St Aidan's Episcopal Church

Camano Island, Washington

The First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.

ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CAMANO ISLAND, WASHINGTON

Welcome to St Aidan's! Thank you for sharing your worship with us. We pray you will experience God's presence in our worship and hope you join us again. If this is your first time with us, relax and simply follow along with those around you. Please fill out a guest information card located on the chair shelf, or sign the guest register on your way out. A few tips…

- **We all use Name Tags** to help us not only get to know our visitors more easily, and vice versa, but to refresh our memories about who we are. If you do not have a name tag, please fill one out for yourself and place it on your chest. Name tags supplies may be found in the green satchel on the shelf of the chair in front of you. If you desire a permanent name tag, sign up near the name tag wall in Dietel Hall *(no cost).*
- **Children in Church:** We love children in worship. The little noises and sounds they make are music to our ears. They are signs of life and God's grace. Teaching children how to worship and pray in church is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child. There are activity packs in the narthex for little ones who need more tactile engagement. If children become especially noisy (screams, yells, cries, etc.) feel free to leave the service and return when things are more calm. We have a nursery space near the main entrance that is quiet and has tables, toys, and things that may help. Coming and going from worship as needed is never a problem.
- **Prayers of the People:** Add names to the Prayers by telling the priest or the ushers, by contacting the church office, or by adding petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Hearing Assistive Devices:** Available at back of the church, behind the piano and organ.
- **Silence & Sacred Space:** Please observe silence before the service so others may pray and prepare for worship.

SERVICE ASSISTANTS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant:	The Rev. Frank Spina
Lector:	Nancy Pates-Riches
Chalice Bearers:	Bob P. & Mary McConnaughey
Acolyte:	Bob Perry
Ushers:	Dick Bingay & Bill Sontheimer
Altar Guild:	Susie White, Micki-Jo Palmer, Sue Perry
Flower Guild:	Mary McC *(next: Marilyn R)*
Counters:	Ethel Maxwell & Patty Dunphy
Childcare:	JoAnn Moffett & Deb Hubenthal
Music:	St Aidan's Choir Steve Jensen, Music Director Aaron Dull, Pianist Heather Frakes, Organist

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please contact the church office and let the parish secretary (Lenore) know. Thank you!

Ministry Leaders at St. Aidan's

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour: 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
Child Care: 9:00—11:30
Adult Forum: 9:15—9:45 a.m.
Wed. Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP:

THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE
Adult Forum: Dec 6, 13, 20 at 9:15

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & BAZAAR
December 12, 9-3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
with Jeff Johnson & Guests
December 21, 7:30 p.m.

COOKIES & CAROLS TO THE HOMEBOUND
December 21 at 12:00



ALTAR FLOWERS

Evergreens will take the place of flowers on the altar during the season of Advent. Please consider donating a Christmas poinsettia in honor of someone special.
See bulletin insert.

SEASON OF ADVENT

For Western Christians of the Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, Advent signifies preparation for a threefold coming of Christ: firstly in the Incarnation at Bethlehem, then in a perpetual sacramental presence in the Eucharist, and thirdly at his Second Coming and final judgement. Practices associated with Advent include Advent calendars, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, erecting a Chrismon tree, lighting a Christingle, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas, such as (sometimes) adorning the church in greens. Because Advent is a penitential season of preparation for Christmas, it is customary to refrain from setting out all of one's Christmas decorations or singing Christmas carols prior to Christmas Eve. There's no rule against doing these things, but it is very spiritually beneficial to let anticipation grow during Advent so that when Christmas arrives it is the beginning and not the end of the joyful season.

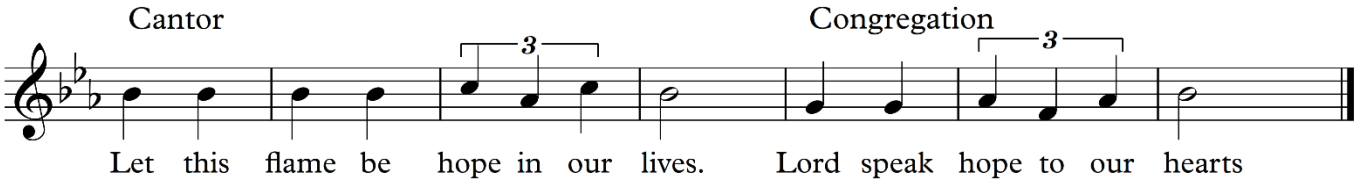
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



The first candle of the Advent Wreath is for Hope.

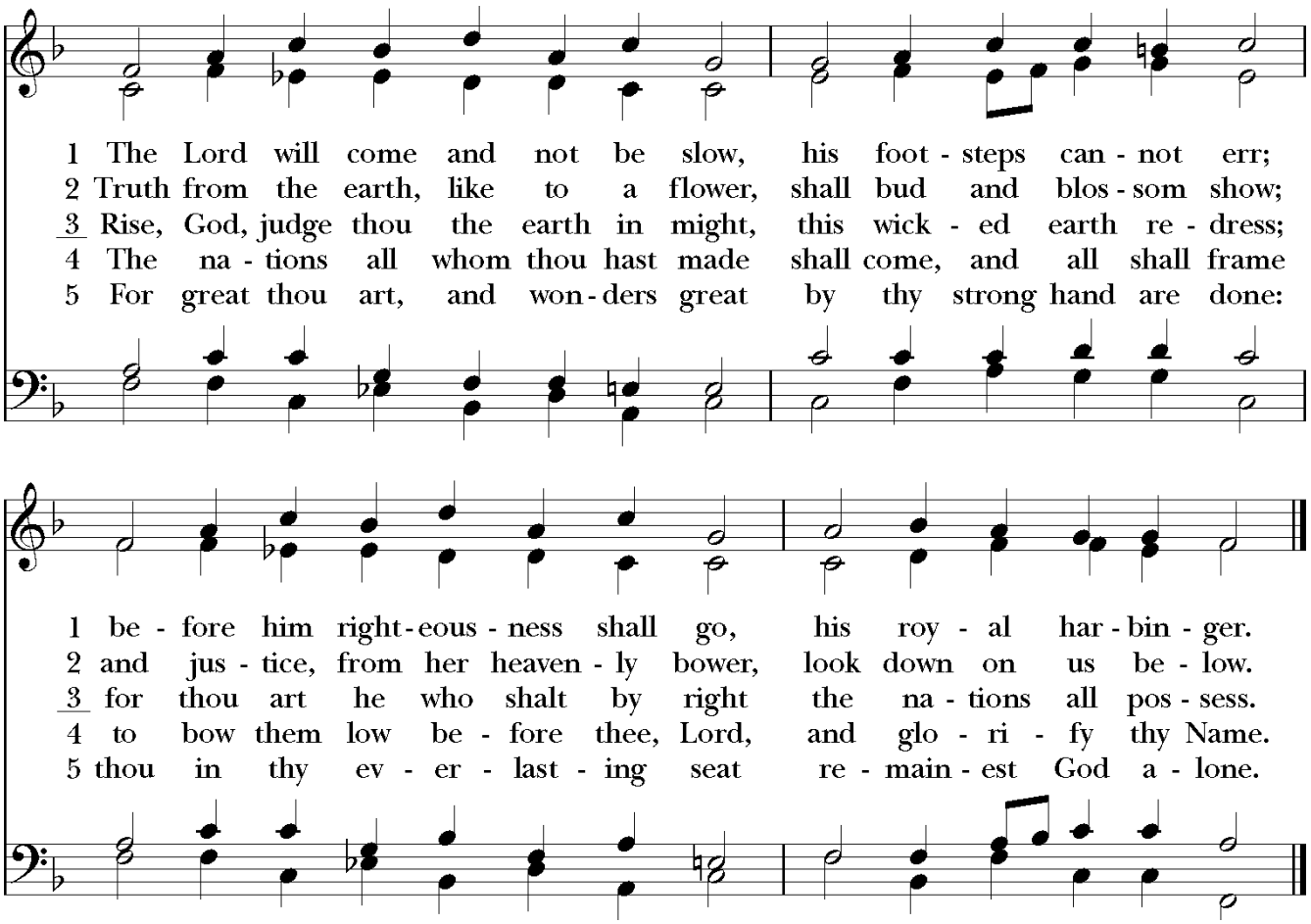
Lector:
The prophet Isaiah declares, "From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Isaiah 64:4 NRSV).

When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear,
we put our hope in God's steadfast love.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Lord will come and not be slow* **H 462**



OPENING ACCLAMATION

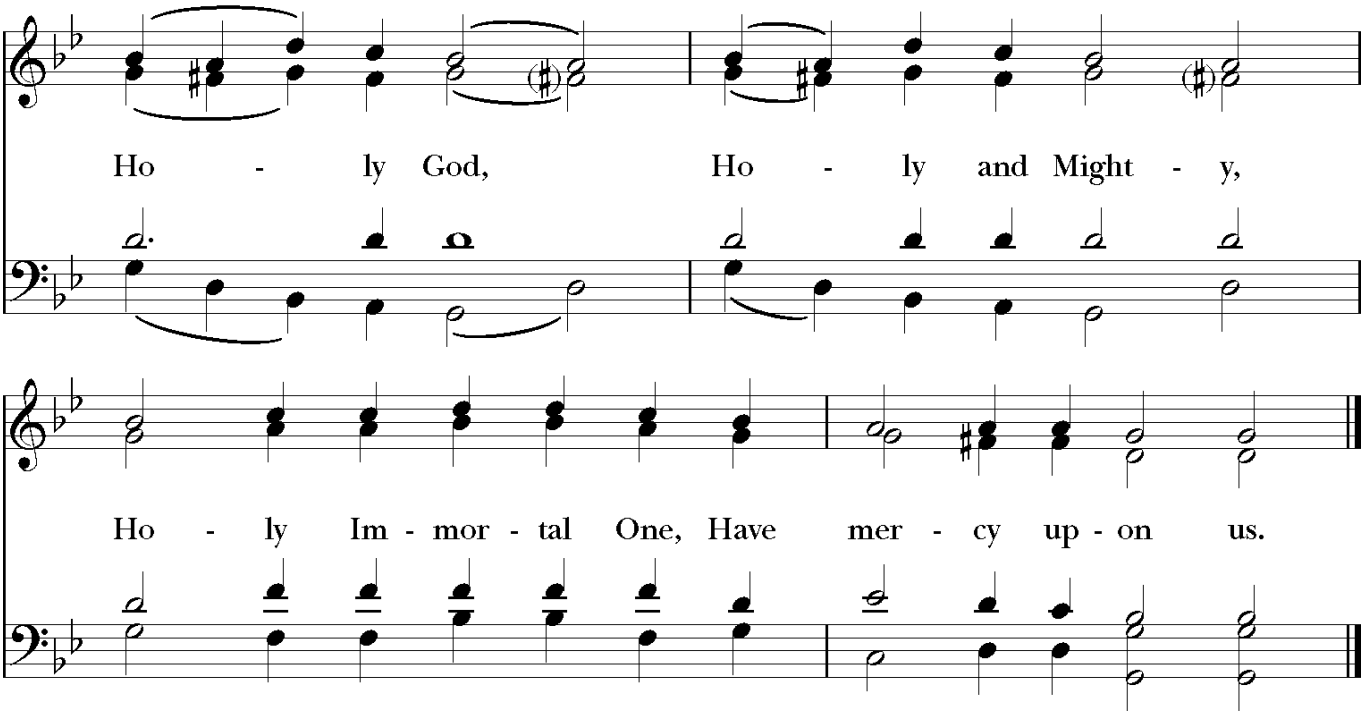
Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 FIRST LESSON A READING FROM THE PROPHET 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *80:1-7, 16-18*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon
the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for
yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

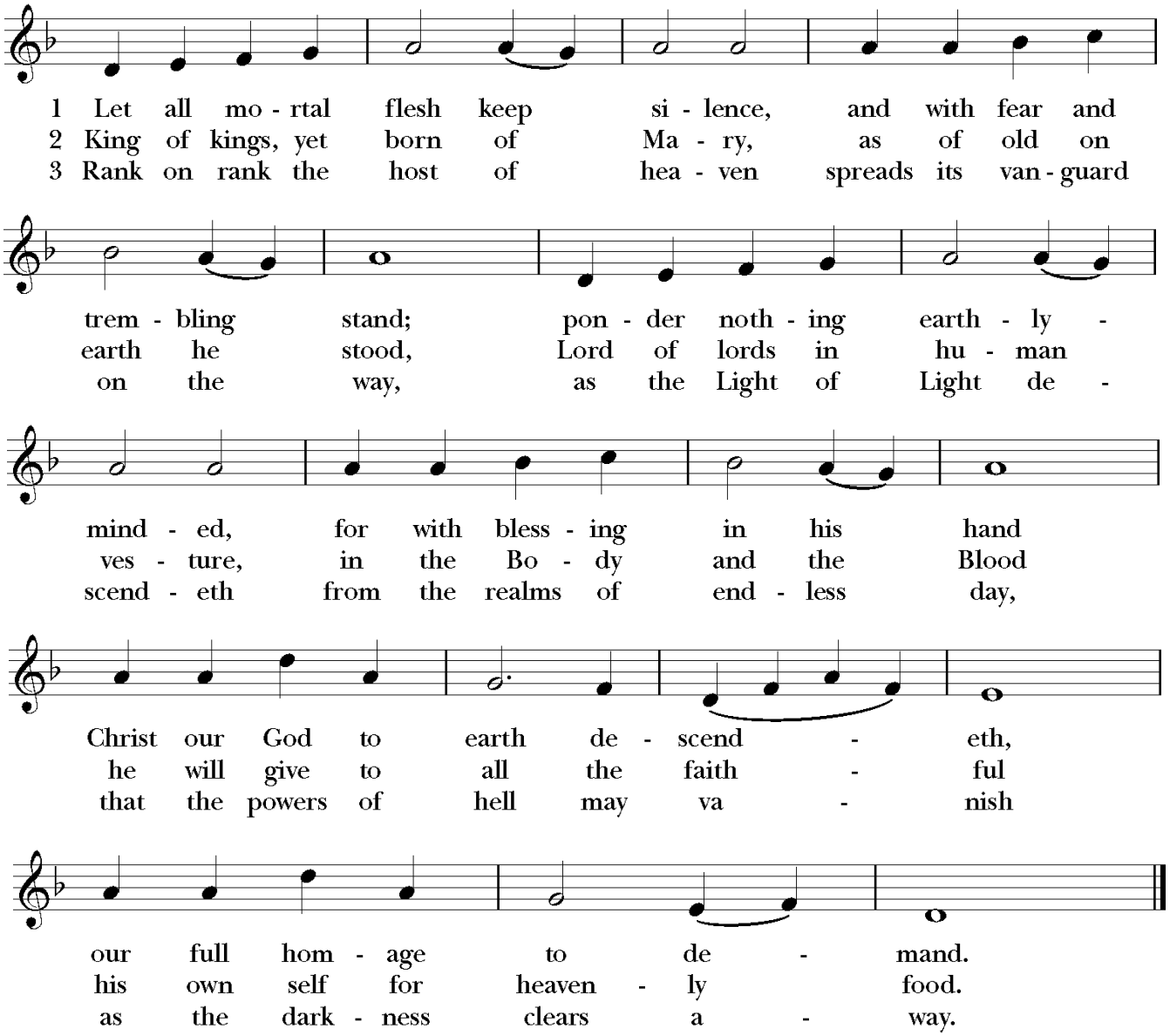
THE SECOND LESSON A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN *Let all mortal flesh* **H 324**



THE GOSPEL MARK 13:24-37

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev Frank Spina

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*

Celebrant
In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Intercessor
O God, you are the potter, and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We pray for the Church and its leaders; especially for our bishop, Phil, and all the people of this diocese; that you might form us and mold us into the church you would have us be.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring unending comfort; you feed your flock like a shepherd, and gather the lambs into your arms. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially **Kelly** St Martin, **Patty** Vermilye, **Mary** Burns, **Jackie** Humes-Fear, **Joy** Strain, **David** Miller, **Judy** Trammell, **Don** Perry, **Chris** Clark, **Thomas** Semkow, **Robert** Semkow, **Barbara** Brooks, **Jessica** Larsen, **Arra** Morrison, **Michelle** Swain, **Bill** Vermilye, **Tony** Conner, **Gino** Conner, **Sandra** Barnhill Harris, **Jerry** Sheehan, **Wendy** Campbell, and **Patty** Both.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer, especially **Marno** Goetsch.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Celebrant
Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him.
Amen.

**Prayers of the people written by the Rev. Reck Morley*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant adds these words of absolution
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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

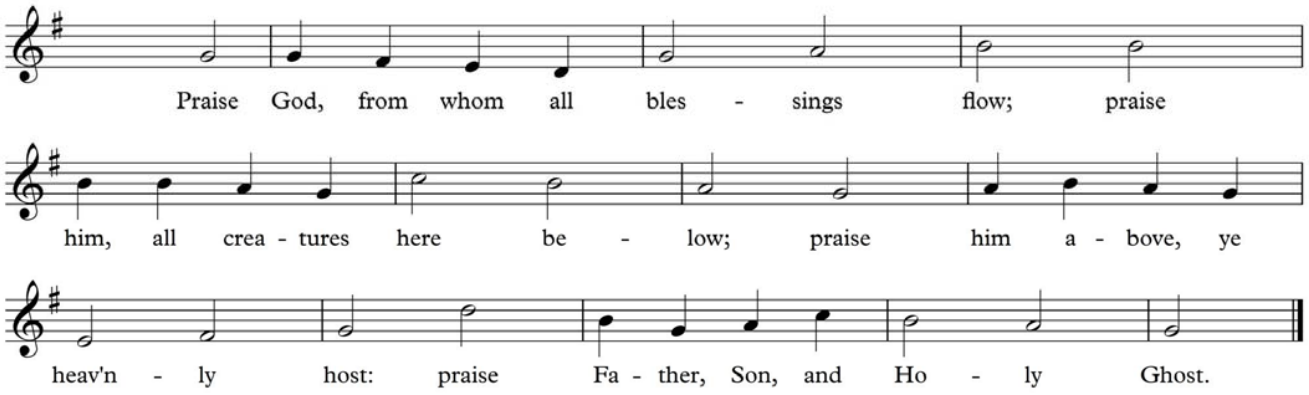
ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, TRAVELERS' PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Longing for Light (Farrell)* **St Aidan's Choir**

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand at the singing of the doxology for the presentation of the offering at the altar.*

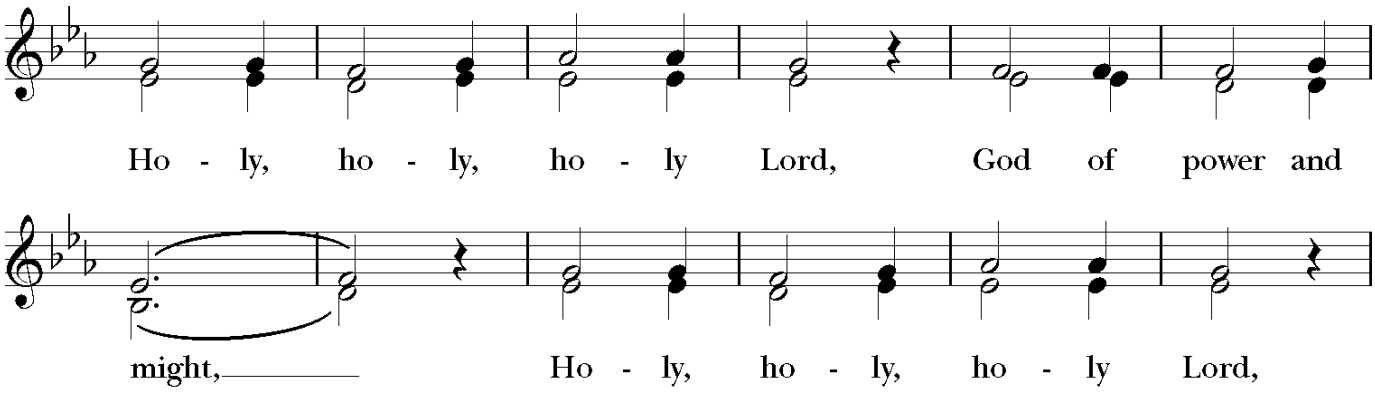


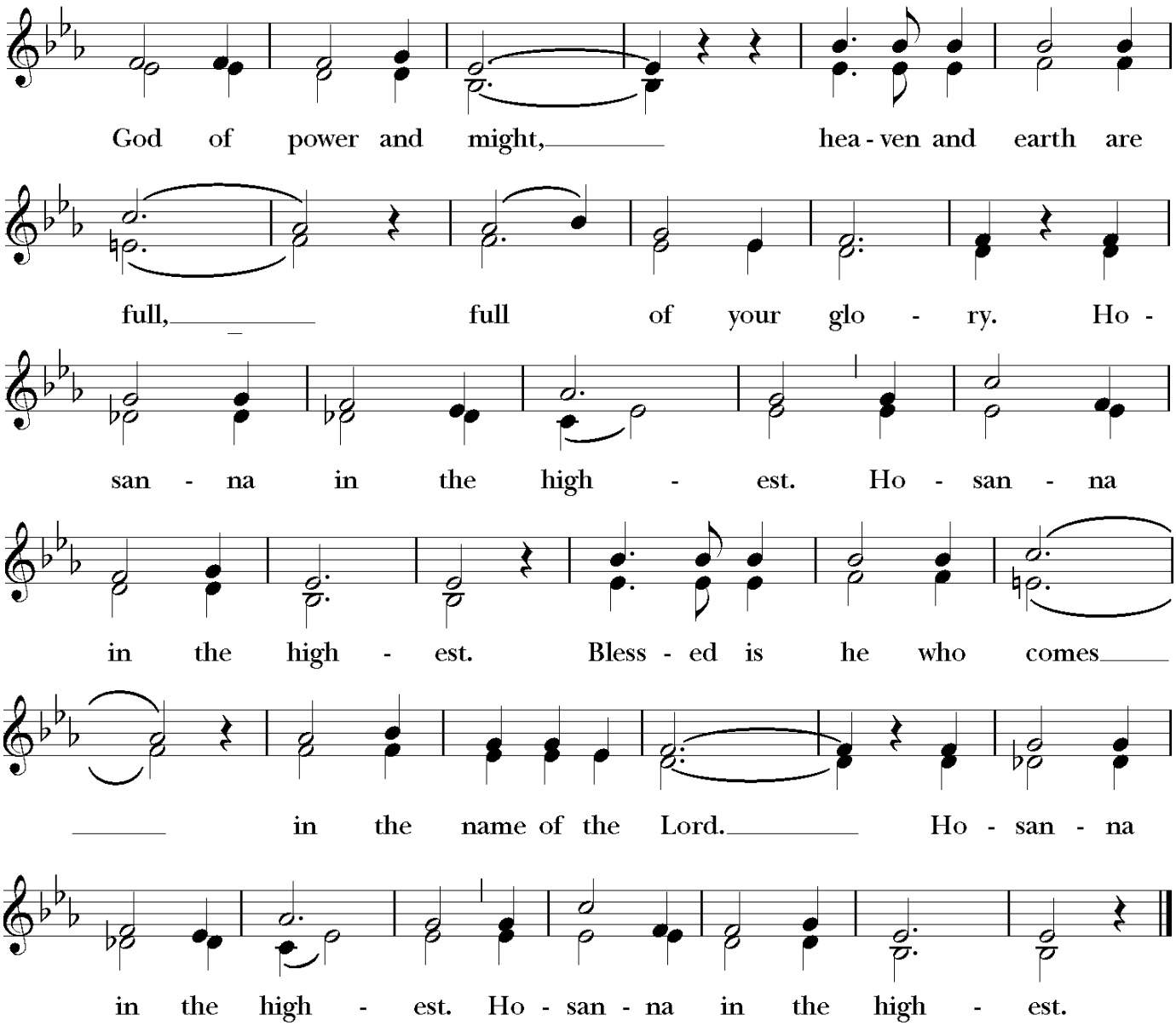
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



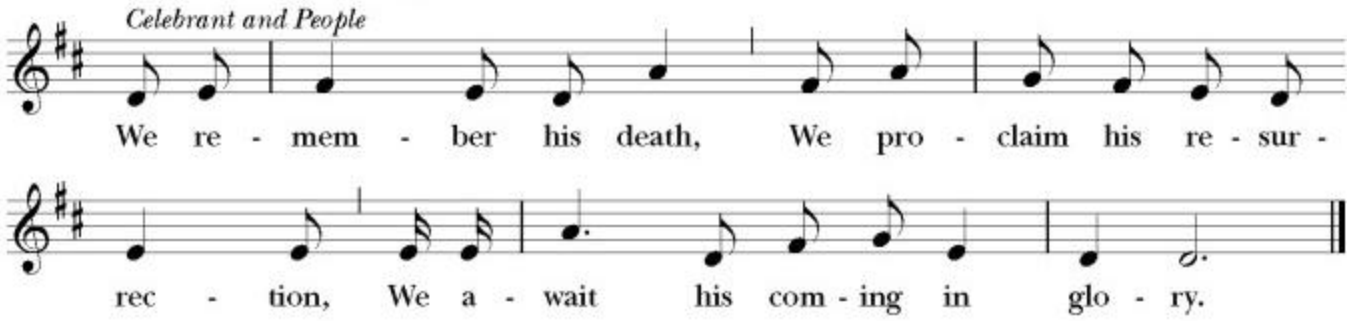


We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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,



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. **AMEN.**

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

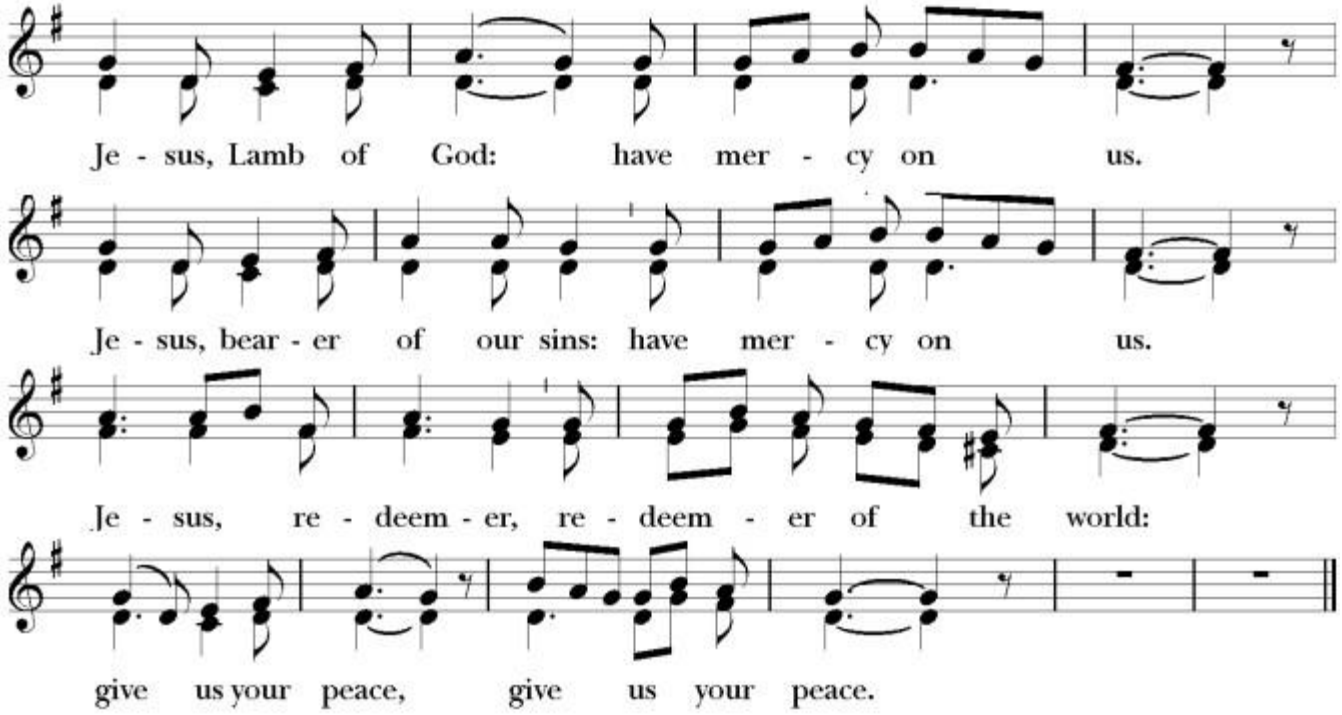
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION HYMN



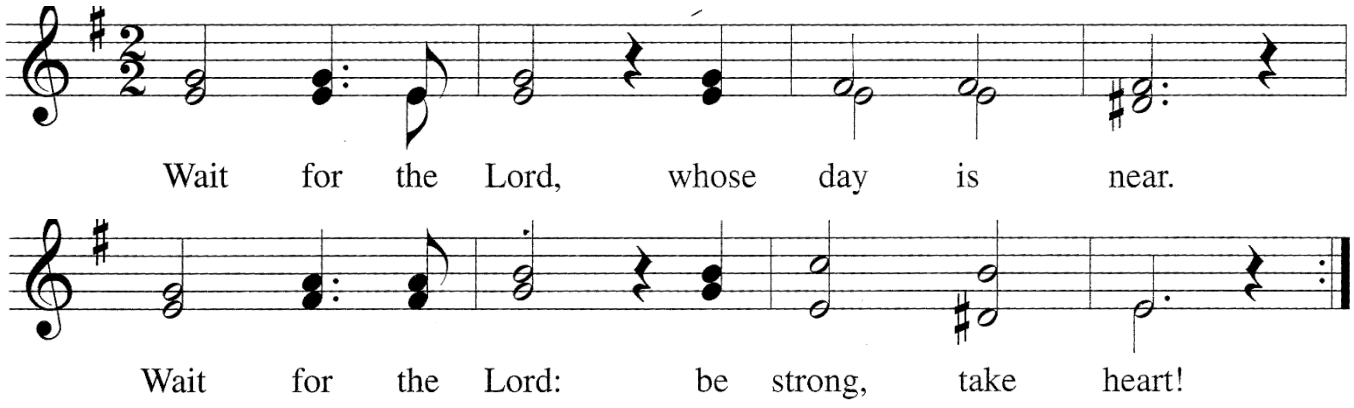
Facing the people, the Celebrant says:
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

All who desire a deeper walk with Christ *are welcome at the altar for Holy Communion.*

- *The wine is received by sipping or intinction (dipping the bread in the wine before eating it).*
  ** Please be mindful to not let fingers touch the wine when intincting the bread. **
- *If you wish to receive the bread only and not the wine cross arms over your chest as the chalice is presented to you.*
- *If you need gluten-free bread, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*
- *If you do not wish to receive Communion but rather desire a blessing, cross arms over your chest at the altar rail.*
- *If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time you may choose to remain in your seat for prayer.*
- *If you are not baptized but want to explore becoming baptized, please let someone, like an usher, know.*
  A priest will be delighted to work with you and talk with you about next steps.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Wait for the Lord (Taize)*



THE THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

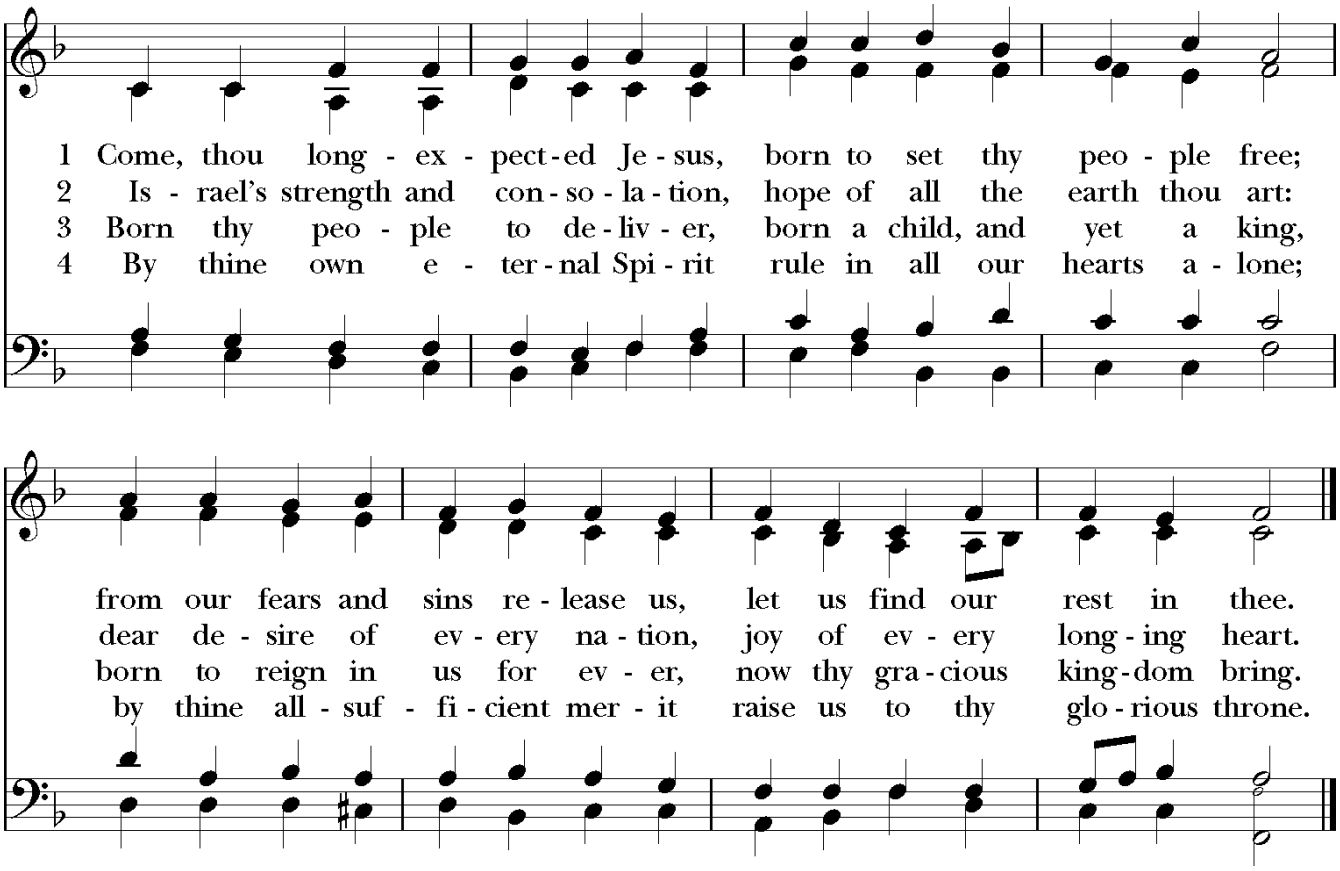
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, thou long expected Jesus* **H 66**



THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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