THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pre-Service Music & Pastoral Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle Week 1, Day 1

Prelude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Lau

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we last out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Gospel Lesson Mark 13: 24 – 37

Psalmody Psalm 80: "Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Hillebrand

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-9

<u>Sermon</u> "Thy Will Be Done, on Earth as it Is in Heaven" (Translation: Get Down Here! NOW!)

Rev. Anthony L. Larson

<u>Hymn</u> "The Days Are Surely Coming" LLANGLOFFAN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

SENT BY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn "When All Is Ended"

ENGELBERG

Charge & Benediction

A Christmas Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

Postlude







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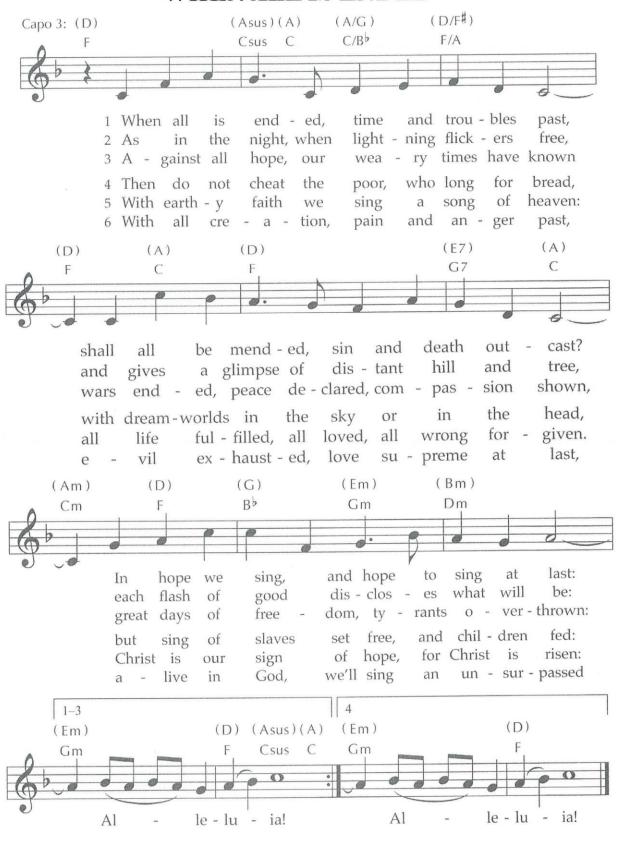
The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody.

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This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

WHEN ALL IS ENDED



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