Emmanuel Episcopal Church



Christmas Eve Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

WELCOME! We're glad that you're here today to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship – In the pews, the chapel Prayground, or the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you!
We invite you to sign the guest register by the main doors
or scan the QR code in the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org.
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We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today as we all work towards racial justice, equity, liberation for all people.

Pre-Service Music

Two Settings on “Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,” Johannes Brahms & Gerald Near

Go, Tell It on the Mountain, arr. Richard Elliott
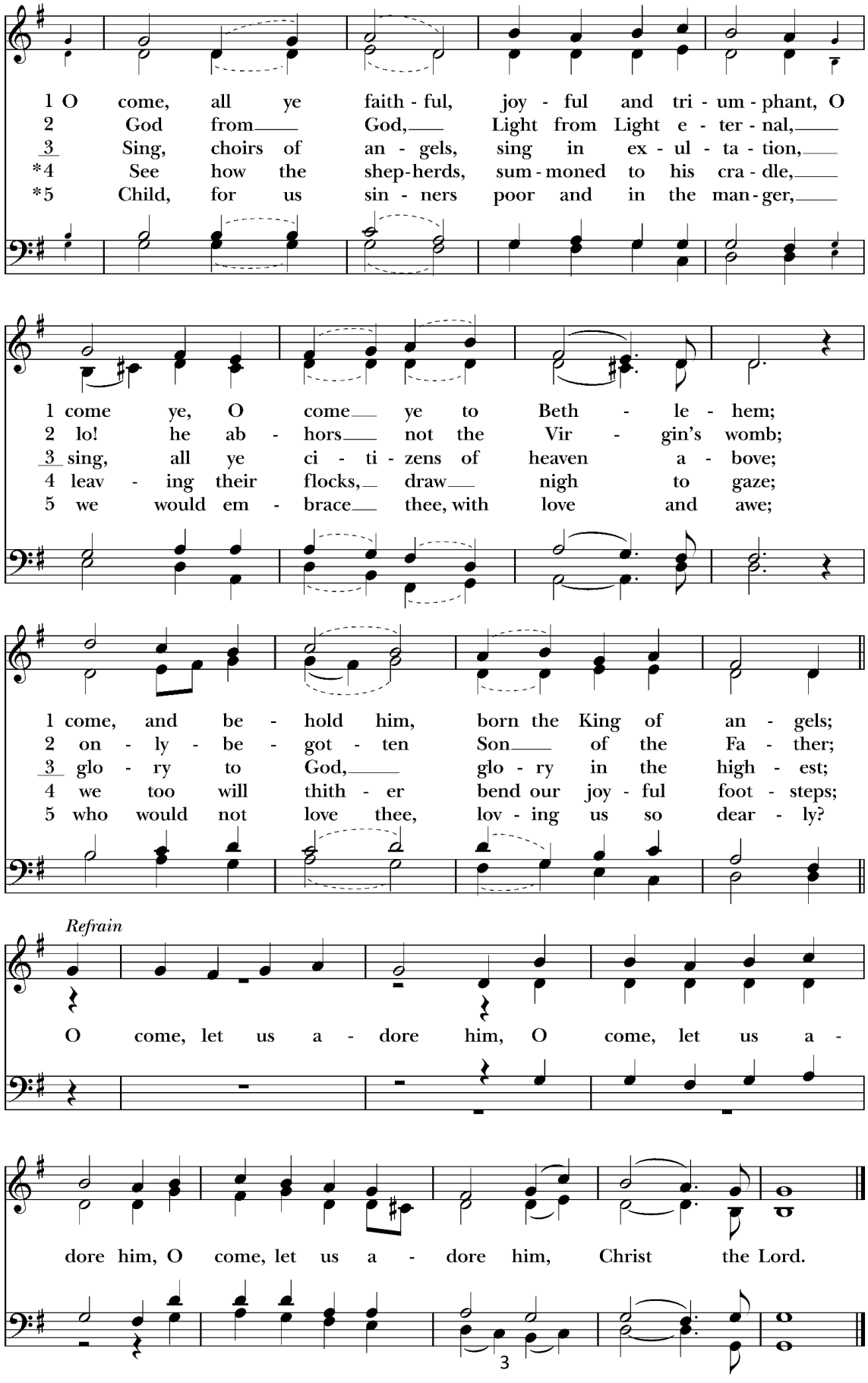
O Tannenbaum, Ernst Anschütz/arr. Keith Snell
Clarion Brass

Balulalow (*A Ceremony of Carols*), Benjamin Britten
Alison Dunn, Jen Dunn & Lauren Romano, trio
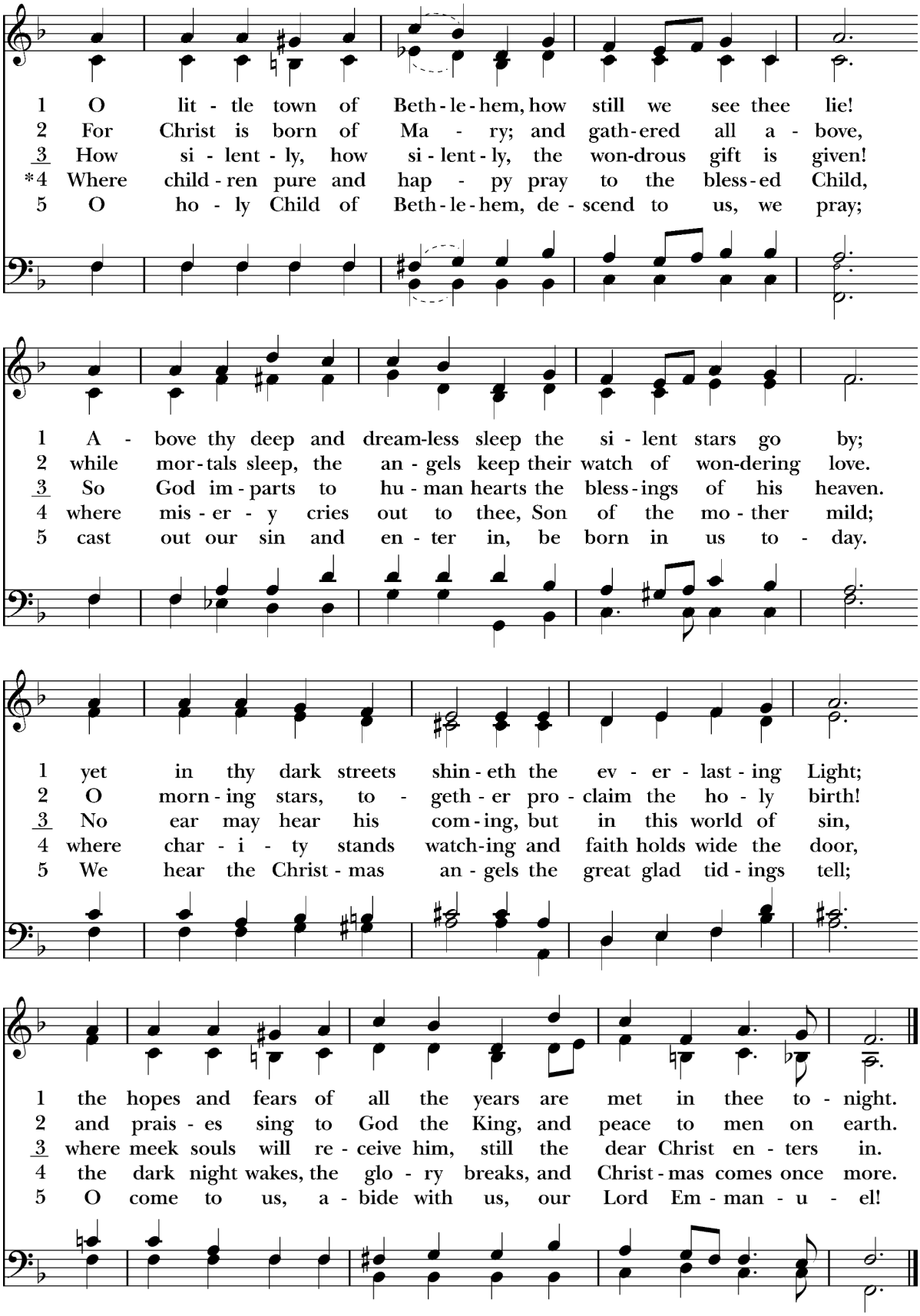
O my dear heart, young Jesu sweet,
Prepare thy cradle in my spreet (*spirit*),
And I shall rock thee to my heart,
And never mair (*more*) from thee depart.
But I shall praise thee evermore
With sanges (*songs*) sweet unto thy gloir (*glory*);
The knees of my heart shall I bow,
And sing that richt (*right*) Balulalow (*Lullaby*).

The congregation is invited to sing the following Christmas carols and continue enjoying musical offerings before the service begins.

O come, all ye faithful, Hymnal 83
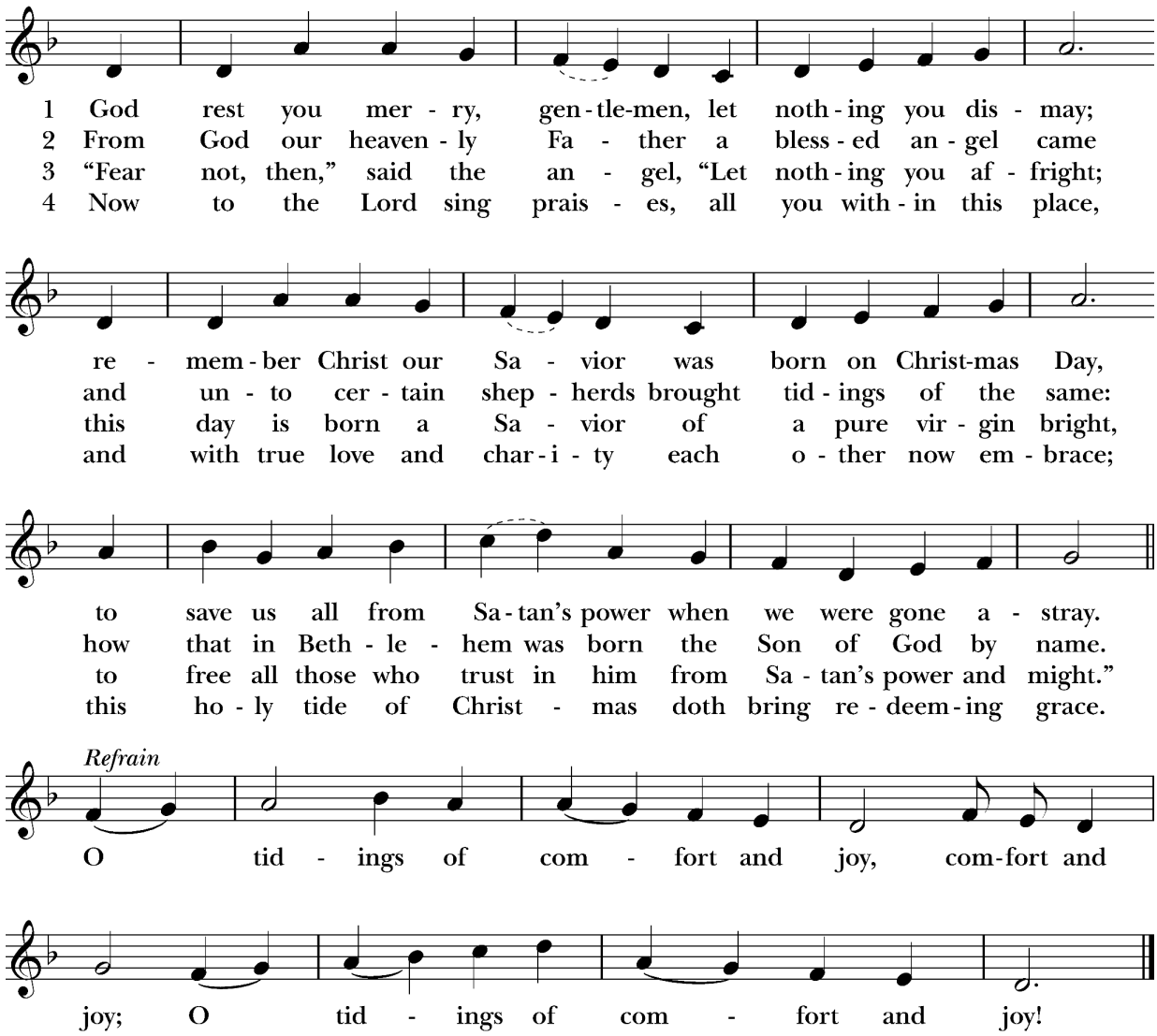


O little town of Bethlehem, Hymnal 79



Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Hymnal 105



Words: London carol, 18th cent. Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

Welcome, Lord Jesus by Richard Shephard
Emmanuel Choir & Lauren Romano, conductor

The Lord that lay in asses stall,
Came to die for us all,
to make us free that erst were thrall,
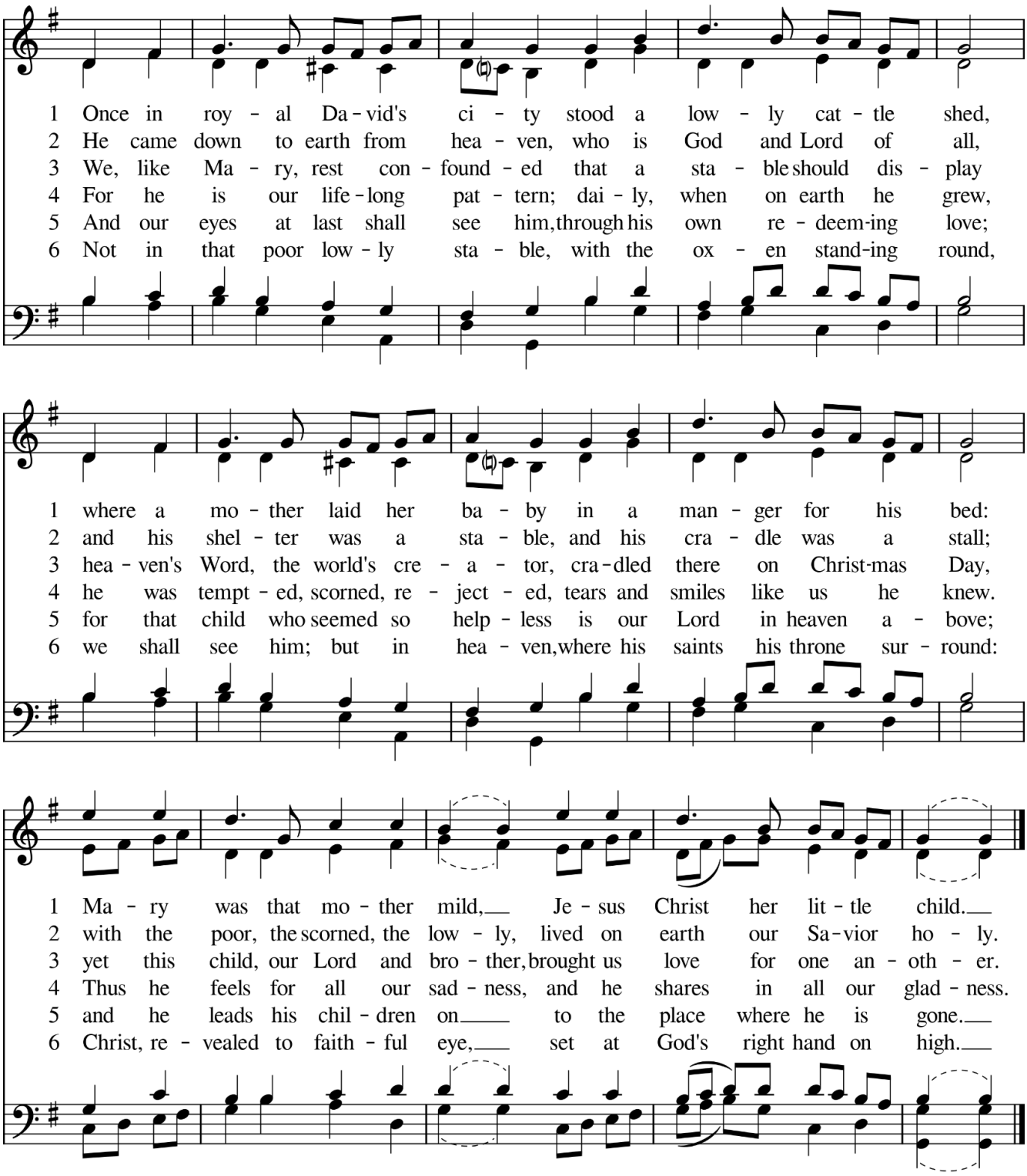
Qui natus fuit hodie.
(Who was born today.)

Well may we glad and merry be,
Since we were thrall and now be free;
The fiend our foe he made to flee,

And since our foe is fled from us,
We may well sing and say right thus;
Welcome be, this Lord Jesus,

The Little Drummer Boy, Katherine Kennicott Davis/arr. Keith Snell
Clarion Brass

vs. 1: Patrick Zelaya, soloist; vs. 2–6: congregation



Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
Music: Irby, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

Welcome

The Word of God, BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Gloria: Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1 only), Hymnal 96

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Glo–ria in excelsis Deo. Glo–ria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect of the Day, BCP p. 212

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

Special Music — Two French Carols ("He Is Born" & "Noël Nouvelet") — Traditional/ arr. Richard E. Brown
Clarion Brass

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah**.**

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. (9:2-7)

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

Psalm 96 *Cantate domino* BCP p. 725

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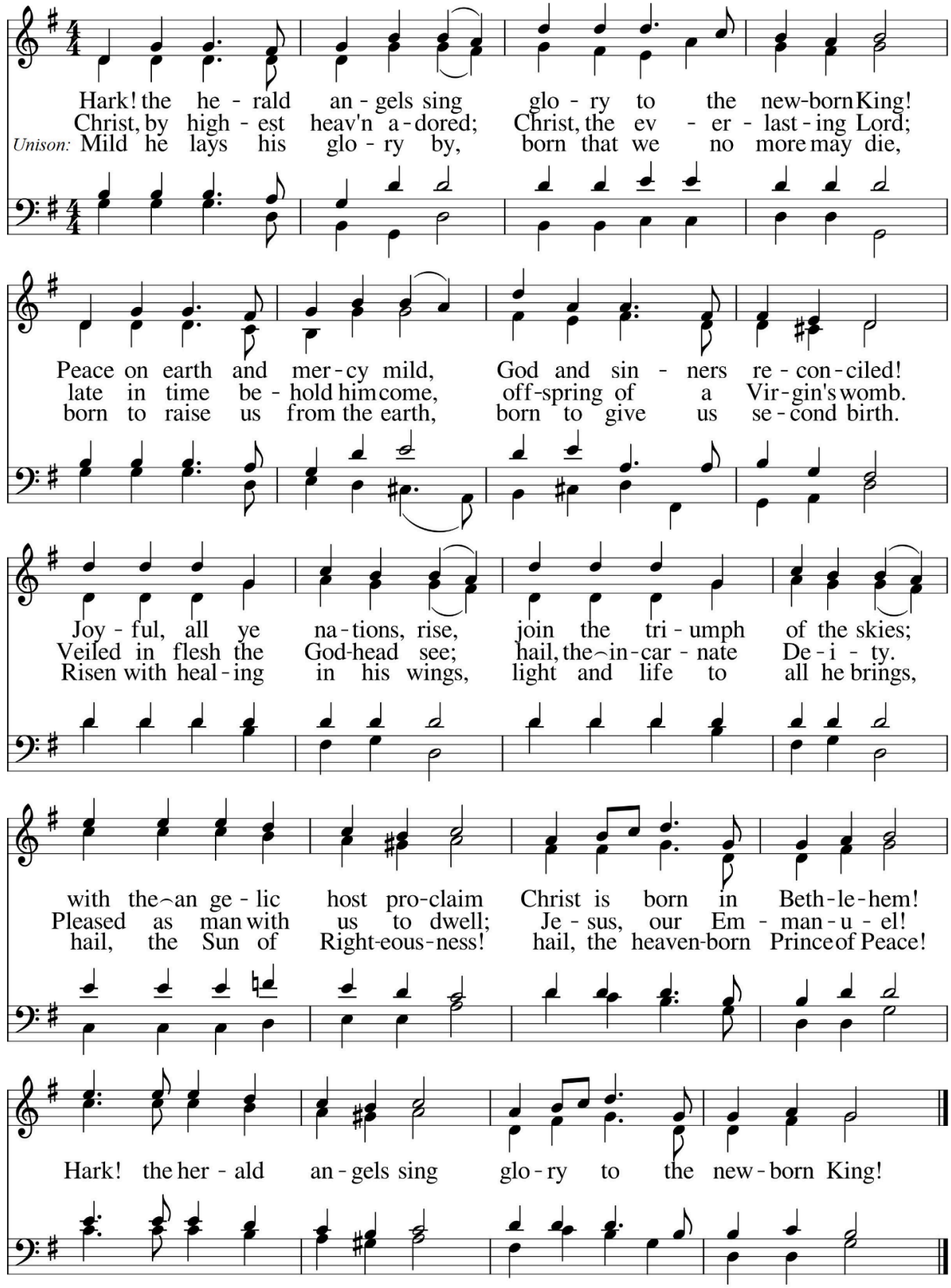
13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

A reading from the letter to Titus.

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. (2:11-14)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God.

Before the Gospel: Fanfare & vs. 1-2 | After the Gospel: vs. 3



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Deacon: 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. (2:1-20)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sing the Sequence Hymn vs. 3; see previous page.

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language)

We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and born of Mary,
and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with**

the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ 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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III, BCP p. 387

The people may be seated. The congregation's responses to the prayers are in bold.

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.

A moment of silence is kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O God of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and people everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. ***Y con tu espíritu.***
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka. ***Neetho kooda.***
The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

*Today's loose plate collection (cash, checks, or online giving that isn't part of a pledge) will go to the **Emmanuel Food Center.***

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem — The Huron Carol — arr. John S. Dixon
Emmanuel Choir

'Twas in the moon of winter-time
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:

"Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria."

Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapp'd His beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:

The earliest moon of wintertime
Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory
On the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt:
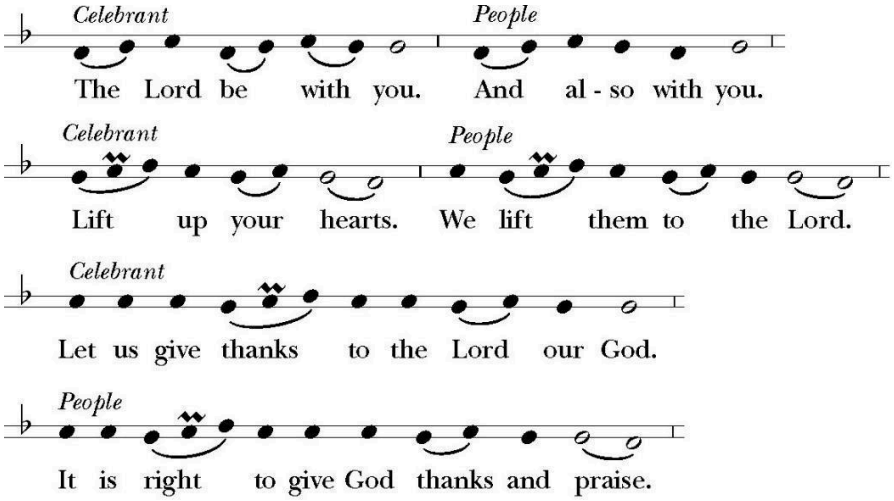
O children of the forest free,
O seed of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven
Is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy:

The Doxology

The gifts are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.
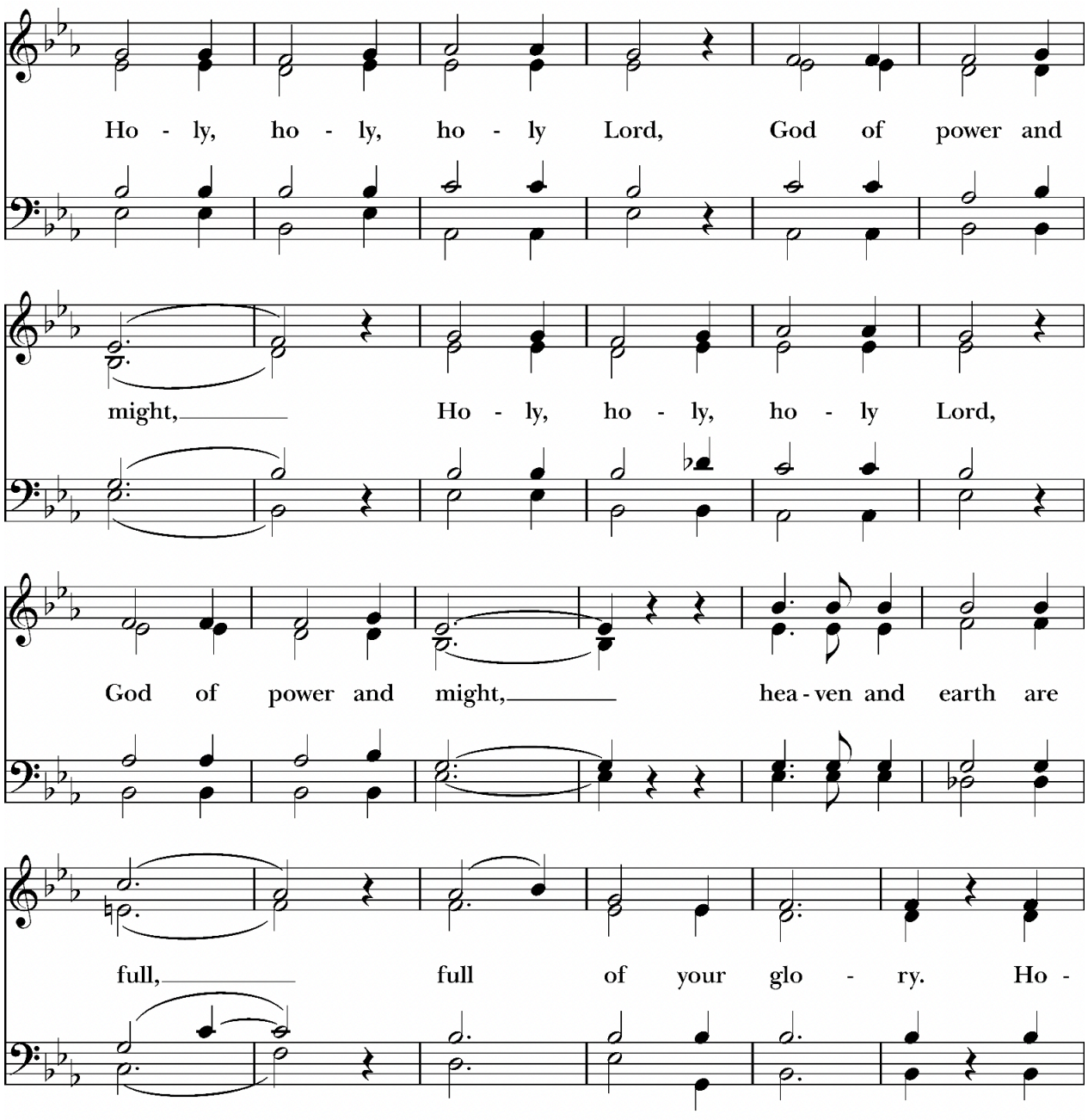
Gathering at Christ's Table: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 365
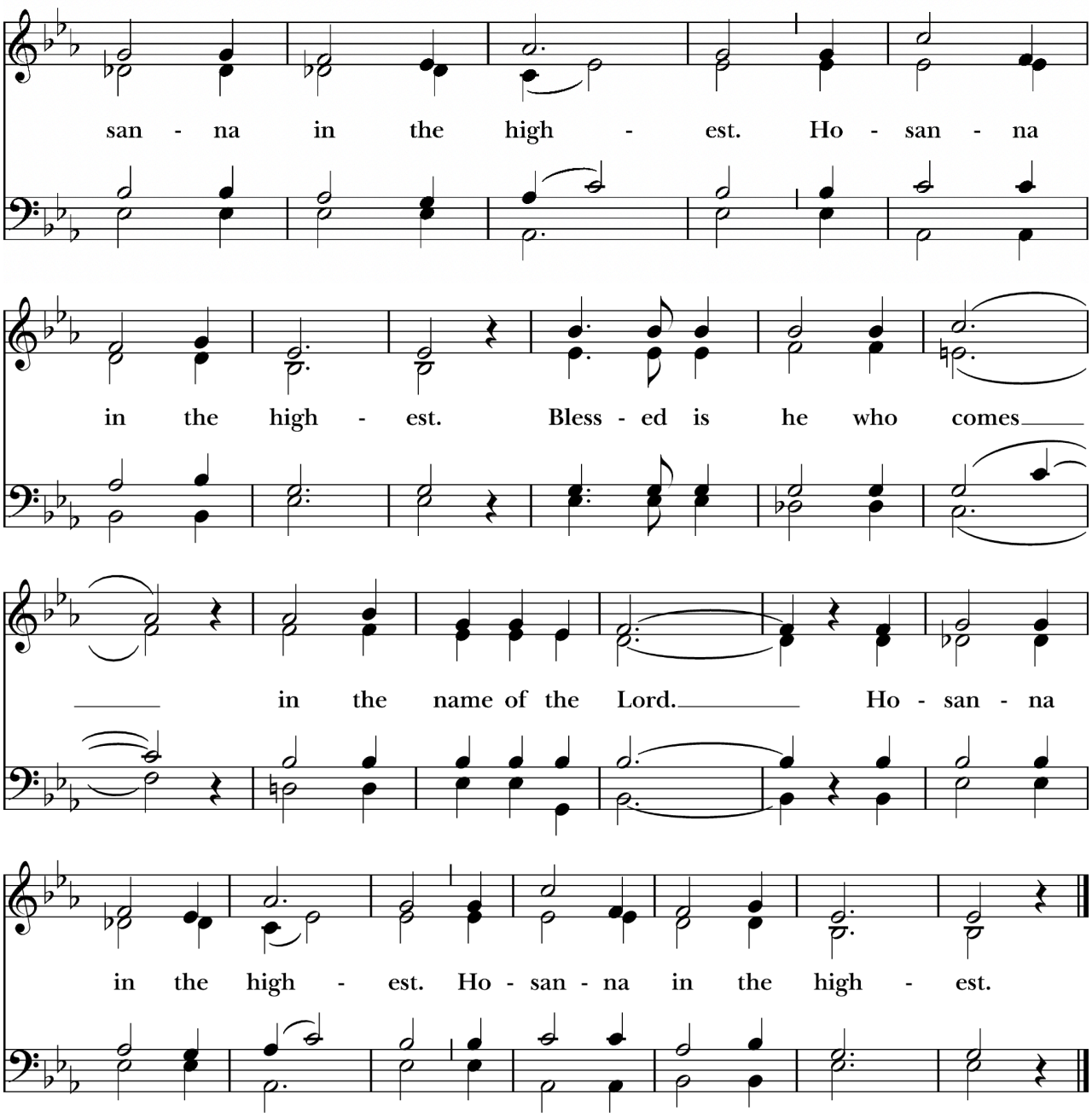


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 130





Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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The Lord's Prayer, BCP p. 364

The people may stand in body or spirit.

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

Our Father, who are 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.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

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.

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.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. 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 while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).
The ushers will guide you to Communion.

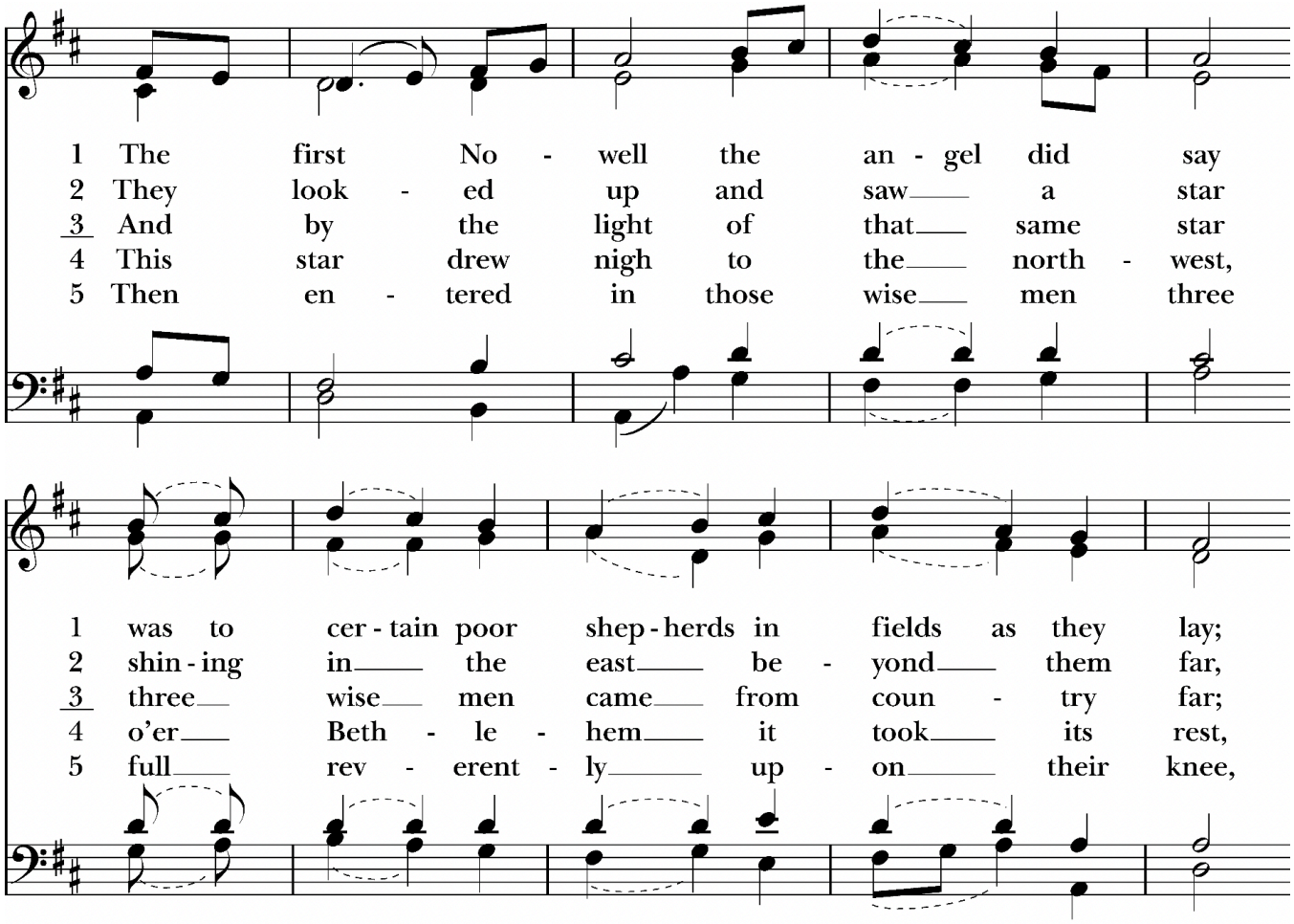
Bread: *All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free.The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.*
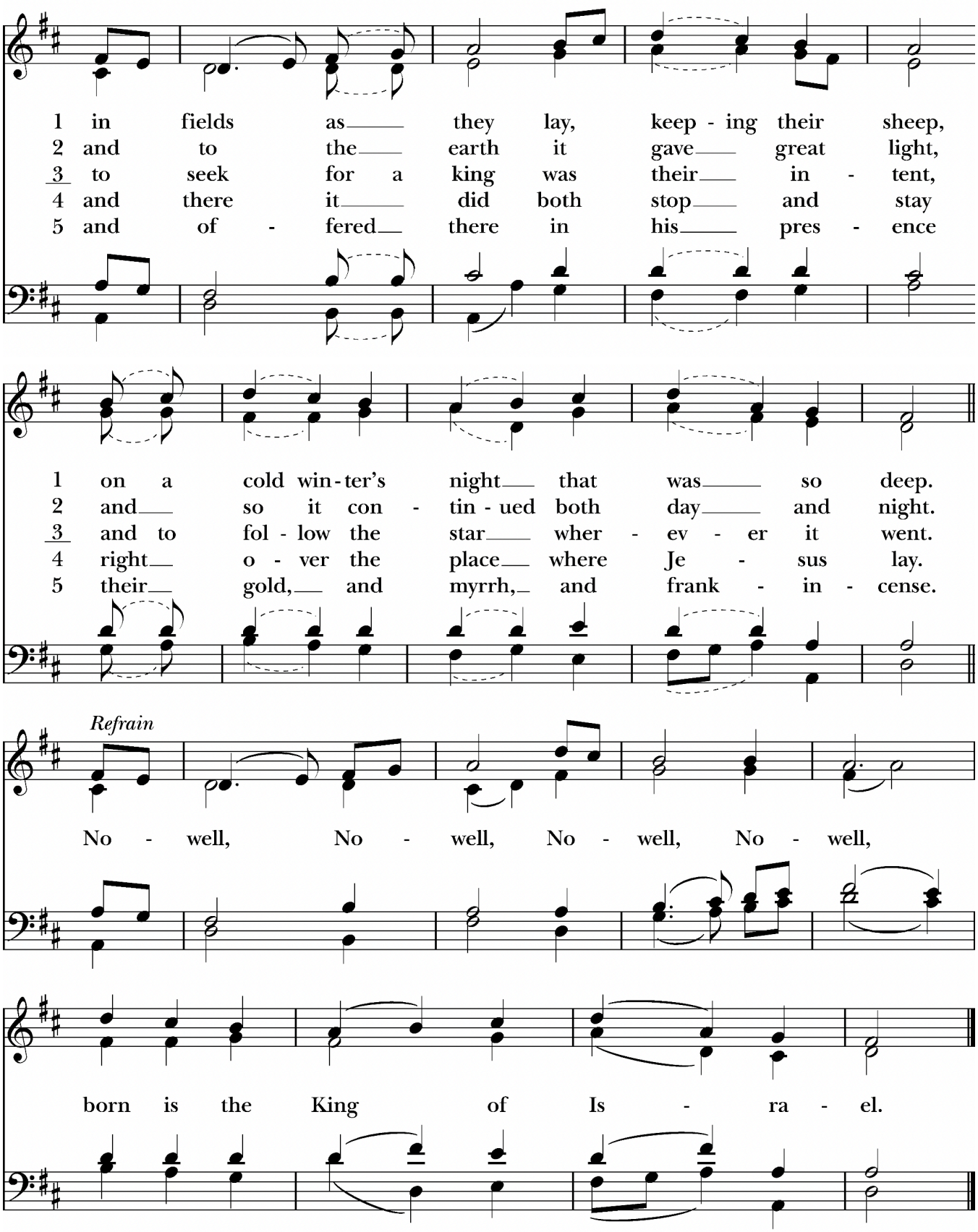
Wine: *You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine. OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.*
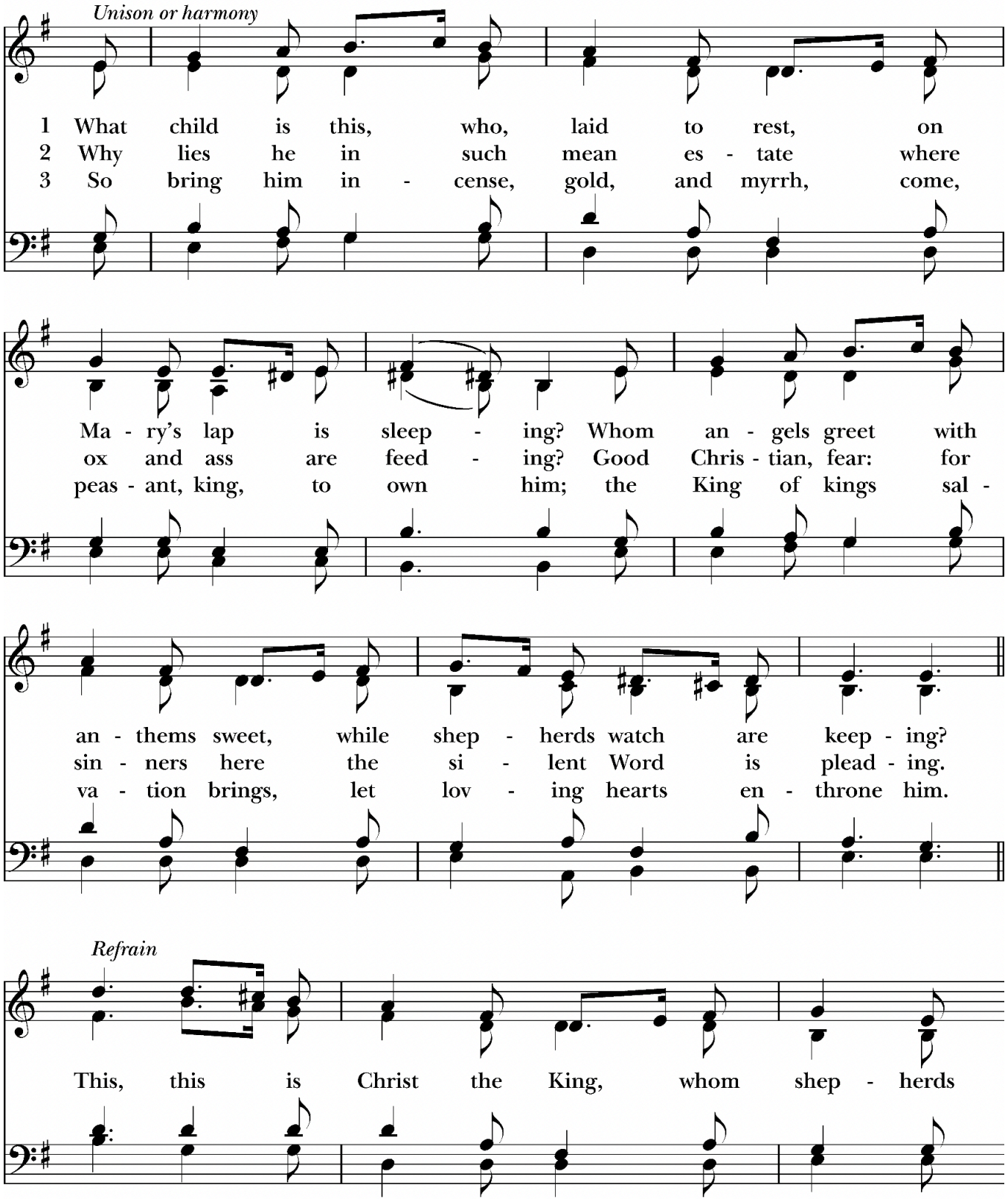
Blessing: *If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

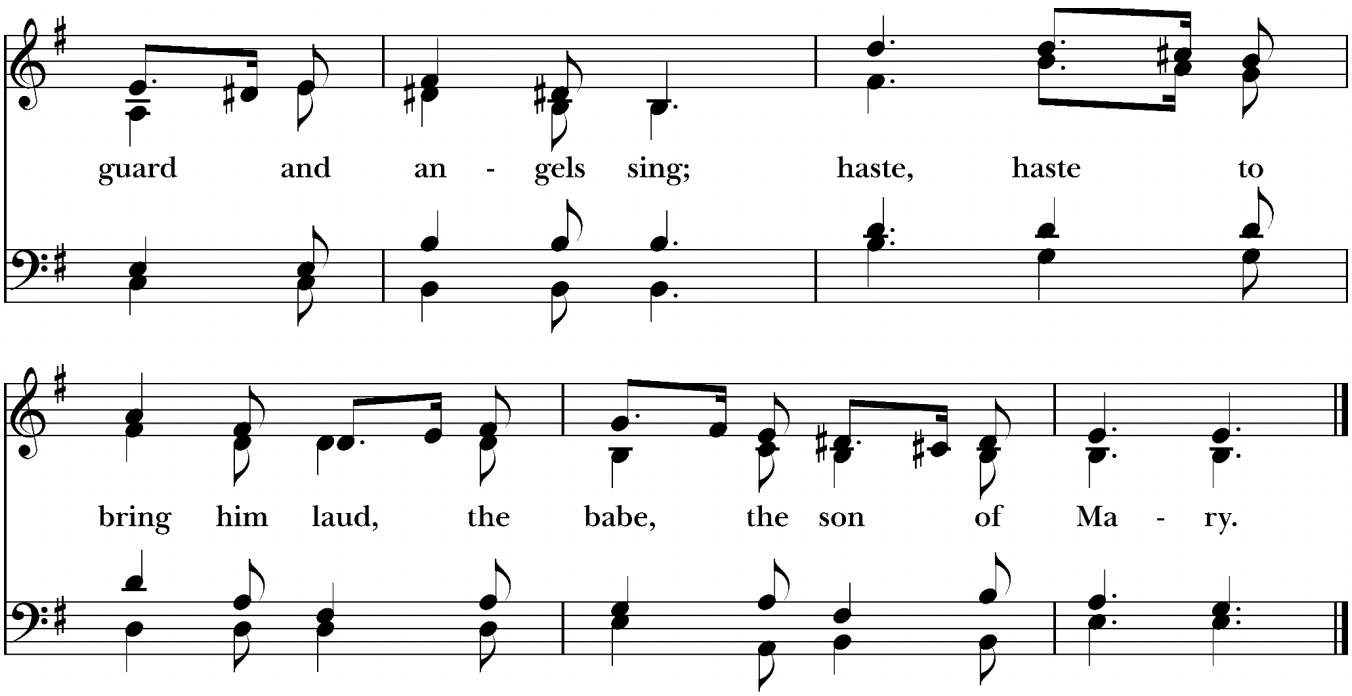
Communion Music — Gesu Bambino — Pietro Yon/arr. Art Frackenpohl
Clarion Brass

Communion Hymn — The first Nowell — Hymnal 109



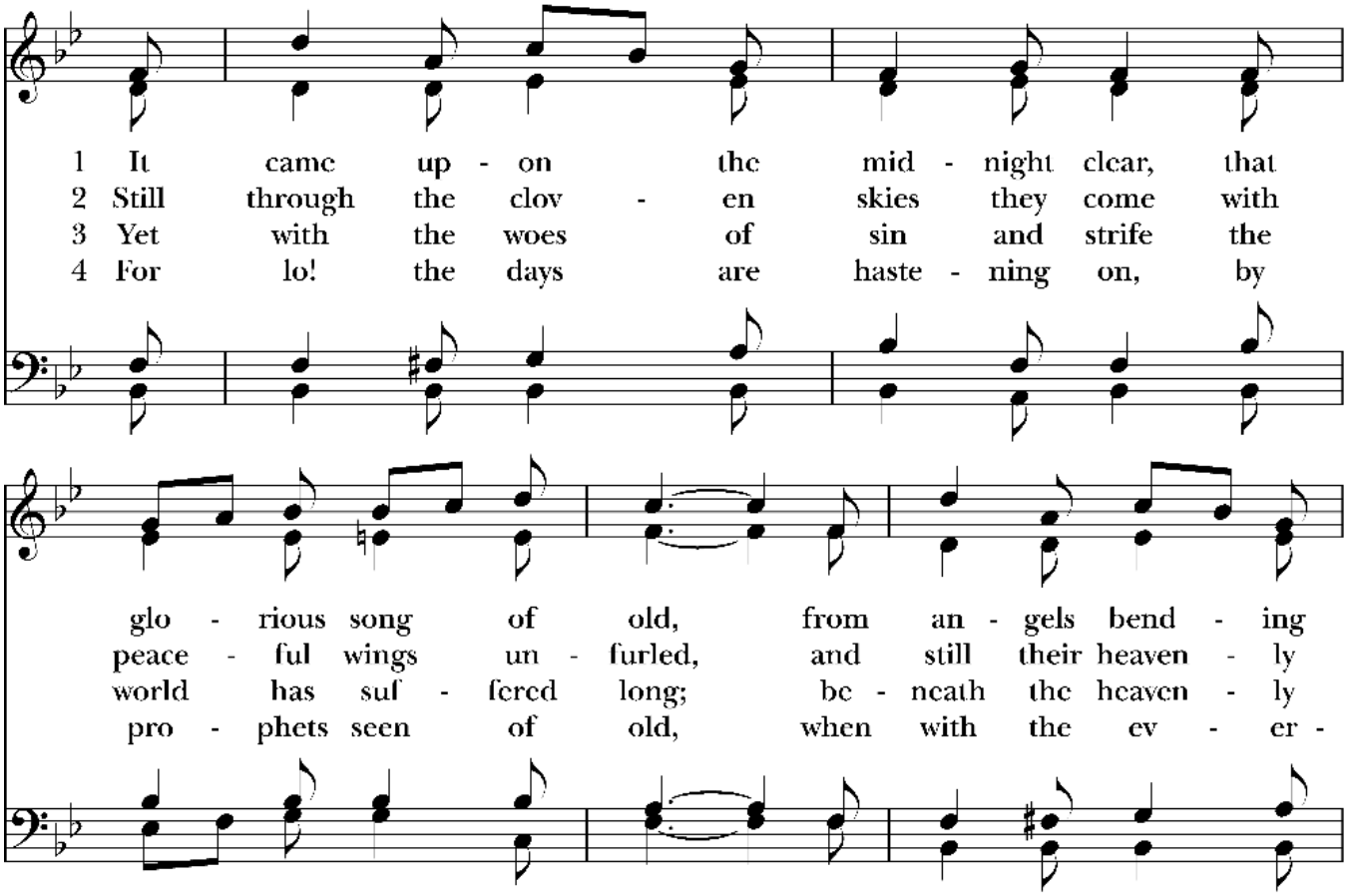

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence
1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.
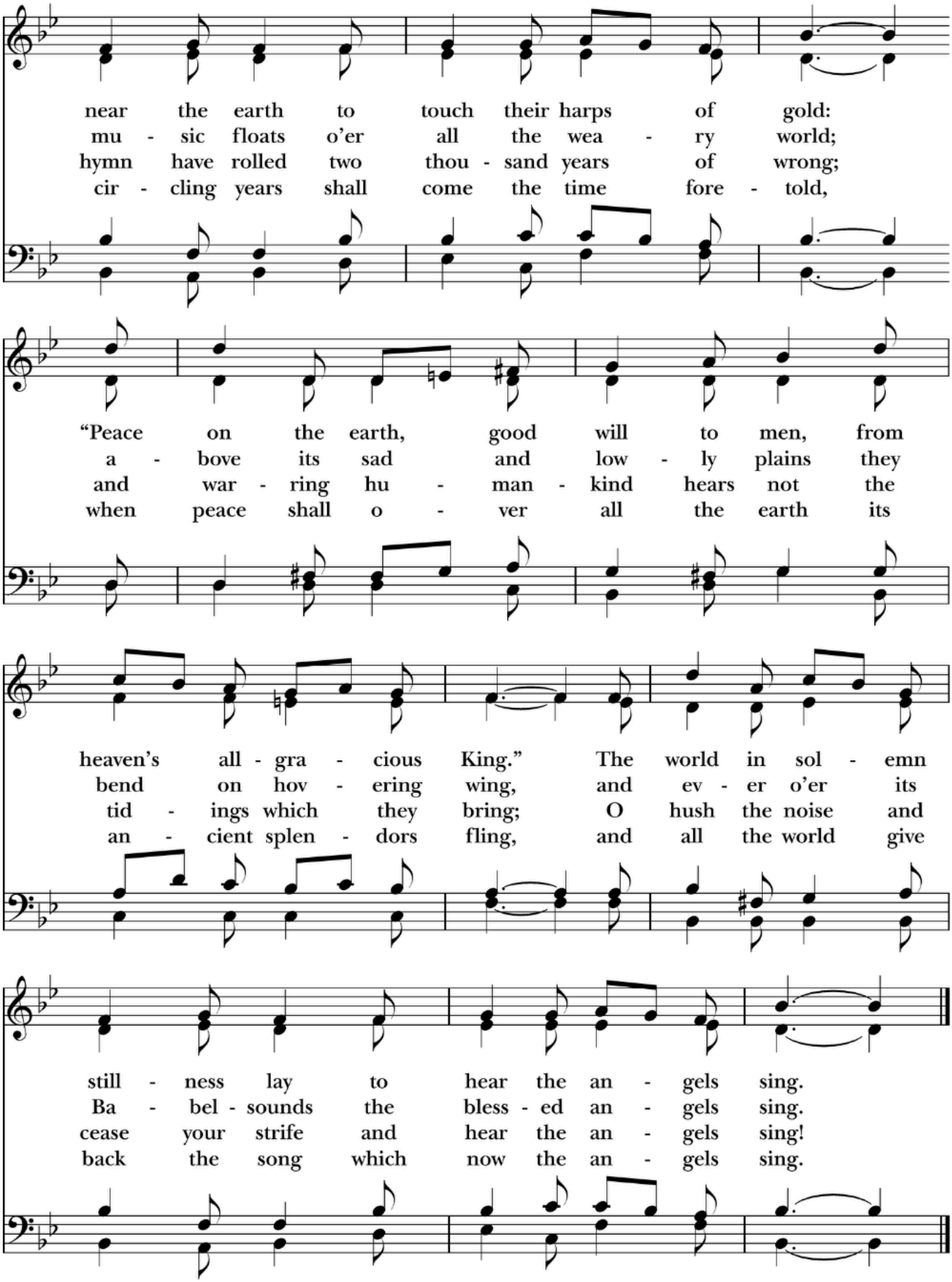

Unison or harmony
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
Refrain
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

Communion Hymn It came upon the midnight clear Hymnal 89
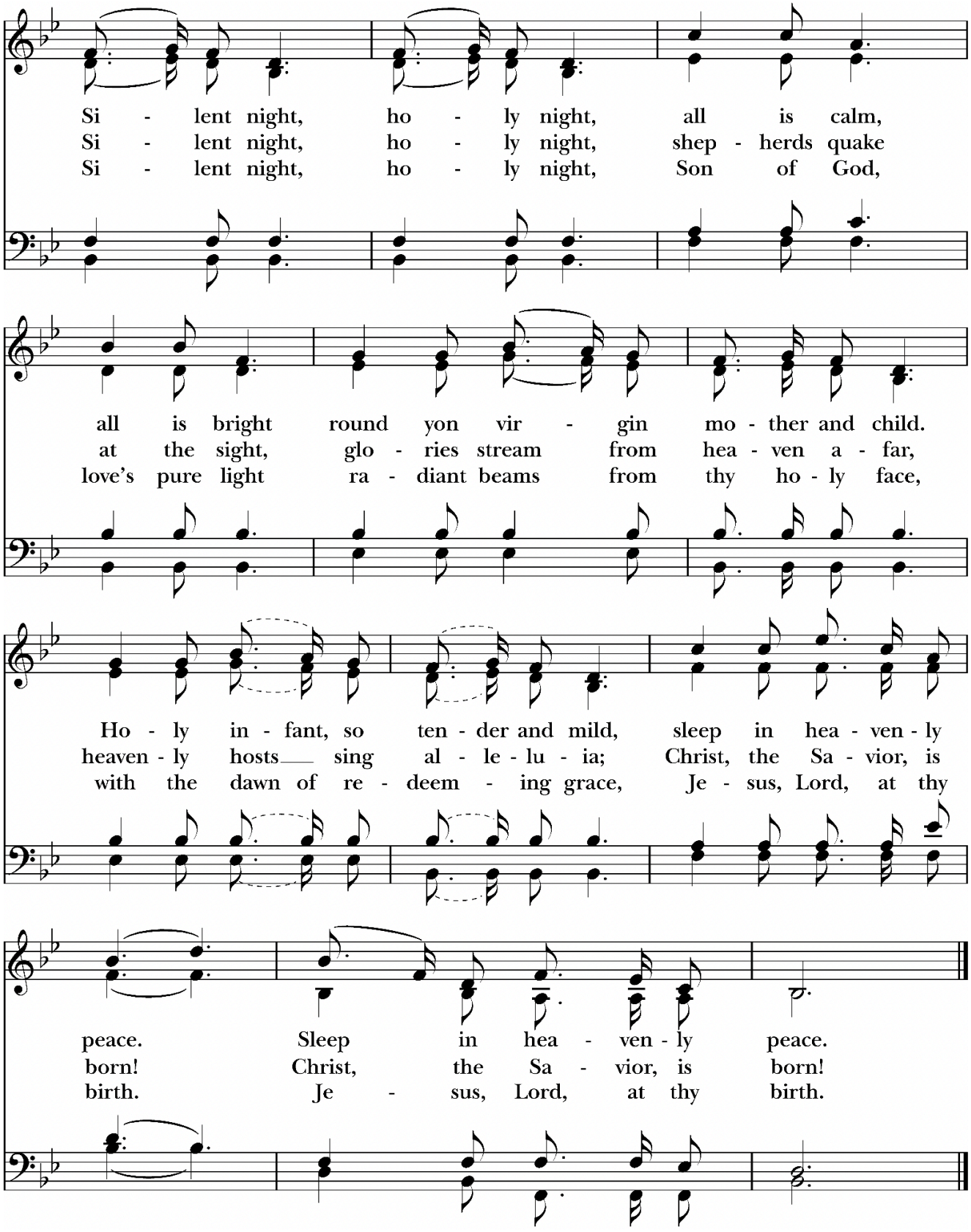




Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

A moment of silence is kept, then the following hymn is prayed. The people are encouraged to kneel or sit.

Hymn Silent Night Hymnal 111



The Post Communion Prayer, BCP 365. *The people stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

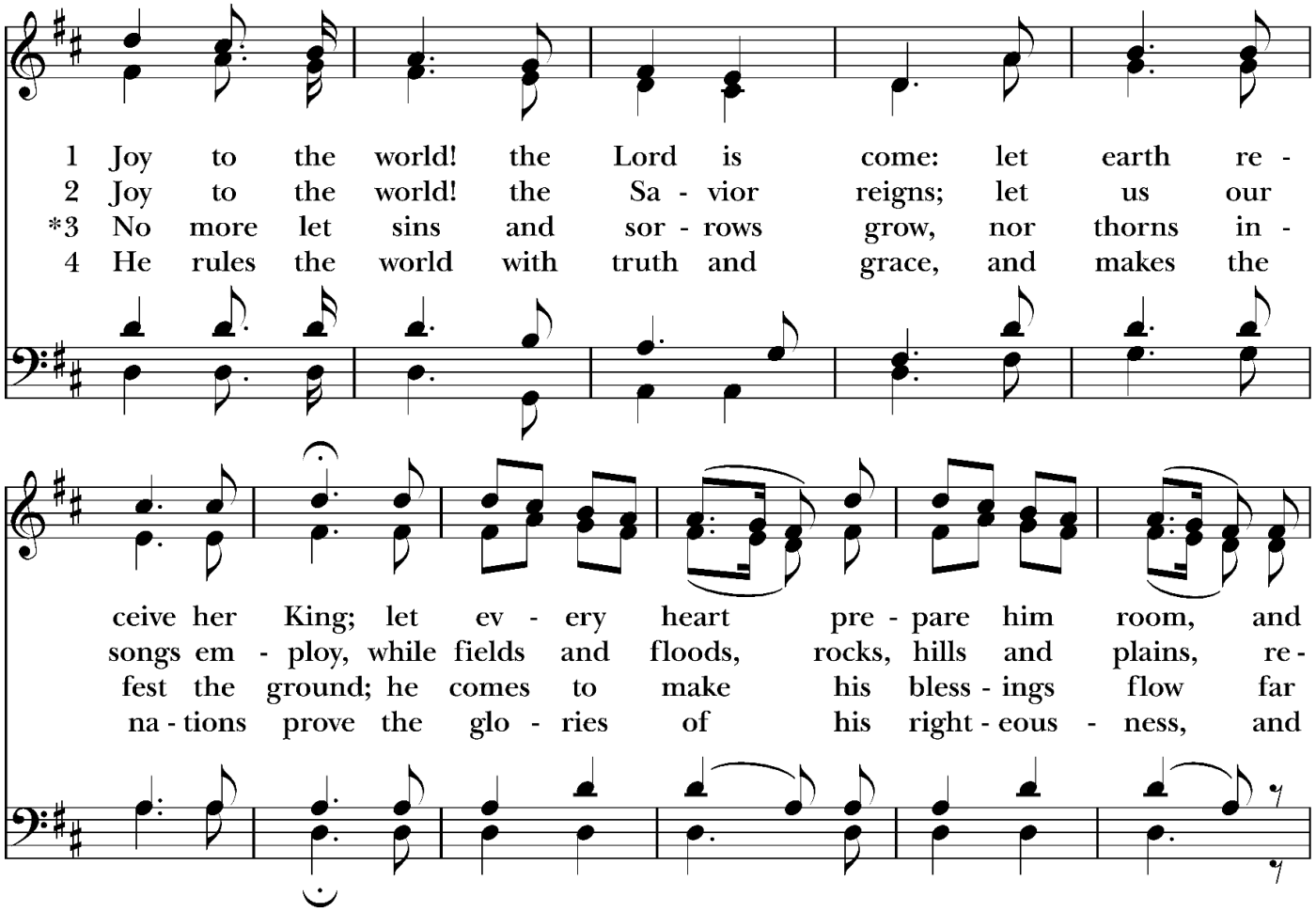
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
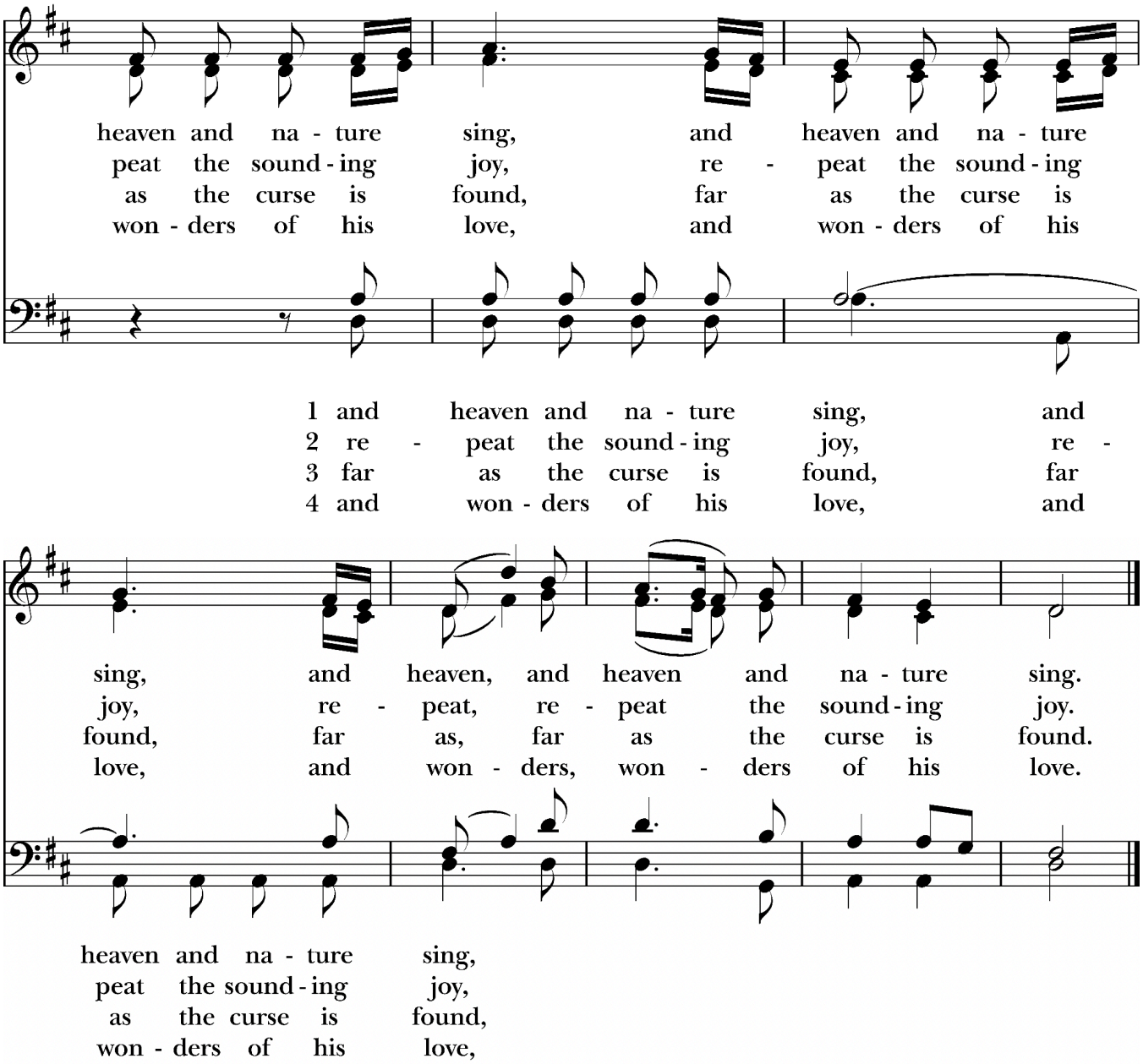
The Blessing

May Almighty God, who created all that is, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of divine holiness. May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ, the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now, and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Joy to the world Hymnal 100

vs. 1 & 2 – harmony; vs. 3 & 4 – unison





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Immediately following the dismissal, the Emmanuel Choir invites you to join them in the triumphant ***singing of the Hallelujah Chorus****.*
Please make your way to the altar rail, and music will be provided.

Postlude Hallelujah Chorus (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel

Emmanuel Choir

Singers On Hire	Erica Ancell, Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya
Soloists	Alison Dunn, Jen Dunn, Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya
Clarion Brass	Mary Weber, trumpet/flugelhorn; Jason Harris, trumpet/flugelhorn; Sara Giovanelli, French horn; George Manning, trombone & Matt Kuebler, tuba

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Mary and Pete Zimmerman

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embrace diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.



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