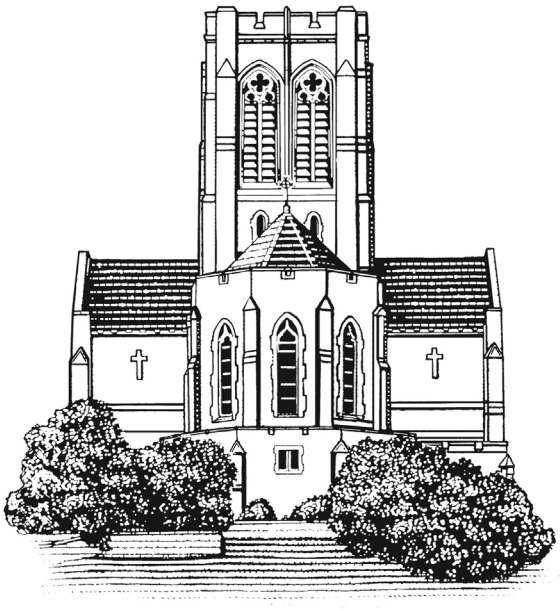

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ST. PHILIP
SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Reign of Christ

22 November 2026
Evensong ✠ 4:00 P.M.

The Reverend Canon David E. Boyd III, *Officiant & Preacher*
The Cathedral Schola

One of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is the English Reformation's fusion of the ancient evening prayer services of Vespers and Compline. "In quires and places where they sing" the service is customarily offered according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose texts for the canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – and most of the prayers (Latin, "Preces") were first published in 1549 and are translations from the still more ancient Latin and Sarum rites for the Daily Offices. Over nearly five centuries, Evensong has both inspired worshippers and moved composers to create one of the largest corpuses of sacred music in the English language, music that enlightens our experience of God at the Cathedral of St. Philip week by week.

All stand for

The Procession

The Opening Sentences

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as the Choir sings

The Preces and Responses *setting: Annabel Rooney (b. 1973)*

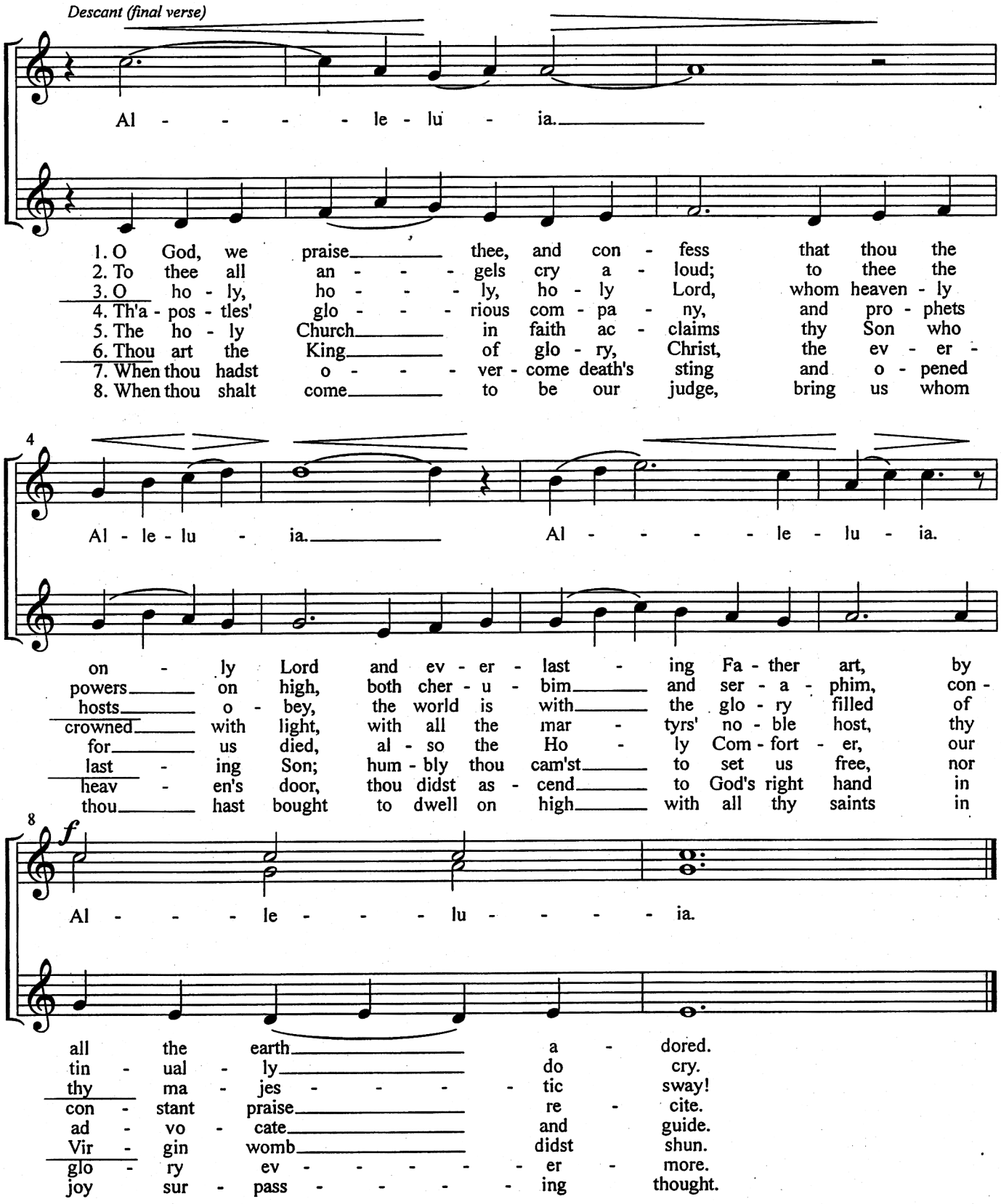
V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's name be praised.

Candles are lit as all sing the

Office Hymn

music: Fishburn, Dale Adelmann

words: Para. of Te Deum, stz. 1-5, A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms of David, 1698, alt; stz. 6-8 ver. Hymnal 1982



All sit while the Choir sings

Psalm 95:1-7a Anglican chant: George Guest (1924-2002)
BCP, p. 724

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Lector A Lesson from The Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat *music: John Tavener (1944-2013), Collegium Regale*

words: Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55 with antiphon from a Byzantine hymn to the Mother of God; & Gloria Patri

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

[ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor than the cherubim, and glorious incomparably more than the seraphim; thou who inviolate didst bring forth God the Word, and art indeed the Mother of God, thee do we magnify.*

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. [ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor...*

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. [ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor...*

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor...*

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. [ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor*

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. [ANTIPHON] *Greater in honor...*

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.

All sit for

The Second Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: John Tavener (1944-2013), Collegium Regale
words: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32; & Gloria Patri

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

All sing

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

setting: Annabel Rooney (b. 1973)

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

All stand or kneel

V. Let us pray.
R. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. O Lord, save the State:
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. O Lord, save thy people:
R. And bless thine inheritance.
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord:
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us:
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

A Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace
O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit for

The Anthem after the Third Collect *music: Lucy Walker (b. 1998), Let all the world in every corner sing*
words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

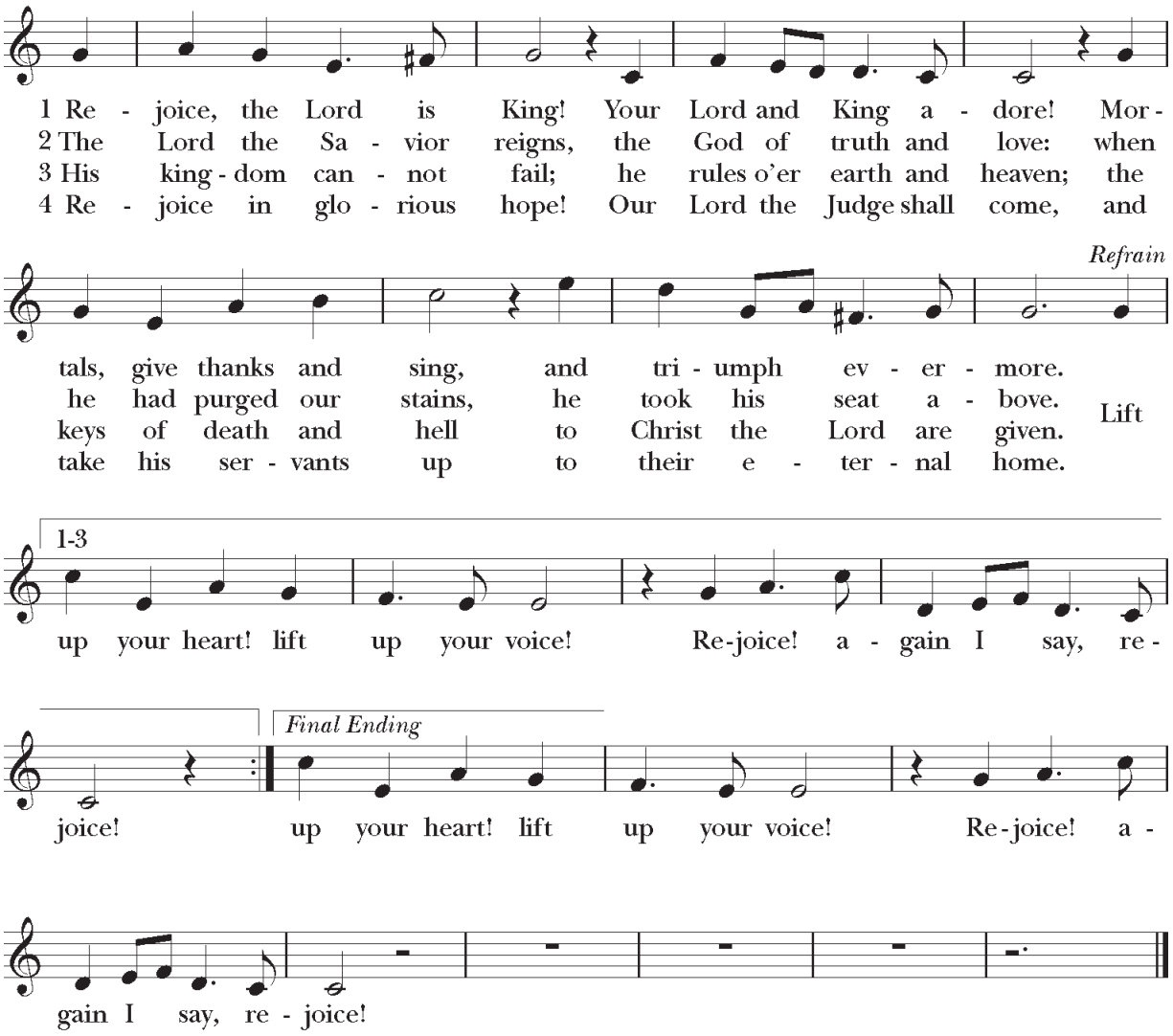
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn: 481

music: Gopsal, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992)
words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.



All sit for

The Meditation Canon Boyd

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Dan Locklair (b. 1949), King of glory, King of peace
words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

All stand or kneel for
The Intercessions

All stand or kneel to pray
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee,
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
thou wilt be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants
as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

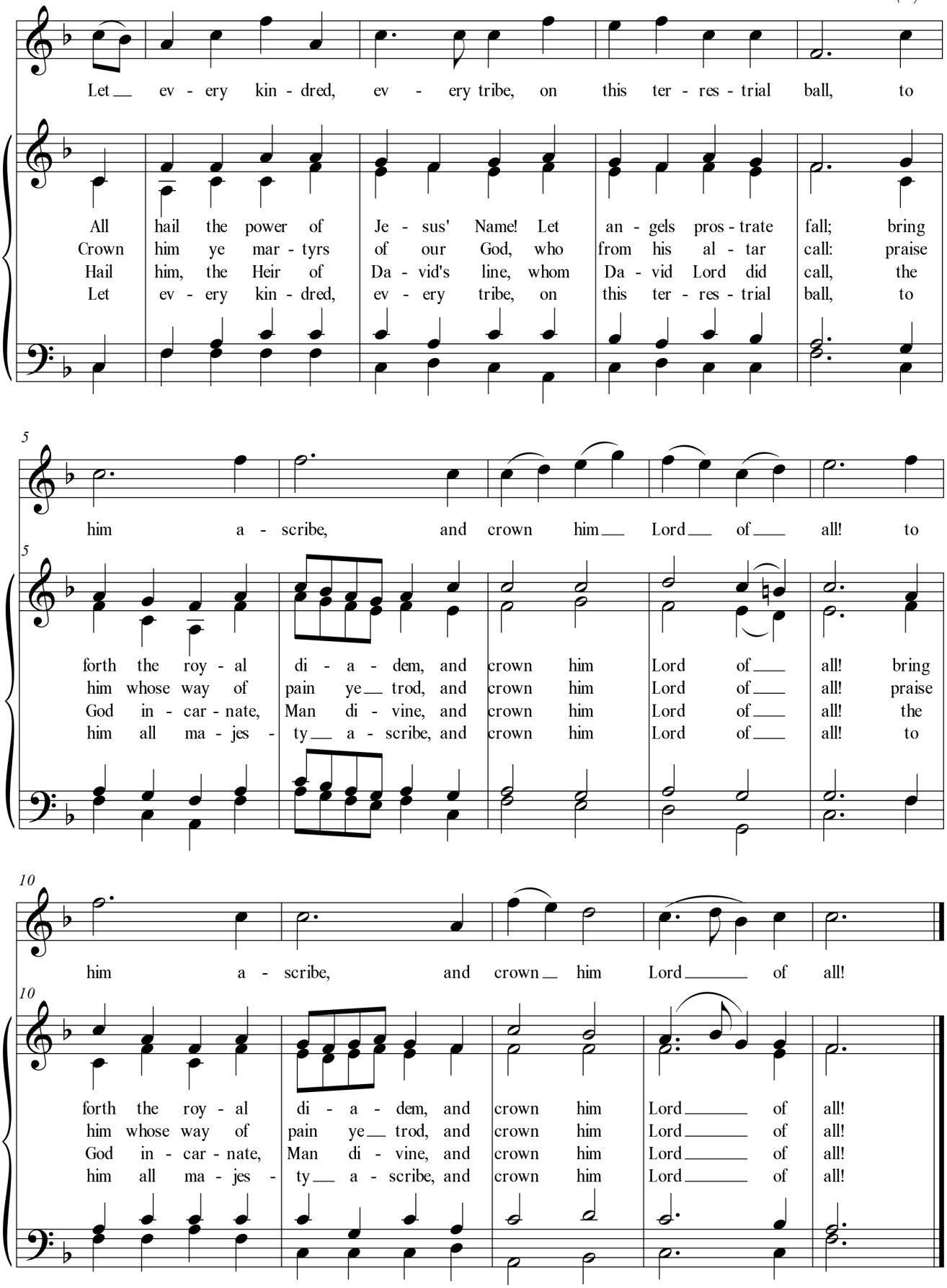
The Grace

All sit for
The Parish Notices

All stand to sing

The Closing Hymn 450, *stanzas 1-3 & 6*

music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1765-1844);
desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)
words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)



The Psalm in Procession: 150 Anglican chant: George S. Talbot (1875-1918)
BCP, p. 807

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah.

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.

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