Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall, Texas

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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.



COME SHARE THE JOY!

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
NOVEMBER 29, 2026



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.
Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude

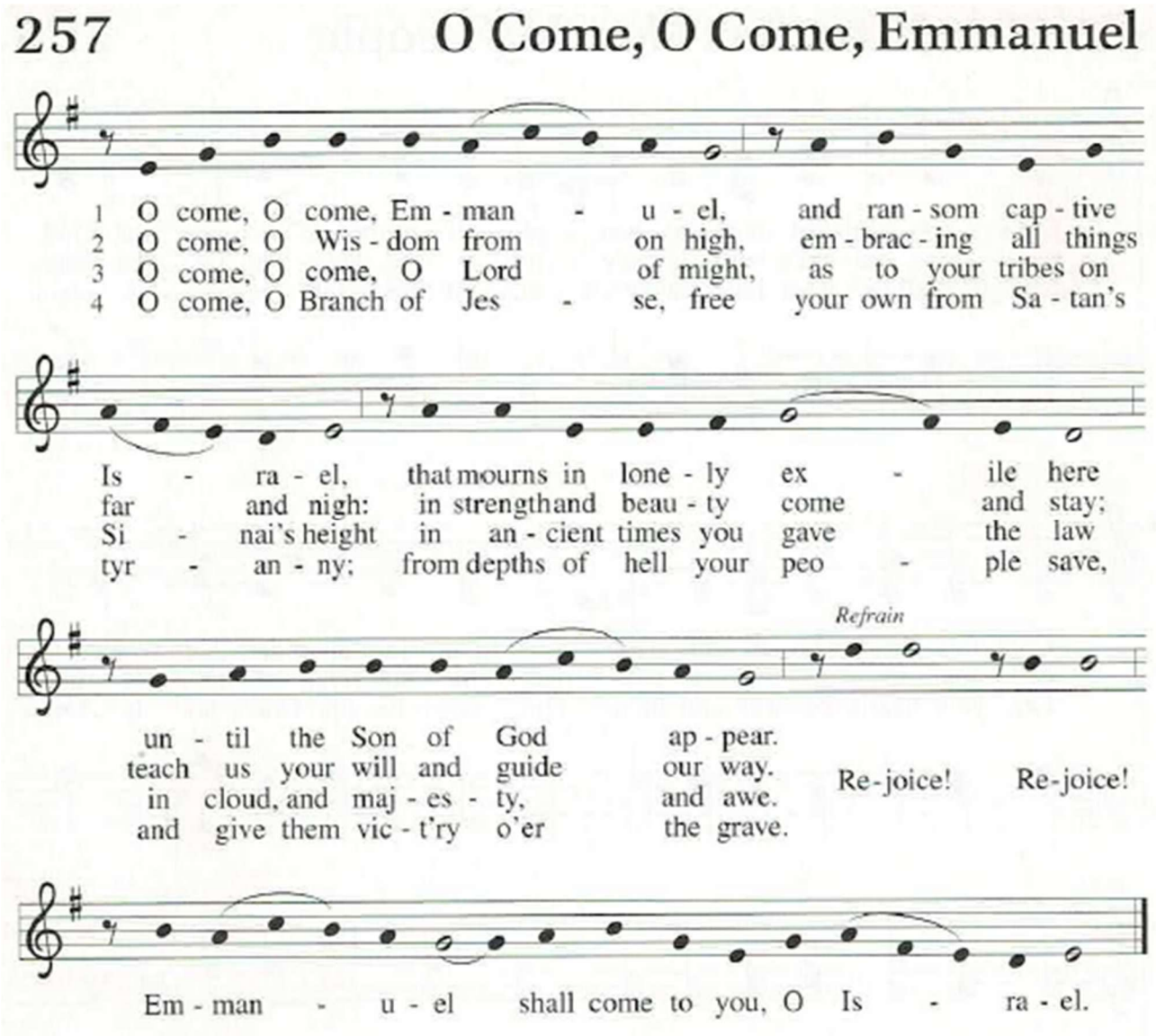
You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- The Arts & Crafts Group meets each Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.
- The Ladies' Ornament Exchange Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Luigi's Italian Restaurant in Rockwall.
- Helping Hands collections for the Food Bank is December 6th. If you are unable to donate non-perishable food items, cash is always welcome.
- The Angel Tree is up in the Sanctuary. Please select a card and bring an unwrapped gift on or before December 6th.
- A 'Hanging of the Greens' (and Crèche) Party with Meatball Subs is set for Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the church. All are invited.
- The White Elephant Exchange Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Paul & Linda Manak's home, located at 2125 Clubview, Rockwall.
- The NALC North Texas/Oklahoma Convocation is December 12th at San Miguel Lutheran in Ft. Worth from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- If you have not done so already, please pick up and fill out a Giving Pledge Sheet and a Time & Talent Form from the greeter's table and deposit it in the offering plate.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.
- We are thankful for our regular guests who gather with us for worship and fellowship. If God is calling you into membership at Joy, please fill out a membership form, which is located on the greeter's table, and hand it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him." (Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ "**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**" *(Red P. 257, vss 1,2)*

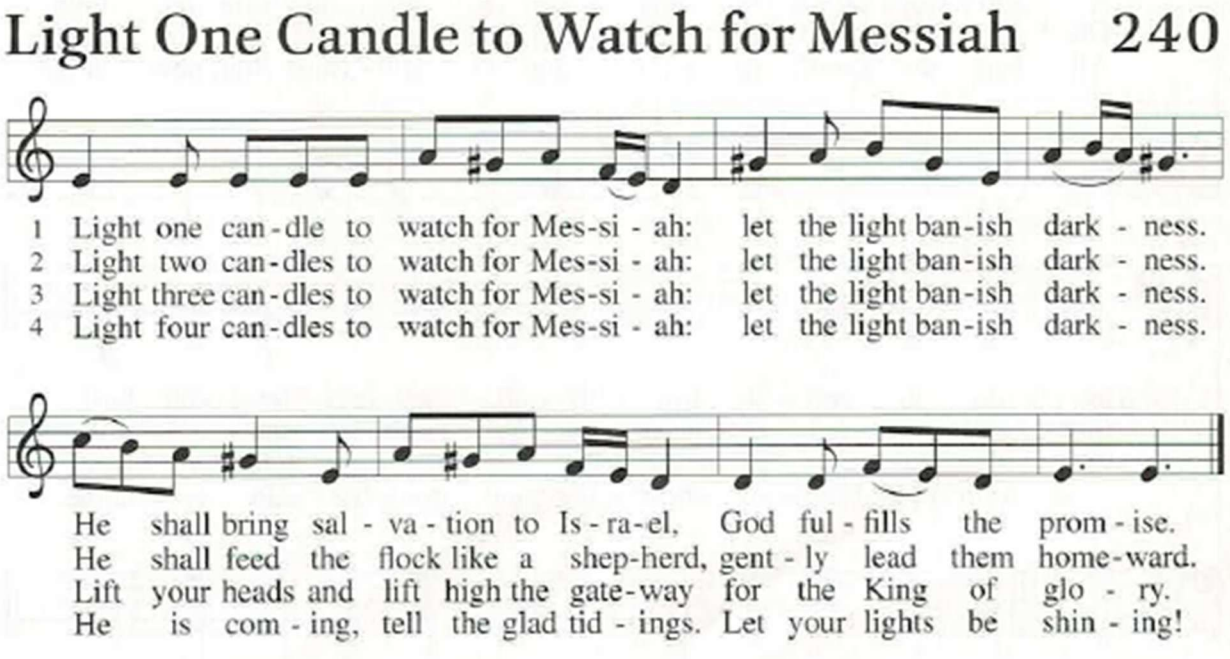


Pastor (P): "In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
Congregation (C): Amen

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST CANDLE

God's anger is kindled by our sin and disobedience. The Lord turned away from his people and left them vulnerable to the consequences of their iniquity. Yet, when they cried out to him for salvation, when they vowed to live in unity with him as his beloved created ones, he sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus, God's face shines upon us. He is faithful until the end of the age.

HYMN – **"LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH**" *(Red P. 240, vs 1)*



WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(P): "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord." **(C): Amen.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another."…

(P): Most merciful God,
C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(P): "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
(C): Amen.

GREETING

(P): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(C): And also with you.

KYRIE ~ *(Red, P. 147)*

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."
(C): Lord, have mercy.

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." **(C): Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

(P): "Let us pray."

(P): Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
(C): Amen

Please be seated

HOLY WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 64:1-9

1Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might
quake at your presence — 2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes
water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the
nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome things that we
did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From
of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides
you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5You meet him who joyfully works
righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry,
and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6We
have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a
polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us
away. 7There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold
of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand
of our iniquities. 8But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you
are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

(P): The Word of the Lord
(C): Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 80:1-7

1Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3Restore us, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4O LORD God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5You have fed them with the bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6You have made us the derision of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7Restore us, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — 6even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — 7so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(R): The Word of the Lord
(C): Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA" *(Red, P. 151)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.
(C): Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL
Mark 13:24-37

24{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and
the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will see the Son of
Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27And 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. 28From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch
becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. 30Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things take place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away. 32But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels
in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard, keep awake. For you
do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when
he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake — for you do
not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — 36lest he come suddenly and find
you asleep. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.
(C): Praise to You, O Christ.

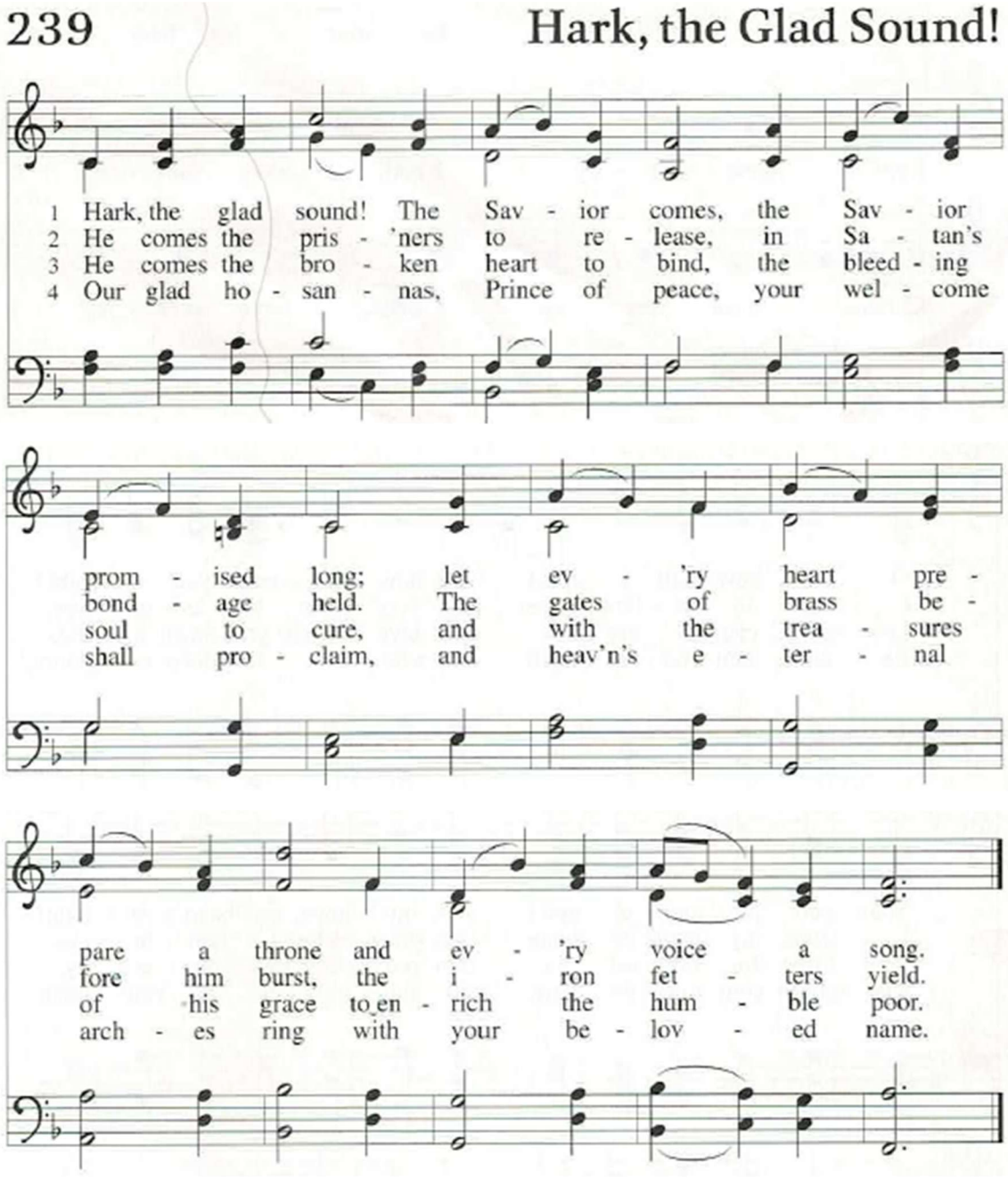
Please be seated

HOMILY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!"

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "HARK, THE GLAD SOUND" *(Red, P. 239)*



Please Remain Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

(C): I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(P): … Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **©: Amen**

A brief silence.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." **(C): And also with you.**

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

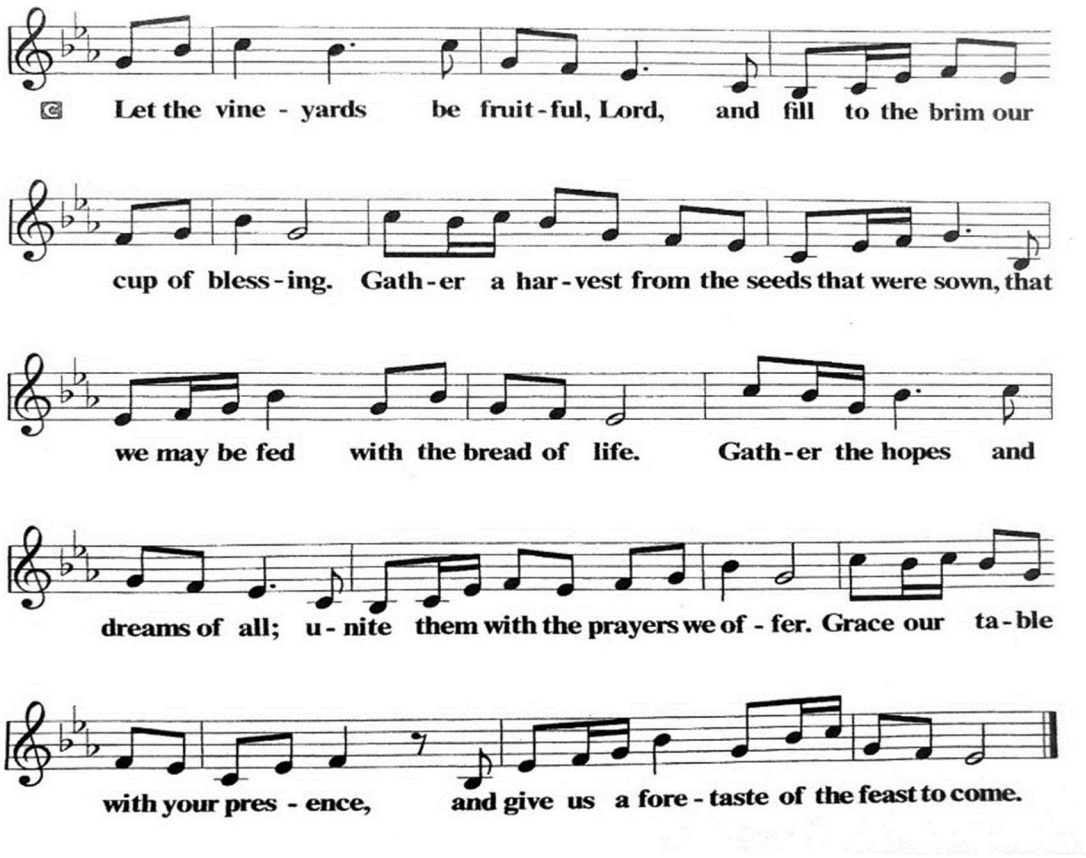
Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]

GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response

Please stand.

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"



OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.
(C): God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. **(C): And also with you.**

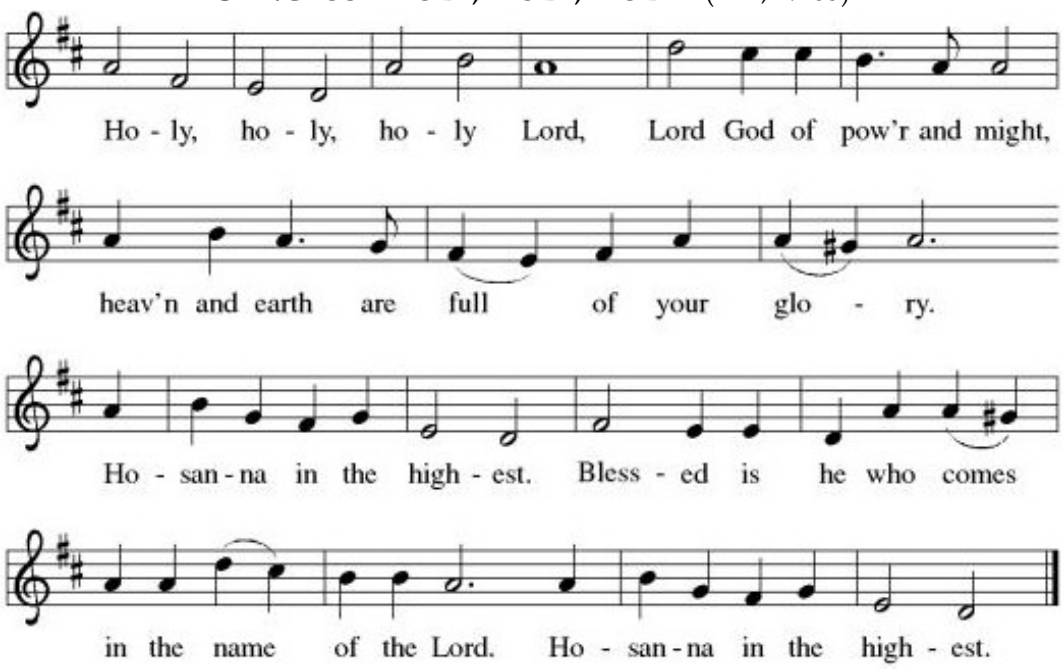
(P): Lift up your hearts. **(C): We lift them up to the Lord.**

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **(C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (RED, P. 153)



Please remain standing.

HOLY MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(P): Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.
(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(P): Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(P): Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
(C): Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

(P): Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
(C): 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, forever and ever. Amen

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."
(C): Amen

Please remain standing.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING

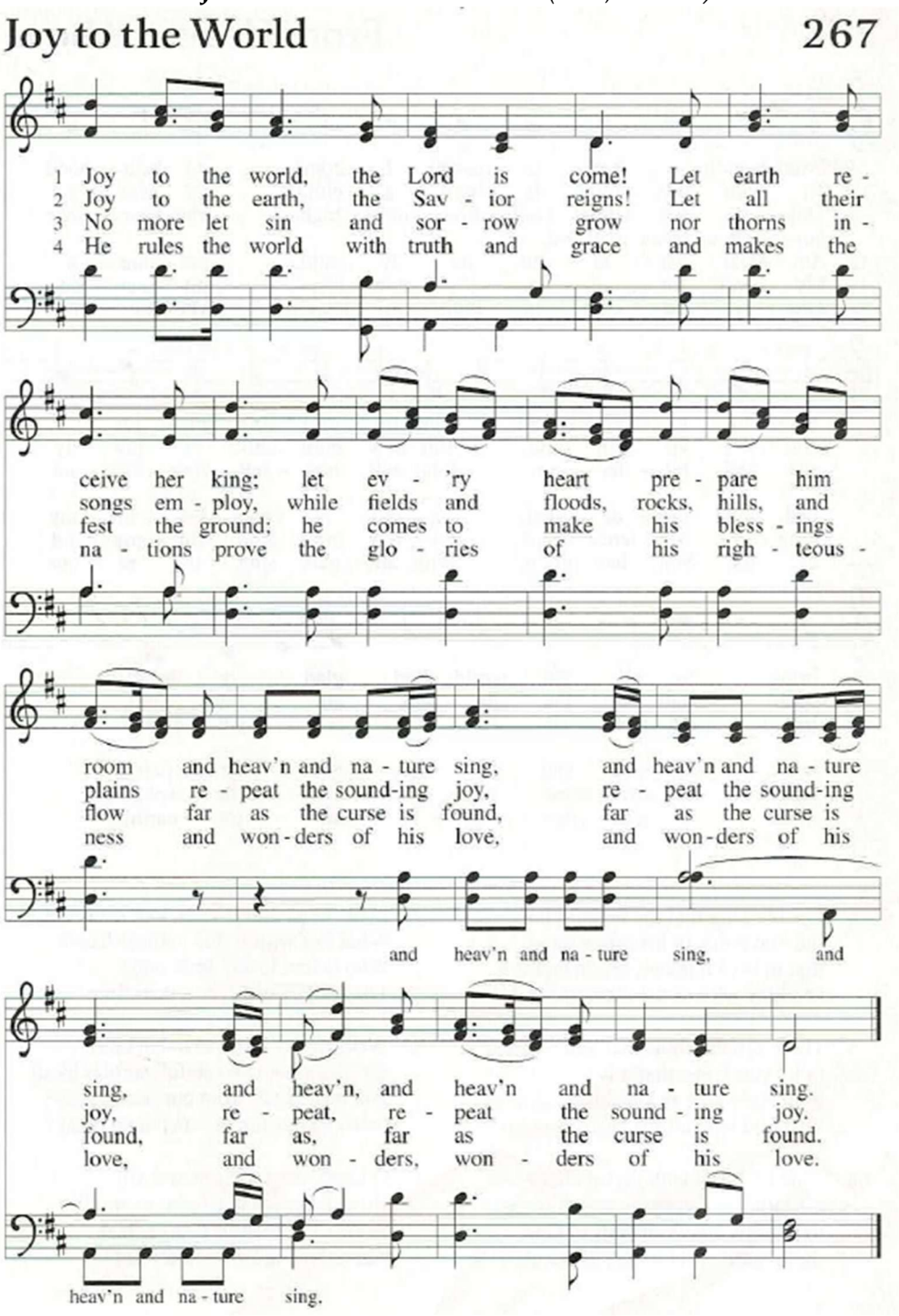
(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

(P): The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

(C): Amen

SENDING HYMN ~ "JOY TO THE WORLD" *(Red, P. 267)*



DISMISSAL

(P): "We are called by Christ"
(C): To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."
(C): Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	McCrillis Family
Ushers:	Inez Roach & Sandra Lacroix
Altar Care:	Sharon Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Gail Crawford
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Matthew Chubbs and Maxwell Hart
Music & Facebook Monitor:	Rhonda White
Hospitality:	Chris Briggs
Offering Count Team:	Rhonda White and Bobbie Chubbs
Altar Flowers:	Inez Roach

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