Sunday, November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn **Red Hymnal #242**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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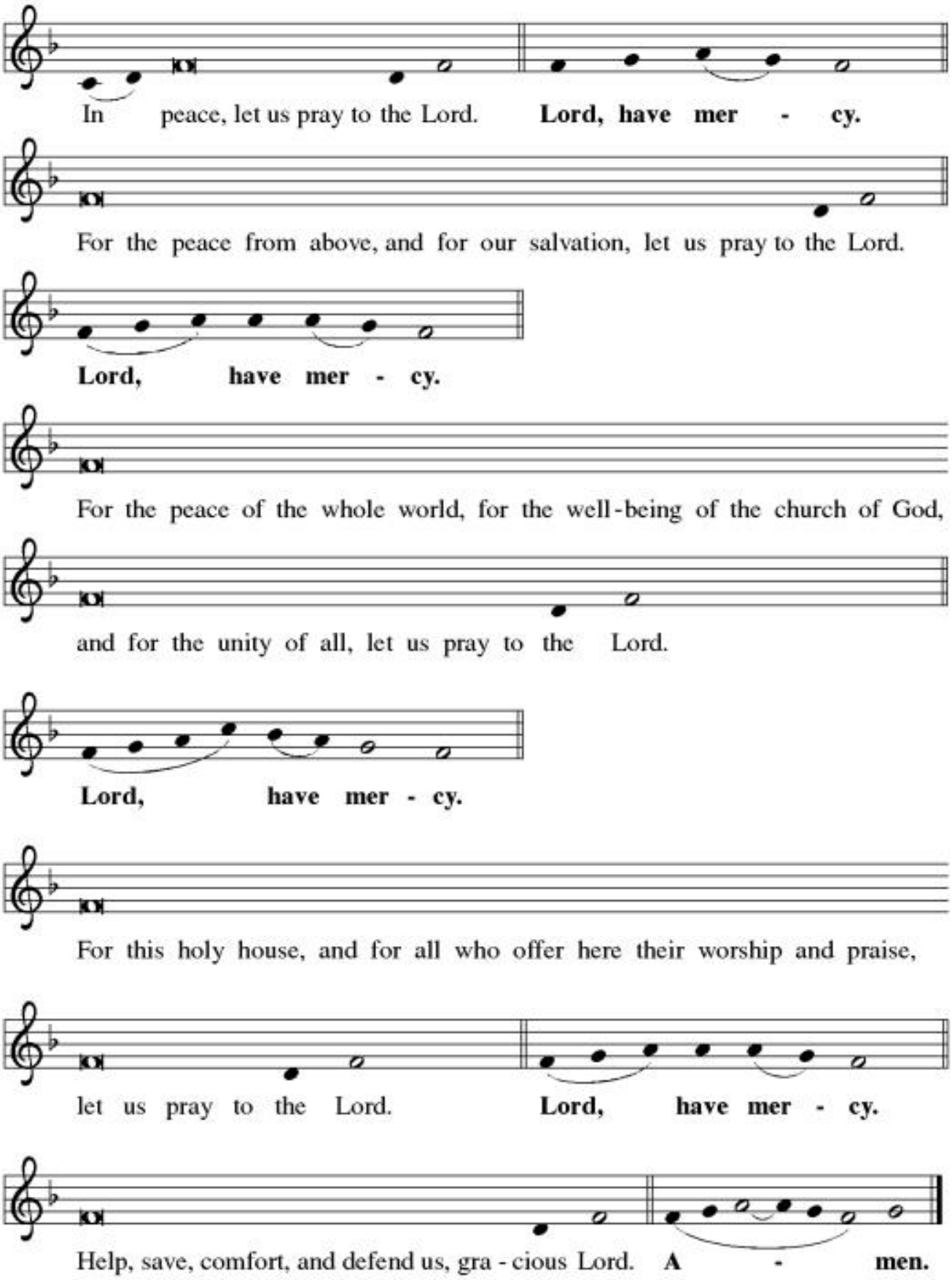

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Isaiah, the Sixty-Fourth Chapter.

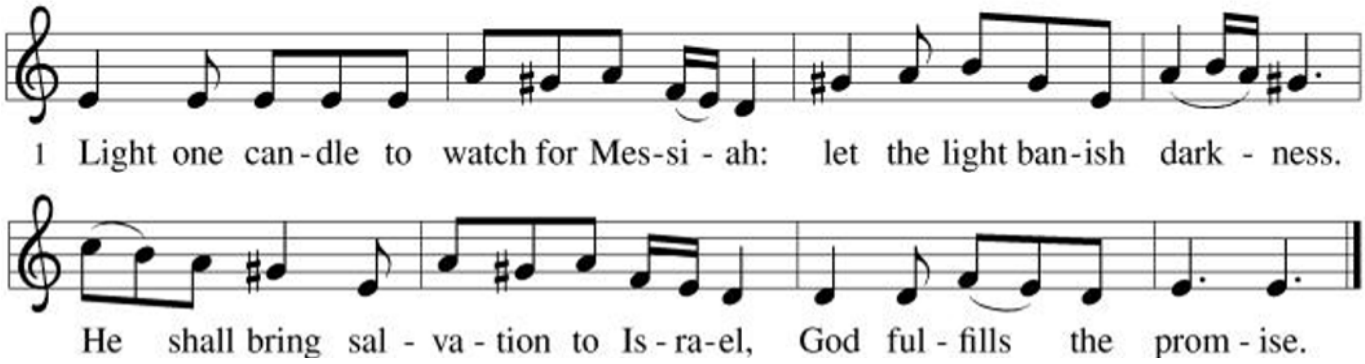
[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4] 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.
[5] 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.
[6] 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.
[7] 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.
[8] Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter One.

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

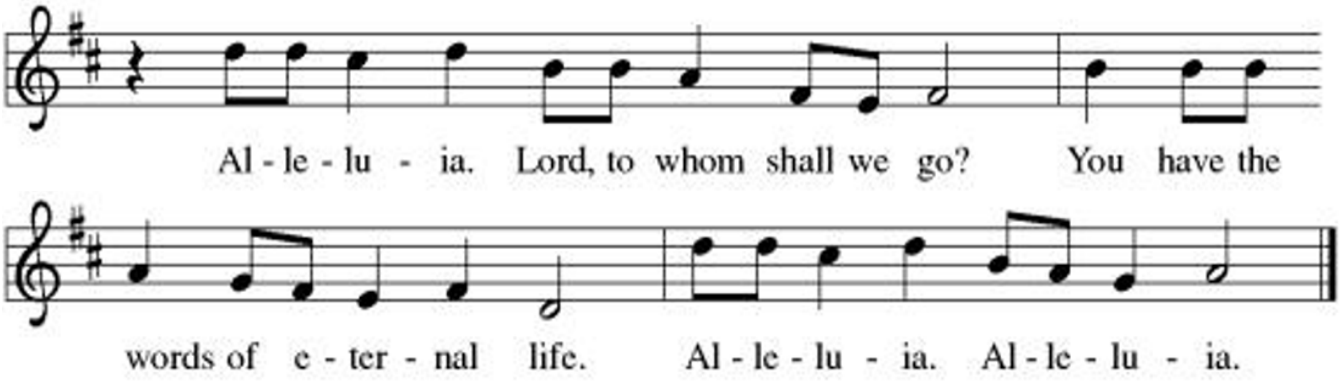
[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "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. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] 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. [35] 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, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **Red Hymnal #254**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry (*especially*). Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

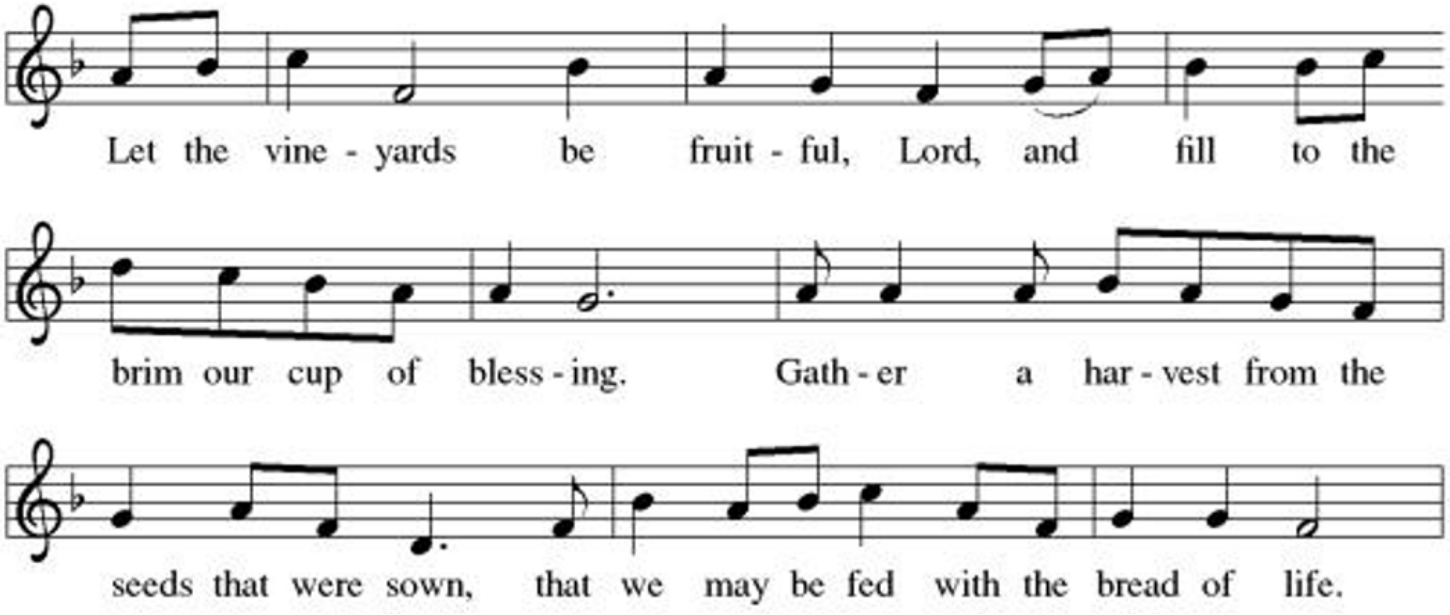
Please be seated.

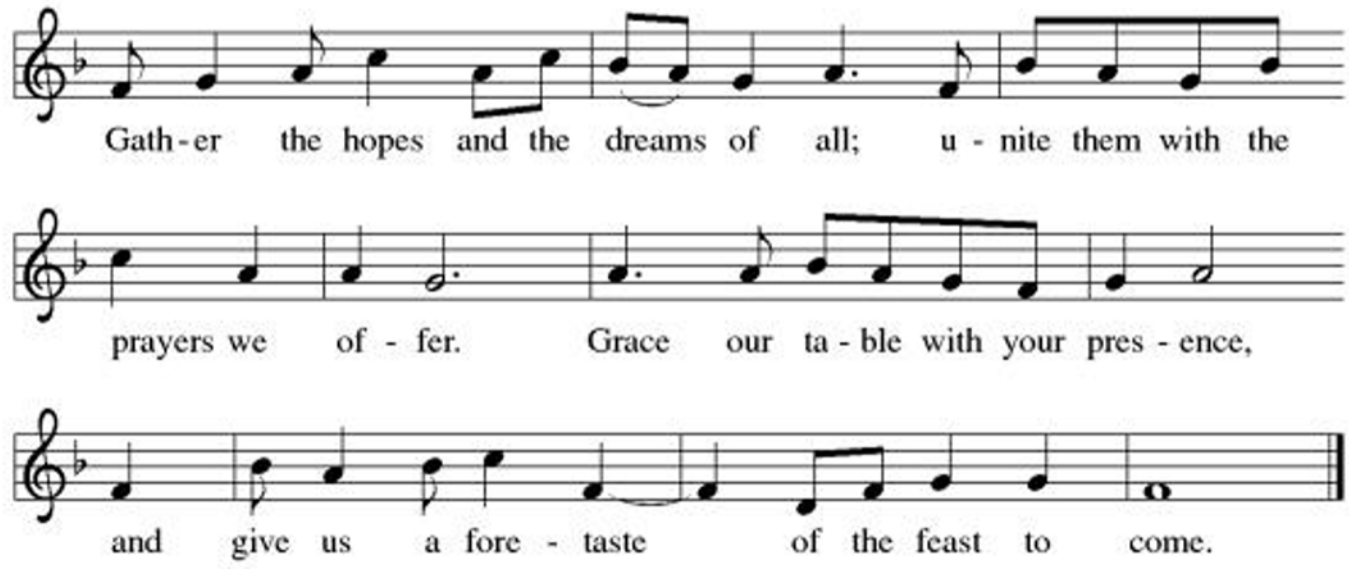
OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

ANTHEM ***Somebody Build a Manger*** Chancel Choir

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

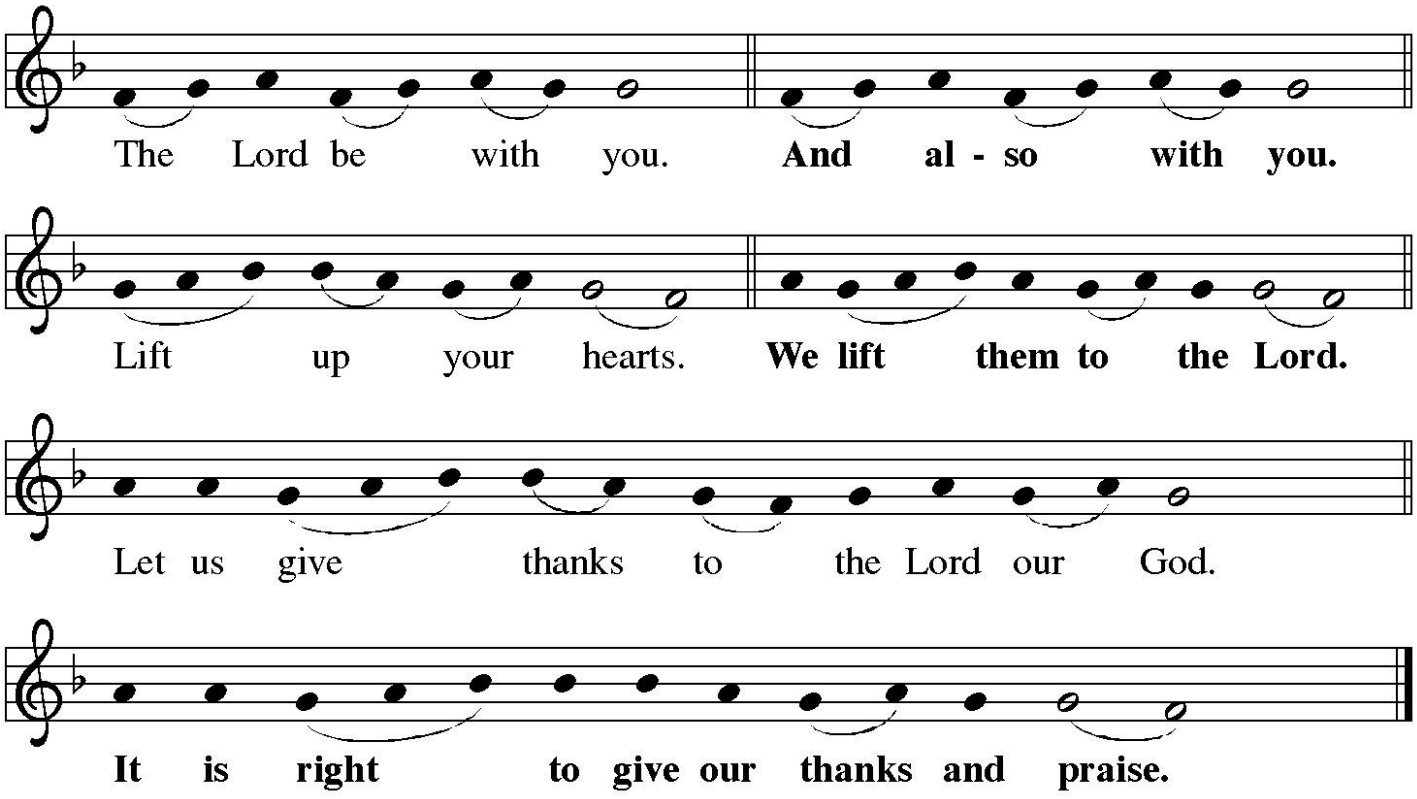




Please stand as you are able.

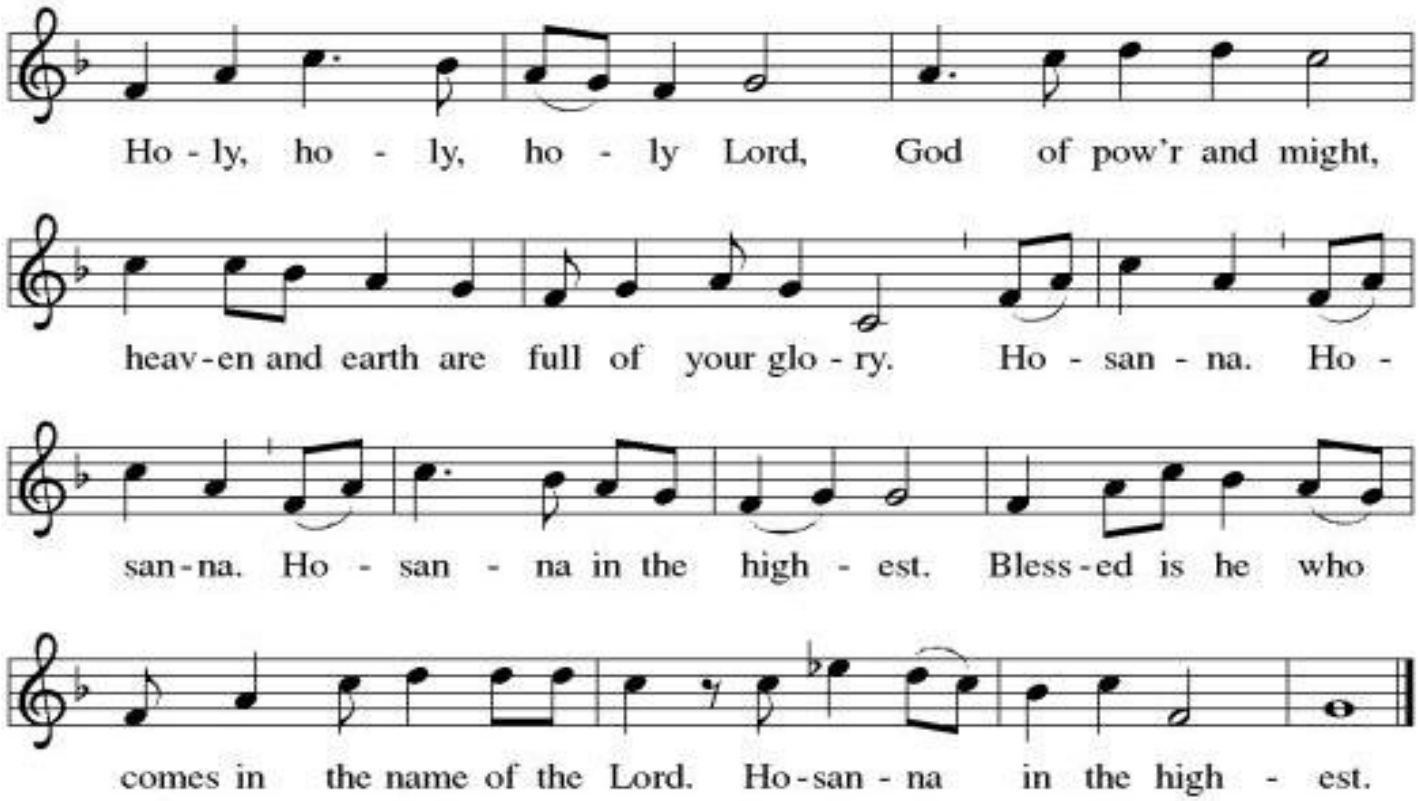
A Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

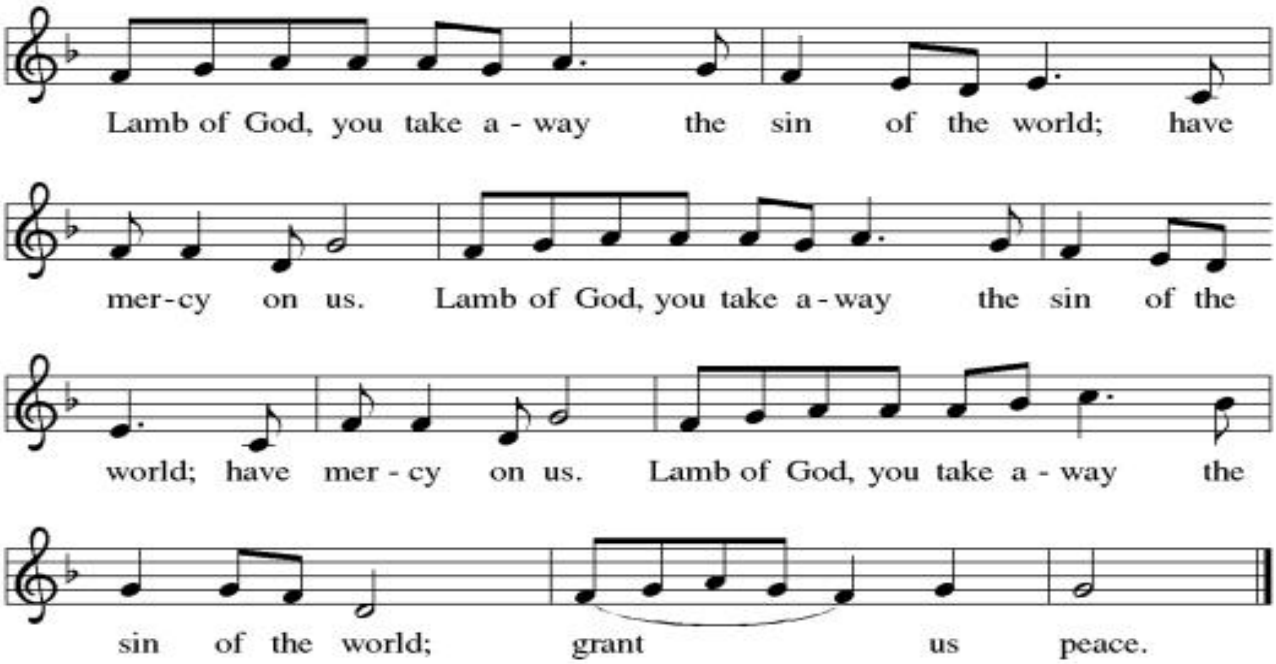
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Hymns During Distribution of Communion:

We Eat the Bread of Teaching	Red Hymnal #518
Thine the Amen	Red Hymnal #826
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	Red Hymnal #674

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.
God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers Red Hymnal #244

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio/Video: John Costanzo
Lector: Linda Baskwell
Ushers: Linda Trigiani and Ed Schaeffer
Greeters: Tracy Payonk
Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer
Offering Counters: Donna George and Shirley Kerbaugh

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, November 29	9:30am Worship
Monday, November 30	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, December 1	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Chorus
Thursday, December 3	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 4	**Church Office Closed**
	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, December 6	9:30am Worship
	Congregational Meeting – immediately following worship

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rene Boylan, Rebecca Mariconda, Brady Masterson, Audrey Rinda, Roy Thorpe, and Cathy Tichy.

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Somebody Build a Manger: OL #32054
Light One Candle: OL#85955
Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn: OL #9936
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: In the Public Domain: Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 Tune Name Jefferson
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers: In the Public Domain : Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907 Music: Swedish folk tune Tune Name Haf trones lampa färdig
We Eat the Bread of Teaching: OL #40573
Thine the Amen: OL #85921
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ: OL #198448

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***Immediate Prayers:** Alex, Colleen Connlain, Curt, Steve Diehl, Donna Doran, Marge Drake, Guy Ehler, Eliana, David Fretz, Leo, Lori Gilbert, Lori Guillen, Sue Heater, Jerri Heebner, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, Walter Rankin, Spadoni Family, Stutz Family, Steve, Mark Weis, and Heather Ziccardi.

***Members Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

***Long Term Prayers:** Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Kevin Gallagher,
Ryan Gorrie, Lori Guillen, Rich Heater, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Carol Laustsen, David Laustsen, Eric Laustsen, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Pete Merluzzi, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Danielle Smith, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: Courtney Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, Levi Birchfield, Kyle Callantine, Anthony Duginski, Vince Franchino, Elizabeth Gordon, Derek Hartman, Kristina Himmelreich, Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Rhiannon Perry, Mark Pollard, and Joseph Suhr.

prayers as of November 17, 2026

