Sunday, December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism at 10:00am

SERVICE NOTES: We are glad you have joined us this morning! Most of the service music can be found beginning on page 13, with the Sanctus and Fraction Anthem printed within the main text. **If you are online**: Closed captioning is available on Zoom. We encourage everyone to sing and pray actively from home. Feel free to add prayer requests, celebrations, and milestones in the chat box. Just remember not to share sensitive information online—please use first names only. **If you are in person**: We also encourage you to sing and pray actively. Just remember to please maintain a respectful silence when appropriate, especially during the prelude and postlude, so that others may listen to the music and pray. Thank you!

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude on *Stuttgart*" F. Peeters

Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn.

OPENING HYMN H66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus" (Stuttgart)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader Today is the third Sunday of Advent. The Church learned a long time ago that people need a way to get ready to come close to a mystery like the Incarnation, the mystery we call Christmas. So, the Church set aside four weeks as a season of preparation.

On the first Sunday of Advent we remembered the prophets, who pointed the way to Bethlehem. On the second Sunday we remembered the Holy Family, who invite us to walk with them on their journey.

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, we remember the angels and the shepherds. The angels brought glad tidings of great joy to the humble, fearful shepherds. The candle today is the color of roses; it reminds us of the joyful song of the angels, and the joy of the shepherds as they heard about this child who would bring peace on earth and good will to all people.

We light three candles, ending with the rose-colored candle.

All O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of the world, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

Presider Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare our hearts and minds for the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming of our Savior, who was and is and is to come. **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider then continues

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Please be seated for the readings.

Isaiah 35:1-10

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

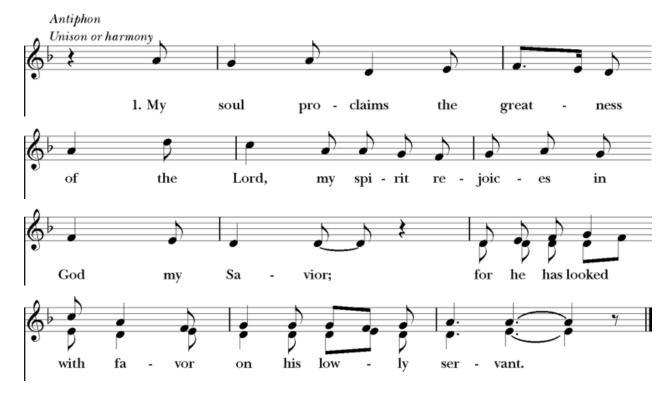
they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE S 247 The Song of Mary (*Cathedral of the Isles*)



- Choir 2 From this day, all generations shall call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and Holy is his name.
 - 3 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

All join in singing the Antiphon

Choir 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

All join in singing the Antiphon

Choir 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered the promise of mercy.
- 8 The promise he made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever.

All join in singing the Antiphon

Choir 9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

10 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Alleluia.

All join in singing the Antiphon

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

A reading from the book of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able. ALL are invited to sing the sequence hymn!

SEQUENCE HYMN Veni Emmanuel Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES Please stand as you are able.

The Presider says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters We present Sofia to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Presenters We present Frances to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks Frances' presenters

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the presenters & Sofia

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Now the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Presider

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People 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 to the dead. 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.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Presider says

Let us now pray for these persons who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Cantor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE BAPTISMAL POOL WLP 767 "Baptized in Water"

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMThe candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who says

Frances, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Frances, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Sofia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Sofia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be sensitive to those who wish to maintain physical distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the announcement insert, and feel free to take this bulletin home with you. In addition, an extended announcement sheet is on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch.

CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES

All may join in praying.

Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY NOTES

The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the green "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin, or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you and God bless you!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Go and tell John," Lloyd Pfautsch

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia)

Please join in singing

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.

-William Walsham Howe

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Presider Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People

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

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

EOM1 23 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" (Crisafulli) **SANCTUS**



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (first in Spanish and then in English,)

People and Presider

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,

santificado sea tu Nombre,

venga tu reino,

hágase tu voluntad,

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,

como también nosotros perdonamos a los

que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación

y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,

y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.

Amen.

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.

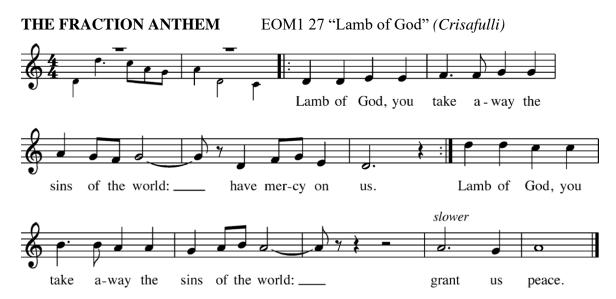
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Wine is being served via intinction only; the priest will dip your host into the chalice of wine and then offer it to you. If you would prefer to receive bread only, you may simply say so. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.

A note about Spiritual Communion: The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharistic is not possible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing. Please consider using this Act of Reception during Communion time.

Act of Reception: "In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly the people of the Church of St. Martin, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption of the world, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen".

COMMUNION HYMN

WLP 722 "The desert shall rejoice" (Sterling)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond AMEN.*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN H615 "Thy kingdom come" (St. Flavian)

DISMISSAL

Leader Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Postlude on 'St. Flavian'" H. Willan

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We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally-recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

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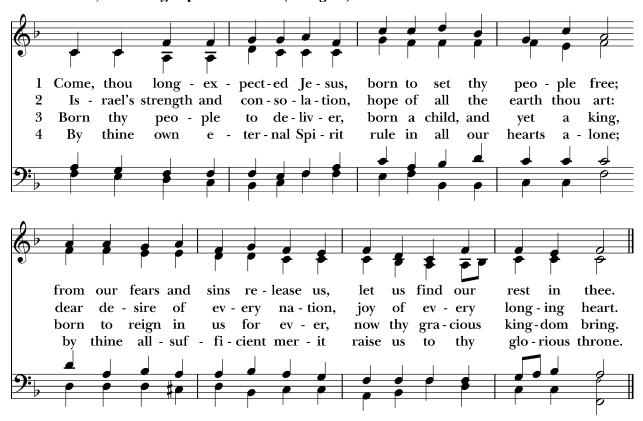
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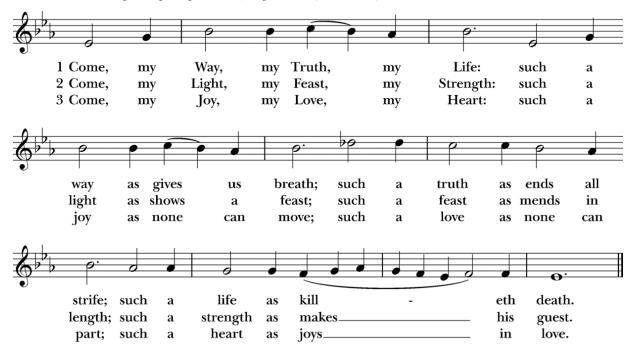
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H 66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus" (Stuttgart)



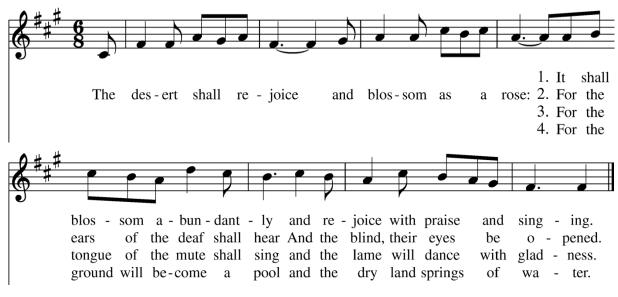
H 487 "Come my Way, my Truth, my Life" (The Call)



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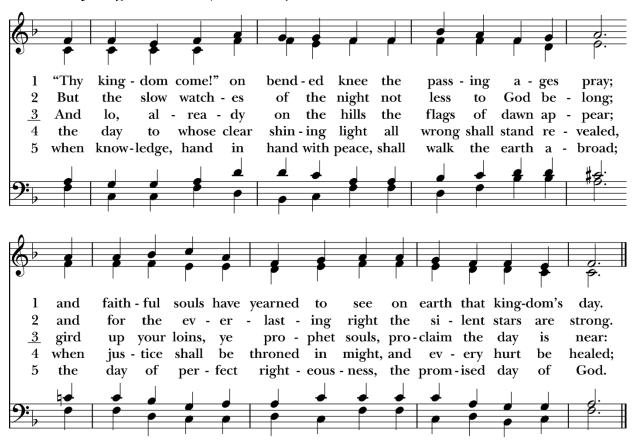


WLP 722 "The desert shall rejoice" (Sterling)



- 5. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: as the ransomed return to God and come singing back to Zion.
- 6. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: unto Zion we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

H 615 "Thy kingdom come" (St. Flavian)





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