The Holy Eucharist

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 at 9:30am



Welcome!

It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

There are coloring materials and children's books in the entryway. The restroom is located in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary. After the service, join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Welcome

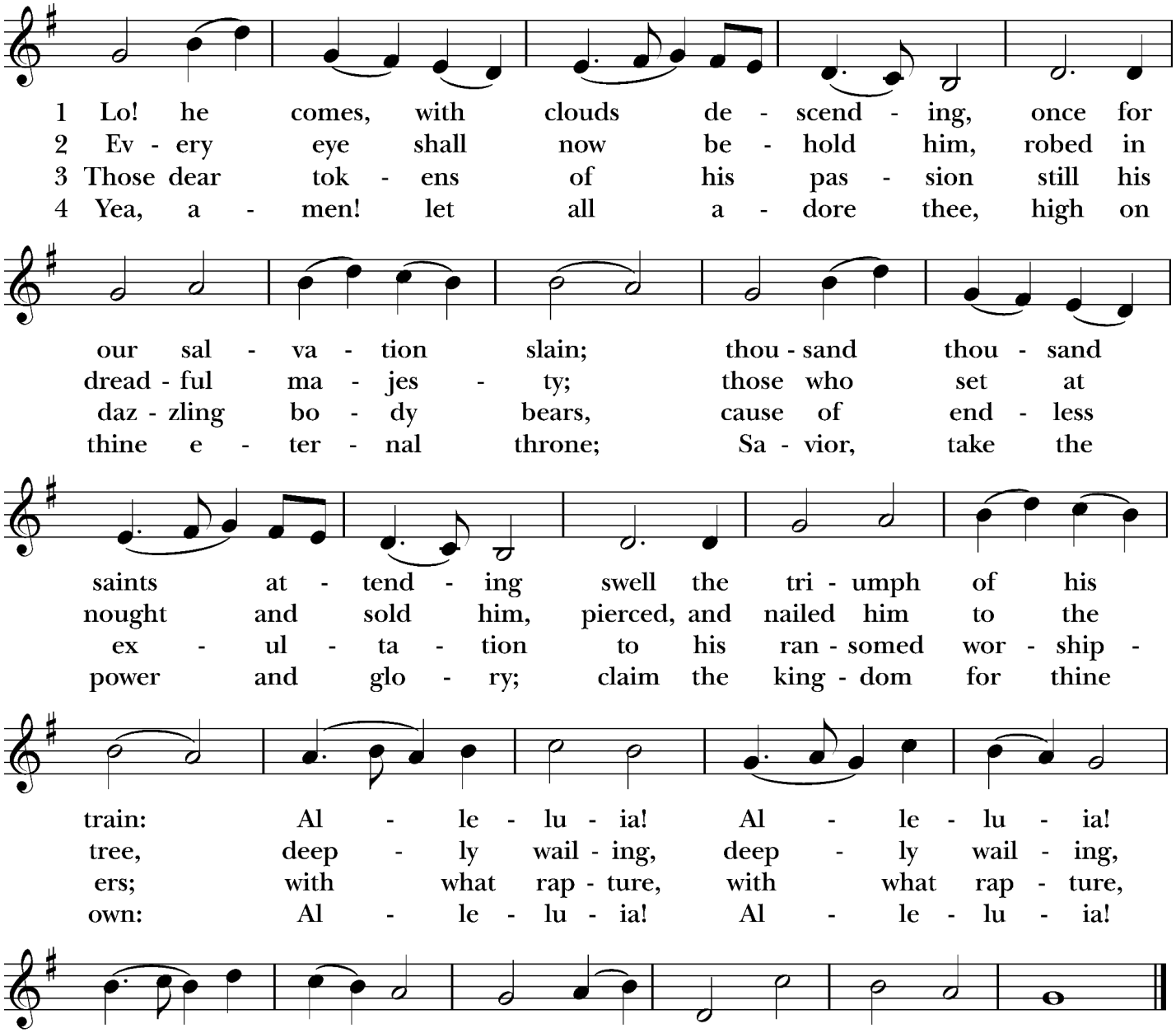
Prelude

Intrada—Processional on 'Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying' Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Processional Hymn

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *The Hymnal 1982* #57



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Opening Acclamation

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

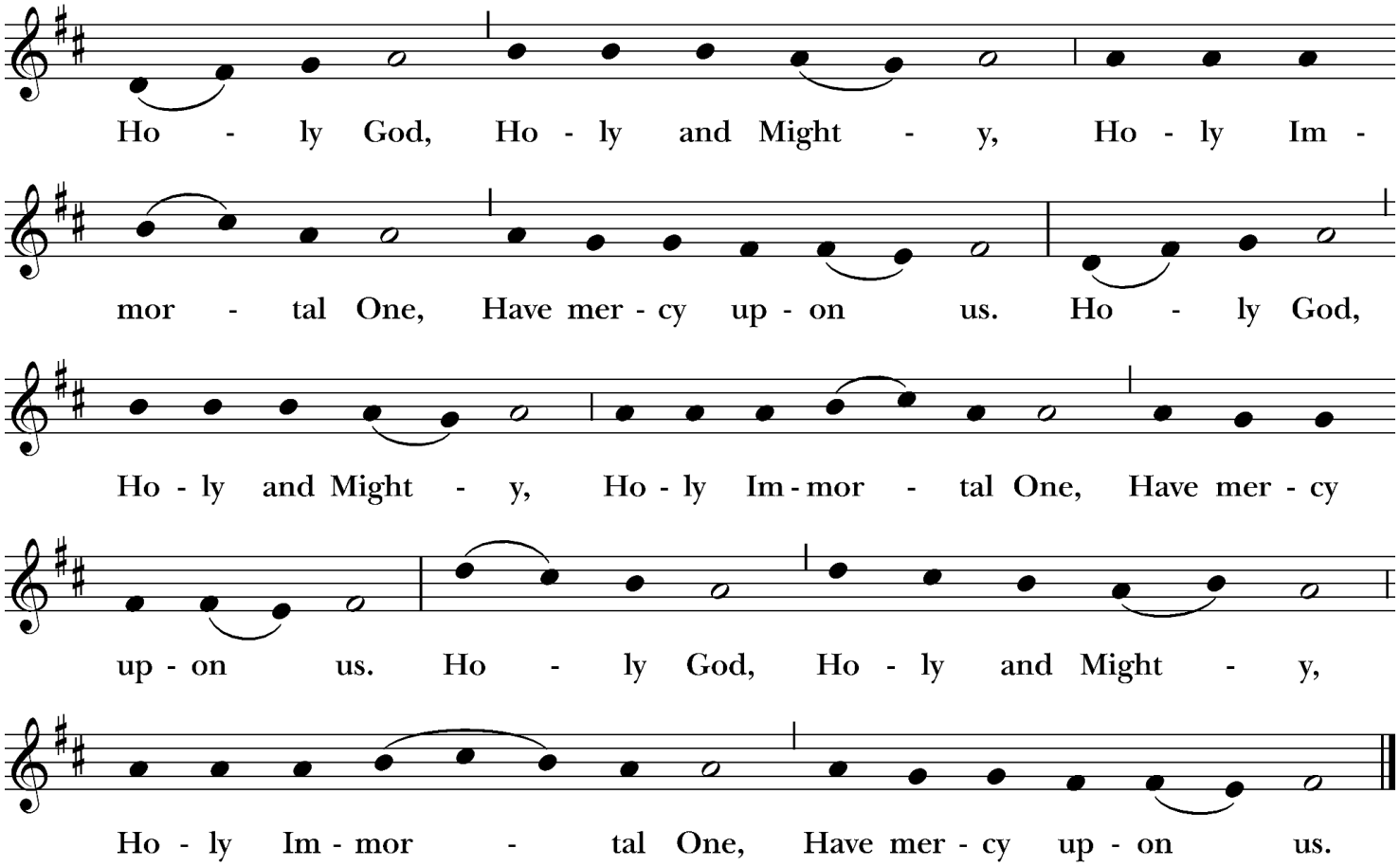
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

Trisagion

The Hymnal 1982 # S-100



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

All **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 the Prophet 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 *Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half-verse.*

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.

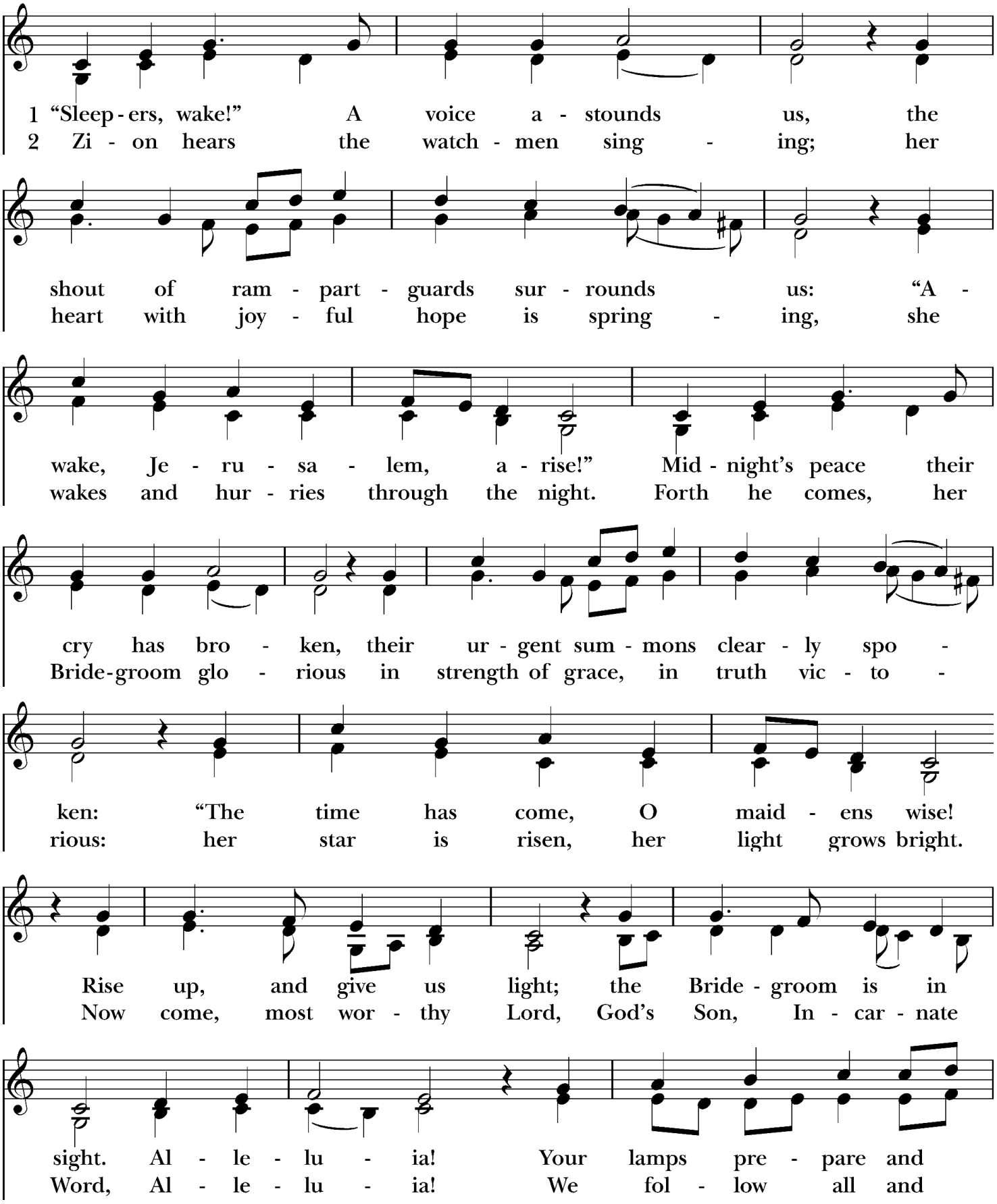
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual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

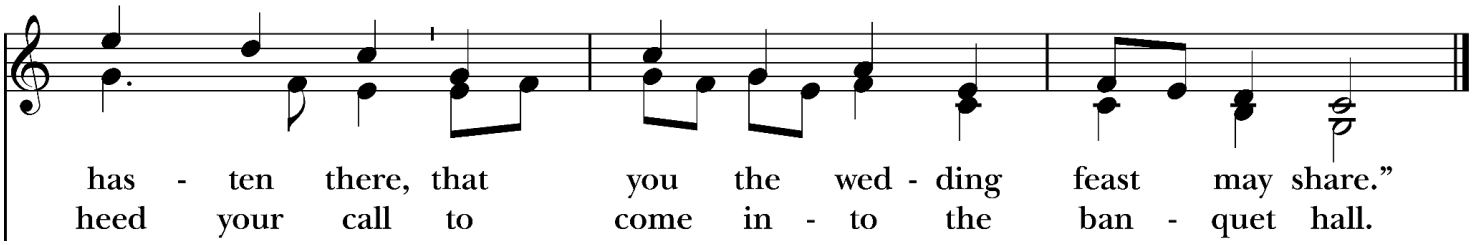
Leader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Sequence Hymn

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us — *The Hymnal 1982* #61, verses 1 and 2





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Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The 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.**

Sermon The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Nicene Creed

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

Celebrant At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Reader That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive away all darkness, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God will be with those in need of healing, especially those who have asked for our prayers: We remember those on our prayer list, Jill R., Sally G., Bill, Joanne, and Beverly. Surround them with your healing and your peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God will welcome those who have died into the kingdom of heaven, especially Jack Coppola, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader I invite your own prayers silently or aloud.

Celebrant Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Pause)*

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports our ministry as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light. You can place your offering in the offertory plate; set up recurring electronic payments through your bank; or you can use this QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation online.

Offertory Anthem

An Invitation for Advent

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)
arr. Douglas Nolan (b. 1959)
Sung by the choir
Jen Zarutskie, accompanist

The Antiphon at the Offertory *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

All **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

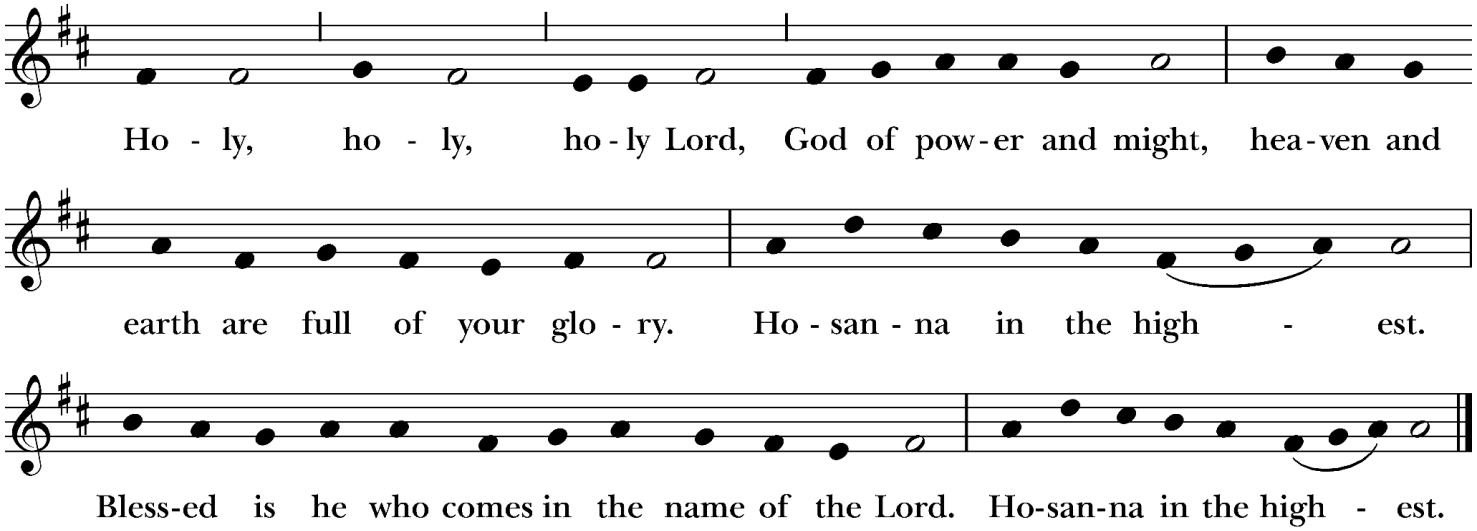
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 *The Hymnal 1982* #S-124



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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,

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

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 **AMEN.**

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

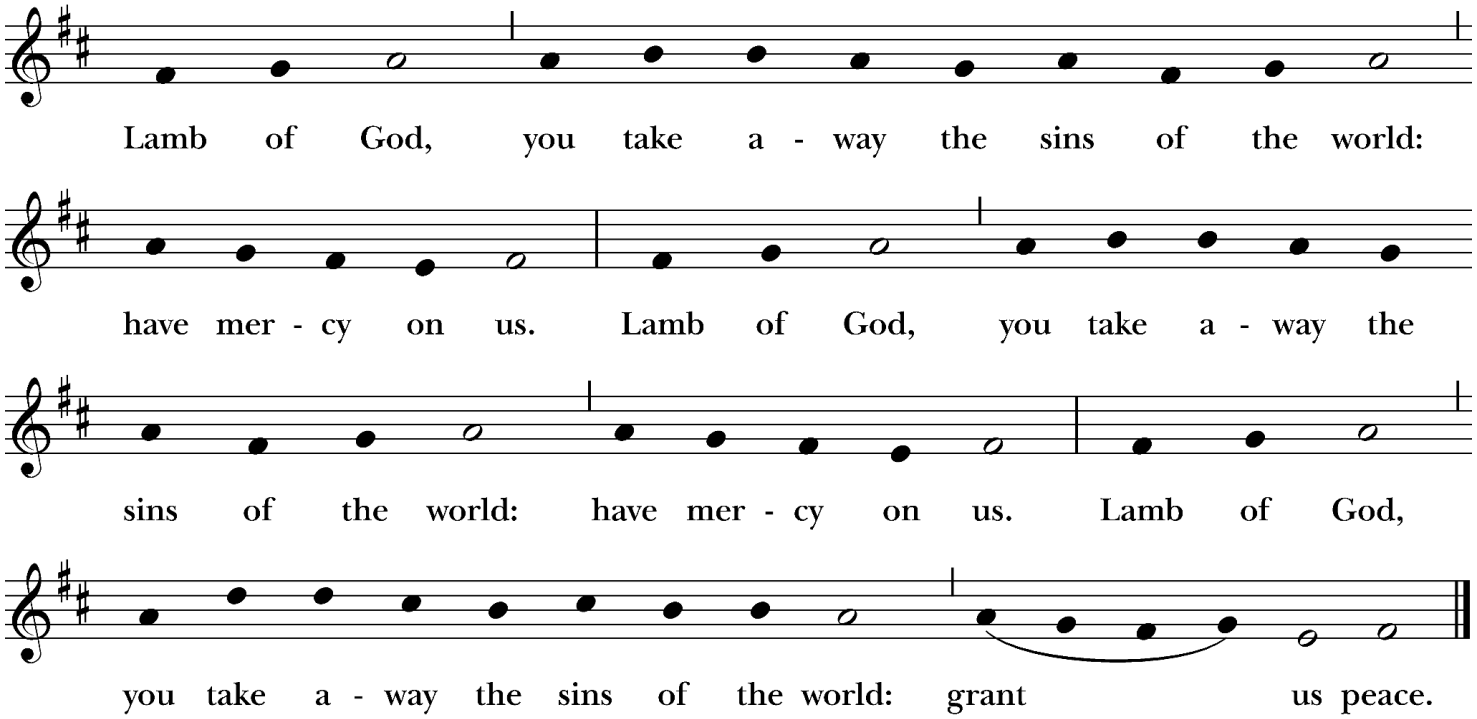
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

The Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #S-161



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Celebrant Behold what you are.

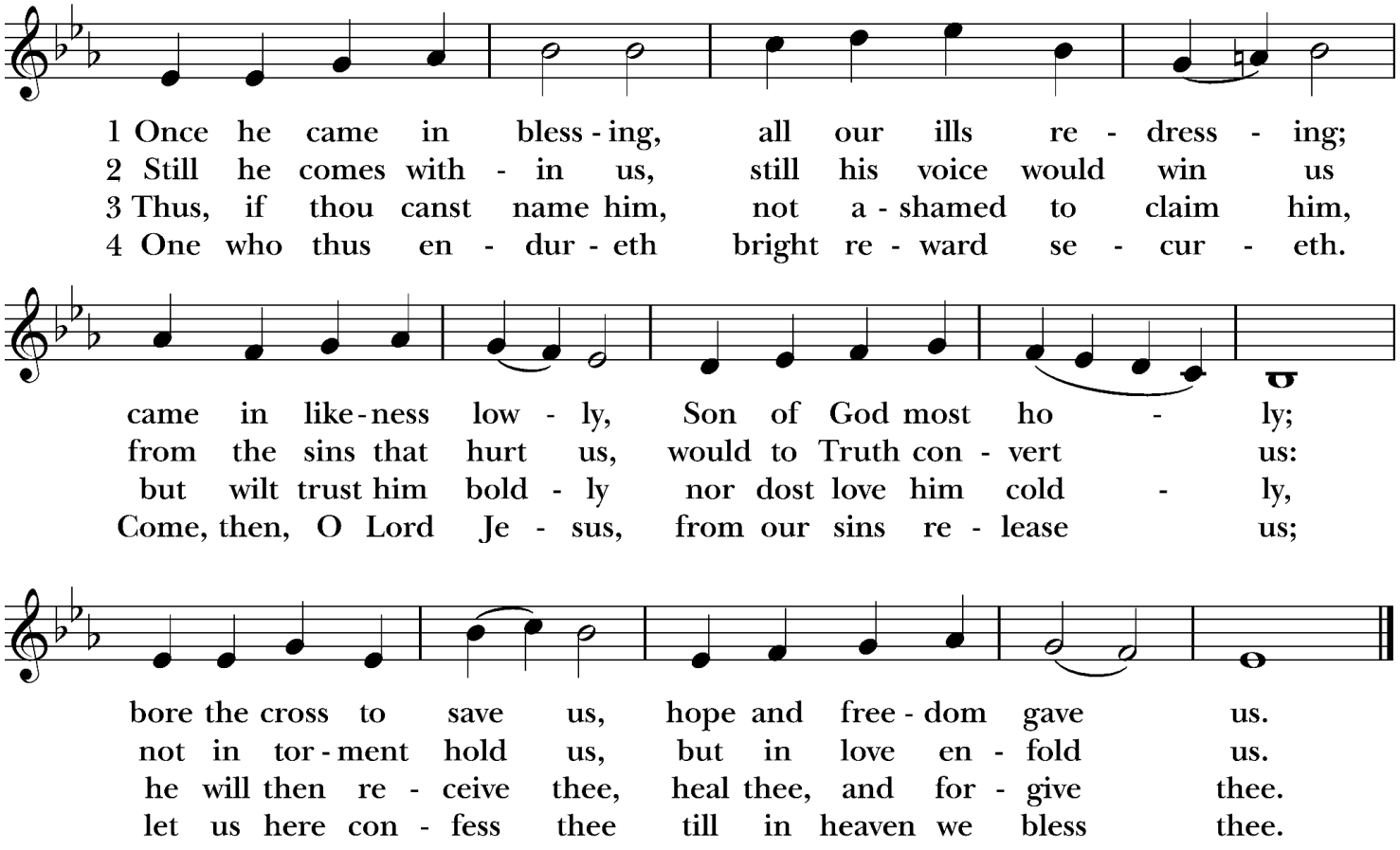
All **May we become what we receive.**

Communion

At our church, anyone who wants to feel closer to Jesus is welcome to come to the altar to receive. Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen." If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Once he came in blessing *The Hymnal 1982* #53



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Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks**
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

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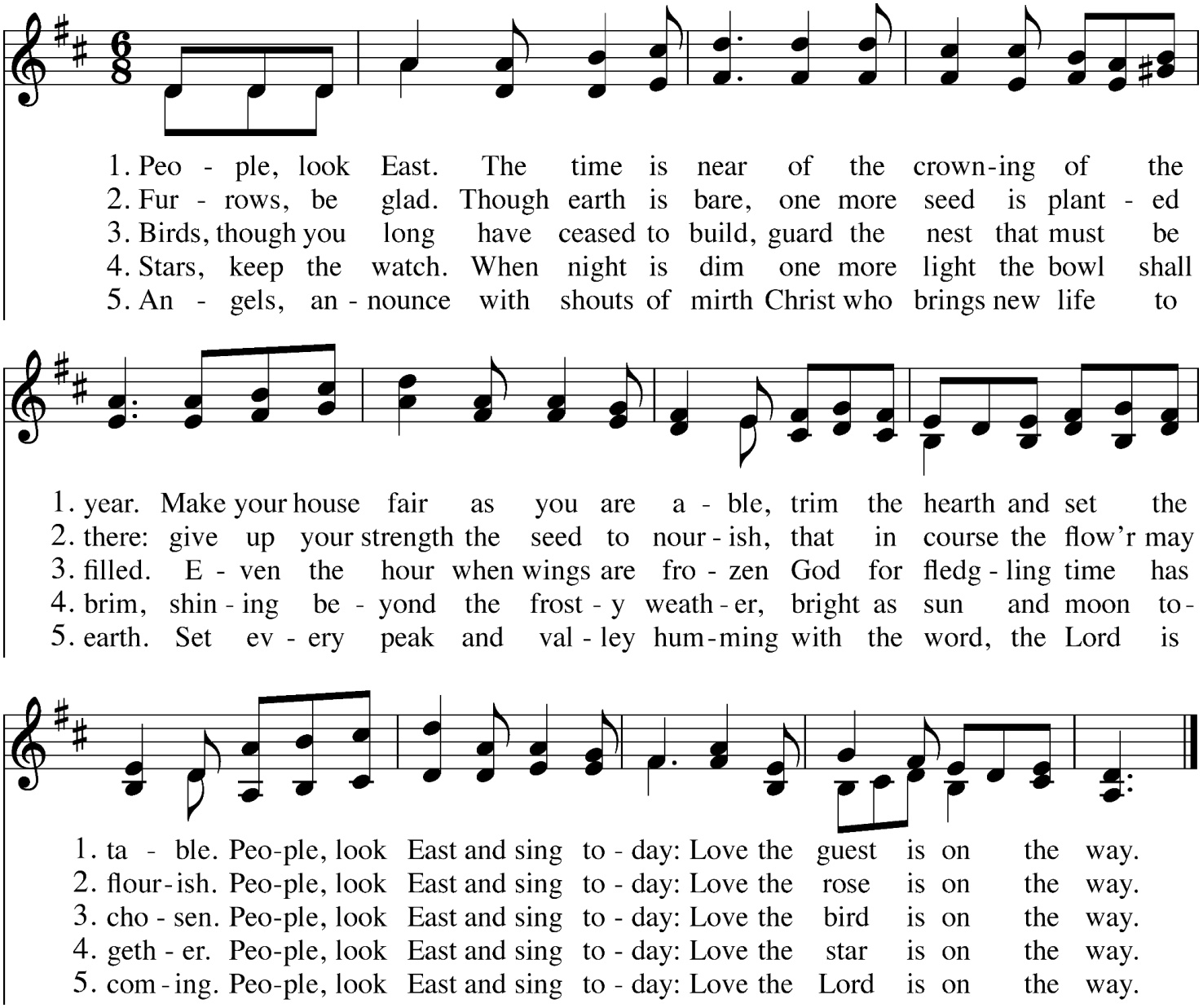

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)

The flowers at the altar are given by Donna Baker in honor of Jack Coppola

Participants

Celebrant	The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell
Organist	Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft
Lector	Janet Rossi
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Uveges
Altar Guild	Kimberly Schubert
Vestry Person of the Day	Tim Knight
Counter	Jeanne Hill
Usher	Don & Nancy Miller
Coffee Hour Host	Linda Moses

Advent Wreath Making Today!

Please join us after worship to make Advent wreaths in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour. All materials are provided. We have devotions to go along with each week's prayers as you light the candles at home during the Advent season.



<u>Stewardship 2027</u>: Plenty Good Room

Thank you to everyone who pledged by Ingathering Sunday last weekend. There is still time to pledge! If you have not yet pledged, you may place your Pledge Card in the Offertory Plate or use this QR code to make your pledge online. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and offering to the ministry of God at the Church of the Advent.

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>Abide in Advent:</u>

Please join us this Advent for a ***joyful and prayerful pause from the hustle and bustle of t*he holiday season.**

On the first three Tuesdays of Advent – December 1, 8, and 15 – we will gather in the sanctuary at 7pm to make room for quiet, reflection, and wonder as we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ child.

Each gathering will last about an hour and will include readings from scripture, poetry, and other reflections; a blend of traditional and contemporary music; and moments of prayerful silence. Together, we will explore three Advent themes: Watch, Turn, and Hope.

You are welcome to join us for one evening or all three. No preparation is needed and nothing will be expected of you during our time together. Simply come as you are, take a breath, sing, and abide with us this Advent. Questions? Contact Tim Davis at tpdavismd@gmail.com

<u>Feast of Title, Newcomer Blessing, and Advent Brunch on December 6th:</u>

On December 6th, the Second Sunday of Advent, we celebrate our Feast of Title. During the service, we invite those of you who have joined the Church of the Advent in the last year, and who would like to be welcomed as official members of the church, to come forward for a special blessing.

Following the service we will enjoy our annual **Advent Brunch**. This delicious celebration of our Feast Day will include strata and French toast! Sign up on the sheet in the parish hall or online to help with setup, cleanup, and food/beverages. The online link to sign up and download recipes can be found in the weekly email (accessible also via the church website).

Christmas Collection:

Please help spread Christmas joy to our immigrant neighbors by contributing to a collection for CASA, an immigrant worker-lead organization that assists their neighbors in need. Members of our church have been supporting CASA in various ways over the past year. They are looking for donations of toys (see examples below) for younger children and $25 Walmart gift cards for older children.

Ideas for toys for younger children:

- Help babies develop a lifelong love of learning, i.e. sensory toys, teething and tactile items
- Encourage kids to be curious, i.e. building blocks, shapes, colors, alphabet toys and books
- Foster mastery of everyday tasks i.e. puzzles, alphabet, lego duplos, fine-motor practice, etc.
- Engage with busy activities and creative crafts, i.e. paint, arts & crafts kits, legos

Please bring all of your donations to our church no later than Sunday, December 6th.

CASA is also looking for monetary donations to purchase food in bulk for immigrant families. Please use this QR code or the link in the weekly email to donate.

There is also an opportunity to assemble the bags of food for CASA at the Congregational Church of Needham on Monday, December 7th from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Questions? Contact Tim Davis at tpdavismd@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant:

It's time for our annual Christmas Pageant! We're excited to bring the Christmas story to life once again, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Sign up for the role you'd like to play! Most parts have no speaking lines, so they're easy for everyone to join in.

We'll have a **costume fitting and rehearsal on Sunday, December 13**, after church, followed by a **quick run-through on Christmas Eve at 3:15pm.**

We can't wait to celebrate the season together. Happy Advent!

Sign up using the QR code. Questions? Contact Kristin Palson at kristenpalson@gmail.com

New Here? We'd Love to Connect.

Whether you're visiting for the first time, looking for a church home, or simply want to learn more, we'd be glad to meet you.

Scan the QR code to:

- Meet with our rector
- Sign-up for our weekly email
- Learn about membership
- Make prayer requests

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Purpose Statement

We are a vibrant and authentic faith community that boldly proclaims that God is Love. Inspired by the example of Jesus' expansive and unconditional love, we open wide our doors for joyful worship and deepening of relationships as we grow together in the knowledge and love of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we go forth gladly to serve the world, loving others as God loves us.

Scripture Reference:
Love one another
as I have loved you. —*John 13:34*

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