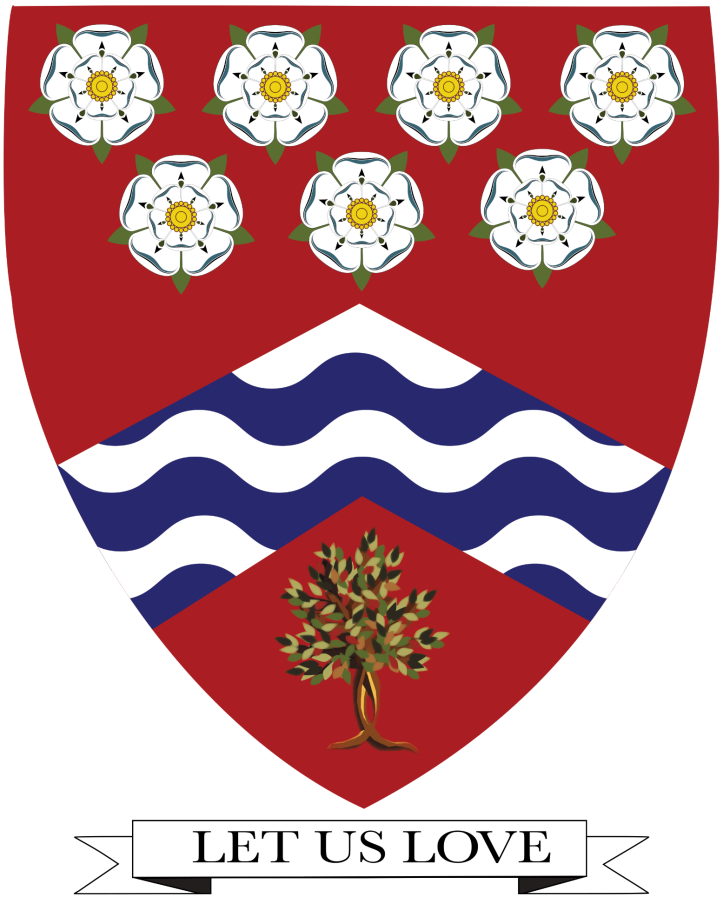
Church of the Little Flower

Berkeley Heights, NJ



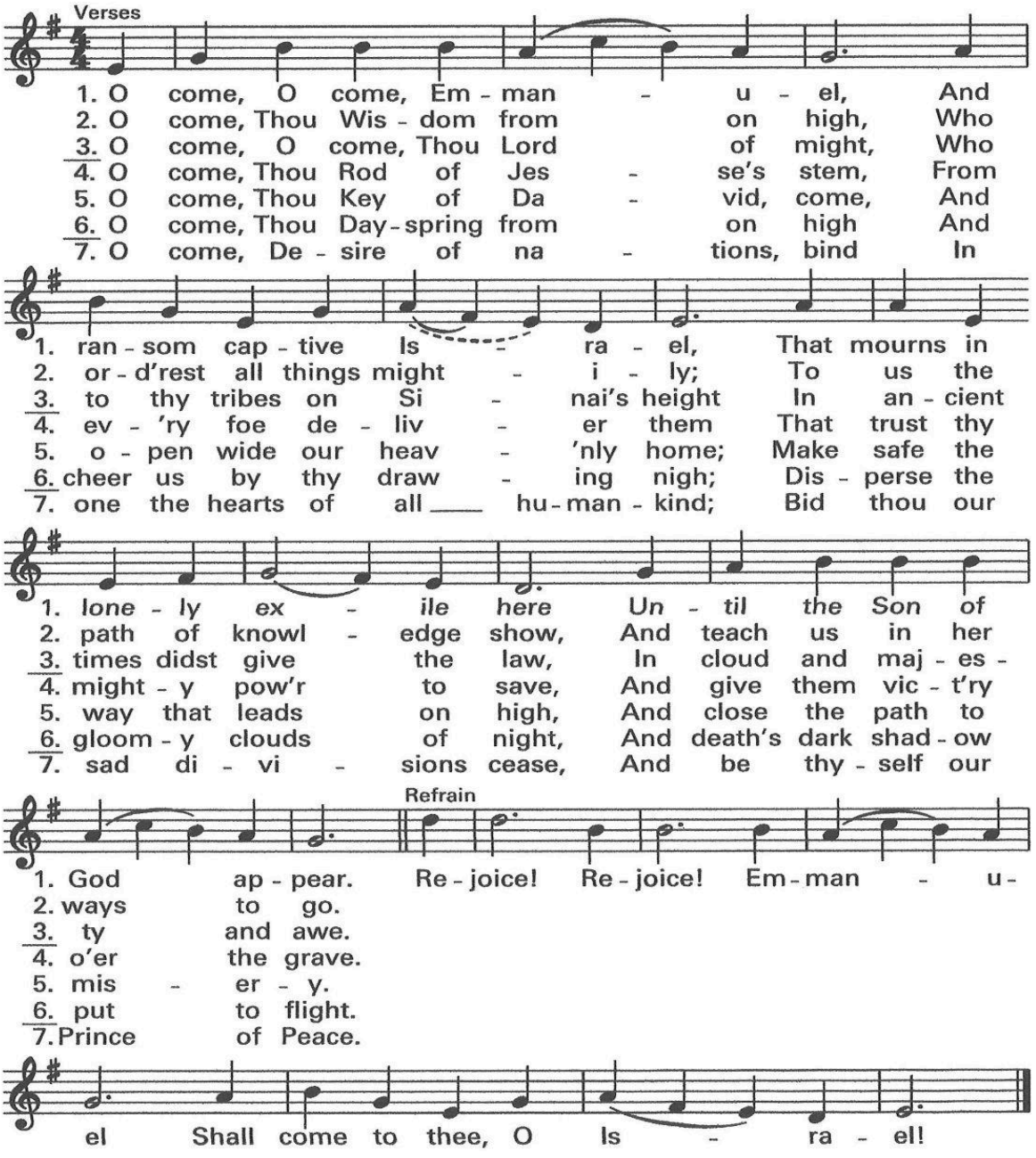
First Sunday of Advent

November 28-29, 2026

Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL



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Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

First Reading
Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her: “The Lord our justice.”

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him,
and his covenant, for their instruction.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

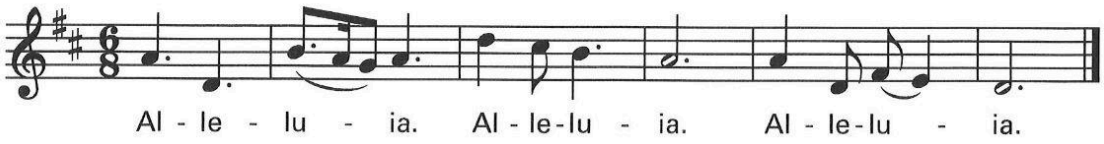
Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

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

ALLELUIA

Mass of Spirit and Grace
Ricky Manalo, CSP



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Note: Verses available in accompaniment books.

Gospel
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:
"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that daycatch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow:
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

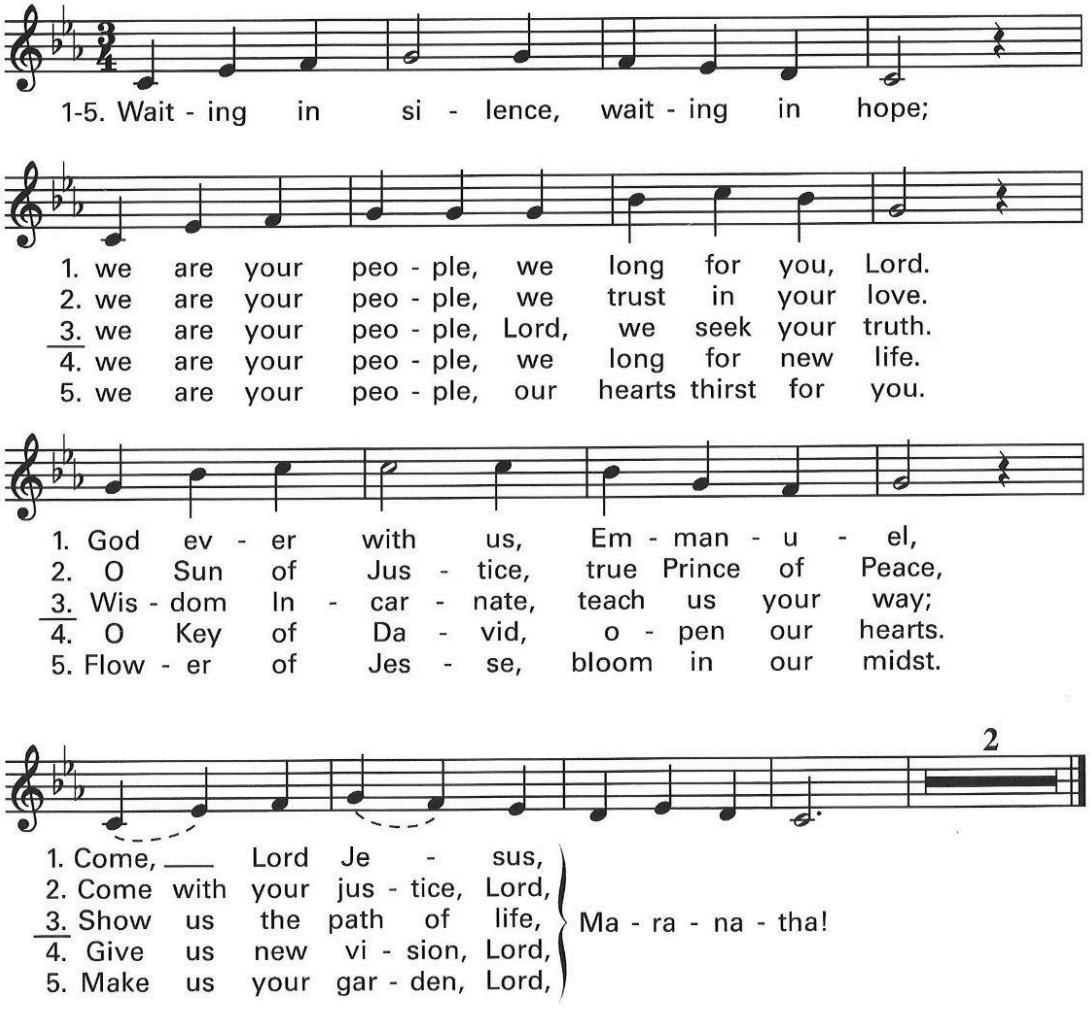
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



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HOLY

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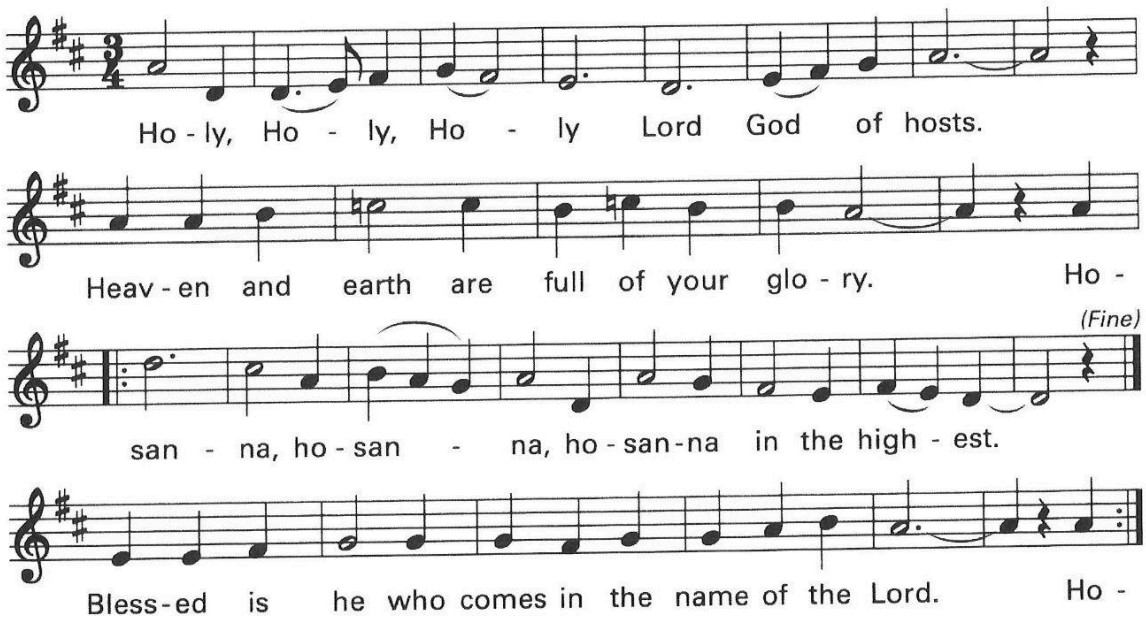

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When We Eat This Bread

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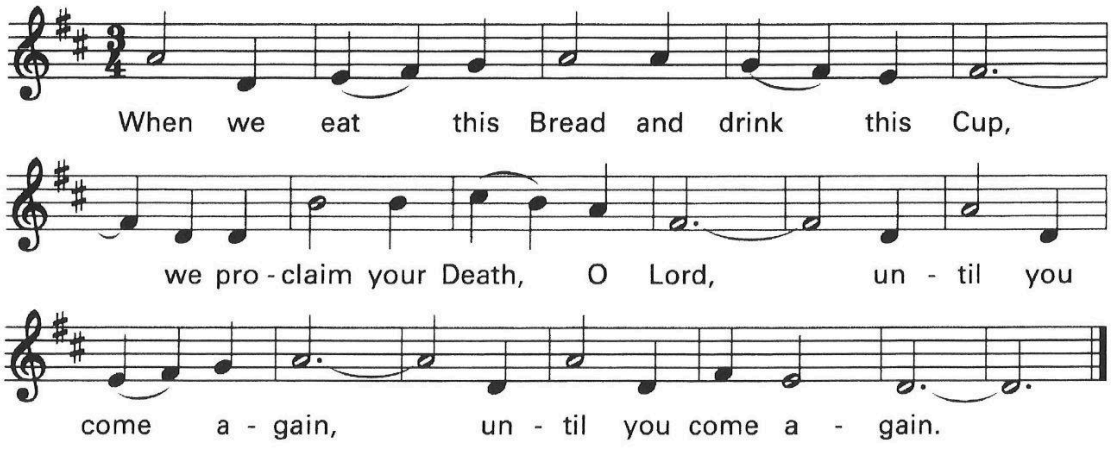

Amen

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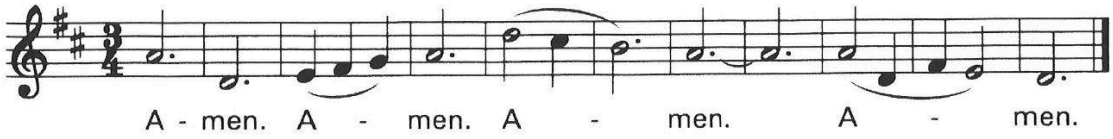

LAMB OF GOD

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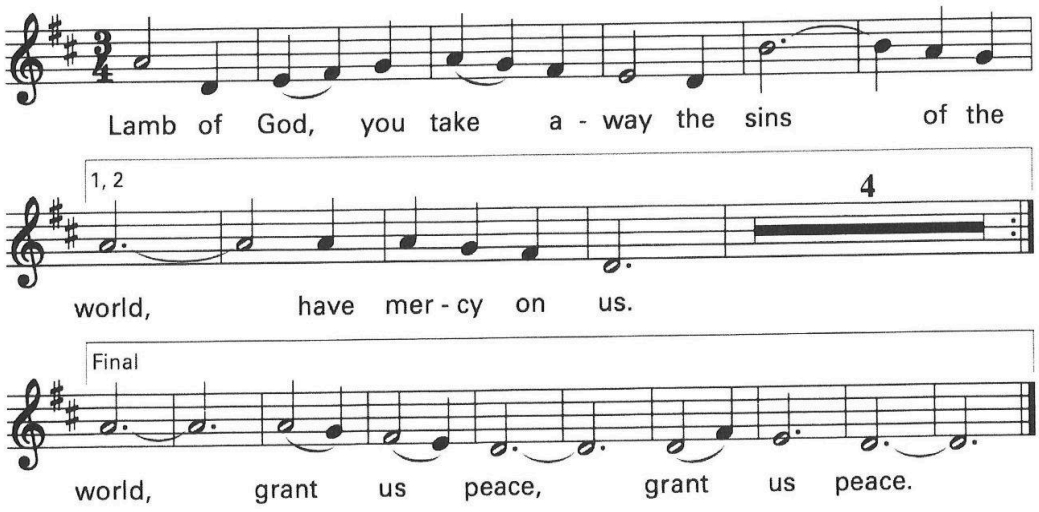

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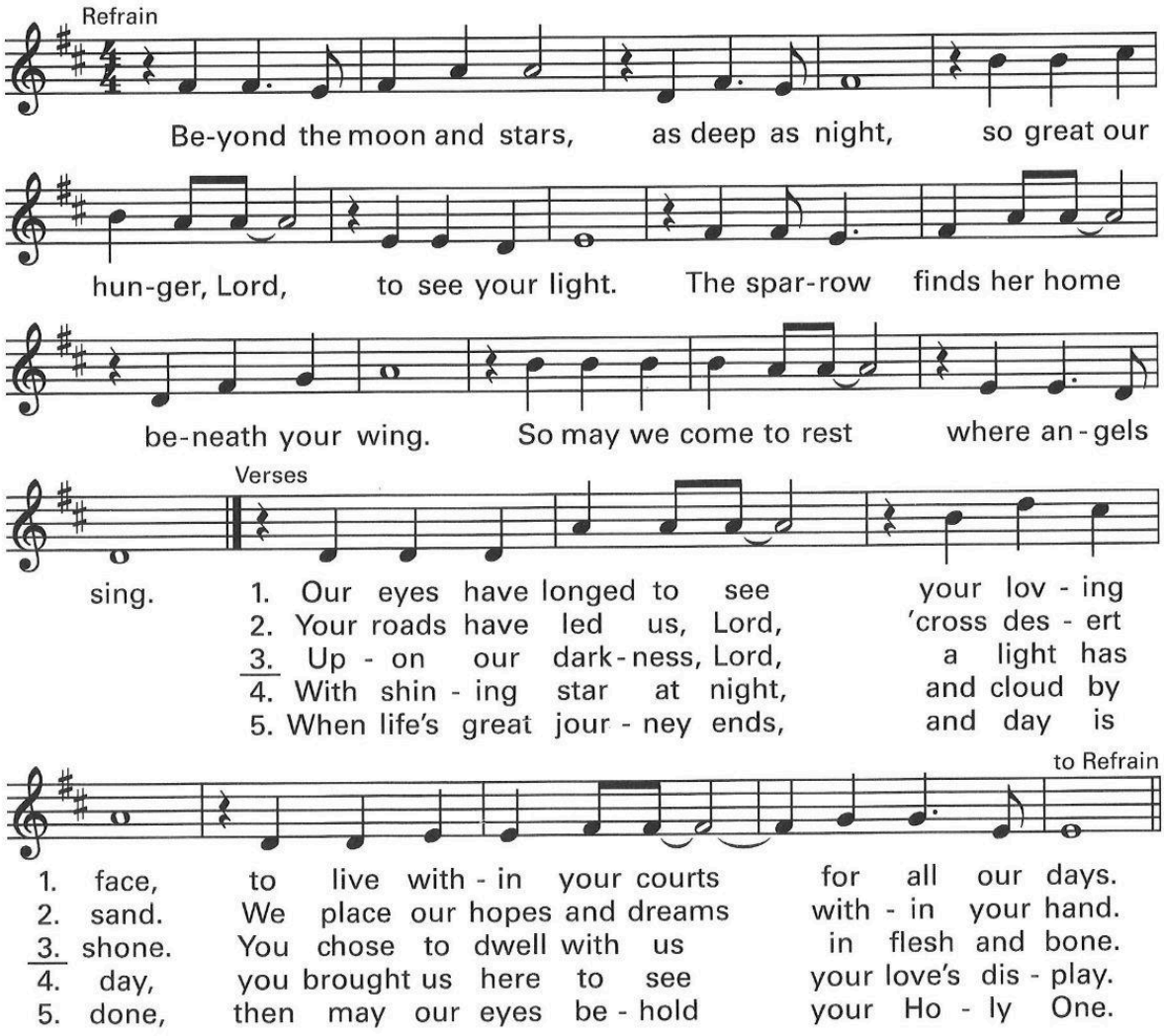
Communion

BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte



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Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.0
Amen.

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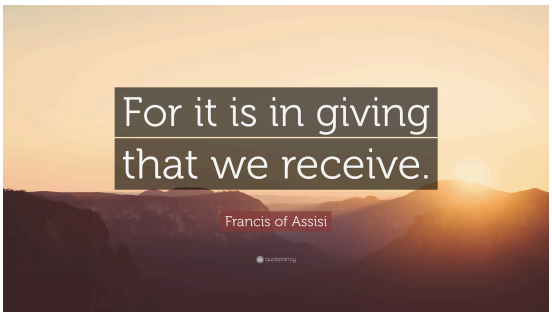

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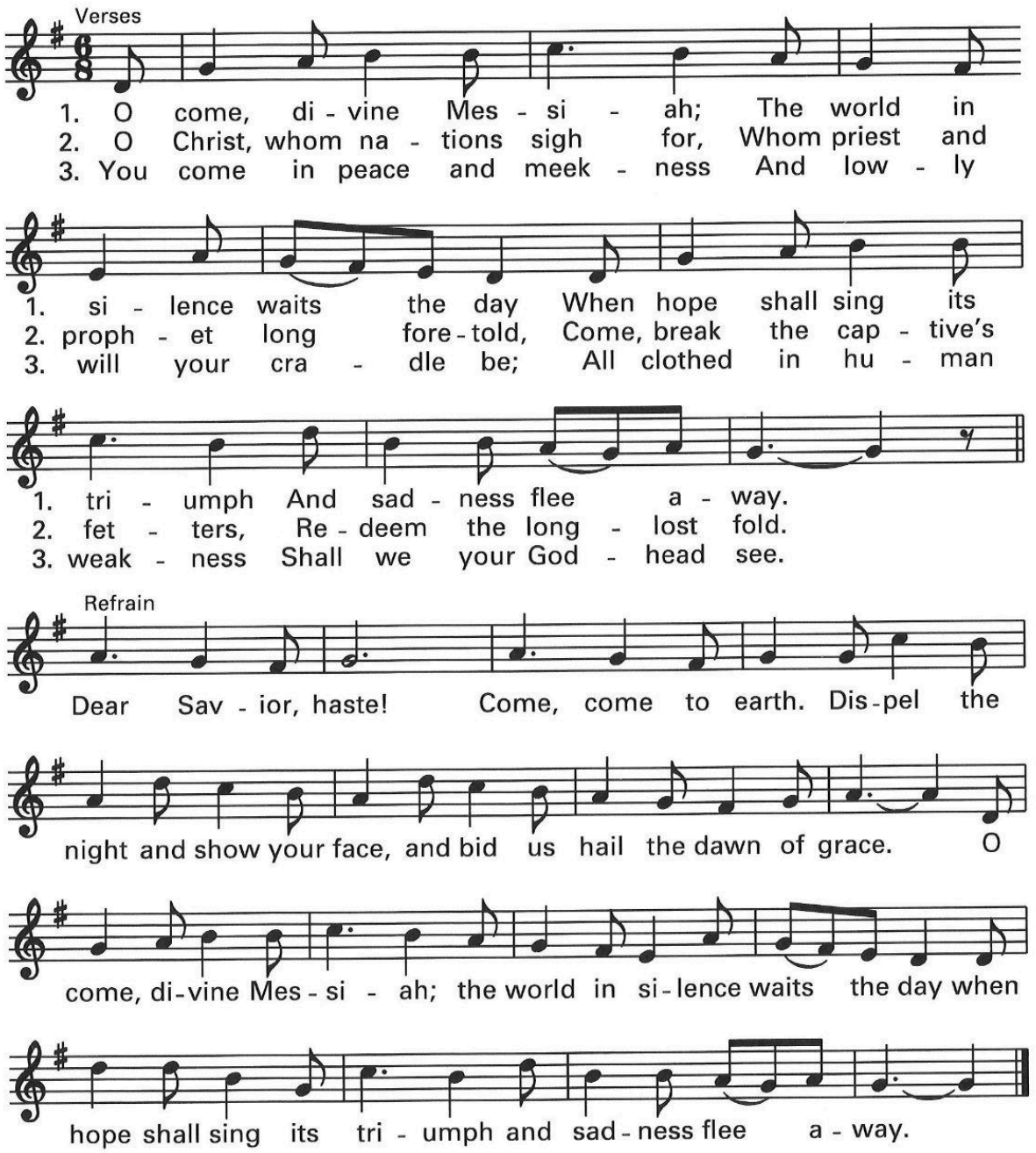
Recessional

O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE



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Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

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