Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026



Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

Salutation Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People *His mercy endureth for ever.*

Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Kyrie Eleison Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

The Psalm Psalm 80:1-7

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Confession of Sin Book of Common Prayer p. 331

Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II Book of Common Prayer p. 340

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Prayer of Humble Access Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

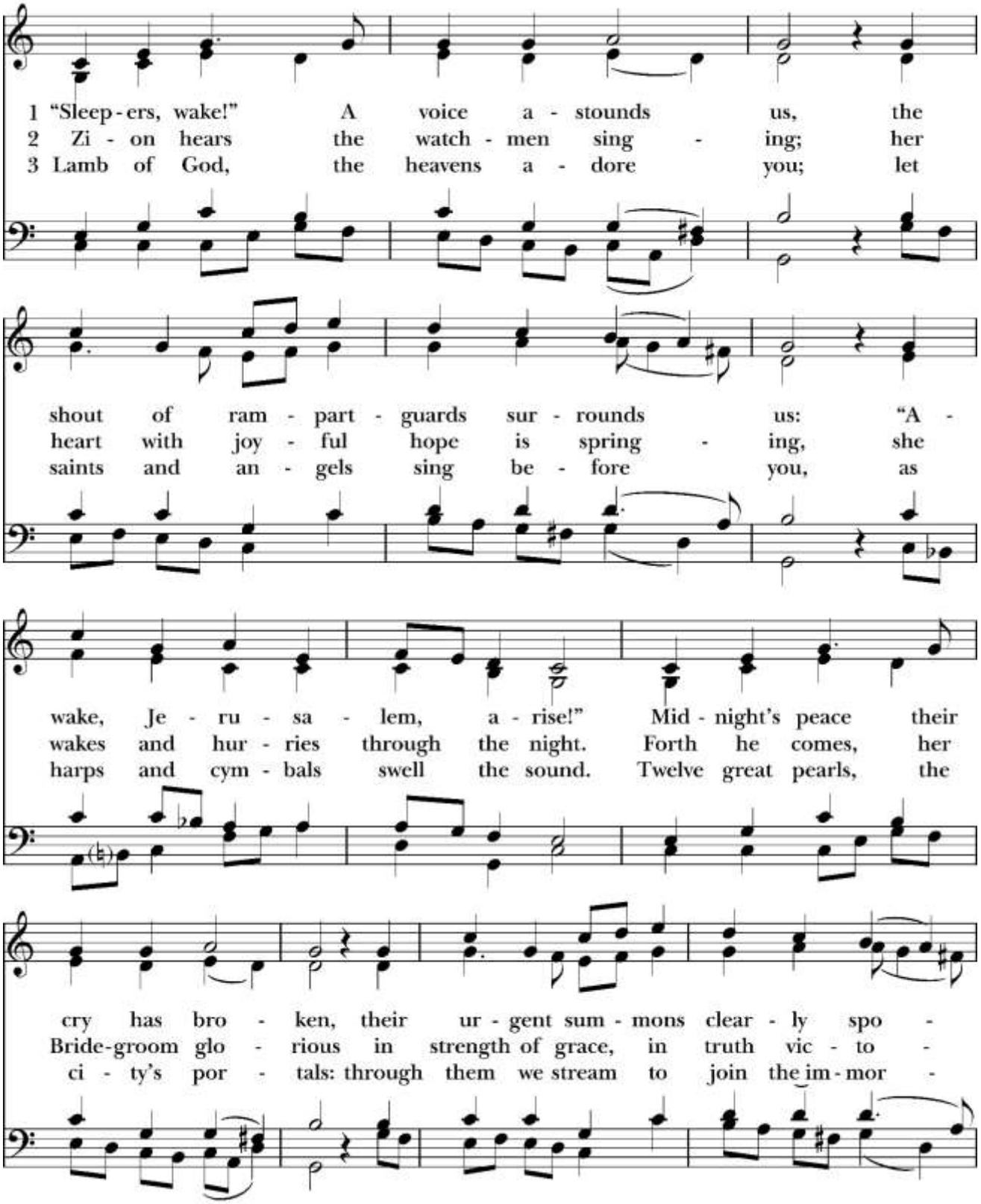
Calendar

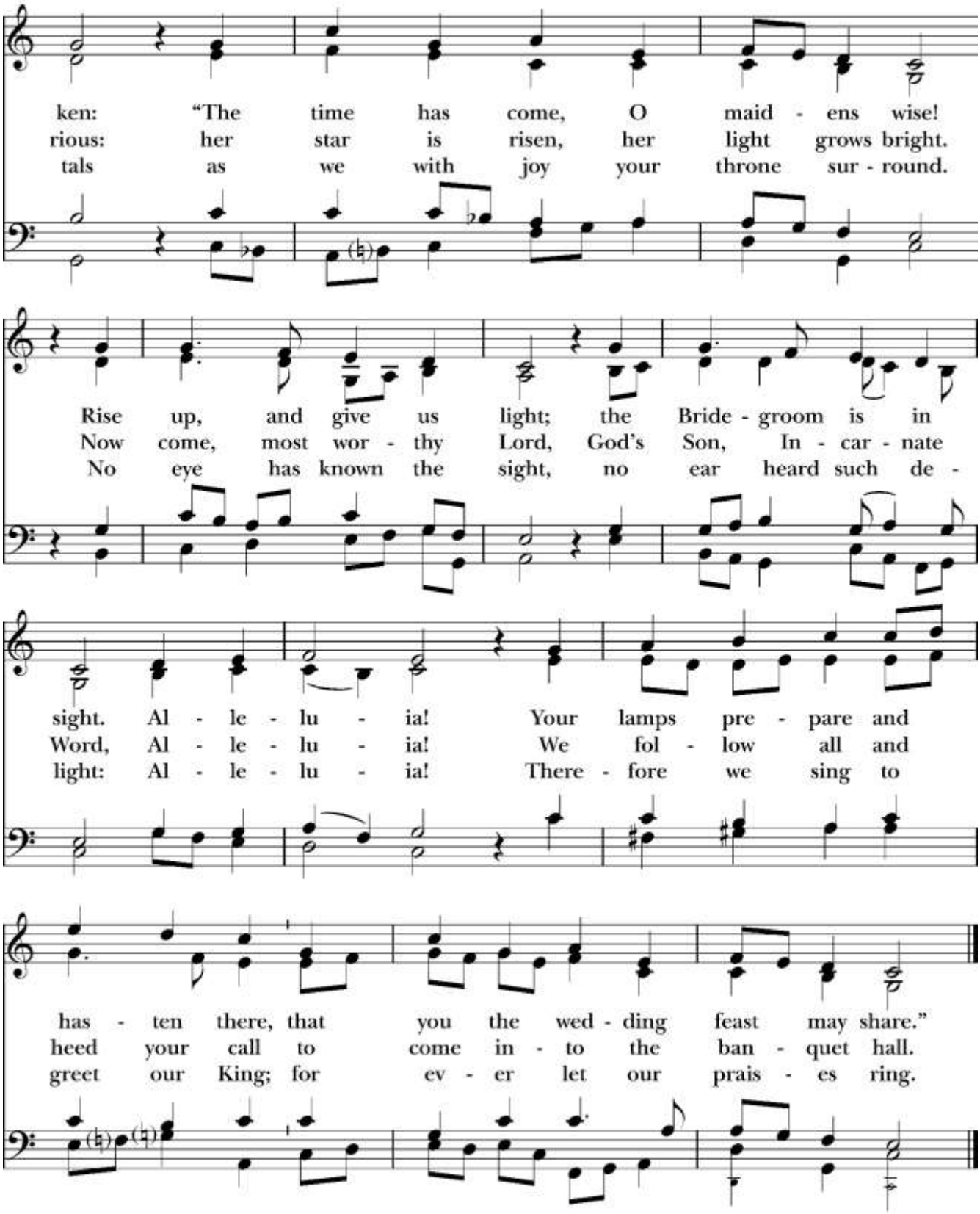
Monday		
November 30		
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Library Maintenance
	11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
Tuesday		
December 1		**Meals for Friends**
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	2:00 pm	Mountain of Faith Meeting
	5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
	6:00 pm	BOTF
Wednesday		
December 2	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
	12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
	1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study
Thursday		
December 3		
Friday		
December 4		**Church Office Closed**
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	Private Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Saturday		
December 5		
	8:00 am	Men's Association Breakfast (Sundance)
	9:00 am	Advent Quiet Day (Parish Hall)
Sunday		
December 6		**2 Advent**
	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	12:30 pm	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Prelude: Chanson Davis Hegarty

Processional *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us* Hymnal 61





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Salutation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People *His mercy endures forever.*

Collect for Purity

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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
People *Christ, have mercy*
Celebrant Lord, have mercy

Collect of the Day

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.*

The First Lesson 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.

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

Psalm 80:1-7

Qui regis Israel

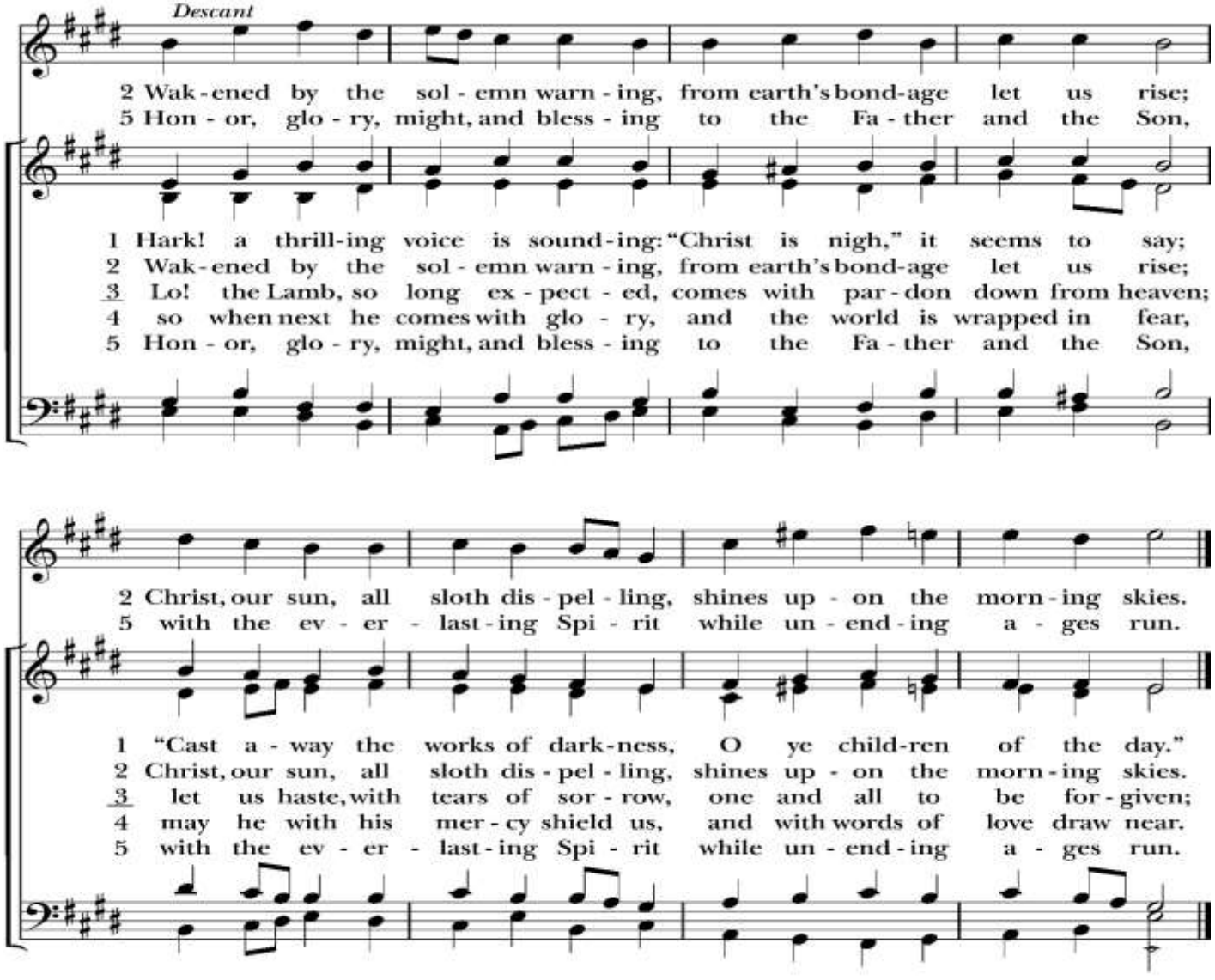
1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
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.

The Second Lesson 1 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.

Hymn *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (vs 1-2)* Hymnal 59



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Officiant 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."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Hymn *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (v3)* Hymnal 59
Homily The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove
Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358
Prayers of the People Form IV Book of Common Prayer p. 388
Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 359
Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements
Doxology *(v. 3)* Hymnal 380
Holy Eucharist Prayer A Book of Common Prayer p. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.*

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.

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-125

Celebrant and People

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

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

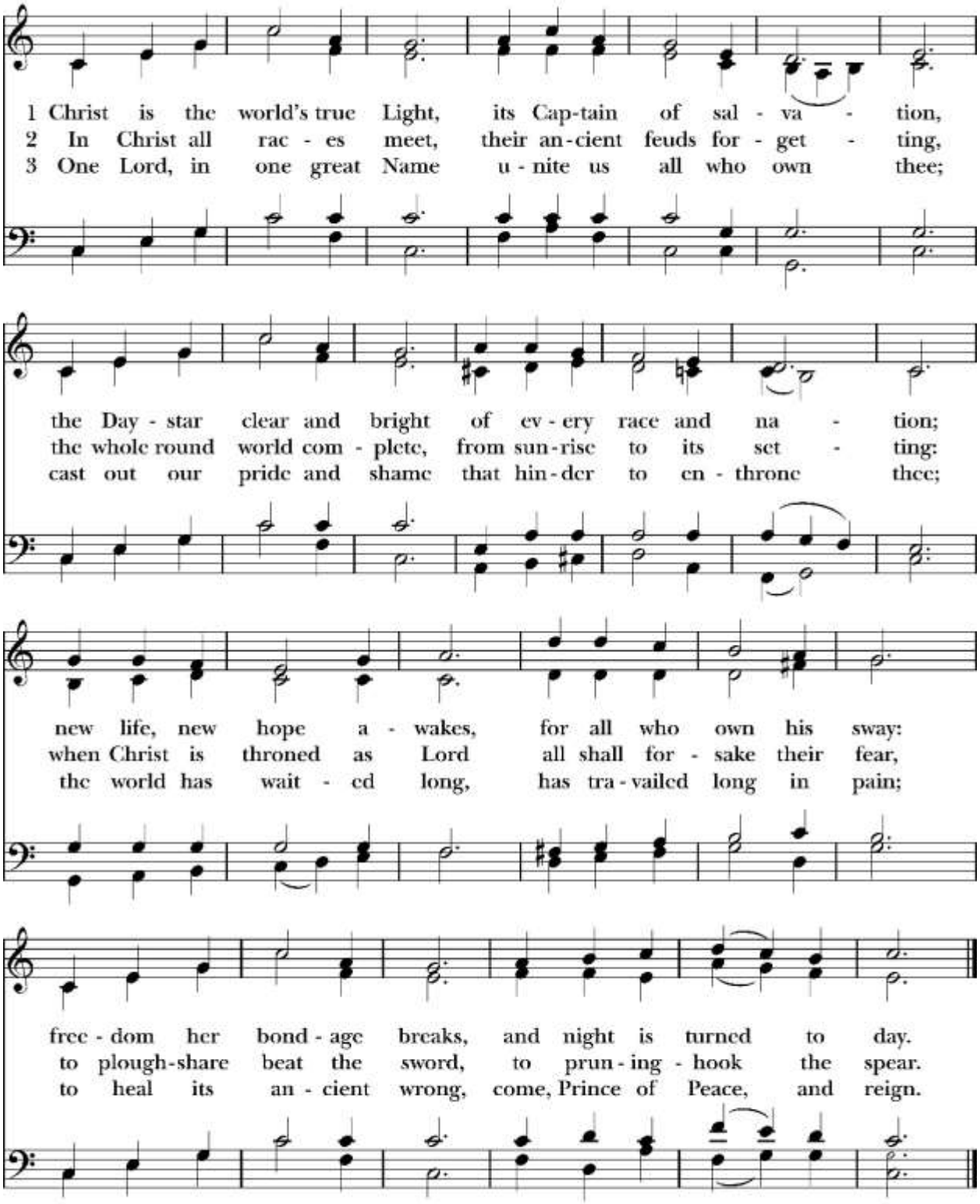
The Lord's Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Fraction Anthem Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Communion *Christ is the world's true Light* Hymnal 542



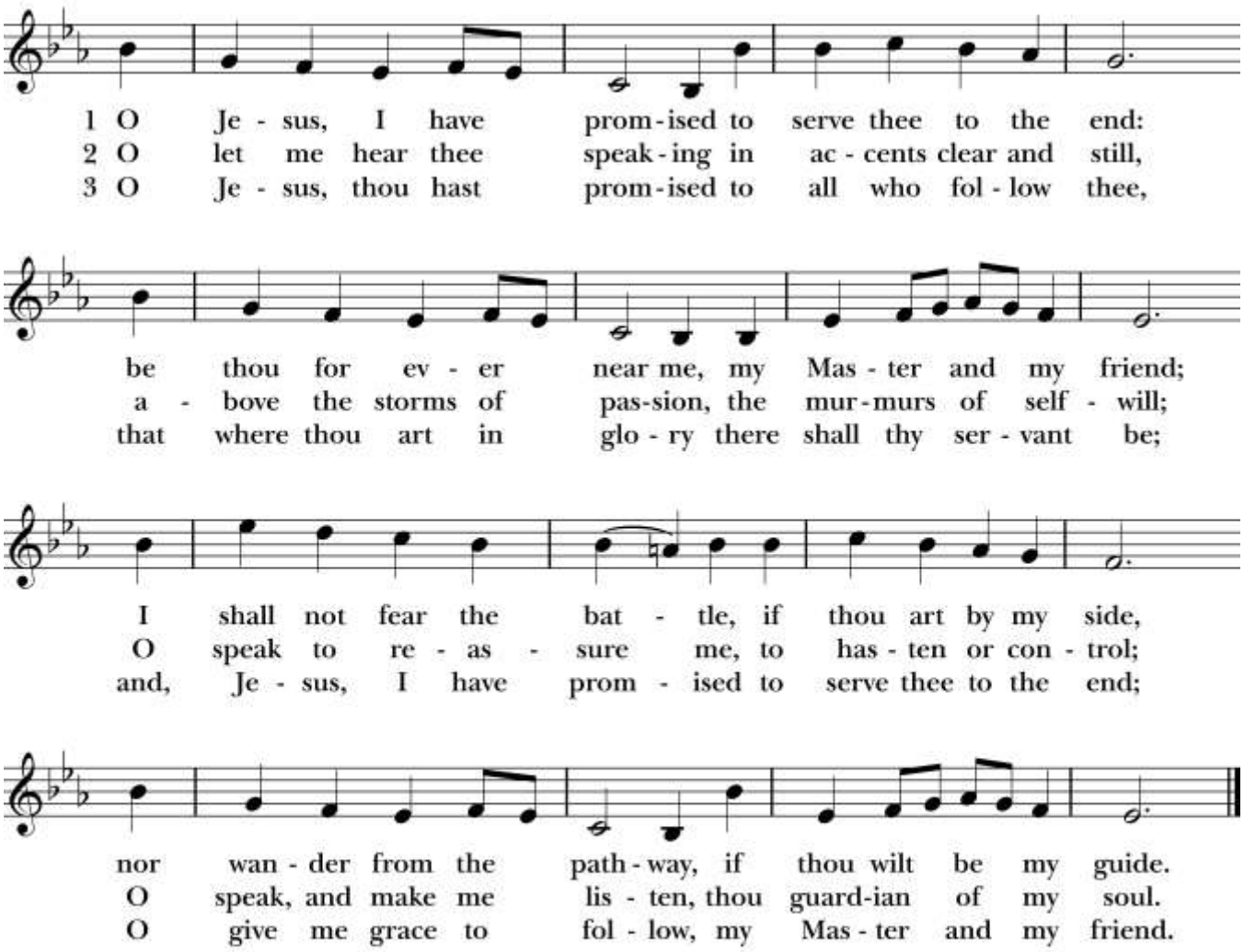
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Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 365

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.

Blessing

Recessional *O Jesus, I have promised* Hymnal #655



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Dismissal

Postlude *Episode on Truro* arr. Lani Smith



Our Quiet Day will be **Saturday, December 5th, 10am–12pm**, in the Parish Hall. The time is designed to be spent in silence, with contemplative music and a few brief meditations. The writing and addressing of Christmas cards might be done during this time. But any quiet, individual activity (knitting, needlework), or reading could be done also. Bring your own supplies for your activity or project. At noon, we will break our silence and share a pot-luck lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a food item to share. This is an opportunity to invite a friend or relative to join us. All are welcome. Any questions can be directed to Bev.



Schedule of Chrisimas Services

CHRISTMAS WEEK

20TH- 9 & 11AM	4th Sunday of Advent
21ST- 11AM	Blue Christmas
23RD- 12PM	Holy Eucharist
24TH- 4PM	Christmas Eve Service
24TH- 10PM	Christmas Eve Social
24TH- 11PM	Christmas Eve Service
25TH- 9AM	Christmas Day Service
25TH- 2PM	Christmas Dinner
27TH- 9 / 11AM	HE (1) / Lessons & Carols

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The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence
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Sharon Kyser, Pianist
Teresa Lemaire, Director of Music
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper
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Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor
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Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
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