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JESUS MAFA. *"The Ten Young Women."* 1973.

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
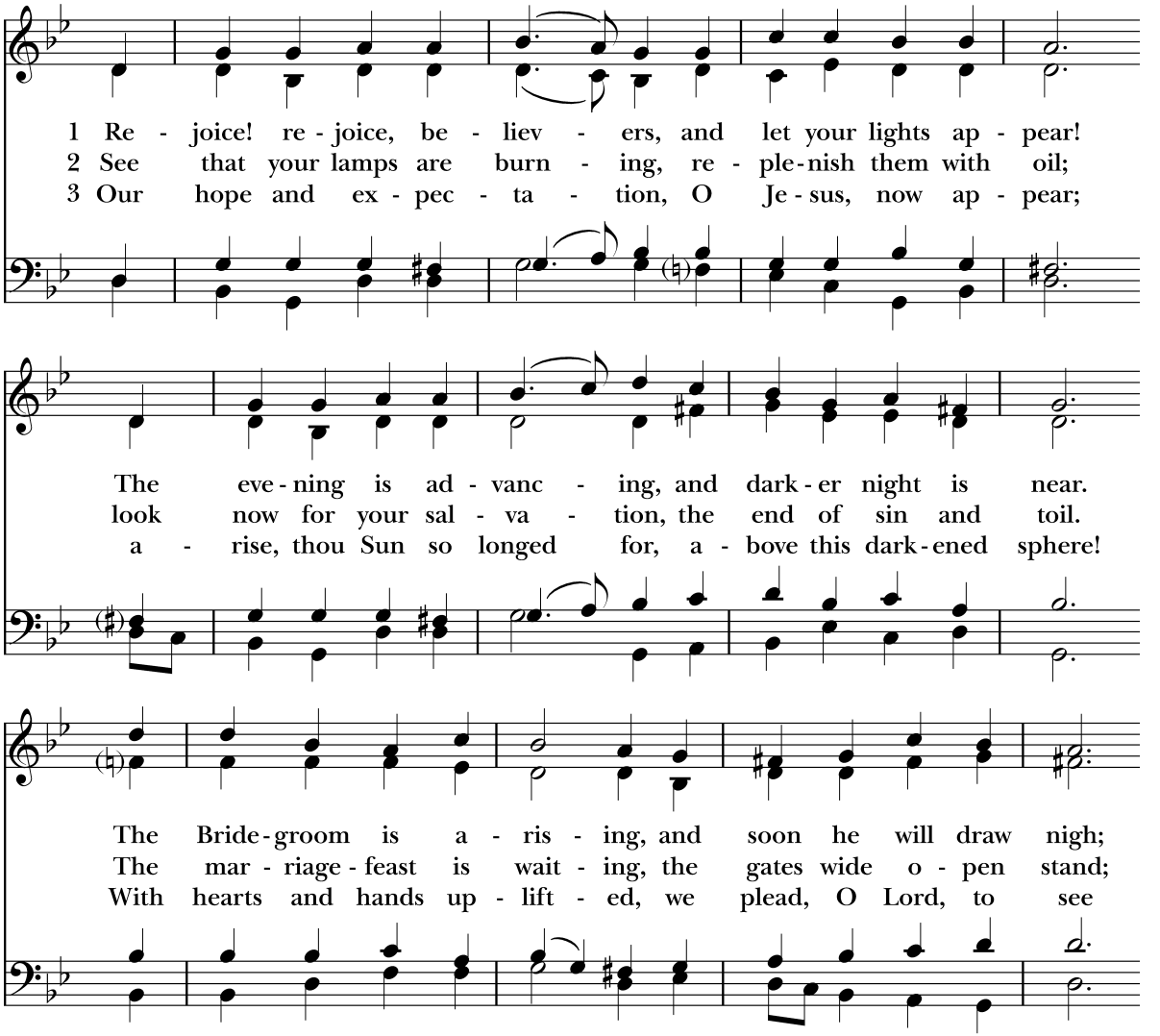

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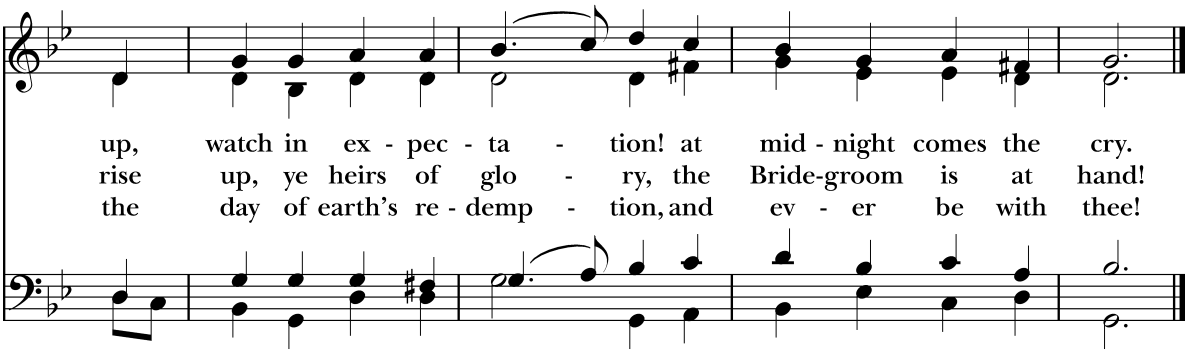
# Entrance Rite

**Prelude**

*At the ringing of the bell,* ***stand*** *as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.*

**Hymn in Procession** *"Rejoice! Rejoice, believers"* *The Hymnal 1982 #68*



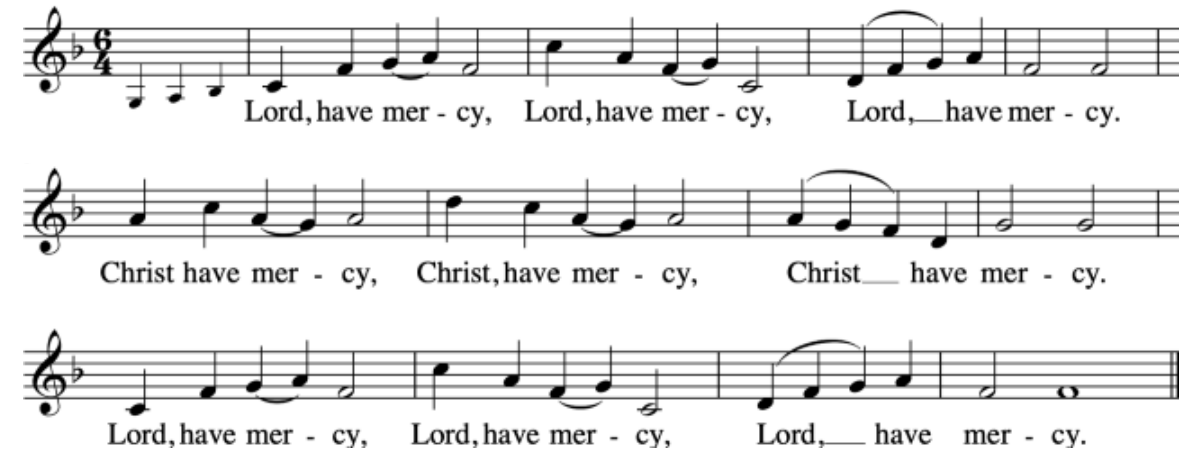



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

**WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION** *EOW1* 50

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

**SONG OF PRAISE** *"Nine-fold Kyrie eleison"* *Robert Powell*



**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** *BCP* 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and everr. **Amen.**

*Please be* ***SEATED****.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Joshua* 24:1-3a, 14-25

*Lector* A reading from the book of Joshua.
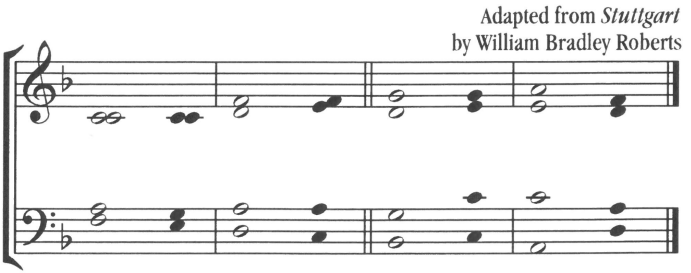
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.
And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.
Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God.
He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**




1 Hear my teaching, O my | **people;**
incline your ears to the words of my | **mouth.**

2 I will open my mouth in a | **parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient | **times.**

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have | **told us,**
we will not hide from their | **children.**

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the | **Lord,**
and the wonderful works he has | **done.**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for | **Israel,**
which he commanded them to teach their | **children;**

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet un | **born;**
that they in their turn might tell it to their | **children;**

*(last part of chant)*

7 So that they might put their trust in | **God,**
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his com | **mandments;**

**THE SECOND LESSON** *1 Thessalonians* 4:13-18

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

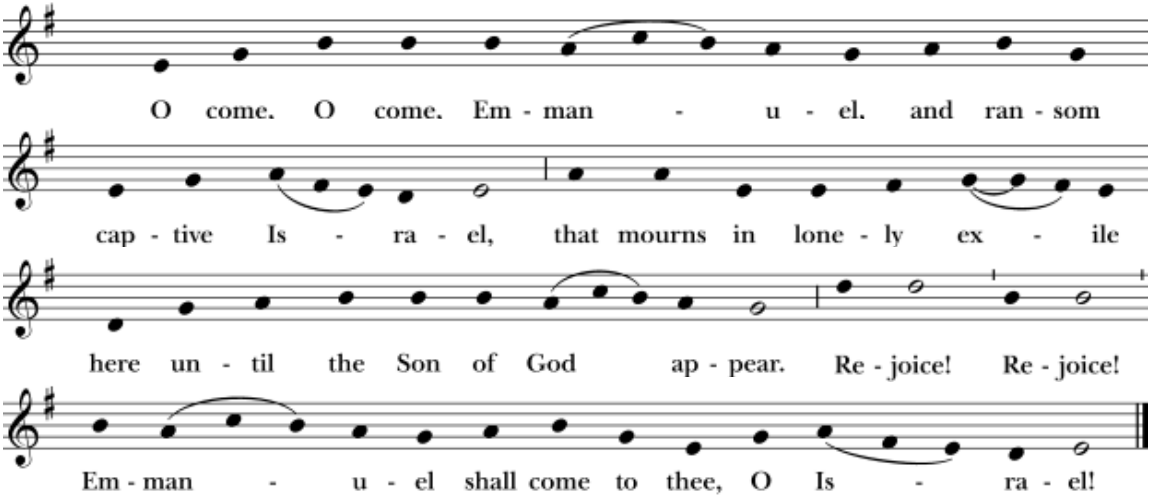
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All* ***STAND*** *as able.*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN** *Sung by all.* *The Hymnal 1982 #56 (verse 1)*




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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew* 25:1-13

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom
*Rector*

*All* ***STAND*** *as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *Said by all.* *BCP* 358

**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 worshipped 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* Jesus said, "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

*Intercessor* Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need. In this parish we especially pray for: Christian, Heather, Joe, Priyanka, & Saynoza; Michael; John & Pam; Phyllis; Cassie; Terry; Brenda; Robert; Charlotte; Donna; Jane and those we now name…

*The congregation is invited to add their concerns, either silently or aloud.*

*[We continue to pray for those with ongoing concerns: Elizabeth & Matthew; Shain; Betsy; Gloria B; Gloria D; Evan; Elsie; Temple; Fola & Yinka; Rachel; Marianne & Peter; Margie & Jeff]*

Surround them with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace especially Robert...

*The congregation is invited to add their concerns, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes with this or a similar collect.*

*Celebrant* Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*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. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are* ***SEATED****.*

# The Liturgy of the Table

**Offertory Sentence**
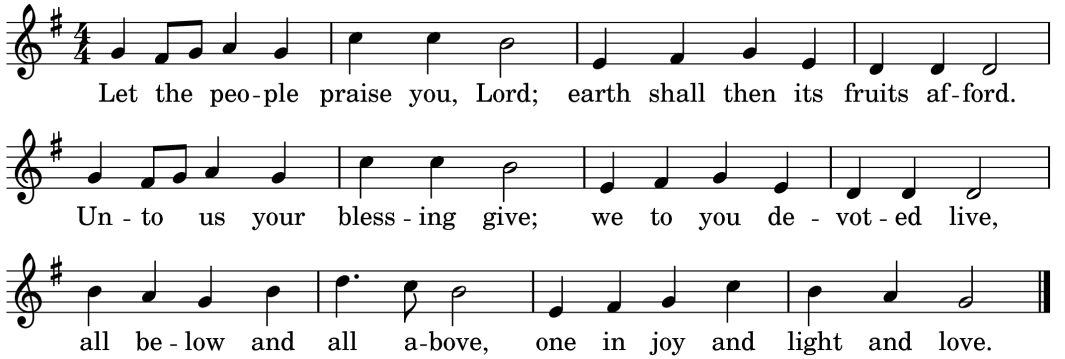
*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then* **SEATED**.

**The Offertory** *"Come Jesus, Holy Son of God"* *GF Handel*
*arr. by Hal Hopson*

*During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and Deacon prepares the table.*
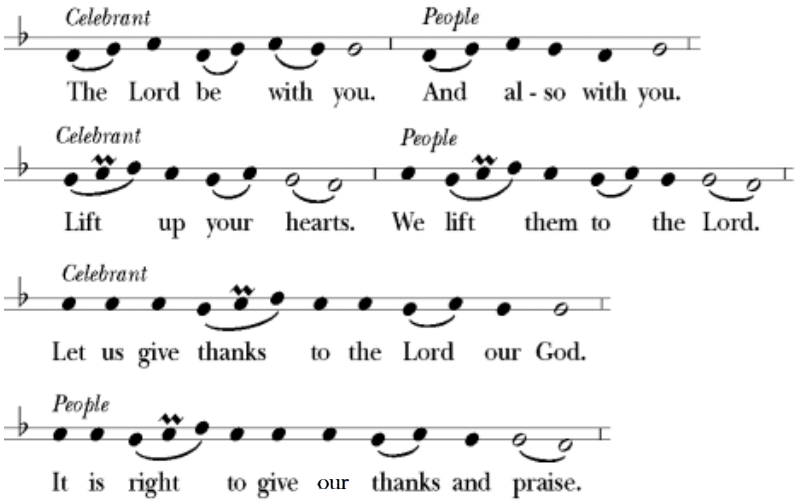
**Offertory Response** *"God of mercy, God of grace"* *Lift Up Your Hearts #934*

*The people* **STAND** *for the Hymn as the Offering is presented.*




*Lift Up Your Hearts* 934
Words: Hentry F. Lyte, 1834, alt., P.D.
Music (DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7): Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic PrayerB *BCP 367*



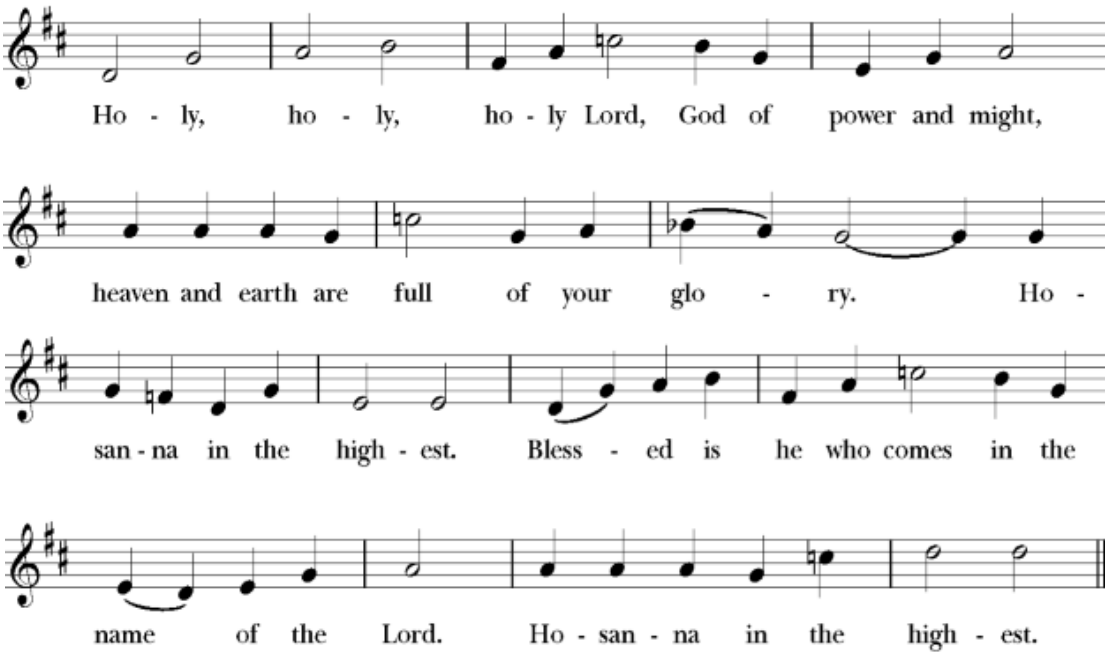
*The celebrant continues*

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

*[Here is proper Preface is sung or said]*

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:

**THE SANCTUS** *Sung by all.* *The Hymnal 1982 #S131*




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*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

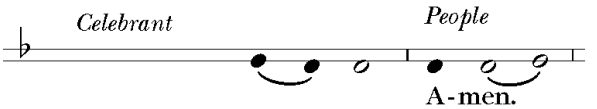
*People* **We remember his death,**
**We proclaim his resurrection,**
**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

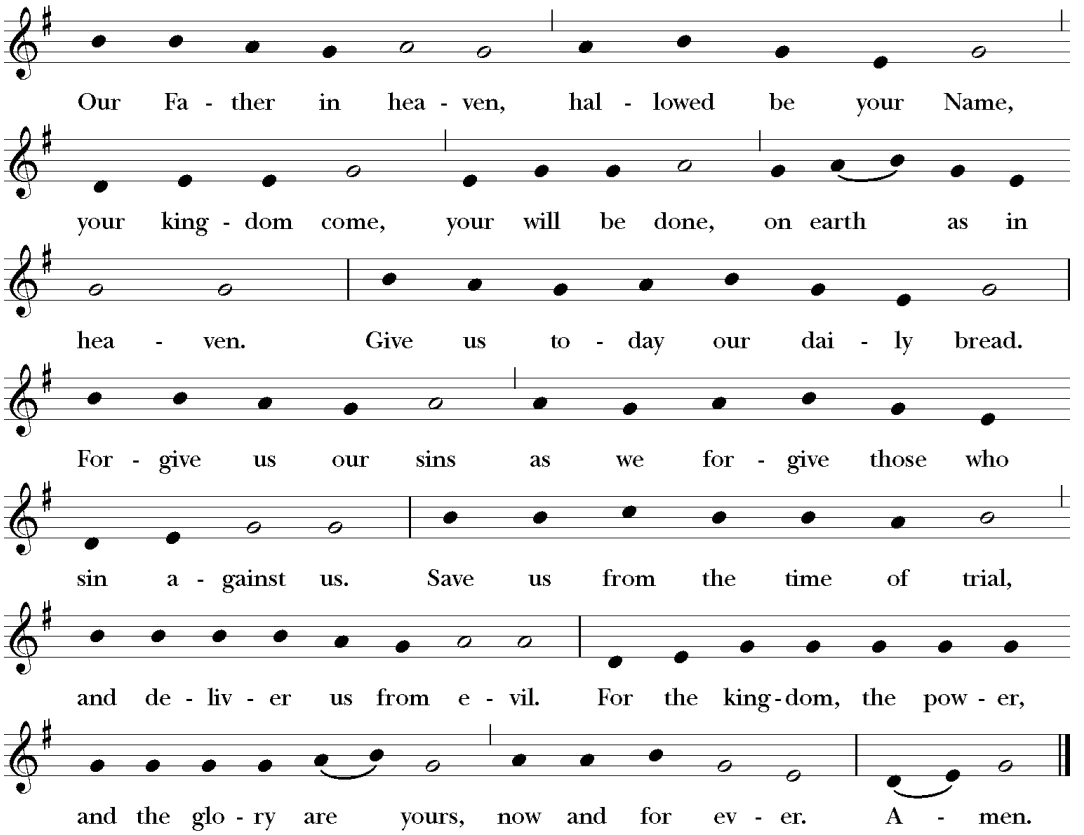
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, put 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Said by all.*

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



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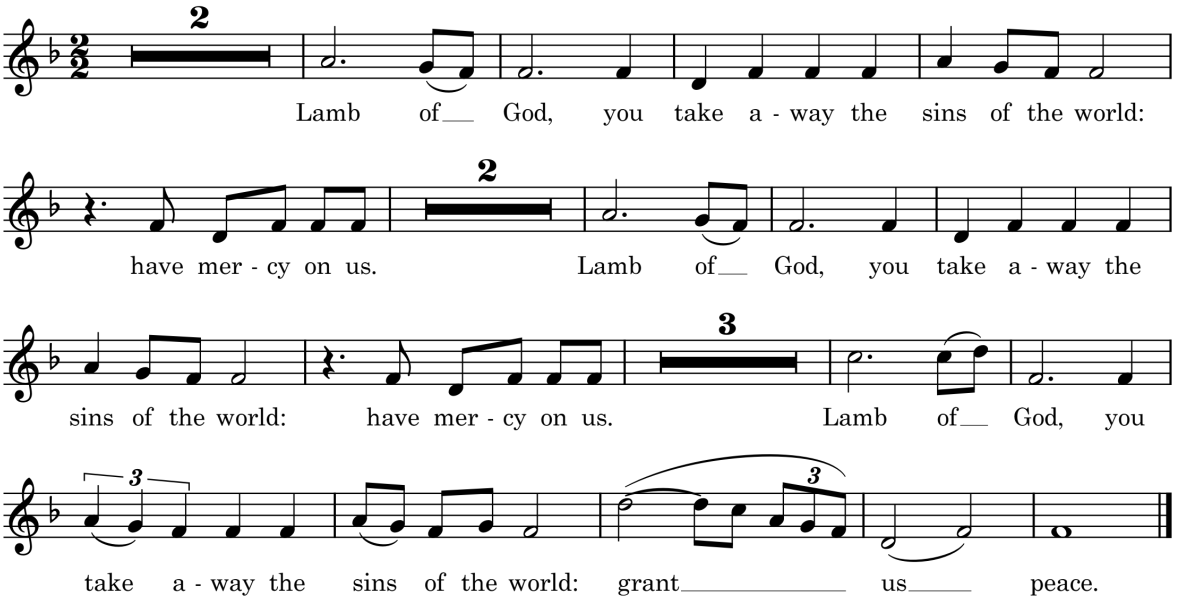
*We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.*

*Celebrant* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

## The Anthem

*Sung by all.* *Lift Every Voice & Sing II #269*
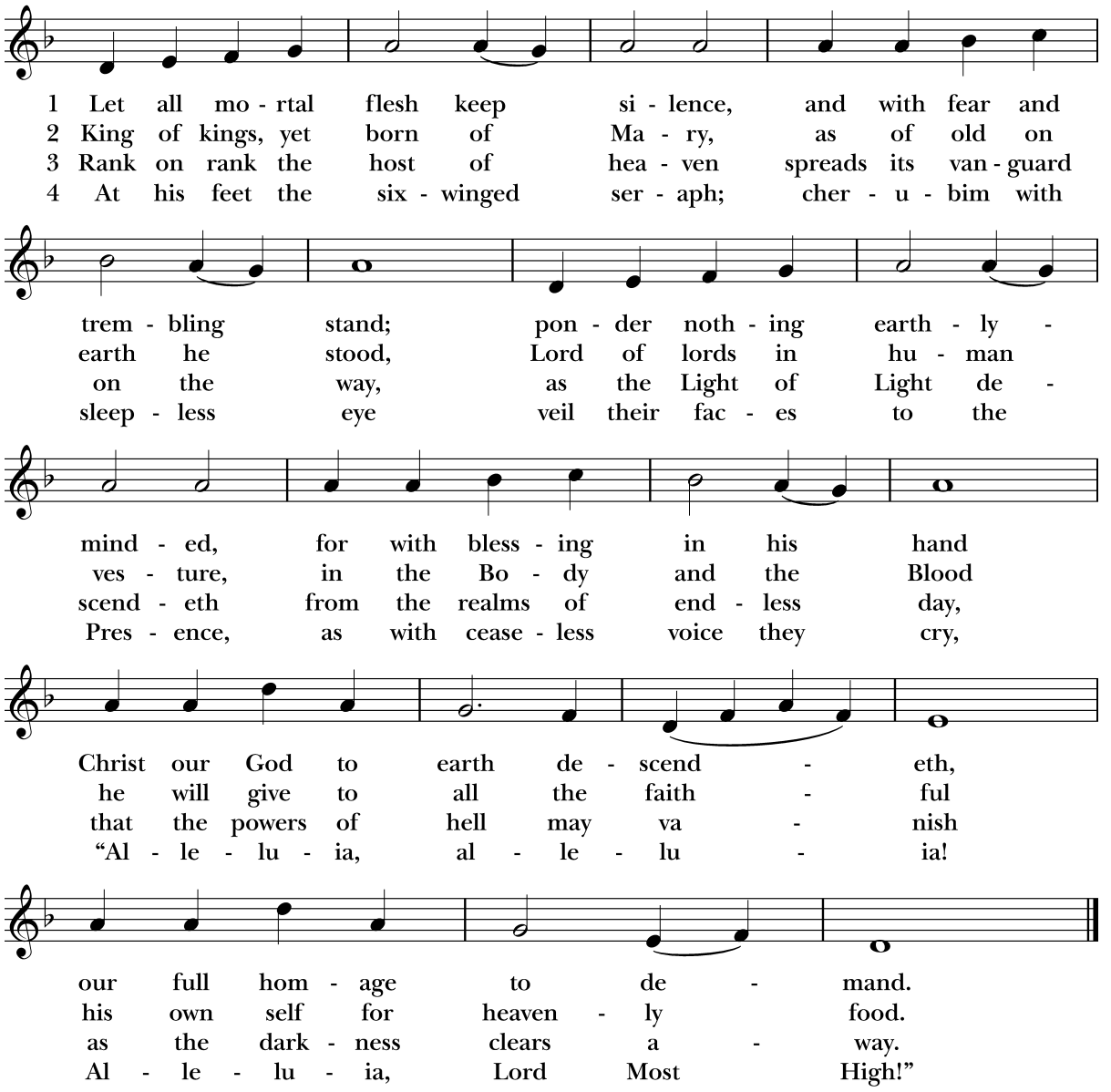



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## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

### About Receiving Communion

*All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
*Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.*
*If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.*
*Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.*
*Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.*




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.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*EOW 1 70*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Loving God,**
**we give you thanks**
**for restoring us in your image**
**and nourishing us with spiritual food**
**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**
**Now send us forth**
**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**
**that we may proclaim your love to the world**
**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

## The Blessing

*The Priest may bless the people, the people responding* **Amen.**
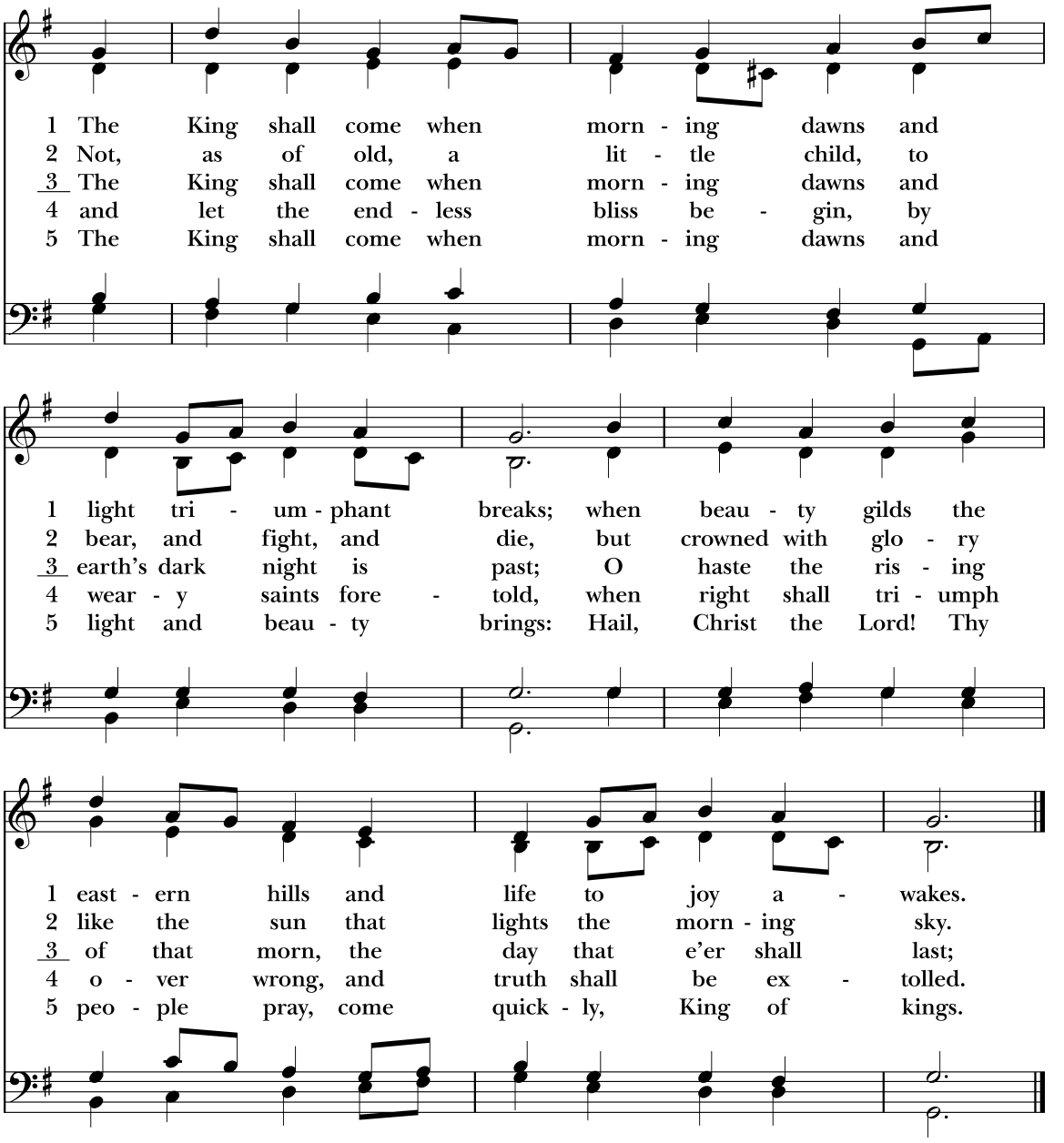
## Hymn in Procession [Facing page]

## Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude




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

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