Holy Innocents'
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST · NOVEMBER 8, 2026 · 10:15 AM

WELCOME

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and pray, think and talk, laugh and cry. We believe we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, active in every person and in the world. Join us as we worship God and serve our neighbors.

NEWCOMERS

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

TODAY

8:00 AM · WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

8:45 AM · DONUTS · Bishop Commons
Provided by the Men of HI

9:00 AM · FORMATION · Inglett Hall

10:15 AM · WORSHIP · Nave

1:00 PM · SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP · Nave

6:00 PM · CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE · Parish Hall

GIVING

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.

CHILDCARE

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

VOLUNTARY • *Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* • *(Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir)* • JOHANN PACHELBEL

The people stand as they are able at the sound of the bell.

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The people's responses are in bold.

HYMN 596 • *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*
KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

OPENING ACCLAMATION
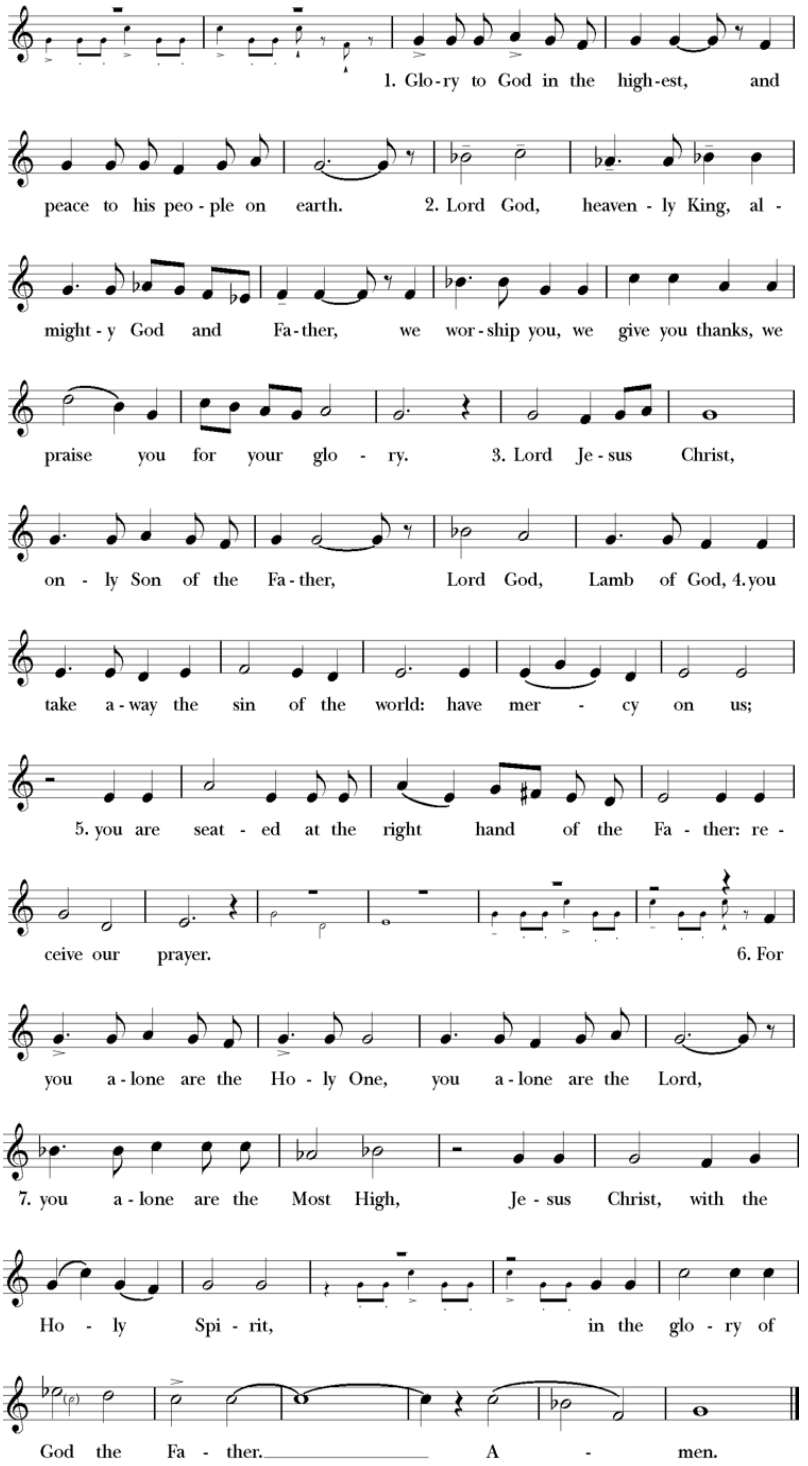
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA • *S* 278 • MATHIAS

See next page.

The COLLECT *of the* DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**


1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The WORD *of* GOD

The people are seated.

The FIRST LESSON • AMOS 5:18-24
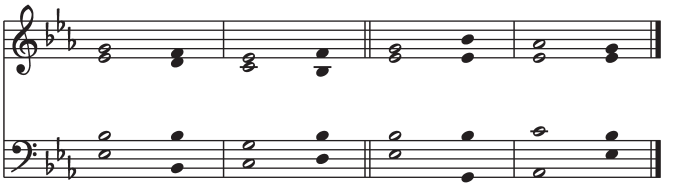
Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD:
Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
  Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
  as if someone fled from a lion,
  and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
  and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
  and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
  and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
  I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
  I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
  and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70 • DEUS, IN ADJUTORIUM

Sung by all.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Be pleased, O God, to de- **/** liver me; *
O LORD, make haste to **/** help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis- **/** mayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis- **/** graced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **/** back, *
because they are a- **/** shamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be **/** glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the **/** LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **/** needy; *
come to me speedily, O **/** God.

6 You are my helper and my de- **/** liverer; *
O LORD, do not **/** tarry.

The SECOND LESSON • 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

HYMN 526 • *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Ring* • DUNDEE

Children are invited to follow the small cross to attend Children's Chapel for a story and prayers during the procession and will return during the Peace. We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the good news into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The SERMON • *The Reverend T. Stewart Lucas* • VICAR

The people stand as able.

The NICENE CREED

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 *&* CONFESSION *of* SIN

The people kneel or remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

We pray the people of Holy Innocents, and for all bishops, clergy and other ministers. Draw us together in Christ to share your love and pass on the faith to generations yet to come.
God of every generation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Give them wisdom and courage to pursue peace, protect the vulnerable, and serve the common good.
God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth entrusted to our care. Help us protect its beauty and abundance for all who share it now and all who come after us.
God of creation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who hunger, lack shelter, or seek work. Open our hearts to welcome strangers, meet one another's needs, and recognize one another's gifts.
God of justice, **hear our prayer**.

We give thanks for all whose generosity and service sustain this church. In the season of giving thanks, help us give with gratitude and trust.
God of abundance, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or afraid, and for their caregivers, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence.

Bring them comfort and healing and help us bear one another's burdens.
God of comfort, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints through the ages and those whose lives have helped us know your love. May their witness strengthen us to follow Christ today.
God of steadfast love, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence.

Receive them into your everlasting joy. Comfort those who mourn, and unite us with all your saints in the love that death cannot overcome.
God of everlasting life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Priest, stands and says

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

The PEACE

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people are seated.

The HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.

ANTHEM • *Keep Your Lamps* • ARR. ANDRÉ THOMAS

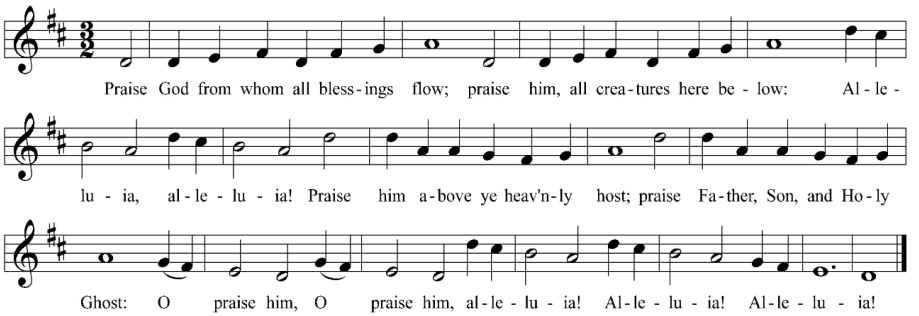
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The people stand as able.
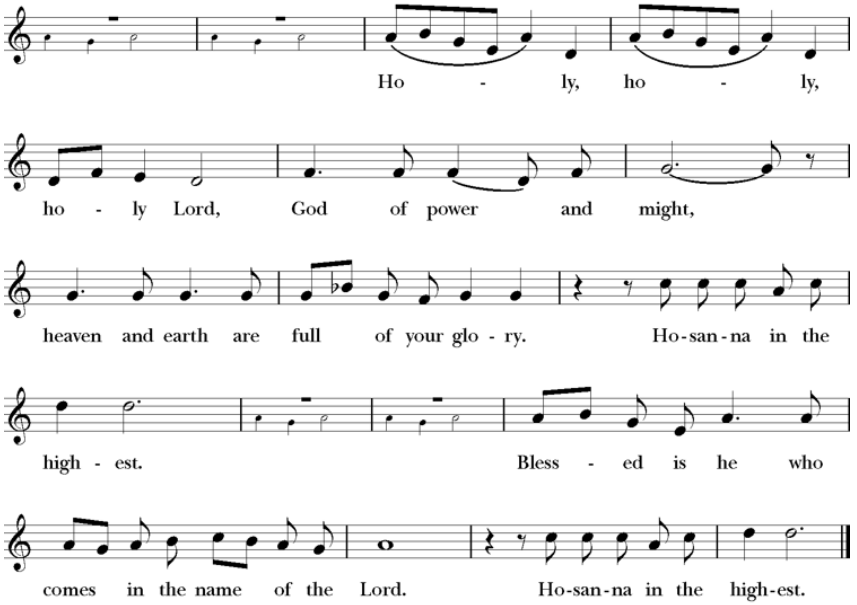


The GREAT THANKSGIVING • *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS • *S 128* • MATHIAS



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In

Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son and his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Holy Innocents and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

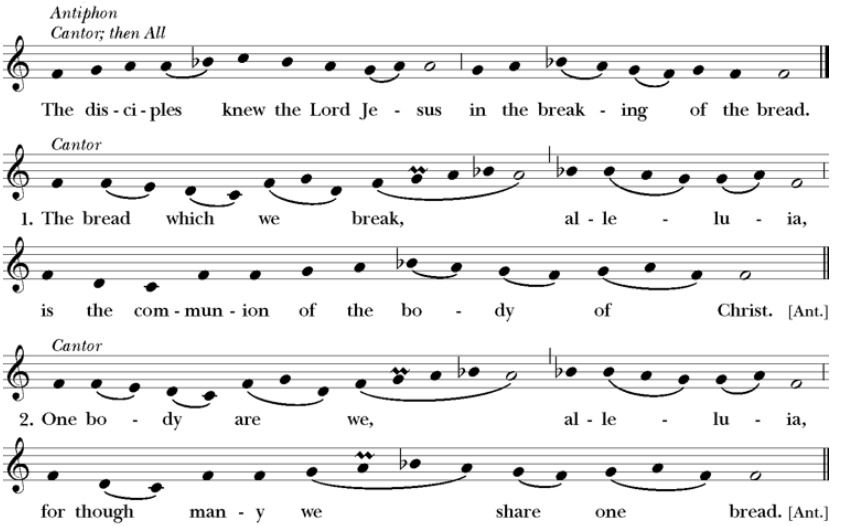
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead 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 FRACTION *&* INVITATION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
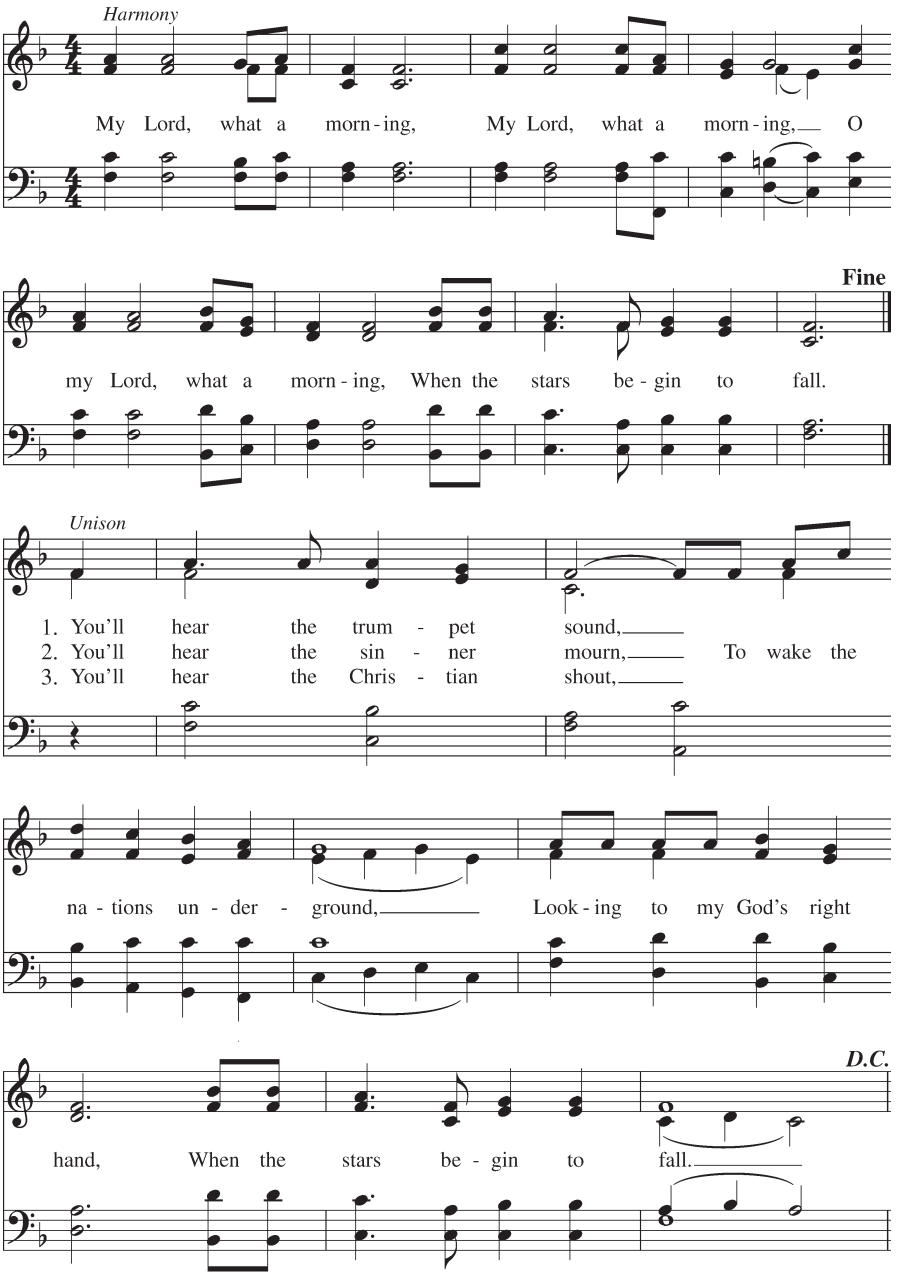
AGNUS DEI • *S 167* • MARTENS



INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION
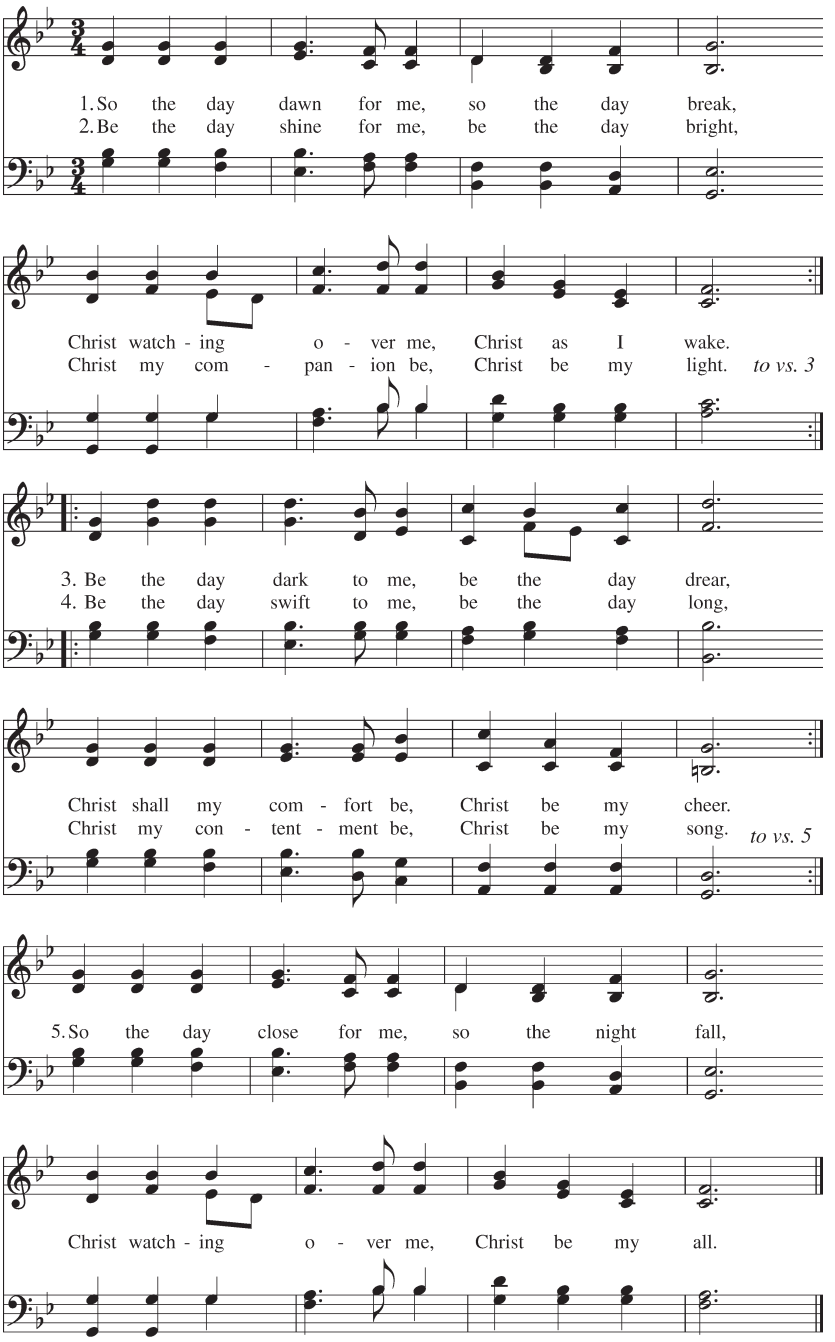
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

LEVAS 13 • *My Lord, What a Morning* • SPIRITUAL



WLP 750 • *So the Day Dawn for Me*

WILDRIDGE AND ST. CHARLES, QUEENSBOROUGH TERRACE



SENDING FORTH *of* HOLY COMMUNION

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.
We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand as able.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN 436 • *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* • TRURO

The DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY • *Toccata Brevis* • DANIEL GAWTHROP

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