

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday *of Advent*

Morning Prayer, Rite II

November 29, 2026 • 9:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.
Bold print indicates participation by the congregation
Page numbers in *The Book of Common Prayer* refer to the red book

Hymn numbers prefixed **H** indicate the blue *Hymnal 1982*
WLP indicates the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*
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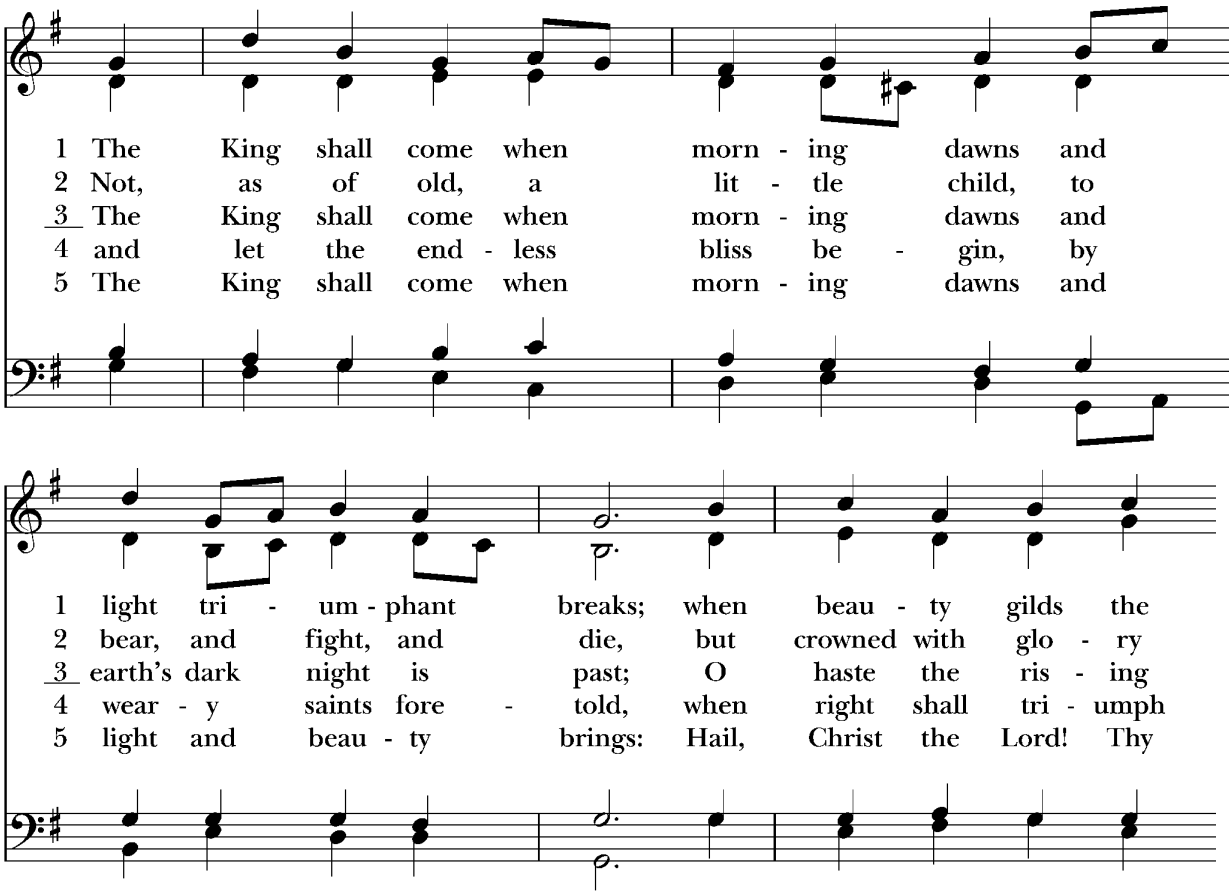
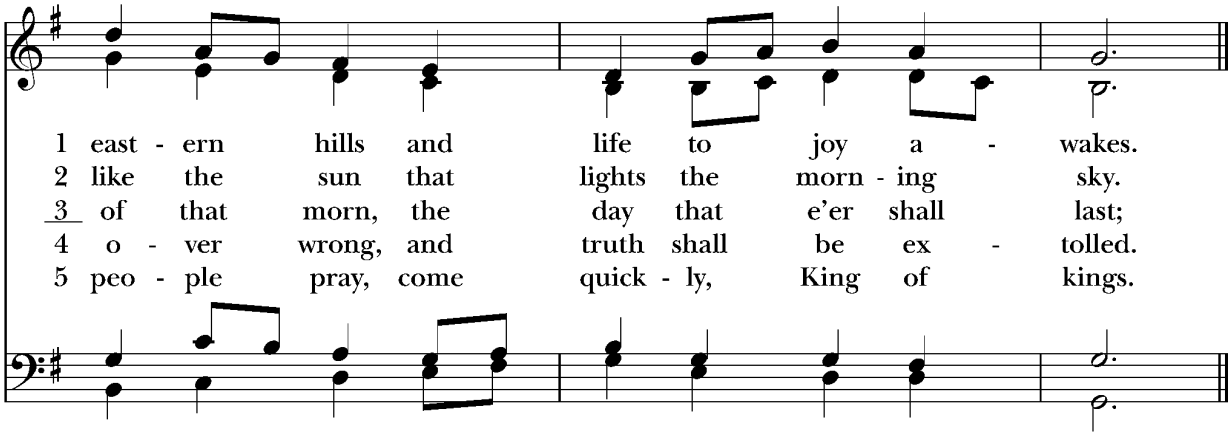
PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

The King shall come when morning dawns (St. Stephen) Hymnal 73





ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Sarah and Ollie

Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

People **A light no darkness can overcome.**

Lector Today we light the first candle in our wreath: the candle of Promise. We are reminded that God promised to send us his Son, Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah says, A child has been born for us, and he will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Lector Jesus, Child of God, help us to listen to your voice in this season of promise. You are our comfort and strength, the very hope of the world. This week, help us to reflect on the promise that has been offered to us.

O come, O come Emmanuel. 1 Advent

The Word of the Lord

OPENING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer p. 75

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer p. 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen***.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Book of Common Prayer p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE

Book of Common Prayer p. 82

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse beginning with the reader.

[1]Hear, O Shepherd 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.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

**For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory 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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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

SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1:68-79*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight**

all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory 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.

THE THIRD LESSON:

Mark 13:24-37

A Reading from Mark.

[Jesus said,] 24"In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then 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 forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev David Hill

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Book of Common Prayer p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Prayers

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 97

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.

SUFFRAGES

Book of Common Prayer p. 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away**.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer p. 98

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*.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

Book of Common Prayer p.98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*..

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Book of Common Prayer p.816

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV Book of Common Prayer p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless our siblings in Christ. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church in Hong Kong, and in the Diocese of Ohio we pray for St. James' Church, Wooster and St. John's Church, Youngstown and their surrounding communities.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you**.

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

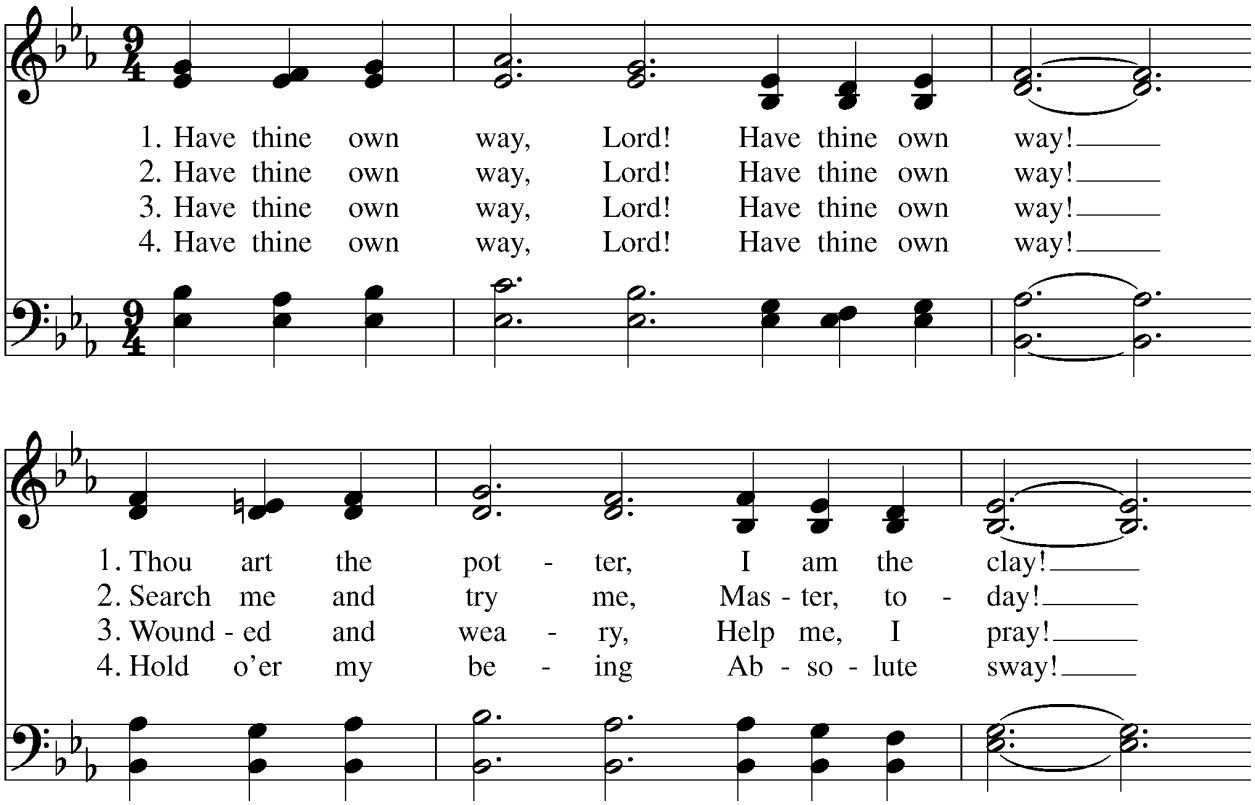
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

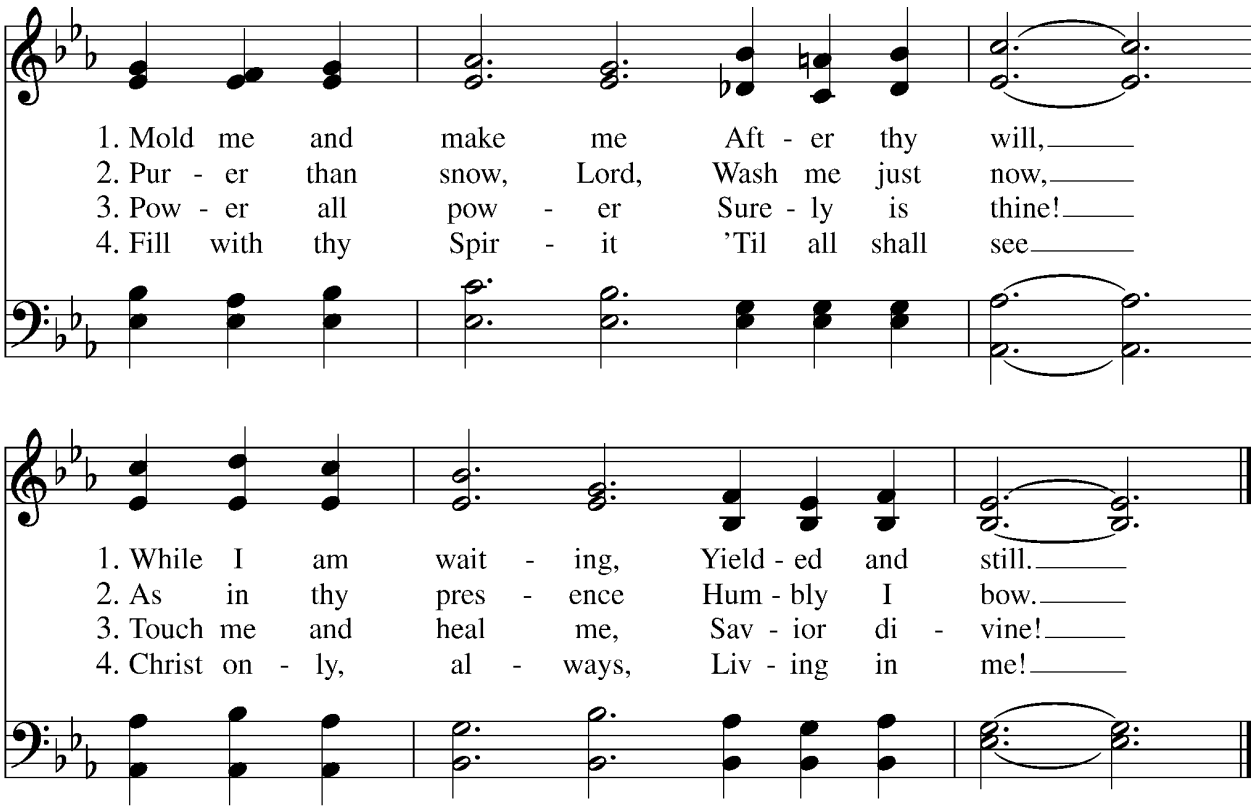
THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERATORY HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! LEVAS 145





PRESENTATION

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles* 29:14

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer p. 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

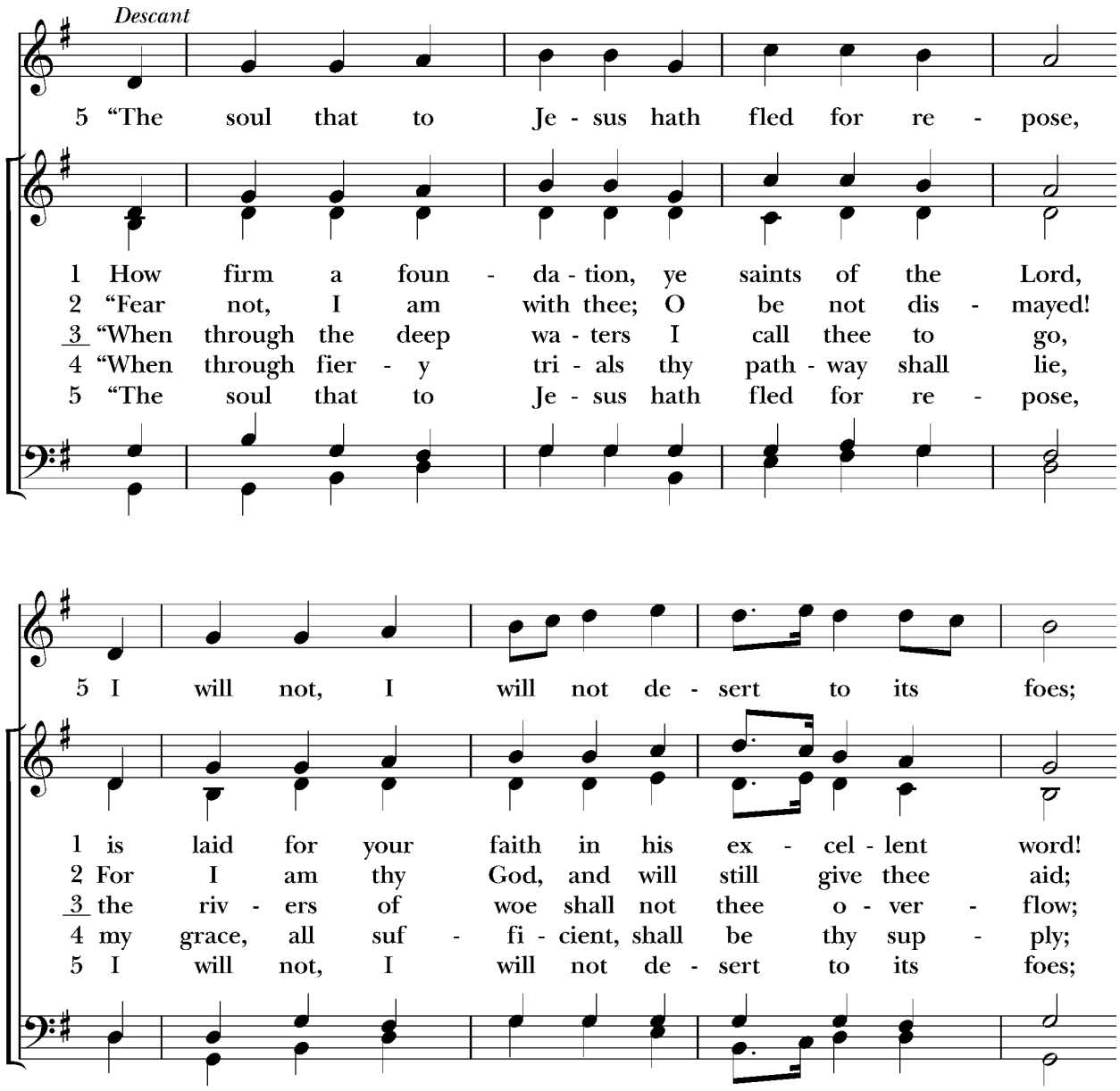
Book of Common Prayer p. 102

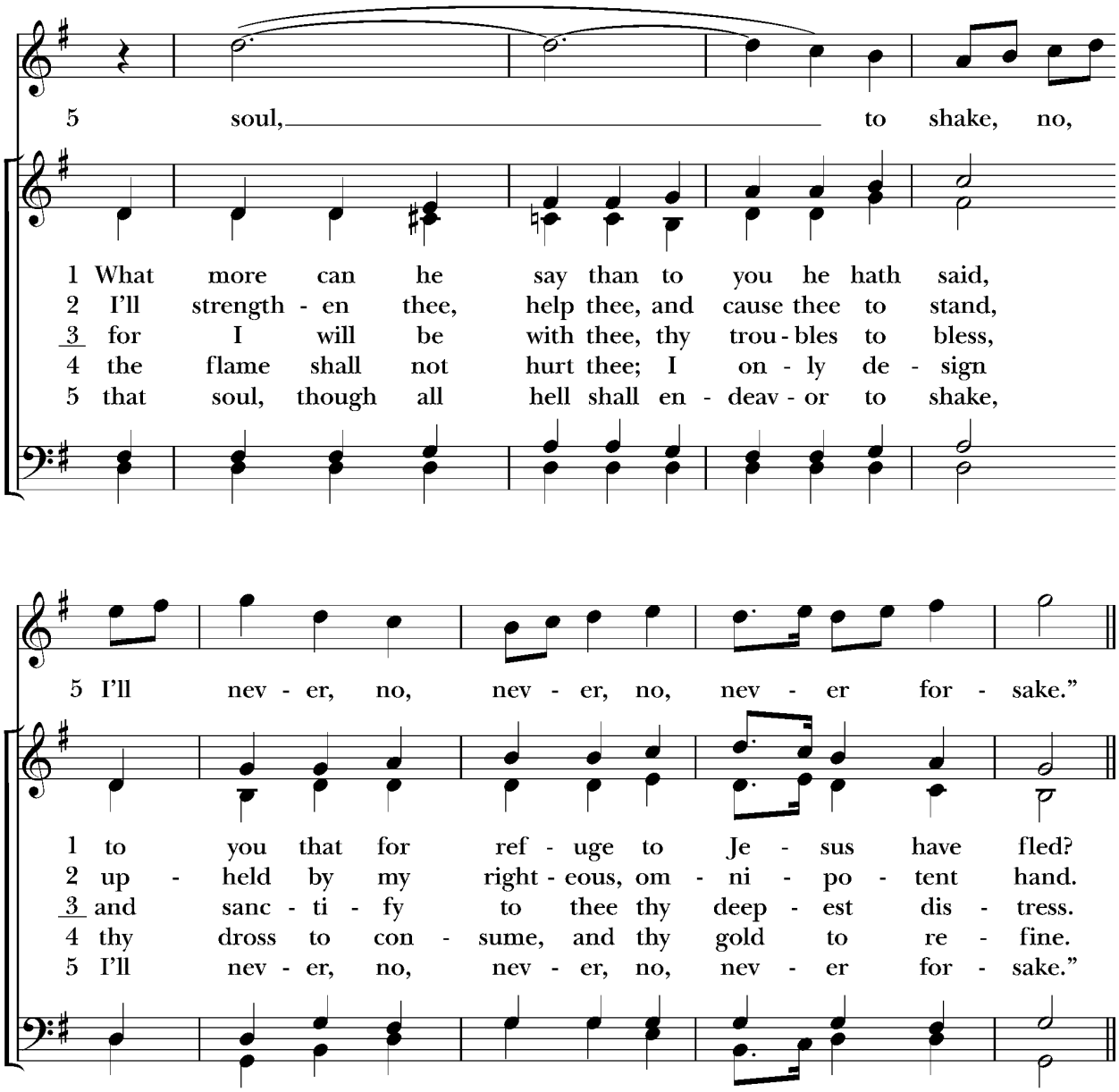
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you;

and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons) Hymnal 637





DISMISSAL

Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

POSTLUDE

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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We Welcome You to *St. John's*

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register in the hallway. And please join us for conversation and refreshments in the back of the nave after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR All are welcome to participate in our choir. Please talk with Dale Schall for more information. Choir will rehearse in the choir room following the 9:30 service today.

BOAR'S HEAD The 64th edition of our Boar's Head Festival will take place on Sunday, January 3, 2027 at 3:00 pm. Get your tickets. Sign up for a part. More information available on the bridge.

ARMS MUSEUM Join us for a special holiday brunch at the back of the nave following our morning worship on Sunday, December 6th. A field trip to the Arms Family Museum will follow to see the current exhibit, "White Christmas" including costumes and other memorabilia from the classic movie.

ADULT FORUM All are welcome to join us for our study, "What Do You Want for Christmas?" We meet on Sunday mornings in the Parlor from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., beginning Nov. 29 and concluding Dec. 20. Please let the study leader David Hill, Tony, or Eva know if you are interested. A donation of $ 5 is suggested.

SOJOURNER GIFTS We will be collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children and teens to be distributed by Sojourner House, a residential shelter for victims of domestic violence. Please bring gifts to church by Sunday, December 20th

ALTAR GUILD The Greening of the church will take place on December 20 after the service. When the decorating is finished, we'll all sit down together to enjoy lunch.