St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Lead With Love

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

November 10, 2024
2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO
saintthomasdenver.org

Welcoming Statement

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background or social or economic circumstance or political affiliations, you are welcome here. We share a love of God and each other, a sense of meaning and belonging, a yearning to learn and grow in faith, and a desire to serve others. We are a vibrant, thriving community with opportunities for people of all ages for spiritual growth, fellowship, and making a transformative difference in our community. As an Episcopal Church, we are a worshipping community that is both rich with ancient tradition and relevant to life in the 21st century. We are glad you are here!

Learn More About St. Thomas

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website (www.saintthomasdenver.org), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest by emailing her at terri@saintthomasdenver.org.

Inclusive Language:

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

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Processional *Woke Up this Morning with my Mind* Traditional Spiritual

Please stand in body or spirit.

I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus
I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus
I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Walkin' and talkin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Love everybody with your mind, stayed on Jesus.
Love everybody with your mind, stayed on Jesus.
Love everybody with your mind, stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Can't hate your neighbor with your mind, stayed on Jesus
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Can't hate your neighbor with your mind, stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

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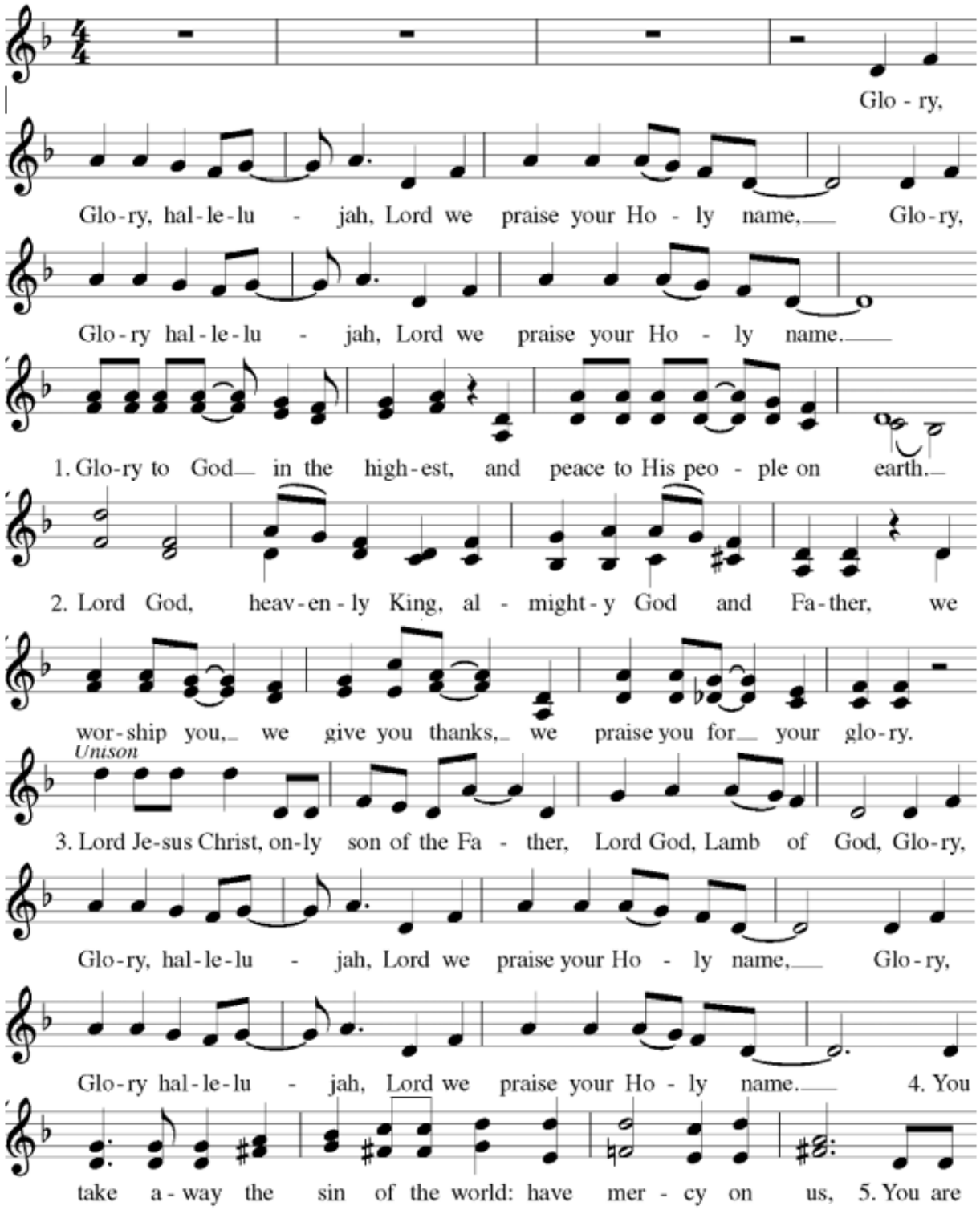
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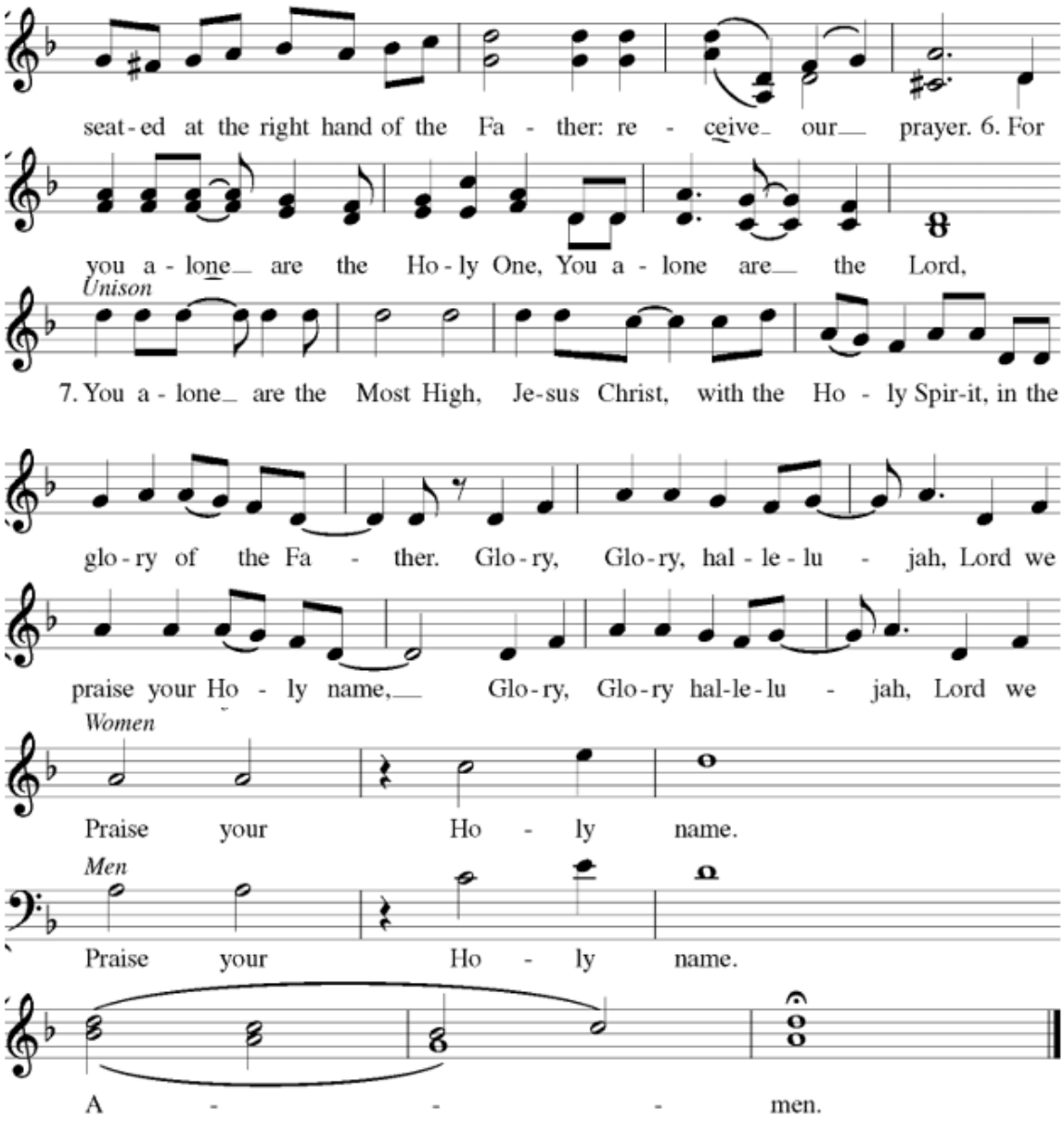
Presider I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' *Joshua 1:9*.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria **LEVAS #243**





The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

When darkness encroaches, fill us with light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! When we feel alone, comfort us with your peace and presence.

God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit as you are able.

A Reading from Isaiah **Isaiah 51:1-5, 11**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

So the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Response

After the Reading:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O God, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O God, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

May all your servants sing to you, O God, *
and give thanks for the remembrance of your holiness.

For your wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
your favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, O God, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O God; *
I pleaded with you, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear and have mercy upon me; *
O God, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A Reading from Ephesians **Ephesians 6:10-17**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our*struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these,* take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Response

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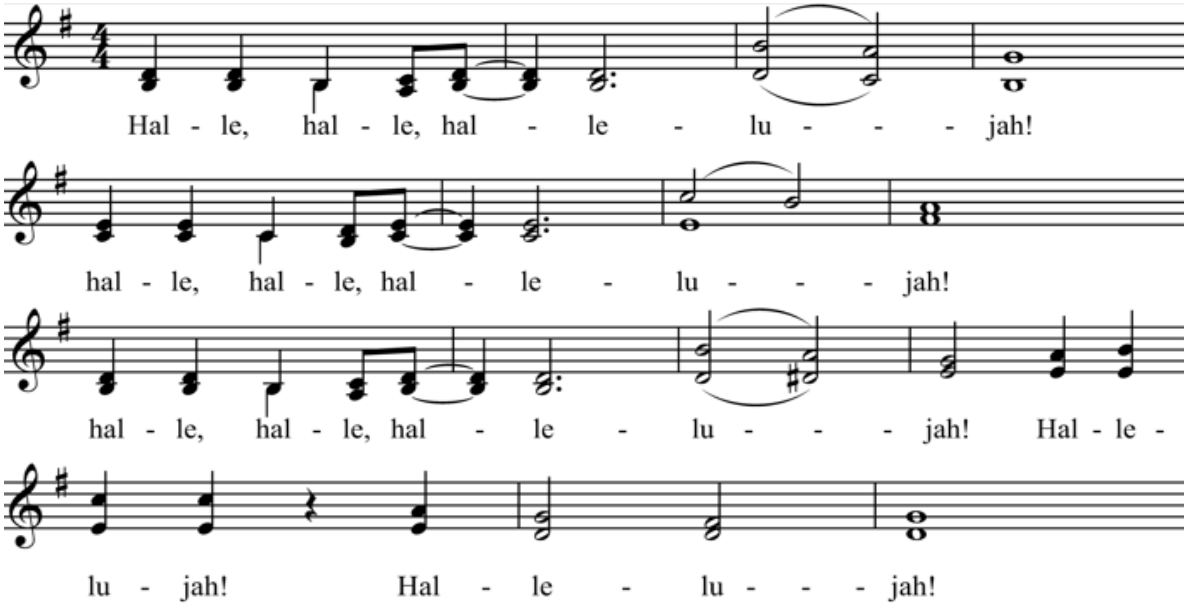
Reader. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Please stand in body or spirit.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah MHSO #18



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The Gospel **Matthew 11:28-30**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

After the Gospel:

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story

Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.

Go now in peace.
Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go

Homily

Please sit as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or spirit.

We believe in the God of Life,
who creates and loves people,
who acts in history
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who is our brother,
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;
without her we are nothing;
filled with her we are able to become creative,
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and
courage for the struggles of life,
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and
place, that though we walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, we are called to be
instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying
the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps
pulling us to life and to a new world of joy
and peace. ~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

The Prayers of The People

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.
During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I invite your prayers either silently or aloud at this time:
The congregation is encouraged to name their intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

O God of many names, lover of all peoples; we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world; the peace of your will, the peace of our need.

Christ, our friend and our companion, Guide us through the shadow of death, passing through darkness to make it light, Abide with us that we may fear no evil, and bring us to life and to glory.

Let us be at peace within ourselves.
Silence

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid.
Silence

Let us be aware of the source of being that is common to us all and to all living creatures.
Silence

Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion towards ourselves and towards all living beings.
Silence

Realizing that we are all nourished from the same source of life, may we so live that others be not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.
Silence

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be a cause of suffering to one another.
Silence

With humility let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth.
Silence

May God kindle in us the fire of love to bring us alive and give warmth to the world.
Silence

All **Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.**

From NZ Book of Common Prayer Midday Prayer

Confession

All Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.
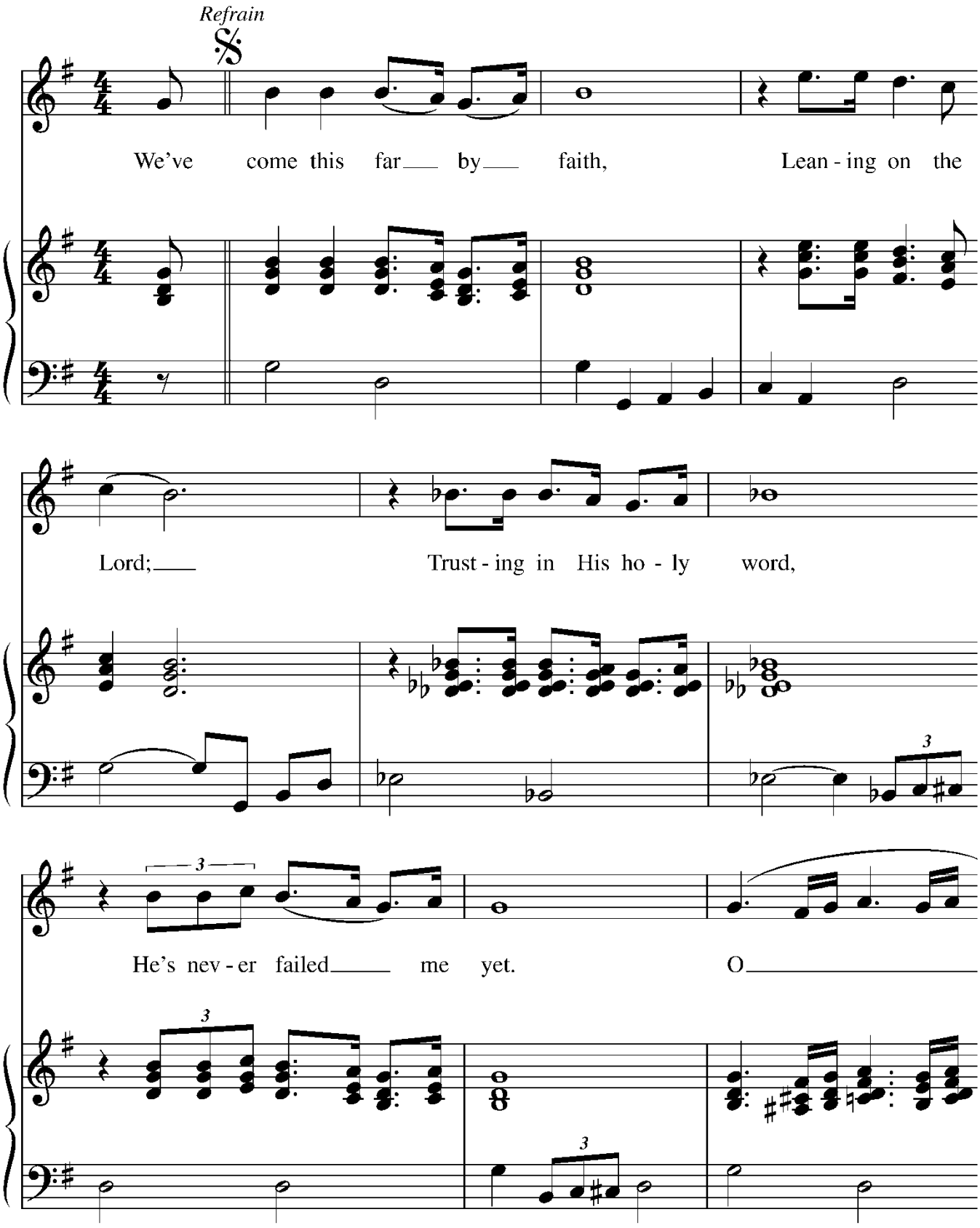
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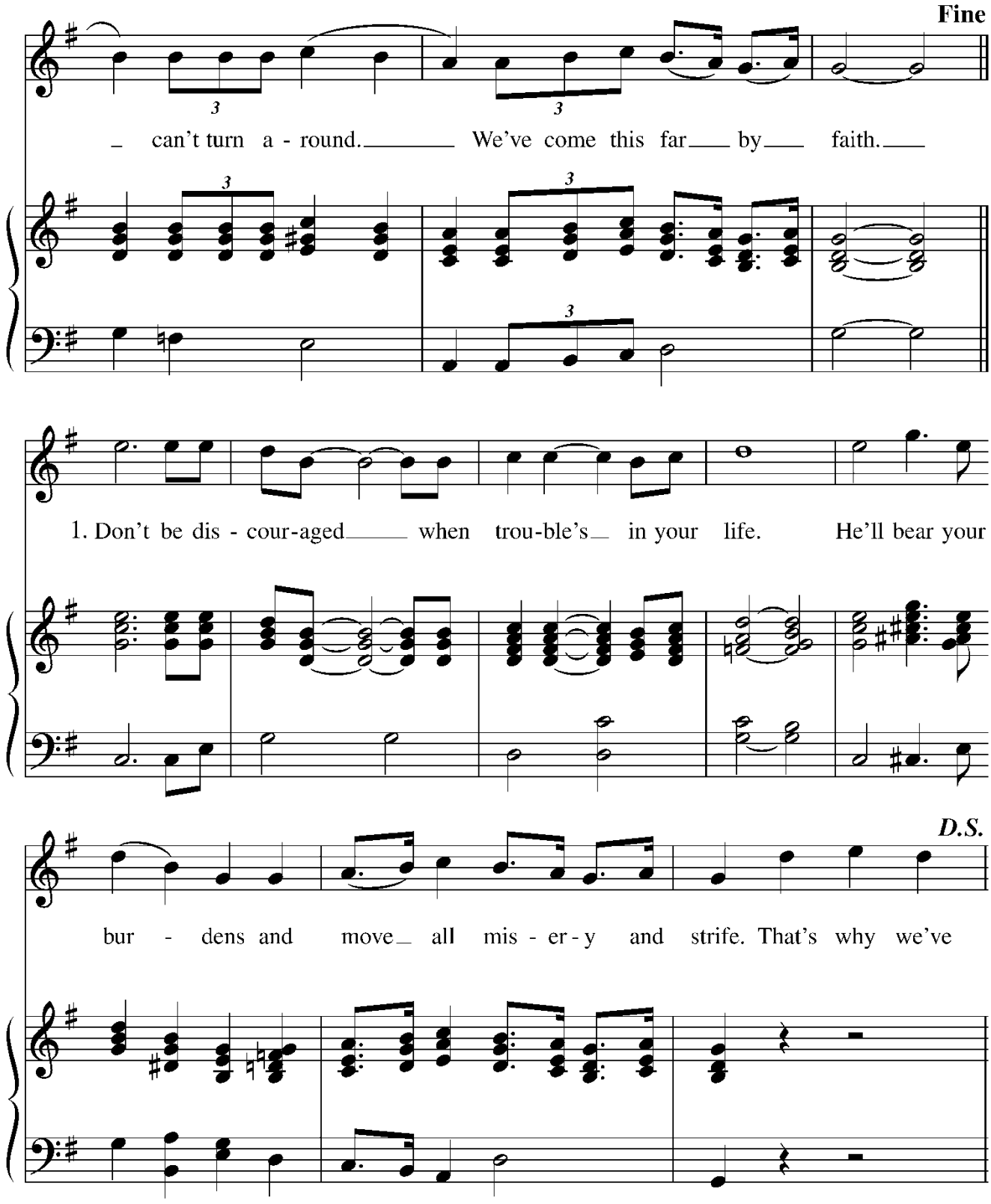
Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

During this hymn the offering is collected. We invite you to generously support the ministries of St. Thomas. If you give electronically, please place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate in lieu of your gift. Scan to donate:

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Refrain
We've come this far by faith, Lean - ing on the
Lord; Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,
He's nev - er failed me yet. O



2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And He never failed me yet.
That's why we've (Refrain)

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Presentation Hymn *Doxology* Hymnal 1982 #380 vs 3

Please stand as you are able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**
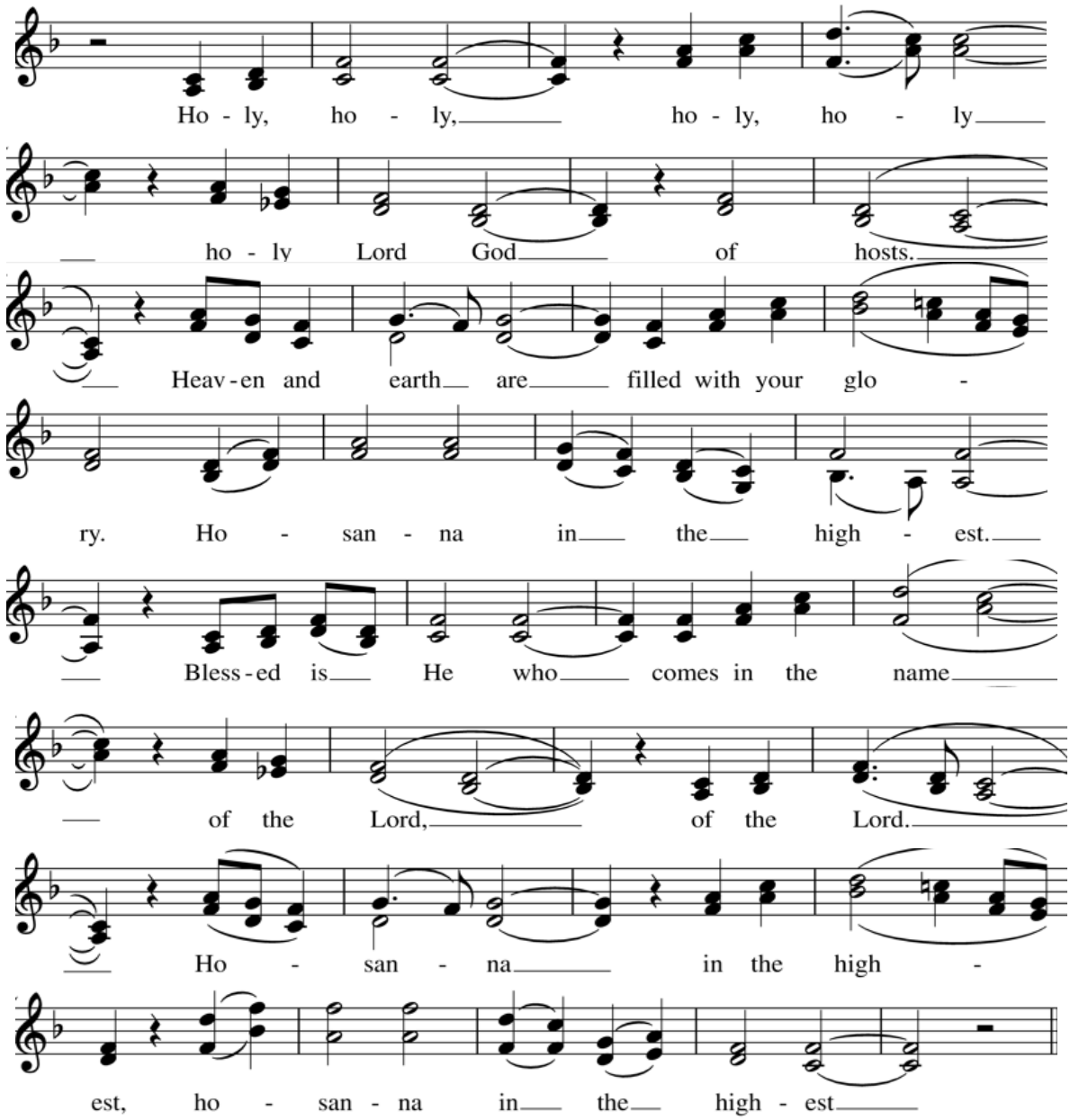
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and sustainer of the universe. We give you thanks for sun and sea and sky, for plants, birds and animals, for phases of the moon, for stars at night, and planets in their courses. All you make is very good. We give you thanks for our creation and our calling, for friendship and community, for love and laughter, tears and pain of growth.

For your gift of life we praise you we worship and adore you. We give you thanks with those who went before us, with saints and martyrs, evangelists and prophets. With all who stand before you in earth and heaven, from every culture, land and tongue, we praise you, giving voice to every creature, as we join the never ending hymn:

Sanctus LEVAS #255



The people stand or kneel in body or spirit.
Presider (continues)

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children shall be free. To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so we gather around your table and with this bread of life and this cup of salvation we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine and upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.
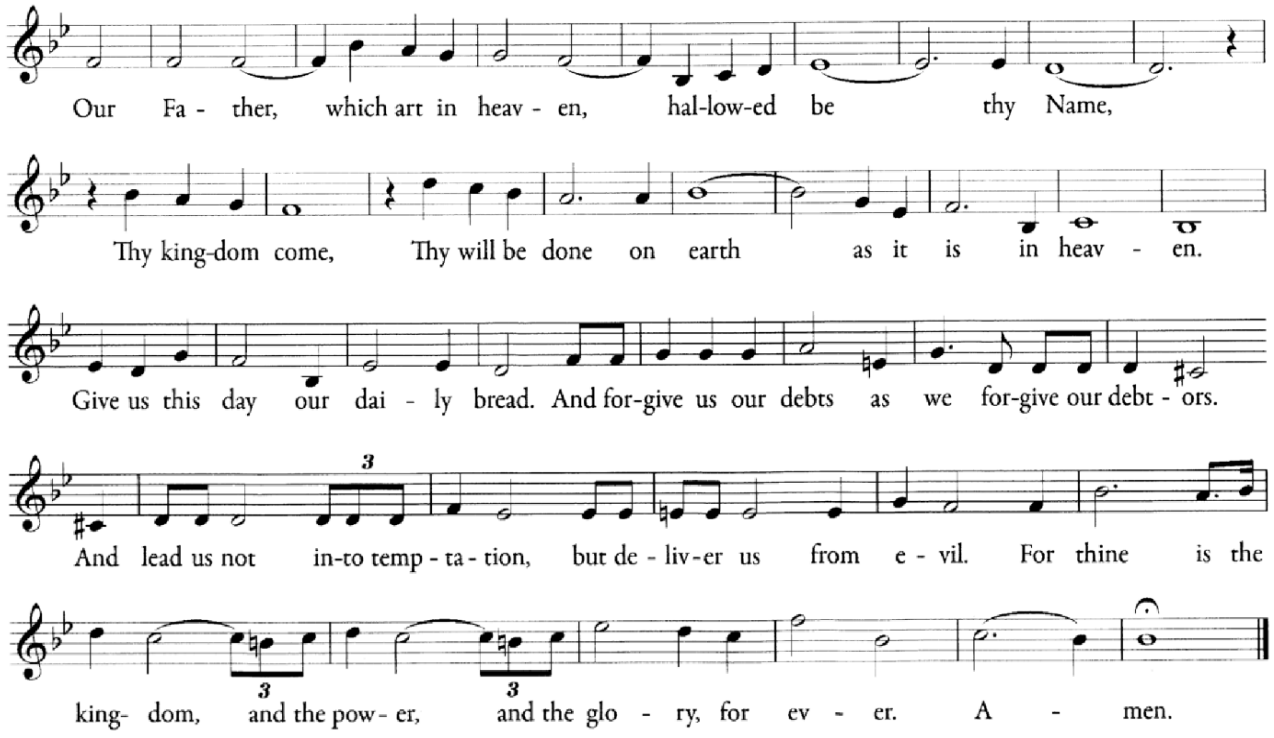
Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**.

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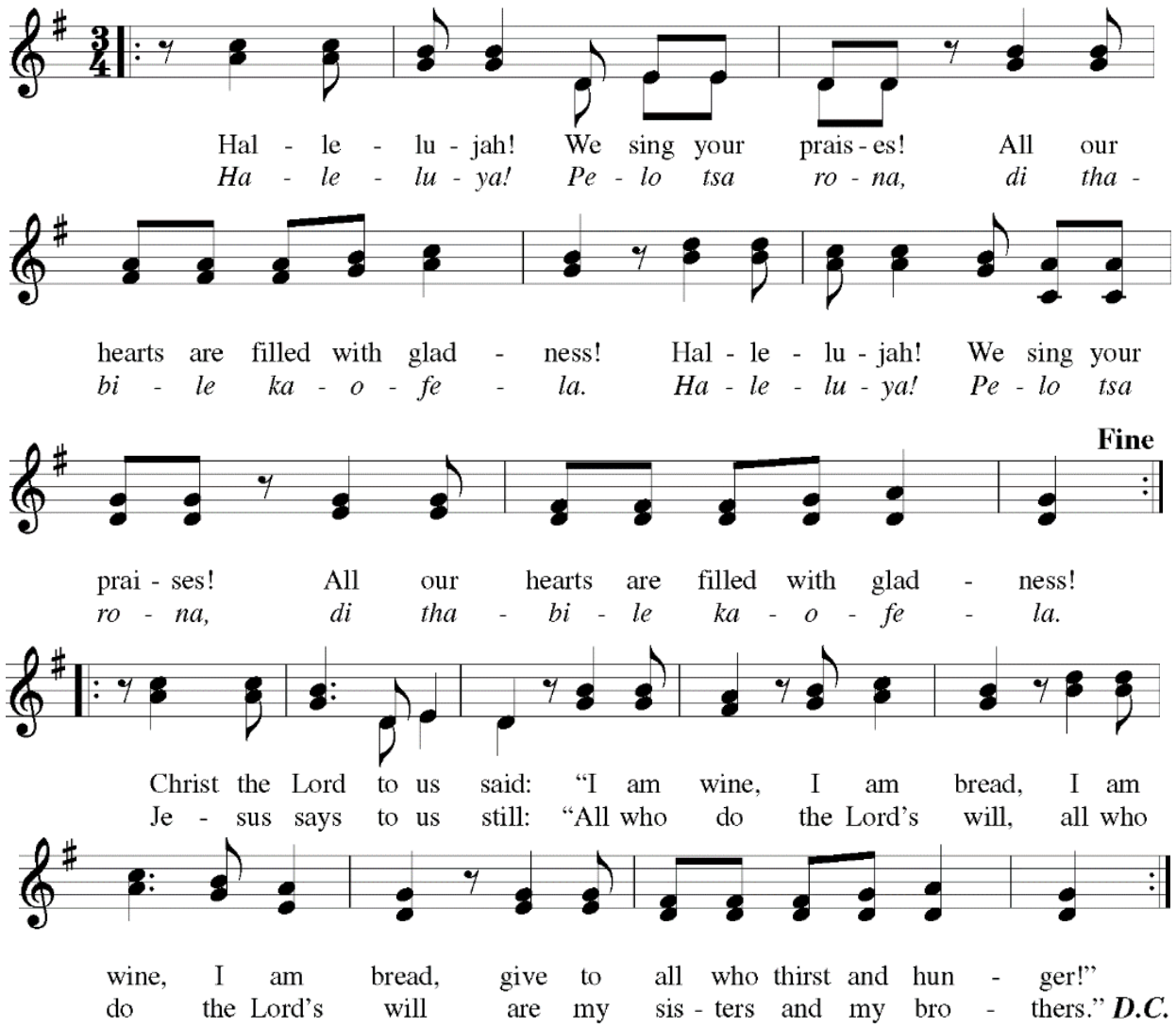
Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we, are bold to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Albert Hay Malotte



The Breaking of The Bread

Fraction Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* WLP #784
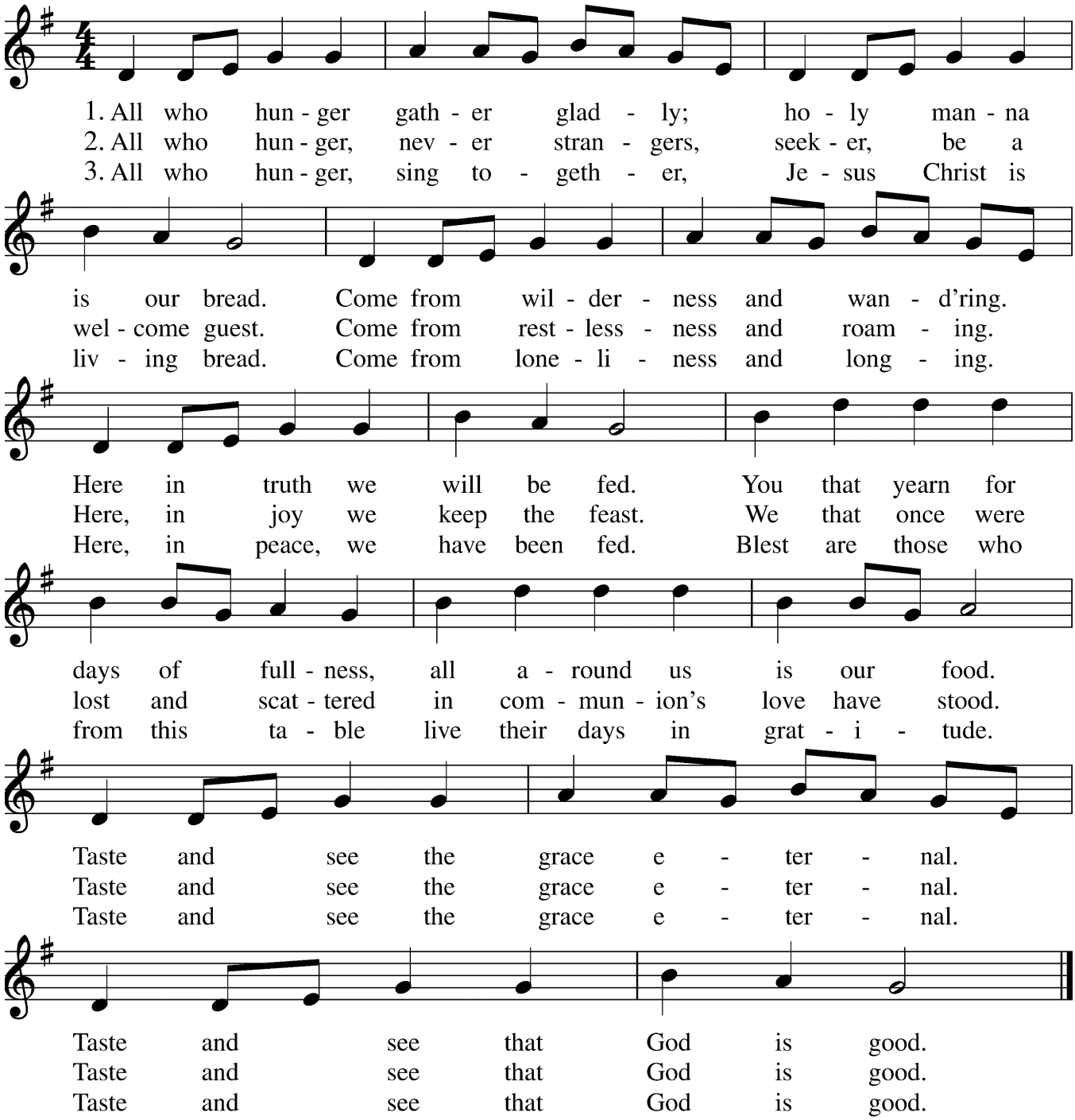


The Invitation to The Table

The Communion of the People

All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free communion wafers and chalice are available. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. Please note: We do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine.) If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you.

Communion Hymn *All Who Hunger* Hymnal 1982 #287



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Post-Communion Prayer
Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Blessings

Welcoming Visitors

Announcements

Read Our Weekly Newsletter:

Final Blessing
Please stand in body or spirit.

Recessional Hymn *Lead With Love* By Melanie DeMore

You gotta put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love

Verses (call & response)

Don't give up hope
You're not alone
Don't you give up
Keep movin on

Lift up your eyes
Don't you despair
Look up ahead
The path is there

I know you're scared
And I'm scared too
But here I am
Right next to you

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the risen Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.

2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.

3. If someone is reluctant to speak to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.

4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them if we are unclear of their intentions.)

5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.

6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.

7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.

8. We will not manipulate; We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.

9. When in doubt, we will just say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.

10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.

11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.

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LEAD WITH LOVE

OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community

CORE VALUES

- ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES
  Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)
- CHOOSE LOVE
  We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)
- CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY
  We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)
- WELCOME ALL
  All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)
- HONOR DIVERSITY
  All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)
- PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL
  Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)
- CARE FOR CREATION
  We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.
- ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
  We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them.
  (Missional)
- NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION
  We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)
- CULTIVATE BEAUTY
  We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy. (Missional)

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