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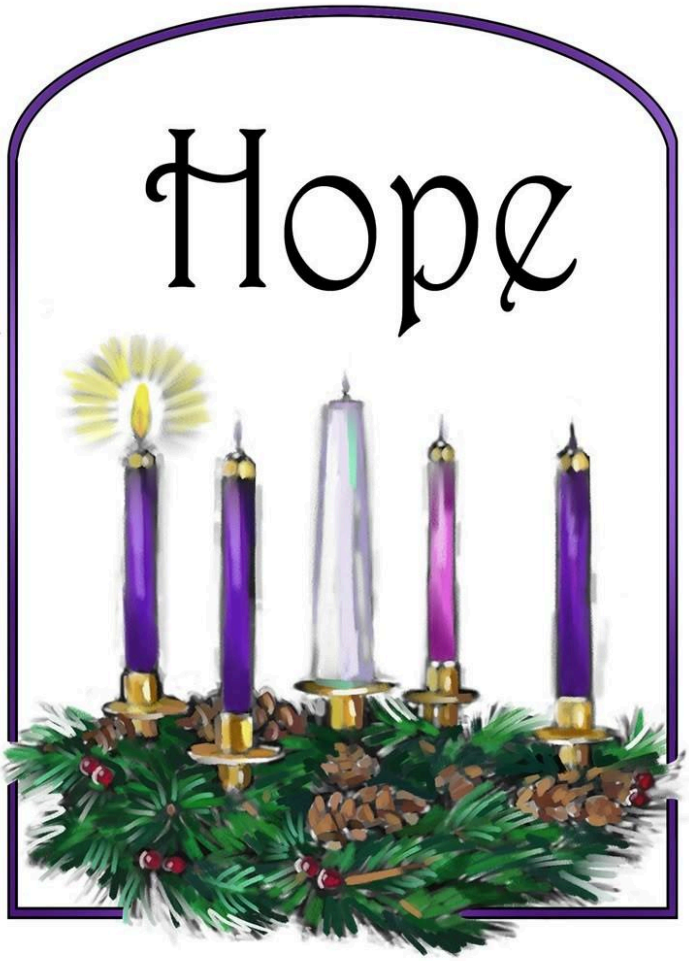


CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2026
10:00 a.m.

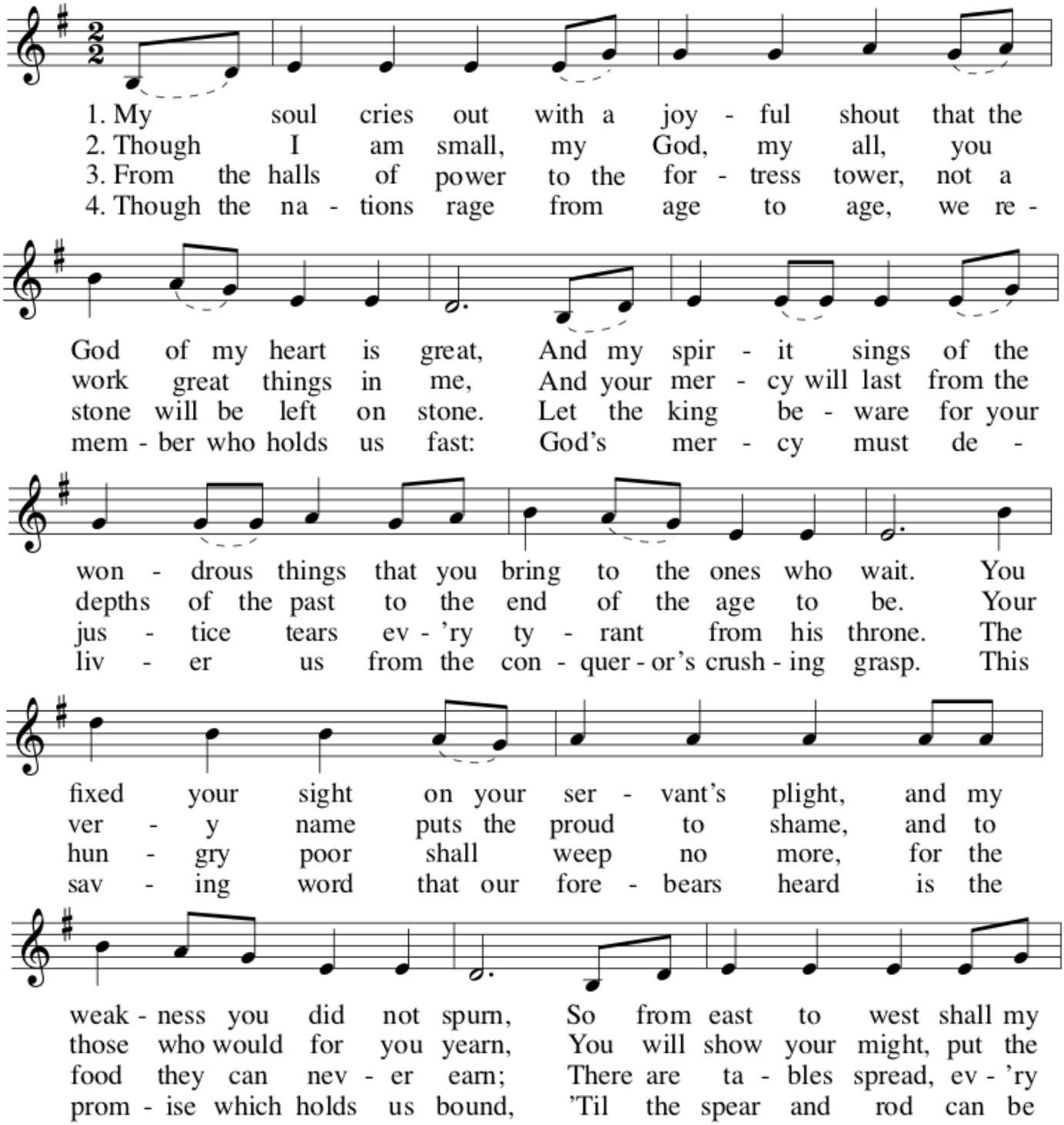
Prelude "Sleepers, Wake (*Wachet auf)"* J.S. Bach

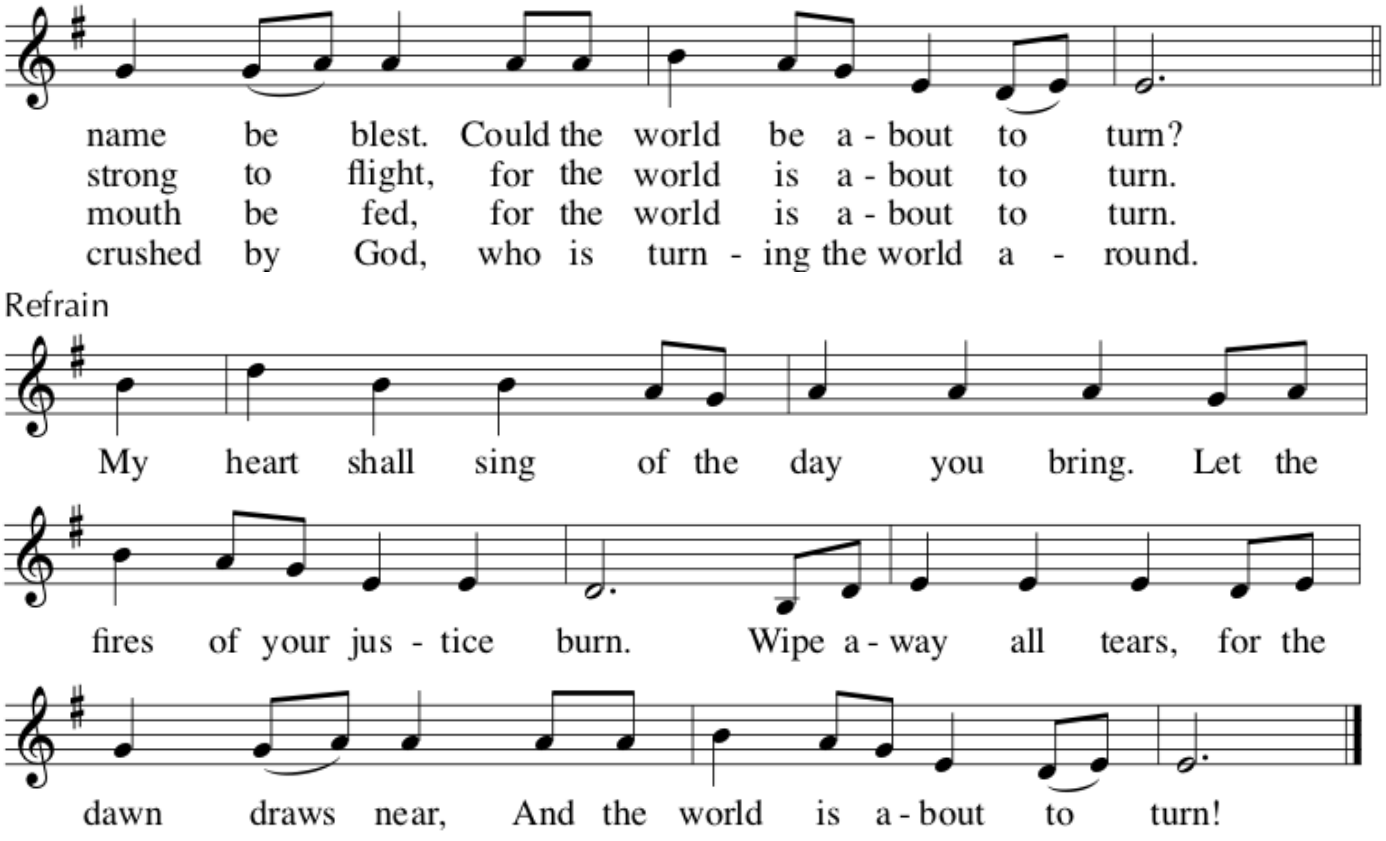
Community Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

At the opening hymn, the People STAND and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

Opening Hymn "Canticle of the Turning" *Star of the County Down* (Irish traditional)
arr. Rory Cooney





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Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN, Irregular with refrain; Irish melody; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Opening Sentences

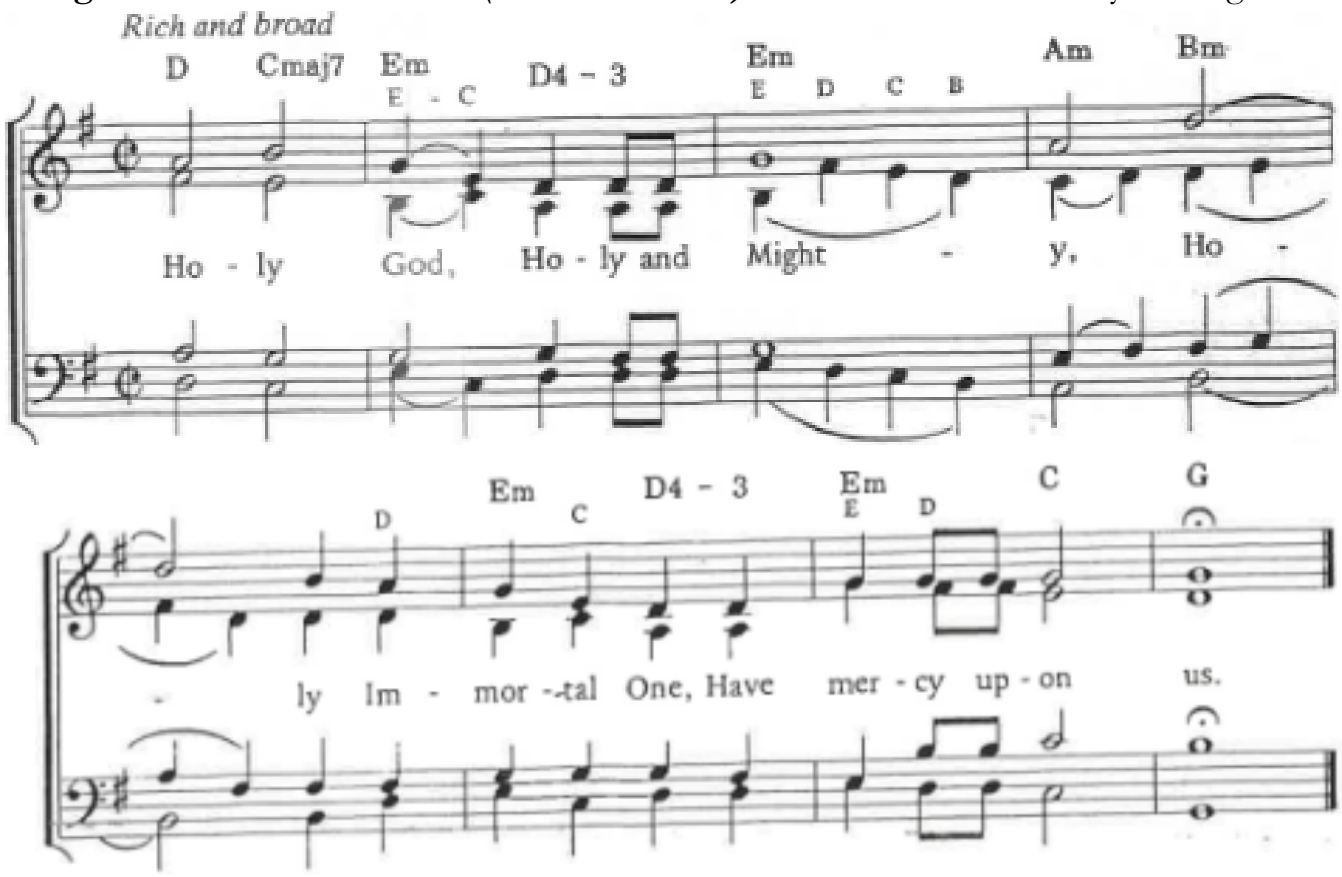
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity *[said in unison]* *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 355

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.

The People remain STANDING and all sing

Trisagion ***(SING 3 TIMES)*** Betty Pulkingham



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The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect

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.**

The People SIT.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS:

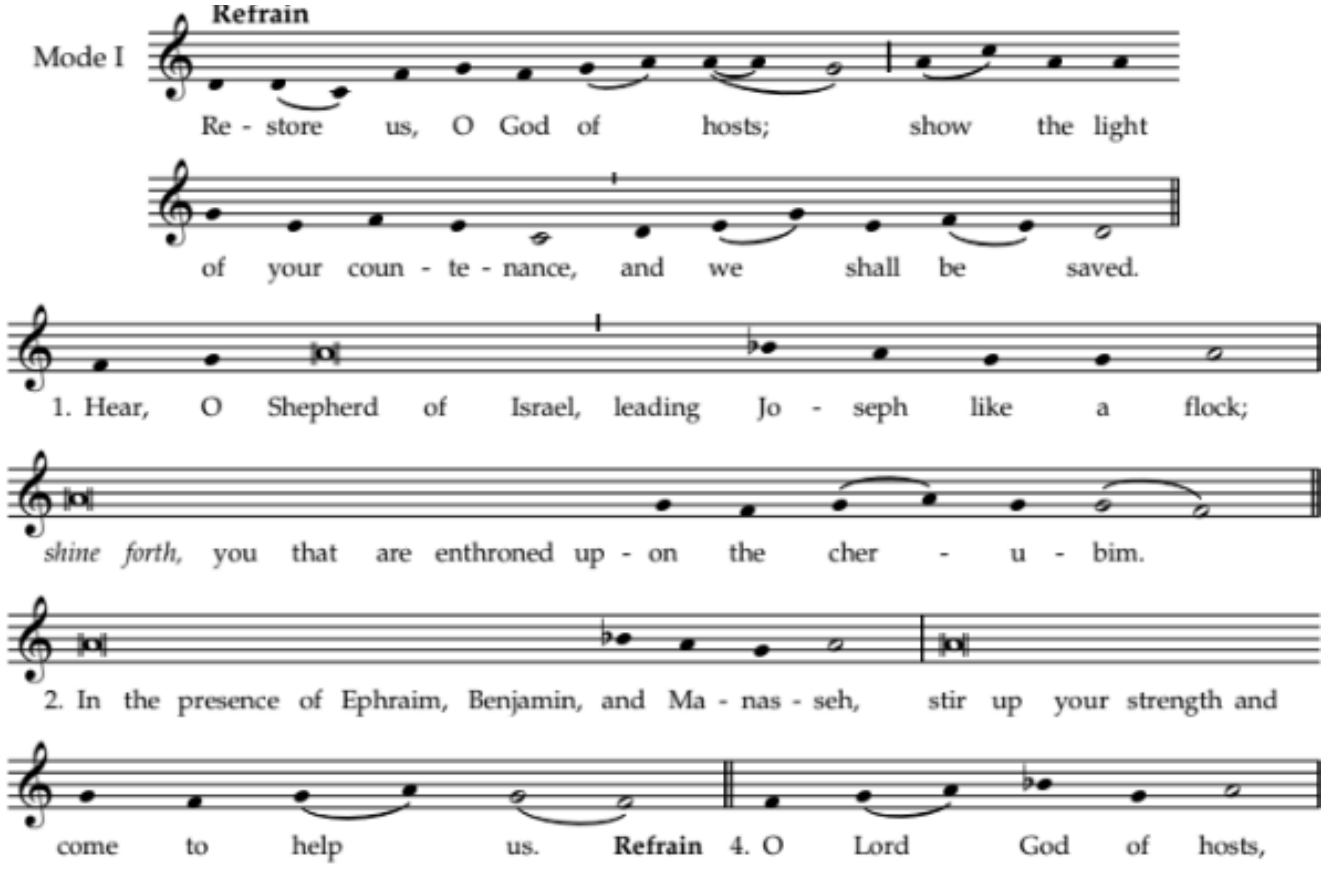
First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9 Clare Bullock Boyd, Lector

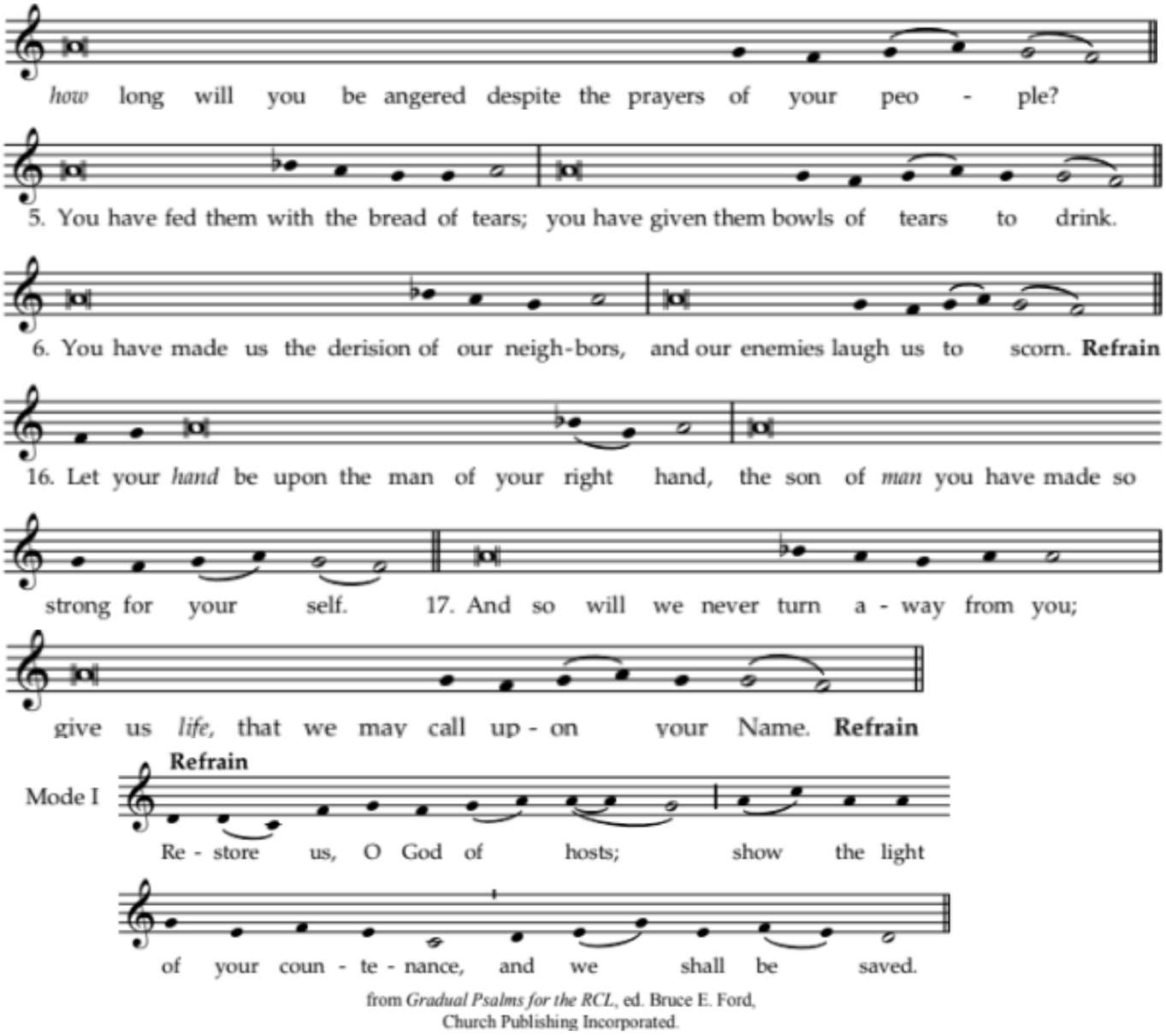
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that 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.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for a time. SEATED, the People offer the Psalm.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 ***Qui regis Israel***





Silence is kept for a time. Then the Epistle is read.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Henry Reeves, Lector

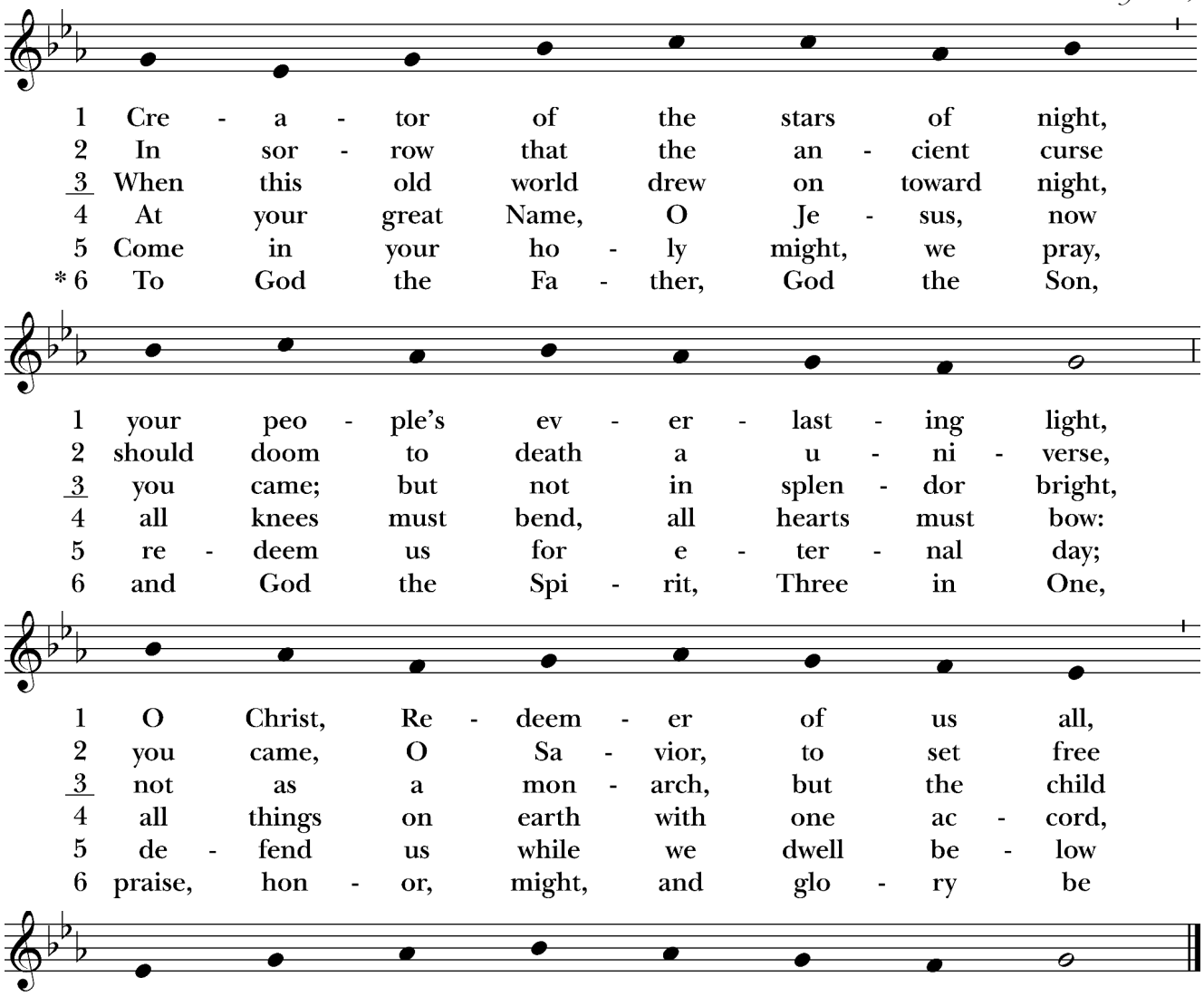
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for a time. Then, at the organ's introduction, the People STAND to sing.

Sequence Hymn #60 "Creator of the stars of night" *Conditor alme siderum*
The Hymnal, 1982



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Gospel Mark 13:24-37 The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Gospeler: The Holy 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People SIT.

The Sermon The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Reflection time is taken. At the Celebrant's invitation, the Creed is recited, all STANDING.

The Nicene Creed *Book of Common Prayer, pg 358*

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,
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 worshiped 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

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the people KNEEL (as they are able) for the Prayers. At the invitation of the Intercessor, the People may offer their prayers publicly and aloud.

The Prayers of the People for Advent Clare Bullock Boyd, Intercessor

Intercessor: In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, you are the potter, and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We pray for your church that you might form us and mold us into the church you would have us be.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Miguelina, our bishop; for Alan, our bridge pastor; for Margaret, our celebrant today; for Karen, Lesa, and Chip, our parish staff; for our parish wardens and members of the Vestry; and for the life and ministry of the people of St. Philip's; and in the weekly prayers of the Diocese we remember Grace Church in Great Barrington and Human to Human.
We pray for the church.

Silence

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,
People: **and open our eyes to the coming of your light.**

Intercessor: In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

For Donald, our President; Maura, our Governor; Salem, our Mayor; for the safety, health, and integrity of all those tasked with law enforcement; and for all those in positions of authority and influence that they may serve the common good.
We pray for the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,
People: **and open our eyes to the coming of your light.**

Intercessor: In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring unending comfort and strength; you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your lambs into your arms. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.
For those who are in need of God's healing and other prayers, especially we ask for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Nancy who is recovering from a heart attack; for Cecilia who is undergoing cancer treatment, and for her wife Kathryn and their daughter; for Noah, Graciela, and Pru, for Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for Jay, Josh, Andy, and Jon with their struggles with cancer; for Maureen as she recovers from a broken hip and manages heart failure., and including those we name now, silently or aloud.
We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,
***People*: and open our eyes to the coming of your light.**

Intercessor: Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate the richness of their lives; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.
We pray in thanksgiving for every blessing of this life.

Silence

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,
People: **and open our eyes to the coming of your light.**

Intercessor: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your Son, to be born of our sister Mary, and his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those who have died.

We remember those who been fatally shot by ICE agents this year and pray for their families: Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, Alex Pretti and Renee Good.

We pray for those we have loved but see no longer. We pray for all who have died, including those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,
People: **and open our eyes to the coming of your light.**

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Come among us, O God, and hear our prayers, so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Enriching Our Worship I, pg 56*

Celebrant: In silence, let us acknowledge those things that separate us from God and from one another; and then publicly and aloud, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the congregation joins in the General Confession.

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. Amen.

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

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 service continues with The Peace. ALL STAND.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Community Blessings

The Building of the Creche

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem "Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth" *Puer nobis nascitur,*
Choir Singers setting by Mark Schweizer

The People STAND for the Presentation.

Offertory Presentation and Proclamation

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Liturgy of the Altar

All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus
are welcome to receive at this altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request (please speak with an usher prior to the liturgy).
If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

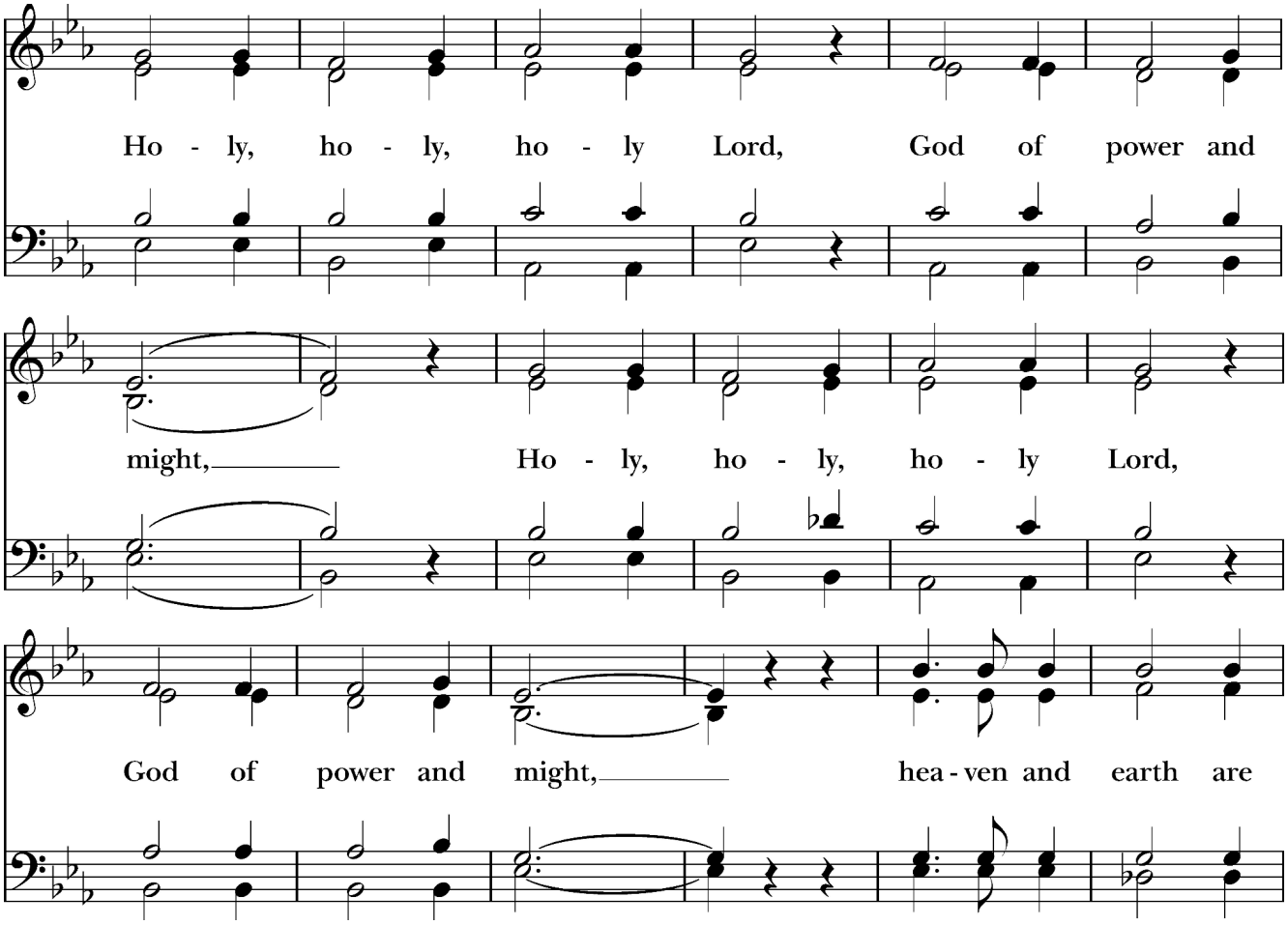
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

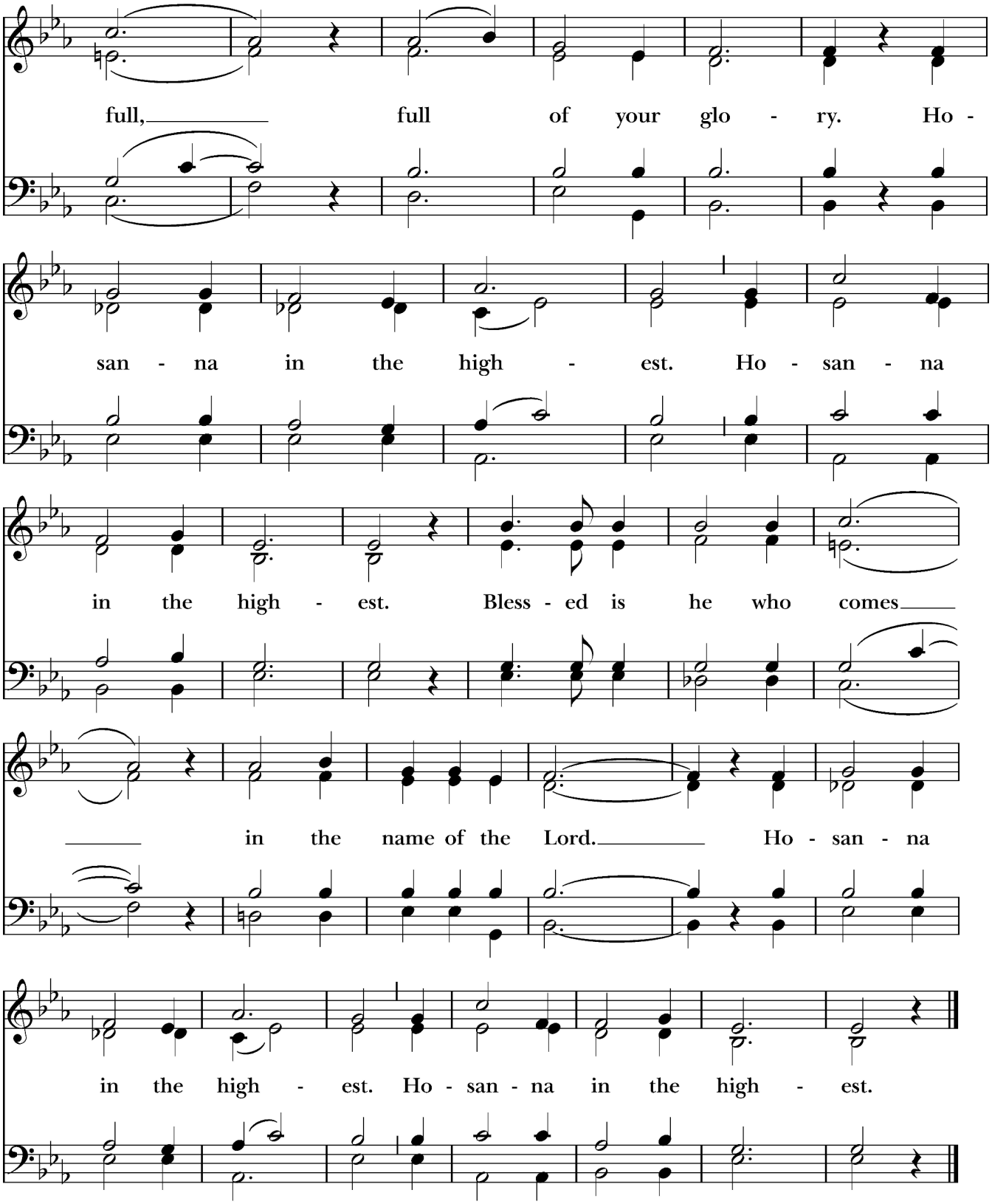
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: #S130 *"Holy, holy, holy God"* Schubert/arr. Proulx

The Hymnal 1982





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The People STAND or KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

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

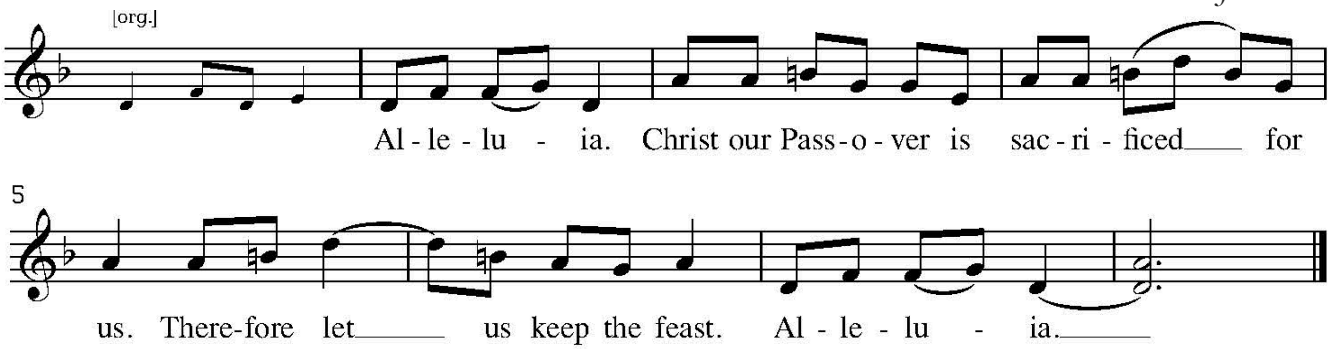
OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

All join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem *Robert J. Powell*



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMON CUP,
PLEASE REVERENTLY HOLD THE CHALICE'S BASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer*, pg 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

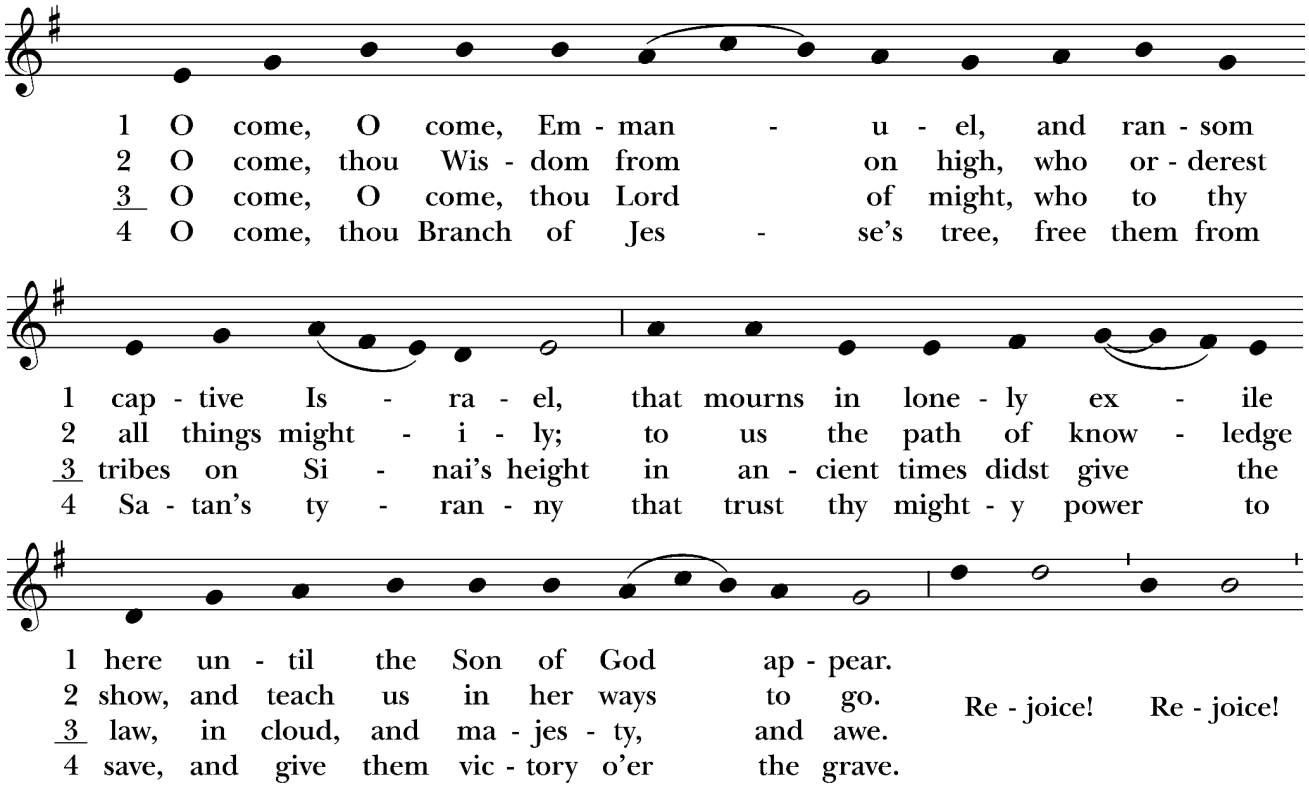
All STAND for the blessing.

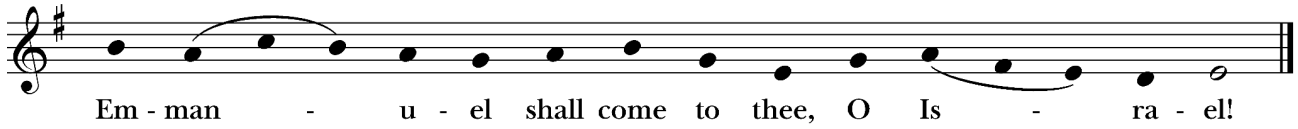
The Blessing for Advent

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*
The Hymnal, 1982





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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Trumpet Tune on "Wachet auf" Martha Sobaje

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Mary R., Cecilia D., Nancy D., Jay P.
Noah, Graciela & Baby Pru and Cristosal in El Salvador,
Josh, Andy, Jon, Maureen L.
Please keep in your prayers the groups that use our facility during the week,
including the Easthampton Family Center (Tues-Fri) and AA Meetings (Sat-Wed)

Birthdays

Chip S ~ Dec 4
Patrick S ~ Dec 6

Announcements

November 29, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS
The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas,
Celebrant/Preacher
Weyehn Reeves, Verger/Crucifer
Henry Reeves, Clare Bullock Boyd, Lectors
Clare Bullock Boyd, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
St. Philip's Choir Singers
Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Charlie McGaugh, David Haines, Ushers
Janine Murphy, Tech Minister
Elizabeth McAnulty, Altar Guild
Janet Couch, Robert Shaw, Counters

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Janet Couch and Anne Bezio. Thank you!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this week.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
The church will be open for a quiet, meditative service of prayer, song, and reflection on scripture on Dec 2, 9, & 16 from 7:00 to 7:30pm. This service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Please see the N.O.W. for further details.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist at 4:30 pm
Christmas Day, Prayers & Hymn Sing at 11:00 am
Christmas 1 (12/27) Lessons & Carols at 10:00 am

The **Easthampton Community Center** provides children in need with pajamas and socks each Christmas. St. Philip's plays a significant role through our annual **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** and we are proud to announce that our Sunday School will continue with this tradition again this year.

The Giving Tree is set up in the entrance to the church. Ornaments hand-decorated by our Sunday School Children are on the tree with the sizes needed. Please take an ornament or two. A box will be set up next to the tree for your donation of unwrapped pajamas and socks. Please **return your donation by Sunday, December 13th**. After church on the 13th, the children will deliver the pajamas and socks to ECC. The Community Center will be packing bags for Christmas that week.

St. Philip's is such an important member of our Community, and your generosity is unmatched! Thank you so much for your continued commitment to helping those in need.

The **GREENING** of the Church will happen on Sunday, Dec. 20 immediately following the service.

OFFERINGS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS are being accepted. Please see Glee Miner by Dec 13th with your generous donation. Remembrance forms are in the back of the church or the parish hall. Thank you!

The **LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP** meets on Sunday mornings for 45 minutes, starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom. Conversation and study focuses on the Collect, the Psalm, and the scripture readings appointed for each Sunday. All are welcome to participate as they are able. Please feel free to bring your coffee or tea with you! Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89166821732?pwd=IpZHQaDUBRZ2rG4CYoJDF8DZbHgwfU.1
Meeting ID: 891 6682 1732
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BROWN BAG LUNCH GROUP meets on Tuesdays at noon. This is a "come as you can" event. If you have some free time, pack a lunch and come to church! The gathered group offers Noonday Prayers and then enjoys a simple meal and lively conversation. Questions? Contact Becky Taylor: beckyt21@verizon.net.

TAKE & EAT ~ St. Philip's and the Westhampton Congregational Church work together to provide meals for homebound people on the 4th weekend of every month. To volunteer, contact Emma Coles at ecoles614@gmail.com, or sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/takeandeat.

JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP, our virtual community. We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. Ask a vestry member for more information.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES
Members of St. Philip's are warmly invited to participate in two community Bible study programs held on Zoom and led by parishioner Linda Moore. Please contact

her for more information and to receive the Zoom link for either or both groups: bythegraceofgod@outlook.com
The **Pilgrims** group meets on Monday afternoons, 4:00 to 5:00. Now entering its sixth year, the group's current focus is the Epistle to the Hebrews, and promises a scintillating exploration of this New Testament book.
What is the Bible anyway? This group meets on Thursdays at 4:00pm, addressing such questions as, "How are we to read the Bible? What does it have to do with God? What's it got to do with me? How do the stories we read affect our lives?"

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