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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist, Year B
Sunday, November 29, 2023

Entrance Rites

As the procession enters and the lights flash, please stand as you are able.
PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL "Prelude in A Minor" J. S. BACH, ADAPT. RICHARD BLAKE

GREETINGS

PRAYERS AT THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

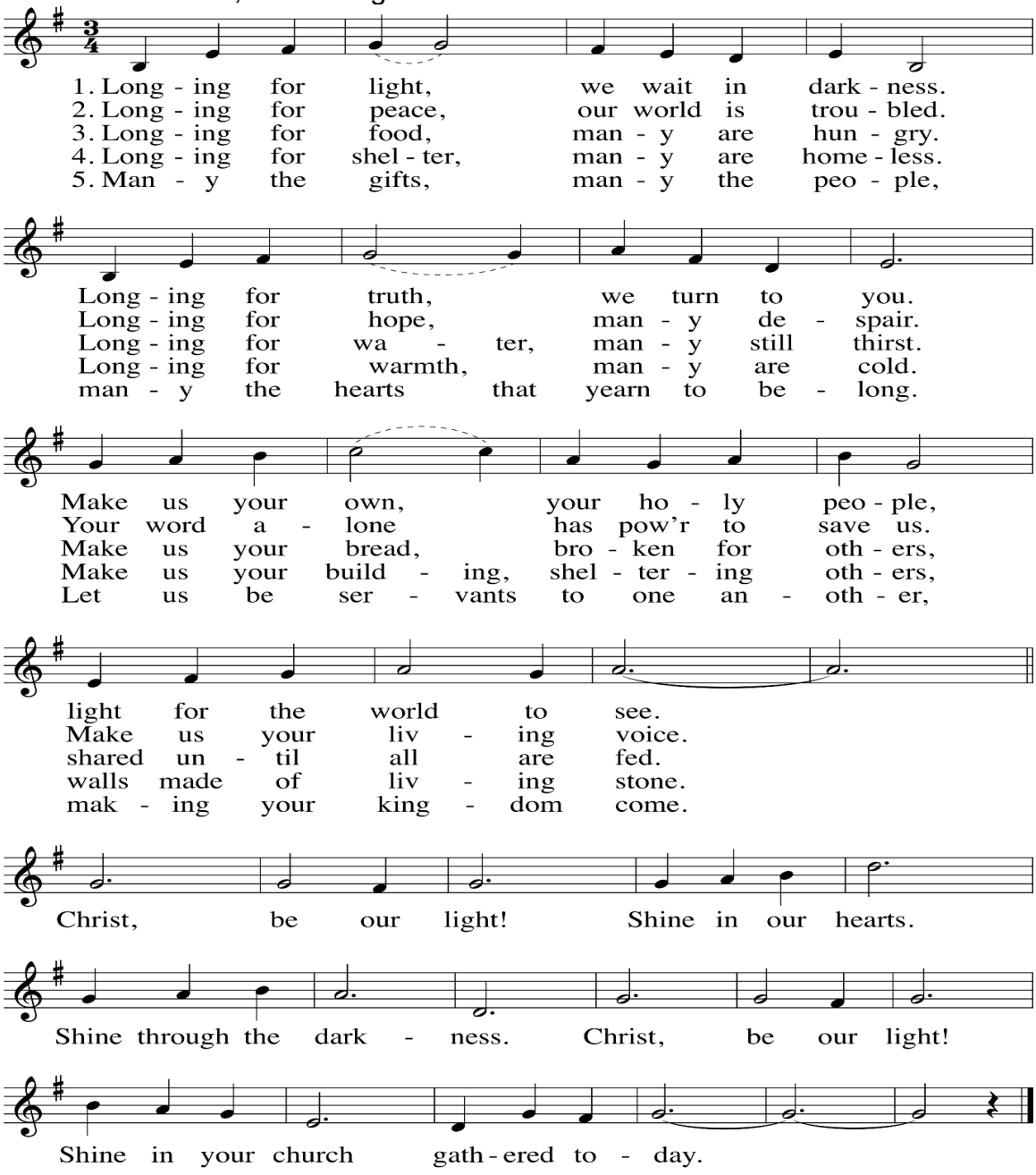
Celebrant The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope. We light this candle to remind us that our hope is in Jesus and to watch for His return.

(*The Celebrant lights the first candle*.)

Let us pray:

All **Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us. As we worship You this morning, draw out of us the darkness of the world, and fill us with the light of hope. Help us to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Christ, Be Our Light" BERNADETTE FARRELL



Liturgy of the Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

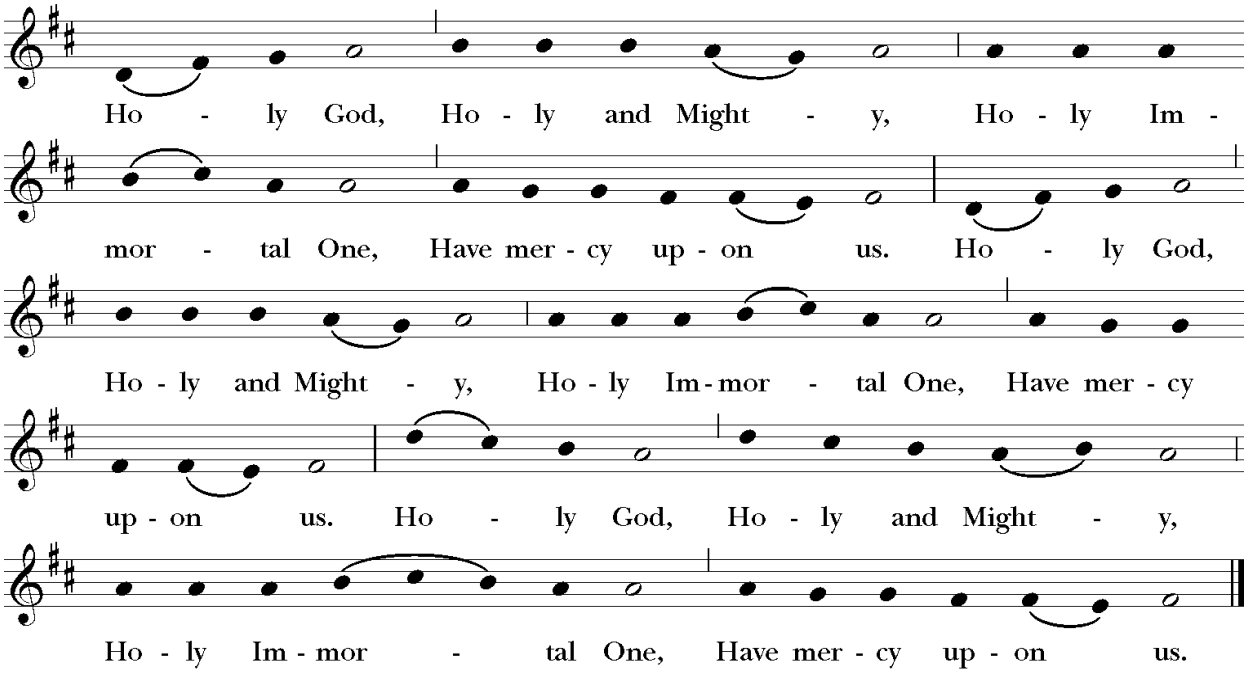
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

TRISAGION S-100 "Holy God" (*New Plainsong*) DAVID HURD



SALUTATION

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.
All **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

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.

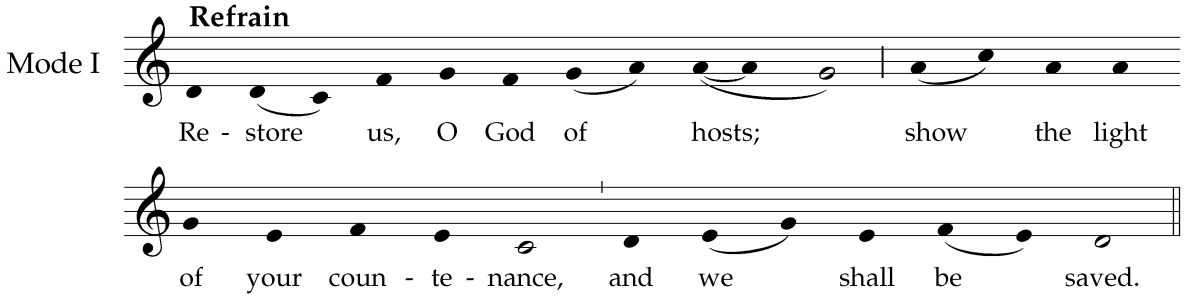
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself, we transgressed.
We have all become like 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-6, 16-17 *Qui regis Israel*

The cantor sings the "**Refrain.**" *The congregation repeats the* "**Refrain.**"
The cantor chants the "**Verses**." *All sing the* "**Refrain**" where indicated.

Susan McConnell*, cantor*



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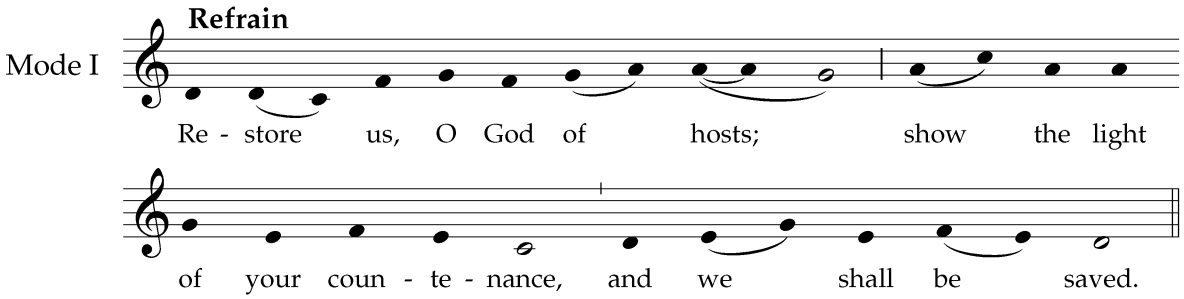
Verses

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. (**Refrain**)

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.



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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. (**Refrain**)

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians

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.

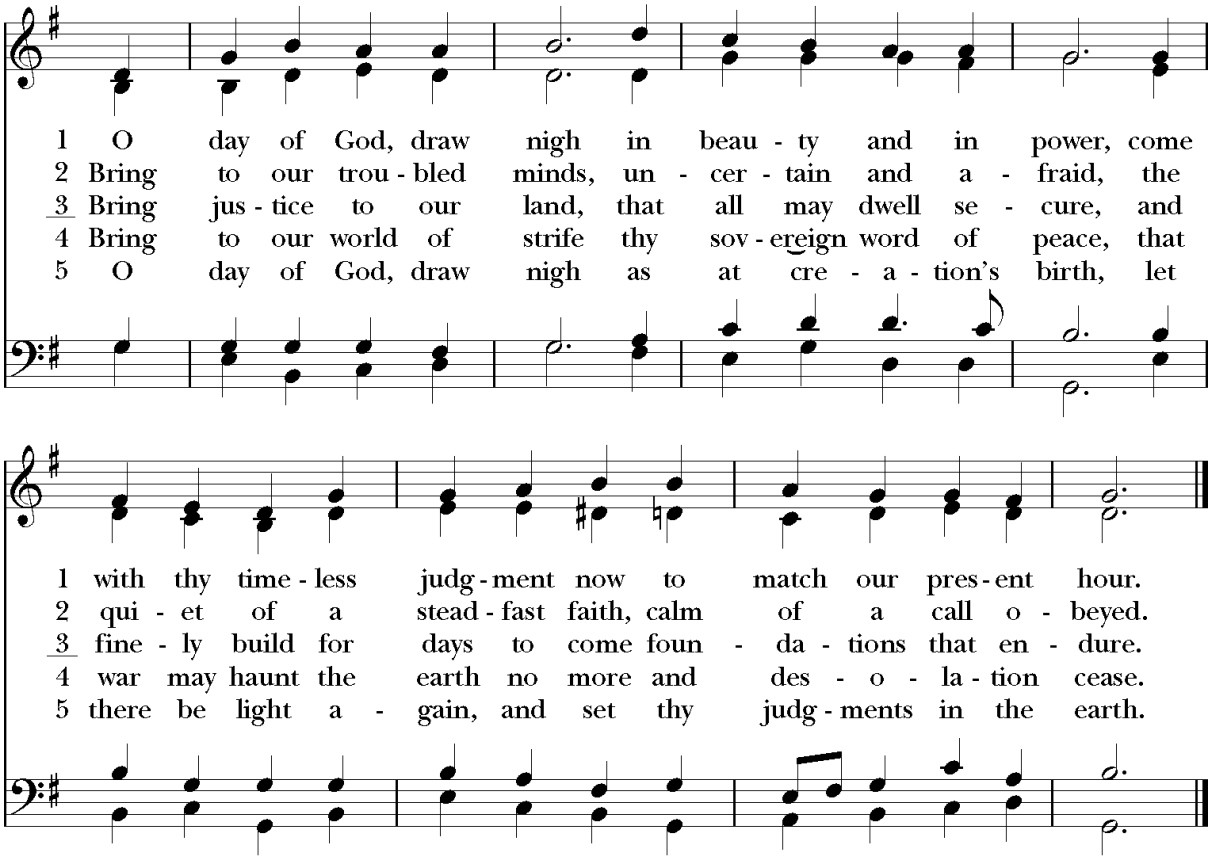
(*Silence*)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able. All sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN "O day of God, draw nigh" (*St. Michael*)



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Music: *St. Michael,* Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller 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."

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

The People sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

All **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.

The People stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As salvation draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful for the One who has come and will come into our lives, saying: Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For the Church: especially for our bishops and other ministers, that while surrounded by the darkness of selfishness, jealousy and greed, we may live as children of light and show God's love to those around us.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For this parish family, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace in all troubled places, that God will teach the hearts of all the human family to turn swords into plows and resources for war into healing and development.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who are busy and hurried, for refugees and travelers who are separated from homeland or family, for those who await God's healing and blessing, remembering those whom we name before you now [*Silence*] that they may find God's care and compassion as others reach out to them.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For ourselves in this Advent time of waiting, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all those who have died, [remembering especially ……,] that they may walk in the light of the Lord.

People **Holy God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Saint Richard and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O God of Jacob for whom we long, hear our prayers and keep us ever watchful, that when Christ our Savior comes, we may welcome him with joy and gladness. This we ask in his most holy Name.

All **Amen.**

Adapted from Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem, PA

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

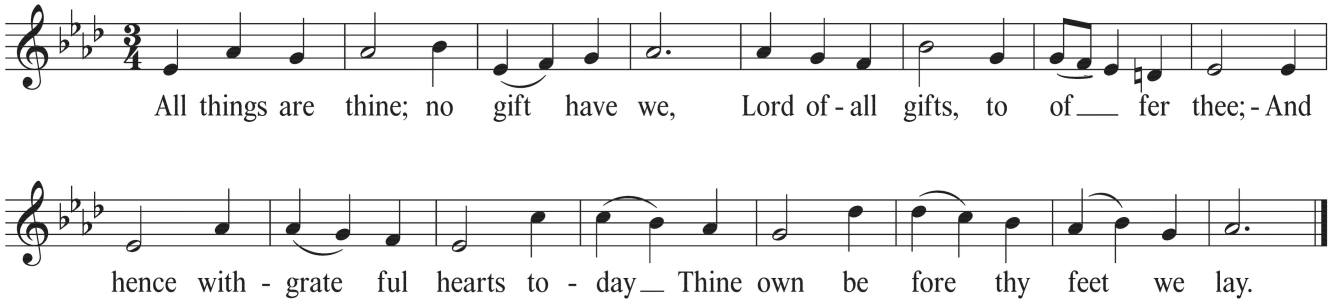
Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY SOLO "Thus saith the Lord" from *Messiah* G. F. HÄNDEL

Stephen O'Connell, *bass*

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION HYMN "All things are thine" (*Gardiner*)



Eucharistic Prayer 3

From *Enriching Our Worship 1*

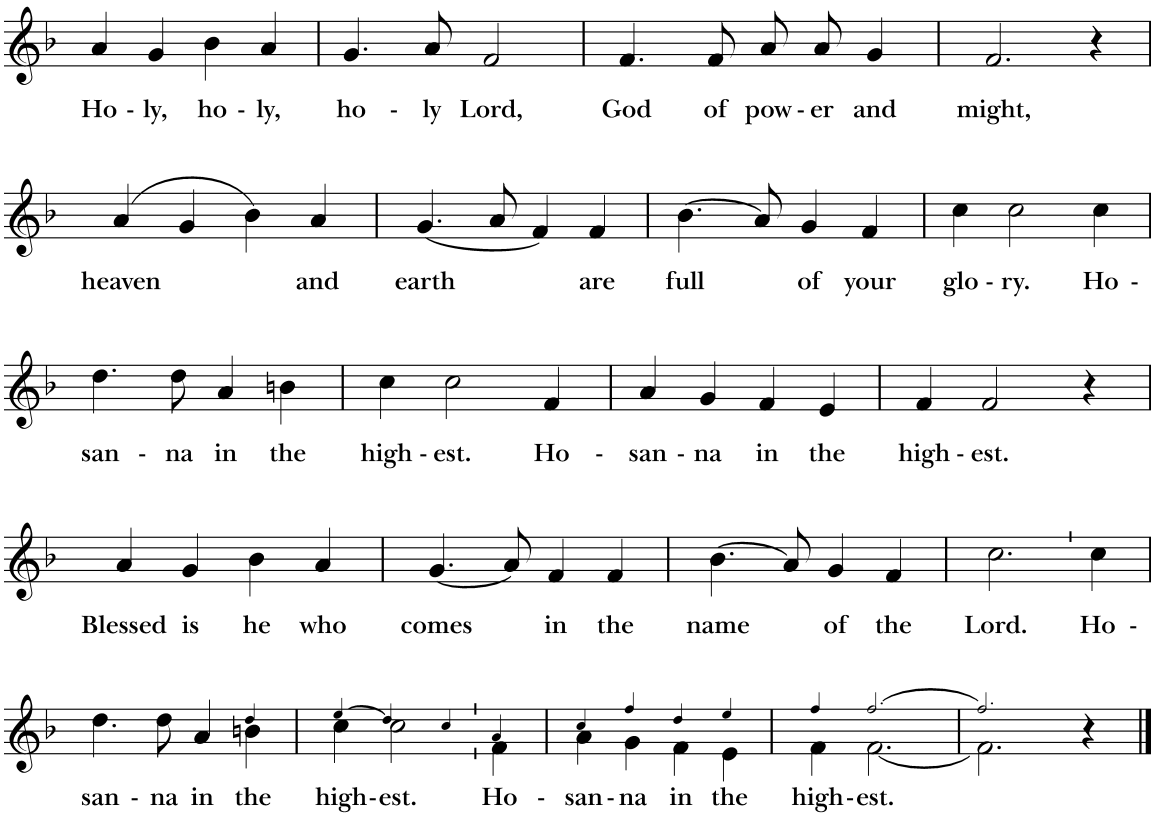
SURSUM CORDA

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS S125"Holy, holy, holy Lord" (*A Community Mass*) RICHARD PROULX



Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Richard, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

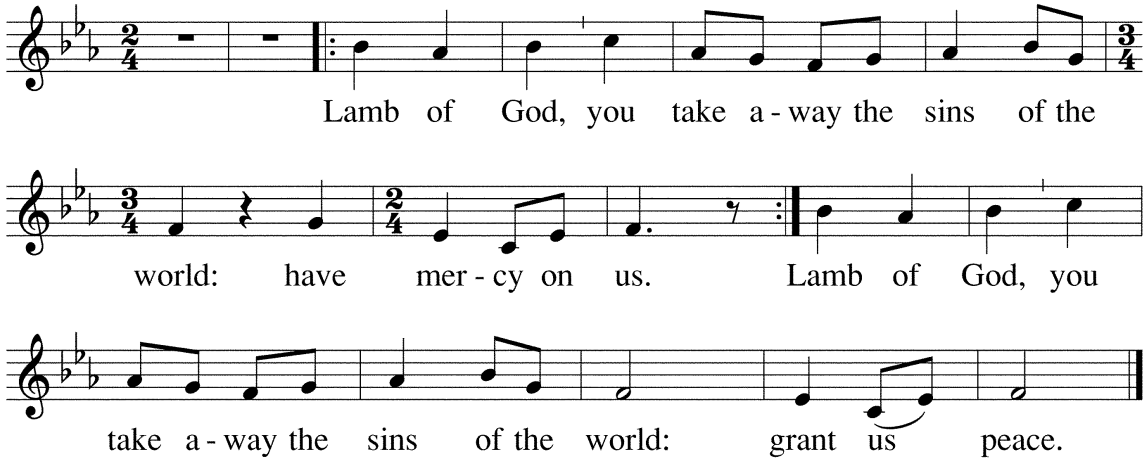
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

All **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.**

AGNUS DEI "Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God" (*A Community Mass*) RICHARD PROULX

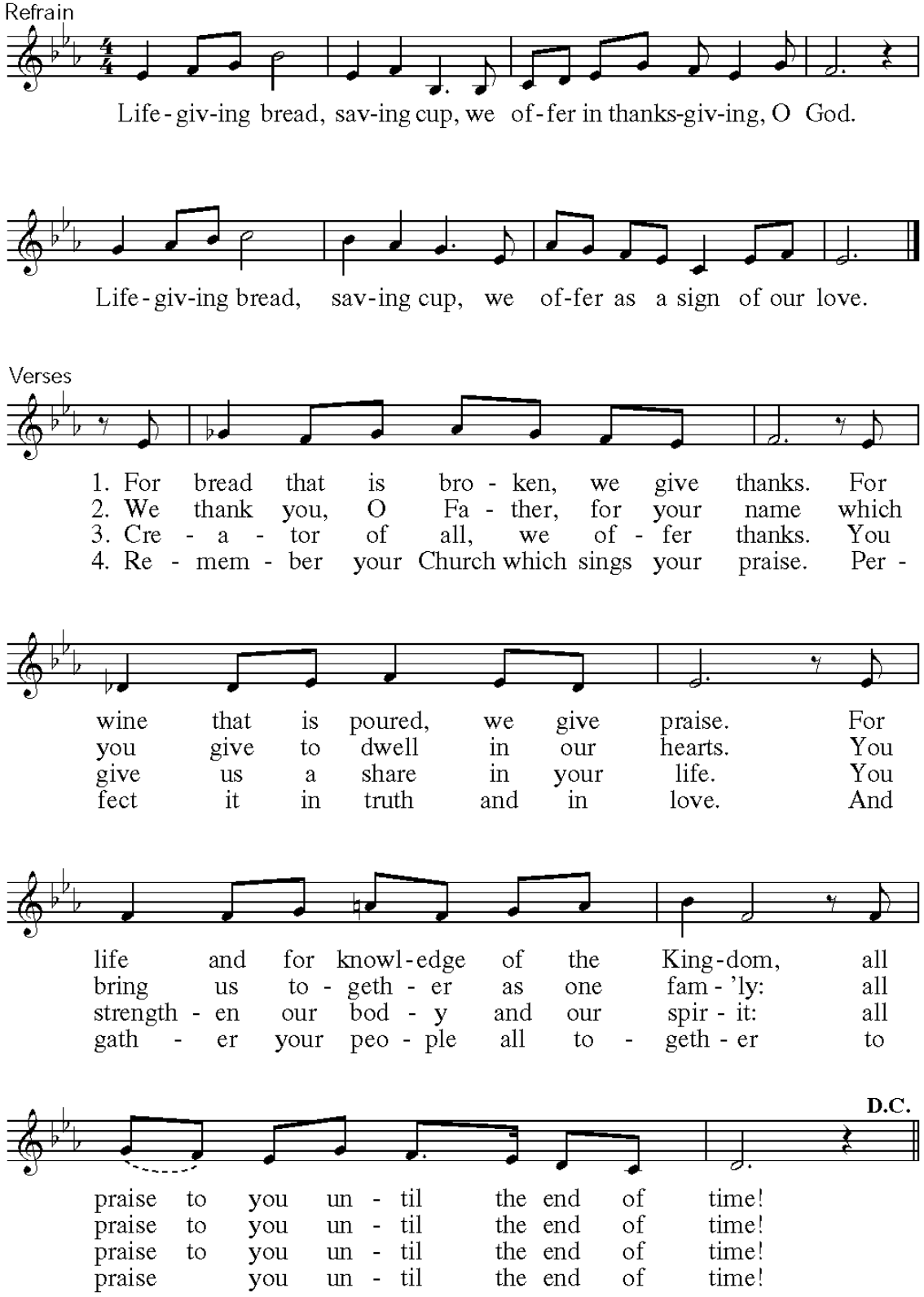


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Life giving bread, saving cup" JAMES J. CHEPPONIS *All sing.*



"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" (*Schmucke Dich*) ARR. VICTOR BROWN

St. Richard's Handbell Choir

Victor Brown, Director

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able. All sing.

CLOSING HYMN 57 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" (*Helmsley*)

The Closing Hymn is found on page 17.

A PRAYER OF ST. RICHARD'S OF CHICHESTER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

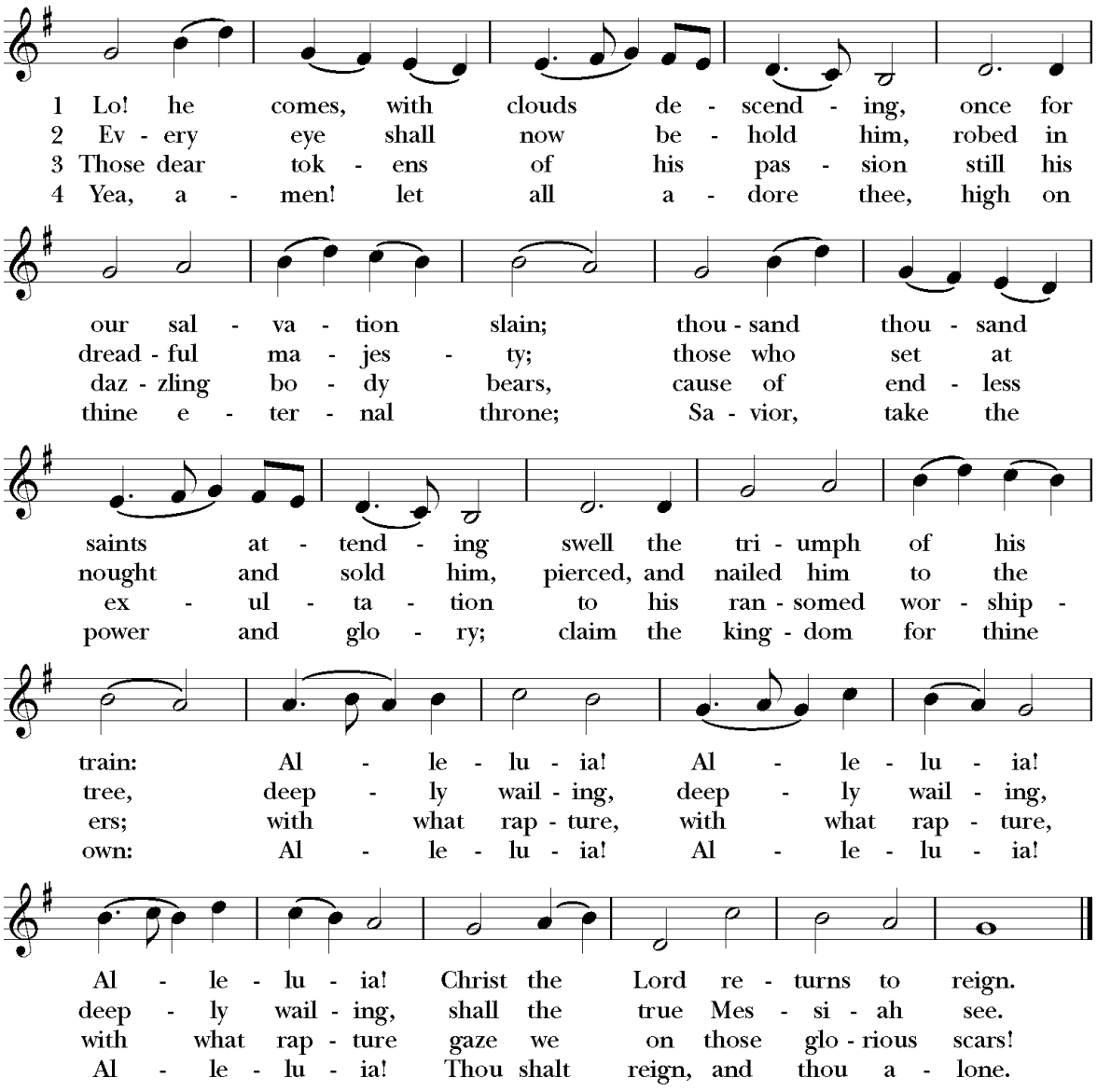
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Ricercar" JOHANN PACHELBEL

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. A. Dale Truscott
Subdeacon Zane Johnson
Crucifer Warren Carlson
Reader Irv Lipscomb
Lay Eucharistic Minister Kat Lisa
Flowers Kin Xuxa
Technician Alyssa Griffith
Cantors Susan McConnell, Stephen O'Connell
Organist Dr. Carl MaultsBy

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending



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"Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (*Helmsley*)

"Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts" from *Messiah,* G. F. Händel