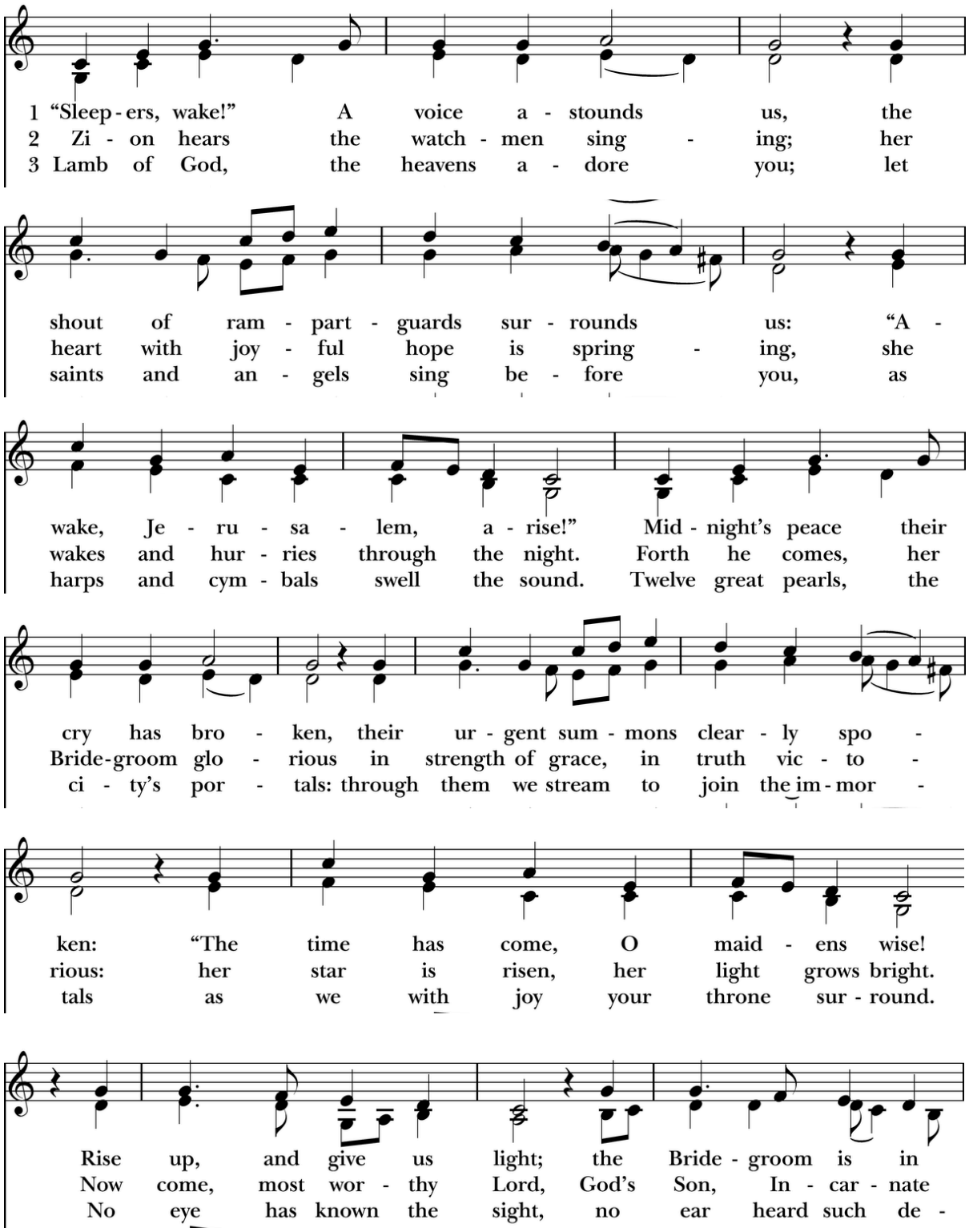
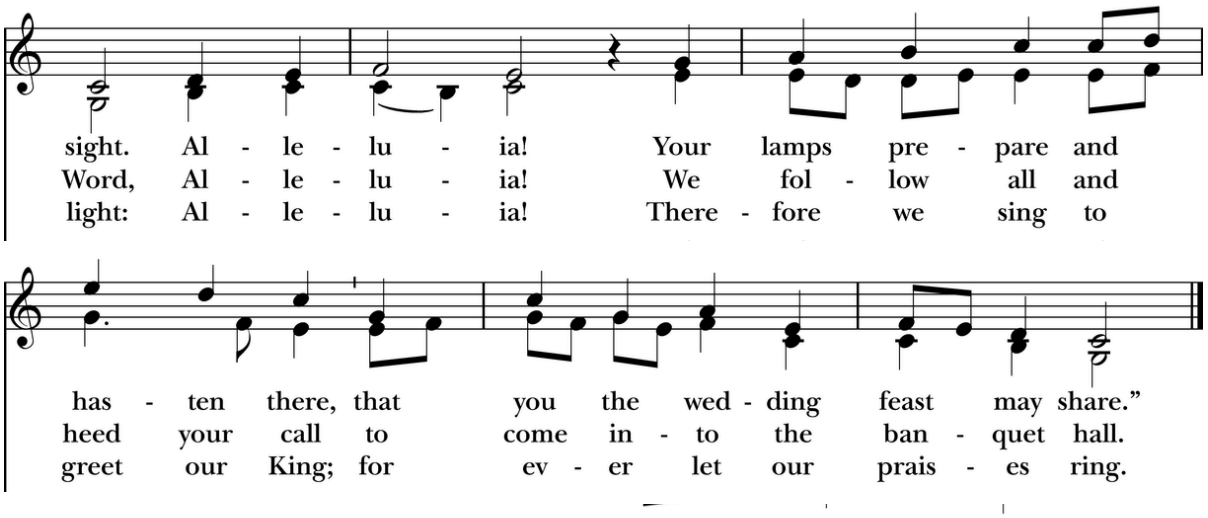
ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Choral Prelude — Find us ready — Booth

Hymn 61 — "Sleepers wake!" A voice astounds us — Wachet auf





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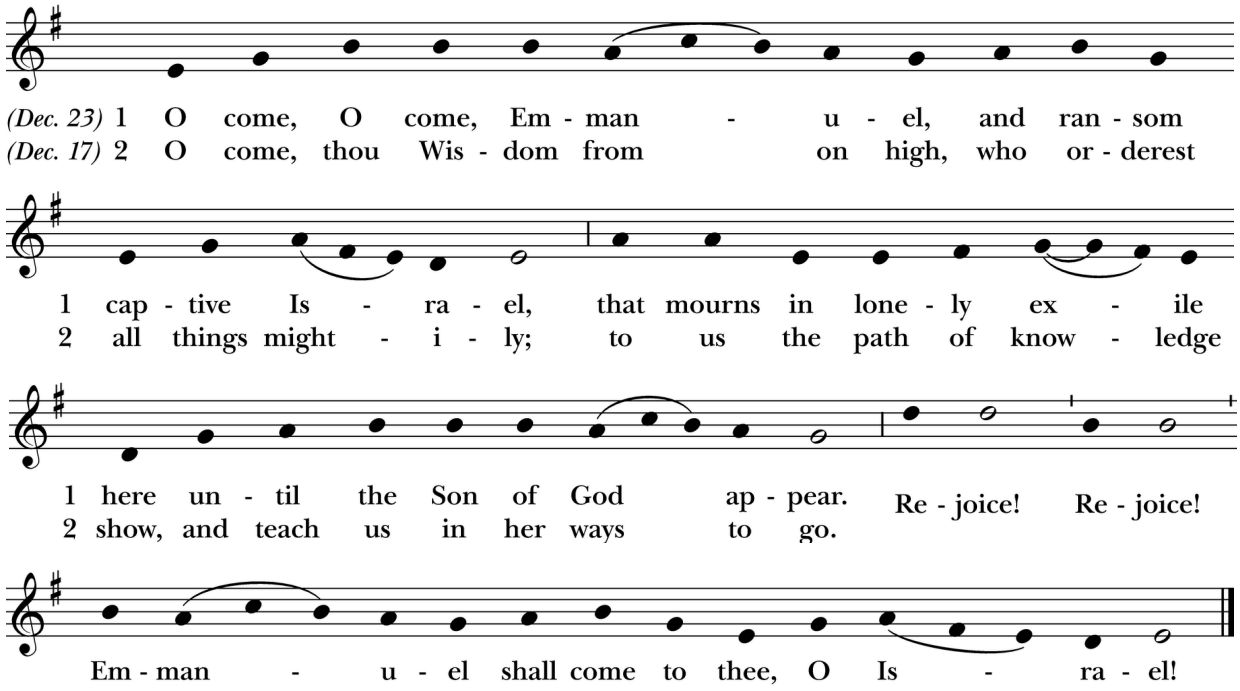
Opening Acclamation Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his 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.**

Lighting of the Advent wreath Kelly & Suzanne Lincoln

Hymn 56 O come, O come Emmanuel vs. 1 & 2



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The Collect of the Day Page 211, BCP

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.**

Children's Blessing & Dismissal
During the 10:30 service, children are invited to Children's Chapel. They'll return during the Peace.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, Qui regis Israel Page 702, BCP

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 Man/asseh, *
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 your/self.
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.

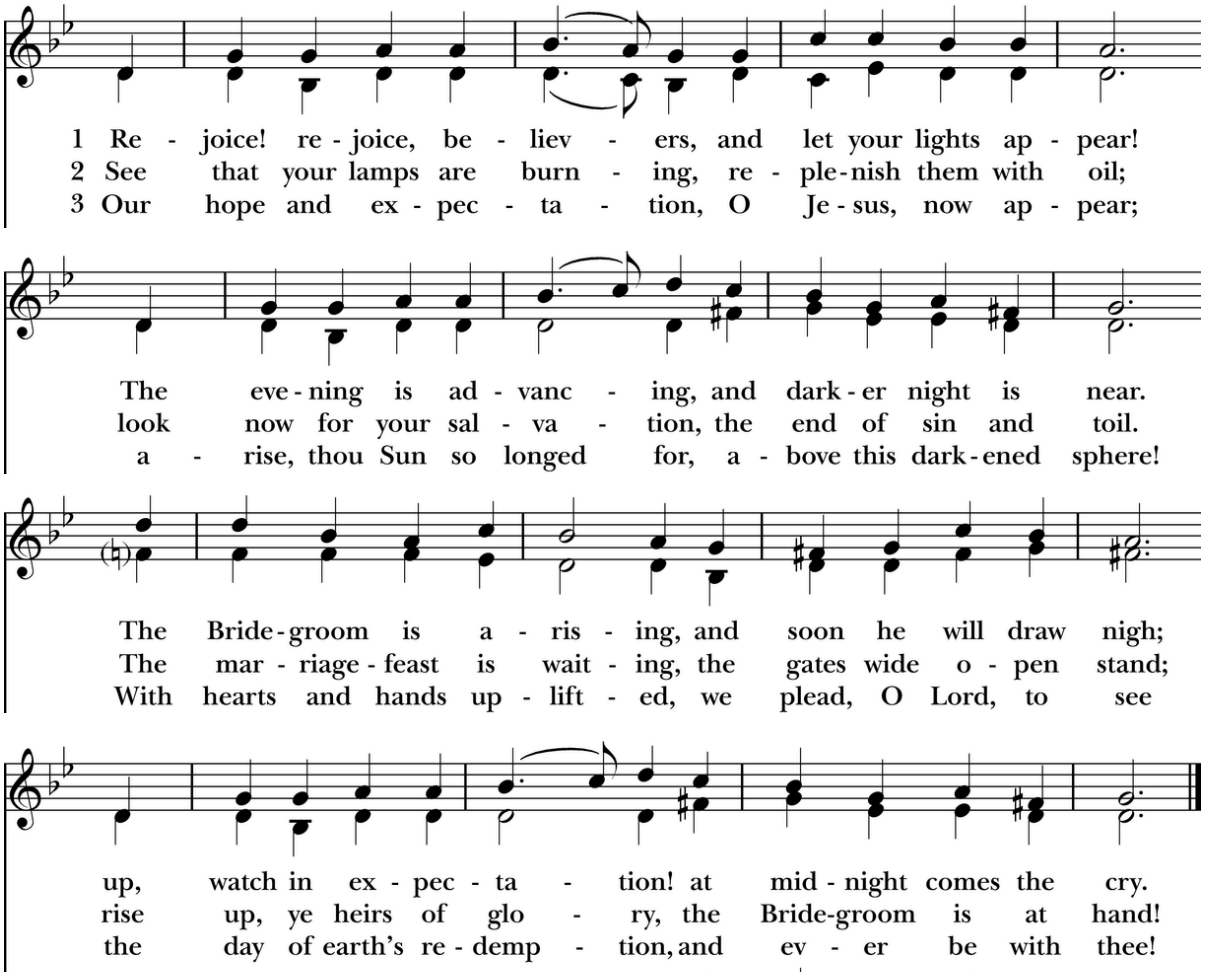
A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 68 Rejoice! Rejoice believers Llangloffan



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The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

Sermon The Rev. Ayo Omoniyi

The Nicene Creed Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

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.

Prayers of the People Form IV BCP, pg. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Dadaab Parish, Kenya, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Esperanza Church Pant, Holy Spirit, and Hope in Houston, Holy Apostles in Katy, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic in Keller.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our President; Greg, our governor; Shawn, Ross, Mattie, and all our local leaders.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Theodore Roosevelt High, Thomas Carr Howe High, Thomas Jefferson High, Timber Creek High, Trinity Lakes Elementary and Timberview Middle.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray for Joey, Neil, and those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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 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.**

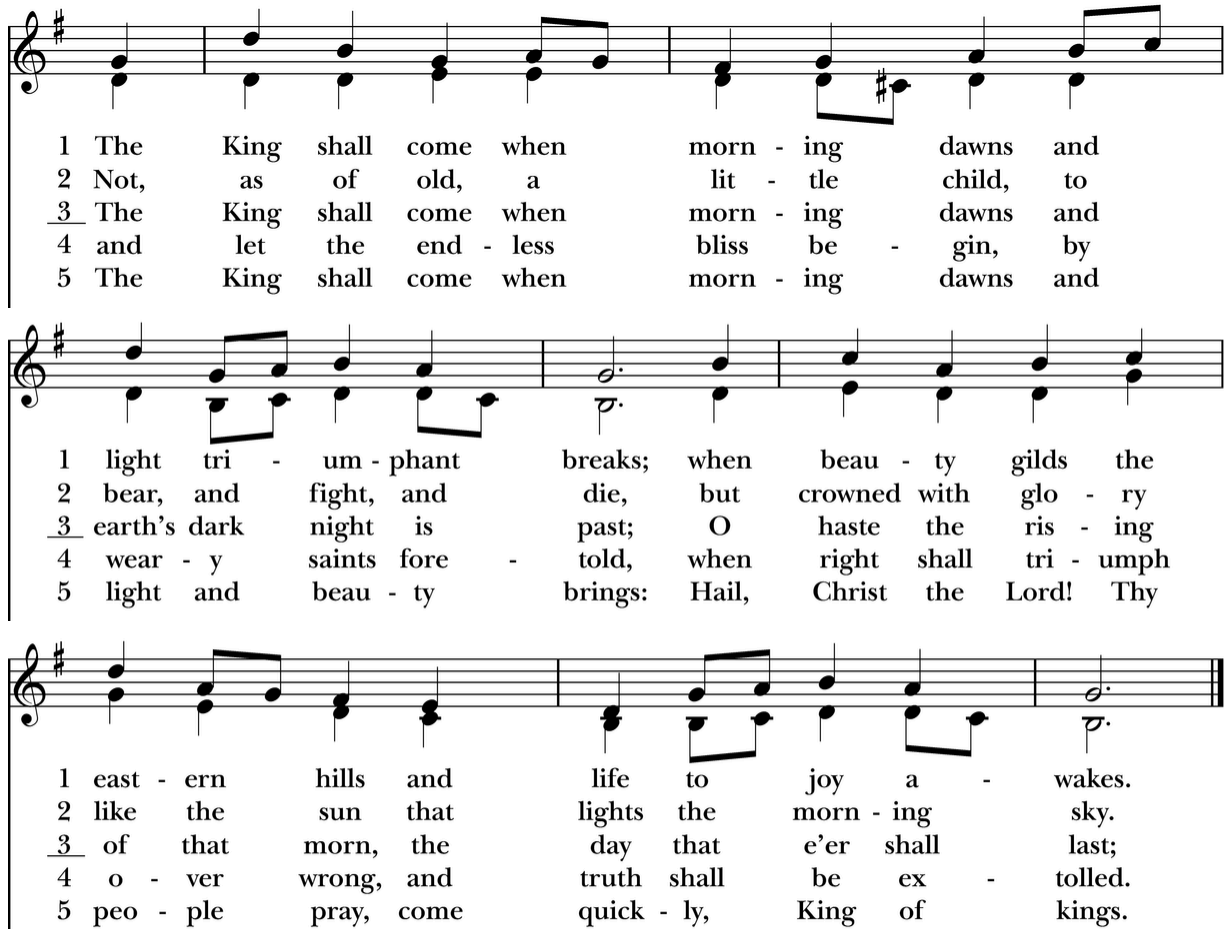
The Peace

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

Offertory On the 3rd Sundays, loose offerings are designated for the Clergy benevolence fund.

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online.

Offertory Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns St. Stephen



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Hymn at the Presentation 380 st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367 Book of Common Prayer

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, 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 Hymn S 130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 in 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 Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 153 Christ our passover Martens

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

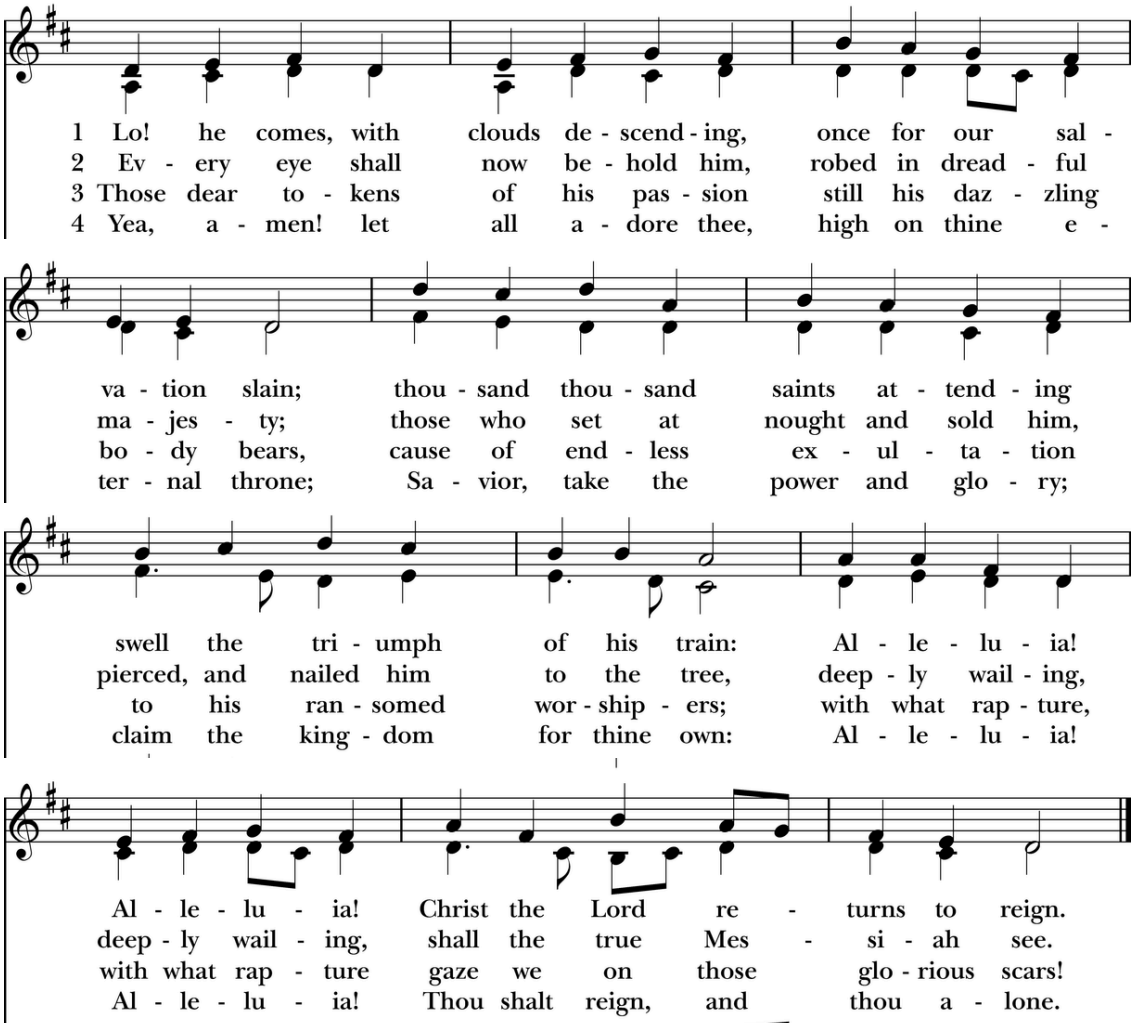
We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Holy Communion

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, regardless of denomination. If you are not baptized, we invite and encourage you to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing. If you're interested in baptism, please talk to the clergy after the service!

Communion Hymn 58 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending St. Thomas



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Choir Anthem Air for Advent Bach / Fettke

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Prayers for birthdays & anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

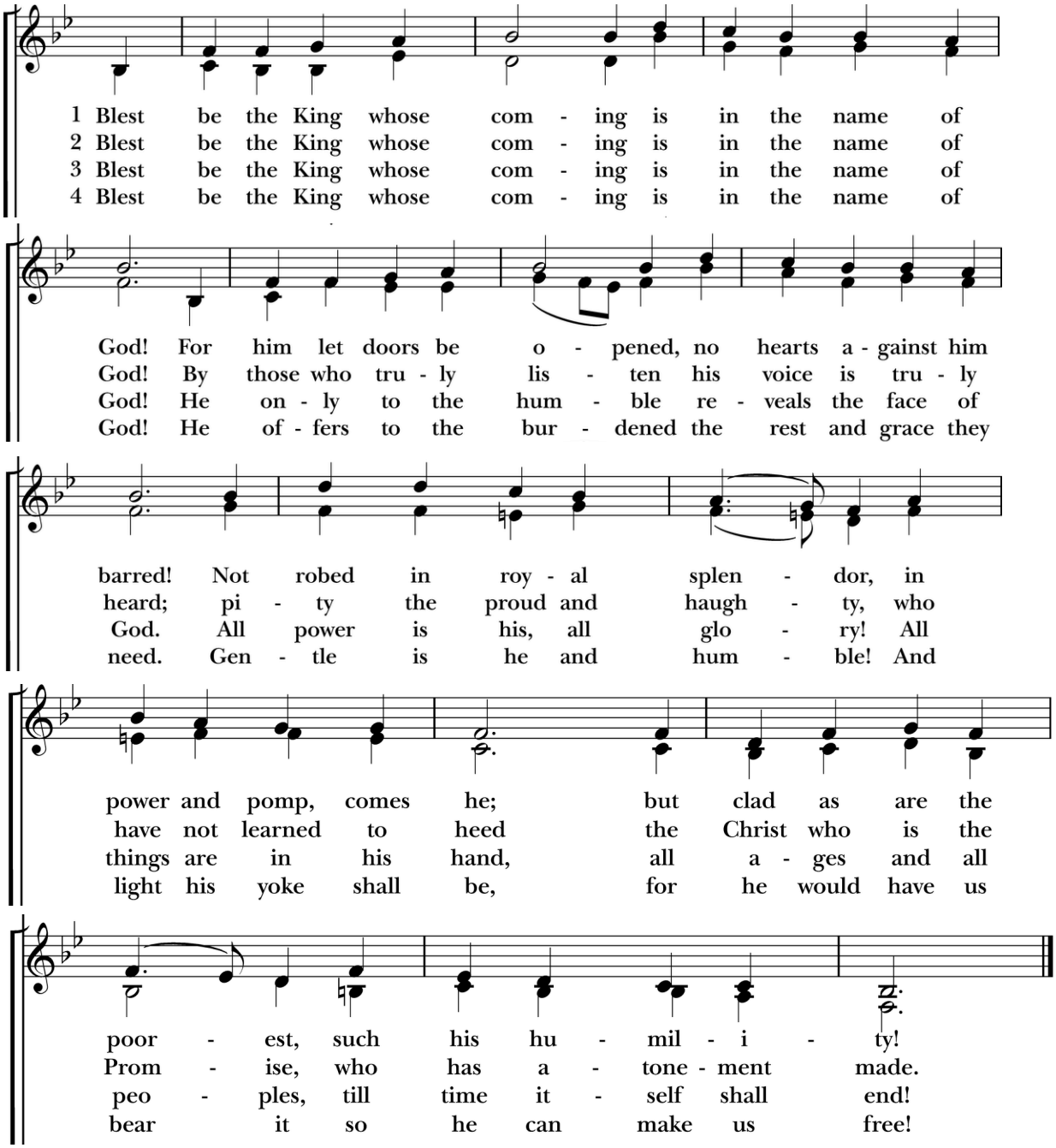
We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating the covenant of marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Send your blessing on [these your servants]. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer Page 365 Book of Common Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming Valet will ich dir geben



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The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude Trumpet Tune Fisher

Prayers of the People - Parish Prayer List

We pray for all Bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Brian, and Hector, our bishops; Alan, Ellen, Mark, Ayo, Judy, Diana, and Nick, our clergy; William, our seminarian, Liza our Family Minister, and Zane our Youth Minister that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Dadaab Parish, Kenya, and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In our Diocesan & Local Cycles of Prayer we pray for Esperanza Church Pant, Holy Spirit, and Hope in Houston, Holy Apostles in Katy, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic in Keller.

We pray for the students, teachers and staff of: Theodore Roosevelt High, Thomas Carr Howe High, Thomas Jefferson High, Timber Creek High, Trinity Lakes Elementary and Timberview Middle.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Rhonda, Kathleen, Tony, Stephanie, Mark & Paula, Margaux, Eric, Nicholas, Brandy, Sol & Sue

We pray for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Suzette, Richard, Judy, Patty, Doug, Brooke, Mark, Pepe, Nancy, Donna, Karen, Jim, Renee, Daniel, Brady, Melissa, Kevin, Sally, Marianna, Sue Ellen, Rebecca, Ginger, Patrick, Bill, Walter, Roger, Flo, Joan, Kevin, Emerson, Joe, Gwen, Morgan, Bob, Peter, Jerry, Nora, Lonn, Leah, Susan, Brandon, Brenda, Jan, Mac, Mary, Claudia, Carol, Pat, Dana, Mia, Ember, Gayle

We pray for those who are traveling:

We pray for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, John, Deion, Tanner, Timian, Will, John, James, Alex, Christian, Tucker, Brazos, Audrey, Andrea, Robin, Marco, Ryan, Aiden, Diego, Jordan, Hunter, MJ, RJ and all military personnel and civilians in harm's way.

We pray for those with employment concerns: Peter, Denice

We pray for those who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom: Joey, Neil

You can request prayers or become a prayer warrior by sending an email to
prayers@stmartininthefields.org

Drop us a Line

If you are new to St. Martin's, we would love to connect and share more about our community. Scan this code for our online form, or fill out the welcome card in the pew back in front of you.

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Upcoming Events

Are you called to serve?
We are seeking people to serve our church in leadership positions on our Vestry and to represent our parish at the Council of our diocese. If you feel called to serve on the 2027 Vestry or as a Delegate to the 2028 Diocesan Council, please use the QR code to fill out a form. Submissions must be received by Monday, December 21, 2026. This process is being started now in order to allow time for discernment and for notification to be provided to the parish prior to the January election.

Urgent Outreach: Hygiene Items for Union Gospel Mission
UGM is in urgent need of basic hygiene items for the neighbors they serve. Please consider picking up any of the following on your next shopping trip and bringing them to church this week or next: **Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (adult and children's), Bar soap, Men & Women's deodorant.**
These everyday essentials make a real difference in a person's dignity and health. Thank you for being such good neighbors.

Sunday, December 6: St. Nicholas Feast Day Celebration
Join us after the 10:30 service for cookie decorating, lunch & photos with St. Nick in the parish hall.
All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 8 @ 6 pm: Ladies' Night Christmas party & Ornament Exchange.
All women of St. Martin's are invited to the home of one of our members. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and an ornament to exchange. **Please RSVP to this event by emailing ladiesnight@stmartininthefields.org,** and we'll email the address to you. See you there!



Dedicate Flowers

The flowers on our altar each week are given to the glory of God,
often in memory or thanksgiving for loved ones.
Scan the code to choose a date and offer a dedication of your own.

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