

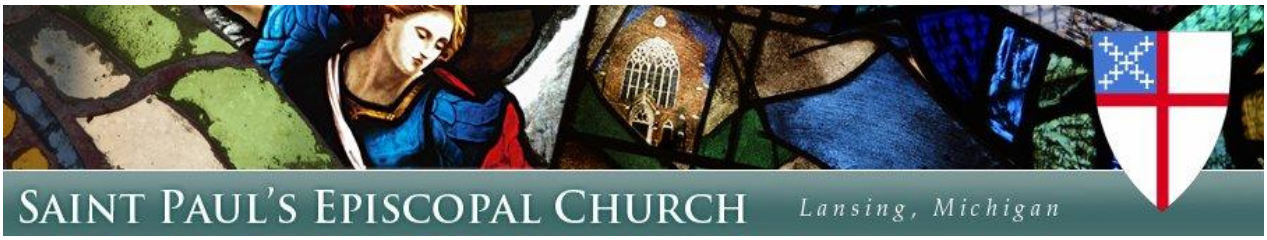
"Our Welcome"

In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
Holy Eucharist 10:00am

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Office: 517-482-9454

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St. Paul's Staff: The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

St. Paul's Vestry: David Parks, Sr. Warden; Kelly Hackett Jr. Warden; Justin Alexander, Jane Bryce, Joshua Freeman, Jim Milne; Mark Rudd; Ann Sanders; Herb Tanner; Bobbi Tisdale; Katie Wiley; Lyn Zynda; Jeff Irwin, Treasurer; Margaret Schulte, Secretary

Visitors and Guests: Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

Opportunities for Worship

Sundays: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

Parish Office: Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays
Phone: 517-482-9454
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Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: rector@stpaulslansing.org for more information.

Church School: Our church school for elementary through middle school begins at 9:45am. Please speak to Barb Heany for more information.

Nursery Care is available in the Nursery in the Music wing near the Choir Room.

Parking in the Roosevelt Parking Ramp: The Roosevelt parking ramp behind St. Paul's is available for evening parking after 6:00pm. The ramp will not be open on Fridays. The ramp will be open on Saturdays and Sundays until 6:00pm.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 – 10:00am

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent, orginating as a domestic devotion and an opportunity for family prayer. It functions as a simple countdown-timer of the passage of Advent. Attaching symbolic meaning to particular candles is a more recent innovation. When the Advent Wreath is used in the worshiping community at morning services, the appropriate number of candles on the wreath are lighted, without prayer or ceremony, with the other candles. The Book of Occasional Services 2022 pg. 20

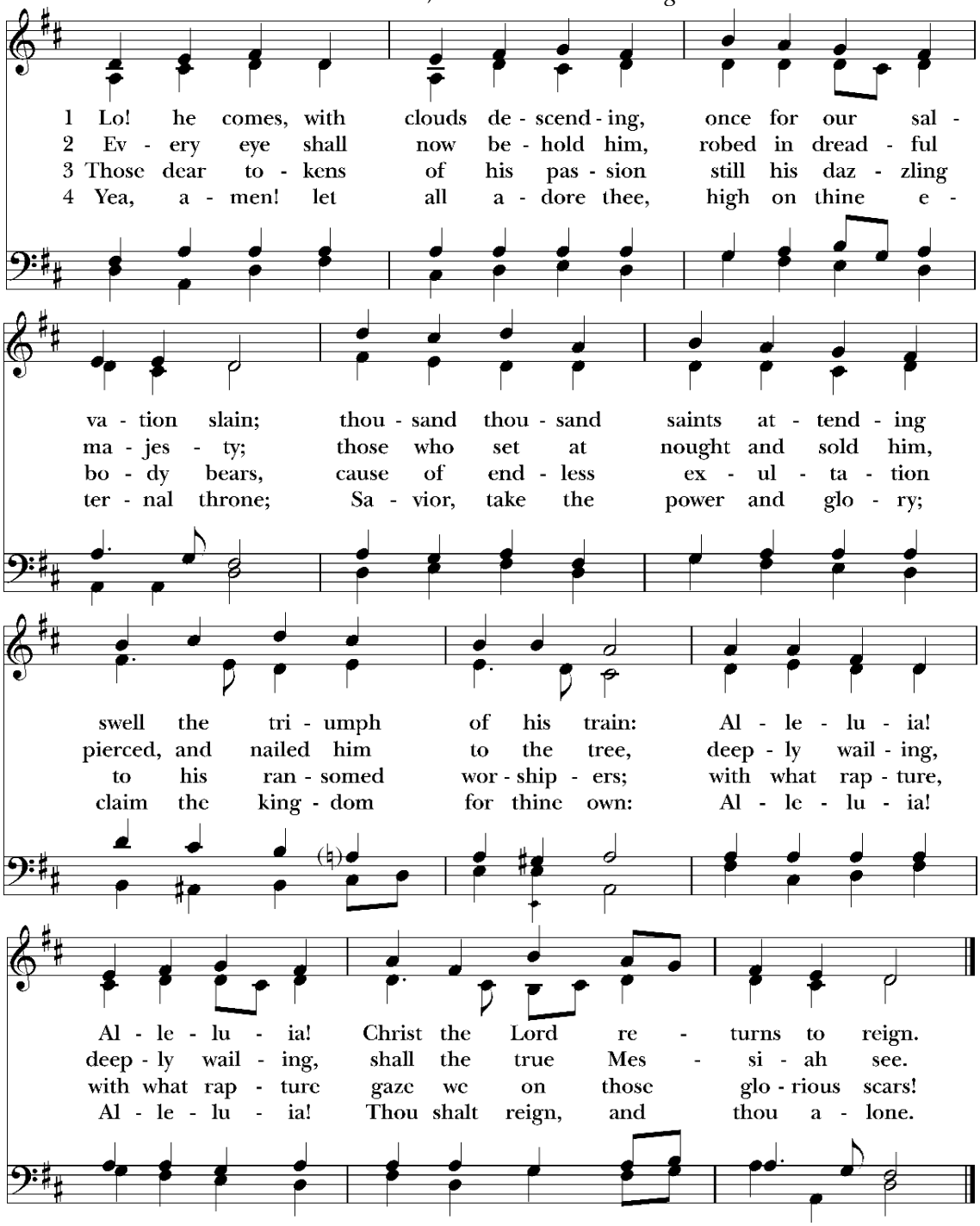
The candle for Advent I will be lit pre-service at the time the other candles are lit. I encourage you to use the following reading as the focus of your devotions this next week.

WEEK OF 1 ADVENT
Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *(Matthew 24:42-44)*

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church--a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* HYMN 58



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861).

The people standing, the Officiant says

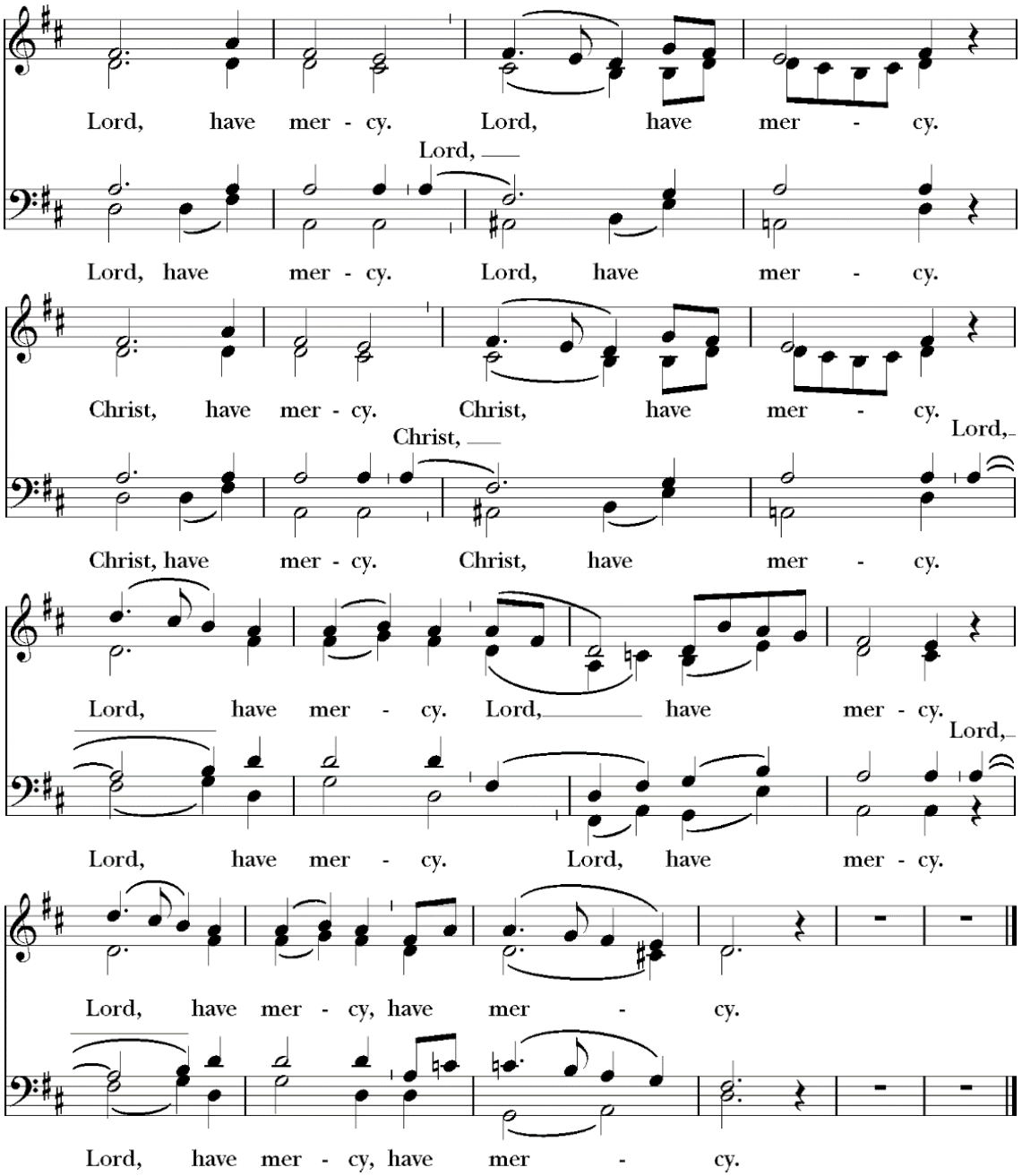
Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 people sing together

KYRIE S96



Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY
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 people are invited to sit for the readings

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 64:1-9

Reader A reading from the prophet 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18
1 Hear, O Shepard 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.

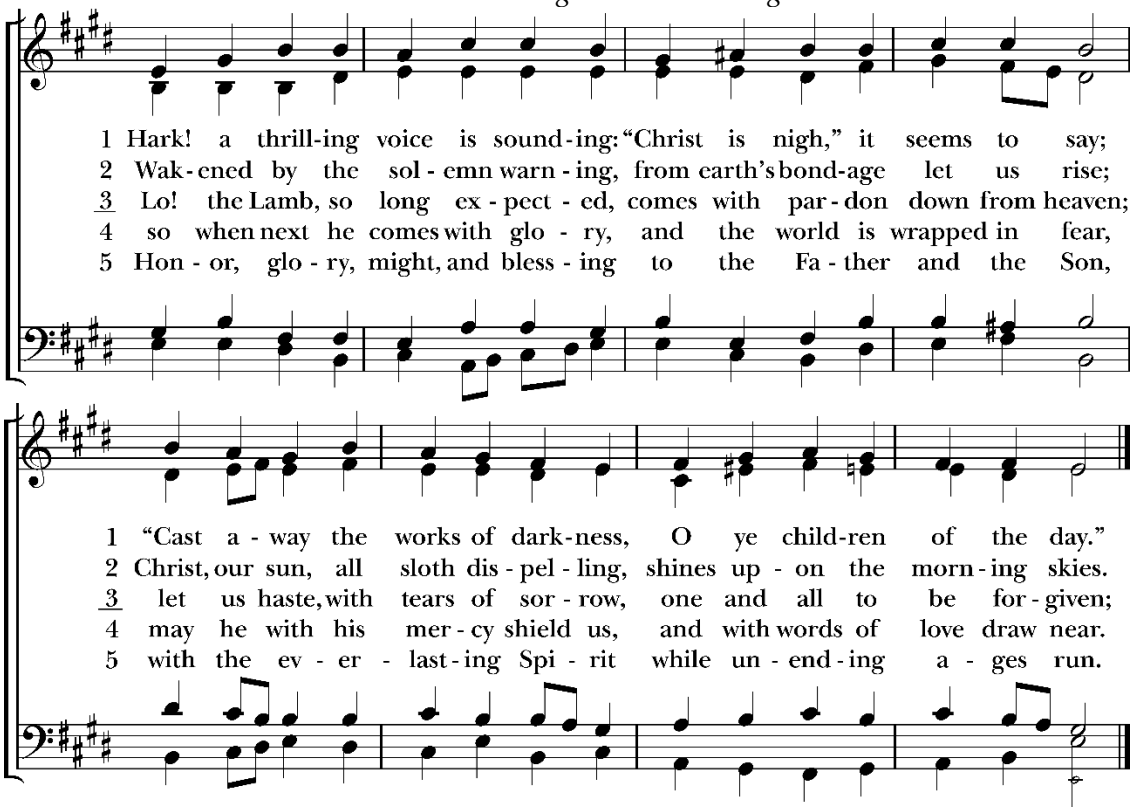
SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* HYMN 59



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern,* 1861, alt. Music: *Merton,* William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "But 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."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED *The people stand and say together*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The people stand, sit or kneel*

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's healing love may be among those who are suffering from loneliness, isolation, homelessness, hunger, oppression, war and violence, or any other illness; we pray especially for those in the Middle East and Ukraine, those who have asked our prayers and for those we now name either silently or aloud _____; we pray for those who have died and those who mourn, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may come to recognize in our holy congregation gathered for prayer here or online, that Jesus Christ is with us to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's coming into the days and years of human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Officiant closes the prayers by saying

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. And then the Minister and People say together

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 Priest stands and says

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

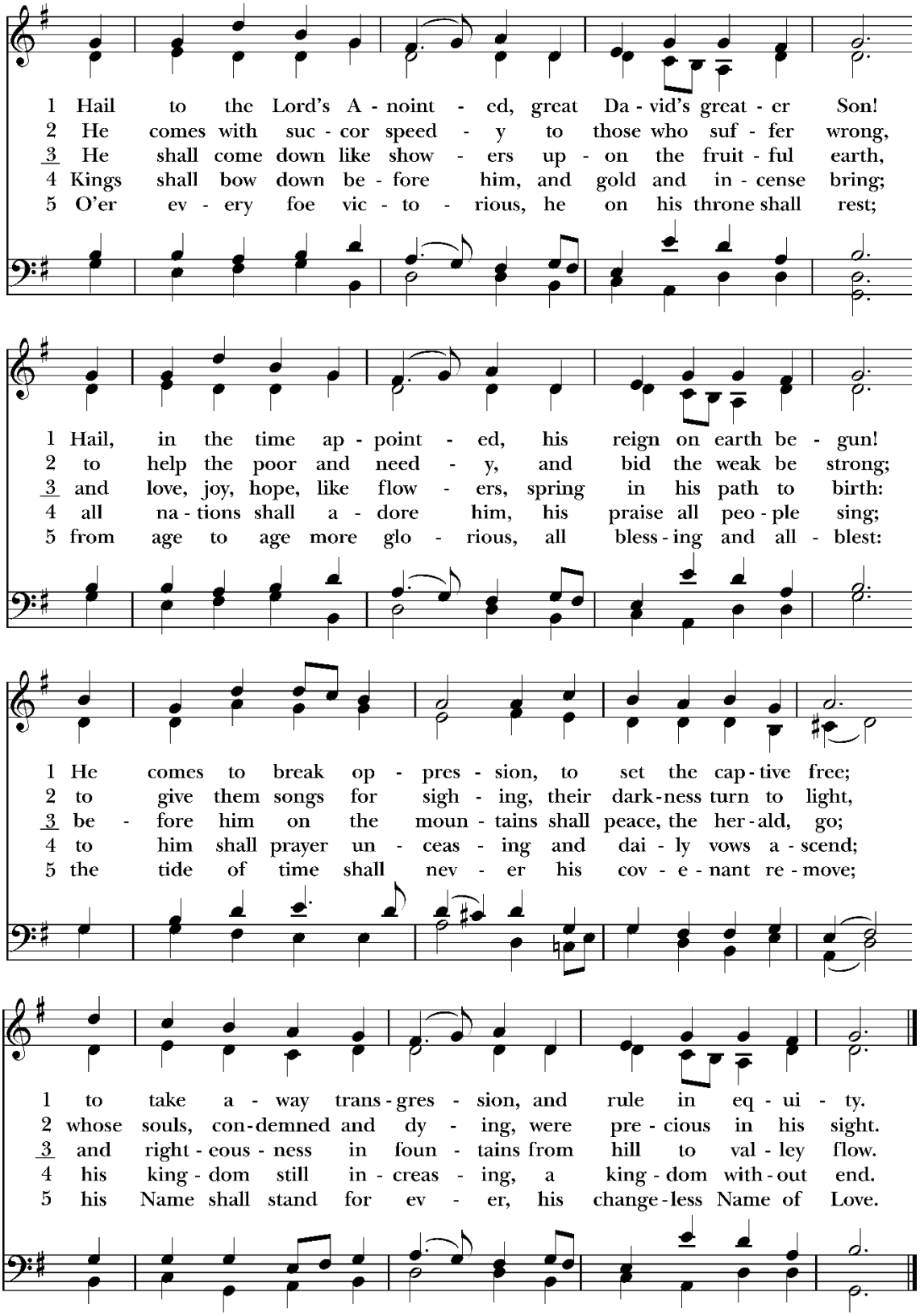
Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. Evelyn R. Larter

OFFERTORY HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* HYMN 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).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

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

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

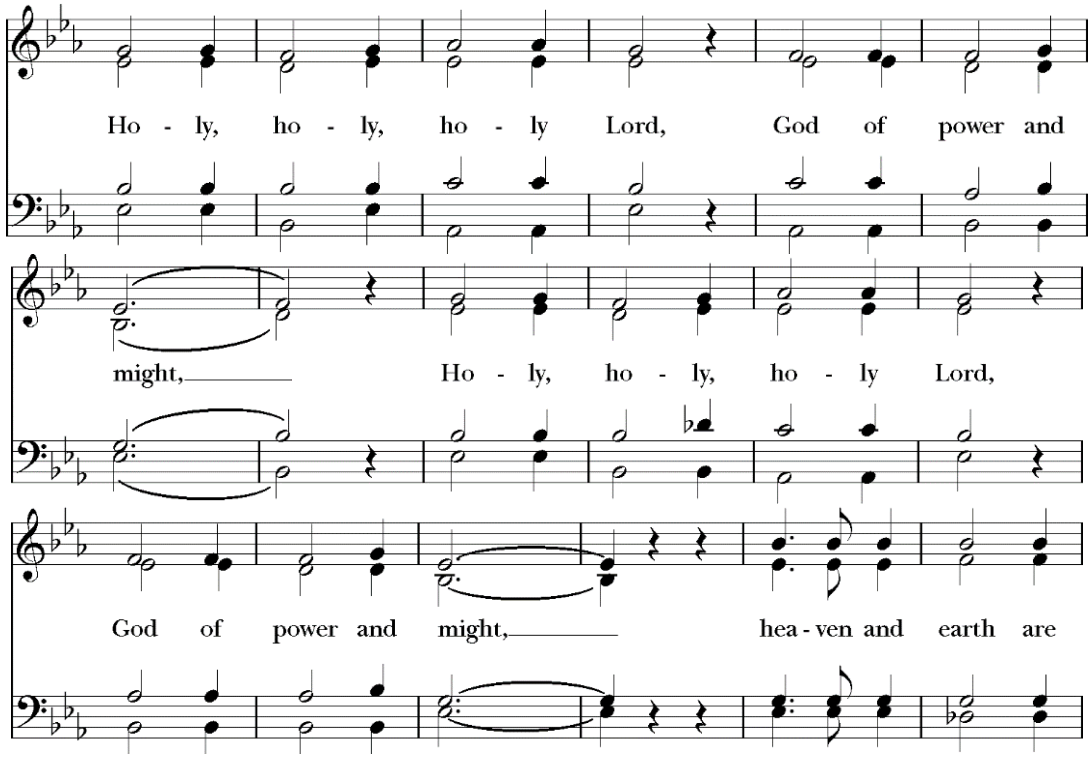
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

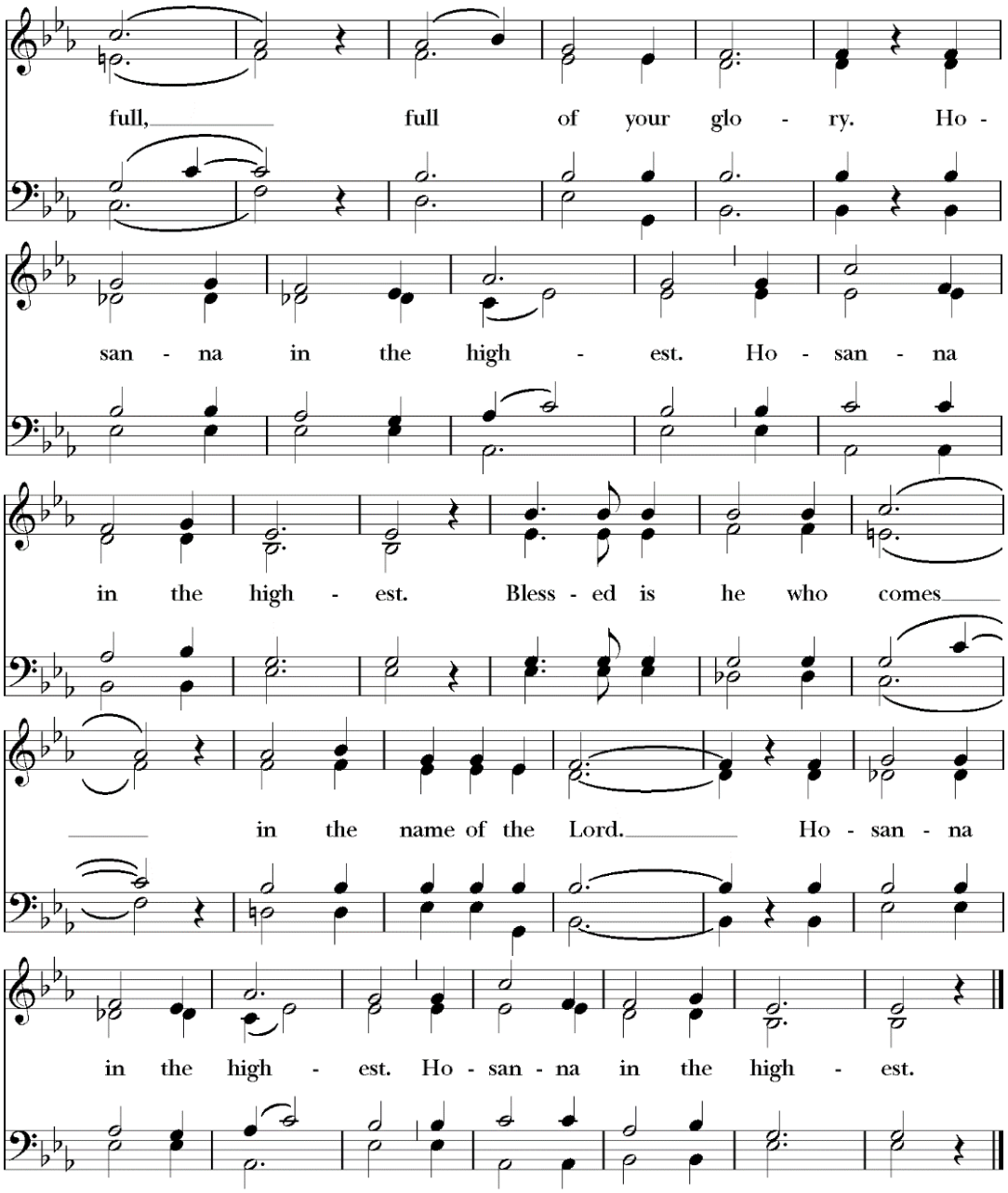
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing together

SANCTUS S130





Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send away empty.

Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

The Officiant and People say together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Officiant continues

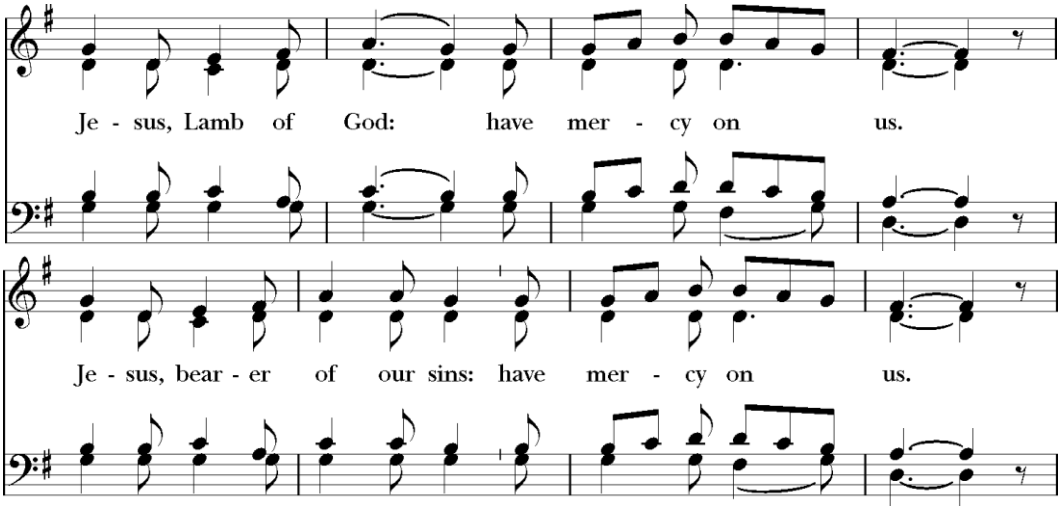
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

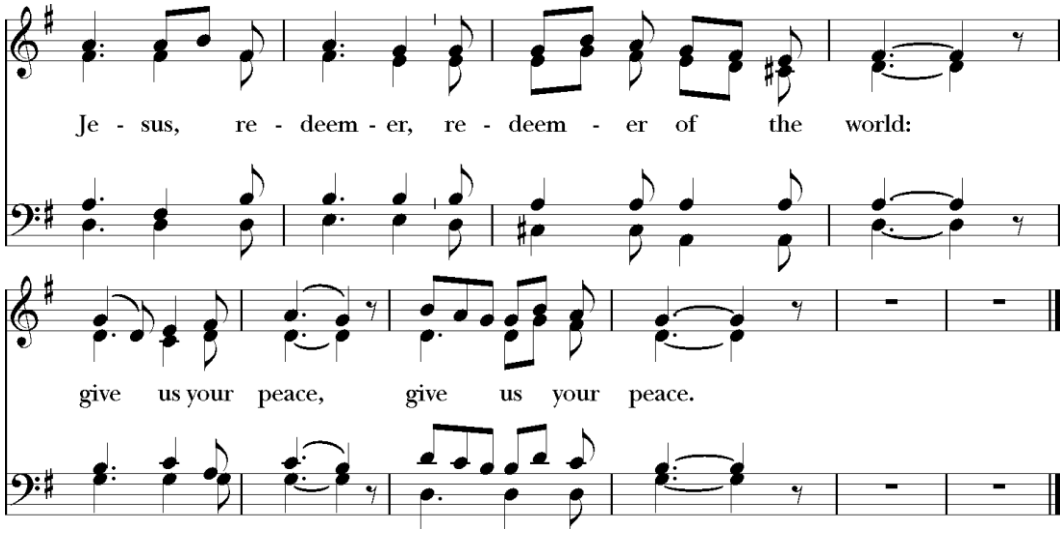
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 FRACTION ANTHEM S164





INVITATION

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Holy Gifts for Holy People

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

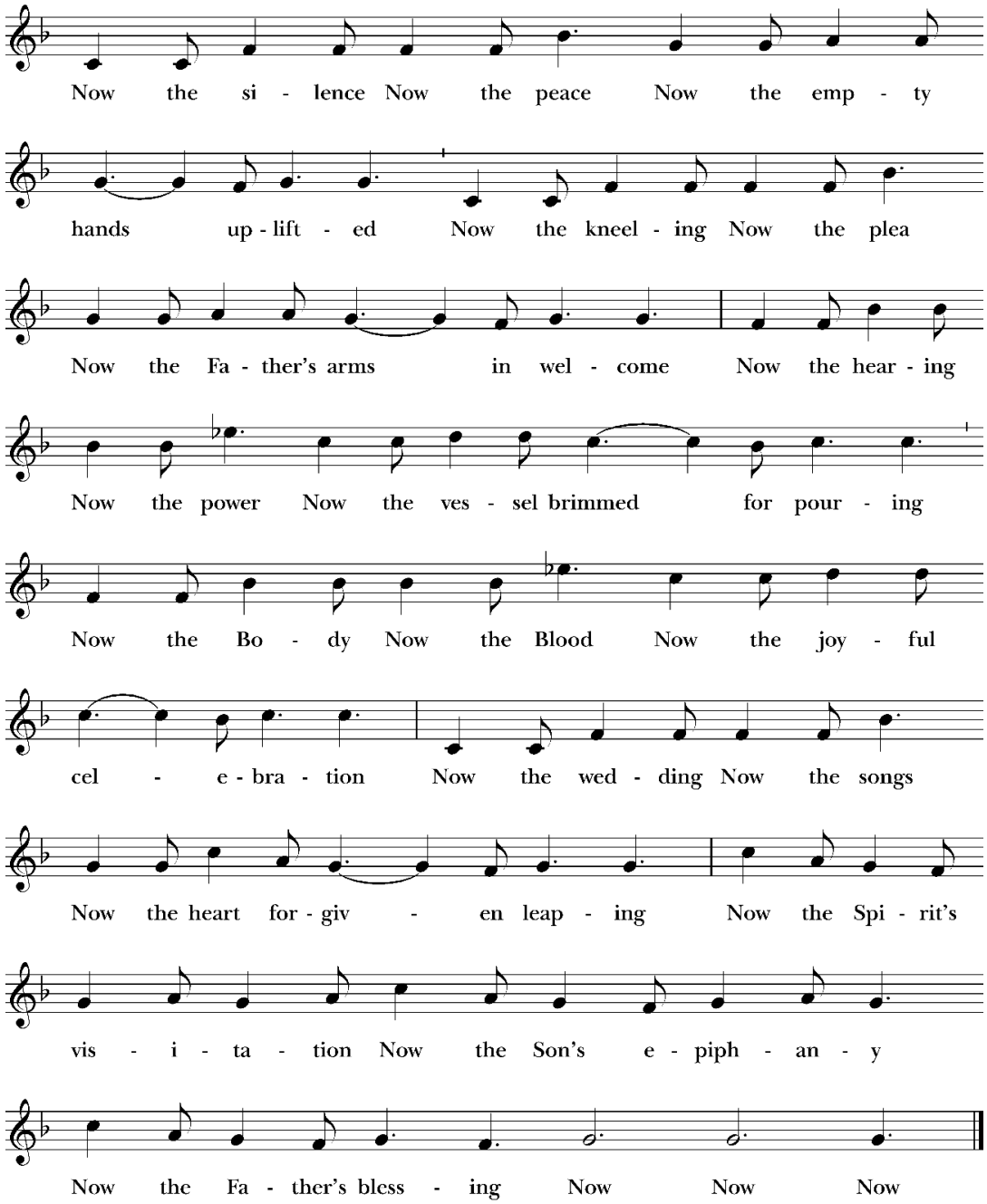
All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* Hal H. Hopson

COMMUNION HYMN *Now the silence* HYMN 333



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Officiant and People say together:

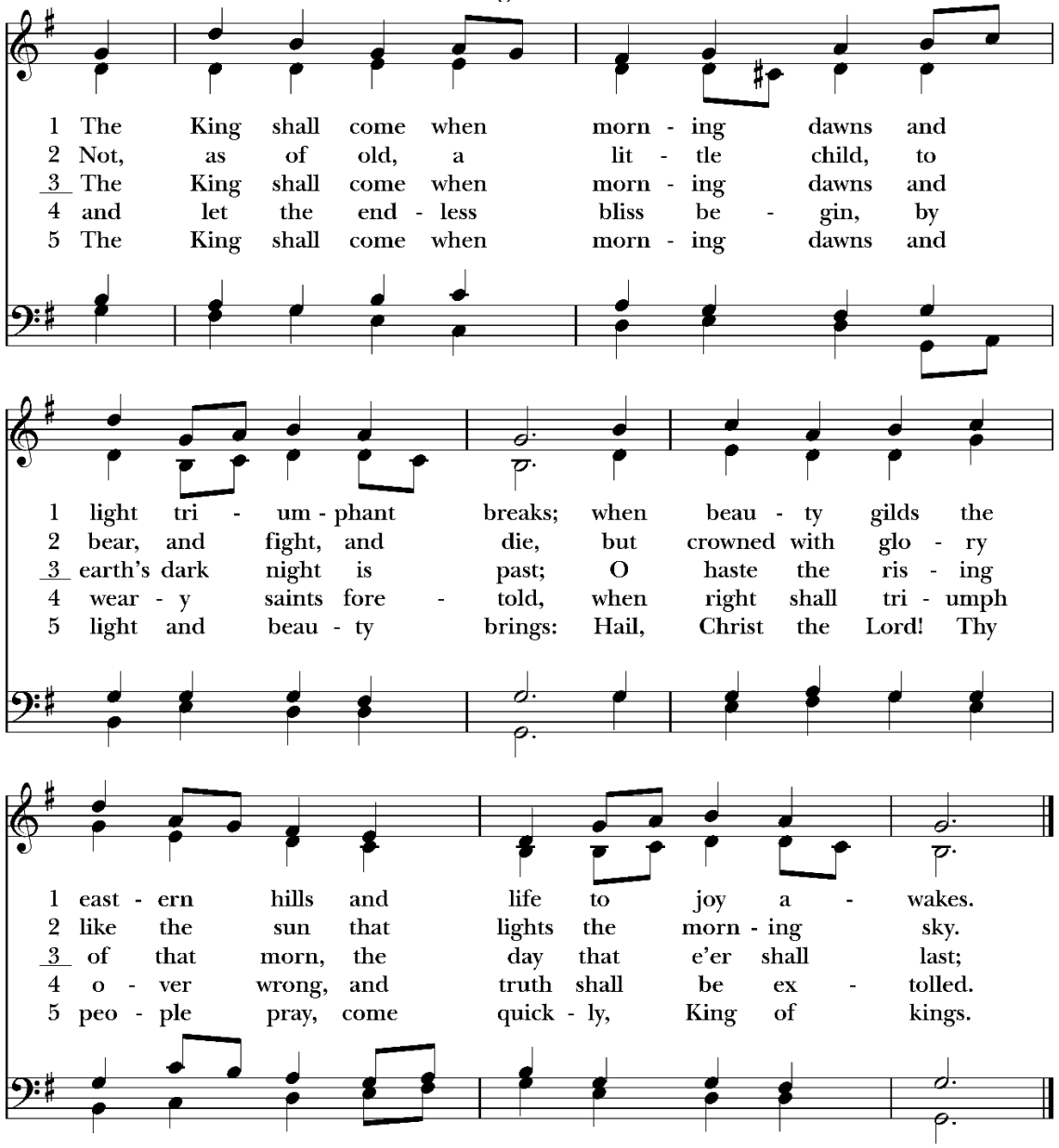
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *The King shall come* HYMN 73



Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	**Debbie Parks**
Subdeacon	**Henrie Parks**
Lector	**Nancy Rudd**
Prayers of the People	**Libby Richardson**
Chalice Bearers	**Theresa Milne, Debbie Parks**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany**
Ushers	**David Parks, Dani Hilliard, Patrick Prebo, Bob Merriman**
Counters	**Larry Clark, Leslie Hall**
Coffee Hour	**The Walilko Family**
Greeters	
Blessing Box	**Mike Arneson & Bella Rose**
Recycling Team	**Allan Boron**
Sunday School Mentors	**Barb Heany**
Vestry Person of the Day	**Mark Rudd**

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, December 6, 2026

Crucifer	**Henrie Parks**
Subdeacon	**Liam Parks**
Lector	**Izzy Diaz**
Prayers of the People	**Liam Parks**
Chalice Bearers	**Izzie Diaz, Henrie Parks**
Altar Guild Members for the Week	**Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany**
Ushers	**Debbie Parks (chair), Justin Alexander, David Parks, Mike Sanders, June Alexander, Violet Walilko**
Counters	**Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley**
Coffee Hour	**Children & Parents**
Greeters	**Clover, Joanie and Marki**
Blessing Box	**Maria Wawro**
Recycling Team	**Bob Merriman**
Sunday School Mentors	**No Sunday School**
Vestry Person of the Day	**David Parks**

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Opportunities For Prayer
November 29, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt, Laurie, Leslie, Larry, Lyn, Patrick, and Barbara. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Norma Lindholm, and Barb & Kirk Lindquist.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: It's a Breast Thing, PO Box 743, East Lansing 48823.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary**;** Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; St. Thomas, Gautier, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Columbia.

We pray for: Sarah Mullally**,** Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements For The Week
November 29, 2026 – December 6, 2026

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression. Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at **AdventWord.org.**

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

United Thank Offering, Today: As we focus on gratitude, we will hold the offering for UTO today. We encourage you to notice the good things happening in your life, through creation, in simple moments, or with strangers. Give thanks for these moments and join us in making a thank offering to UTO for all of the blessings of this life. Your UTO gift will support social justice initiatives in The Episcopal Church. Your thank offering makes a huge difference right here in our diocese, so thank you for supporting UTO.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Faith & Film – December 4th at 6:15pm: *The Christmas Chronicles,* released November 2018. Kate and Teddy, who notice Santa Claus in their home and jump into his sleigh with his reindeer; however, they accidentally cause the sleigh to crash, and the presents are lost. As Christmas morning approaches, it is up to the children and Santa to save Christmas by correctly delivering all the presents on time. This is a feel-good Christmas story for the whole family. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

St. Nicholas Celebration: We will celebrate St. Nicholas Sunday on December 6th with a visit from St. Nick himself.

"Tabletop Saints": Our next game night is Friday, December 11th at 6:15pm. A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite friends**.** Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul's designated spots, the St. Paul's lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

Capital City Brass Band Concert: Save the date! December 13, 2026, at 3:00pm. Please join us for a concert with the Capital City Brass Band. Parishioner Steven Kandow is a musician in the band. This event is sponsored by the Tom & Jean Shawver Fund.

Decorating the Sanctuary on December 20th: Please join us as we decorate the Sanctuary following the service. While the church is being decorated for Christmas, the children will decorate their own special "Kindness" Christmas tree with handmade ornaments in the Merrifield Room. Lunch will be provided for all helpers. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU: The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at chaplain.canterburymsu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions.https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes December 12th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of $45 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room –** Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

This Week at St. Paul's
November 29, 2026 – December 6, 2026

Sunday, 11/29:		Advent I
		United Thank Offering
	9:00am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	3pm-7pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal
		Roosevelt Ramp open until 7:30pm
Monday, 11/30:		Theresa Milne Away
Tuesday, 12/1:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 12/2:	12:00pm	Noon Book Study – Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline – Zoom
Thursday, 12/3:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 12/4:		Office Closed
	6:00pm	Faith & Film
Saturday, 12/5:	1pm-5pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday, 12/6:		Advent II/St. Nicholas Sunday
		Noisy Offering
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	3:00pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Concert

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND



I would like to contribute $_____

This contribution is from: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR
In grateful Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Checks and this form can be placed in the collection plate, mailed to the church office at 218 W. Ottawa, Lansing 48933, or placed in the Parish mailbox outside of the Parish office. (Deadline: Monday, December 14, 2026)