

Welcome to the
Parish Church of St Mark
Serving Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

The Parish Eucharist for Advent 1

Sunday 29 Nov 2026
at 10.00 am

Gathering

Introit: **Wachet Auf** by JS Bach (1685 - 1750)

Wake up,
the voice calls us of the watchmen high up on the battlements,
wake up, you city of Jerusalem!
This hour is called midnight;
they call us with a clear voice: where are you, wise virgins?
Get up, the bridegroom comes;
Stand up, take your lamps!
Hallelujah! Alleluia!
Make yourselves ready for the wedding,
must go to meet him!

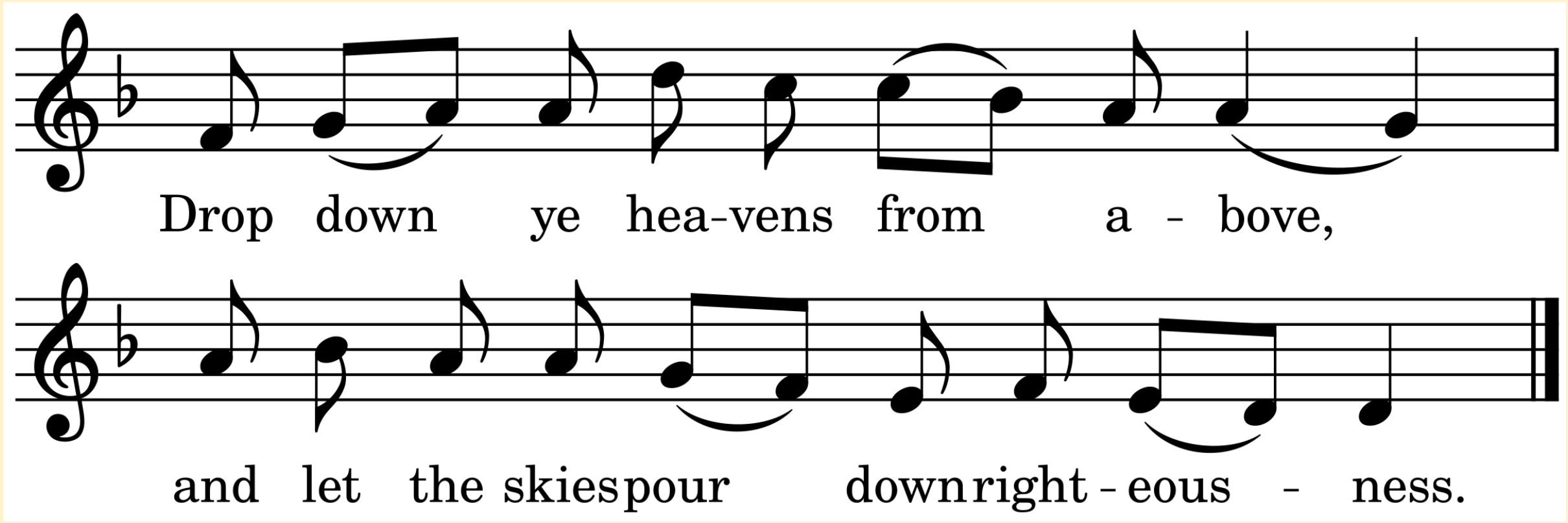
Welcome

The President is Revd Helena Roulston
The Deacon is Revd Shan Rush
The Preacher is Revd Micheal Bayley

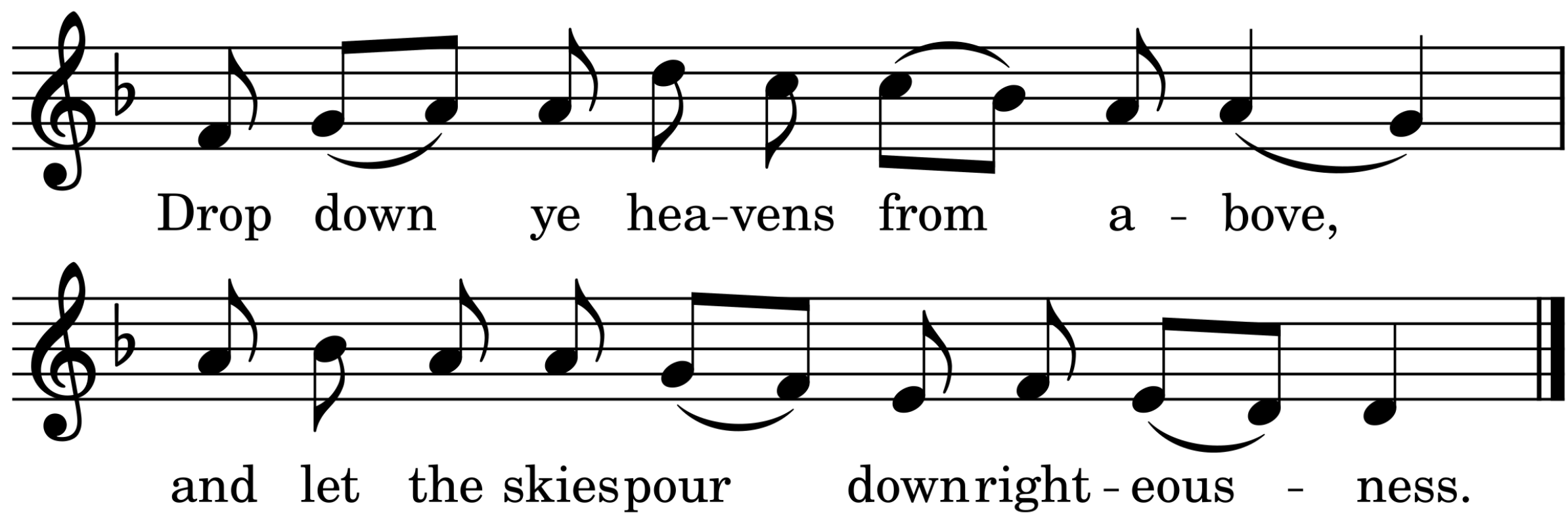
Welcome

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Advent Prose



Be not wroth very sore,
O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.



Rorate Caeli, from Isaiah 45.8.

Kindling the Advent Light

(please remain seated)

The first advent candle, symbolizing our forebears of faith
and all who search in hope for the coming of God's kingdom, is lit.

God of our longing,
God of our hoping:
we struggle to acknowledge our need of you.

We remember our forebears of faith,
who sensed their incompleteness
and searched for you beyond safe places.
We are following their path.

When we think ourselves sufficient,
break us open to your truth.

God in our longing,
God in our hoping:
Eagerly, we seek you.

Jen Ryder.

Opening Hymn

Hark! a herald voice is calling,
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814 - 78)
William Henry Monk (1823 - 89)
Tune: Merton

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you:
and also with you.

People of God: awake!
The day is coming when we shall see God face to face.
God calls us out of darkness to walk in the light of eternity.

We are God's children.
Make us one in the hope of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Eagerly awaiting the coming of God's kingdom,
let us call to mind those times when our words and actions have frustrated its emergence.

We share in a time of quiet

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

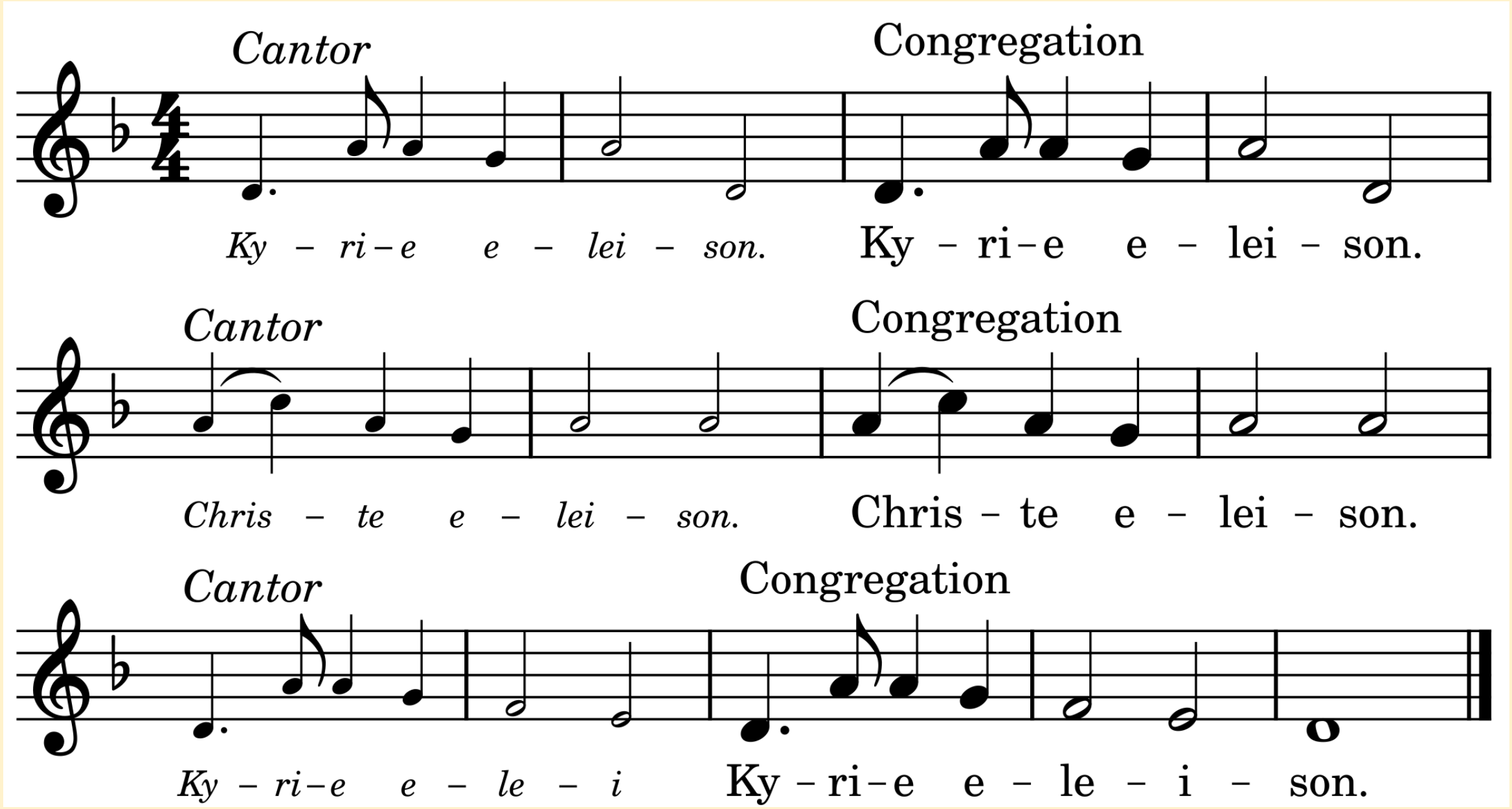
We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We sing the Bridget setting of the Kyrie by John Bell
(b.1949)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May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

God of unveiled truth,
faithful flame
in times of darkened sun and waning moon:
Lift up our unknowing hearts,
and awaken our sleeping love
to announce the coming dawn
of unexpected peace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen**.

Steven Shakespeare

Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word,
let us pray together:

**May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
The love of God be with us all.
Amen**

Attending

First Reading: Isaiah 64. 6-9 and Psalm 80. 1-7
Page 705 and 552 Old Testament, NRSVA
Read By Mike Hunt

At the end the reader says:
Let us listen for God's word.

After the reading we share a time of extended quiet

Gradual Hymn

What kind of faith is this, mysterious and divine,
That neither creed nor dogma can define;
That speaks to us of truths unwelcome to the ear,
What kind of faith is this, what kind of fear?

What kind of faith is this, that cuts into our soul,
And makes us bleed before it makes us whole;
That leads us on the path where wounded feet have trod,
What kind of faith is this, what kind of God?

What kind of faith is this, by which our jaded eyes
Discover Christ in those we would despise?
As piercing as a sword, as gentle as a dove,
What kind of faith is this, what kind of love?

What kind of faith is this, which challenges our pride,
To put to shame the vainly dignified;
By which we learn again the eagerness of youth;
What kind of faith is this, what kind of truth?

What kind of faith is this, so cloudy yet so bright,
That leads us on through darkness and through light;
That holds our common fears within a shared embrace;
What kind of faith is this, what kind of grace?

Michael Forster
David Sanderson
Tune: What kind of faith

Gospel Mark 13. 24-end

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Revd Michael Bayley

We share a time of extended quiet

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
holy Source of all that is.
We believe in God,
who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God,
ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.
We trust in God's love and wisdom:
fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ,
present to us through the Spirit's working
in the Church and beyond.

We believe that God is calling the whole creation
into a future of justice and peace.
We share in Christ's risen life,
and commit ourselves today to receive
the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One,
be all honour and glory and praise
now and for ever. Amen.

The 'Mustard Bush' Affirmation

Prayers of the People
Led by John Schofield

Let us pray.

God of our yearning

We seek you

At the end

Ever-beckoning God.

We seek your presence

and will serve you. Amen



Greeting of Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

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

We share a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929 - 2009)
Essay on the Church Plain Chant (1782)
Tune: Alleluia Dulce Carmen

Abiding

Preparation

Tokens of our response to God, bread and wine, and the collection, are offered.

Gather us in, O God:
From every age and outlook.

Gather us in, O God:
From every creed and colour.

Gather us in, O God:
From every circumstance and walk of life.

Be found among us:
In the sharing of bread and wine,
in the offering of friendship and service,
in the openness of thankful hearts
and outstretched hands,
be found among us.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

God of our longing,
God of our hoping,
it is good and right to praise you.

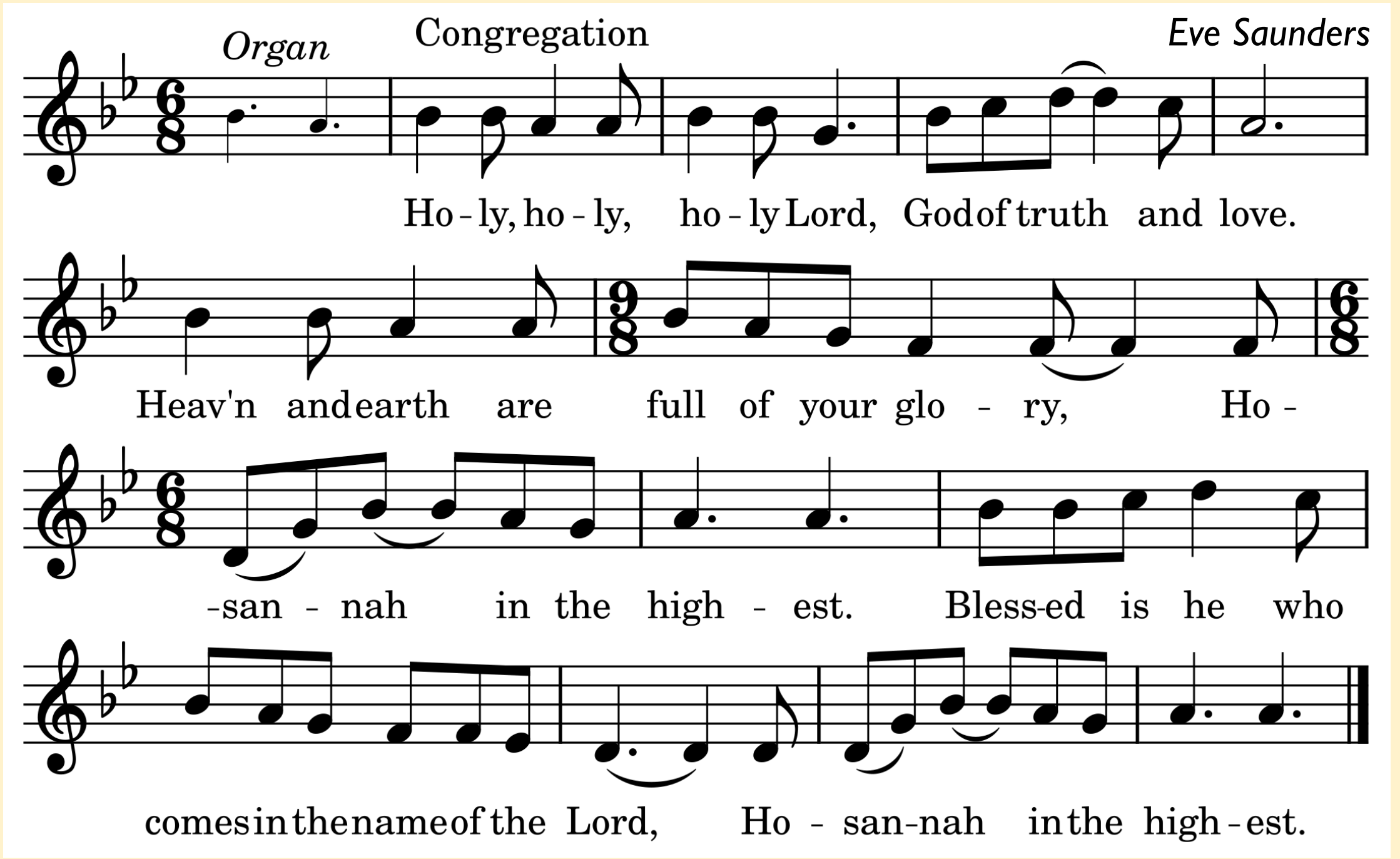
From the time of our forebears
you have journeyed with those who seek you
in openness and trust.

You inspired prophets to pursue justice,
to challenge the mighty
and liberate the oppressed.

Through John the baptiser
you taught us to lament our wrongdoings
and return to the way of forgiveness.

In Mary, the mother of faith,
you draw us into your passion
and reveal your peace.

With them, and with all who wait on you in hope,
it is good and right to praise you, and so we sing:


Organ
Congregation
Eve Saunders
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of truth and love.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
-san - nah in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-nah in the high - est.

Above all, we give you thanks
for revealing your salvation in Jesus Christ.
In him, we see the person you long for us to be,
through him, we feed on your wisdom and truth,
with him, we embrace your kingdom causes.

And now, in obedience to his command,
it is our duty and our joy,
to remember the night he gave himself up
and was handed over to death.

In the company of his friends,
Jesus took bread,
blessed it in God's holy name,
broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Later, he took a cup of wine,
gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying,
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Do this to remember me.

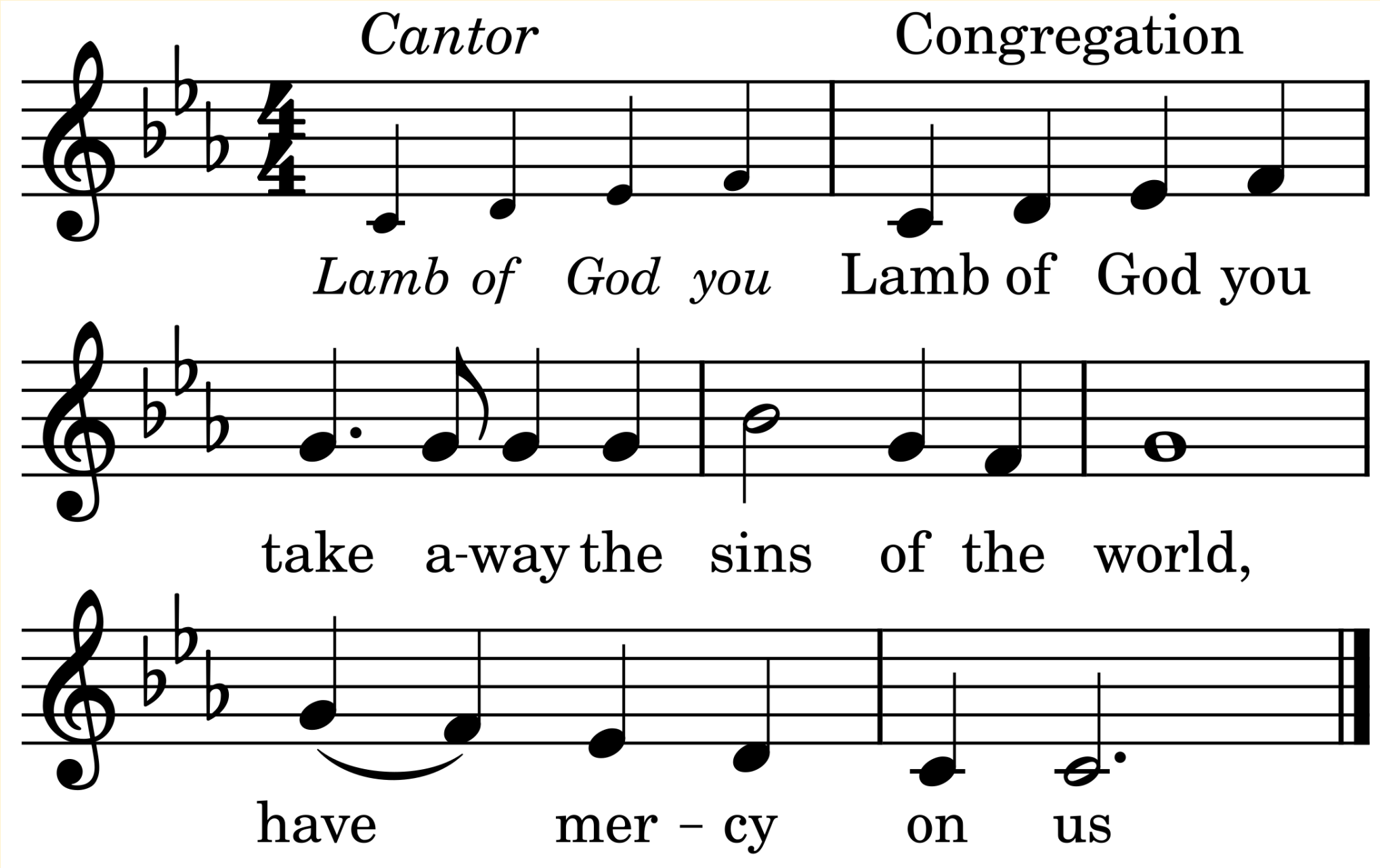
God of our longing,
God of our hoping,
breathe your life-giving Spirit
into this bread and wine
that all who partake of this communion
may feed on Christ and taste his sacred hunger
for a world renewed by your promises
and fulfilled through your love.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer & Communion

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The bread is broken

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.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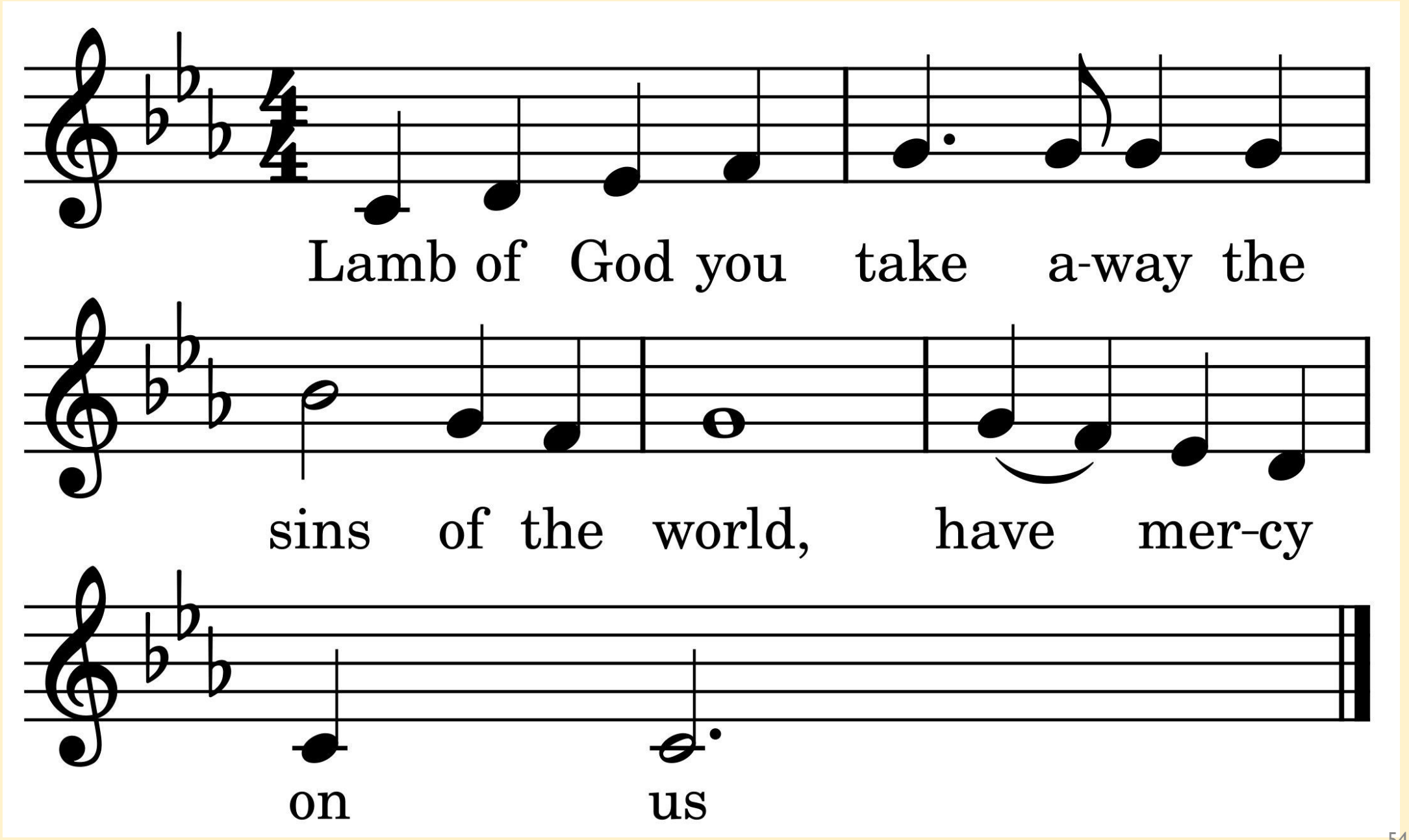
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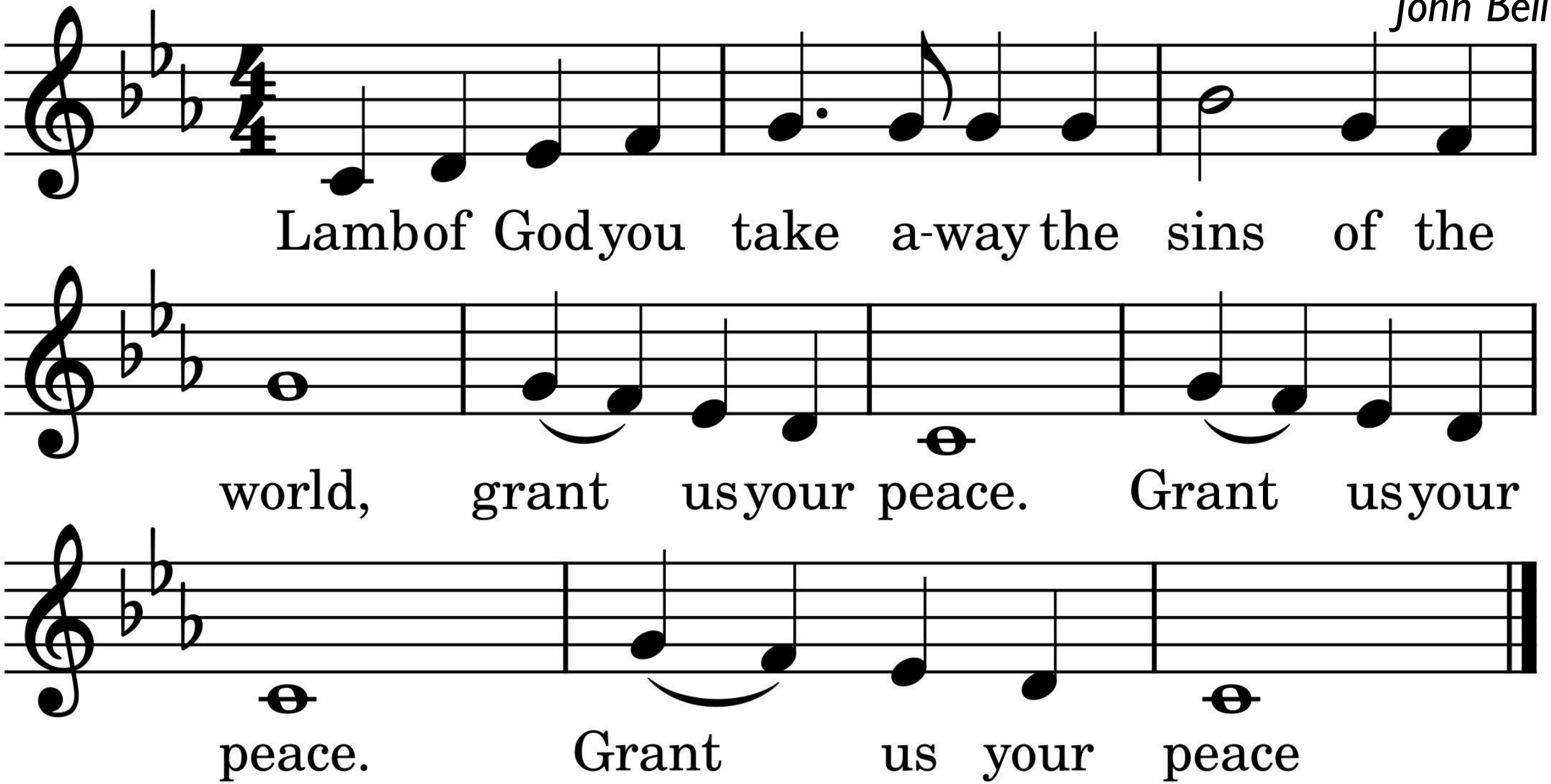
Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the
world, grant us your peace. Grant us your
peace. Grant us your peace

Words of invitation follow

Come, all who are weary and heavy-laden;
come, all who are dancing with joy;
come to the table
where sorrow and celebration belong together.

During Communion the congregation is invited to sing:

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

The Choir sing **All Things New** by Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
strength after weakness, crown after cross,
sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wandering, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
God is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
God is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
joy after sorrow, þeace after þain.
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
love after loneliness, life after tomb.
Alþha and Omega, beginning and the end,
God is making all things new.
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Prayer of Commitment

Grant us grace, O God,
to see through your eyes of compassion,
to speak your words of justice and peace,
to embody your forgiveness
that what we hope for,
long for, strive for,
may come a little closer,
bringing healing in its wings;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

To support the ministry of this church please use the card reader at the back of church or visit the website for more options.

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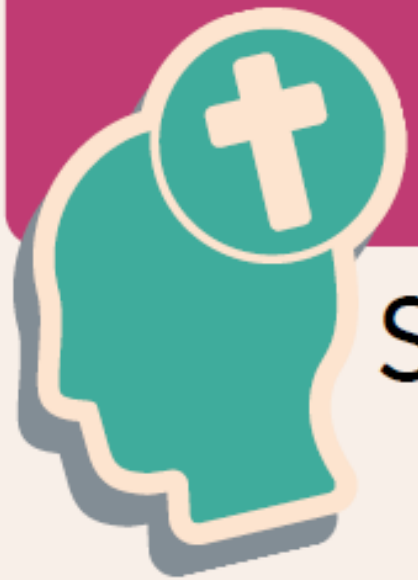

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Blessing

Ever-beckoning God,
you invite us to embrace an unknown future:
strengthen our faith,
inspire our hope
and purify our love
that we may live out your vision
and bring glory to your name;

and the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Sacred Spirit,
be among you and all whom you love,
both living and departed, now and always.
Amen.

Advent Invocation

God of our longing,
God of our hoping:
Eagerly we seek you.

In our time and throughout eternity:
May your kingdom come.

In this place and around the world:
May your kingdom come.

Through our lives and for all people:
May your kingdom come.

May your kingdom come quickly:
And the reign of Christ increase.

Final Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)
Tune: Helmsley

Voluntary

Praeludium in E Minor BWV 548
JS Bach (1685 - 1750)

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service,
please stay if you can.
For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group after the voluntary to which you are welcome.

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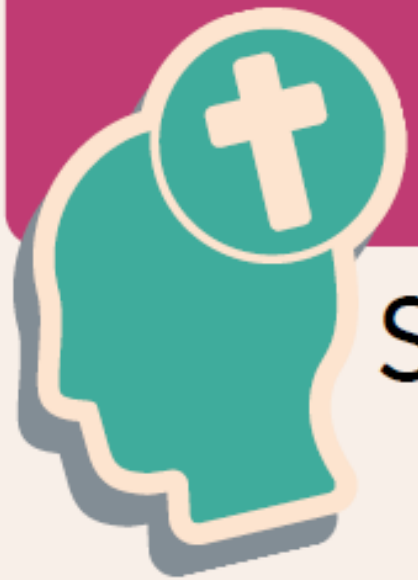

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Young Adults

Join us for

'coffee after coffee'



Some Sunday's after the 10am

Coming up...

6th Dec: Feminist and Queer Theologies of Liberation; an SCM workshop

13th Dec: Christmas social



This is Helena. Associate Priest for teens, students and young people. Please say hello!

CHRISTIAN AID CAROL SINGING - on Saturday December 5th 2-3 pm outside old Debenhams Please sign up on sheet on the notice board in the corridor.

Carol Singing in Care Homes

If anyone would like to join members of the
St Mark's choir to do carol singing in
local care homes on Tues 8 Dec,
they'd be very welcome to join us.
We'll meet at St Mark's at 5.30,
visit 3 local care homes, then be back
at St Mark's by 8.30

We're glad you're here

St Mark's holds a list of people in our community (in line with GDPR). We send a weekly reflection, church news and upcoming events.

If you're new here please sign up using this QR code.

If you are already on our list please tell the office if your details have changed.



Postcards at the back of church with more information

Thanks to Vanessa Senger, Helen Fisher, Maureen Bowness and Jennifer Hurrell for donating flowers

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Helen Fisher, Tricia Morgan, Vanessa Senger and Jennifer Hurrell for arranging them in November



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