HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

Nov. 29, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Holy Trinity is an active, inclusive, and loving church. No matter who you are, where you come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this church. Holy Trinity is guided by our shared baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. (BCP, p. 305)

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity. We are thankful that you are here and hope you will fill out the visitor card in the pew if you are new.

We recognize that our Episcopal order of service (or liturgy) is more structured than some other traditions. The bulletin is intended to help make worship as accessible as possible. All you need is right here: scripture, music, and prayers. All the material in this bulletin comes from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982*, both of which can be found in the pew racks, though you won't need to use them during this service. Throughout the bulletin, directions (or rubrics) give a heads up about what is coming next.

Our style of worship tends to involve the whole body and all the senses, thus we offer our whole selves in praise and thanksgiving.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (✠). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Eucharist. Those not baptized or who choose not to receive communion may come to the altar rail for a blessing. Full details about how to receive communion can be found on the card in the pews.

Children are always welcome in worship at Holy Trinity. Green worship bags in the Narthex during both services contain a variety of quiet ways to occupy small hands. Please return the bags and their reusable contents to the baskets after the service.

During the 10:30 a.m. service, children who attended Children's Chapel will return to their families during the PEACE.

We look forward to greeting you at the Peace and at the door after the service.

Image on front cover: Holy Trinity's theme for the year is inspired by this quote by Henri Frédéric Amiel: "Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

Special Thanks

Memorial gifts to the church have enabled the renovation of the second-floor elevator lobby. This includes new carpet, new paint, reupholstered chairs, new furniture and new pictures. This beautiful improvement was made possible by gifts in memory of the following:

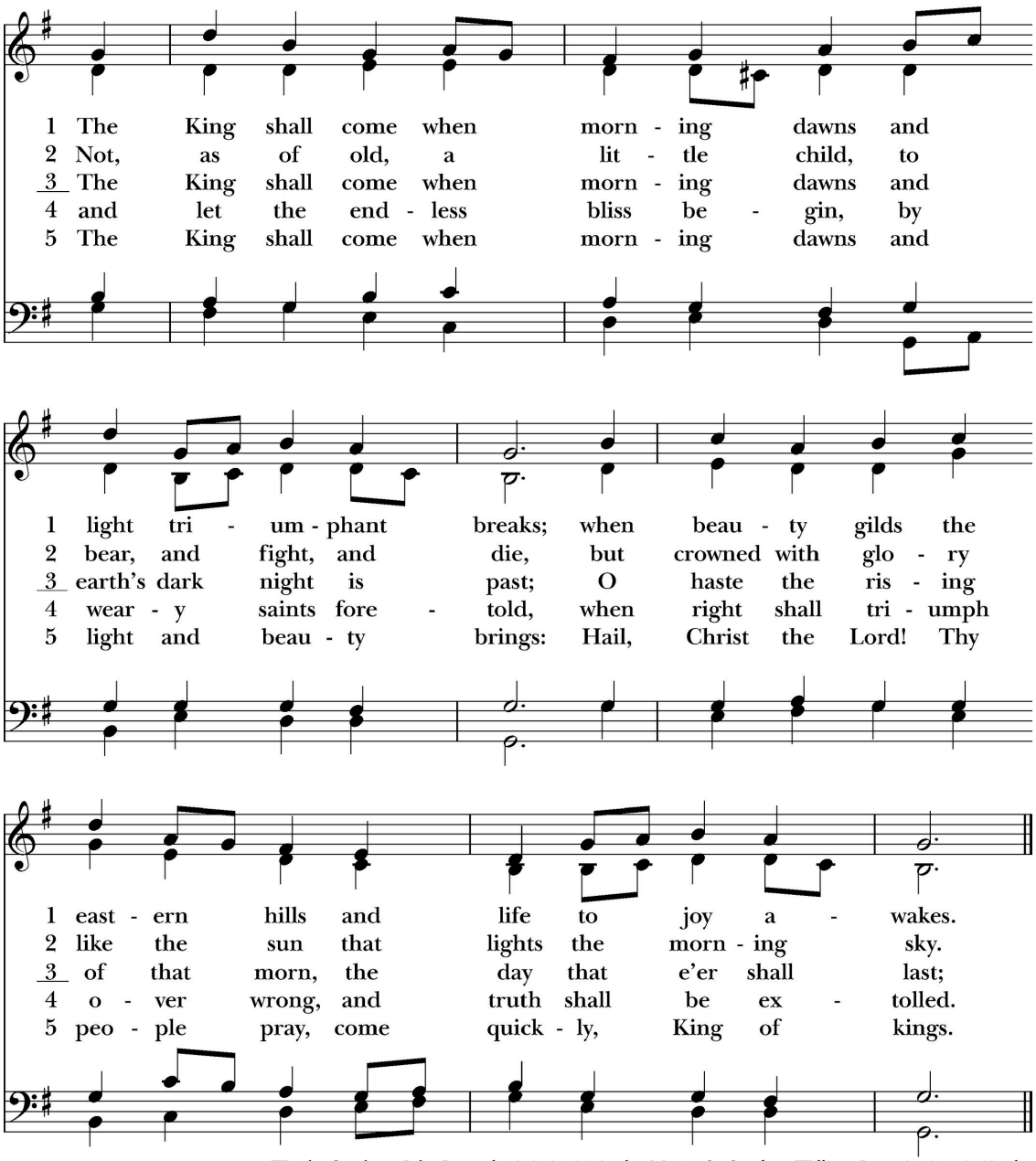
Milton Agustus Barber III
Anne Kirby Barnhardt
William Rankin Crowder, Jr.
Caroline Fleming Faison
June Gregson Gregory
John Tillery Gregory
Frank Matt Houston
Aurelia Fulton Stafford
Elizabeth Nutt Stafford

VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 659 & 661 — J. S. Bach

At the sound of the bell, the People stand to sing.

The Hymnal 1982 No. 73 **The King shall come when morning dawns**



Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.; Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

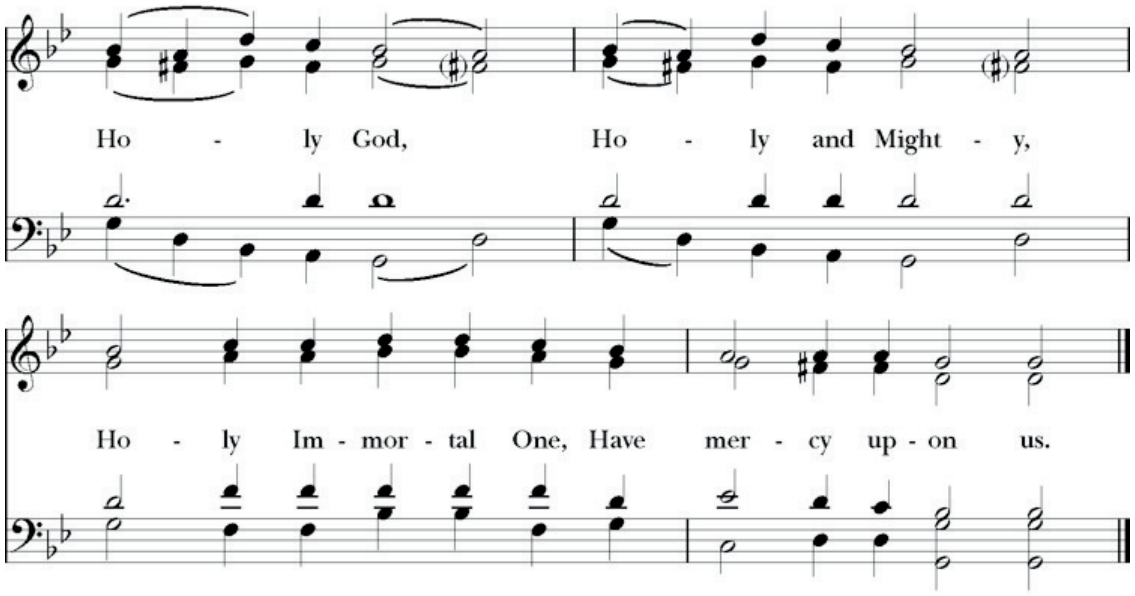
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider ✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Music: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

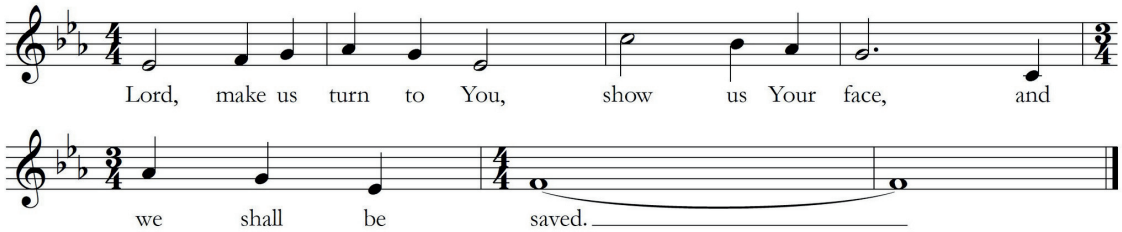
The First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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 The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80 Haugen



*Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth, Oh rouse Your power, and come to save us. (**Refrain**)*

*We are Your chosen vine, only by Your care do we live, reach out your hand, Oh Lord, unto your people. (**Refrain**)*

*If you dwell with us, we shall live anew in Your love, Oh shine upon us, great Lord of life. (**Refrain**)*

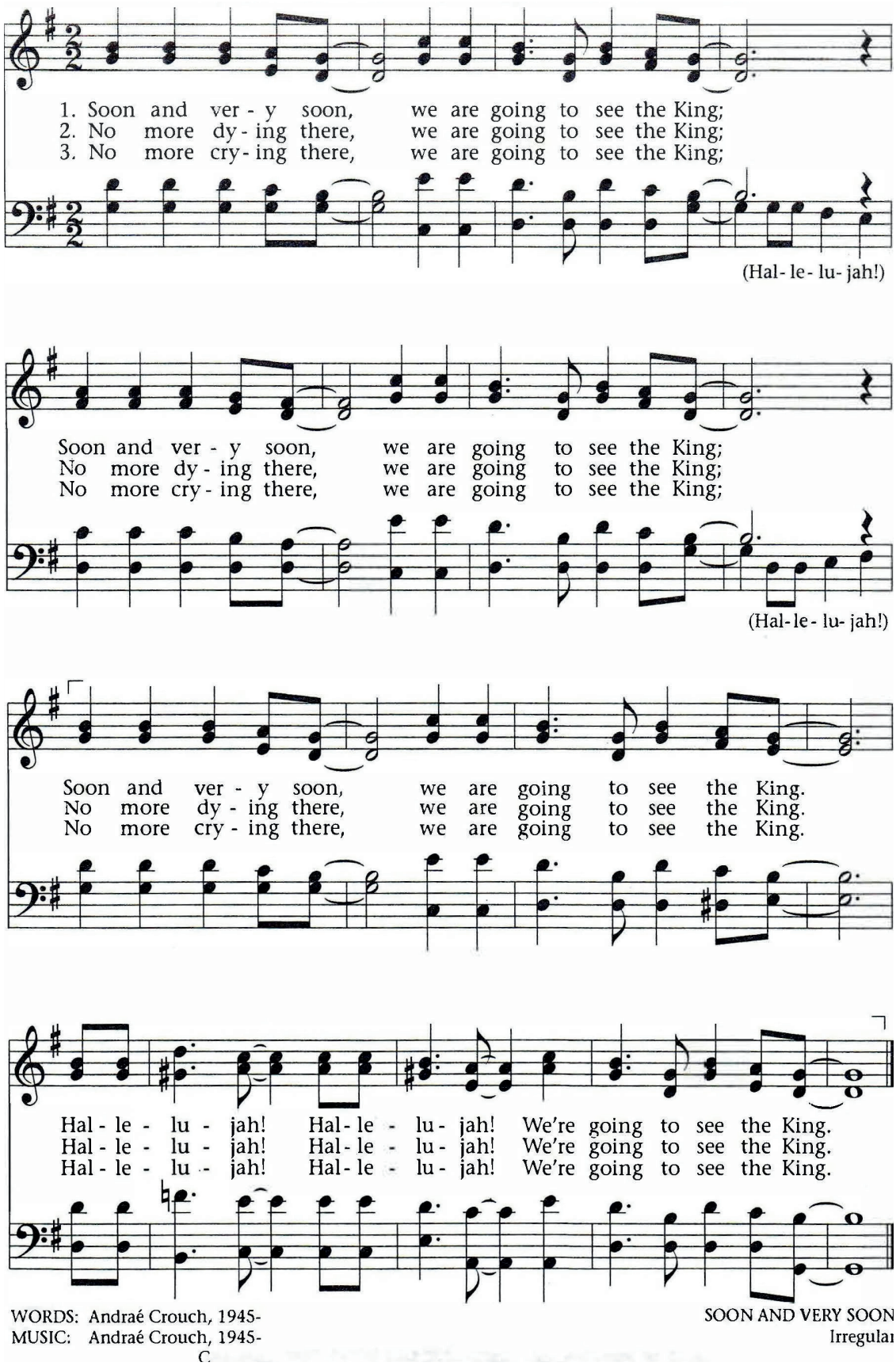
The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Soon and Very Soon



WORDS: Andraé Crouch, 1945-
MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1945-
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SOON AND VERY SOON
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The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Deacon ✠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."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Grubb

(A brief period of silence follows the Sermon)

THE NICENE CREED

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, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those newly born, including Autumn Elyse Powell, and for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including those listed in our bulletin, that as they grow in years they may also grow in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list (*see insert*), and those whose names are offered at this time silently or aloud. (The intercessor will pause for the congregation to offer personal prayers) that they may know the healing power of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including Warren Wayne Demby, Sally Sherrill and Suejette Brown, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes,
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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

The People kneel.

Silence is kept.

Minister and People

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 Presider says

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

THE PEACE

Presider 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.

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY **Cantata No. 140: Verse 2. Sleeper's Awake** J.S. Bach

Translation:

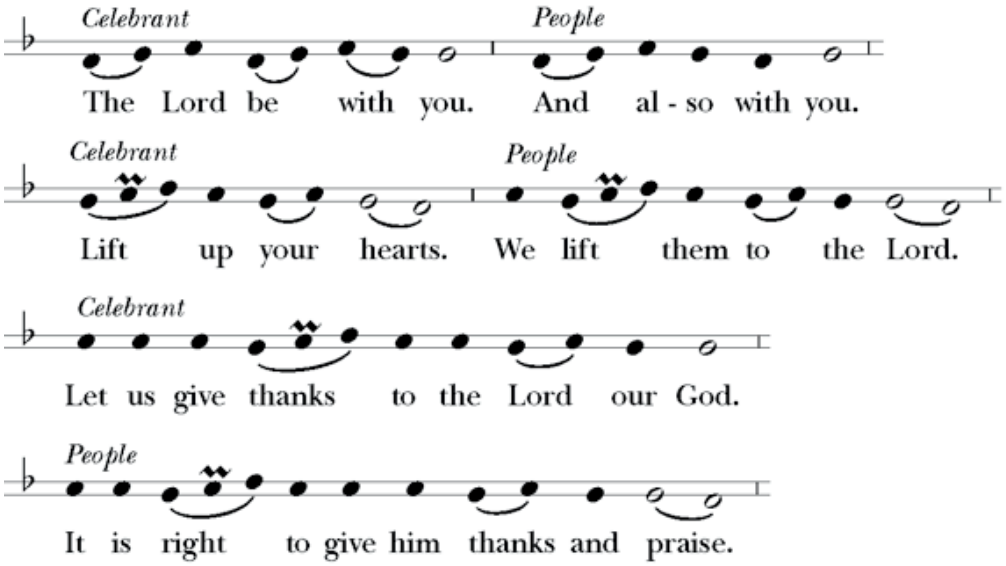
Zion hears the watchmen sing, / her heart leaps for joy, / she awakes and gets up in haste. / Her friend comes from heaven in his splendour, / strong in mercy, mighty in truth. / Her light becomes bright, her star rises. / Now come, you worthy crown, / Lord Jesus, God's son! / Hosanna! / We all follow / to the hall of joy / and share in the Lord's supper.

This QR code directs you to Realm, our online directory, where you can sign up for an account or log into your existing account to make an offering online.

As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer A



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

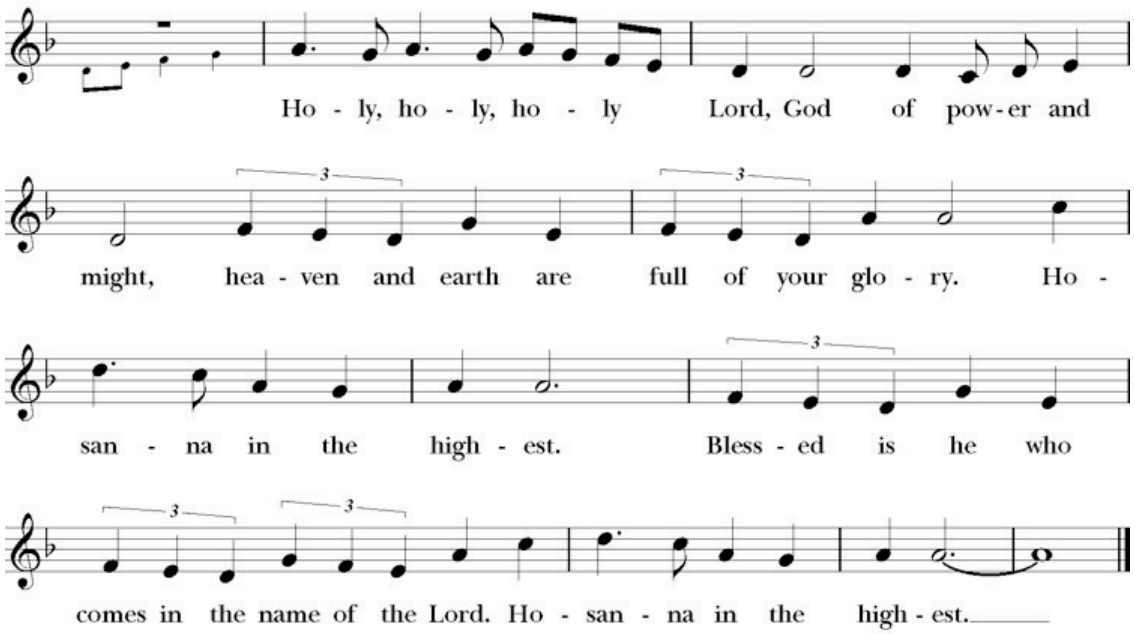
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty.

The Presider continues with a proper preface

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

SANCTUS

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Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The People stand or kneel.

Then the Presider continues,
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen**.

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

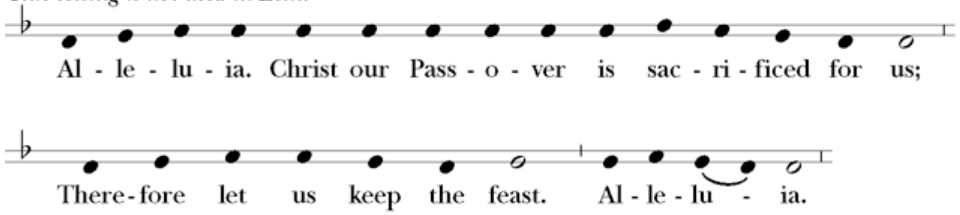
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

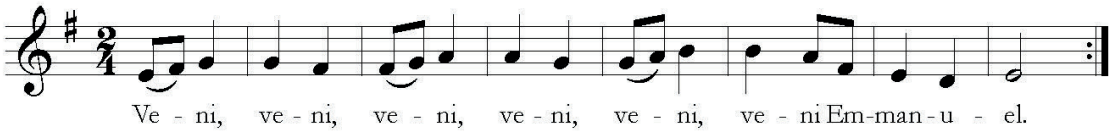
Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Presider
The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

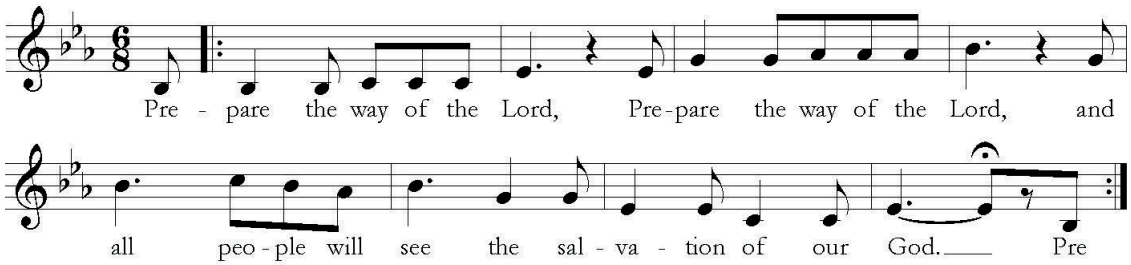
Veni, veni

Bell

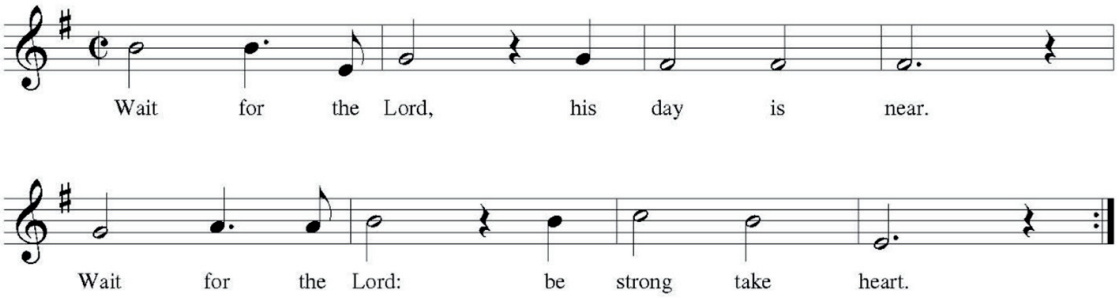


Prepare the Way

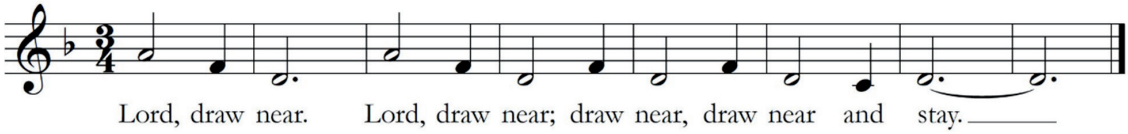
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Wait for the Lord



Lord, Draw Near



The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray

Presider and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

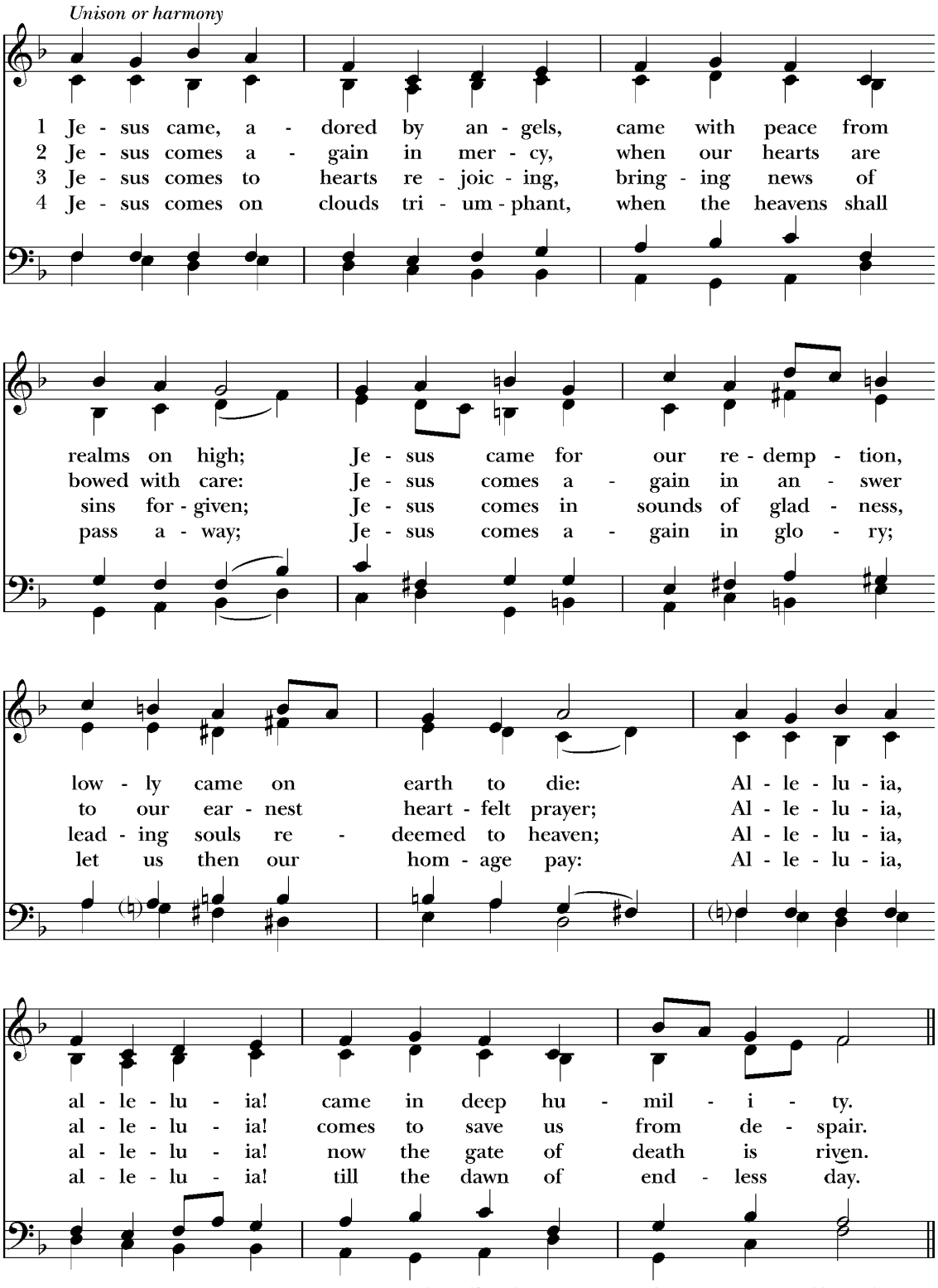
THE BLESSING

The People stand.

THE DISMISSAL

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

The Hymnal 1982 No. 454 **Jesus came, adored by angels**



Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.; Music: *Lowry*, Gerald Near (b. 1942):

VOLUNTARY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

The rose of the credence table is in celebration of the birth of Autumn Elyse Powell, daughter of Erin and Elijah Powell, granddaughter of our own Dot Binkley, born November 13, 2026.

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Lector	Anne Eaton
Intercessor	Vicky Furlow
Chalicists	CP Eldred
Acolytes	Tatum Burns
Oblation Bearers	Kim and Bruce Bunce
Ushers	Bob Banner, Doug Copeland, Josh Bobbitt, Brokie Lineweaver
Altar Guild	Hattie Aderholdt, Missy Akin, Jackie Bell, Bonnie Black, Liz Blackwell, Helen Brooks, Lynda Coletrane, Mary Wood Copeland, Louise Courts, Kathy Creekmuir, Marty Keeton, Grey Lineweaver, Kathryn Long, Carole May, Joan May, Kerrie Ellison, Jane Peterson, Mitzie Weatherly

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VESTRY

Class of 2026: David B. Craft, Anne Crutchfield, Mary Currie (Secretary), Robert Holt Edmunds, Jr.
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Treasurer: Joe Brower

PROPERS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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