



Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:30 am

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**The Service of the Lord's Day
10:30AM Order of Worship**

Our nursery is downstairs in room 105 and is open to all.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Congregation to recite bolded passages

PRELUDE

(A TIME TO PREPARE)

Meditation on Thaxted

Holst/Callahan

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Nagel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM JOHN 17:17)

Your word, O Lord, is truth;

Sanctify us in the truth.

Grant, O merciful God, that your church, being gathered by the Holy Spirit into one,

May show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*HYMN # 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Polly Behrens

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Polly Behrens

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you, We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit

**within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**
(we continue in silent, personal prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Andy Nagel

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS
(HYMN #581)

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gwen Van Velsor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Polly Behrens

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that,
understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and
obedience, seeing your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 5: 1-6,8

Pew Bible NT Page 168-9
Spark Story Bible Page 462

SERMON

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*HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Andy Nagel

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Amen.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. by Mack Wilberg

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE (HYMN#654)

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

(A TIME TO REFLECT)

Postludio

George Blake

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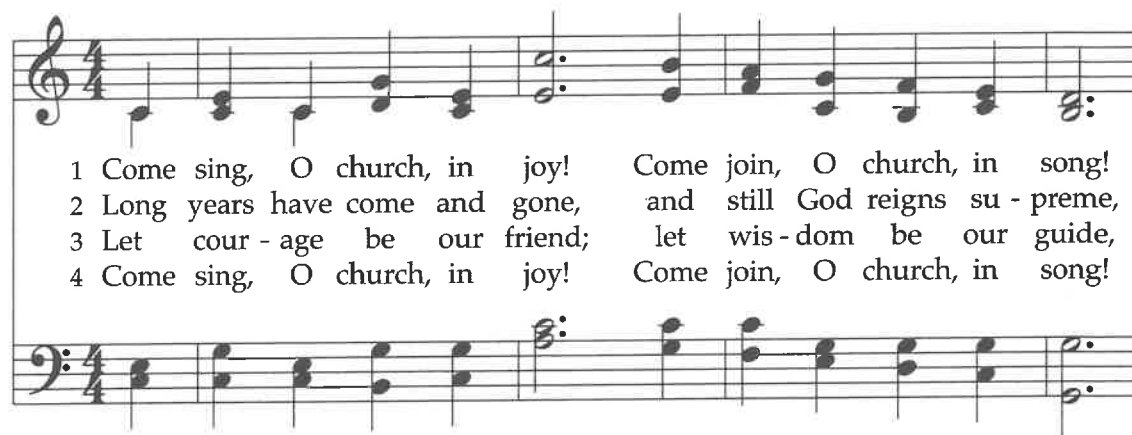
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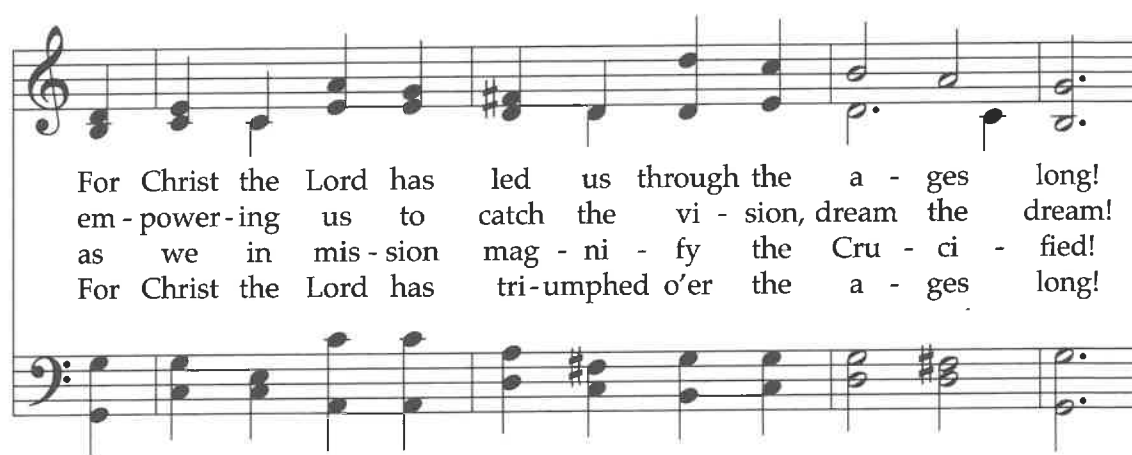


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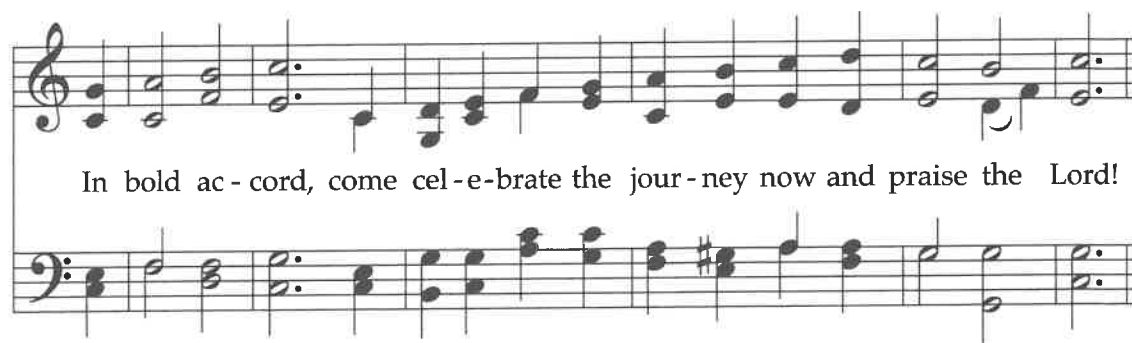
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4, then a half note G4. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note F4, followed by quarter notes E4, D4, and C4, then a half note Bb3. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note Bb3, followed by quarter notes A3, G3, and F3, then a half note E3. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

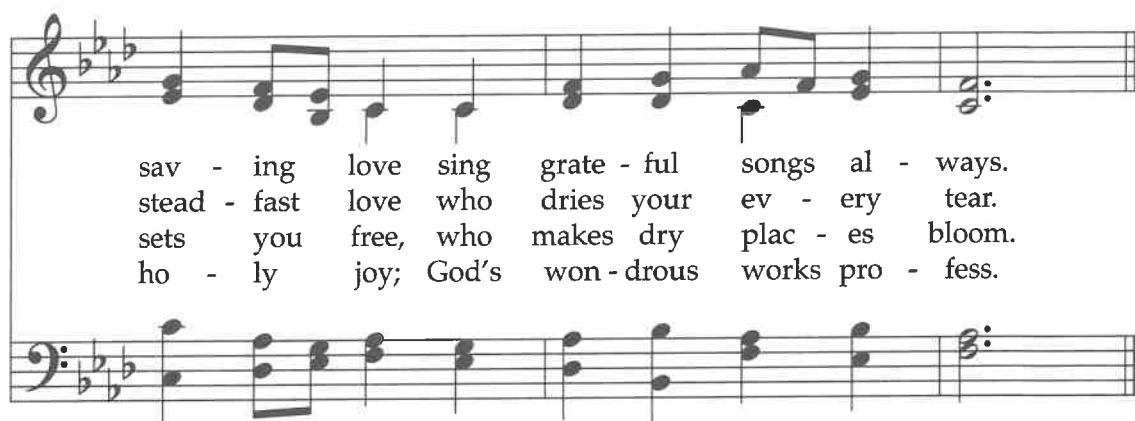
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

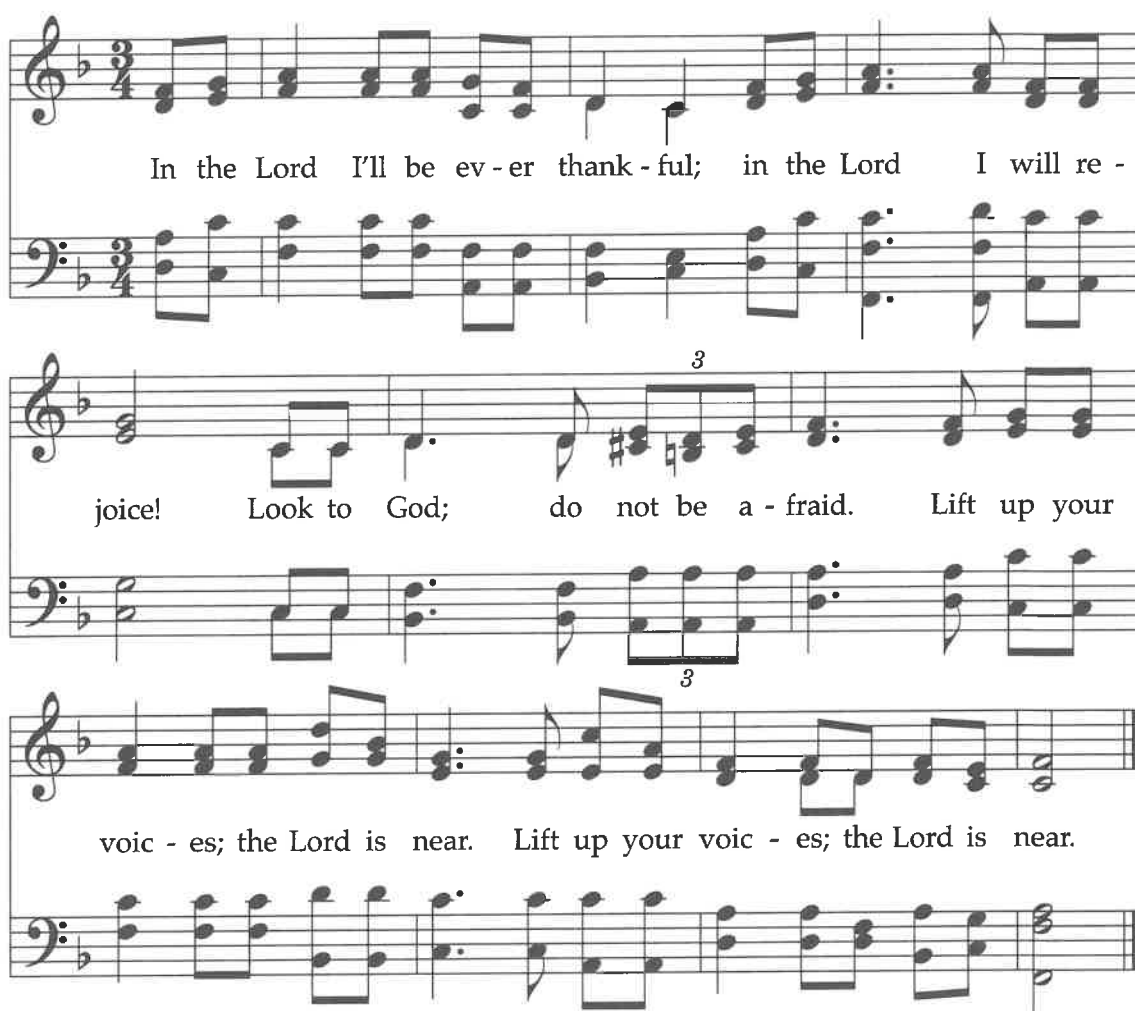


sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail
 before a violent sea
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
 and made the wild wind flee,
 then in the congregation praise
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,
 whose kindness is well-known.
 Consider well the healing hand
 and help you have been shown,
 and tell the world what God has done.
 Praise God and God alone!

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
 joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
 voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

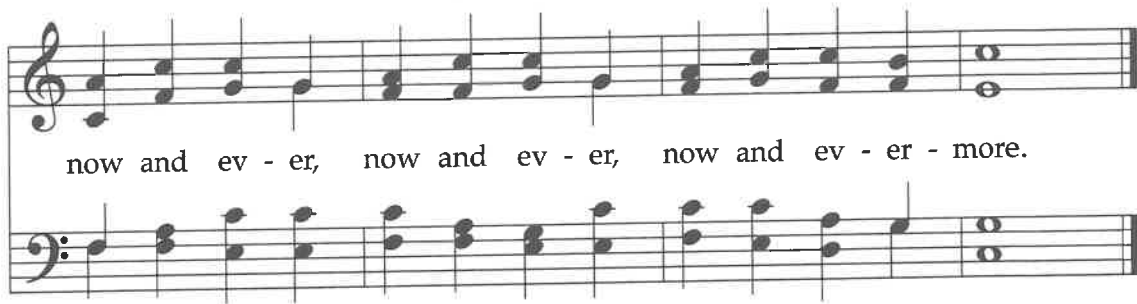


wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



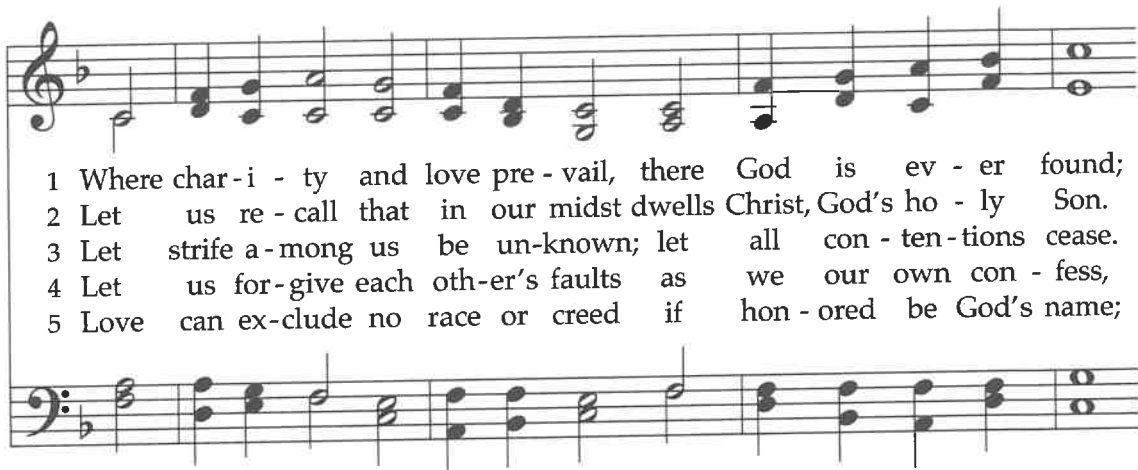
lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

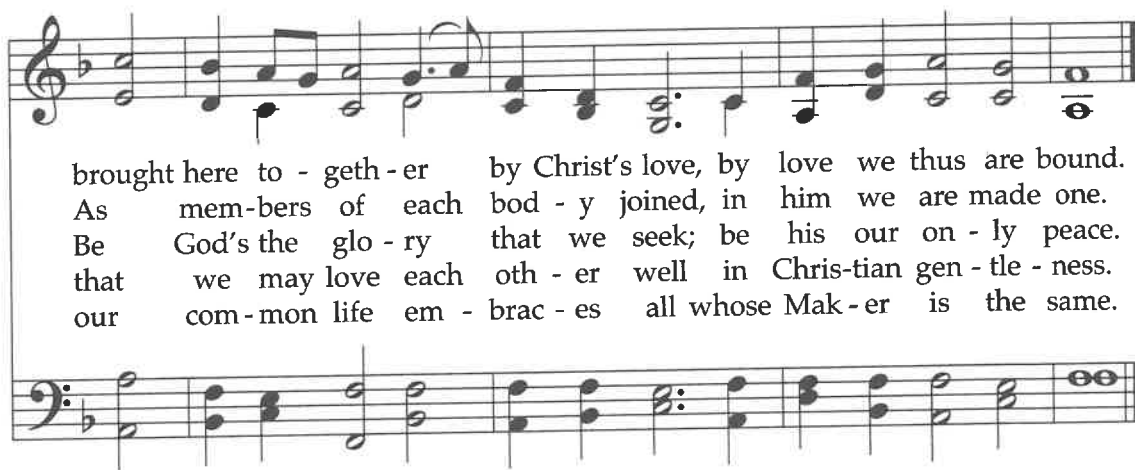


now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.