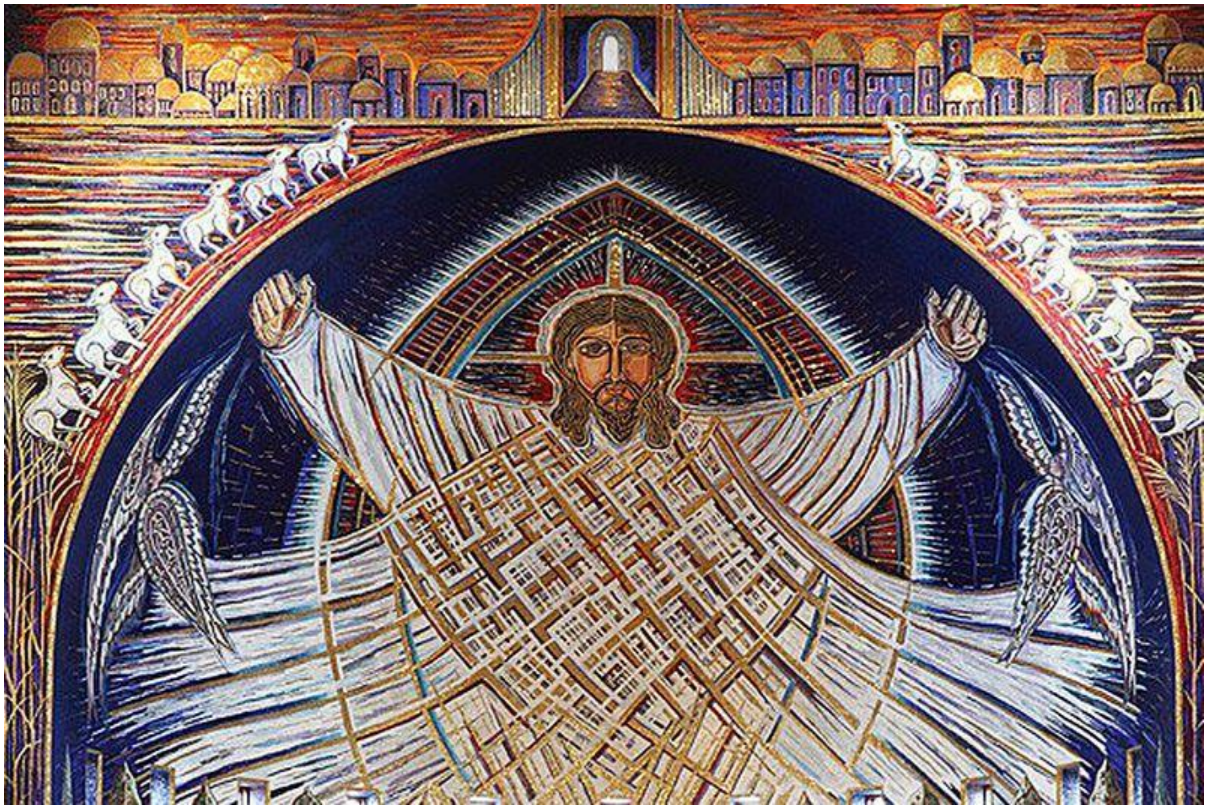
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

goodshepherdfw.org

The First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

November 29, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Good Shepherd
1:00 p.m. – Emmanuel All Nations



McLean, Helen. Christ in Glory, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/56321 [retrieved November 24, 2026]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Apse_mosaic_Christ_in_Glory.jpg.

Church of the Good Shepherd
Mail to: P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063
253-839-6100

goodshepherdfw.org • facebook.com/goodshepherdfw • instagram.com/goodshepherdfw • tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube

The Church of the Good Shepherd practices inclusion, inspires healing, and promotes justice as we journey with Christ in love.

Join our email list: **https://tinyurl.com/goodshepemails**

Welcome, Guests and Newcomers!

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd! We're glad that you have found us. We don't know yet whether you will find Good Shepherd to be your faith home, but we hope so.

If there's one thing we love in the Episcopal Church, it's questions. After all, there's a lot we don't know, even if we've spent a lifetime in the church. Some questions have simple, straightforward answers. But we also find that many of our answers are provisional and open to surprises and new interpretations. We will never have God all figured out—and it would be a shame if we thought we did.

So we are all pilgrims on a journey through life together. Those of us in the Christian faith have found in Jesus of Nazareth the best explanation for who created us and what the purpose of all this might be. Those of us who have embraced the Christian faith understand our mission to be sharing Good News with the world: the news that God loves us, sustains us, and gives our lives eternal meaning. We believe that through Jesus Christ, God has reconciled an estranged world to Godself, and that our proper response is to love one another. The story of Jesus continues to this day through the Church, and we believe that God is working in you, too, inviting you to share God's love with a world that desperately needs it.

In addition to our weekly Sunday morning worship, we consistently offer a variety of other opportunities to connect—for people of all ages.

- Our website: **goodshepherdfw.org.**
- Our YouTube page: **tinyurl.com/gsfwyoutube.**
- Sign up for *The Shepherd's Crook,* our weekly newsletter, at **tinyurl.com/goodshepemails.**
- To go even deeper, join *Realm,* our online community of worshipers: **onrealm.org/goodshepfw.**
- Shortcut to Realm Resources for parishioners (password-protected): **tinyurl.com/gsfwresources.**
- Make a financial pledge to Good Shepherd for 2027: **tinyurl.com/goodshep2027.**

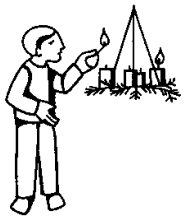
Recording and Streaming in Use

Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our 10:30 worship service, and that the resulting content is being transmitted online. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the worship space or on Zoom, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area toward the back of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a seasonal campground of the Puyallup (puyallup-tribe.com) and Coast Salish People, who have lived on and stewarded these lands for thousands of years and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

How can you make this Land Acknowledgment more than a performative gesture? Go to the tribe's news website (https://news.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/) and sign up for their newsletter. Notice what issues are important to the Puyallup people and decide how you can begin to forge a learning relationship.



The Season of Advent

"Do you know what the Church did? They tied the ending that was like a beginning and the beginning that was like an ending together, so we would always remember that for every ending there is a beginning and for every beginning there is an ending."
- Godly Play lesson *The Circle of the Church Year*

Though the "holiday season" is in full swing all around us, the Christian season of Advent is a very different time. Our broader culture worships at the altar of instant gratification and aspires to the impossibility of infinite economic growth and consumption. We Christians strive to live in a larger reality.

Advent is a solemn time. But take great care with that word, "solemn." It doesn't mean dry, boring, or overly formal. By solemnity, we mean *joy*—but the kind of joy we experience when we are in awe. Rumors abound that our salvation is on the way and may already be among us! Like children who can't wait for Christmas morning, we too must wait—actively, poised on our toes, ready to receive that salvation. We share the kind of joy that can make us *quiver* with anticipation—hardly able to hold in our excitement for what will soon be birthed in the world and in our very selves.

- Pastor Josh

Advent and Christmas at Good Shepherd

Sundays, November 29; December 6, 13, 20 –
The Four Sundays of Advent
8:0 0 a.m. Holy Eucharist *(on-site only)*
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(on-site, Zoom, YouTube)

Sunday, December 20 –
The Greening of the Church
with Emmanuel All Nations
After the 10:30 service: fun for all ages!

Wednesday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 p.m. **Holy Eucharist** *(on-site only)*
9:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist**
(on-site, Zoom, YouTube)

Sunday, December 27
The First Sunday of Christmas
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(on-site only)
10:30 a.m. A Service of Lessons & Carols
(on-site, Zoom, YouTube)

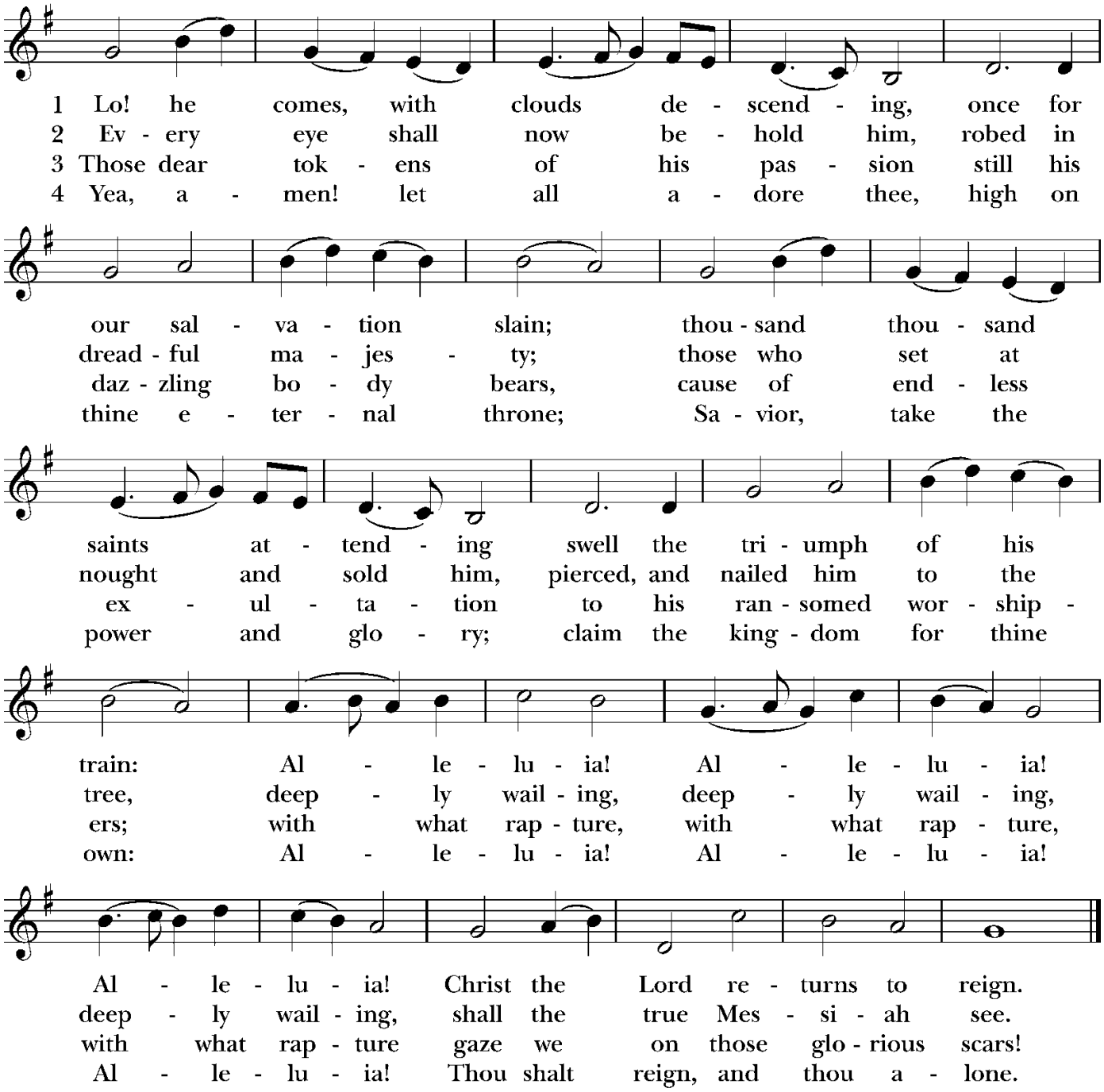
Sunday, January 3
The Second Sunday of Christmas
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(on-site only)
10:30 a.m. A Service of Lessons & Carols
(on-site, Zoom, YouTube)

Wednesday, January 6
Epiphany
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist *(on-site only)*

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite Two
The Liturgy of the Word

At the 8:00 service, we skip all musical portions or, where indicated, read the text of them.

Processional Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (*The Hymnal 1982* #57)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

The Opening Acclamation

The presider welcomes us into worship by immediately addressing God. The season of Advent will focus on our hopes for God to free all humanity from bondage to sin.

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

The Collect for Purity

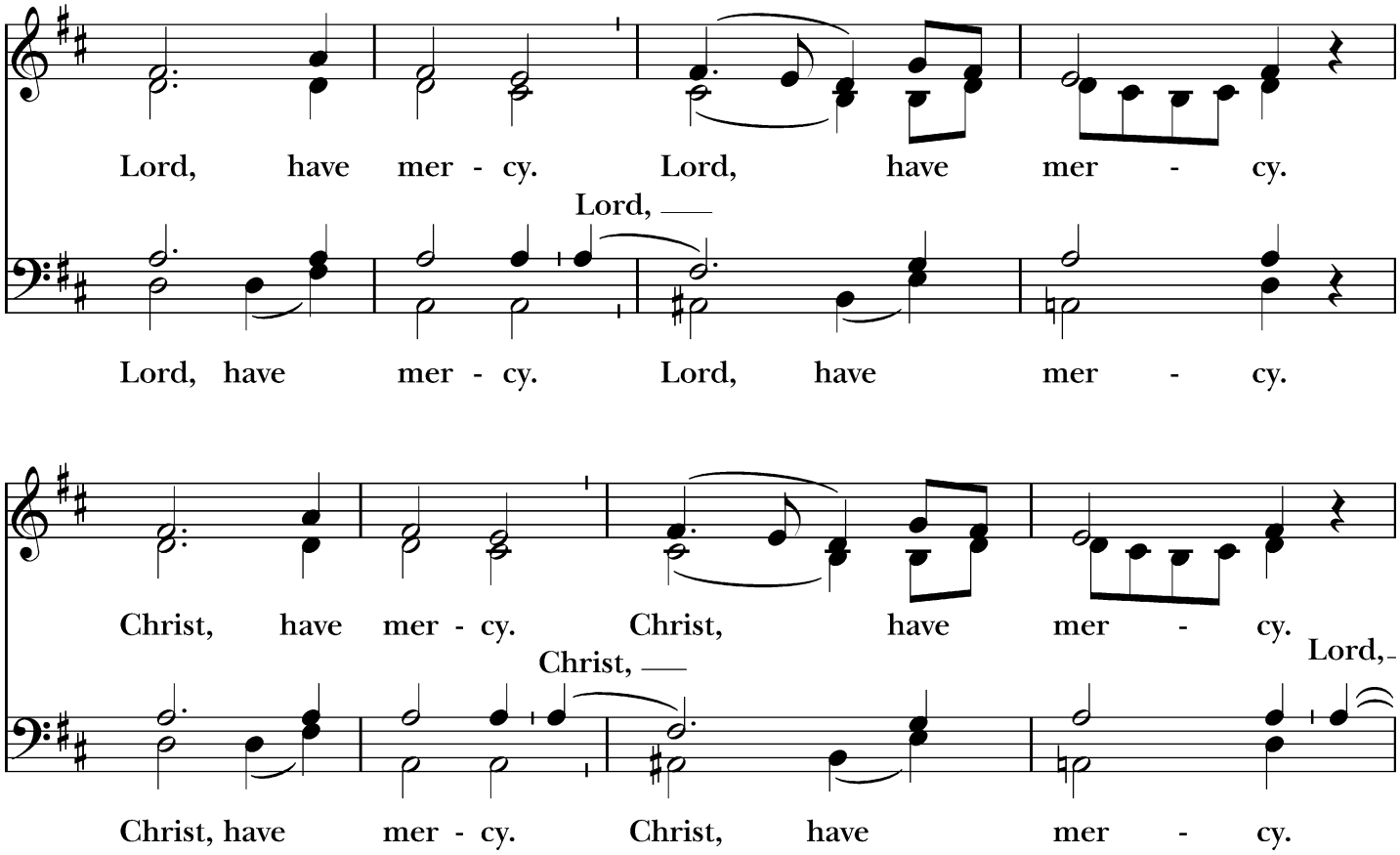
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

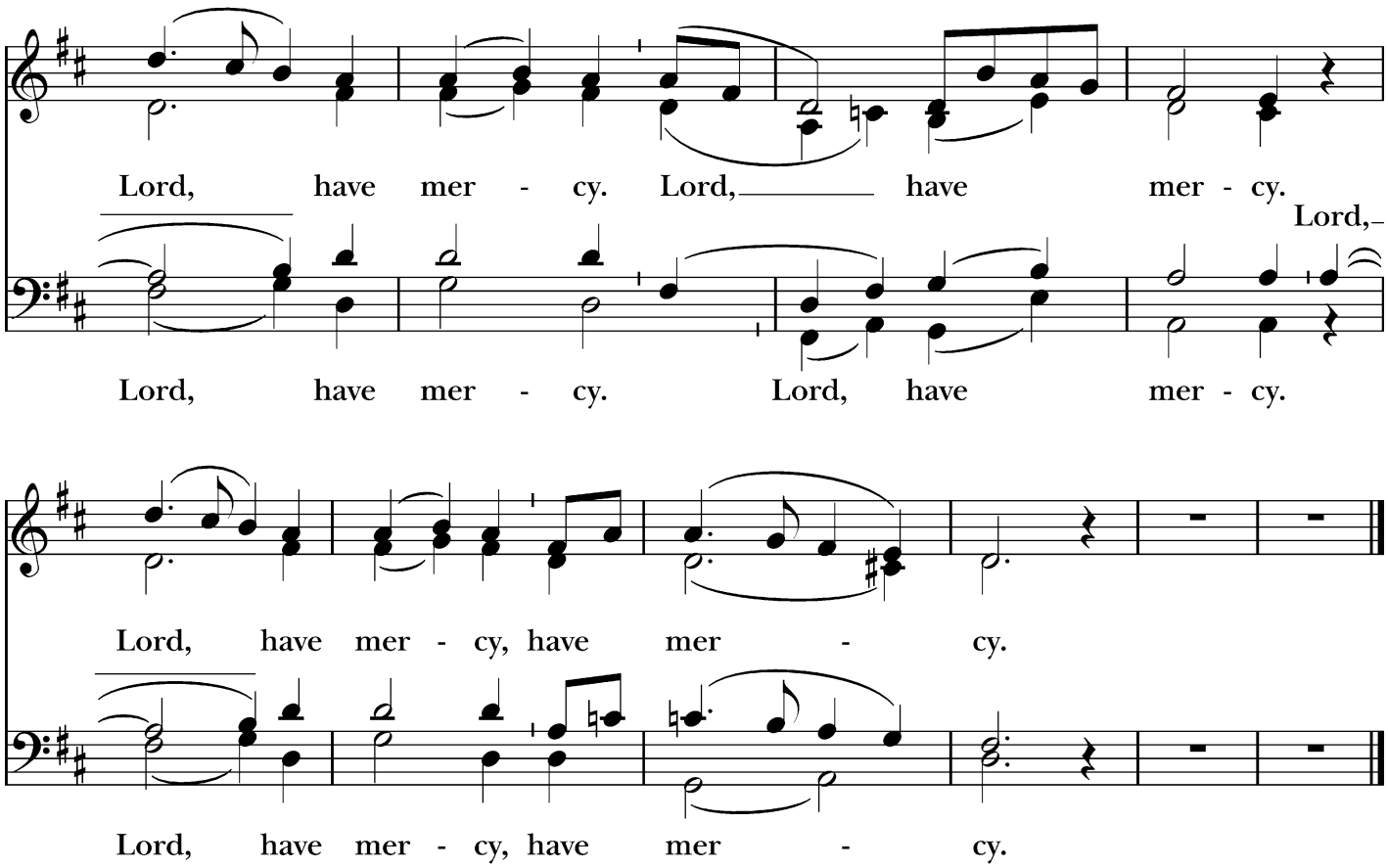
At 8:00:
Presider: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Christ, have mercy.**
Presider: Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie*, originally prayed in Greek, is one of the oldest prayers of the Church.*

At 10:30:

Kyrie (*Franz Schubert*)





Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

We gather our specific intentions for worship today into one concise prayer called the "collect" (KAH-lekt). A different collect is appointed for every Sunday of the year.

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

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 are seated.

The Lessons

Our readings from the Bible each week include one from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm; one from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures; and a reading from one of the four Gospels, the accounts of the life of Jesus.

The Prophet Isaiah probably wrote only the first 39 chapters of his own book. This chapter comes from a much later time, as the Babylonian exile has ended and the people of Israel are returning to their homeland to rebuild. They look forward prayerfully to a better future.

First Lesson (Isaiah 64:1-9)

Lector: A reading from the book of the Prophet 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.

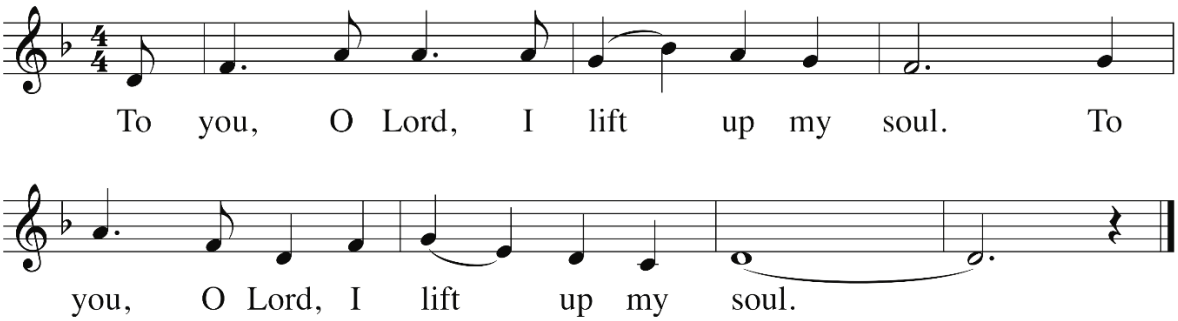
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

… Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1–7,16-18

At 8:00, the first lector invites us to read the text as follows:
Let us pray the psalm responsively by verse.

At 10:30, the congregation sings the refrain.
Refrain



Text: Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14; Stephen Pishner, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
Music: Based on VENI EMMANUEL; Stephen Pishner, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

The psalms were the hymnbook of Ancient Israel and still form the core of worship for both Jewish and Christian congregations.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned u-pon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. **Refrain**

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? **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

17 And so will we never turn a-way from you; *
give us life, that we may call u-pon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

The earliest Christians were sustained by correspondence from the Apostle Paul that eventually came to be regarded as holy scripture.

Lector: A reading from Paul's First Letter 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.

… Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

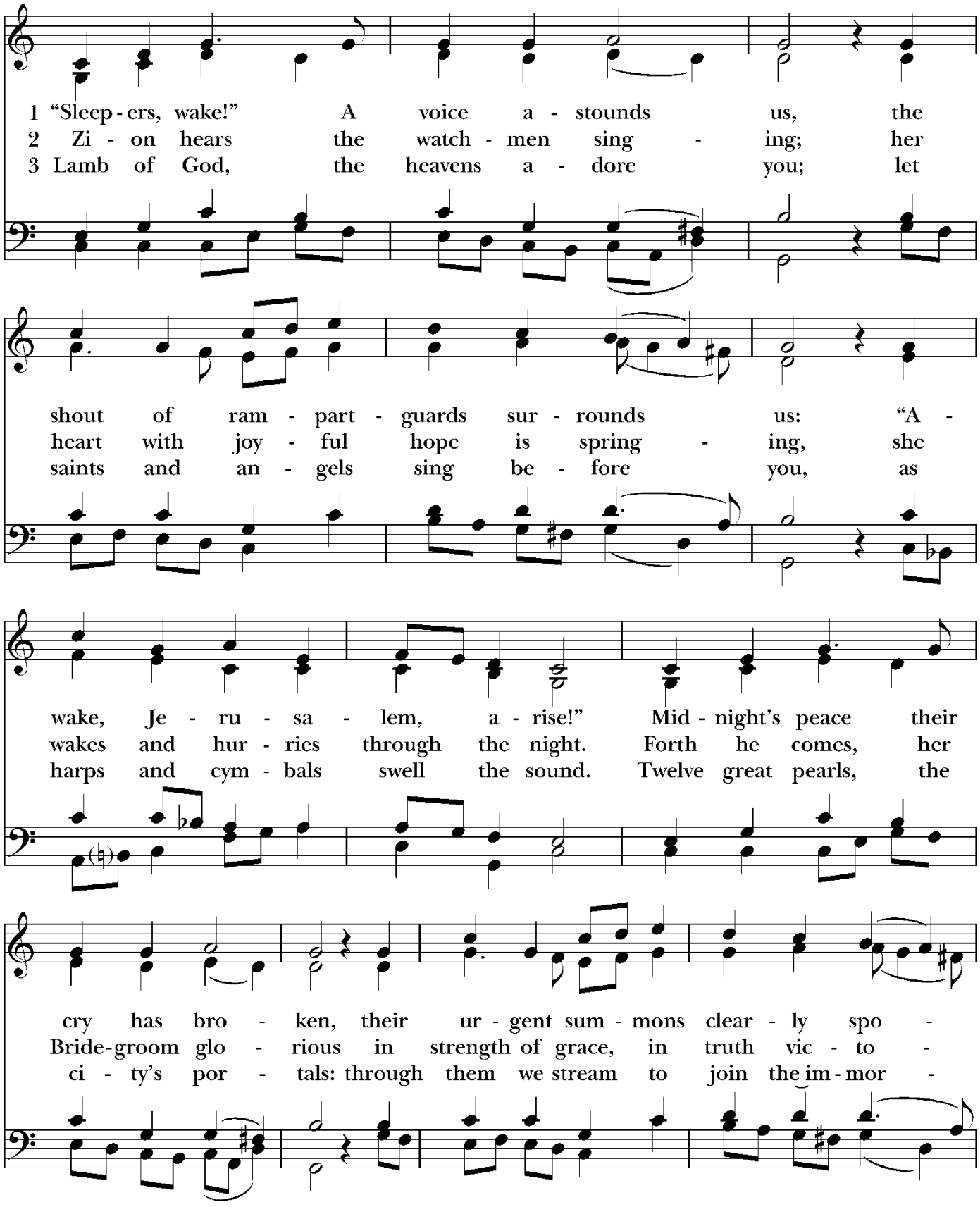
The congregation stands as able.

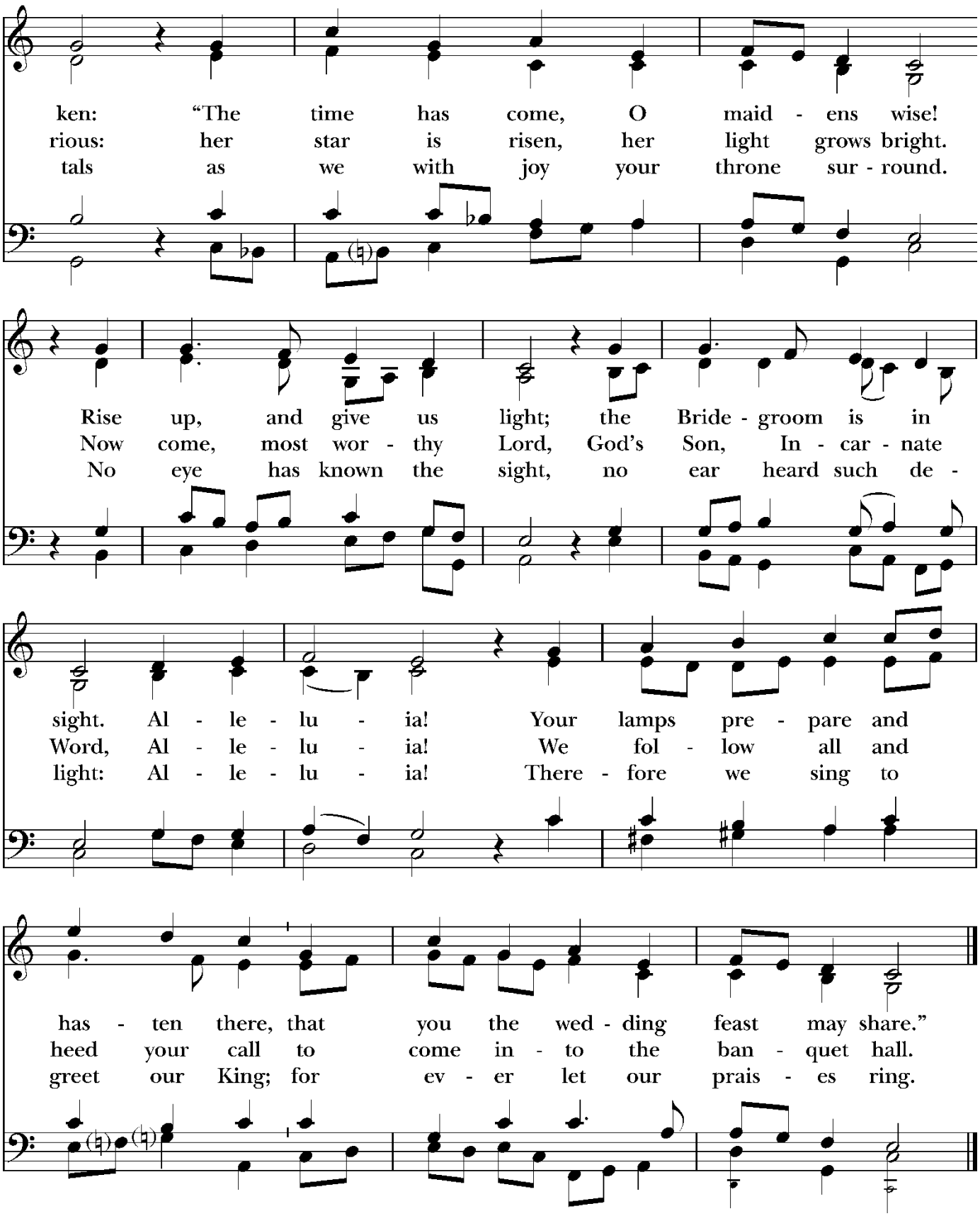
The Gradual Hymn leads into the reading of the gospel passage for today. We stand for the gospel to give honor to the presence of Christ, the very Word of God.

Our weekly readings are scheduled on a three-year cycle.
You can explore the entire cycle of readings at ***lectionarypage.net.***

"Sleepers, Wake!" is one of the most beloved pieces of church music by Johann Sebastian Bach. It is especially appropriate to pair it with today's gospel reading, as Jesus urges us to "get woke" and pay attention to where God is acting in the world.

Gradual Hymn: Sleepers, Wake! (*The Hymnal 1982* #61)





Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Copyright © 1982, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Gospel (Mark 13:24-37)

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

More than a generation after Jesus' death and resurrection, the four gospel writers preserved the stories and teachings of Jesus, each in a way that was helpful to their specific congregations.

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."

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

The people are seated.

The Sermon (*The Rev. Josh Hosler*)

The preacher helps us unpack the scripture passages we have just heard and set them in our own context.

Sermon audio is recorded and made available on our website.

The congregation stands as able.

The Nicene Creed

This statement of belief dates from the 4th century and is held in common by all major branches of Christianity. Every Sunday we use it as a prayer.

In our post-Enlightenment times, you may find it helpful to think of the word "believe" not as meaning merely "I intellectually assent," but rather, "I place my trust."

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 Prayers of the People

Deacon: As we walk together toward the joy of Christ's coming, let us pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Intercessor: O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of endurance. May we, your Church, rise out of our silence and inaction to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus. Empower us to welcome, comfort and stand alongside those who are fearful, hurting, or oppressed. In this week's cycles of prayer, we pray for the Good Shepherd Personnel Committee; for the Center for Spiritual Development; St. James Family Center, Cathlamet; and for the Hong Kong Anglican Church.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of repentance. We pray for our nation and its leaders, that we would acknowledge what is truthful, good, and righteous. May we repent of the evil systems which would persecute on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, wealth, religion, politics, or country of origin. May we all make decisions that promote peace and not division, upholding justice and equal rights for everyone living in this country.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of patience. May the nations of the world be filled with grace, compassion, and love for all who suffer. As we walk together toward your promised paradise, may we see God in all people, honoring all creation, a rich tapestry of color and textures—each person a special thread, intertwined in heart and soul.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

Every week we pray, using a variety of liturgies, for the world, the church, and those in need. We offer prayers of thanks, and we remember those who have died. Our Advent prayers this year were written by Rick Kincade.

We maintain two channels of organized petitionary prayer, the Prayer List and the Prayer Chain.

Prayer List: To have a name read aloud for prayer during our Sunday services on a temporary or ongoing basis, contact Pastor Josh at josh@goodshepherdfw.org. A link to this list can be found in the Shepherd's Crook email and in Realm Resources.

Prayer Chain: To have a name and a concern emailed to a small group of designated parishioners for one-time, immediate prayer, contact Alisa Johnson at alisajohnson@hotmail.com.

O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of joy. May we create true community, intentionally seeking out and supporting one another. May we bring your loving presence and peace to all marginalized people, those living in fear and threat of exclusion and oppression. We pray for healing of relationships, the softening of hearts for all who would choose disdain and hatred over understanding and love.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of hope. May we reach out to those who are suffering in spirit, mind and body, touching them with your love and healing hand. We pray for peace and wholeness for those feeling fearful, alone, or neglected, and for those facing illness and disability.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

O Spirit of the Living God, lead us on the path of peace. We pray for those who have died, for those who are dying, and for those who grieve, that they might find comfort and solace in your promise of eternal life.

Silence for prayers from the congregation.

… Hear us, Holy Spirit.
Fill us with strength and courage.

Presider: O Spirit of the Living God, the promise and anticipation of this Advent season gives us a glimpse into your Kingdom. We pray for the strengthening of our weak hands and feeble knees, that we may reach out to others, and hand in hand, walk with courage toward you. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

It is customary on most Sundays to acknowledge our human faults and failures, knowing that God forgives us and desires growth and abundant joy for all of us.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence. The people may kneel or stand.

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 Absolution

In the Episcopal Church, a priest or a bishop can assure us of the forgiveness of our sins. If you believe you may find it helpful to confess your sins one-on-one, contact Pastor Josh to make an appointment.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Forgiven, healed, and renewed, we welcome our full acceptance as God's children and greet one another as siblings in Christ.

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

A Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin*[s]* another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Offertory, the ushers present bread and wine from the congregation to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

We also present our money offering to be blessed and used for God's purposes.

The Offertory

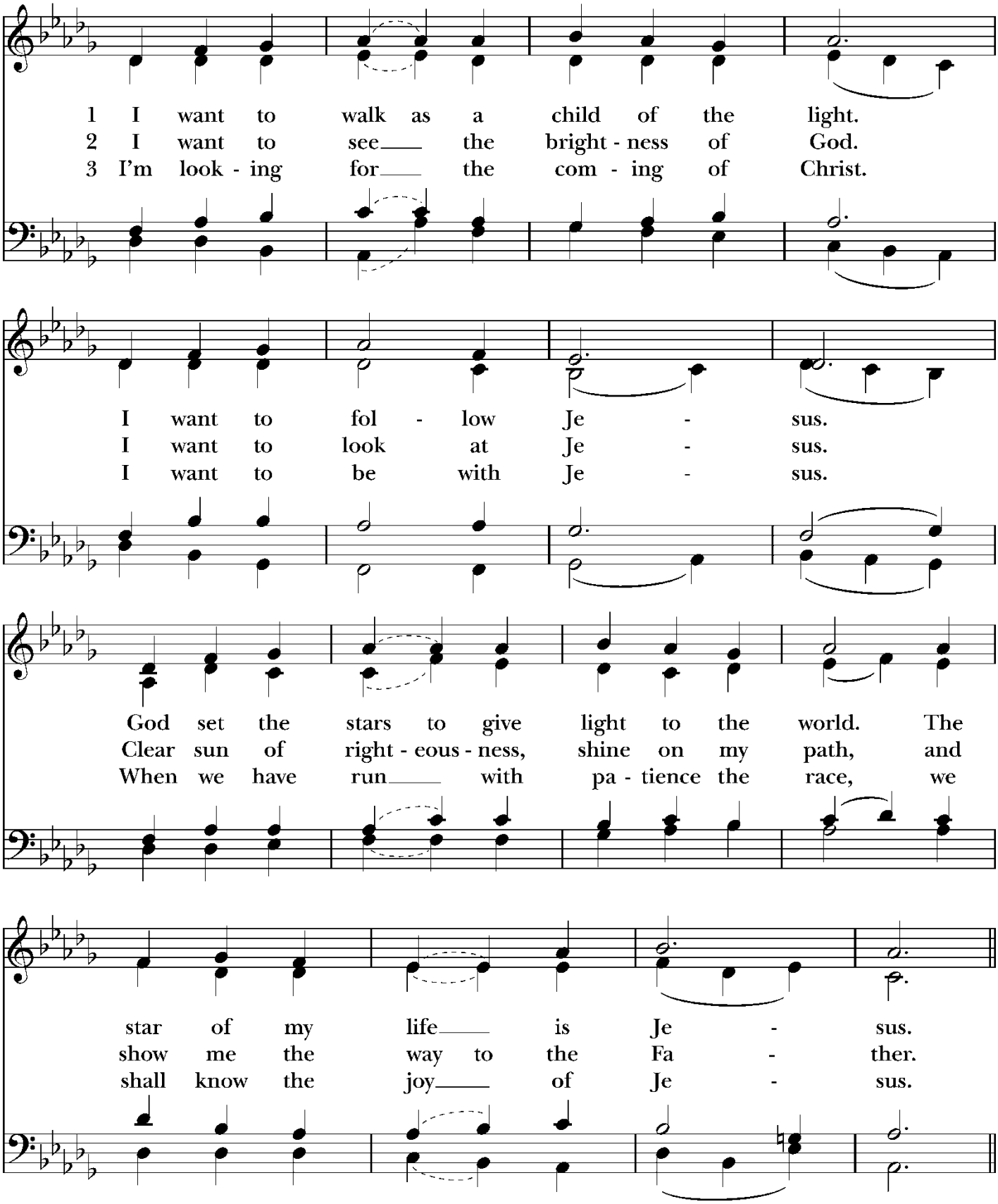
Presider: We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord. – *Nehemiah 10:35*

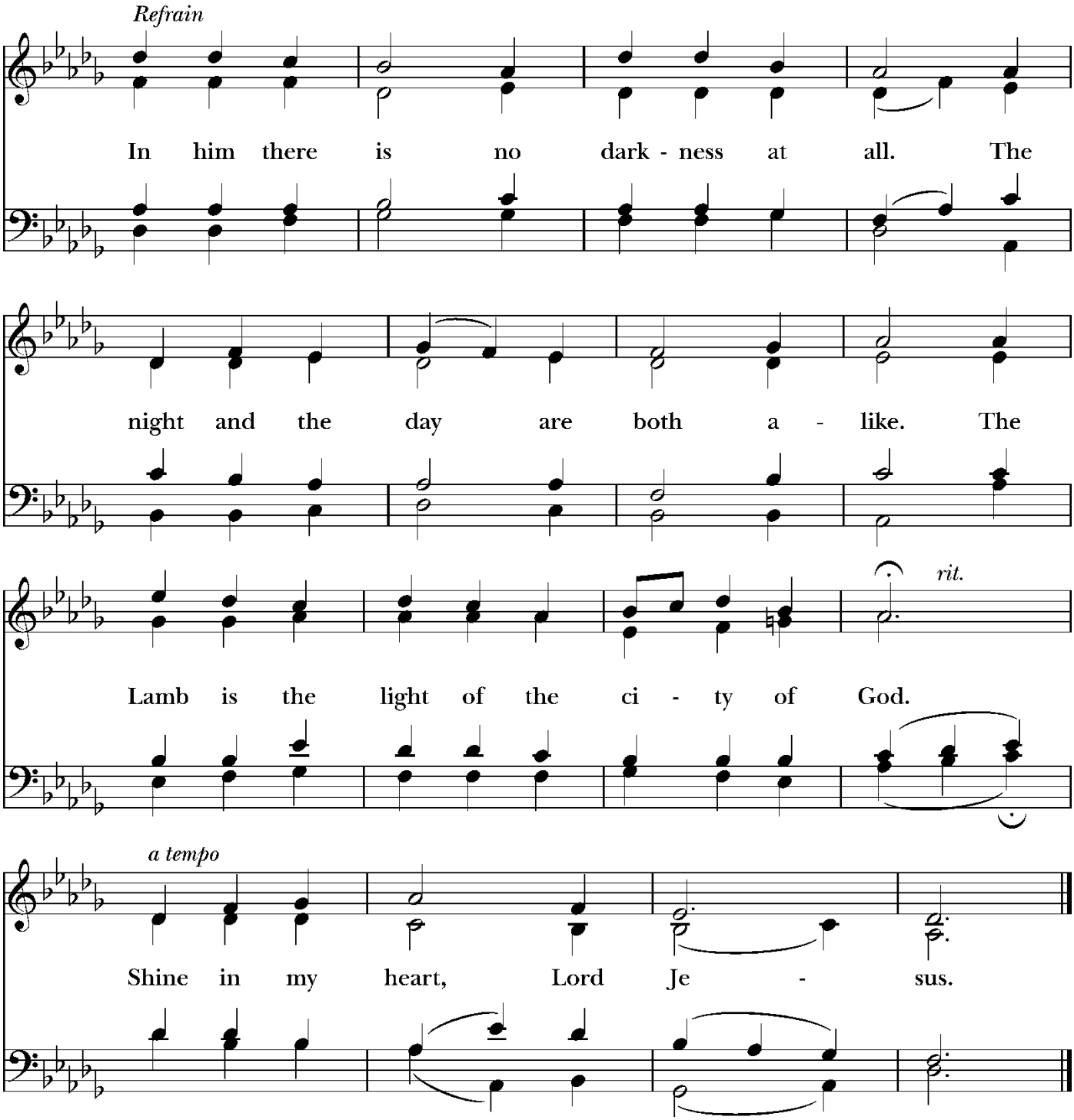
The congregation may remain seated until the final verse of the offertory hymn or until motioned to stand.

***To make a gift today** using your mobile device, scan the QR code on the left … or drop a check in the offering plate … or mail a check to the Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 3108, Federal Way, WA 98063. On the third Sunday of each month, offerings not otherwise designated are contributed to the Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds, which are used to help people in immediate need (parishioners or otherwise) or to assist new, as-yet-unbudgeted ministry opportunities.*

We give not to "pay for the show," but as a spiritual practice of participation for the good of the world and of our souls. The Church of the Good Shepherd is able to operate because of the pledges of its members. We strongly encourage all members to make an annual pledge, no matter how large or small.

Offertory Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (*The Hymnal 1982* #490)





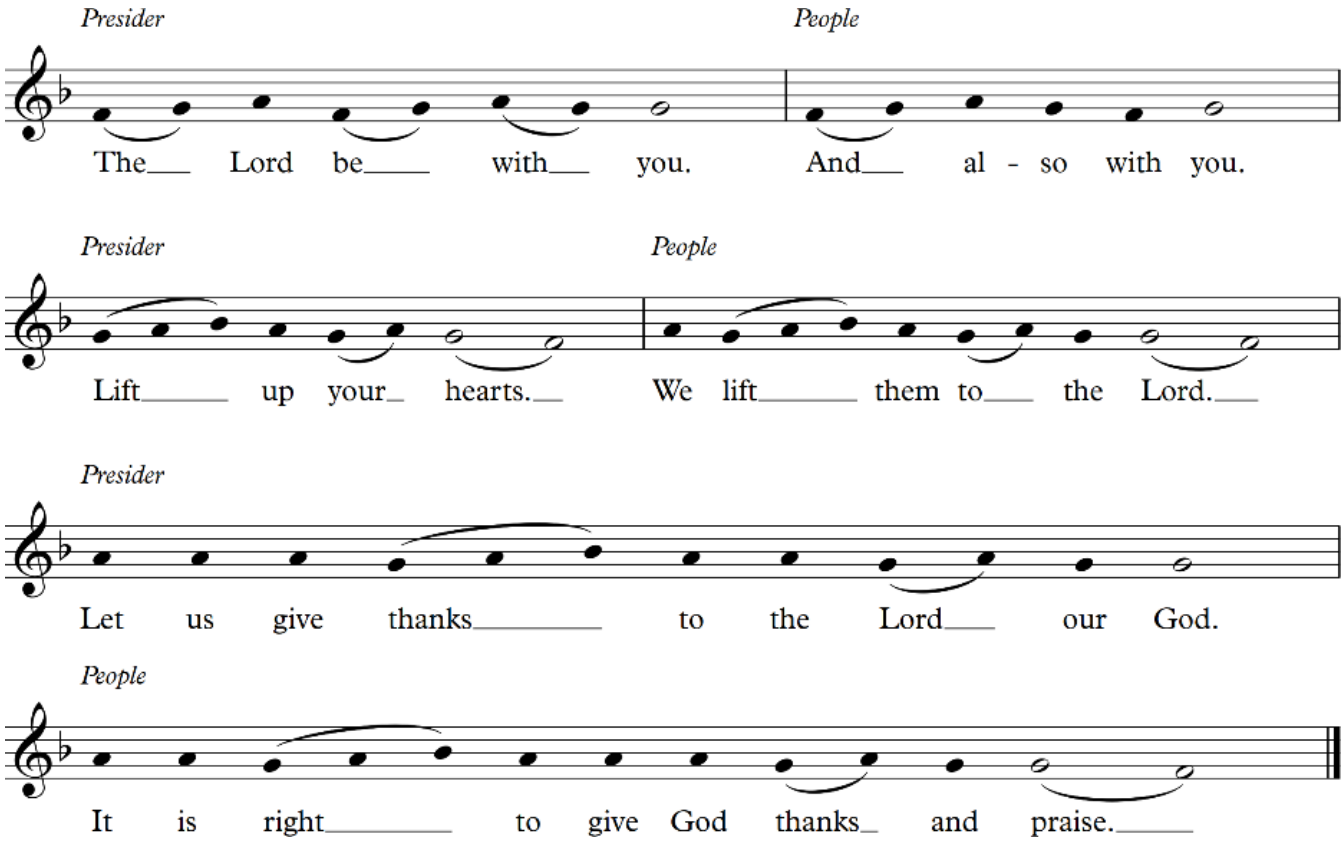
Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934). Copyright © 1970, 1975, Celebration, Aliquippa, PA 15001. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934).

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B *(inclusive language)*

At 8:00: Spoken

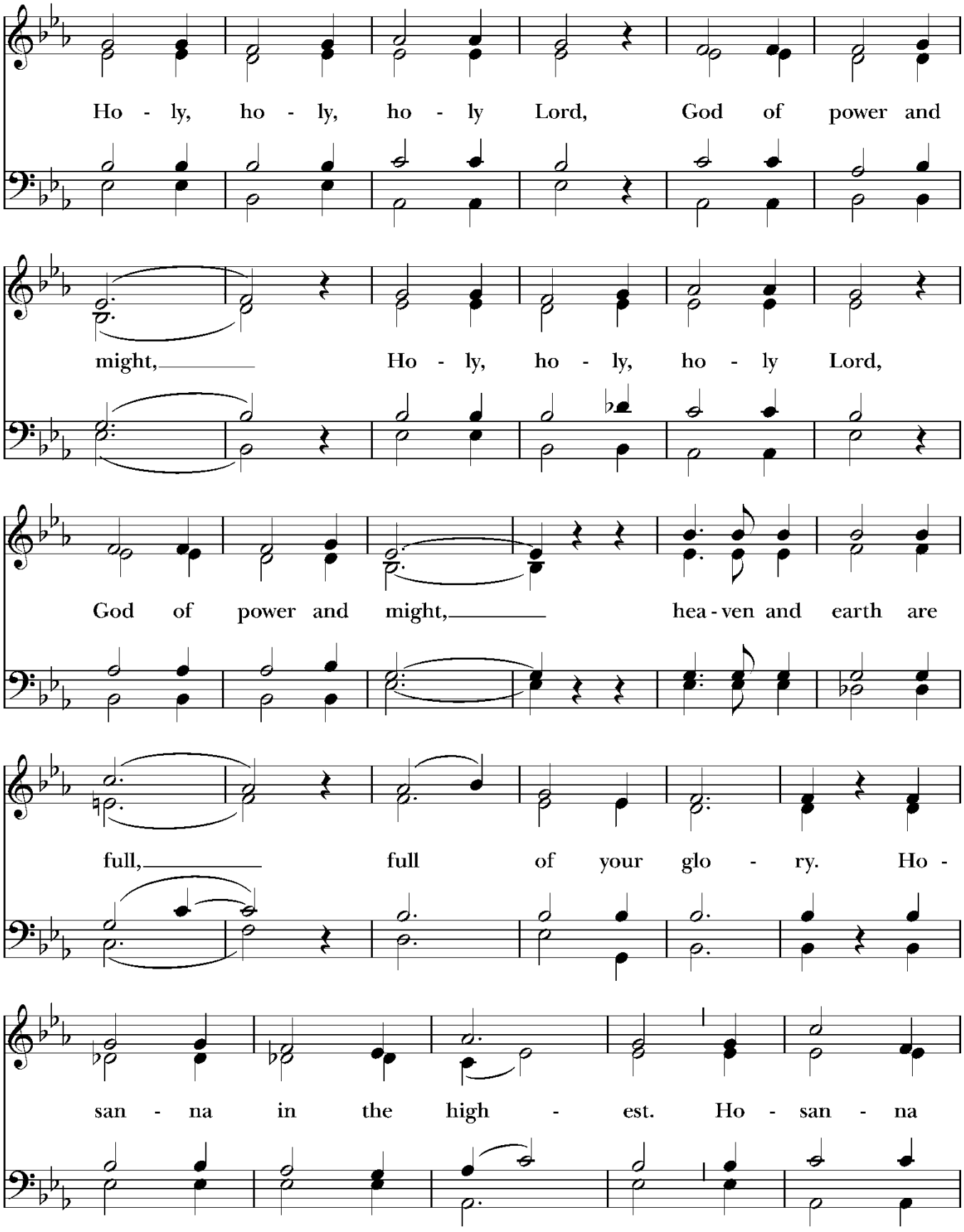


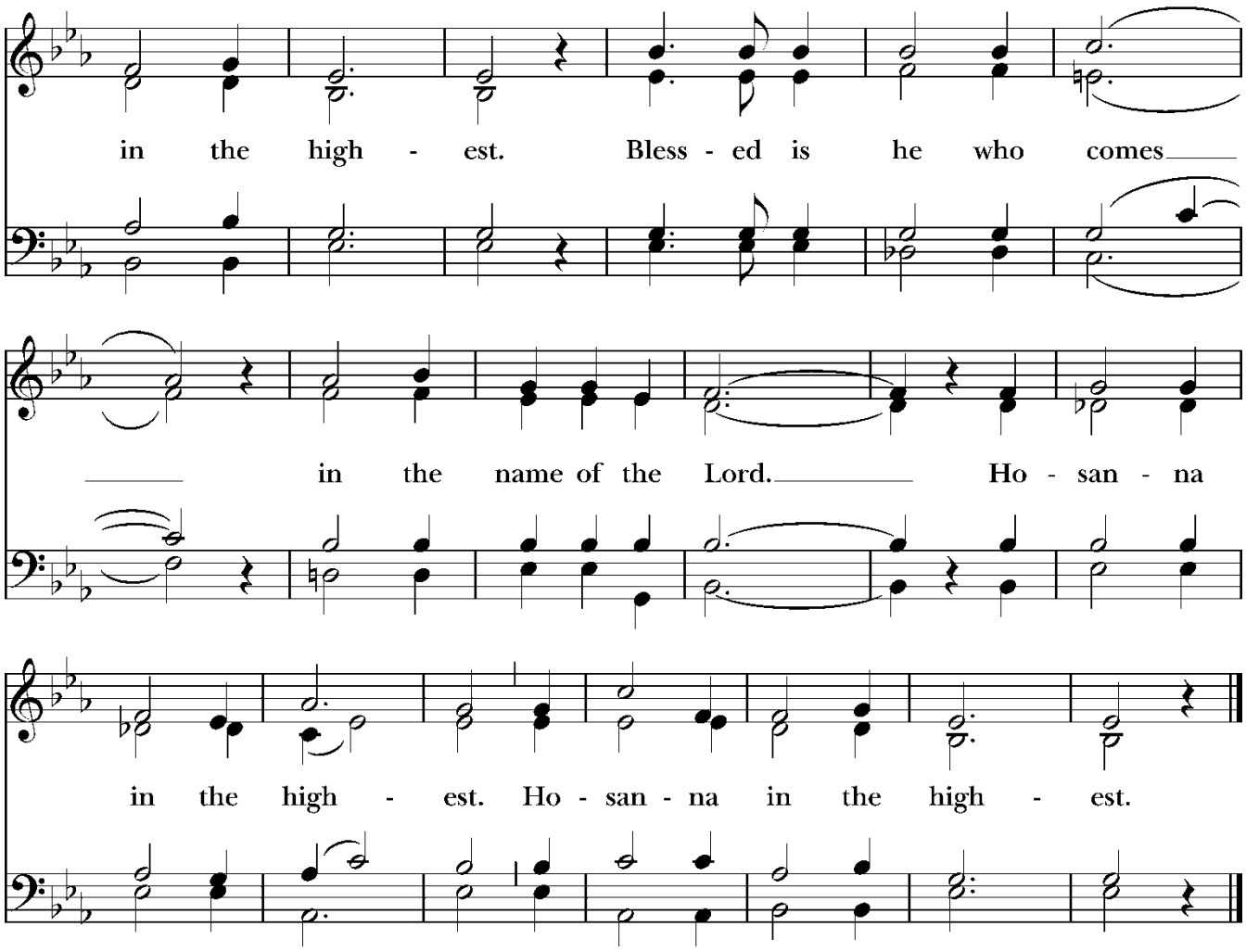
Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

For over 100,000 consecutive Sundays, Christians around the world have gathered on the first day of the week to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and to share a ritual meal together. In the Eucharistic prayer, we understand ourselves to be sharing in Holy Communion with all Christians who have ever lived, as well as those still to come. With God's help, we are "re-membering" Christ's broken body as the Church, and every week, Christ's Body and Blood strengthen us for loving service in the world.

*The priest **takes** the gifts, **blesses** them, **breaks** the bread, and **gives** them back to the people. In Holy Communion, both the gifts and the people are transformed.*

Sanctus (*The Hymnal 1982* #S-130)





Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The people remain standing, as able.

Presider: 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Lord's Prayer is recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, with Jesus himself teaching it to his disciples. As we conclude the Eucharistic prayer, we draw as close to Jesus as we can … and then the bread is broken.

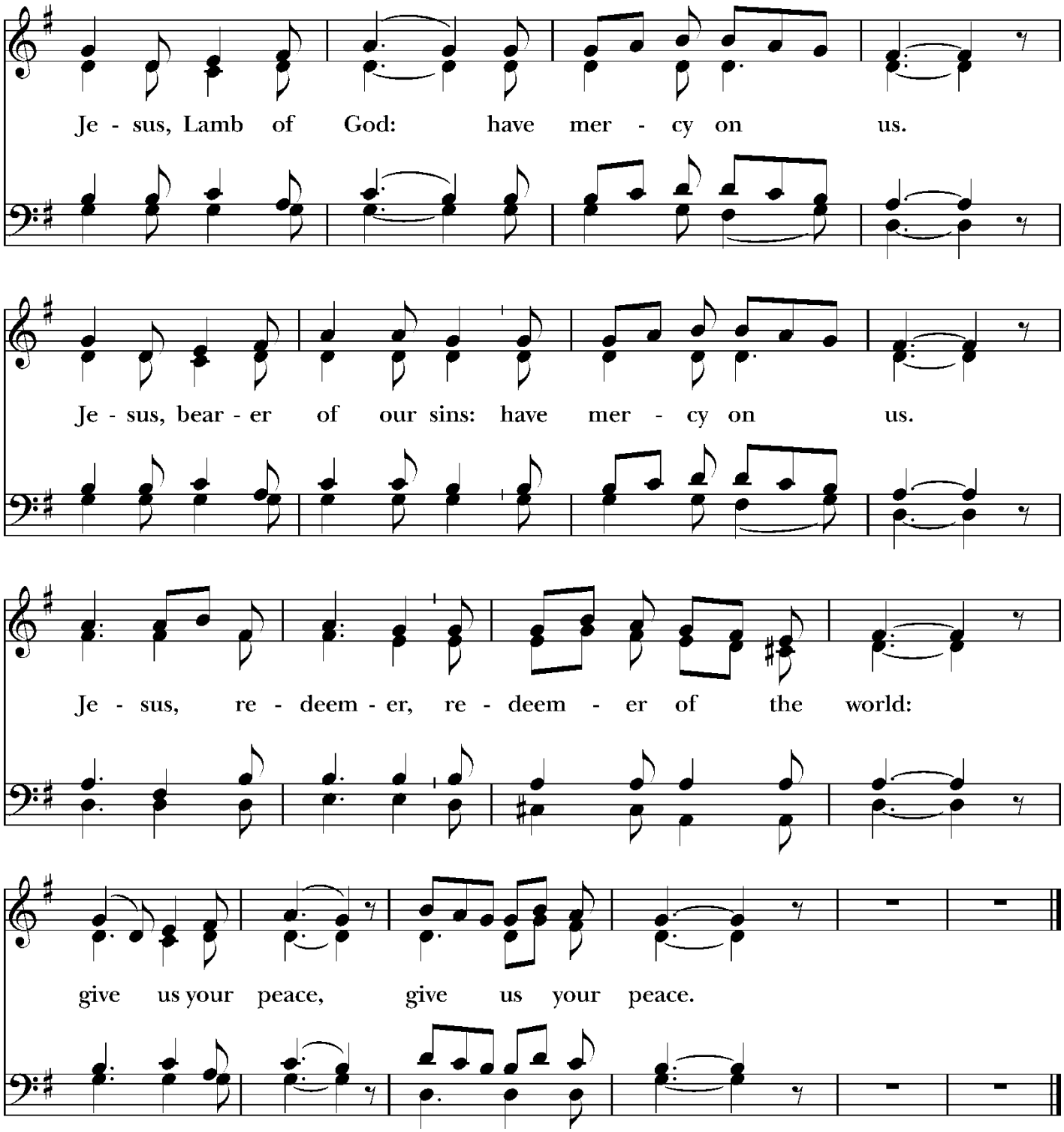
The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The ministers finish preparing the table during the Fraction Anthem and then invite us to the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (*The Hymnal 1982* #S-164)



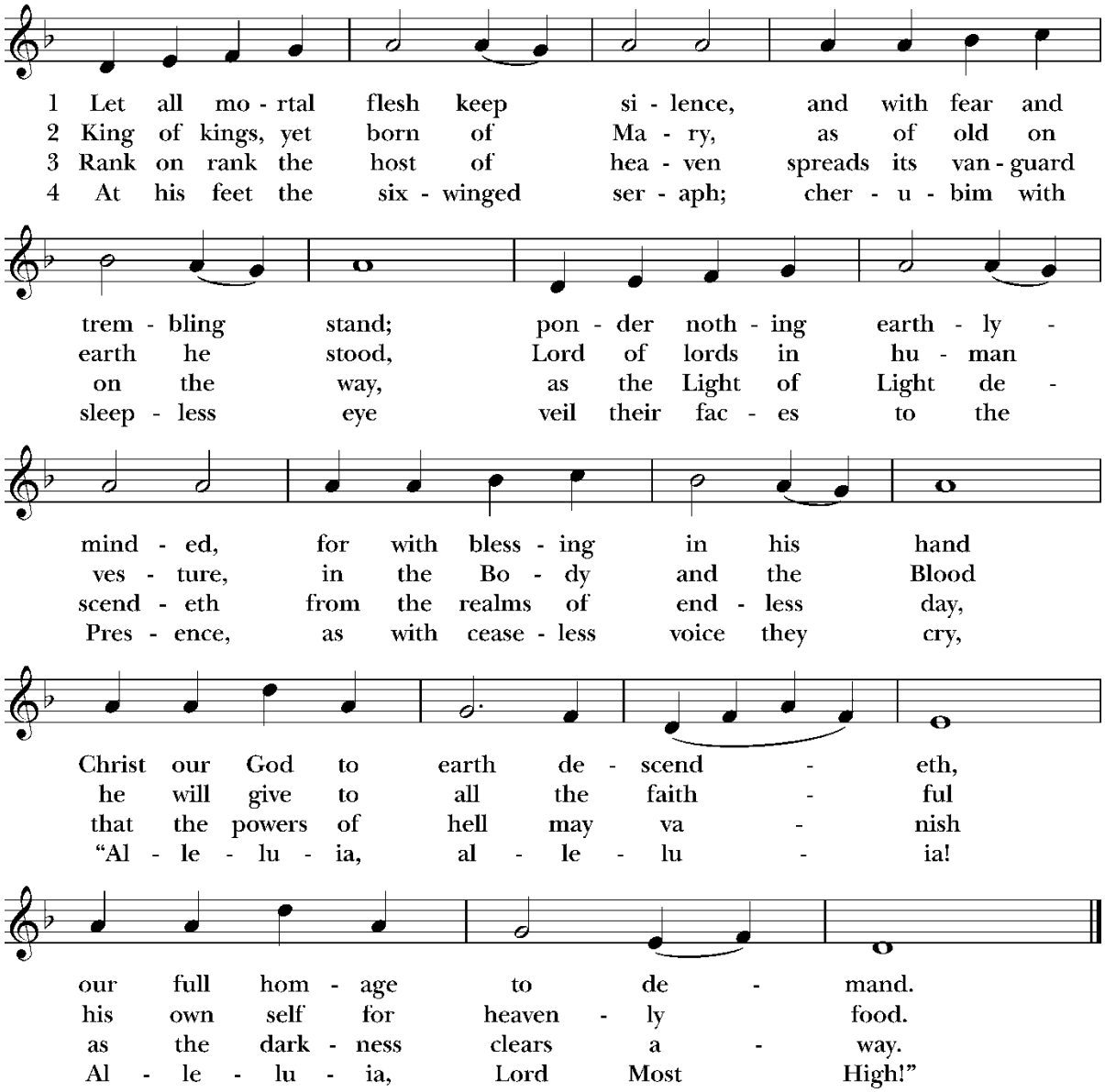
Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy Communion is Christians' weekly participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, so it properly flows from the vows made at our baptism. Even so, all are invited to the table: the baptized of any Christian denomination who have committed to follow Jesus Christ, plus any curious guests at Jesus' table. If you are not baptized and would like to begin to explore the possibility, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

If you require gluten-free bread, tell the priest when he comes to you and it will be provided. To abstain from Holy Communion, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer that the priest bless you. In addition, know that those who receive communion in only one kind (bread or wine) have received communion in the fullest sense.

Communion Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (*The Hymnal 1982* #324)



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Sending Out Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to some who could not attend in person today, this prayer follows at the end of Holy Communion. Please stand as able.

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Prayer

The congregation stands as able.

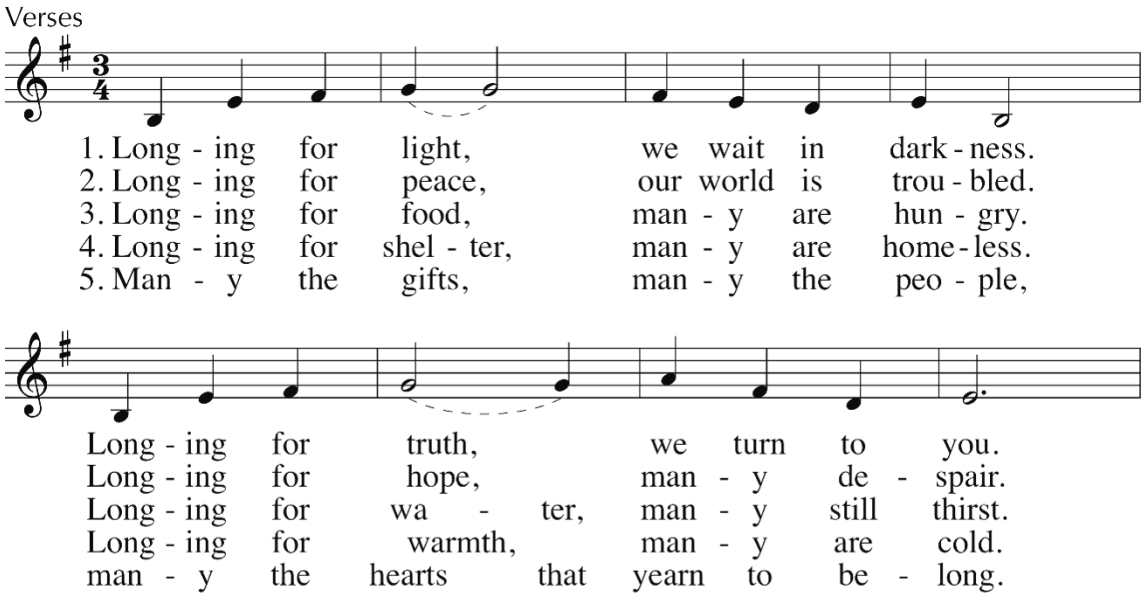
Having been fed in community, we pray for God to come with us out into the world to live as Christians every single day.

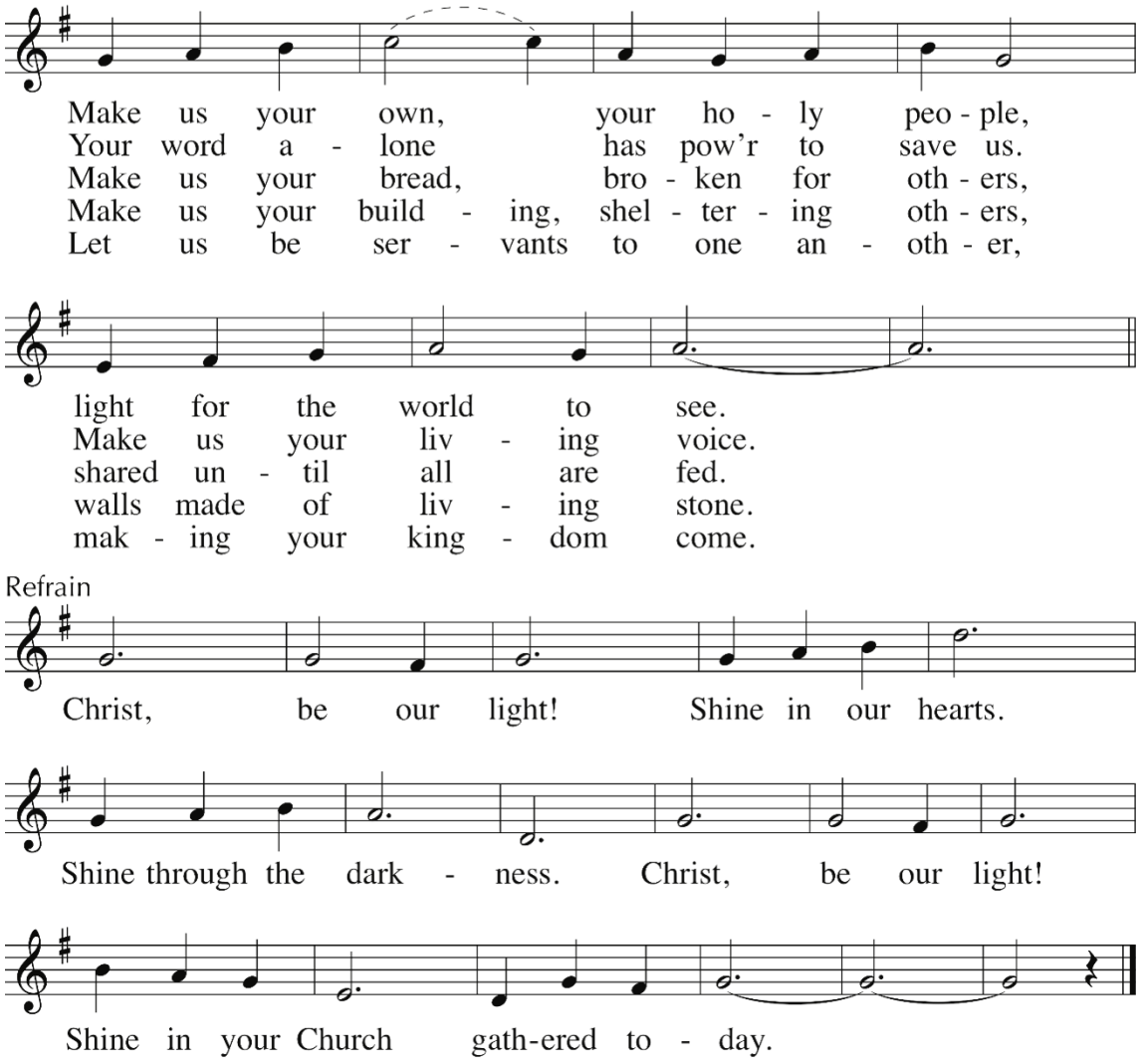
Presider: Let us pray.
All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal 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.**

The Advent Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: Christ Be Our Light (*Gather, 3rd ed.* #590)





Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
© 1993, 2000, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

At this point our livestream ends. Coffee, snacks, and ongoing conversation are available after each service.

What's Happening at Good Shepherd?

*Because our service leaflet is posted on the Web for all to see, we don't print here parishioners' personal contact information. Members of Good Shepherd are given a **printed parish directory** or can access contact information through the **Realm Connect** app. If you'd like to participate in something but don't know how to reach the appropriate person, please contact the church office at* office@goodshepherdfw.org.

Harvest Potluck

TODAY after the 10:30 service

Join our church community in **celebrating the abundance of God's blessings** on the first day of the new church year! Bring your favorite fall harvest side dish, salad, or dessert (pies are fun!), and we will enjoy a time of fellowship in Seaman Hall after the second worship service. Questions? Contact **Rick Kincade**.

"O" Antiphons Service

TODAY, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle

Begin the new Christian year with stunning music and liturgy! Trek up to St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill for this annual worship service, which features multiple choirs. The 'O' Antiphons form a biblical and liturgical concept that dates back to the first millennium C.E. The service will also be available to watch via livestream at saintmarks.org/worship/livestream.



The Way: A disciplined exploration of the implications of the Christian life

Begins in January

While we all belong at Good Shepherd in different ways, The Way is our own local process for going deeper, and it's open to everyone. The Way unfolds over the course of several months as we share our life stories with one another, study the story of Christ in the Gospels, and listen for the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

- **Exploration: Epiphany.** We share our spiritual autobiographies with one another and begin to build trust.
- **Engagement: Lent.** We dig into Holy Scripture together and hold it up against our own lives.
- **Commitment: Holy Week & Easter.** Baptisms take place at the Great Vigil of Easter. Confirmations and other forms of reaffirmation take place on Cathedral Day.
- **Discernment: Easter & Pentecost.** We listen together for the call of the Holy Spirit to each of us.

Register at tinyurl.com/theway2027 or use the QR code. Want to learn more? Contact **Betsy Grabinski** or **Pastor Josh.**

You're Invited to Our Saturday Meal!

Every Saturday from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

We are looking for caring parishioners to join us at our Saturday community meal to sit, eat, and chat with our guests. This is a wonderful way to build connections and share God's love with our neighbors. If you are interested in being a welcoming presence, please come by and join us for a meal, happening every Saturday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in Seaman Hall.

Midweek Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room

No registration required! Drop in any time as we read a book of the Bible and discuss. Currently we are reading the Book of Genesis. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh.**

Godly Play

Sunday, December 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Godly Play is a Montessori-based method of Christian formation for ages 3-11. On this Sunday, **Christine Hosler** will lead kids' engagement with the story of Advent. Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

Evergreen Regional Youth Group

Sunday, December 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

with Pastor Josh, Betsy Grabinski & Judith Perkins

Youth from Good Shepherd, Emmanuel All Nations, and other congregations in our region gather monthly for fellowship and learning. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact **Pastor Josh**.

The Greening of the Church with Emmanuel All Nations

Sunday, December 20, 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Each year, we prepare the church for Christmas Eve by hanging garlands and decorating. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate; Emmanuel All Nations will join us for all the fun. Snacks will be provided. Wear your grubbies! Questions? Contact **Karen White.**

Office to Close for Christmas and New Year's

December 24 – January 1

The Good Shepherd office will be closed from December 24 (Christmas Eve) through January 1 (New Year's Day). We will reopen for our regular hours the following week on **Tuesday, January 5, 2027**.

Be sure to check out the 2026 photo collage
in the hallway outside the Gathering Room next door!




















Good Shepherd Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle, *Bishop* (bishop@ecww.org)
The Rev. Josh Hosler, *Rector* (josh@goodshepherdfw.org)
The Rev. Anna Lynn, *Deacon* (anna@goodshepherdfw.org)
Alan Lynch, *Director of Music* (alan@goodshepherdfw.org)
Evan Hershman, Parish Administrator (evan@goodshepherdfw.org)
Tetiana Chyshynska, *Sexton*
Hilary Mayhan, *Bookkeeper* (hilary@goodshepherdfw.org)
Judith Perkins, *Senior Warden*
Betsy Grabinski, *Junior Warden*
Karen White, *Treasurer* (karen@goodshepherdfw.org)
Beth Shoemaker, *Assistant Treasurer* (beth@goodshepherdfw.org)
Mary McClellan Aronen, *Ministry Coordinator*

Today's Service Ministers

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Josh Hosler
Organist: Alan Lynch
Cantor: Alana O'Donnell

November 29	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Tech Team		Deb Smith, Jason Armer
Ushers		Lee Hitzeman, Mary Aronen
Altar Guild		Karen White
Flowers		Lee Hitzeman
Worship Assistant	Shannon Molina	
First Lector	Andy Jowenson	Linda Acevedo
Second Lector/Intercessor	Annarose Jowenson	Dilcia Brent
Eucharistic Ministers		Judith Perkins, Maggie Monaghan
Coffee Hour		Fellowship Team
Counters		Karen Dobbs, Mary Aronen

We sing hymns at the 10:30 service only. All music used during this service, unless otherwise noted, is licensed for online streaming through onelicense.net #609900. Art files, unless otherwise noted, are licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial ShareAlike 3.0 License.