Christ, Be Our Light

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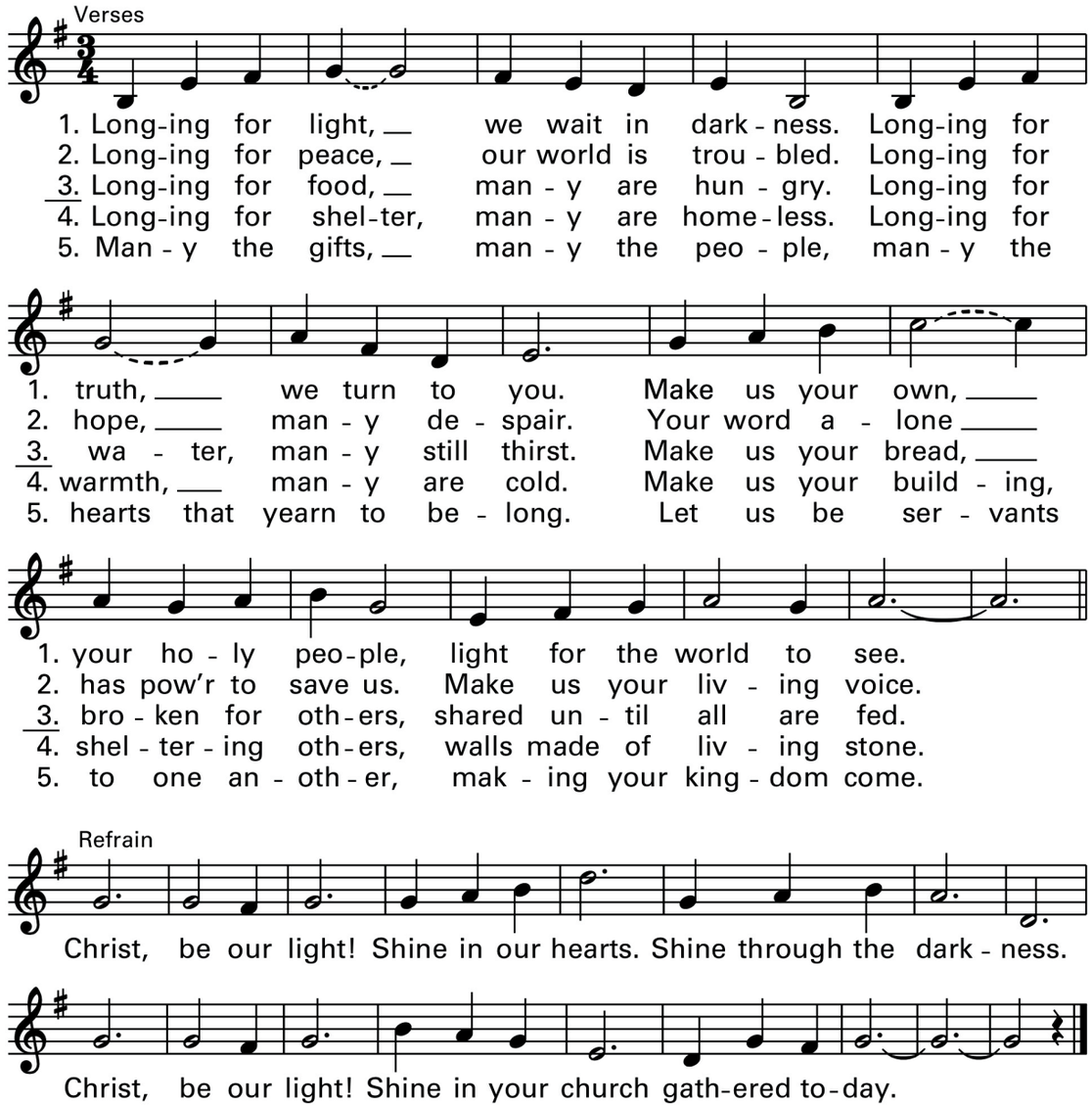

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ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29th, 2026

The red book with the cross is the Book of Common Prayer (BCP or Prayer Book).
The blue book is the Hymnal 1982 which contains the music.
The S-numbers (Service Music - Gloria, Sanctus) are at the beginning of the hymnal.

We invite all baptized Christians, of all denominations, to receive Communion.

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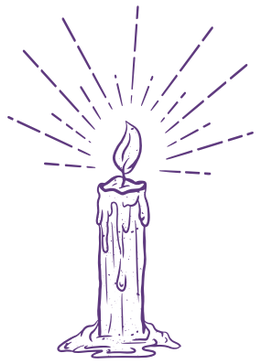

Celebrant: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.
Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

Celebrant: Psalm 33:20 - We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

Let us pray together:
Almighty and eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope.
Help us to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world.
Through Jesus Christ, who is the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I 7:30 A.M.

This "Rite I" service uses traditional language that highlights our rich Anglican heritage.

	Prayer Book
The Word of God	**319**
Readings (See insert)	
The Sermon	
Prayers of the People	**328**
Eucharistic Prayer II	**340**
Post Communion Prayer	**339**
The Blessing & Dismissal	

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 5:00 P.M. & 9:00 A.M., & 11:00 A.M.

†Please stand as you are able.

		Prayer Book (BCP)	*Hymnal*
†Processional Hymn	*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*		*57*
Advent Wreath Liturgy (See left page)			
Opening Sentences		**351**	
Kyrie			***S-91***
Collect and Scripture Readings (See insert)			
†Gradual Hymn	*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**		***68***
†The Gospel			
The Sermon			
†Nicene Creed		**358**	
Prayers of the People Form IV		**388**	
The Confession		**360**	
†The Peace		**360**	
Announcements			
Offertory Anthem	*Look to the Day by John Rutter (St. Mary's Choir)*		

Look to the day when the world seems new again. Morning so fresh you could touch the sky. The earth smells sweet and ev'ry flower looks bright. Shining in a dewy light as you wander by. Taking the time to enjoy each moment. Tasting the fruits spread along your way. Knowing there's time to spare. Dreams you can dream and share. Look to the day, look to the day. Look to the day when the earth is green again. Promise of spring after winter's sleep. The sounds of life returning fill the air. Music that's forever there for your heart to keep. Deep in the earth lay the seed of life renewed. Quiet and strong till the time of spring. Life in each bud and shoot. Life in each flower and fruit. Look to that day when earth shall sing. Look to the light that will drive out darkness. Look to the hope that will conquer fear. God's strength uphold us till the fight is won. Till we see our task is done when the day is here. Look for that day when there shall be no more pain. Sorrow and sighing shall pass away. Pray for the day to come. Trust that the day will come. Look to that day, look to the day. Lord, we give thanks for the gifts of life and health. Plant a new seed in our hearts, we pray. Help us to see, O Lord. How it could be, O Lord. Look to the day, look to the day.

†Doxology "Praise God..."			
Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer B		**367**	
Sanctus			***S-125***
The Lord's Prayer (Sung, Malotte version)			
Agnus Dei			***S-164***
Communion Music	*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*		***640***
Post Communion Prayer		**365**	
Blessing			
†Recessional Hymn	*Christ Be Our Light (See back cover)*		
Dismissal			

***The Offertory anthem and Gradual Hymn are switched at the 11AM service.**