Epiphany Lessons and Carols

January 6, 2022 7:00pm

Welcome to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Today, we are pleased to welcome singers and clergy from around Stark County to join us in observing the wonder of Epiphany. Please turn cell phones and pagers off or put in vibrate mode.

About Epiphany
The feast of the Epiphany is January 6th, twelve days after Christmas. It officially ends the "twelve days of Christmas" from which we get the carol of the same name. In the Western churches (including the Episcopal Church), Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men from the East to the Christ child in Bethlehem.

Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation" or "appearing." It is fitting that Epiphany season comes right after Christmas. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus; Epiphany is about the spread of the good news to the wider world.
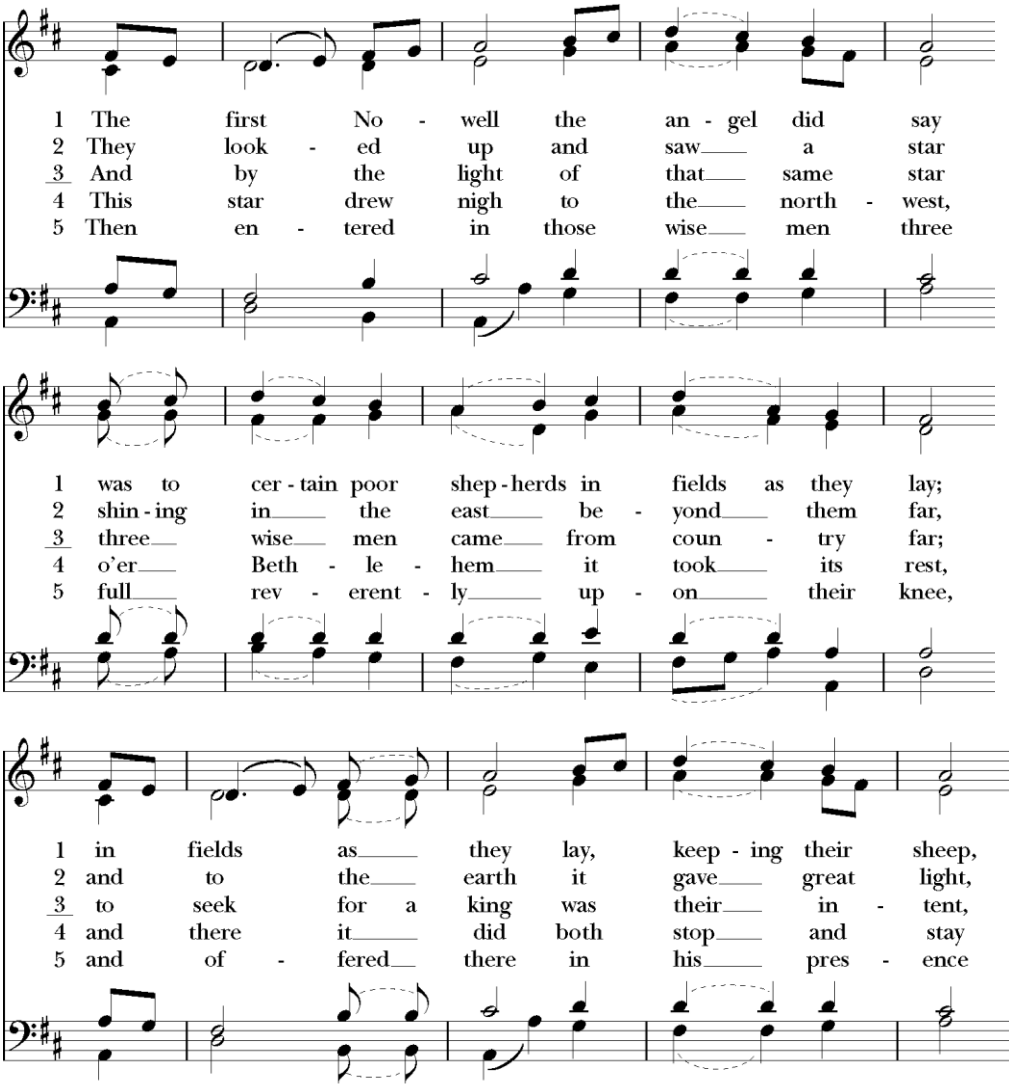
For the Eastern Churches, this celebration mixes together both the visitation of the Wise Men and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. Both these are events manifesting the divinity of Christ to the wider world. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is called "Theophany," which means, basically, the "shining-forth" of God.
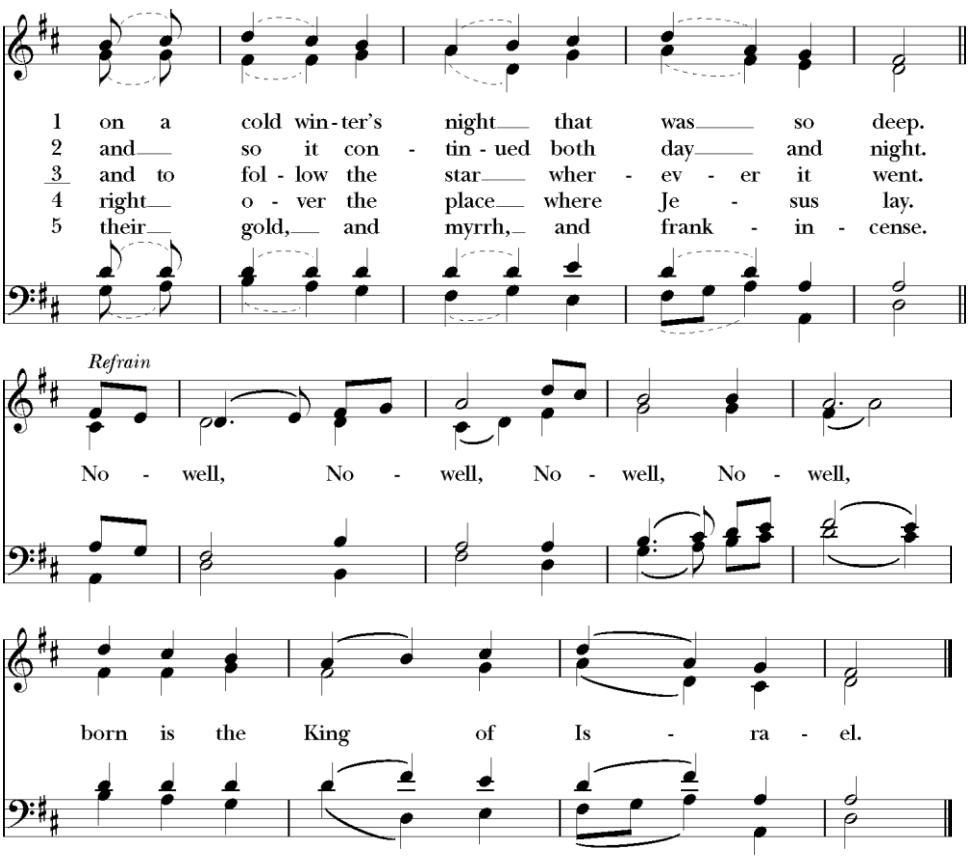
Prelude

Processional Hymn

The First Nowell arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Please stand as you are able





6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell,* English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Bidding Prayer
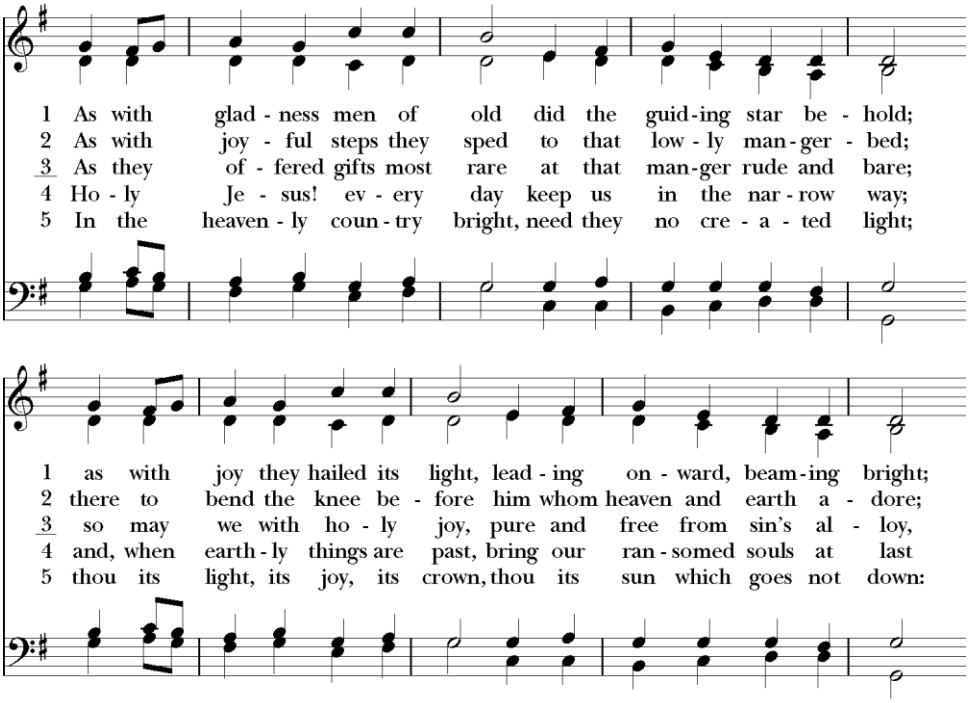
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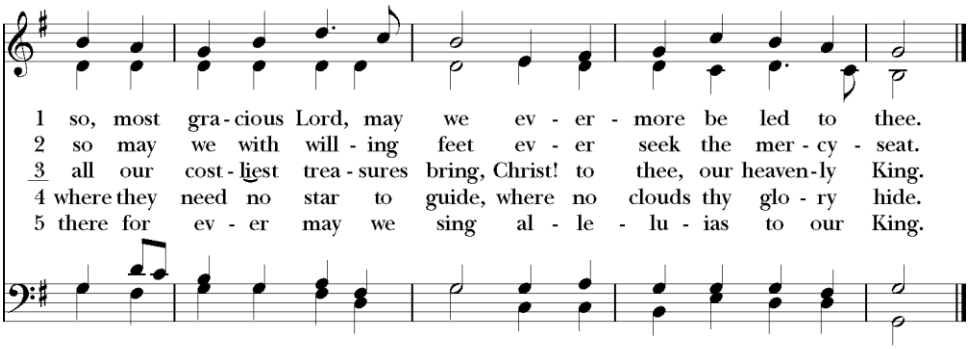
You Are the Light Tom Fettke b. 1941

I. The Prologue John 1:1-14

Congregational Hymn

Please stand as you are able





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Dix,* melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906

Anthem

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Is Come Joyce Eilers-Bacak 1941-2009

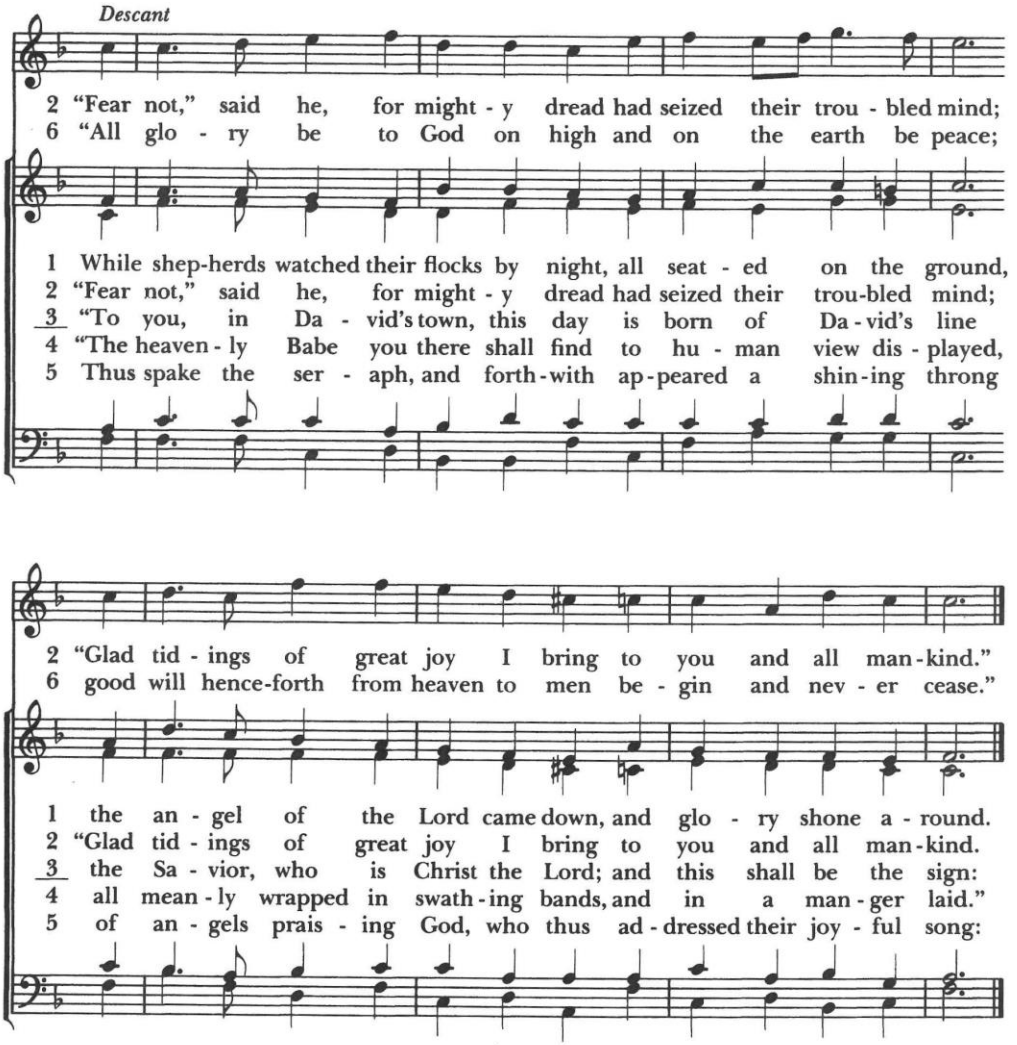
II. The Birth Matthew 1:18-23

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

III. Shepherds Luke 2:8-20

Congregational Hymn



6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

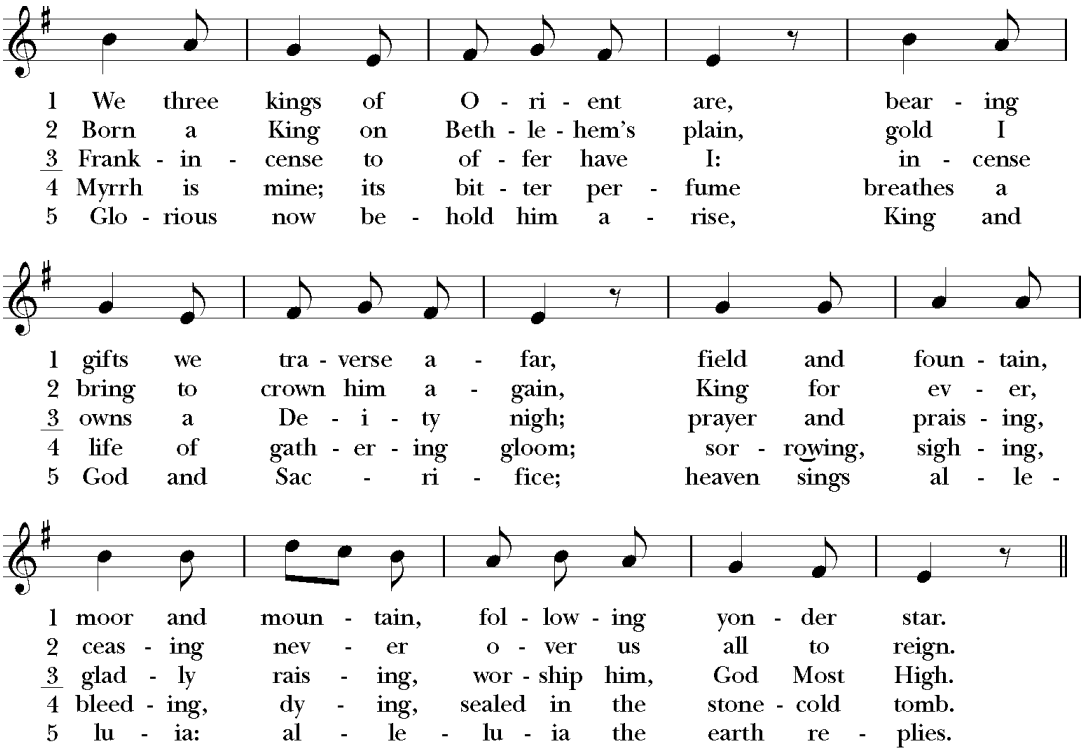
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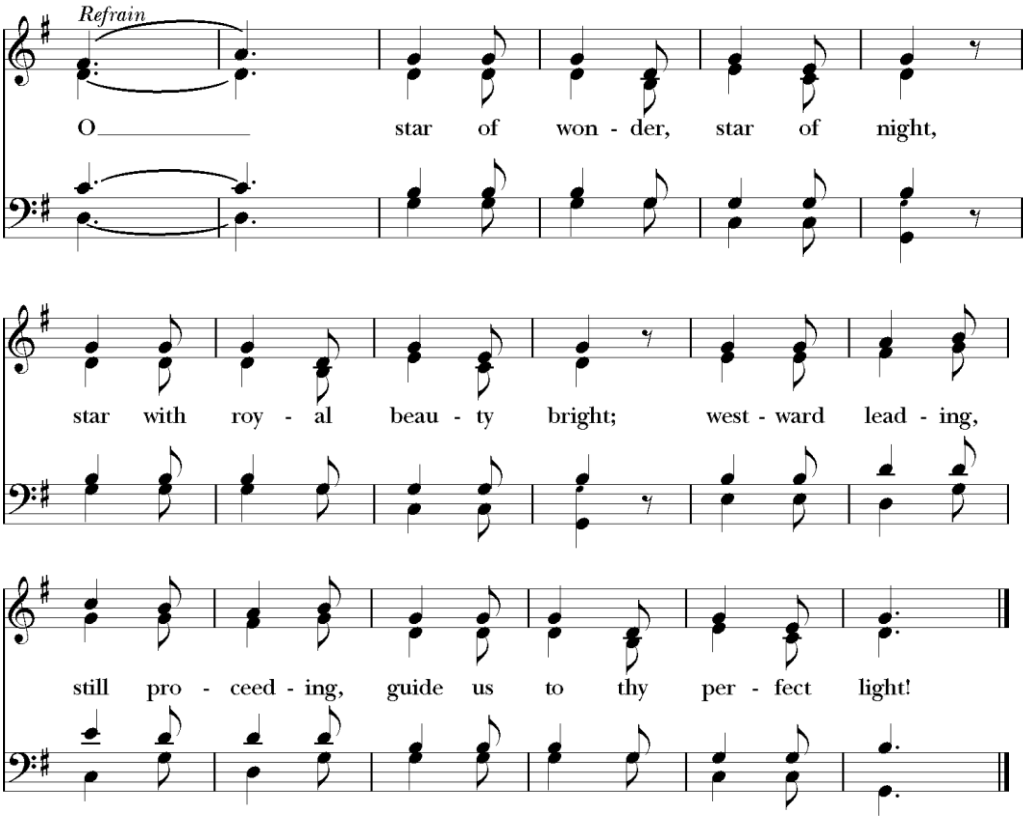
Torches John Joubert 1927-2019

IV. The Visit from the Magi Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Hymn *Please stand as you are able*

The verses will be sung by choristers, with the congregation joining on the Refrain





The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient,* John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)
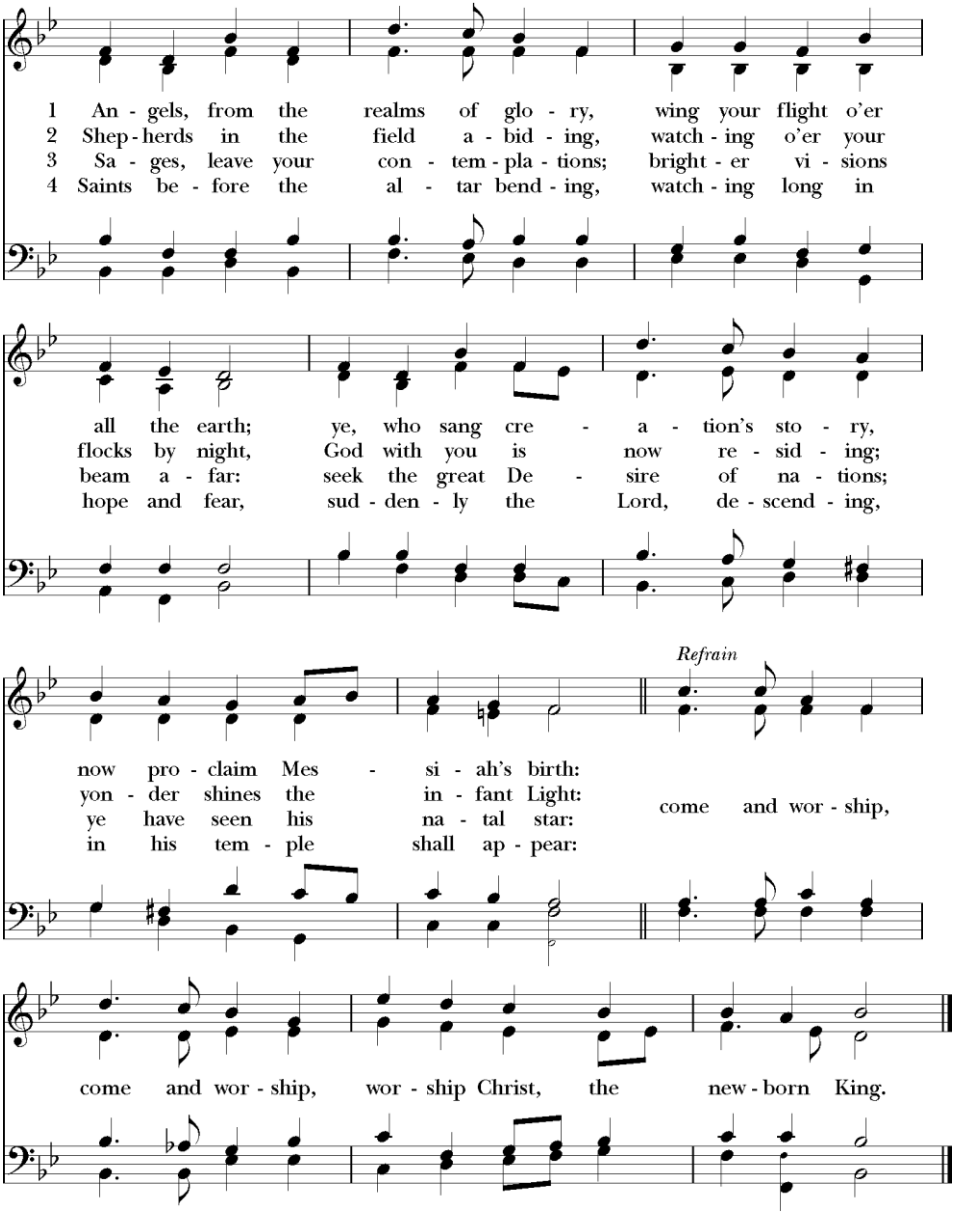
V. The Holy Name Luke 2:21-28

Anthem

Unto Us A Child Is Born Andrew Bolden b. 1977

VI. All Things New Revelation 21:1-6

Congregational Hymn *Please stand as you are able*



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square,* Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Anthem
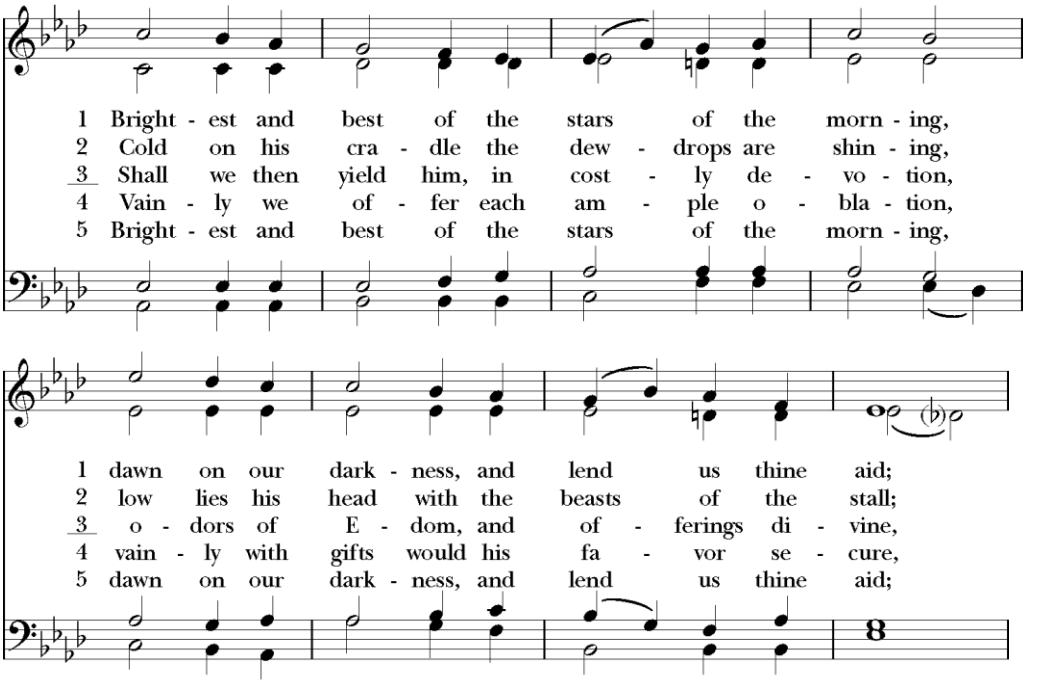
Siyahamba South African folksong

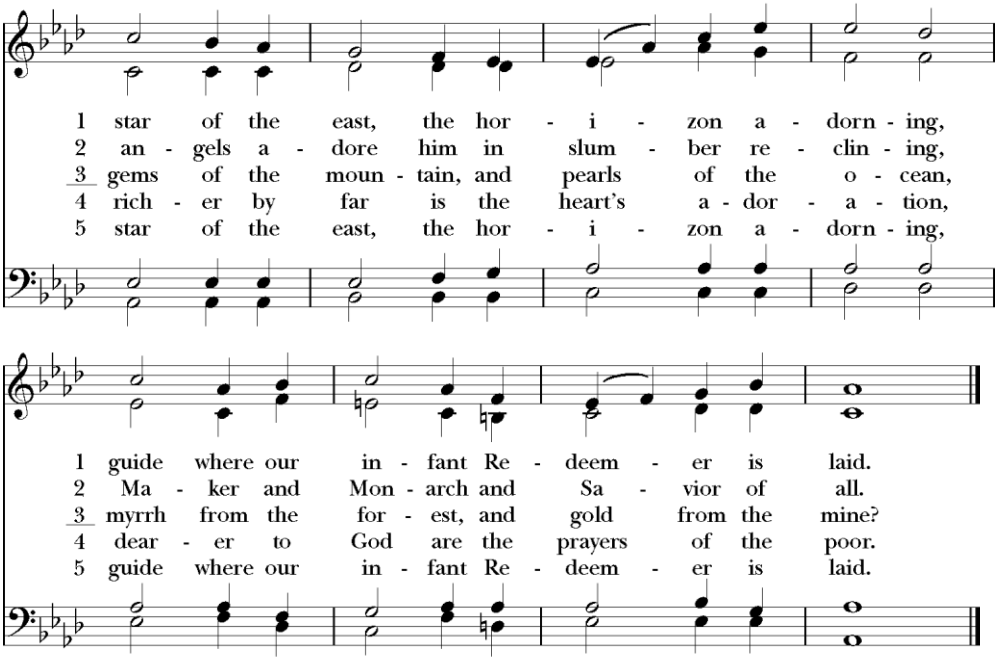
Closing Prayers **Form II** **BCP 385**

Blessing

Retiring Processional Hymn *Please stand as you are able*

The Hymnal 1982 - #117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning





Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Morning Star,* James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude