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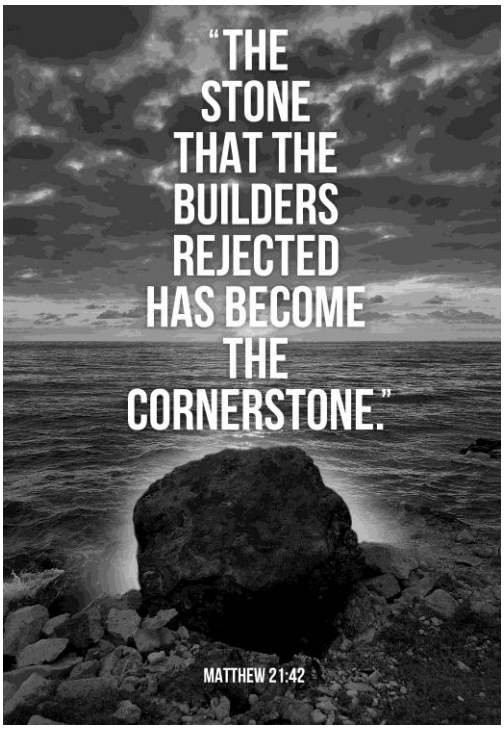

IN MISSION:
LISTENING TO JESUS' VOICE, REJOICING IN HIS GRACE,
TELLING OTHERS ABOUT HIS LOVE!

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Divine Service One

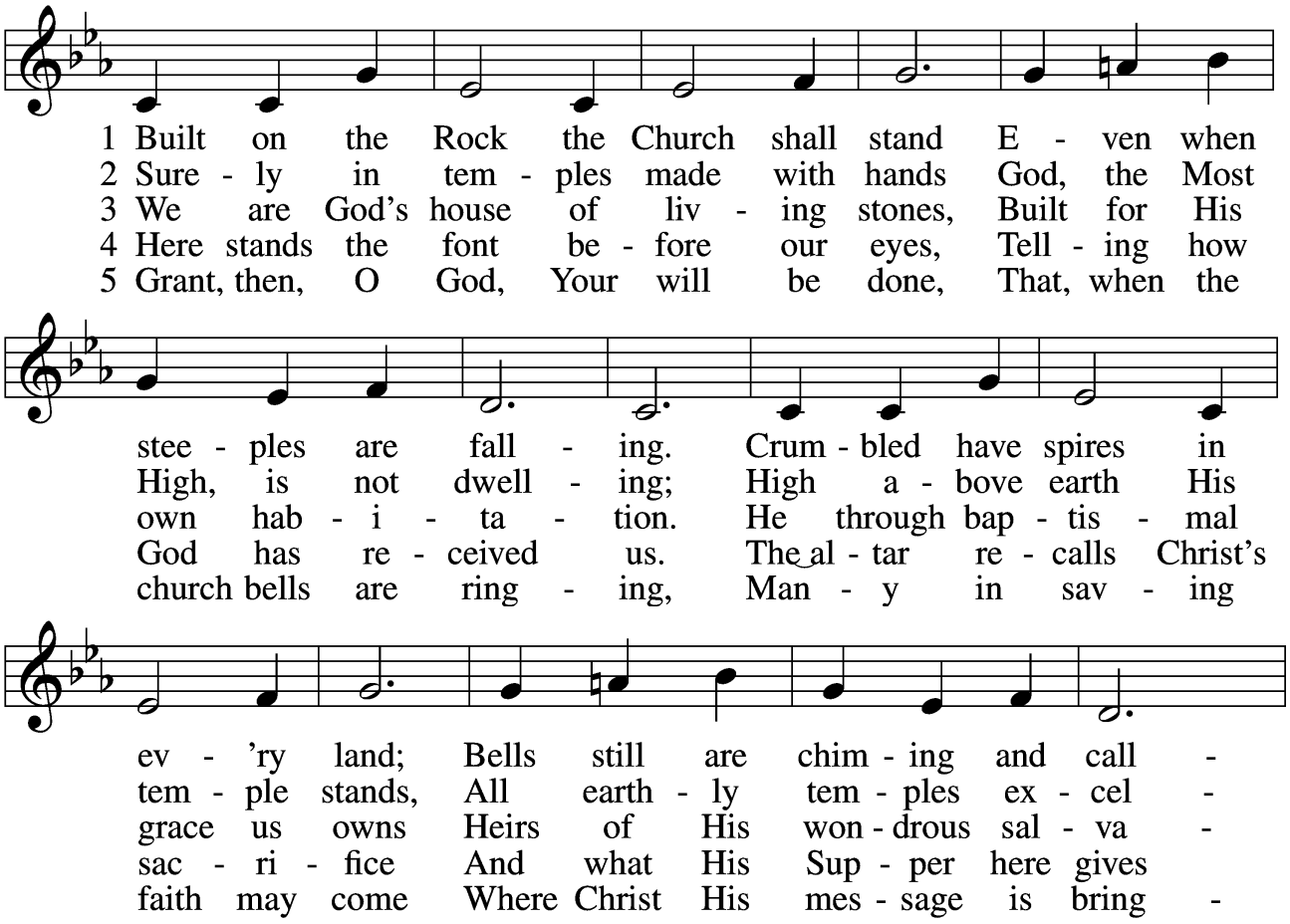
THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

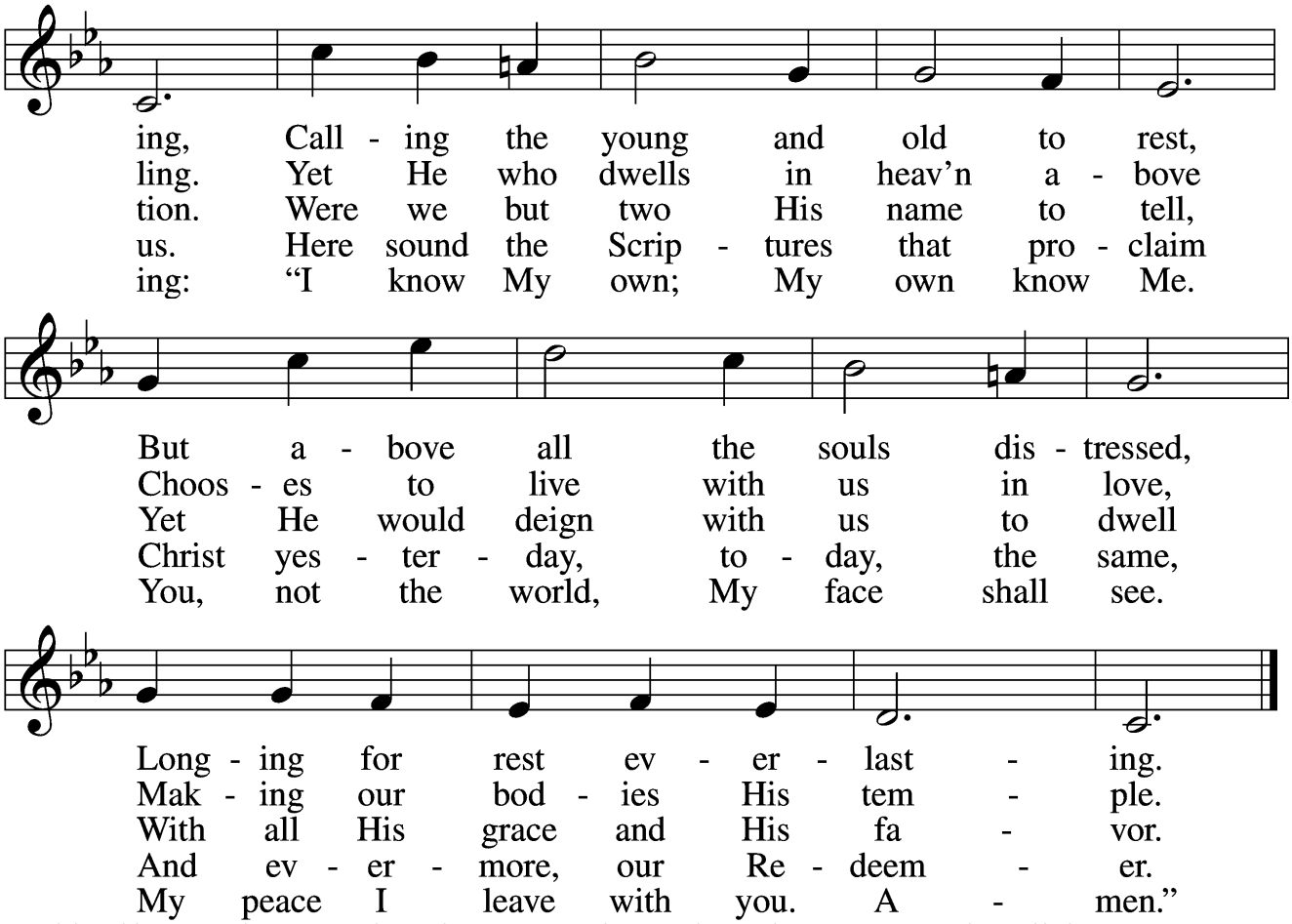
A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS: We rejoice in having you share with us our Lord's gift of His grace to us through His Word. The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the service today. God's Word directs us that only those who are sufficiently instructed to examine themselves that they might recognize the body of Christ in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:28-29) should partake thereof. The members of Trinity Lutheran Church believe and confess the real presence of the incarnate Lord Jesus in His body and blood in and under the bread and wine of His Supper, discerning that the bread is a communion of the true body of Christ, and the wine is a communion of the true blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). Such "communion" testifies to the unity of faith among all those who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). This presupposes unity in both doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42). *If you are a communicant member in good standing of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, fellowship with us is a given, "sufficient instruction" is assumed. Therefore, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.* If you are a fellow-believer of another denomination not in confessional fellowship with us, yet desiring to commune, we kindly request that, prior to communing, you speak with the pastor concerning your participation in the Lord's Supper.

Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation LSB 645 Built on the Rock





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Opening Sentences

P Dearest Lord Jesus, you have told us that you came into this world not to be served but to serve.

C **In your service dear Lord we were granted forgiveness, peace and hope.**

P You dear Lord are the One whom we now serve.

C **We serve you in thought, word and deed.**

P Dear Lord, bless us in our service to you.

C **Lead and guide us dear Lord in all our acts of service.**

P Dear Lord, you tell us whatever we have done unto the least of these your brothers and sisters.

C **we have done unto you.**

P Bless us dear Lord in our doing.

C **that it would be done unto you and your kingdom**.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

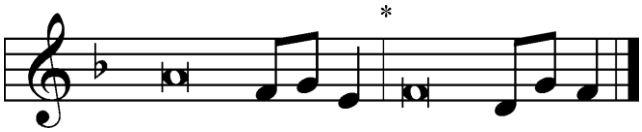
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

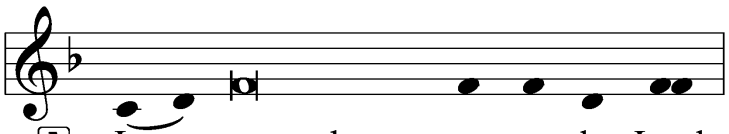
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

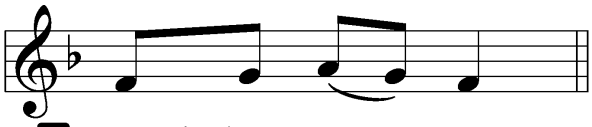
C **Amen.**

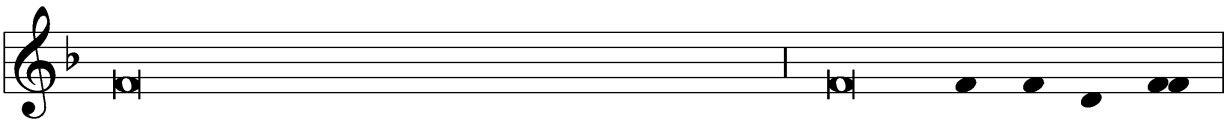
SERVICE OF THE WORD

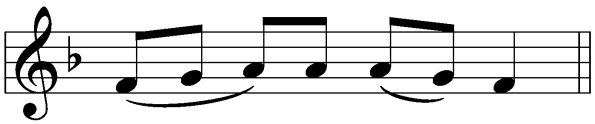
Introit *Psalm 100*

[1]Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*
[2]Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with | singing!
[3]Know that the LORD, | he is God!*
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.
[4]Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his | courts with praise!*
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
[5]For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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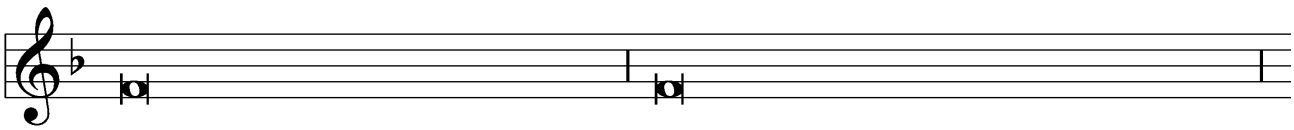
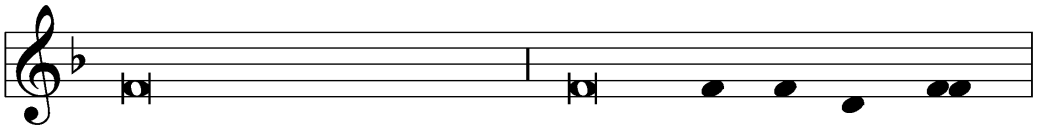
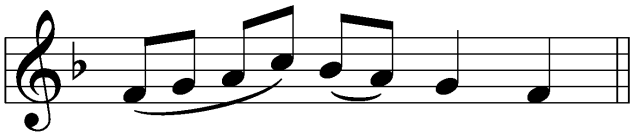

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

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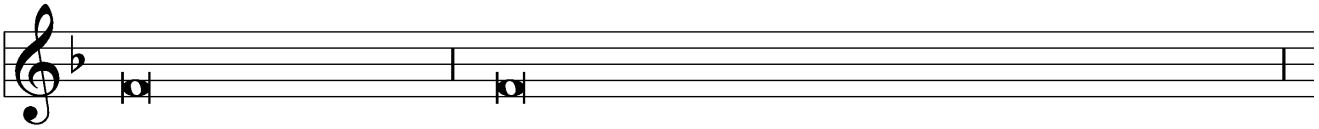
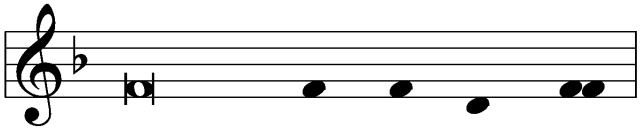


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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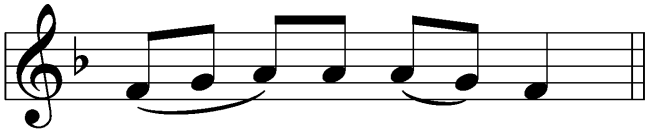
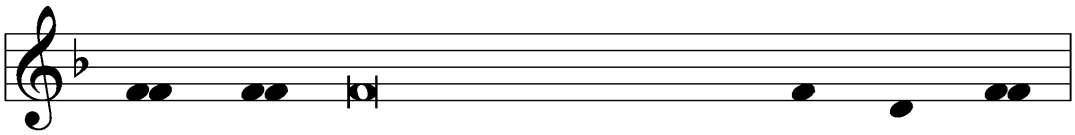

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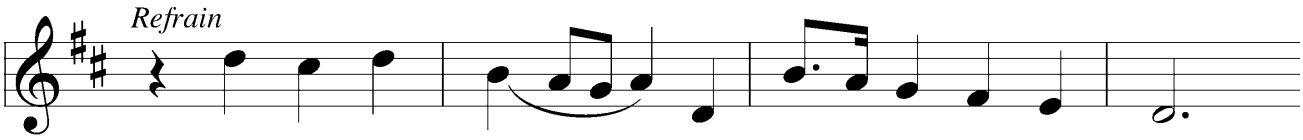
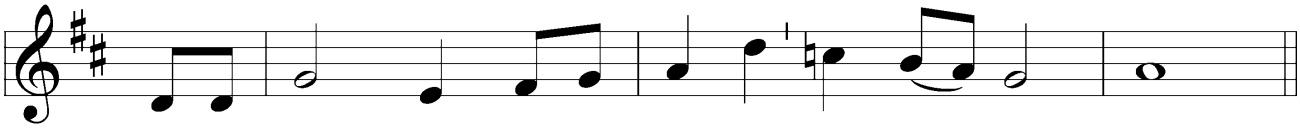
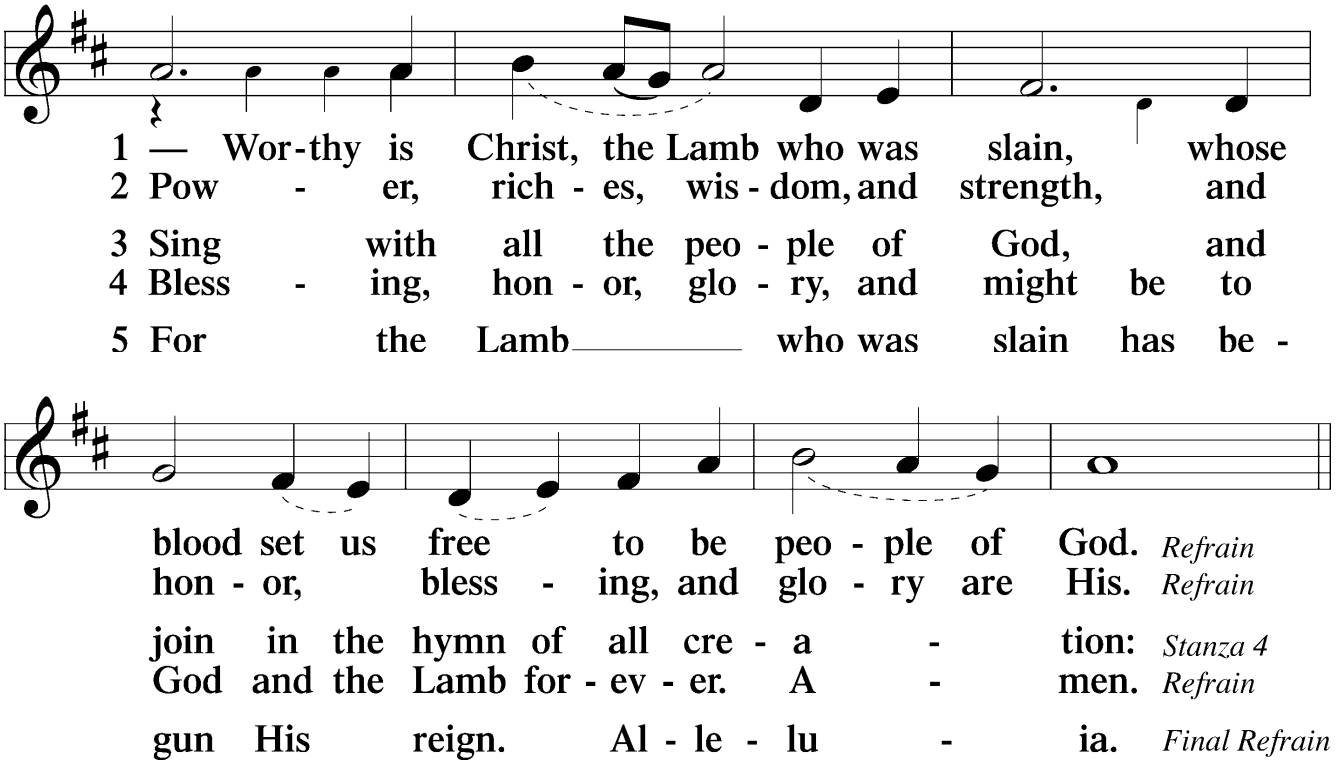
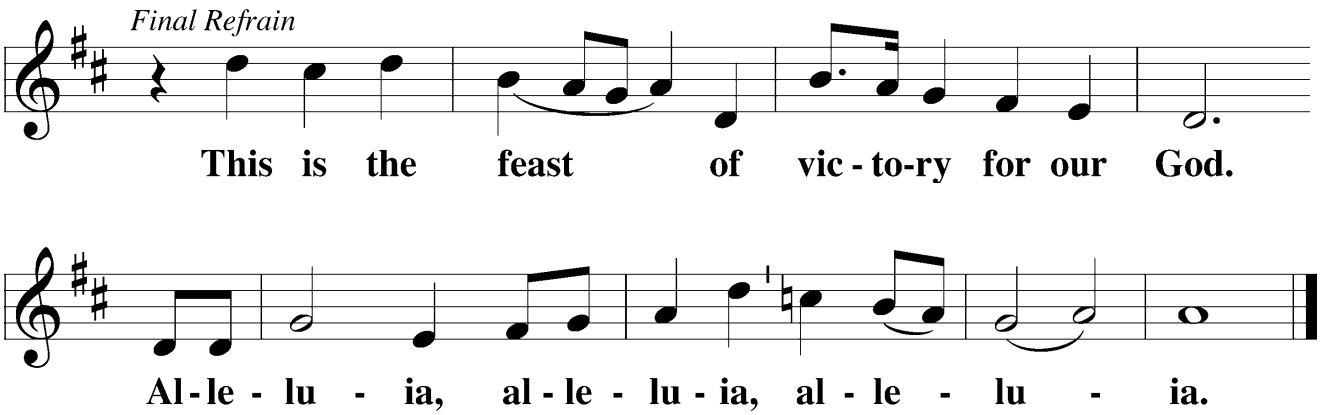





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 5:1–7*

[1]Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
[2]He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
[3]And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. [4]What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
[5]And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
[6]I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
[7]For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5]circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. [7]But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8]Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— [10]that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11]that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

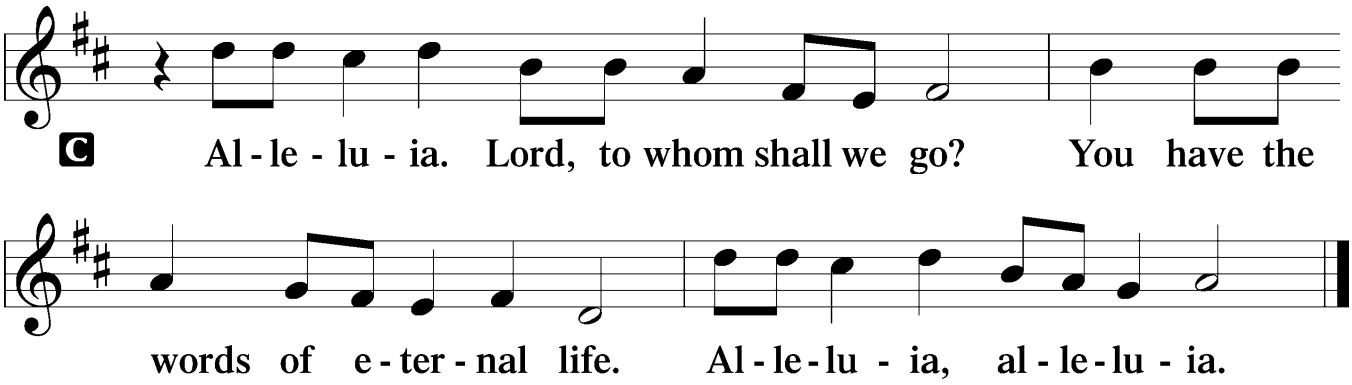
[12]Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13]Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

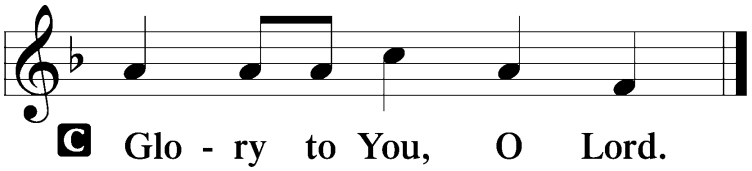
Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

[33][Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. [34]When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. [35]And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and

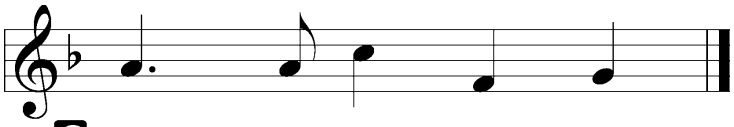
stoned another. [36]Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. [37]Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38]But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' [39]And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. [40]When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" [41]They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

[42]Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

> "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
> this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

[43]Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. [44]And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

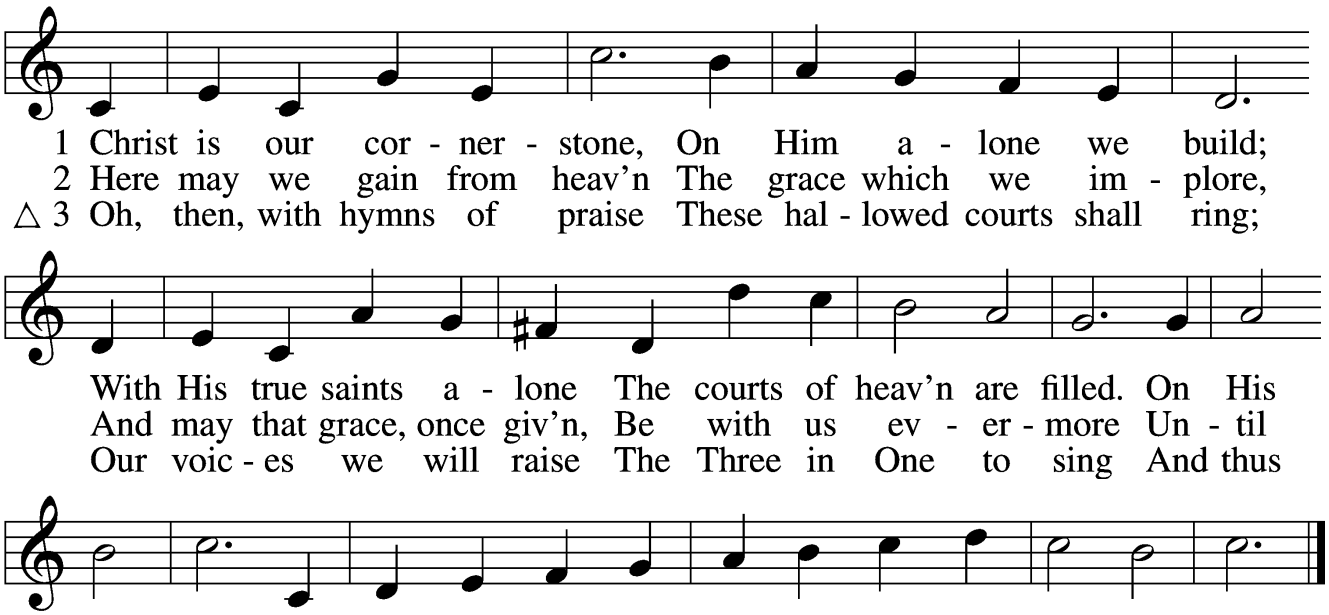
[45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. [46]And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn LSB 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



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Sermon: The Stone and the Vineyard *Matt. 21:33-46* *Rev. Mark Harris*

Offering

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Special Offering: LWML Mission Gifts

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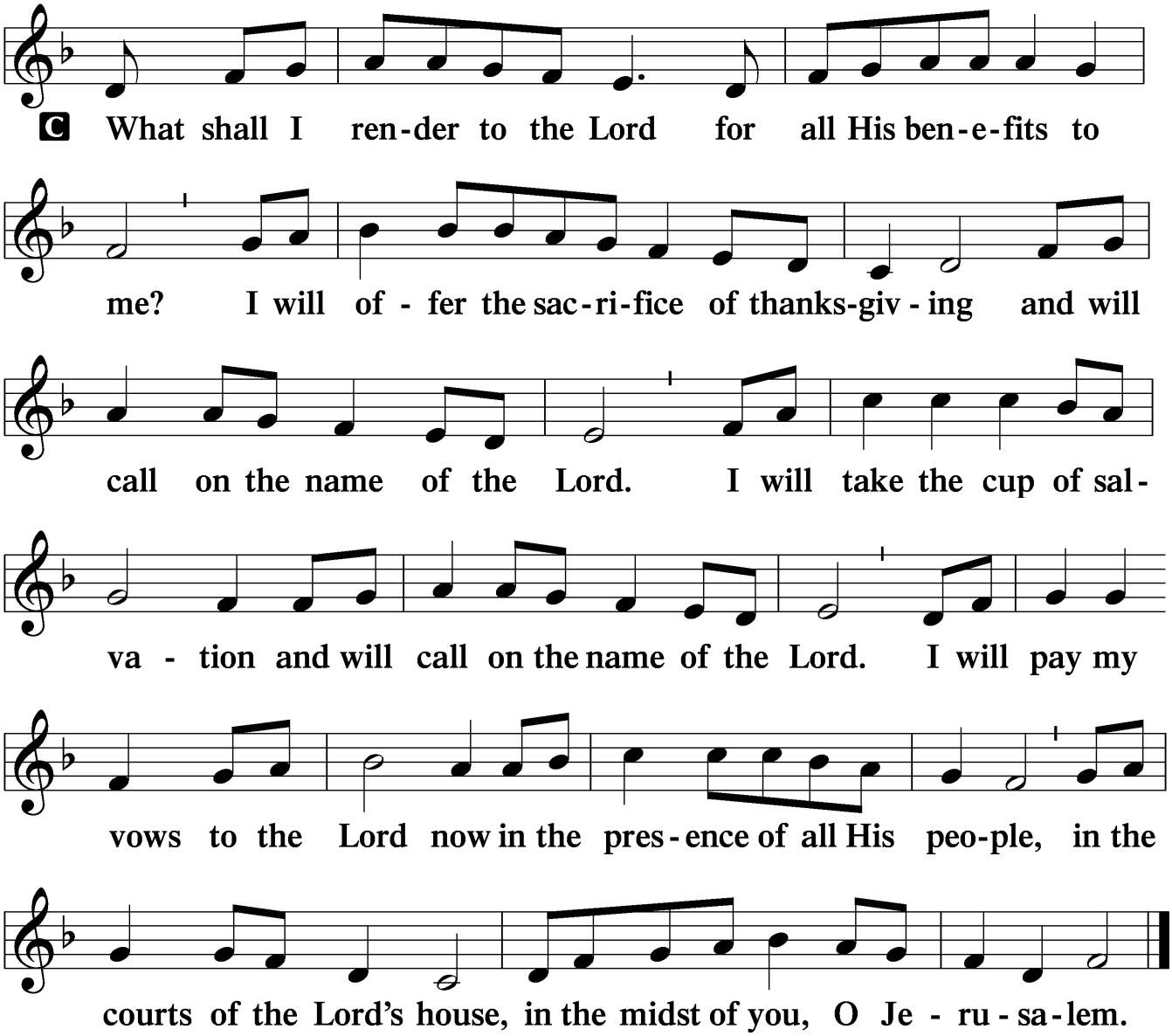
Offertory



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

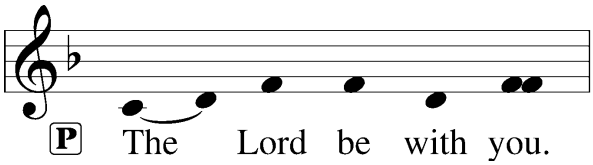
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

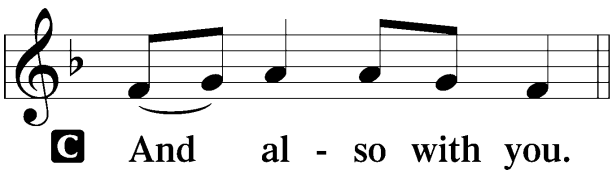
Prayer of the Church

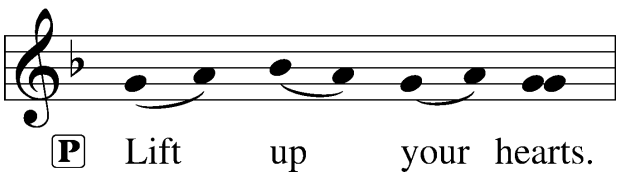
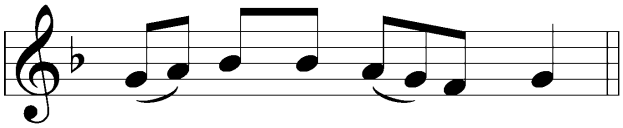
A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

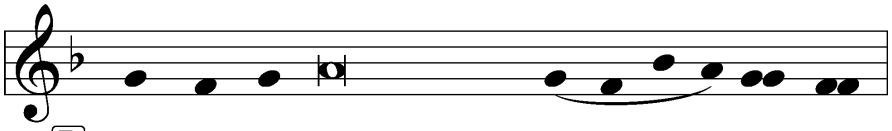
Preface

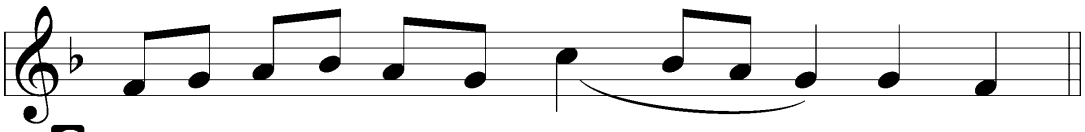






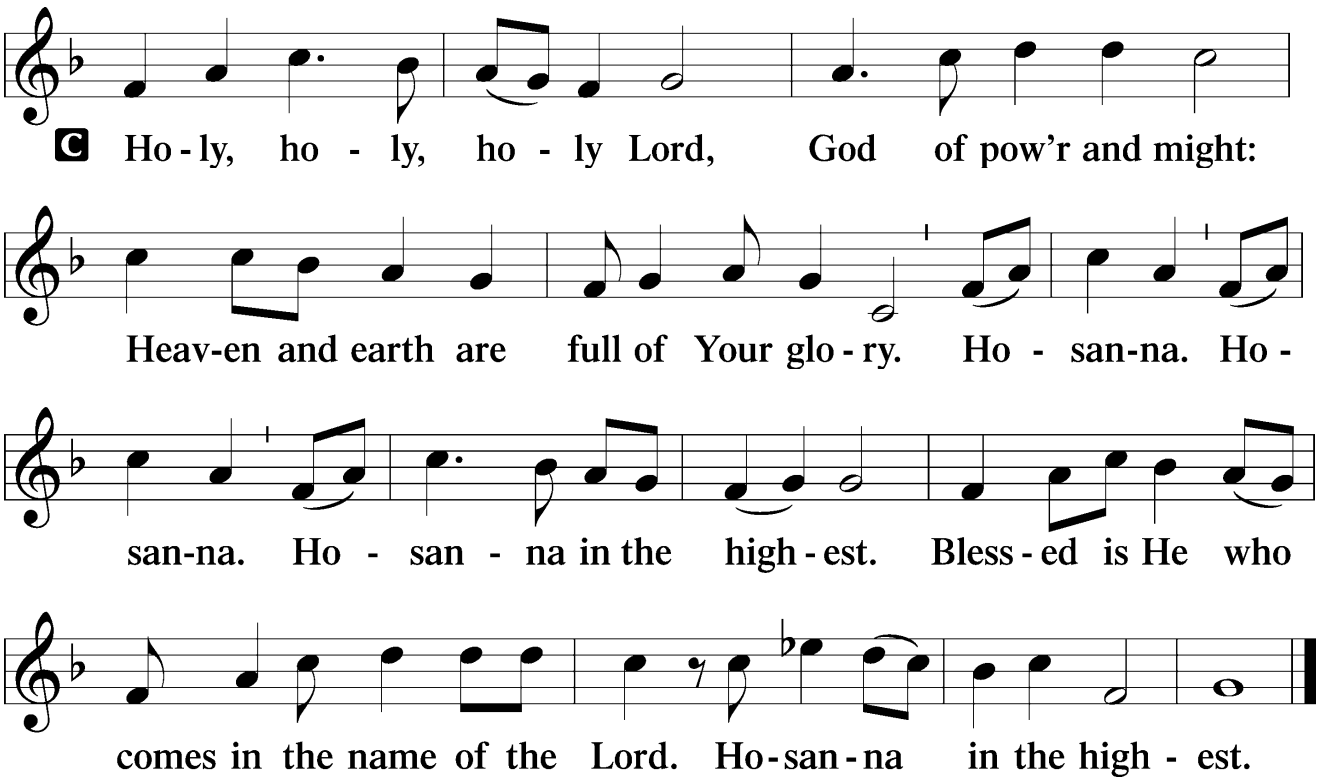
C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



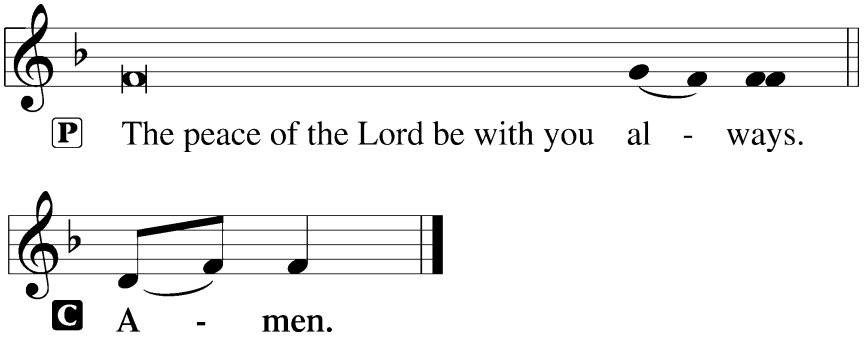
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

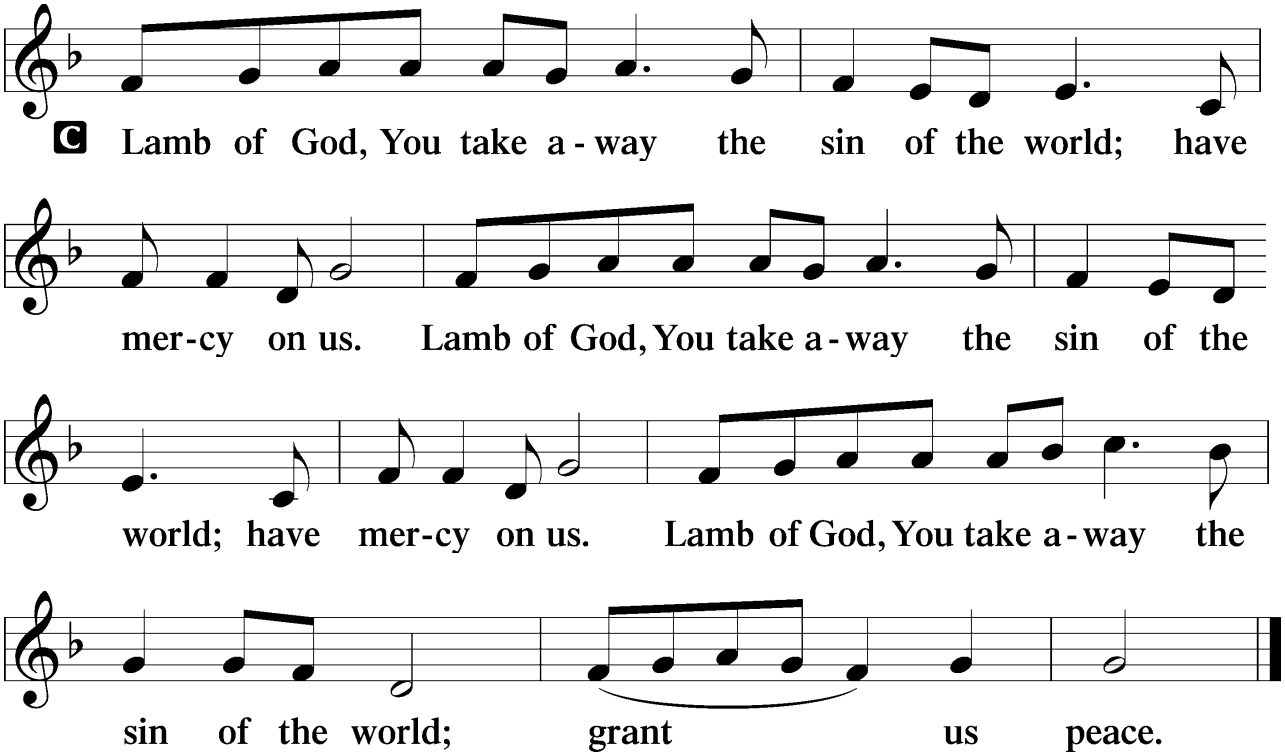
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei



Sit

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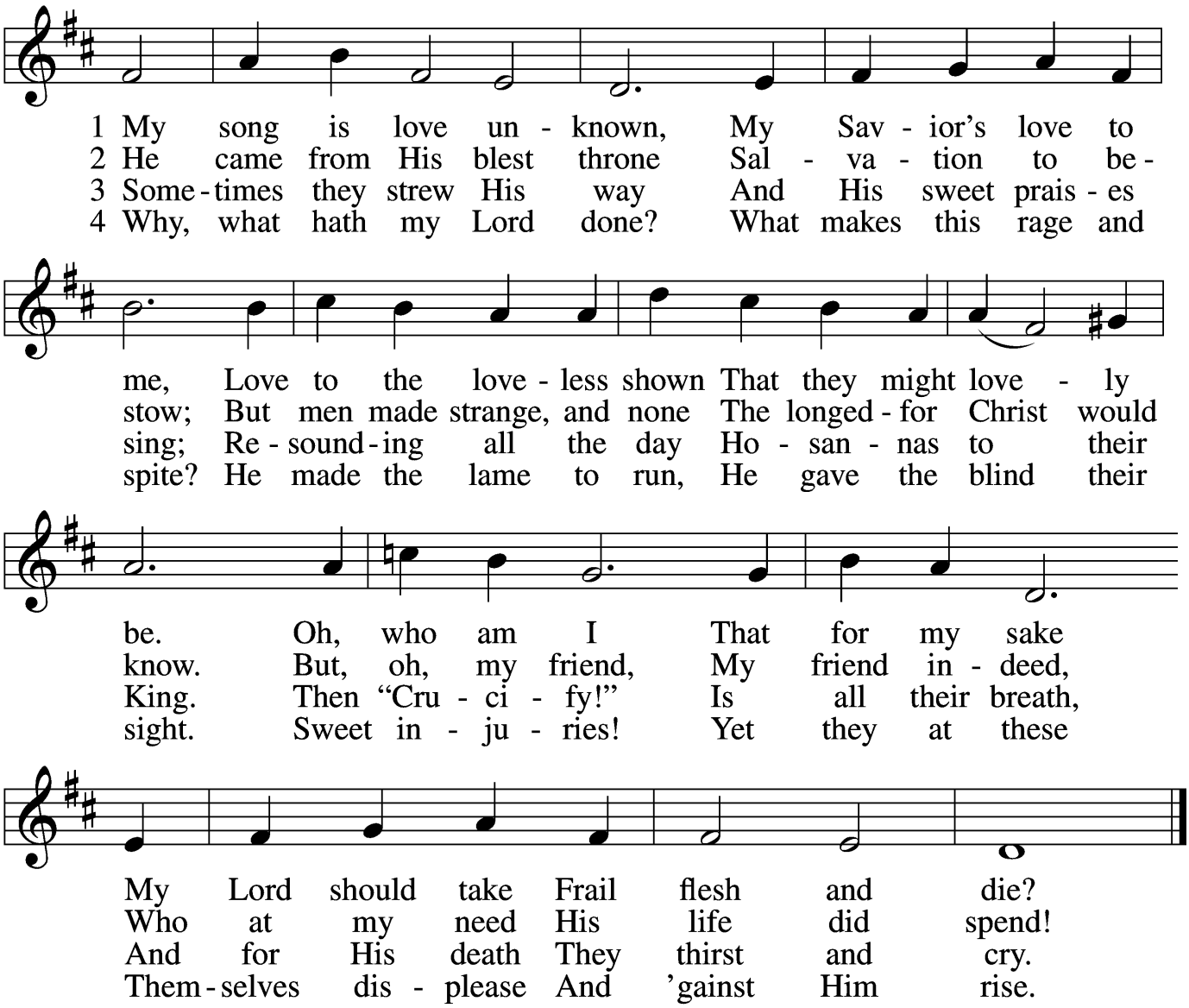
5 They rise and needs will have, My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He, To suff'ring goes
That He His foes, From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home, My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb, But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb, Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days, Could gladly spend!

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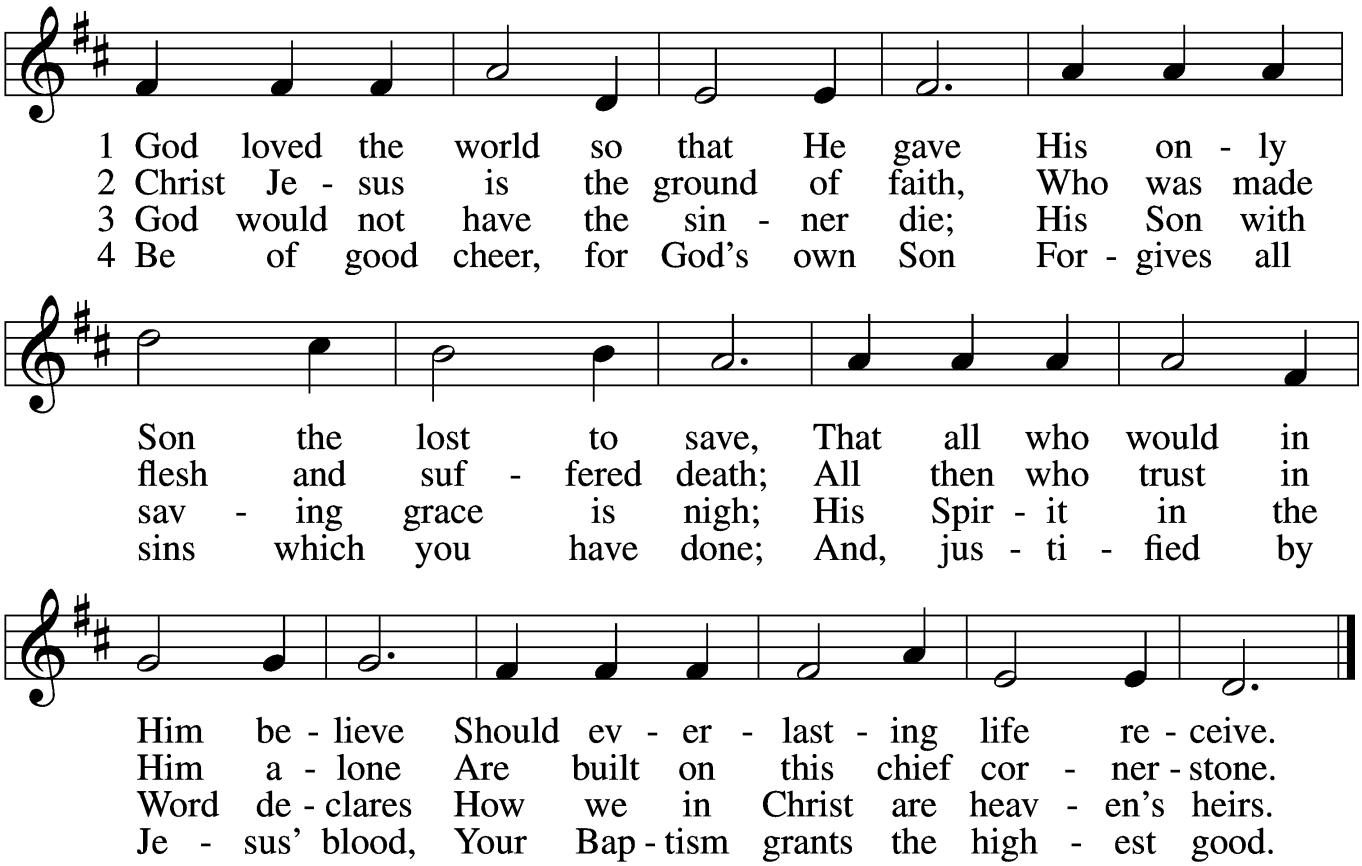

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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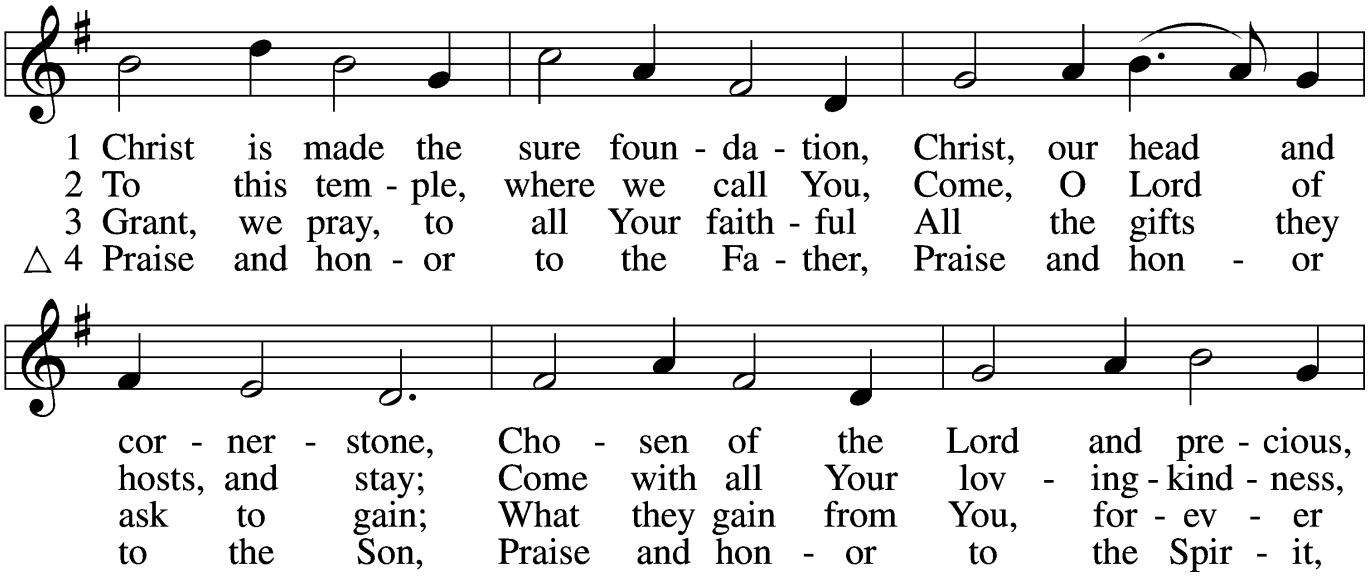
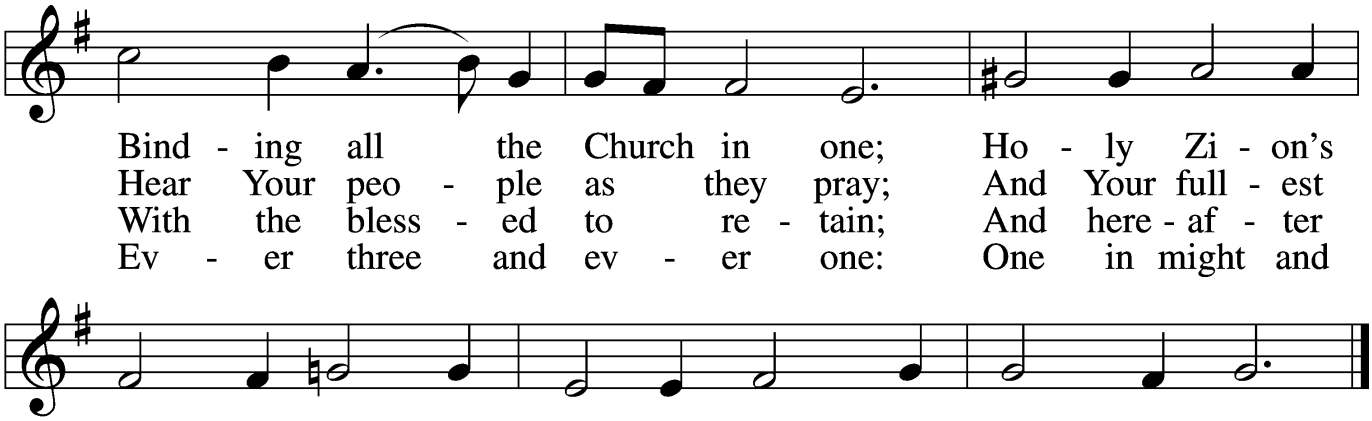

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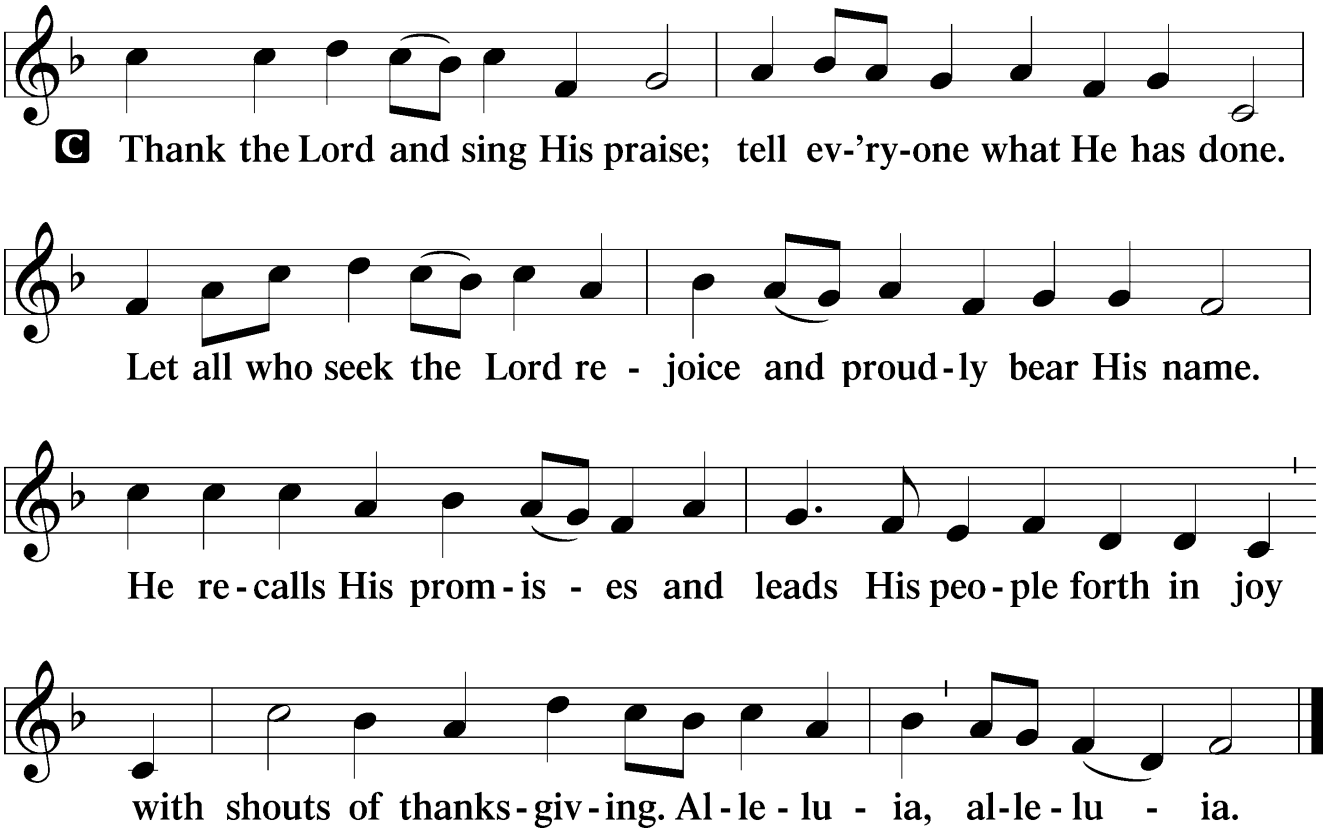
Stand

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

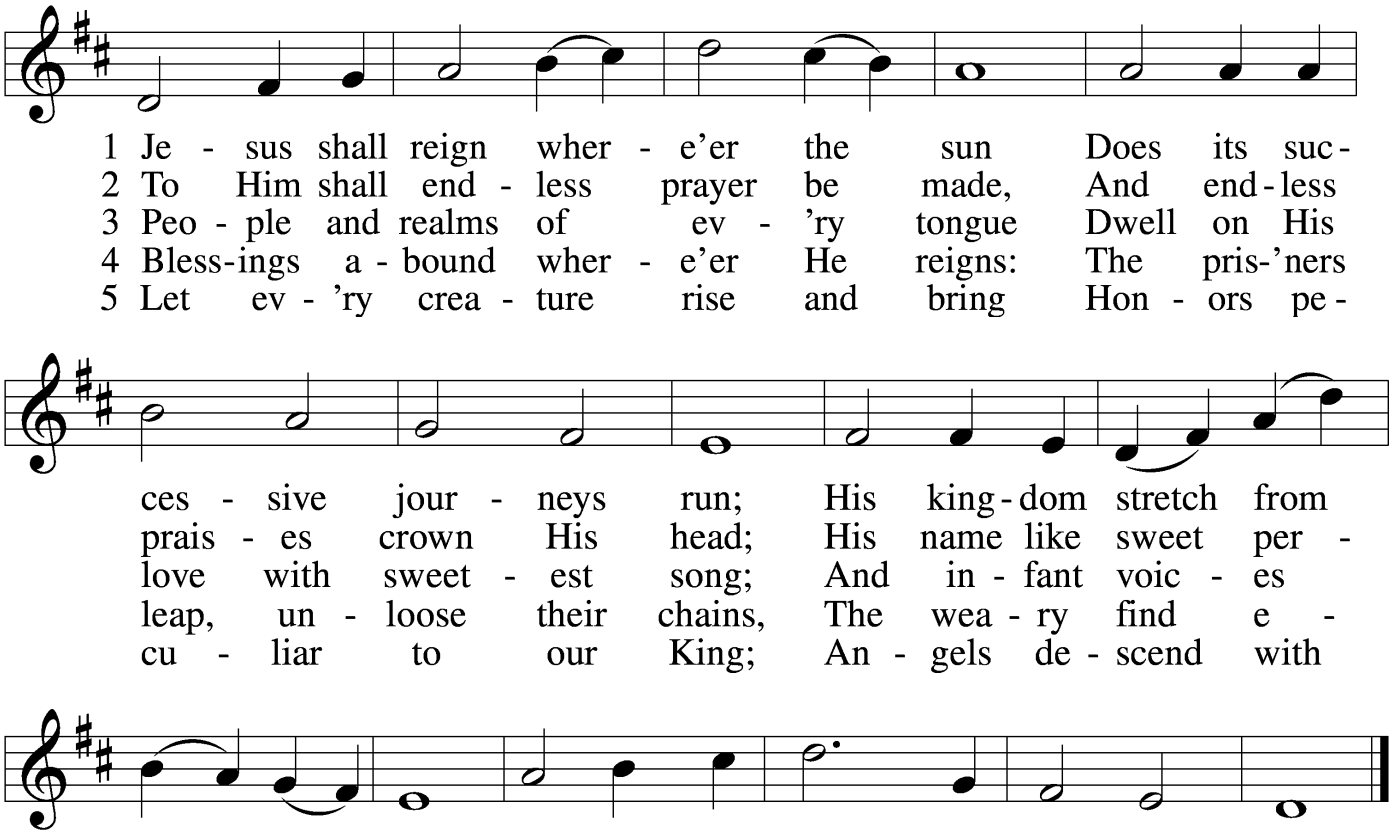
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn LSB 832 Jesus Shall Reign



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