Church of the *Ascension*

Connect. Grow. Serve.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 10:15 am



Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

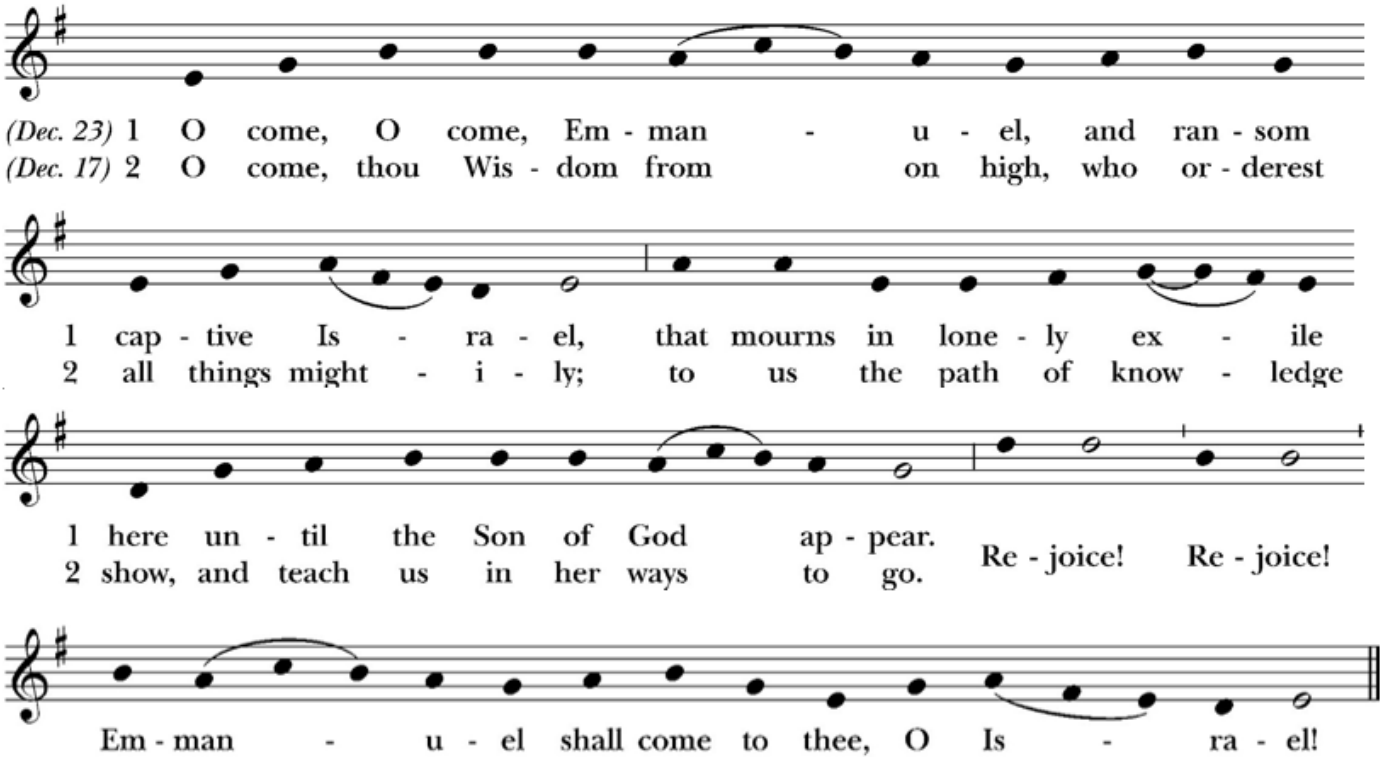
Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude

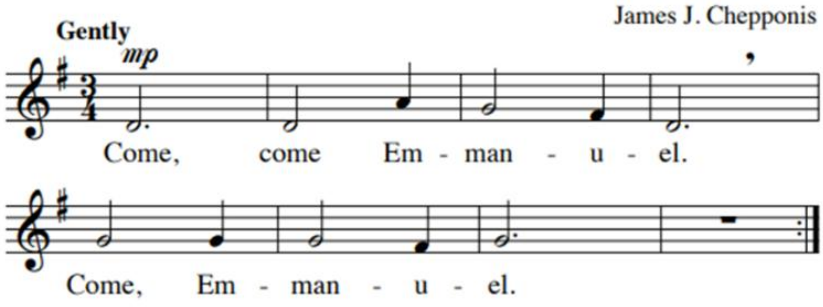
Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal #56



Words: Latin, ca. 9th century Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT GATHERING SONG



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Cantor verses:

1. Our redeemer forever, Oh come
2. We are clay, you are potter, Oh come
3. Rouse your power to save us, and come
4. God will strengthen us always, so come
5. Stay awake and be watchful, Oh come
6. The appointed time will come

THE READING: ISAIAH 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Celebrant I see you.

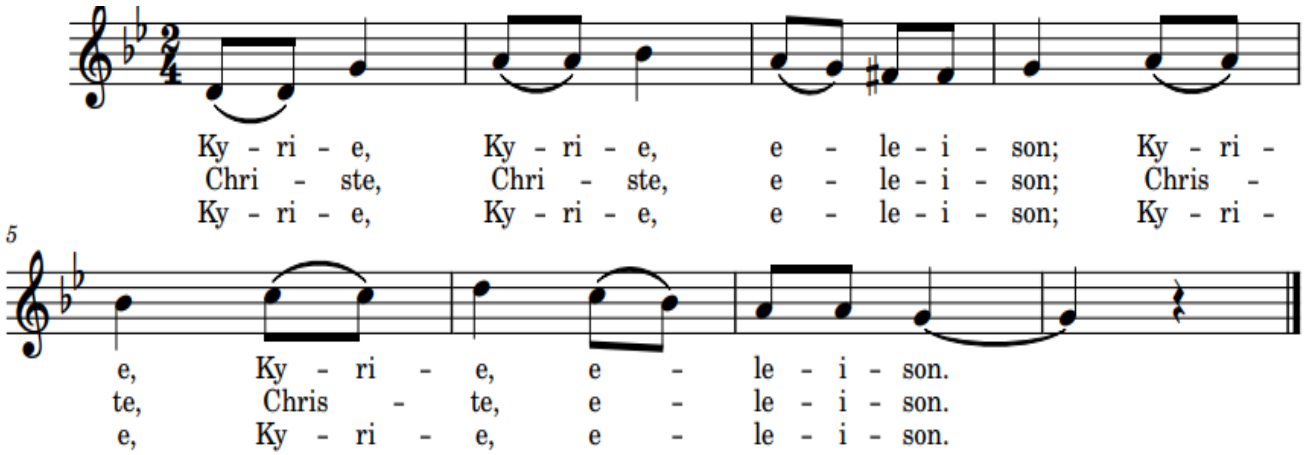
People **We are here.**

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON "Kyrie #10" J. Berthier



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON — ISAIAH 64:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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 may 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 the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

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 LORD 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 man of your right hand, *
the son of man 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 LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

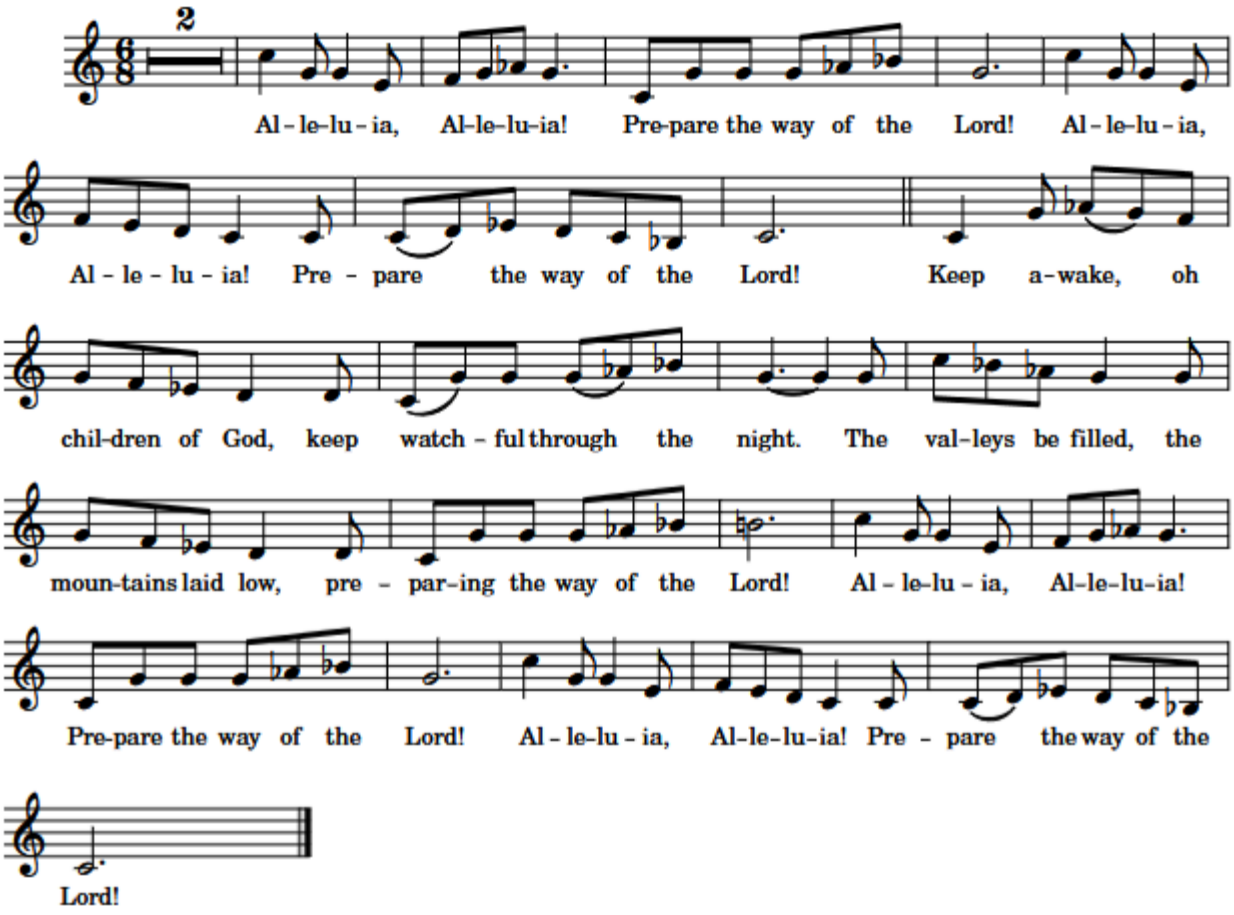
THE SECOND LESSON — 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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 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.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT – GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — L. DeLauder



THE GOSPEL — MARK 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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 pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither angels in heaven, not 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."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. CHIP LEE

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

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially Naomi, Lianne, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Sean, Rob, Jackie, Erin, Bob, Karen, Scott, Barry, Chris, Debbie, Jordan, Reed, Diane, Carolyn;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Carrie, our Bishop, Chip, our Interim Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.)*
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Silence. The People may add their own petitions.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All **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 ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s*) N. and N.* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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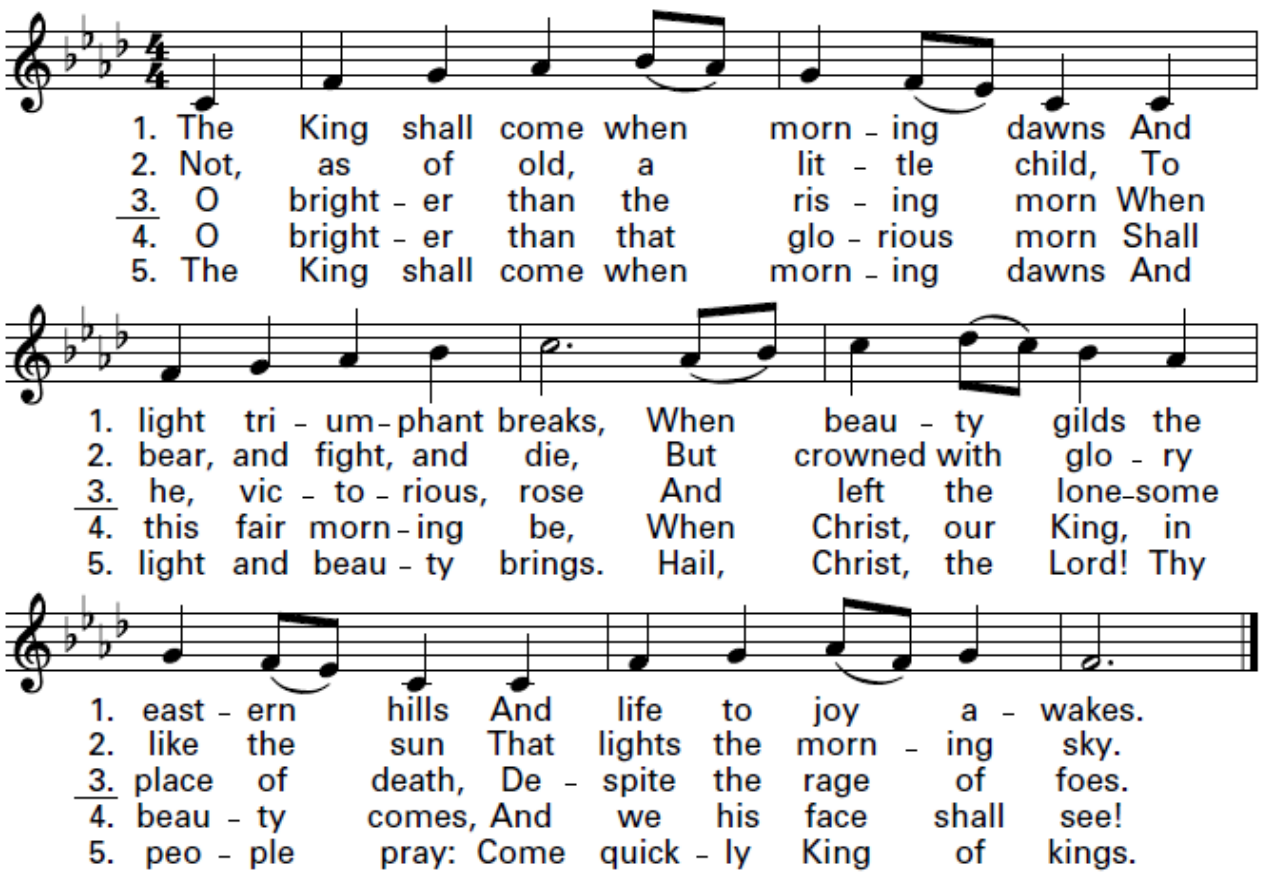
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

MORNING SONG



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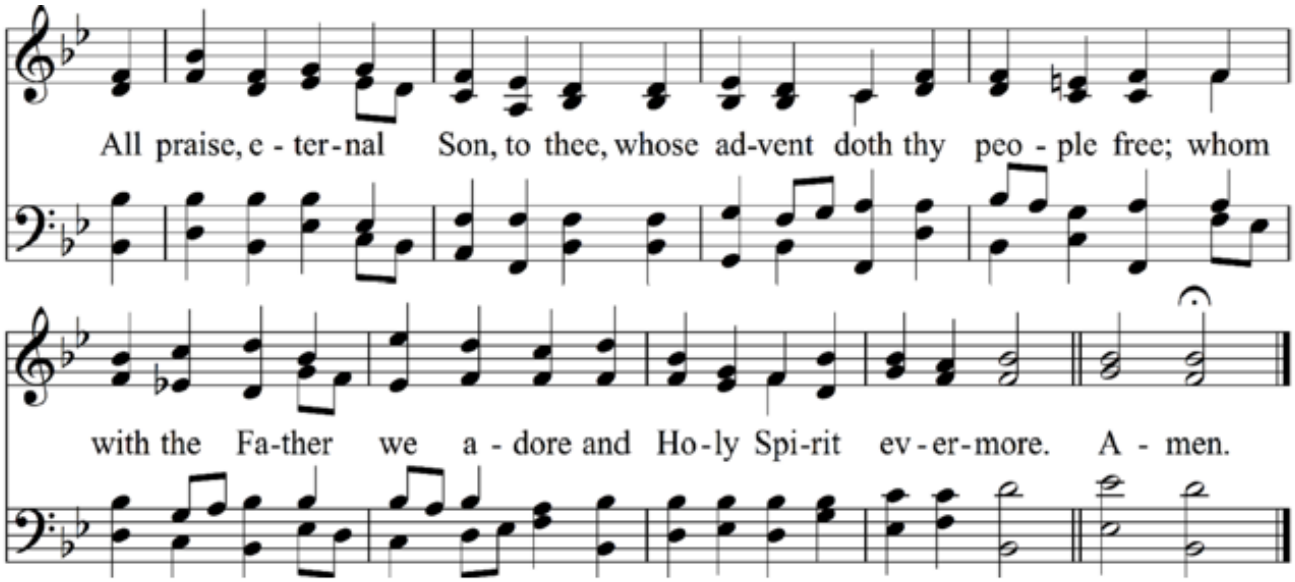
Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

Presentation Hymn "All Praise, Eternal Son, to Thee" Hymnal #76, v. 5



Words: Charles Coffin Music: Winchester New, William Henry Monk

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

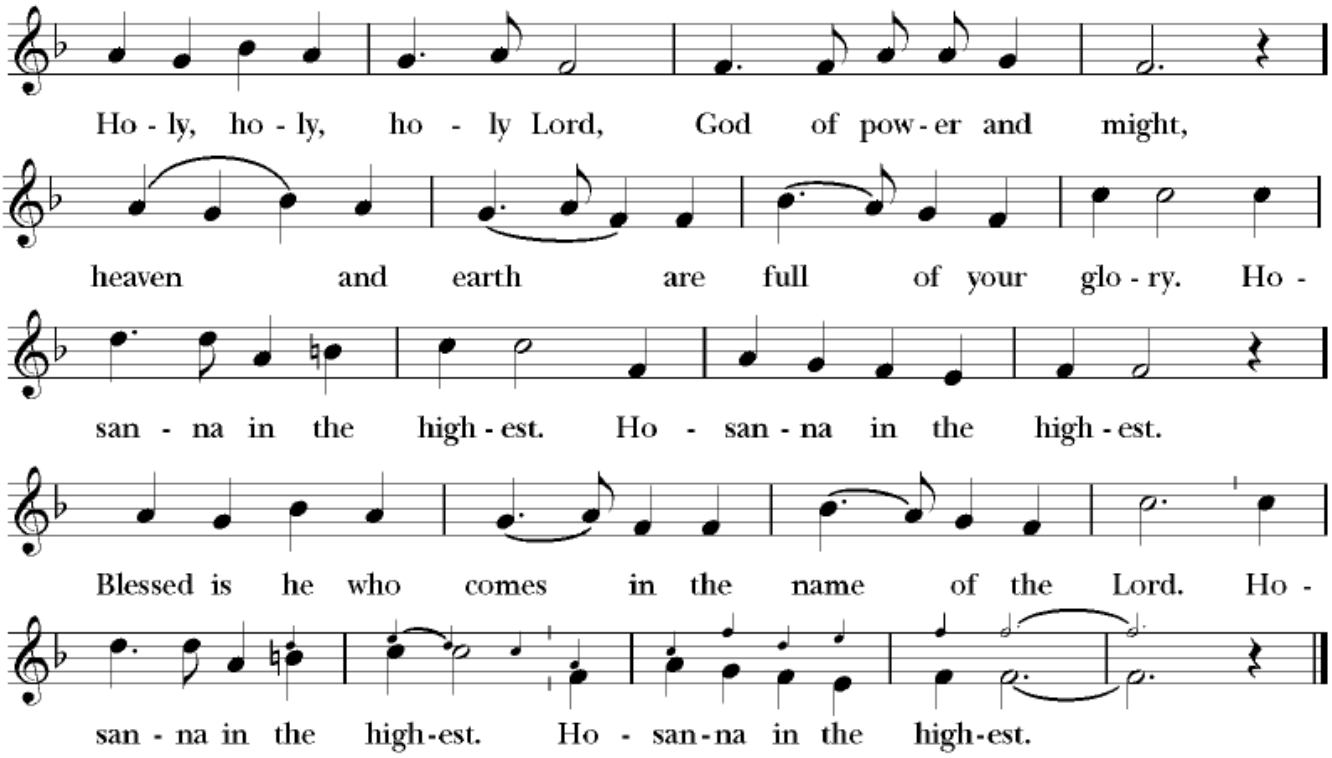
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS Hymnal #S125



Music: *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx

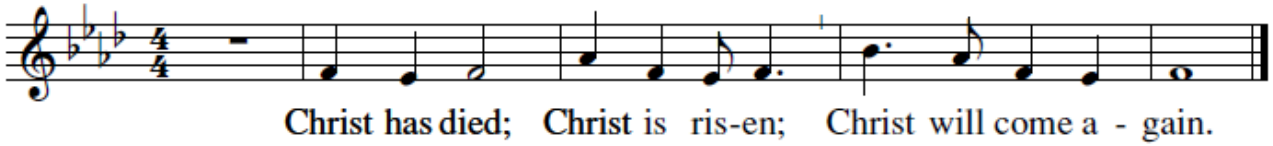
Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,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

Memorial Acclamation



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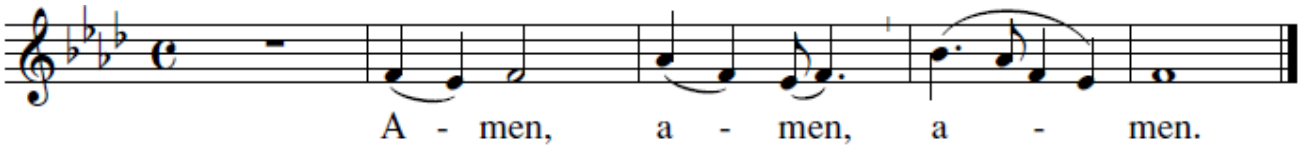
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen



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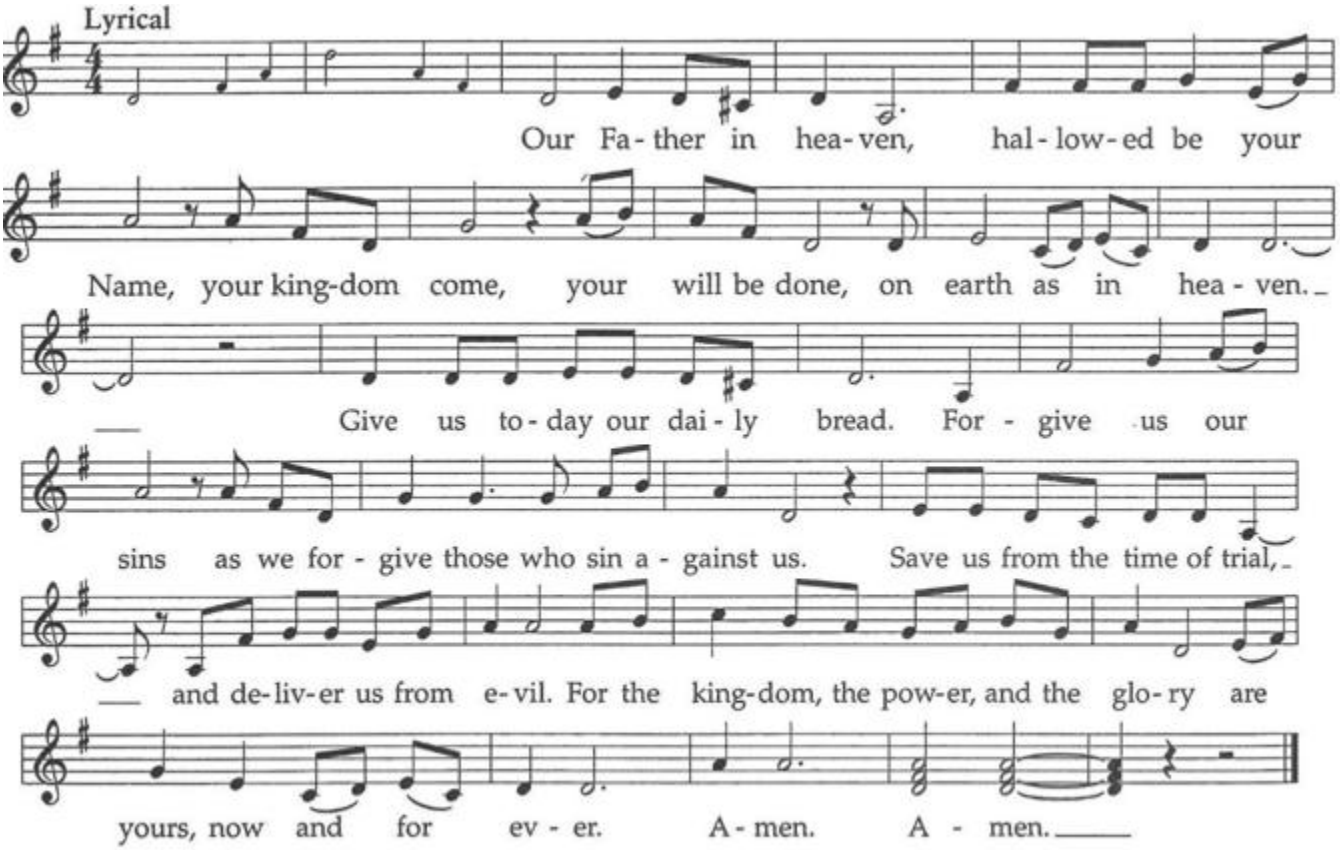
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Words: Book of Common Prayer
Music: *King of Glory Mass*, Betty Carr Pulkingham
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

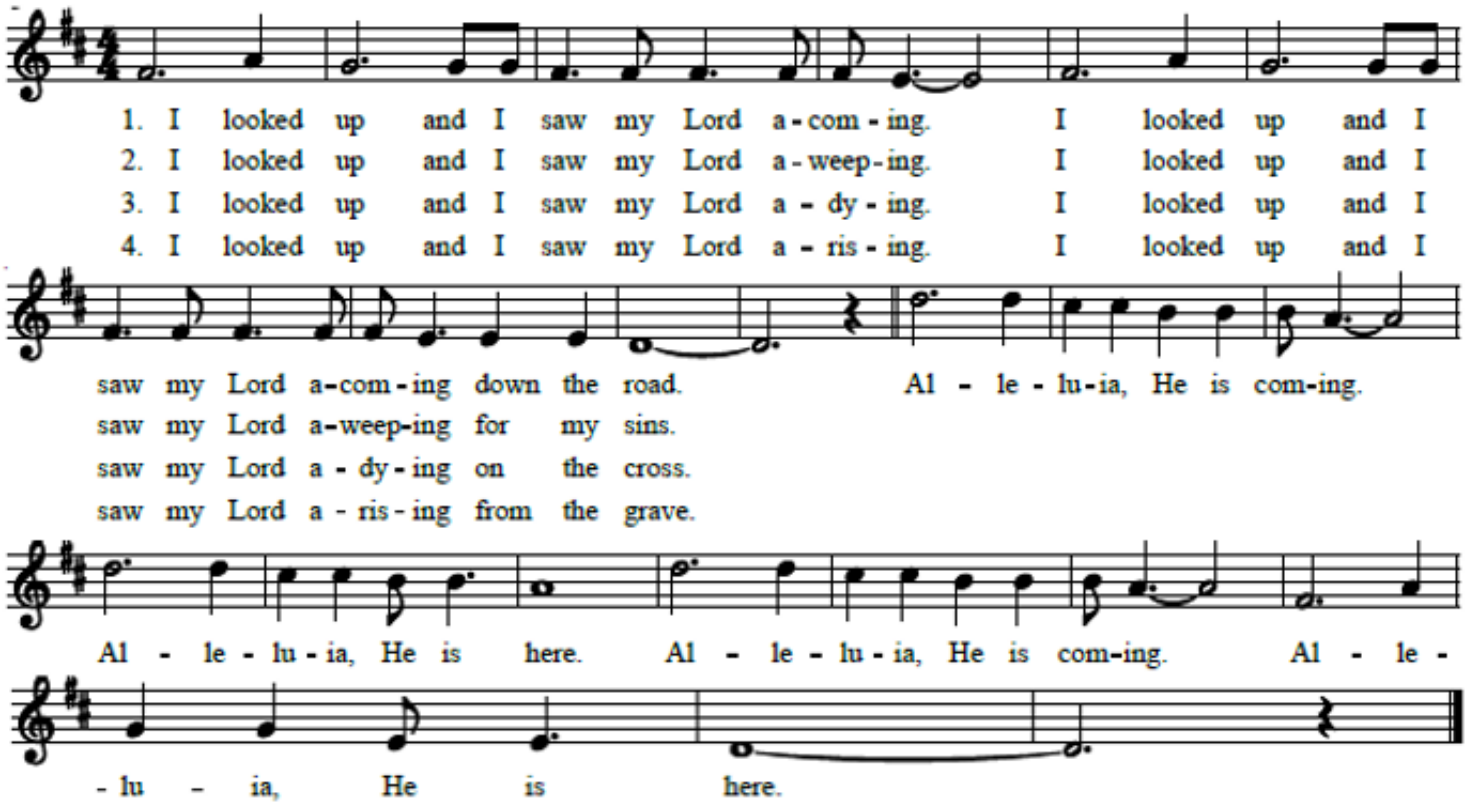
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion as the spirit moves you. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Alleluia He Is Coming"



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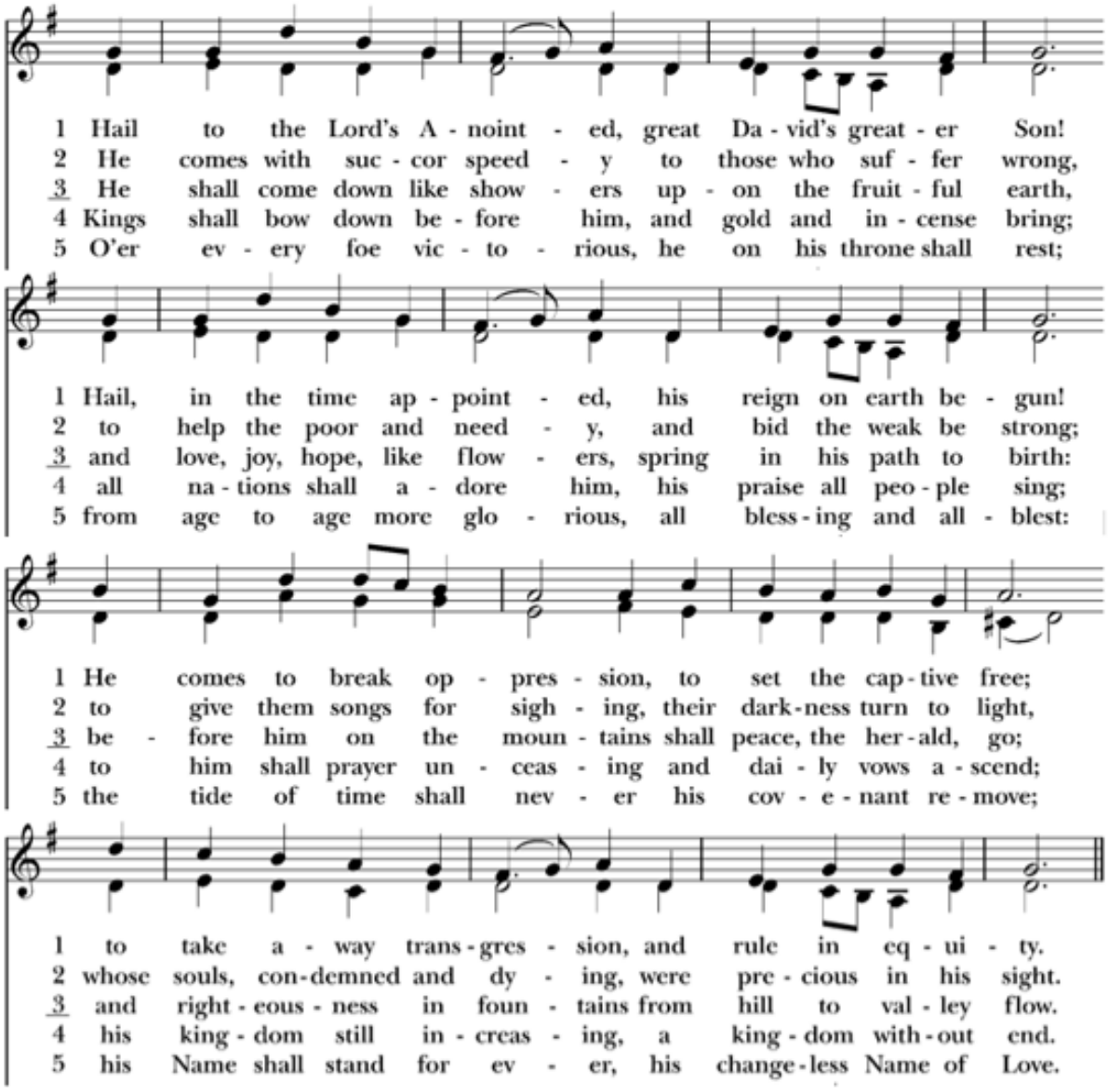
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal #616



Words: James Montgomery Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 29

Organist: Mary Butler	Acolyte: Kat Dittrich
Musicians: Choir	Chalicists: John Holbert, Kim Tompkins, Helen Lang, *1 needed*
Ushers: *2 needed*	Worship Slides: Karen Lance
Lector: *1 needed*	Audio Visual: Travis Collins

December 6 (Service at 10:15, Holy Cross Hall)

Ushers:	David and Ellen Anderson
Lector:	Ann Fariss
Acolyte:	Kat Dittrich
Worship Slides:	Jeanne Cox
Chalicists:	Helen Lang
	Kim Tompkins
	Jill Horn
	1 needed

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Janice Hobart Jill Horn Emelia Howe Deb Vana

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Linda Mauritz, in celebration of family birthdays in November.

ATTENDANCE: NOVEMBER 22

8:00 am - 28 **10:15 am In-person** - 61 **YouTube** - 5 **Facebook** - 7 **Total: 101**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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