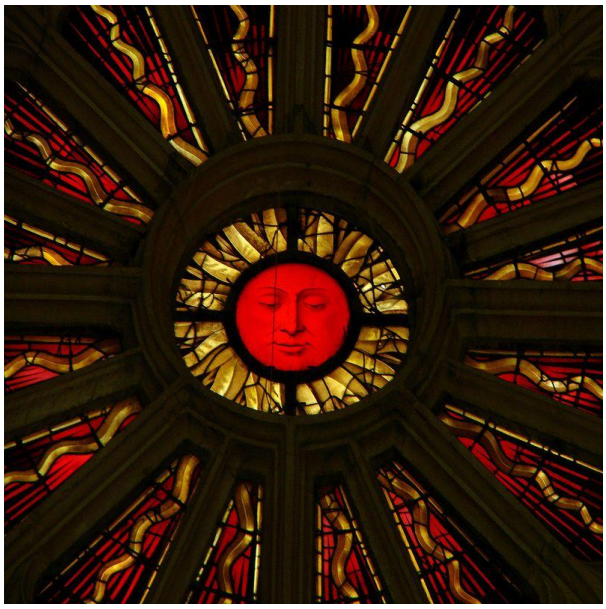
CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

First Sunday of Advent

a season of quiet anticipation



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

November 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

In this Advent season, the prayer bell is rung to invite silent contemplation.
Please remain seated as the altar party enters.

Please stand in body or spirit as the altar party stands.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy, and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free**.

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Celebrant Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is hope.

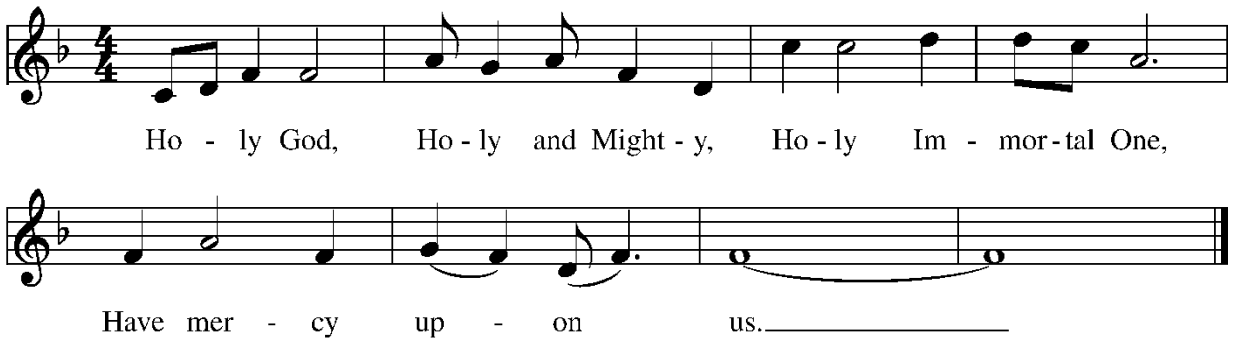
Leader We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

All **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

The first candle is lit.

TRISAGION W845 *Carl Haywood (b. 1949)*

The Trisagion is sung three times.



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CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

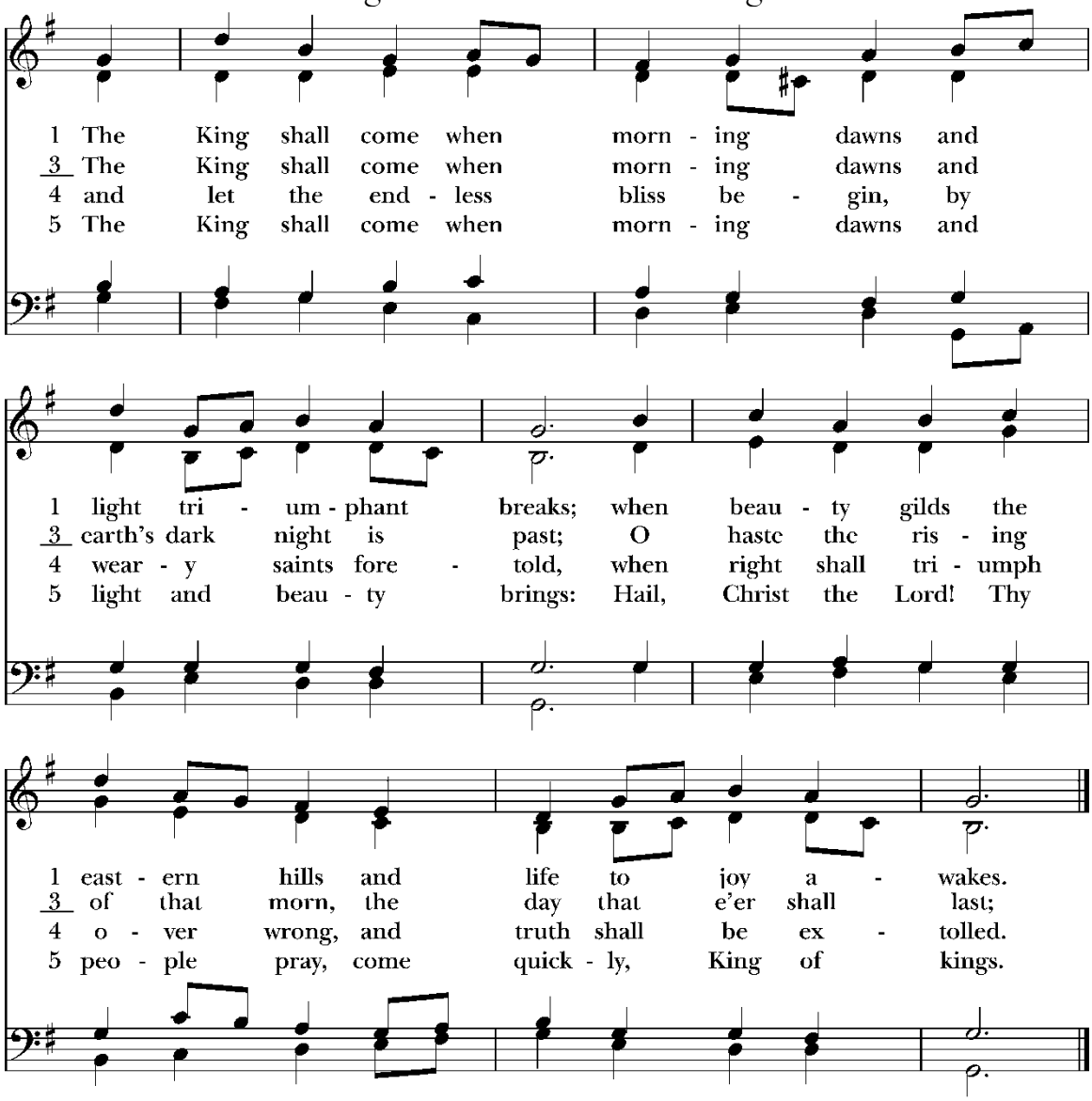
The prayer bell is rung to invite contemplation, marking the beginning and end of silence.

Celebrant 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.***

OPENING HYMN 73 The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 64:1-9*

Reader A reading from 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.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *(Read in alternation)*

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

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

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**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.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**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.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

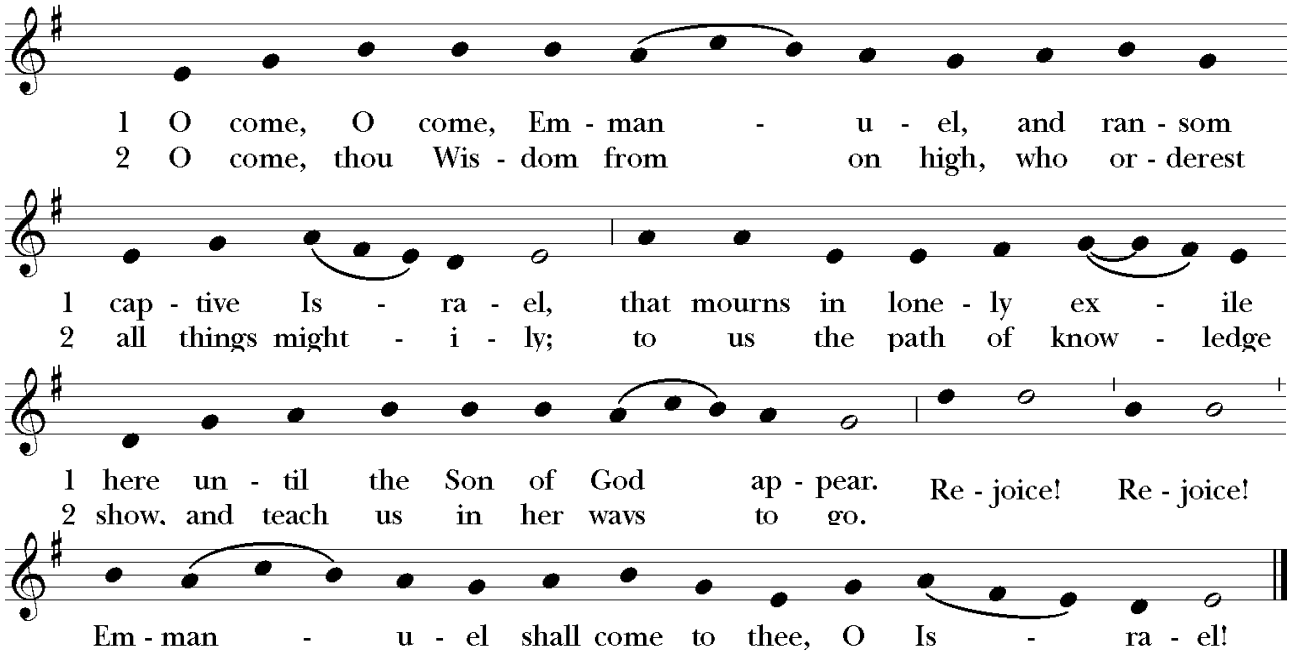
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*



THE GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-37*

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

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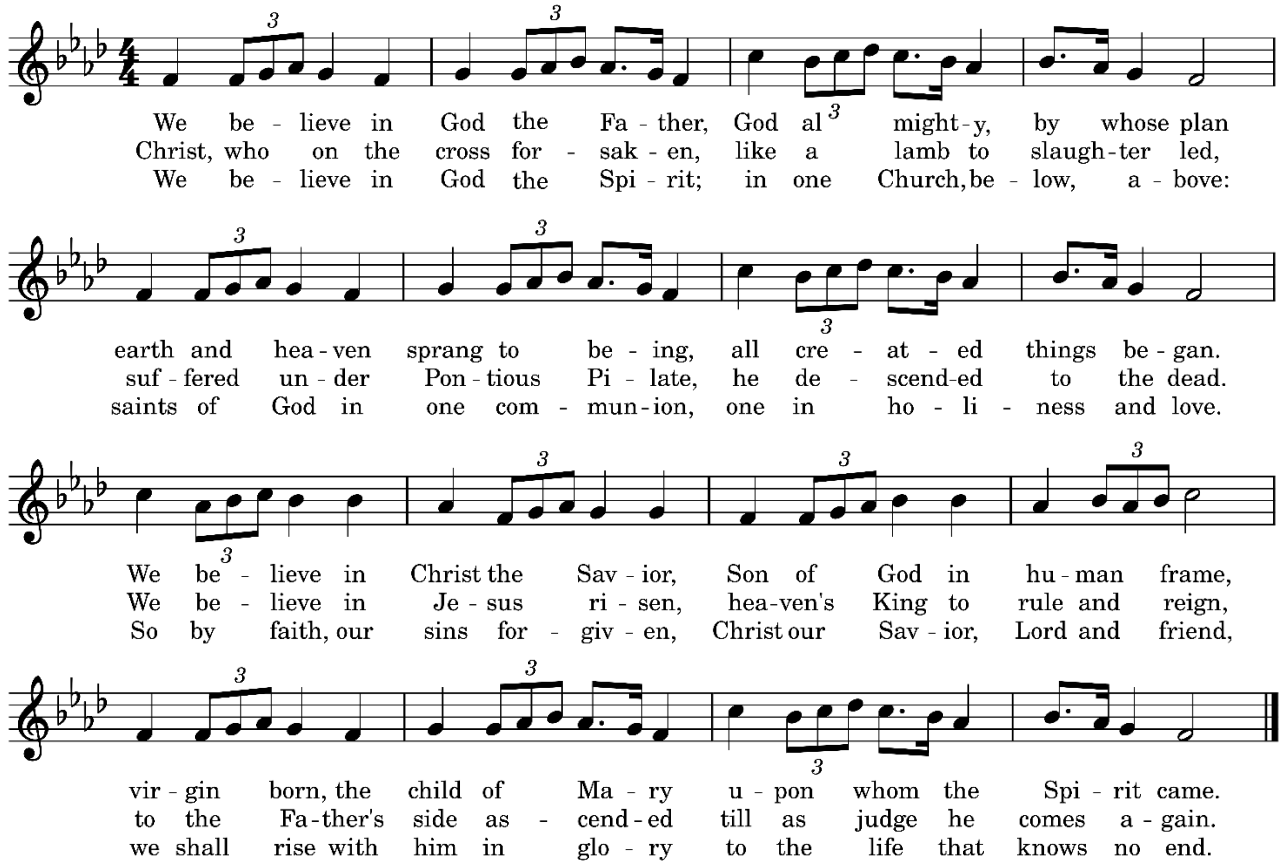
THE CREED *From E Creeds and Authorized Affirmations of Faith, E8* *Ton-y-Botel*



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 392-393)

Leader Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Reader Lord of life, during this Advent time of hopeful waiting, stir up in your people the desire to know you, serve you, and make your love known in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Help us who wait for the coming of the Prince of Peace to work to build communities where your reconciling love is known. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Inspire the hearts of the leaders of the nations to seek justice, mercy, and kinship above power and dominion including the President, the Supreme Court, Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, ICE agents, police officers, all who exercise legal authority, all who witness in the name of civil rights, and all who long to repair the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader You come to dwell among us, and share our humanity. Pour out your healing love on all who suffer, especially *Ward Paine, Barbara Creed, Chet Wrucke, Trish, Allison Grey, Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite, John Terwilliger, Lisa Bonfield, Stannye Llewellyn, Bruce McCombs, Dede Jamison, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes* and those we now name silently or aloud *(pause)*. Bring them comfort, light and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation *(pause).* Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for those who have died, who put their hope and faith in your goodness and who enjoy your presence forever, especially *Steve Millard, Mary Jo Hossfeld, Courtney Terwilliger;* those we remember on the anniversary of their deaths, *June L. Liddicoat, Richard Bruce Todd, Charles E. Baker, Sr., Virginia Michos;* and those we now name silently or aloud (pause). Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Hobart Birmingham, Mary Paine*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

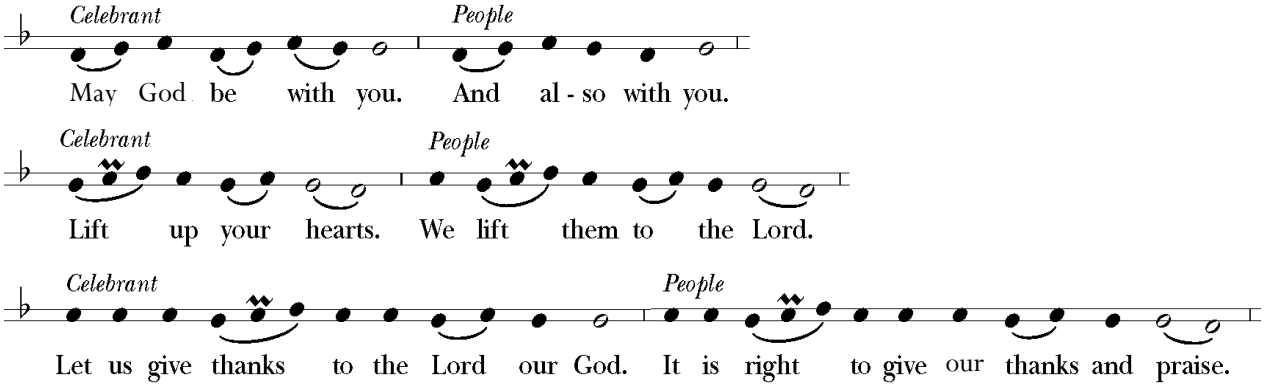
Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand in body or spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

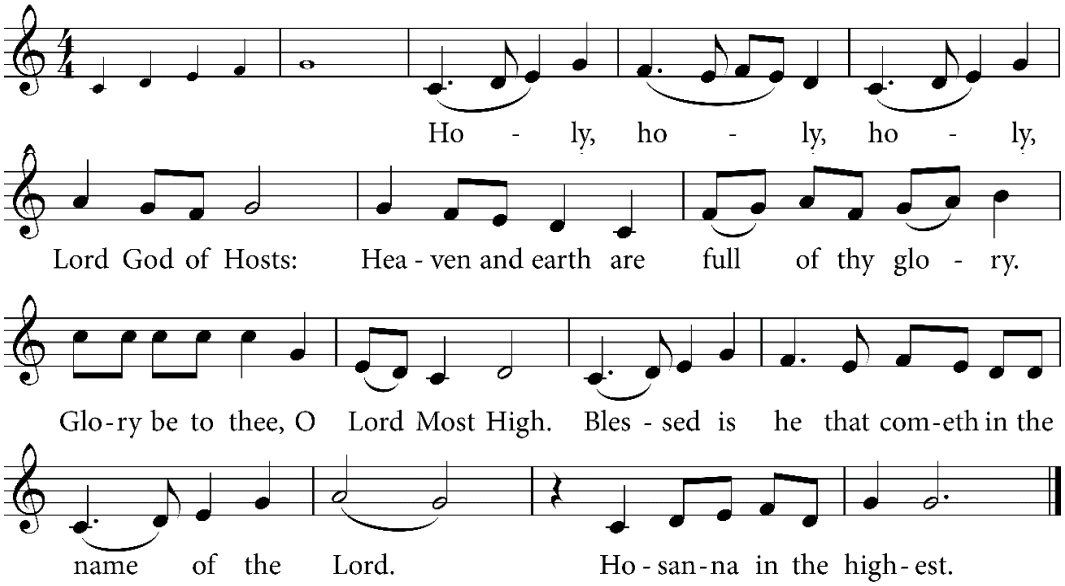


Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 *Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)*



Celebrant 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,

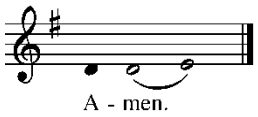
All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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.

People 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

THE COMMUNION

Please do <u>not</u> receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine.

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive: the consecrated bread, or both the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."
To receive the wine simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth.
Please do <u>not</u> receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.")
If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying "Amen", translations of which include "It is true!" or "May it be so!".

COMMUNION ANTHEM E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come *Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Grant, O merciful Lord:**
that through these holy mysteries which we have received we may learn to love things heavenly:
and, even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which shall endure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God the Creator, judge all-merciful,
Inspire us to be worthy of holy compassion!
Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of justice!
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love!
Amen.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be upon you this moment and always.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

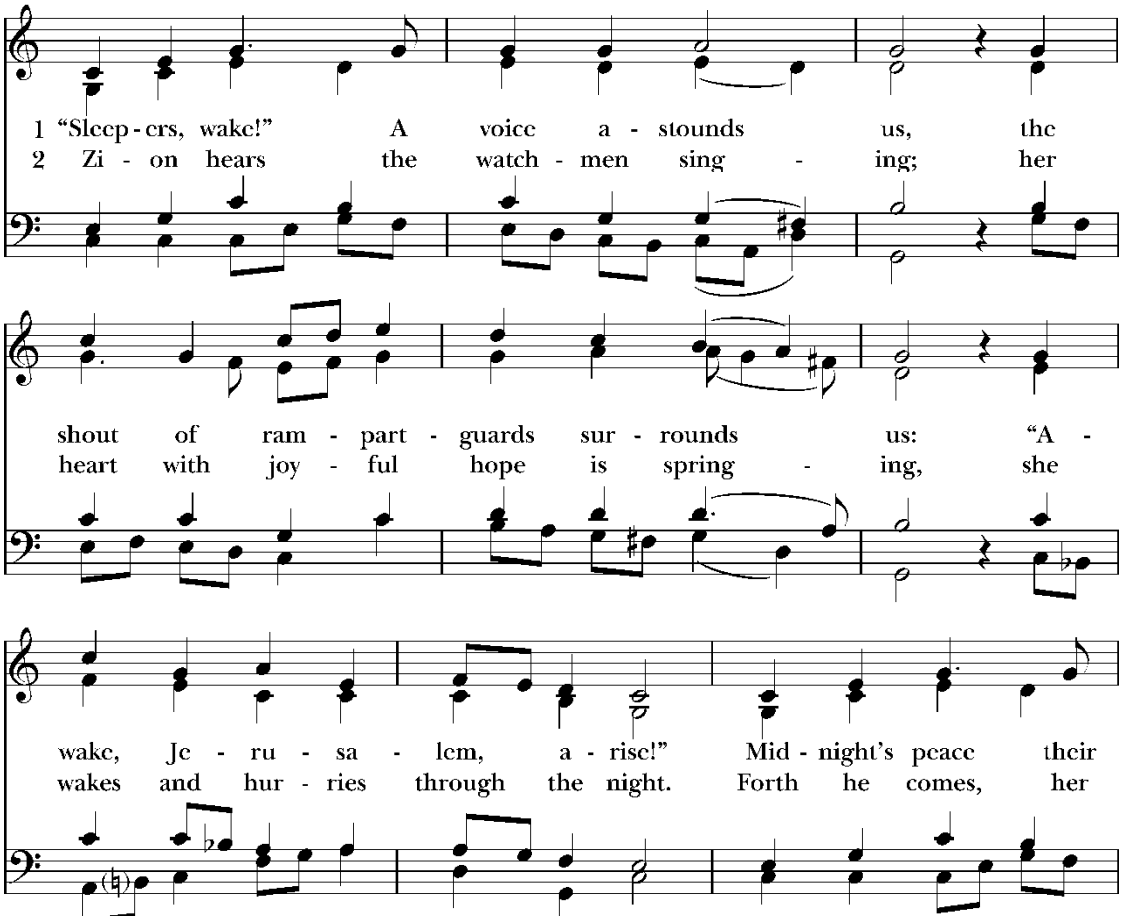
We welcome all visitors and newcomers! If you wish, we invite you to sign our guestbook near the church entrance. Please join us in the parish hall for refreshment after the service.
Special thanks to today's Coffee Hour Host: Terra Terwilliger

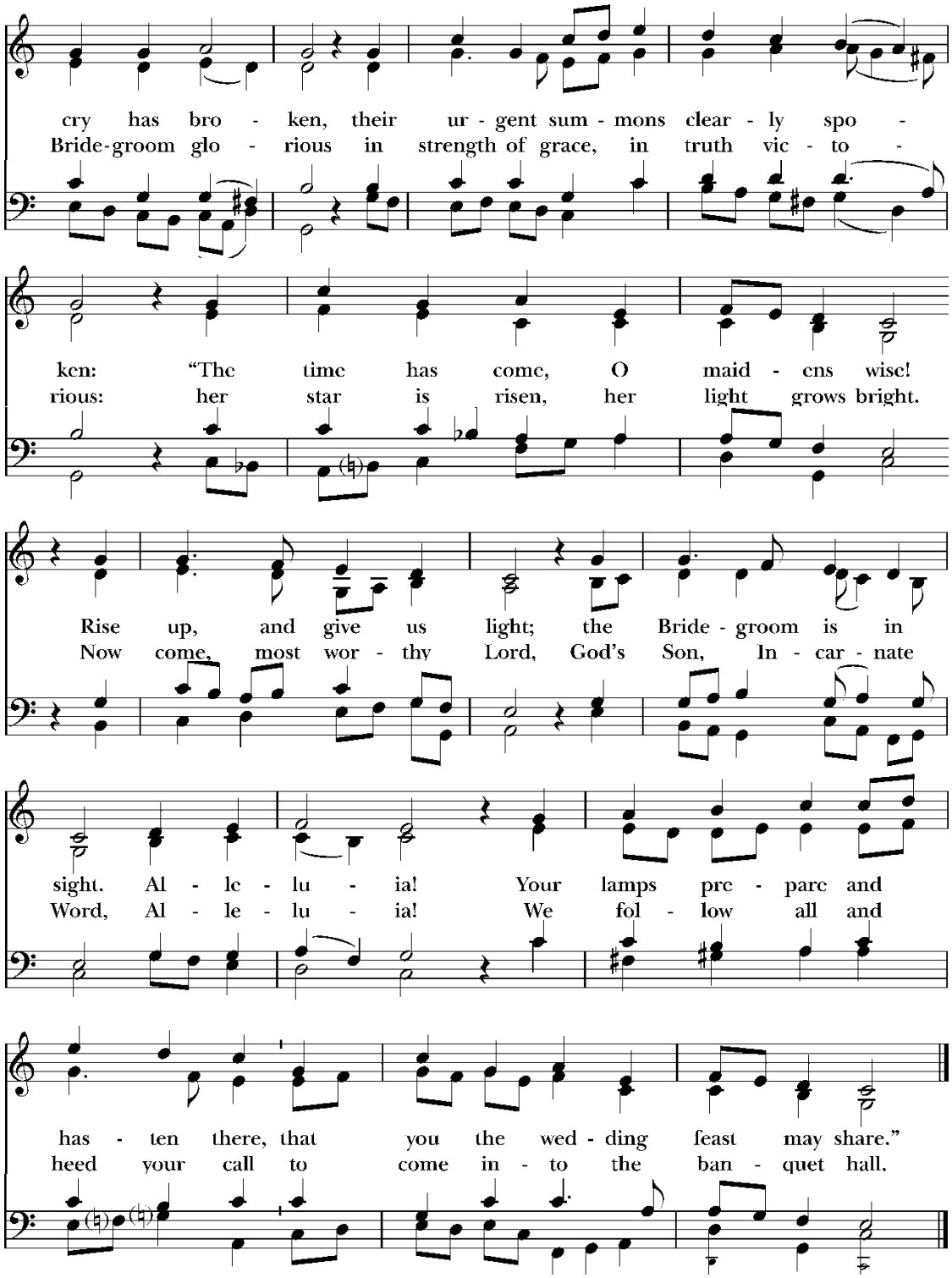
THE JOURNEY TOWARDS BETHLEHEM

Reader The Prophets are pointing the way.
People **We journey together to Bethlehem.**

The Holy Family is on a journey this season followed by shepherds and animals and wise astronomers. Notice where Mary and Joseph are on the path towards the manger; pay close attention to those who are called towards Bethlehem. As we move through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, our youth will assist in the journey to Bethlehem as our crèche figures move throughout our sacred space.

CLOSING HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*





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THE DISMISSAL

One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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