

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

November 29, 2026, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us this morning! If you are visiting or want to know more about Grace, please visit our website for more information: **gracedc.org.**
Let this bulletin be your guide for the service; it includes everything you need.

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Psalm: To Come
Second Lesson: To Come
Prayers of the People: To Come
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We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us this morning!

This worship bulletin contains the full text of the liturgy, including hymns, prayers, scripture readings, as well as some explanations and instructions at key points in our service.

The Episcopal Church is part of the liturgical tradition, which has ancient roots in Jewish and early Christian worship. If this tradition is unfamiliar to you, please follow along as best as you are able and do not hesitate to ask someone nearby for assistance. For those who are familiar with our liturgy and how we navigate it, please keep an eye out for anyone among us who might need guidance and be prepared to offer them assistance and assurance. The God whom we come together to worship today is less interested in us 'getting everything just right' than in the attitude and inclination of our hearts. We believe that you are here because God has led you here today. Our intention is to welcome you as a beloved child of the living God, and make space for you to experience that love.

Our mission is simple and straightforward:

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown
where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.
We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to rest in God's presence, stilling our hearts and quieting our minds.

Liturgical Note:

- **Opening Dialogue** ("The Lord be with you…"),
- **Sanctus** ("Holy, holy, holy Lord…"),
- **Epiclesis**, the prayer asking the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the gifts,
- **Words of Institution**, recounting Jesus' words at the Last Supper,
- **Anamnesis**, our remembrance of Christ's death, resurrection, and coming again,
- **Memorial Acclamation** ("We remember his death…"), and then flows directly into the **Lord's Prayer**.

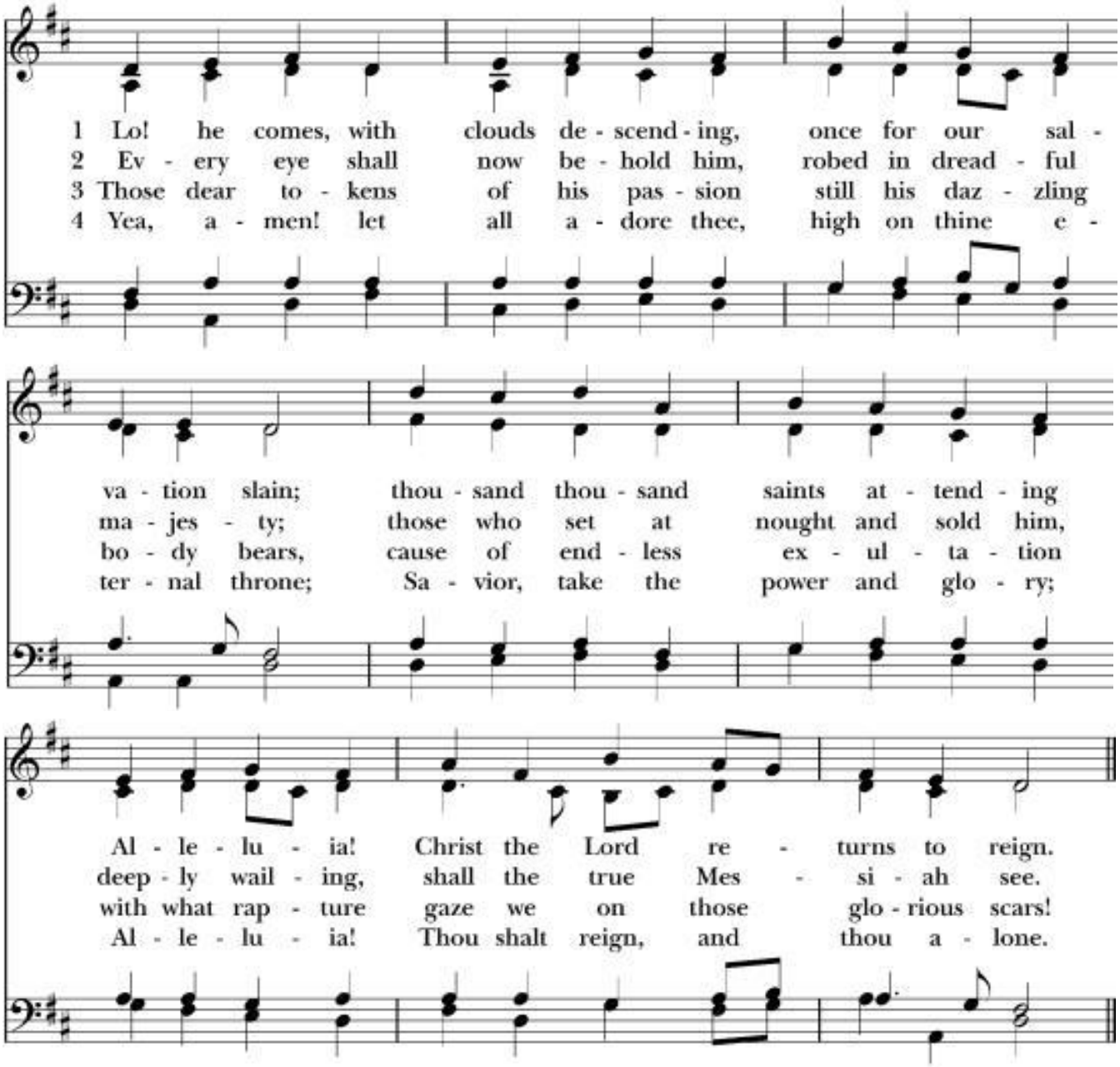
Throughout the service the People read the words in **bold.**

PRELUDE ***Chorale Prelude for the First Sunday in Advent***
Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710)

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN H58 *Lo! He Comes*

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.



THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The People stand as they are able.

Celebrant: O holy Light, you light the way for all of us. We light this candle to prepare for the coming of Jesus to our world. Fill our hearts with your love, so that we may receive your Son with joy and hold him fast in our hearts with a firm faith.

All: **Amen.**

One purple candle is lit.

Celebrant: Today we light the first Advent candle, which we call Hope. We look forward to the coming of Christmas and pray that our world may be a better place because we remember the birthday of Jesus.

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

> Yes, the day will come, says the Lord, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good I promised them.
> At that time I will bring to the throne the true Son of David, and he shall rule justly.

Deacon: O loving God, as we enter the Advent Season, show us how we may prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas. Open our minds and hearts to receive the loving spirit of Jesus. We thank you for the gift of your only Son, who is our friend and our guide.

All: **Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

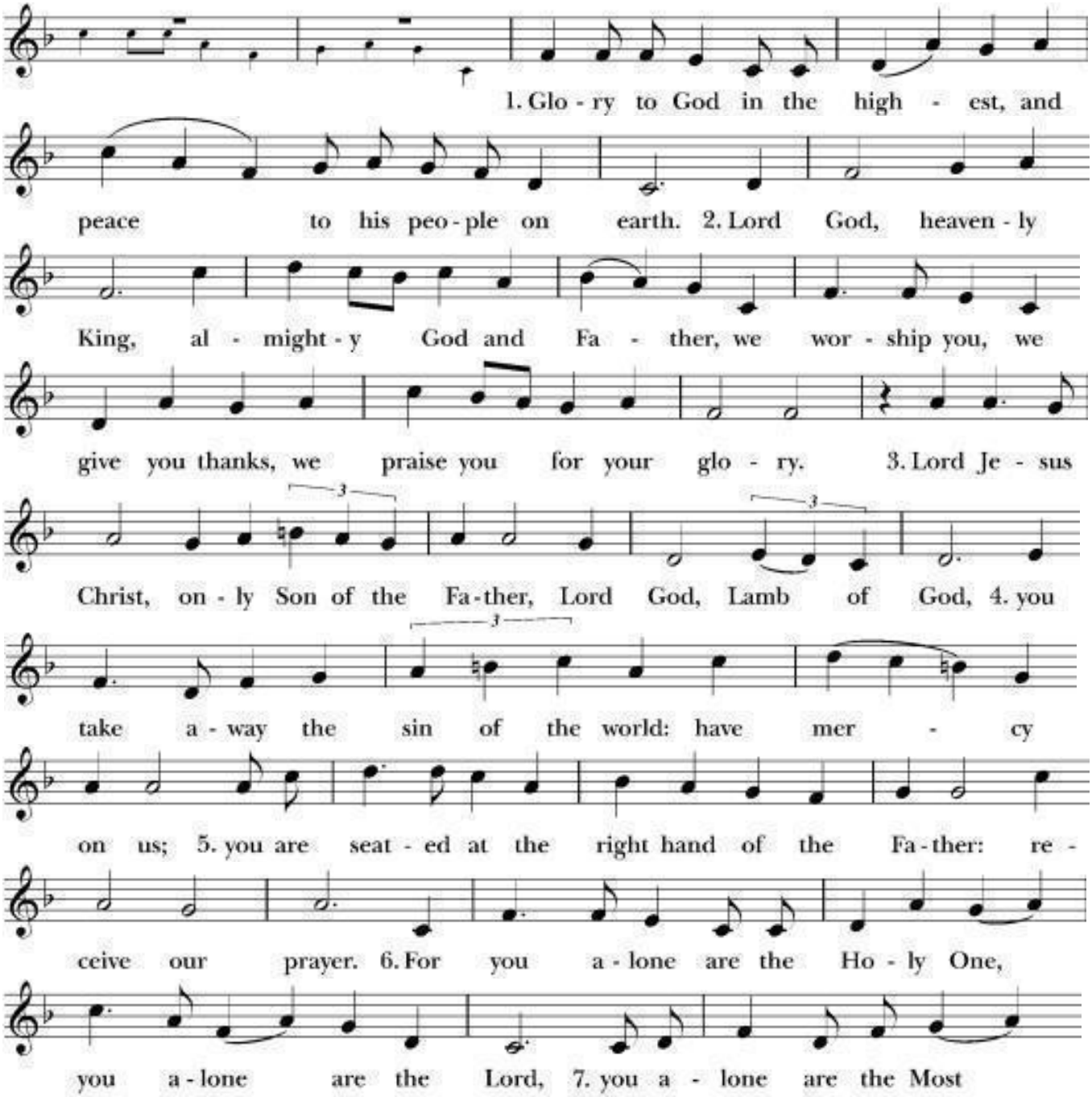
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

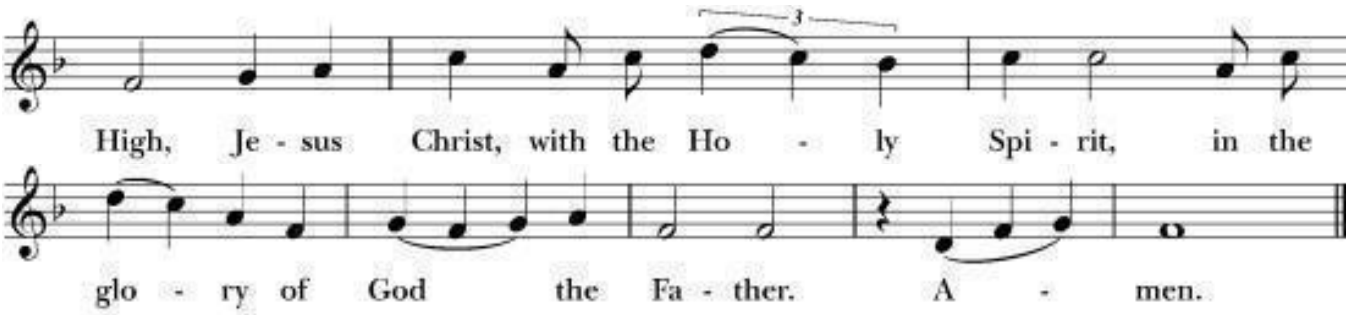
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All: **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.**

GLORIA S280 — Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service.





THE 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.

People: **Amen.**
The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Reader: A reading from the Book of 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.

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

THE PSALM — Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Reader: Let us read the Psalm responsively by half verse.
The people read the words in bold.

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

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

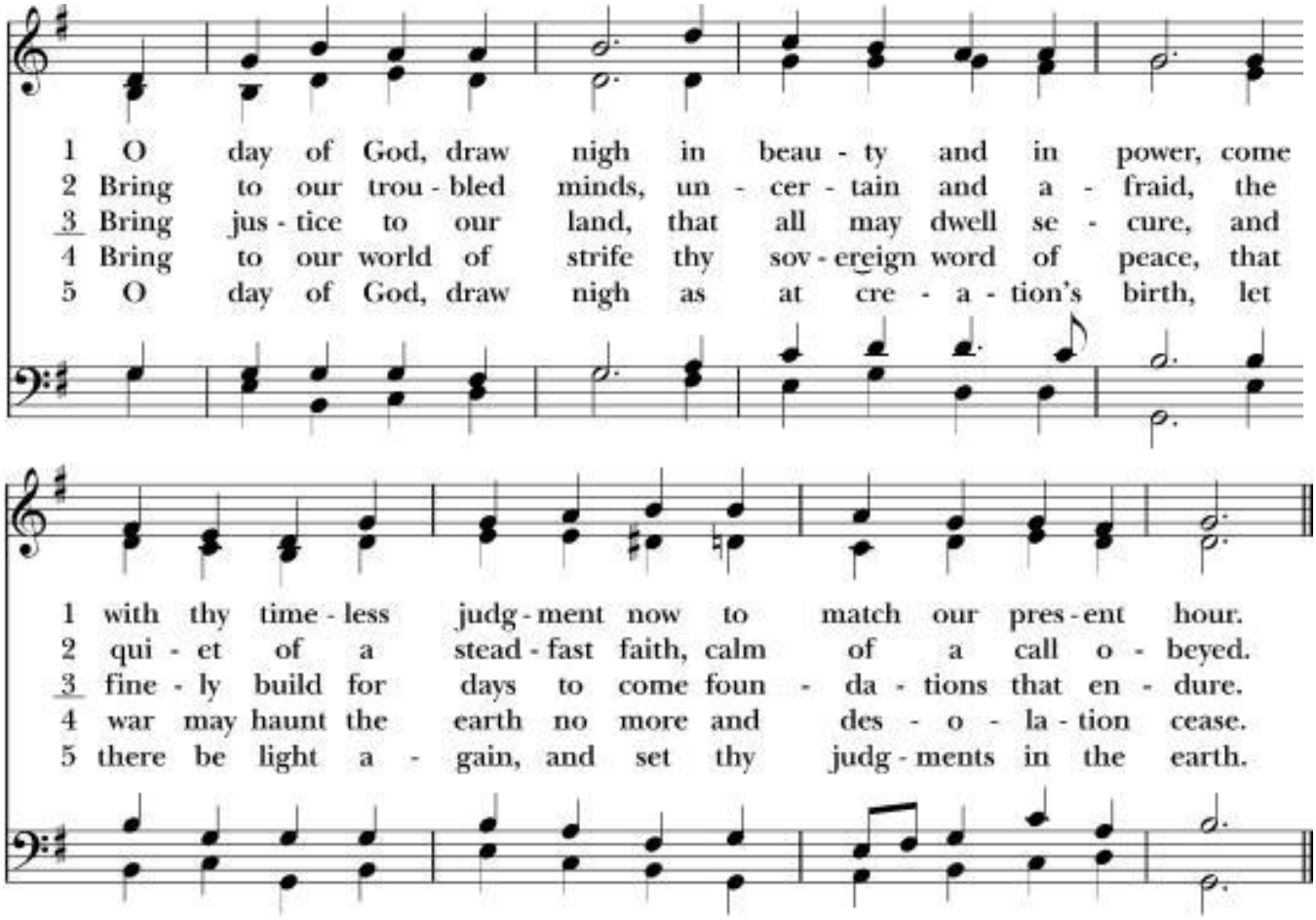
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any

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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H601 *O Day of God*

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.



THE GOSPEL — Mark 13:24-37

All stand as they are able.

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.**

THE SERMON — The Reverend David C. Wacaster

Following the sermon we keep a period of silence for individual reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as they are able.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader: God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence.
(Please add your intercessions and petitions)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name before you now:
(Please add your own prayers for those who have died)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for all that matters.

(Please add your blessings and thanksgivings)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty.
All: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

All remain standing as they are able.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.

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.

THE PEACE

All remain standing as they are able.

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

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After which, the people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a full listing of announcements and volunteer opportunities, please turn to pages 25-27.

THE OFFERTORY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ***Swing Low, Sweet Chariot***

Spiritual Arranged by R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Donate to Grace

Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around. All are also invited to support Grace Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by scanning this QR code: it takes you right to the Grace Church PayPal donation page. You may also contribute through our website at gracedc.org/give-to-grace, and through your regular contributions in-person or by mail.

Communion @ Grace

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed by the priest and communion minister standing below the altar steps, center aisle. Please approach the priest by the center aisle. The priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available by request. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your torso for the priest to bless you. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Please stand as the peoples' offerings are carried forward.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

All stand as they are able.

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.**

The Celebrant continues…
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

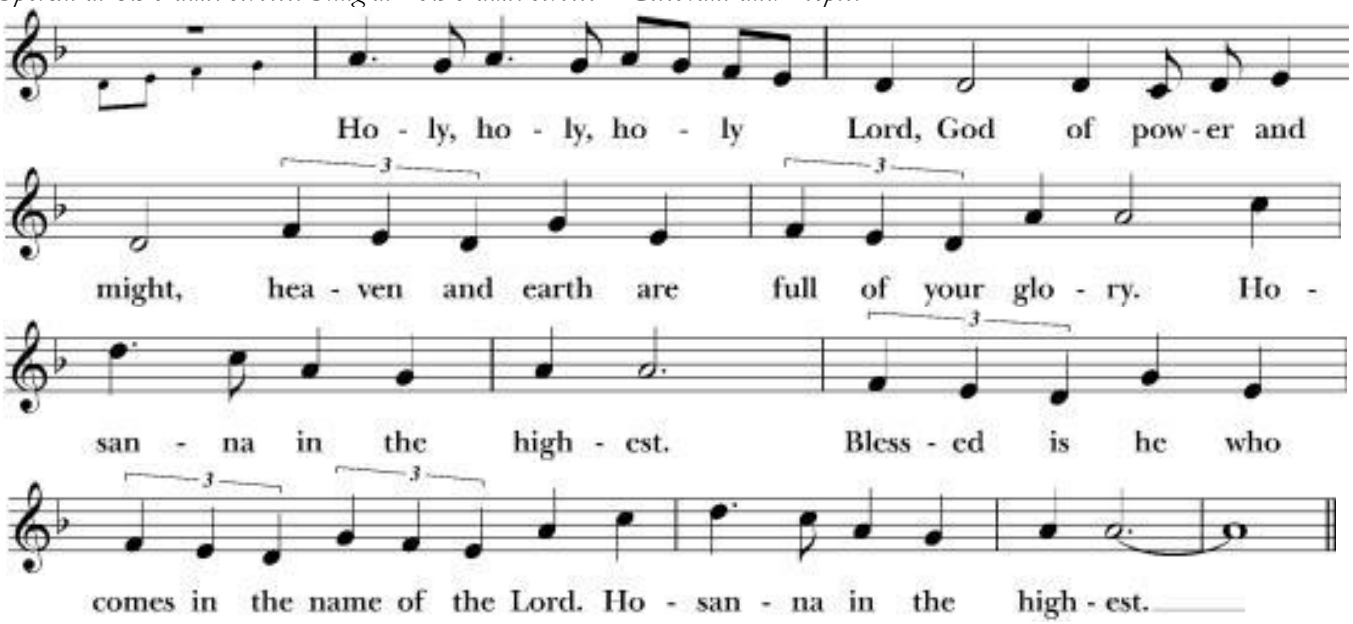
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 129 **Robert Powell (b. 1932)**

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service – Celebrant and People:



The Celebrant continues…

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Hagar, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Most Merciful God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.

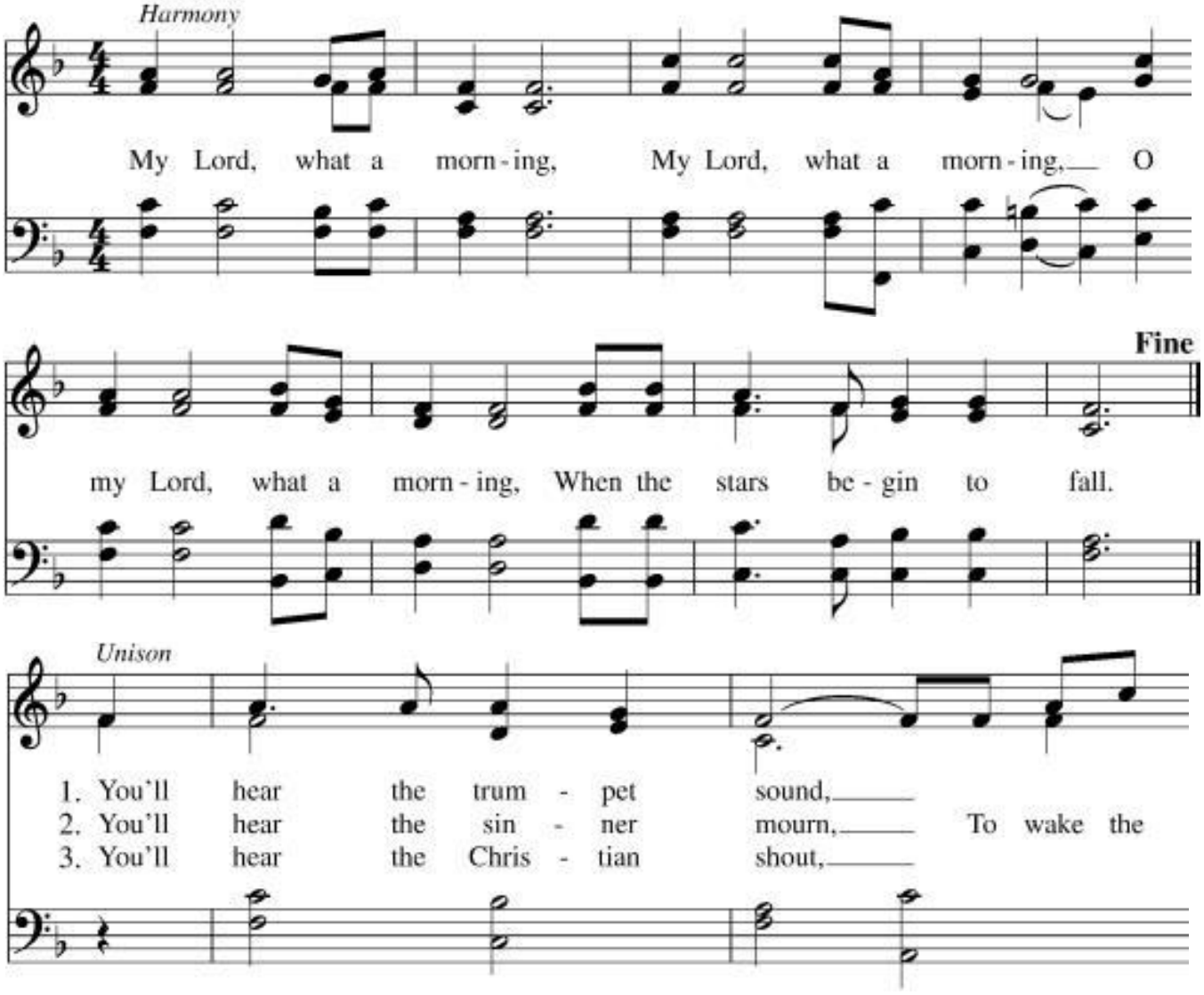
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

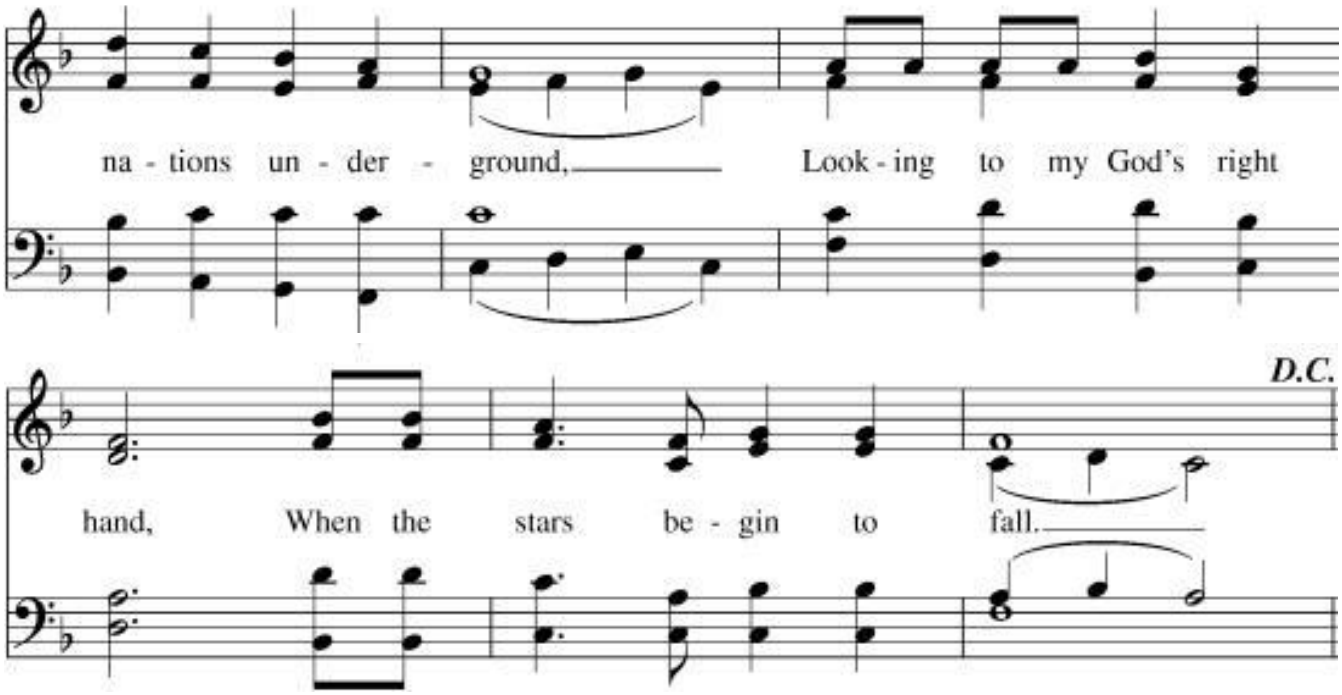
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 13 *My Lord, What a Morning*

10:30 a.m. service only - The people remain standing.





Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The people may be seated. The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC ***Public Domain Advent and Communion Hymns***

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All*:** **Most loving God, creator and redeemer,**
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.
Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

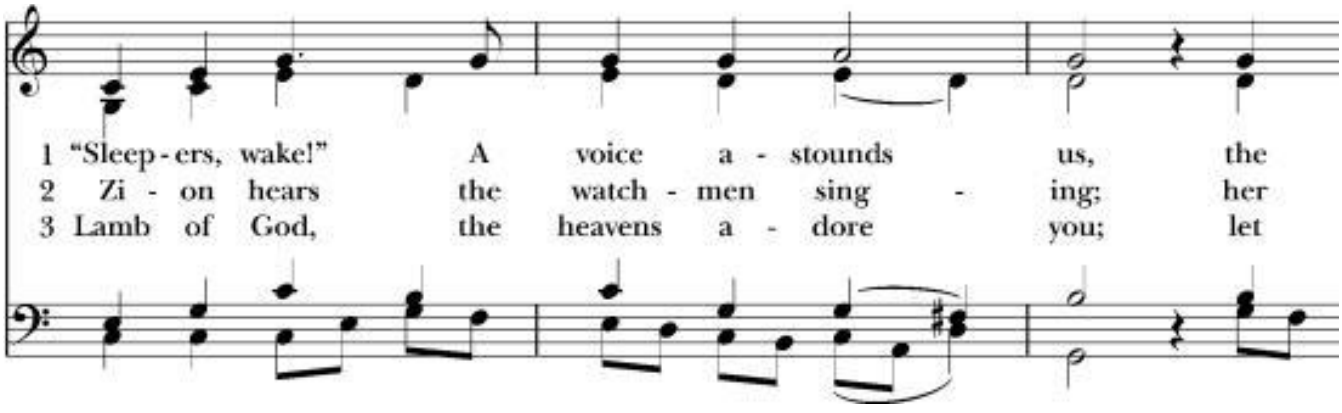
People: **Amen.**

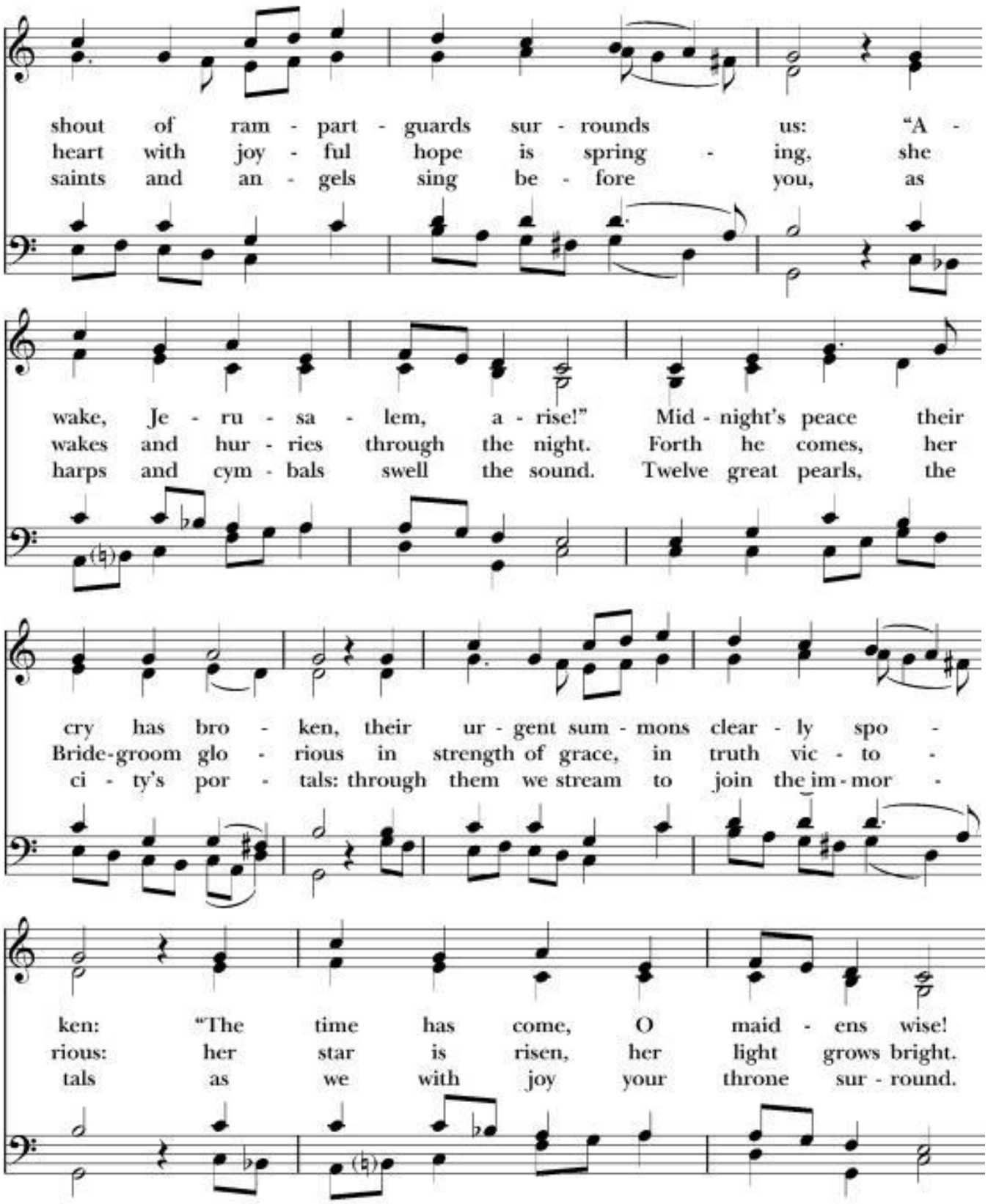
Celebrant: And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

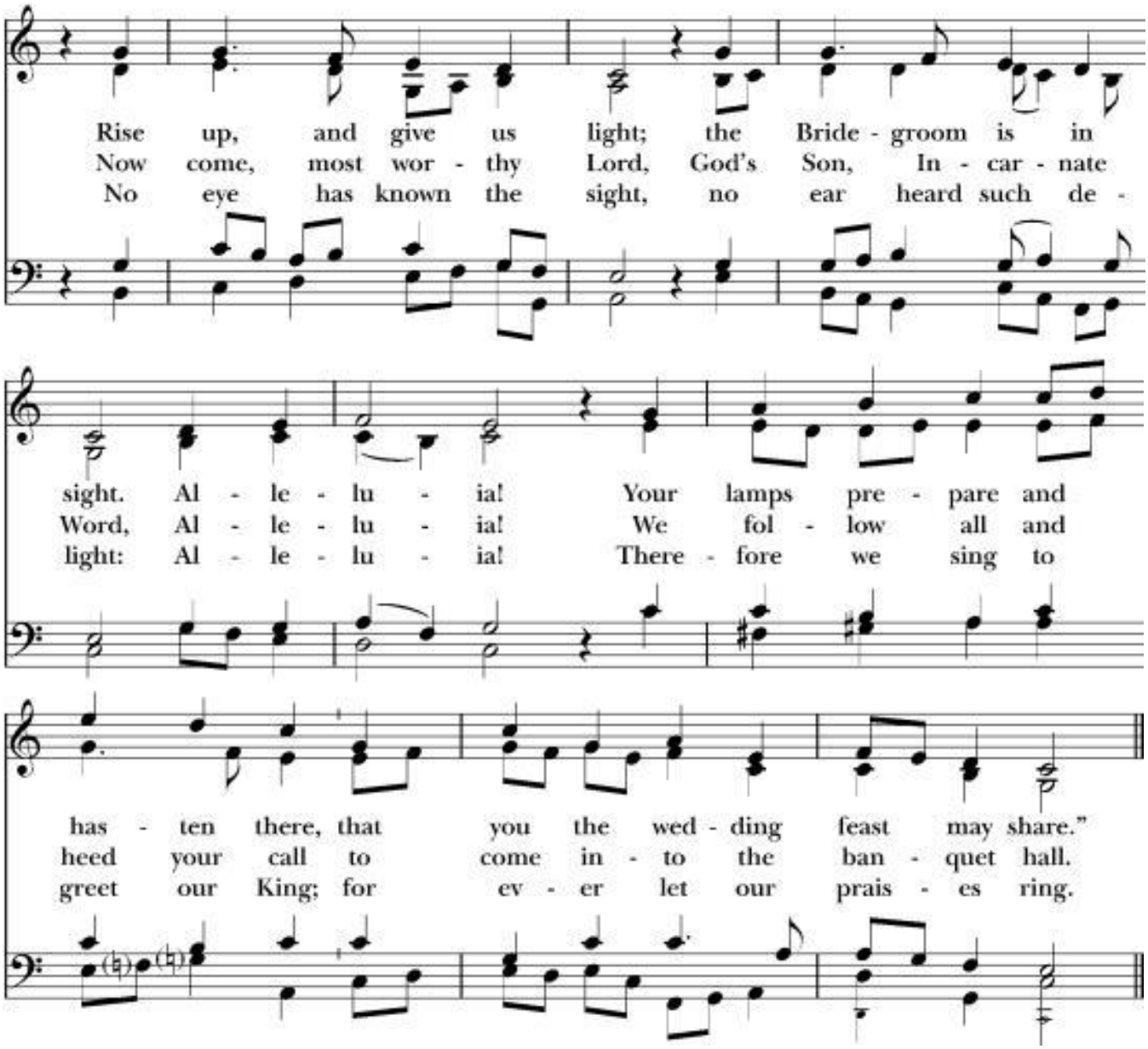
People: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN H61 *"Sleepers, Wake!"*

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shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the
cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -
ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ***Chorale Prelude for the First Sunday in Advent***
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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Stewardship Campaign 2027



Dear Friends and Family of Grace Episcopal Church,

Together we have surpassed our goal, reaching 106%!

What a great achievement for us all to celebrate! It reflects the generosity, faith, and commitment of our church family. No matter the size of your pledge, EVERY commitment matters. While we celebrate exceeding our goal, we also want to encourage anyone who has not yet completed and returned a pledge card to please do so.

Thank you to all listed below for your generosity, your faith, and your commitment to our church.

With gratitude,
Sarah Haft
Stewardship Chair
and special thanks to Jared Belfield.

Lucy Alexander	Paul Alligood	Catherine & Terence Aselford
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Sarah Haft	James Hamilton	Christina Kreutziger
Carolyn Kroon	Elizabeth Lee	Margaret Lenzner
William Mako	Francine Máté	Jacob, Gillian, & Luke Morton
Braden Murphy	Terry & Patricia Murphy	Douglas & Virginia Neumann
Daniela del Rosal	Mystelle Ruble & Daniel Capizzi	Mary Ann Ruehling
Jim & Janet Sale	John Seferian	Scott Shaughnessy
Sally Stanfield	David C. Wacaster	Marian Wentworth

Our Social Media Profiles!

Grace Church is active on Instagram and TikTok! Follow us **@gracechurch_dc** on both platforms as more content is soon to come!

New Vestry Members Elected at the Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce the election by acclamation of the following: **Braden Murphy** - Senior Warden for a 2 year term; **Margaret Lenzner** - Vestry Member for a 3 year term; **Scott Shaughnessy** - Vestry Member for a 3 year term, representing the online congregation

We thank the outgoing Senior Warden, Mary Ann Ruehling, and outgoing Vestry members Mary Daly, James Hamilton, and Lee Tyner for their service.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume normal operations on Monday, November 30th.

Open Mic Nights @ Grace Church |November 30 @ 7 PM

We are having monthly Open Mic nights in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and share! Poetry, music, and original works encouraged; all are welcome to join!

Koinonia Groups

The Koinonia fellowship groups consist of small groups of people who meet periodically, either in members' homes or in another location of their choice, for food, conversation, and fun. For additional information contact Alecia Torres Valdez at aleciatorresv@gmail.com.

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer 12:15 p.m. (Questions? Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org)
(NOTE: Email office@gracedc.org to receive zoom links. All Sunday services will be in person. The 10:30 am service will also be live streamed when trained technical personnel are available. The service can be viewed on Grace's YouTube channel. Search for Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown Washington, DC and subscribe to our channel.)

Pastoral Care and Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let the committee know if someone needs a check-in, a listening ear, or special prayers. The committee also enjoys their continuing ministry of delivering meals to families with newborns!

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Volunteering at Grace Church?

We need Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Coffee Hour Hosts – and especially Broadcast Technicians! Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org, to get involved!

Grace's Table / Saturdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grace's Table is a Saturday morning feeding ministry for the unhoused and those living on the margins. We are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers and are hoping to expand our team, which would allow us to share the responsibilities more broadly. Please consider providing some portion of the meal or helping serve and assist with set up & clean up. Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more info or to volunteer

Beyond the Gates of Grace

Georgetown Village **Georgetown Village Square, 1801 34th St. NW**

Are you looking to help others in our local community? Georgetown Village, a nonprofit organization committed to helping older adults thrive while aging in place, is in need of volunteers to meet a number of important needs, such as driving older adults to medical appointments, making friendly visits, providing tech support, and more. This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors! Reach out to info@georgetown-village.org for more information.

Advent Prayer Breakfast & Coat Drive | December 5 @ 9:00 AM

Start your advent season in fellowship at this annual event hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Episcopal Church Women (EDOW-ECW). This event will include music, prayer and an uplifting message from our keynote speaker. We will also be collecting new and gently used coats that will be donated to a local charity. Purchase tickets via: https://www.ecw-edow.org/

Christmas with Fairfax Choral Society: Messiah and More| December 5 & 6 @ 4:00 PM

This concert will start with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, arranged by Taylor Scott Davis, and Dan Forrest's Angels We Have Heard on High. Then the chorus and orchestra perform Part I of Messiah, all the way through His yoke is easy, and finish with the Hallelujah Chorus.

Bring a friend (or two) and make an afternoon of it. Tickets are $25 in advance or $35 at the door, students are $20, and kids 13 and under come free. Purchase tickets via: https://fairfaxchoralsociety.org/events/

Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings. We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 30	**7:00 PM** Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 6th The Second Sunday of Advent	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *with music & live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*
Sunday, December 13th The Third Sunday of Advent Lessons & Carols	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:30 AM** Lessons & Carols *& live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*
Sunday, December 20th The Fourth Sunday of Advent	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *with music & live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*
Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve	**5 PM** Christmas Carol Sing **5:30 PM** Festal Eucharist *with music*
Friday, December 25th Christmas Day	**10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *Contemplative Service* *The Feast of the Nativity*

Recurring Events

Last **Monday** of each Month	**7 PM** Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary
Tuesdays	**12:15 PM** Virtual Centering Prayer
Saturdays	**11 AM - 12:15 PM** Grace's Table Feeding Ministry Contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more info.
Office Hours	**10 AM - 3 PM** Monday - Friday *(The Rector's regular day off is Friday)*

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