

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Advent 2
December 8, 2024

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
Congregation: **May we find the courage to acknowledge the brutality and violence of our forebears who seized these lands, and may we be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *The king shall come when morning dawns* Healey Willan

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 66 *Come thou long expected Jesus (back of bulletin)*

Leader: In this season of Advent, we, like the watchman, strain to glimpse the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the manifestations of darkness – selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression – shall be no more.
Congregation: **Lord, by your presence,**
light up the past that we might learn from it with thankfulness.

Light up the present that we might live in it with love.
Light up the future that we might prepare for it in hope.
As we watch and wait and pray, may we be always ready to encounter the Lord who is already and always with us. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader: We light this candle for all God's prophets, confronting injustice and restoring the dream of a world of freedom and peace.

Congregation: **God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your fierce and tender love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Zechariah: Canticle 4 S-190 *(see back of bulletin)*

Second Lesson: Letter to the Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more

and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Affirmation

We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Holy One, in this season of Advent we wait and pray that you will fill our hearts with joyful anticipation of your coming.
For the Church Universal, its leaders, its people, and the mission given to us by Christ;
Grant us perseverance and urgency to continue Christ's mission.

For our nation and for the whole world; for those who lead us, and for those who cry out for justice, mercy, and peace.
May we and our leaders work towards building a society where all people have an equitable place and the opportunity to thrive.

Your creation cries out from the devastation wrought by our unsustainable use of its resources.
Show us how we might change and advocate for a holy stewardship of the natural world.

For all those in need; the hungry, the poor, and the sick; those who despair in their hearts, and those without hope this day.
Grant them relief, healing, and wholeness, and show us how to be present with them.

For all those who have died, for those who are dying, and for those who grieve.
Grant to us and them an entrance into the resurrected life of Christ.

Leader: Please offer your own prayers at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Congregation **God of hope, you call us from our exile with the good news of restoration;**
you build a highway through the wilderness;
you come to us to bring us home.
Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power,
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Most Holy God,**
in the midst of this season of listening and waiting, we confess:
We have resisted the light of your love;
we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and
we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.
We stand in need of your love.
Holy Father, make us holy.
Holy Jesus, make us holy.

Holy Spirit, make us holy.
Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.
God's love is deeper than our fear.
God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.
We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.
Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u>

Offertory Hymn 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (in back of bulletin)*

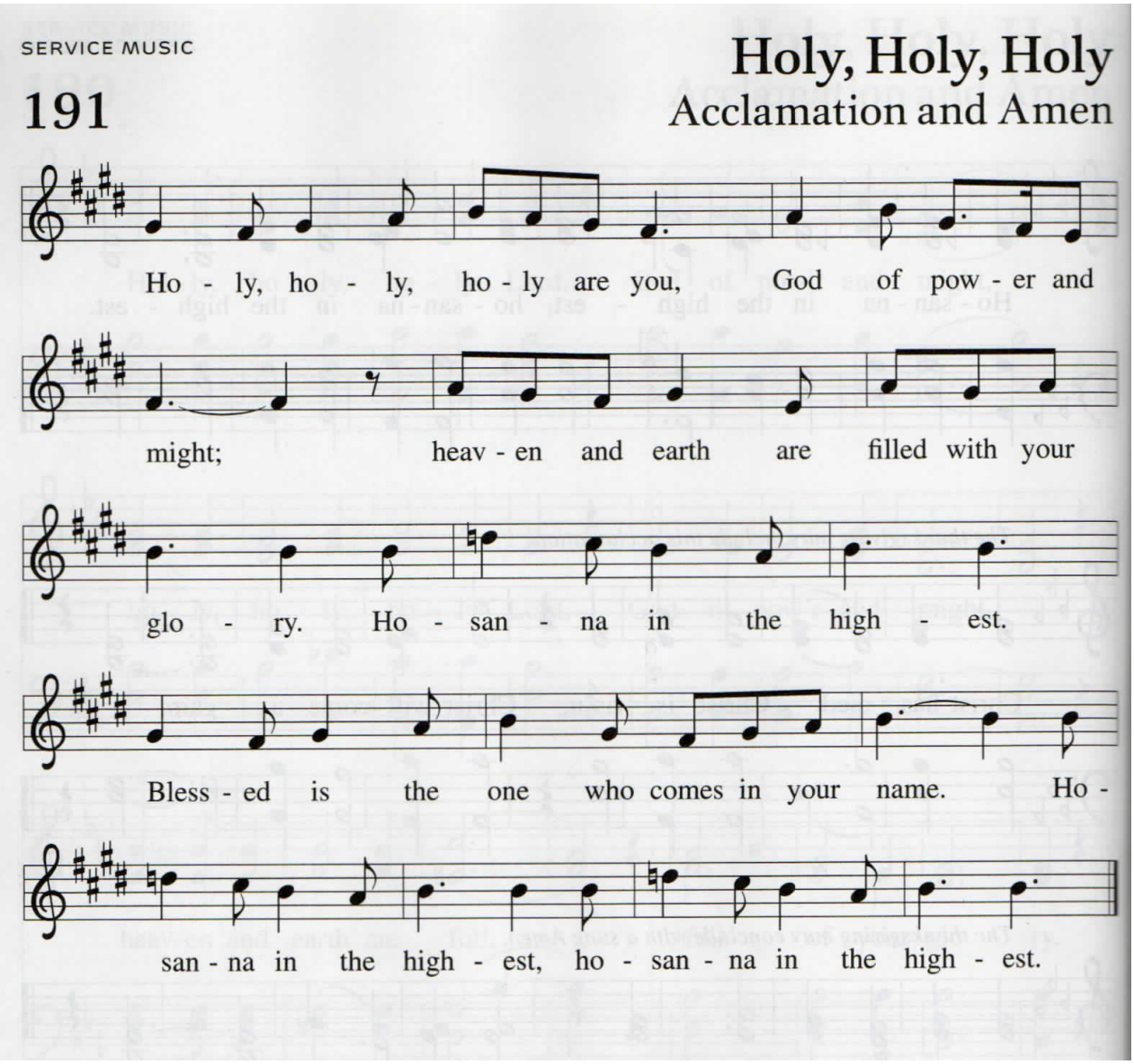
The Great Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

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Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for

you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Celebrant and Congregation: **Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

Celebrant: In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen**.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
Congregation:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem
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.

Celebrant: In recognition with those who are worshiping with us remotely we pray.

Celebrant and Congregation: **Gathered in the name of Jesus, whether we are here or on Zoom, we are united by the power of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine. Called together as a community of faith from far and wide, we know nothing can separate us from each other as we offer our thanksgiving and praise.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God …

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer
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
God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the center, the focus of our lives always,
and particularly in this time of Advent.
May the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn 444 *Blessed be the God of Israel (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary* Thomas Thorley

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Love in Action

During the Season of Advent, our GPS invitation is to put our Love in Action. In the December 1 Navigator, Elaine wrote **about *being Advent calendars ourselves***, "opening a door in our hearts and lives each day to reveal God's incarnate presence in our midst."

As we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming, we are invited to open the door of our hearts to welcome our neighbor, the lonely, the imprisoned, and the refugee; to open the door of our hearts to the beauty of creation and the need to protect it….

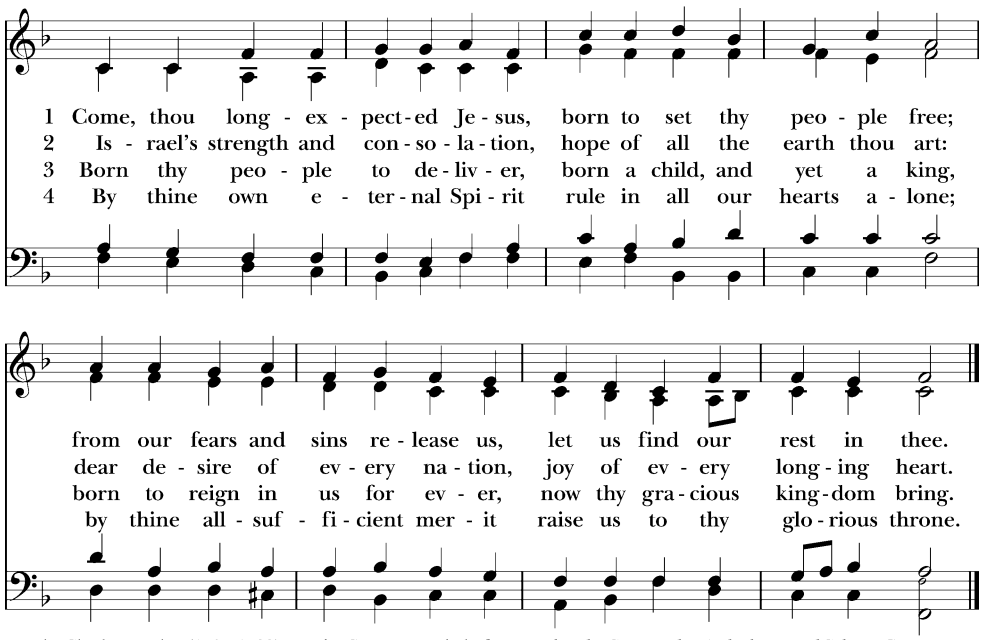
What would some doors on your Advent calendar reveal if you were to open them and do what they say?

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, December 9	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 11	10:30 a.m. Second session of Advent Bible Study led by The Rev. Alice Hildebrand 12:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry meeting 3:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Vespers – Reflection by Jane LaChance
Saturday, December 14	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Stonecutters Kitchen
Sunday, December 15	10:00 a.m. Eucharist with The Rev. Donna Downs presiding

Come, thou long-expected Jesus *The Hymnal 1982,* #66

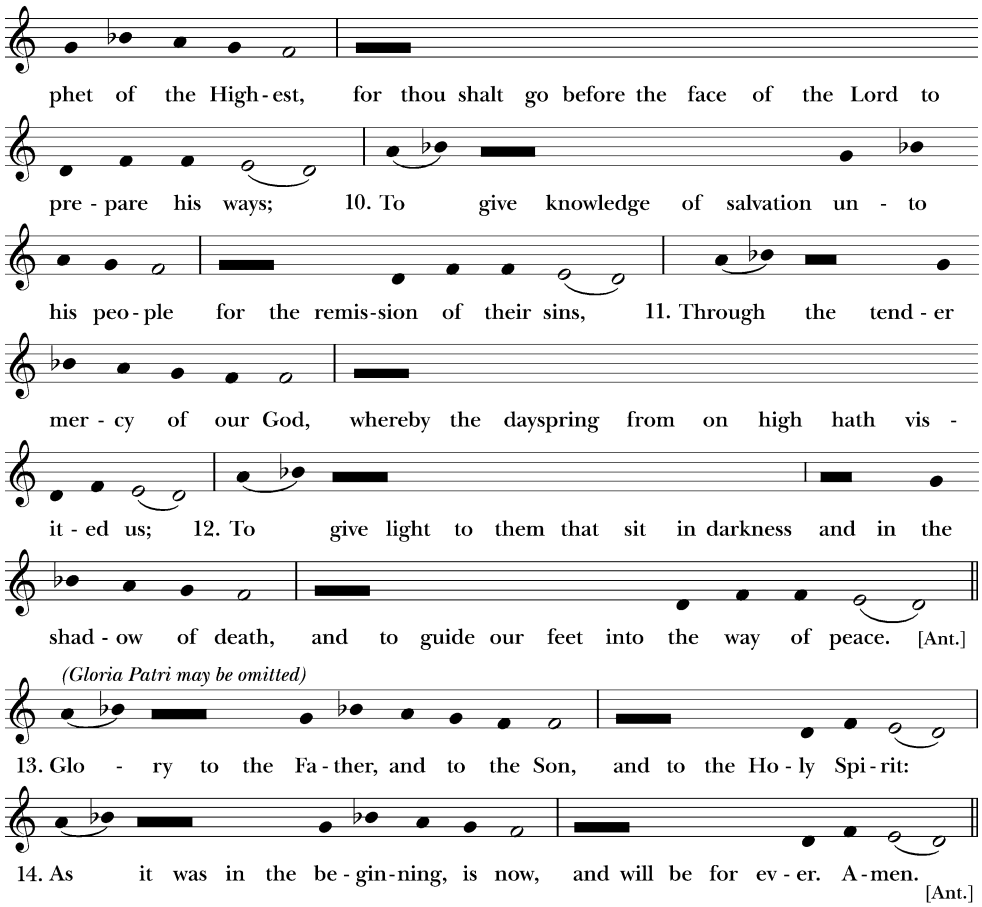


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Canticle 4, The Song of Zechariah: *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

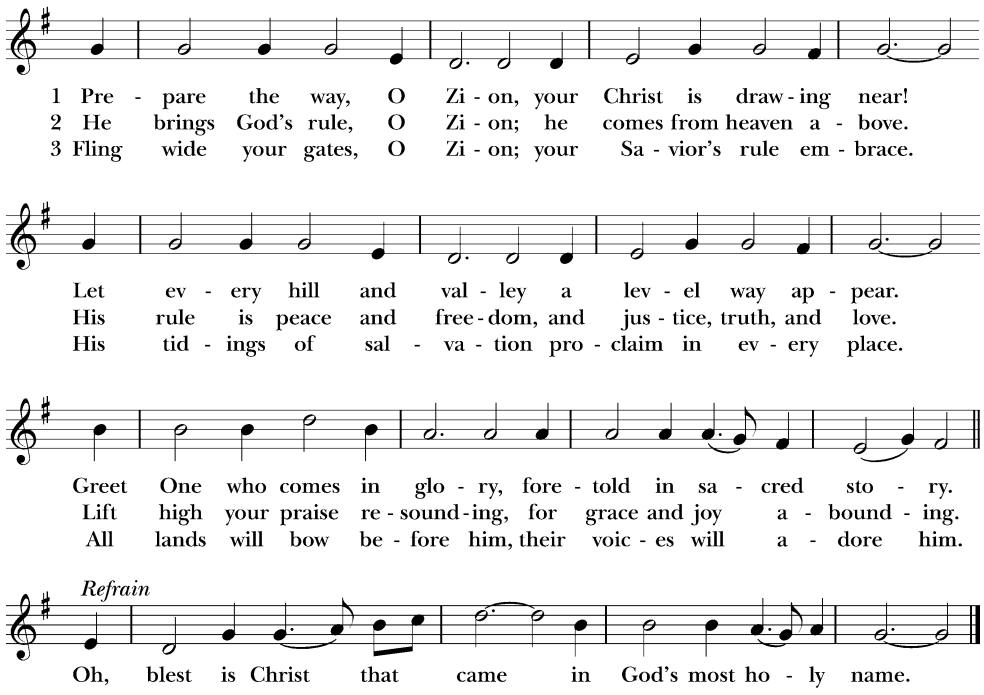
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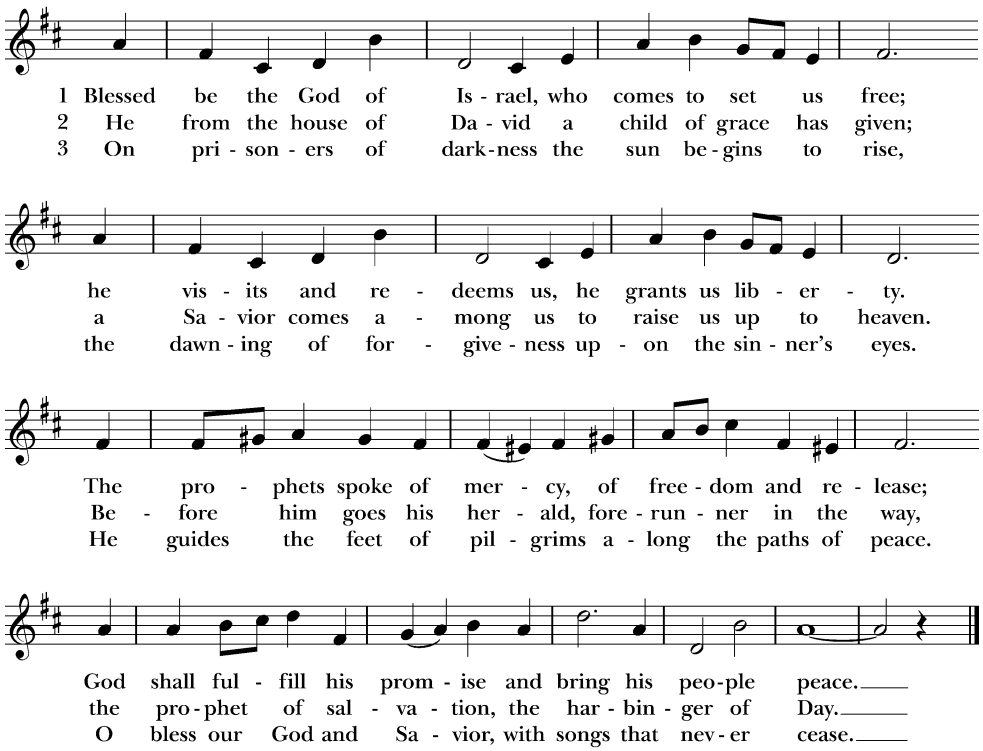
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On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *The Hymnal 1982,* #76



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