LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

August 16, 2026

10 am Worship

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude We Sing with Holy Mary Arr. Anna Laura Page

Please stand as able, facing the back of the church.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

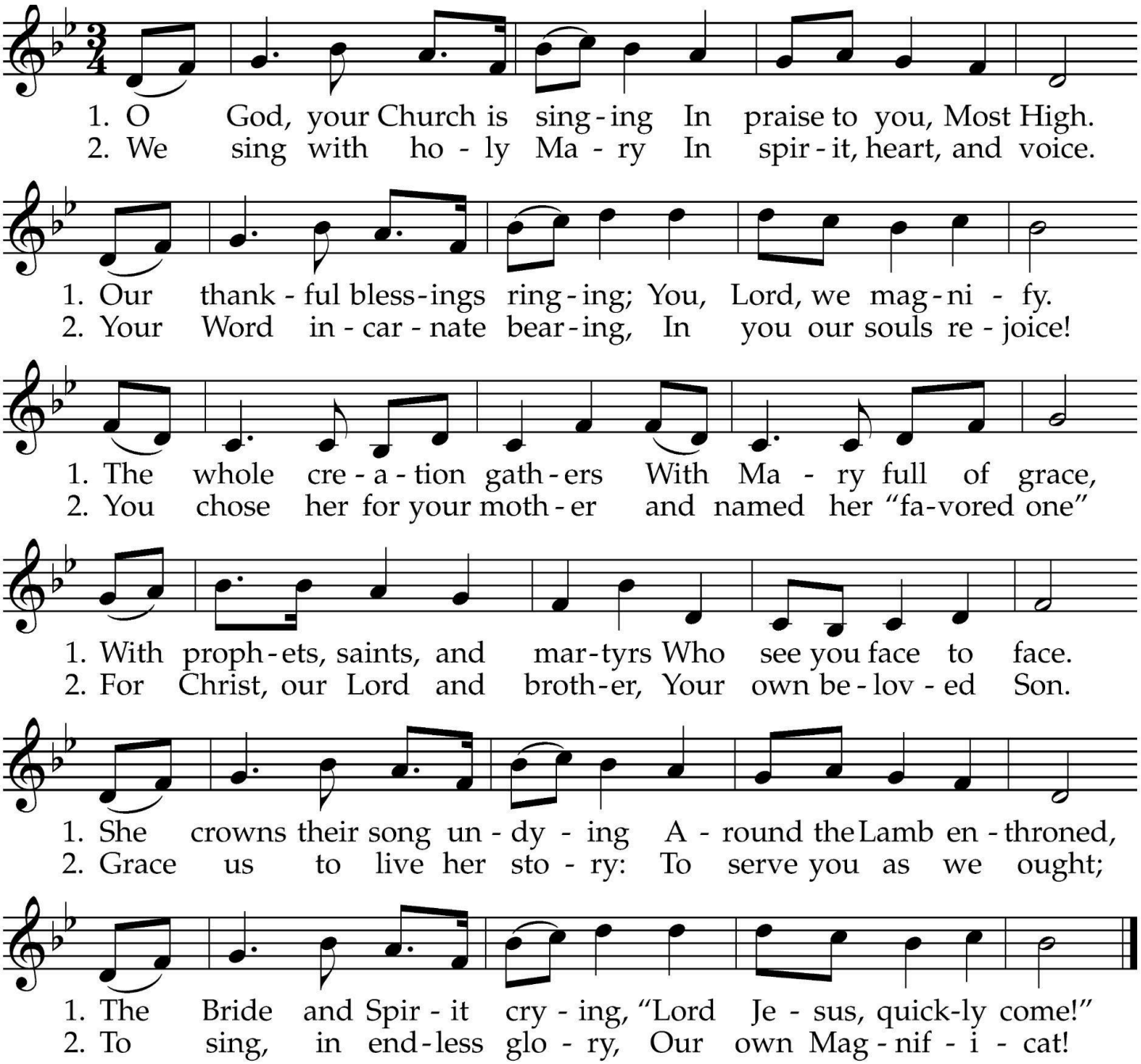
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Hymn

We Sing with Holy Mary



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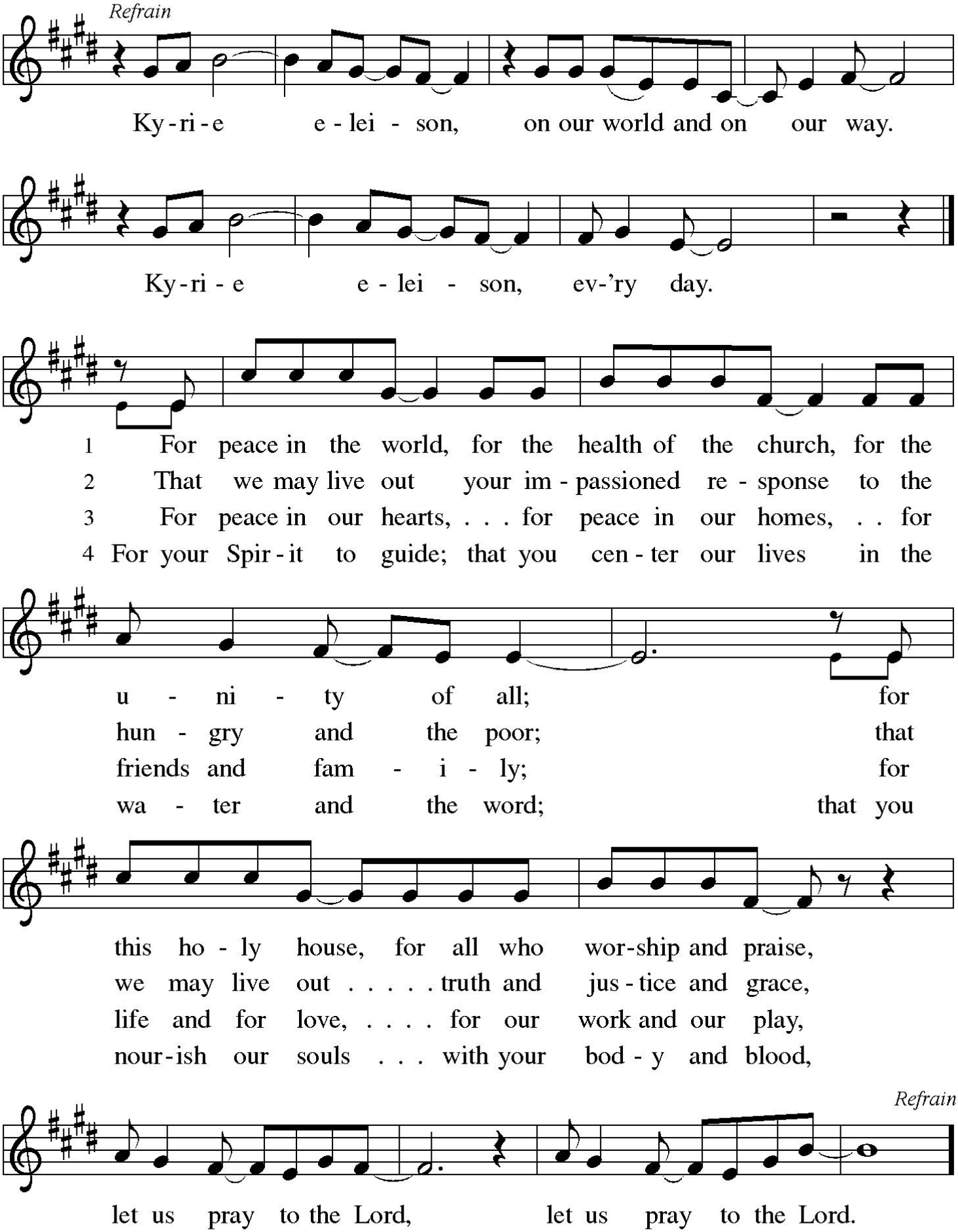
Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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.**

Kyrie *("Kyrie Eleison" means "Lord, have mercy.")*



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. **Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Faith in Focus

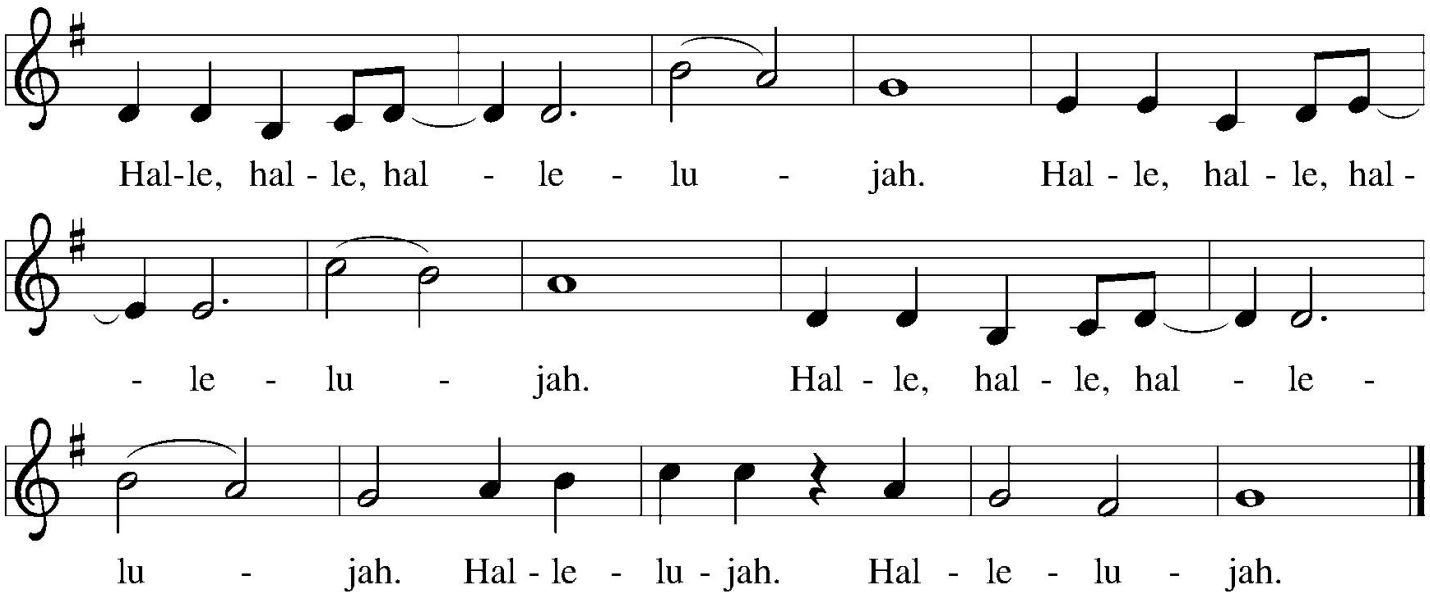
Word

First Reading

Second Reading

Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Please be seated

Sermon

Dr. Aaron Davis, vicar

Response to the Word

Please stand as able

Apostles' Creed

Let us profess our faith. **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greet those near you and then be seated.

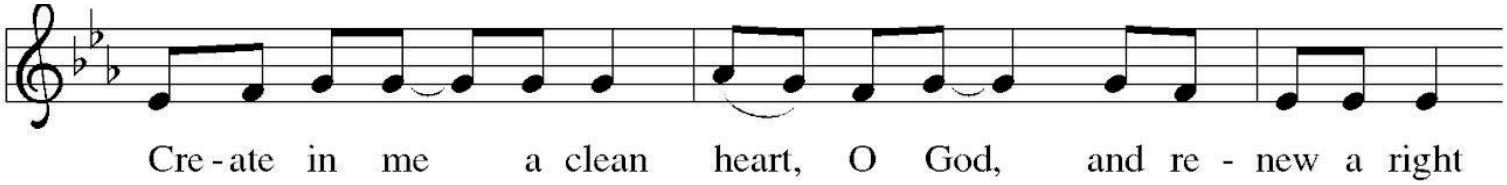
Meal

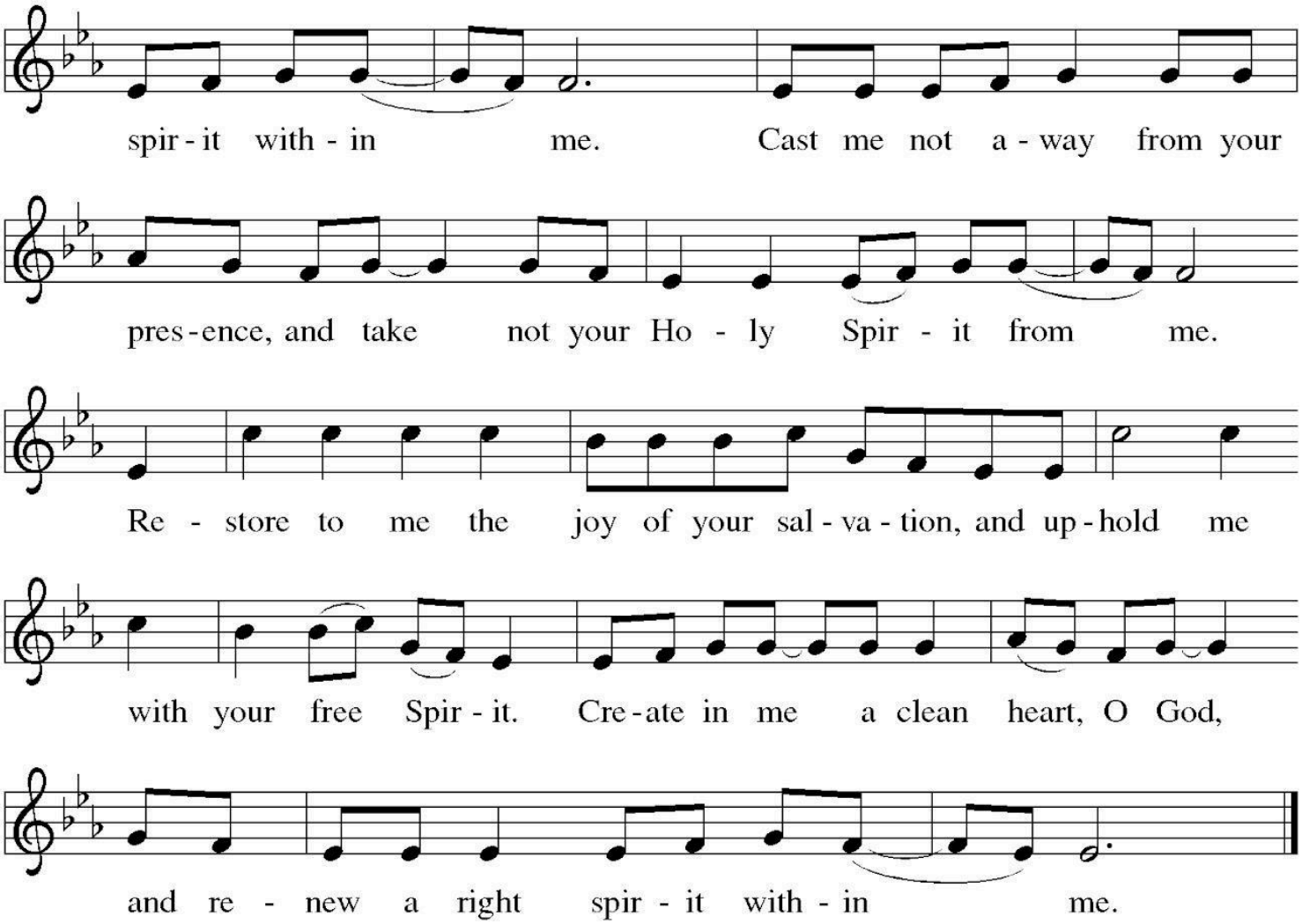
Offering Ave Maria Franz Schubert

Ingrid Cole, soloist

Please stand as able

Offering Response





Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. **Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

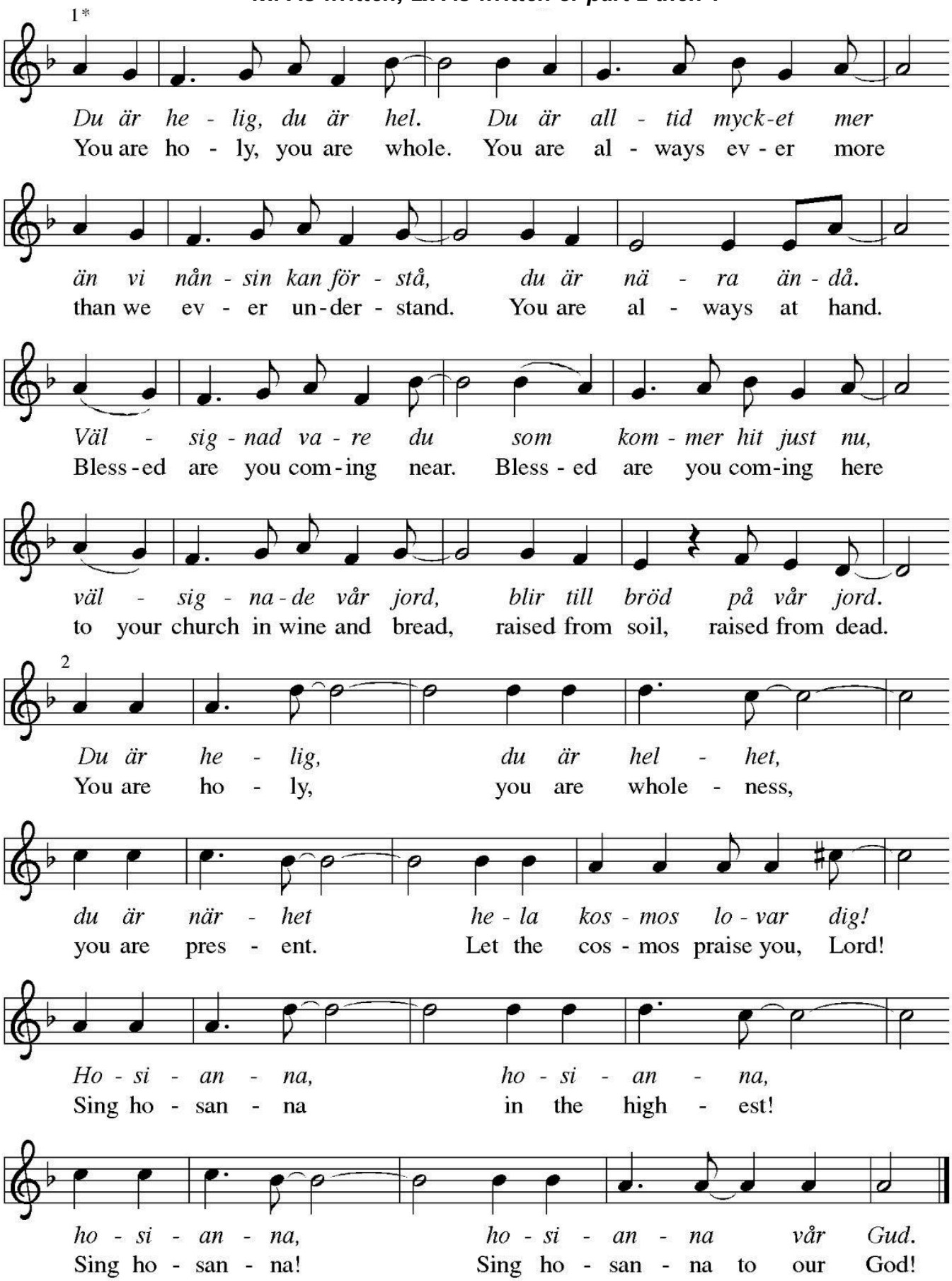
Great Thanksgiving

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.

Preface

join their unending hymn…

1x: As written; 2x As written or part 2 then 1



Thanksgiving at the Table and Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

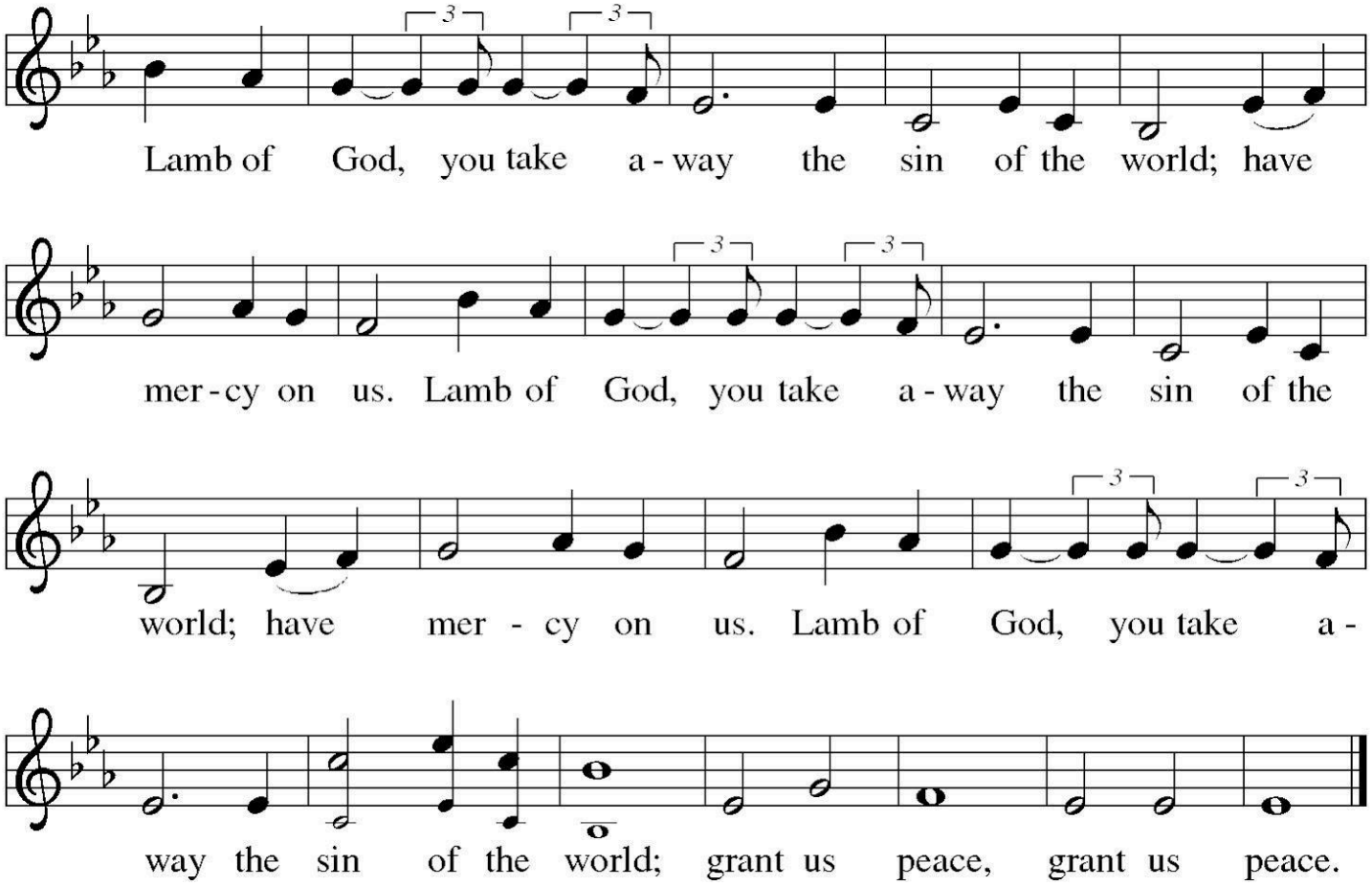
Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

This is the feast of all the baptized, regardless of denomination. All are welcome.

Please be seated

Lamb of God



Communion

Please bring an empty cup to the altar rail from the station in the center of the main aisle. Grape juice is available. A gluten-free, celiac-friendly option is also available. Please ask the server if you require a gluten-free option. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

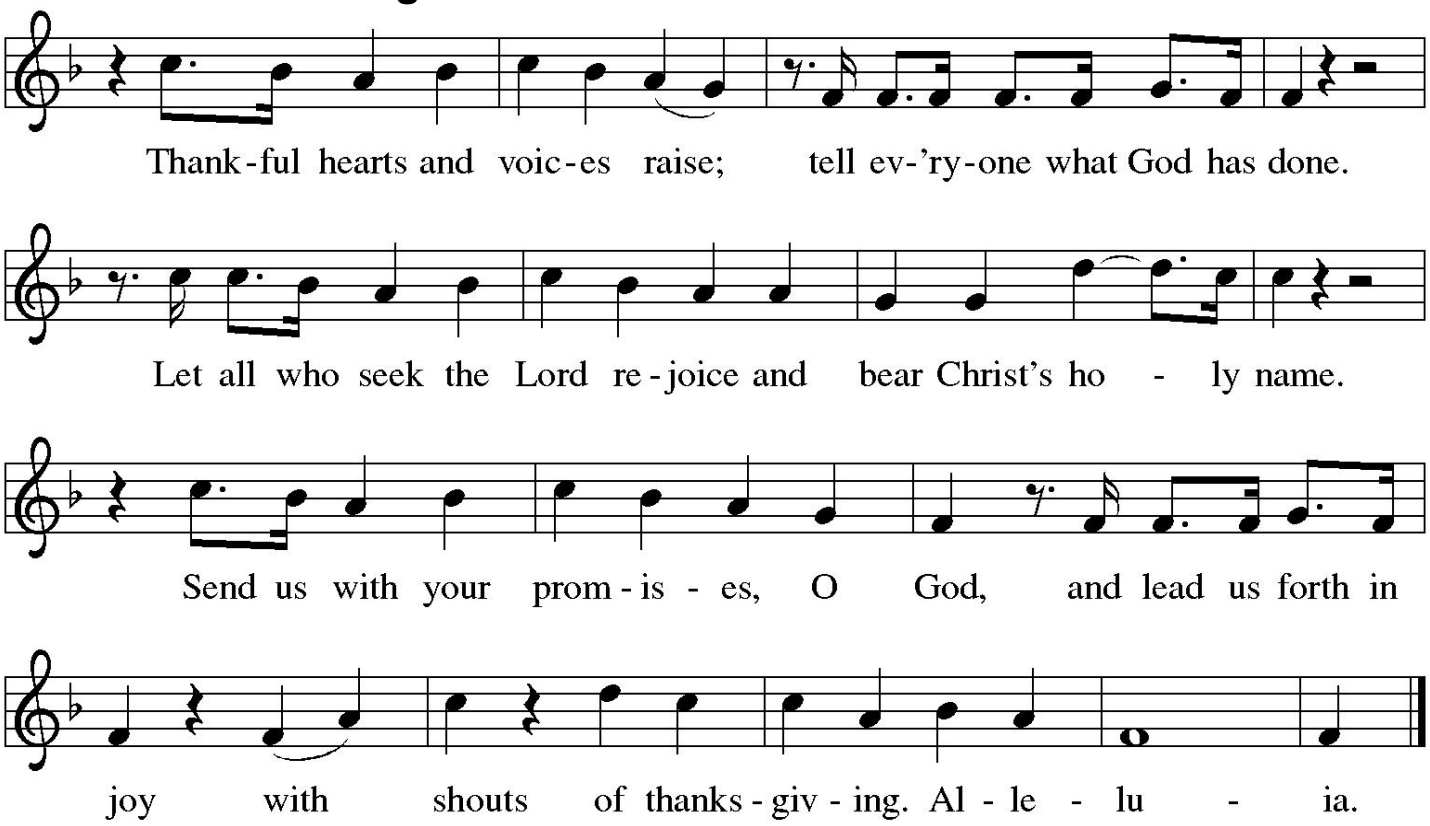
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands - Spiritual

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Song



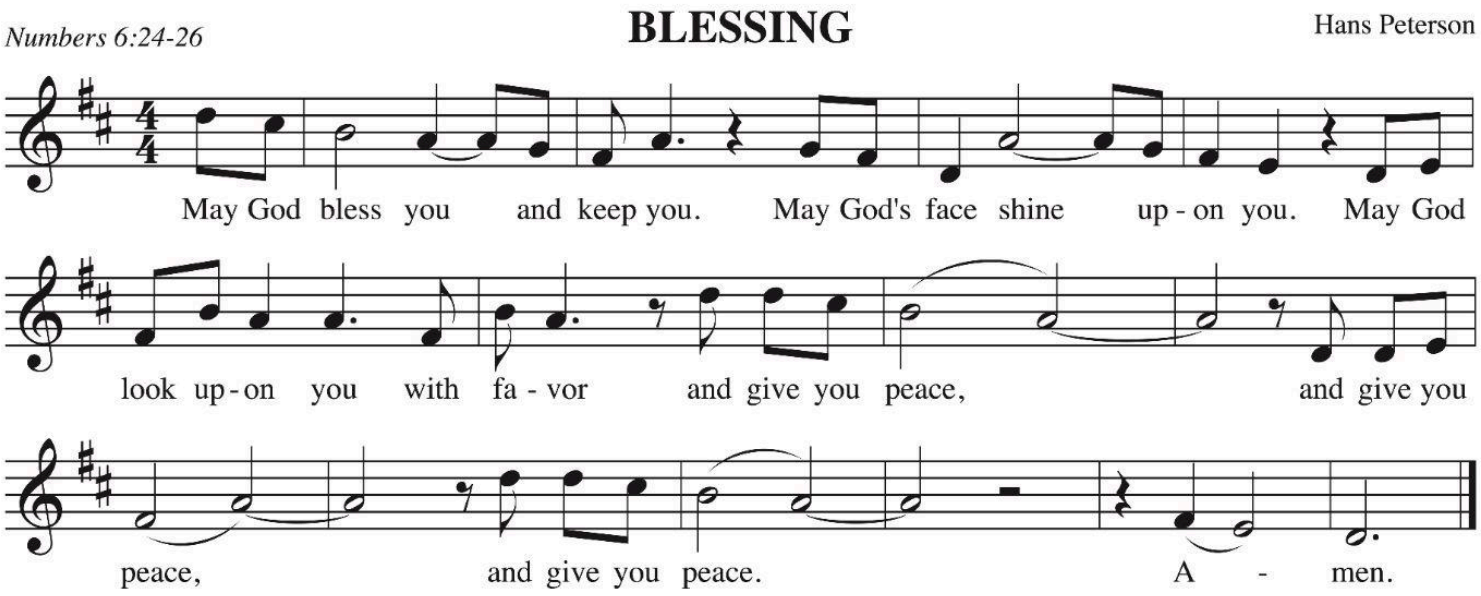
Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. **Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

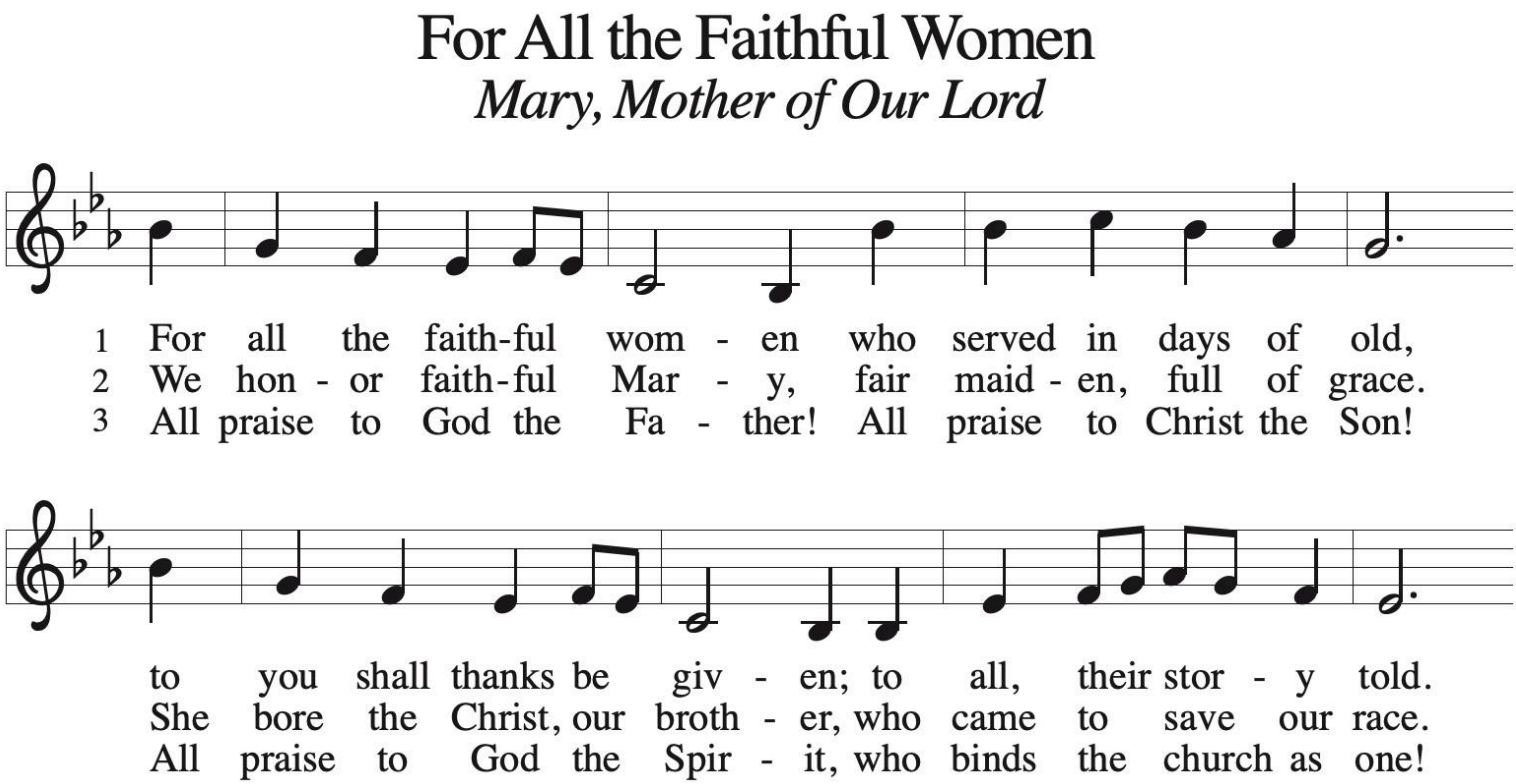
Sending

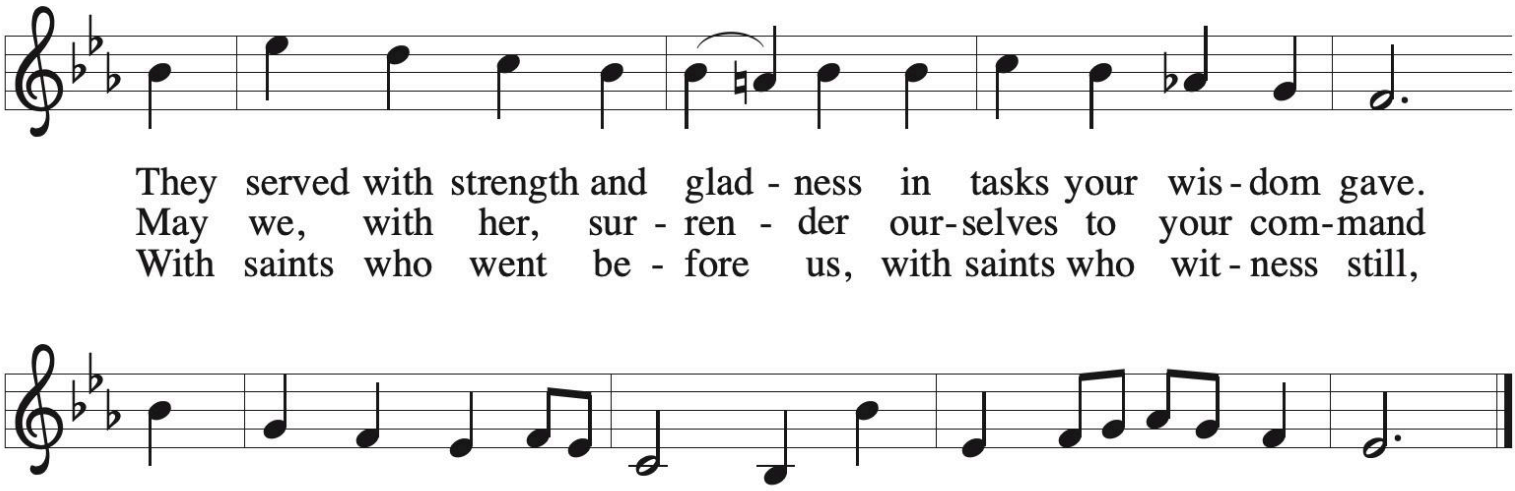
Blessing

Please join in singing the second time through



Hymn





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Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

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Isaiah 61:7-11

7 Because their shame was double and
dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore in their land they shall
possess a double portion; everlasting
joy shall be theirs. 8 For I, the LORD,
love justice, I hate robbery and
wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them
their recompense, and I will make an
everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their
descendants shall be known among
the nations and their offspring among
the peoples; all who see them shall
acknowledge that they are a people
whom the LORD has blessed. 10 I will
greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole
being shall exult in my God, for he has
clothed me with the garments of
salvation; he has covered me with the
robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom
decks himself with a garland and as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its
shoots and as a garden causes what is
sown in it to spring up,so the Lord GOD
will cause righteousness and praise to
spring up before all the nations.

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

Galatians 4:4-7

4 When the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, 5 in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that
we might receive adoption as children.
6 And because you are children, God
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you
are no longer a slave but a child, and if
a child then also an heir through God.

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Luke 1:46-55

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke,
the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

46 Mary said, “My soul magnifies the
Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior,48 for he has looked with
favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will
call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One
has done great things for me, and holy
is his name; 50 indeed, his mercy is for
those who fear him from generation to
generation. 51 He has shown strength
with his arm; he has scattered the
proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful
from their thrones and lifted up the
lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with
good things and sent the rich away
empty. 54 He has come to the aid of his
child Israel,in remembrance of his
mercy, 55 according to the promise he
made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and to his descendants forever.”

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