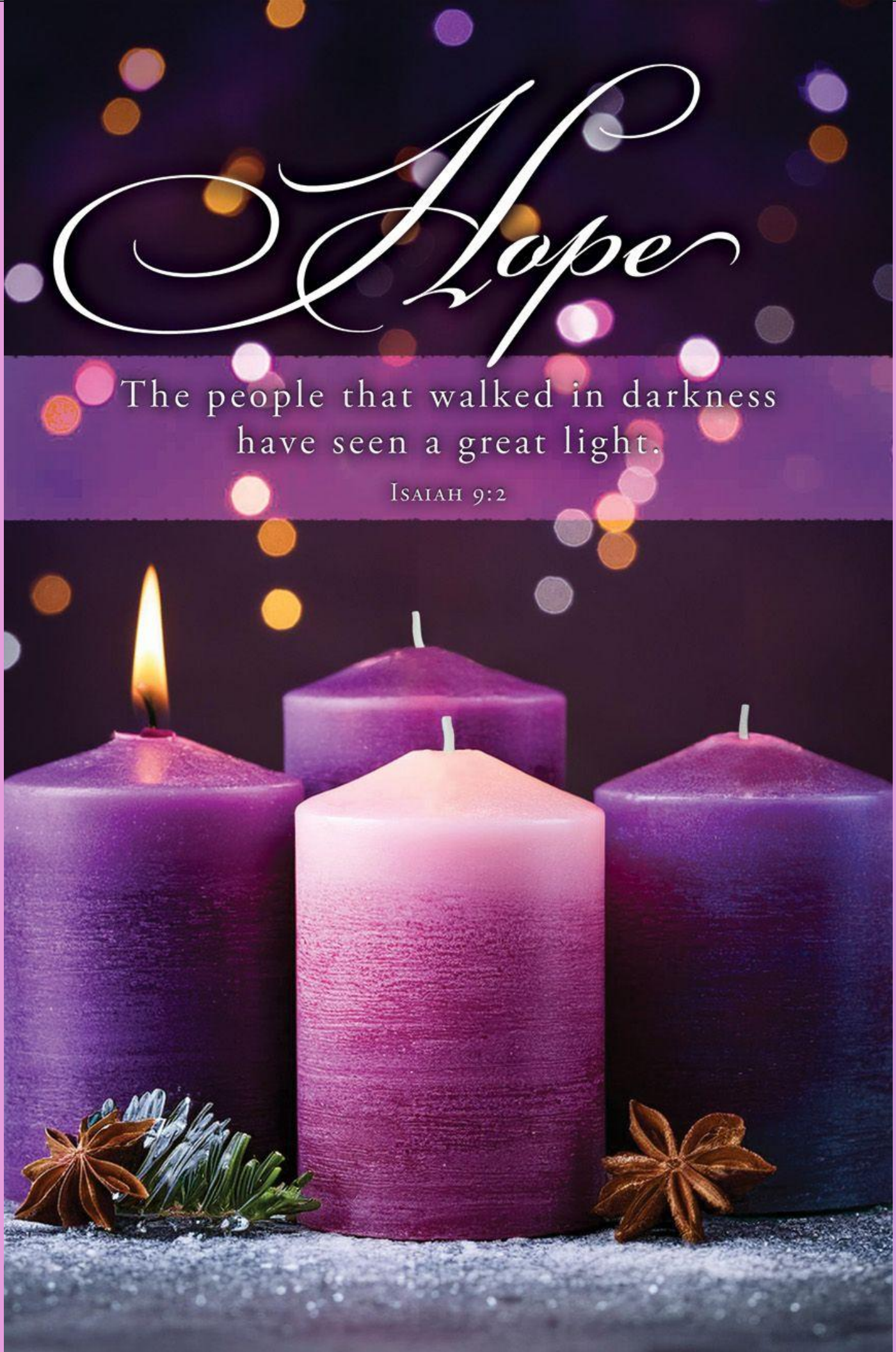
Hope
The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
Isaiah 9:2

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First Sunday in Advent

November 28 & 29, 2026

5:00 p.m., 8:00, & 11:00 a.m.

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AS WE GATHER

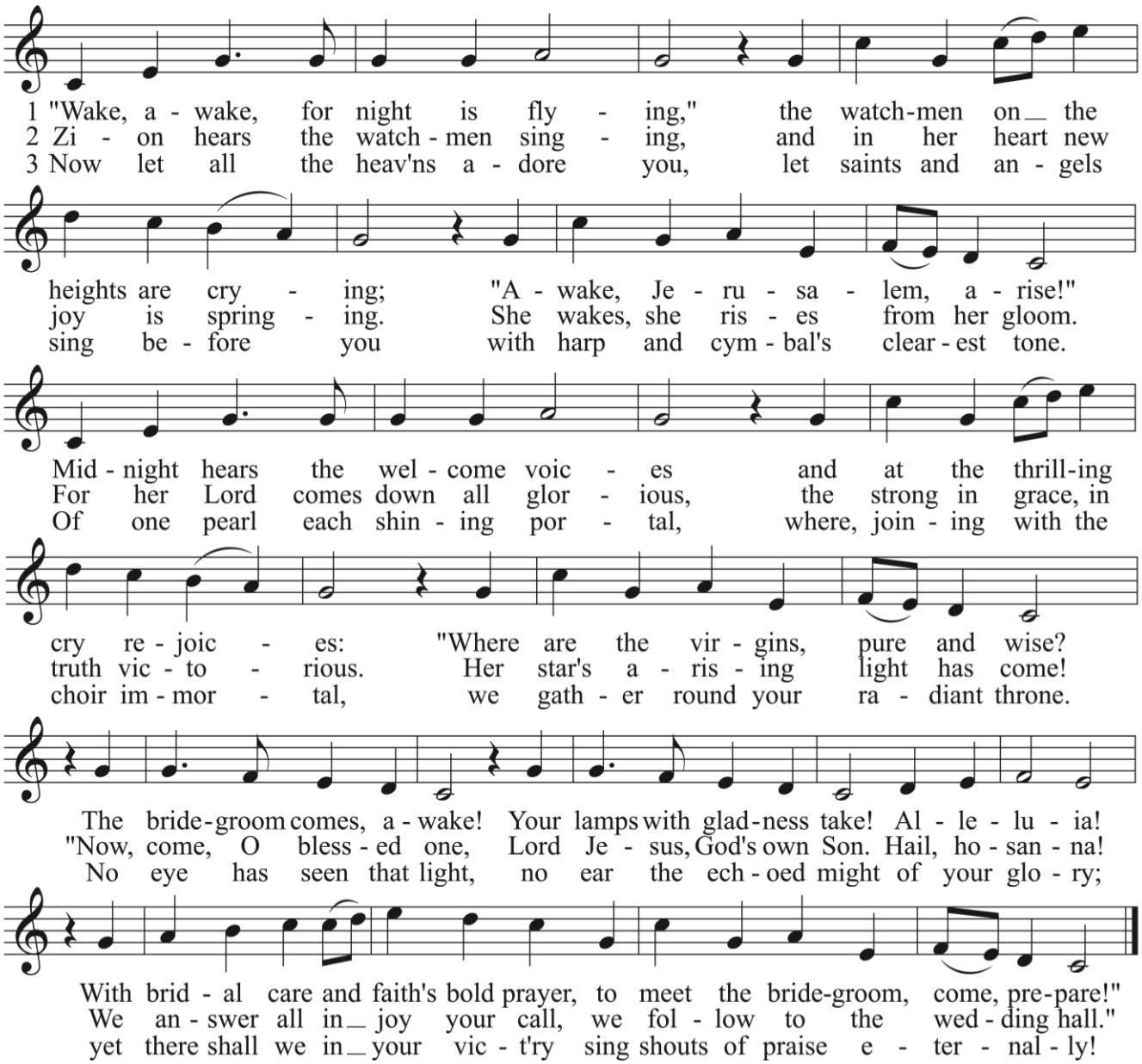
The First Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventtide. The word tide originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of the hymn "Arise, O Christian People," we pray to our coming King: "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide" (LSB 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and lives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

· **PRELUDE** *"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"* Setting by Jeffery Blersch

· **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)*

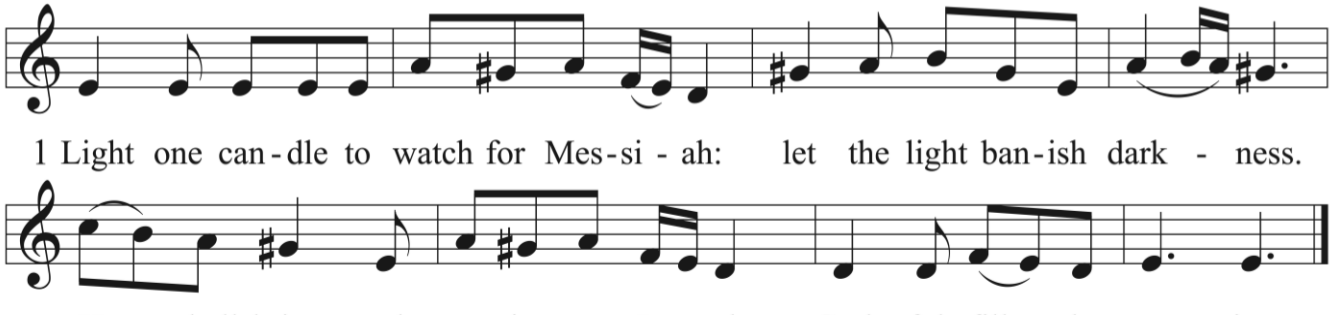
OPENING HYMN *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*



LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ☆ HOPE

One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope.

Dear Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine. Amen.



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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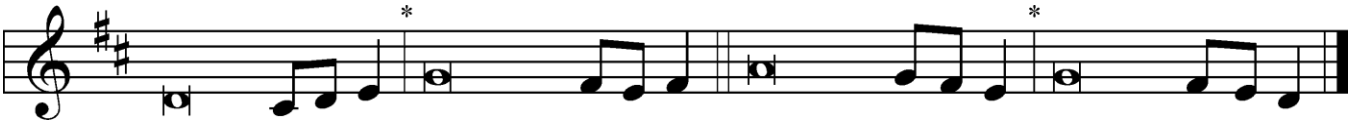
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

The Service of the Word

CHANTING THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-6, 18-19



Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,*
stir up Your might and come to | save us!
People: Restore us, | O God;*
let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!
O Lord | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angry with Your | people's prayers?

Pastor: You have fed them with the | bread of tears*
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.
You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.

People: Then we shall not turn | back from You:*
Give us life, and we will call up- | on Your name!
Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts!*
Let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!

All: ***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* And to the Holy | Spirit;***
As it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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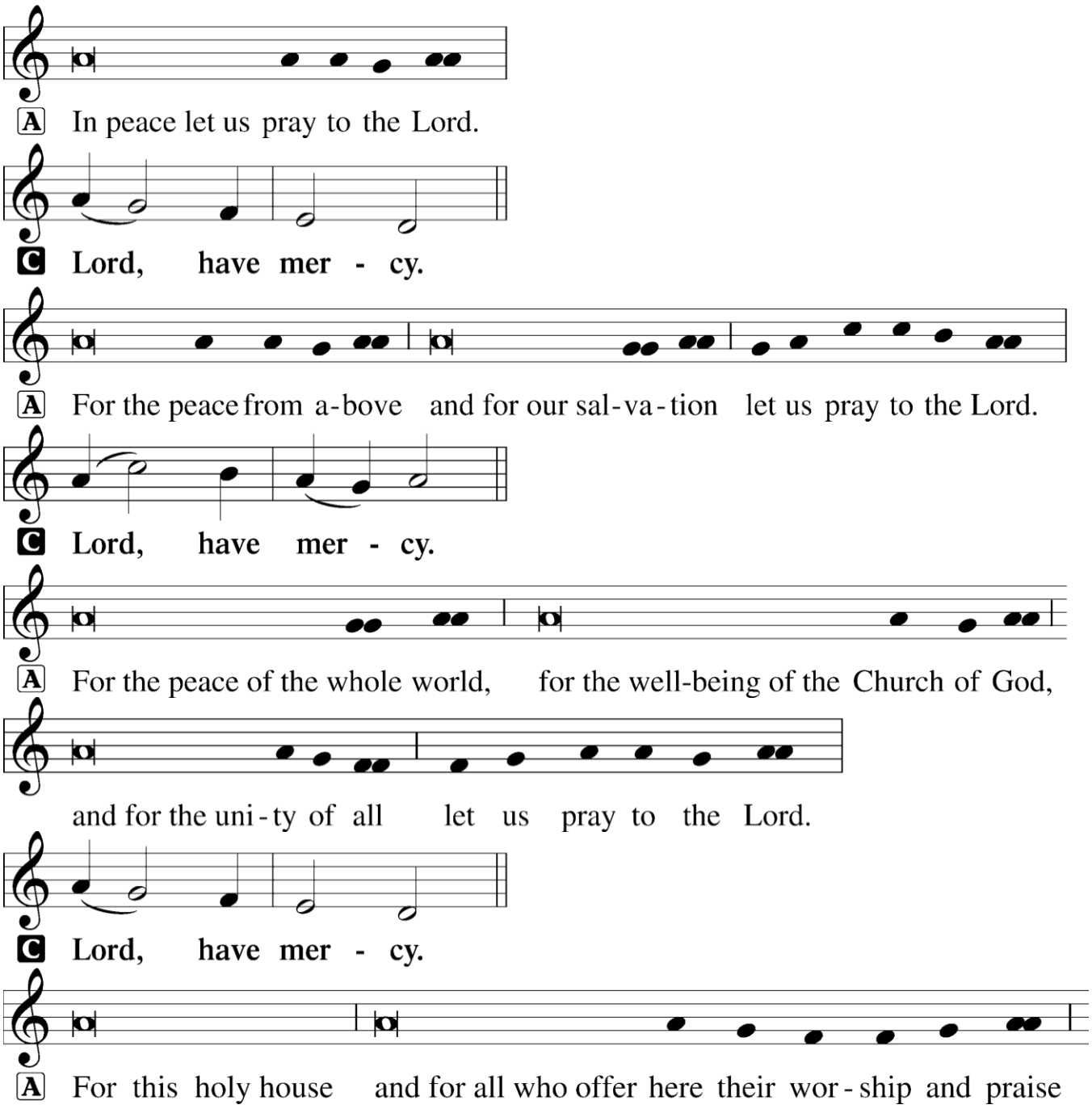

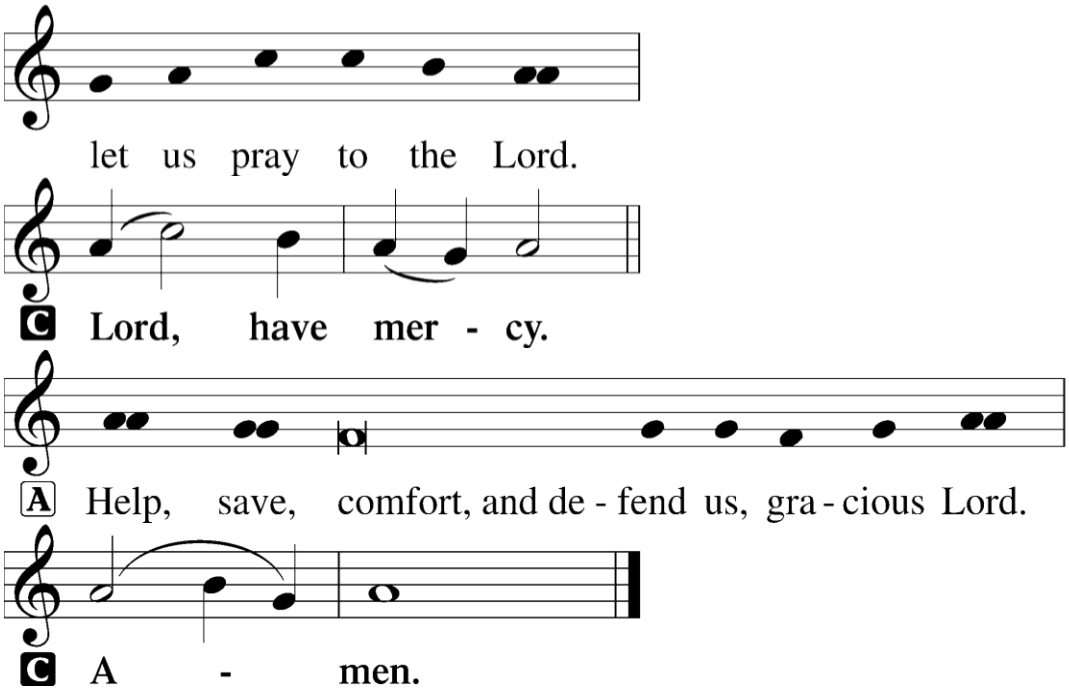

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with Your abiding presence. By the power of Your Spirit, direct our lives to repentance. Bless our devotion and our prayers and lead us in ways of faithfulness as we await Your final coming in glory as the King Eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 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 was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

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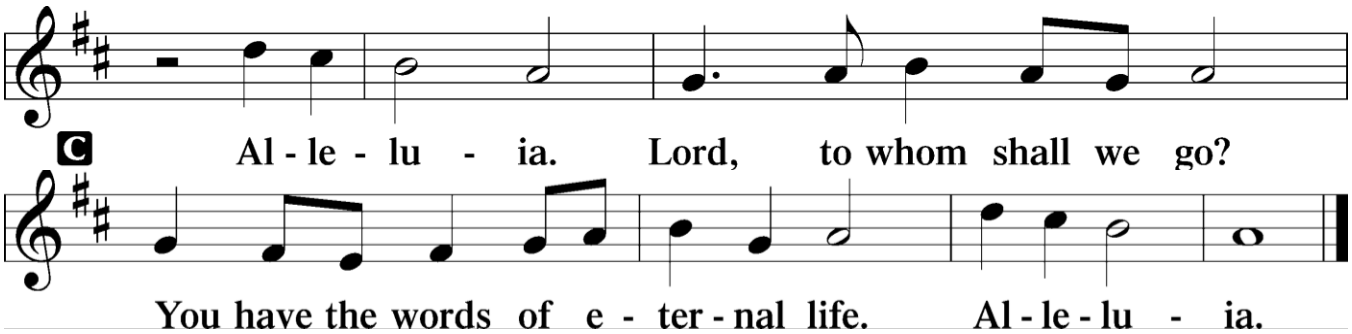
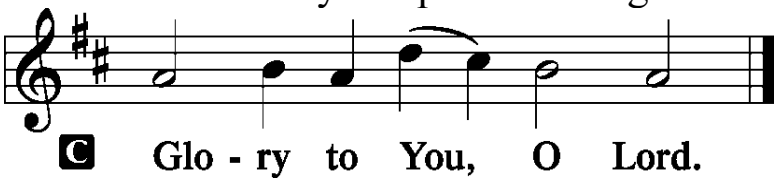


HOLY GOSPEL

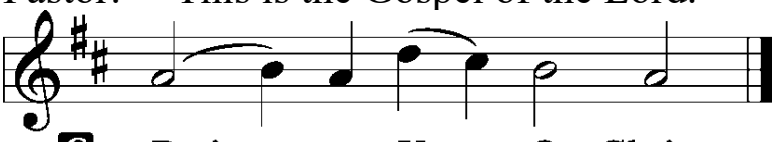
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



℣ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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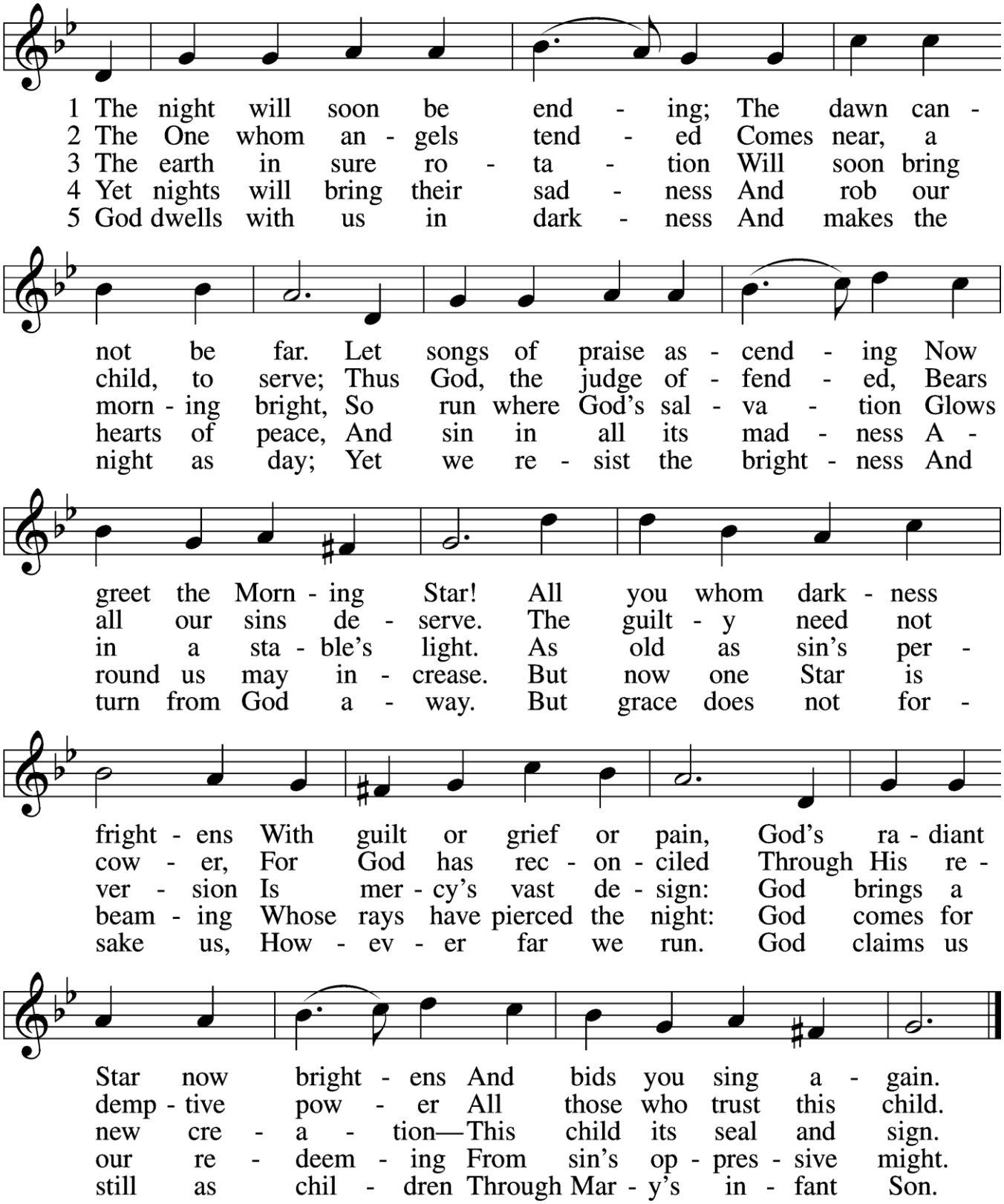


SERMON *"A 'Maranatha' from the Ruins"*

Pastor Owen Duncan

Text: Isaiah 64:1-12

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

OFFERTORY *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"* Wayne L. Wold

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE (5:00)

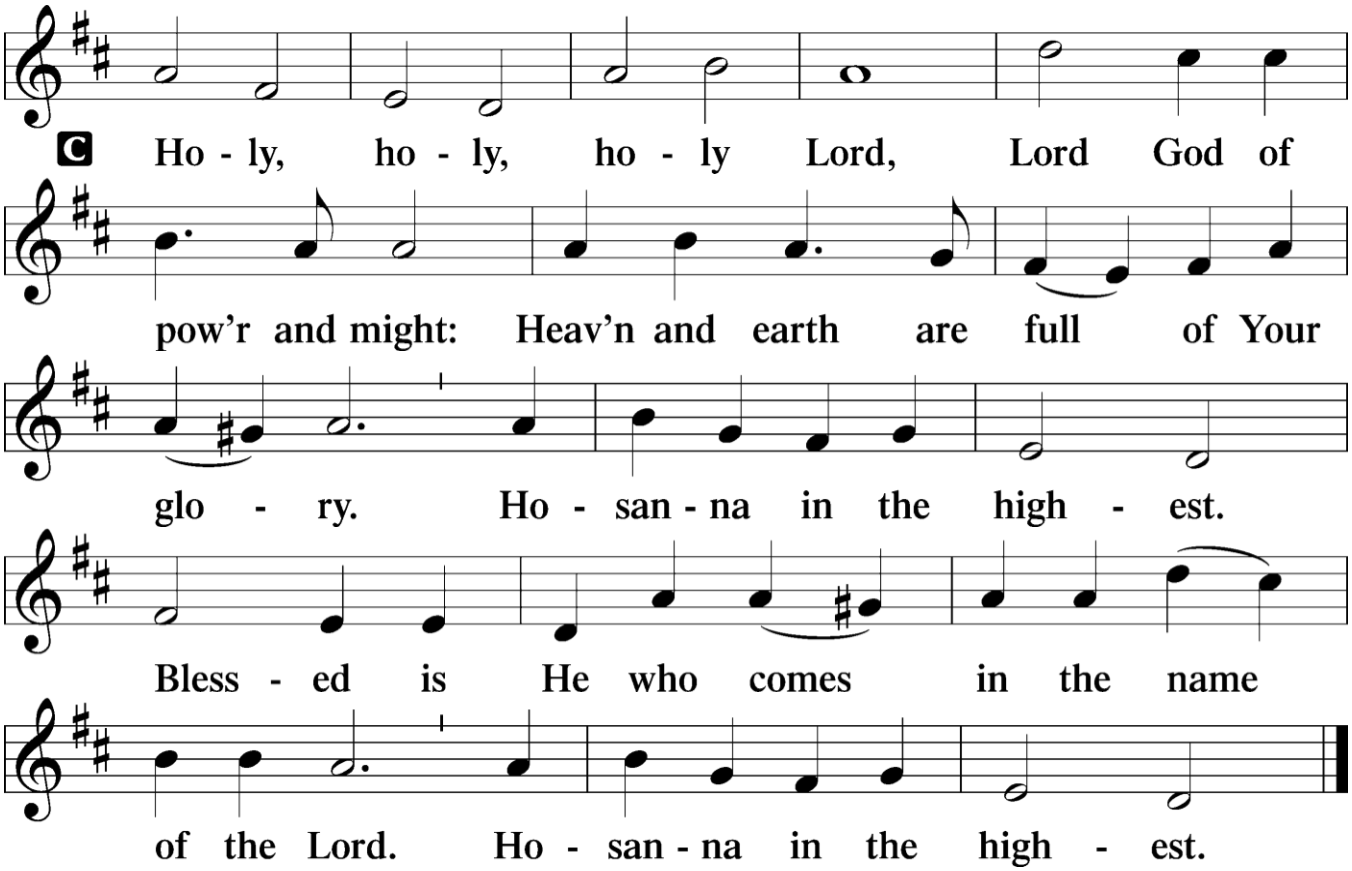
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (5:00) Page 178



WORDS OF OUR LORD (5:00)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI (5:00)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

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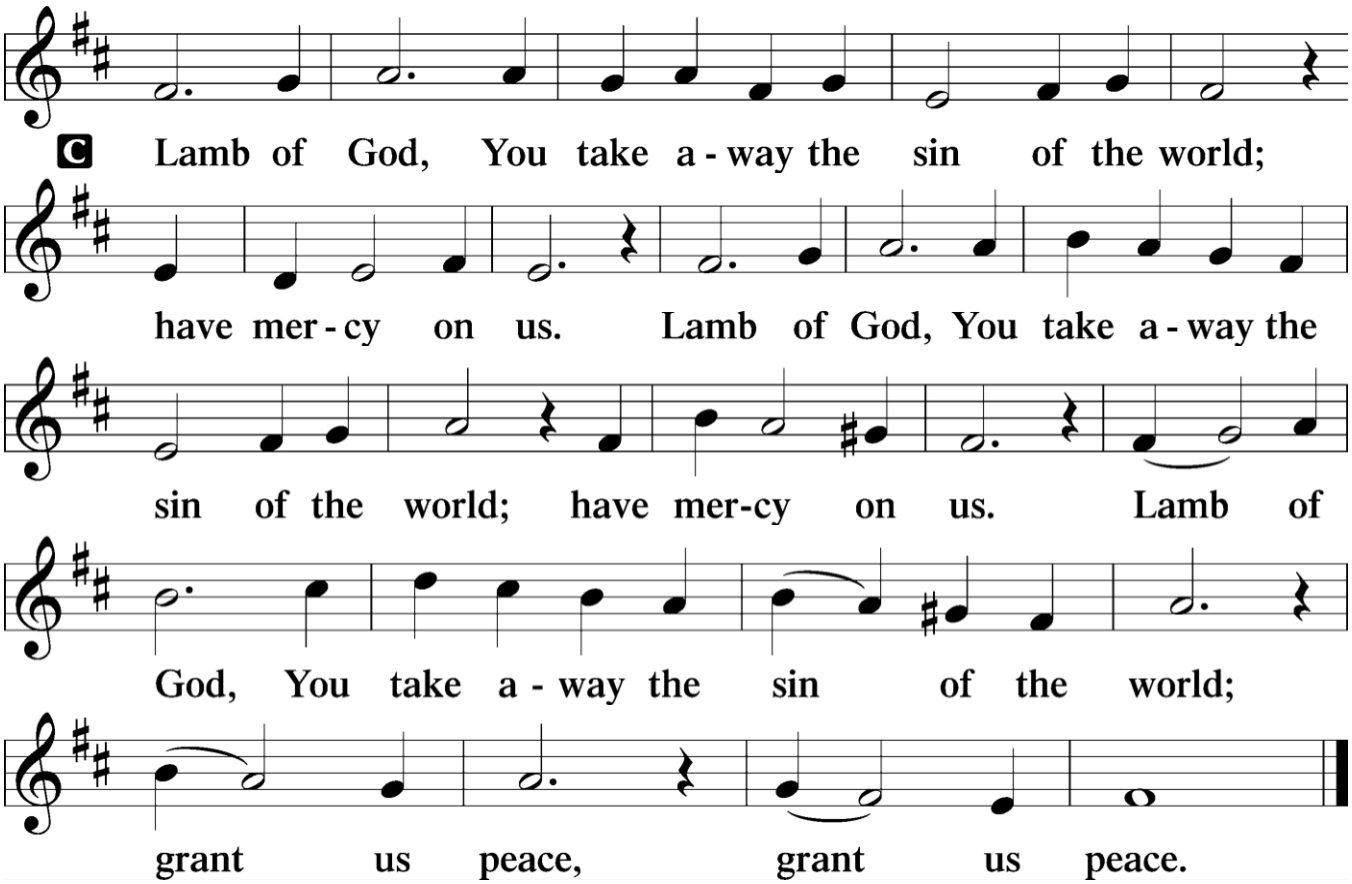


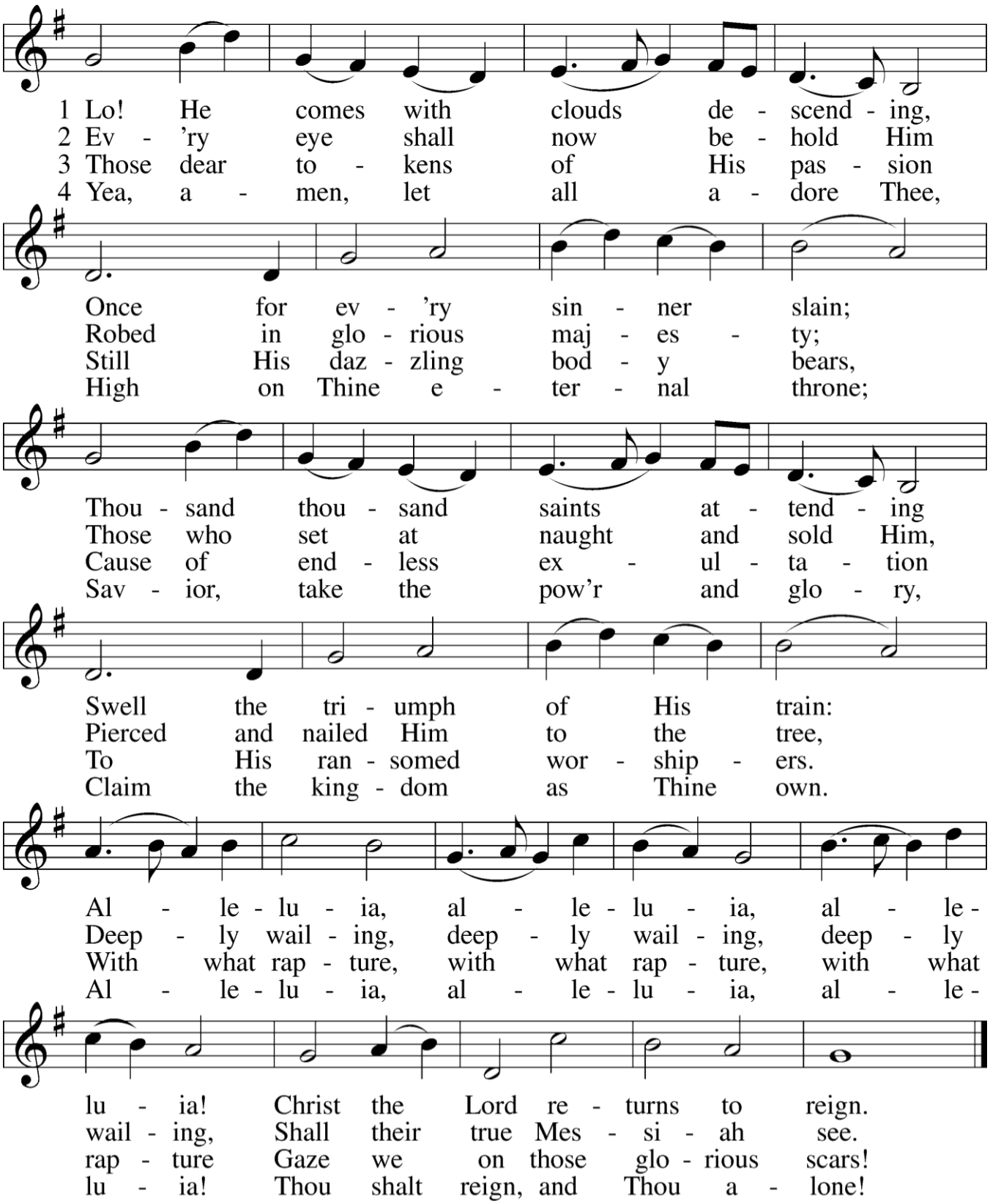
DISTRIBUTION (5:00)

"Whoever takes Holy Communion here confesses the teachings of this congregation" (1 Corinthians 11:26.)

If you do not agree with or do not know what we teach, you may still come to the rail – simply cross your arms as a sign that you do not wish to commune at this time. For more information, see our statement in the front of the hymnal or talk to a pastor.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and ✢ give you peace.
People: Amen.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Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;
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Those who set at naught and sold Him,
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Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
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rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

POSTLUDE