MAYFLOWER

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Congregational Church

Faith's journey • God is good • Jesus saves • Spirit leads

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE **November 27, 2022 - 10:30am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able.*
Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.
Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 659 Dr. Julia Brown
(Savior of the Nations, Come) by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE* Rev. Dr. Shawn Bawulski

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rachael Cooley

INTROIT *Prepare the Royal Highway* Chancel Choir
17th century Swedish folk tune

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord. For he fulfills God's Word!

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE Bill and Ginger Young

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! (Isa. 9:2)
On this first Sunday in Advent, we light the hope candle as we wait and hope.

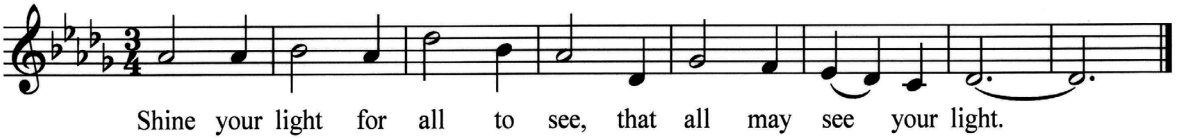
Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose;
we wait for Christ to come again.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jer. 33:14-15)

In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up from David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. (Ps. 25:4-5)

Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all day long.



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Be present with us, God, throughout the Advent season as we live and worship in our wait for the One who is the world's light.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL 92* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
(Vs. 1 Chauncey Burghart; vs. 2, 3, 4 ALL)

ADVENT PRAYER* Anne Marie Church

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have ignored the promise of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS*

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgements against you. Do not worry. Live in peace.

ANTHEM *Savior of the Nations, Come* Mayflower Bells
by Kathy Moklebust

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:68-79 Anne Marie Church
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 724

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Zechariah's Song* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

CAROL 90* *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING (The ushers will now be collecting prayer cards.) Rev. Dr. Bawulski

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Morning Star* Chancel Choir
by Andrew Carter

Our hearts and minds come now prepare, the call of Advent fills the air:
Behold the light that shines afar, awake! And greet the Morning Star.

Come seek the Lord upon the way, the prophet cries "Prepare the way."
Behold the light that shines afar, Awake! And greet the morning Star.

O come amongst us, mighty Lord, and grant us grace to do your word;
And in your mercy, Lord, we pray be gentle on our Judgement Day.

So fire me, Lord to take my part, Your daystar rising in my heart.
Arise! Awake! And come from afar, Your Lord draws near: The Morning Star.

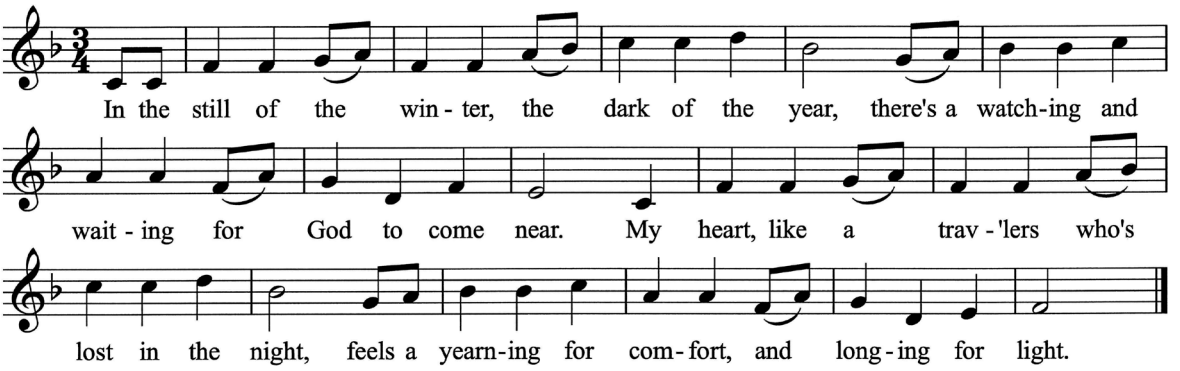
DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Deb Larson

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE CRADLE SONG



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LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN 221* *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* ST. MICHAEL

BENEDICTION* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

DISMISSAL* Rev. Dr. Bawulski

Leader: To wherever God has called you this week, go in hope.
The Christ is coming.

People: **We wait in hope. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Dr. Brown
by Wolfgang Rübsam (b. 1946)

**that is, the church universal, in all times and all places

Welcome!

We are so glad you joined us today!

Hearing assistance is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

CHRISTIAN ED Faith at Mayflower
Bible • Stories • Creativity

Nursery is available for children birth through 3 years in Room 115. You are welcome to sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

Following the Children's Message, children will be escorted to their age-appropriate classroom to learn Bible stories, have a snack, and play in lower level Youth Room A/B.

Children must be picked up by a parent or guardian immediately following the service.

~ Andrea Koster
CE Director - Bible Beginnings

~ Allison Houlihan
Bridge Leader

~ Rachael Cooley
Nursery Director, Bible Alive

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Eve Live Nativity.

Please see Rachael Cooley if you are available.

Order your Christmas Poinsettias by December 11.

Envelopes are in the pews.

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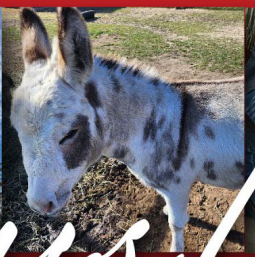
ADVENT 2022



Join us!

Peace on Earth

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

NOV 27 | 1st Sunday of Advent
DEC 4 | Advent Communion
DEC 5 | Carol Sing - 7pm
DEC 11 | Christmas Cantata
DEC 18 | Christmastide

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

DEC 24 | Christmas Eve
4pm | Family Service
5pm | Outdoor Live Nativity
10pm | Candlelight Service
DEC 25 | 10:30am Chapel Service

8” Double Stem Red Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary December 18th through Christmas Eve.

Dedicate one for $15 to take home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Order in the office or online at MayflowerChurch.org/join-us/advent-christmas

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MONDAY, DEC 5 - 10am

Christmas Tea

with Ruth Bell Olsson

- ~ Bring a holiday treat to share
- ~ Invite a friend

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MayflowerChurch.org/Join-Us/Christmas

MID WEEK Together at Mayflower
Music • Fellowship • Workshops

We are in need of ADVENT ALIVE CRAFTS!

If you would like to provide a Christmas craft and the supplies needed for the children to make, please contact Rachael Cooley

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Advent Alive

This tradition of Christmas crafts has been alive at Mayflower for many years! Come and be a part of the festivities!!!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 5:00-7:00PM

69UP Event – Christmas Party hosted by Ray & Susan Lovell

Lovell Hand and Orthopedic Center
2155 E. Paris SE (just south of Burton)
Big parking lot in the back, take the elevator to the 2nd floor

RSVP to Murry at ridema58@gmail.com or 616-243-2764 with what you would like to bring, either a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 5:30PM

59UP Event - Christmas Party at the home of Sue Stoddard

Potluck appetizers and desserts, bring your own libations.

RSVP Susan Jones sjones9200@aol.com

Tuesday, December 13 - 11:30am

Church Ladies' Christmas Luncheon - Reds at Thousand Oaks

The more the merrier. All ladies are welcome. RSVP Maris Rosema 616-821-0413

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mayflowerchurch.org/join-us/

Usher Team

Gardener Group

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Andrea Koster, Christian Education Director | Laura Van Wyk, Office Manager
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Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care | Andy Ely, Business Manager

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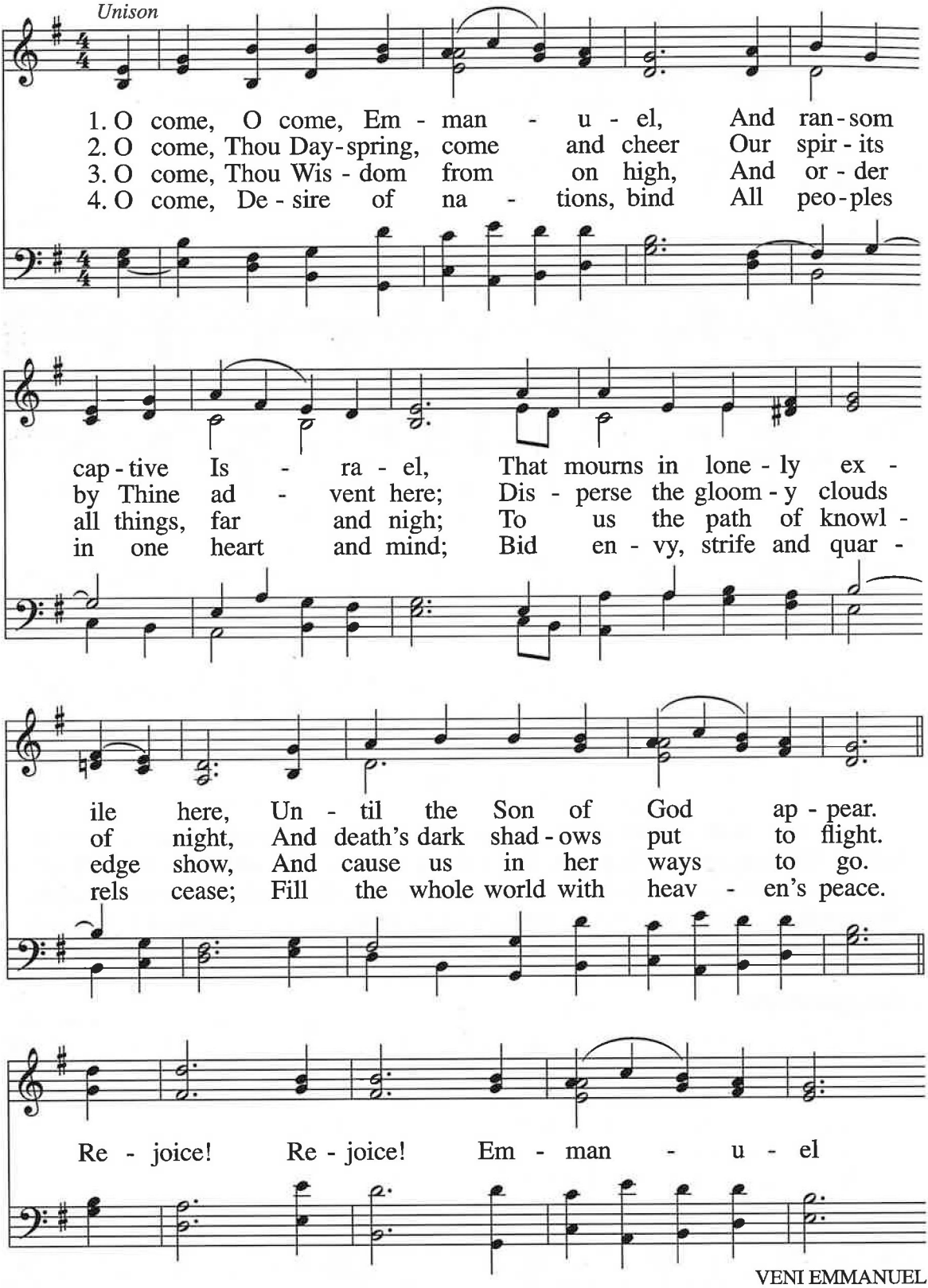
Latin, ca. 9th C.
Sts. 1, 2, trans. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Sts. 3, 4, trans. by Henry S. Coffin, 1877–1954

Chant Plainsong
Adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890



VENI EMMANUEL
LM with Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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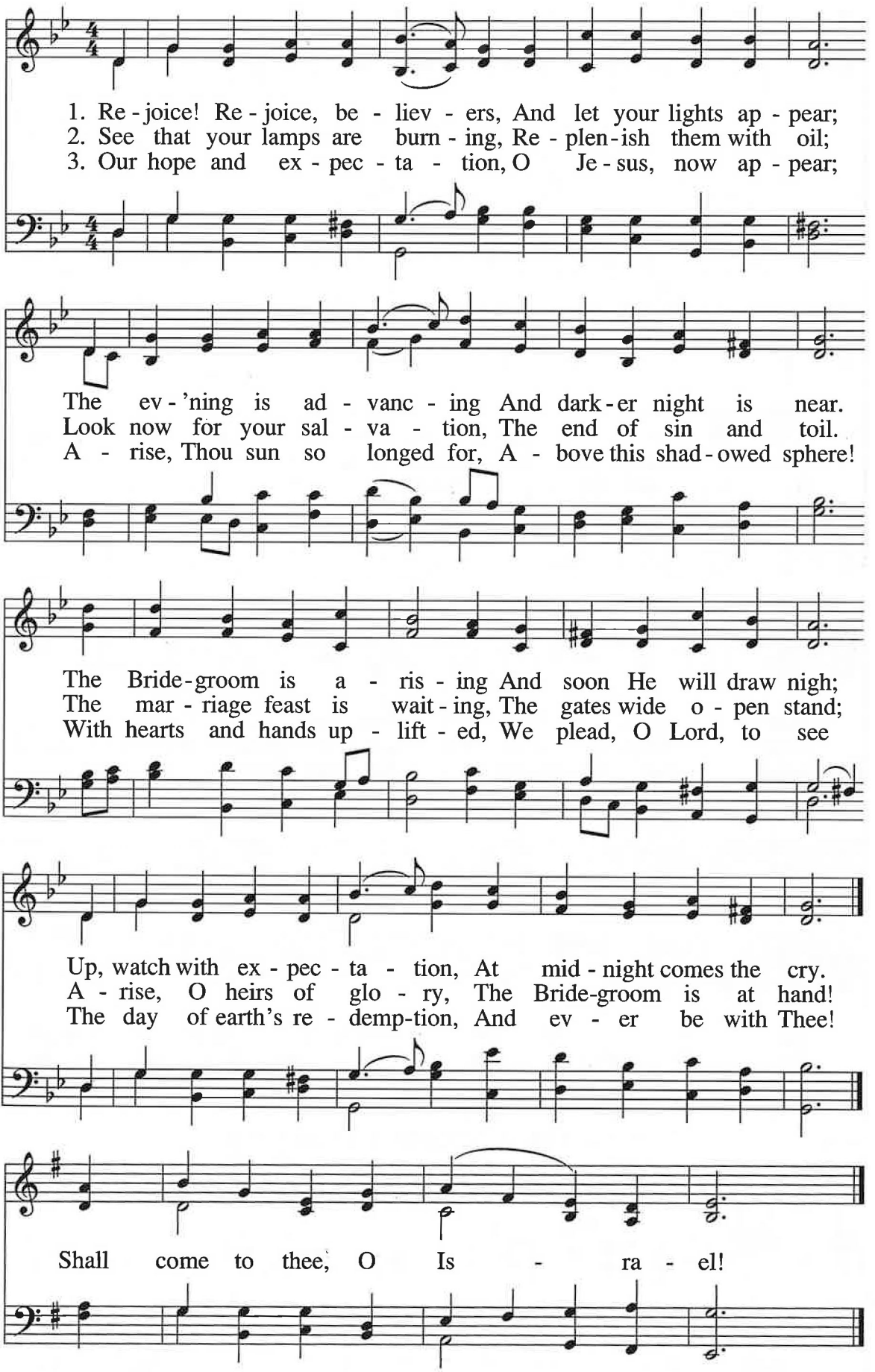
Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722
Trans. by Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1823–1907; alt.

Welsh Folk Melody
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865



O Day of God, Draw Nigh

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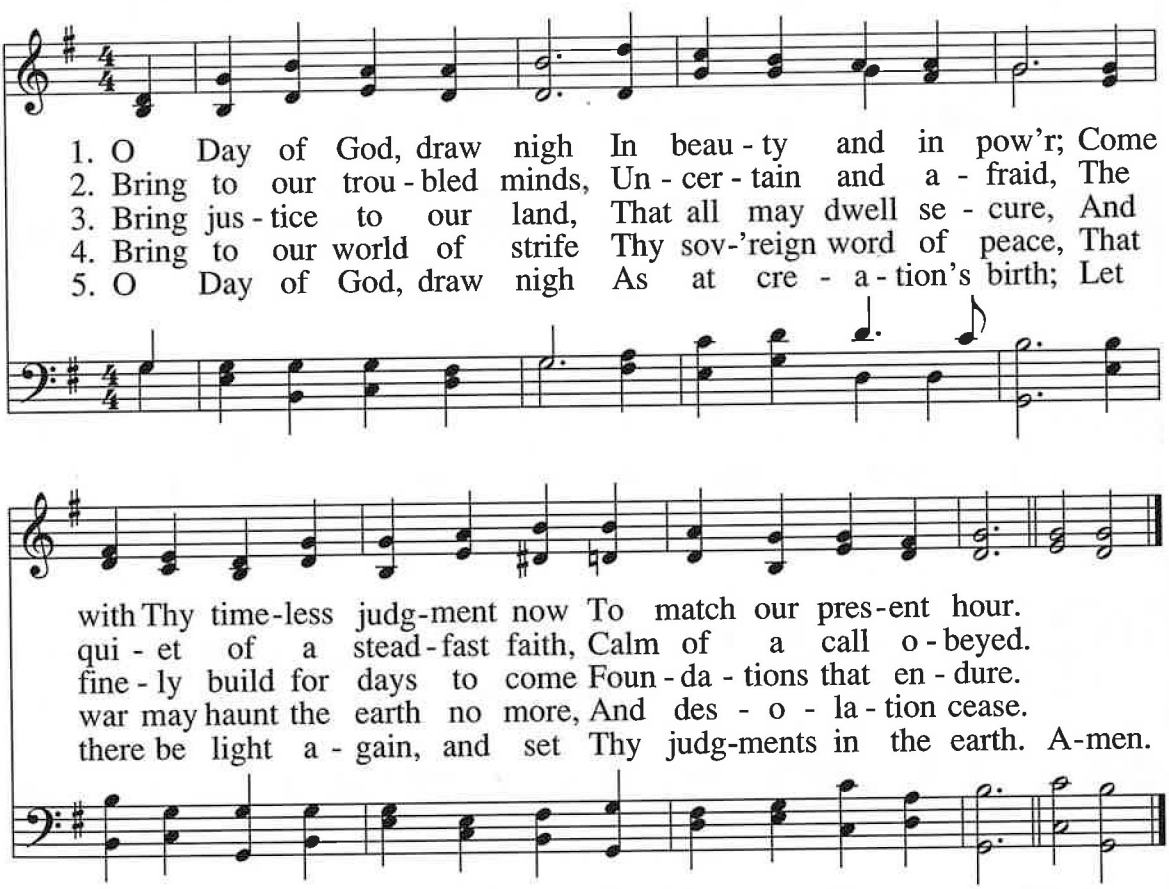
R. B. Y. Scott, 1899–1987, alt.

Adapt. from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



ST. MICHAEL
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