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Webster, Thomas George. *"Village Choir."* 1847.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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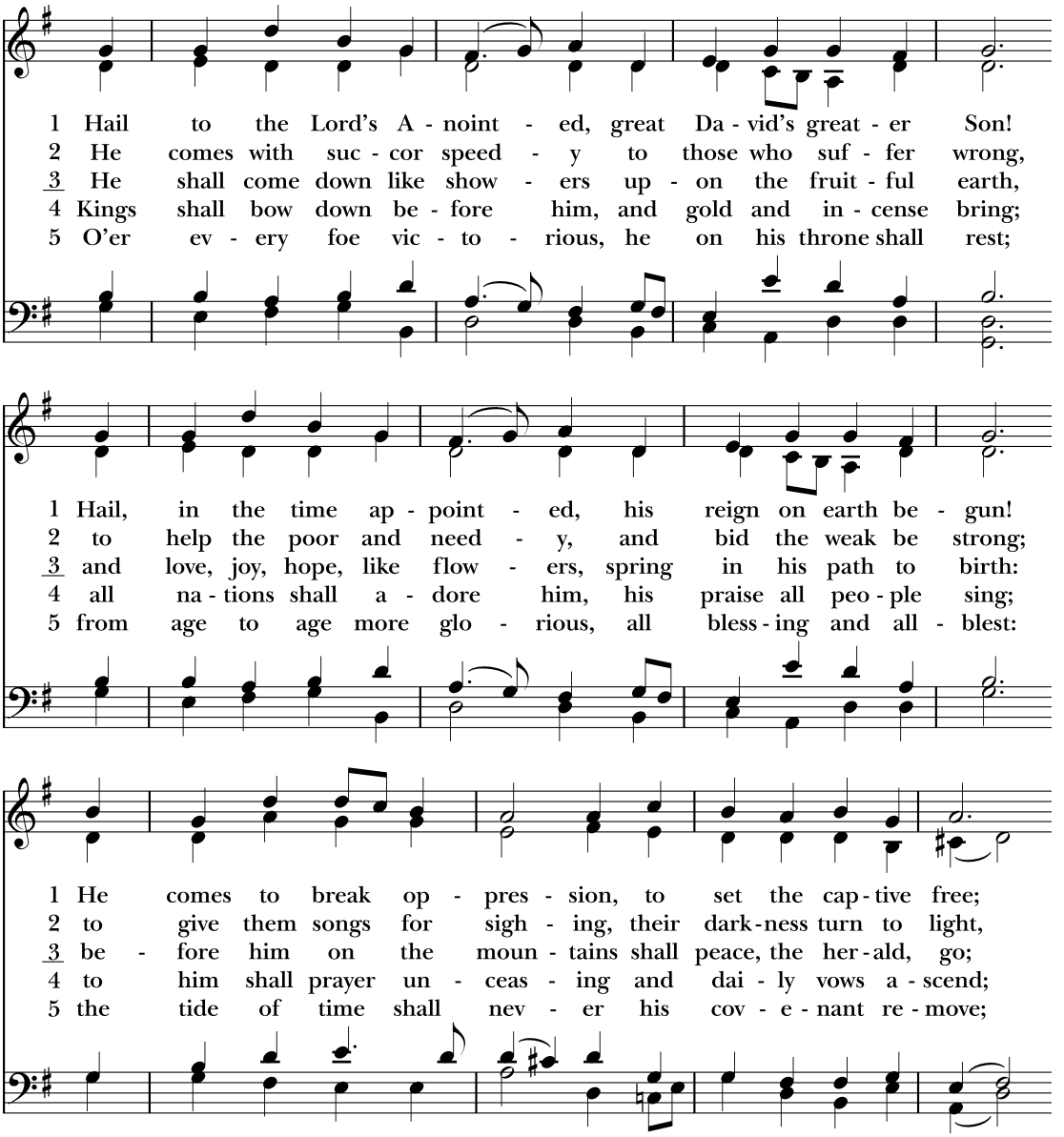

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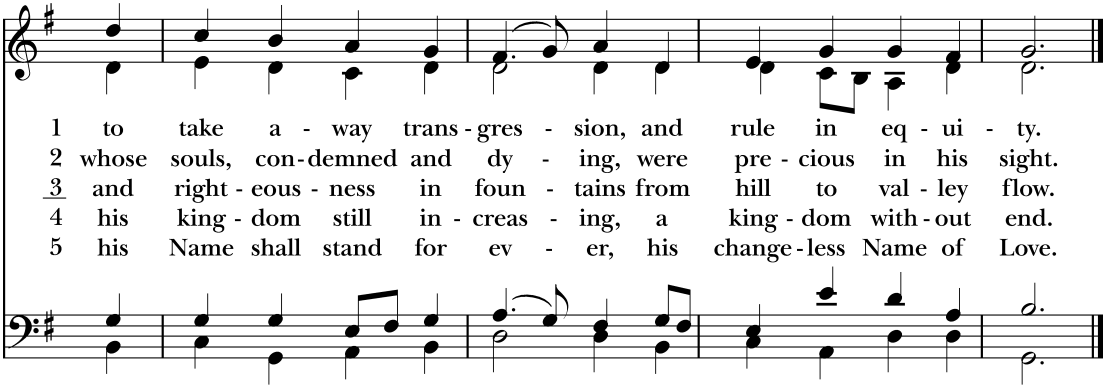
# Entrance Rite

**Prelude**

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

**Hymn in Procession** *"Hail to the Lord's anointed"* *The Hymnal 1982 #616*





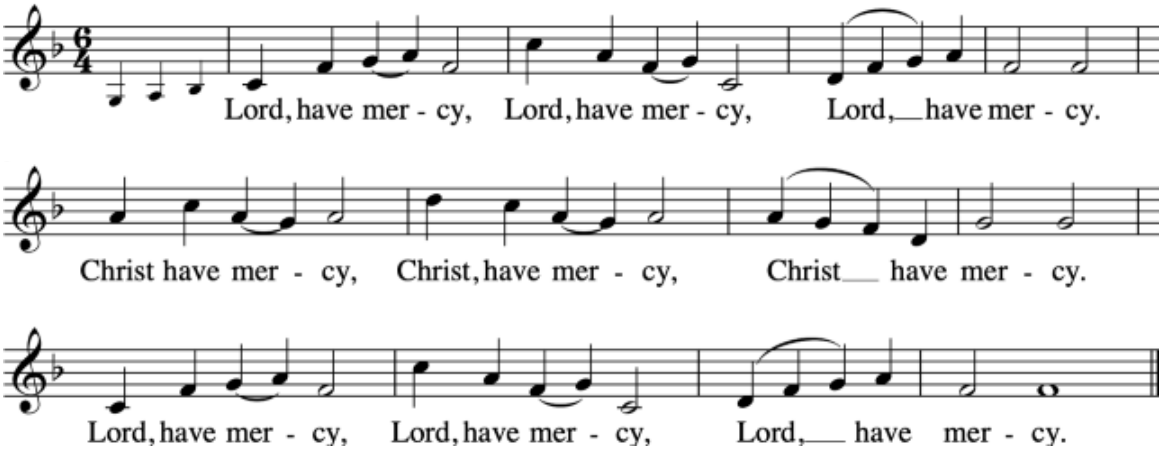

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Ezekiel* 34:11-16, 20-24

*Lector* A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
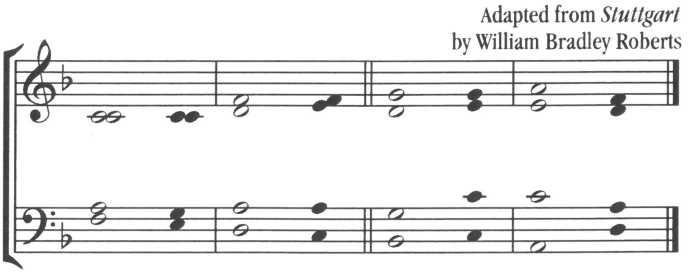
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE PSALM** *Sung by all.* *Psalm* 100




1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you **| lands;**
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a **| song.**

2 Know this: The Lord himself is **| God;**
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his **| pasture.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with **| praise;**
give thanks to him and call upon his **| Name.**

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is ever **| lasting;**
and his faithfulness endures from age to **| age.**

**THE SECOND LESSON** *Ephesians* 1:15-23

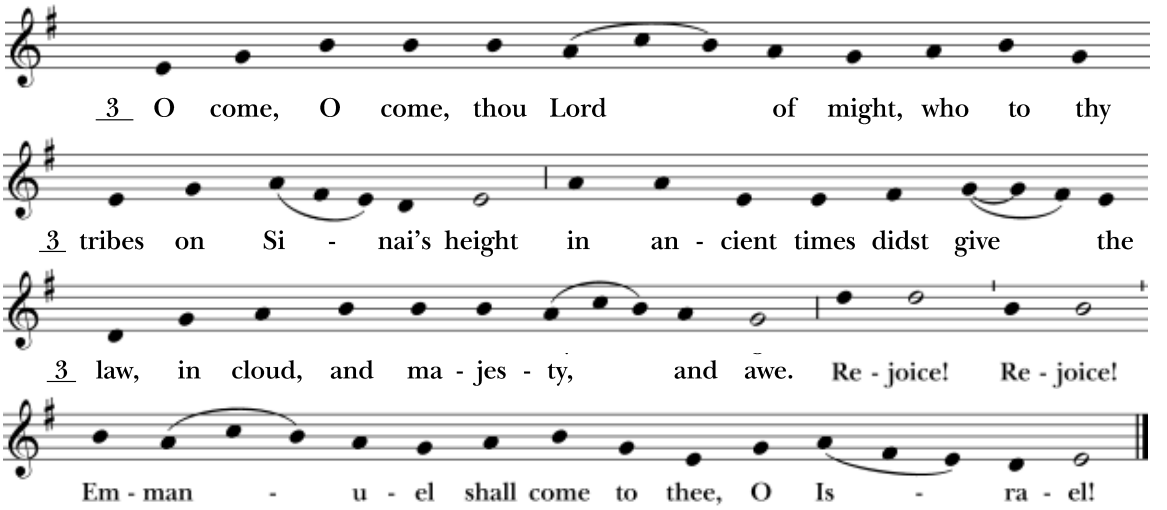
*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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 3)*




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**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew* 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Sandra Siegel Miller, Deacon

*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**

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| *Deacon* | Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. |
| *Intercessor* | That God may bring in his reign with justice and mercy, |
| *Intercessor* | Let us pray to the Lord: |
| *People* | **Lord, have mercy.** |
| *Intercessor* | That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, |
| *Intercessor* | Let us pray to the Lord: |
| *People* | **Lord, have mercy.** |
| *Intercessor* | That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, |
| *Intercessor* | Let us pray to the Lord: |
| *People* | **Lord, have mercy.** |

*Intercessor* That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,

*Intercessor* Let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen. We pray especially for: Christian, Heather, Joe, Priyanka, & Saynoza; Michael; John & Pam; Phyllis; Cassie; Terry; Brenda; Mike; Robert; Charlotte; Donna; Kim & Paul; 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]*

*Intercessor* Let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world,
We pray especially for Robert and those we now name...

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

*Intercessor* Let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*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**.

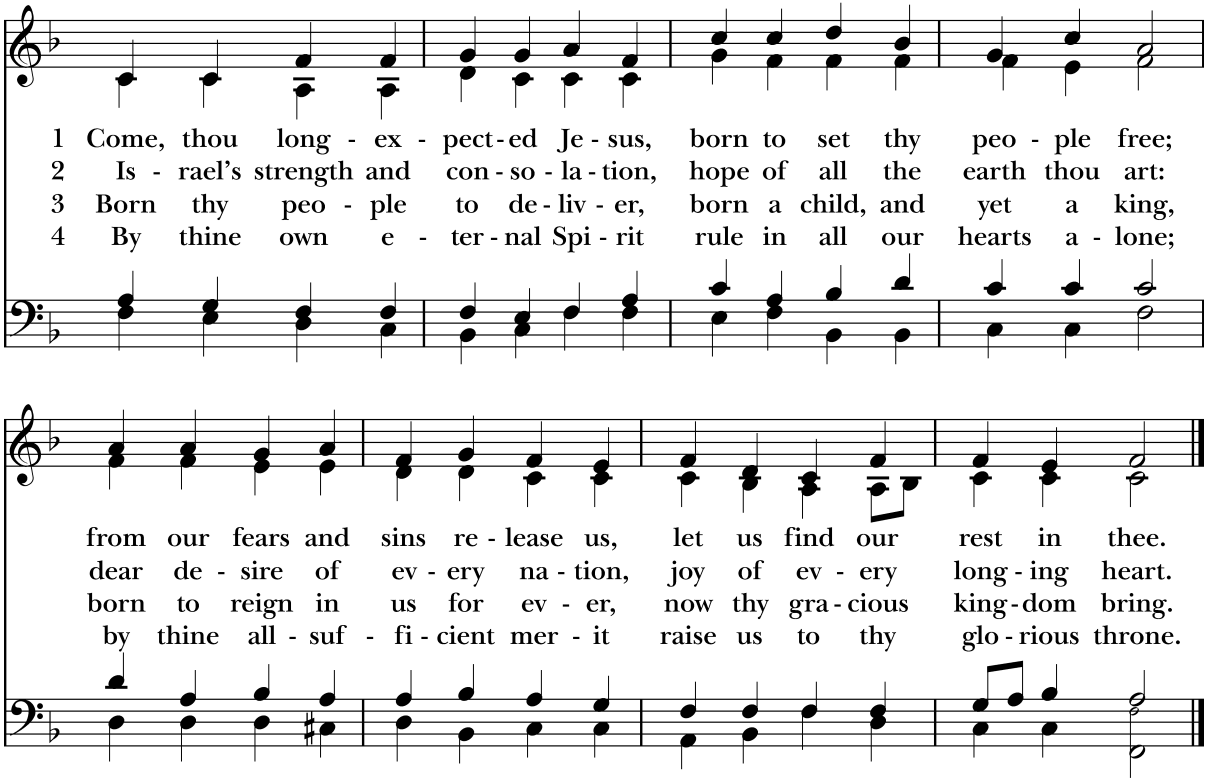
### Offertory Anthem

*"Come thou long expected Jesus"* *The Hymnal 1982 #66*
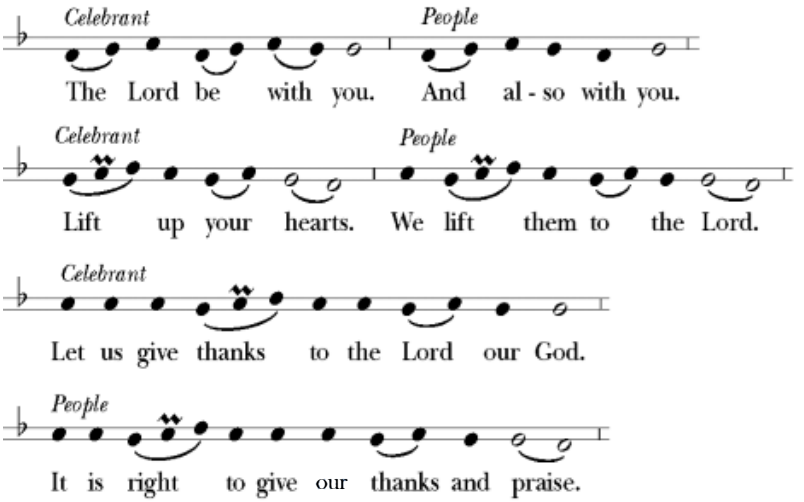
*During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and Deacon prepares the table.*

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

*The people sing v. 1 & 4, the choir sings v. 2 & 3.*




Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.
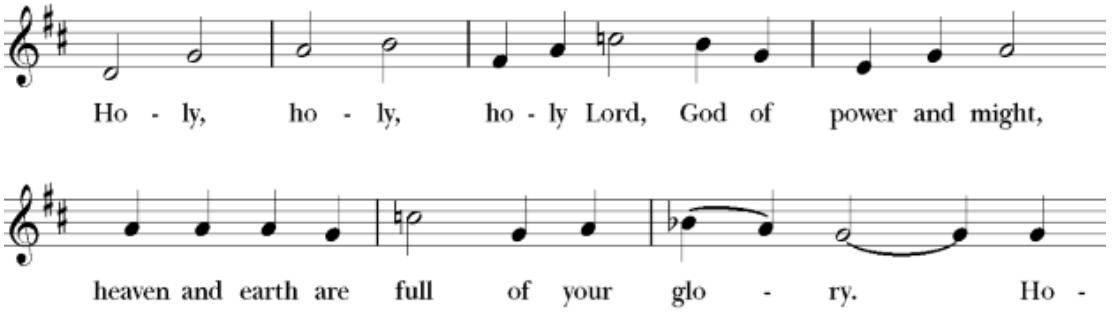



*The celebrant continues*
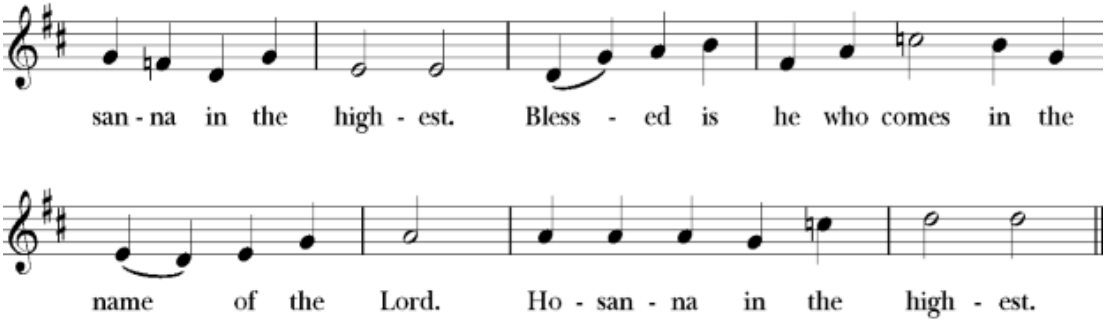
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*[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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

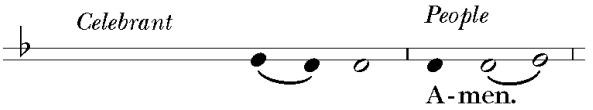
*People* **We remember his death,**
**We proclaim his resurrection,**
**We await his coming in glory.**

*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.

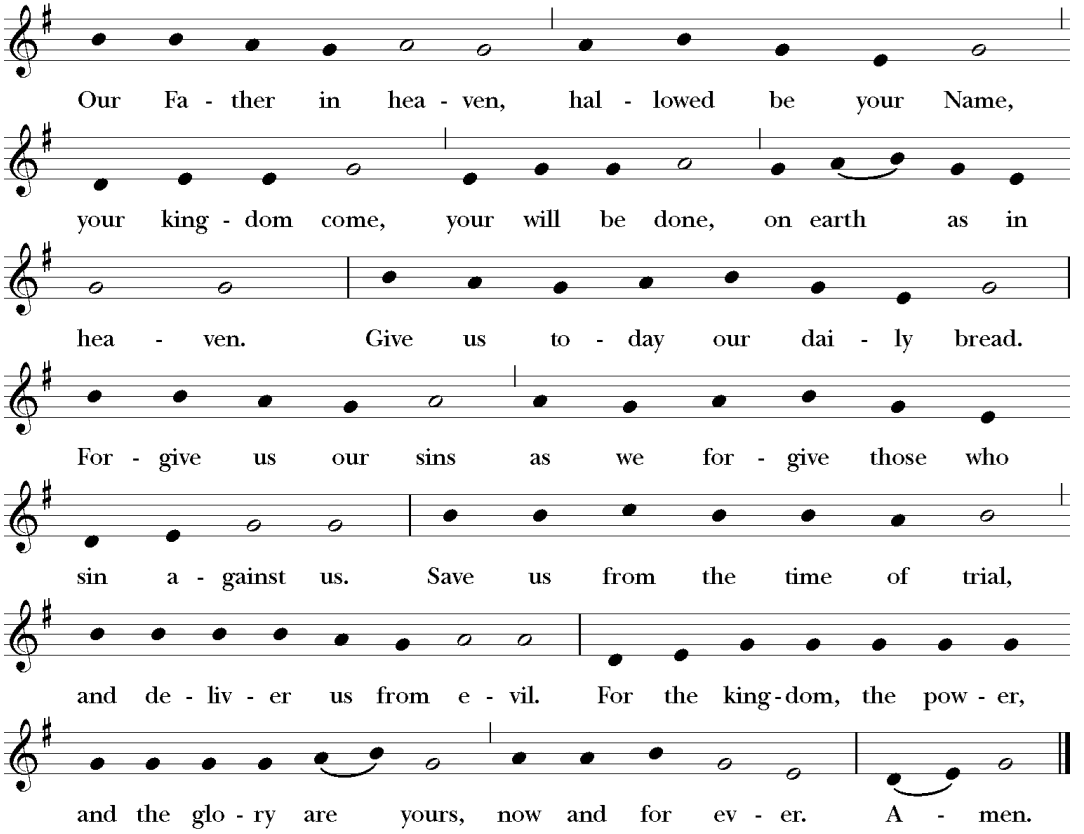
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, put 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,



## The Fraction

*EOW 1* 69

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

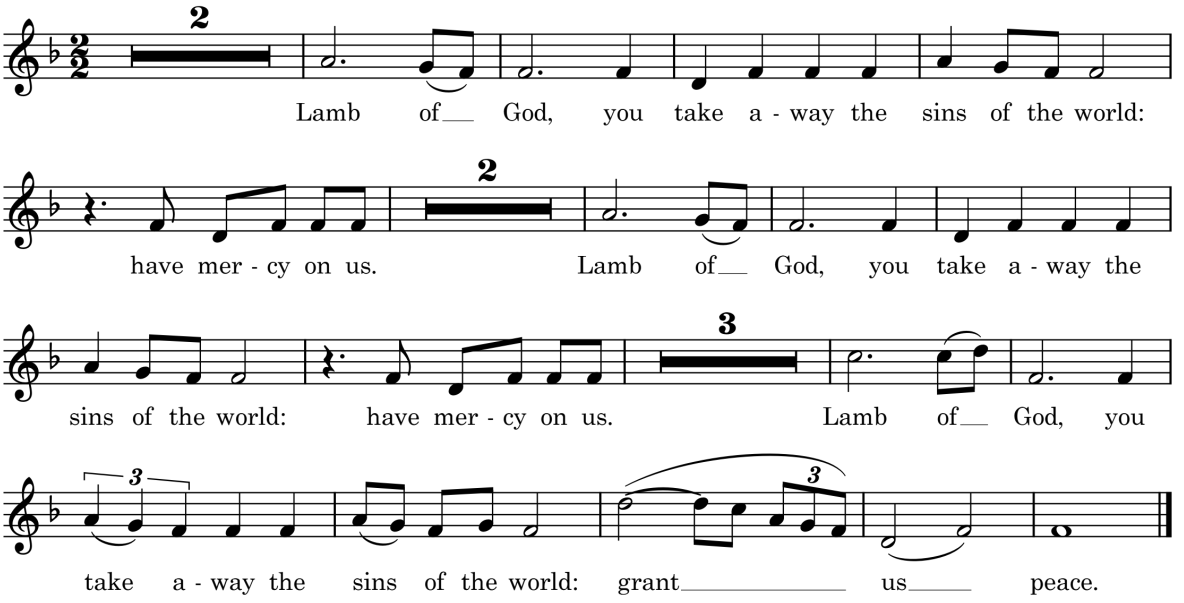
*Celebrant* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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

## The Anthem

*Sung by all.*

*Lift Every Voice & Sing II* #269
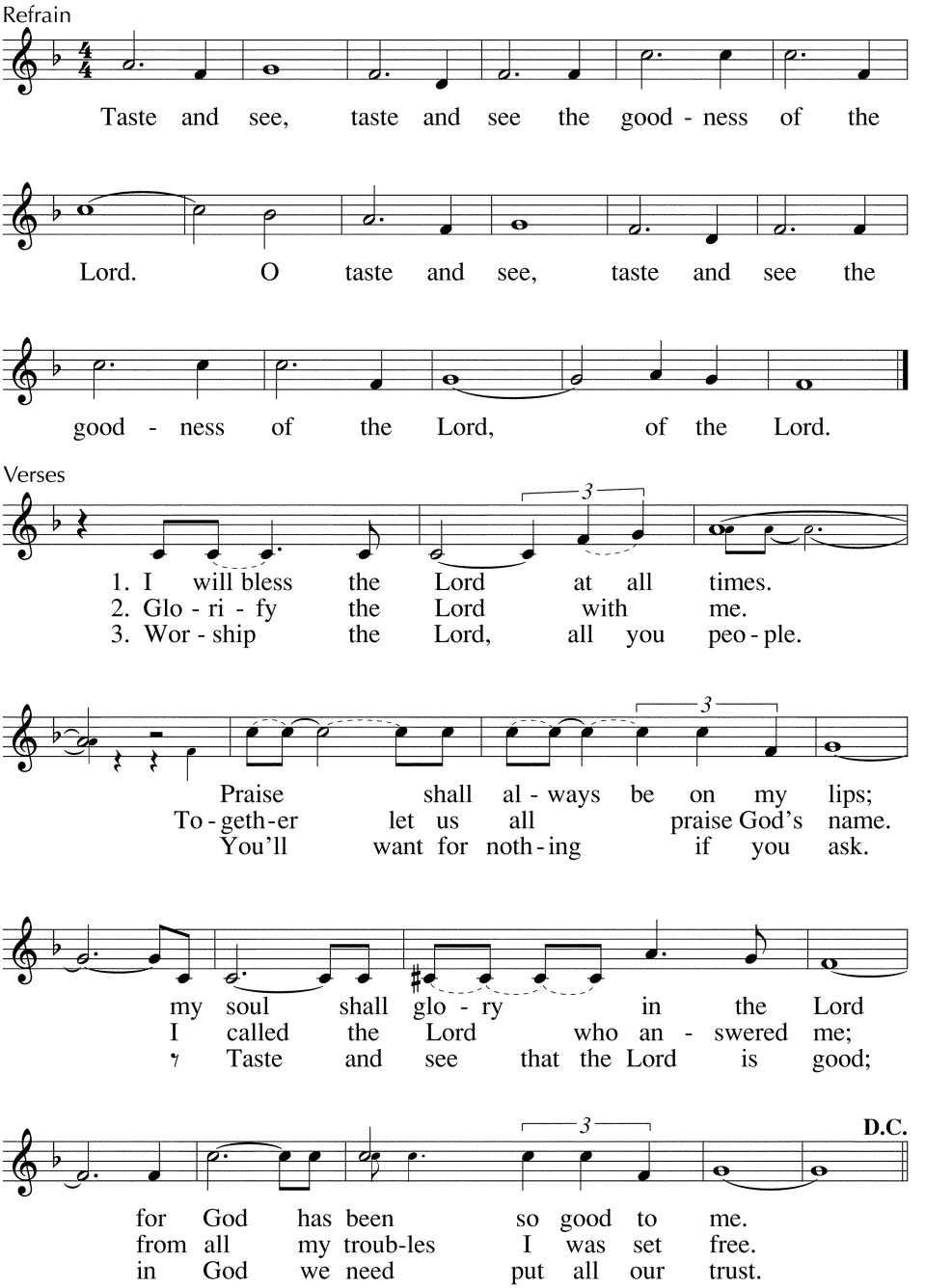



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## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.
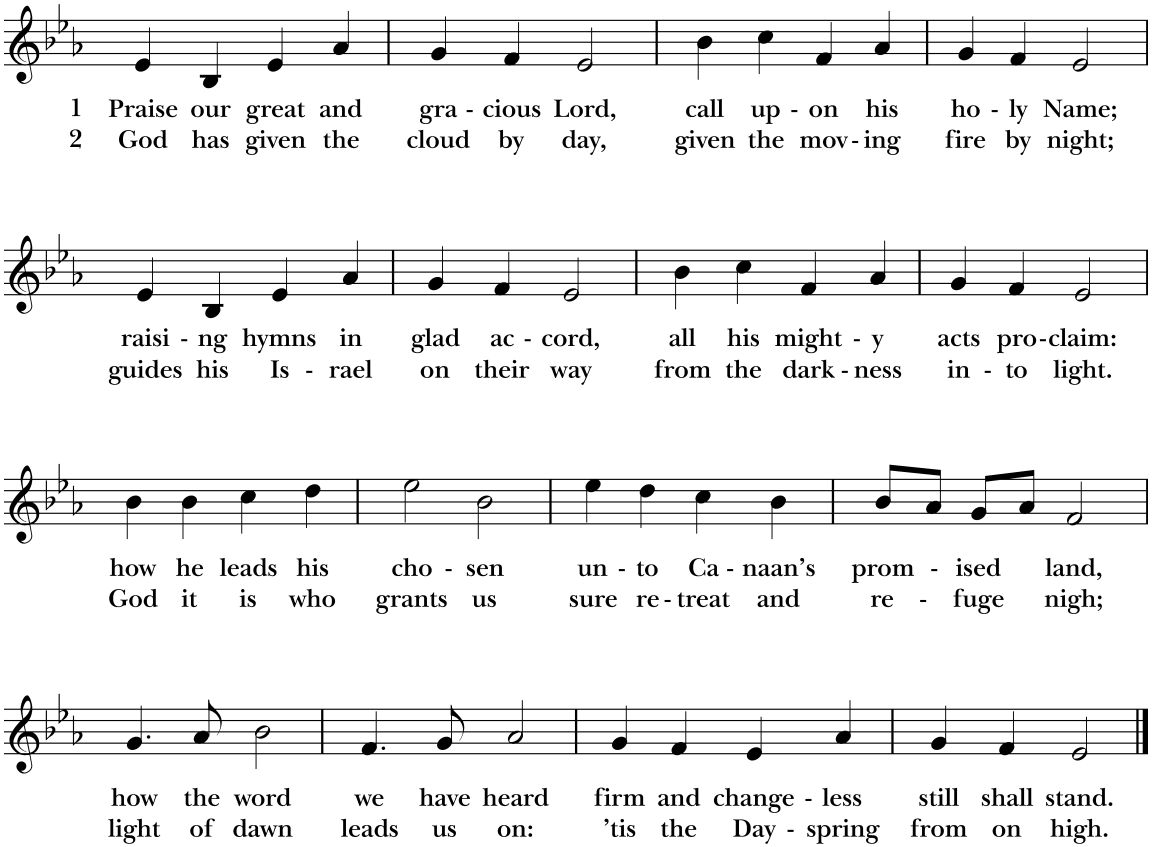
### About Receiving Communion

*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.*




Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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**COMMUNION HYMN** *"Praise our great and gracious Lord"* *The Hymnal 1982 #393*




Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt. Music: *Maoz Zur*, Hebrew melody; adapt. and arr. Eric Werner (1901-1988).

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *EOW 1 70*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.
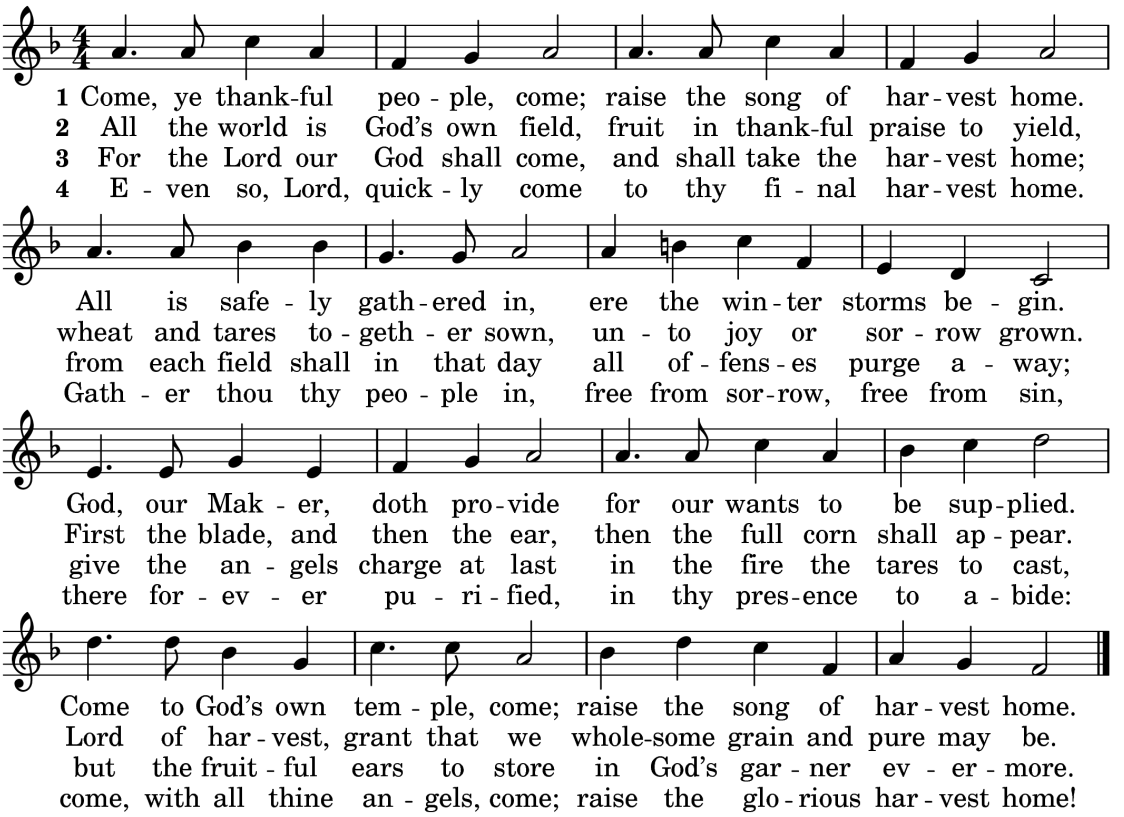
*All* **Loving God,**
**we give you thanks**
**for restoring us in your image**
**and nourishing us with spiritual food**
**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**
**Now send us forth**
**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**
**that we may proclaim your love to the world**
**and continue in the 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** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* *The Hymnal 1982 #290*




*Glory to God* 367
TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC (ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D): George Job Elvey, 1858

**DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding*

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

**POSTLUDE**

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