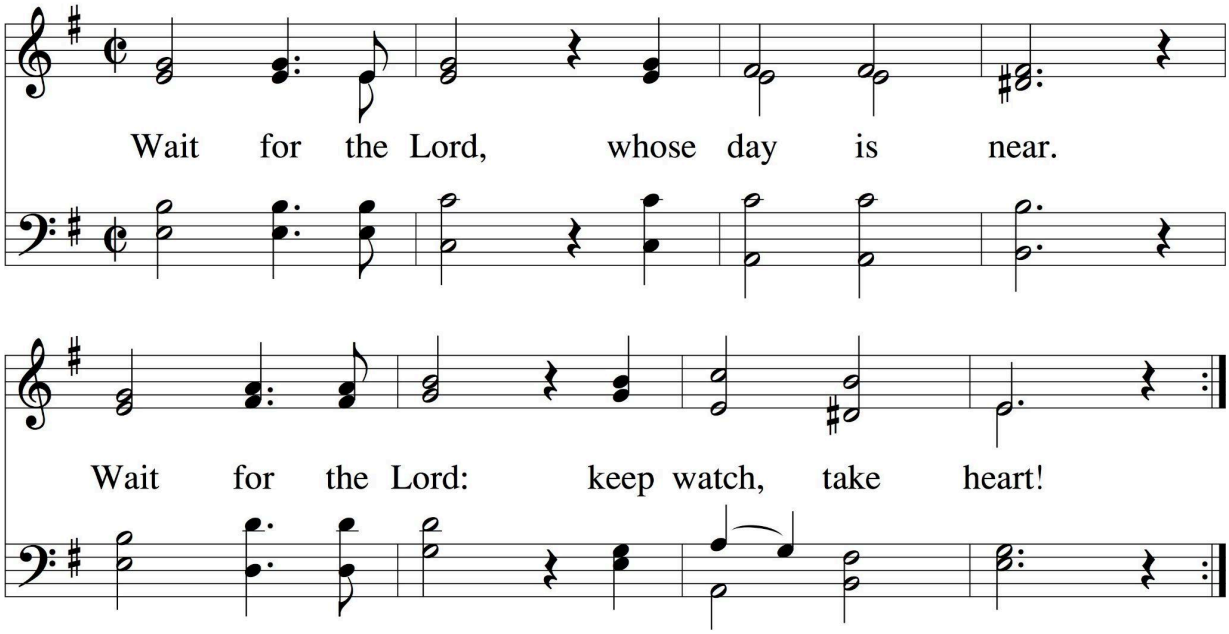
Welcome

Gathering Hymn *Wait for the Lord*



Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984
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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.
The Lessons
A Reading from the Prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Wisdom of Solomon*Read responsively.*
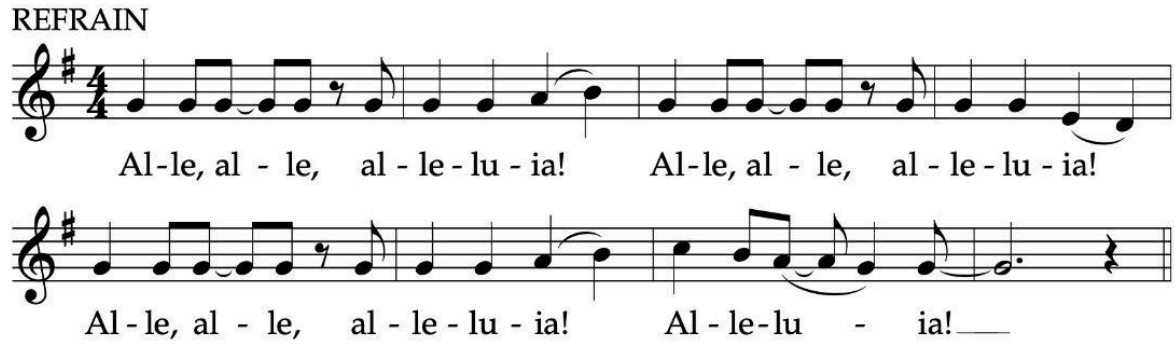
The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Second Lesson
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel



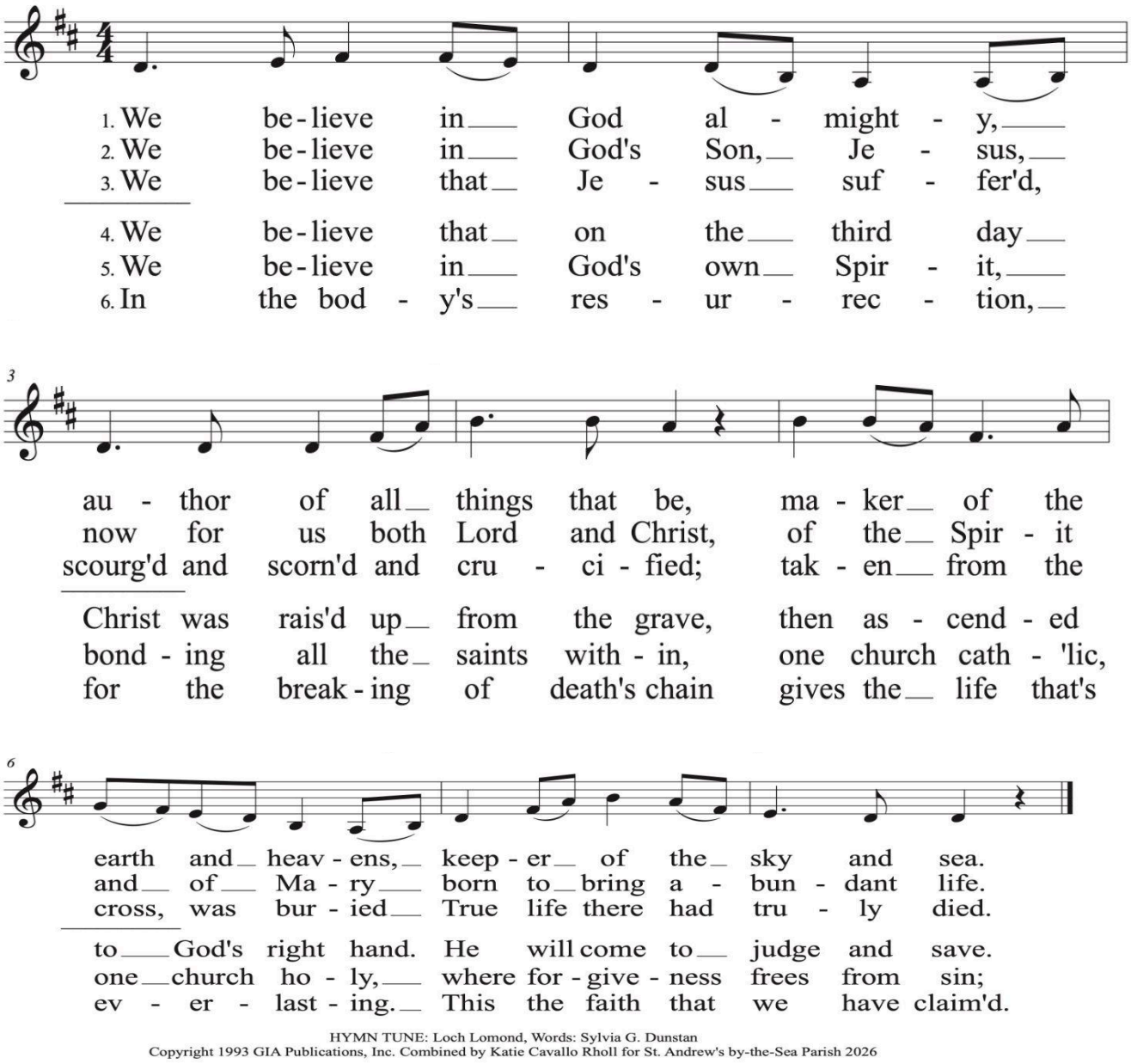
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Daniel McMillan

The Creed



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The Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

Transform our melancholy into joy, our worry into peace, our despair into hope. We pray for healing for those who suffer from any distress or illness.

Come into our lives with healing.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to our Comforter.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might be granted compassion and insight, let us pray to our Sustainer.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For Mother Earth and for the foresight and will to conserve her, let us pray to Holy Wisdom.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the strength to bear all manner of adversity, let us pray to our Deliverer, for those who have asked for our prayers, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud *(pause)*.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, meeting our passage with grace and dignity, let us pray to the Lover of our souls, and especially for Jeff O'Connor and those we now name in our hearts or aloud *(pause)*.
Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Ever present and eternal God, hear the prayers and praises of your people. Help us to live in hope, to build your community, and to be vessels of grace to all. **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

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.**

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

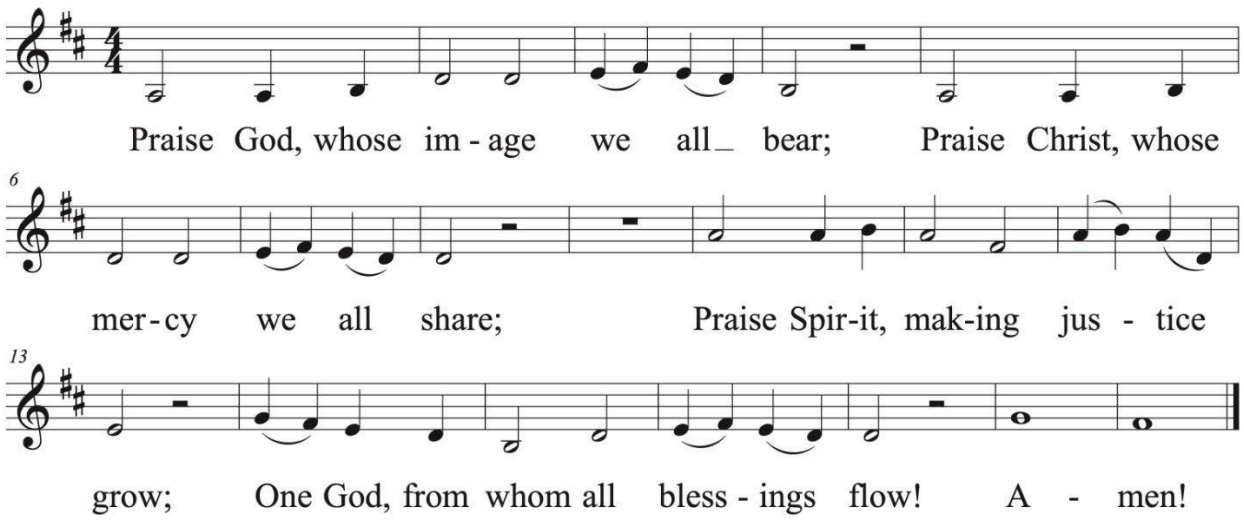
The Peace
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory
Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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Musical Reflection *'Til Kingdom Come*
Coldplay

When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:
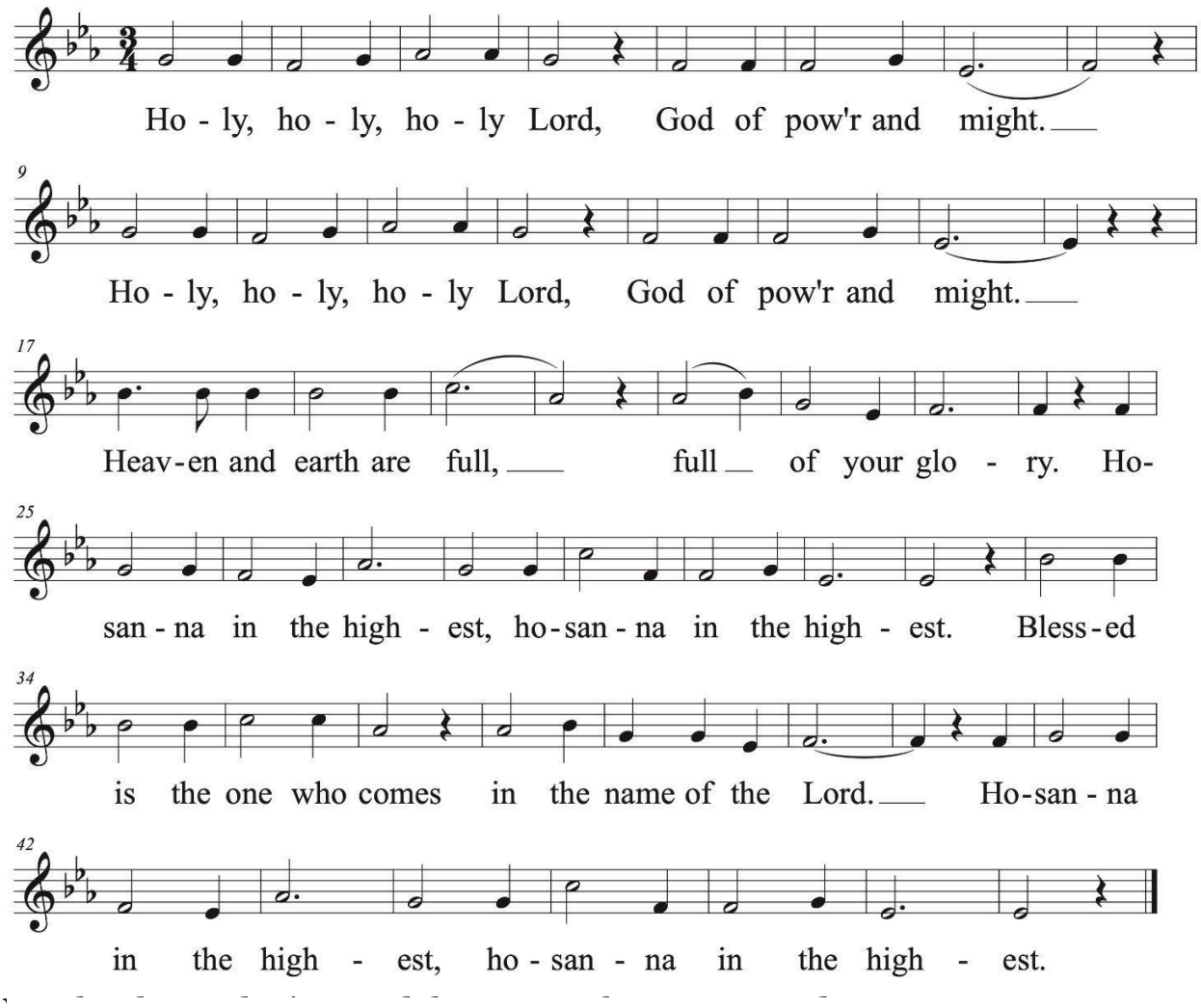


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The Eucharistic Prayer
Please stand, as able.

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

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



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your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. As you sent your Spirit to the disciples on the day of Pentecost, now send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood, and that we may be united as one body in Christ.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."**

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."**

So God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

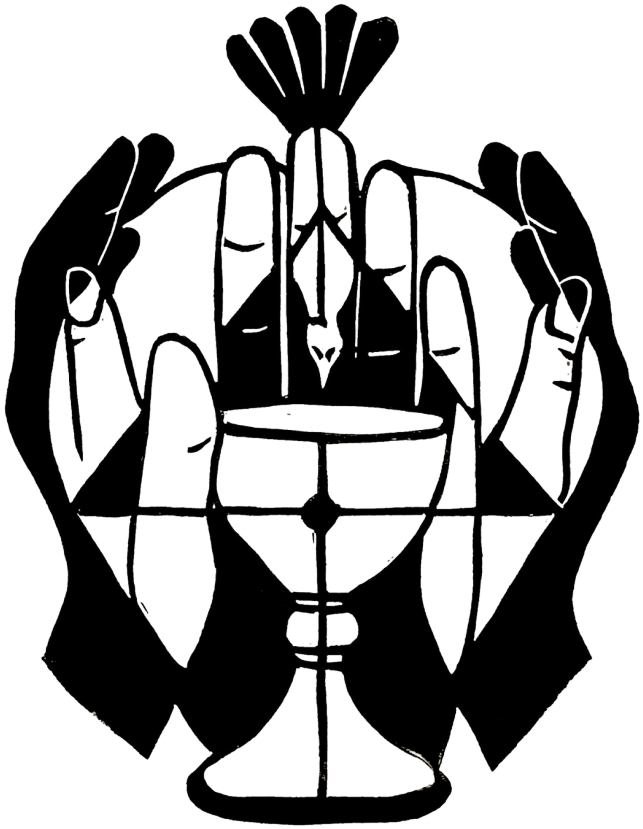
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion
This is the banquet table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church

invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here.
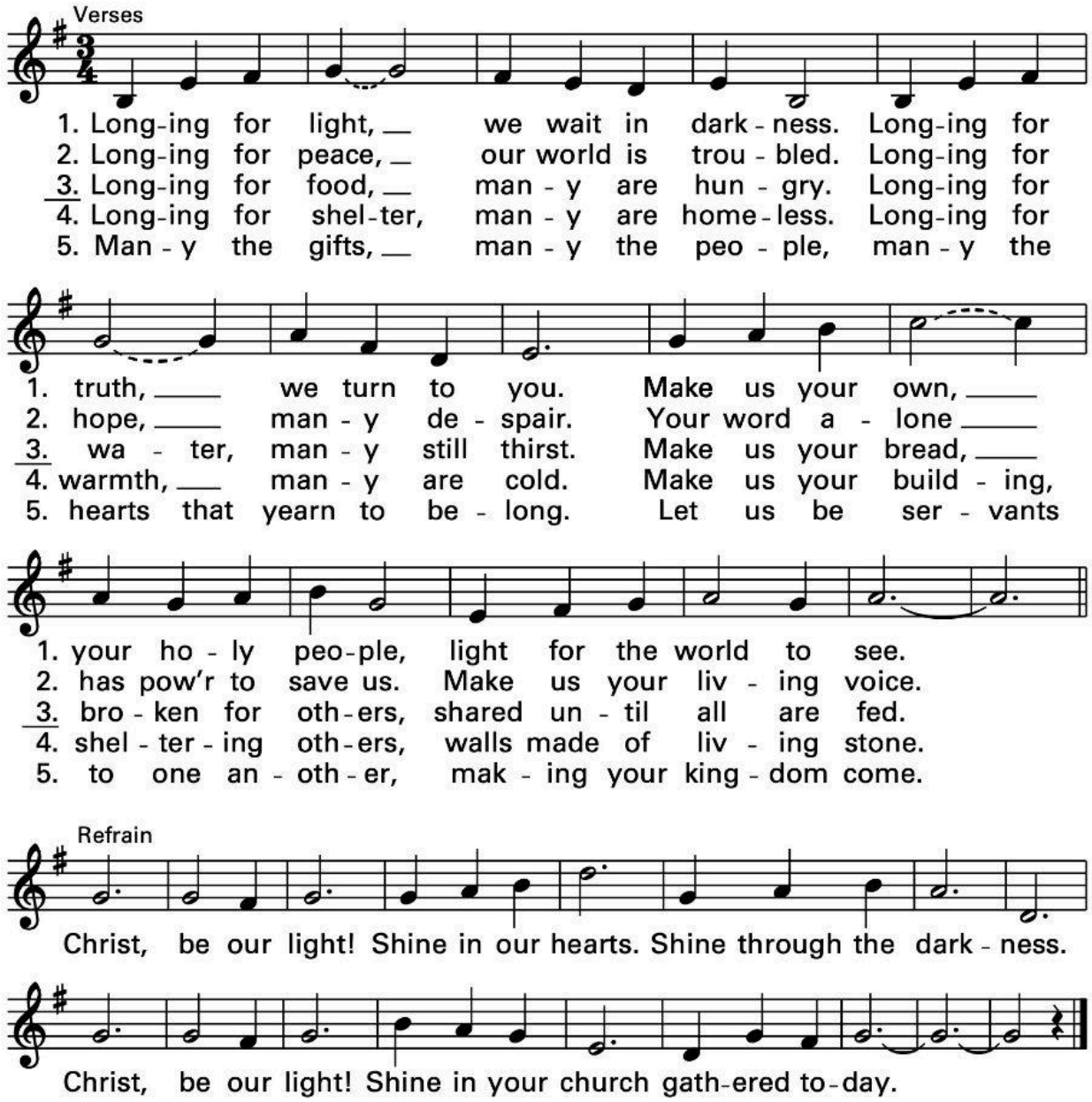
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Please kneel or be seated.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Please come forward to receive communion. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.



The Rev'd Sarah West | visiolectio.com

Communion Music *Christ, Be Our Light*



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Blessings and Celebrations
If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Announcements

The Post-Communion Prayer
Let us pray. **God of abundance,**
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
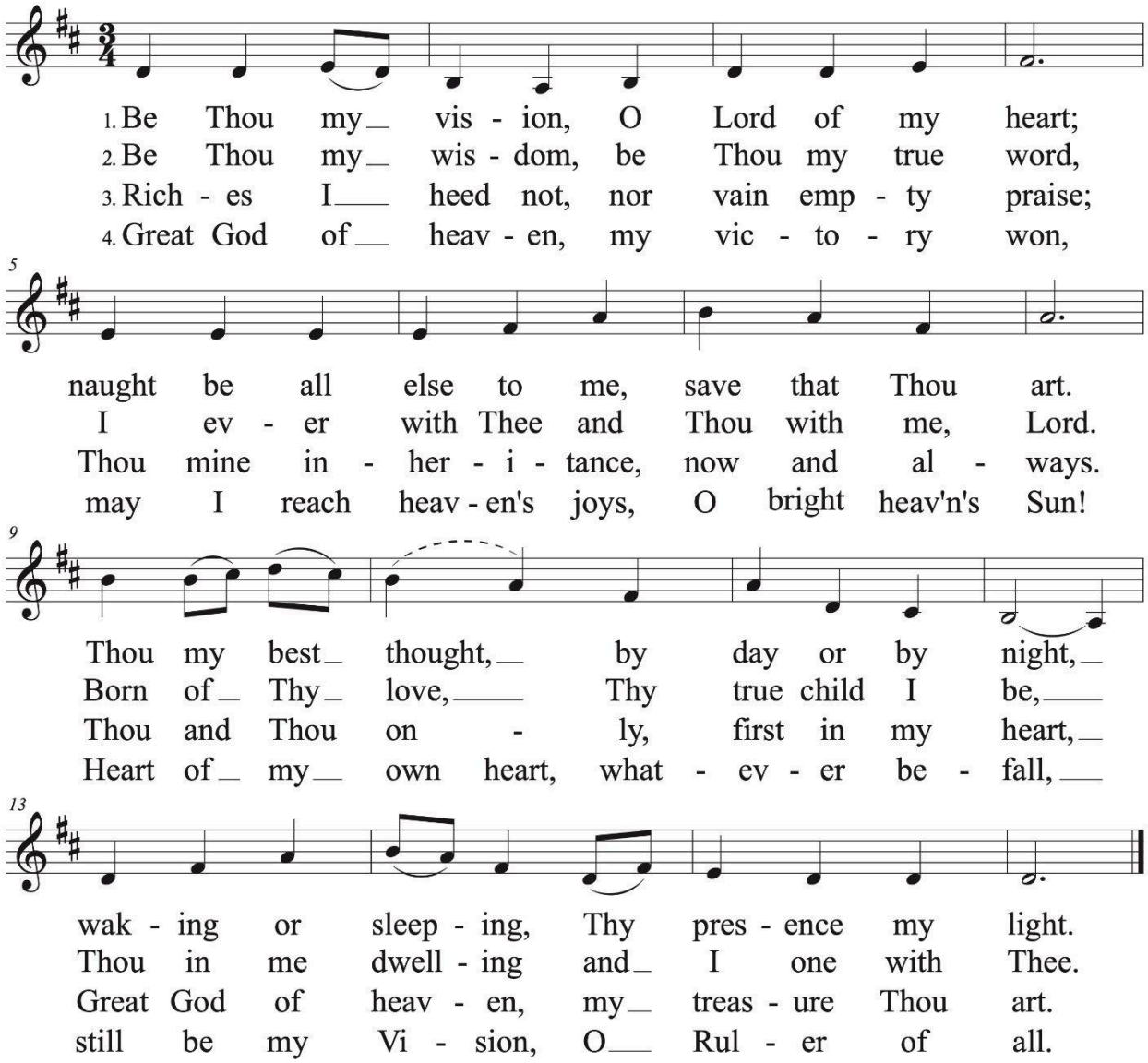
The Blessing
God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song *Be Thou My Vision*
See next page.

The Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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The Sending Song *Be Thou My Vision*



WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935) MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we are glad you're here!
We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core

values: joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

Community Announcements

Stay in touch: Sign up for the e-news

Want to get involved at St. Andrew's? The best way to stay up-to-da subscribe to our weekly e-news. We share information about upcom social events, formation opportunities, and more. Scan the QR code to subscribe.

Stewardship Campaign

Our annual stewardship campaign has begun! We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider their pledge for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in today's bulletin and on the table near the church entrance. Please complete and return your pledge card by **Sunday, December 6**.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish and its ministries!

Annual Parish Meeting — January 31

Please save the date for our Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2027**. We will gather to reflect on the past year and review our parish's annual reports. All parishioners are encouraged to attend!

New Vestry Appointments

We are pleased to announce that the Vestry has appointed **Helen Davies as Junior Warden** and **Hans Kohlberg as a new Vestry member**. Please join us in congratulating and thanking them for their willingness to serve our parish community!

ListenWifi

Do you find it difficult to hear the service clearly due to the echo in our sanctuary? We are excited to introduce a new assistive listening system!
To join:



1. Make sure your wifi and bluetooth are on. Scan the QR code (open the camera on your smartphone, focus on the symbol to the right, and click on the link that pops up) to connect to our local wifi or find the St. Andrew's by-the-Sea wifi. The password is: amordedios

2. Download the app "ListenWifi" on your smartphone in your App Store (it is free!).

3. It will ask you a series of questions. Say yes to everything! For the question, "Allow 'ListenWIFI' to use your location?" You can click on "allow once" or "allow while using app".

4. Plug in your own headphones or borrow a pair from the piano at the back of the church.

5. Click on Channel 01. Adjust the volume to your desired level.

If you have trouble, please ask a neighbor before the service.