

Second Sunday of Advent *December 7, 2025* *“A Light Shines in the Darkness”*



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Prepare! Prepare!

Ostinato Refrain

Pre- pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord, oh,

Pre- pare! Pre- pare the way of the Lord. The Lord our God is

To repeat com - ing soon. Oh, *To verses* com - ing soon. *Last time*

Verses

Cantor:

1. Pre - pare the way, the
 2. Make straight the path, ?
 3. Jus - tice and peace, ?
 4. Sing and re - joice! The
 5. A vir - gin will bear a son, Em -

way of the Lord. Read - y your hearts.
 lev - el the hills, lift up the gates.
 kind - ness and truth shall come to the earth.
 Lord is near, I say re - joice!
 man - u - el: God with us!

Oh, the Lord our God is com-ing soon! D.C.

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 Tune: Stephen Pishner
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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 72: JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH/LORD, EVERY NATION

Rory Cooney



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| 1. O God, with your judgment
endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people
with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. | All the kings of the earth pay him homage;
all the nations shall serve him. |
| 2. Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace,
'til the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. | 4. For he shall rescue the poor
when he cries out,
and the afflicted
when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. |
| 3. From the islands and Tarshish
shall kings come with gifts;
from Arabia and Sheba they come. | 5. May his name be blessed forever,
and while the sun lasts
his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes
of the earth be blessed;
all the nations
shall proclaim his happiness. |

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Reading II

Reading 2

[Romans 15:4-9](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction,
that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus,
that with one accord you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised
to show God's truthfulness,

to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,
but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles
and sing praises to your name.*

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Refrain

Cantor, then all (first time only):



Verses

1. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
5. I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

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Gospel

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you

All Respond: And with your spirit

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Matthew

All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

***A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.***

**John wore clothing made of camel's hair
and had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey.
At that time Jerusalem, all Judea,
and the whole region around the Jordan
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.**

**When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers!
Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.
And do not presume to say to yourselves,
'We have Abraham as our father.'**

**For I tell you,
God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.
Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand.
He will clear his threshing floor
and gather his wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."**

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

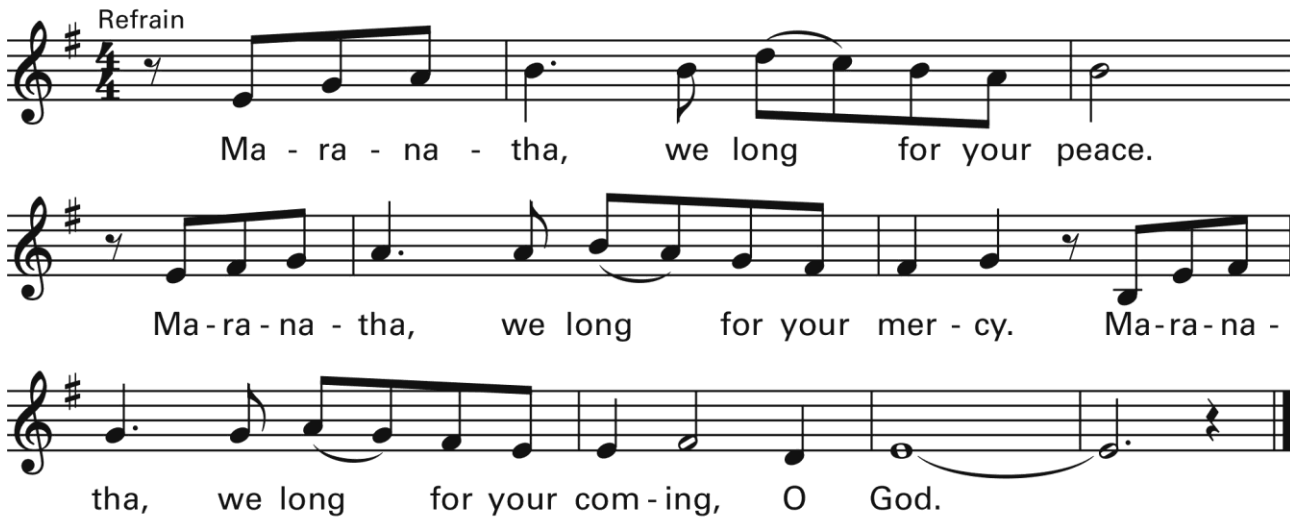
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

MARANATHA

Gerard Chiusano

Refrain

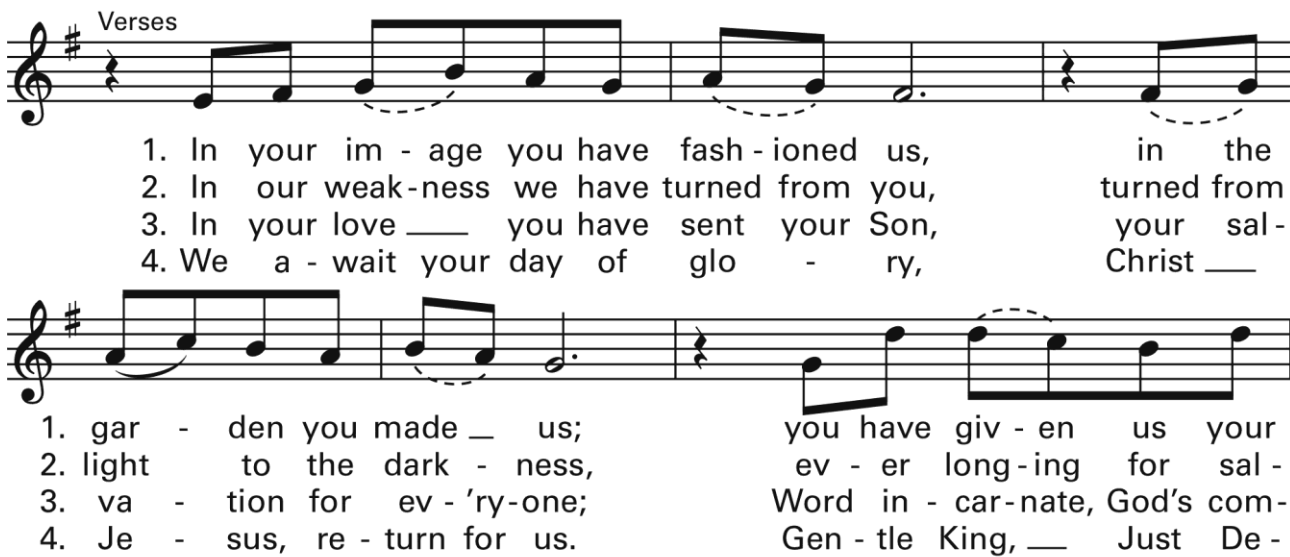


Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your peace.

Ma - ra - na - tha, we long for your mer - cy. Ma - ra - na -

tha, we long for your com - ing, O God.

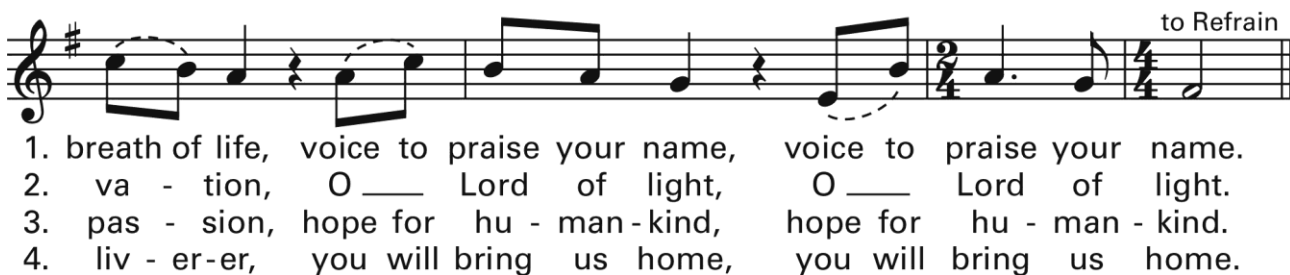
Verses



1. In your im - age you have fash - ioned us, in the
2. In our weak - ness we have turned from you, turned from
3. In your love — you have sent your Son, your sal -
4. We a - wait your day of glo - ry, Christ —

1. gar - den you made — us; you have giv - en us your
2. light to the dark - ness, ev - er long - ing for sal -
3. va - tion for ev - 'ry - one; Word in - car - nate, God's com -
4. Je - sus, re - turn for us. Gen - tle King, — Just De -

to Refrain



1. breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
2. va - tion, O — Lord of light, O — Lord of light.
3. pas - sion, hope for hu - man - kind, hope for hu - man - kind.
4. liv - er - er, you will bring us home, you will bring us home.

Invitation to Pray

Pray my brothers and sisters ...

*Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.*

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

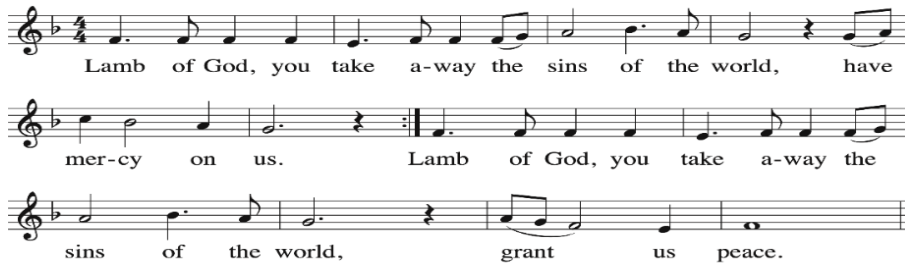
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

LAMB OF GOD

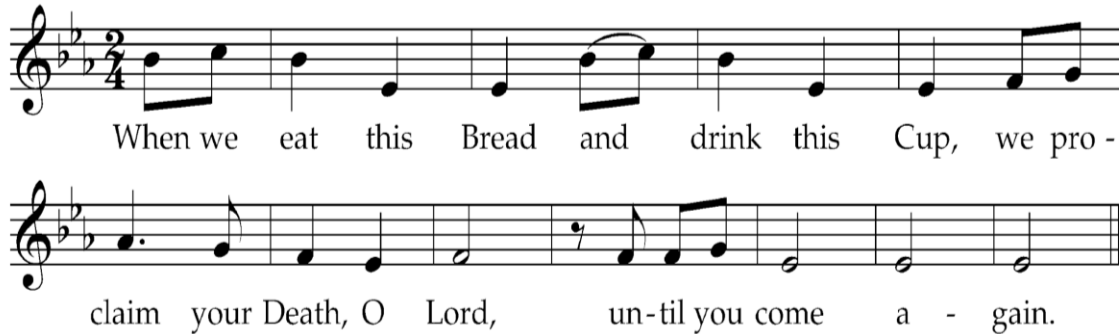


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Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

All Sing:



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Doxology

Priest: Through him, with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All Sing:



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The Prayer

Lord's

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Fraction Rite

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

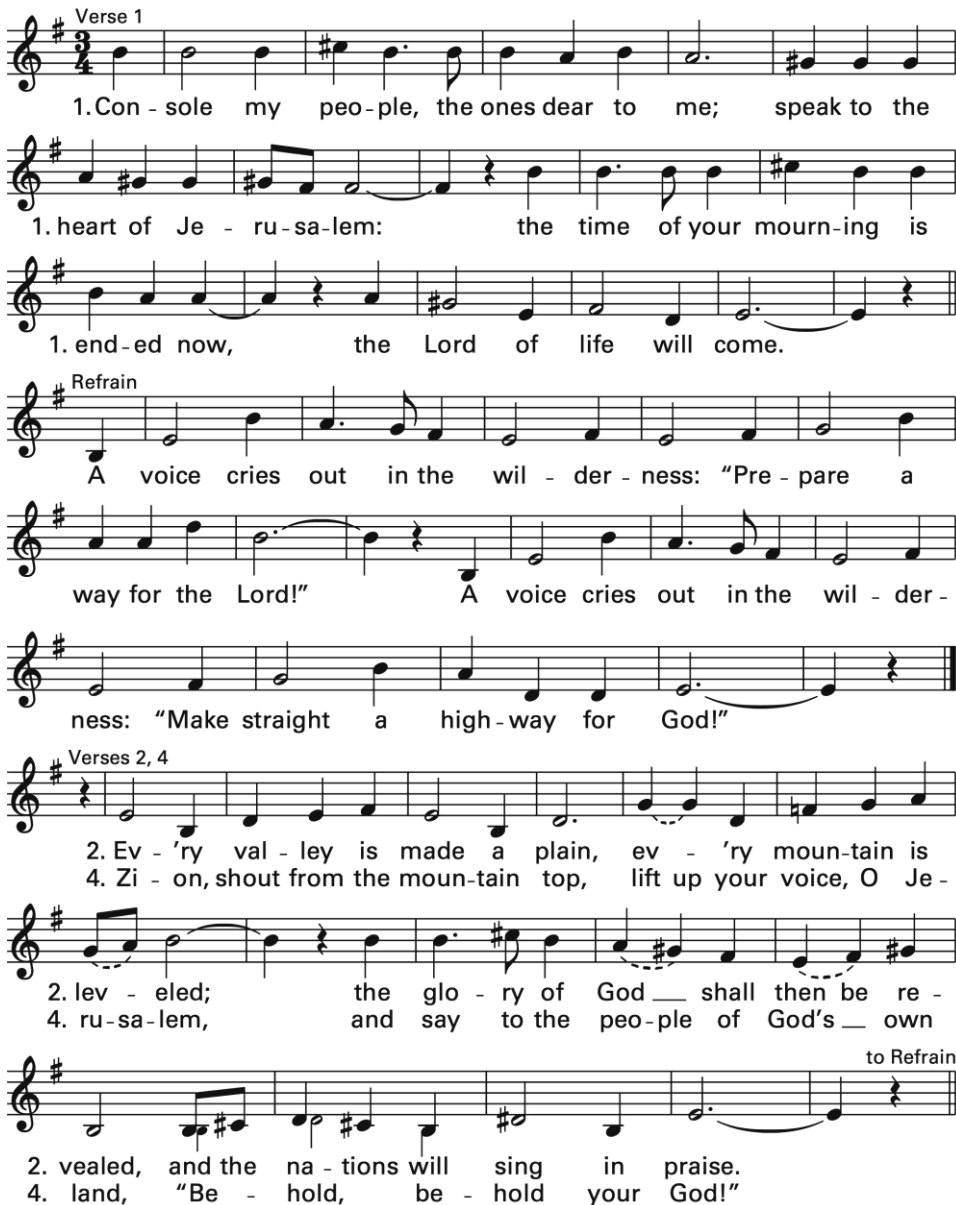
*Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Song:

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Michael Joncas

Verse 1



1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain

A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

Verses 2, 4

2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is
4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -
2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's own
to Refrain

2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.
4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

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A VOICE CRIES OUT (CONT. 2)

Verse 3



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like



3. grass and its flow-ers: the grass may with-er, the



3. flow-ers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er. to Refrain


Verse 5



5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold-ing his



5. lambs in his arms, keep-ing his flock so



5. close to his heart, lead-ing them all, old and young. to Refrain

Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

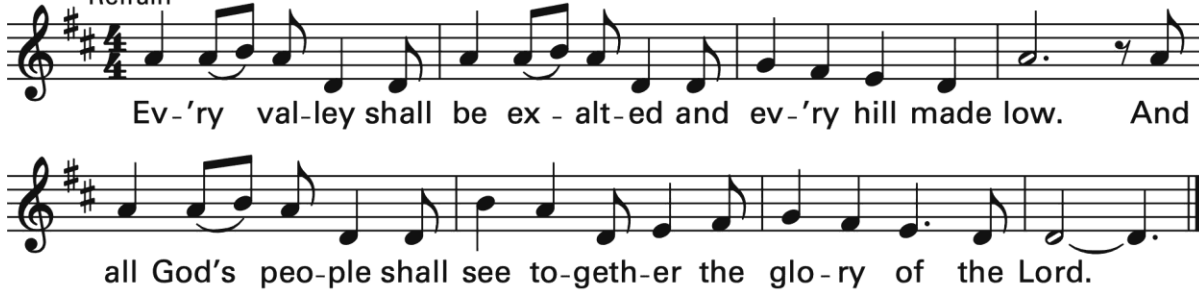
Dismissal

Sending Song:

EVERY VALLEY

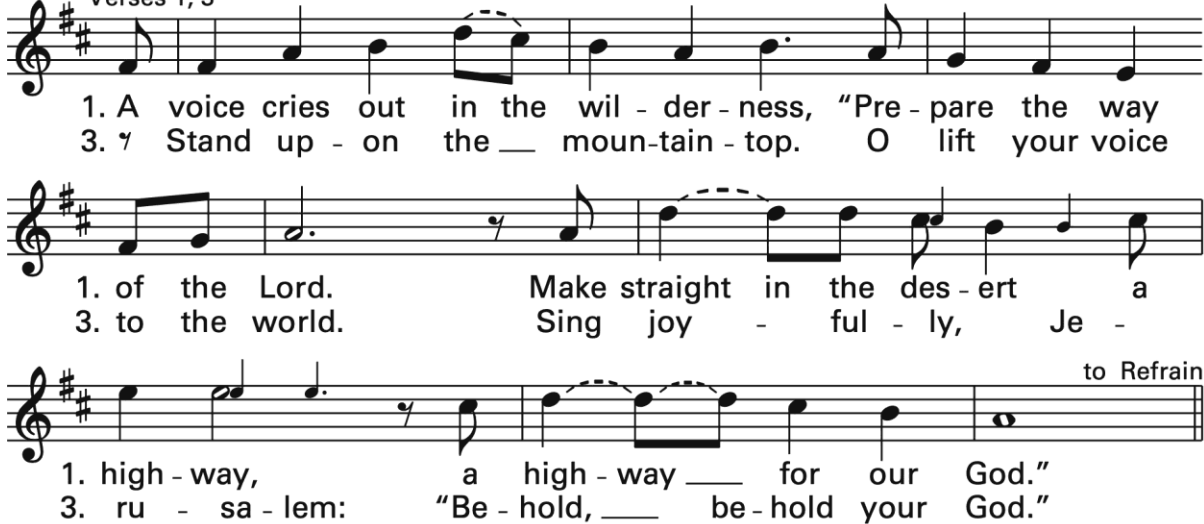
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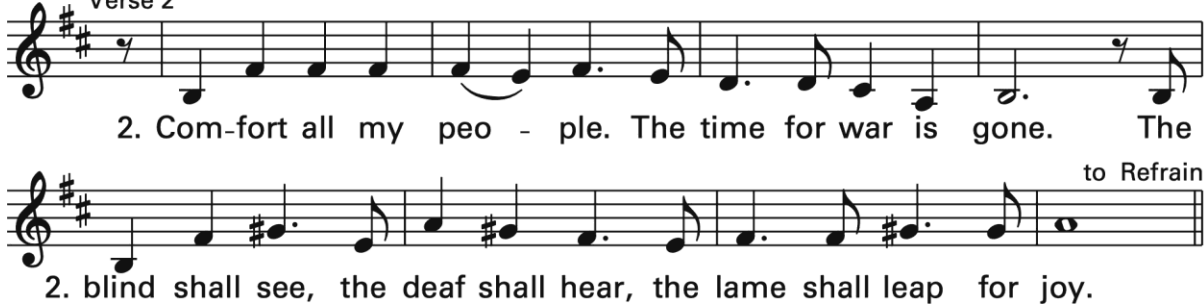
Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

Verses 1, 3



1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way
3. 7 Stand up - on the __ moun-tain - top. O lift your voice
1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -
1. high - way, a high - way __ for our God."
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, __ be - hold your God."

Verse 2



2. Com-fort all my peo - ple. The time for war is gone. The
2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

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