ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Shawnee, KS
CHRISTMAS EVE

7 p.m.
A Service of Holy Communion

Welcome!
We're glad you are here, especially on this most holy of nights.
If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign the guest book found by the front door.

Helpful Information
Congregational hymns and responses are in ***Bold italics***.

All are welcome at the Communion rail. Baptized Christians may receive the bread and wine. Alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest, thereby indicating you wish to receive a blessing.

Children are welcome in the service. There are coloring pages and fidget toys available for your use near the entrance.

An accessible restroom is off the foyer; additional restrooms are along the southeast corridor.

Please silence your cell phones.

Prelude

People standing as able.

The Processional Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
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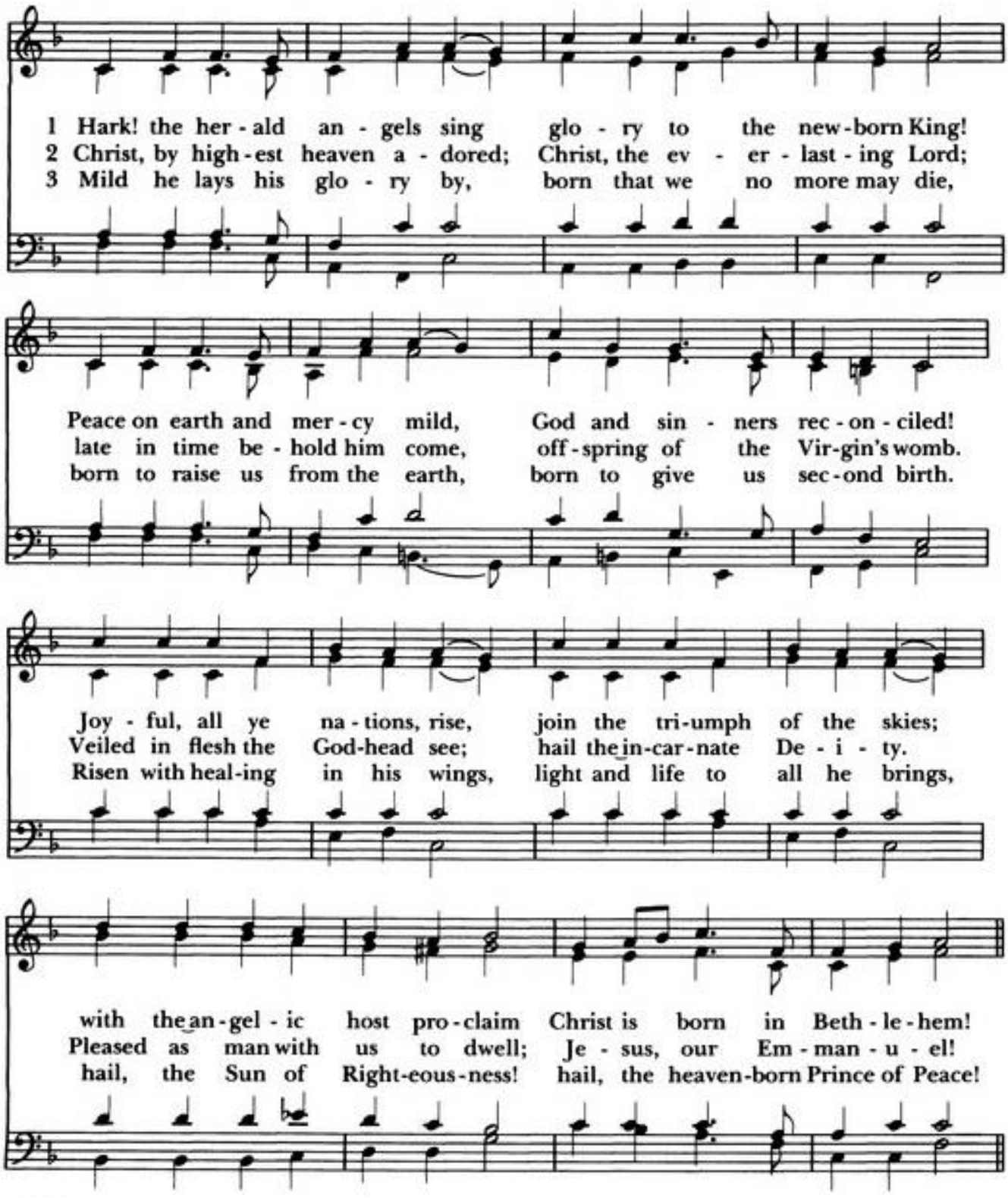
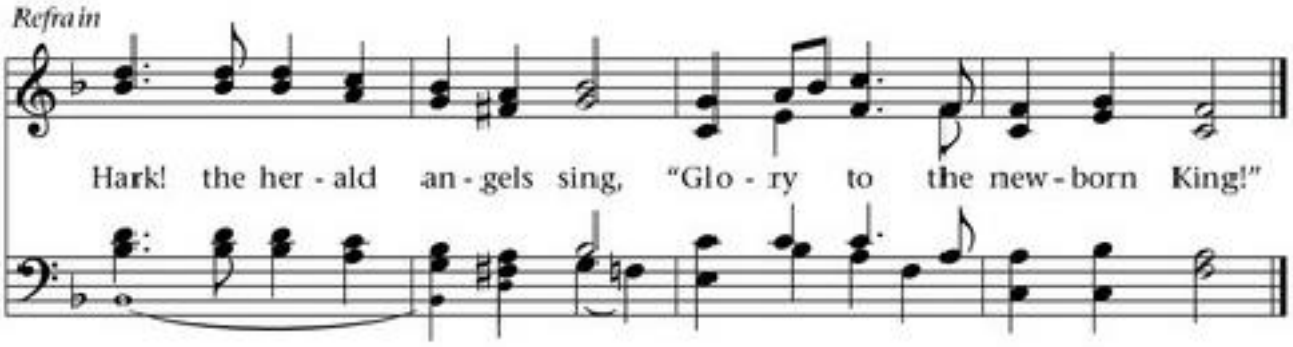

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

All standing, the Celebrant says

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Tonight we relight the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

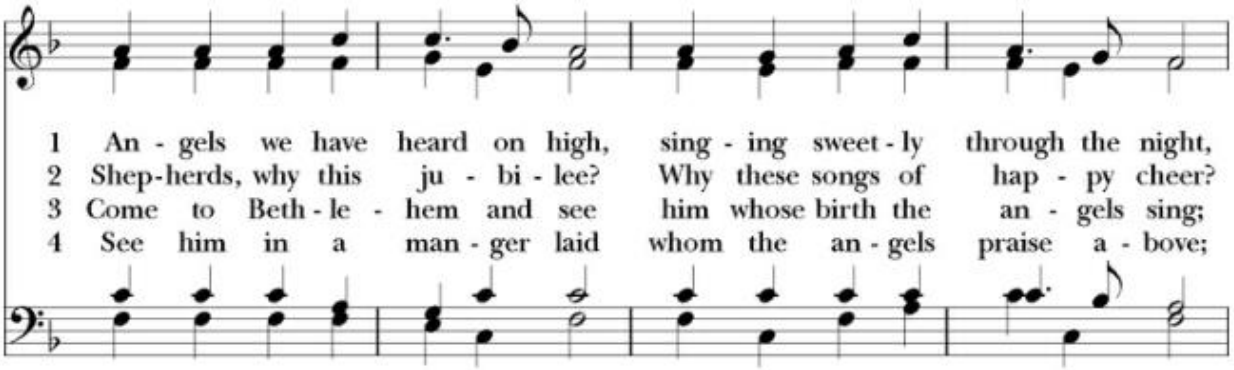
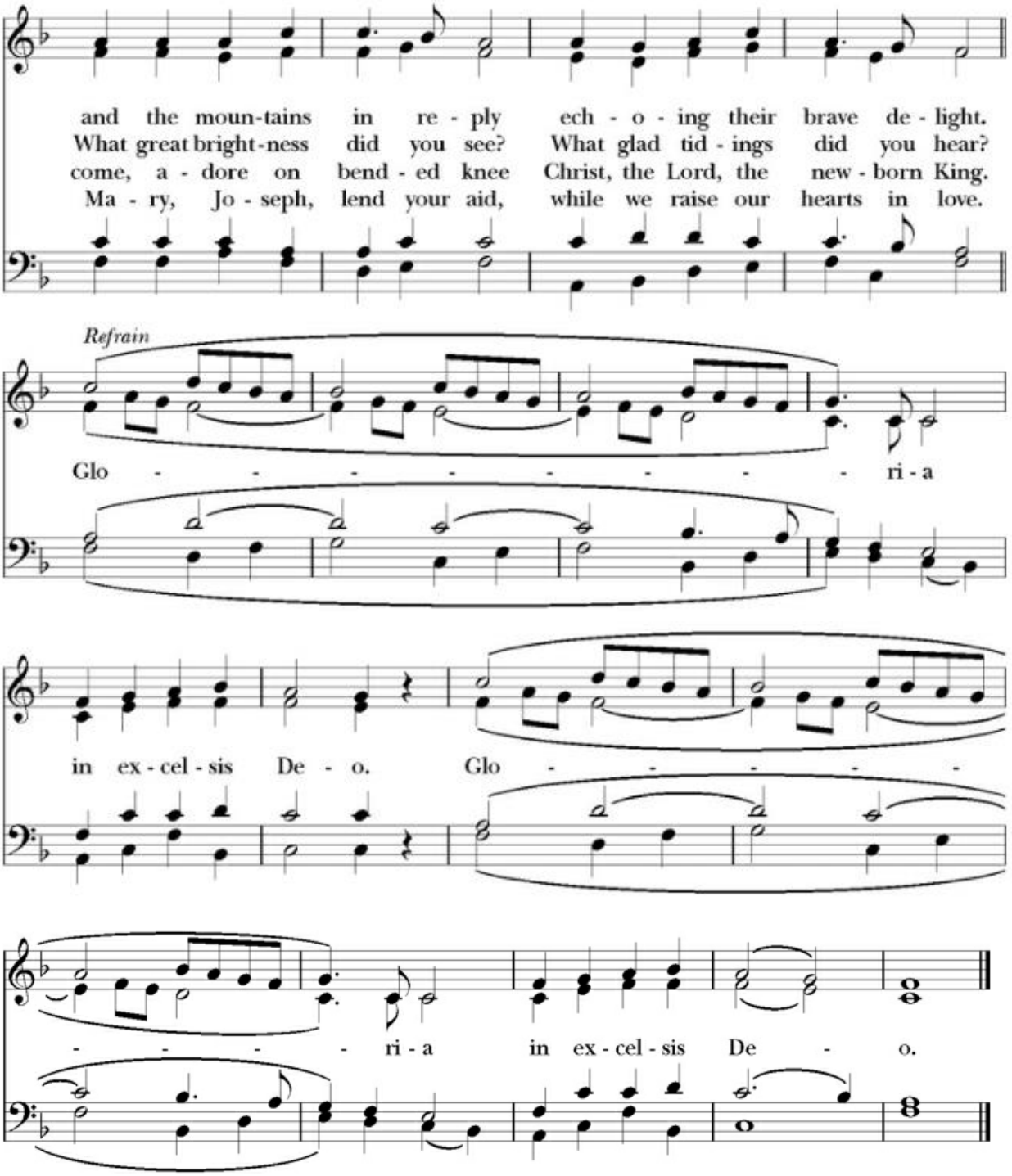
(*The candles are lit.)*

Tonight the Advent season ends. We wait no longer. That great event for which we waited has happened. God's promise of a Redeemer is fulfilled. Christ Jesus is born. And so we light the Christ candle with praise to our God who brings joy to the world.

In the Gospel of Matthew we hear: All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." *(Matthew 1:22-23)*

Let us pray: Lord, you came as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. ***Amen.***

Song of Praise *Angels We Have Heard On High*
The Hymnal 1982 #96



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm Psalm 96 *Cantante Domino*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

A period of silence is kept.

The Epistle **Titus 2 : 11 - 14**

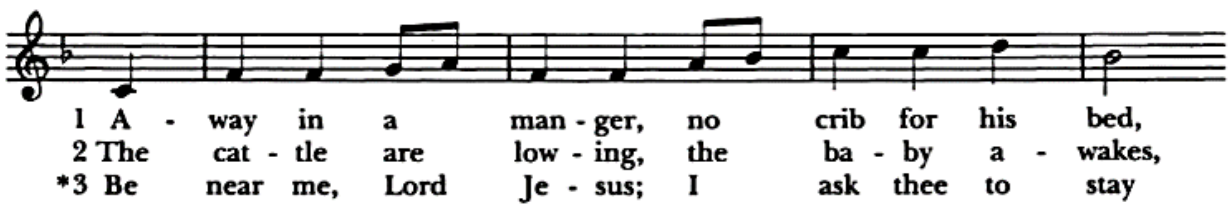
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

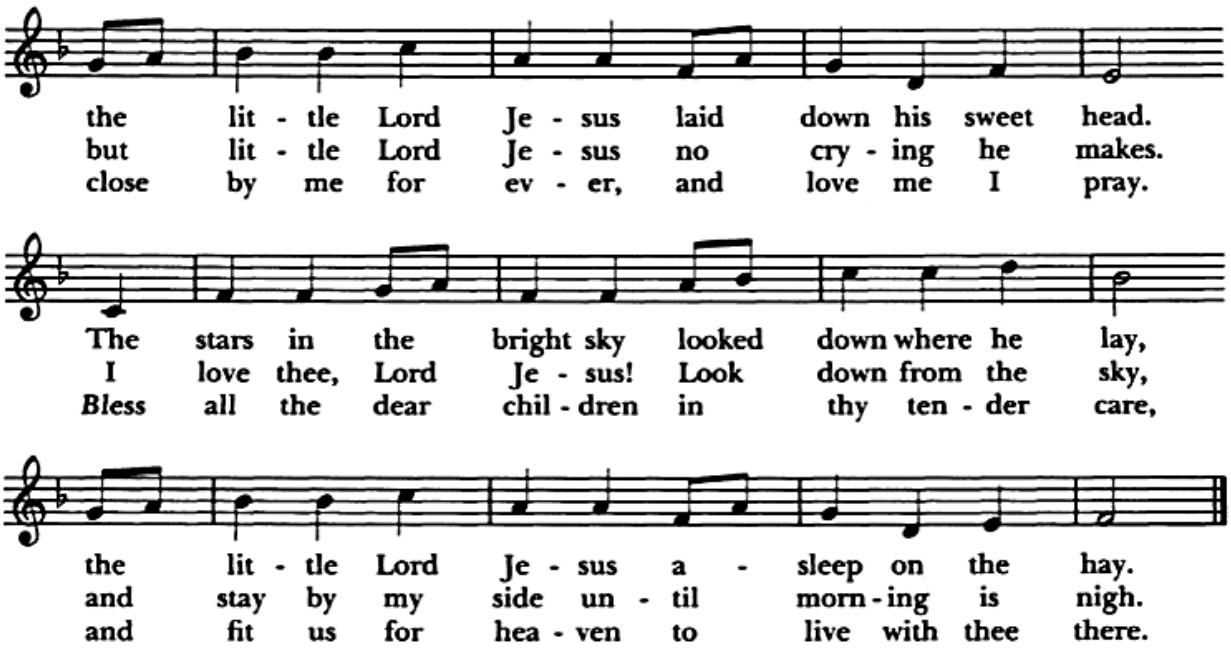
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Please stand as able.

Gospel Anthem

Away In The Manger
The Hymnal 1982 #101





All remain standing.

The Gospel Luke 2 : 1 – 20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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 for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and

pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Please be seated.

The Sermon **The Reverend Jonathan Brice**

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together.

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 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 people kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

December 24

Christmas Eve

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: ***Hear our prayer****.*

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord. ***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. ***Amen.***

A period of silence is kept.

The people kneel as they are able.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Priest

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.***

All stand.

The Exchange of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Please greet each other safely.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name. Bring gifts and come into His courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem *While Shepherds Watched*
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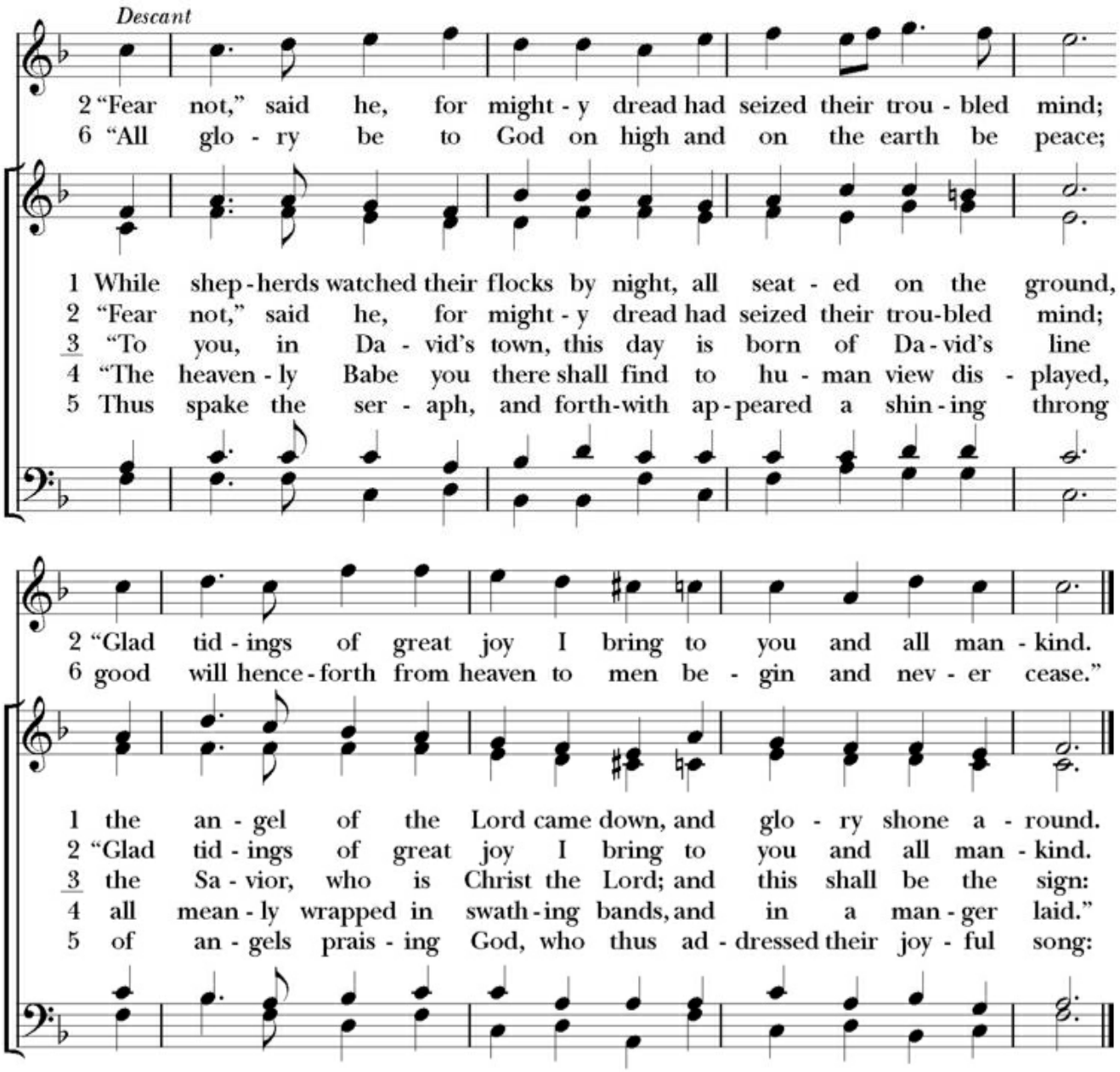

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

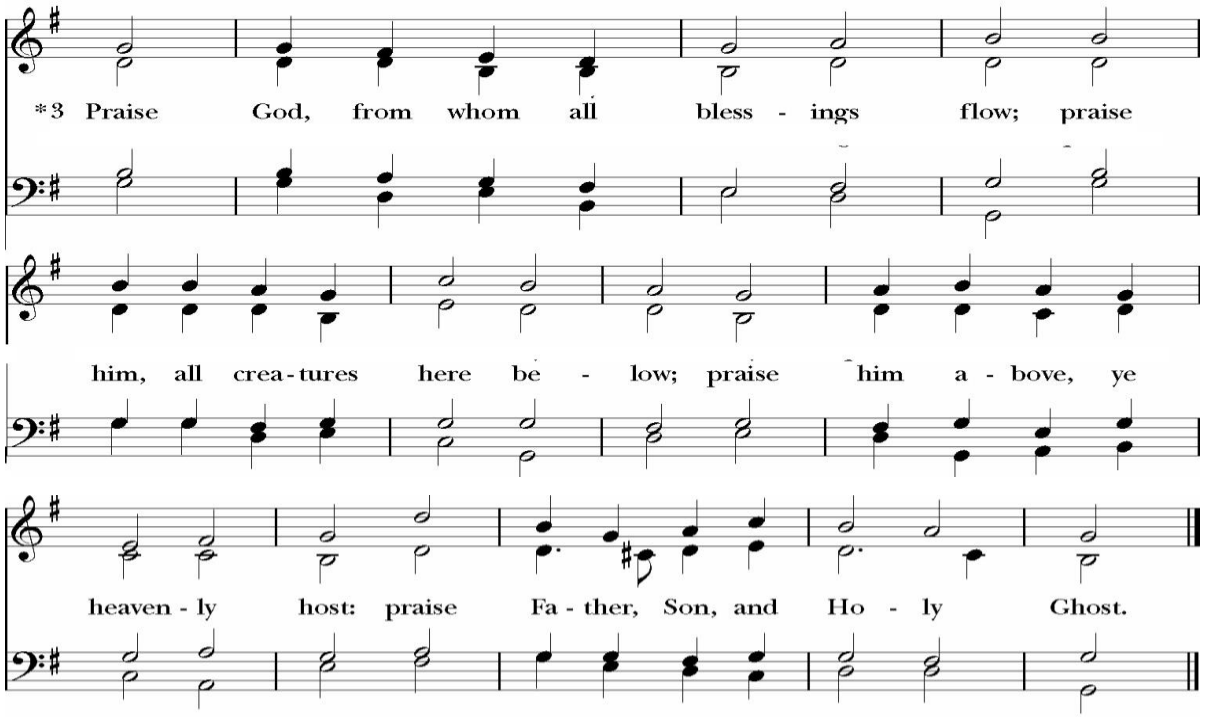
The Presentation of Bread

Presentation of Gifts

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine.

Please stand as able for the Doxology.

Doxology *The Hymnal 1982 #380 v. 3*



Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

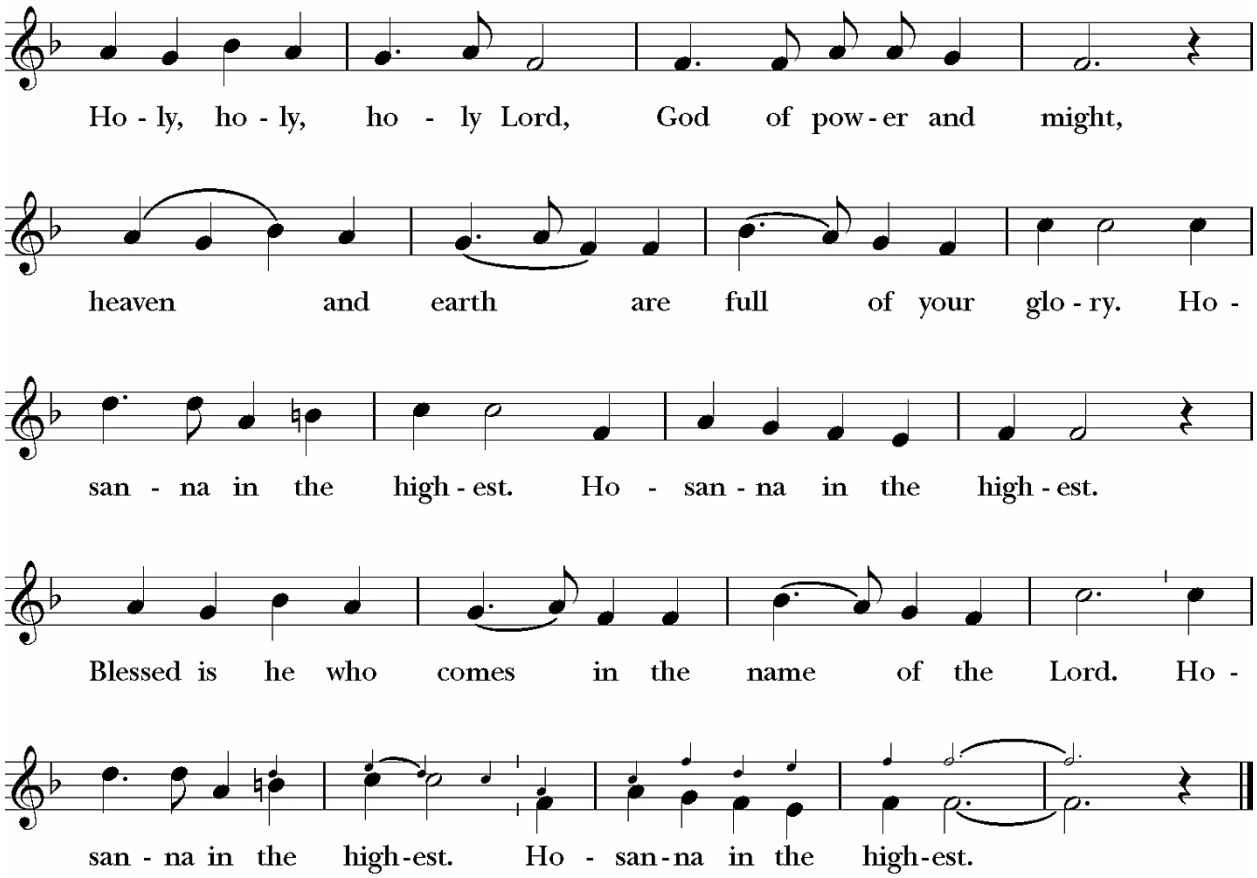
Celebrant

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People *The Hymnal 1982 # S-125*



Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

(All together)

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant

The table of bread is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the altar rail. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or if you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest at the altar.Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

The choir will receive first. Please wait until the usher releases your pew. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Father Jonathan will intinct the wafer in consecrated wine and put it in the palms of your hands. If you do not desire this please make your needs known.

Returning from communion, please take a flameless candle from the baskets for the hymn Silent Night.

Communion Hymn

What Child is This?
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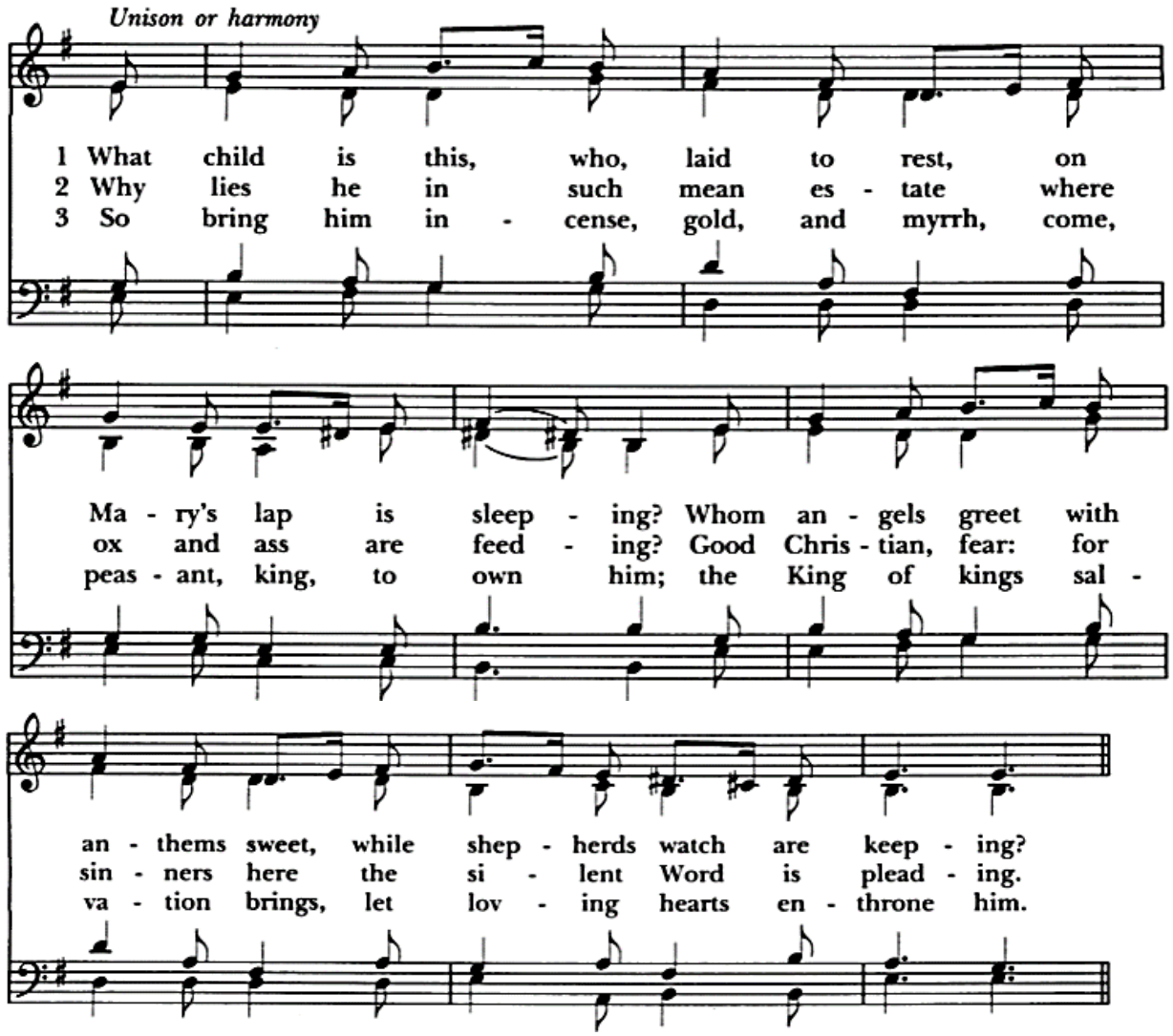
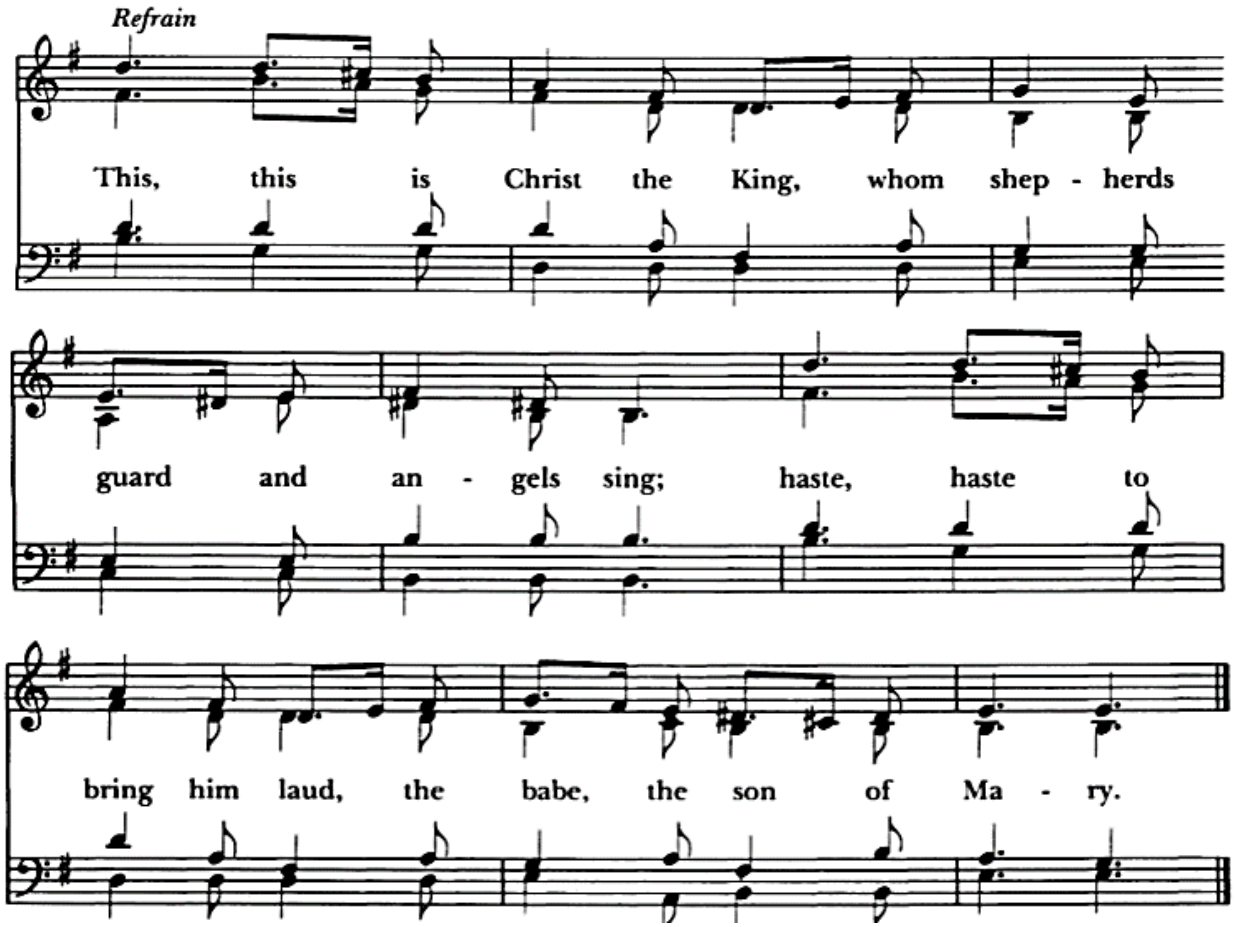

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Lights are dimmed. Please turn on the flameless candle.
All kneel as able.

Christmas Hymn *Silent Night*
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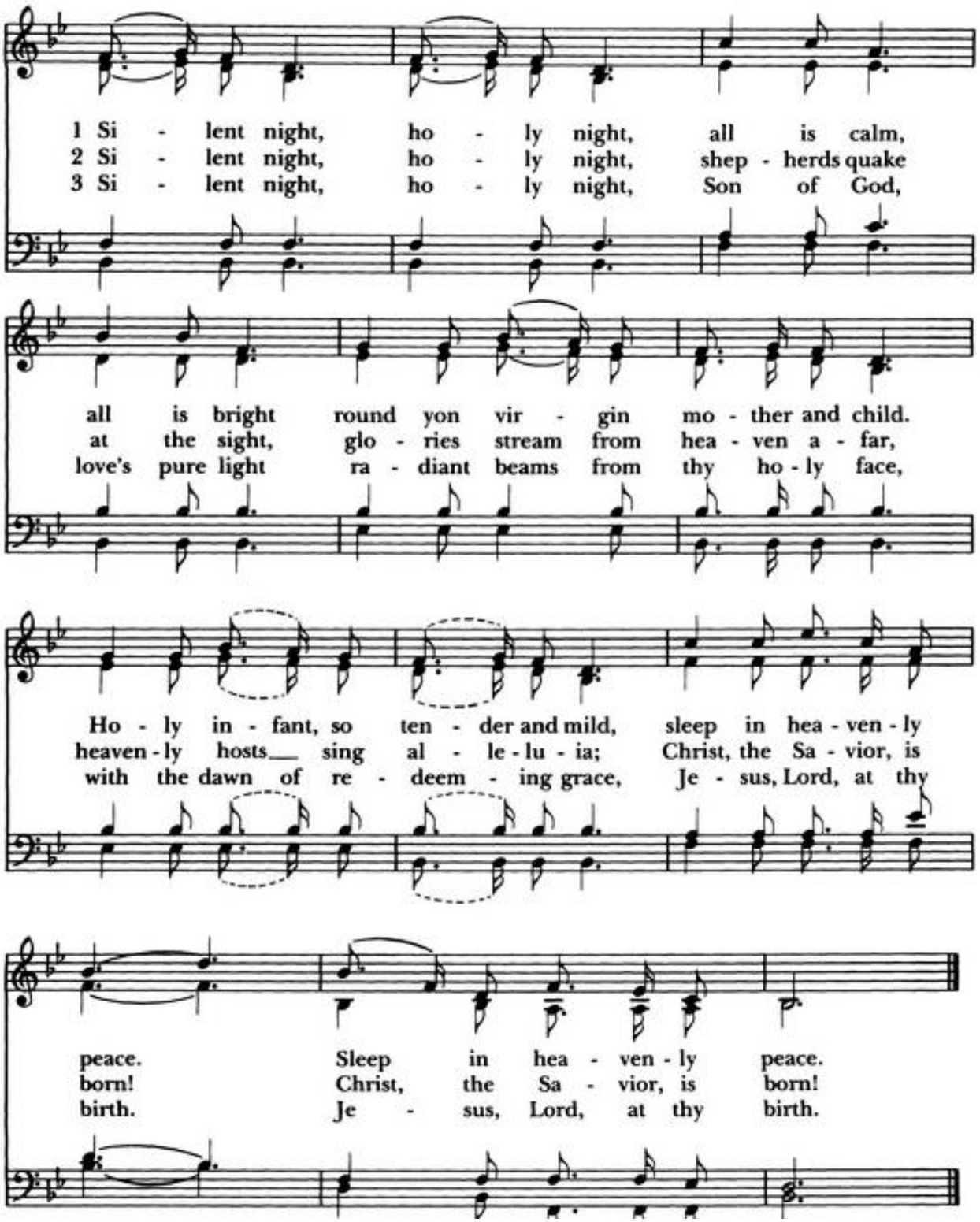
The Blessing

Priest

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas…and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

All stand as able.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

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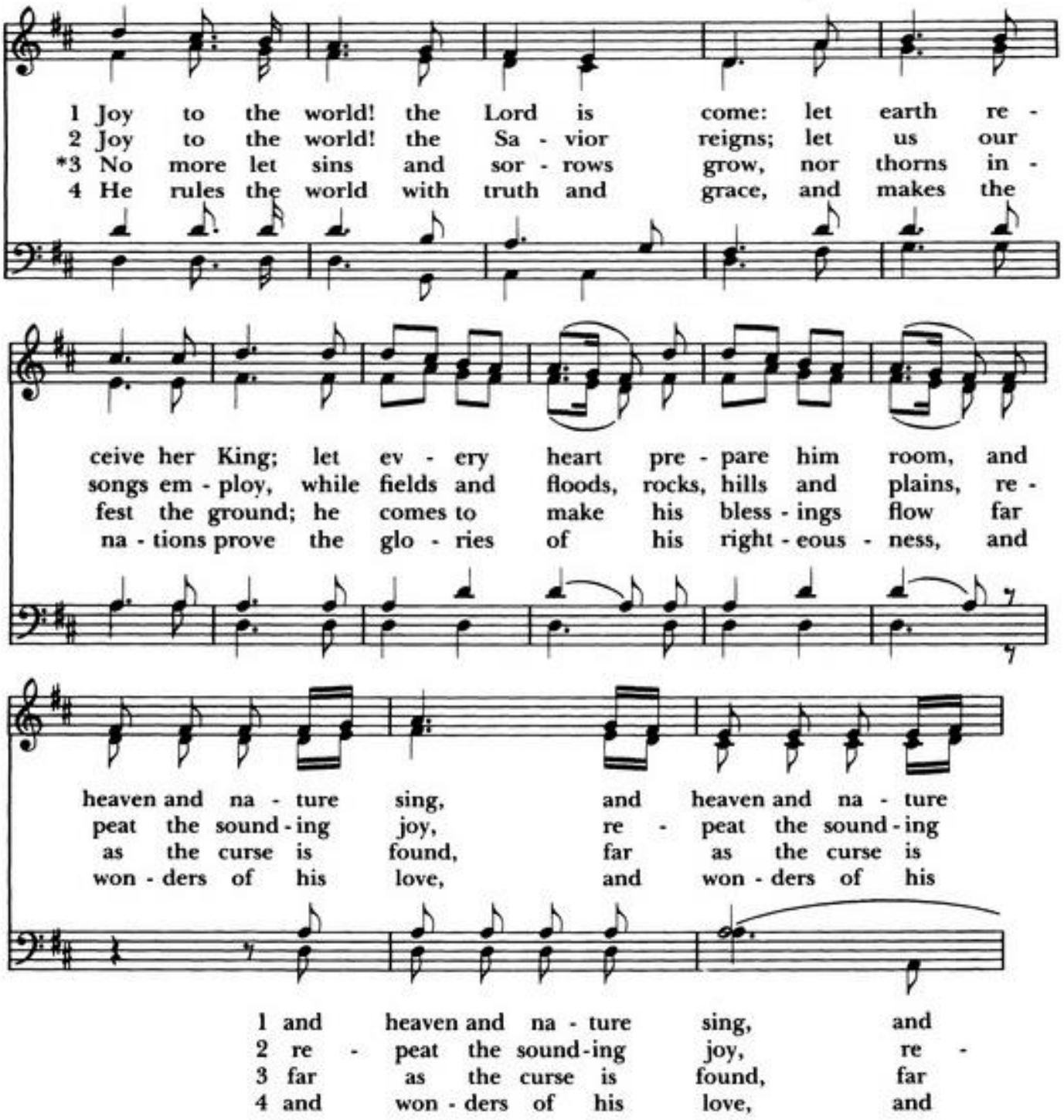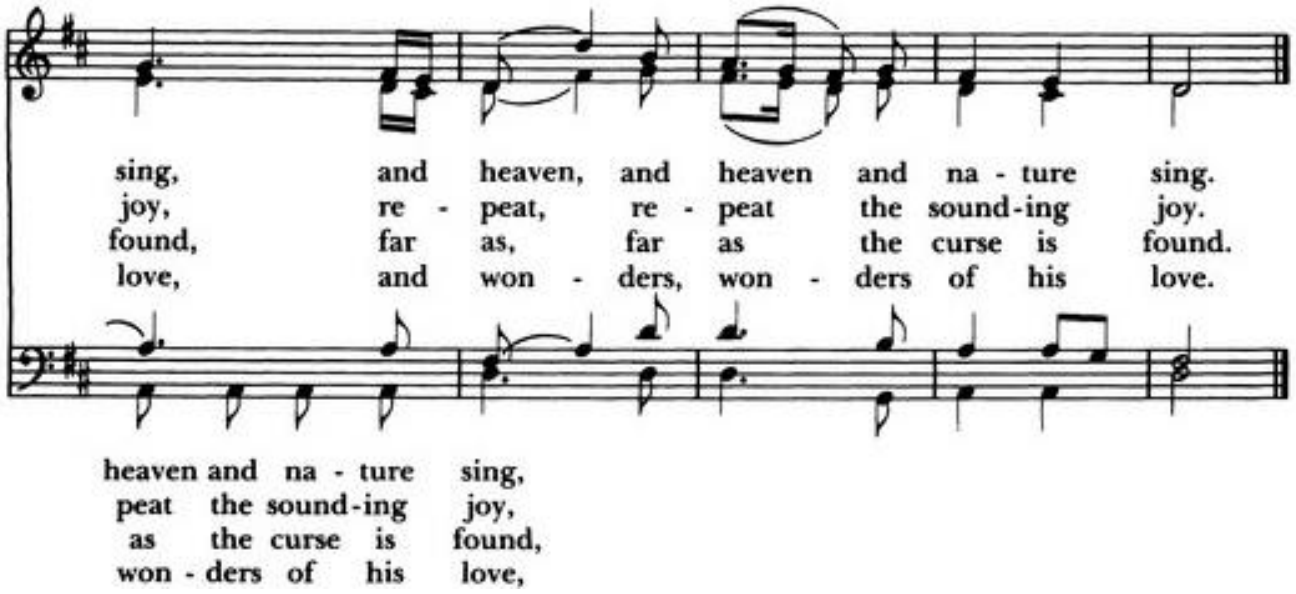
The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, proclaiming the birth of the Christ Child.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

<u>Christmas flowers provided by:</u>

Robert D. Bee

Fr. Jonathan & Shara Brice; In Memory Of Our Parents' Legacy of Faith, In Thanksgiving For St. Luke's Church

Monica & Victor Clarke; In Memory Of Loved Ones

Karen Craig; In Memory Of All the Departed

Scott & Pam Goodman; In Memory Of Barry Goodman

Mary Hayselden; In Thanksgiving For My Nieces and Nephews Brody, Dacey, Maxwell, Amelia, Hunter, and Hatcher Hayselden

Tom and Nancy Hayselden; In Thanksgiving For Family, Children and Grandchildren

John & Judy Hoffman; In Memory Of Markham, Frank & Beverlee Rowan, Irma & Lindsey Hoffman, In Thanksgiving For Family and Friends

Carol Keeling; In Memory Of My Parents

Jim & Mary Kelly; In Memory Of Maryanna & Bill, Lucille & Frank, In Thanksgiving For Jim and Mary's 51st Anniversary

Ruth Knabel; In Thanksgiving As we experience the presence of God that we share with one another

Rosemary Kniggendorf; In Thanksgiving For Family and Friends

The Pfau Family; In Memory Of Janice A. Haines

Dennis & Candi Phillips; In Thanksgiving For Support and Love From Friends and Family

Bob & Dody Ryan; In Memory Of Del and Ina Cummins and Mary Ryan

Amanda Textor; In Memory Of Emma Jean Ludwig

Rector: The Rev. Jonathan Brice Associate Vicar: The Rev. Shawn Streepy
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