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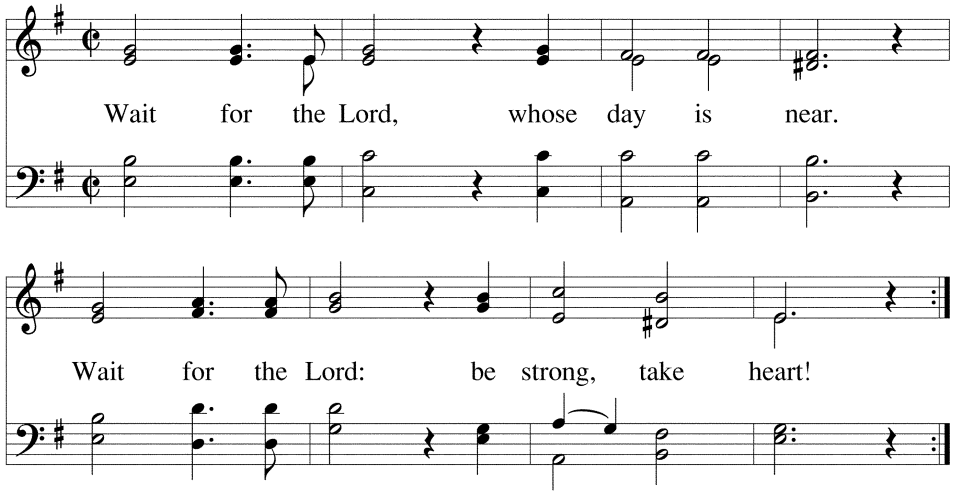
Holy Waiting

December 11, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Please nurture the silence when you enter.

Prelude

Hymn: Wait for the Lord



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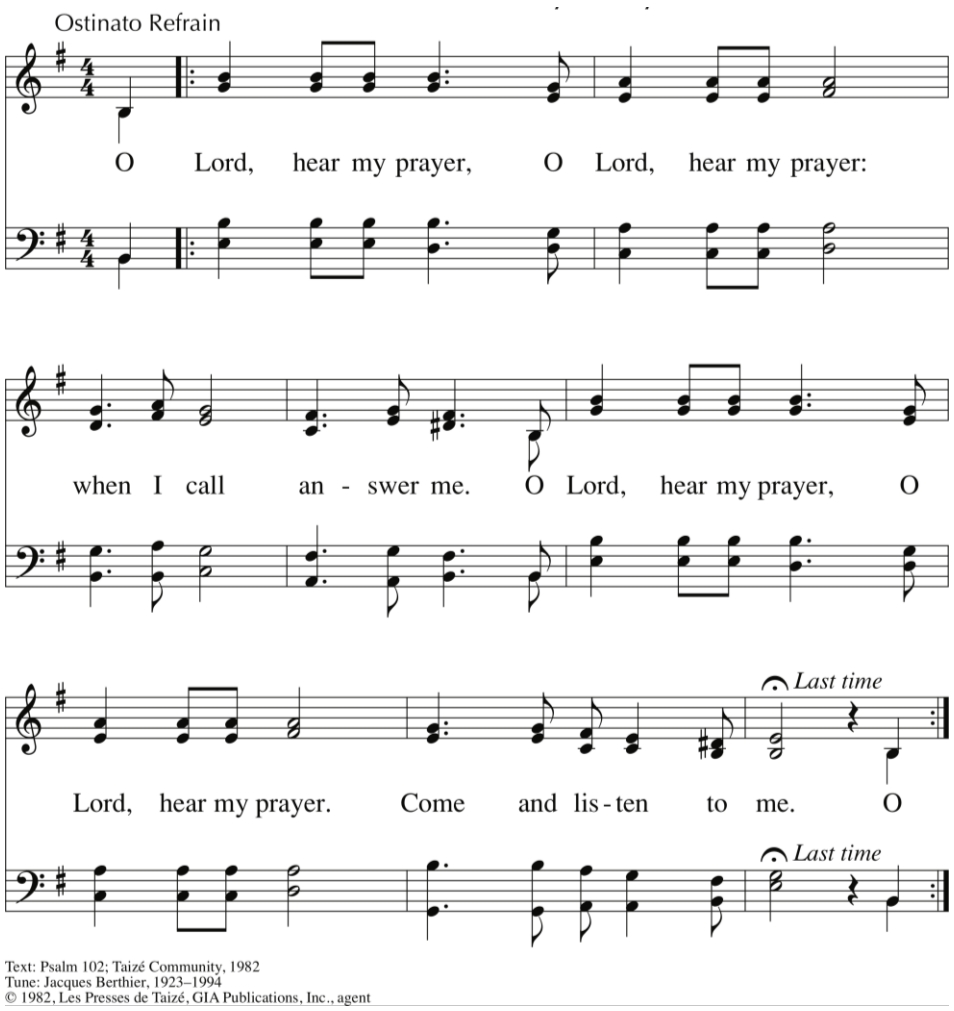
Meditation

To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, we do not know what a day may bring forth…We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God.

Oswald Chambers

*** *Silence*

Hymn: O Lord, Hear my Prayer
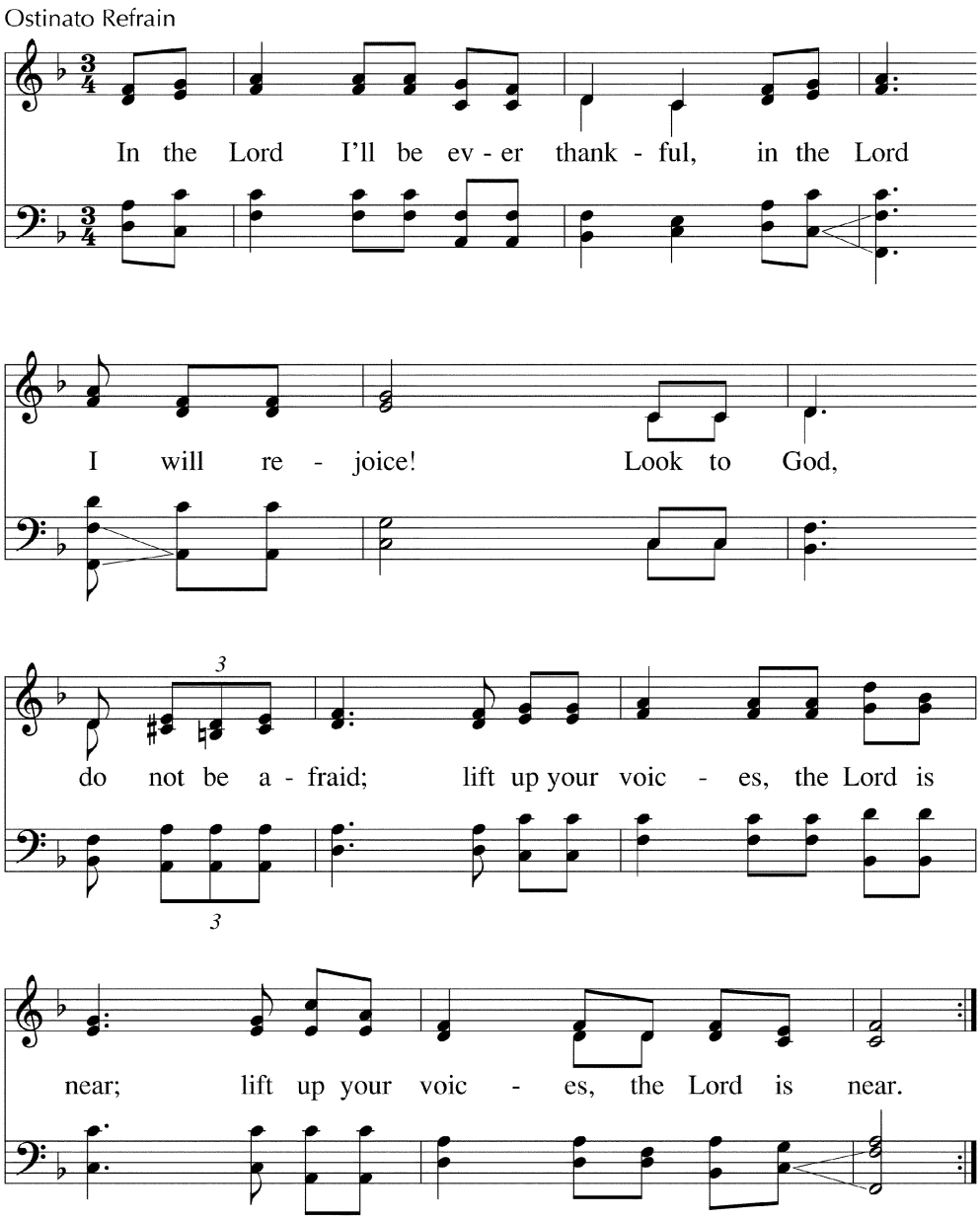


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Prayer

Gracious and loving God
help us to wait for all
that God has to show us
this Advent as we offer
our thanksgiving for
the time and space
to ponder the incarnate mystery
as we wait for the light of the
world to be born.
May we stop all the doings
of this season and simply
be present so that we, like Mary,
may recognize God stirring within us.
Amen.

*** *Silence*

Hymn: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful



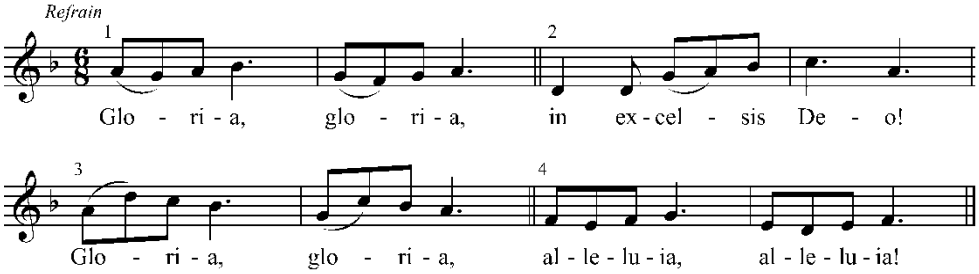
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Reflection: Holy Waiting — Jane LaChance

*** *Silence*

The Lord's Prayer:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Gloria



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Prayer
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch
or weep this night, and give your angels charge
over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ,
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Benediction
Let us not lose heart in our waiting
but give thanks for those who wait with us.
Let us watch and listen as the shepherds did
And follow whatever star God shines in our lives.
Let us listen for God's call to each one of us
to belong to each other. Amen.

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