



St. Martin Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Advent

November 30th, 2025

The Day *The most ancient creed of Christendom was simply, “Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.” As the Advent season is all about “coming,” this first Sunday in Advent calls our attention ahead to when Christ will come again at His Second Coming. We ponder in the gospel today what we know about this Second Coming, what we don’t know, and what’s “The Bottom Line” for us and for the world.*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time for silent reflection and prayer, silencing all electronic devices.)

STAND

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

The Procession Begins.

GATHERING HYMN

WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

ELW #436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

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

SIT

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kollmeyer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

¹O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

L A reading from the book of Isaiah the 2nd chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord

- shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
3 and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



- ¹ I was glad when they | said to me,
 “Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”
- ² **Now our | feet are standing**
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built | as a city
 that is at unity | with itself;
- ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,**
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.
- ⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the | house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**
“May they pros- | per who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls
 and quietness with- | in your towers.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred | and companions,**
I pray for | your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
 I will seek to | do you good.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

L A reading from Romans the 13th chapter beginning at the 11th verse.

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual

immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

STAND

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter beginning at the 36th verse.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

36 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on

what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master 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. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

SERMON

“Advent 1 — Christ Will Come Again”

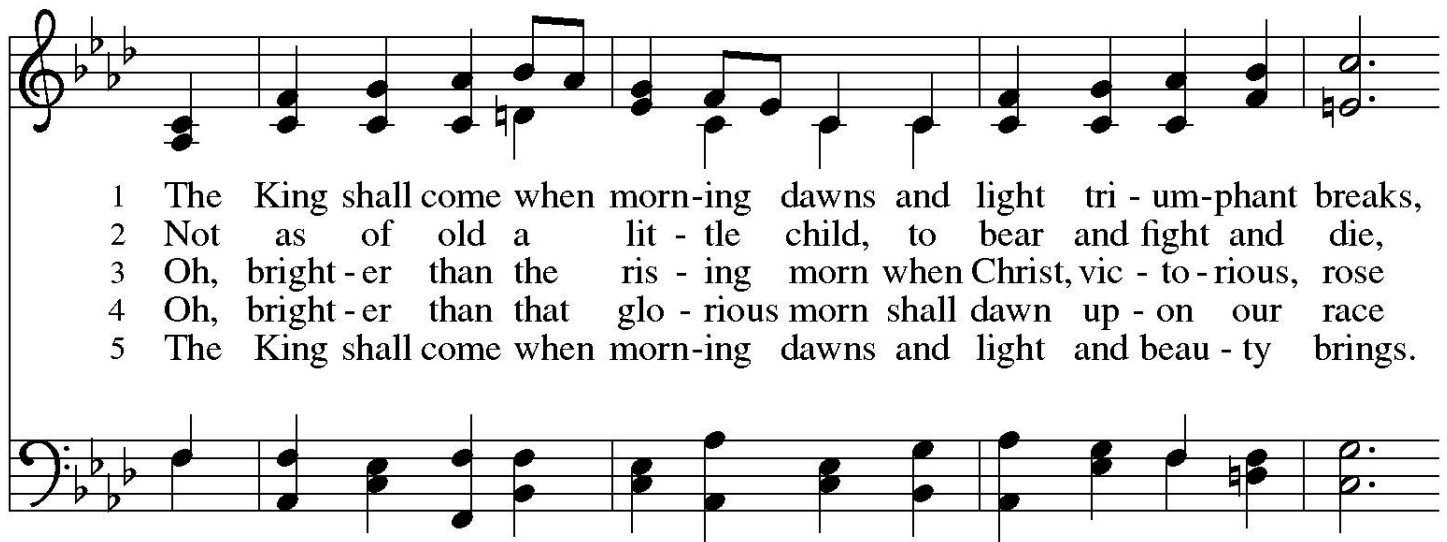
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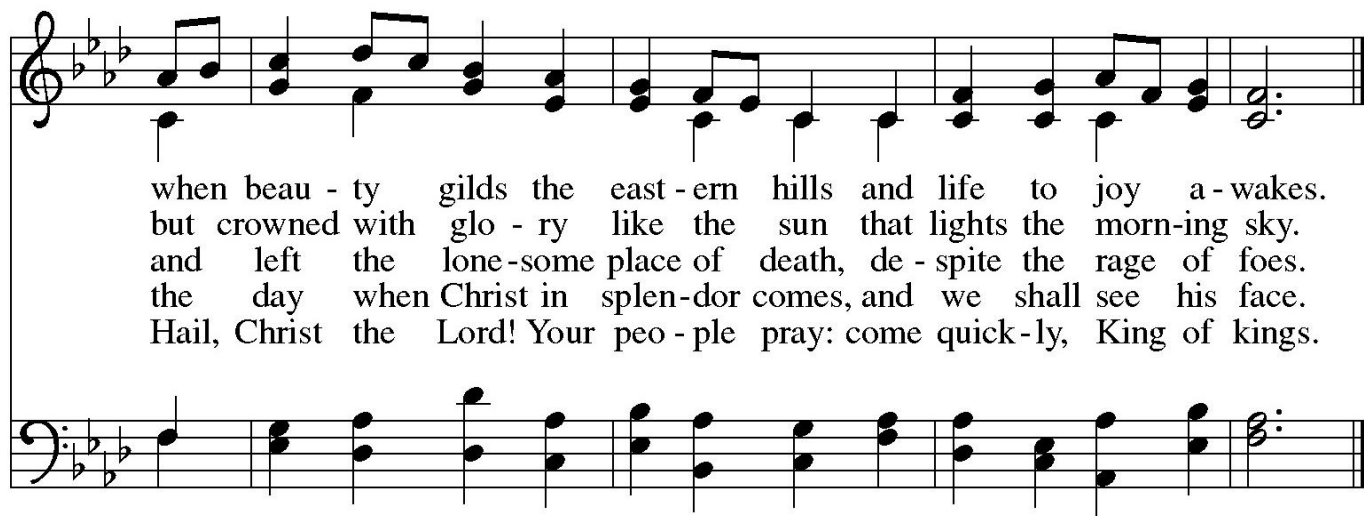
HYMN OF THE DAY

THE KING SHALL COME

ELW #260



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



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.**

INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

***P/A** Lord in Your Mercy **C** hear our prayer.*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A O God, we are glad to enter into Your presence to hear the Good News and to receive Your gifts. Preserve Your one, holy, catholic and apostolic church against all her enemies. Lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your path, that when Jesus returns in His glory, we may welcome Him with glad hosannas. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Ever-present Lord in the continuing advent of Your coming you strengthen, forgive, and renew your people. Grant strength and faithfulness to all bishops, pastors, and deacons especially our own Pastor Mark. That in their ministry of word and sacrament the coming of salvation may be received by all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Almighty Father, You are the authority to whom all temporal authorities must bow. Give wisdom and godly insight to our president Donald; our governor Brian; and all who make, administer or judge our laws. Grant peace among the nations especially the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria and everywhere that violence prevails, that swords may be beaten to plowshares and spears to pruning hooks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Merciful Lord, You have given us Your Son to grant us healing and hope. Hear us on behalf of those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth, especially those named in our bulletin

and those we name before you now *(pause count to 10 then proceed)*.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Everlasting God, Your Son has given us a place at His table. Grant us faith to receive His body and blood with joy and thanksgiving. Unite Your people, that we may live together in love and anticipation for that day when Christ shall return in triumph. Bring us with all the saints into Your eternal presence and to the marriage feast of the Lamb without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

C Amen

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. R Peace be with you.

SIT

OFFERING

The gifts of tithes and offerings are collected, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.

ANTHEM

O Virgo Virginum

A virgin of virgins, how shall this come to pass? For neither before you was any like to you, nor show you're like appear again. Why do you look at me with wonder, oh daughter of Jerusalem? This mystery that you behold is God's own work.

STAND

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C** 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in Latin. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The lyrics are written in a serif font, with some words in red. The music consists of a single melodic line on each staff, with notes connected by slurs. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

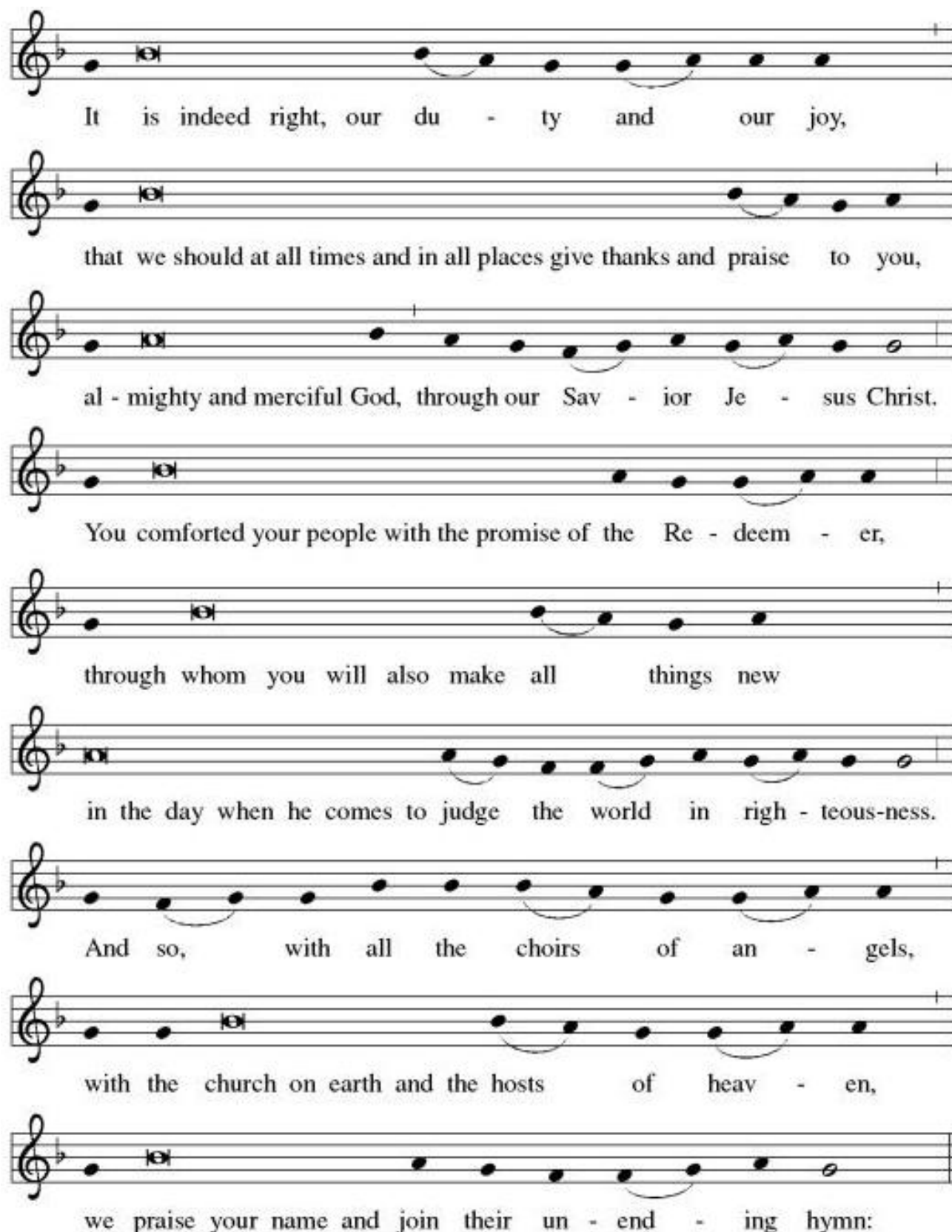
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A Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

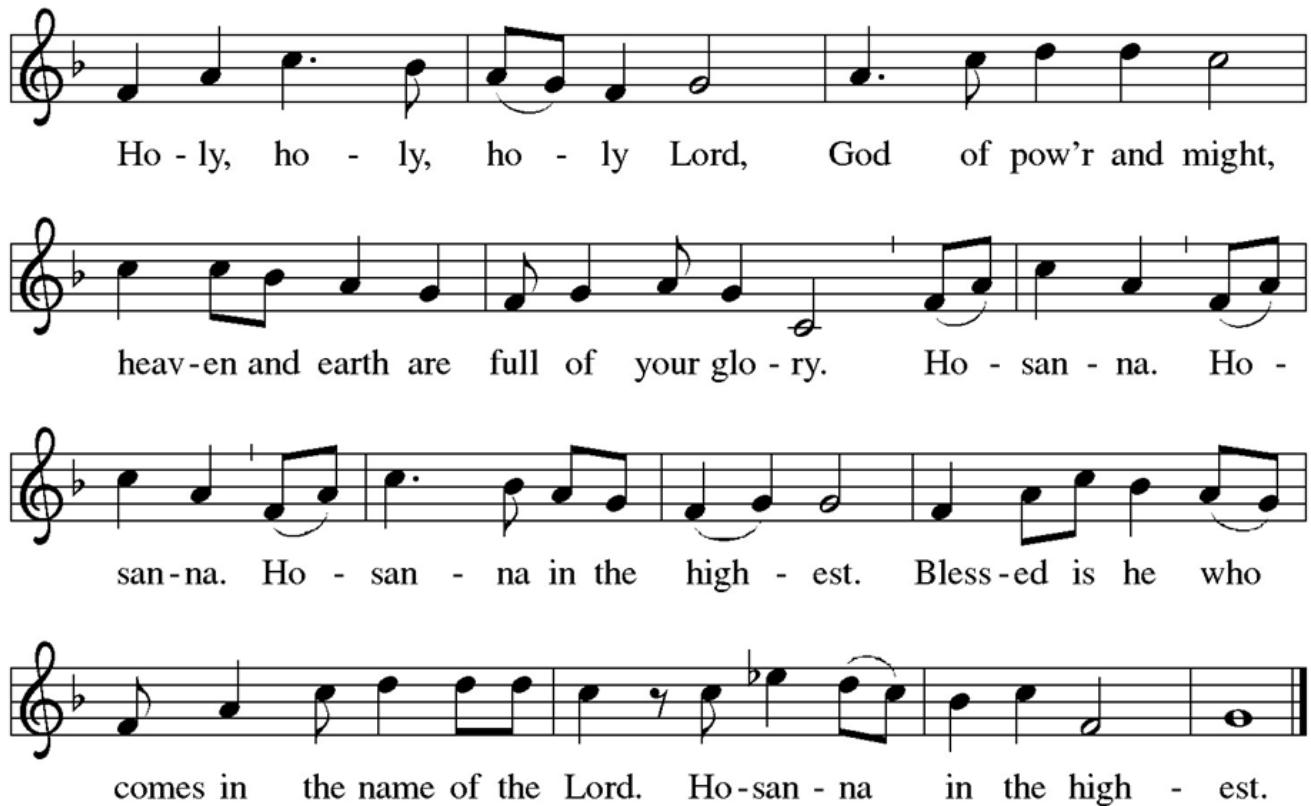
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ,
You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 for your promise to your people.
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 bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

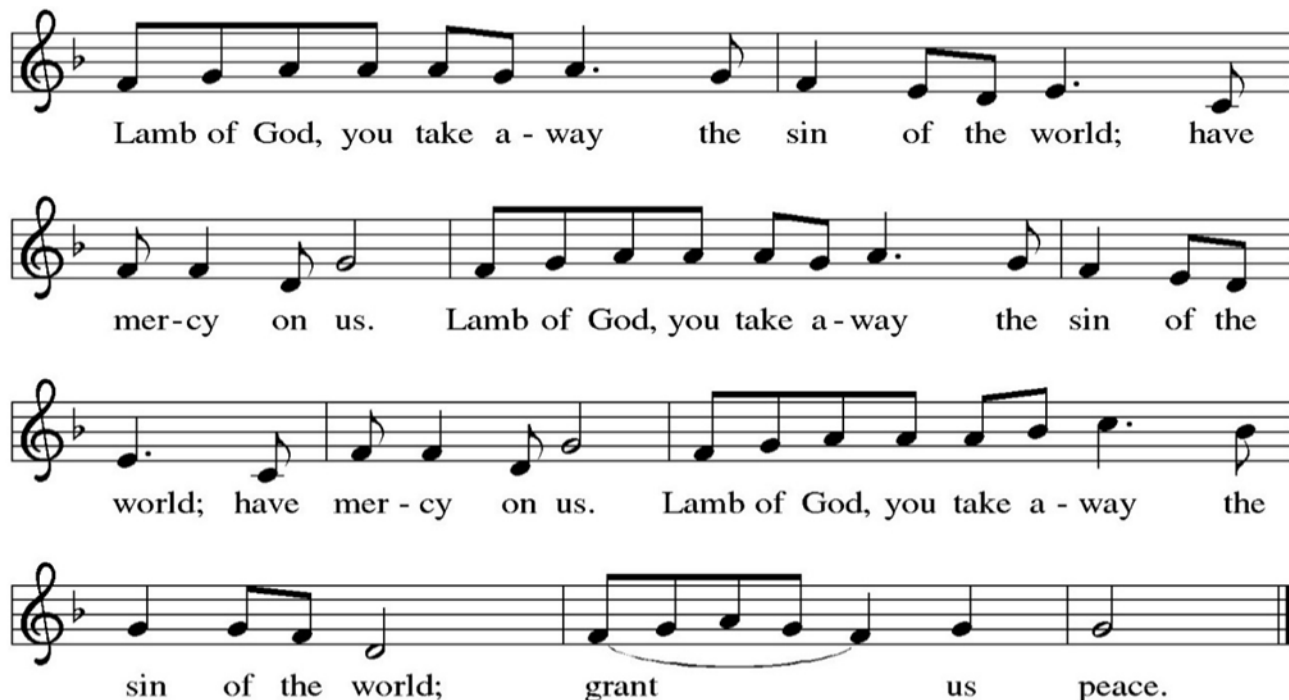
LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us together to pray.
- 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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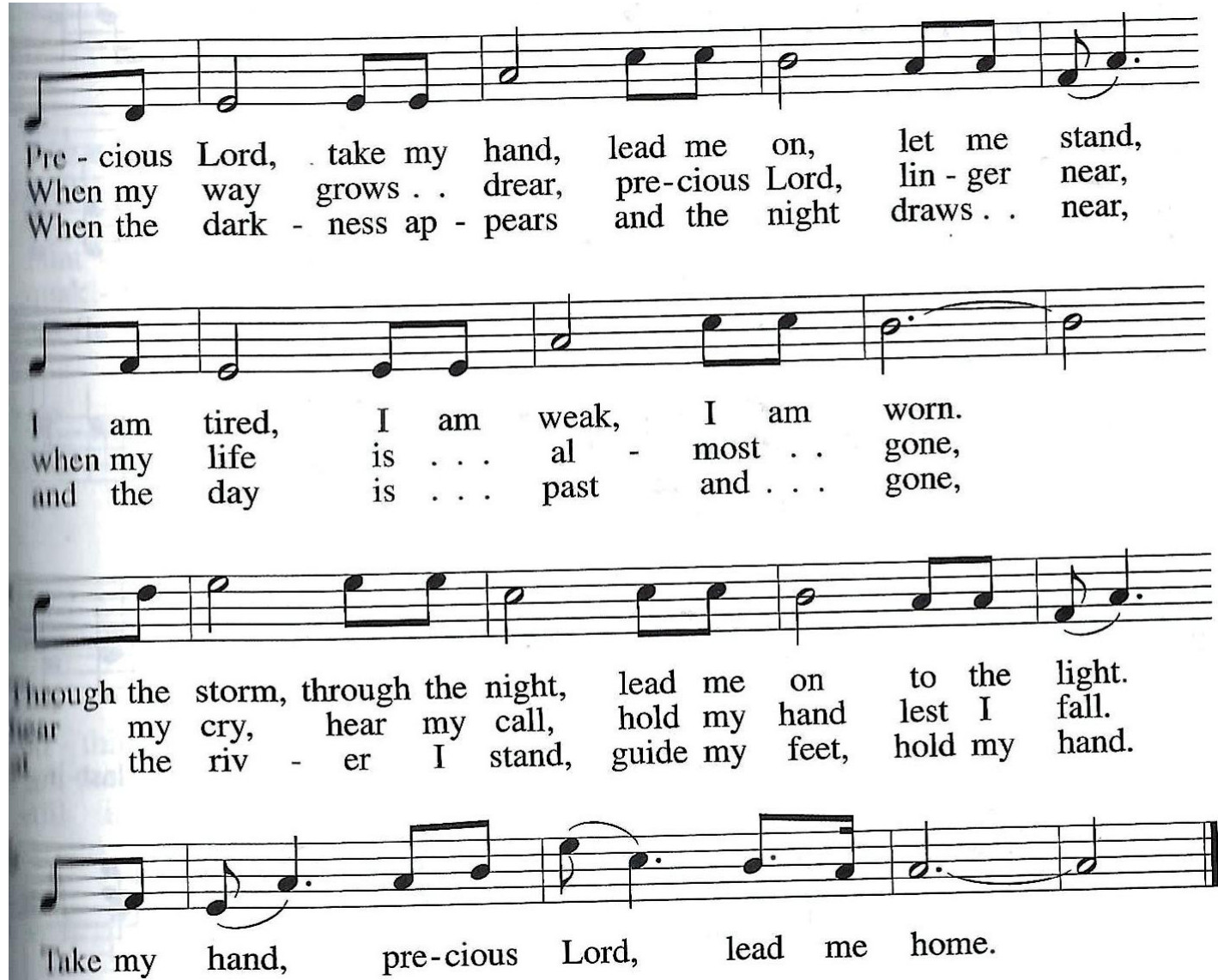
AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #773 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". It consists of four staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a children's or community hymnbook. The lyrics are printed in a clear, sans-serif font below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Pre - cious Lord, . take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near, When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. when my life is . . . al - most . . gone, and the day is . . . past and . . gone,". The third staff continues: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand." The fourth staff concludes the hymn: "Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home." The music ends with a double bar line.

Pre - cious Lord, . take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

ELW #491 COME, LET US EAT

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

STAND

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

BENEDICTION: CELTIC BLESSING

P May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rain fall softly on your fields,

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

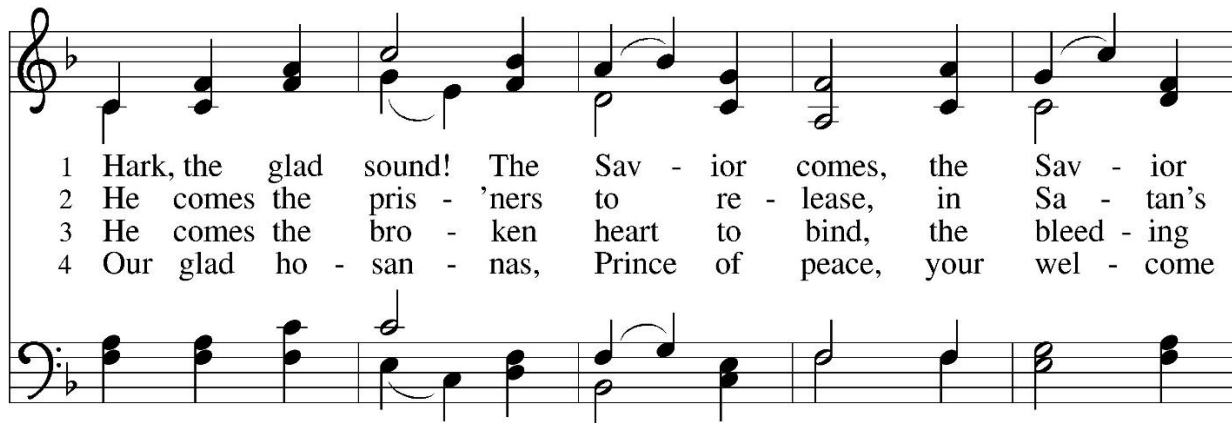
C Amen

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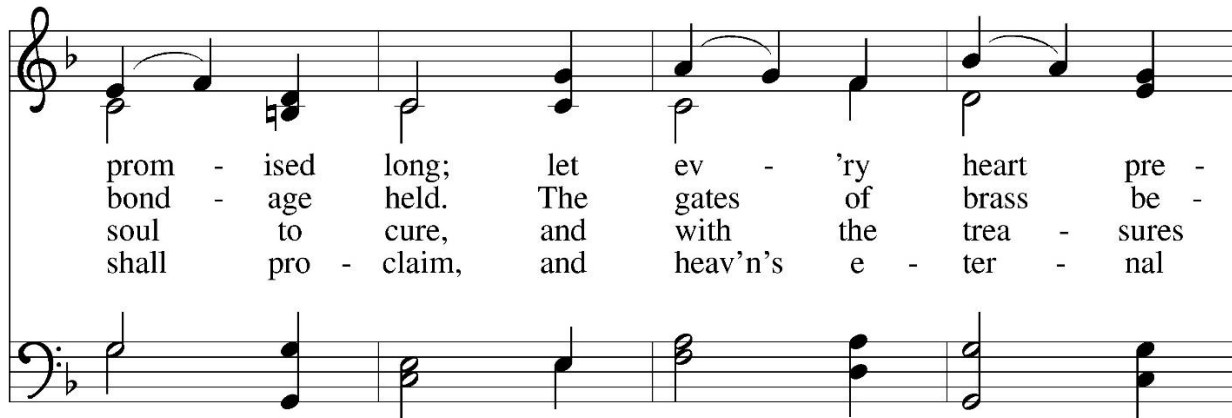
SENDING HYMN

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

DISMISSAL

A Love The Lord!

C Live The Mission!
 Together!