

# MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 7, 2025

**10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)*  
*During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

## The Word of God

**The Voluntary:** *Suite pour Flute, Violin et Piano: Serenade; Pastorale; Scherzo* Mel Bonis  
*Sarah Hailey Saul, Flute, Becca Longhenry, Violin, Rita Gulliksen, Piano*

**Opening Hymn #76 – On Jordan's Bank** Winchester New  
*Melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch 1690*

**The Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Ruby Family

### The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

**The Sequence Hymn #65 -Prepare The Way O Zion** Bereden vag for Herran

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn

down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

**Anthem:** Cantique de Jean Racine

Fauré/Rutter

**Sanctus:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, S113*

John Merbecke

**The Fraction Anthem:** *O Lamb of God, S157*

John Merbecke

**Communion Hymns #324 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**  
*(French Carol 17<sup>th</sup> Century)*

Picardy

**#60 – Creator Of The Stars Of Night**  
*Melody: Plainsong, Mode 4*

Conditor Alme Siderum

**Gloria in Excelsis, S201** *(sung by choir)*

John Merbecke

**Closing Hymn #601 – O Day Of God Draw Nigh**

St. Michael

*French Melody by Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)*

**The Postlude:** Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

Craig Akers, trumpet

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Terry and Tom Hood in honor of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*We would like to welcome The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. We also welcome Senator Luther H. Cifers, III and Delegate R. Lee Ware as our guests today.*

*The loose plate offering today will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*

*We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.*

**OFFICIANT** – The Rt. Rev. Susan B, Haynes

**CLERGY** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

**LAY READERS** – Bill Breed & Terry Brydon

**ACOLYTE** – Cameron Goodwyn

**ALTAR GUILD** – Diane Mahoney, Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck, Pat Rock, Claire Stauffer

**GREETER** – Valerie Riviere

**CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen

**TELLER** – Beth Norton

**RECEPTION** – Lauralee Allen & Bea Gates

**NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk

**USHER** – Nathan Goodwyn & Jack Norton

**VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont and Trey Harrington.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Jeanne Hughes	12/7	Annie Byrd Moore	12/9
Janet Darby	12/8		

**Happy Anniversary to the following:**

Terry & Tom Hood	12/5
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**Announcements**

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Christian Education Meeting: Monday, December 8, at 1 PM**
- ❖ **EFM Meeting: Monday, December 8, at 7 PM** in the parlor.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;>  
Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:15 AM.** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study is for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, December 13, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be our own Paul Davis. Paul will discuss "Flooding and Water Damage: What's the Difference From An Insurance Perspective?" Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Vestry Meeting: Sunday, December 14** following fellowship time.
- ❖ **Ladies' Lunch Out: Tuesday, December 16, at 11:30 AM** at Joe's Inn. Contact Beverly Whitley at 804-499-0886 if you plan to attend.
- ❖ **Shelter Feeding:** We have our last shelter feeding of the year for 170 lunches on **Saturday, December 27, at 9 AM.** It only takes about an hour to make lunches and we need many hands. We would also love for someone to volunteer to deliver, too. With this many lunches, we will most likely need two cars and split it up. Please sign up in Denny Hall and let me know if you are also able to be a driver to deliver. Help spread a little more Christmas Cheer to those in need!

- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. Current needs are **canned items: butter beans, baked beans, potatoes, turnip, mixed greens, pineapples, corned beef hash; dry goods needed: coffee, lima beans, grits, muffin mix, saltine crackers and dog food.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. [Betsy.moore5@icloud.com](mailto:Betsy.moore5@icloud.com) Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult "Kongs"), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

### **Plastic Bag Recycle Program**

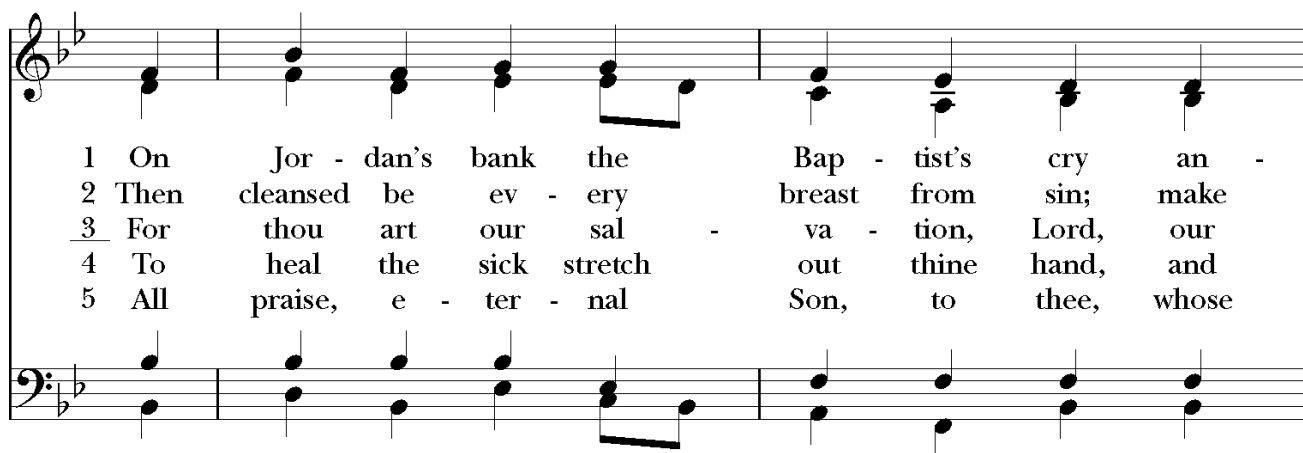
Once again Manakin will join The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! This is easy to do, and we can reach our goal if you all help us!

**What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags and **No plastic bottles please.**

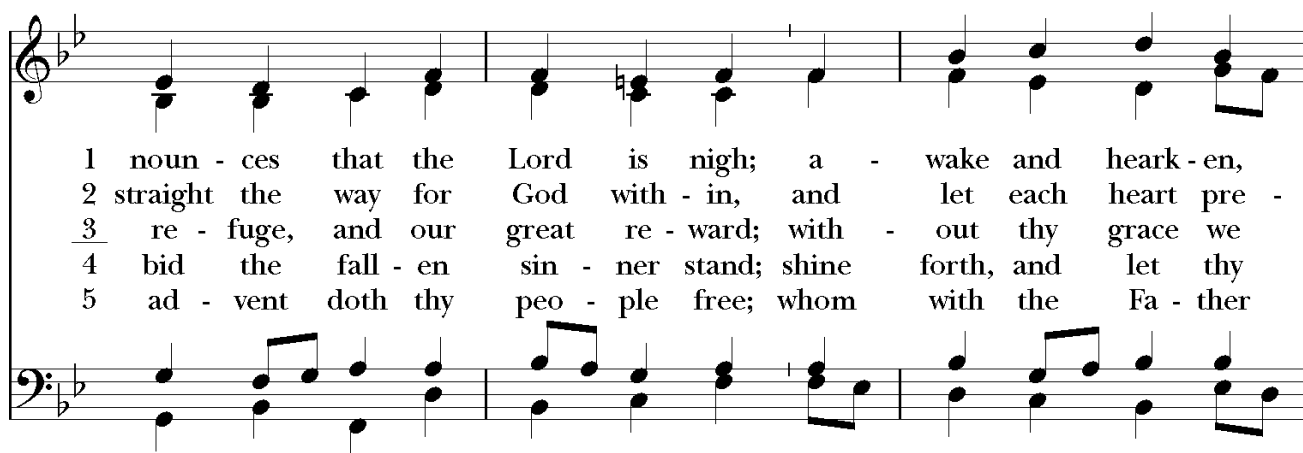


Once you have collected a good amount, simply take a picture of it, weigh it on your scales and take it to your local grocery store that is participating such as Kroger or Publix and place it in the recycle bin. Send your pictures and weight amount to Jean Hillsman at [jmhillsman56@gmail.com](mailto:jmhillsman56@gmail.com) and she will keep a record for us. Or, if you prefer, please bring your plastic donations to the church and place them in **the bin in room number 5 in Denny Hall.** Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench.

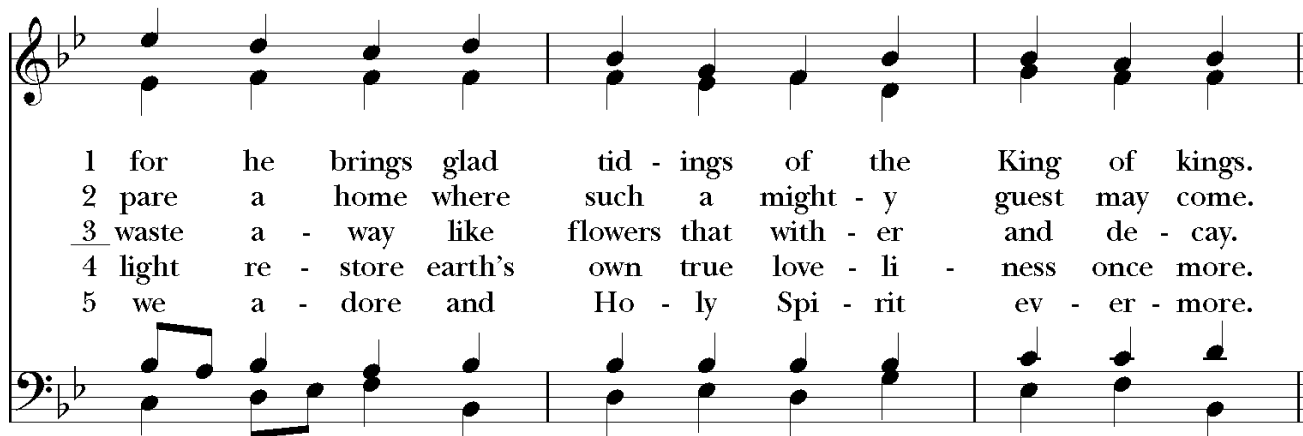
## Processional Hymn #76 – On Jordan's Bank



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## Sequence Hymn #65 – Prepare The Way O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Communion Hymn #324 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

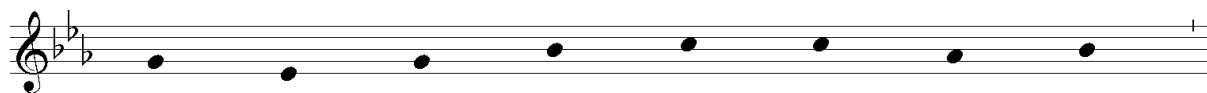
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

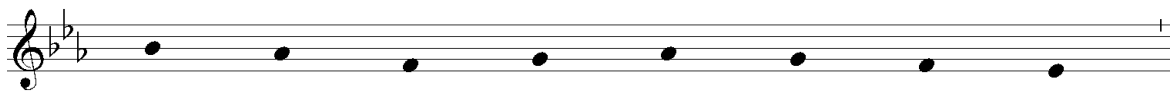
# Communion Hymn #60 – Creator Of The Stars Of Night



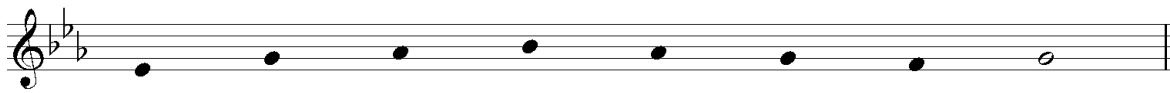
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



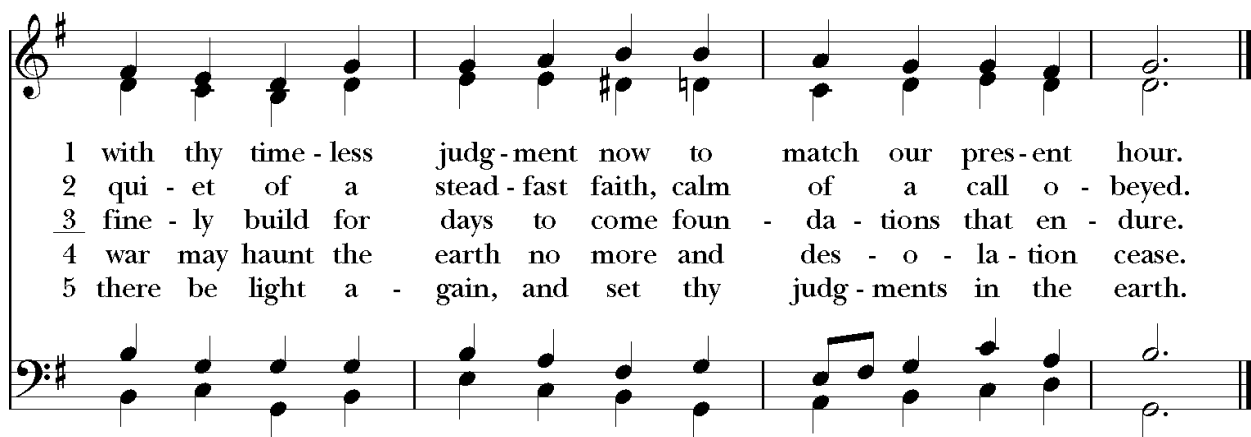
1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



## Closing Hymn #601 – O Day OF God Draw Nigh



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.