St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026
10:00 am



Welcome to St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome here. We are so glad you are with us! Whatever you bring with you today, your joys, worries, questions, or hopes, we invite you to hold them gently and rest in God's presence.

This is sacred space, and you belong here. Open your heart to the prayers, the music, the silence, and the community around you. Remember that God is always present, always reaching out to us, and inviting us into a deeper relationship. Something larger than any one of us is here.

Our sacred story reaches back to the first Anglican worship services held at Fort Vancouver in 1825. Established in 1857, St. Luke's became the first Episcopal church in the Pacific Northwest. For generations, people have gathered in this community to pray, encounter God, and find a place to belong. Today, we continue this living tradition as a welcoming, inclusive, and bilingual community where everyone has a place.

If you would like to learn more about our church, we invite you to complete the newcomer form available in your pew or online at **stlukessanlucas.org/i-am-new-here.**

About Our Liturgy

Worship lies at the heart of our Christian life. In The Episcopal Church, we believe that the way we pray shapes what we believe. This ancient principle, *lex orandi, lex credendi*, reminds us that through worship we express our theology and identity, encounter God, and are formed and transformed as God's people.

The word *liturgy* means "the work of the people," reminding us that worship is something we all share. Through common prayer, music, gestures, silence, and gathering around God's Table in the Holy Eucharist, we participate in something greater than ourselves, experiencing God's presence and being invited to carry God's love into the world.

A Welcoming Worship Space for Families

We love having children in worship! Families are invited to enjoy our creative space on the rug at the front of the nave, where children can explore through art and play while participating in worship. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay with their children, as this area is not staffed. Everyone is welcome, and we celebrate the joyful sounds of our youngest members as part of our life together!

As we gather in worship, we kindly invite you to silence your cell phones so that everyone can enjoy a peaceful and prayerful time together. Thank you for helping us create this sacred space.

Sunday School

Godly Play: 10 am and 12:30 pm, ages 5 to grade 5
Youth Group: 12:30 pm, grades 6-12 in the Youth Room
Nursery care is available for ages birth to 5 years old
Located in the educational wing

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — The Candle of Hope

Remain seated

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. … Keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come." (Mark 13:33, 35)

The candle is lit.

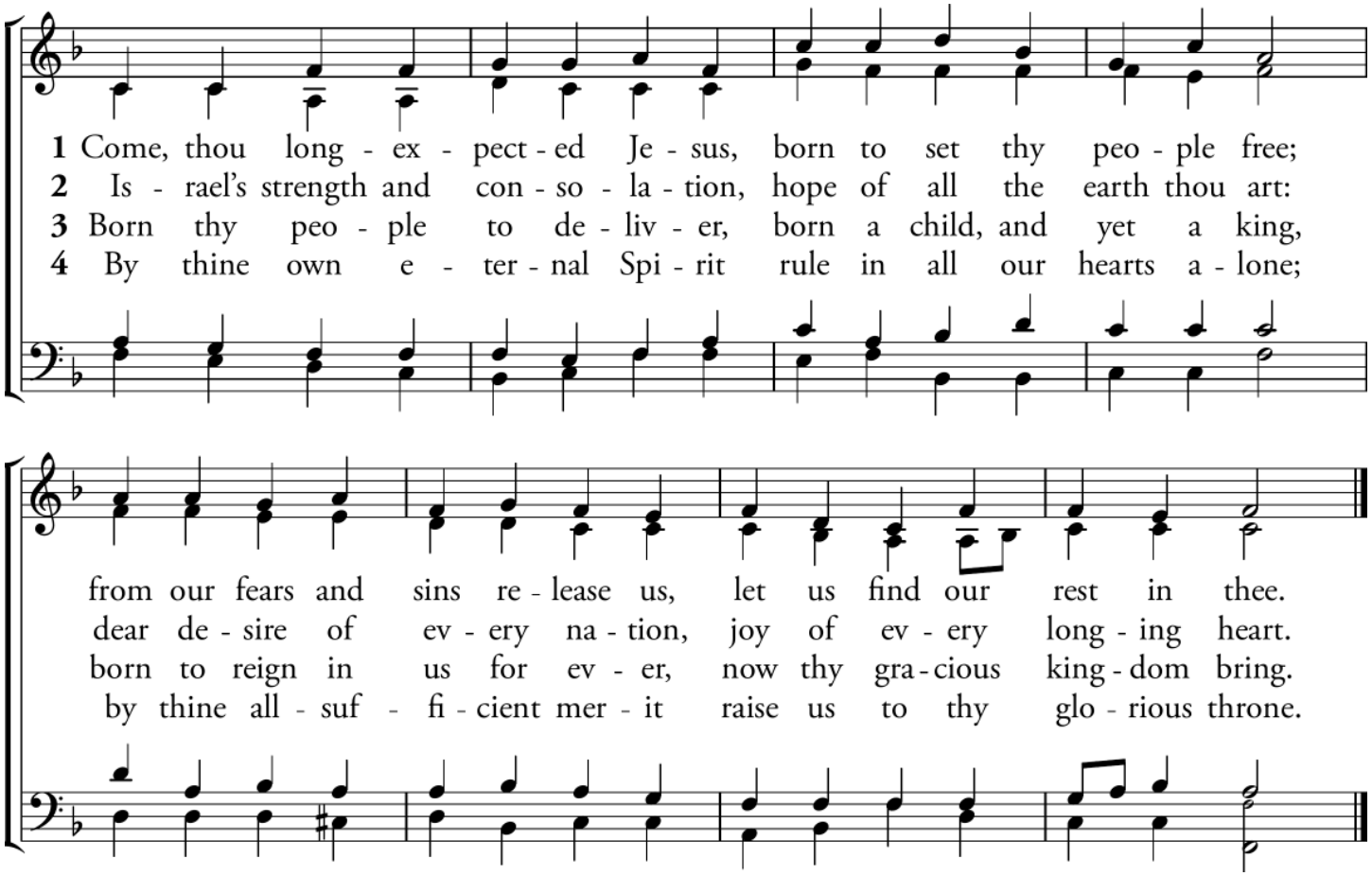
We light Advent candles as a sign of our desire to welcome God into our lives. The first candle is for hope: the hope and promise of Jesus' coming.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.
God of all Hope, as Advent begins, help us to wait and to watch for signs of your promise in our lives and our world. Amen.

Entrance Hymn — Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

All stand



The Word of God

Ad te levavi animam meam.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Salutation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie

Sung in call and response: the music director sings each line, and all repeat it.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings

First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 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. 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. 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. 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. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Please join in singing the Psalm. The cantor will sing the first verse(s) as a guide; listen and join in with bold text.

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.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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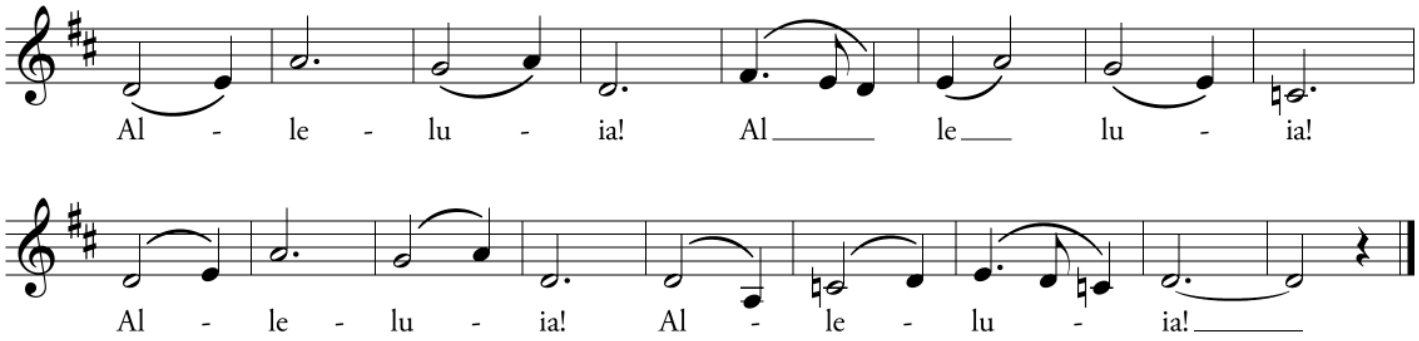
Gospel Acclamation

All stand



The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

The Good News of Jesus as written in Mark.
Glory is yours, O Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then 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.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

The Gospel of the Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ.

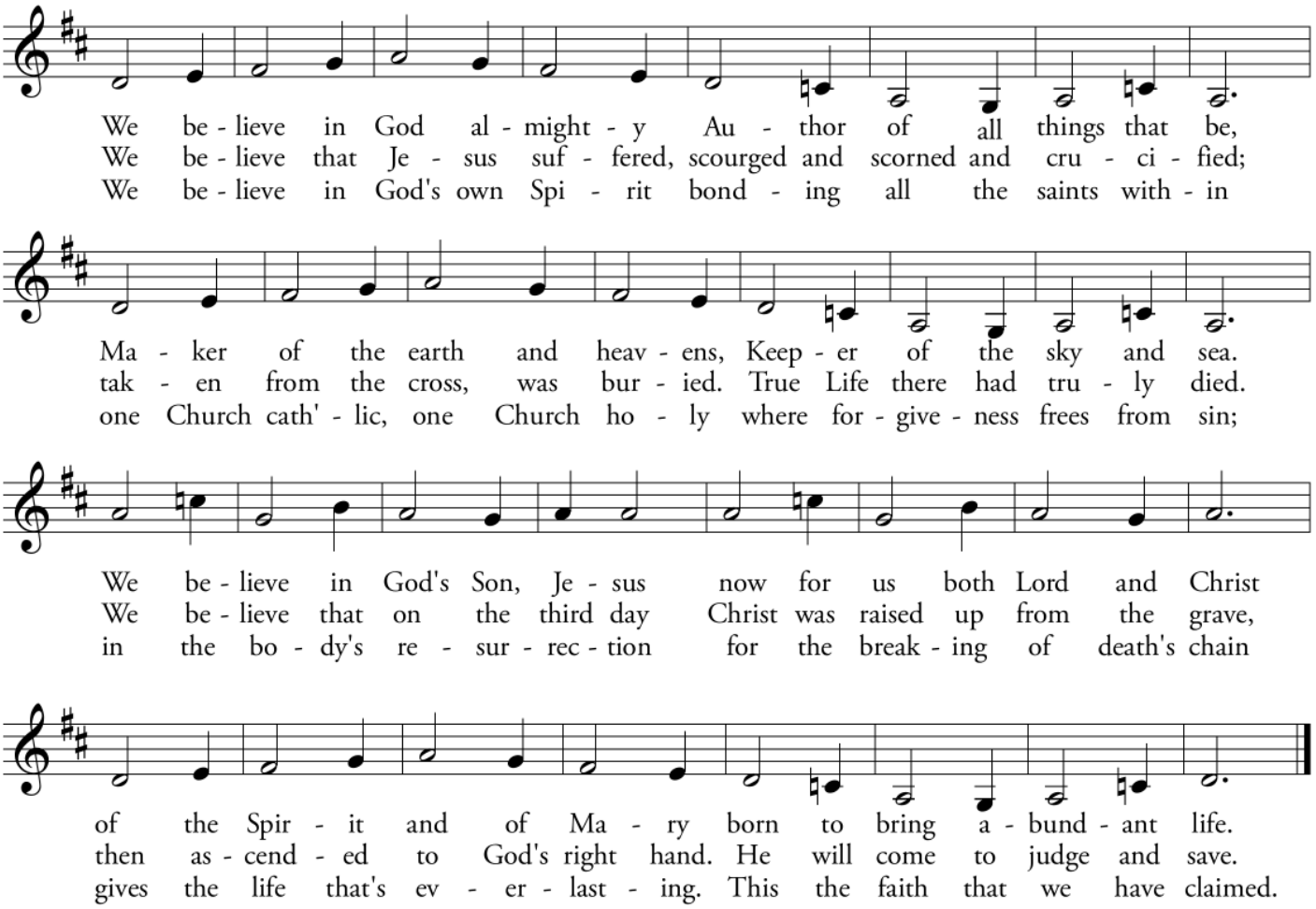
Sermon

The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino

Please be seated

The Creed

All stand



The Prayers of the People

Form III

The people stand or kneel

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes with the following Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and against 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.

Absolution

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 peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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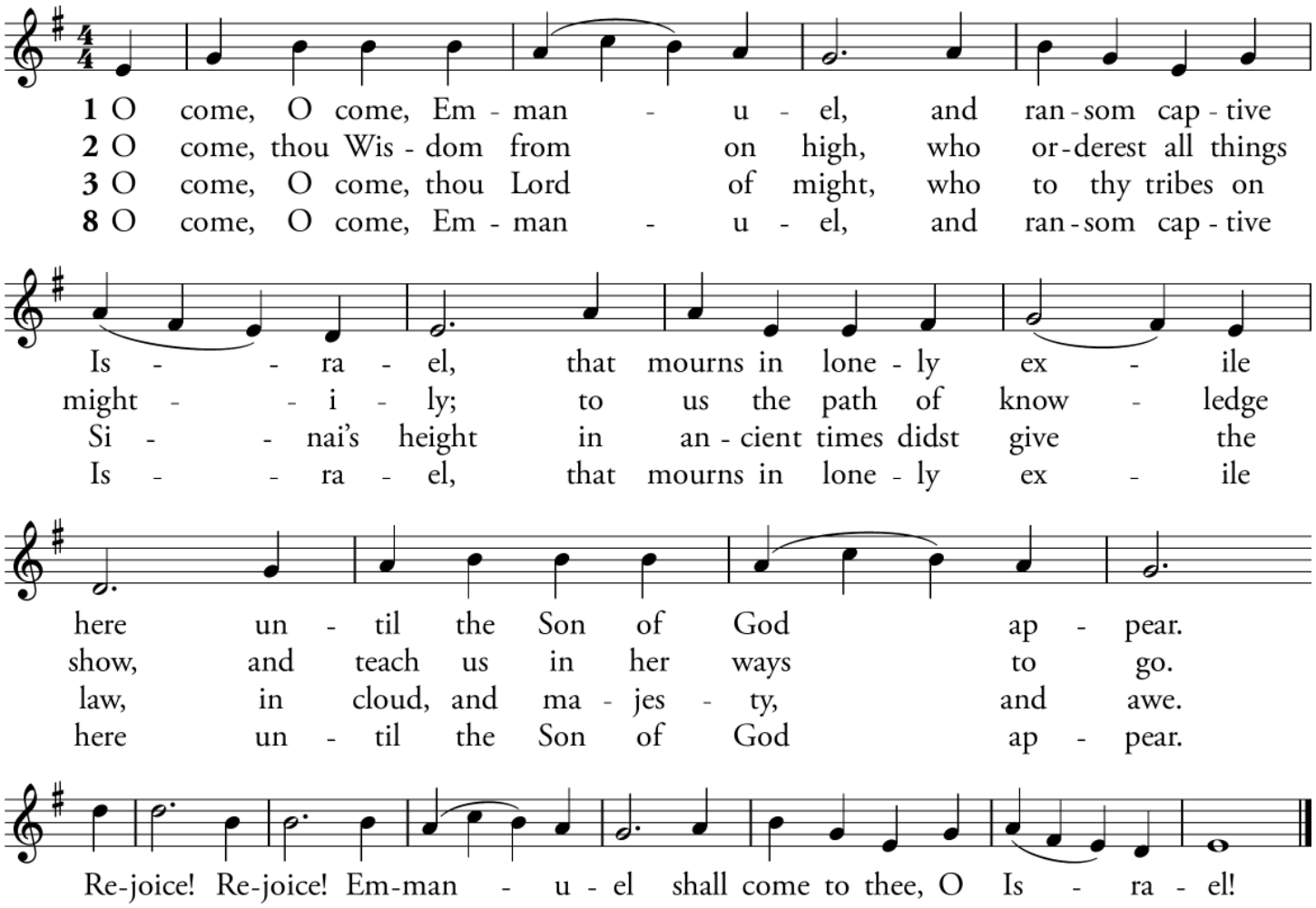
Offertory Anthem

By the Waters of Babylon

All stand as the presentation hymn begins and the elements are brought forward.

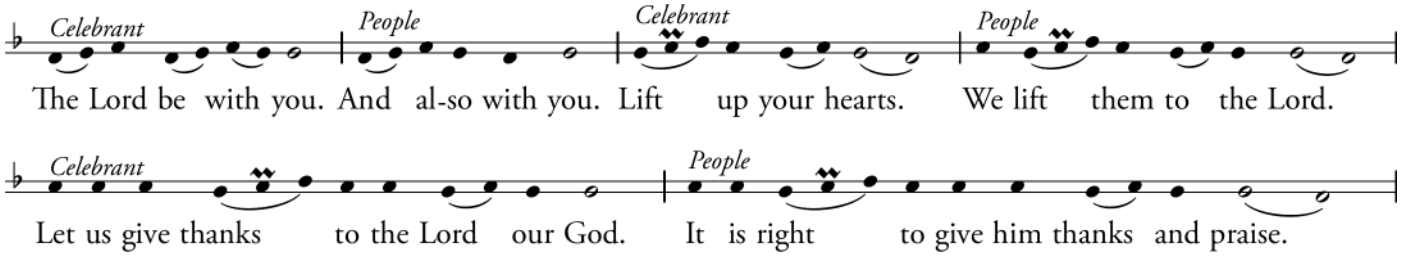
Presentation Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B



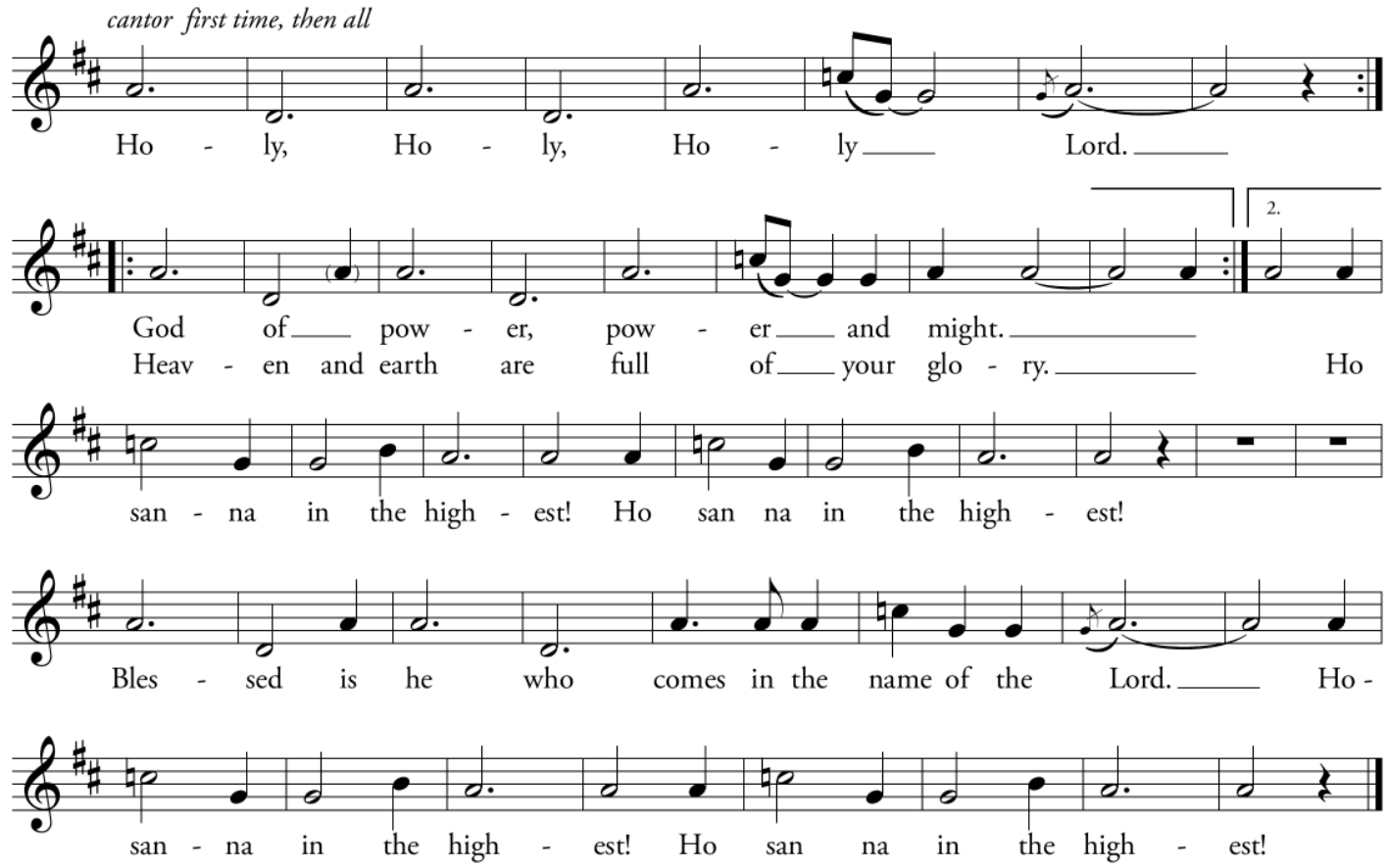
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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



Consecration

The Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer B found on page 368 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues…

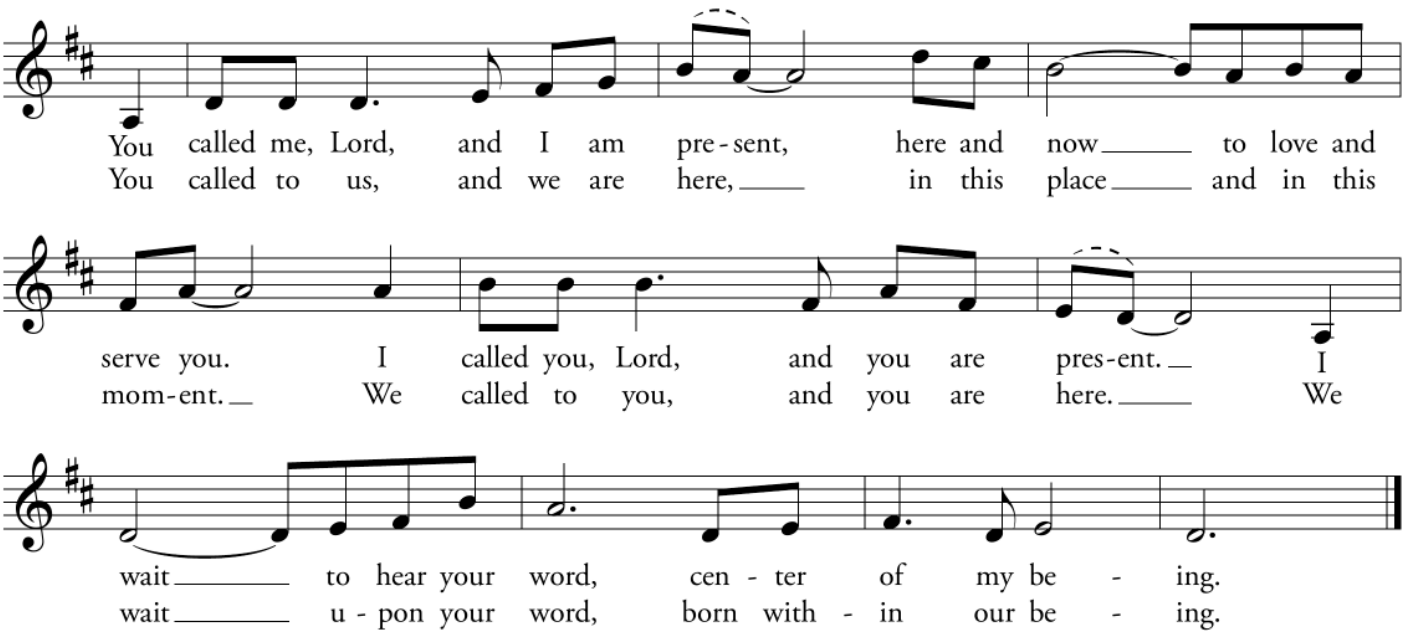
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Breaking of the Bread



The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God, regardless of age, are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

If you wish to receive the bread, please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail, holding your hands together to receive the consecrated bread.

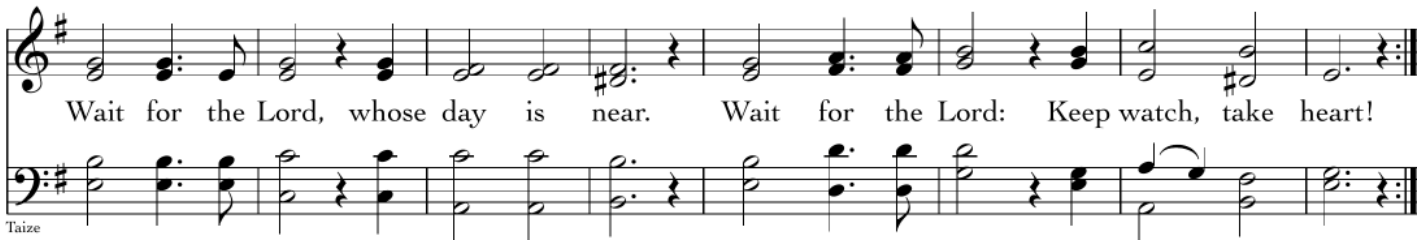
If you wish to receive wine, you are invited to drink directly from the common cup, gently guiding the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to drink, you may simply touch the base of the chalice as it is presented to you.

Although intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) has been customary at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas, receiving directly from the common cup is the preferred practice in our Episcopal tradition. Receiving the bread alone is also considered full Communion.

If you prefer not to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and a blessing will be offered to you.

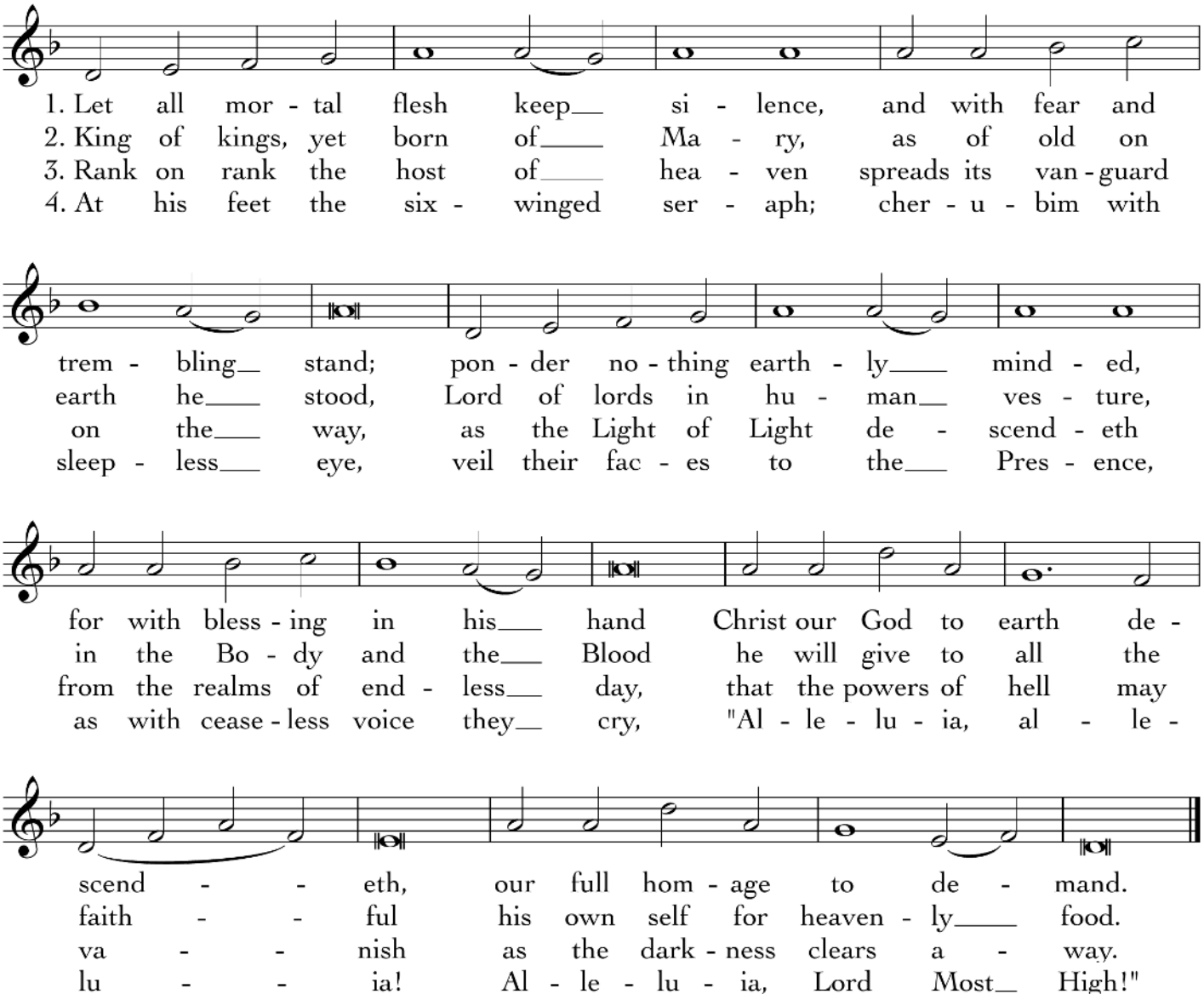
Communion Hymn

Wait for the Lord



Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Postcommunion Prayer

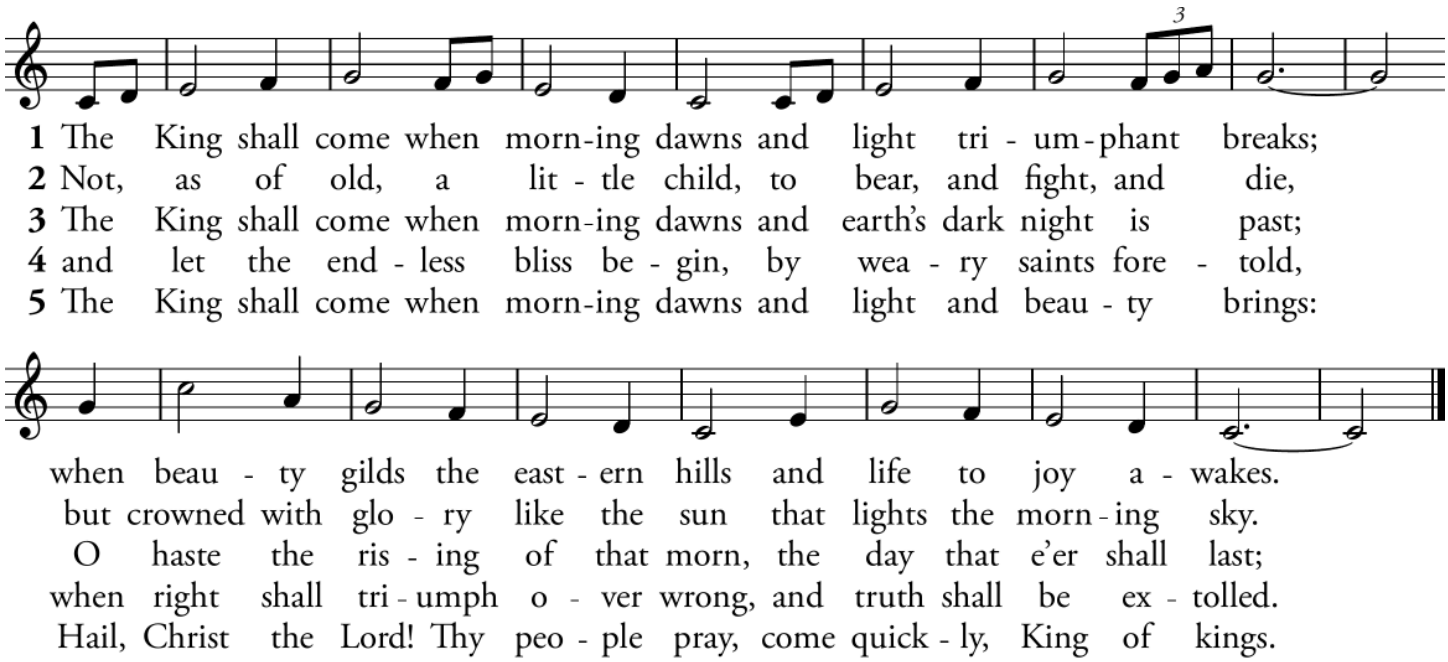
All stand.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

The King Shall Come



Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Music in This Service

Entrance Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus. *Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music:* Stuttgart, *melody from* Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge, *1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.*

Kyrie *Music: Jai Uttal, "Sita Ram".*

Gospel Acclamation *Music:* Talodh Chriosda, *Scottish Gaelic melody.*

The Creed *Music: Jack Barben.*

Offertory Anthem By the Waters of Babylon. *Words: Psalm 137. Music: Philip Hayes (1738-1797).*

Presentation Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. *Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver.* Hymnal 1940, *alt. Music:* Veni, veni, Emmanuel, *plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890). Words © The Church Pension Fund.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Music:* Hymnal 1982, *S 120. Setting © Church Publishing, Inc.*

Sanctus *Music: Jack Barben.*

The Breaking of the Bread You Called Me Lord. *Words: Kevin Pearson. Music:* Shenandoah, *American folk melody.*

Communion Hymn Wait for the Lord. *Words: Taizé Community. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.*

Communion Hymn Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence. *Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music:* Picardy, *French carol, 17th cent.; melody from* Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, *1860; harm. after* The English Hymnal, *1906.*

Recessional Hymn The King Shall Come. *Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music:* St. Columba, *Irish melody.*

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Officiant/Preacher:	The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino
Associate Priest	The Rev. Amy Cox
Music Director:	Jack Barben
Lector:	Kathy Gallaher
Eucharistic Minister:	Mike Fisher and Melanie Kenoyer
Altar Guild:	Ellen Hiromura
Ushers:	Jason Barbour and Earl Johnson
Coffee Hour:	John and Jamie Mathieu
Video and Sound:	Len Bauhs, Bob Lawson, Mike Morrison and Charlie Tapp

COMMUNION BREAD AND ALTAR FLOWERS

The communion bread is donated by Kathy Gallaher.
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and
in loving memory of Nancy Denny,
by Nancy Denny's Family.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of North and South America, in particular the nations whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home. We at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the Chinook and Cowlitz people. A people that are still here, continuing to honor and bring to light their ageless heritage.

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