



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

10:30 AM

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace. Our next new member weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

POP's Café: Coffee and breakfast are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.



SCAN
to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

People, Look East
Karen Pfeifer, oboe
Bob Pfeifer, clarinet

arr. Jeremy Young

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: Long-expected God,

All: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

All: Amen.

Presider: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen.

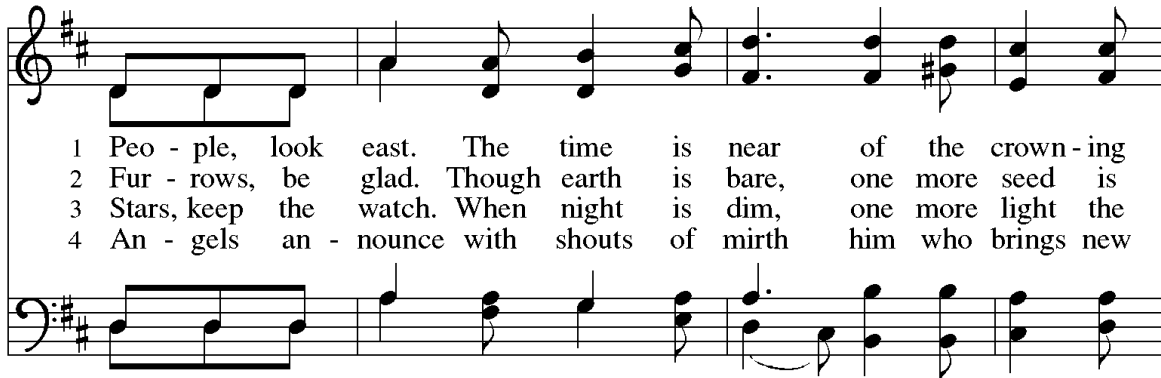
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ENTRANCE CAROL

ELW 248

People, Look East

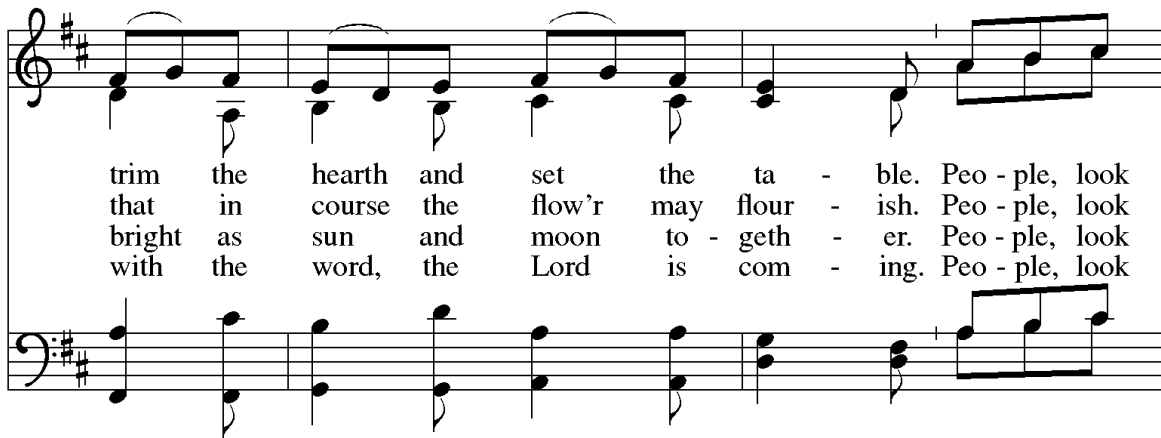
BESANÇON



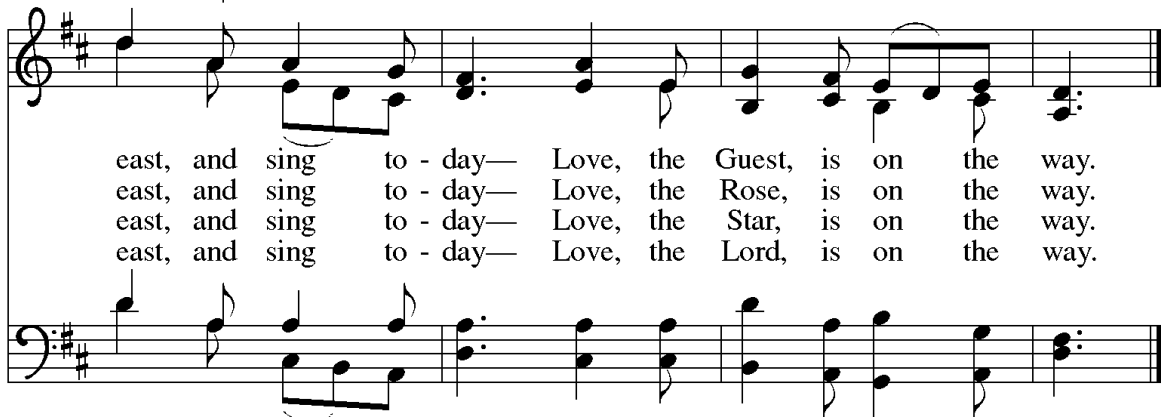
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE

Cantor: Ky - ri e e - le - i - son. Congregation: Lord have mer - cy.

Cantor: Chris - te - e - le - i - son. Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Congregation: Lord, have mer - cy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CAROL

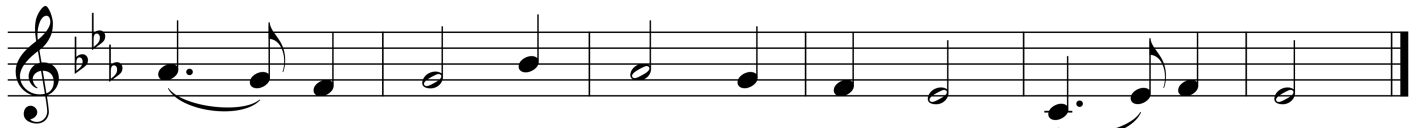
The Hope That Calls Us



1. The hope that calls us leads us on to new hor -
2. The love that frees us al - so binds our hearts and
3. The faith that saves us bids us sing the prais - es
4. Now faith and love and hope a - bide, em - brac - ing



i - zons: life be - yond this night of sor - row,
voic - es, spir - its, minds in - to one bod - y,
of our Ser - vant - King who died to van - quish
us on ev' - ry side till all cre - a - tion—



toil, and pain, as sun - light beck - ons af - ter rain.
blessed and freed to serve all peo - ple in their need.
death and strife, who breathed, be - stow - ing peace and life.
cleansed, re - stored— is whole a - gain in Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated and remain seated until the Prayers of Intercession.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Creation Will Be at Peace
Prince of Peace Choir

Anna Laura Page

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 42: 5-9

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

CAROL

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY



All: Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
Choir: Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
All: Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
All: Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

THIRD LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree
Prince of Peace Choir

Elizabeth Poston

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-37

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Et misericordia from *Magnificat*

Jonathan Willcocks

Prince of Peace Choir

Sophia Longo, soloist

*Et misericordia ejus a progenie in
progenies timentibus eum.*

And his mercy is on them that fear him
Throughout all generations

Hail Mary, full of grace, thou who didst bear the Savior of our race;
Hail Mary, Queen of heaven, turn not from us thy face.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Away in a Manger
Prince of Peace Choir

Mack Wilberg

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

⁸Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

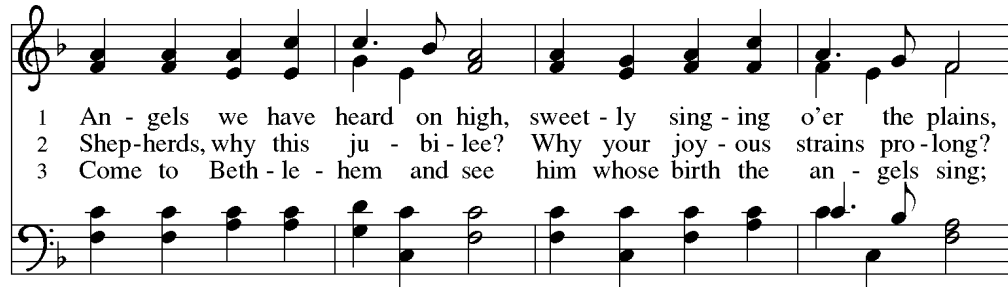
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CAROL

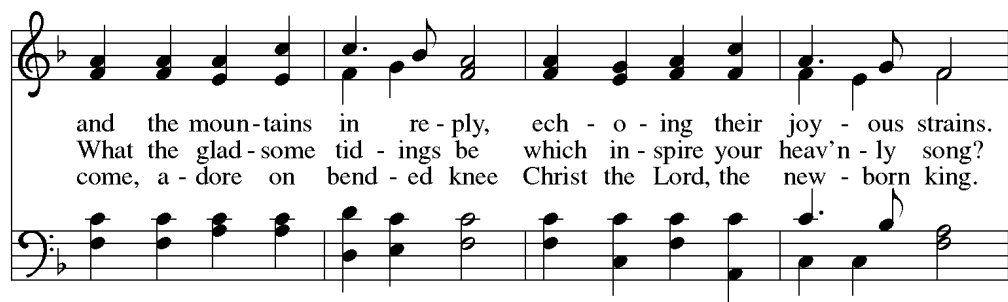
Angels We Have Heard on High

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GLORIA



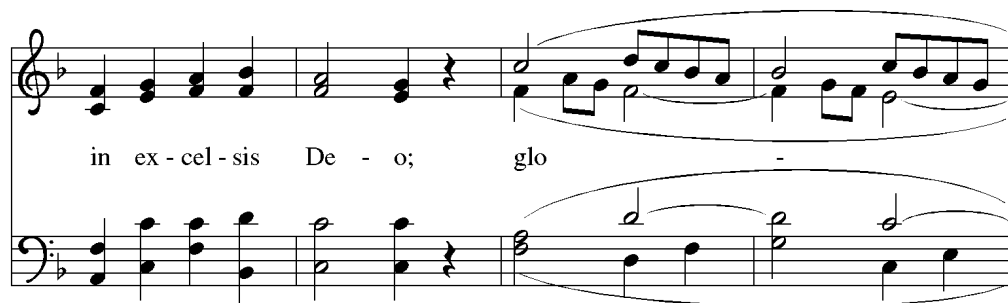
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain
Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: Waiting for the Light in this season of Advent, we gather to worship today.

Moment of silence.

Our world, while troubled and besieged with hardships, is nonetheless jubilant as we gather to celebrate Advent. We pray that those who are hungry and poor find food and safety. We pray that those who have no home find a warm place to be. We pray for families to find peace for their children. We pray for those suffering from environmental adversities. We pray for all of us throughout the world.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Help the Church spread the good news and offer hope to all. May the Church find the strength and resources to comfort those who need it. May the Church grow and prosper in your love and continue to flourish.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Keep those in our community around us safe and secure during this Advent. Help us see those who need assistance, be it food, shelter, or simple companionship. May we always be ready to help where needed, to answer cries for help. The abundance in our community is by your grace. May Christ find new ways to enter our lives during the Advent season.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

May the ministry at Prince of Peace continue to grow and succeed. The expressions of your love shine through our worship, filled with music and service. Members of our church who work at food banks, shelters, senior services, immigration services, teaching our youth, and countless other programs are cherished and praised. Let us keep our faith strong and continue to do your work.

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Let us always remember that for some, the holidays may bring reminders of loved ones no longer with them. Bless and watch over them as they silently grieve. There are others who are ill or suffer through daily life. Many people are providing care for others and are burdened with those responsibilities. Watch over all of them that need your help and guidance, especially those we name now or in our hearts. *A moment of silence.*

God of Hope, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all your people, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your loose cash offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.

Today's flowers are given by Joyce and David Miller, in celebration of their grandson Colin's 10th birthday; by Mitch, Max & Jack Huber, in memory of Gail Huber; and by the Michael Huber family, in memory of Gail Huber.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Word Was God
Chamber Choir

Rosephanye Powell

OFFERTORY CAROL What Feast of Love



What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?



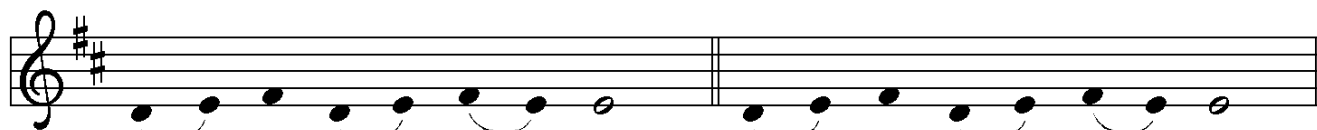
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.



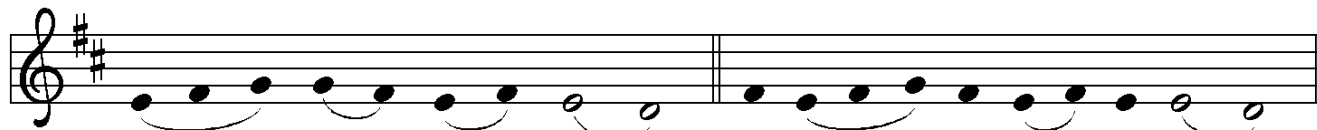
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



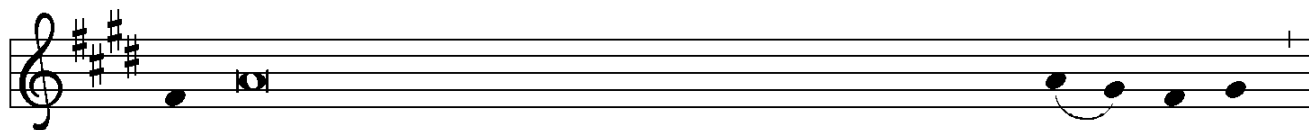
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



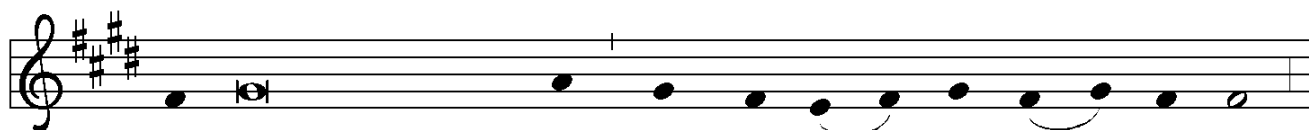
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



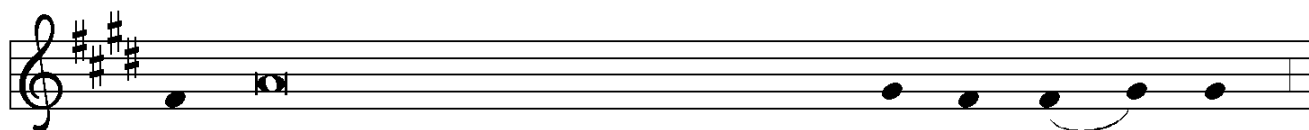
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



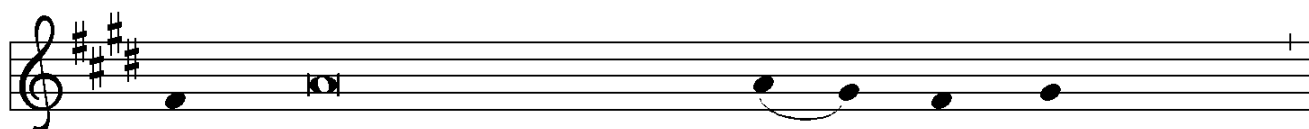
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



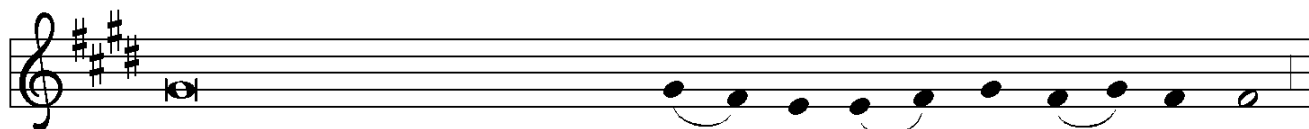
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,



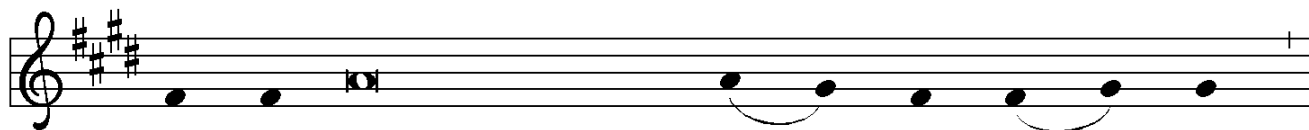
through whom you will also make all things new



in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



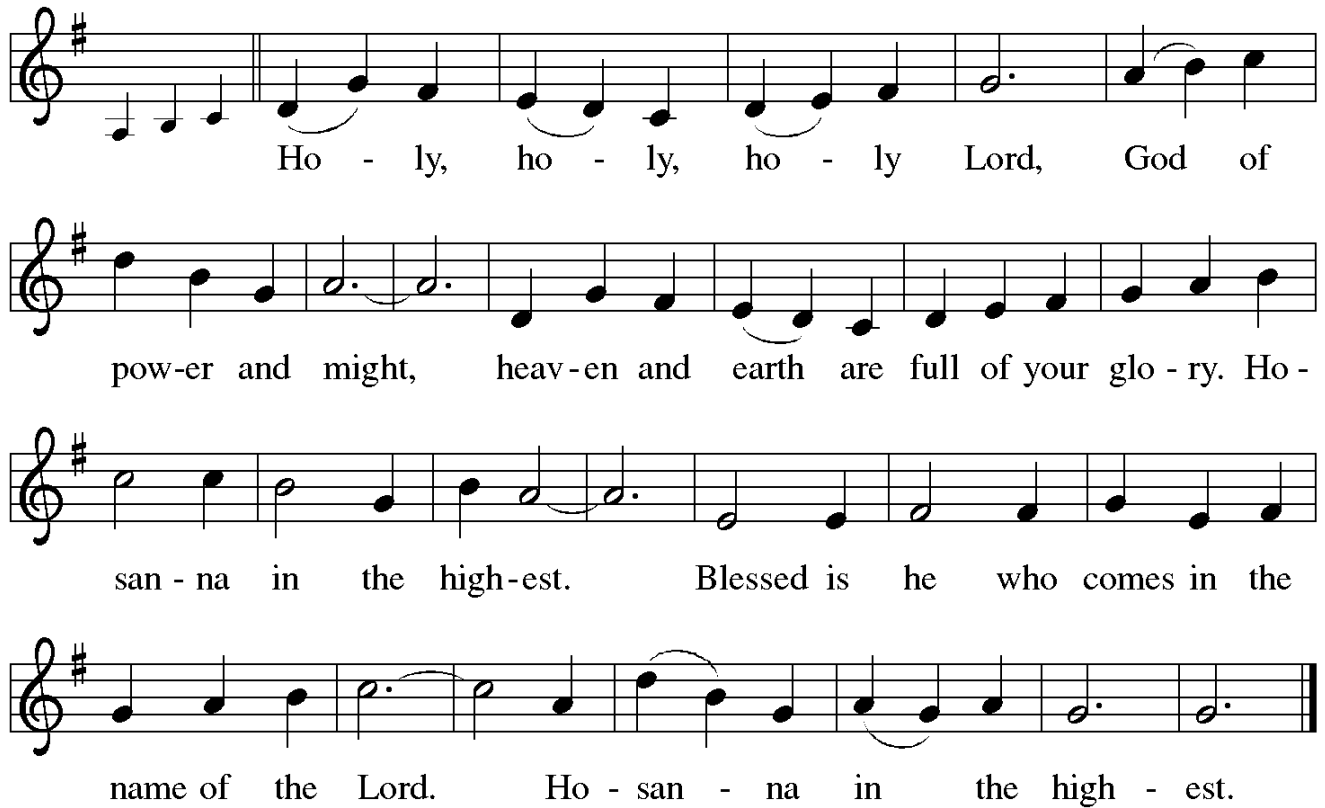
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.




Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his
coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen
our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of
your Son.


Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, 
your kingdom come, 
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. 

Give us today our daily bread. 

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. 

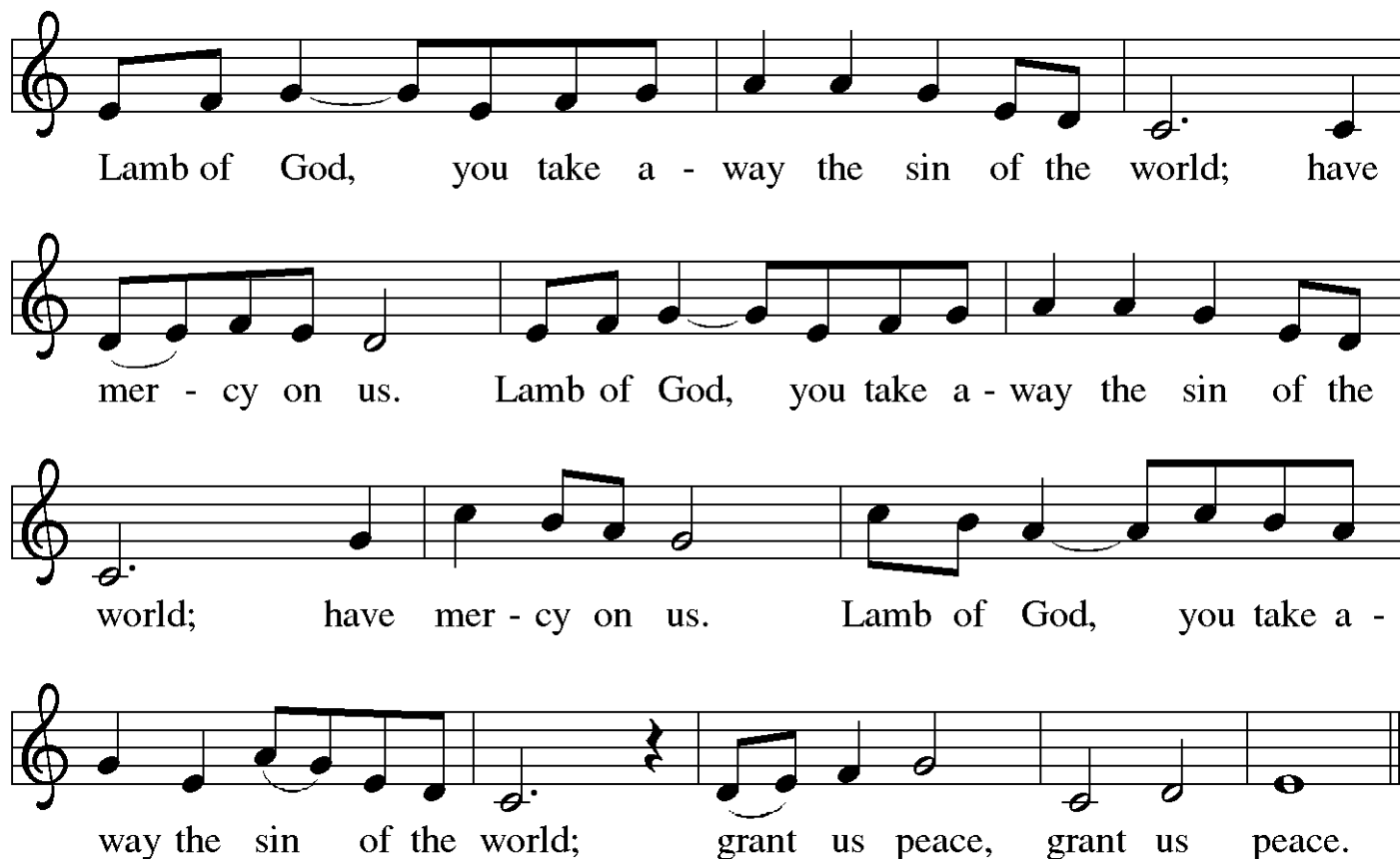
Save us from the time of trial 
and deliver us from evil. 

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

 *Please pause for the toll of the bell.*

LAMB OF GOD

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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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Angel Gabriel
Karen Pfeifer, oboe
Bob Pfeifer, clarinet

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

CAROL DURING COMMUNION

ELW 265

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You
Prince of Peace Choir

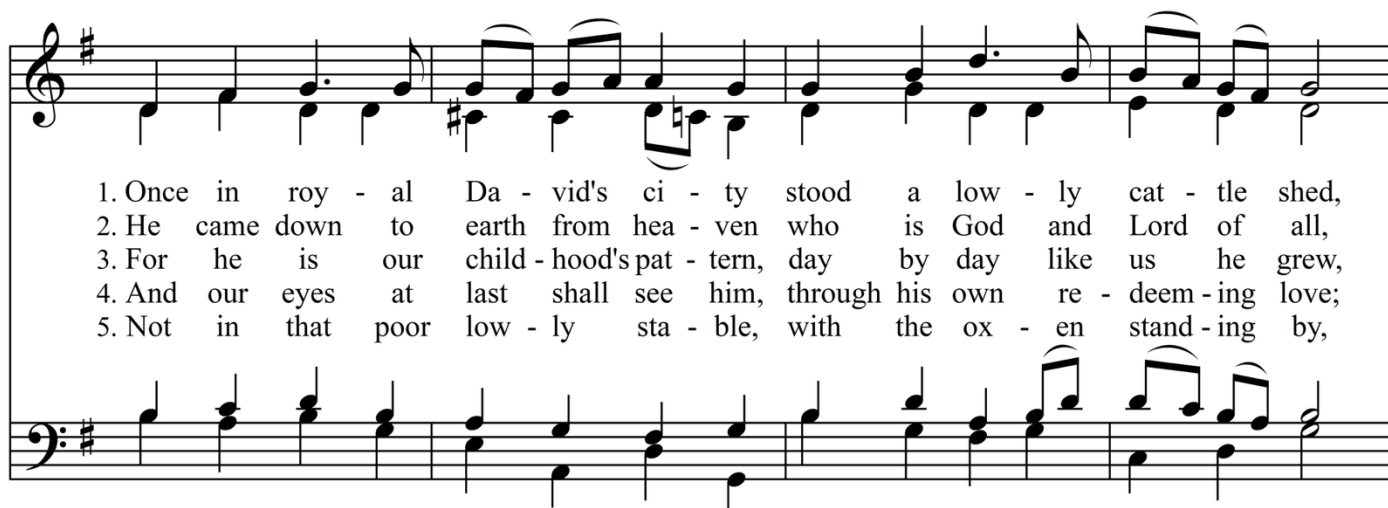
E. Fred Morris

SENDING CAROL


Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

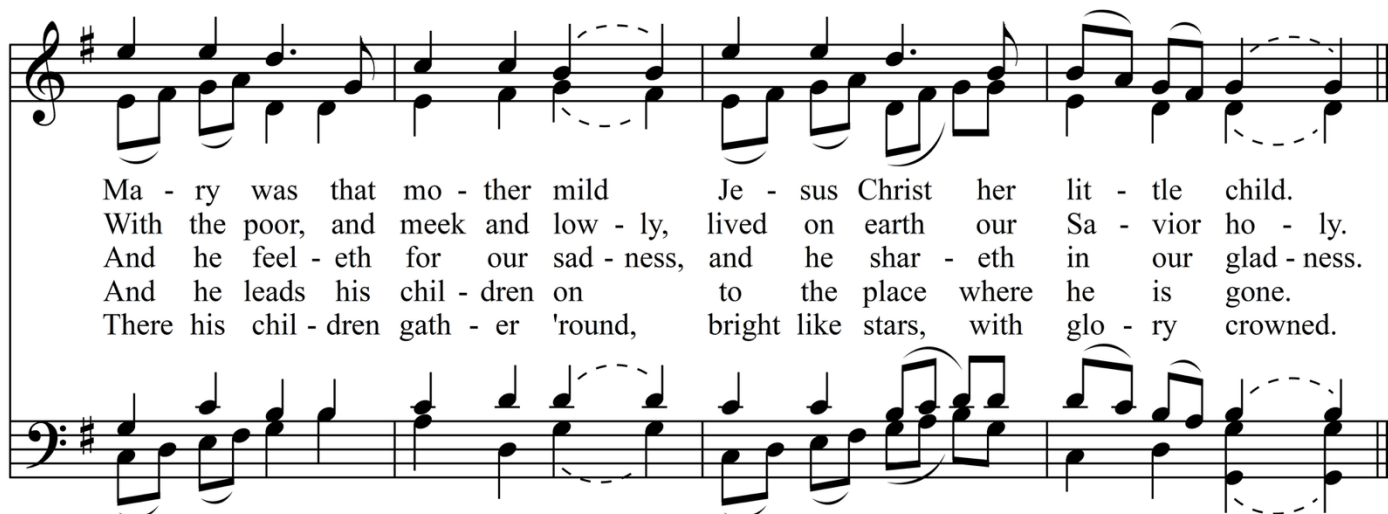
Stanza 1 & 2: Choir; 3-5: All



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of all,
3. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
he was lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
With the poor, and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
And he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
And he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
There his chil - dren gath - er 'round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Michael Burkhardt

Thanks to Karen Pfeifer, oboe; and Bob Pfeifer, clarinet
for playing this morning.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

	Sunday, 10:30 AM
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