



# Worship Booklet

## The Season of Advent

This booklet contains all the songs and prayers of the worship service. Please refer to our newsletter for the scripture passages and announcements.

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## *Aloha!*

**Welcome to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church. We are devoted to following the life and teachings of Jesus, the Christ. It is our hope that your worship experience here today will bless and enrich your life.**

An overview of our worship contained in this booklet:

1. **Worship is an expression of devotion and adoration that involves our whole being.** It touches and includes our intellect as well as our emotions; our heart, mind and soul.
2. **The liturgy (“the work of the people”)** contained in this booklet attempts to be both faithful to the liturgical structure prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer as well as creative in seeking fresh and inspiring ways to express our love and devotion.
3. **The message typically focuses on the Gospel reading for the day.** Following the message, we respond by affirming our faith using one of the Creeds from our church history. Many struggle with the words and images contained in the Nicene Creed largely because they have been taught to interpret them literally as though they are the end-point of what our thoughts about the Sacred should be. Instead hear them as a beginning, intended to ponder what we believe. While reciting the words, imagine standing with Christians throughout the centuries.
4. **The sacrificial language used during the Holy Eucharist is also symbolic language.** The New Testament was written by first century Jews, and therefore, it was written using images and language familiar to first century Jews. Until 70CE when the Romans destroyed all of Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Temple with its ritualized sacrificial system, was at the center of the Jewish religious world. Naturally, in trying to interpret their experience of the Sacred in Jesus, they used Temple language and Temple image. They used sacrificial language and sacrificial images.

Again, all religious language is symbolic language, the language of “meaning-making.” When you hear language in the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (Act II) about the body of Jesus being broken and the blood of Jesus being poured out for the sins of the world, we hope you can avoid thinking concretely and interpreting the words literally. Symbolically, “the body” represents the totality of a person, all that they are and “the blood” represents their life. Therefore, Jesus uses ancient symbolic language to say, “I am going to lay all that I have and all that I am, my very life on the line for your sake and the sake of the world.”

Scholars explain that Jesus came to challenge the dominant assumptions of his day, namely, that one could have a personal complete relationship with God only through the prescribed forms of participation in the rituals of the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus challenged that assumption and sought to replace it with a new understanding; that anyone can have a personal, complete relationship with God by simply following the spiritual teaching and living the same kind of faith that Jesus practiced.

**Therefore, every reference to Jesus using the language of sacrifice is a challenge to the idea that God can be contained and limited by any religious system. God is always available to all of us because God lives eternally in and through and all around us!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

All: **Glory to God forever and forever. AMEN**

### Opening Prayer

Priest: Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom all things hold together. **AMEN**

### Hymns of praise

#### Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior,  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. **AMEN**

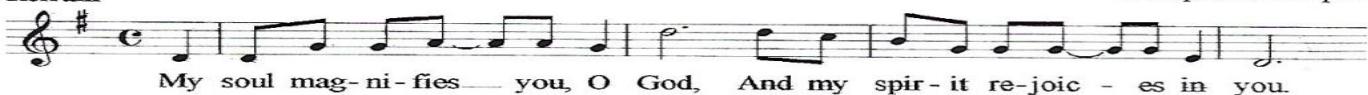
### Doxology

*Ho 'onani i ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,  
Ke Akua mau Ho 'omaika 'i pu, Ko keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene.*

### My Soul Magnifies You #2

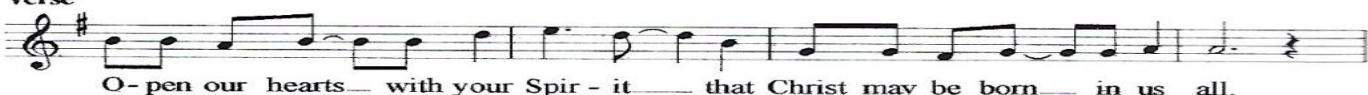
#### Refrain

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My soul mag-ni-fies you, O God, And my spir-it re-joic-es in you.

#### Verse



O-pen our hearts with your Spir-it that Christ may be born in us all.



Repeat Refrain

O-pen our hearts with your Spir-it that Christ may be born in us all.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day, the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Psalms, the Epistles and the Gospels are found in the weekly newsletter.

### Prepare the Way of God

**Refrain**



Pre - pare the Way of God, pre - pare the Way!

**Verse**



My heart is read - y, my heart is read - y for the Com- ing One.

*Repeat Refrain*

### The Holy Gospel

### The Message

### Statements of Faith

#### The Apostles' Creed (4<sup>th</sup> century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

#### The Nicene Creed (4<sup>th</sup> century)

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**

## An Alternative Expression of Faith (20<sup>th</sup> century, courtesy of St. Luke's, Park City, UT)

We believe in God who made the world and reaches out to it with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, God revealed in a human life. He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable, and unmasked the powers that enslave us. In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave, and with him went our hopes of salvation. Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair, and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; God's mysterious presence with us whose breathing gives life; whose fire purges and renews; whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions, awakening courage, humor and hope.

We believe in ourselves; made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ. Gathered by the Spirit we have been baptized into a common life: a life laid open to all; overflowing with love and mercy; richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. **AMEN**

## THE PRAYERS

### The Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**All: That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**All: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**All: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

**All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**Priest:** O god of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus the Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

## The Confession of Sin

*All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.*

*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*

## The Queen's Prayer of Confession

*'O kou aloha no aia i kalani  
A 'o kou 'oia he hemolele ho 'i.*

*Ko 'u noho mihi 'ana a pa 'ahao 'ia  
'O 'oe ku'u lama Kou nani ko 'u ko 'o*

*Mai nana 'ino 'ino na hewa o kanaka  
Aka e huikala a ma 'mea 'e no.*

*No laila e ka Haku Ma lalo o kou 'eheu  
Ko makou maluhia a mau loa aku no. AMENE*

*(Translation: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow. Imprisoned. You are my light, Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, o Lord protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. AMEN)*

## The Sharing of the Peace

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated with the music, with each line of text corresponding to a measure or group of measures. The lyrics are as follows:

1  
Sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, my friends, sha -  
Sha - lom cha - ver - im, sha - lom cha - ver - im, sha -

2  
lom, sha - lom. Sha - lom my friends, shal -  
lom, sha - lom. Sha - lom cha - ver - im, sha -

3  
om my friends. Sha - lom, sha - lom.  
lom cha - ver - im. Sha - lom, sha - lom.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Presentation of the Offering

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: 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

**Refrain**

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Ho - ly, whol - ly, ho - ly One, Whol - ly, ho - ly, whol - ly One!

1..All the U - ni - verse is full of your Glo - ry,  
2..Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name,

All the U - ni - verse is full of your Love.  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

**Repeat Refrain**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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 Queen Emma, King Kamehameha IV, Queen Lili`uokalani, and 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 forever. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Traditional:*

*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 today 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, forever and ever. AMEN*

*Hawaiian:*

*E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani,  
E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa,  
E hiki mai Kou aupuni,  
E mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei.  
E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka lani lā.  
E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia la  
I 'ai nā mākou no nēia lā.  
E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i kā mākou lawehala 'ana  
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.  
Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai,  
E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino.  
No ka mea, Nou ke aupuni, a me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia, a mau loa aku  
AMENE*

*Contemporary:*

*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 sin 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*

### The Breaking of the Bread

vs. 3 Hymnal 79

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. It is the custom in our church to receive both the Host (consecrated bread) and the Common Cup (consecrated wine). During this time of COVID, the consecrated wine normally served in a Common Cup is received in individual cups. Please come forward when you are ready. Parents, please help your child receive communion.*

### Closing Prayers

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 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*

*Traditional Prayer of Thanksgiving: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

### Closing Hymn

### Blessing and Dismissal

## O come, O come, Emmanuel

## Hymnal 56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Savior of nations, come!

Hymnal 54

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## O heavenly Word, eternal Light

Hymnal 64

1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten  
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our  
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets  
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en  
 \*5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the

1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast  
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -  
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den  
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry

1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;  
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;  
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;  
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.  
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

## Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free-dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Come thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

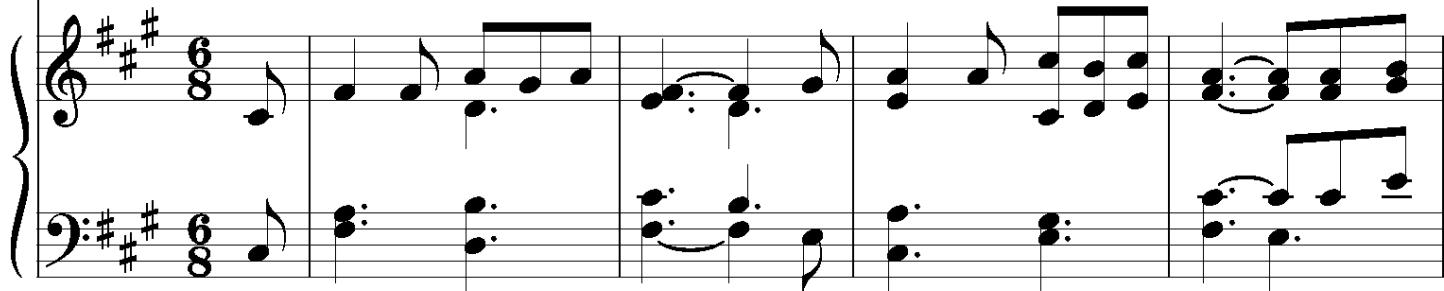
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - desire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Wonder Love and Praise

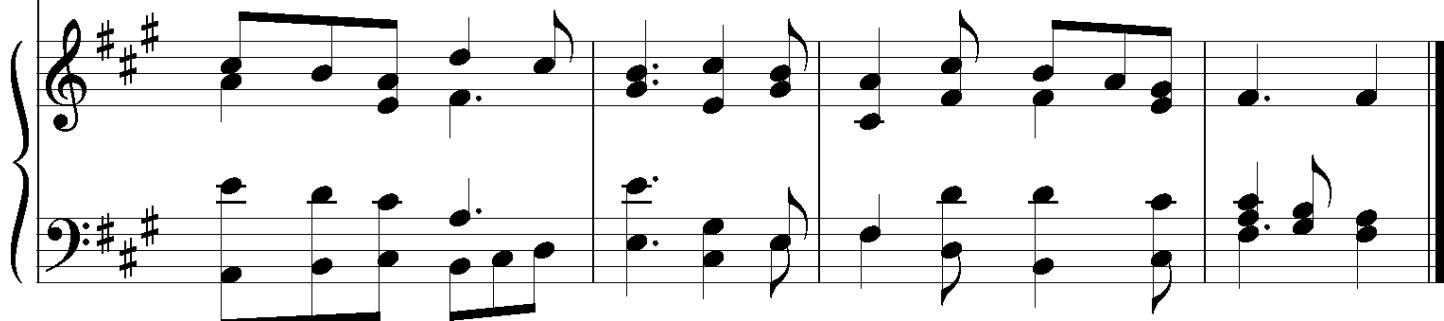
## Hymnal 722



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose: 1. It shall  
 2. For the  
 3. For the  
 4. For the



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.



5. The desert shall rejoice  
 and blossom as a rose:  
 as the ransomed return to God  
 and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
 and blossom as a rose:  
 unto Zion we come with joy,  
 for our God has come to save us.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Show us the Way

Refrain

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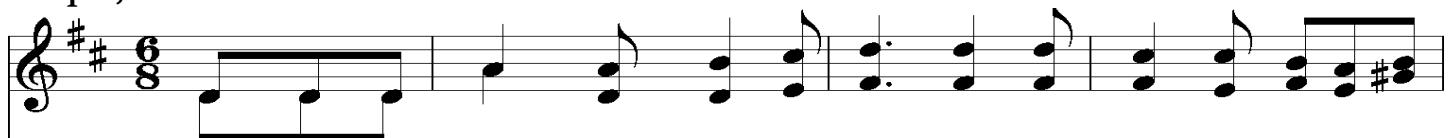
Show us the Way, show us the Way, show us the Way of life.

Repeat Refrain

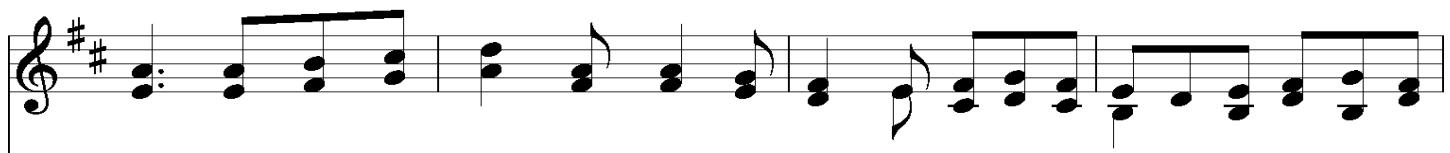
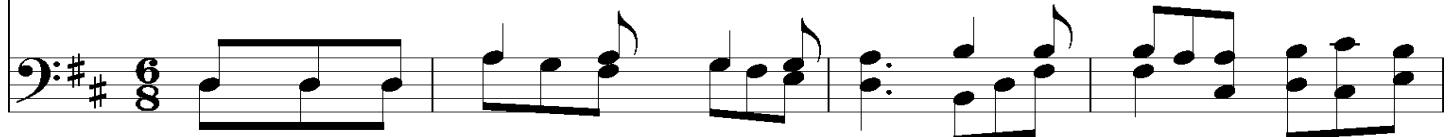
Show us the Way, show us the Way, show us the Way of life.

## People, look East

WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



## Lo! he comes with clouds descending

## Hymnal 57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
 2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
 3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his  
 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on

our salvation; slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## Blest be the King whose coming

## Hymnal 74

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
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 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is his, all he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his yoke shall hand, be, all for a - ges and have the  
 light his shall be, he would be, he is and all us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

## Soon and Very Soon

## Hymnal 14

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
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 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

— Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.  
 — Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -  
 jah, Hal - le - lu -  
 jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

- We are a community of Christ-followers. We follow Jesus, the one we call “the Christ” (anointed one). Jesus shows us the Kingdom of God and God’s unconditional love for everyone.
- We search for truth via scripture, tradition and our own ability to reason. We find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty – more value in questioning than in absolutes.
- We love the bible, but we are not biblical literalists. In our study, we engage the scripture at three levels: The Story in its historical context; How the story was heard by the faith community to whom it was written. The Story speaking to us today.
- We are a sacramental church. We believe the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist (Communion) are important for the journey of a Christ follower.
- We are lay ministers, deacons, priests and bishops. We believe all Christ followers are to serve God in the world.
- Our mission is to bring about the Kingdom of God on this earth by sharing the Good News of God’s unconditional love. We know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe.
- We are members of the worldwide Anglican communion.
- We recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God’s realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us.



### The Church Season of Advent Dream Time

In the Hebrew scriptures, the prophet Joel declared the word of God, “I make myself known in visions; I speak in dreams.” Do we believe that God speaks to us in our dreams, that he will make himself known to us in visions? We might understand the season of Advent as a time to dream. In the first Advent, God’s dream for the world was coming true. In the arrival of Jesus, the kingdom of heaven continues to be at hand. God spoke to Zachariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph in their dreams and visions. We too are invited into God’s dreams.

## NOTES