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MASSES
Daily Mo, Tu, Thu, Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,
Sunday 10AM LIVE and ZOOM
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Mission Statement:
"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value…"
(Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

Daily Rosary
Praying of the Rosary will continue after the daily mass in the church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays. Live and Via Zoom.
If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions and Calendar

Sat, Dec 4
4:30 pm **LIVE Dorius Brodeur, Yvette Brodeur, Lorraine** Kosiba req by Kellie

Sun, Dec 5 Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 am **LIVE/Zoom Helen Kausevicius** 40th anniv req by the family
Margaret Adu-Frimpong 5th anniv req by the family

Wed, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 am
4:30 pm

Sat, Dec 11
4:30 pm **LIVE Paul G. LaMontagne** req by Elaine, Robert & John Jr. Gerardi

Sun, Dec 12 Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 am **LIVE/Zoom Pope John Paul XXIII #5481 Knights of Columbus Souls of departed Brothers**
11:00 am Advent Breakfast in church hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS

5 SUN Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6
6 MON Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/ Lk 5:17-26
7 TUE Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
8 WED Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
9 THU Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9,10-11,12-13ab[8]/Mt 11:11-15
10 FRI Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
11 SAT Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 12th after the 10am mass. We will be serving pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, pastries, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are $10 pp and available for sale after mass or at the rectory.

Knights of Columbus

Pope John XXIII Knights of Columbus Council 5481 is having a Memorial Mass for the souls of our departed Brothers at the 10 am mass on December 12th. We pray that all in attendance will join us in remembering
Robert St. George, Joseph Perrone,
Thomas Holden, Anthony Ferigno,
and Daniel Buduo.
May their souls rest in peace.

Legacy of Hope

Over the last 2 years the 98 parishes of our Diocese of Worcester have been in involved in raising money towards the Legacy of Hope campaign. Back in 2019, the campaign set a goal of raising $32 million mainly to help retired priests and our parishes. Even through this unprecedented time of pandemic, our parishioners throughout Worcester have contributed 29.1 million dollars toward this historic campaign. The "asking phase" of the campaign will conclude this year. Forty percent of all funds raised in each church comes back to help our parish with the pre-chosen project - ours is adding a lift in the church so the hall is more accessible. To date we have received back **$24,043.58** which is 40% of what we have received so far. We still have 2 more years to receive what was pledged. If you have not made a donation/pledge and would like to help us reach our goal, next weekend there will be cards in the bulletins/pews. Thank you for all you do to support our church.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend is the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This national collection assists many religious communities to provide for aging members.

"Confirmation Café"

Our Confirmation Café will continue every Sunday after the 10am mass. Please join us for coffee, pastries and conversation!

Parish Assistance Raffle

Wk 1 - Al Morris
Wk 2 - Robert Couture
Wk 3 - Philip Brunelle
Wk 4 - Jacqueline Adams
Wk 5 - Linda Sarsfield
Wk 6 - Susan Elowson
Wk 7 - Lynette White
Wk 8 - John Gillio
Wk 9 - Shadow Perron
Wk 10-Amadeu Pavini Jr
Wk 11 - Mike & Chondra Provencher
Wk 12 - Dan Harrington

Congratulations!

Knitting Group

Starting in January, the group will now meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the morning from 9:30-11:00am. There will no longer be an evening gathering. Any questions, please contact Tina at 508-865-5833 or tmsmt1@hotmail.com

Around Town...

There are so many events being held in the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. If you would like to see a complete list of events, go to https://worcesterdiocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

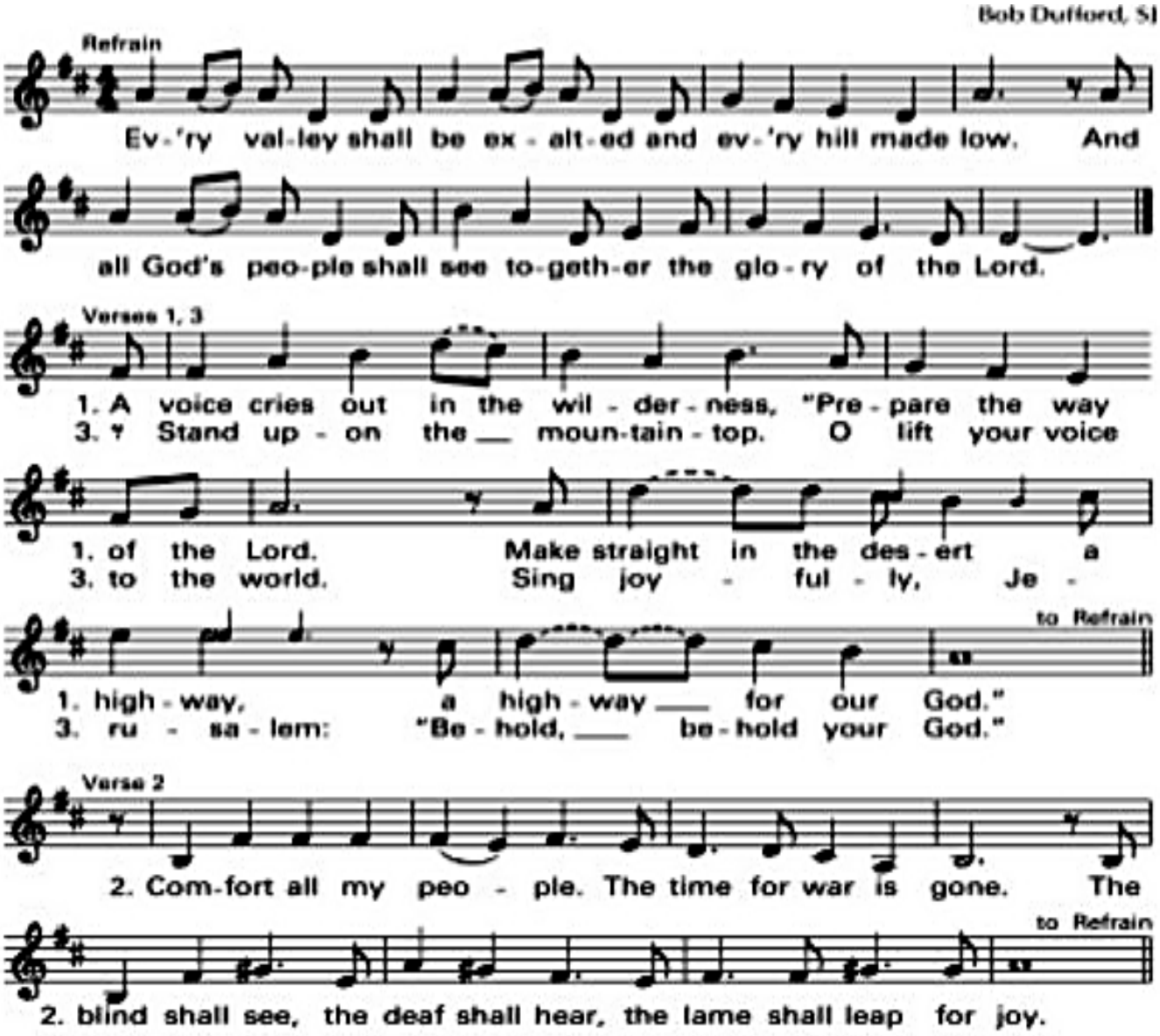
WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 11/20-11/21	**$2,153.00**
Online Giving	430.00
Maintenance	48.00
Campaign Human Development	121.00
All Saints/All Souls	10.00
Mass Offerings	20.00
Mission Sunday	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	95.00
Rectory Roof	1,100.00
Sunday Offertory 11/27-11/28	**$1,784.91**
Online Giving	260.00
Maintenance	10.00
Mass Offerings	110.00
Campaign Human Development	25.00
Thanksgiving Pies	80.35
Faith Formation Donation	100.00
KOC donation to new rectory roof	1,000.00

Thank you for your continued, generous support. We appreciate your support of the church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE C

GATHERING HYMN ***Every Valley***



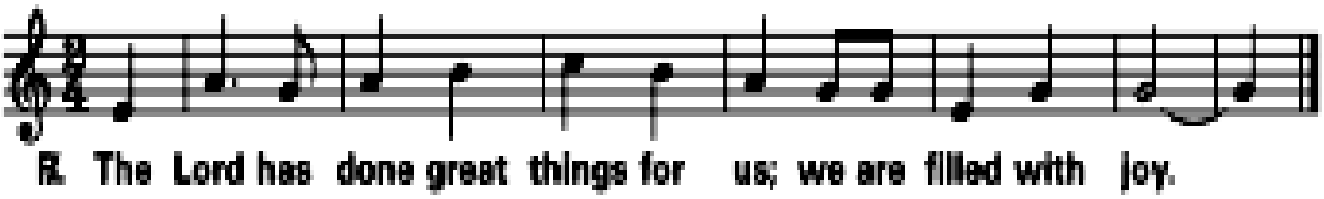
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **BARUCH 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

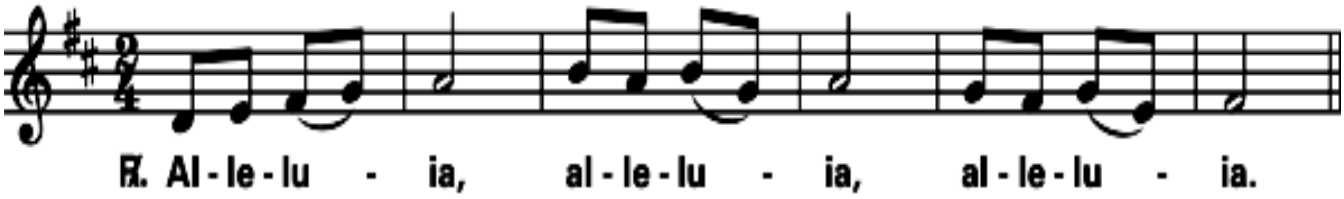
RESPONSORIAL PSALM ***PSALM 126***



SECOND READING **PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **LUKE 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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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.

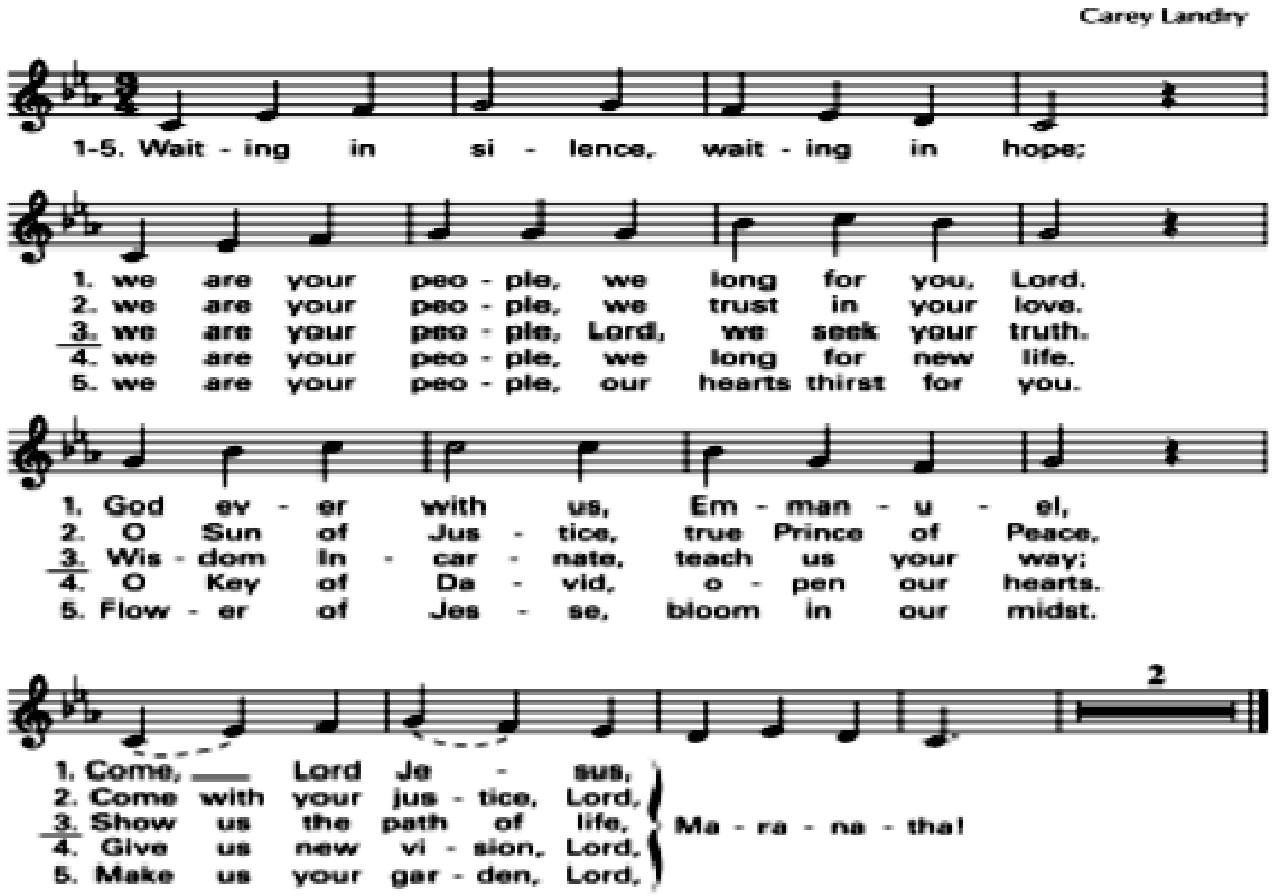
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS Please respond: *"Come Lord Jesus Come."*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS ***Waiting In Silence***



HOLY, HOLY **HERITAGE MASS**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION **HERITAGE MASS**

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death O Lord,
Until you come again.

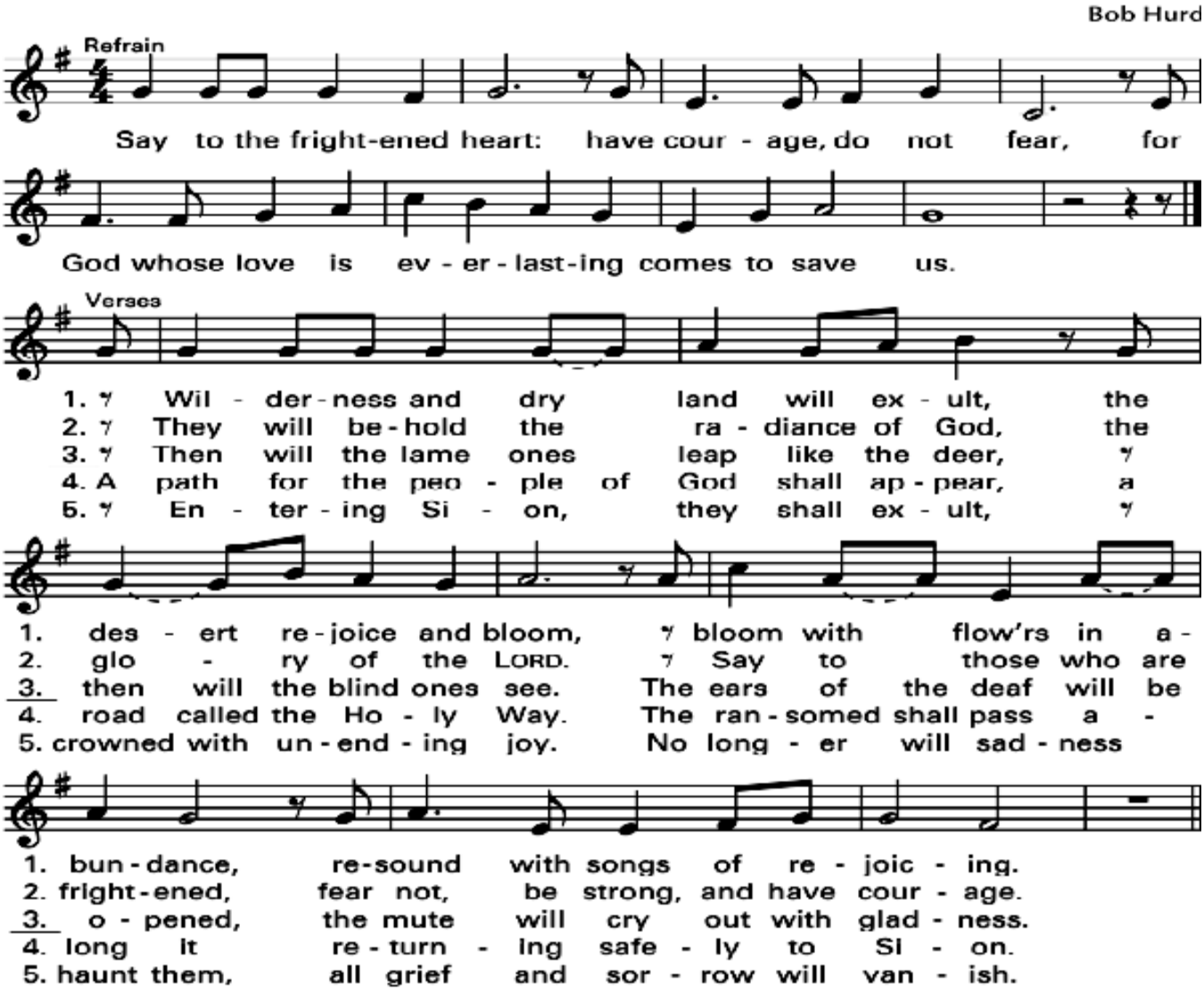
GREAT AMEN **HERITAGE MASS**

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD **HERITAGE MASS**

COMMUNION ***Say to the Frightened Heart***



RECESSIONAL ***On Jordan's Bank***

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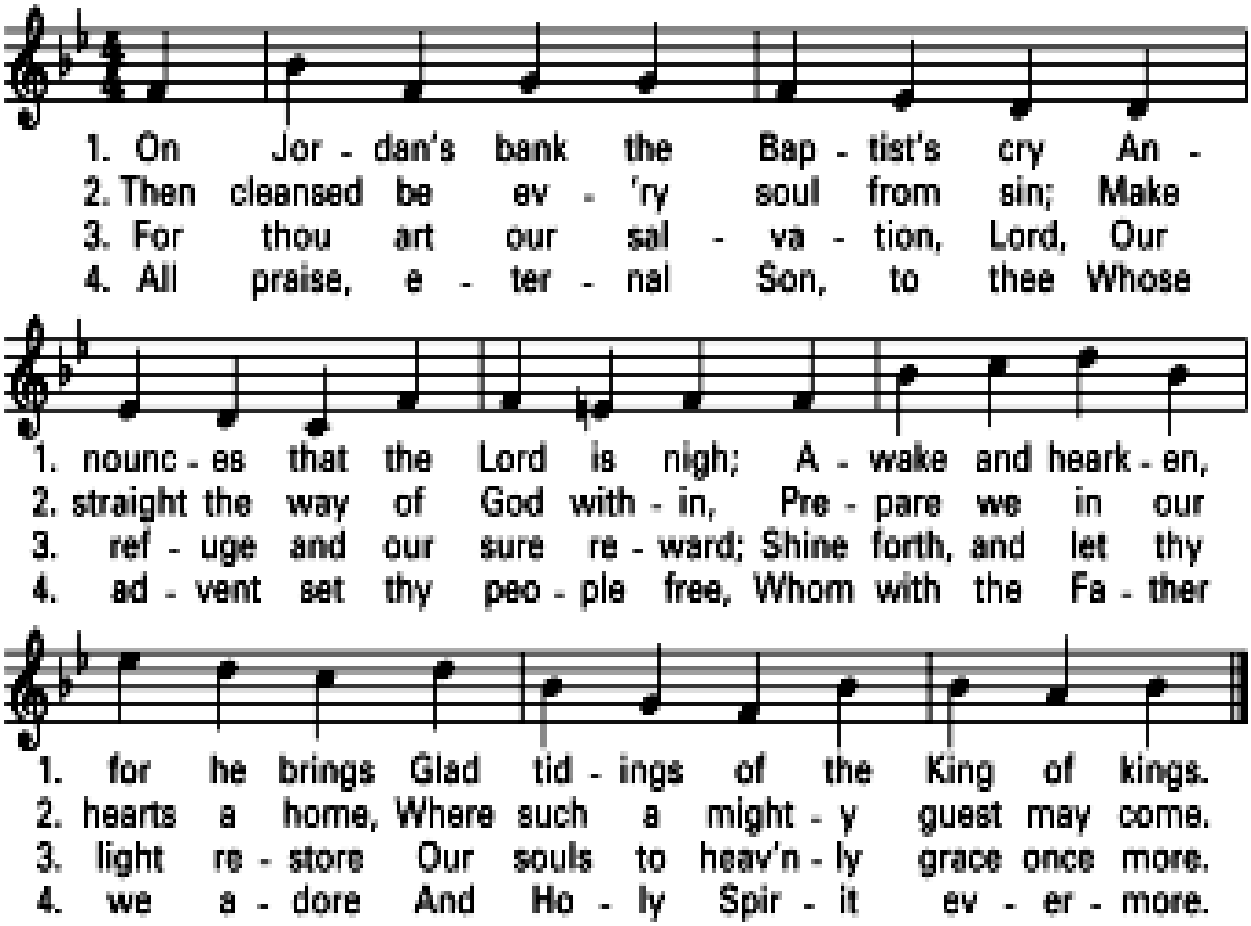

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday - December 18th - 2:00 - 3:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday - December 24th - 4:30pm

Christmas Day - Saturday - December 25th - 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God ~ New Year's Day

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1st - 8:00am
4:30pm

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