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First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.

C Amen.

P A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

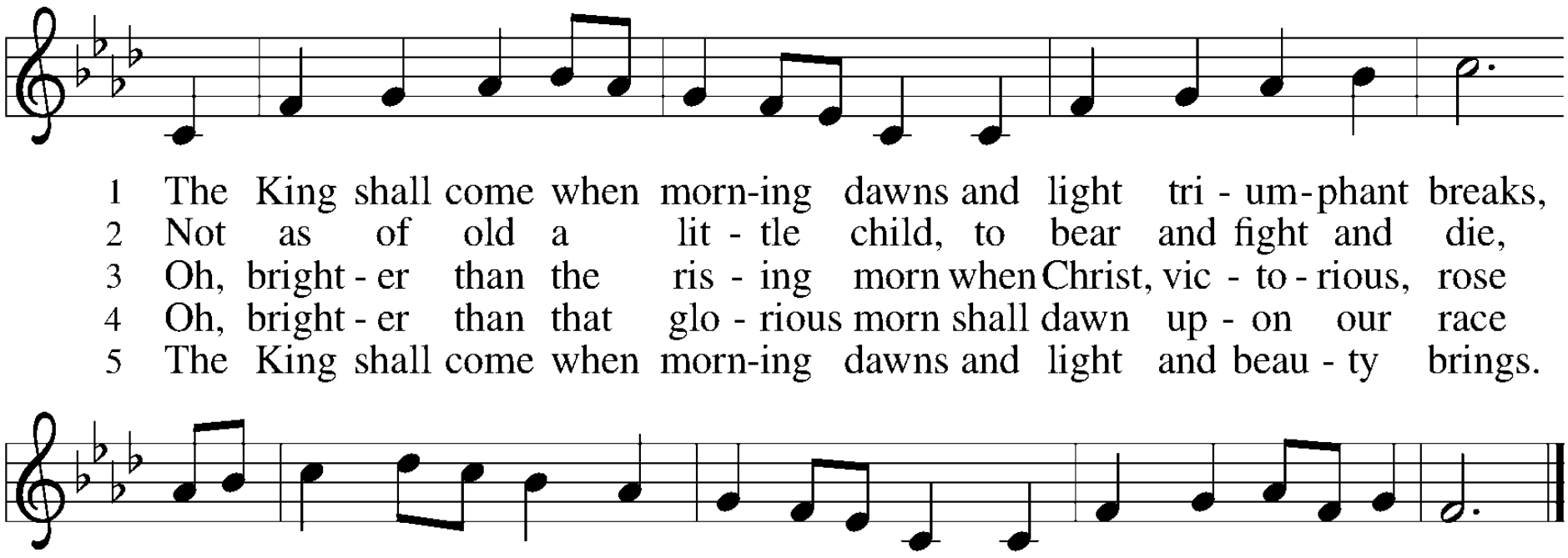
P Comforting God,

C we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothes us in your righteousness.
Amen.

P "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantel of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ✝ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
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C Amen.

Opening Hymn "The King Shall Come" ELW 260



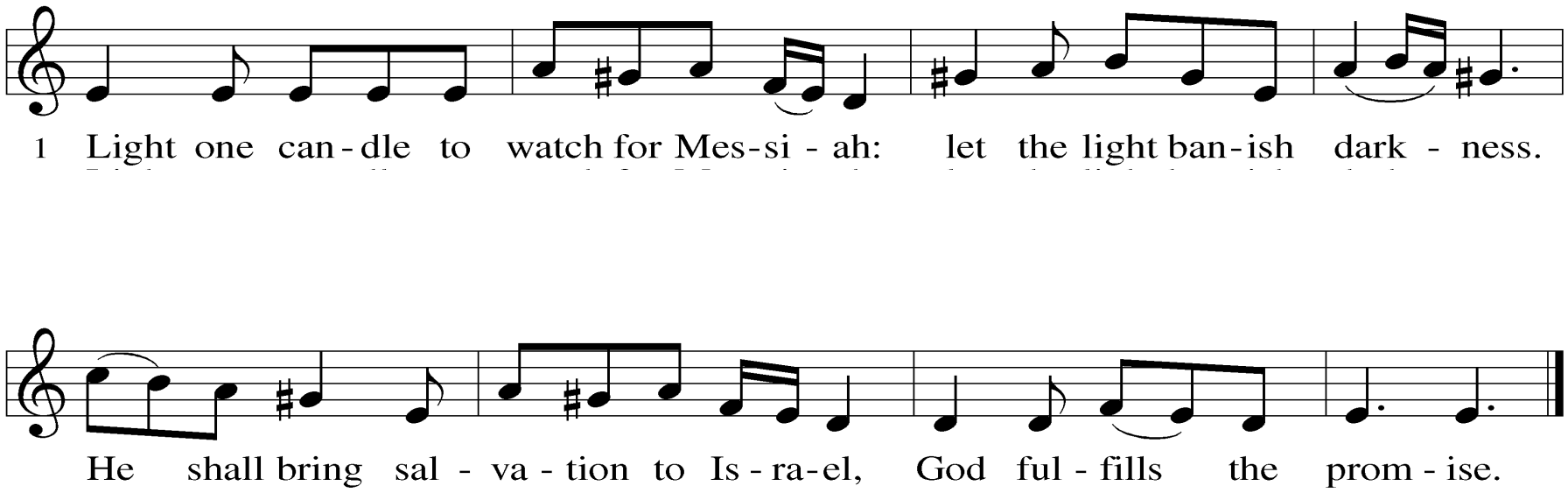
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Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Light One Candle



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 p. 606

A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4 **O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume**
when your people pray?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to Mark 13:24-37 p. 826

C Glory to you, O Lord.

the gospel is read

P The Gospel of the Lord.

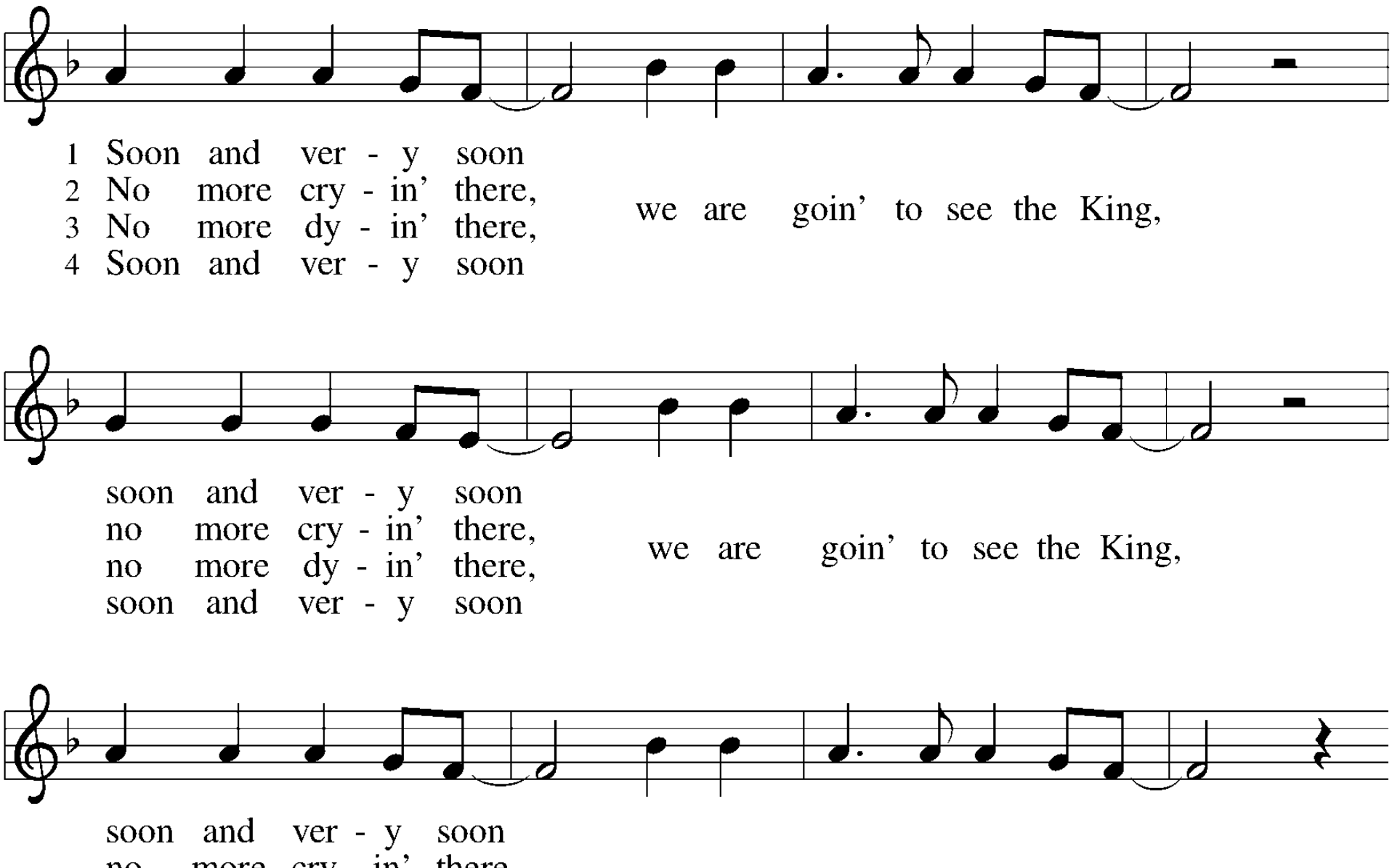
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439



Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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Apostle's Creed

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

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 into hell. 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.

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. Amen ✞

Sit

Prayers of the Church

Pastor concludes each petition with: "God, in your mercy"

C *"Receive our prayer."*

Pastor concludes with:

P We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus.

C *Amen*.

Sharing of the Peace

If you are in our sanctuary please wave or give a peace sign to those around you. If you are worshiping online, please type a greeting of peace to others.

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If you wish to contribute to St. Stephen's ministry you can give electronically with the QR code on the blue folder in each aisle, place offerings in the offering box in the Narthex or mail your offerings to 7800 Erie St., Sylvania, OH 43560.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Prayer

Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts, shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Words of Institution

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 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, forever and ever. Amen

Sit

Communion:

All people who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to come and receive Christ's body and blood. Regardless of your church background or affiliation, you are welcome to come forward. We will begin with those seated on the pulpit side of the congregation then those seated on the keyboard side then those that are in the back section. You may come down the center aisle to receive the bread. Choose an individual cup (red is wine, white is grape juice) to receive and place your empty glass in the bowl as you return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and keep your hands at your sides.

Communion Hymn ***"You Are My King"***

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again
Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You
(Repeat)
(Ending)
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

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Sending Forth

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer

Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Benediction

P God our provider,
God our feast,
God our companion,
✞ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

Closing Song ***"Majestic"***

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

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Departure Bid

A Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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