

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

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The Reverend Jennifer Reece, preaching

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Morning Prayer Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Octave of Ascension)

May 16, 2021

Prelude: *Ricercare* Jacobo Fogliano

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV)

Let us pray.

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people,
and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son,
free us from our fears,
restore us in your image,
and ignite us with your light,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen**.

The Invitatory
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Congregation: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
Congregation: **And your glory all the day long.**

Leader: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
Congregation: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 214 *Hail the day that sees him rise, verses 1, 2 and 4 (in back of this bulletin)*

First Lesson: **Acts 1:1-11**
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93
The LORD is king,
he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed,
he has girded himself with strength.
He has established the world;
it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!

Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Second Lesson: **The Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23**
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: **Luke 24:44-53**
Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.
Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon The Rev. Jennifer Reece

Silence

A Creed from the Iona Community
We believe in God whose love is the source of all lifeand the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and
to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayers
Leader: The Lord be with you
Congregation: **And also with you**
Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *(chanted – in back of bulletin)*
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 for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
Leader: Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Collect
Christ our life,
You are alive –
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
You are alive –
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude

You are alive – in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event.

(Adapted from "Resurrection Prayer" a poem by Rev. Kathy Calloway)

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the earth, the world, those in need, and all the members of God's family.

We pray for all who are victims of war, for refugees who live with violence and uncertainty, for victims of domestic violence.

May we open our hearts to deeper compassion, awareness, and connection with those who live with threat and danger.

We pray for all who work tirelessly that justice may come, for renewed energy in their struggle and for discernment when the path of peace is hard to see, for those feeling outnumbered, out-argued or overwhelmed.

May we have the courage to say, I stand for peace.

We pray for guidance and a listening heart, that we may be ready in this Easter season to embrace your promise of rebirth.

May we be strengthened by your Spirit as we go on to do your work.

We remember those on our prayer list:

Bill Scaife, Sandy Drayer, Patricia Donahue, Siri Beckman, Ann Tarlton, Judith Millon, Ann Burton and family, Dan Donahue, Skip Greenlaw, Bob Budd and family, Laurie, Heather Corey, Peter Brown, Pär Kettis, Persis Williams, Nick, Seth, Marian Dobbs, the family of Linda Shepard, Phoibe DeJesus, Heather Callister, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Pastor Edward Dufresne, Pat & Tony Stoneburner, Al Chapman, Geoff Place, Nancy Boothby, Ana, Nancy Stearns, Marcia Scott, Isabelle Hulsey

We remember those who have died.

Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Christ our life,
You are alive - to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart

You set before us a choice.
May we learn to be that Grain of Wheat that dies in order to live.

The Prayer of St. Brendan
Lord, we will trust You,
help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries, we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.
Let us go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of love,
God in community, holy and one.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 221 *O Lord Most High, eternal King*, *verses 1-3 (in the back of this bulletin)*

Postlude *Hornpipe* Samuel Wesley

Dismissal

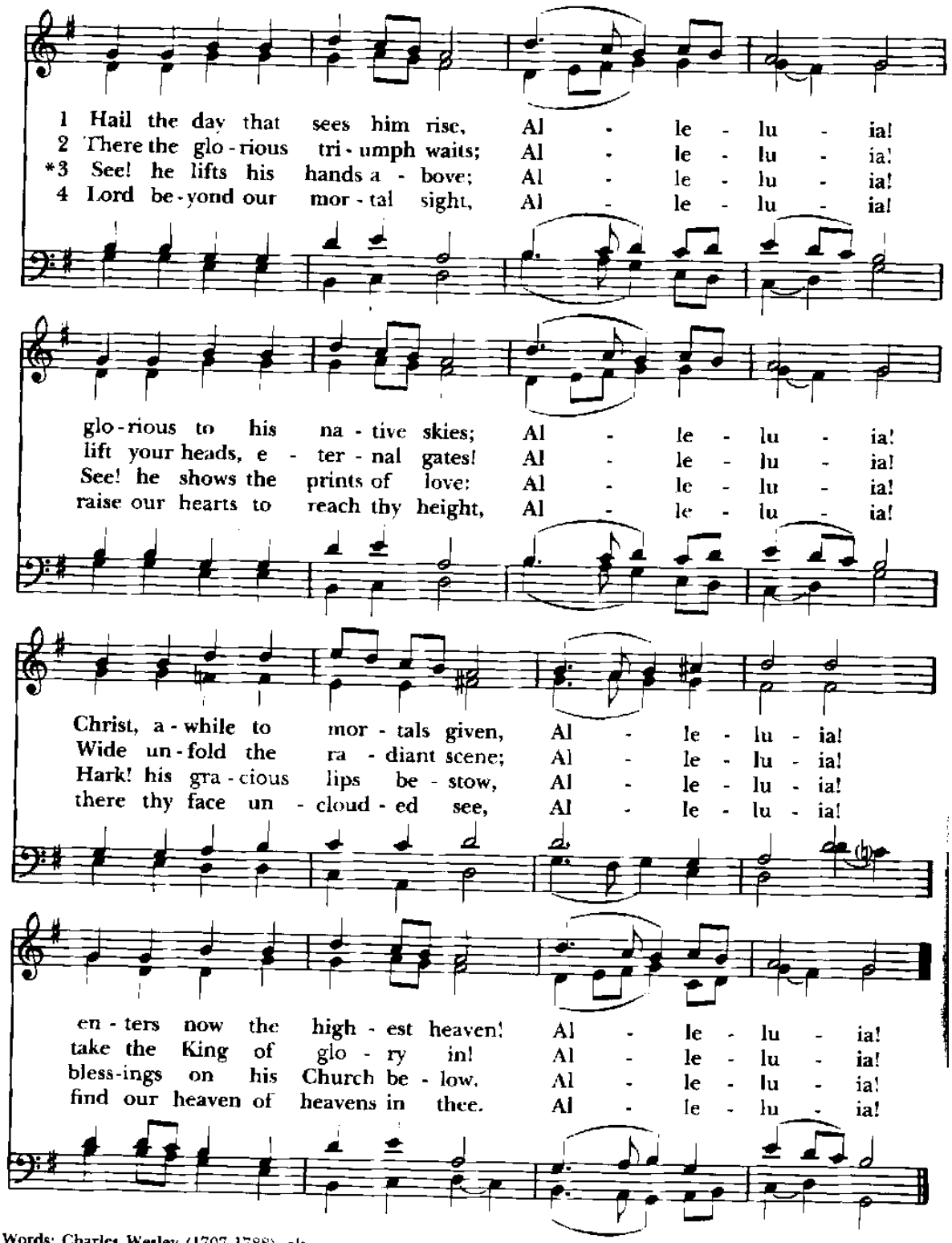
Announcements

You are invited to stay for Virtual Coffee Hour Discussion of Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People: Rev. Kathy Calloway "Resurrection Prayer" from *In Love With the Life of Life.*
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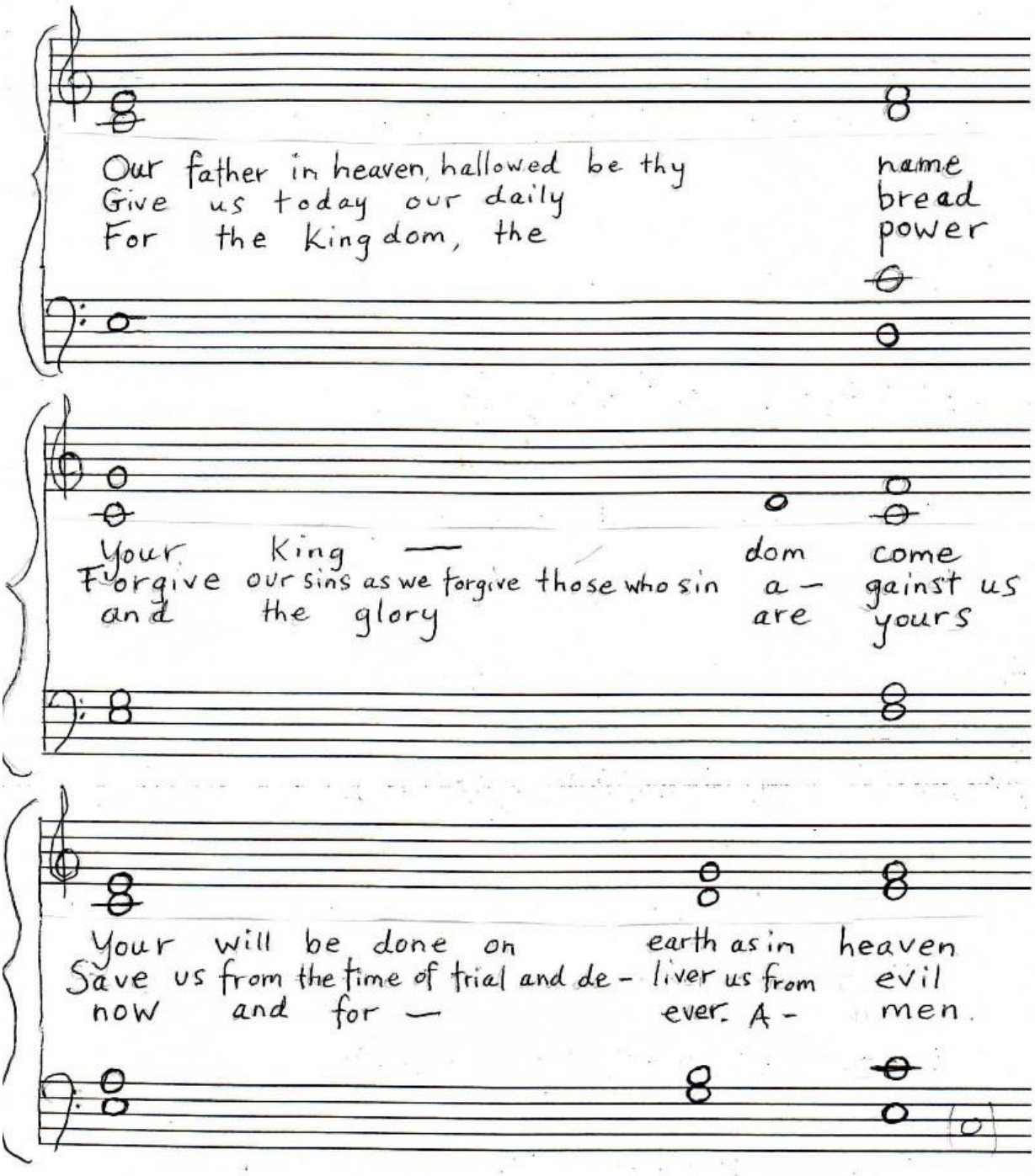
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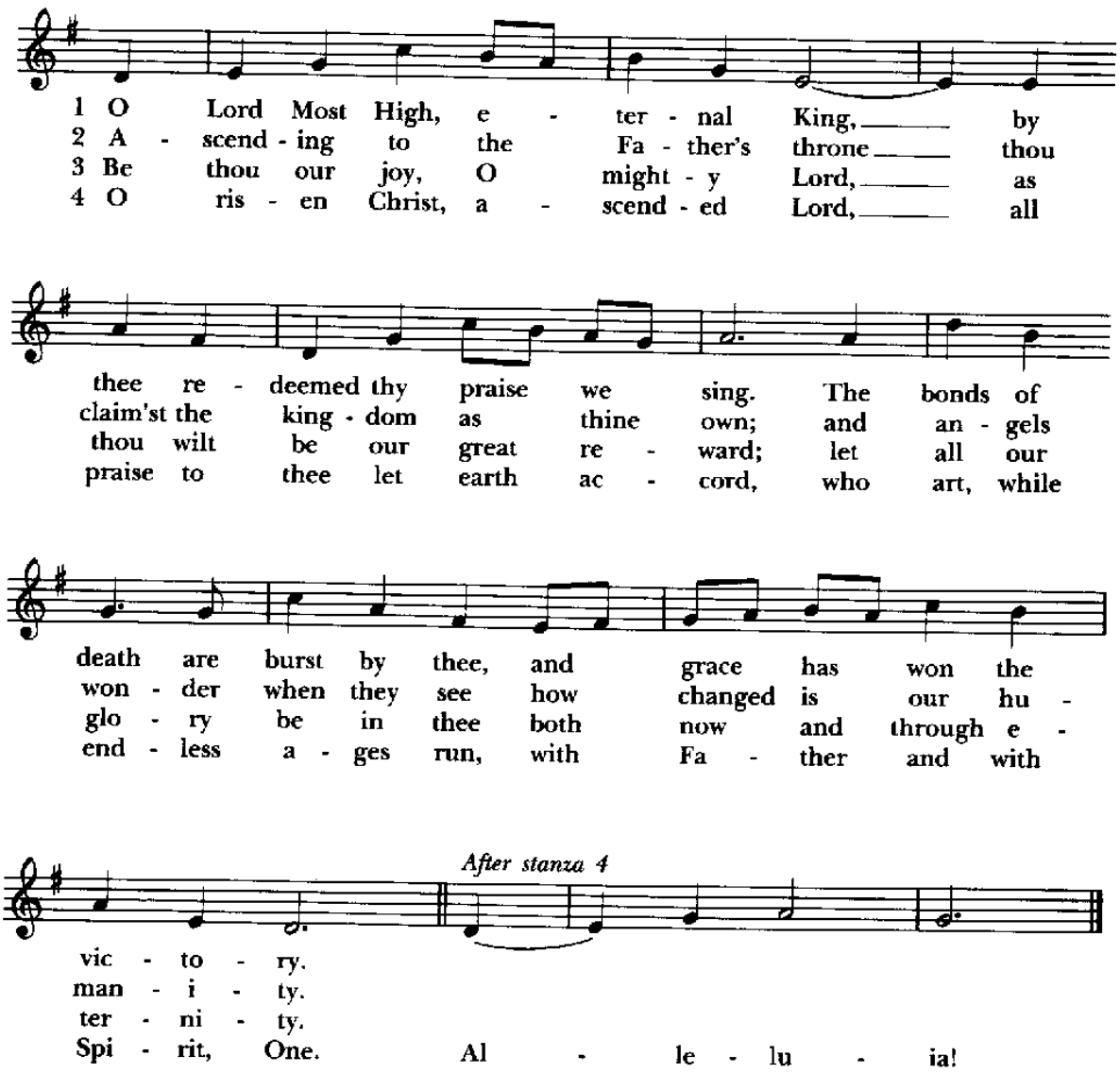
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Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

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Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us today our daily bread
For the kingdom, the power
Your King — dom come
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin a — gainst us
and the glory are yours
Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Save us from the time of trial and de - liver us from evil
now and for — ever. A - men.

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Words: Medieval Latin; sts. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)
Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

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