

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 14, 2020



Welcome
Regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor,
we hope you will enjoy our fellowship!

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Music Notes

I love to sing Hymn 135 on this Last Sunday before Lent begins which features the Transfiguration story at the Gospel reading. But we're not singing it this year. I've chosen the same tune (which I also love) a new text based on the themes of Hymn 135. I think it is really quite fine, in making quite a good singing text that is not confusing or trite. We're doing this because of the command: "Sing to the Lord a new song!" We're also doing this because we'll have a new hymnal someday. We'll be continuing to explore new hymnody.

Voluntary

Entrée: Chaconne

Please join in singing hymn 137:

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

n shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875,
 after James Turlle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

All stand

Officiant From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

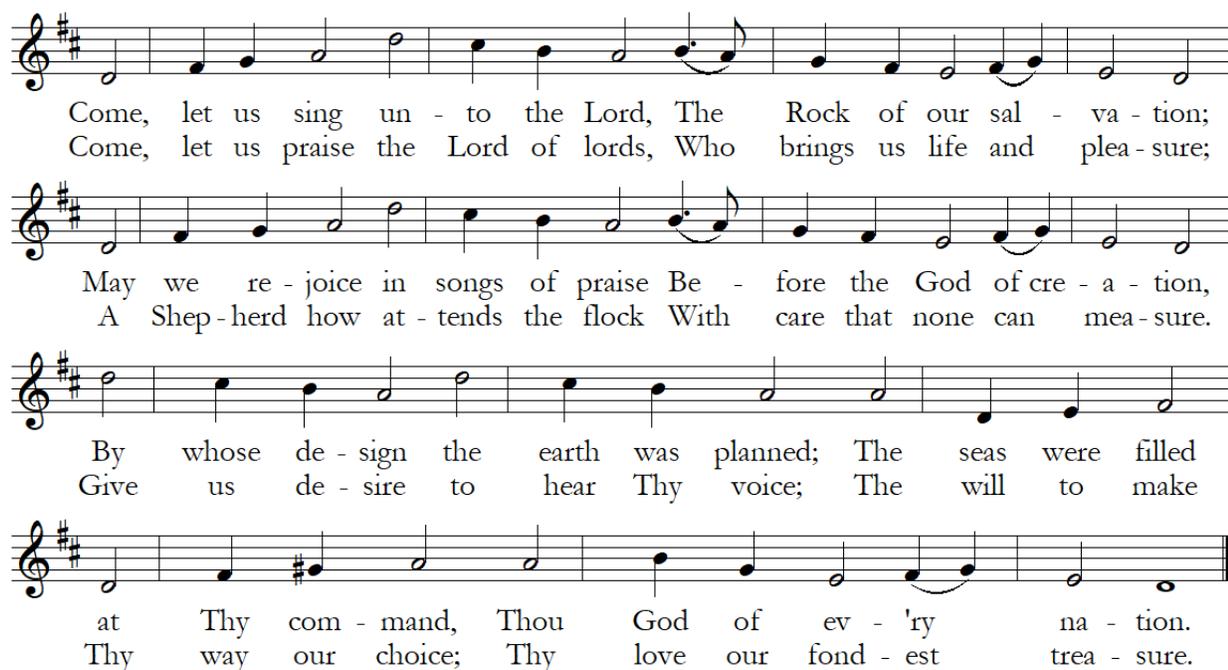
The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**



Come, let us sing un - to the Lord, The Rock of our sal - va - tion;
Come, let us praise the Lord of lords, Who brings us life and plea - sure;

May we re - joice in songs of praise Be - fore the God of cre - a - tion,
A Shep - herd how at - tends the flock With care that none can mea - sure.

By whose de - sign the earth was planned; The seas were filled
Give us de - sire to hear Thy voice; The will to make

at Thy com - mand, Thou God of ev - 'ry na - tion.
Thy way our choice; Thy love our fond - est trea - sure.

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Music: melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529 H82 408

Psalm 50:1-6 *Deus deorum*

Musical setting by Mark Nelson

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Canticle 11: Surge illuminare (metrical setting)



A - rise, now, shine, your light has come, God's
 The Lord will rise a - bove his own, His
 Your gates will be un - barred al - way, Your
 Here - vi - o - lence will be no more, With-
 You wil not need the sun by day, Nor
 glo - ry ris - es like the sun; Though dark - ness still en-
 glo - ry rest on you a - lone; The na - tions will stream
 port - als o - pen night and day; Your name, the Ci - ty
 - in your bord - ers peace is sure; Your walls will bear Sal-
 yet by night the moon's bright ray; The Lord will be your
 - shrouds the land, Deep gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
 to your light, And kings come to your dawn - ing bright.
 of the Lord, Zi - on, on whom his love is poured.
 - va - tion's name, Your gates the name of Praise shall claim.
 shin - ing light, And God your glo - ry day and night.

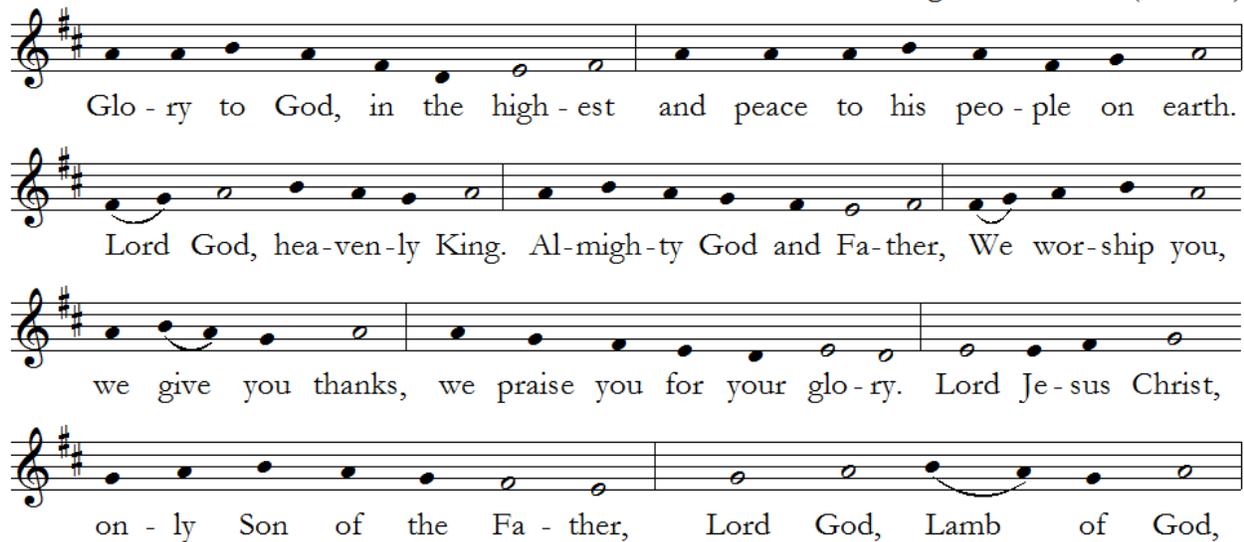
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 Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, 1545, harm. J. S. Bach

Second Reading

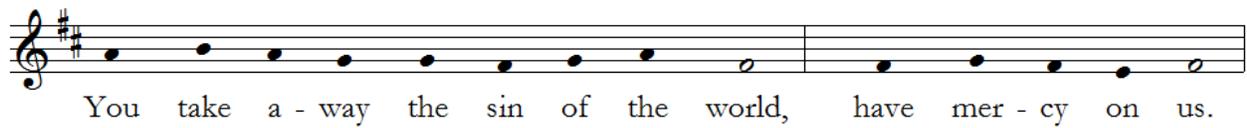
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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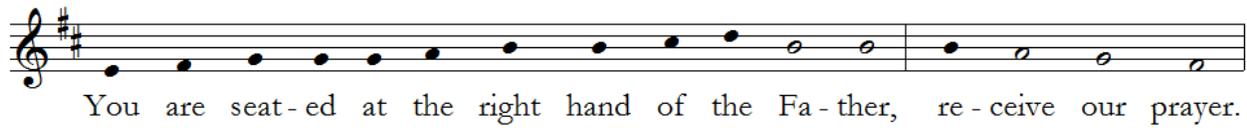
New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)



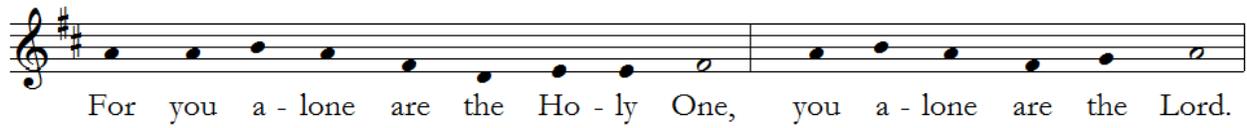
Glo - ry to God, in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, hea - ven - ly King. Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, We wor - ship you,
 we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



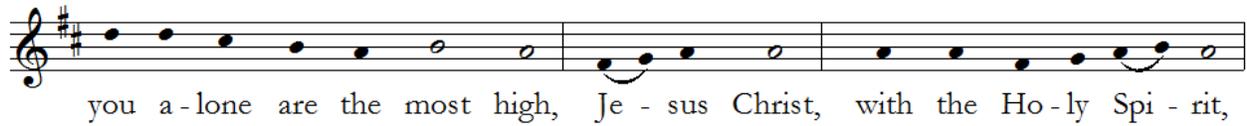
You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.



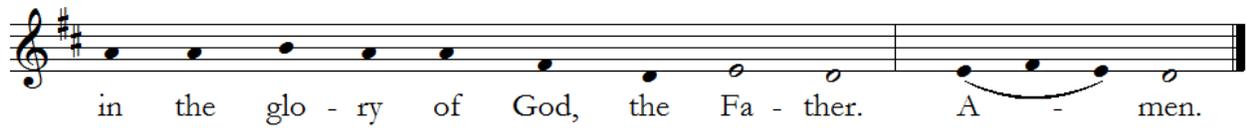
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord.



you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God, the Fa - ther. A - men.

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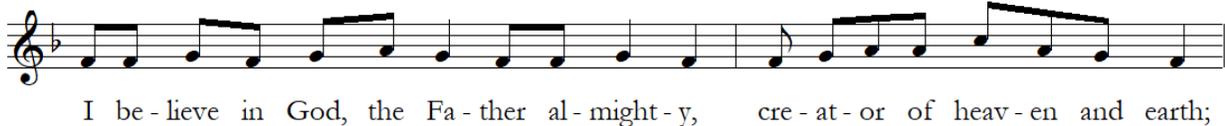
Third Reading

Mark 9:2-9

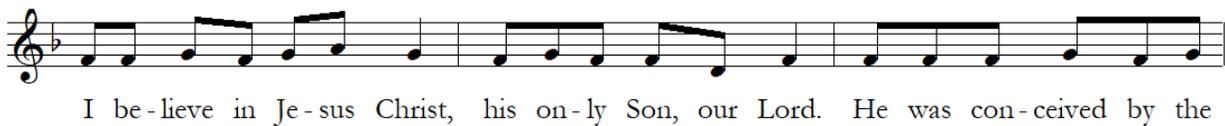
Sermon

Apostles' Creed "Pentatonic"

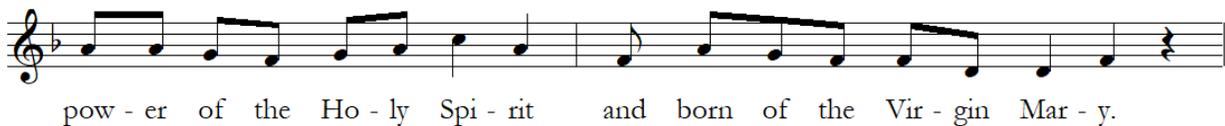
Mark Nelson



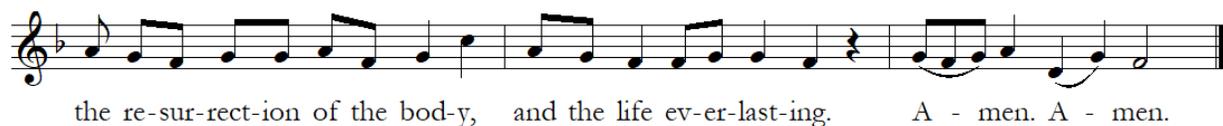
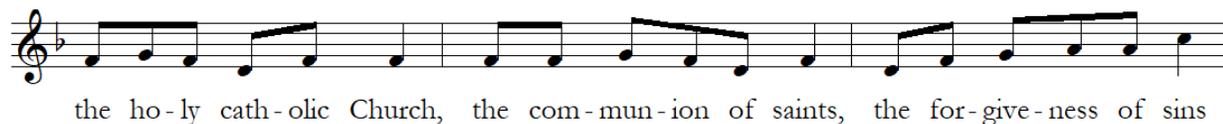
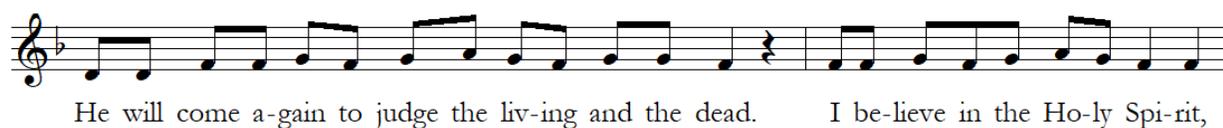
I be - lieve in God, the Fa - ther al - might - y, cre - at - or of heav - en and earth;



I be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, his on - ly Son, our Lord. He was con - ceived by the



pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit and born of the Vir - gin Mar - y.



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The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

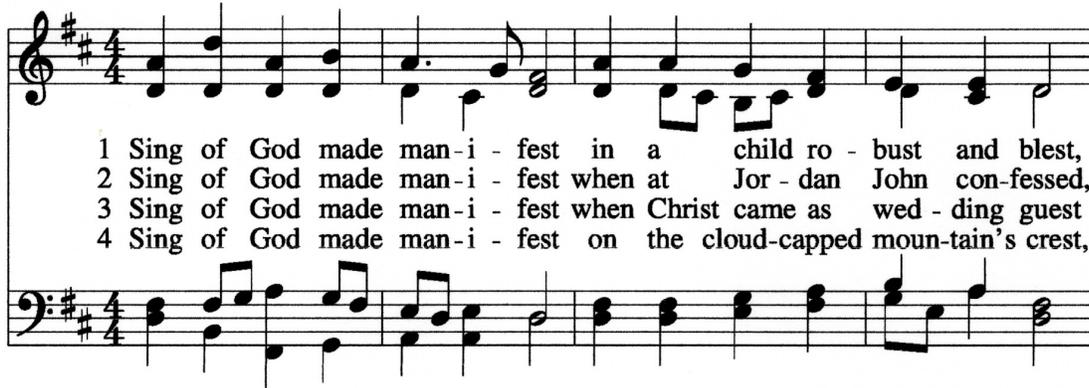
O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

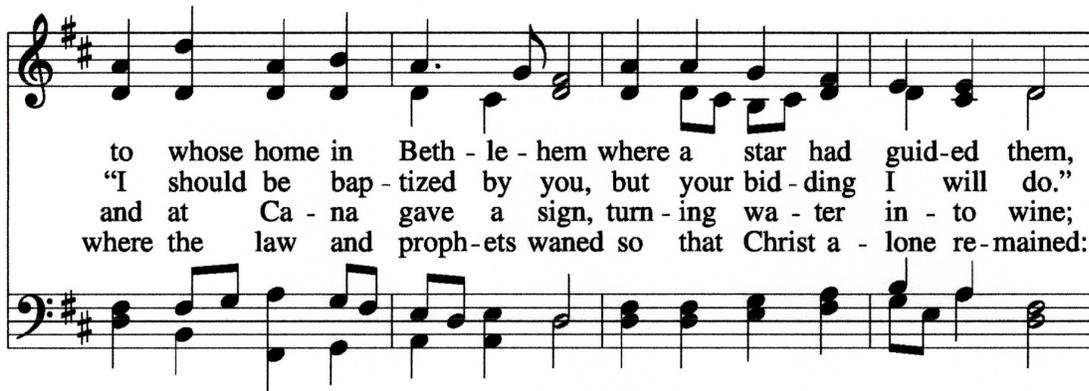
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please join in singing:

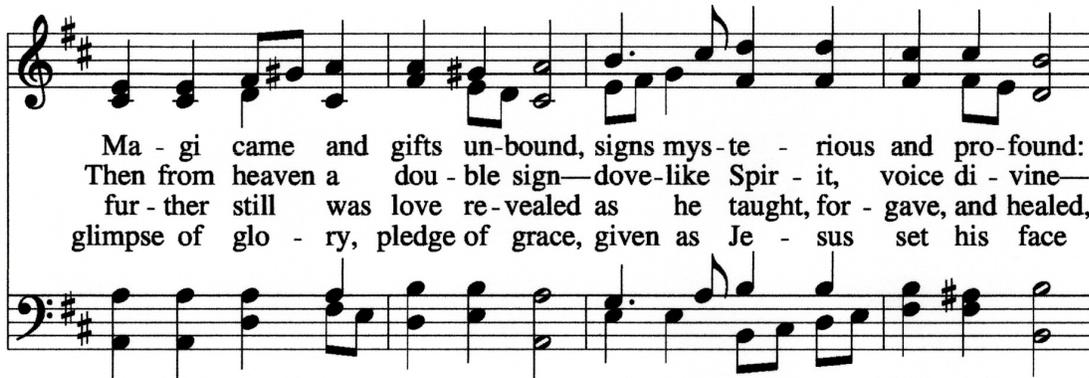
Sing of God Made Manifest



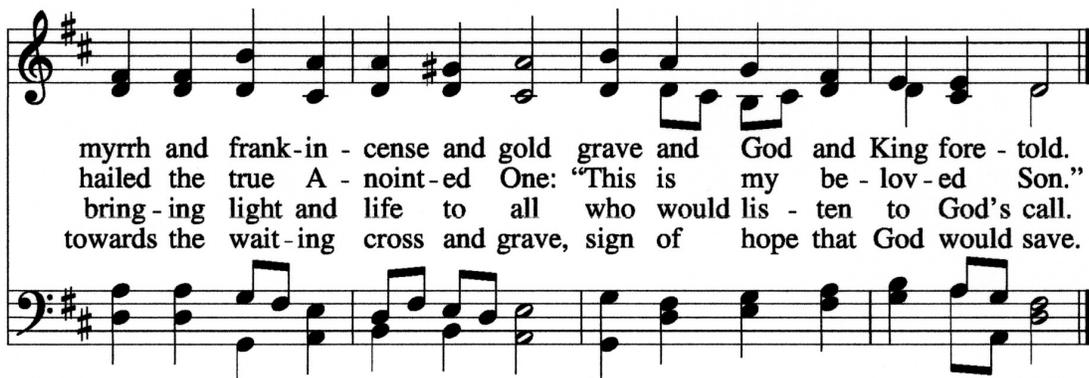
1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
3 Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
"I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.
hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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MUSIC: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that thou hast done for us. We thank thee for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank thee for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank thee for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank thee also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on thee alone.

Above all, we thank thee for thy Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of thy kingdom.

Grant us the gift of thy Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to thee in all things. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Voluntary

Prelude on *Wareham*

Charles Callahan

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