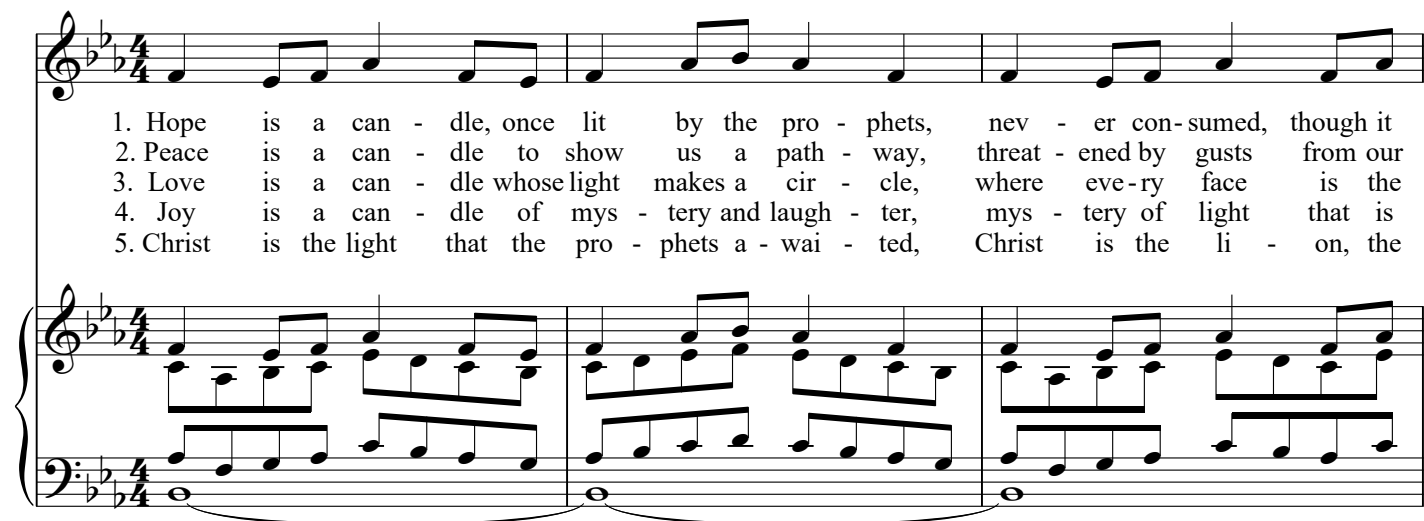


Hope is a candle

for The Very Reverend Stephen E. Carlsen

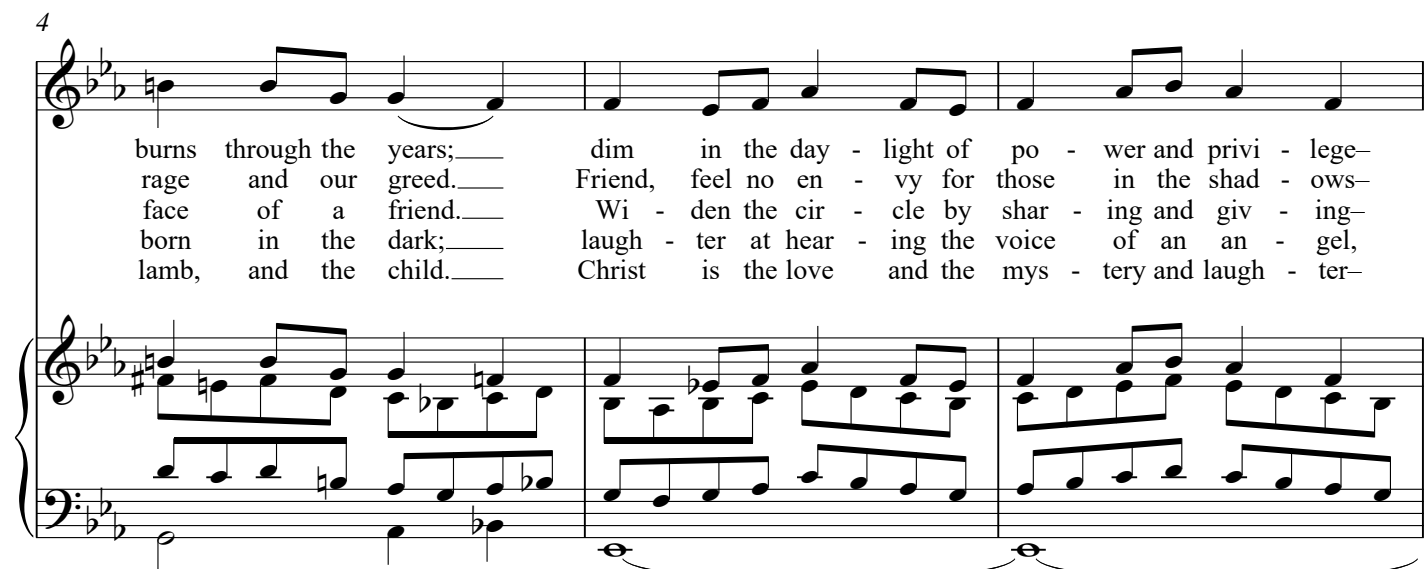
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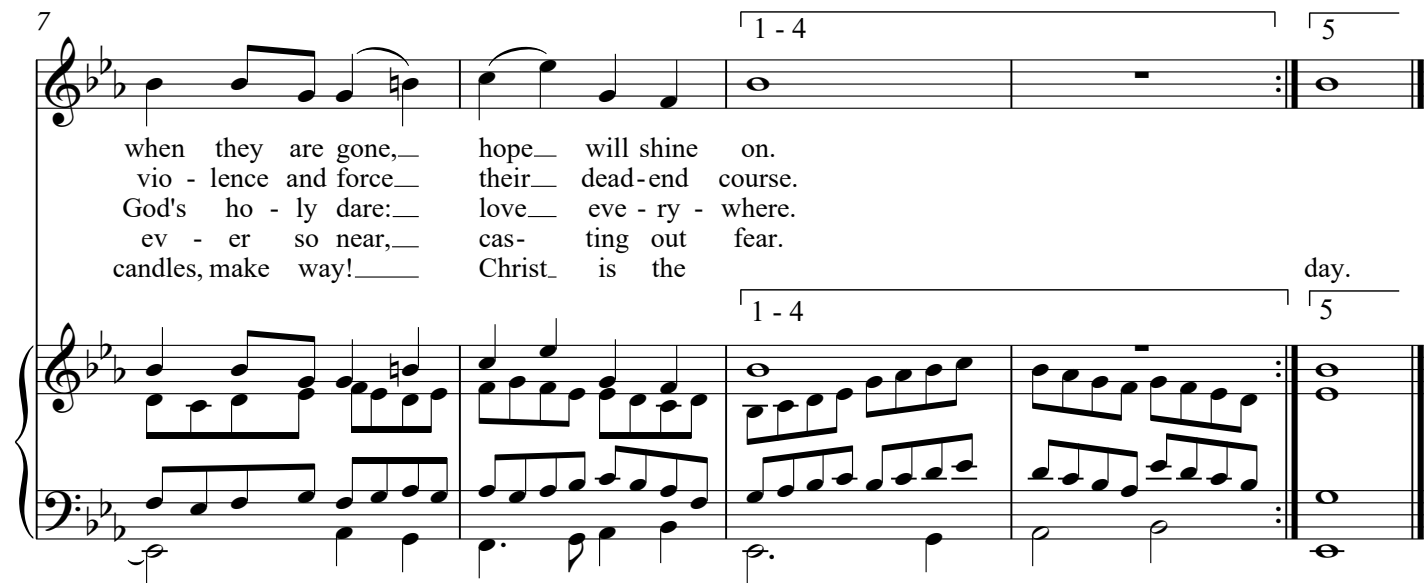
1. Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets, never consumed, though it
2. Peace is a candle to show us a path-way, threatened by gusts from our
3. Love is a candle whose light makes a circle, where every face is the
4. Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter, mystery of light that is
5. Christ is the light that the prophets awaited, Christ is the lion, the

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burns through the years;— dim in the day-light of power and privilege—
rage and our greed.— Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows—
face of a friend.— Wi - den the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
born in the dark;— laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
lamb, and the child.— Christ is the love and the mys - tery and laugh - ter—

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when they are gone,— hope— will shine on.
vio - lence and force— their— dead-end course.
God's ho - ly dare:— love— eve - ry - where.
ev - er so near,— cas - ting out fear.
candles, make way!— Christ— is the day.