

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Feast of Absalom Jones



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Sunday Morning Prayer

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Prelude: *Intermezzo on Wareham*

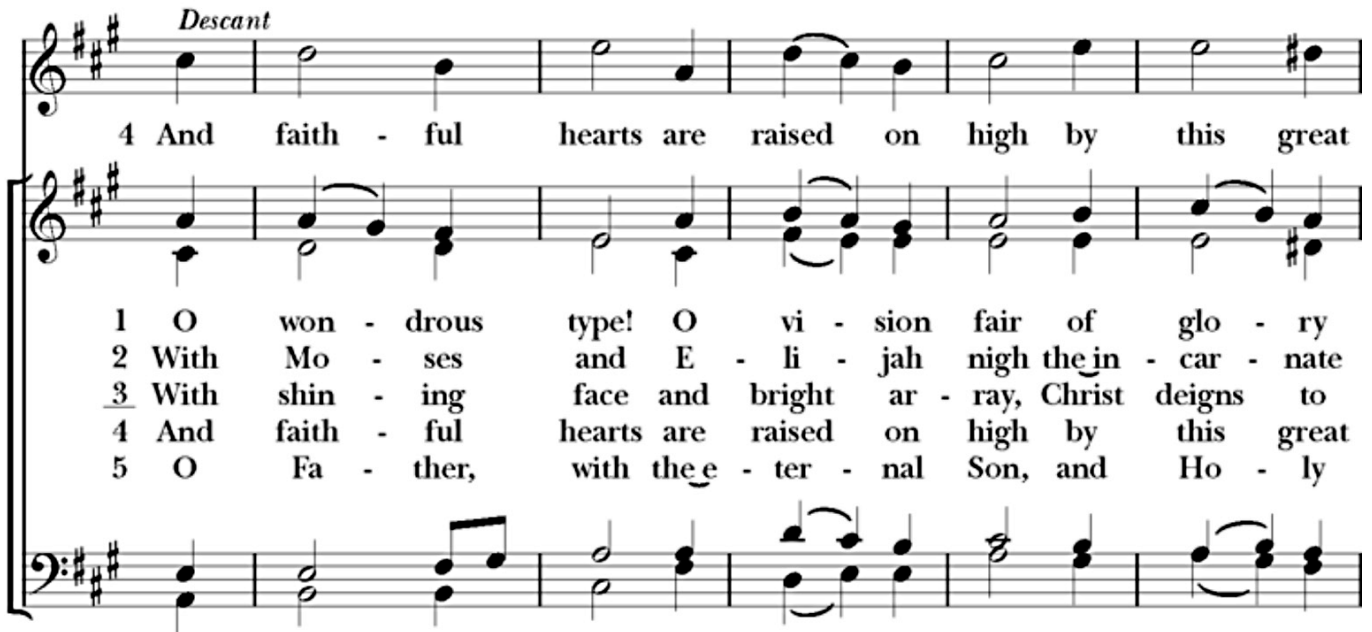
Eric Thiman

Opening Hymn

*O wondrous type!
Wareham*

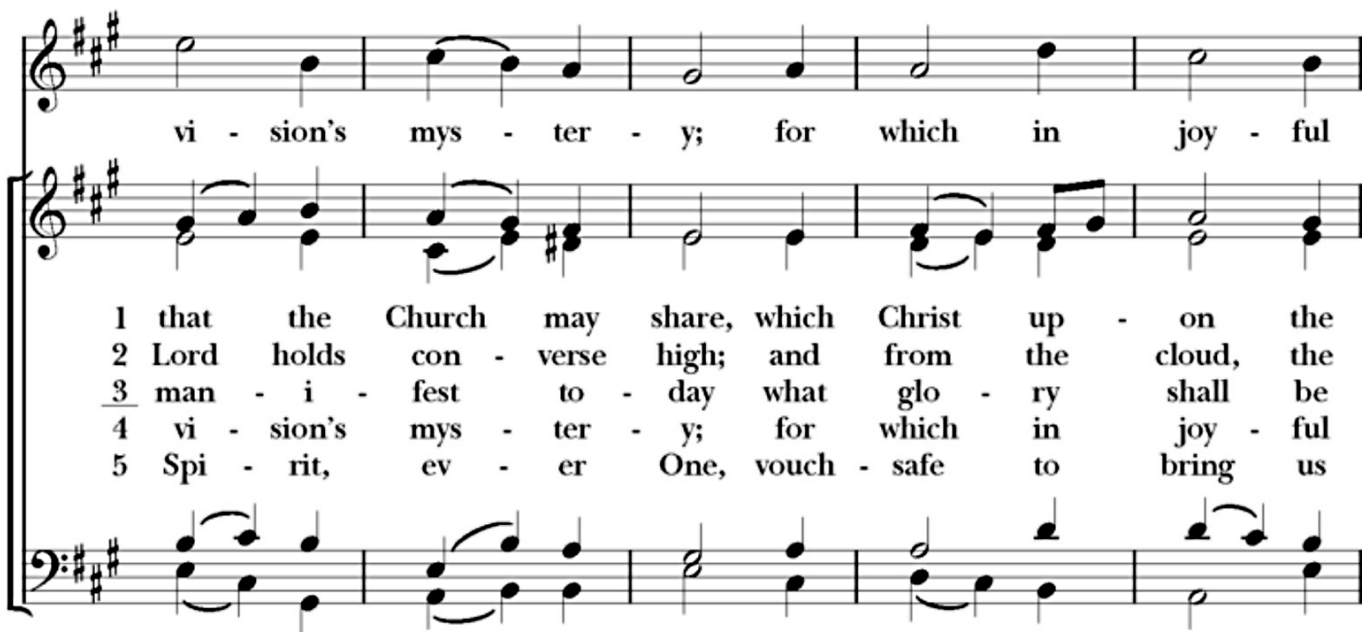
Hymnal 137

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.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - 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.

The Opening Sentence

Leader I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *-Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Leader Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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. Alleluia.**

The Invitatory: Jubilate

Peter Hurford



The Lord has shown forth His glo - ry: Come let us a - dore him.



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, / all you / lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his / presence / with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him/self is / God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his / people and the / sheep of his / pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his / courts with / praise; *
give thanks to him and / call u/pon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is / ever/lasting; *
and his faithfulness en/dures from / age to / age.



The Lord has shown forth His glo - ry: Come let us a - dore him.

Then follows

Psalm 126

Edward Rimbault



- 1 When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion, *
then / were we like / those who / dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter, *
and our / tongue with / shouts of / joy.
- 3 Then they said a/mong the / nations, *
"The / Lord has done / great things / for them."
- 4 The Lord has done / great things for / us, *
and / we are / glad in/deed.
- 5 Restore our / fortunes, O / Lord, *
like the / watercourses / of the / Negev.
- 6 Those who / sowed with / tears *
will / reap with / songs of / joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, / carrying the / seed, *
will come again with / jöy, / shouldering their / sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son, *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for/ever. A/men.

The Readings

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:5-9

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

John Rutter



1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of



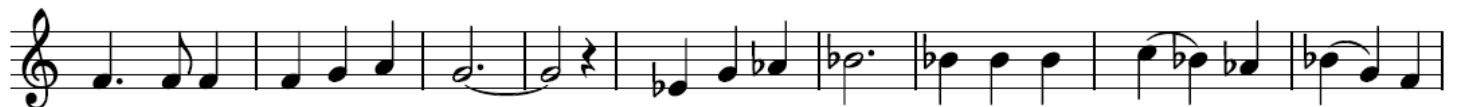
praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance of your



ho - ly - Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.



3. Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your



ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u-



bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er. 5. Glo-ry to



you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.



6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; We will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21: You are God

Manchester



1 O God, we praise thee, and con - fess that thou the on - ly Lord
2 To thee all an - gels cry a - loud; to thee the powers on high,
3 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, whom heaven-ly hosts o - bey,
4 The a - pos-tles' glo - rious com - pa - ny, and pro-phets crowned with light,
5 The ho - ly Church in faith ac - claims thy Son who for us died,



1 and ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther art, by all the earth a - dored.
2 both cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
3 the world is with the glo - ry filled of thy ma - jes - tic sway!
4 with all the mar - tyr's' no - ble host, thy con-stant praise re - cite.
5 al - so the Ho - ly Com - for - ter, our ad - vo - cate and guide.

*6 Thou art the King of glory, Christ,
the everlasting Son;
humbly thou cam'st to set us free,
nor Virgin womb didst shun.

*7 When thou hadst overcome death's sting
and opened heaven's door,
thou didst ascend to God's right hand
in glory evermore.

*8 When thou shalt come to be our judge,
bring us whom thou hast bought
to dwell on high with all thy saints
in joy surpassing thought.

The G# may be reserved for the final stanza.

The Gospel Reading: John 15:12-15

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

All **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 to the dead.
 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.**

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All **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,**

Suffrages A

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Absalom Jones

Leader Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear: that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sundays

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Leader Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on [Facebook Live](#).

CH@Ts will meet today for conversation and sharing. We will be finishing up the Episcopal Church's curriculum "Becoming the Beloved Community. Join us at 12:30 pm for discussion. Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing "Learn More" on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Cor. 4:5-6*

Offertory Anthem: *Holy is the Lord* **Kile Smith**

Alleluia. Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

Prayer for Mission

Leader 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer

we pray for the Youth Ministry. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Mision Oquen, The Rev. Jorge Gómez.

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Lynn, Gordon, Maggie, Mike, Joel, Jason, Grandma Susu, Nana Carol, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Rayelenn, Elizabeth, Emily, Alyssa, Amy, Sam, the St. Clear Family, Valeria, Otis, Matt, Beth, Devon, Grandma Moon, Uncle Bobby, Grandpa Oscar, and those you wish to name.

Light to the youngest among us, we offer you the prayers our children and youth have asked for, especially, for big birthdays, for the safety and health of children and teachers as they return to in person school for the first time this year, for our neighbors who have to live outside during these cold months, and thankfulness for the lighter homework this semester.

Light of joy and life, we pray in thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened this week.

Eternal light, we pray for those who have died, and those you wish to name.

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

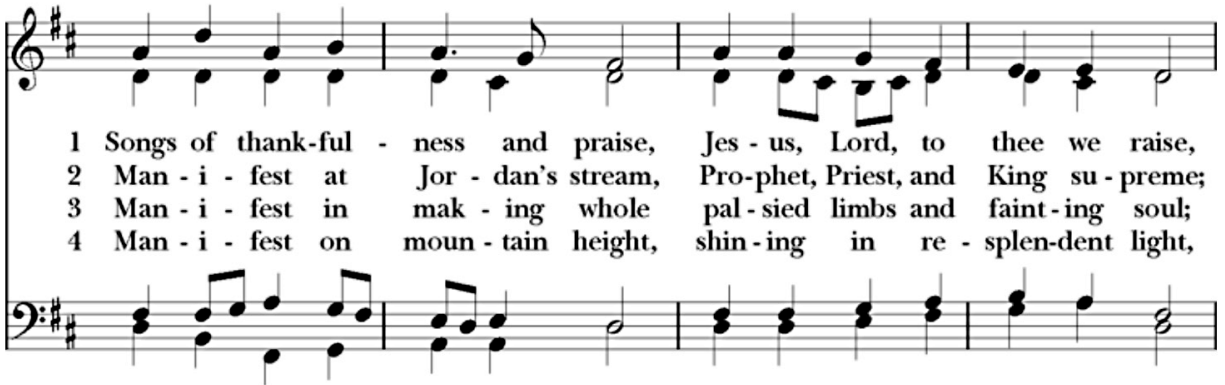
Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

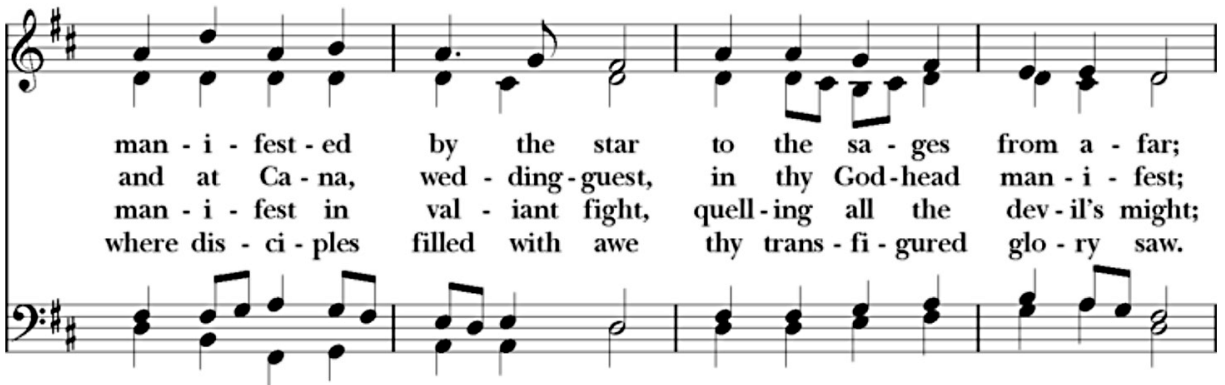
Closing Sentence

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

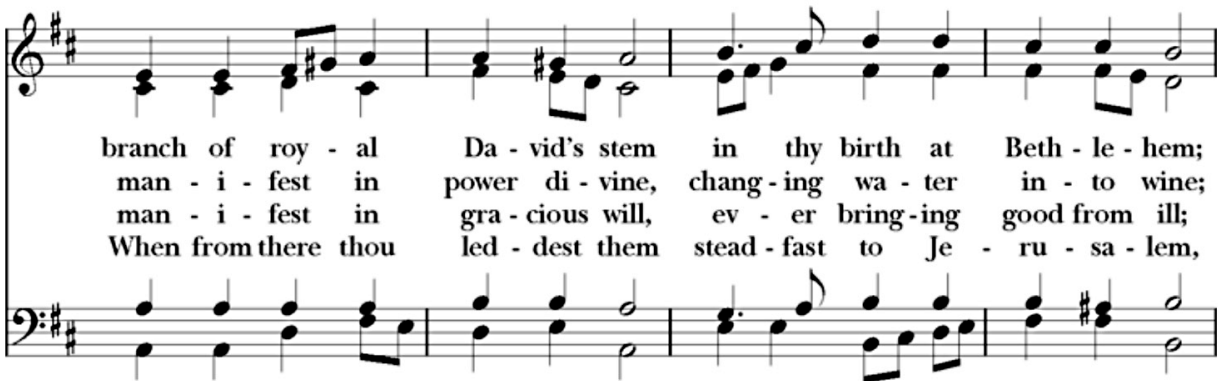
All **Amen.**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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