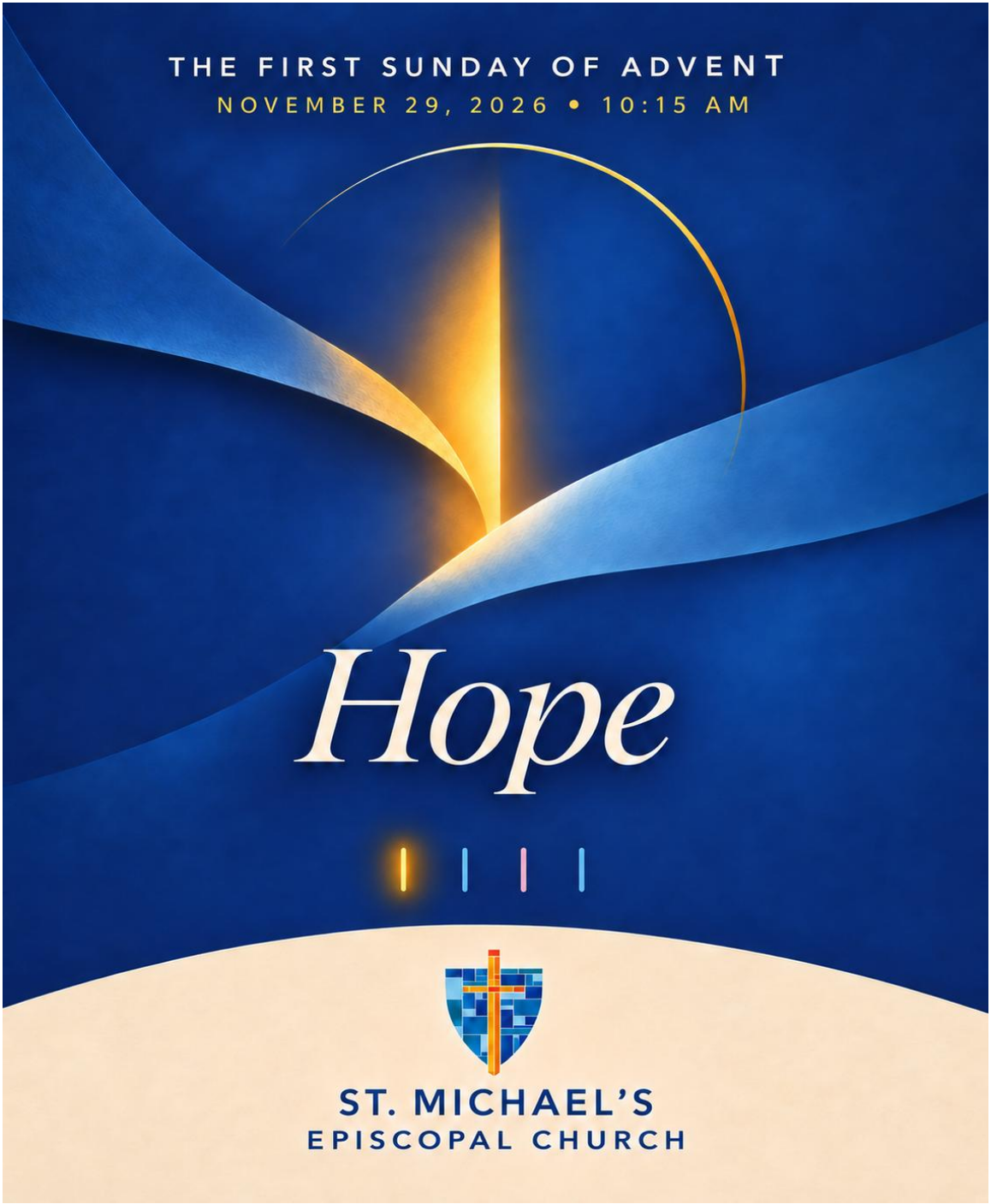

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

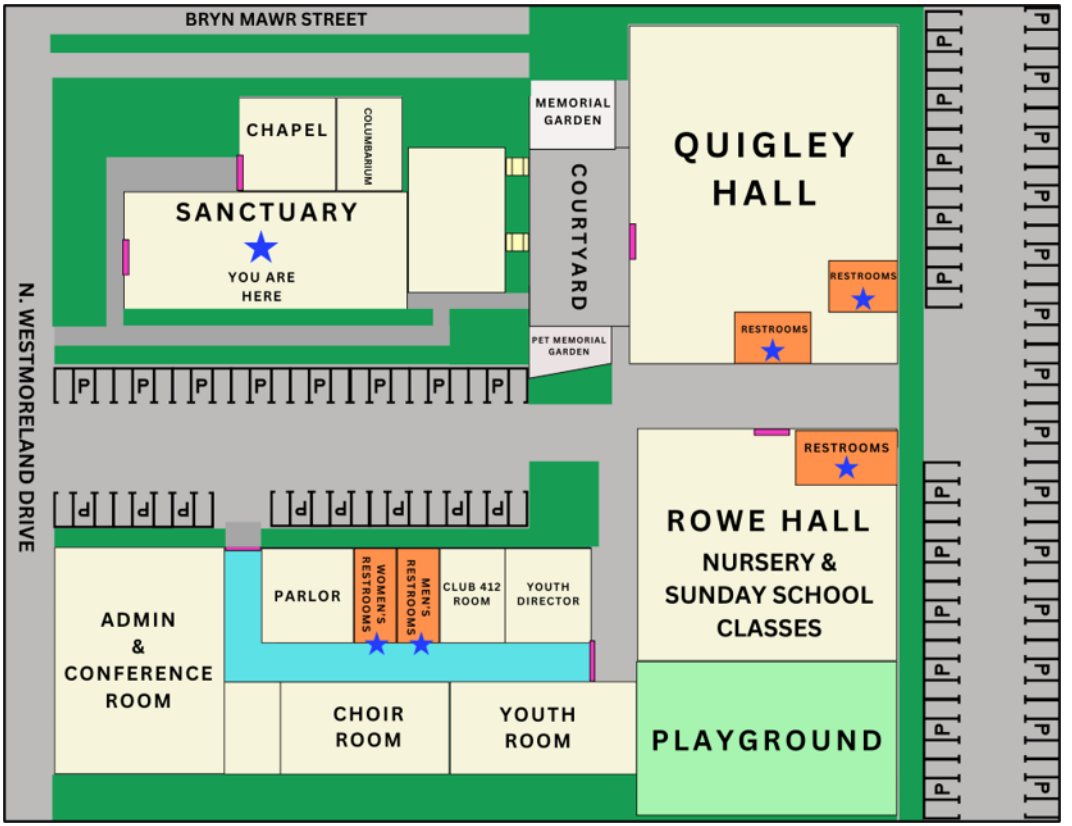
Discovering the meaning behind Episcopal worship

Week 12 — Why Do We Confess Our Sins?

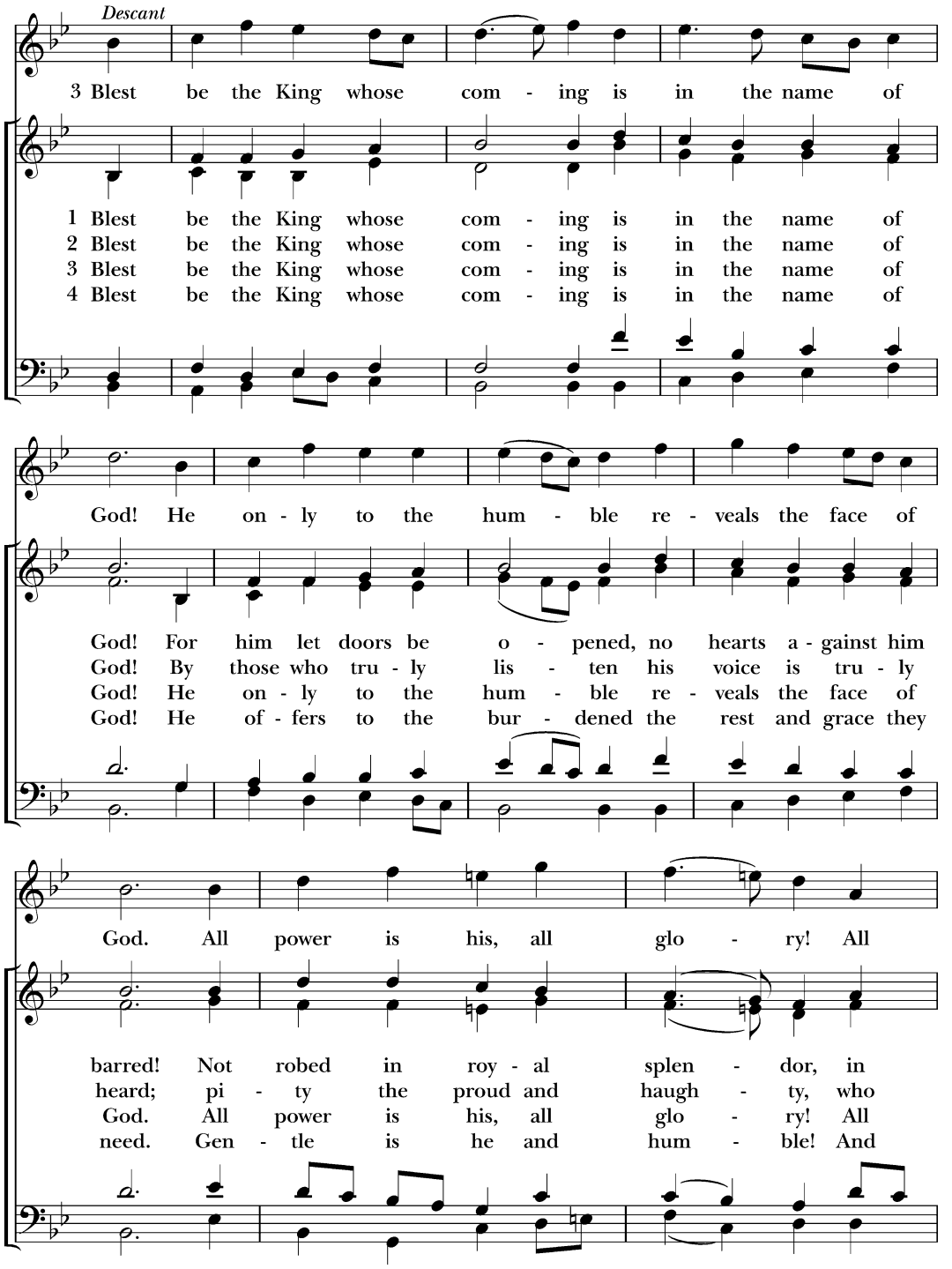
Confession isn't about convincing ourselves we're terrible. It's about telling the truth in the presence of a God whose mercy is greater than our failures. We acknowledge the ways we've wounded ourselves, others, and God. Then comes the remarkable part: forgiveness. Christianity says we don't have to hide our brokenness. Grace gives us permission to tell the truth—and begin again.

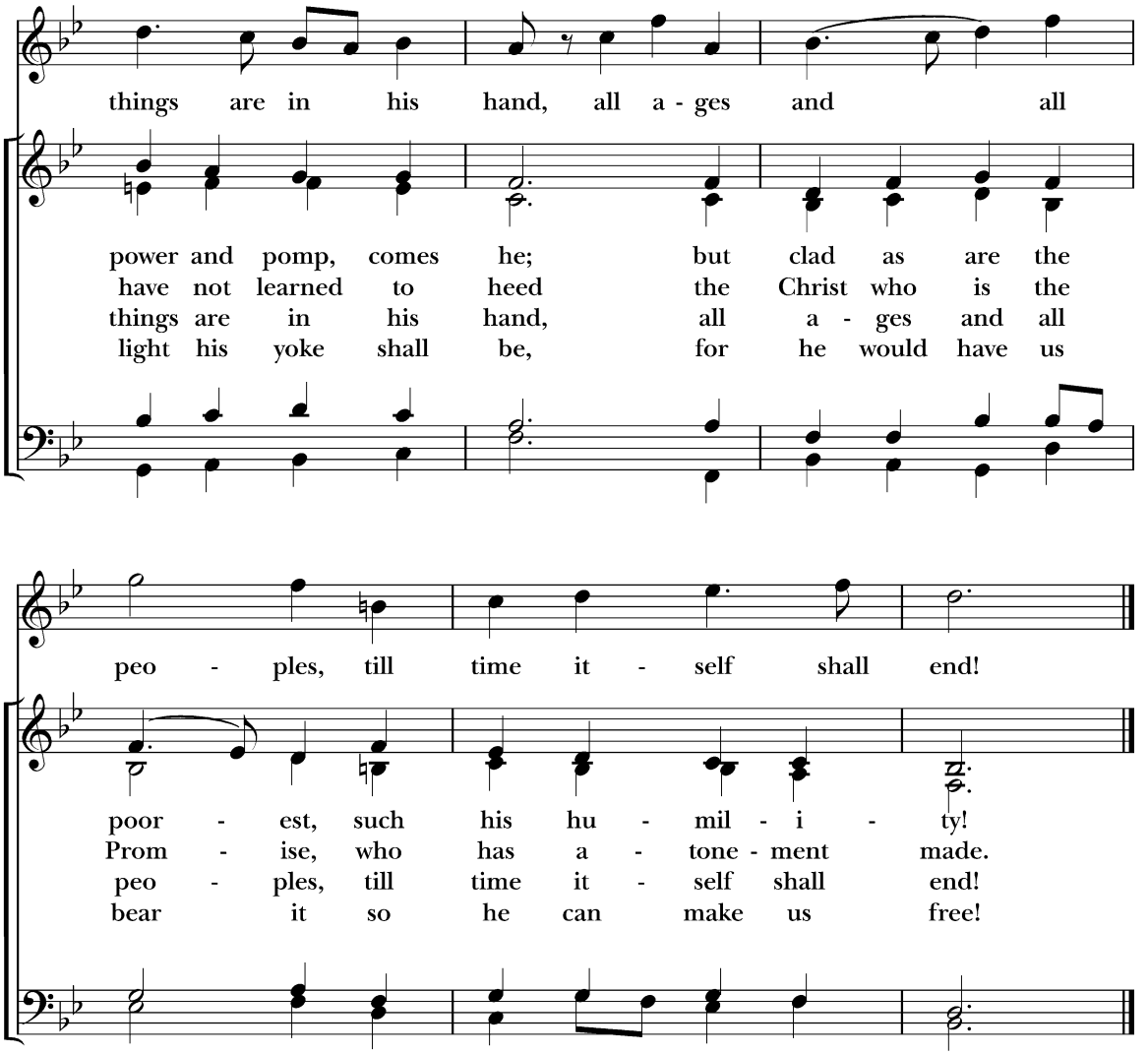
WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. Welcome home.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Blest be the King whose coming** **Hymn 74**





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ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: WEEK 1 - HOPE

Let us pray.

Holy God, the candle of Hope is lit; awaken our hearts to your coming. Shine your light into every shadowed place of our lives. Give us courage to hope boldly, trust deeply, and wait faithfully for the One who is our Emmanuel. ***Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

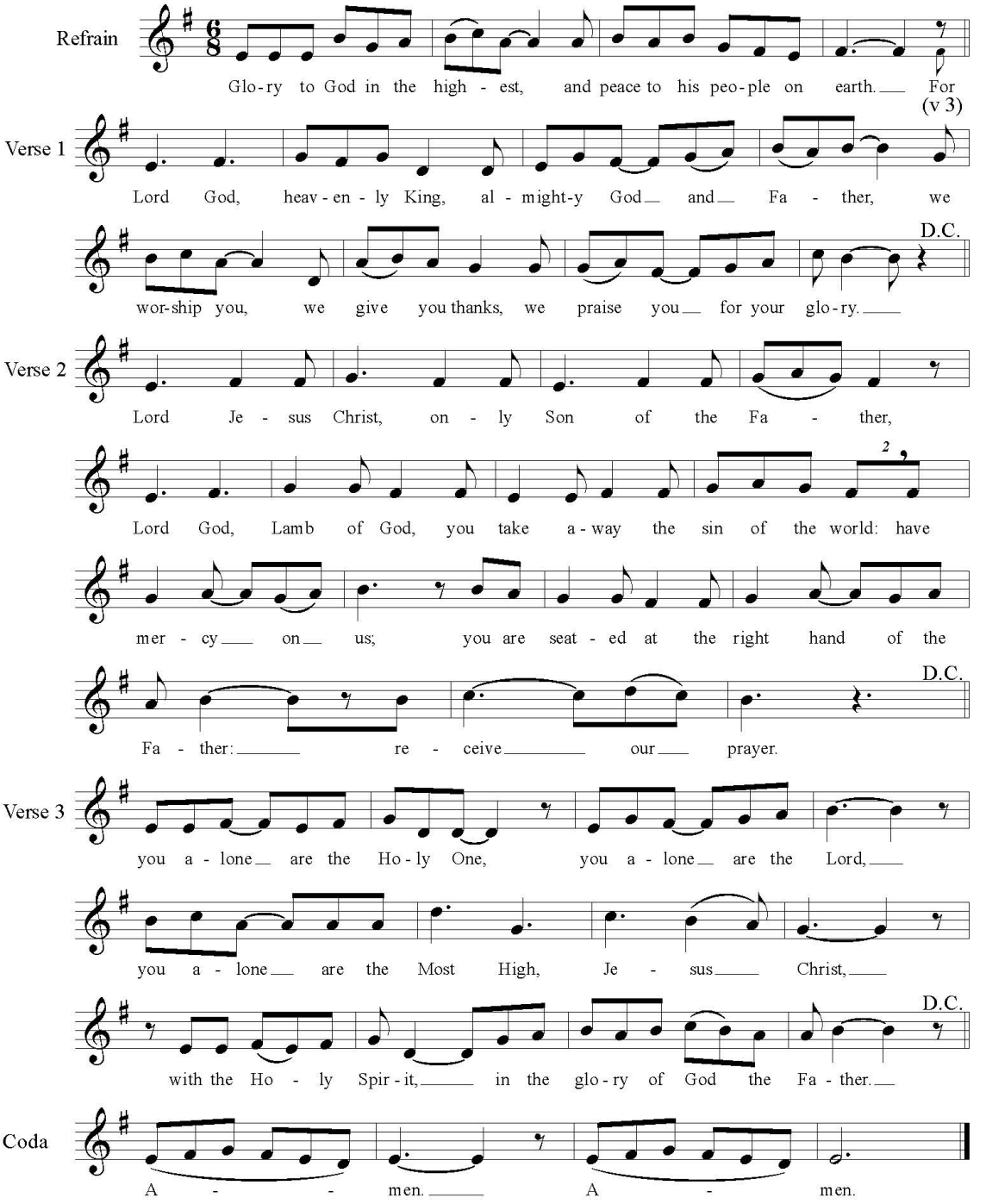
Acclamation

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

The Celebrant says

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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE **Gloria**



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

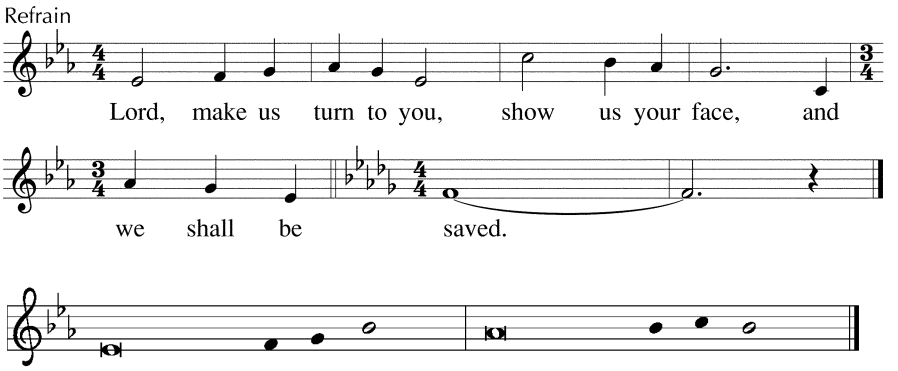
FIRST READING **ISAIAH 64:1-9**
All sit.

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



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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. **R**

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. **R**

SECOND READING **1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9**

(All sit)

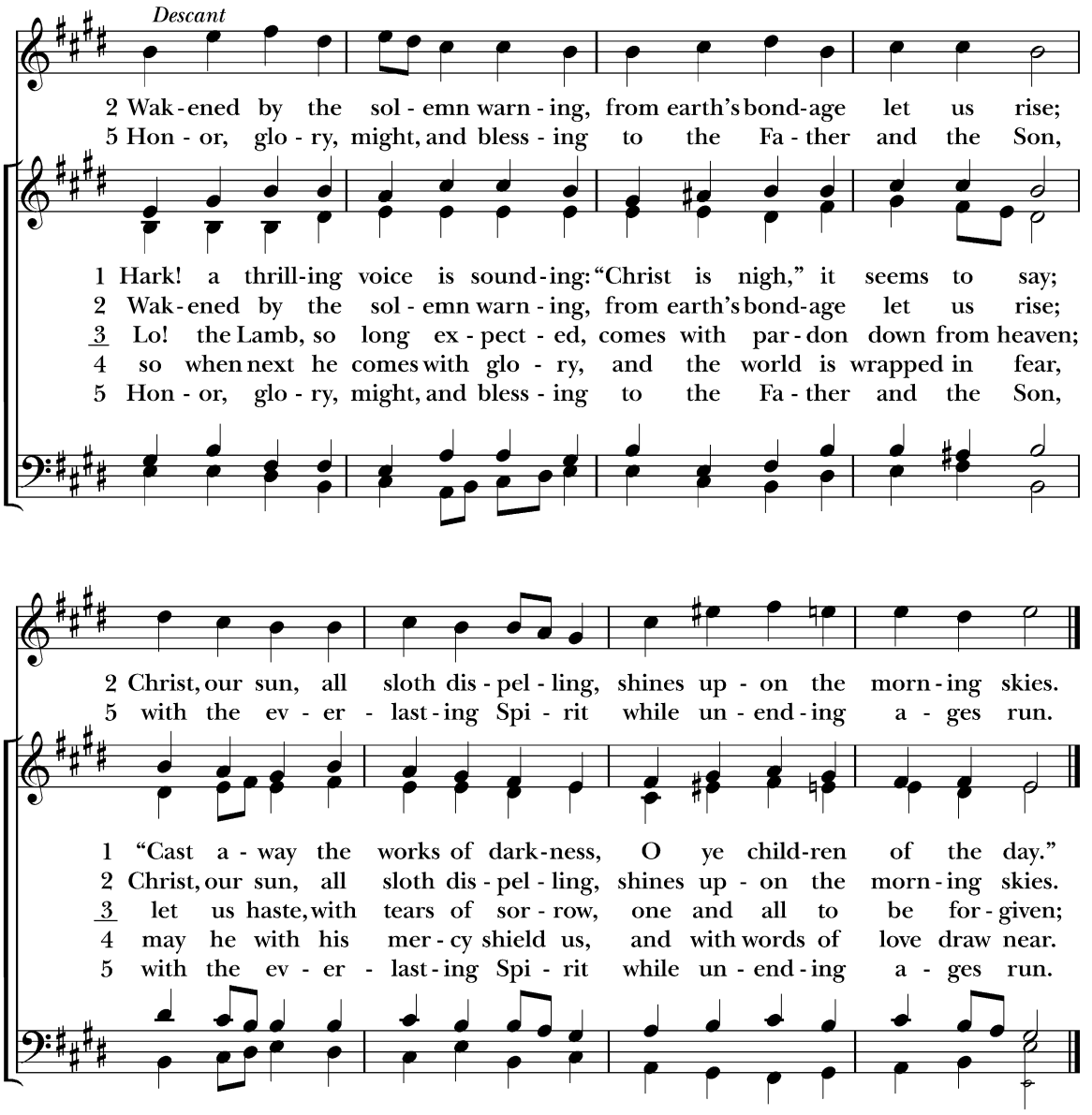
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding** **HYMN 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**

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.**

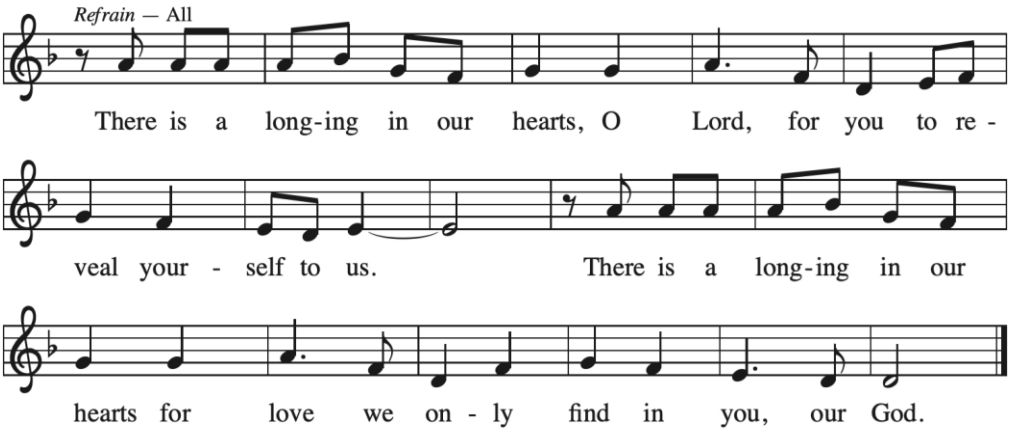
SERMON

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All Stand

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



Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955
Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley
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Intercessor: In this holy season of longing and expectation, let us offer our prayers to the God who comes to us in hope, peace, joy, and love.

Strengthen your Church, O God, that we may be signs of *Advent hope* in a world longing for light. Empower St. Michael's to proclaim your faithfulness in word and deed.
We pray to you, O Lord**: (Refrain)**

Bring peace to the nations, and peace to all places torn by violence, hatred, or fear. Give wisdom to those in authority and make us instruments of your reconciliation.
We pray to you, O Lord**: (Refrain)**

Stir up your joy in all who gather here. Lift the hearts of the weary, comfort the grieving, and let your joy be strength for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit.
We pray to you, O Lord: **(Refrain)**

Draw near to the poor, the hungry, the unhoused, the refugee, and the forgotten. Teach us to embody your *Advent love* in compassion, generosity, and service.
We pray to you, O Lord: **(Refrain)**

Surround with your healing presence all who are ill, anxious, alone, or afraid, and all who have asked for our prayers. {LIST}
We pray to you, O Lord: **(Refrain)**

Gather into your eternal light all who have died. {PAUSE} Comfort those who mourn with the promise that nothing can separate us from your love.
We pray to you, O Lord: **(Refrain)**

Celebrant: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Come into our lives with hope, come into our world with peace, come into our hearts with joy, come into your Church with love; that we may prepare a place for you, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon then says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.
Minister and People
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.**
The Priest stands and says
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.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(you may sit)

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning **arr. Robert A. Hobby**

Text: African American spiritual

Refrain: My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

1You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. Refrain

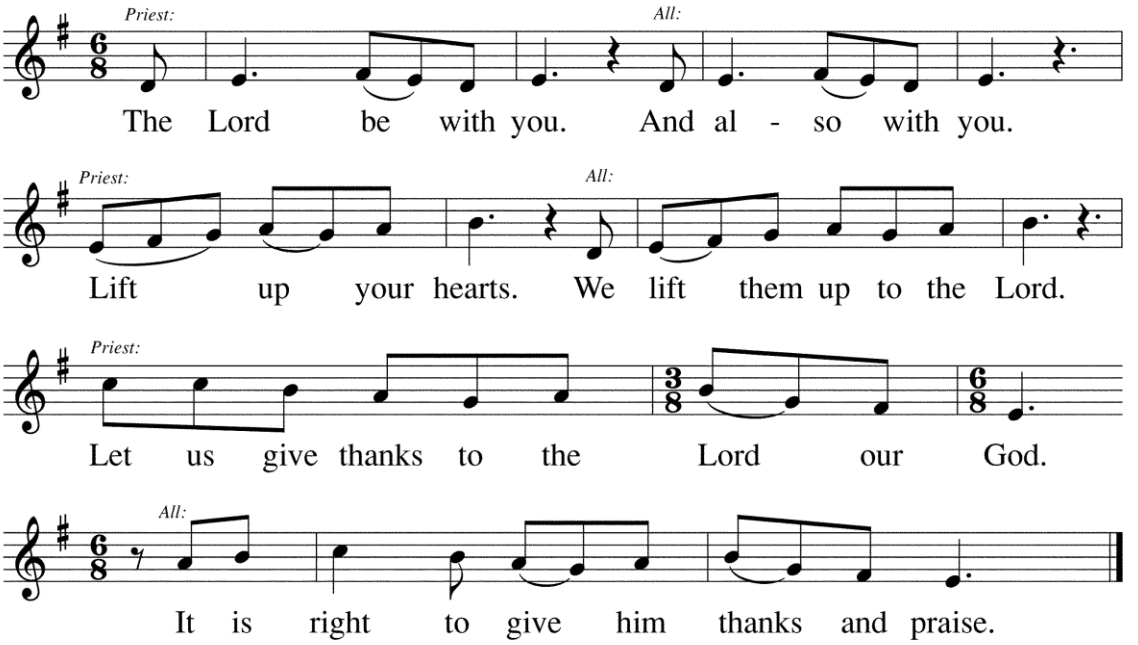
2You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. Refrain

3 You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. Refrain

(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer B)

The people remain standing.



The Celebrant proceeds

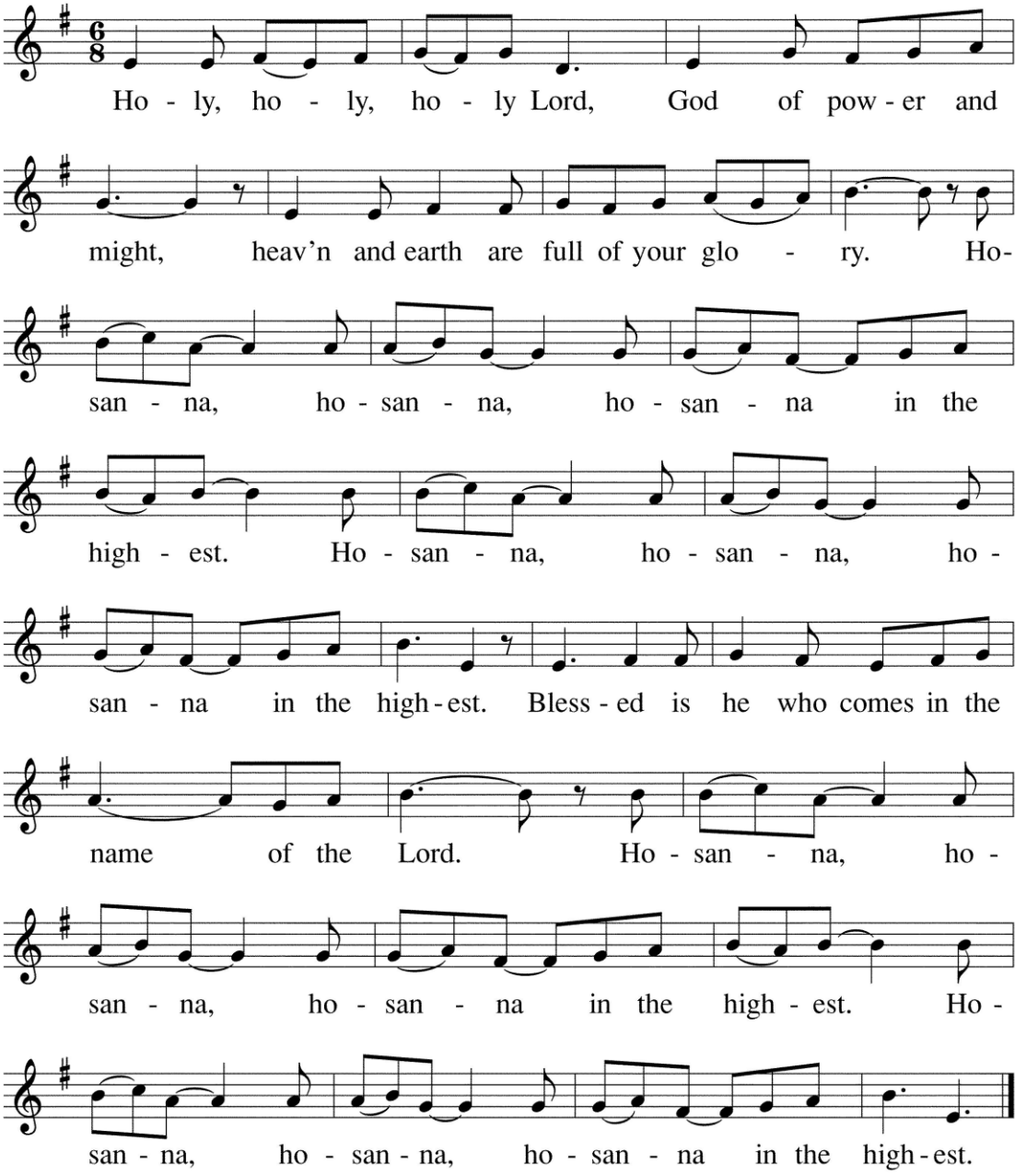
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Celebrant and People



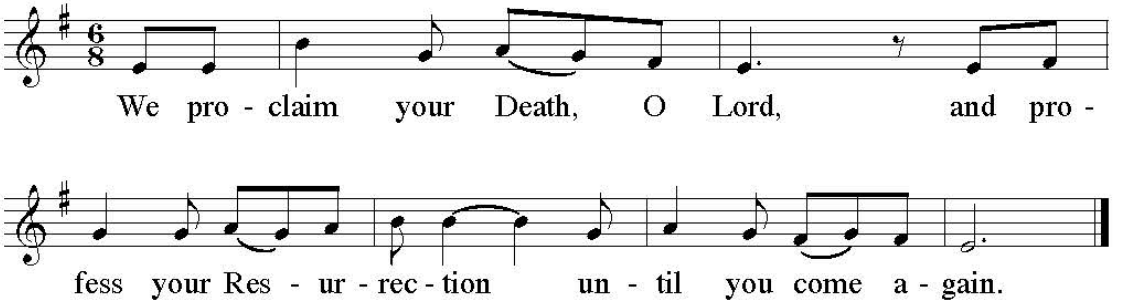
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in 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."

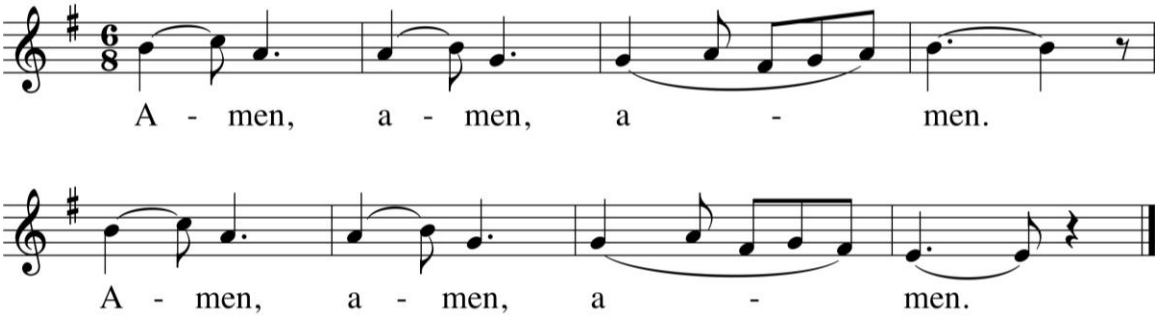
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues
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 where, with all your saints, we may 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.

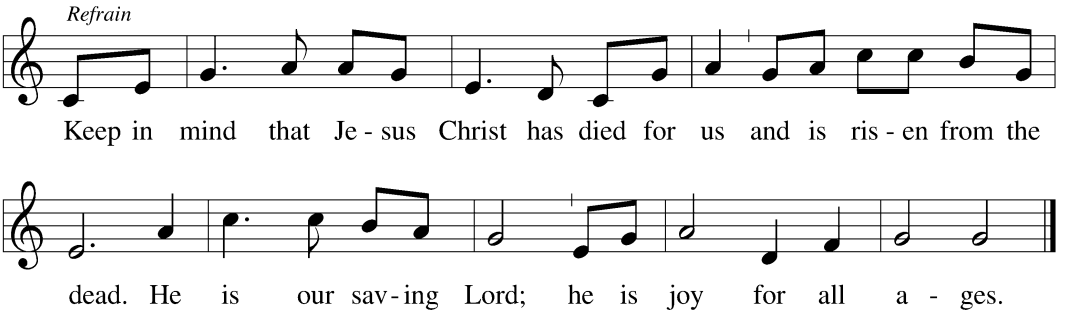


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Celebrant and People

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.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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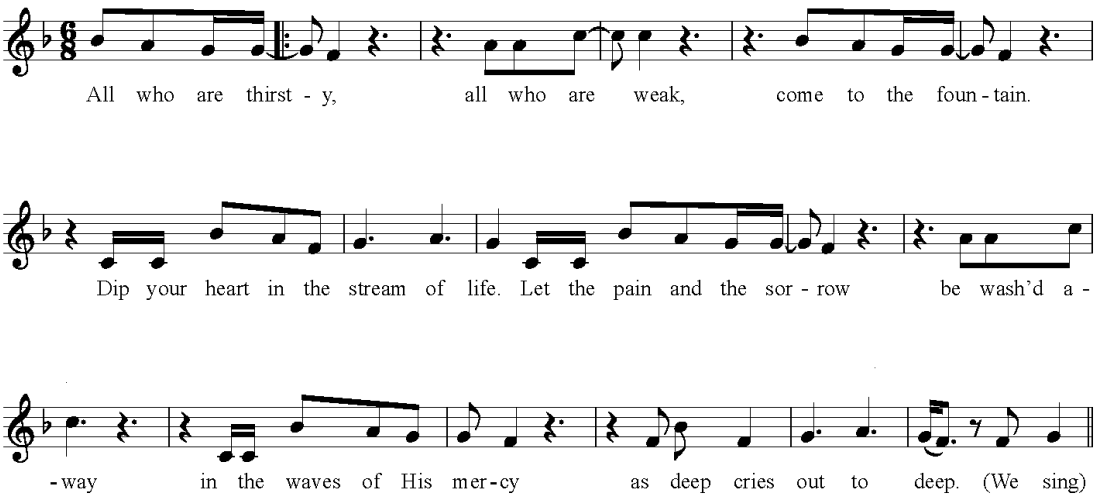
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

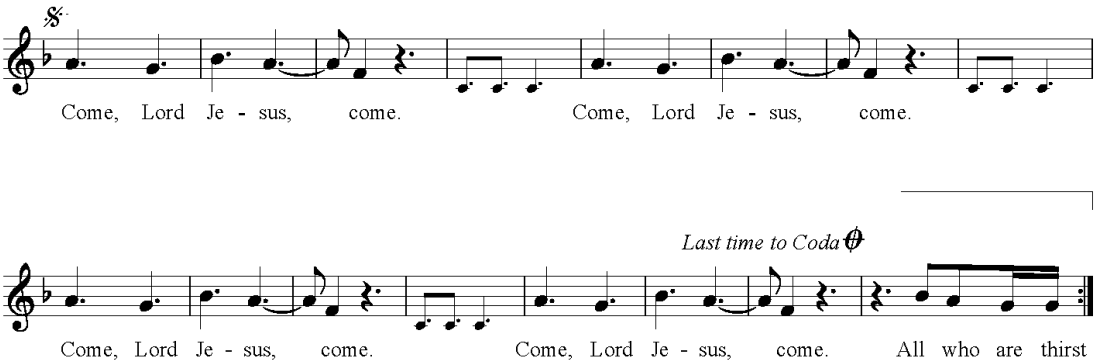
All Who Are Thirsty

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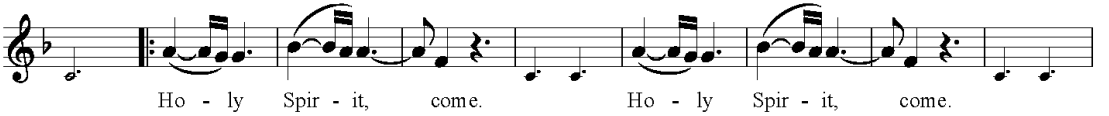
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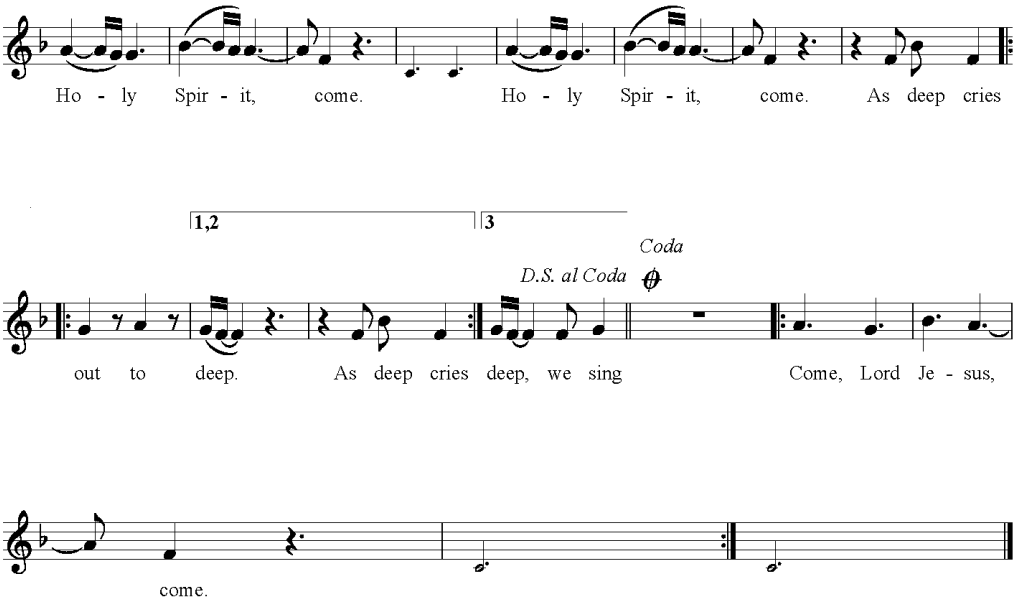


CHORUS 1



CHORUS 2





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

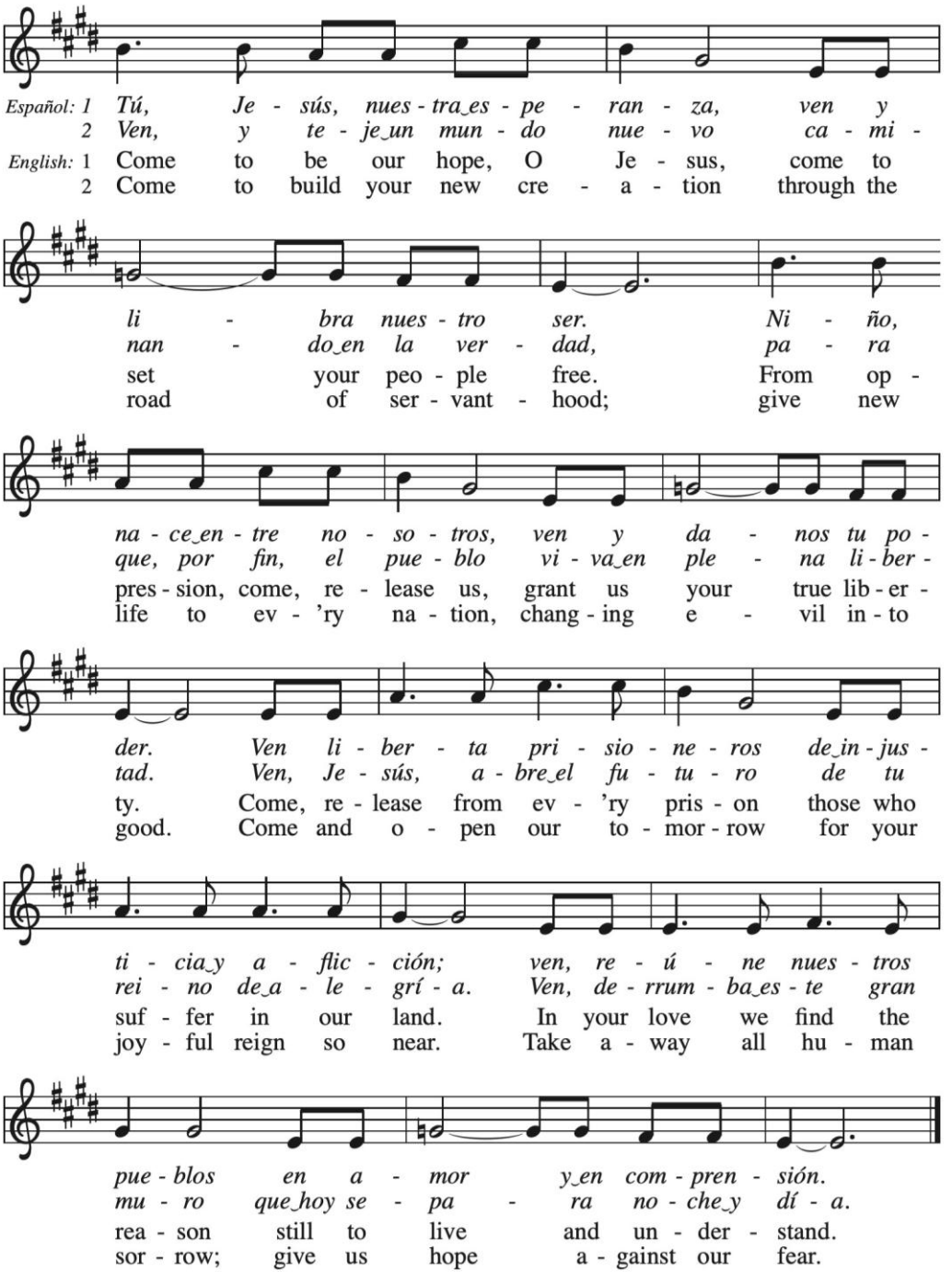
After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.*

POST - COMMUNION HYMN Come to be our Hope, O Jesus

(Please stand)



LEV SENDING PRAYER

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent out, the following words are said:

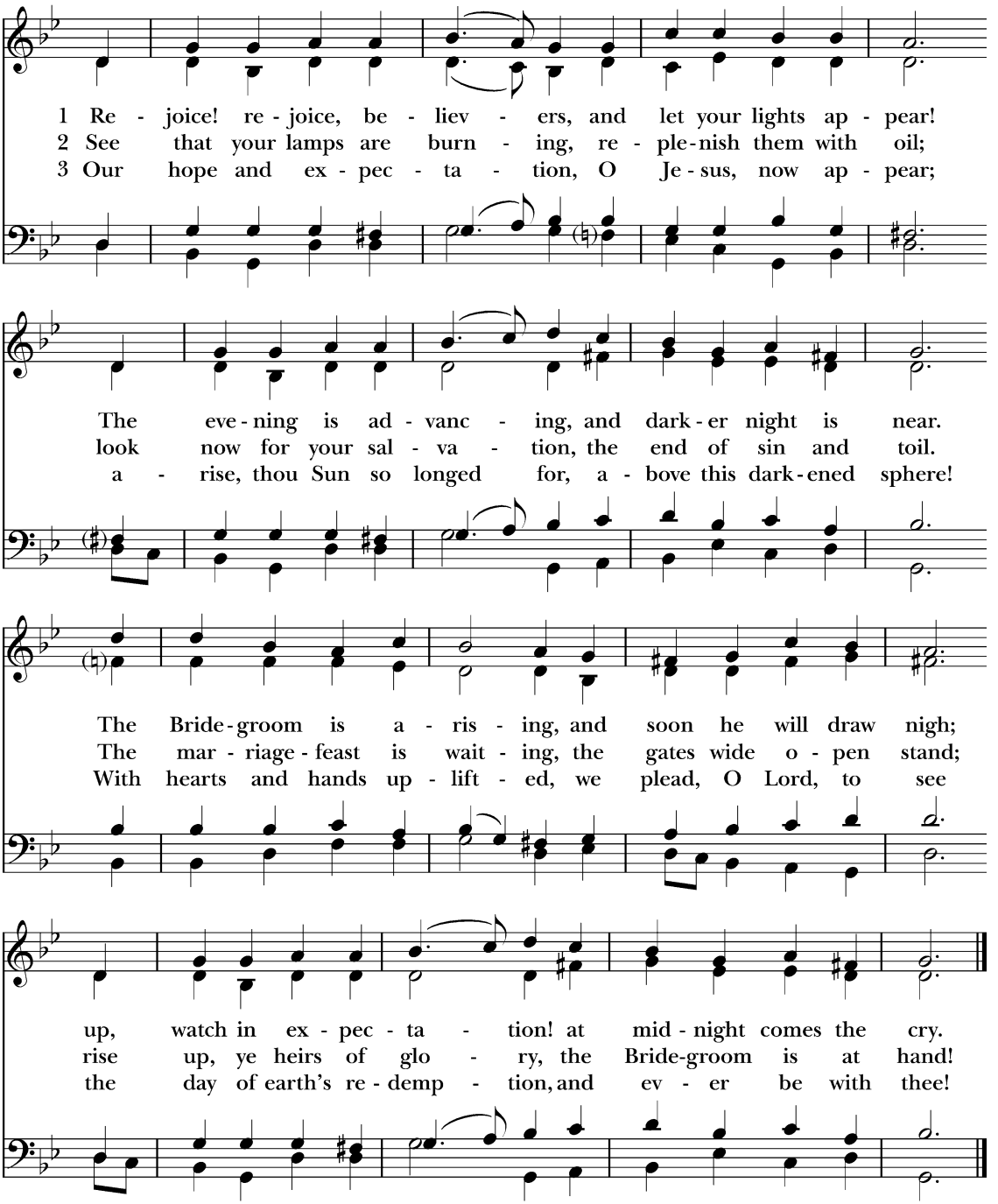
The Celebrant *In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.*

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

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers** **Hymn 68**



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



SAINT MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Upcoming events

DEC 2026

WED DEC 2

Noonday Prayer and Compline
12:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Zoom

FRI DEC 4

Advent Festival
6:00 - 8:30 PM
Quigley Hall
(Food, music, crafts, and wine)

SAT DEC 12

Youth Gingerbread House Decorating Event
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

SUN DEC 13

EYC Christmas Party
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Off-site

SUN DEC 13

Choir Advent Christmas Concert
4:00 PM
Quigley Hall

For more info on upcoming events, check out our E-Messenger at stmichaelschurch.com or scan the QR code.

Scan the QR code below for our online event's calendar



Christmas Flowers!

The evergreens and flowers that enhance our Christmas celebration are purchased with gifts from members of the parish, both as thank offerings and as memorials.

To have your Memorials and Thanksgivings placed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin, please submit memorials and thanksgivings by

Sunday, December 20, 2026.

Use the QR code to access the online Christmas Flowers form or **pick up a form at the church office**, near the front door of Fordham Hall.

Checks: To St. Michael's Church, marked "Christmas Flowers."

Online Donations: Always welcome.

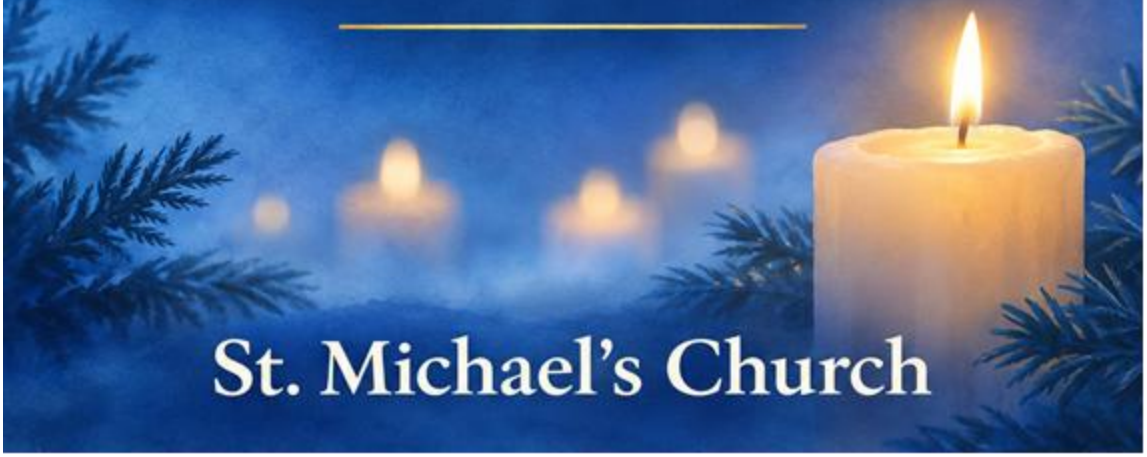
Every Gift Matters: Donate any amount; your generosity is cherished.

Blue Christmas

A Service of Comfort & Hope

The holidays can hold both joy and sorrow.
If you are grieving, feeling lonely, or carrying
a weary heart, you are welcome here.
Come as you are, with all that this season brings,
and find space to rest in God's love.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
6:30 PM • IN THE CHURCH



St. Michael's Church



Celebrate the Season with Us!

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Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, Dec.18 @ 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Services & Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

3:30pm	Family Service
5pm	Christmas Pageant
5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
10pm	Carols
10:30pm	Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, Dec.25 @ 10AM

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Year-End Giving Reminders

- If you currently have a **recurring donation**, please check the expiration date on your card to ensure your ongoing giving continues without interruption.
- For tax purposes, any year-end giving by check must be **postmarked on or before December 31, 2026.**
- You can **access your giving statement online** through Realm Connect.

*If you have any **questions** about creating a Realm Connect account, please contact the church office at 407-843-8448. If you have questions regarding your giving statements, please contact Joan at finance@stmichaelschurch.com.*

Breakfast *With* Santa

SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH
8:30AM- 11:30AM

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2499 N Westmoreland Drive
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ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Bill, Catherine, Cindy S., Fara, Lane, Lauren, Margie S., Marleigh, Mike S., Sharon, Susan C., Tara, Tim

Long-Term Prayer List: Amy, Angela, Alex, Alexa C., Barbara, Chris M., Chris P., Cynthia L., Damian M., Dan G., Deirdre E., Donna S., Eugenia, George T., Gylla, Jackie, Jason, Jeffrey, JoAnn O., Joseph T., Lavelle B., Leigh, Marci A., Mary F., Pedro, Phil, Sam M., Sarah, Sonia, Stephanie G., Susan A., Victor, Zoe

Rest in Peace: Penny Galbraith

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way: Aaron D., Ben V., Bradley H., Chad S., Christopher E., Gloria, Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Matt F., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Birthdays: 28: Carter Smith, Katie Singhofen, 29: Jon Eichelberger, Paul Bryan 30: Andrew Walker, Eric James, Kimmons Wilson, 2: Tate Piercy, Grey Chapin, Picton Warlow, 3: Erin Stearns, Nate Bedell, 4: Kaitie Airth Terry, Lynda McGehee, 5: Ford Leger, Reagan Yaros,

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A Gentle Reminder About the Prayer List:

Names that have been placed on the prayer list will remain on the short-term list for 2 weeks. At that time, they will transition to the long-term list for the remainder of a 90-day period.

To place someone on the prayer list, please get in touch with Ashleigh in the parish office at ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com or call 407-843-8448.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen*.

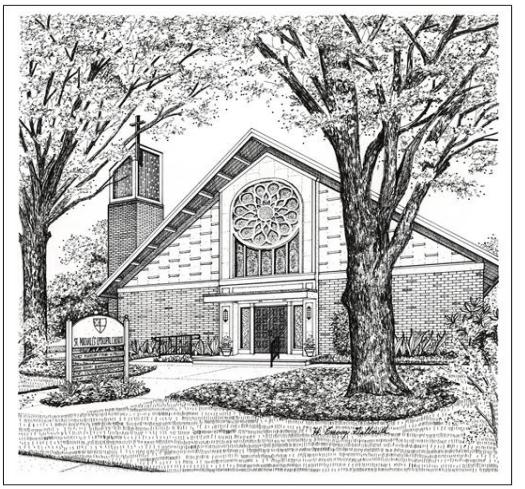
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