2 Christmas

January 2, 2022

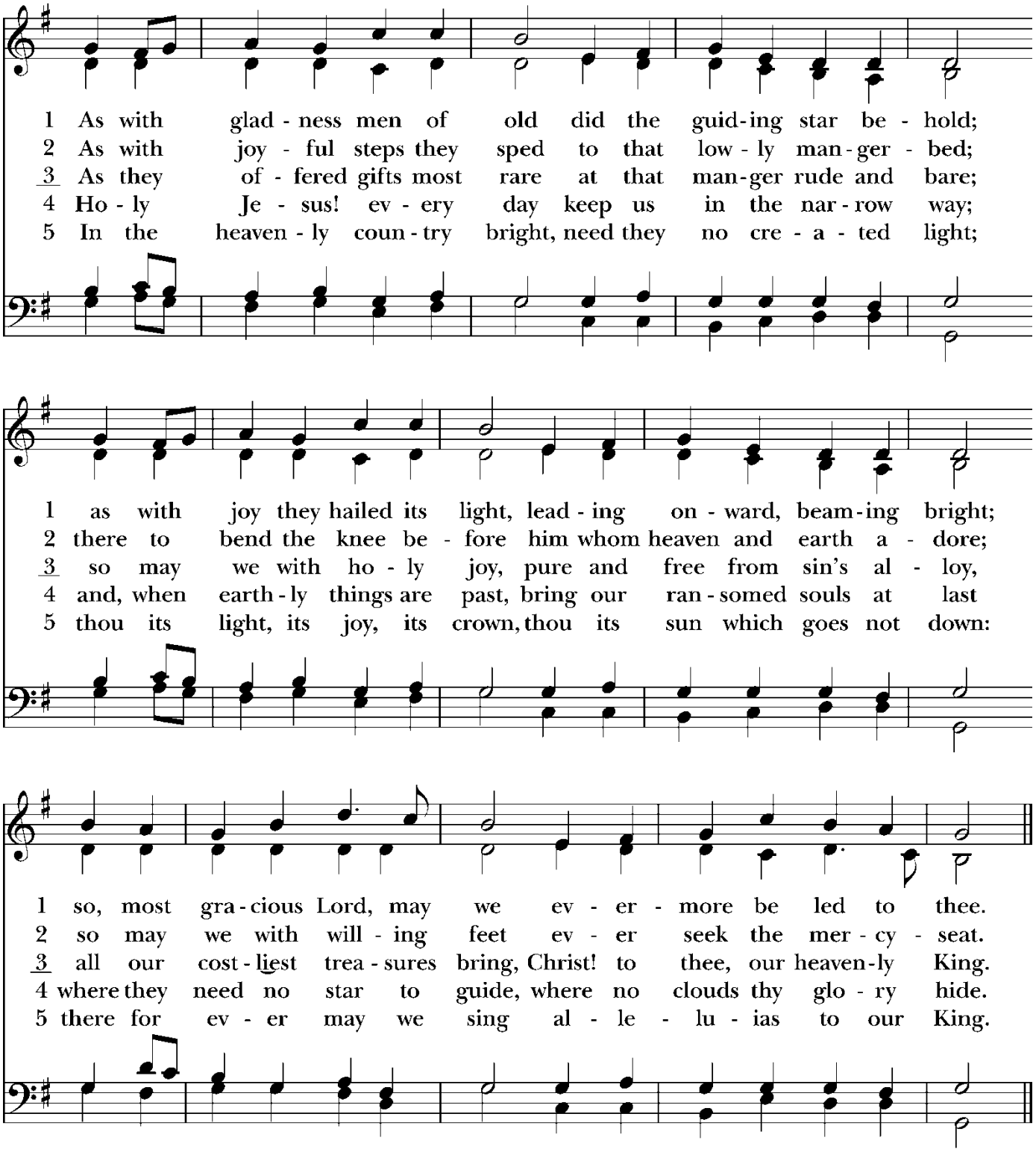
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

WELCOME

St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry. This booklet contains all you will need for this morning's worship. Information about upcoming events, activities, and ministries are found on the Announcement page. If you are a visitor to our live-streaming service, we would be honored if you would leave your name and email address to keep you informed of news of our church and ministries. WELCOME!

PRELUDE **"Mary Had a Baby"** *Gant*

OPENING HYMN **"As With Gladness Men of Old"**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

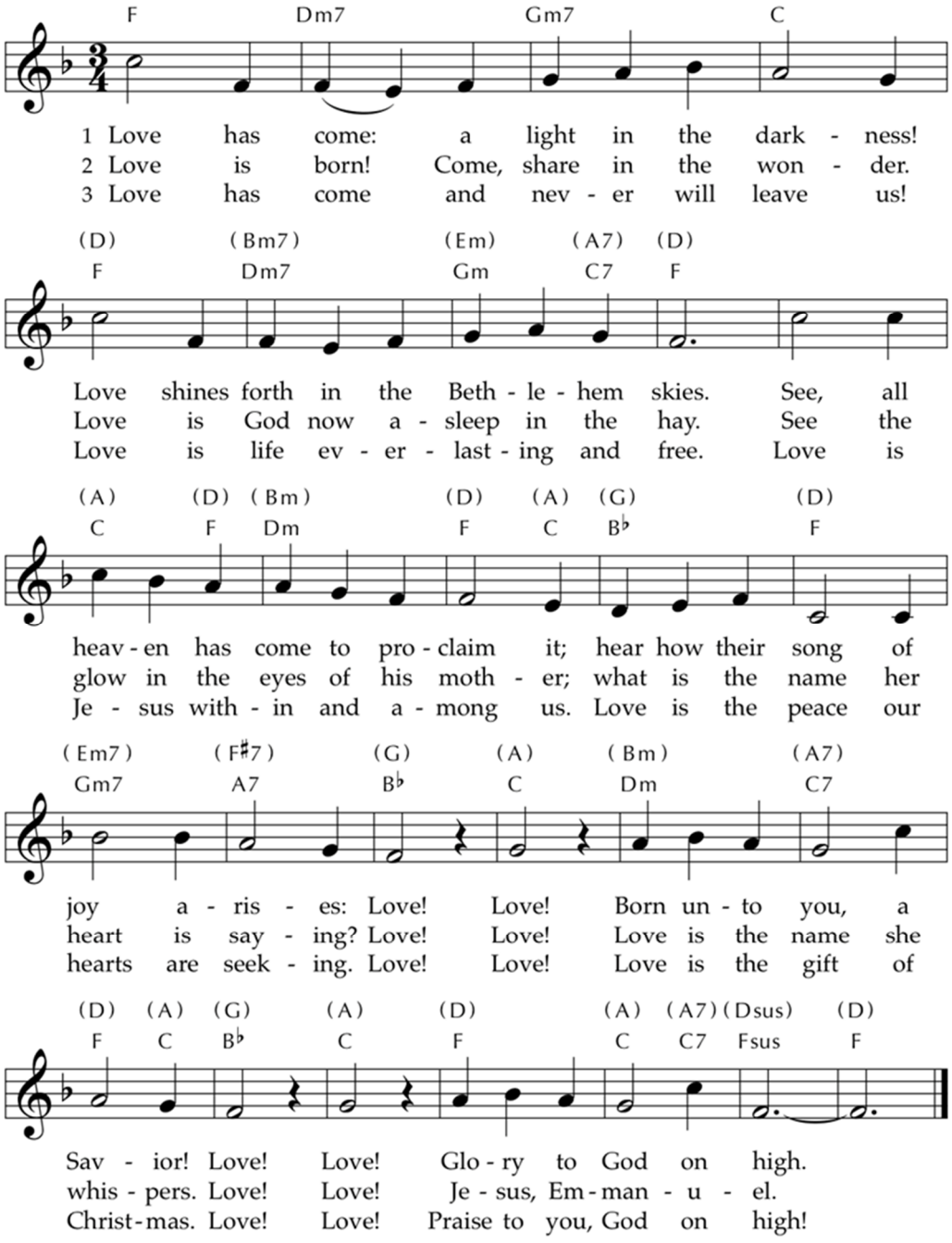
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be our God:
People: **Forever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Has Come"



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

7 Thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' 8 See, I am going to bring
them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind
and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9 With
weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my
firstborn. 10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who
scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the
young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish
again. 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will
turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14 I will give the priests
their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the LORD.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 84:1-8

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

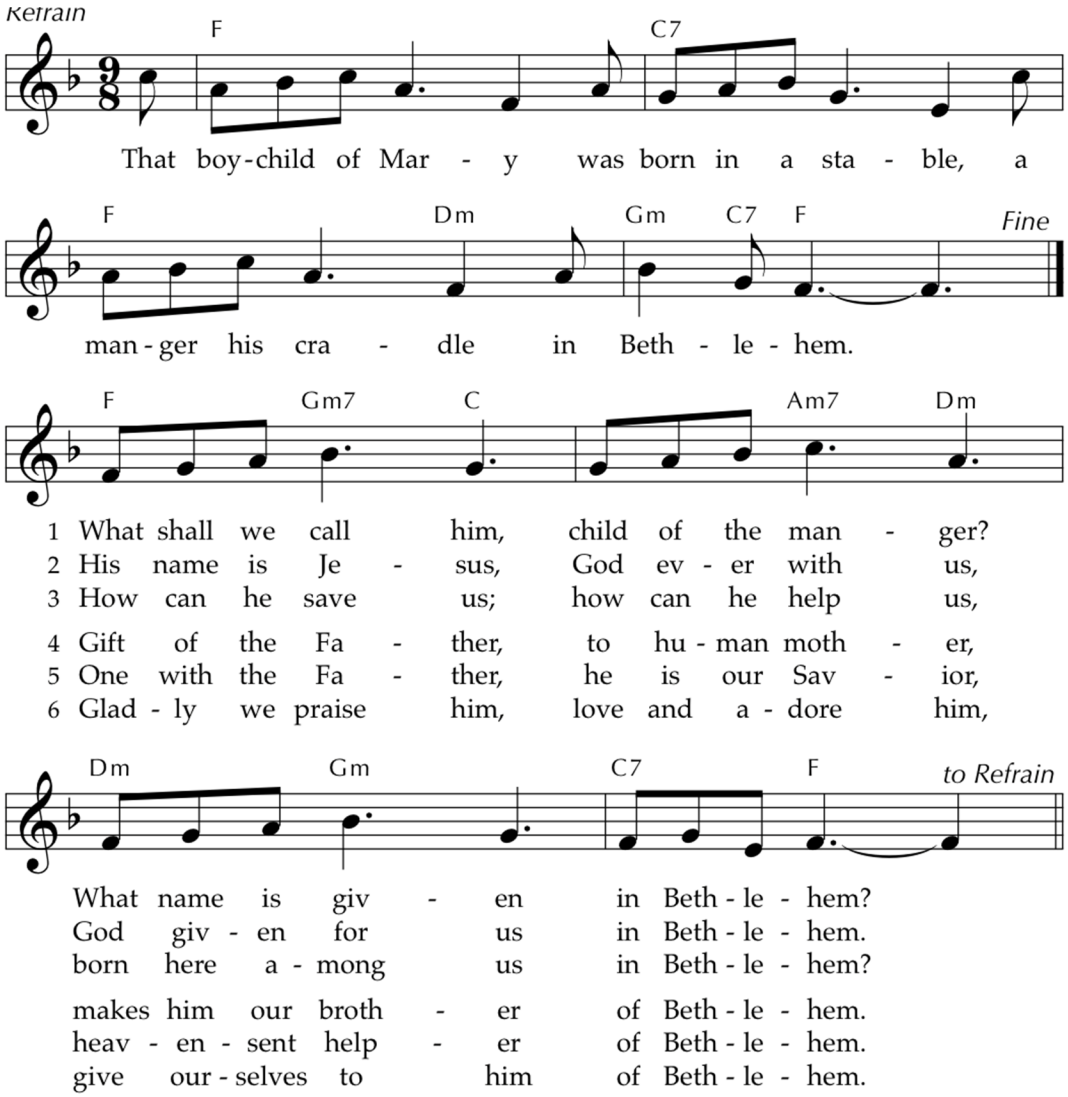
[8]Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4]just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. [5]He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6]to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. [15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19a]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Amen. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN "That Boy-Child of Mary"



THE GOSPEL: **Matthew 2:1-12**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

[1]In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." [9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON **FR. TED VOORHEES**

ANTHEM **"A Hallelujah for Christmas"** *ClovertonCohen*

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them;
who established a world that is good;
who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it;
who is certainty and truth.

We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult;
who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless;
who confronted popular opinion and power;
who remained obedient in temptation and suffering;
whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate;
who does not leave us as orphans;
who brings peace and calms the troubled heart;
who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles;
who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;
People: ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; for Fr. Ted and Pastor Deena, the clergy serving St. Cyprian's; and for all ordained and lay ministers;
People: ***For all who serve God in the Church.***

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The people may add their own petitions aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: ***For your mercy is great.***

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The people may add their own thanksgivings aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The people may add their own prayers aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: ***Who put their trust in you.***

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People: ***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

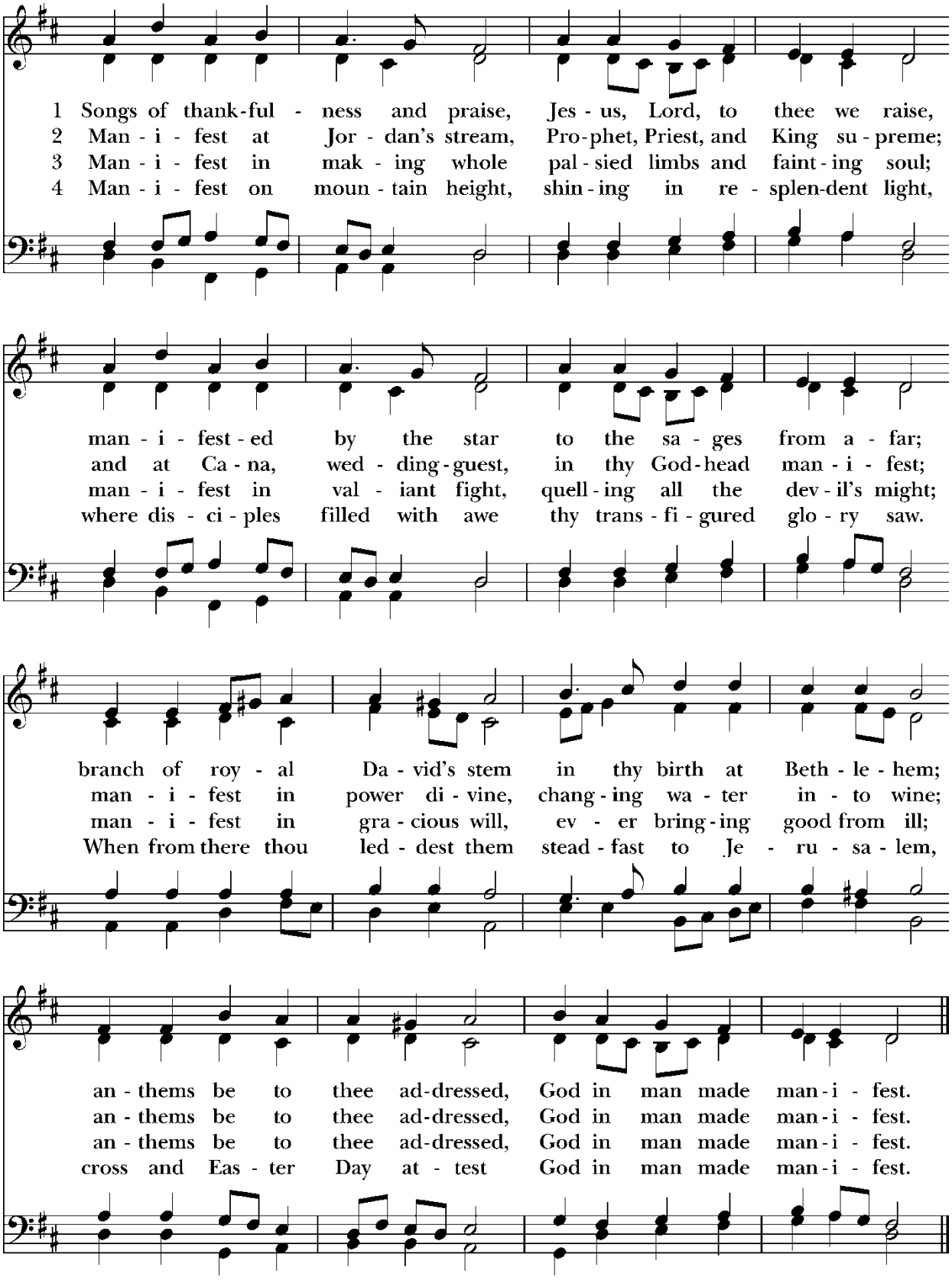
Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

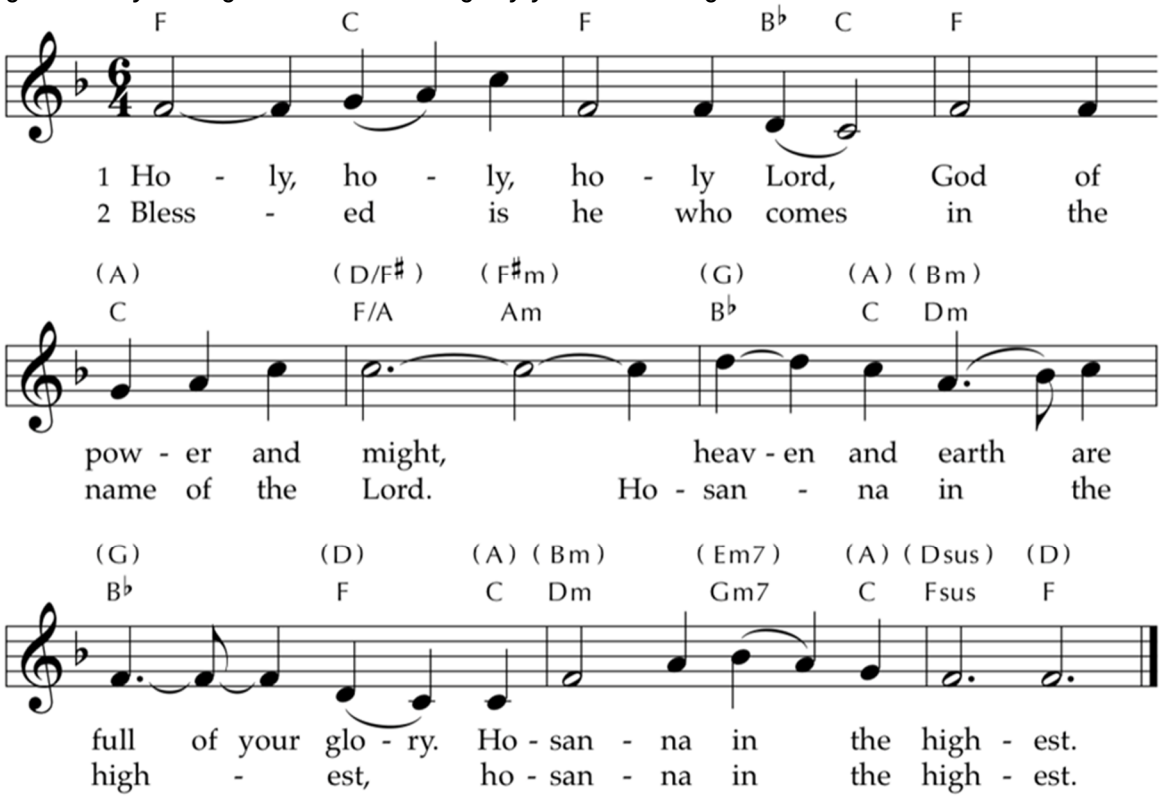
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Celebrant continues
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table

with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Feed on them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

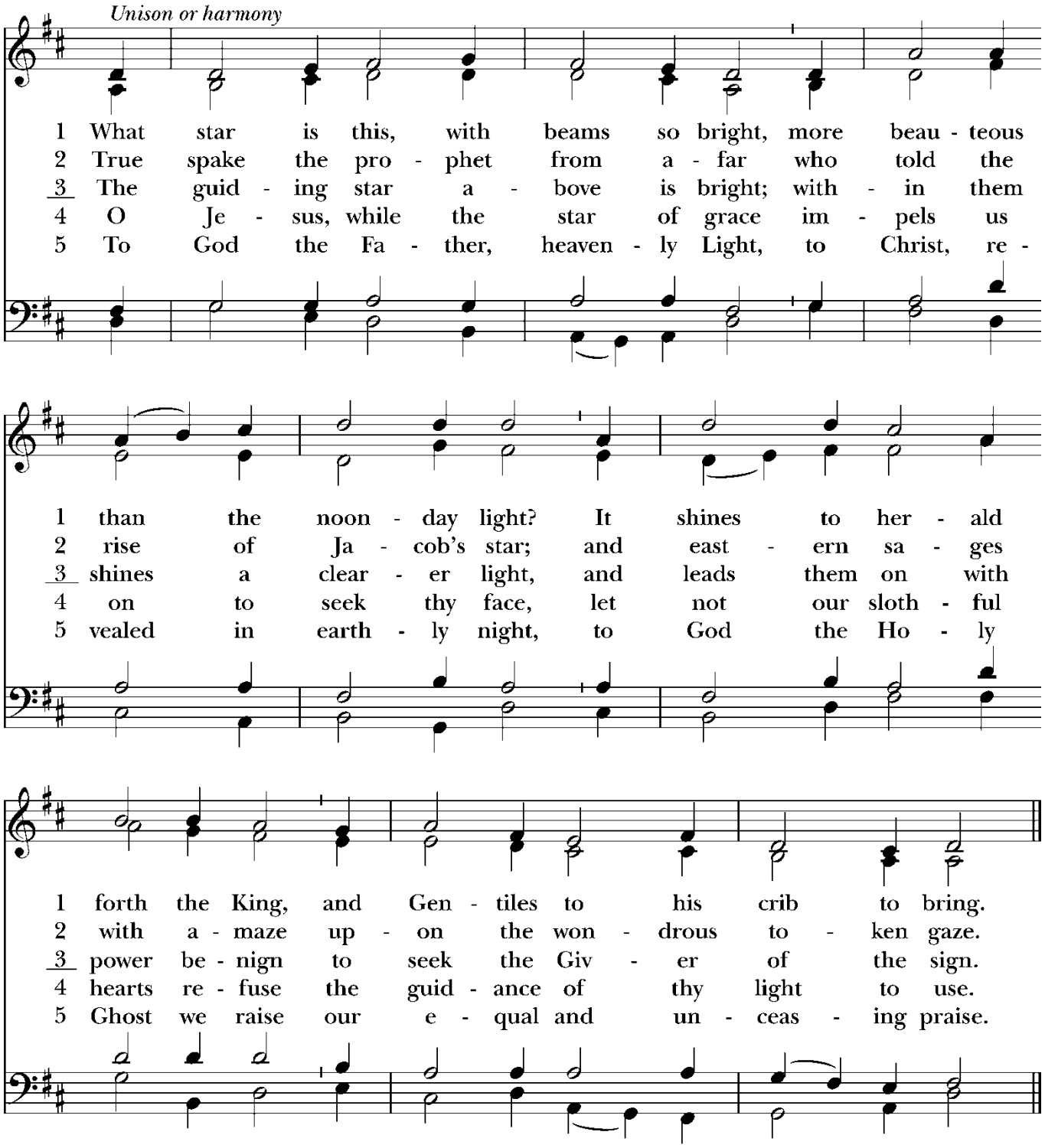
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

BLESSING

Live without fear.
Your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you with a power and a presence
that is stronger than death.

May God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
and the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "What Star is This"



DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE "We Three Kings" *Fletcher*

About Our Worship Booklet

The worship in this booklet follows the form of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Declaration of Faith** is from the **Moravian Book of Worship**. The **Eucharistic Prayer** is **Prayer 2** from **Enriching Our Worship**. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year C** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Jamie, Neal, Jax, Marion, and Eldon Jones, Lelia Druzdis, Sandra Parks, Clerene Romeo-Jackson, Kirby von Egidy, Vicki Lewis, Sue Paul, Linda Larrimore, Henning Toensmann, Barb Lofquist, Jane Schwab, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Anna Marr, Susie Calvaruso, Jeff Robinson, Maury Husic, Keira Roberts, James Mangum, Terra Williams, Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, Michael Scott, Glenda Greene, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Holly and Mark Arnim, Mary Caldwell, Eric & Denise Glaude, Karen Mullis, Laurey & Jagger, Penny, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Rick & Margie Oney, Barbara Presha, Bob Merrell, Donna Miami, Bruce Cudworth, Hal Dockins, Marty Turner, Peter Morin, Norma Sherry, Bob Mermell, Linda Parker, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Bonnie Wahiba, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Debbie Gagnon, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

About the Prayer List – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List please call or email Holly in the office 904-829-8828 or stcyprianschurch@att.net. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

Announcements

In-Person Worship Suspended

With the Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreading rapidly in our area, St. Cyprian's Vicar and Mission Board have suspended in-person worship until further notice. Our Sunday service of Holy Eucharist will continue to be streamed on YouTube Live. And, the church will once again be open for prayer and meditation every day of the week from 9am until at least 4:30pm.

Dining With Dignity Change of Plans!

Out of caution for both parishioners and our guests, DWD is returning to our Covid protocol. Instead of serving our pot luck supper this Tuesday, January 4, we will prepare bags to-go. This alters our list, which follows here. What stays the same? Please consider providing a portion of something on the list, checking in with Linda Kish by phoning or texting her at 904-377-7666. And remember in your prayers those in our community without adequate food.

75 Capri Sun drinks (spoken for)
75 bags of chips
75 packaged cookies
75 cheese/peanut butter crackers or granola bars
75 little peel-able oranges
75 bananas
75 hard-boiled eggs individually bagged
75 bottled water (spoken for)
75 sandwiches, individually wrapped

Zoom Meetings

Racial Justice Initiative – MONDAY AT 11 AM
Aging Angels – TUESDAY AT 10AM
Virtual Coffee Hour – WEDNESDAY AT 10AM
Centering Prayer – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM
NEW! **"Between The Lines" – THURSDAYS AT 10AM**
"Between The Lines" is a study of one of the Scripture lessons from each week's lectionary.
Contact Fr. Ted at StCypriansTed@aol.com for the study material.