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24th Sunday after Pentecost - November 8th , 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

———Gathering———

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *He Came Down/We Are Marching*
Joy and Shalom Choirs

Congregation join: We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

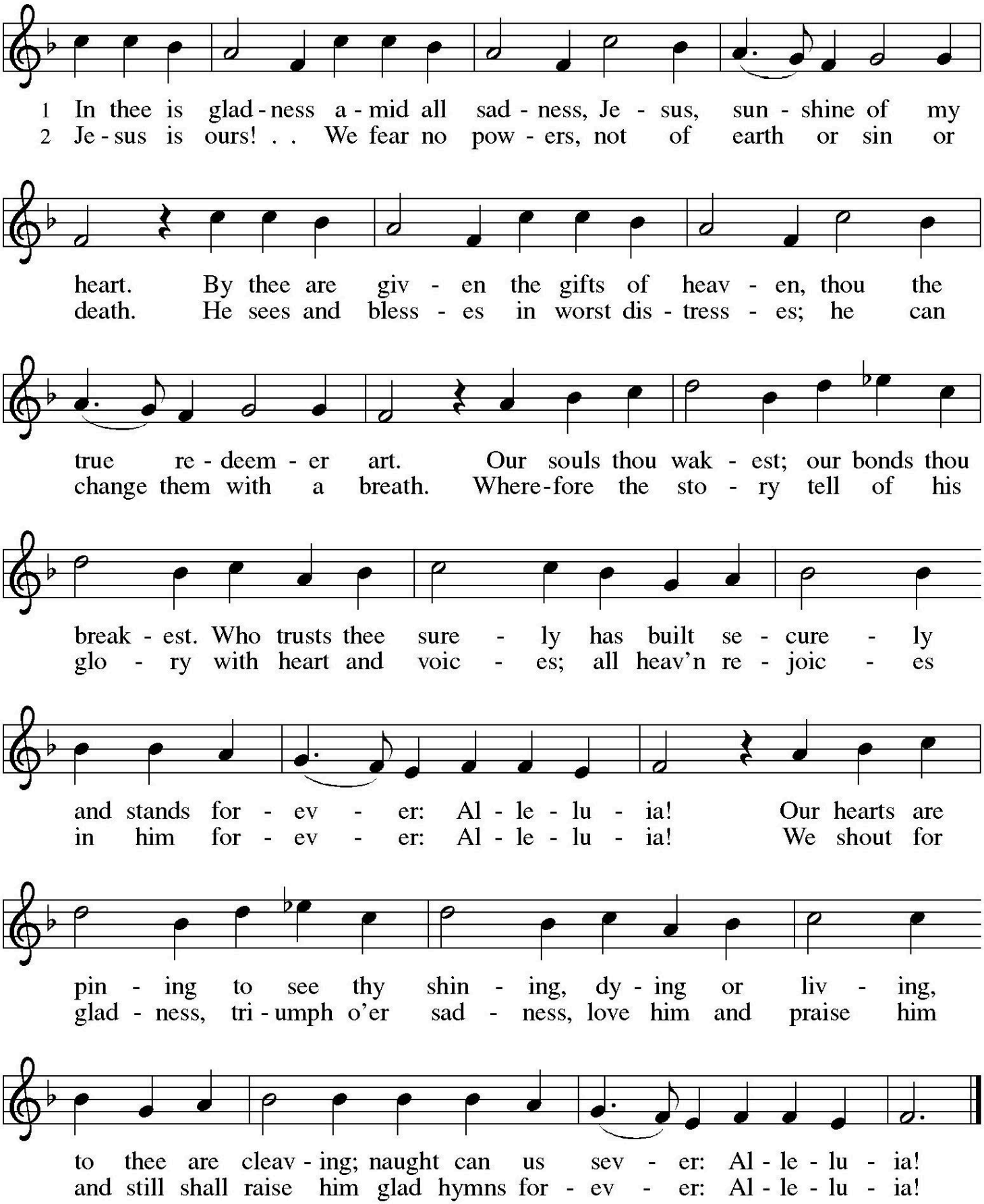
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, Oooh,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, Oooh,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing… we are praying… we are dancing…

Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *In Thee is Gladness* **(Red Book) ELW #867**

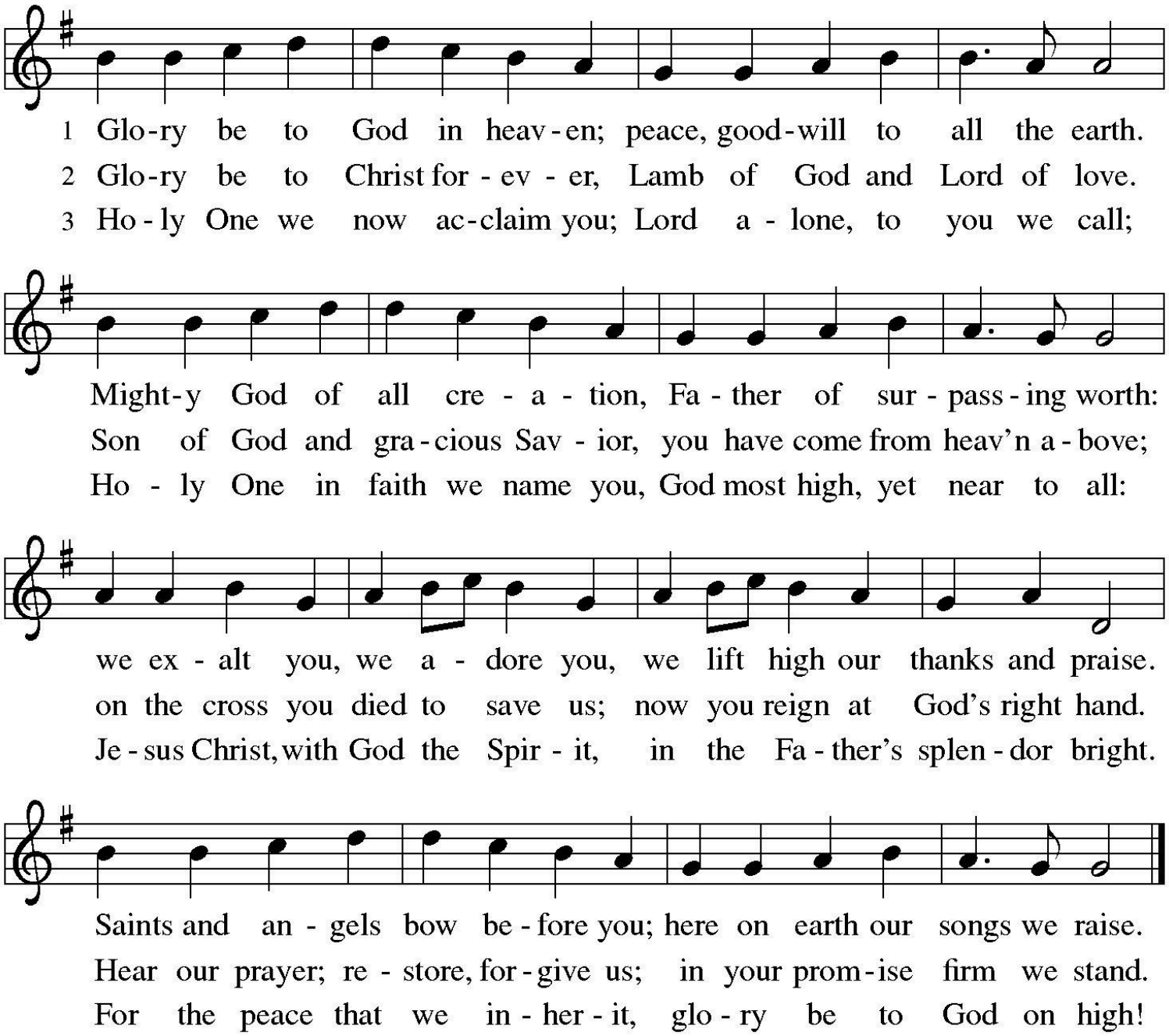


Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise **(Red Book) ELW p. 204**



Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

———WORD———

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

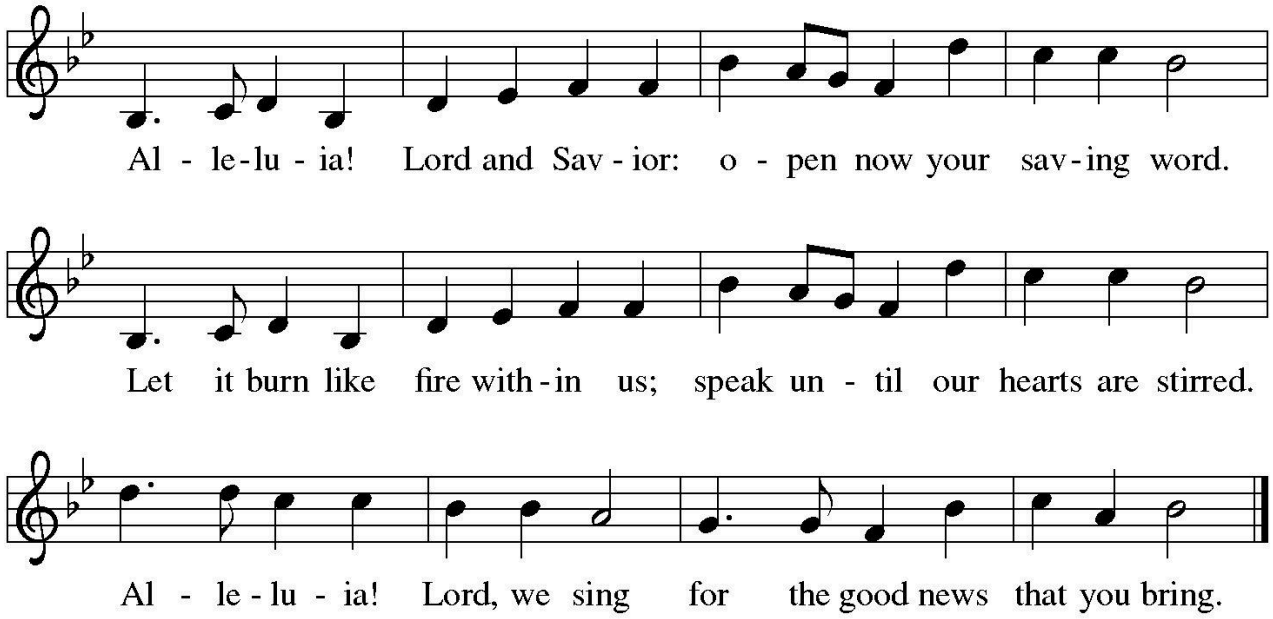
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I

despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. [23] Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. [24] But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation **(Red Book) ELW p. 205**



Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

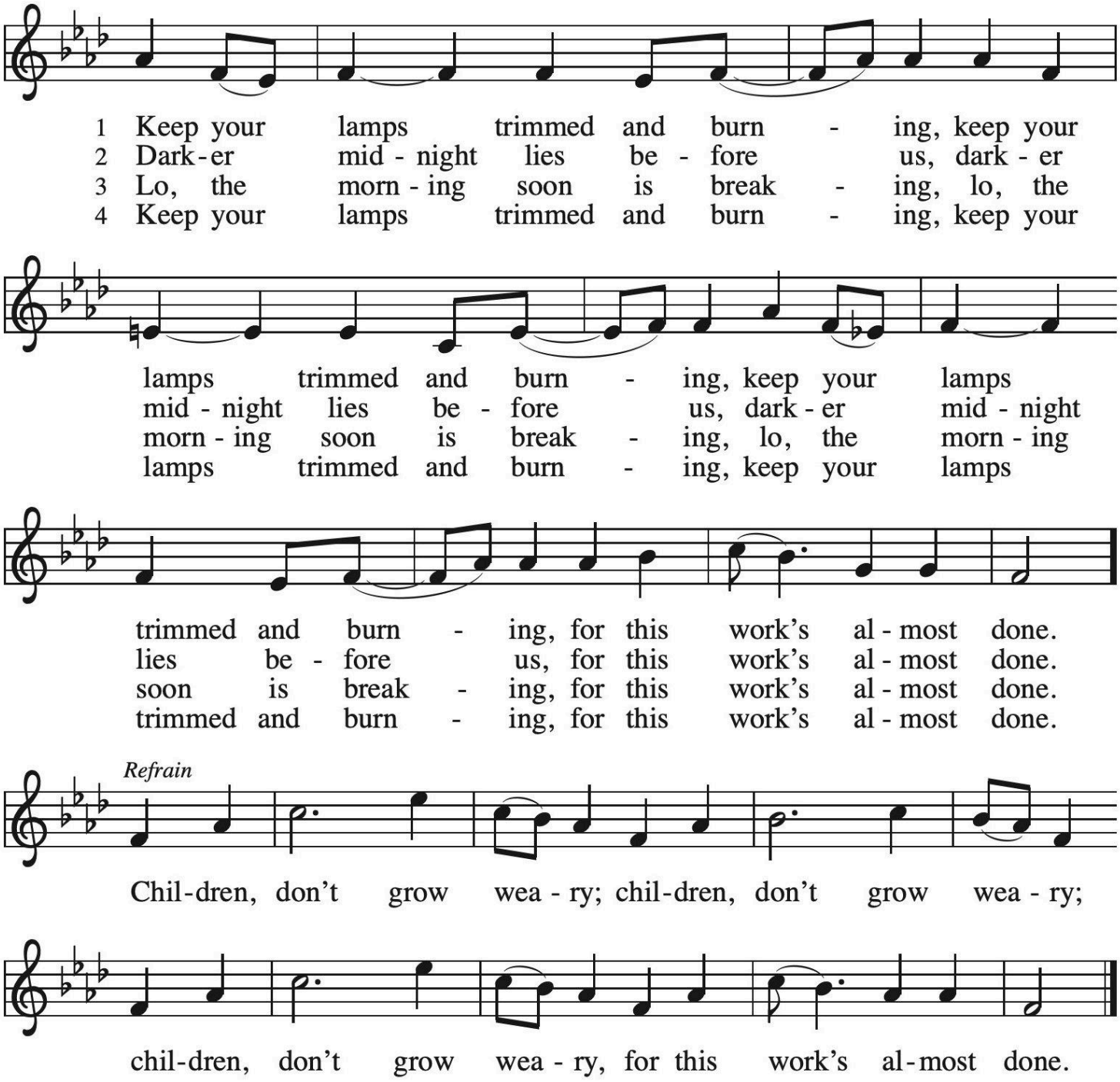
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.[5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sit

Sermon **Jonathan Orwig**

Hymn of the Day *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* **(Purple Book) ACS #949**



Statement of Faith: United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
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Announcements

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

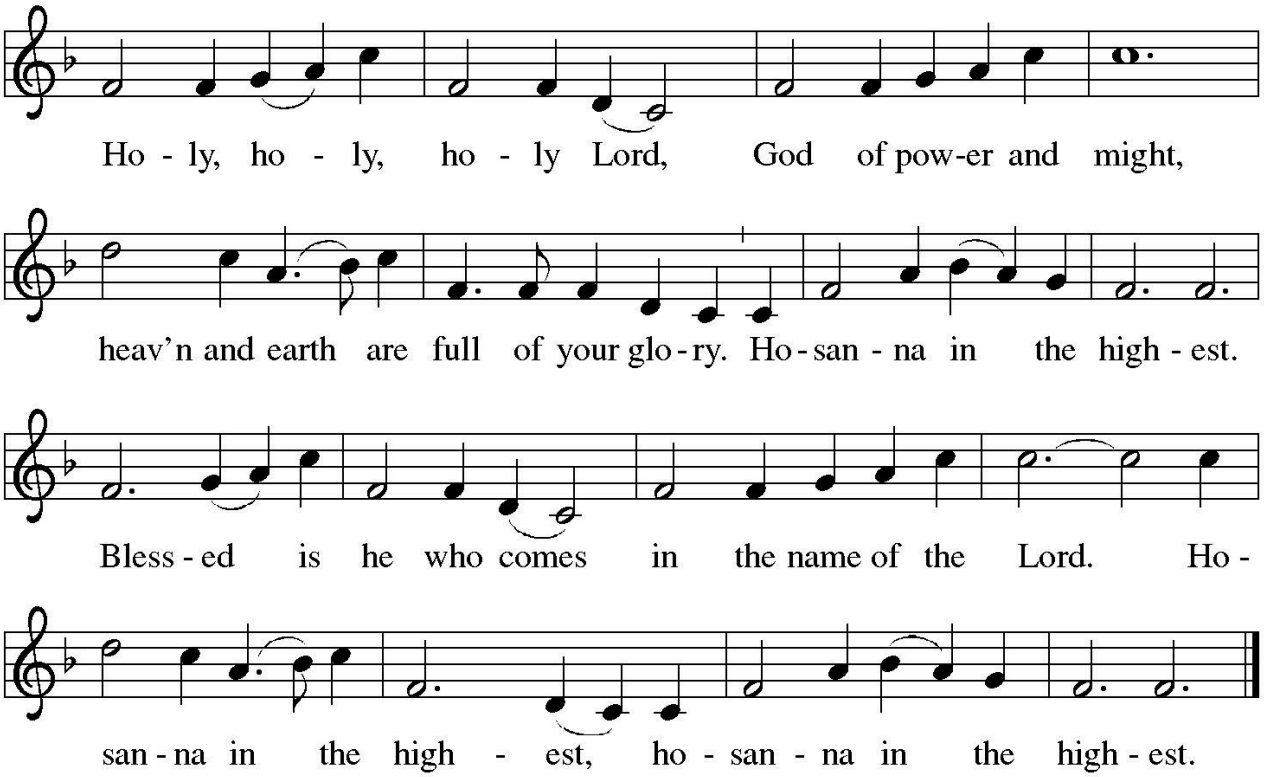
Offering *These Things Are True* **Tommy Walker**
Chapel Choir

Offering Prayer
God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy **(Red Book) ELW pp. 206-207**



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the

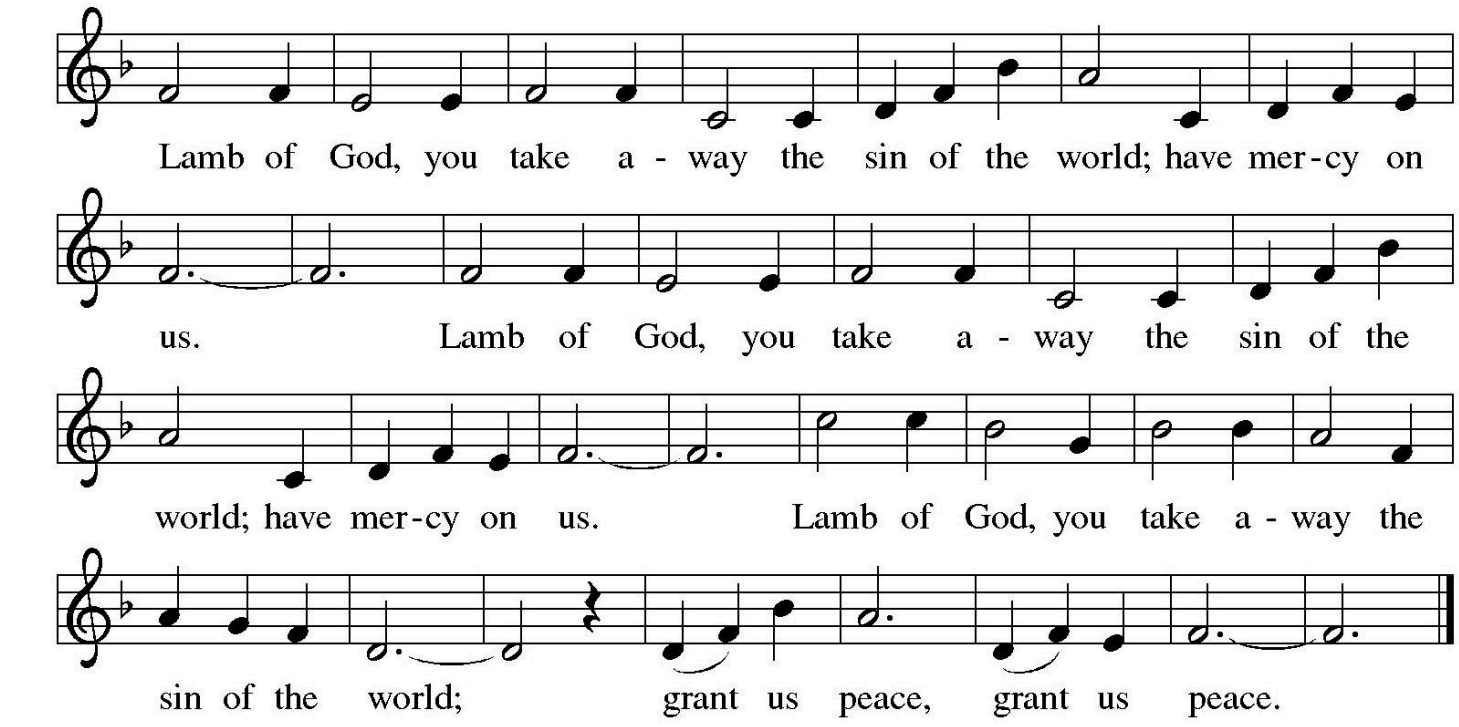
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

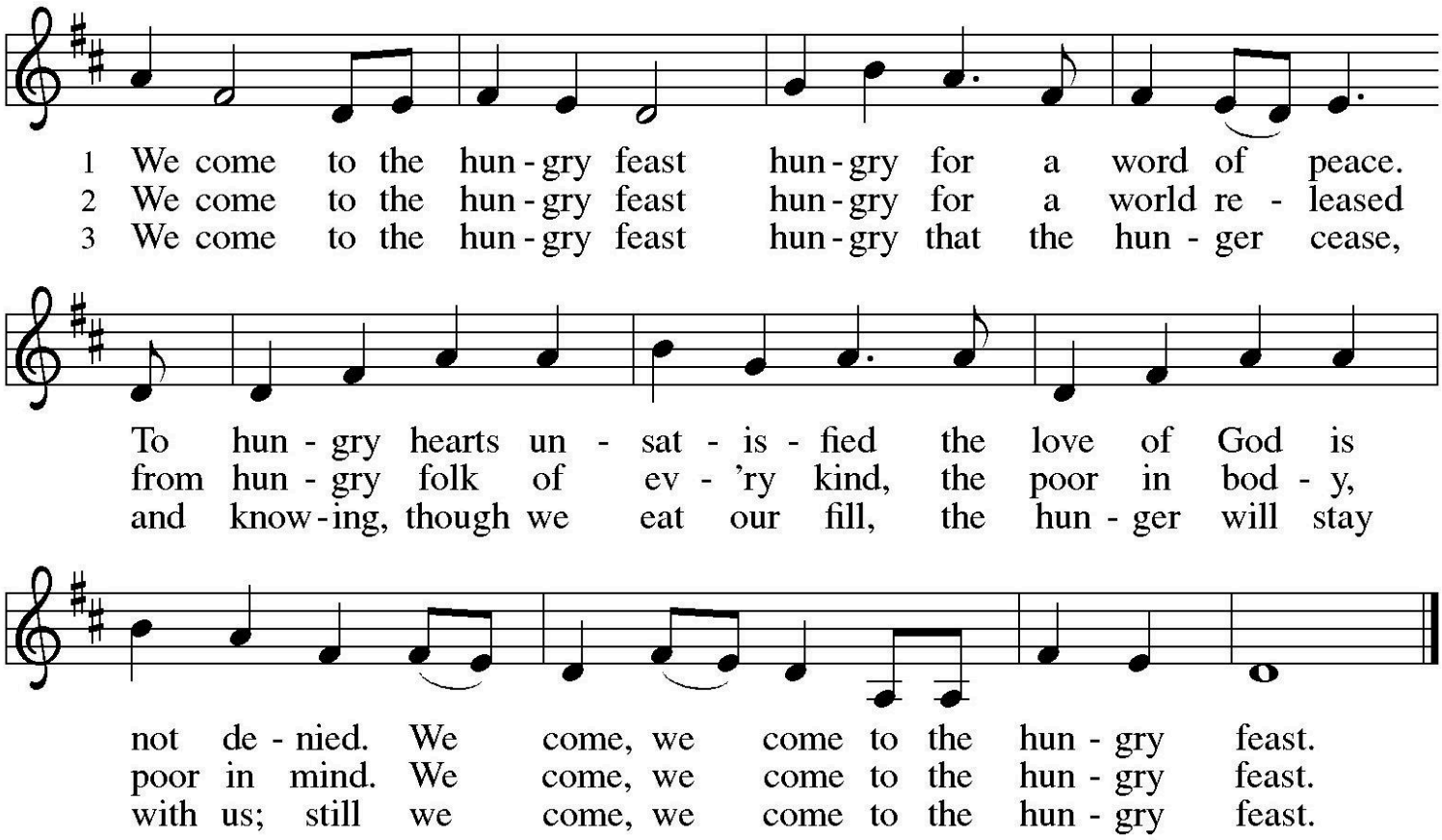
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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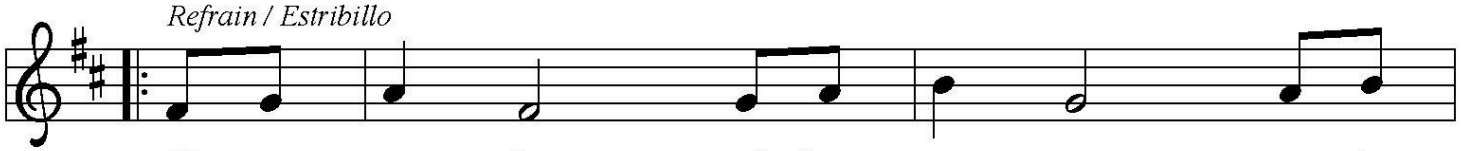
Communion Distribution Songs *Lamb of God* **(Red Book) ELW #195**



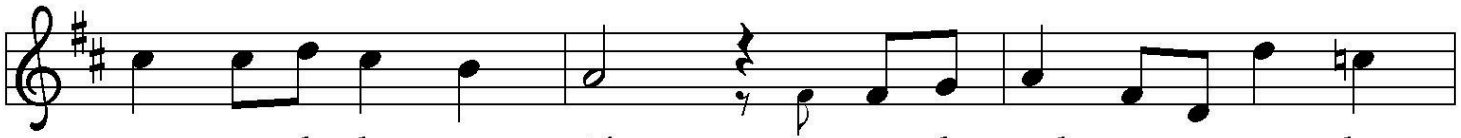
We Come to the Hungry Feast **(Red Book) ELW #479**



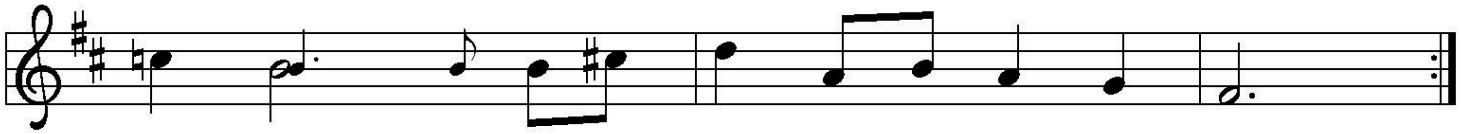
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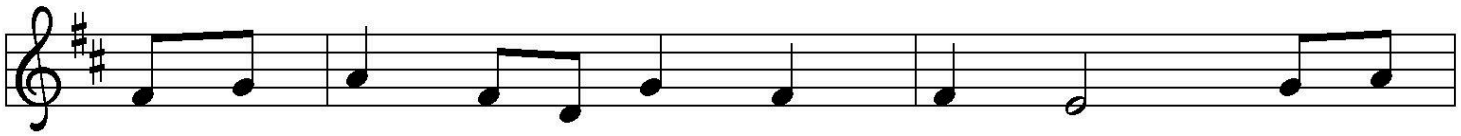
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Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



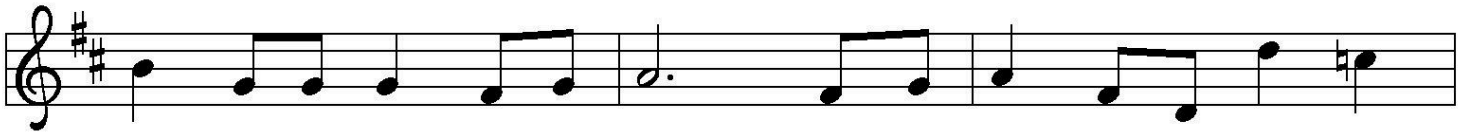
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wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

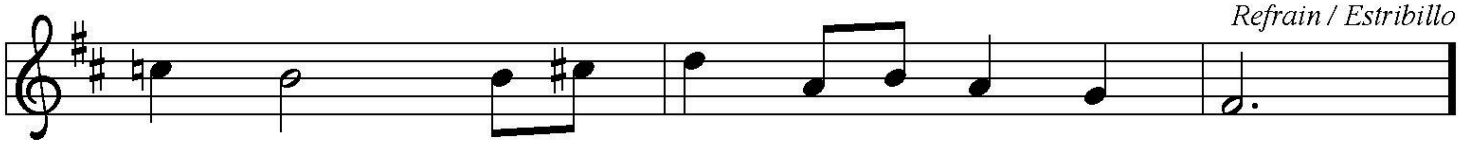


1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

stand

Post-Communion Blessing ...Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

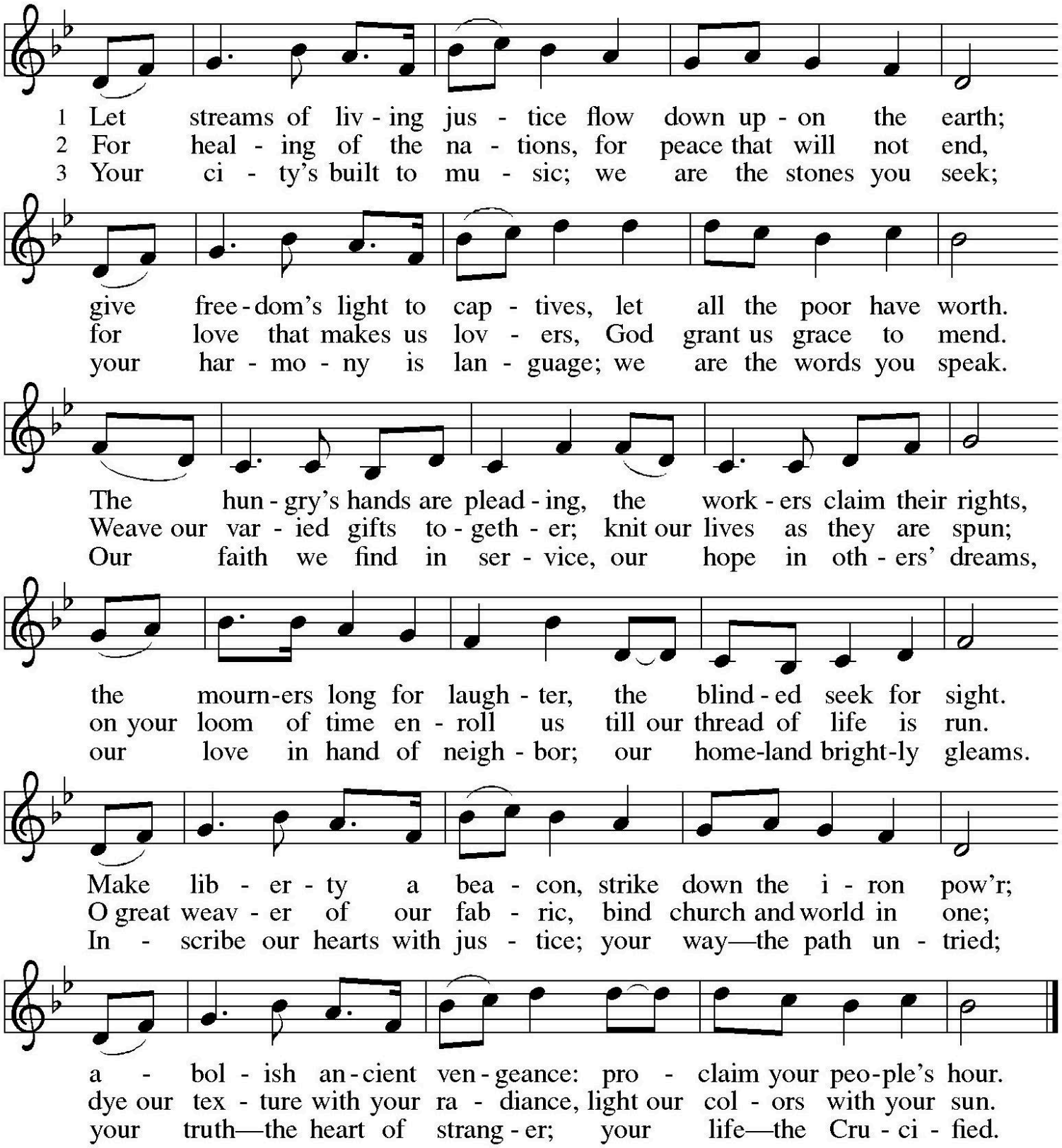
———SENDING———

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Let Streams of Living Justice* **(Red Book) ELW #710**



Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Flowers today are given by Kathy Scott in honor of the sacrifice of kindness.

Would you like to help beautify our Sanctuary by sponsoring Altar flowers? Flowers may be dedicated “in honor, in memory, or in celebration” of a person or occasion. This dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin, and you may take the flowers home following the worship service.*To sponsor flowers, use the sign-up poster on the bulletin board between the Office and the Fellowship Hall. Contact office@saplc.org with any questions*

Welcoming Statement

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community striving to love each other and the world more boldly. We are people of strong, uncertain, and undiscovered faith. We vary in age, family structure, physical and mental ability, and economic circumstance. We are diverse in sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. We differ in appearance, ethnicity, and culture. Gifted and imperfect, wounded and healing, we are made whole by God’s infinite love and grace. We invite you to experience that love and grace with us, to find rest here, find a family, and be fed. We promise to honor your unique experience and gifts as we journey together in Christ, embracing the work of anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, social and economic justice, and environmental care, to mend and heal a broken world for the glory of God.

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God.

Prayer Concerns

For Pastor Vincent Momoh, George Copa (Husband of Dona Leonard), Mary Gibson (grandmother of Diane Sherwin), Aaron Frase (spouse of Colleen Healy), Larry Gaenzle, Shirley Peterson (Grandmother of Ashley Schultz), Souix Trayner and Lisa Lange (friends of Kathy Scott), Roger Eggen, Matias Lee Hacker (Sonia Ellis’ friend’s grandson), Kristin Shardlow, Ellen Healy, Brad and Liv Lane (friends of the Eklunds), Michelle Christianson, Dolores Rivard, Rose Syring, Nathan Storhoff (nephew of Solveig Storhoff), Lynndelle and Erik Pratt, Rohini Anderson (friend of Lisa Gray), Kim Hansen (friend of Brenda Hansen), Robb Scott (spouse of Kathy), Jim Larson, Jean Bendt, Sabrina Raatz (great nice of Elaine Phillips), Dorothy Wallevand, Roy Klebe (friends of Karin Collin), Scott Reidel, Paul Rogness, Kari Smebye, Georgia Nygaard (friends of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Sharon Satre, Mike Satre (son of Sharon Satre), Berit Griffin, and Chad (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins).

And we pray for peace in the world and for our military personnel, as well as all people affected by war, political unrest, and natural disasters.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

To prepare for worship next week: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Matthew 25:14-30

What is a House?

Houses at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church are a small group ministry that enables meaningful connections and opportunities for serving together. Houses provide worship support for a dedicated month each year and meet regularly to grow in faith and prayerful support for one another.

The November House

Steve Bishop, Julie Hansen-Bishop, Rob Blair, Michelle & David Christianson, Sullivan Cousins, Yusmine Rosmsan Dan Fisher, Sara Skovholt, Henry, Charlie & Katherine Fisher, Peter, Anne, Parker & Mark Frosch, Laura, Andrew, Josie & Sam Gillot, Karen Hovland, Dan, Laura, Jaime & Trina Morlock, Fritz & Lynda Morlock, Anita, Mark, Bella Sam & Alex Severt, Glen & Anna Skovholt, Grace Swensen, Donna Teeter

Serving Today

Preaching: Jonathan Orwig
Presiding: Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen
Reader: Peter Frosch
Ushers: The Frosch and Severt Families
Tech: Carolina Gwinn

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———Worship at St. Anthony Park Lutheran———

Notes on our Worship Seasons

Our tradition observes the western liturgical calendar. Our year begins with the season of Advent, followed by the festival of Christmas, the Epiphany season, Lent, Holy Week (featuring something we call 'The Triduum,' or 'Three Days'- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday), the great festival of Easter, and then finishes with the festival of Pentecost and the long, 'green season' over the summer and into the fall. Then, we do it all over again!

Our Vision Statement proclaims St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will be a 'dynamic worshiping community.' To meet that vision we offer a blended worship style, welcoming many genres and worship expressions. In order to grow in love and appreciation for various modes of the Spirit we rotate settings between the above-mentioned seasons of the church year. A setting is an arrangement of various worship elements that complement the meaning of the liturgical season.

For the beginning of the summer, we returned to a more traditional setting, ELW #3, for the next few weeks we did the Emmanuel Lutheran djembe setting, and for the remainder of the summer we did a setting based on Celtic hymns. To kick off the program year we used a liturgy based on the Tanzanian tune "Nemamona Bwana", arranged by Jonathan Orwig. Now we switch to Setting 10 for the next few weeks

We pray you experience the resurrected Christ in our midst as we worship together!

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