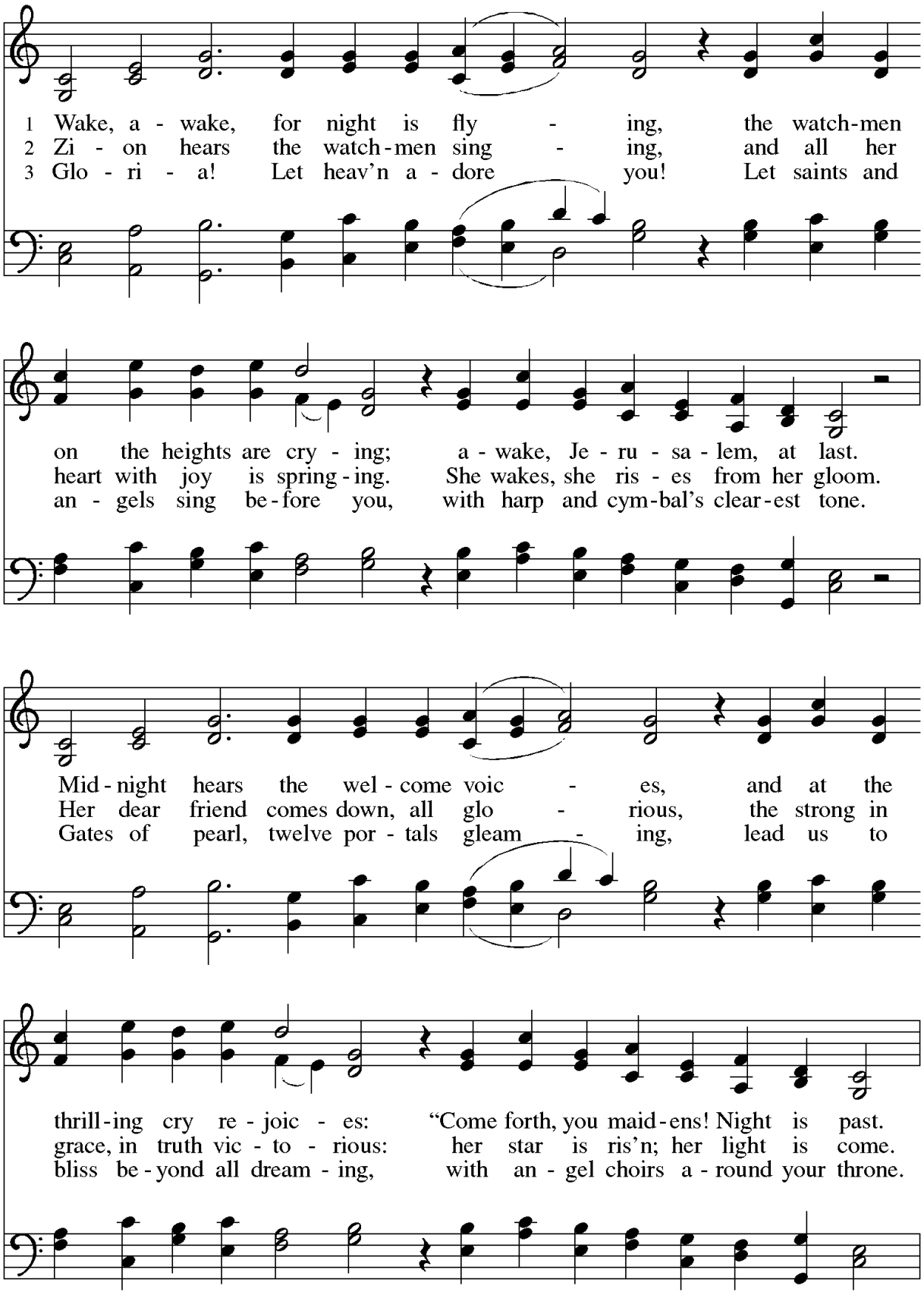
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

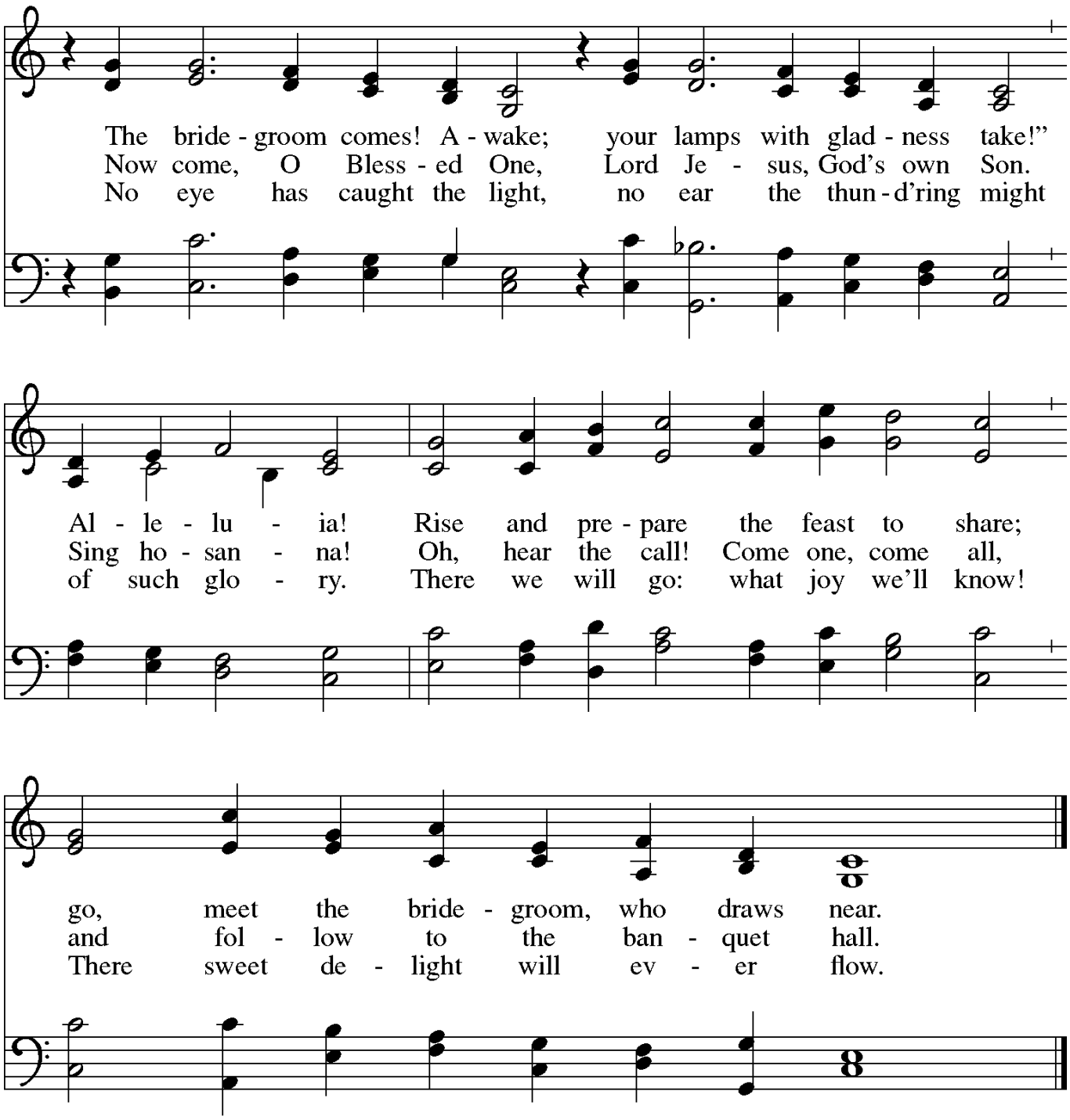
C Amen

Having been fed by the Word and at the table, we are sent to live out our baptismal calling – sharing God's love with our human hands.

During the recessional hymn, we turn in place, following the cross.

Recessional *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* (ELW #436)





Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Tunes: Consolation and Hyfrydol Setting: Vincent Ryan (b. 1971)

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	8:00 AM	**11:00 AM**
Lector	Lynn Boyk	Bob Van Geem
Assist. Minister	Dave Johnson	Joseph Mangone
Ushers & Greeters	Don Acker Jeff Goodwin	Fred Ginapp, Tammy Tyrone Katherine Tyrone, Val Wilkerson
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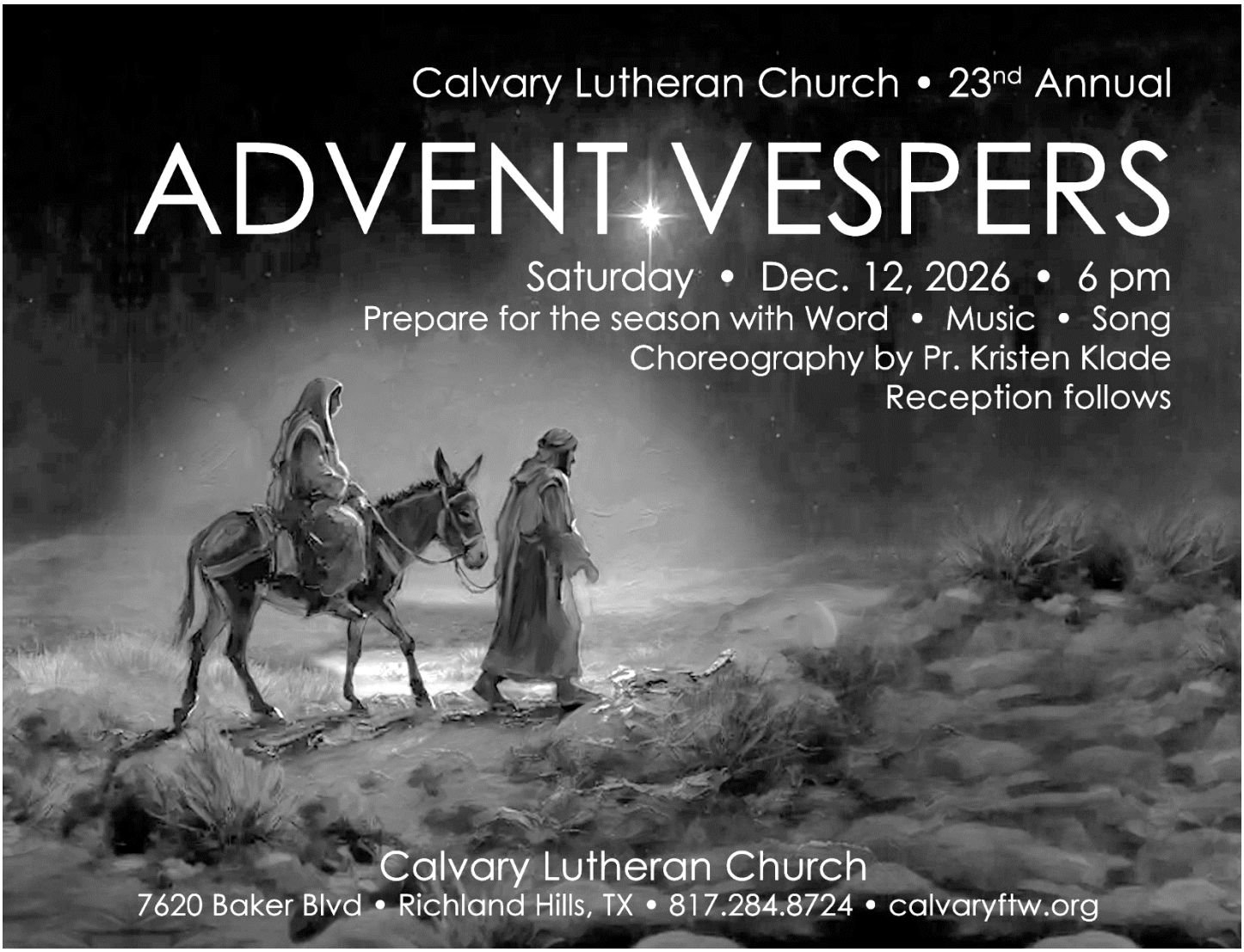
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The Lutheran church sets aside days during the year to commemorate saints, martyrs, and renewers of the church to give thanks for the ways they shared God's grace, and to honor the work of the Holy Spirit throughout history. This week, we remember…

Andrew, Apostle
Mon, Nov 30, 2026
The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552
Thurs, Dec. 3, 2026
A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749
Fri, Dec 4, 2026
A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.


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