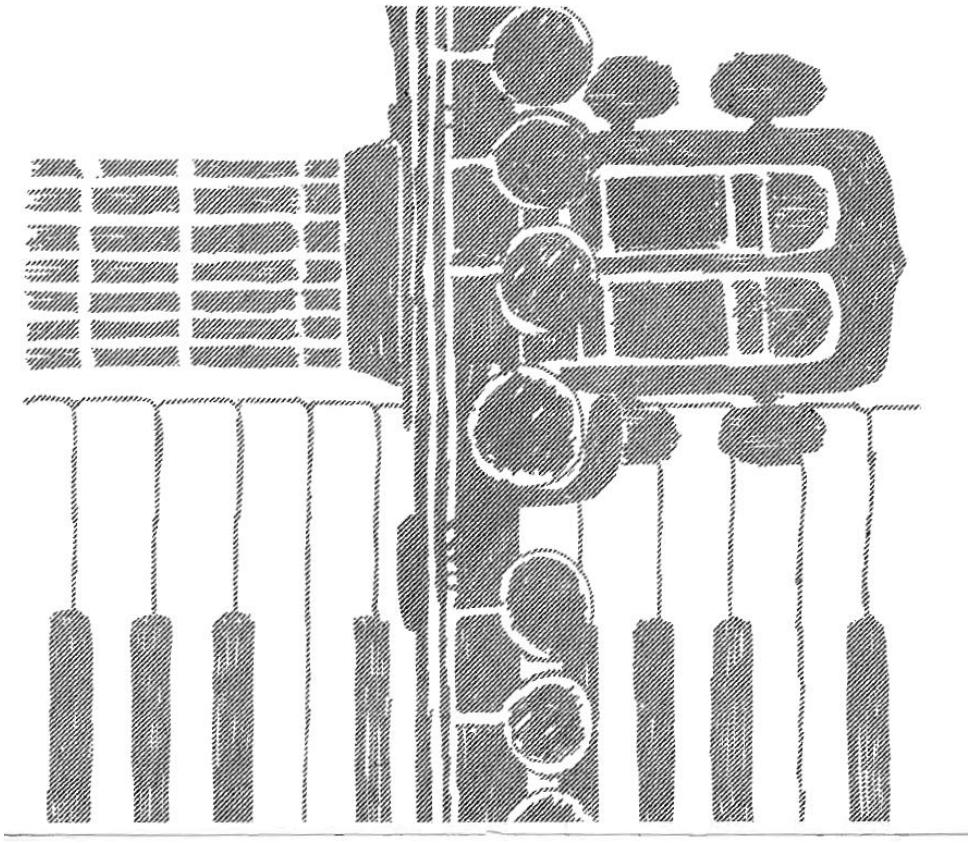
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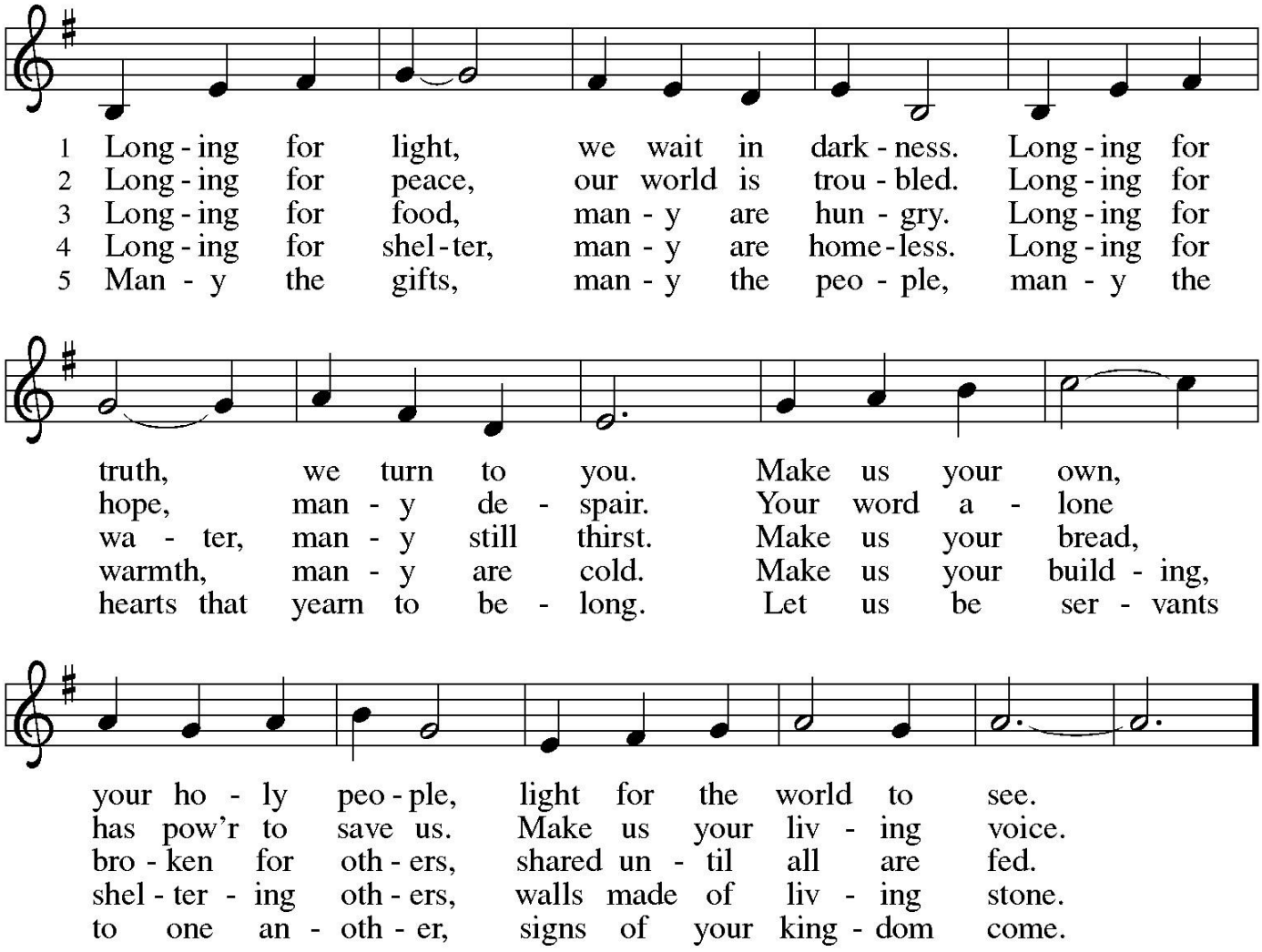
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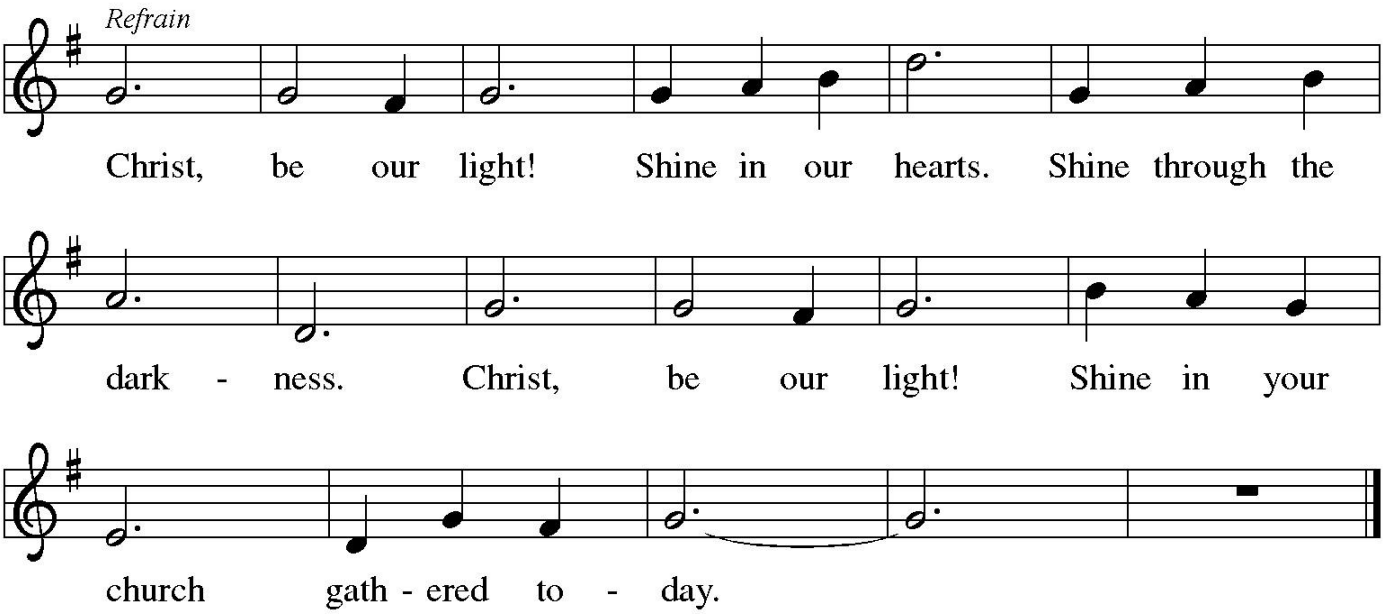
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, ELW 715, VERSES 1,2,5
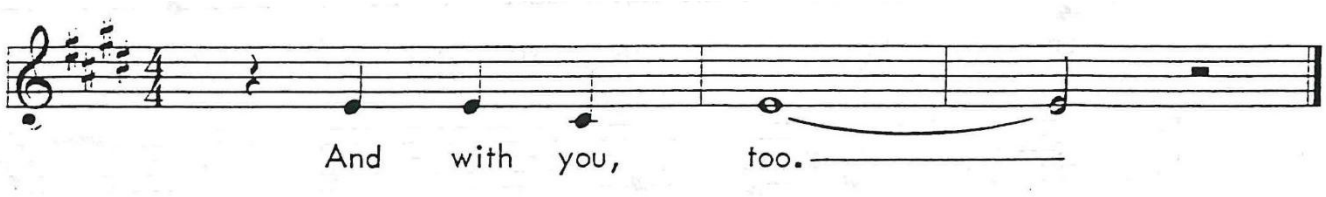




GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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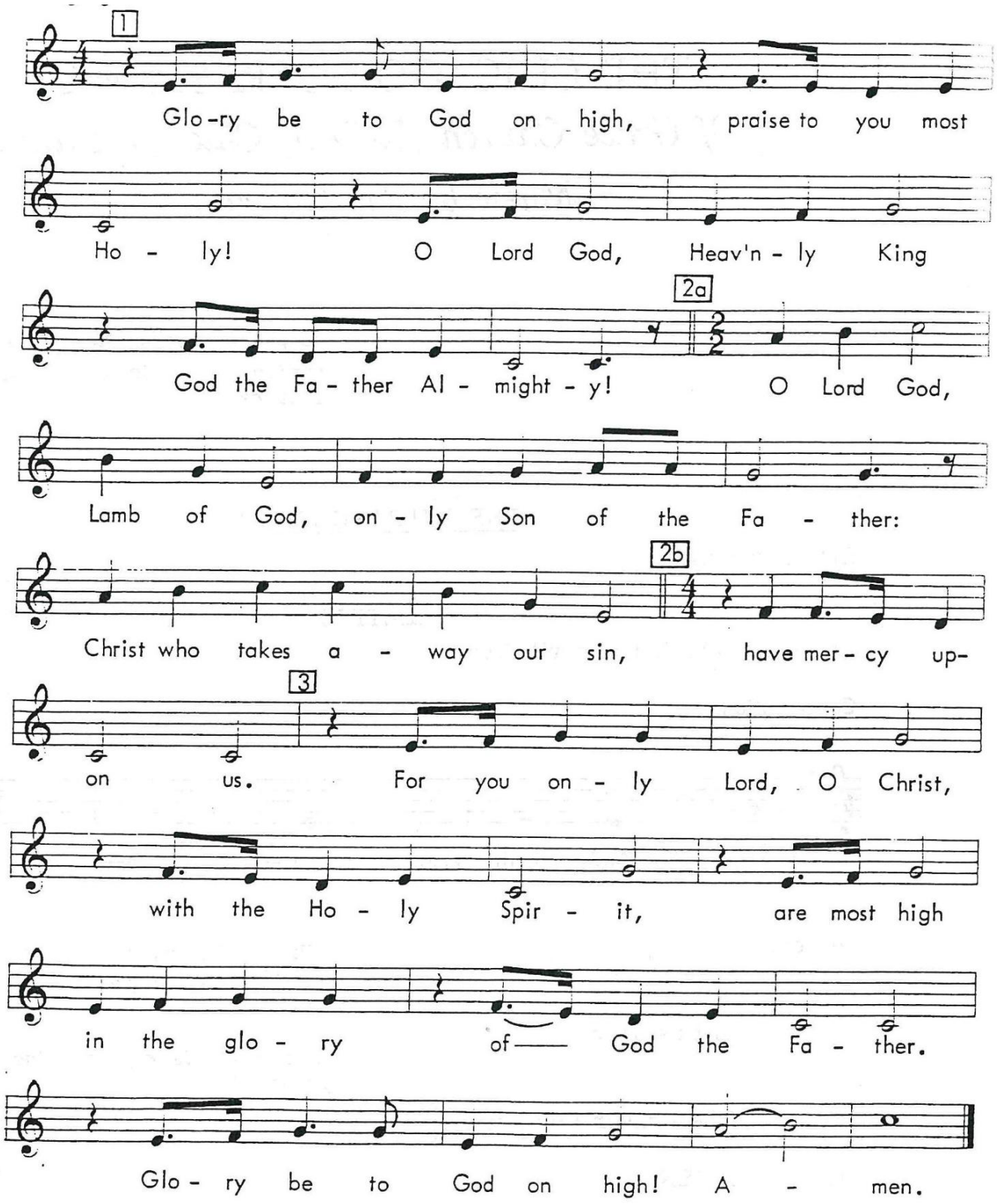


Leader:

Let us pray.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold

will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they
say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and
love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not
for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you
are doing.

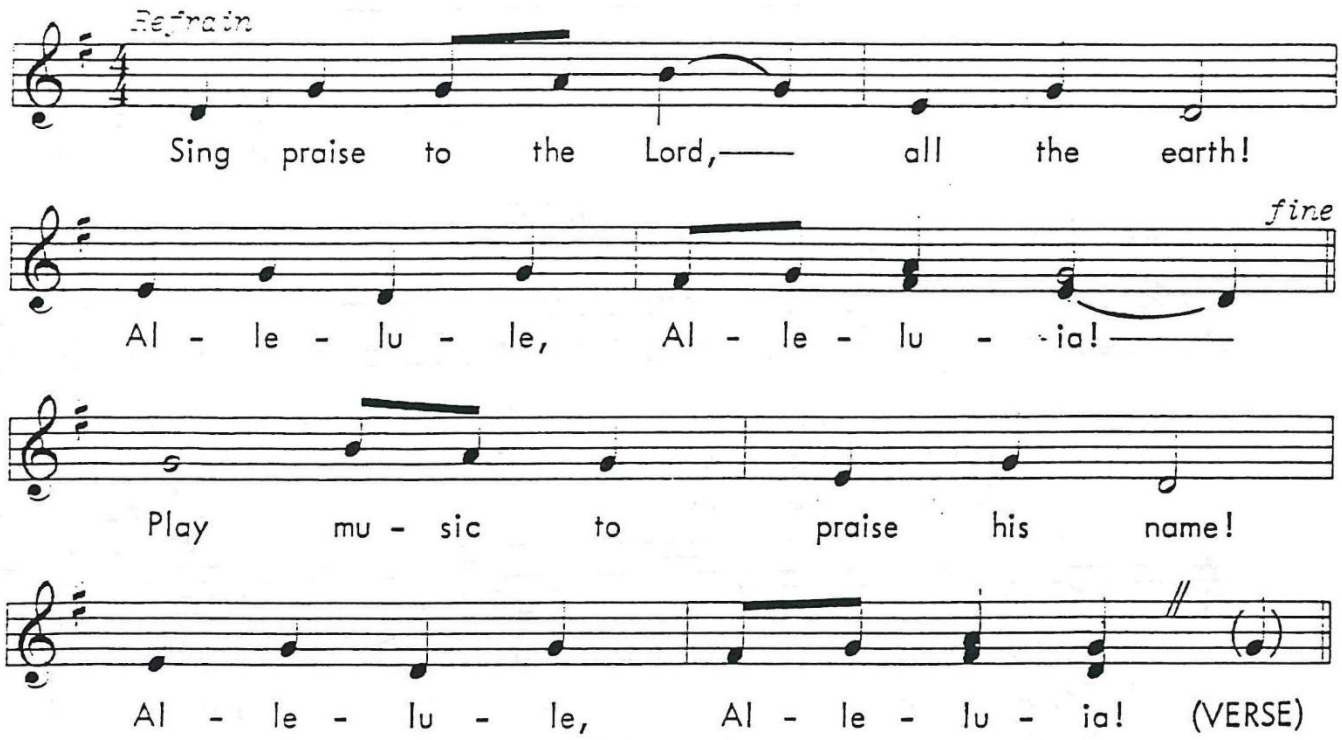
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

AL-LE-LU-LE, ALLELUIA



Leader:

VERSE

1. Our passover lamb is Christ,
Who banished the Angel of Death.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

2. Our God mode the earth for good,
And one day we all will rejoice.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

4. To Christ our heavenly king
Give thanks for everything.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

5. He came to show us how
To live in the here and now.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

6. He suffered and died for us,
And one day he shall return.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

Reading From The Good News: Matthew 25:14-30

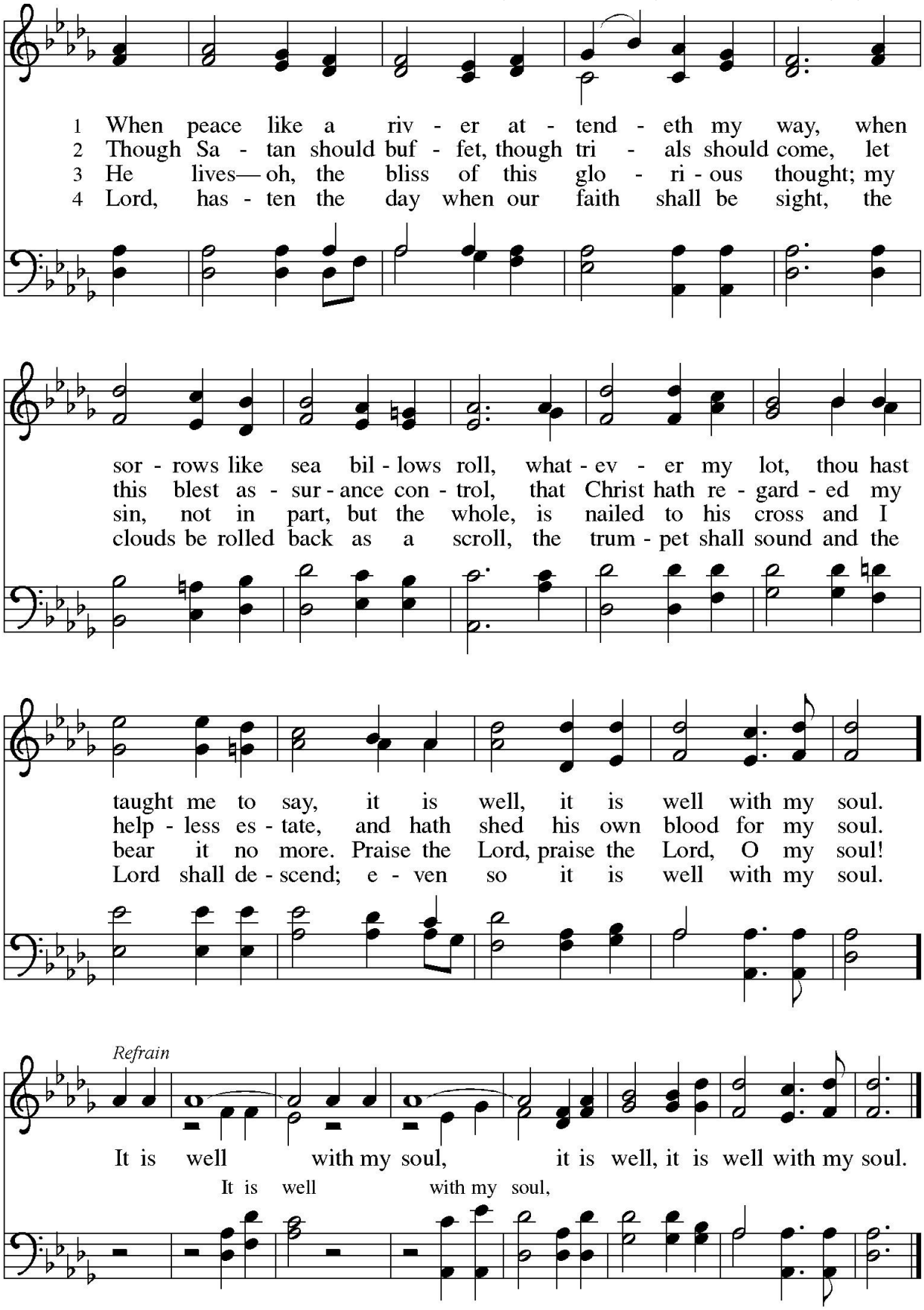
The gospel for today is from the gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave
five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the
one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and
settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.’ 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.’ 26 But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did
you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then
you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I
would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing
of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Haley Vay Beaman

HYMN OF THE DAY:
WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER, ELW 785, VERSES 1,2,4



APOSTLES' CREED

We all believe in one true God. Maker of Earth and Heaven.
The Father who to us in love, hath the name of children given. He in soul and body feeds us. All we need his hand provides us, through all snares and perils lead us, sees no harm betides us. He cares for us by day and night, all things are governed by his might.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, his Son our Lord and Savior, who with the Father equal might, hath pow'r and glory forever. Born of Mary Virgin Mother by the working of the Spirit, he became our elder brother, that Heaven we might inherit. Was crucified by sinners all, and raised by God to life again.

And we in the Holy Spirit believe, who grace and comfort giveth, and with the Father and the Son in eternal glory liveth. Who all Christian people even keeps in unity of Spirit, sins are truly forgiven through the blest redeemer's merit. All flesh shall rise again and we shall live with God eternally.

ACT OF RECONCILIATION

Leader: Dear members of God's family and of one another, let us come together honestly to tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask him to forgive us:

All: **Our father, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin might be forgiven and our guilt removed. Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives, so that with your help we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your son. You came to our world in Jesus. Come now to us.**

Leader: God our Father and Creator cares about us. God sent the only begotten son Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God

who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.
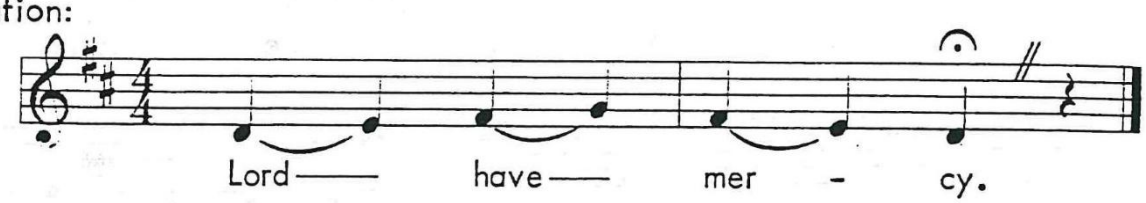
The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And with you, too.**

DEACON'S PRAYER
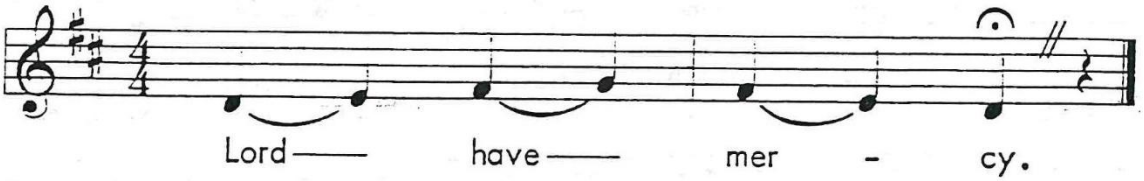
Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:
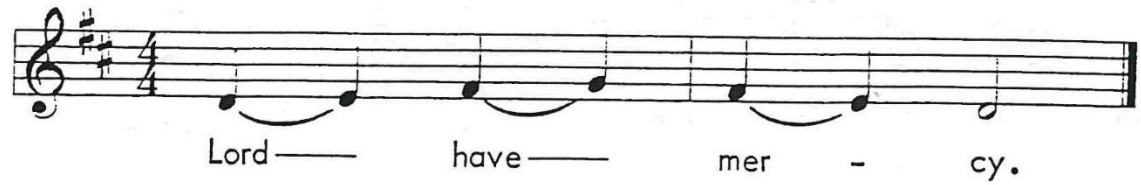


Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
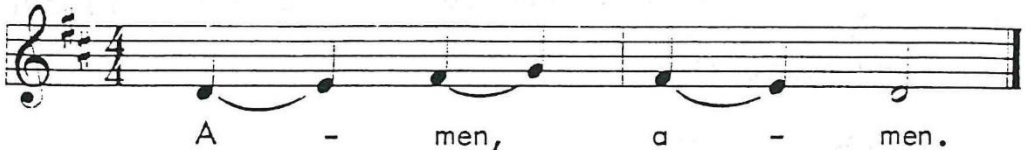
Congregation:



(Spoken intercessions may be inserted here.)

Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, 0 God, by your grace.

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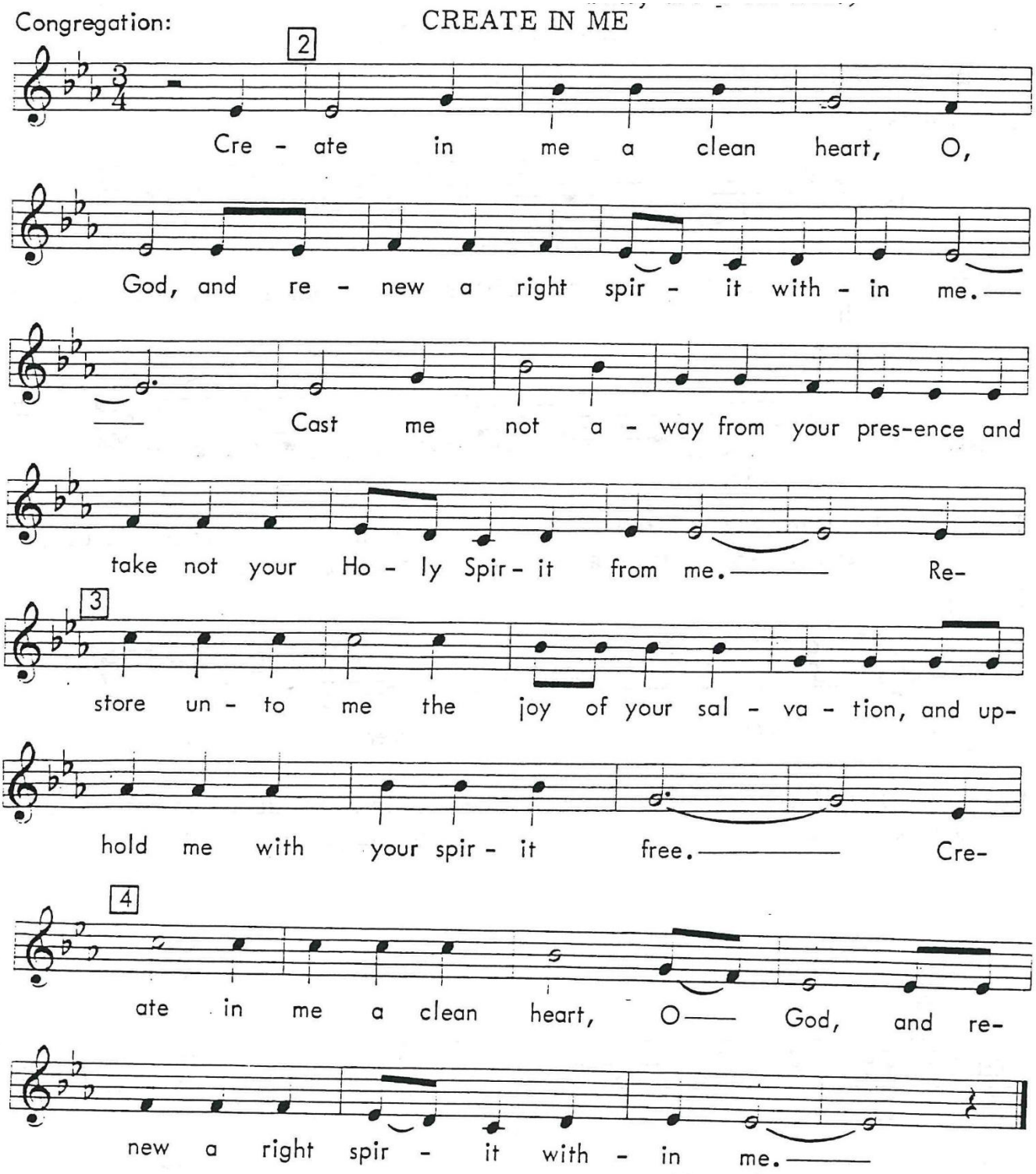


(While the "Create In Me" is sung, offerings, including bread and wine, are presented.)

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERTORY


Congregation:
CREATE IN ME
2
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,
God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re-
3
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-
hold me with your spir - it free.
Cre-
4
ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir - it with - in me.
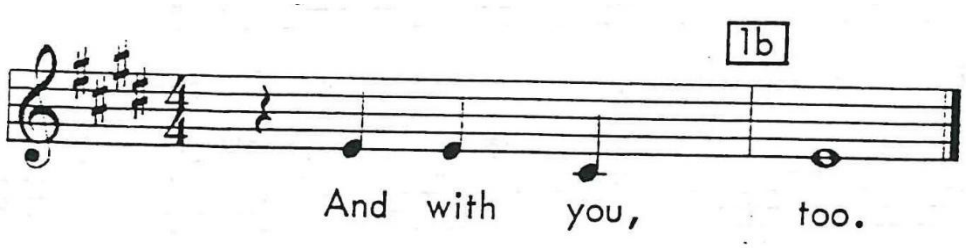
Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of him who offer-ed himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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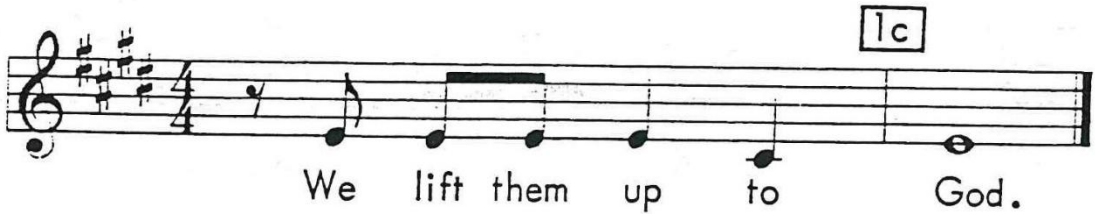
Leader: The Lord be with you.

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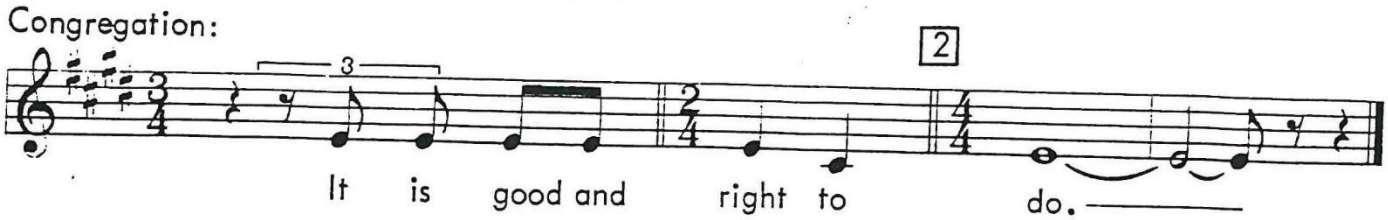


Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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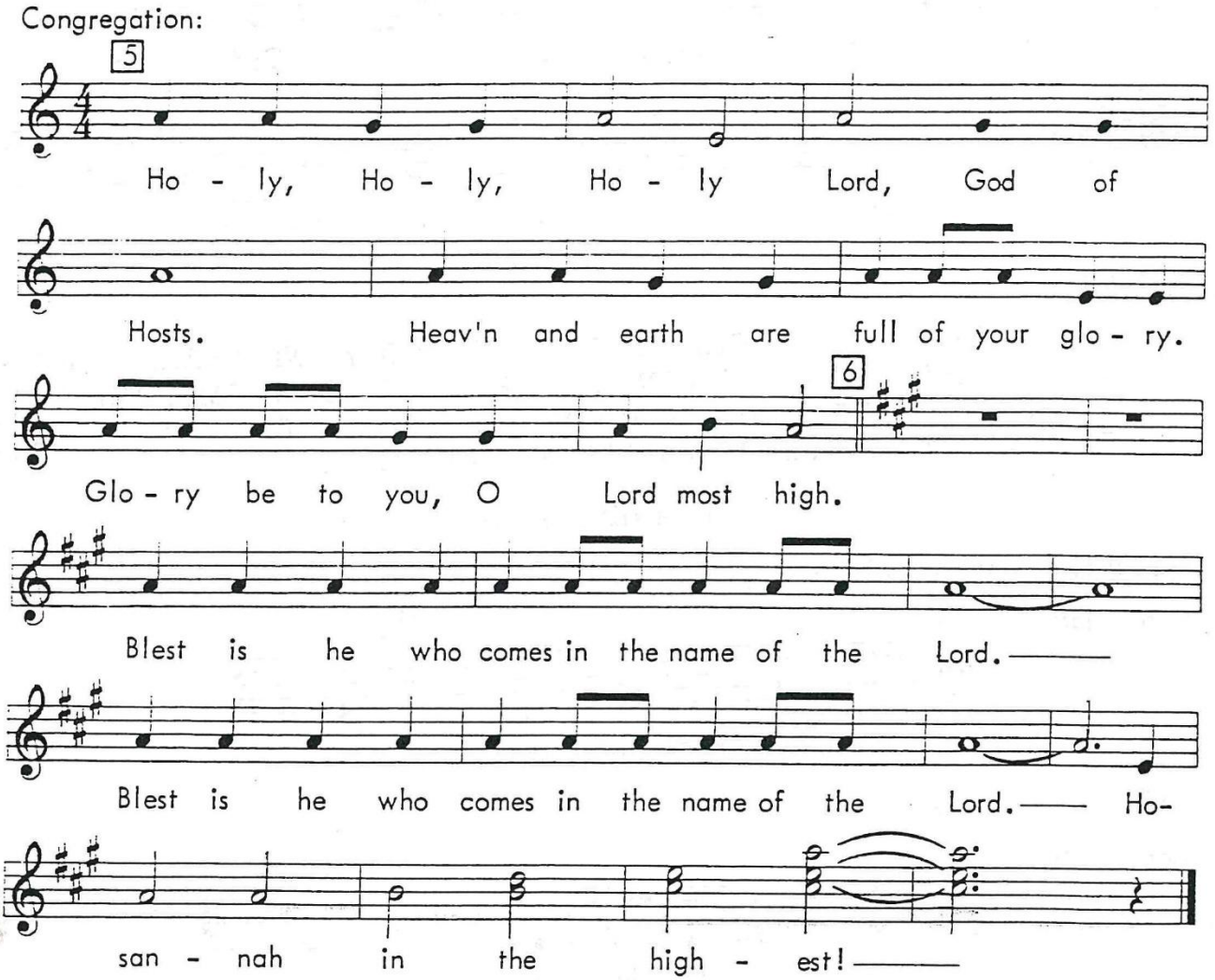


Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

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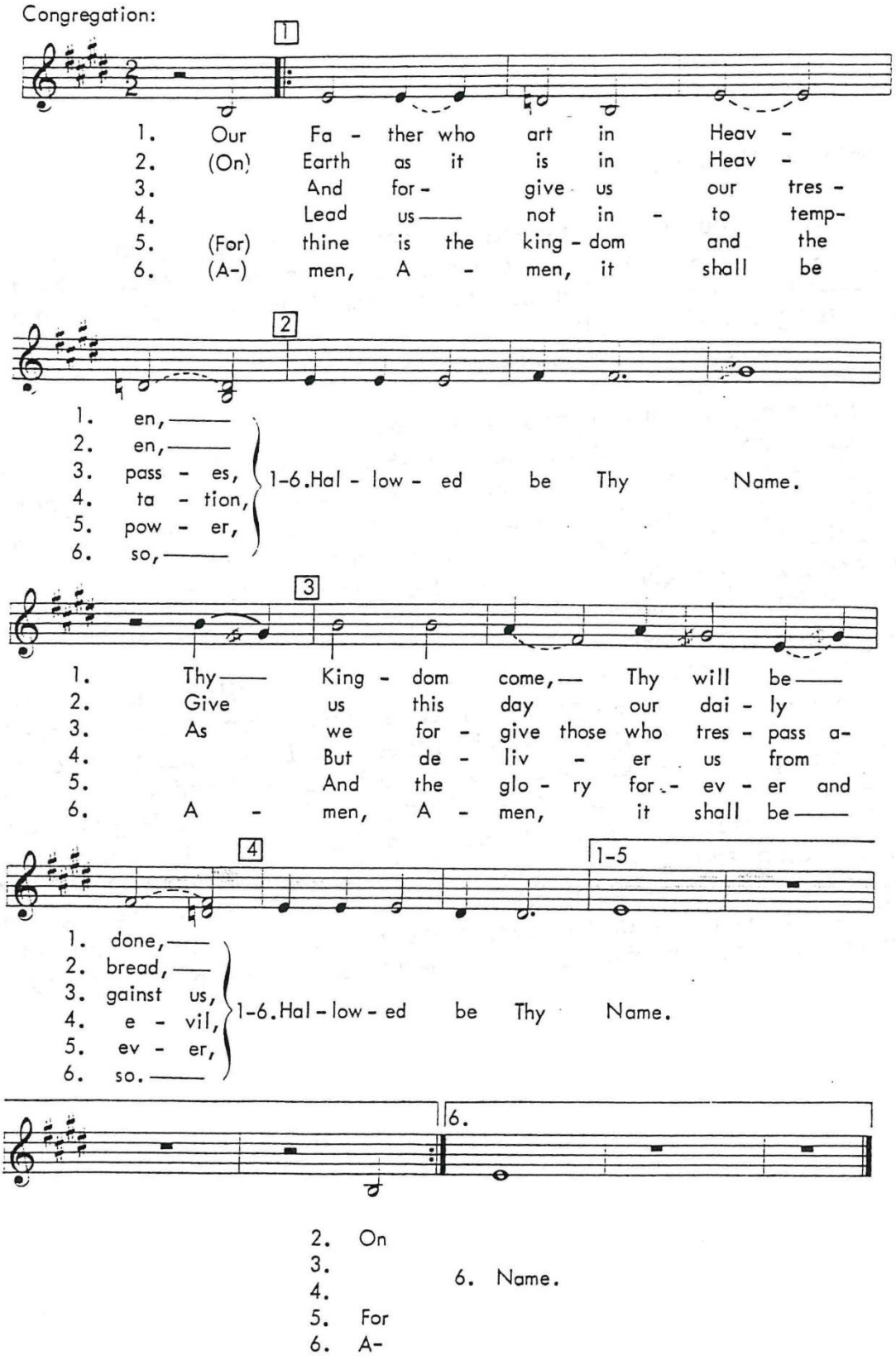


Leader: It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:
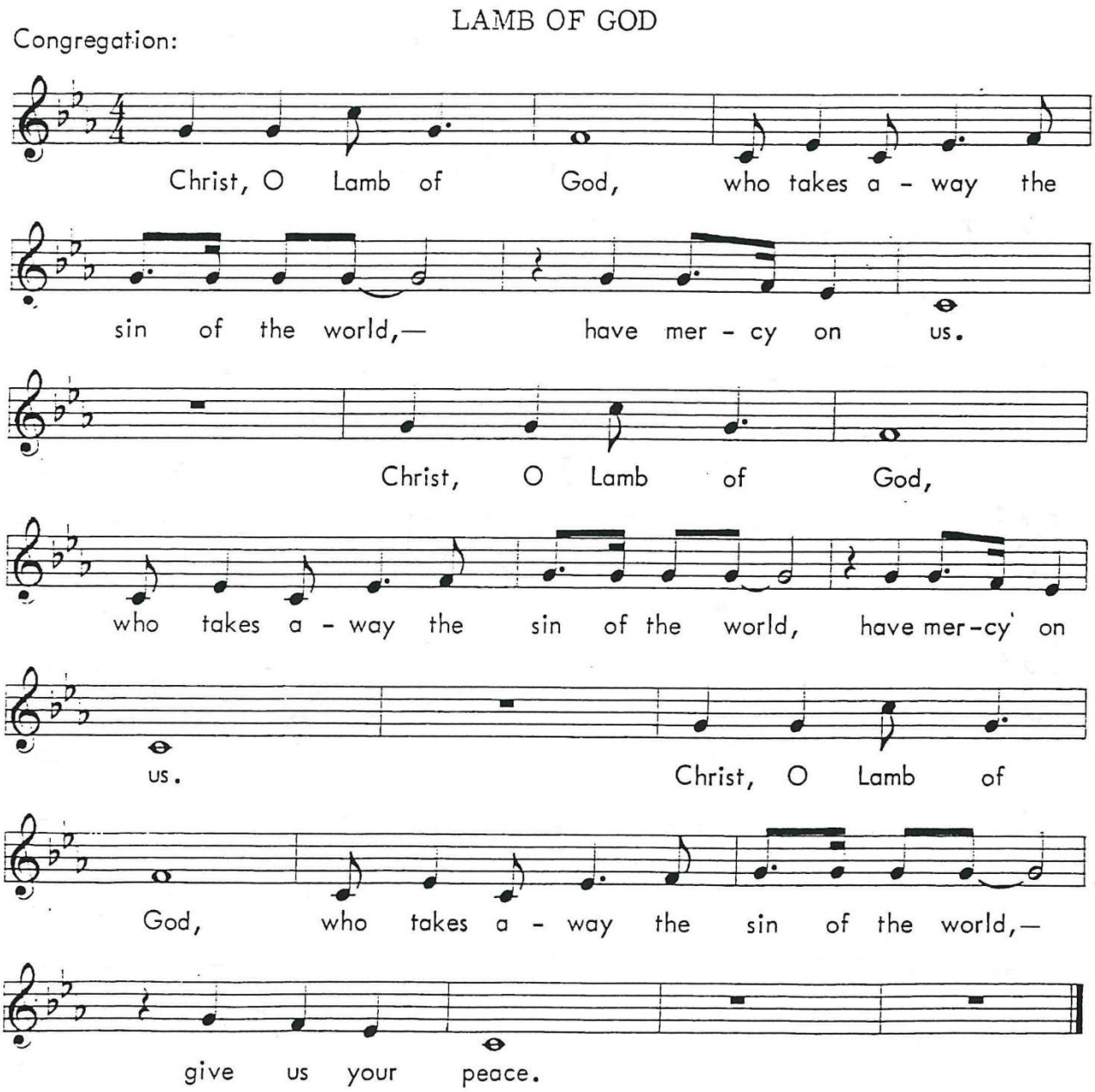


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER



Leader: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.
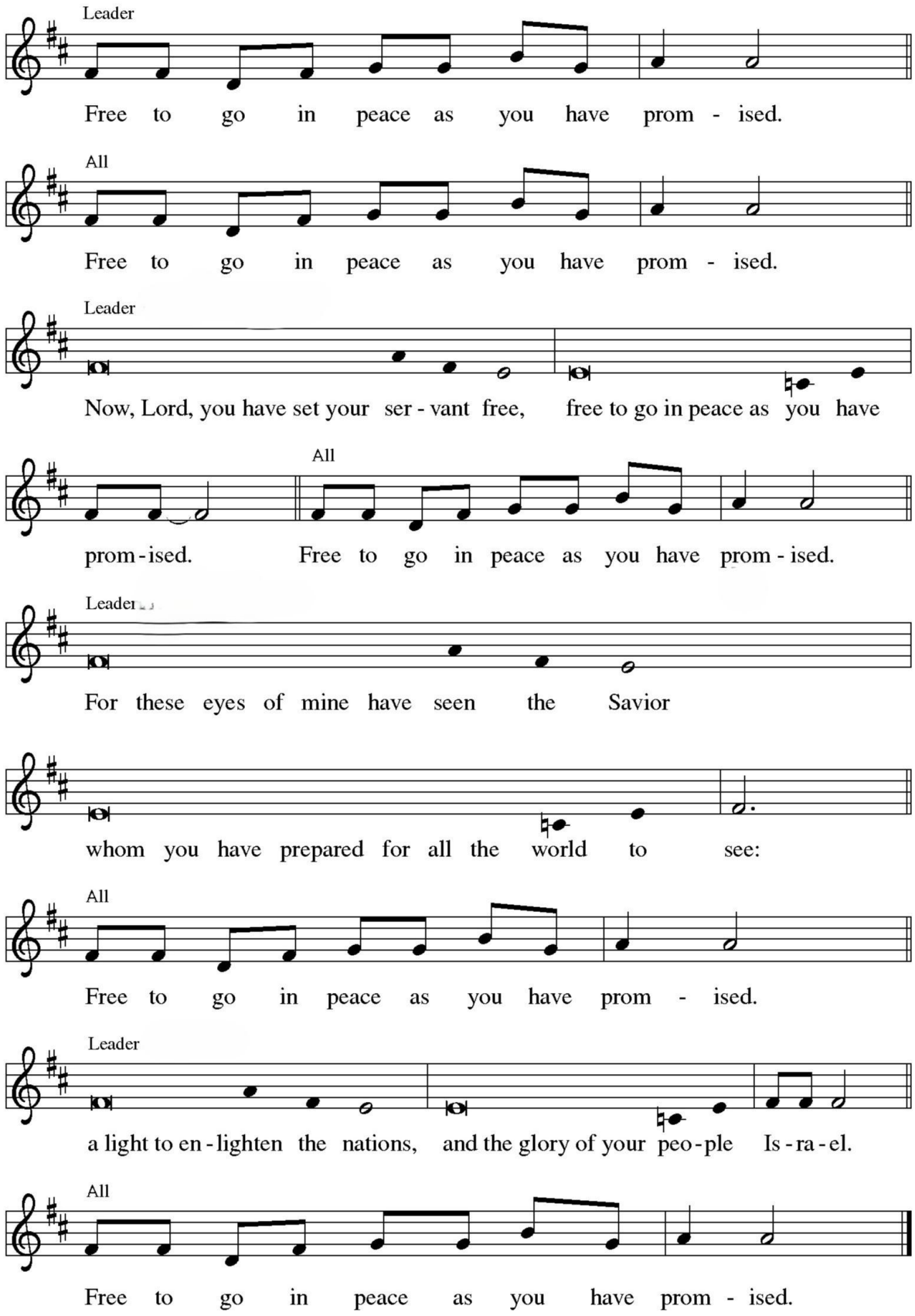


SHARING THE MEAL

Presiding Minister:

The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his Grace.

All: **Amen.**

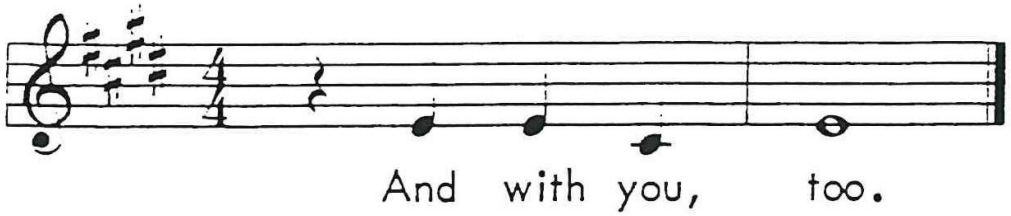
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BLESSING

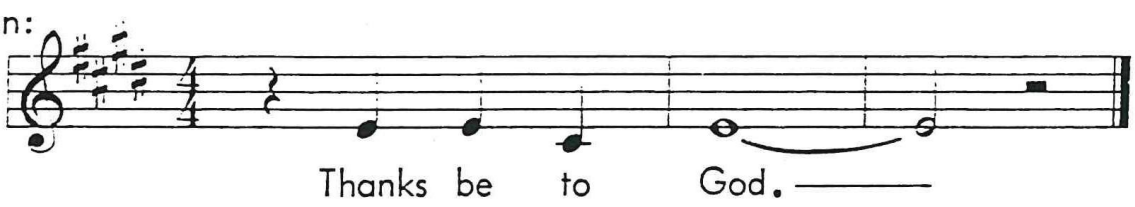
Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



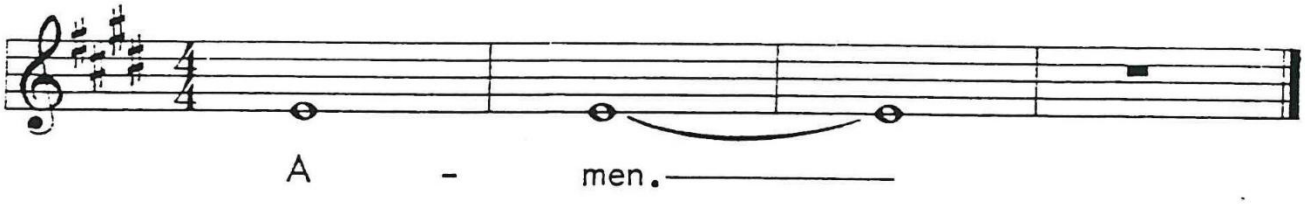
Leader: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation:

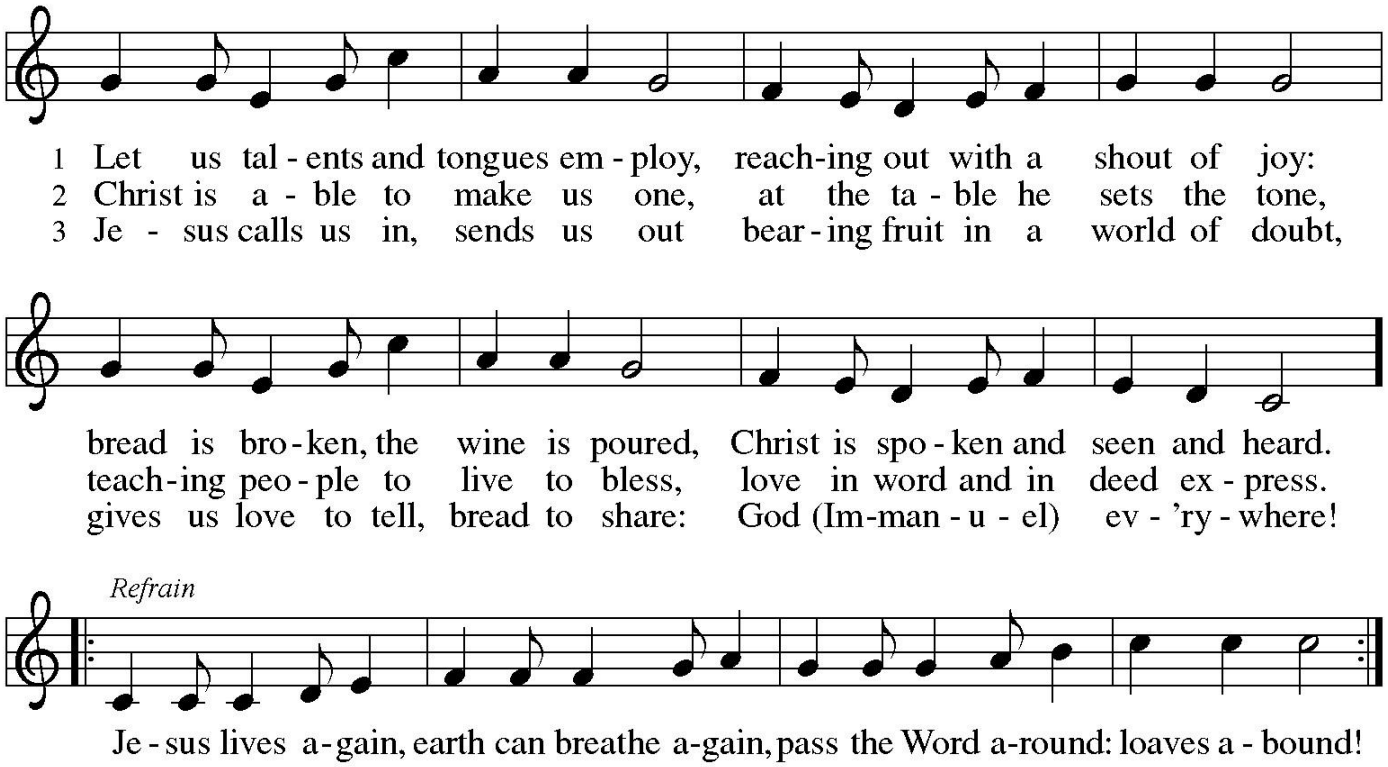


Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you.
And give you peace,
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



SENDING HYMN
LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY, ELW 674



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshiping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

WAYS TO GIVE: We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:
1. Go to www.feastofvictory.org/give, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers.
We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the school year Sunday School for children takes place during worship after the Children's message. Teachers will lead children to our fellowship hall for a lesson and activity, then return to the sanctuary for Communion. Please be mindful that children age 3 and under, or those not yet toilet trained, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MULTI-SENSORY WORSHIP: Thanks to our congregation's support and the effort of our Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) Taskforce, we have a Sensory Bin available at the Welcome Table located on your way into the Sanctuary. People of every age and ability are welcome to use anything from our Sensory Bin that helps you feel comfortable, focused, and connected during worship. Please return items to the Sensory Bin before you leave so they may be cleaned and ready for the next person. If you have ideas for cultivating inclusivity, through sensory-friendly worship or other means, please call the church office and connect with our Pastor. We're glad you are here!

HEARING ASSIST: If using a hearing assistance device would make worship more accessible for you, please visit our AV room located just outside the sanctuary and we will gladly help you get connected.



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Reader: Nancy Bordine
Greeters: Mike Nickels & Dave Rudkin
Ushers: Mike Nickels & Dave Rudkin
Communion: Caylyn Moglia
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Altar Care: Ruth Sutton

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