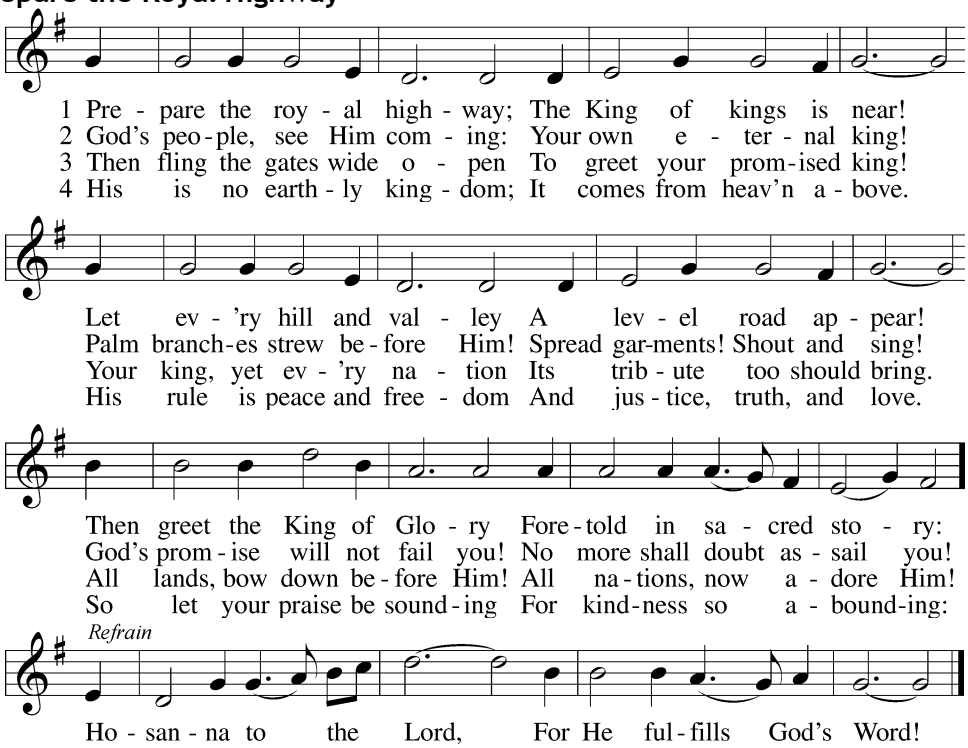
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prelude – *"My Jesus Is My Delight"* tune by Beethoven, setting by Simone.

Stand

343 Prepare the Royal Highway



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

P Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season in Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God's everlasting love and faithfulness. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through His Son, Jesus. On this First Sunday of Advent, we remember how our Lord was first hailed as the coming king, and we look forward to the day when our King will come again. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, may its flame bid us always to be ready for the coming of the Lord.

P Lord Jesus, You came into the world to reveal Your Father's love.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ Jesus, by Your dying and rising You have given us the promise of eternal life.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus, You ask us to be ready, watching and waiting for Your coming.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

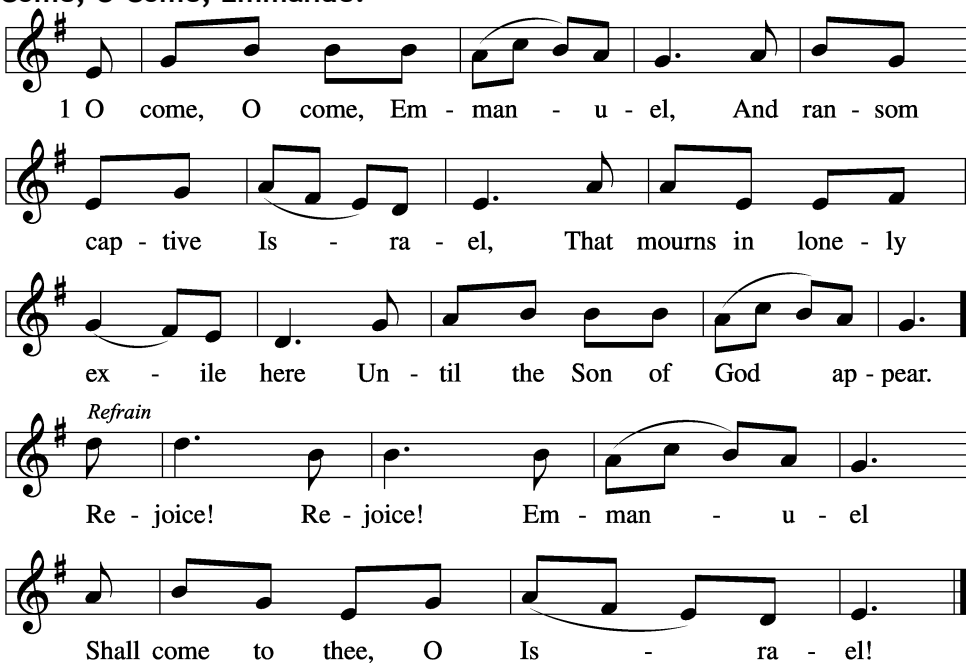
P May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and ☩ bring you to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

The first stanza of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *is sung while the first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might 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,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Font side speaks the odd verses and Pulpit side speaks the even verses. *Psalm 80:1–7*

[1]Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

[2]Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!

[3]Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

[4]O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

[6]You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

[7]Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

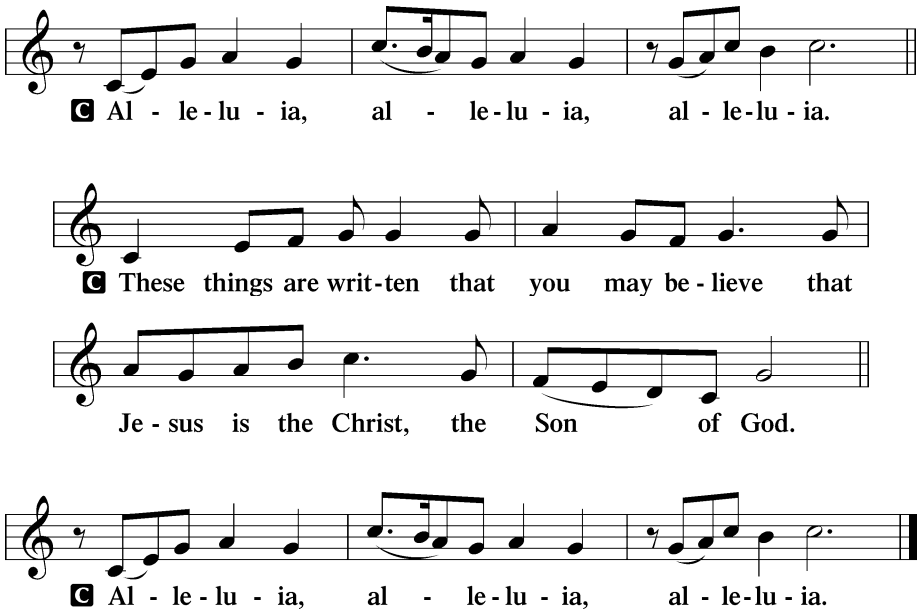
1 Corinthians 1:3–9

[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 was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[24][Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, 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]And then they will see the
Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And 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.

[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out 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
say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.

[32]"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
[35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or when the cock crows, or in the morning— [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say
to all: Stay awake."

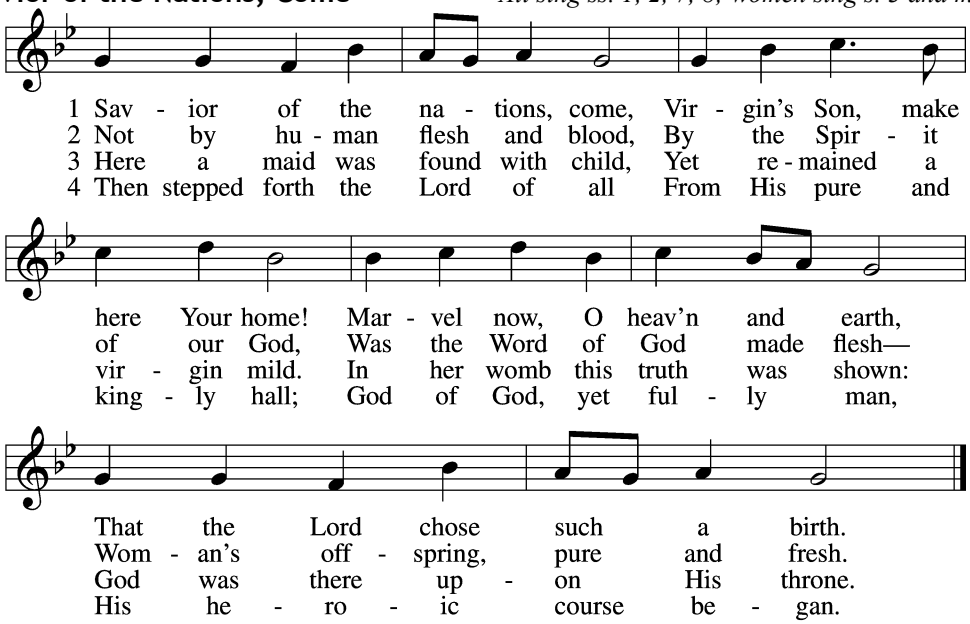
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

All sing ss. 1, 2, 7, 8; women sing s. 3 and men sing s. 4. *sts. 1–4, 7–8*



7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Sermon

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Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Rite for First Holy Communion (10:30)

Kneel

Prayer of the Church

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

Each petition ends:

P Lord, in Your mercy:
C **Hear our prayer!**

The Prayers conclude:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Anthem - Bruce Emerick, soloist, sings *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* tune Picardy [LSB 621] (8:00).

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Preface *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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

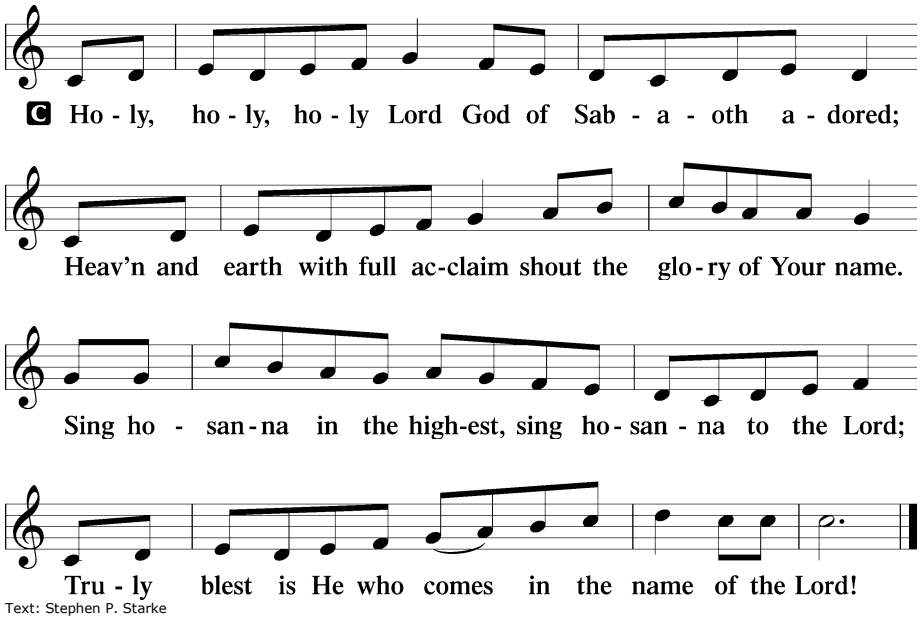
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death

and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

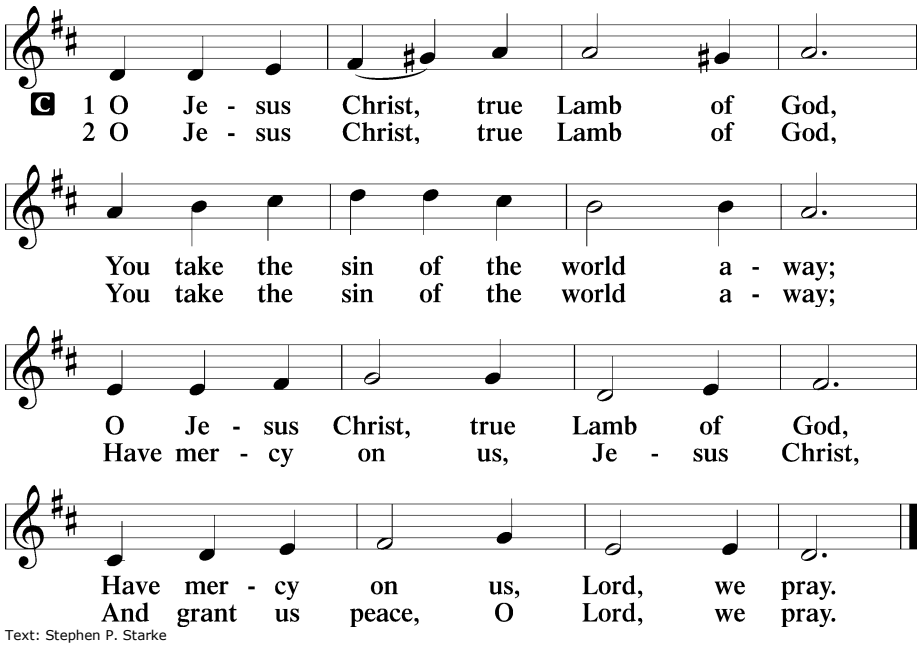
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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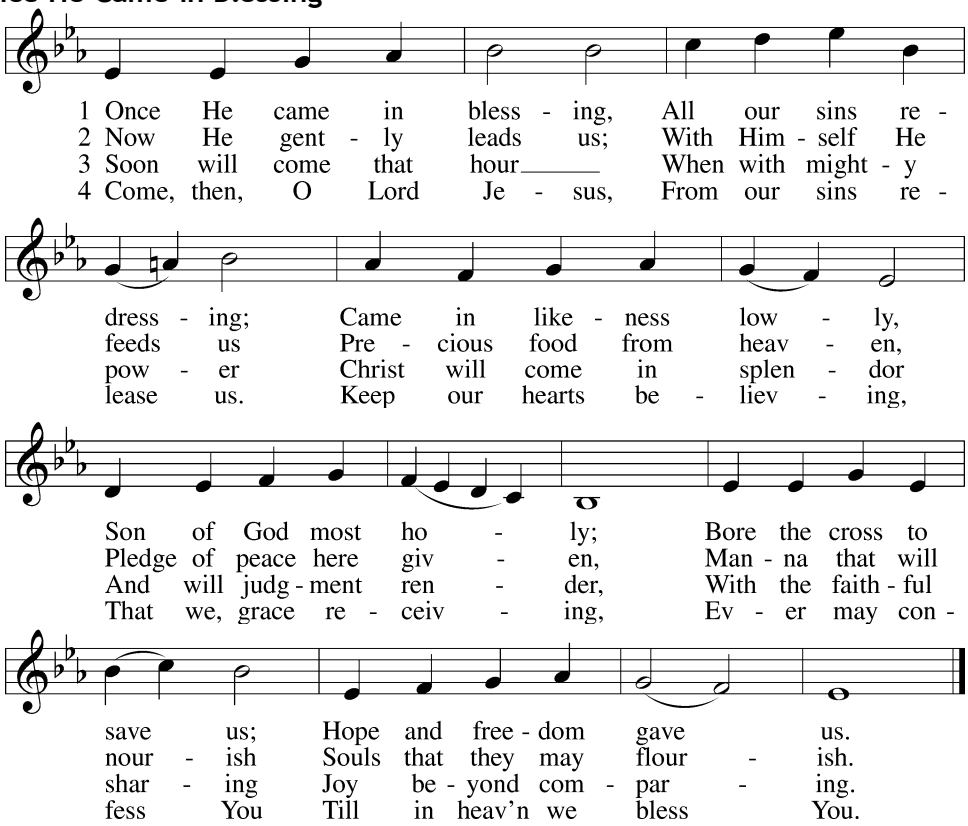


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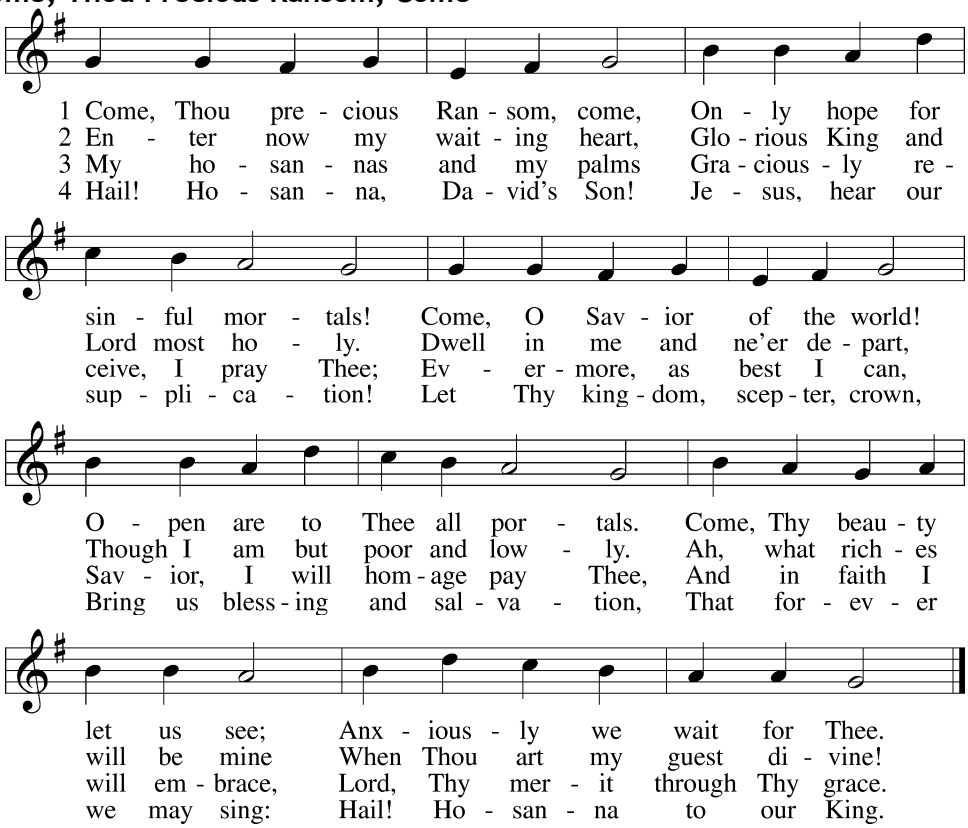
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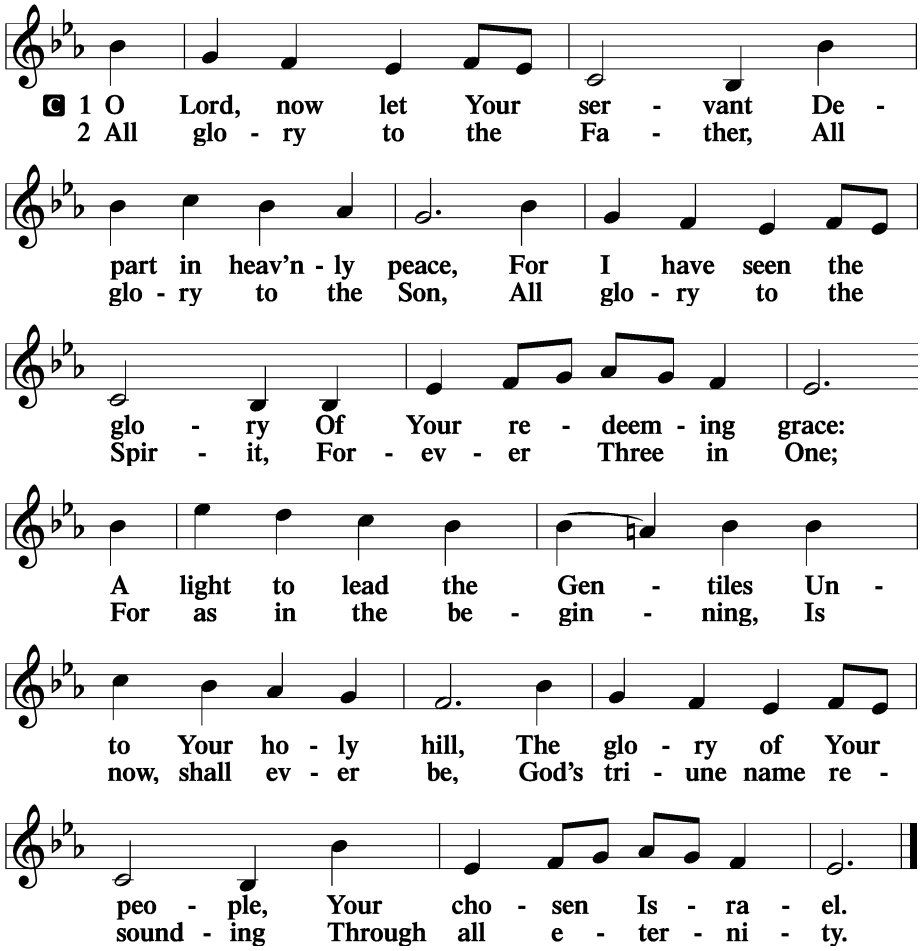
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

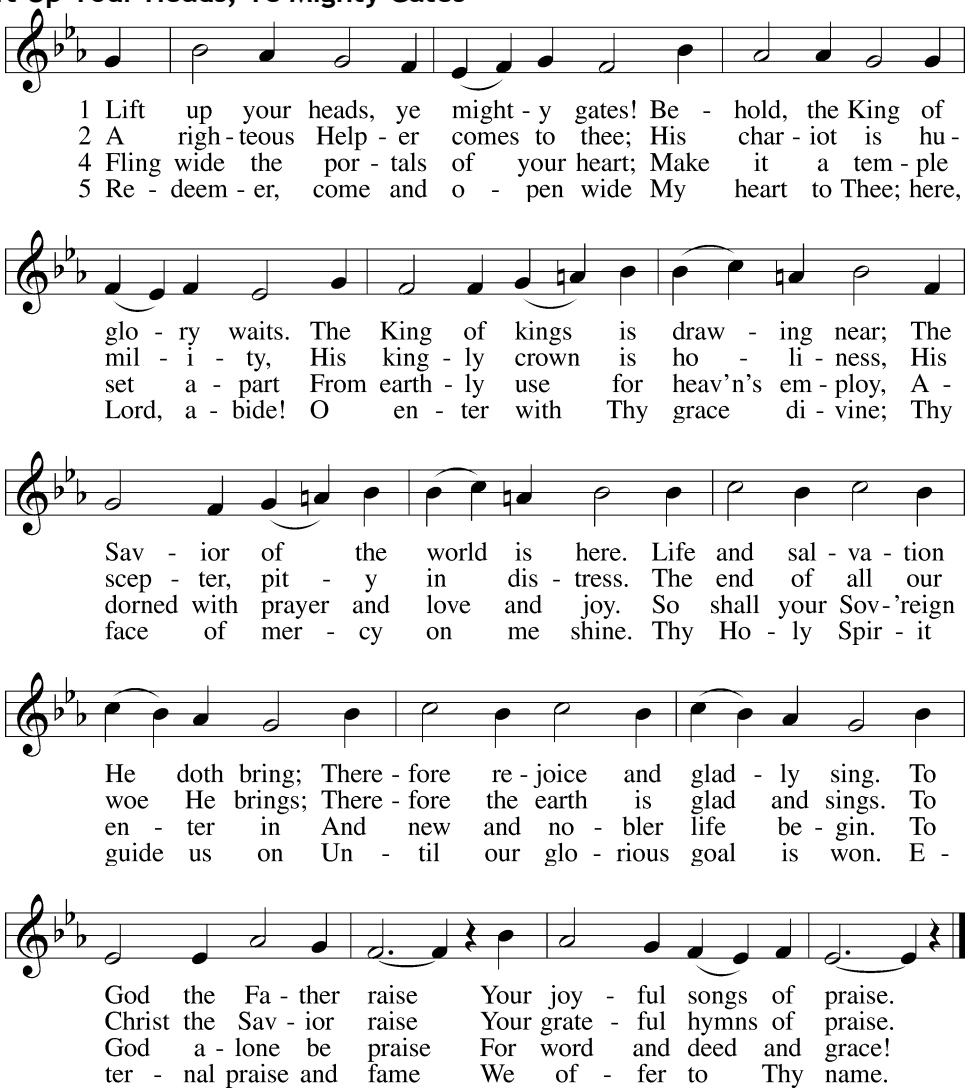
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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