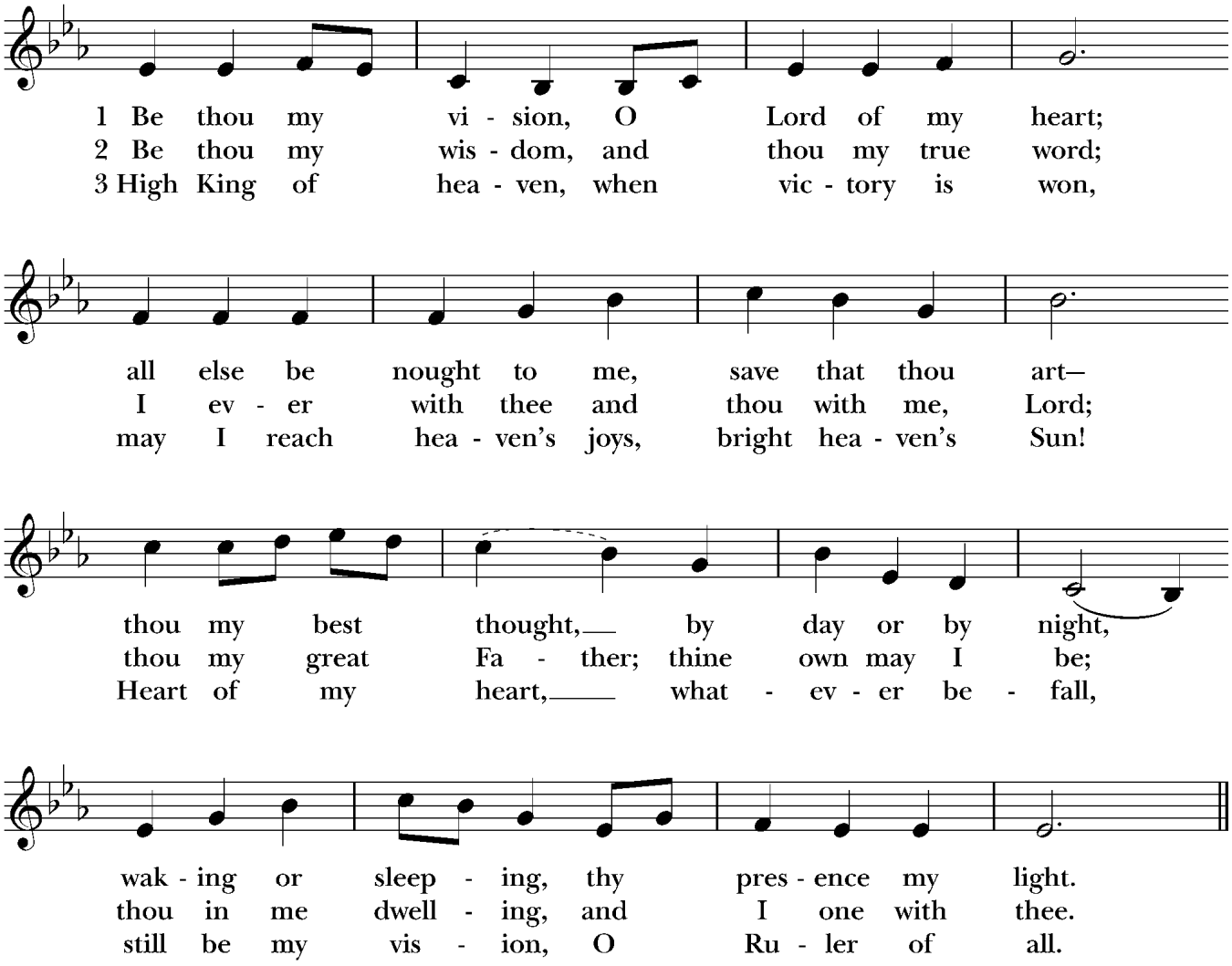
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" *Slane* (H 488)



FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Lector: *A reading from the book of Joshua*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods. Among them was Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor. I took Abraham your ancestor from the other side of the Euphrates. I led him around through the whole land of Canaan. I added to his descendants and gave him Isaac.

"So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we've gone and in all the nations through which we've passed. The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

Then Joshua said to the people, "You can't serve the Lord, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won't forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you leave the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn around and do you harm and finish you off, in spite of having done you good in the past."

Then the people said to Joshua, "No! The Lord is the one we will serve."

So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord."

They said, "We are witnesses!"

"So now put aside the foreign gods that are among you. Focus your hearts on the Lord, the God of Israel."

The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and will obey him."

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people and established just rule for them at Shechem.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Listen, my people, to my teaching;
tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth with a proverb.
I'll declare riddles from days long gone—

3 ones that we've heard and learned about,
ones that our ancestors told us.

4 We won't hide them from their descendants;
we'll tell the next generation
all about the praise due the Lord and his strength—
the wondrous works God has done.

5 He established a law for Jacob
and set up Instruction for Israel,
ordering our ancestors
to teach them to their children.

6 This is so that the next generation
and children not yet born will know these things,
and so they can rise up and tell their children

7 to put their hope in God—
never forgetting God's deeds,
but keeping God's commandments—

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

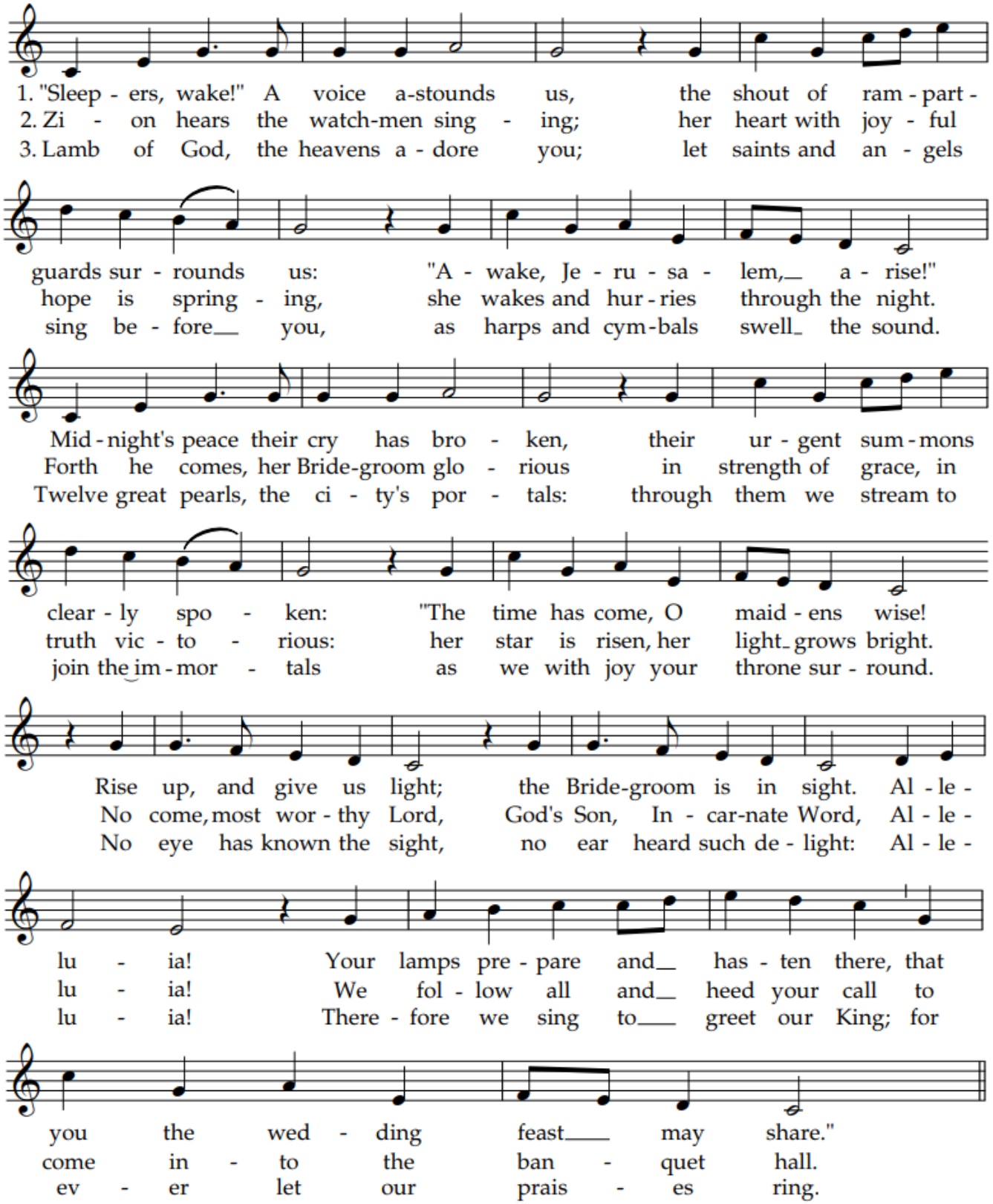
Lector: *A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians*

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. So encourage each other with these words.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us" *Wachet Auf* (H 61)

Vs. 1-2 will be sung before the Gospel reading, vs. 3 will be sung after



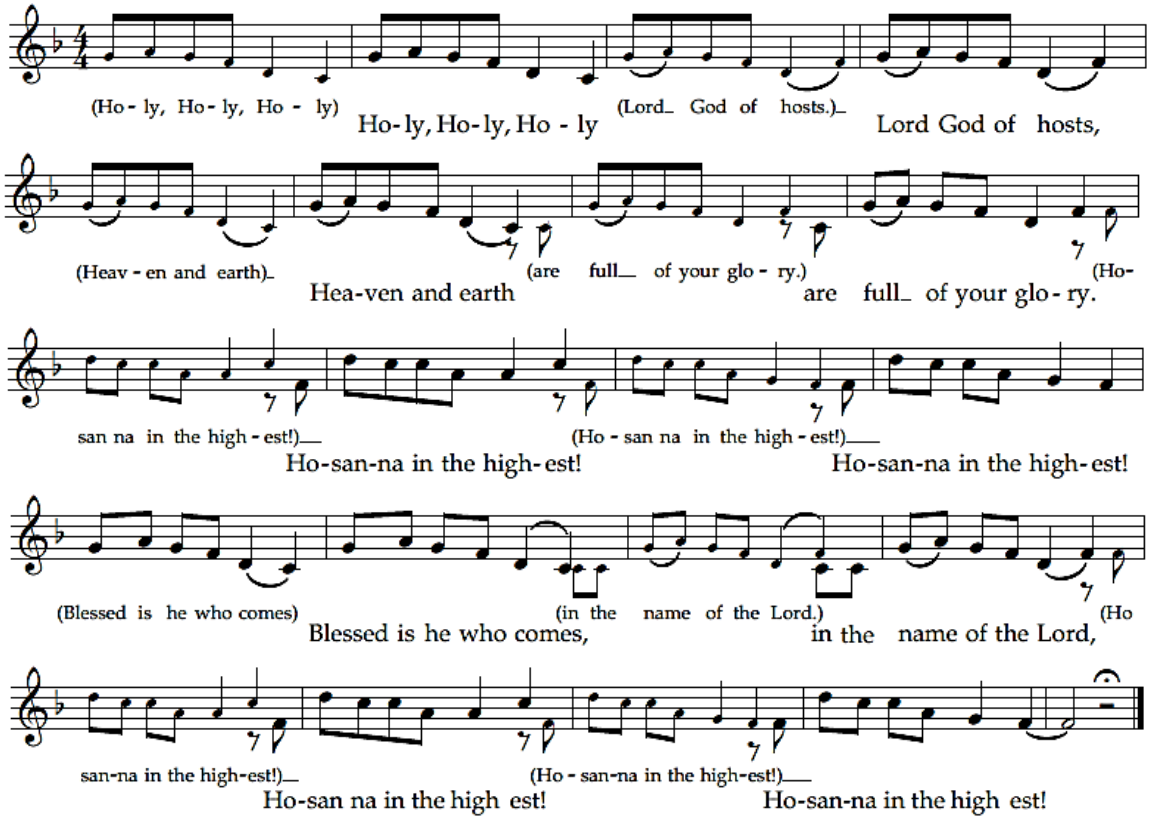
THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

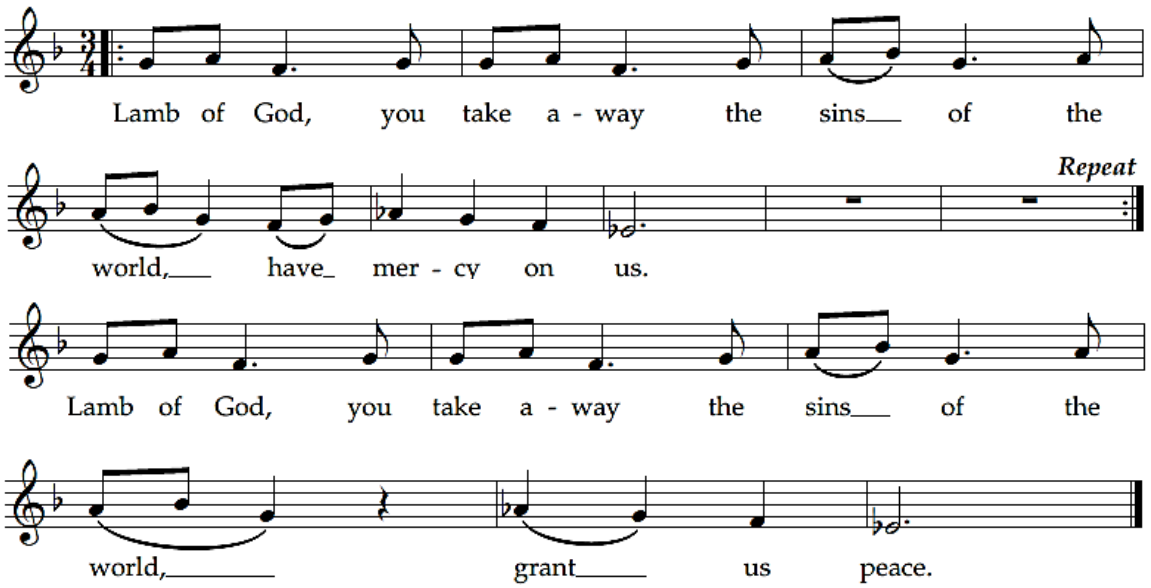
"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.
"When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.'
"Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.'
"But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.
"Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.'
"But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
"Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

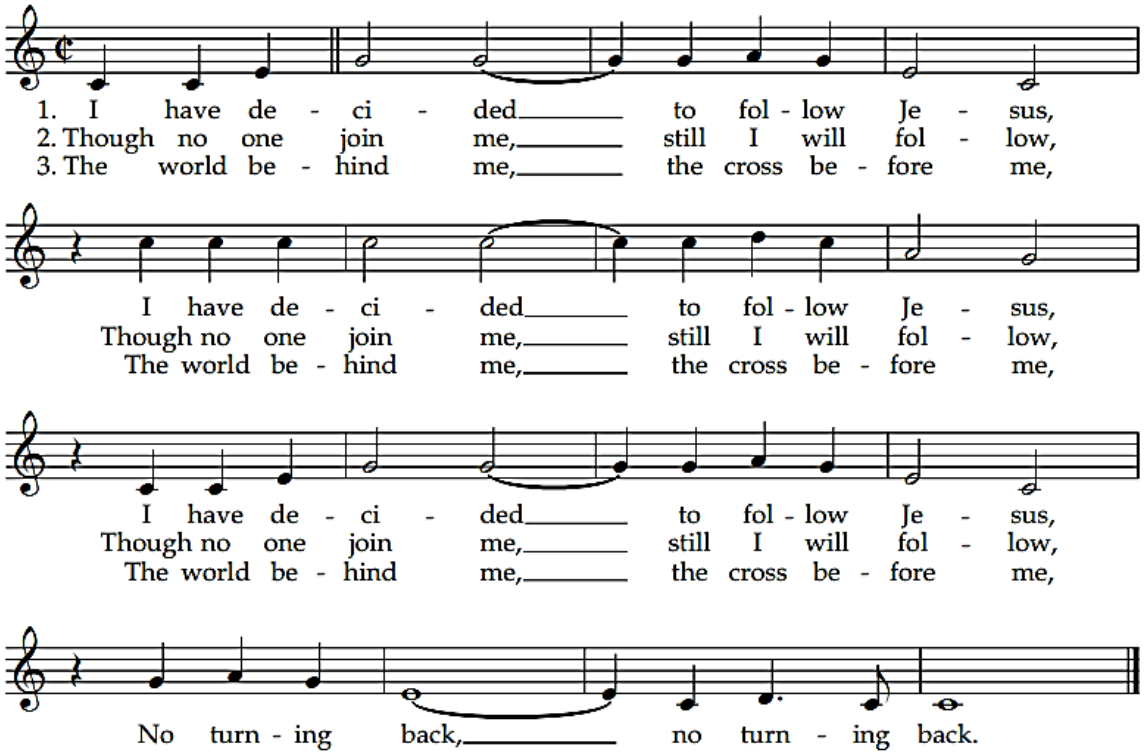
SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Mass for the Healing of the World,* Trevor Thomson



FRACTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" *Mass for the Healing of the World,* Trevor Thomson



COMMUNION HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *Assam* (LEVAS 136)



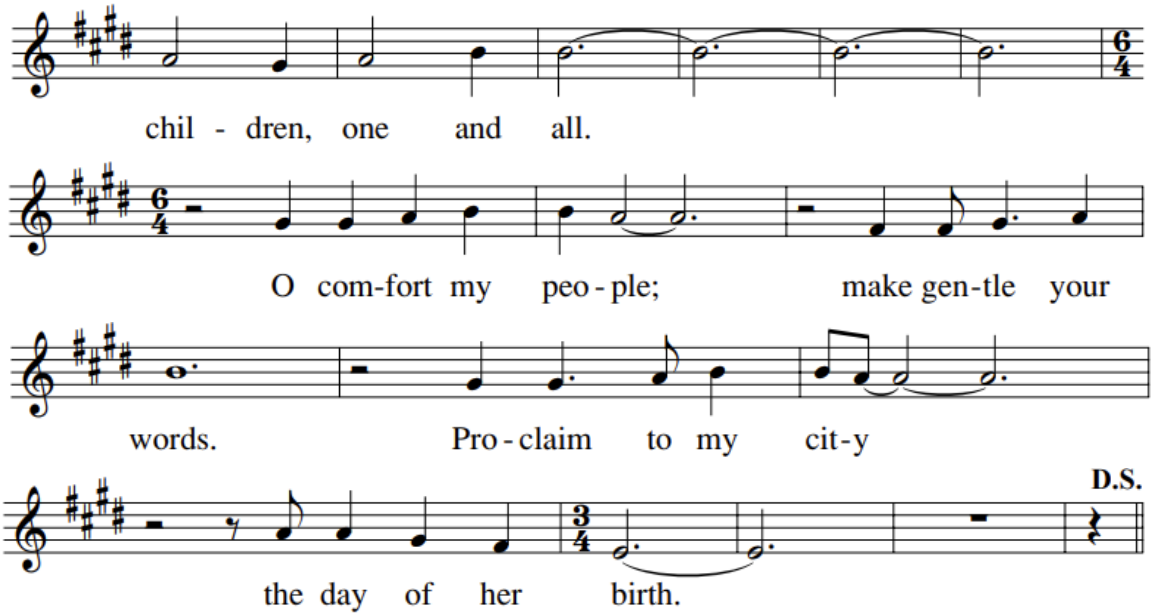
COMMUNION HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a child of the light" *Houston* (H 490)




star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.
Refrain
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
rit.
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "City of God" Dan Schutte




chil - dren, one and all.
O com-fort my peo - ple; make gen-tle your
words. Pro - claim to my cit - y
D.S.
the day of her birth.

Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of November 08, 2026

Upcoming Events

- November 9th – No School/LCPS Holiday
- November 11th – Centering Prayer 12:00 pm
- November 12th – Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- November 14th – Men's Fellowship 9:00 am
- November 14th – Loudoun Lyric Opera 7:00 pm
- November 15th – Worship Service 10:00 am
- November 15th – 30 Good Minutes 11:15 am

Loudoun Lyric Opera Concert at St. David's

Dive into the wit and wonder of human comedy with "Mainstage Series: Cosi fan tutte" on **November 14th at 7:00 pm**. One night only, this exquisite presentation, accompanied by live orchestra, will delight families of all ages and is a great way to get to know one of the finest works in the operatic repertoire. Tickets are $25 each and are available at: loudounlyricopera.thundertix.com

Families at 4 Worship Service

Family friendly worship is important. Children are part of our community and are welcome at all the services at St. David's. The Families at 4 service will be held on the first Sunday of each month, the next one to be held **Sunday, December 6th at 4pm**. There will be music and movement, liturgy and lessons, storytelling, and songs, fellowship, food and fun. Questions? Please contact Rev. Maureen **mcarey@sdlife.org**

2026 Family Service Schedule:

December 6th – School Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday Session: Youth Music Hang

A relaxed, drop-in space for teens ages 12 - 18 to play, sing, and create together - no experience needed. Bring an instrument, a friend, or just yourself and jump into a mix of sacred and secular songs with other music lovers. We'll meet on the **third Sunday of the month; next meeting will be on November 15th from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.** Questions or want to get involved? Contact Ginny at music@sdlife.org.

Baking with the Bible

Baking with the Bible takes place the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4pm via St. David's Face Book Live. Each month we explore a bible story with hands on learning through baking, always making enough to share with your neighbors, always remembering to love one another as Jesus loves us. You can also access the link on the website *www.sdlife.org* and on You Tube. The next story will take place on **November 18th**, and we'll be baking Apple Pie and talking about the Parable of the Great Banquet.
"Come, for everything is now ready"
Luke 14:17b.
Reading the book: The Pumpkin Patch Parable by *Liz Curtis Higgs*

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Nancy Jane and Lauren. We pray for the deceased, and our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. Loving God, we pray for all those who continue to be affected by civil unrest and natural disasters in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.