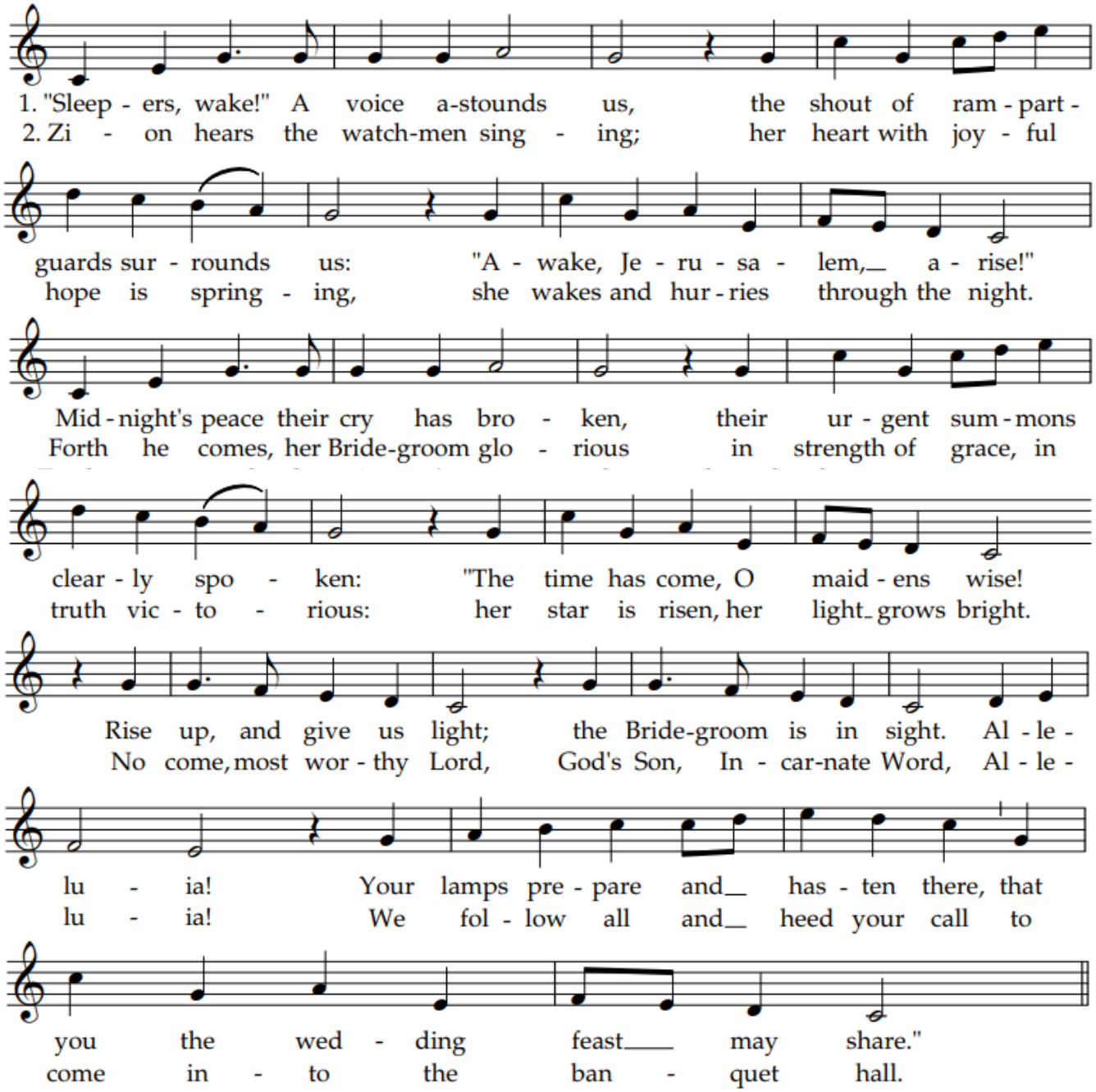
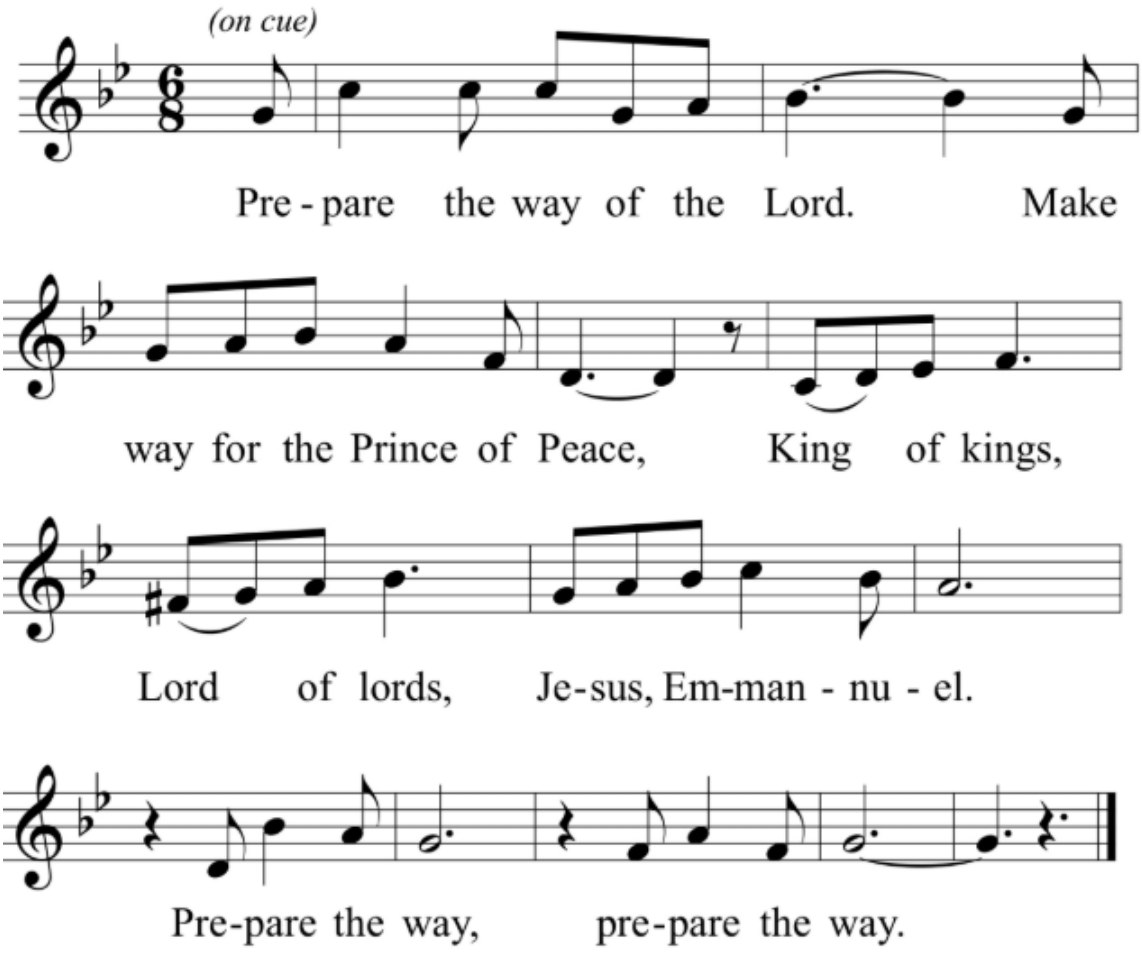
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us" *Wachet Auf* (H 61)



ADVENT WREATH-LIGHTING: "Prepare the Way" Joel Raney



(repeat this chorus after the candle lighting and litany)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector: *A reading from the book of Isaiah.*

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!
Mountains would quake before you
like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.
If you would make your name known to your enemies,
the nations would tremble in your presence.

When you accomplished wonders beyond all our expectations;
when you came down, mountains quaked before you.
From ancient times,
no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any god but you
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him!
You look after those who gladly do right;
they will praise you for your ways.
But you were angry when we sinned;
you hid yourself when we did wrong.
We have all become like the unclean;
all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual rag.
All of us wither like a leaf;
our sins, like the wind, carry us away.
No one calls on your name;
no one bothers to hold on to you,
for you have hidden yourself from us,
and have handed us over to our sin.

But now, Lord, you are our father.
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
All of us are the work of your hand.
Don't rage so fiercely, Lord;
don't hold our sins against us forever,
but gaze now on your people, all of us:

Lector: Here endeth the Reading

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, *
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you, *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

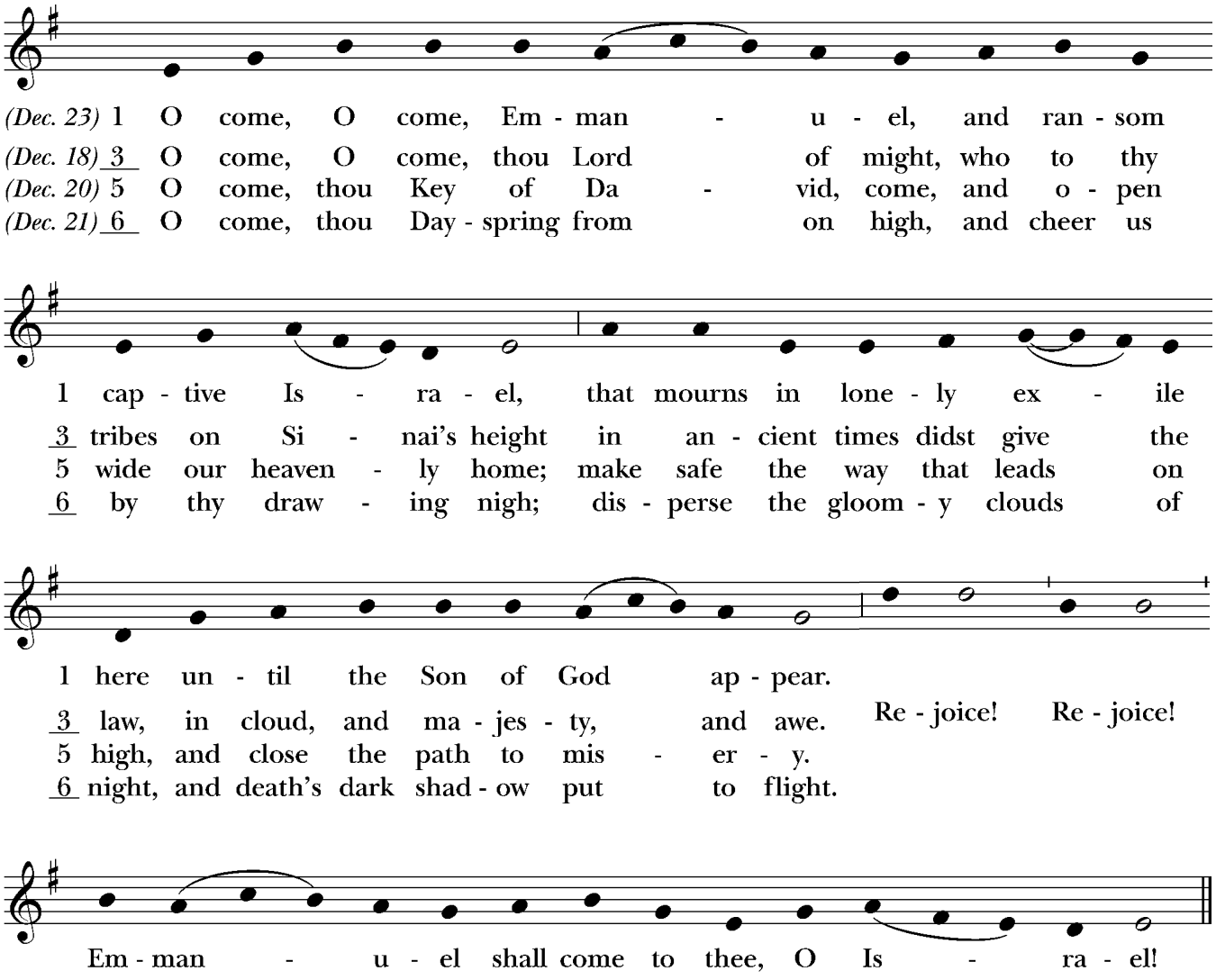
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Here endeth the Reading

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* (H 56)

Vs. 1, 3, & 5 will be sung before the Gospel reading, vs. 6 will be sung after



THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark
People: Glory be to thee, O Christ.

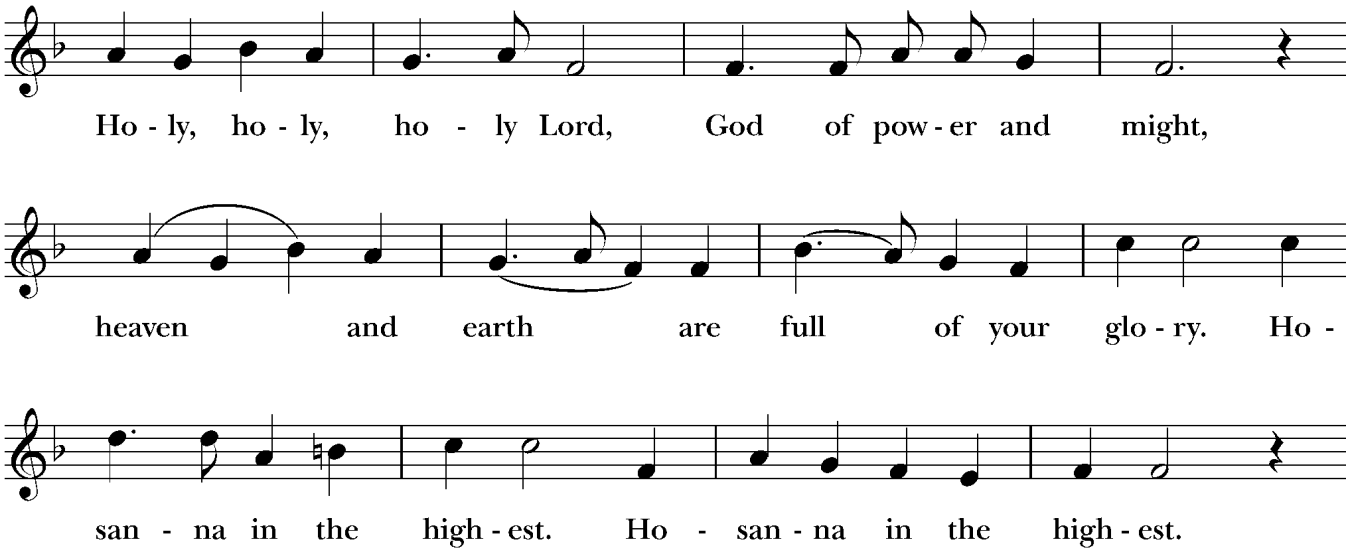
"In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

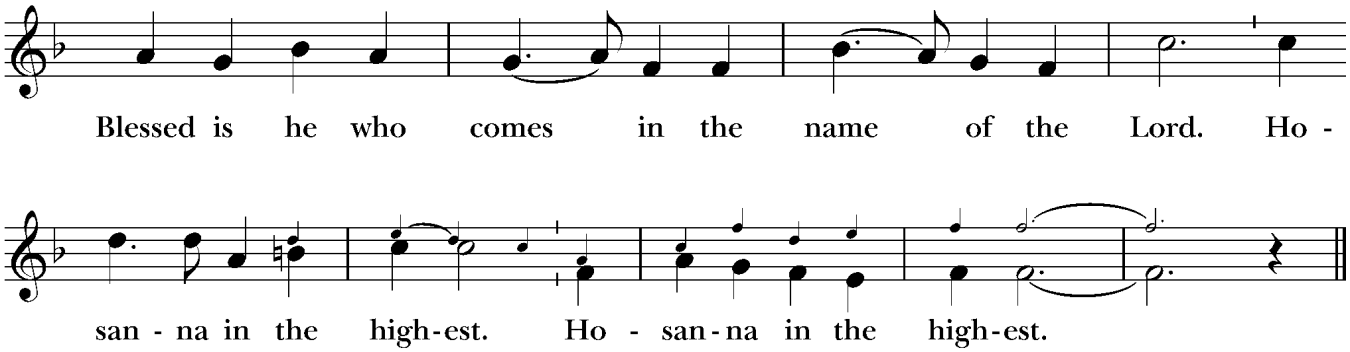
"Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he's near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

"But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don't know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert! You don't know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don't let him show up when you weren't expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!"

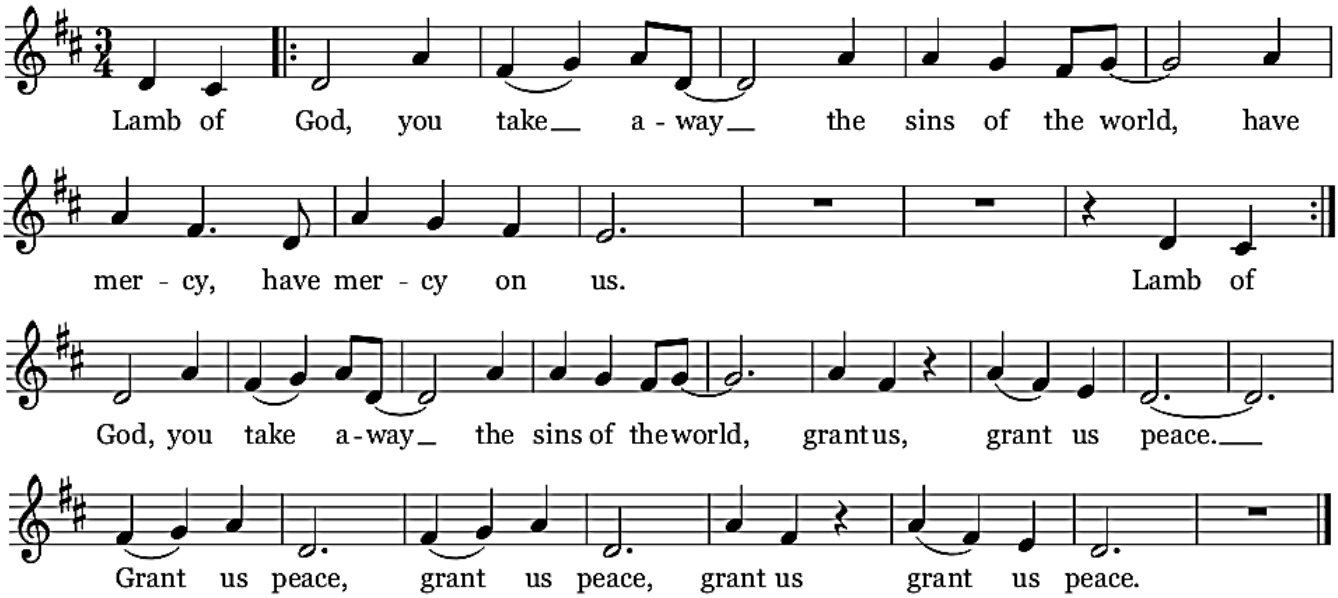
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *A Community Mass,* Richard Proulx (S 125)

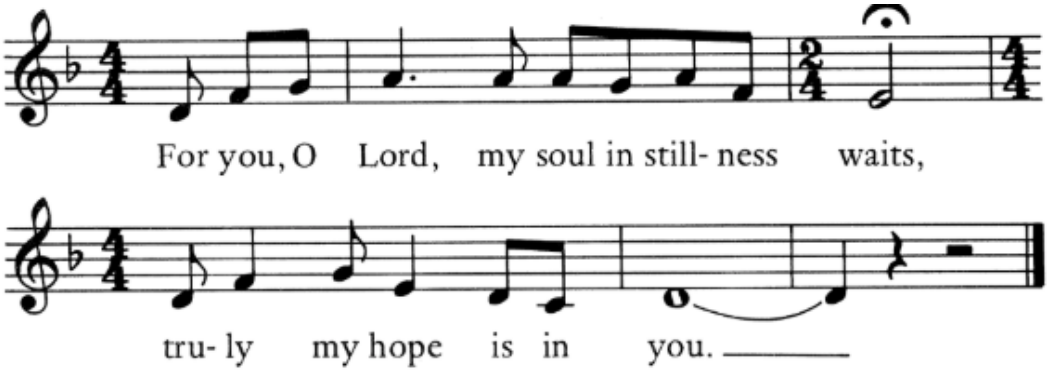




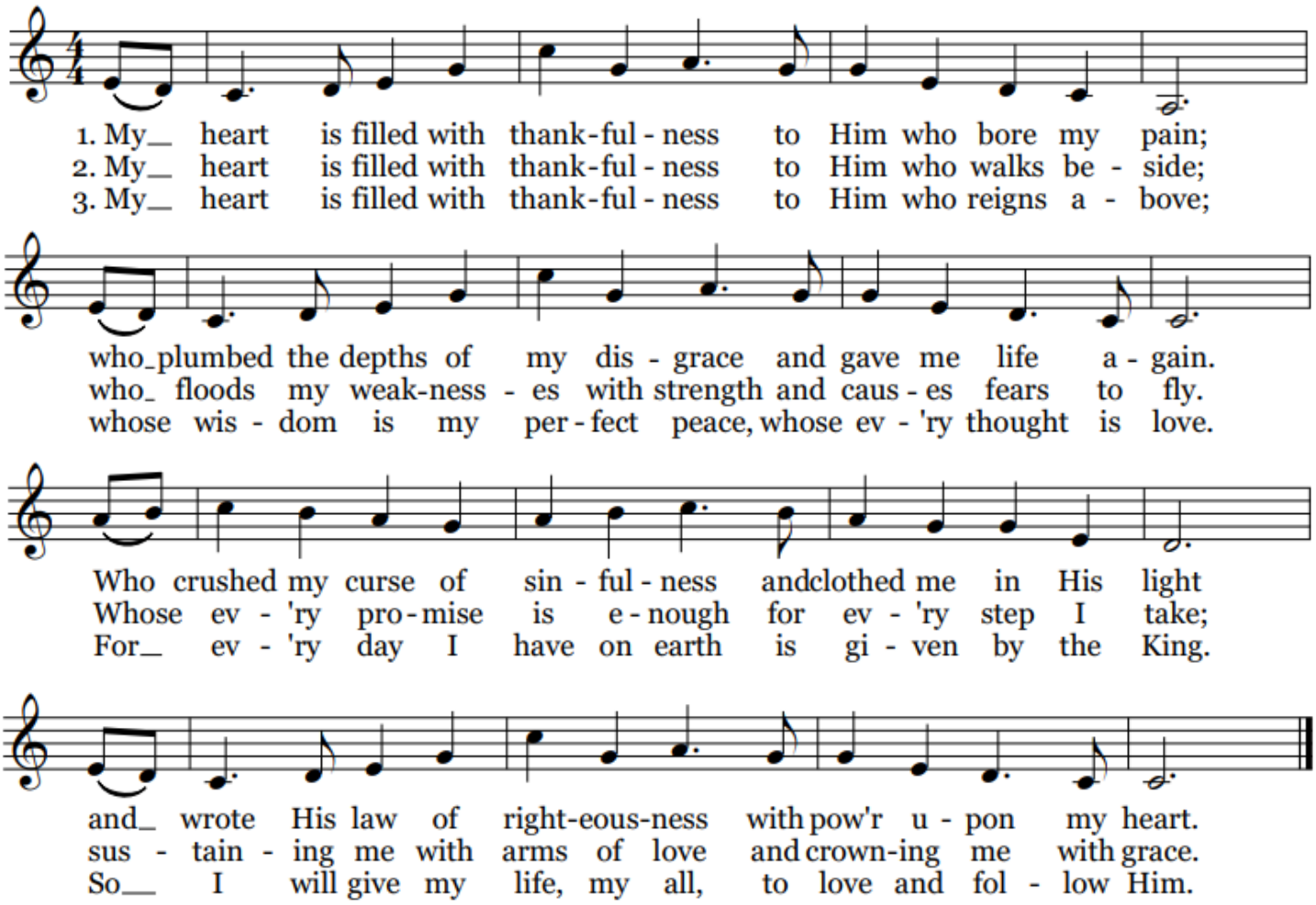
FRACTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" *Mass of a Peaceful Spirit,* LaRosa



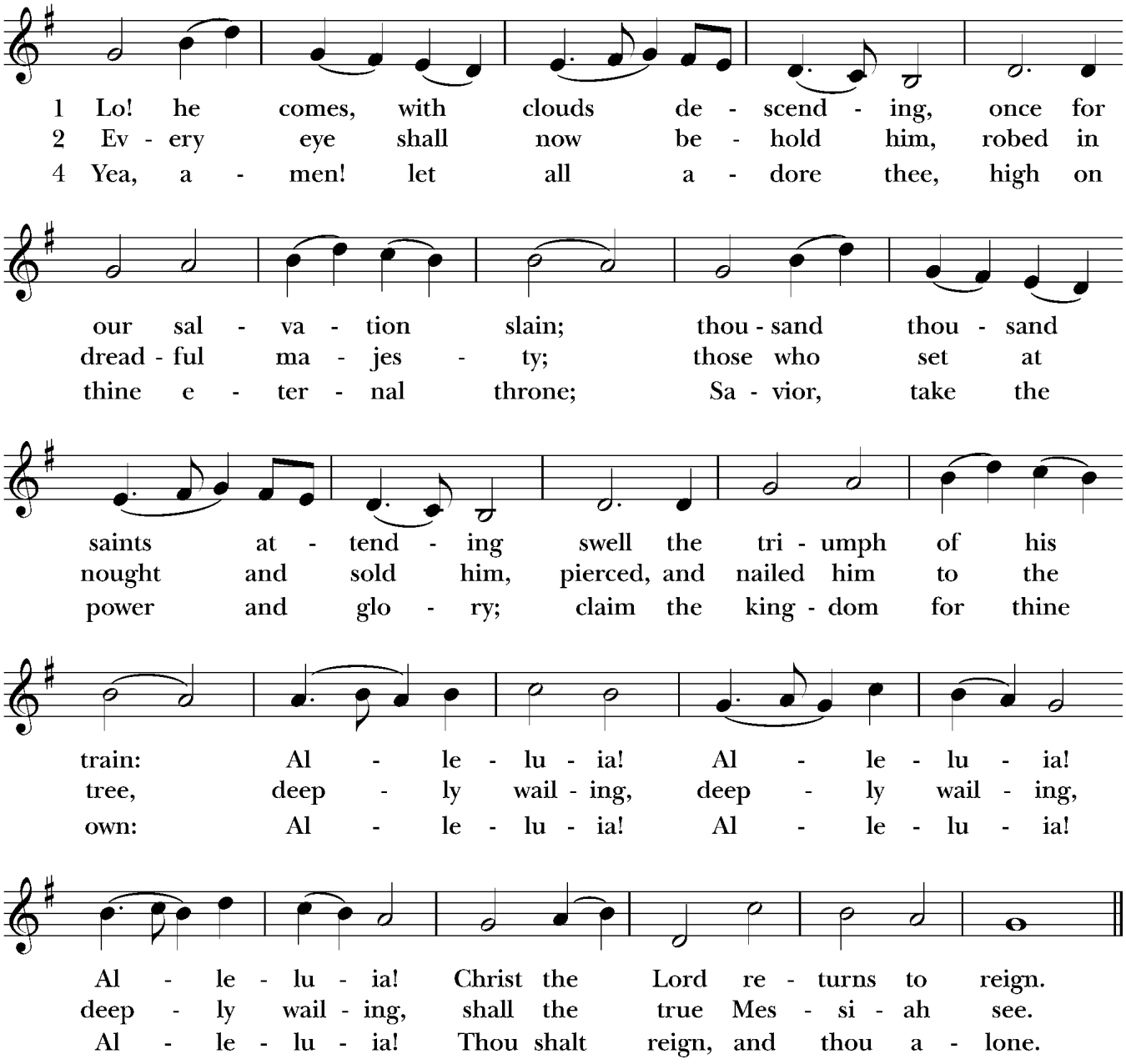
COMMUNION HYMN: "My Soul in Stillness Waits" Marty Haugen



COMMUNION HYMN: "My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley* (H 57)



Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of November 29, 2026

Upcoming Events

- December 2nd – Centering Prayer 12:00 pm
- December 3rd – Children's Choir 4:45 pm
- December 3rd – Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- December 5th – Loudoun Symphony Orchestra 7:30 pm
- December 6th – Worship Service 10:00 am
- December 6th – 30 Good Minutes 11:15 am
- December 6th – Families @ 4pm & Tree Lighting 4:00 pm

Mobile Hope Holiday Village

We have over 1,000 children already registered to receive gifts! Please collect and donate new, unwrapped toys by **Sunday, December 6th**. You can drop off toys at St. David's on Sundays between 9am - 12pm, or at St. David's office Mon - Fri from 10am - 4pm. Thank you for your love and generosity to make a child's holiday season a little brighter.

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 **December 16th**, and we'll be baking Graham Cracker Nativity Stables and talking about the Christmas Story.

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Reading the book: The Christmas Story

Children's Choir is BACK!

Our '26 - '27 Children's Choir program meets **Thursdays from 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm, next session will be December 3rd**. Open to children ages 4-14, no musical experience needed. We will meet in the sanctuary at 4:45 pm. Dinner will be provided. If you're interested or have any questions, please email Ginny at **music@sdlife.org.**

LSO Holiday Concert at St. David's

Join us on **December 5th at 7:30 pm** for a perfect mix of tradition and cheer! Classic carols! Popular Holiday songs! Orchestral pieces! Nostalgic arrangements! Tickets are on sale now at www.loudounsymphony.org.

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** and will include the lighting of the Christmas tree. There will be music and movement, liturgy and lessons, storytelling, and songs, fellowship, food and fun. Questions? Please contact Rev. Maureen **mcarey@sdlife.org**

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Billy. 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.