GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

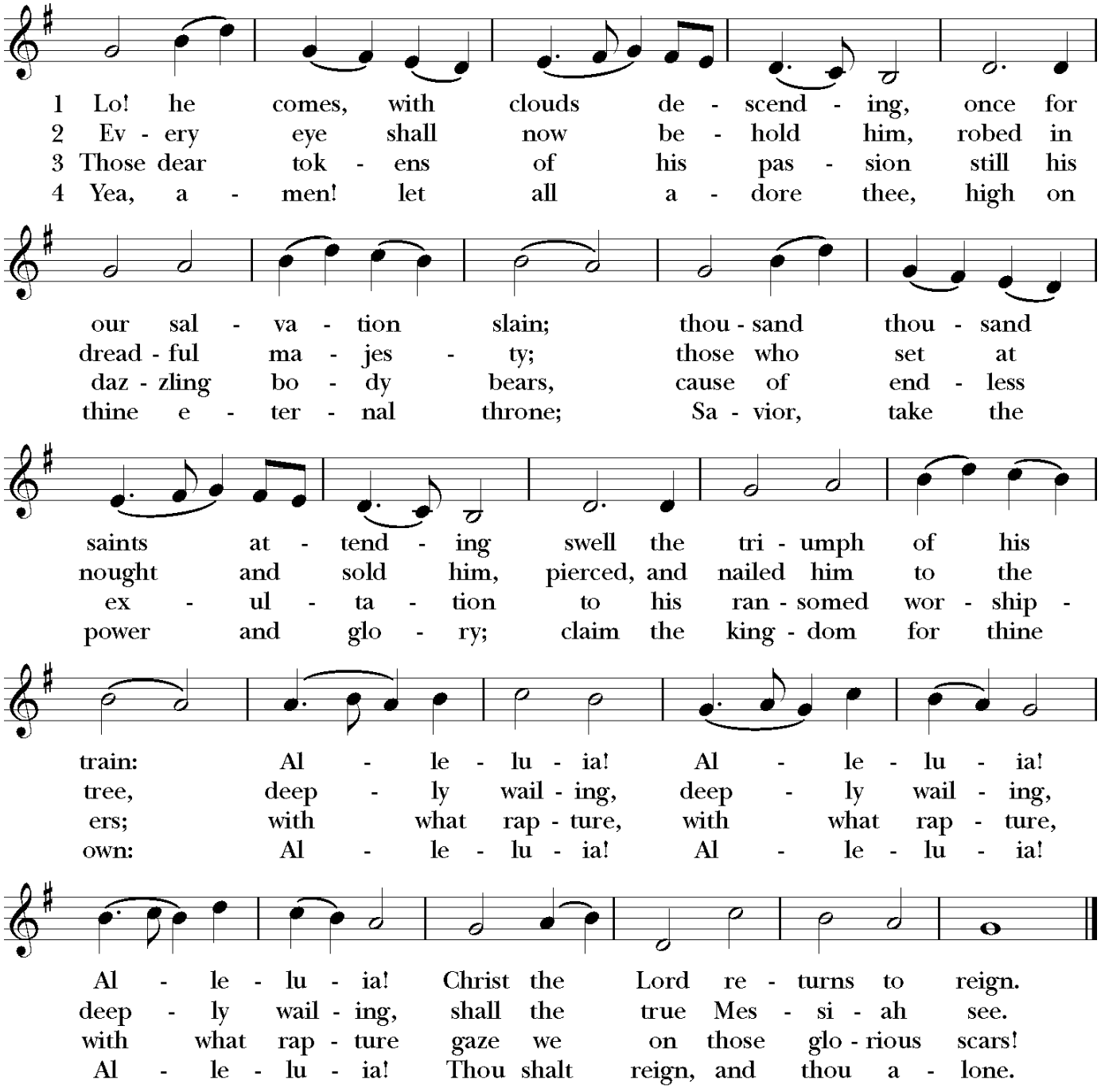
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist Rite I

November 29, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Wake, awake for night is flying *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

HYMN 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *(All stand to sing the hymn)* HELMSLEY



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley,* melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA, HYMNAL S-91 *(Sung by all, each line three times)* *Healey Willan* (1880-1968)
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9 *(Please be seated)* Jason Slibeck
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, 17-19 *(To be sung by choir)* Anglican Chant (*H. Walford Davies*)

1 HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God;
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears,
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts;
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
and upon the son of man,
whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee:
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

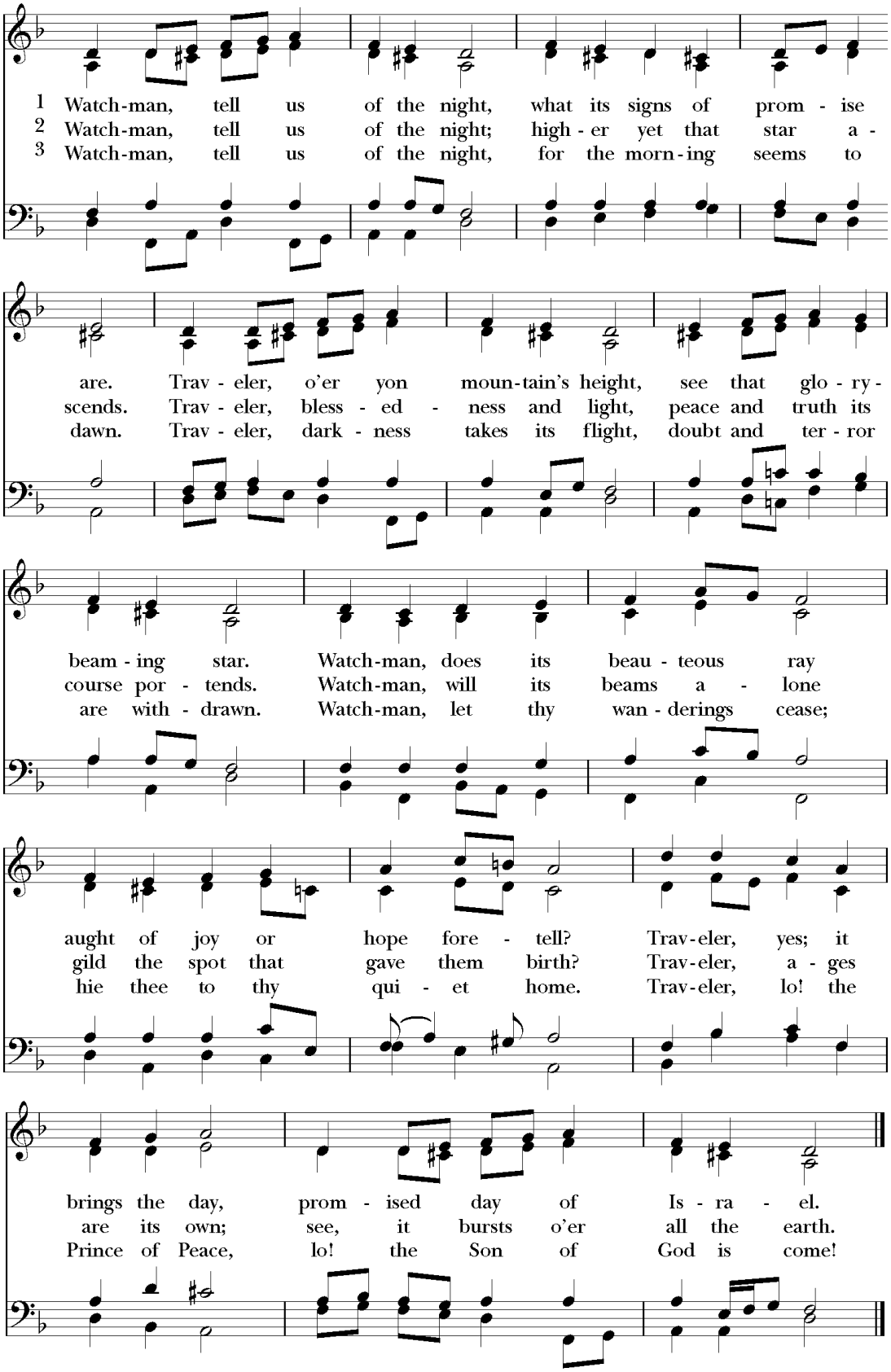
THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Cathy Minuse

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**

HYMN 640 Watchman, tell us of the night *(All stand)* ABERYSTWYTH

During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps, then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.



Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: *Aberystwyth,* Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

THE GOSPEL **Mark 13:24-37** *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON *(Please be seated)* THE REVEREND EVA N. SUAREZ

THE NICENE CREED *(To be said by all, standing)* *Book of Common Prayer p. 326*

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 *(Remain standing)* *Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Lector Remembering especially Donald our President; Kathleen our Governor; and Zohran our Mayor, we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;
People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Lector For the See of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop, Matthew, Allen, Bishops in New York, and all bishops and other ministers;
People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For justice, peace, and freedom in this and every place, especially in the troubled regions of the world.

For victims of natural disasters around the globe.

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, for all victims of war, and all others we name either silently or aloud.

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People ***For your mercy is great.***

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially, these particular blessings that the people of Grace Church have named:

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People ***Who put their trust in you.***

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION *(To be said by all)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *(All stand)*
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, The Lord will surely come *Gerre Hancock* (1934-2012)
Kyrie eleison.
The Lord will surely come and not delay, and He will bring
to light the things hidden in darkness.
The Lord will surely come, and will manifest Himself to all nations.
Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that you may be
blameless and innocent,
Children of God without blemish.

From *Philippians 2* and *The Benedictus Antiphon for Advent IV*

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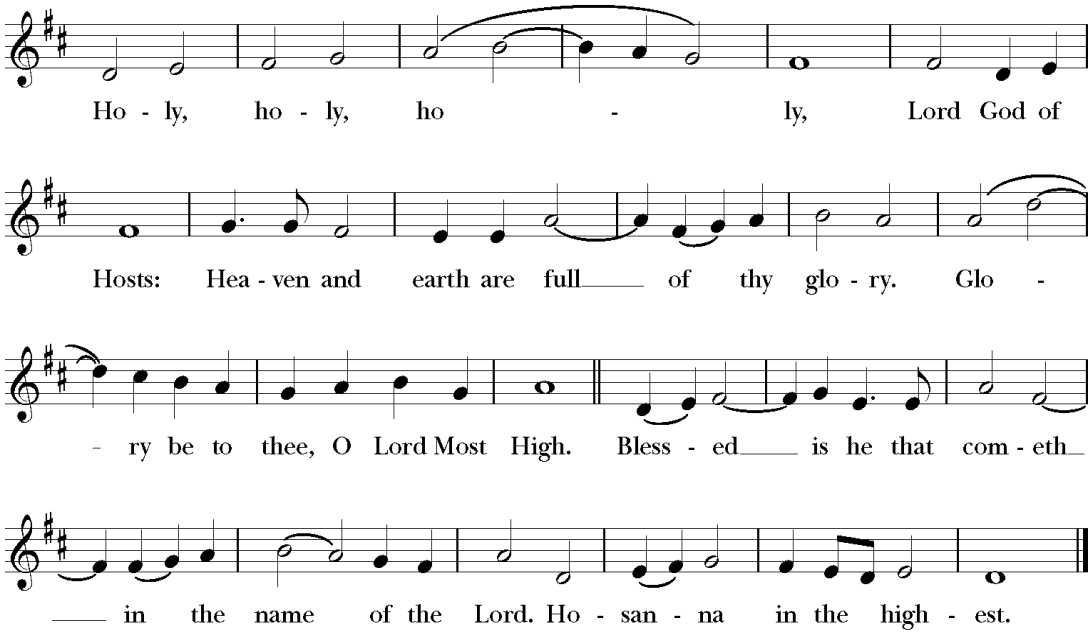
DOXOLOGY *(All stand)* OLD 100TH

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)*
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114 *Healey Willan* (1880-1968)



All may kneel after the Sanctus.
All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

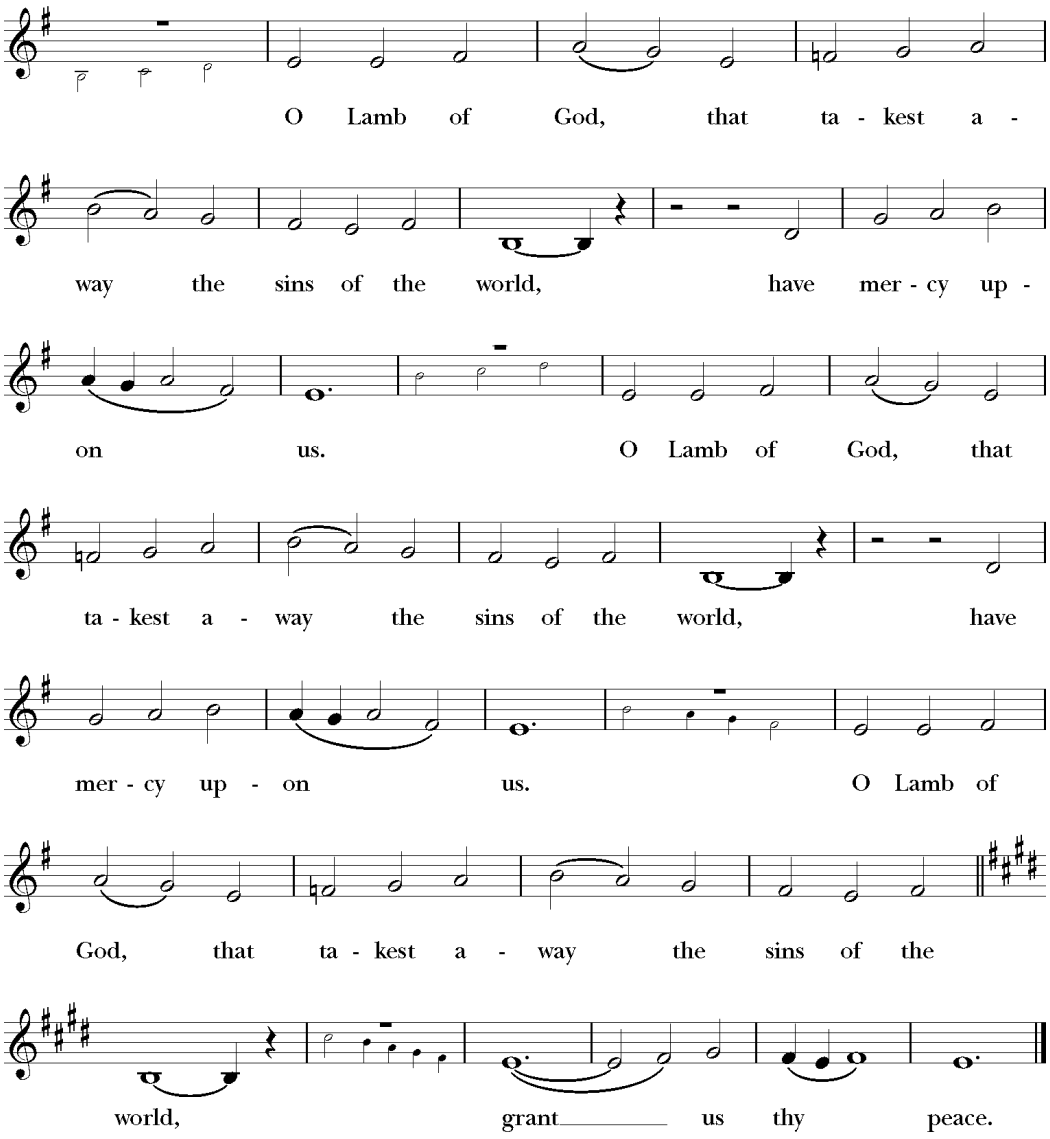
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant
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
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

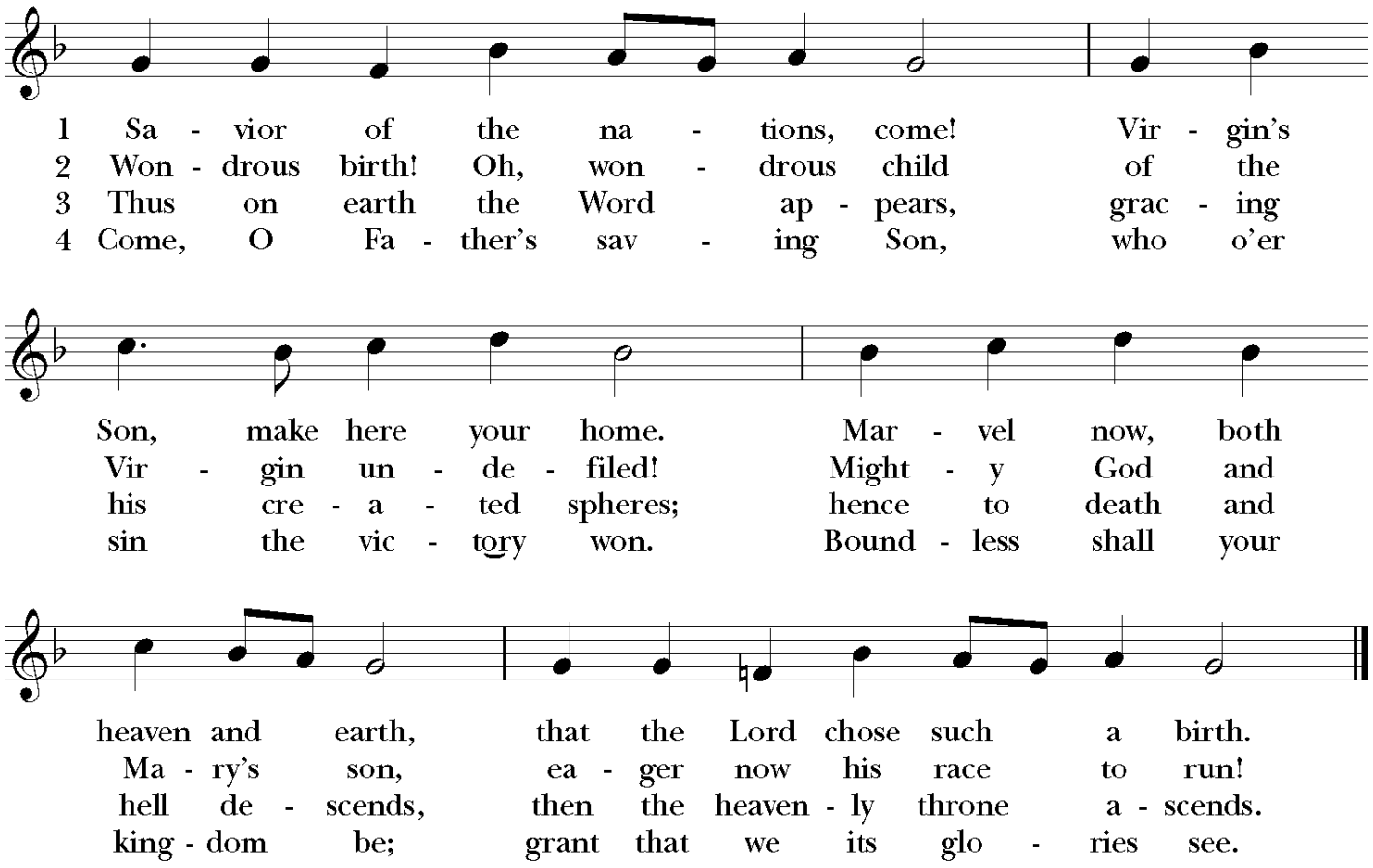
AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-158 *Healey Willan* (1880-1968)



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation
The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION
The Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.

HYMN 54 Savior of the nations, come! (*All stand)* NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND



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AT THE COMMUNION, E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come *Paul Manz* (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice in earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

adapted from *Revelation 22*

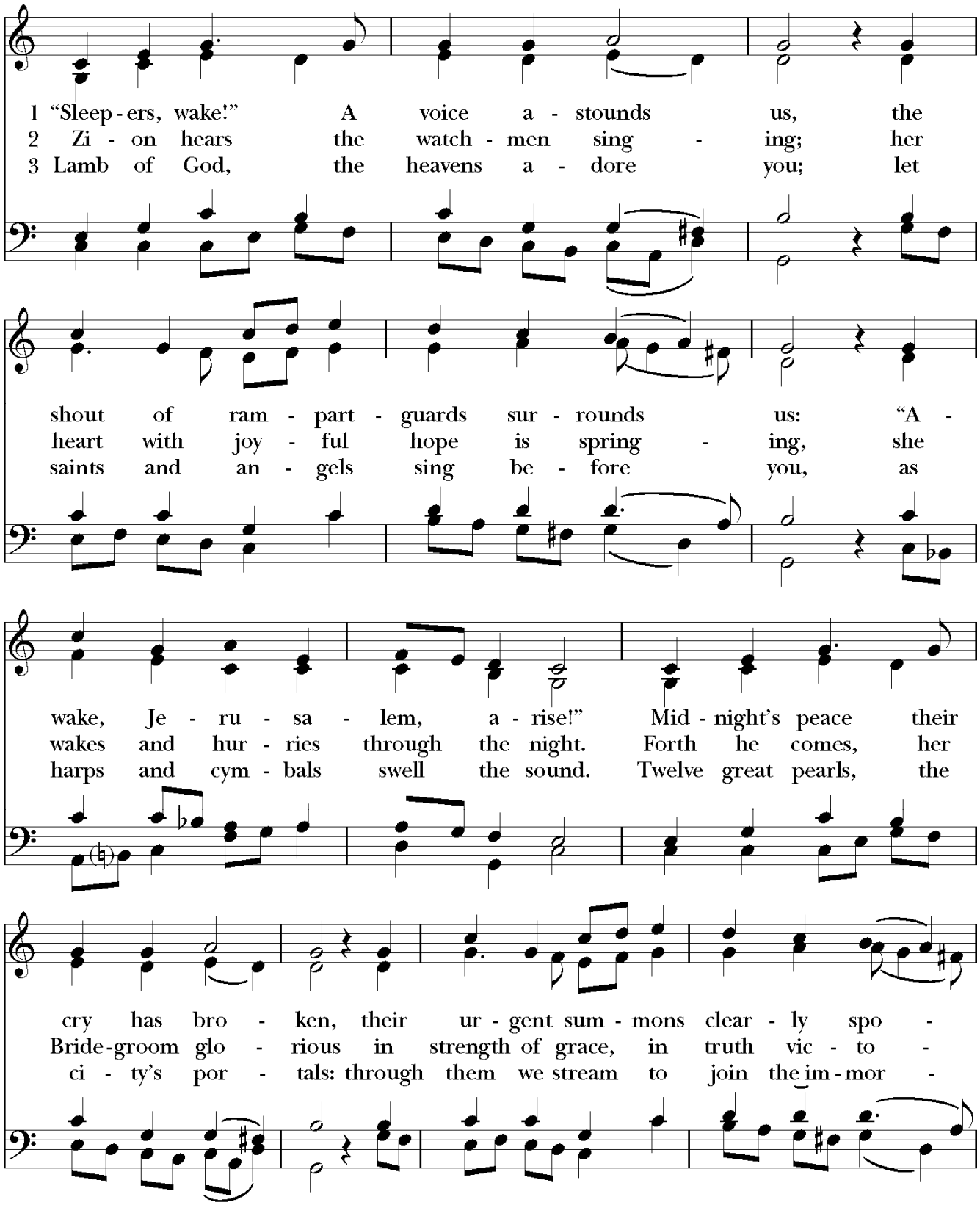
The Celebrant and People say together:

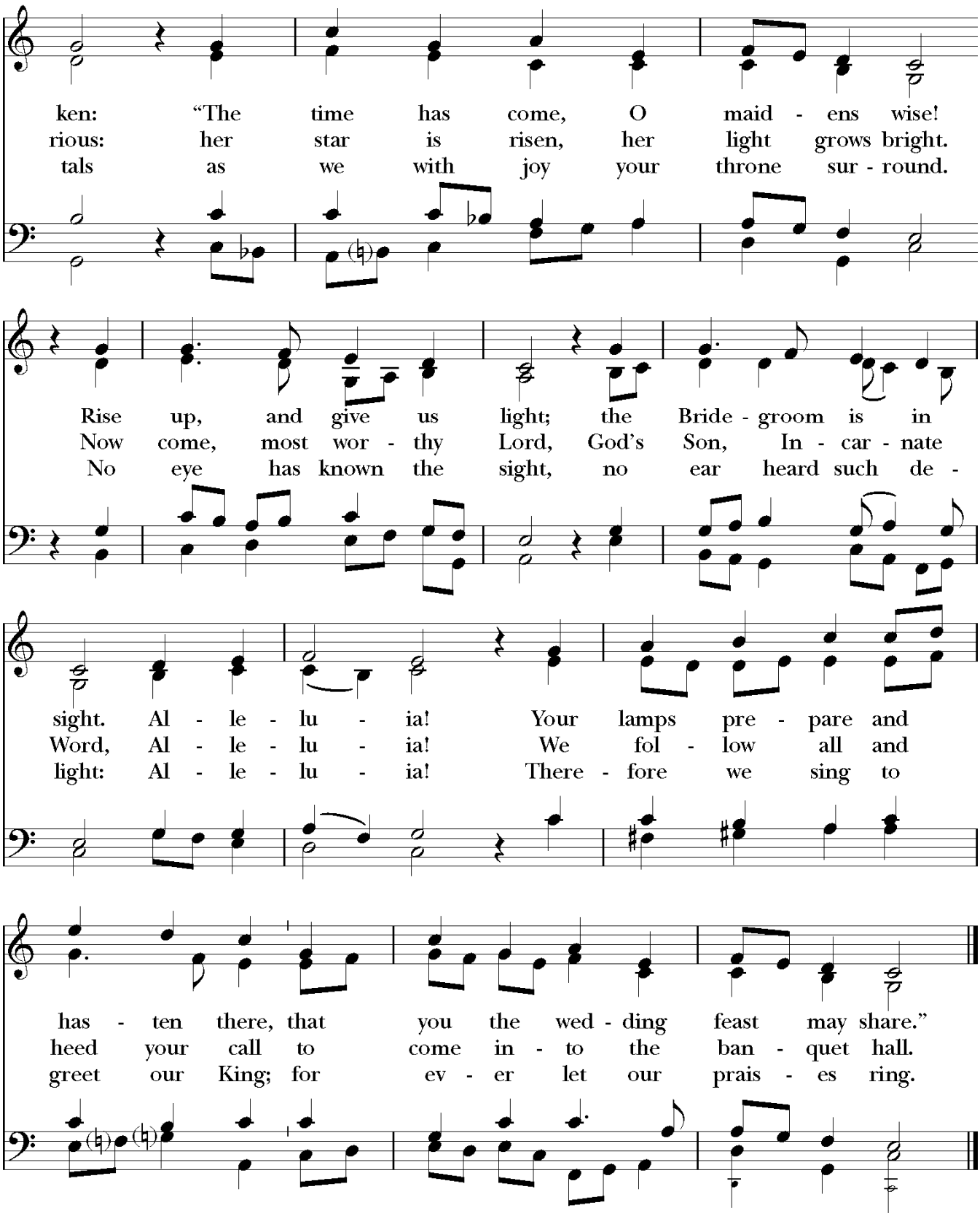
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 61 Sleepers, wake! *(All stand for the hymn.)* WACHET AUF





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Music: *Wachet auf,* melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

DISMISSAL *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Fuge in g-moll, BWV 578 Johann Sebastian Bach

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Serving Today
The Adult Choir
Lesa Bowman, *Acolyte*
Jason Slibeck, Cathy Minuse, Henry Stevenson, *Readers*
Jason Slibeck, Ansley Galjour, Colin Heywood, Austin Berger, *Ushers*
Elana Foundos, *Altar Guild*
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TODAY

Coffee and fellowship take place today in Tuttle Hall following the 9 am and 11 am services. Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and a variety of treats that have been provided.

Advent begins – Come and Make a Wreath! Rooted in ancient traditions, an Advent Wreath is both a practical tool for marking time and a beautiful reminder to focus our hearts on the coming of Christ amidst the season's hustle and bustle. Join us in Tuttle Hall after both the 9 and 11am services to make your own wreath. Materials and some basic instructions are provided, and experienced wreath-makers are encouraged to help others! Families are welcome to participate, and children must be assisted by an adult. Have questions? Contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more. Suggested donation per wreath: $25

The Sunday Forum is on recess today as we gather in Tuttle Hall to make Advent wreaths.

Advent Calendars Available – The Grace Church Women (GCW) will be selling Advent calendars during the coffee hour that follows both morning services. They are available at the welcome table for $5 each.

2027 Annual Pledge Campaign: "The Bread of Life" – On November 1, we began receiving financial commitments for supporting the work of the Lord through Grace Church in 2027. All parishioners and friends of the parish are asked to support the ministry of Grace Church by making an annual pledge. In this way we not only support the church, but give thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope (in the pews and in your mailbox at home), place it in the offering plate, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge online using the QR code or at https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate/annual-campaign/2027-pledge-form/. You have all of 2027 to make your payments.

Questions about Pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005. If your employer offers a program that matches your charitable giving, please contact Travis to learn about how you can amplify your giving by pledging to Saving Grace NYC.

The Guild Room is temporarily out of service as we make a major, ongoing plumbing repair. Thank you for your understanding.

COMING SOON

Annual Advent Collections

Nov 29 – Travel-sized toiletries for the Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas at Sea project

Dec 6 – Hats and gloves for the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry

Dec 13 – New men's underwear (M–XXL; no t-shirts/socks, please) for The Bowery Mission

Dec 20 – Online donation of toddler toys and clothing for Room to Grow (link to come)

Please bring donations to the baskets near the Broadway doors for the first three Sundays of Advent. Donations for Room to Grow should be made exclusively through their Amazon Wish List (link to come). Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors have a merry Christmas season!

Dec 1 – Choral Evensong – Choral Evensong is offered most Tuesdays at 6 pm while Grace Church School is in session. This gentle evening prayer office lasts about thirty minutes and is sung by the combined Boy and Girl Junior Choristers with Senior Mentors. It is very child friendly.

Dec 1 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place at 6:45 pm in the reception room of the parish house. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton to RSVP.

Dec 2 & 9 – Women's Bible Study (via Zoom) – O Come, O Come, O Antiphons –We will explore these Ancient Advent prayers and their related scriptures, most familiar to us as the source of the lyrics to beloved hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. Bible Study meets from 11am-noon, and the zoom room opens at 10:30 for check-ins and general discussion. New folks are always welcome, no advance preparation required, and all who identify as women are welcome. No RSVP needed; please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to receive the link.

Dec 2 & 9 – Parish Bible Study – Prophecy & Truth-Telling – Our reading of selections from the Hebrew Bible and Gospels continues, with a special focus on prophecy as an ancient literary genre and how we it speaks to us today. New folks are always welcome, and no advance preparation is needed. Class begins at 6:45 pm in the reception room (right after the Eucharist service in the chantry), and light refreshments are served. No RSVP required; please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez with any questions.

Dec 4 – Visit to The Morgan Library – Everyone is invited to explore The Morgan Library's new exhibit, "Ragtime: Cakewalk in Pianoland," with the GCW! The group will meet at The Morgan (36th Street & Madison Avenue) at 1:30 pm, view the exhibit, then enjoy dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. RSVP to Elana.

Dec 4 & 5 – Choral Society Christmas Concerts – The Choral Society and Orchestra's annual Christmas Concerts take place in the church on Friday, December 4, at 8 pm and Saturday, December 5, at 3 pm. This year's program features festive works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Sweelinck, Scheidt, Cecilia McDowall, and Caroline Shaw, along with an audience carol sing. Both concerts typically reach capacity before Thanksgiving. The Saturday performance is sold out. E-tickets (required - $32 general admission) for the Friday performance

are available at www.thechoralsociety.org.

Dec 6 – The Parish Choir – If you are an adult or teen who likes to sing with others, you can join the Parish Choir for the 9 am service. All you have to do is meet Dr. Allen at the chancel steps at 8:30 am and he will ready the group for the service. You will be backed up by a quartet of professional singers, so there is no fear factor if you don't always hit the right note. The Parish Choir typically sings on the first Sunday of every month. Give it a try!

Dec 6 – An Advent Procession with Carols – Readings of scripture foretelling the coming of Christ are interspersed with beautiful music of the season from the four corners of the church. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the church.

Dec 9 – The Community Carol Sing – All are welcome to come sing a selection of classic Christmas carols with the choristers in this festive annual event. 12:15-12:45 pm in the church.

Dec 13 – A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten will be offered by The Girls' Choir with Alumni of the Choir and members of The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the church.

Christmas Eve

4 pm – Christmas Pageant
Featuring our cast of friendly beasts, angels, shepherds, and villagers.
Doors open at 3:30 pm. The service will be livestreamed.

7:30 pm – Festive Music for Violin, Trumpet, & Organ
A Christmas Fantasia by Malcolm Archer
Cynthia Roberts, John Thiessen, & Patrick Allen

8 pm – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
The Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' and Adult Choirs.
Sermon by the Rector. The service will be livestreamed.

10:30 pm – Festive Music for Violin, Trumpet, & Organ
A Christmas Fantasia by Malcolm Archer
Cynthia Roberts, John Thiessen, & Patrick Allen

11 pm – Candlelight Choral Eucharist
The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

Christmas Day

11 am – Holy Eucharist with Carols
The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

Epiphany

4 pm – Amahl & the Night Visitors
The Adult Choir.

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship with us at 9 and 11 am in the church and 6 pm in the chantry. The 11 am service is livestreamed at https://gracechurchnyc.org/worship/live/.

The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others at 10 am in the reception room and delve into topics of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Children's Chapel – Children ages 5 and up are invited to start church with their parents in the pews, before joining a member of the clergy in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church, you will find coloring supplies and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave and help us keep the area clean for future families.

Hymns from Grace – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm during the program year. All are invited to attend in person, and you can tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc.

Canterbury Downtown – Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, the Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service in the chantry. All college students are welcome.

EVERY WEEK

Enter, Rest, Pray (Open Door Hours) Sunday: 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Saturday: 12–5 pm. Wednesday and Sunday 6 pm services are in the chantry.

Monday – Centering Prayer is offered from 12:14–12:45 pm, both in person and on Zoom. This Christian silent prayer practice prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence and is led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. To practice in person, please come to the southeast corner of the church, just to the right of the organ and behind the pulpit. If you come down the center or north aisle and turn right, you will see the spot set up.

Tuesday–Friday – Bach at Noon is offered by our Organist and Master of Choristers, Dr. Patrick Allen, from 12:20–12:50 pm on The Bicentennial Organ. Stop into the church at any time during this 30-minute meditation to enjoy a diverse selection from the works of J.S. Bach. You can also tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc.

Wednesday – 6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing

and anointing with oil. A Bible Study or other class is usually offered right after the service, see "Coming Soon" for more information.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditations – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm on Saturdays during the program year. All are invited to attend in person, and you can tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need, supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

Fresh Direct Bags Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you would like to donate bags, please place them in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

PARISH LIFE

Baptism and Confirmation at Grace Church – Are you interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism for you or a family member? Were you baptized as an infant, and not sure what that means now that you're returning to church as an adult? Grace Church is a place where everyone is welcome to deepen their life of faith. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more about Baptism, Confirmation, and other Rites of Initiation here at Grace.

Join the Choir! – Do you have a child in grades two through twelve? The Choirs are always recruiting and, with creative scheduling, all young people are eligible to participate, not just those who attend Grace Church School. It's fun, y'all come! Contact Patrick Allen via email at pallen@gracechurchnyc.org to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page at https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/ for more information about the choirs.

Altar Flowers – Donations of flowers beautify our sanctuary every week, a steady reminder of the love God shows us in creation. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, or just in general thanksgiving; both donors and their commemorations will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost to sponsor our usual Sunday display is $400. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator, Mickey Hawley.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all of our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

Is hospitality your forte? Would you like to help put on parish events? If so, the Hospitality Guild wants your help! Throughout the year, Grace Church puts on many special events and opportunities for table fellowship. At parish dinners, summer cookouts, and other festive receptions, the Hospitality Guild helps set the table, lay the buffet, and extend the church's hospitality to members and newcomers alike. If you would like to be on the list of people we reach out to when we need hospitality volunteers, please contact a member of the clergy.

Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on

the boards in Tuttle Hall, please email Travis Kennedy so he can make you one.

20s & 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our email list.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home, or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. James Morton.

Assistive Listening System – During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial to listen. Please visit https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/ for more information.

Nut-Free Fare – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit https://gracechurchnyc.org/safeguarding-our-community/ to find a direct means of providing feedback.

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

Restrooms are available on the first floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can make a donation via Venmo at https://venmo.com/u/GraceChurchNYC. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Please contact a member of the clergy by 12 pm on Wednesday to request to add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin.

Photos and videos taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of photos and videos. To do so, please contact Michelle Henderson at mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.