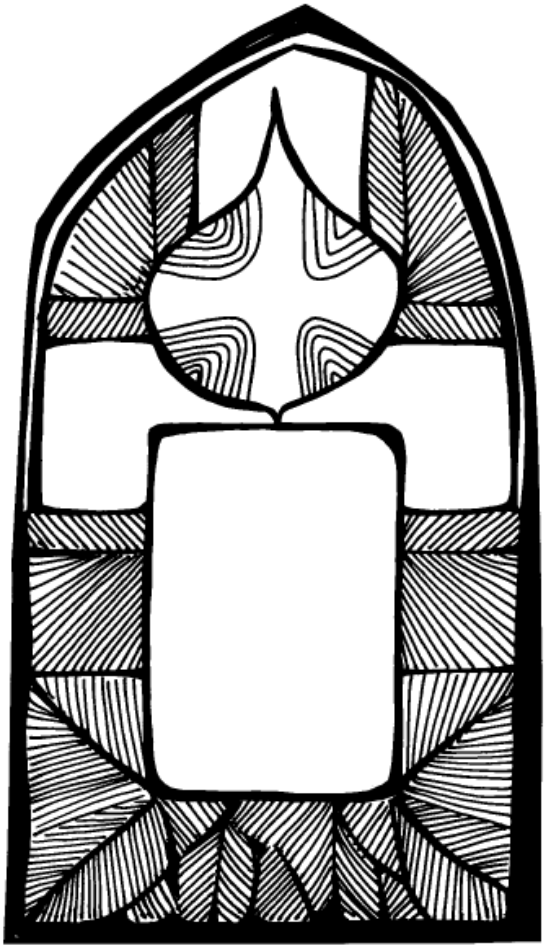
Christ Church Cathedral

Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

The Rev. Jenny Wong Nam, *Presider*
The Rev. Michael C. Deck, *Preacher*
The Rev. Juanita Clark, *Deacon*
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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: **www.thecathedral.ca**. Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector

Connect with us!

We invite you to tell us more about yourself by completing our short connection form.
You may find this form at tinyurl.com/CathedralConnection
or by scanning the QR code on the left.

A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

Need to reach us?

Visit us at www.thecathedral.ca/pages/our-team or scan the QR code on the right to access our clergy and staff contact information.
We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!

Organ Prelude ***Wiegenlied (Lullaby)*** Carl Bohm (1844-1920)

Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn ***Break, Day of God, O Break*** **(CP 99)**

Text: Henry Burton (1840-1930).
Music CHRISTCHURCH, Charles Steggall (1826-1905).

1 Break, day of God, O break!
The night has lingered long.
Our hearts with sighing wake;
we weep for sin and wrong:
O bright and morning star, draw near;
O Sun of Righteousness, appear.

2 Break, day of God, O break!
The earth with strife is worn;
the hills with thunder shake;
hearts of the people mourn:
break, day of God, sweet day of peace,
and bid the shout of warriors cease.

3 Break, day of God, O break,
like to the days above!
Let purity awake,
and faith, and hope, and love.
But lo! We see the brightening sky;
the golden morn is drawing nigh.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider In this time and place, we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

All **Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider In this time and place, we await God's transformation of the world.

All **Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider In this time and place, we await the coming of the peaceable realm.

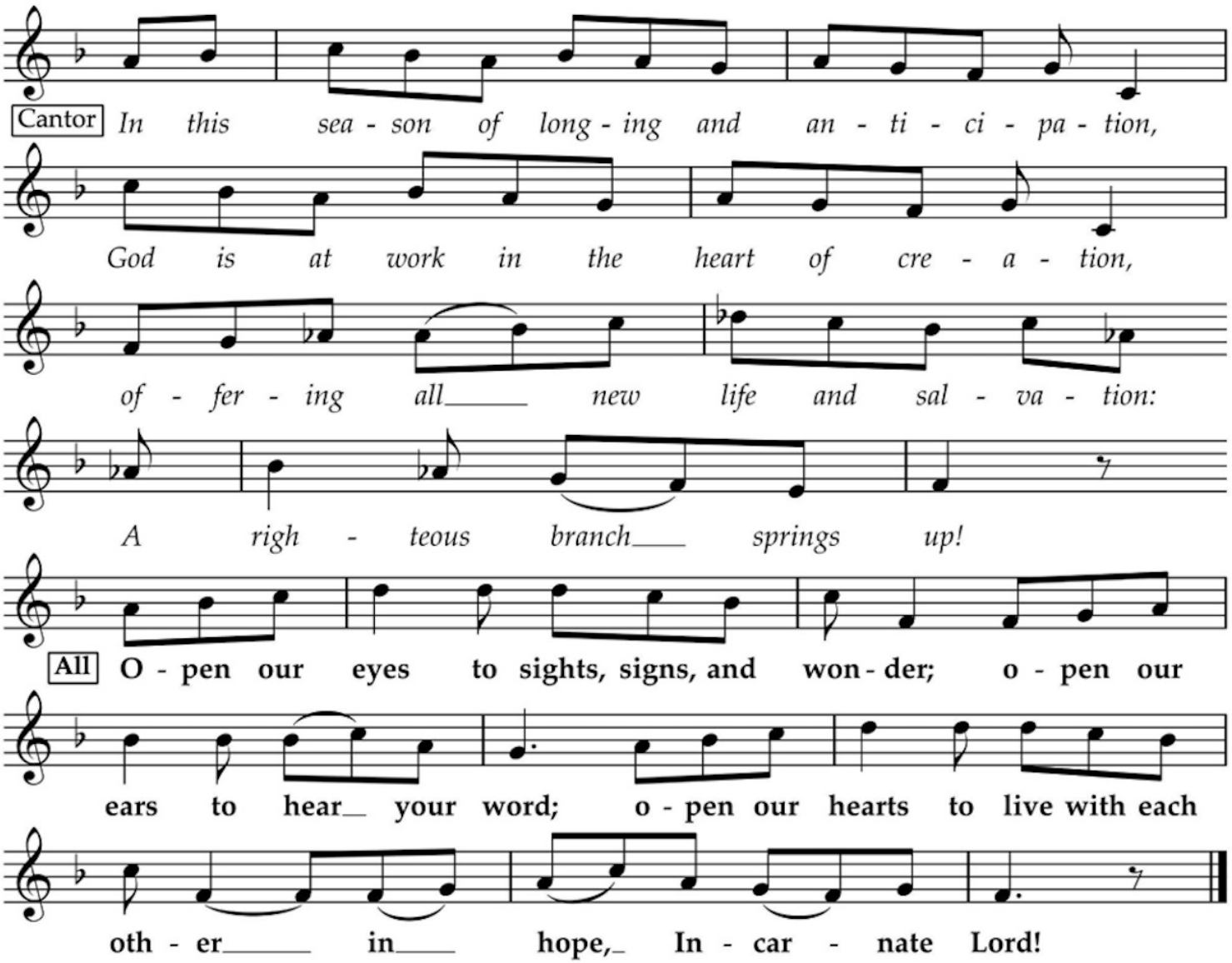
All **Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come.**

Presider In this time and place, we commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

All **In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Michael Burkhardt (1957-)



The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,

All **that on 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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

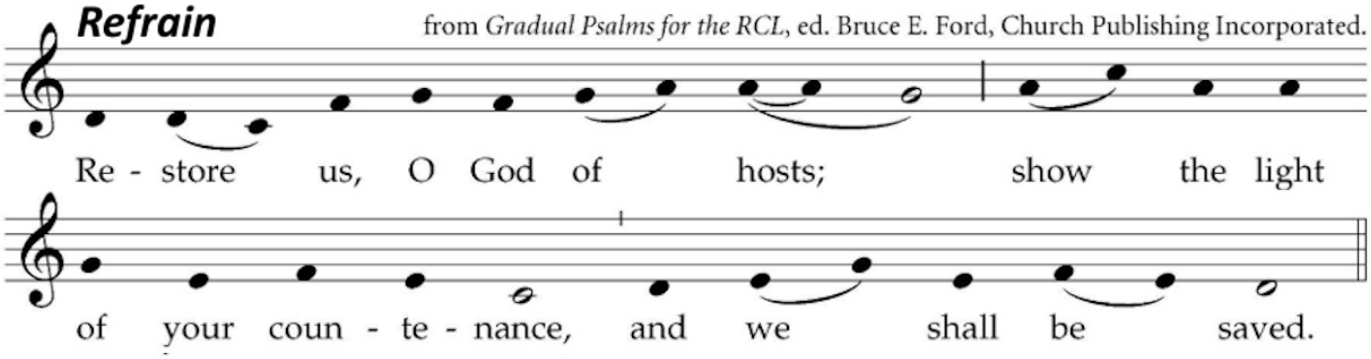
The First Reading — Isaiah 64:1-9

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



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. ***Refrain***

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 neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. ***Refrain***

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. ***Refrain***

The Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

At the conclusion of the epistle:

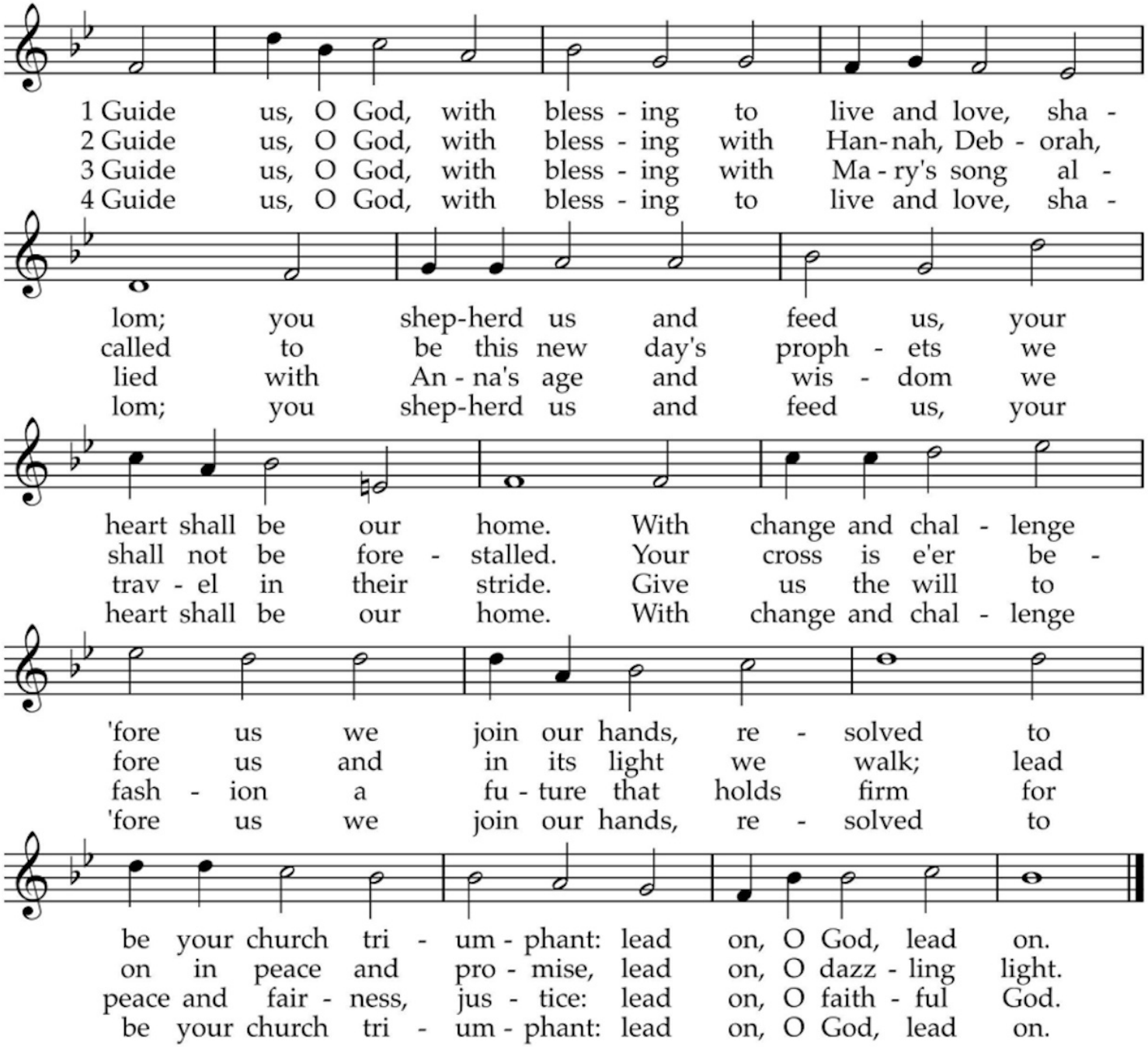
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Guide Us, O God, With Blessing

Written for the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada.
Text: The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois © 2026
Music: ROBERTS, Charlotte H.A.C. Milner, published in *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*, Canada, 1917.



The Holy Gospel — Mark 13:24-37

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael C. Deck

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

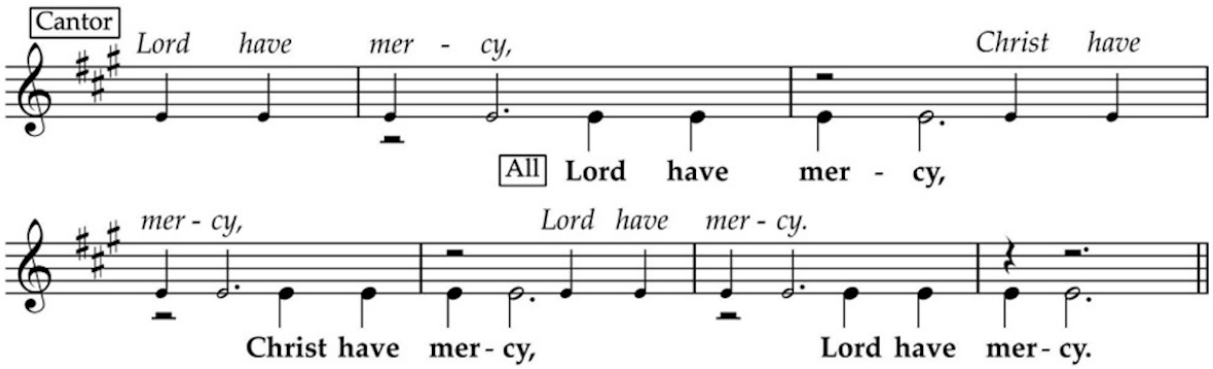
A Meditation of Thanksgiving, Lament and Hope

Litany of the Saints

Call to Prayer

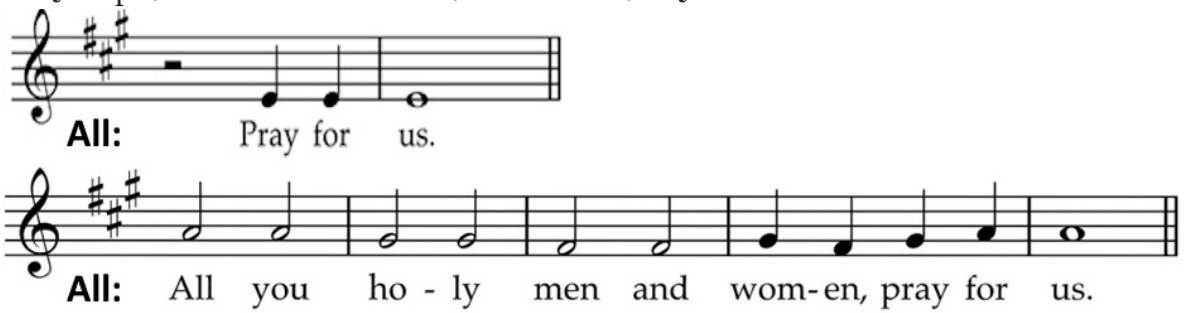
All sit or kneel, as is your custom.

Text: *Litany of the Saints.*
Music: John D. Becker (1953-)
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Primary Saints

Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God; St Michael; Holy Angels of God; St John the Baptist; St Joseph; St Peter and St Paul; St Andrew; St John



New Testament Saints

Cantor St Elizabeth; St Mary Magdalene; St Philip and St James; St Mary and St Martha; St Photini; Sts Joanna and Susanna; Sts Timothy and Titus; St Lydia

All **Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.**

Benedictine Saints

Cantor Holy Father St Benedict; St Scolastica; St Maurus and St Placid; St Gregory the Great; St Augustine of Canterbury; St Walburga; St Hildegard; St Bernard of Clairvaux

All **Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.**

Other Monastic Saints

Cantor: St Anthony of the Desert; St John Cassian; St Macrina; St Basil the Great; St Brigid of Kildare; St Columba; St Francis and St Dominic; St Julian of Norwich

All **Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.**

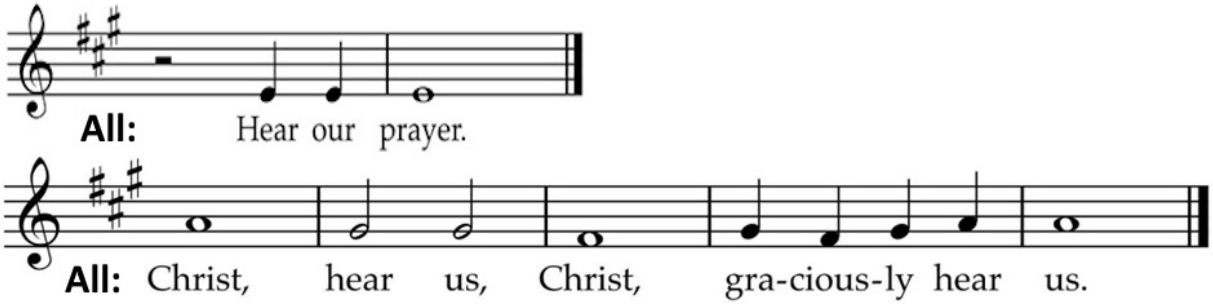
Prophets of Nonviolence

Cantor St Paul Jones; St William Temple; St Hiram Hisanori Kano; St Martin Luther King; St Dorothy Day; St Thomas Merton; St Oscar Romero; St Desmond Tutu

All **Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.**

For Ordinands and Our Times

Cantor For all being ordained, for Matthew Nichiporuk, for Daniel Melvill Jones, for women called to ordained ministry, Reverend Virginia Woods Briant, Reverend Elspeth Alley, Father Michael Deck, for soldiers and families of Wainwright.



Petitions

Cantor From destruction of the climate; that we make work to heal the planet;
from thirst and hunger; that we may feed our neighbours;
from violence and destruction; that we may work for peace and justice;
from fear and isolation; that we may love as a community

All **Hear our prayer. Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.**

Final Invocations

Cantor Jesus Christ our Saviour; by your glorious Resurrection;
by your victory over death; by your freeing of the captives;
by your Ascension into Glory; through the coming of your Spirit;
Alleluia Risen Lord; Alleluia, Amen.

All **Hear our prayer. Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned.**
We have acted willfully, vented our anger, and sought revenge.
Curb our passions, we pray, restrain our violence and hostility.
Give us the courage to speak out in the face of injury and wrong.
And in your mercy, restore and remake us,
that we may act justly, keep faith,
and walk in the way of your commandments,
in justice and in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Missa Octavi Toni Orlande de Lassus (c. 1532-1594)

Presider Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity at any amount, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory Hymn *"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us* (CP 110)

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).
Music: WACHET AUF, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us;
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, incarnate Word, alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight;
no ear heard such delight: alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
forever let our praises ring.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.

All **Accept all we offer you this day,**
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer #1*

Presider The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

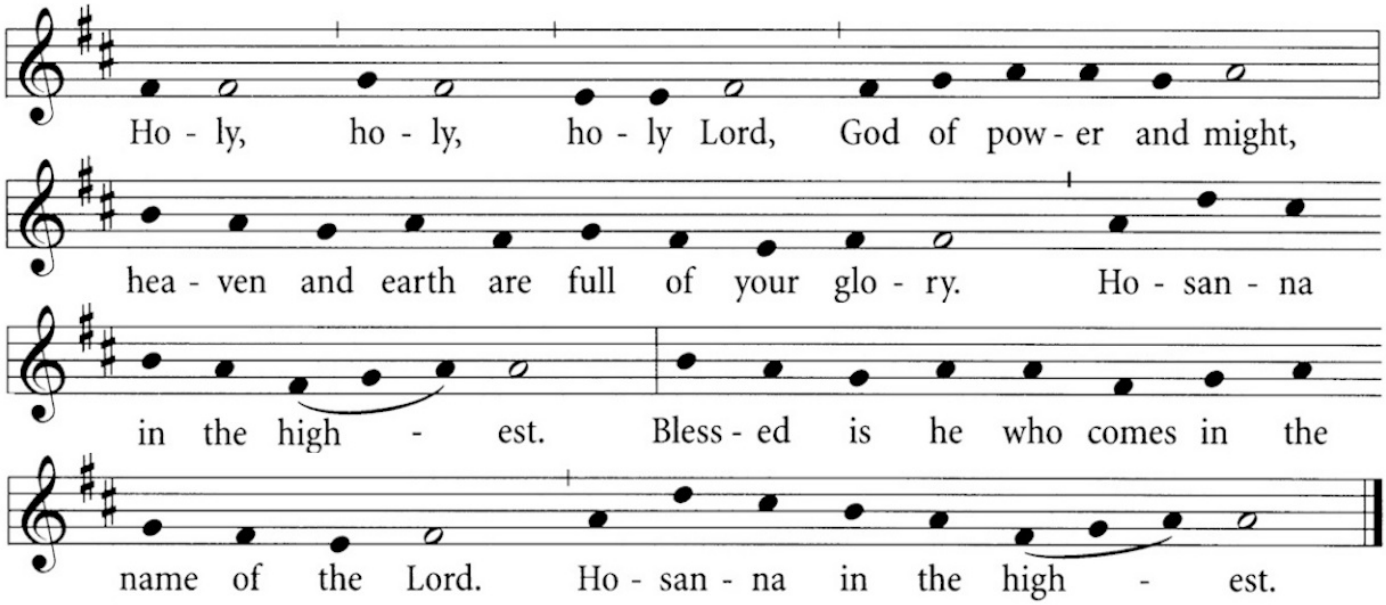
Presider Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise [...]
Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (CP 689)

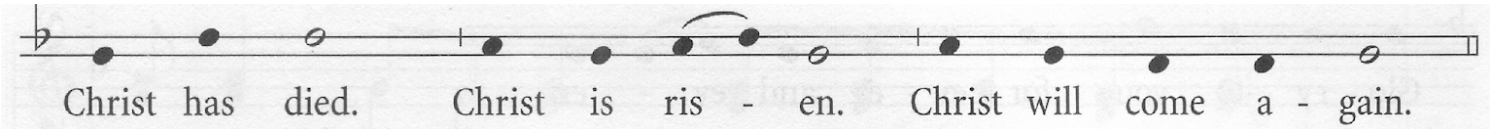
Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).



Presider Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ [...]
And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Acclamation *Christ Has Died* (CP 738)

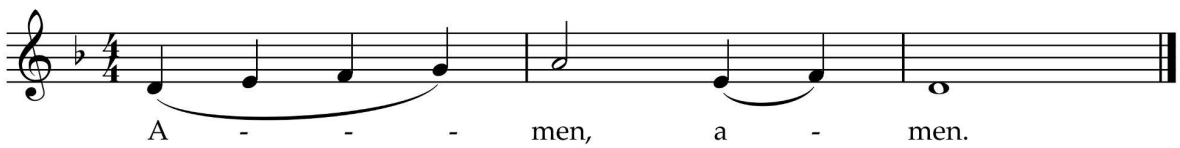
Music: *Plainsong.*



Presider Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe [...]
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

All ***Amen*** **(CP 725)**

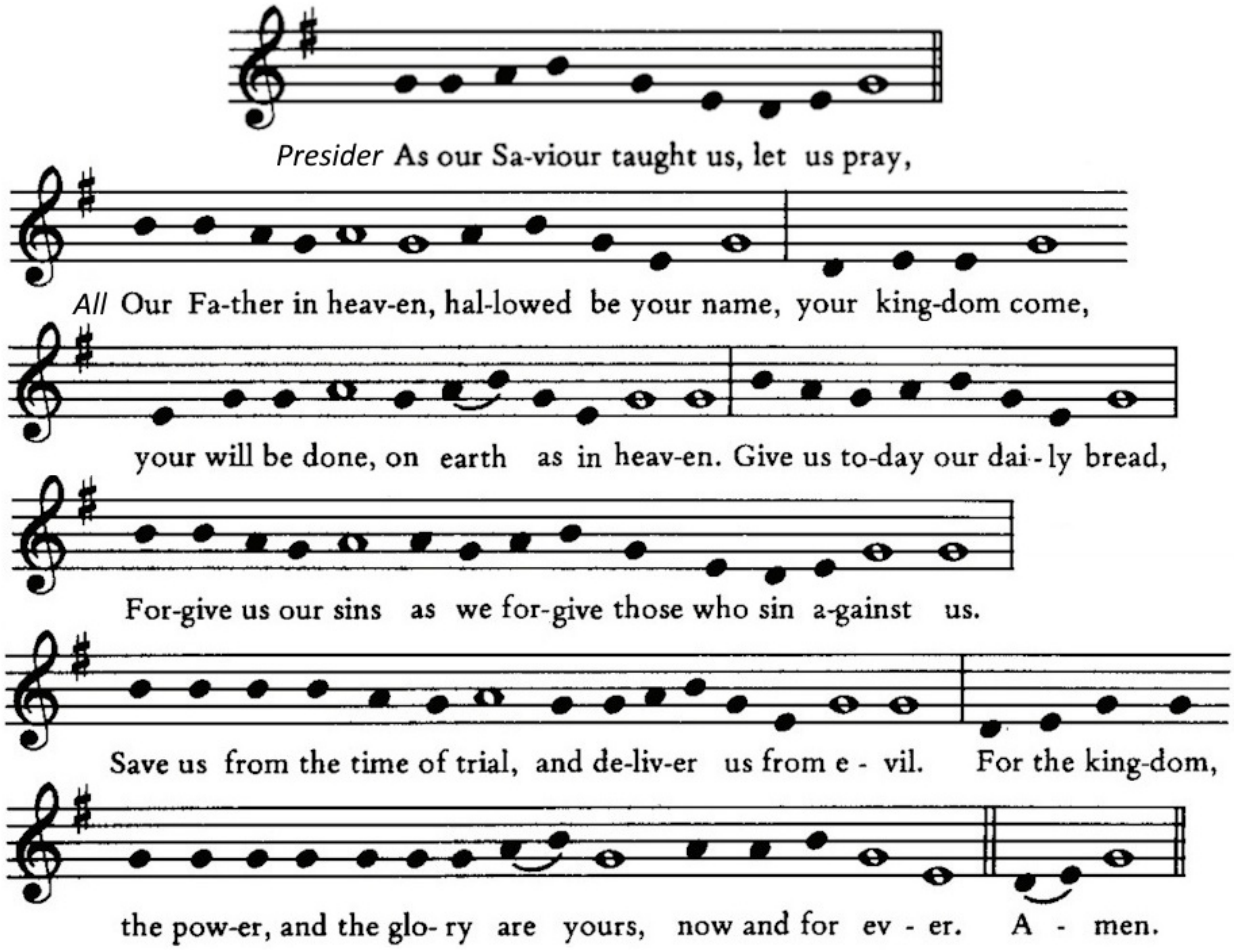
Music: PICARDY, French Carol (17th cent.); adapt. George Black (1931-2003).



Ringing of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)



Fraction Sentence

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

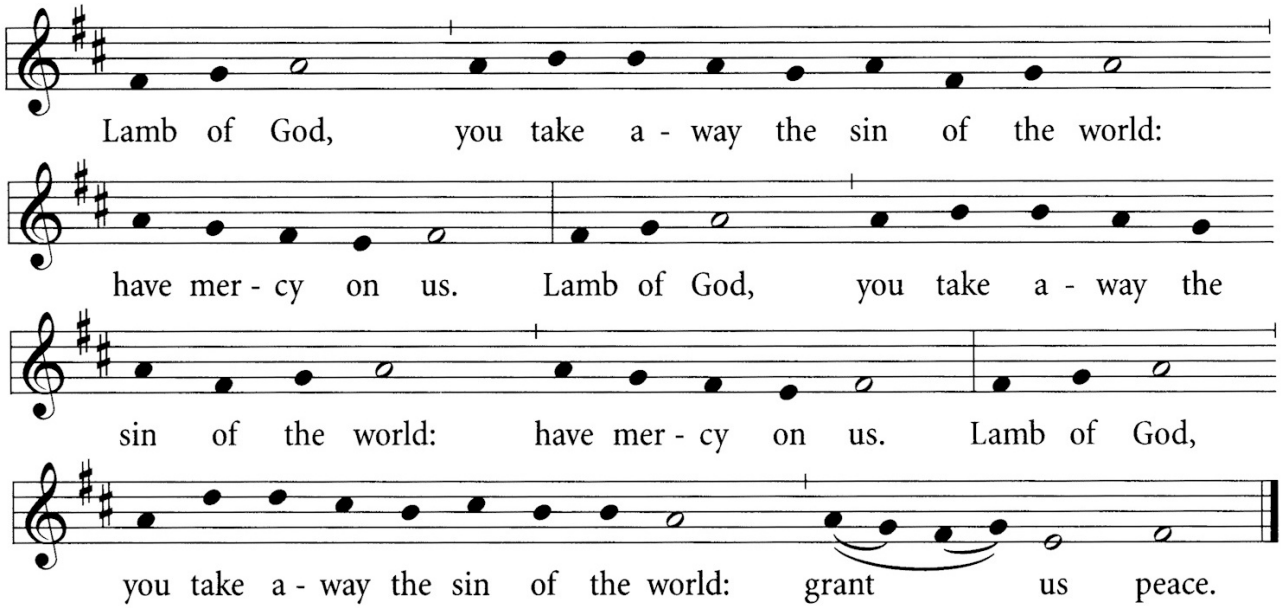
All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God **(CP 690)**

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).



The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. **Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.**

Music During Communion

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Mark Sirrett (1952-)

How the World Longs for Your Birth **(CP 90)**

Text: Anna Briggs (1947-)

Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, melody plainsong, adapt. Johann Walther (1496-1570), alt,; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

1 How the world longs for your birth, bearing news of human worth;
to our labour bring your mirth: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

2 How the earth awaits your seed, parched and barren from our greed;
now to hallow it we need: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

3 How we ache to know your peace; wars and weapons still increase;
bid our fears and hate to cease: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

4 How our minds for healing long, broken bodies to be strong,
wounded hearts to learn your song: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

5 God, who sets your people free, God, who comes, our flesh to be,
now we wait, your reign to see: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

6 To our darkness bring your light; fill our longing eyes with sight.
In our lives shine ever bright: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.

All **Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.**
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

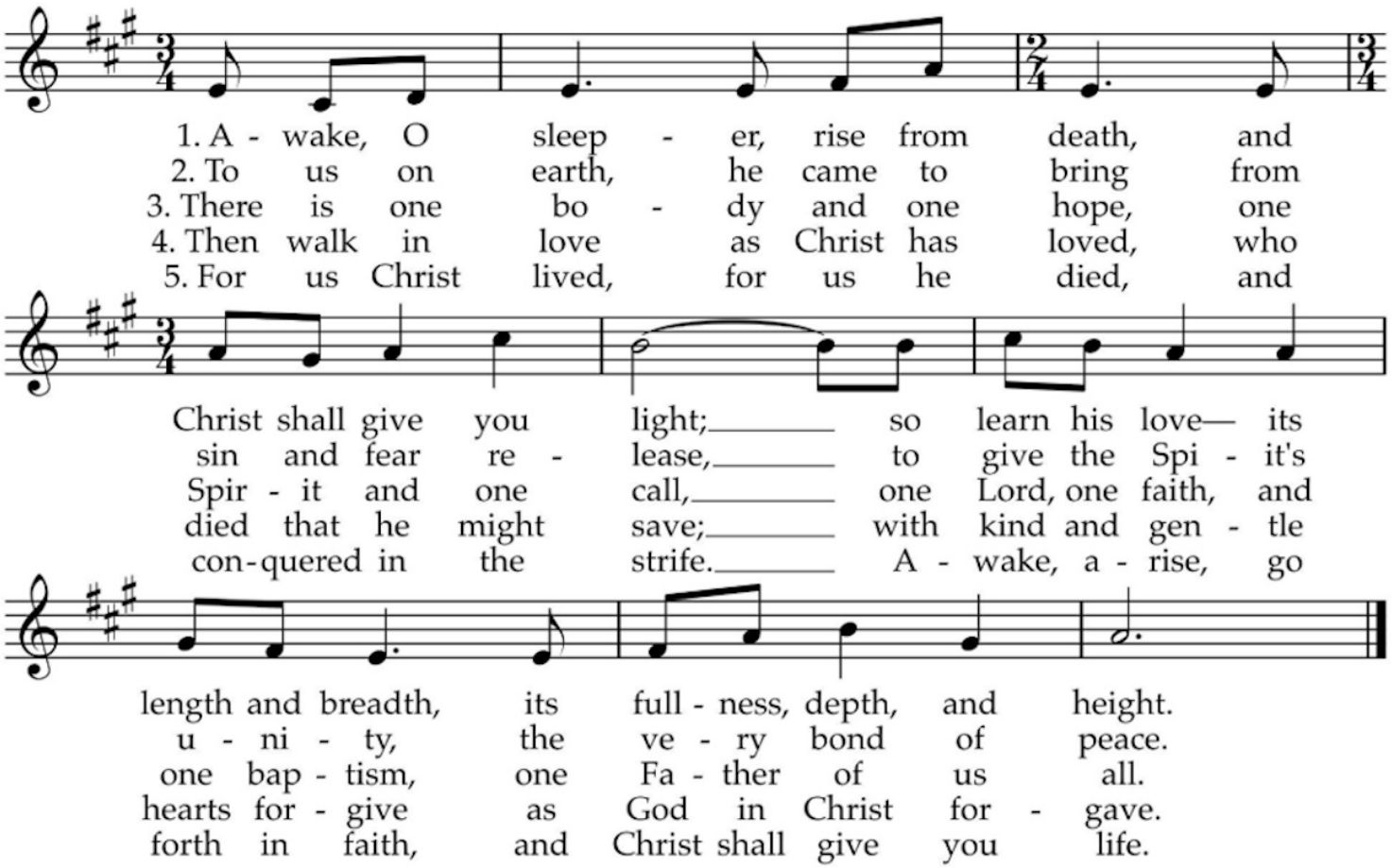
All **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]**

The Blessing

Presider May the God who calls us to watch and wait, awaken in you the dawn of his coming kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), alt.
Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen (1950-).



The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world in watchfulness and hope.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ORDINATION DATES FOR WOMEN CLERGY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

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DEACON: 1980
PRIEST: 1981

THE REV. JENNY CHUNG WONG

DEACON: 1984
PRIEST: 1985

THE REV. AREETA BRIDGEMOHAN

DEACON: 2015
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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider	The Rev. Jenny Wong Nam	***ASL Interpreter***	Lisz Keallen
Preacher	The Rev. Michael C. Deck	***Music***	The Cathedral Choir
Deacon	The Rev. Juanita Clark		Dr. Neil Cockburn
Subdeacon	Dana Osborne		(Director of Music)
MC	Nura Mohammed		Sharon Chu
Servers	Nick Reza, Emi van Deursen, Melina Blaire Lewis		(Assistant Director of Music) Neil Robertson
Readers	Ros Kellett, Neale Adams		(Associate Organist)
Breadmaker	Neale Adams	***Sound/Livestream***	Cathedral Staff
Gospel Station	The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Schmitt	***Duty Trustee***	Shehnaz Hozaima Cavey
Gospel Station	Sarah Nation	***Welcoming Team***	Jane Dittrich, Miles Lubinich, Jennifer Chen
Preacher Station	Jim Riva		
Presider Station	Peter Schouls	***Altar Guild***	Louise Kenwood, Sumi Sampath
Regimental Alcove	The Rev. Margaret Marquardt	***Healing Prayer Team***	Colin Miles, Jane Mennigke
Regimental Alcove	Donna Marlatte		

Today

Godly Play| *November 29* | **10:30 a.m.**
Gingerbread house contest | *November 29* | **12:00 p.m.**
Advent Lessons & Carols | *November 29* | **4:00 p.m.**
French Eucharist | *November 29* | **5:30 p.m.**
Compline | *November 29* | **8:00 p.m.**

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