Now the Feast and Celebration

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Advent Candle Litany

Stand

- P: When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, announcing God's plan for her to conceive and give birth to the Messiah, "Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'" (Luke 1:34) And yet, only a few months later, Mary sings to Elizabeth,
 - My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name (Luke 1:46-49).
- A:: We, like Mary, hear God's call to be part of making God's dream for our salvation and flourishing a reality, and we question, "How can this be? I am only..." Yet, like Mary, the "onlys" that make us hesitate are gifts God can and will use as God's love transforms us into bearers of good news.
- C: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.
- P: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, and the love that transforms us. May Love grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God's salvation with our voices and our lives. Amen.

Gathering Hymn #256 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



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

C: And also with you.

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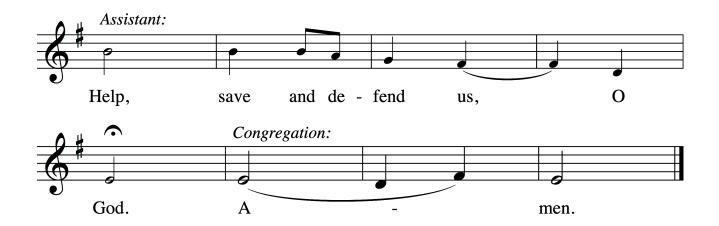
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A: In peace, in peace . . .

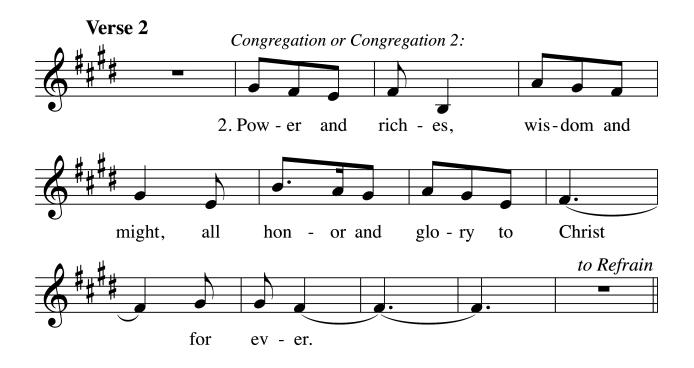


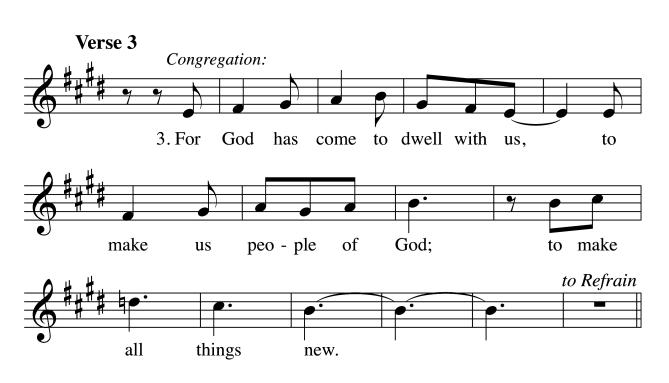
- A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)
- A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)





God.





SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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A: Let us pray together;

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

R: Our first reading is from the book of Micah, chapter 5.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return

to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth,

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

- R: ^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- C: ⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:
- R: ⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.
- C: ⁵⁰ You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.
- R: ⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- C: ⁵² casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- R: ⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- C: ⁵⁴ You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,
- R: ⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

R: Our second reading is from the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;
 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
 Then I said, "See I have some to do your will. O God"

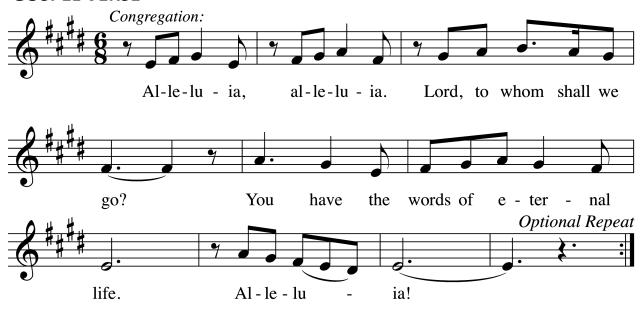
⁷ Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

Gospel: Luke 1:24-25, 39-45

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit

Kidtalk

SERMON: Auntie Elizabeth Pastor Bill Dohle

Sermon Hymn #256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People



Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:00 a.m.)

Savannah & Levi Baker

Parent: Lisa Baker

Sponsors: Cathy Jacobs, Elisa Strickler

The parent, sponsors, pastor, and assisting minister gather with the child at the font.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of Baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the Baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Parent and sponsors: We present Savannah and Levi for Baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Q: Parents: We do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response: I do.*

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Savannah and Levi* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Stand

P: I ask you to profess faith in Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: <u>Savannah Rae / Levi Franklin</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Savannah & Levi with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Savannah / Levi, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Candles are lit from the paschal candle and handed to the parents.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Stand

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (10:30 am)

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

Prayers of Intercession

A: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

A: God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities (*local preserves, parks, or sanctuaries may be named*). Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died (*especially*), we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

The offering is received as the table is prepared. Stand as the gifts are received.

As the Grains of Wheat





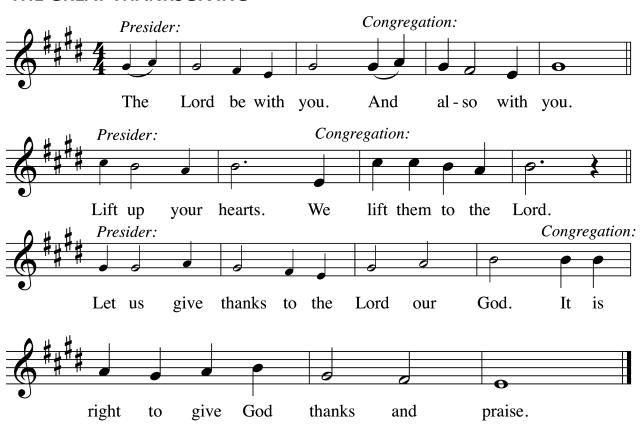
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

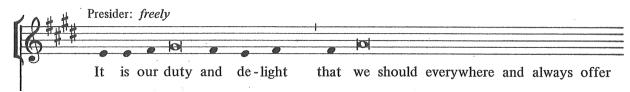
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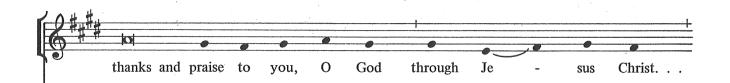
C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

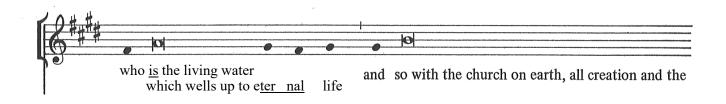
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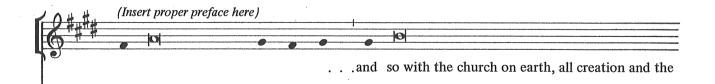


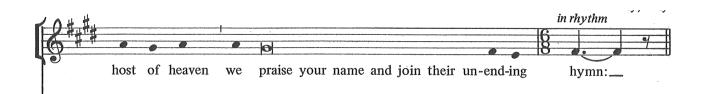
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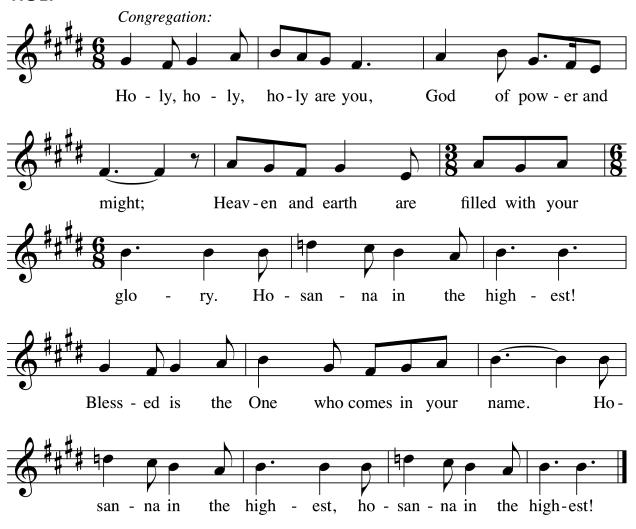








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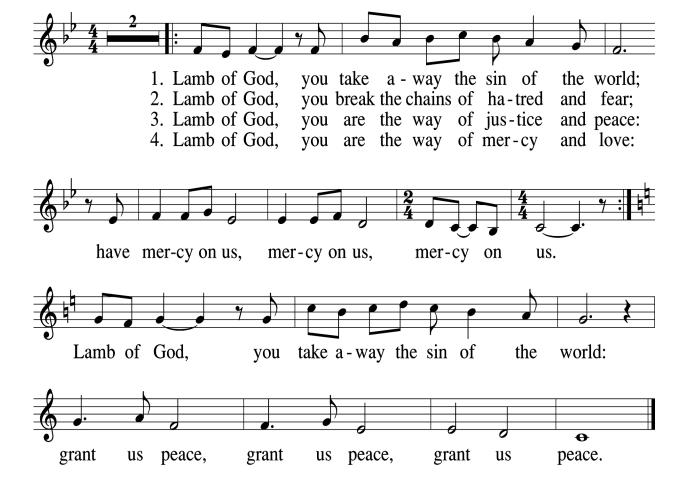
WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Use red book on altar - words of your choice)

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.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



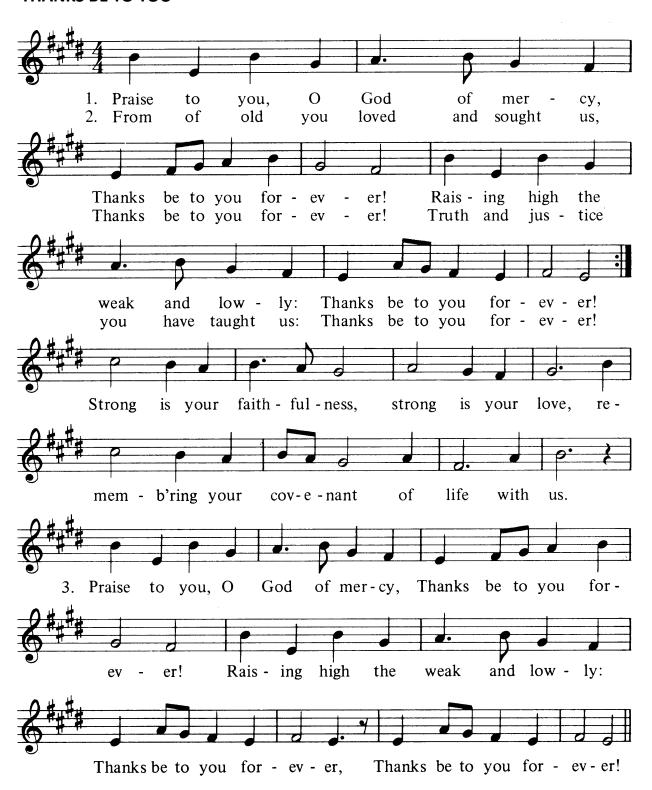
Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,

for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,

for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us

as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

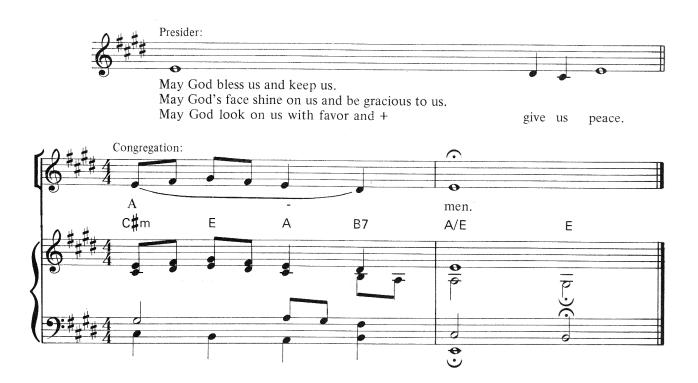
Silence for reflection

BLESSING

P: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

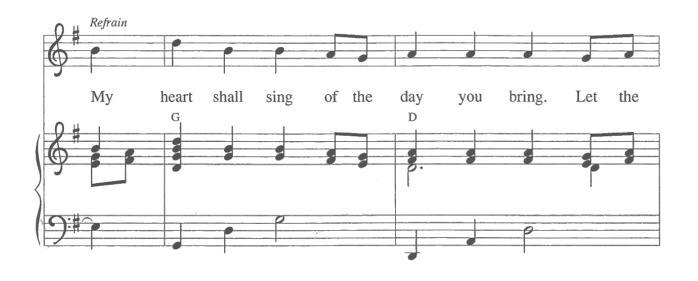
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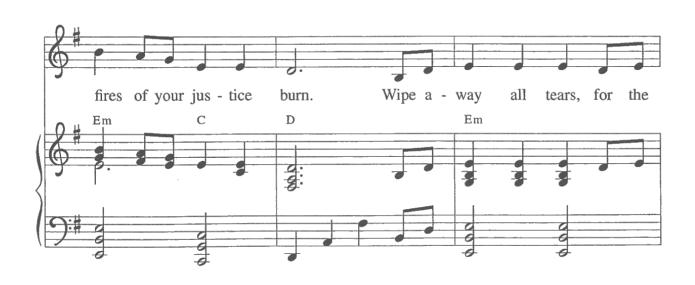


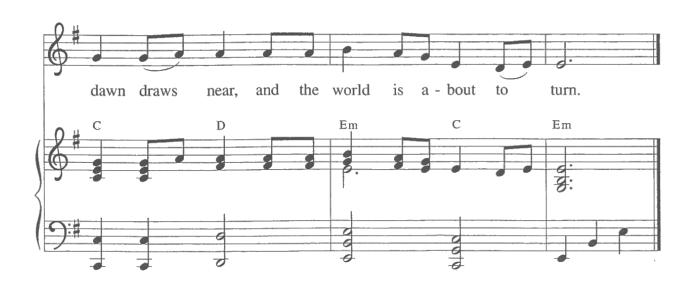
Sending Hymn #723 Canticle of the Turning vs. 1 & 2











DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Ushers: 8:00: Krystyna Olsen, 10:30: Jim & Ronda Stjernholm

Bob & Nancy Bonner

Power Point:8:00: Helen Johnson10:30: Logan LuceroAcolyte8:00:10:30: Delainey MonackAttendance:8:00: Linda Wagner10:30: Kenna Lawson

Fellowship Set up:

Altar Care: Claudia Stubenrouch, Jill Ramos, Freda Miltner

Readings and Psalm for December 29

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

Canticle of the Turning

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