Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

National Catholic Church

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November 29, 2026



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)
Sunday School - 10:15 am Sunday

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First Sunday of Advent (B)
November 29, 2026

Altar Servers: Abby, Parker
Greeter: Marianne Novak
Trustees: Rick, Cuyler

Lector: Stephanie Fitzgerald
Cantor: Donald Dross

Cycle of Prayer: Providence of God Parish, Scranton PA

Mass Intentions:
Sun. Nov. 29 - **In Memory of †Thomas Krajewski** (req. by Mary Ellen & Rich Krajewski).
Sun. Dec. 6 - **In Thanksgiving for the continued healing of Patti Mossey.**
Sun. Dec. 27 - **In Memory of †Richard Michael Sawczak** (req. by Ed Sawczak).

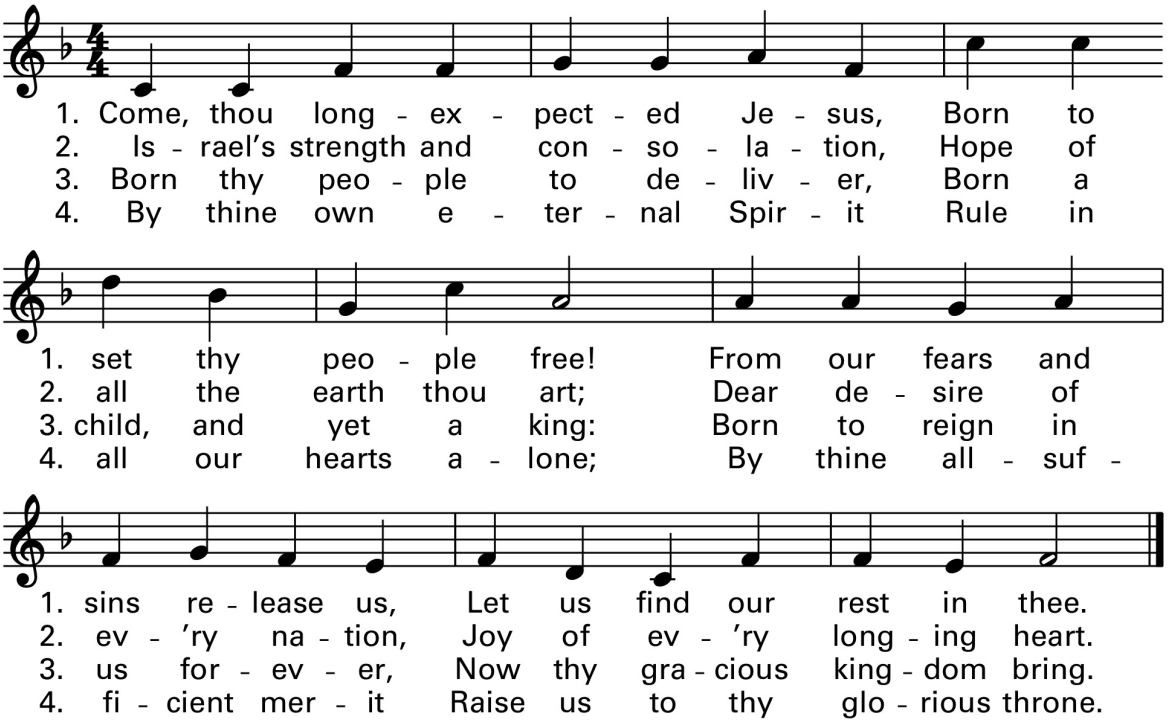


STAND

OPENING HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART



Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.
Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.
R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. Let us call to mind the ways in which we have failed to follow God's way and pray for mercy and forgiveness. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

KNEEL or SIT

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.
Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God
in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
striking the breast three times and continuing
in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and,
with His authority vested in me,
I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. **R/. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy.
R/. Lord, have mercy.

C. Christ, have mercy.
R/. Christ, have mercy.

C. Lord, have mercy.
R/. Lord, have mercy.

'The Gloria' is omitted in Advent.

STAND

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
You sent Your Son as our Savior and Redeemer.
May we be His true and faithful followers
so that when He comes again
He may find us awake
and performing our assigned tasks.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 7

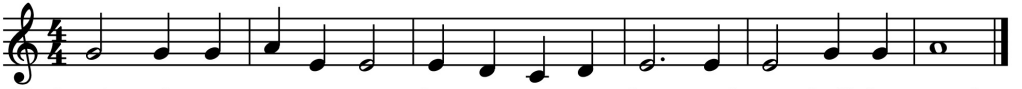
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

L. The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19



R/. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to save us.
R/. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
R/. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
R/. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3–9.

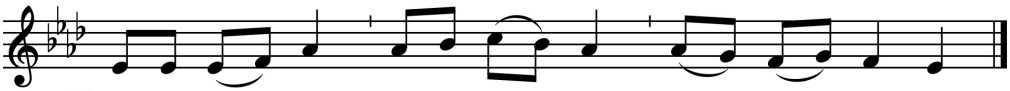
A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L. The Word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Ps 85:8

STAND

Cantor: 

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.
R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:33–37

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.
R/. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

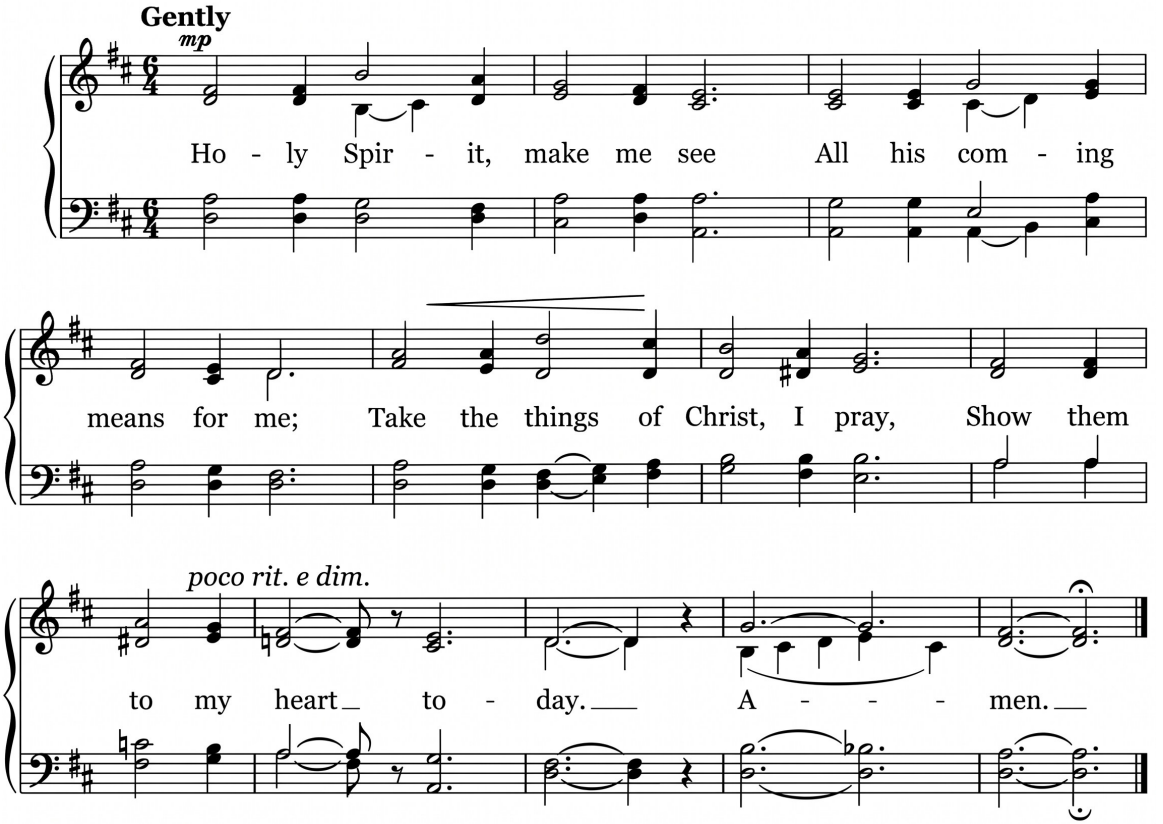
C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R/. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

KNEEL or SIT

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Response to Prayer or Closing Prayer

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL — HAROLD WESTON





SIT

- HOMILY

STAND

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

C. I believe in One God,

All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

STAND

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

C. Let us bring before God our longings and prayers, confident that through the work of the Holy Spirit He can bring about change on earth and in our lives.

1. For the Church throughout the world as we wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. We pray the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For those who are caught up in war and violence and can see no way out: That all may turn to seek peace with justice. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who are waiting in pain and sickness: That they may receive comfort from their brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the Providence of God Parish in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and for ourselves: That during this season of Advent, we will grow in awareness of the gifts of the Spirit poured afresh into our hearts. We pray to the Lord**.**

R/. Lord hear our prayer.

5. For Thomas Krajewski, for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, and for all the faithful departed: That the God who called them into life may welcome them into the light and peace of His eternal Kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our own intentions ..... [long pause for silent prayer] ..... . We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

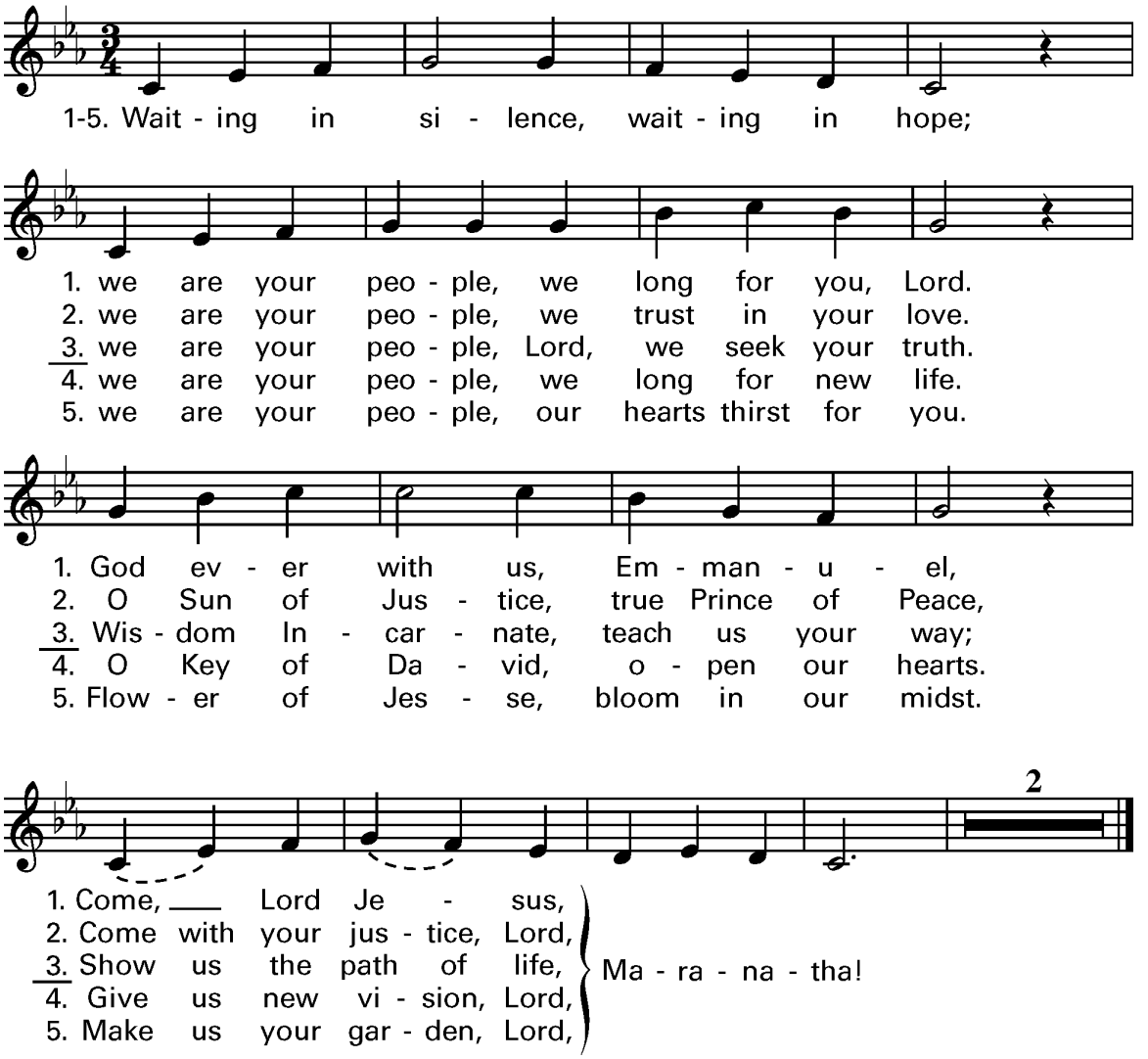
C. God of all grace, ever faithful to Your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming. Prepare our hearts to receive Him when He comes, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry



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SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.
Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:

C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.
Through You goodness, we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

STAND

C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

C. Almighty God, You have set aside this season to nourish our hope and our trust.
You gathered us in expectation around Your Holy Altar.
Transform our gifts and return them to us that we may lack no spiritual gift
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

PREFACE OF ADVENT

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Christ our Lord.

For through the promised sending of Jesus Christ to earth for us
You revealed Your goodness and unending love.

Sharing in the hope of patriarchs and prophets,
may we worthily prepare a dwelling place
for the coming Messiah in our hearts.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly.

R/. 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.

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.
There He dwelt and was made flesh.
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.
WHENEVER YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.
So may we praise and glorify You
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: 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.

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?
**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.
R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

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

C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

C. Let us pray together: **KNEEL**

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

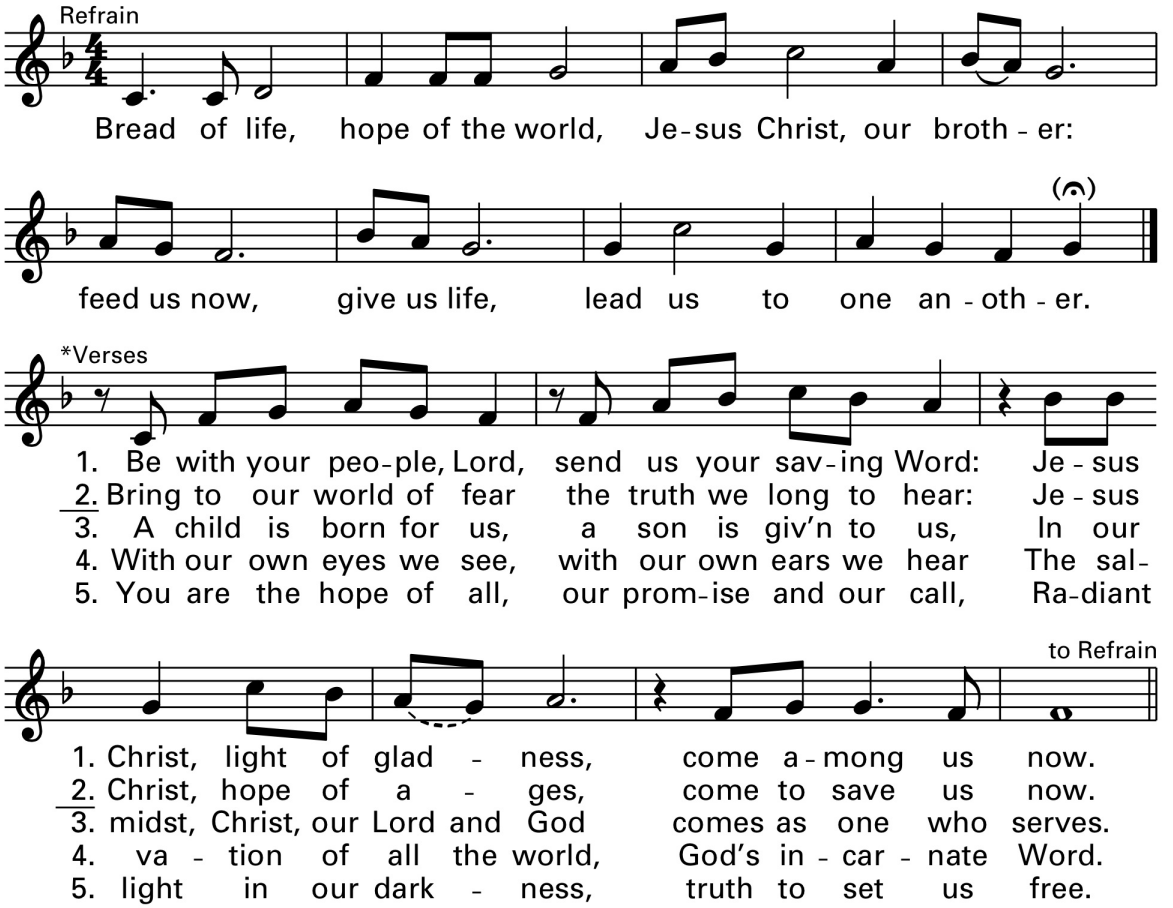
KNEEL or SIT

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life (Advent/Christmas Setting)

Bernadette Farrell



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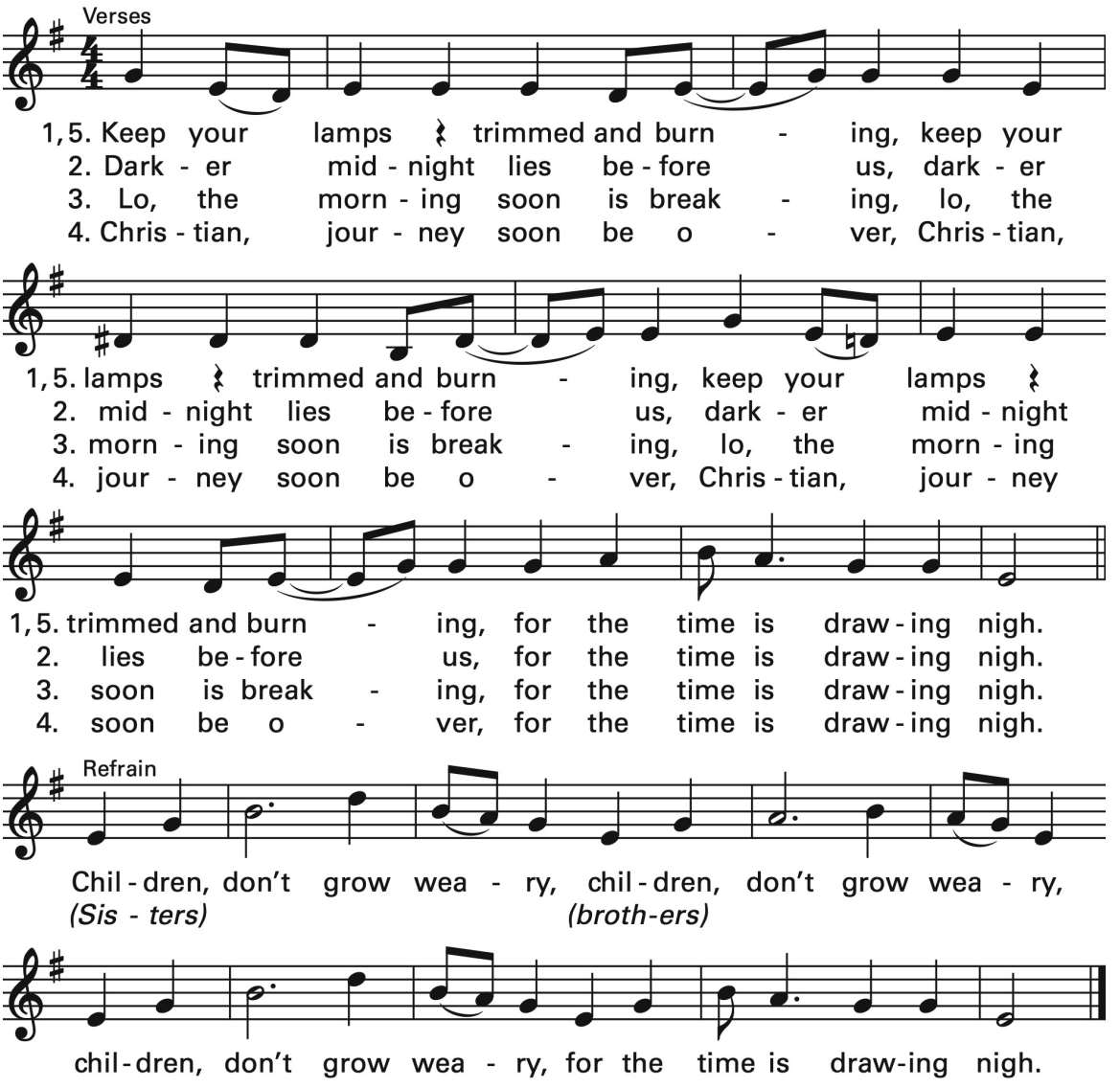
POST COMMUNION HYMN

KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

Spiritual



Text: Irregular; Spiritual. Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS.

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus,
through Your coming to us in the Word and the Eucharist
may we be prepared to face You at the final hour;

For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

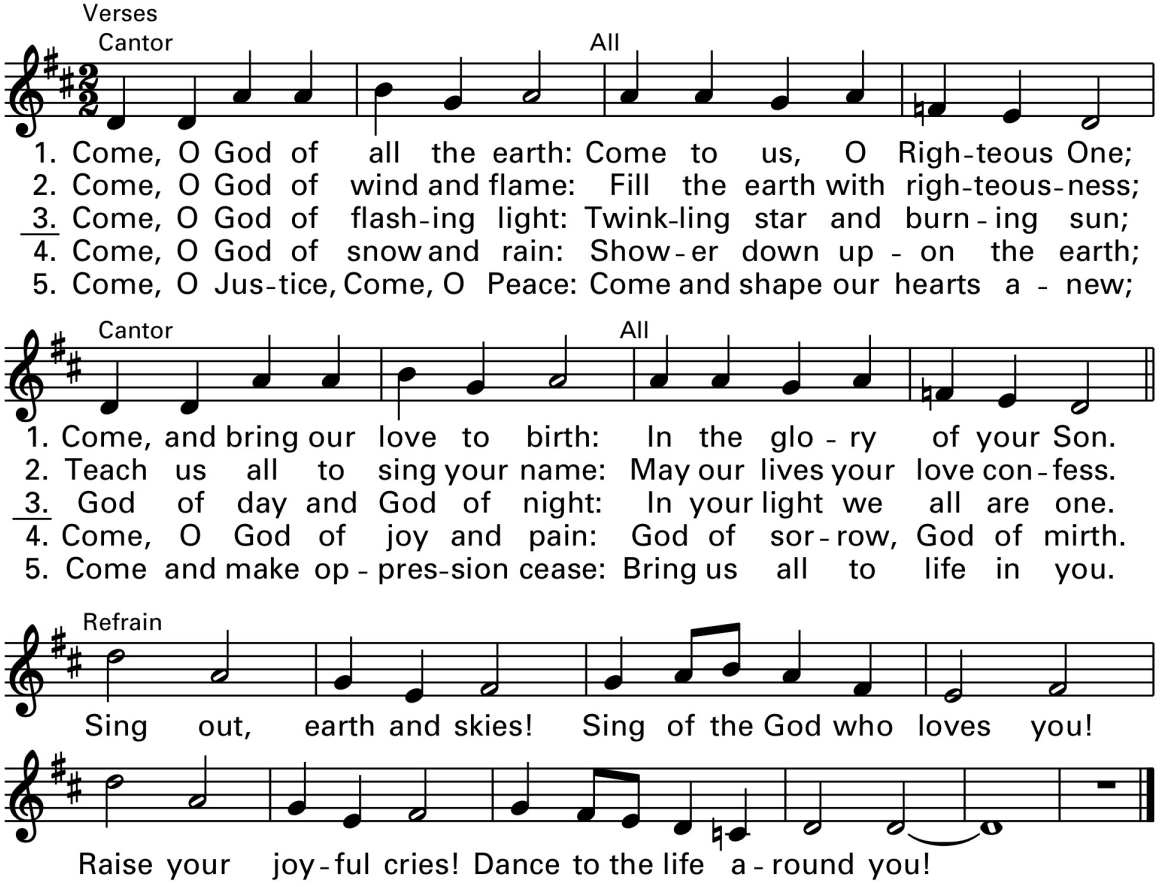
C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Marty Haugen



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Announcements

Requests must be received by noon Wednesday.
Please contact Justine Fazziola bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com

- Please observe some **quiet time before Mass** to prepare yourself for worship: **meeting God in His Word, Confession** and **Holy Communion.**
- **Advent is a sacred time of preparation for Christmas.** To help guide your prayer and reflection, **daily Advent reflection booklets** are available on the table at the church entrance. Please take one home to accompany you on your Advent journey.
- **'Parish Stewardship:** We are grateful for the continued generosity and faithful support you provide to our Parish. Your contributions are a vital part of our parish life and help us continue our ministries and mission. If you would like to make a contribution, donations may be **mailed to the Parish Office** or made securely online at www.bvmc.org/giving. If you have any questions concerning your contributions, please contact our Financial Officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski, at bvmc.church@gmail.com Thank you for your generosity and for all you do to support our Parish. May God richly bless you for your kindness and faithfulness!





Happening at BVMC

Saturday, December 5
12:00—5:00 pm Holiday Food Sale
5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, December 6
9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream)
Altar Servers: Abby, Everett
Lector: Mary Ellen Cantor: Jeff
Greeter: Nancy Trustees: Joanne, Diane

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7—11 - Children's Confessions (by appointment)
December 9 - Advent Penitential Service & Anointing of the Sick
December 20 - Parish 'Wigilia"
December 13 - Church is decorated for Christmas
December 20 - Parish 'Wigilia"

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