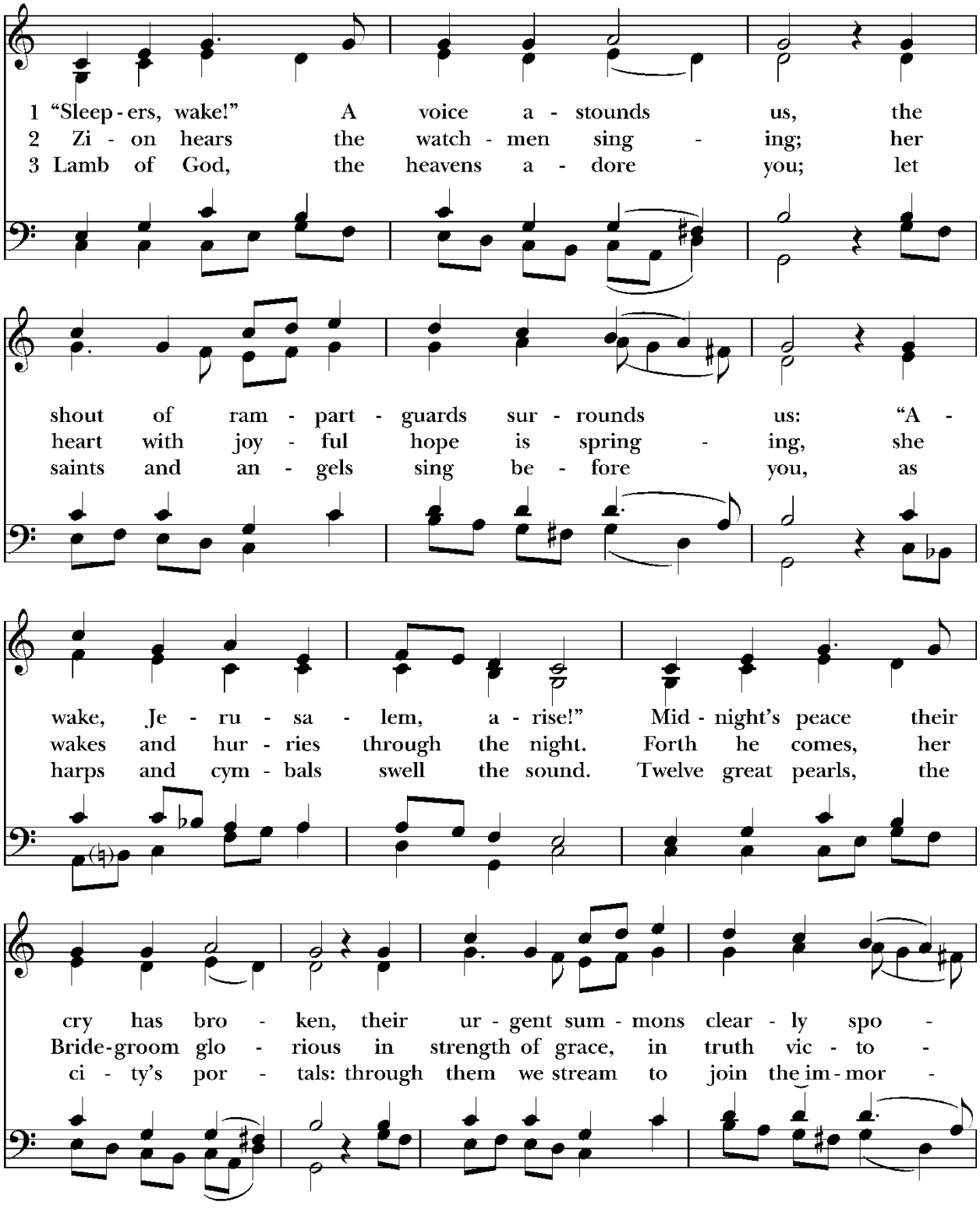
First Sunday of Advent Eucharist
St. Andrew's Church
November 29, 2026

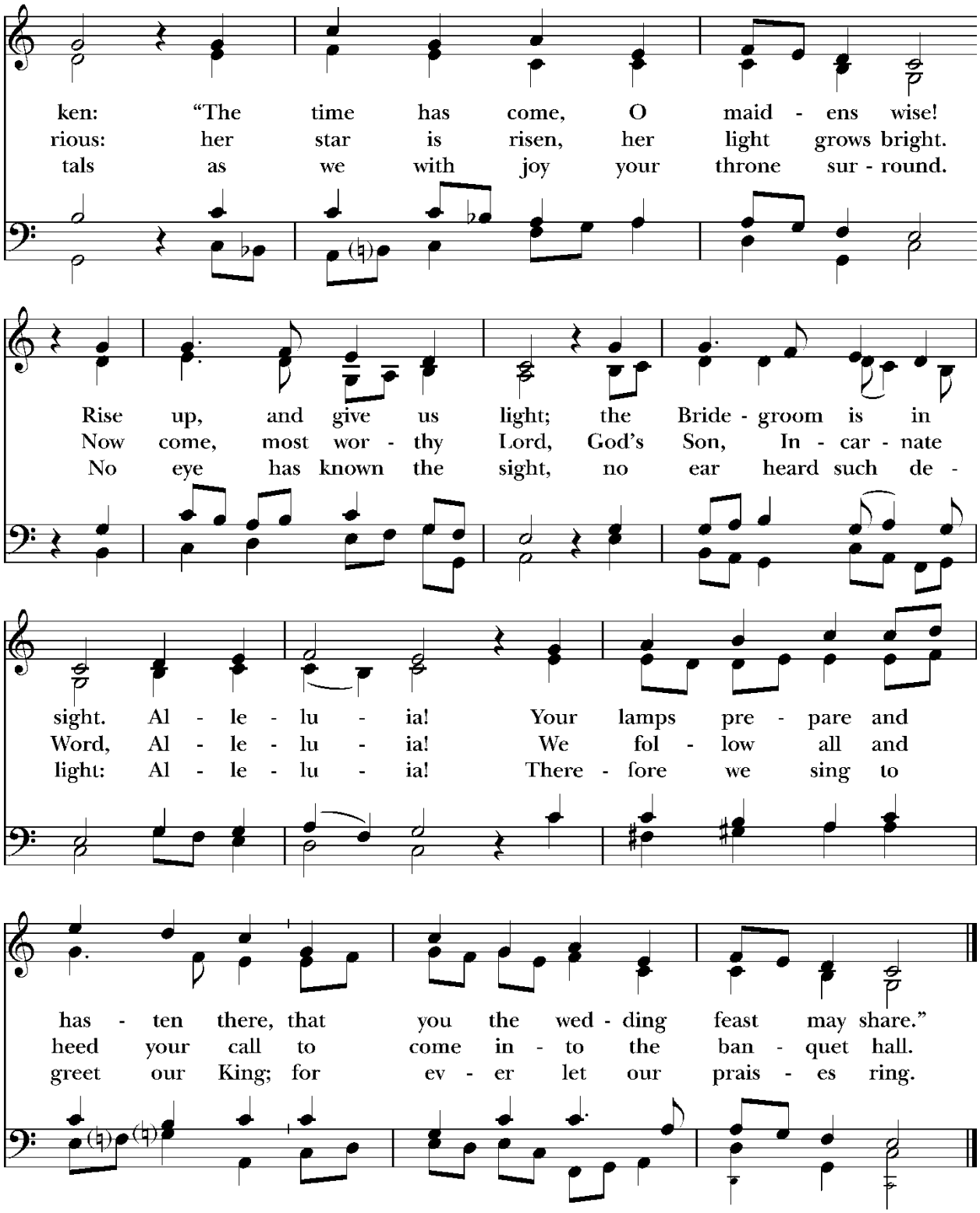


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

All stand.

Opening Hymn #61 ***Sleepers, wake!***





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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
***All*:** **You come to your people and set them free.**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Candle-lighter: *Light 1 candle*

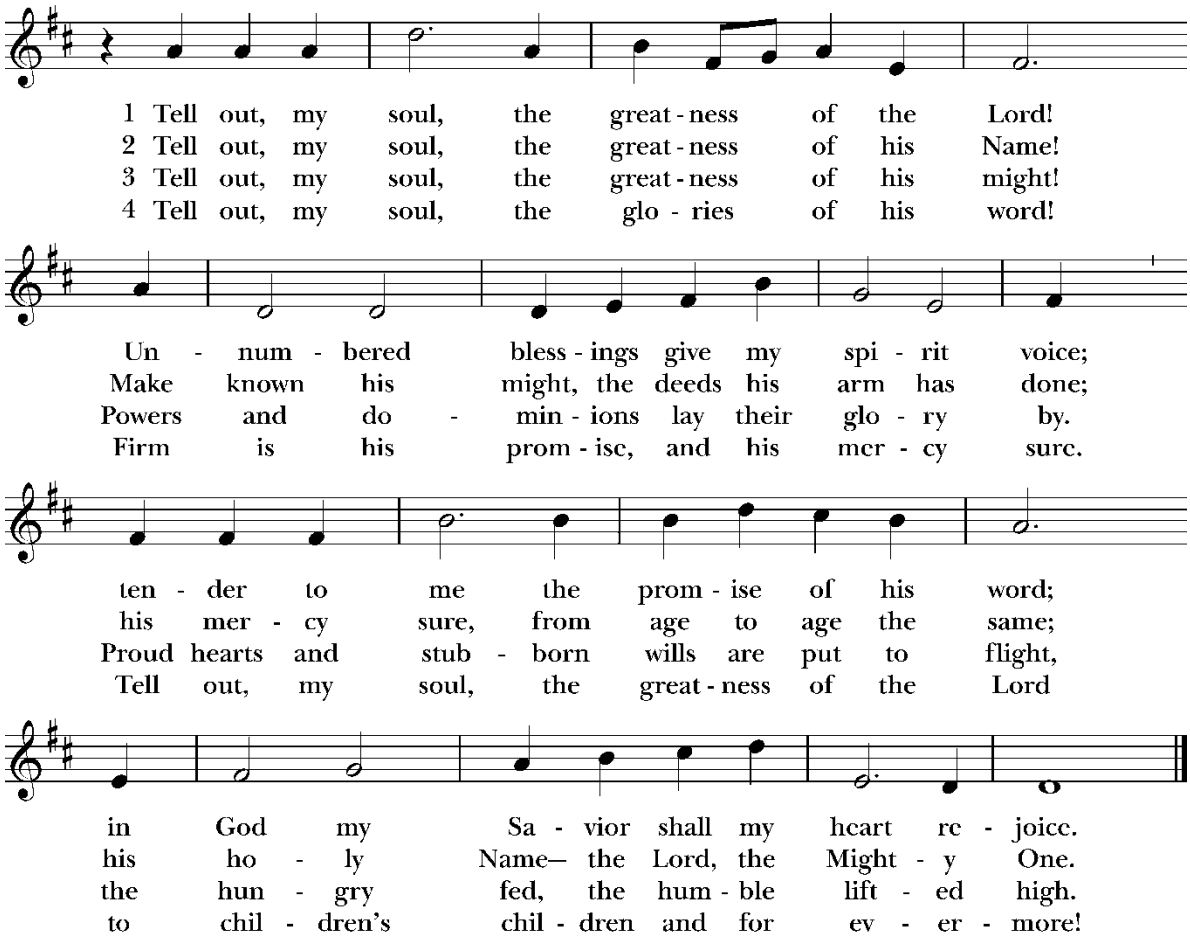
LEM: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

LEM: Let us pray: Christ we sit in darkness, but you are our light. We long for your coming into our hearts, into our lives and into our world.

All: **You are the One for whom all the peoples of the earth wait.**

Song of Praise #438 *Tell out, my soul*

This week we will sing verse 1 only



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
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.

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah — Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day — Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

LECTOR

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

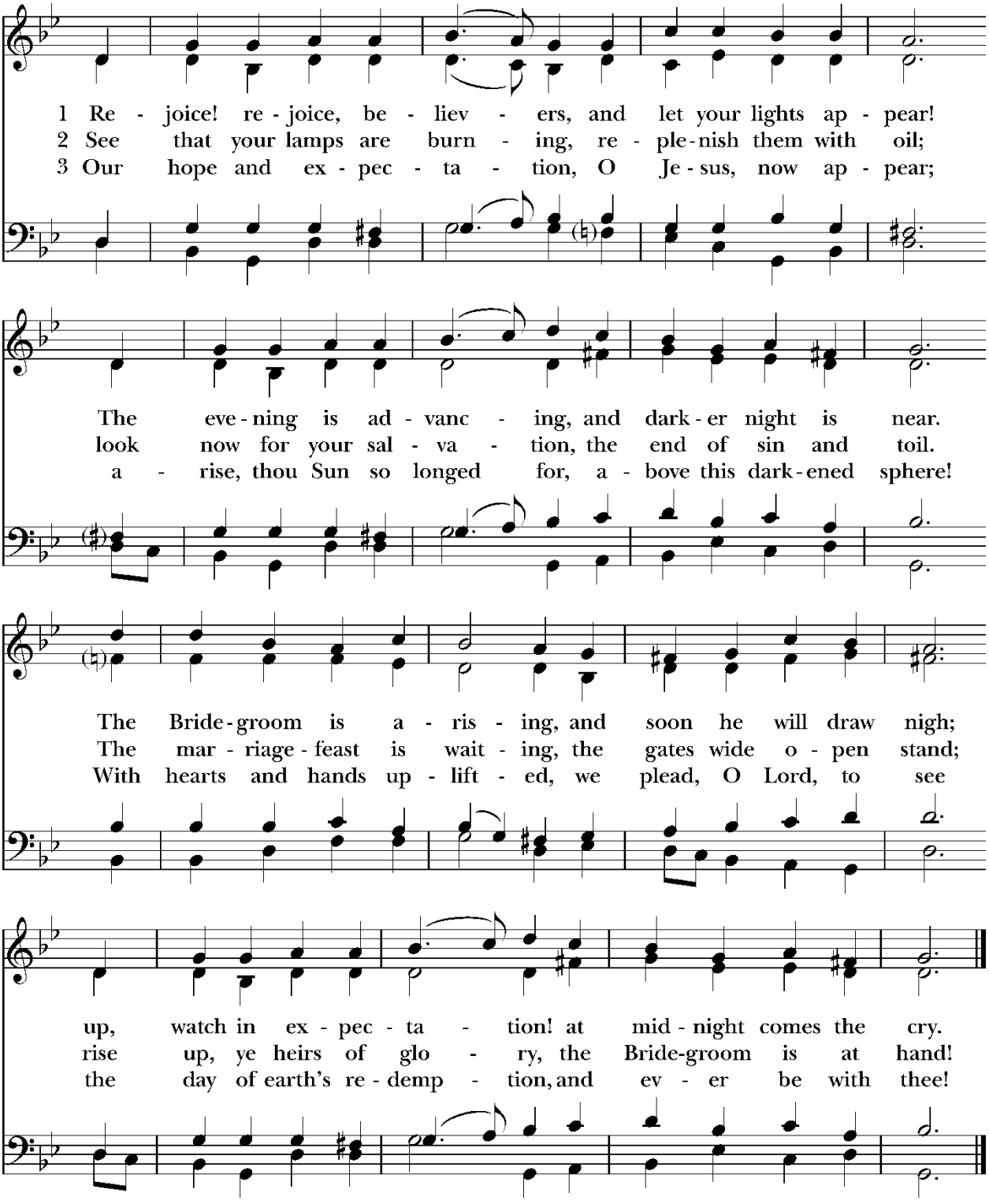
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn #68 ***Rejoice! Rejoice, believers***



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The Holy Gospel King James Version Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.
28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:
29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.
30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
34 For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able, and face the cross.

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,
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

LEM

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,

***All*: to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

LEM: O Root of Jesse, sign of God's love for all God's people; come save us without delay. We pray for the church around the world, for the Diocese of New York, churches in Ulster County, and for St. Andrew's.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O God of Strength, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come rescue us with your mighty power. We pray for this nation, and for all the nations, for the healing of creation, that we may share wisely the resources you have given.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: Come show us the way to health and wholeness. We pray for all who are sick and suffering, *especially* ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene, all facing exclusion or harm,*** *and those we now name*: May they know your light and love.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Dayspring from on high: Come shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for those who have died, and for all who mourn

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Key of David, opening the gates of righteousness, come free the prisoners and open the eyes of the blind.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Source of our deepest joys, bless those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other accomplishments, *especially Charlie on his birthday* and those we now name.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Desire of nations, come save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

All: Let us walk in the light of Christ.

LEM: O Emmanuel, God with us, Come save your creation, Gracious God.

All: **Let us walk in the light of Christ.**

LEM: God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: touch us with your judgement, and confront us with your tenderness that, being comforted by you, we may reach out to a troubled world. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**

UTO Ingathering

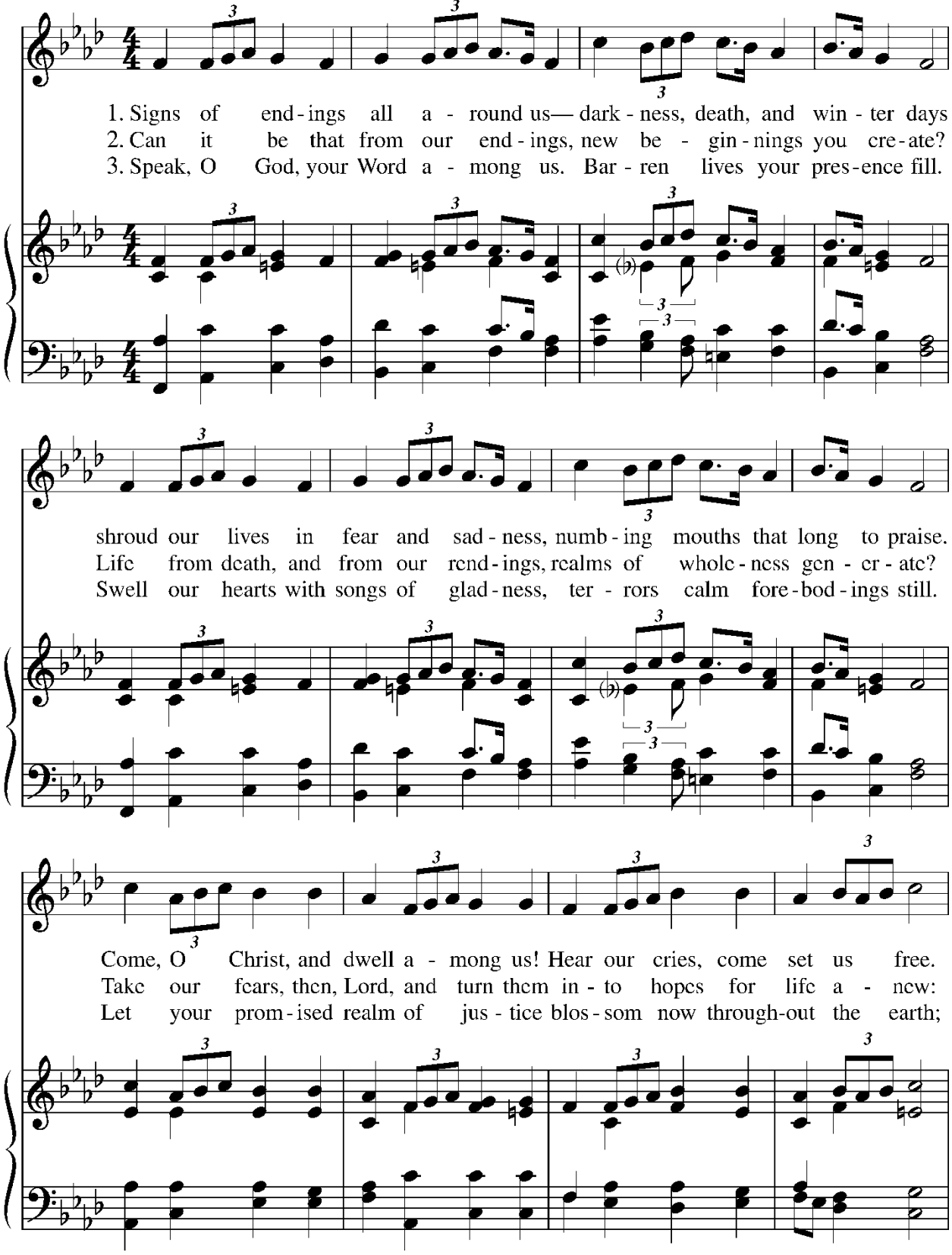
Celebrant: Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

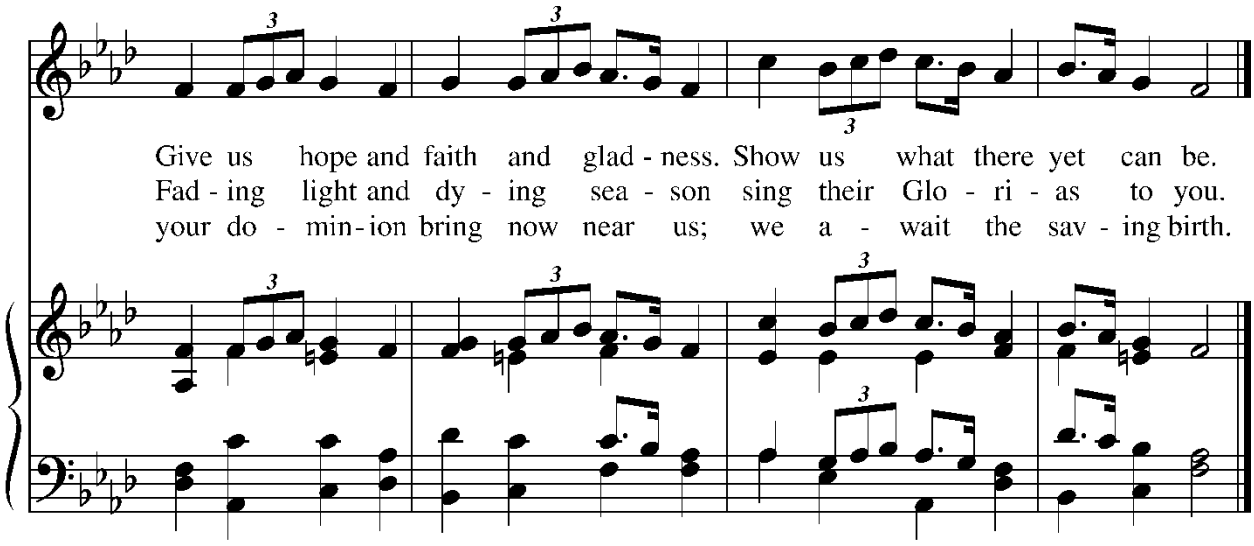
The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
(2 Corinthians 9:7b-8)

Offertory Hymn WLP #721 ***Signs of endings***





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Pledge Ingathering Prayer

Thank you, God for all the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. Grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service, we pledge our support to our church home. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Immigrant's Mass,
The Rev. Dr. José Luis Lana, adapted

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

Celebrant: It is truly right and just to praise you always and give you thanks, our God, Source of all creation. For you made the heavens with your powerful love, and tenderly gave us the earth as a nourishing Mother, to be our cradle, our home, and our grave. You adorned her with valleys and mountain chains, with volcanoes and swift rivers, with islands caressed by waves, with leafy forests and desolate deserts.

But we fell into sin and turned our backs on you. We appropriated what is yours and dressed it in barbed wire; we turned against each other and turned the

paradise you gave us into a hell of misery and pain. Millions of your children were forced to find their hope in alien lands.

All: **But you did not abandon those who abandoned you. As a good Father you forgive, and await us with a Mother's tender love. In the fullness of time you sent us your own Son, who emigrated from the heavens to the earth. Jesus lived in communion with you and solidarity with us.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you with the angels and archangels, with all our ancestors, and all who already enjoy what we hope for, acclaiming you without ceasing:

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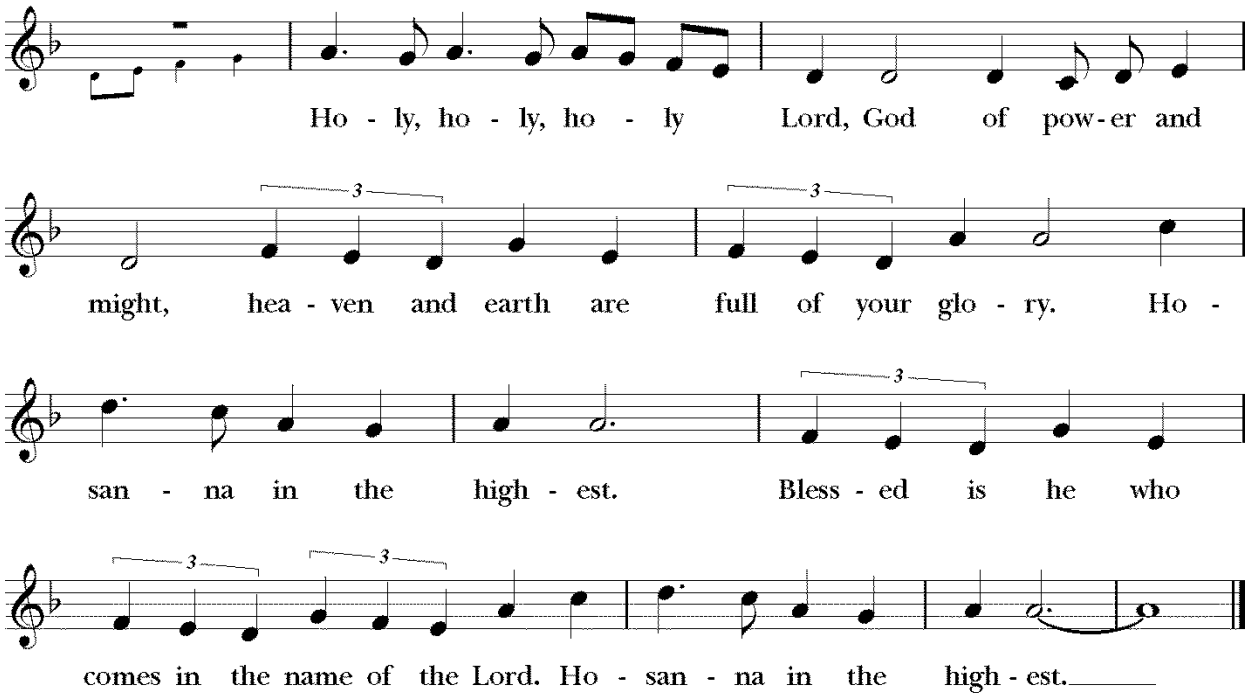


Celebrant: Your Son Jesus Christ, worked the wood with his calloused hands, and became poor like us to make us rich in your grace. He walked dusty roads to announce your Word, to proclaim amnesty and forgiveness, and proclaim to the poor the good news of their liberation.

On the night in which he washed the feet of his friends, the same night in which he was betrayed and handed over to torture, our Lord took the bread, said the blessing, and broke the bread, sharing it with his friends while saying:

All: **Take, eat, all of you. This is my Body given for you. Do this in memory of me.**

Celebrant: After the supper he took the cup in his hands, and said the blessing over the cup. He then gave it to his friends saying,

All: **Drink this all of you, this is my Blood, spilled for you. Do this in memory of me.**

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died to give us life**
Christ has risen to make us free
Christ will return to establish his Reign.

Celebrant: In this memorial of amnesty and forgiveness we celebrate the wonder of your love and offer you this bread and wine. Send upon them the dew of your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our companion, your Son, the food and refreshment of a pilgrim people. Fill us with your grace and blessing, that we may be artisans of your justice and instruments of peace in this torn world.

***All*:** **Make us all to share in the hope of glory, that we may know the joy of your Eternal Reign and sing your praises forever.**

Celebrant: Through Christ, in Christ and with Christ; in the unity of the Holy Spirit: all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
All: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All*:** **God of new beginnings,**
you draw near to us in word and sacrament
to strengthen and renew us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit,
may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.

The Blessing

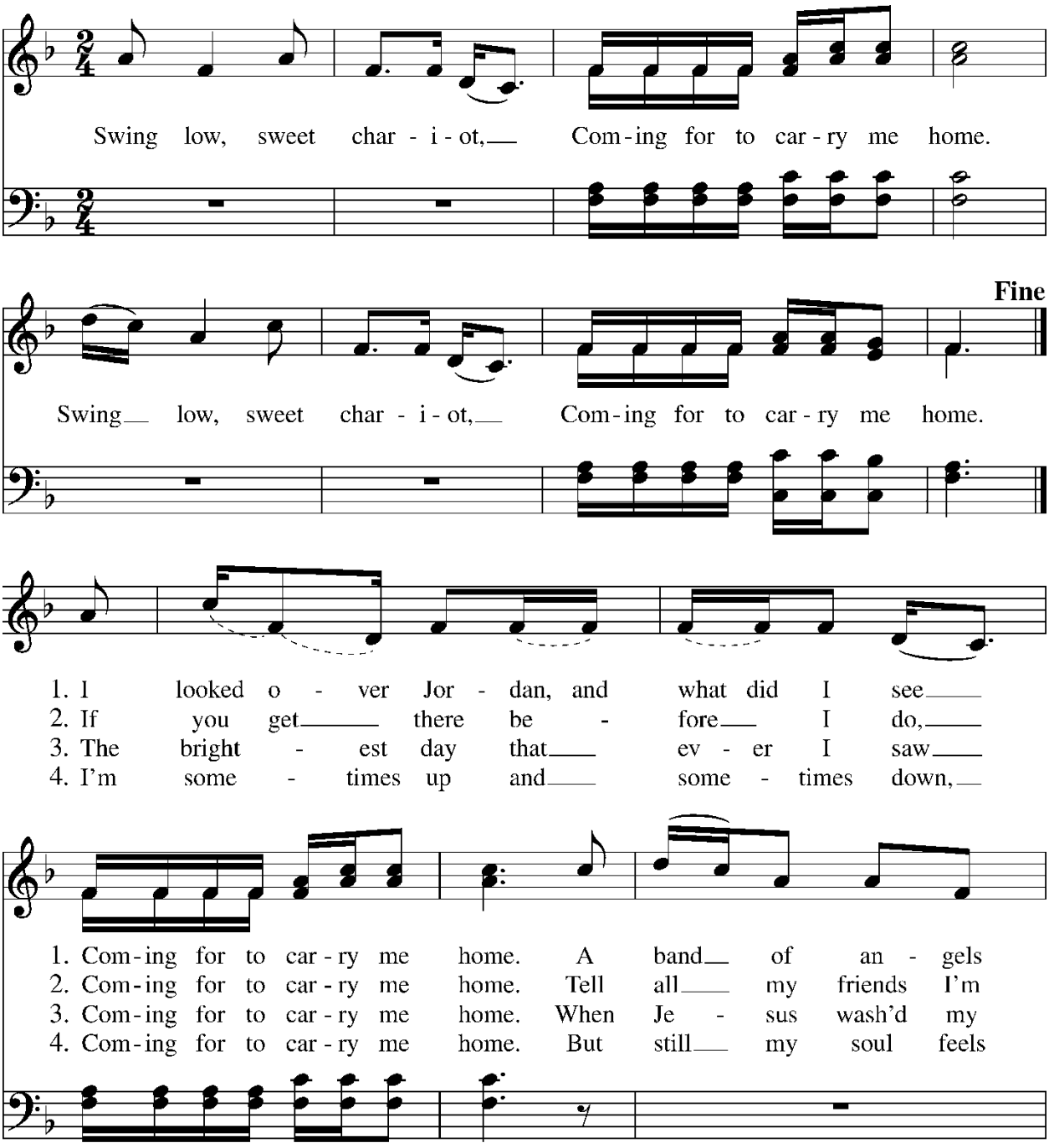
Celebrant: Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of the One God who creates us, redeems us, and frees us to love be with you now and always. **Amen.**

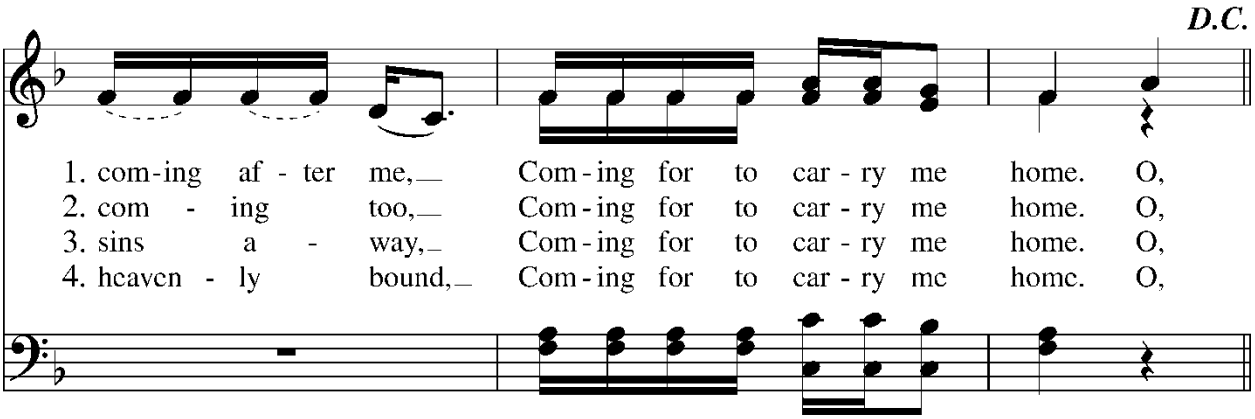
Please be seated.

Announcements

Please stand.

Closing Hymn LEVAS #18 ***Swing low, sweet chariot***





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The Dismissal

Celebrant: For there is always light, if we're brave enough to see it,

All: **For there is always light, if we're brave enough to be it.**

Celebrant: Go forth and be a light!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant:	Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Lector:	Jen Cuter
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Cathy Kelly
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

Sources for liturgy

Book of Common Prayer except for the following
Prayers of the People, variation on "O Antiphons" but I can't find original source.
Eucharistic Prayer, from *Immigrant's Mass, by The Rev. Dr. José Luis Lana,* thanks to the Office of Latinx Ministries, The Episcopal Church
Post Communion Prayer: *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Blessing: quotation from Henri-Frédéric Amiel, found at lots of places online!

Dismissal: Amanda Gorman, excerpt from *the Hill we Climb,* edited for liturgical purposes.