ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Nov 28 & 29, 2026

Our Mission: ***To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

Our Vision: ***To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All Are Welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to celebrate with us the day of the Lord!

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Guests, friends, and family, we would like to know you. Please fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card to introduce yourself to us. Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family.
Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.



If you are having trouble with hearing our services we have a fairly simple solution. If you have a smart phone: **go to the App Store and download Audiofetch**. Once the app is downloaded, you should be able to scan the QR Code to the left, which will connect you to our sound system in the Nave. You must have earpods or earphones of your own that are plugged into your cell phone. Please Do Not attempt to listen with your phone speaker only as this will distract the people around you.

We hope this helps those who are struggling to hear the services.



Binders

HOLY EUCHARIST **Nov 28 & 29, 2026**

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THE BELL Calls us to Worship

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN H-68 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Music on page 19

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

WE CONFESS & RECEIVE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first command is this: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31) Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

All: **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.**

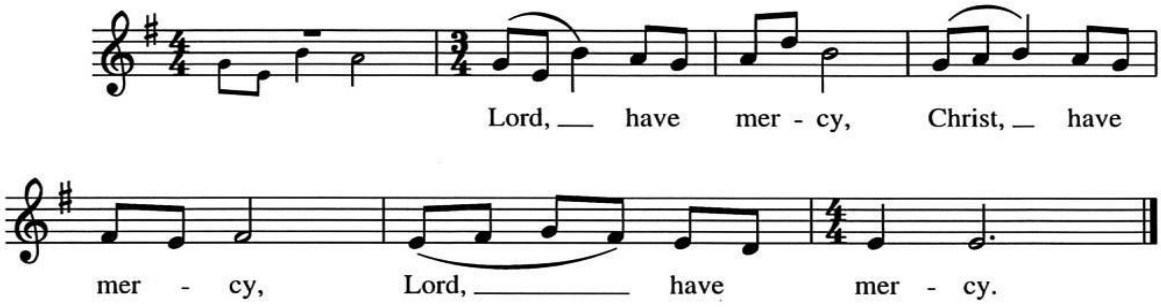
Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Litany of Petition)
Spoken at 5:30 PM
Sing 3 times at 8:00 AM, 10:00 PM

Celebrant	Lord, Have Mercy
People:	**Lord, Have Mercy**
Celebrant:	Christ, Have Mercy
People:	**Christ, Have Mercy**
Celebrant	Lord, Have Mercy
People:	**Lord, Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy: *Kyrie - Threefold*

Enriching Our Music, **#58**



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Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

First Sunday In Advent

Celebrant: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language--the coming of Christ--because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ IS coming. Christ IS ALWAYS coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of HOPE, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing and the well-being of all creation.

People **Loving God, as we enter this Advent season we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the power of HOPE. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: 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. **Amen.**

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector: Our first lesson is a reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 80, 1-7, 16-18

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Lector: The Psalm for today is Psalm 80. I invite you to read responsively by half verse.

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 LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector: Our second lesson is a reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL HYMN H-57, Vs.1-2 *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

Music on page 20

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN H-57, Vs.3-4 *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

Music on page 20

3 **Those dear tokens of his passion**
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 **Yea, amen! let all adore thee,**
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

HOMILY

Fr. Marc McDonald

A period of silence

NICENE CREED

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All stand.

Celebrant: I bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

People: **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: *(Bow)* **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** *(Rise)* **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 *(Bow)* **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

Lector As the new year dawns, let us pray to prepare for the Day of the Lord, saying “Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts”.

For the holy church of God, for it’s members in all places and our mission of creating peace and concord in the nations of the world, we pray:

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For our beloved country and for those chosen to lead, for those who represent us, and those who serve in courts of law, we pray:

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; for our parish, our clergy; for the ministry of all the baptized and for all the holy people of God, we pray.

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For the welfare of God’s creation, all nations, tribes, and peoples, help us to stay awake in expectation, caring for this world and one another day by day, we pray:

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For the concerns of this family of faith, that we may do your will in feeding the hungry, working towards peace, and using our resources wisely, we pray:

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, we pray:

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Lector For all those whom we love but see no longer, we pray.

People **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**

Celebrant O God, you promise a peace the world cannot give: overwhelm us with such an awareness of your peace and presence that we become your peacemakers; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

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O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The celebrant says:

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Creator of the Stars of Night*

PRESENTATION HYMN H-380 v.3

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, Music page 21

(Spoken at 5:30 pm and sung at 8:00 am and 10:00am)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here, below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

EUCHARIST PRAYER A *BCP, pg 361*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Lord
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 S-127 *(Spoken at 5:30 pm, sung at 8:00 am and 10:00 am)*

Music on page 22

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

The people stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully

receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Music on page 22

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

EUCHARIST HYMN H-454 *Jesus Came Adored by Angels*

Music on page 23

1 Jesus came, adored by angels,
came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care:
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heart-felt prayer;
Alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven;
Alleluia, alleluia!
now the gate of death is riven.

4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
let us then our homage pay:
Alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day.

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

EUCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING

Deacon: 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.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 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

CLOSING HYMN H-73 *The King shall come when morning dawns*

Music page 24

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

2 Not, as of old, a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last;

4 and let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Indigenous peoples of this region. This includes the Yavapai people, specifically the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, as well as the Hualapai Tribe, whose historical and cultural ties to this territory are enduring. We honor the original stewards of this land, who have resided here, and their deep connection to the earth, the water, and all living things. We pledge to honor Indigenous sovereignty, listen to Indigenous voices, and work toward a more just and equitable future in partnership with Native peoples.

Worship Ministers for:



Saturday, November 28, 5:30 pm
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Marc McDonald
Eucharistic Minister: Laura Henry

Sunday, November 29, 8:00 am
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Marc McDonald
Eucharistic Minister: Kelly Parker
Organist: John Euson
Ushers: Dave and Chanee Abbott

Sunday, November 29, 10:00 am
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Marc McDonald
Assisting: Rev'ds Jim and Susan Schubert
Deacon: Kimball Arnold
Lector 1: Orient Coleman
Lector 2: Kerry McClung
Lector (Prayers): Andy Hicks
Verger: Greg Miller
Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer: Larry Neece
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Reynolds
Director of Music, Keyboardist: Matt Owens
Welcome Table: Open
Greeters: Judy Nestora, Elaine Miller
Ushers: HEAD – Leigh Hunt, Bonnie Pratscher, John Williams, Susan Carpenter
Sound/Audio Tech: Mike Maxwell
Lock-Up Duty: Dave White

Altar Guild: CAPT Robin Borok, Cynthia Moreno, Betsy Denison

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

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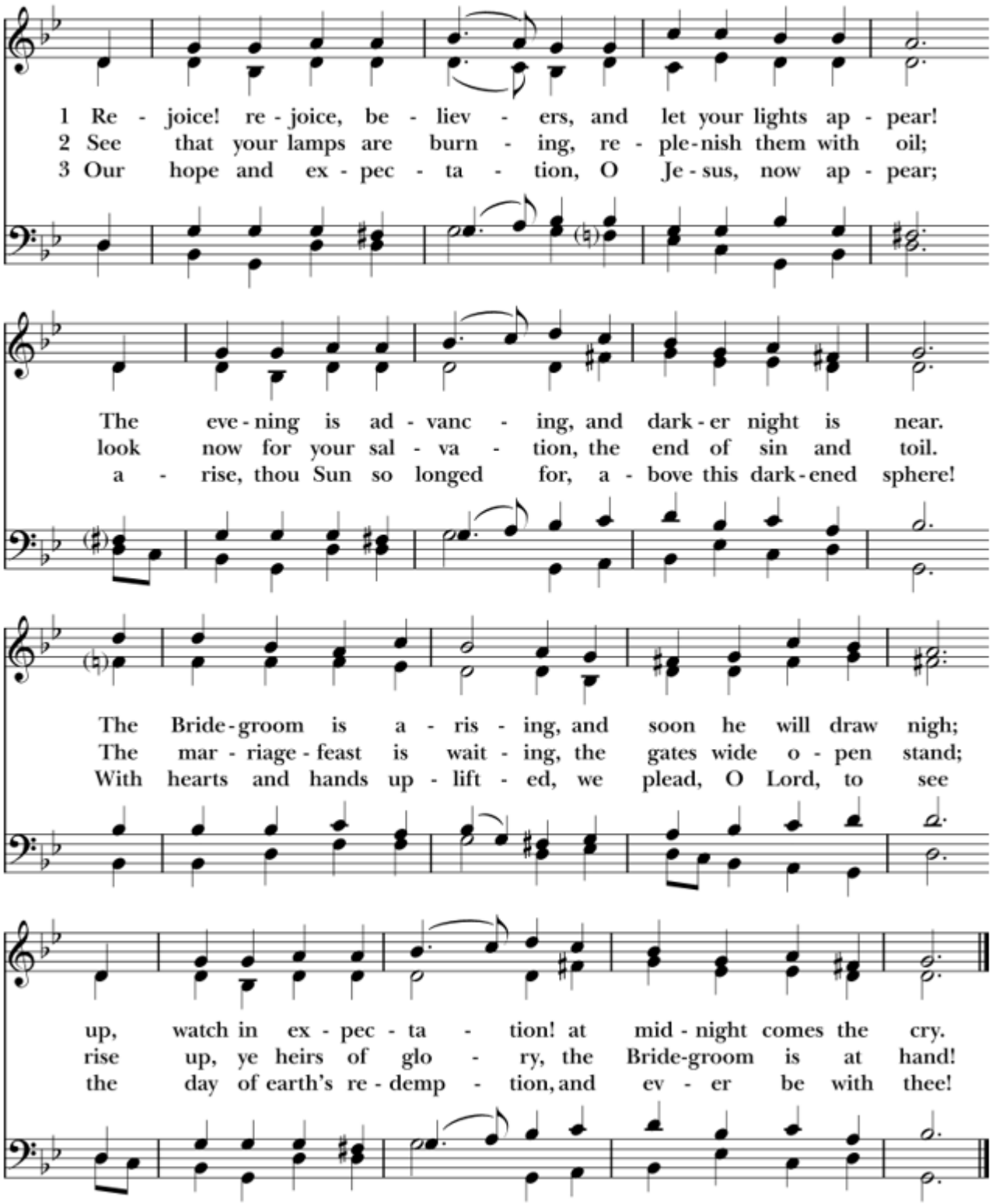

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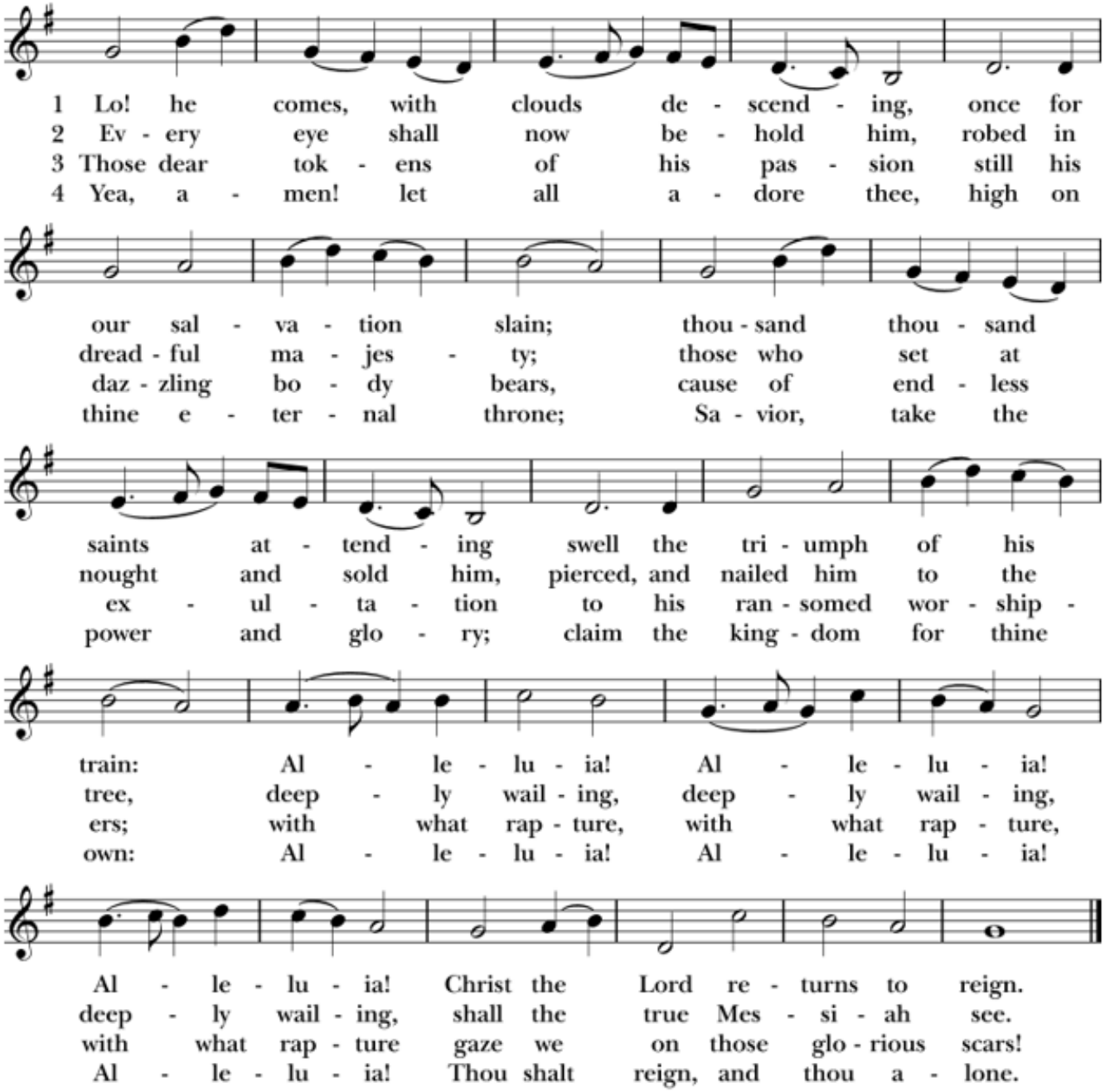
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

The Hymnal 1982, #**57**



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PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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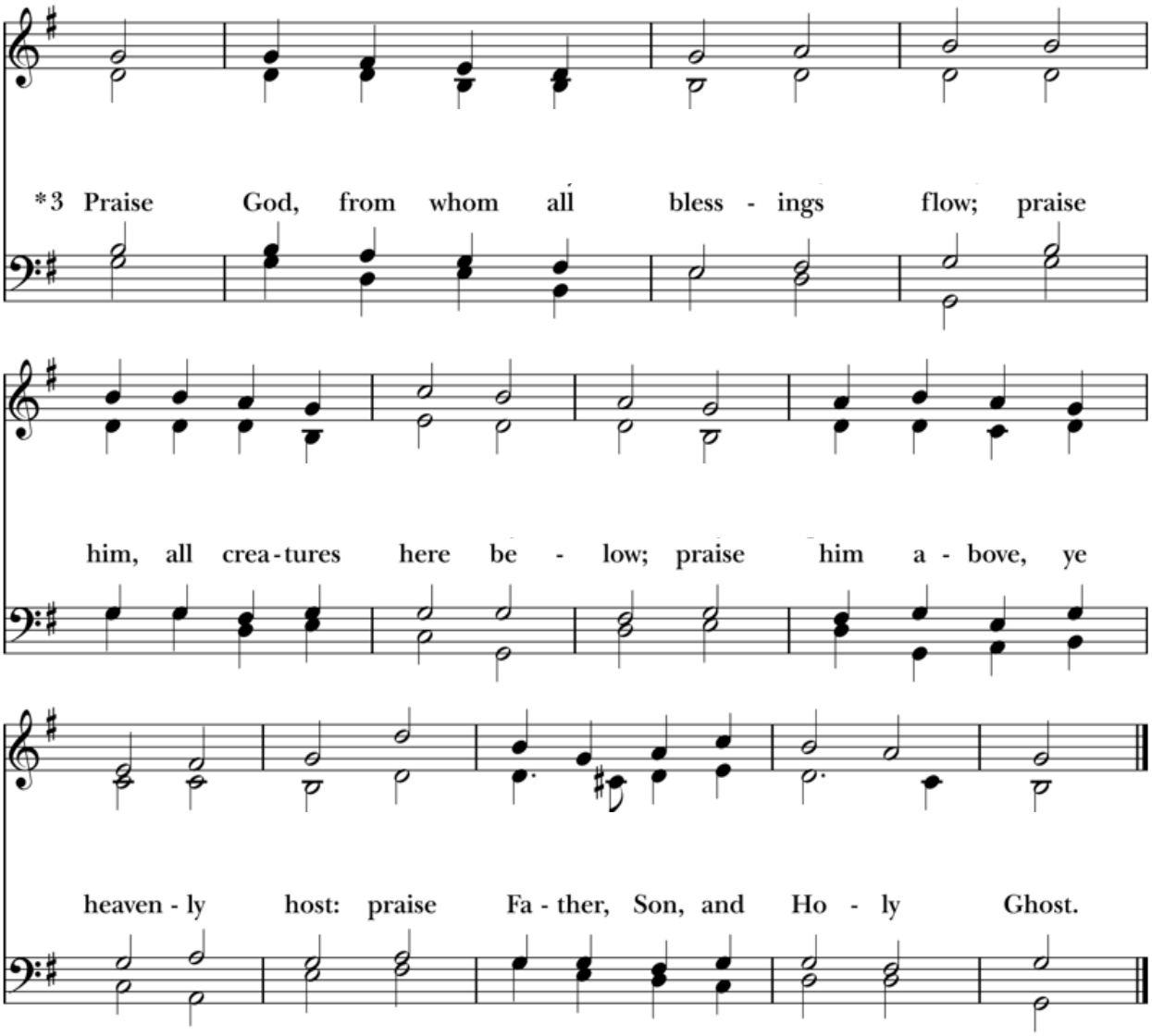

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The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

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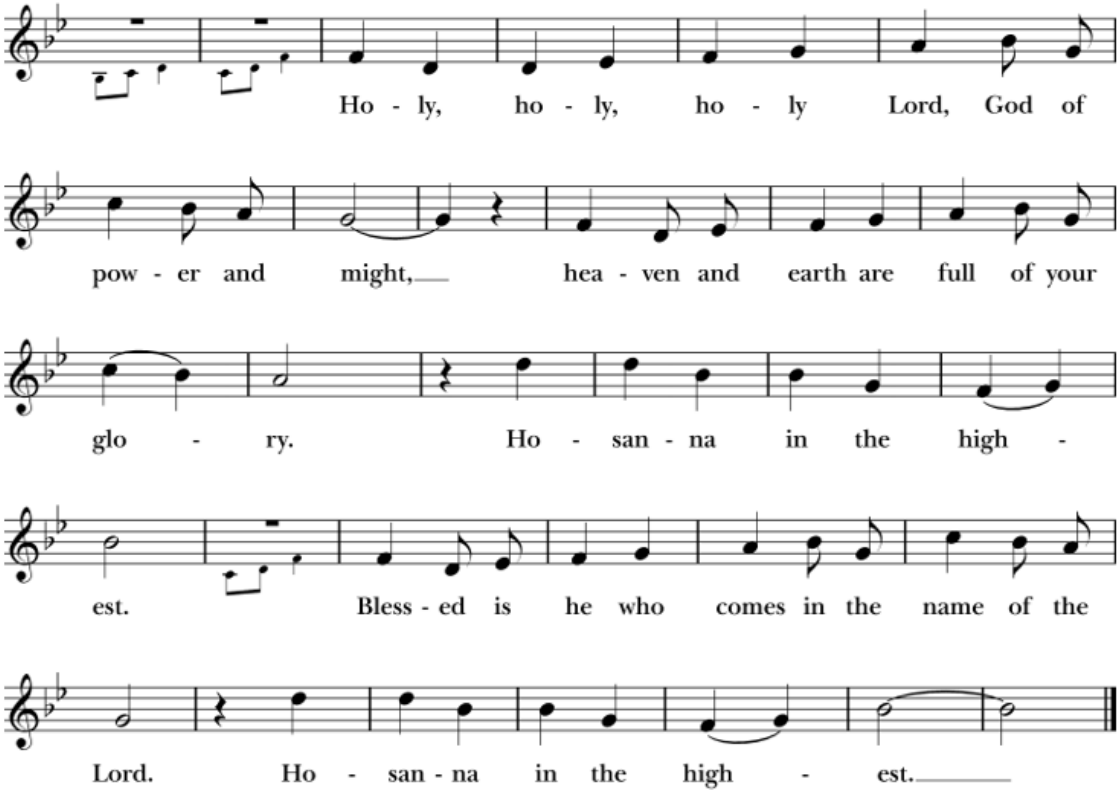

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

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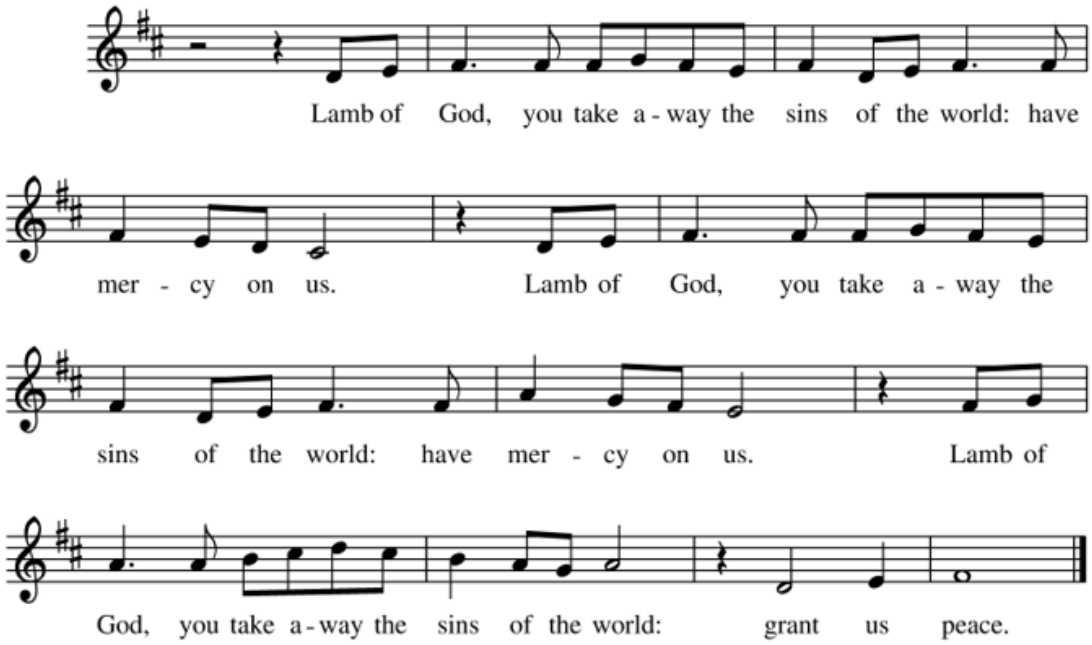

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Jesus came, adored by angels

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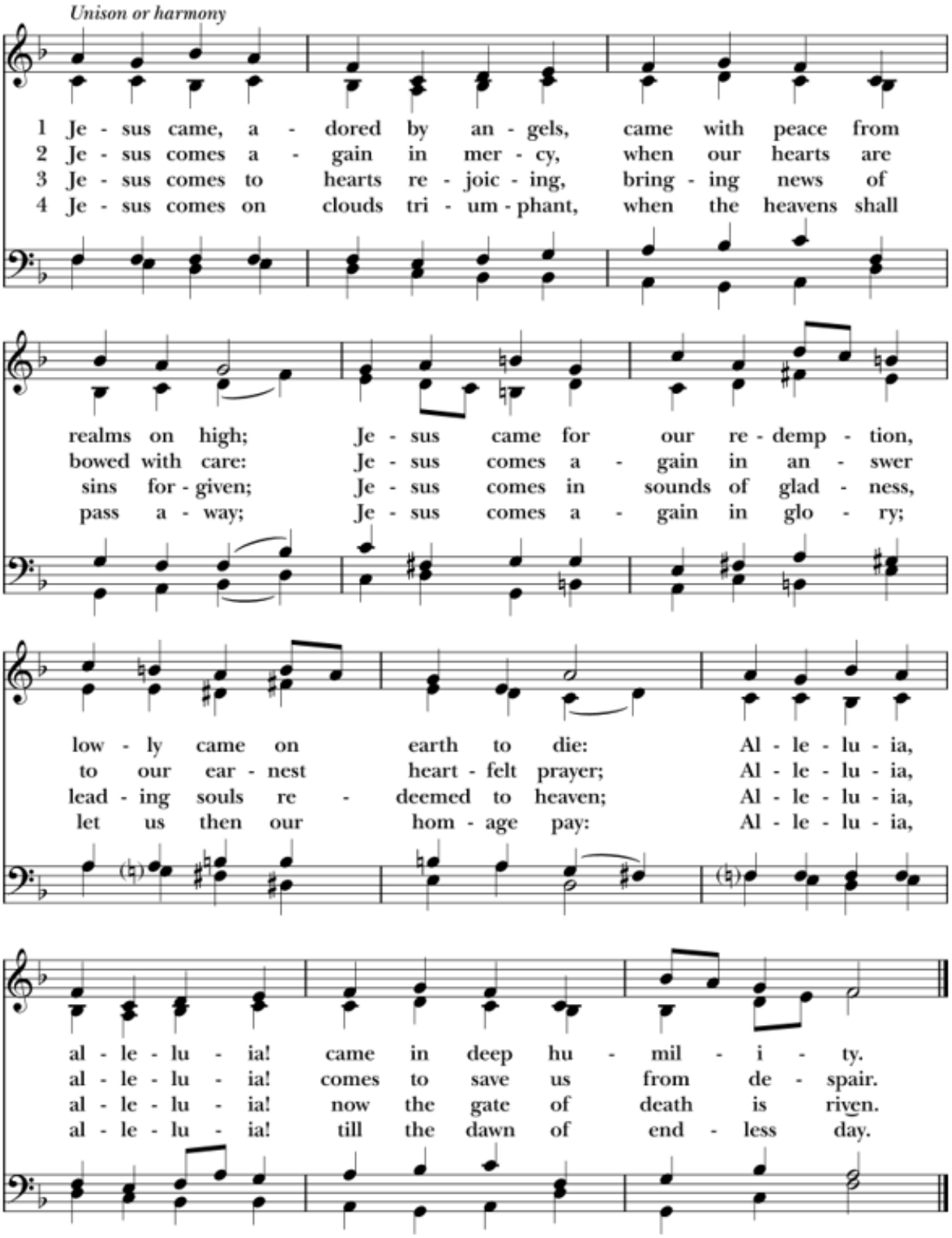

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The King shall come when morning dawns

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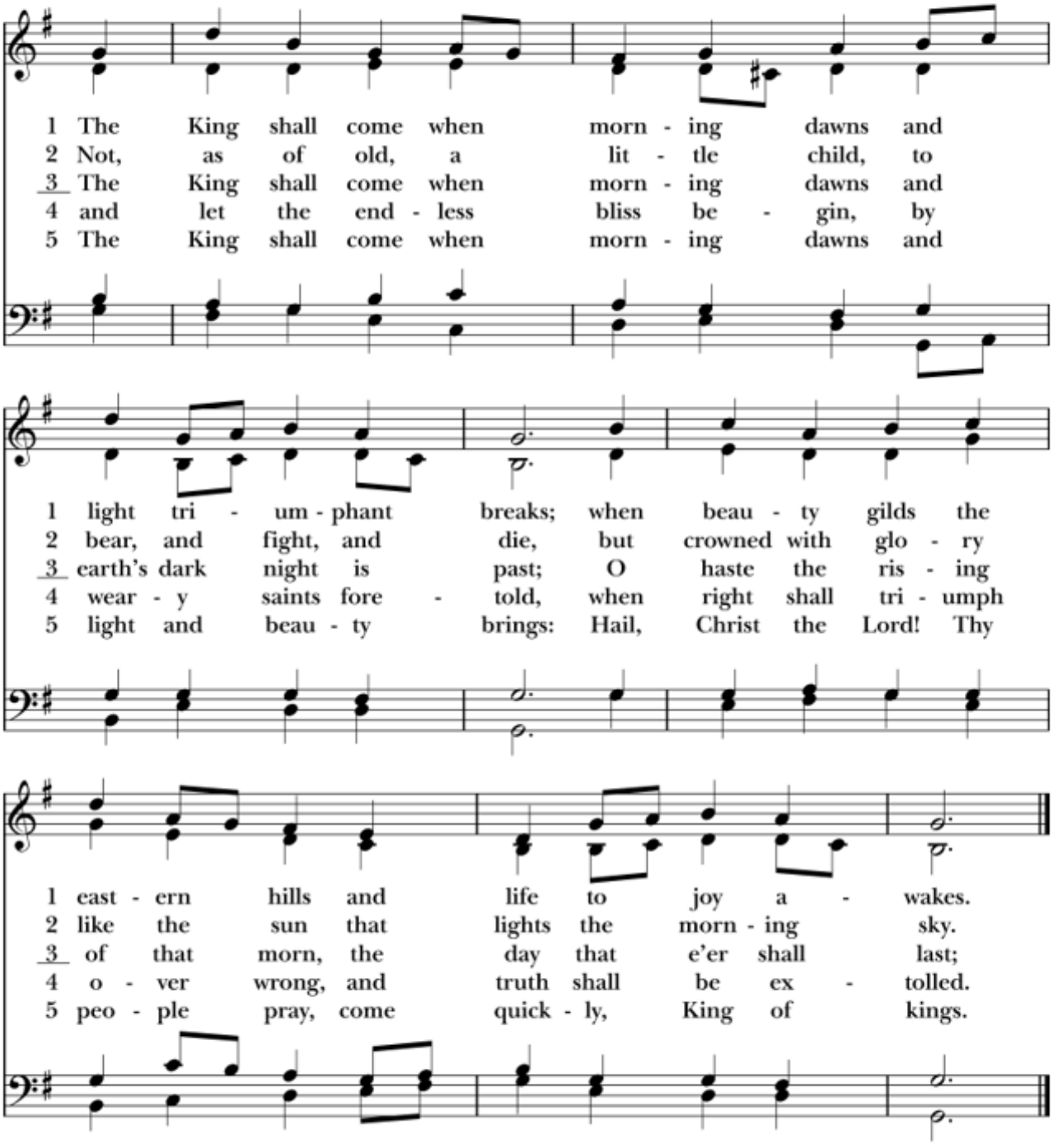

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