St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Lead with Love

Holy Eucharist
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022

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, 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.

Mask Policy:

Masks are optional.

Music Leaders

Kari Miles
Angela Pleasants (on leave)
Geoff Wodell

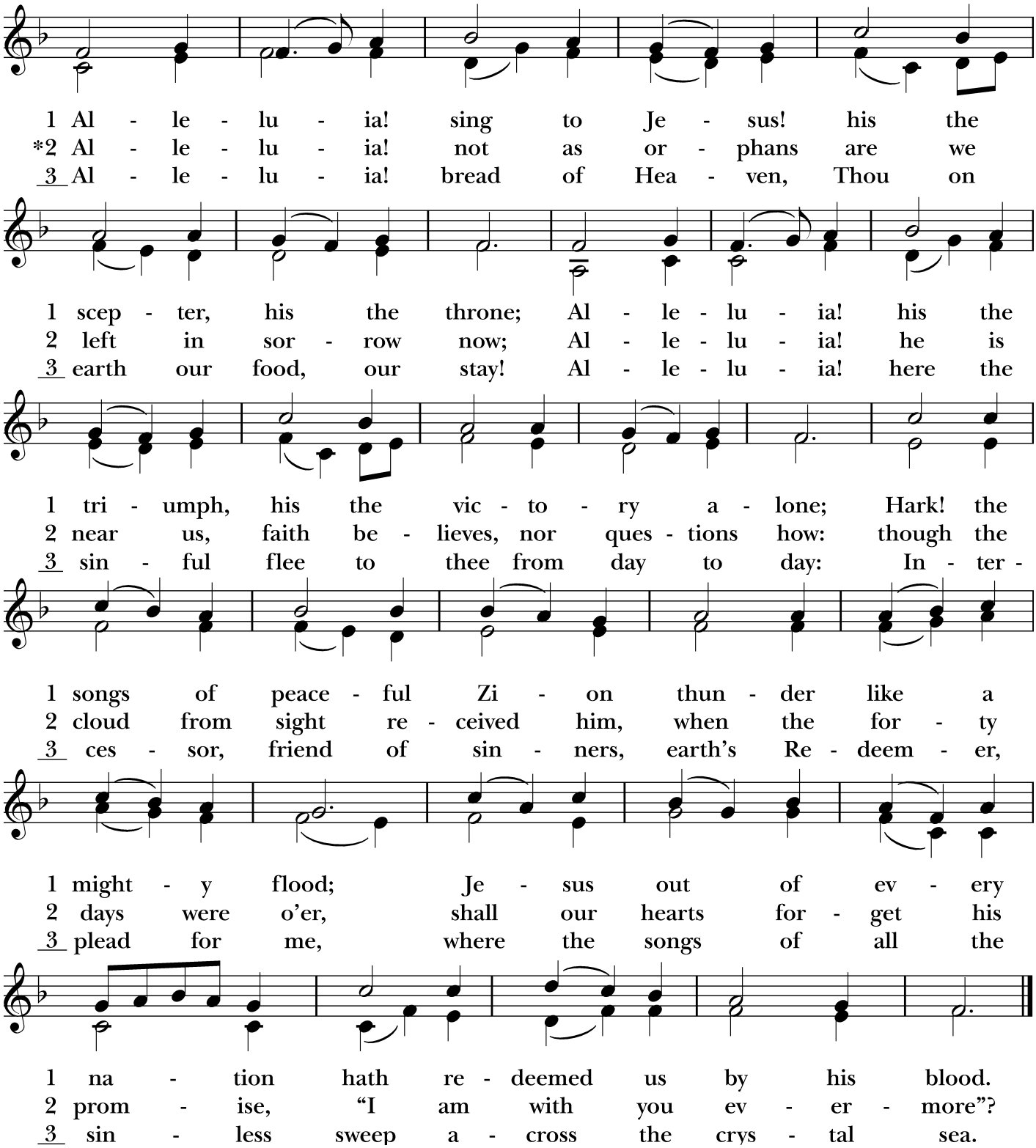
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GATHER TO SING AND PRAY

Prelude *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

Opening Song

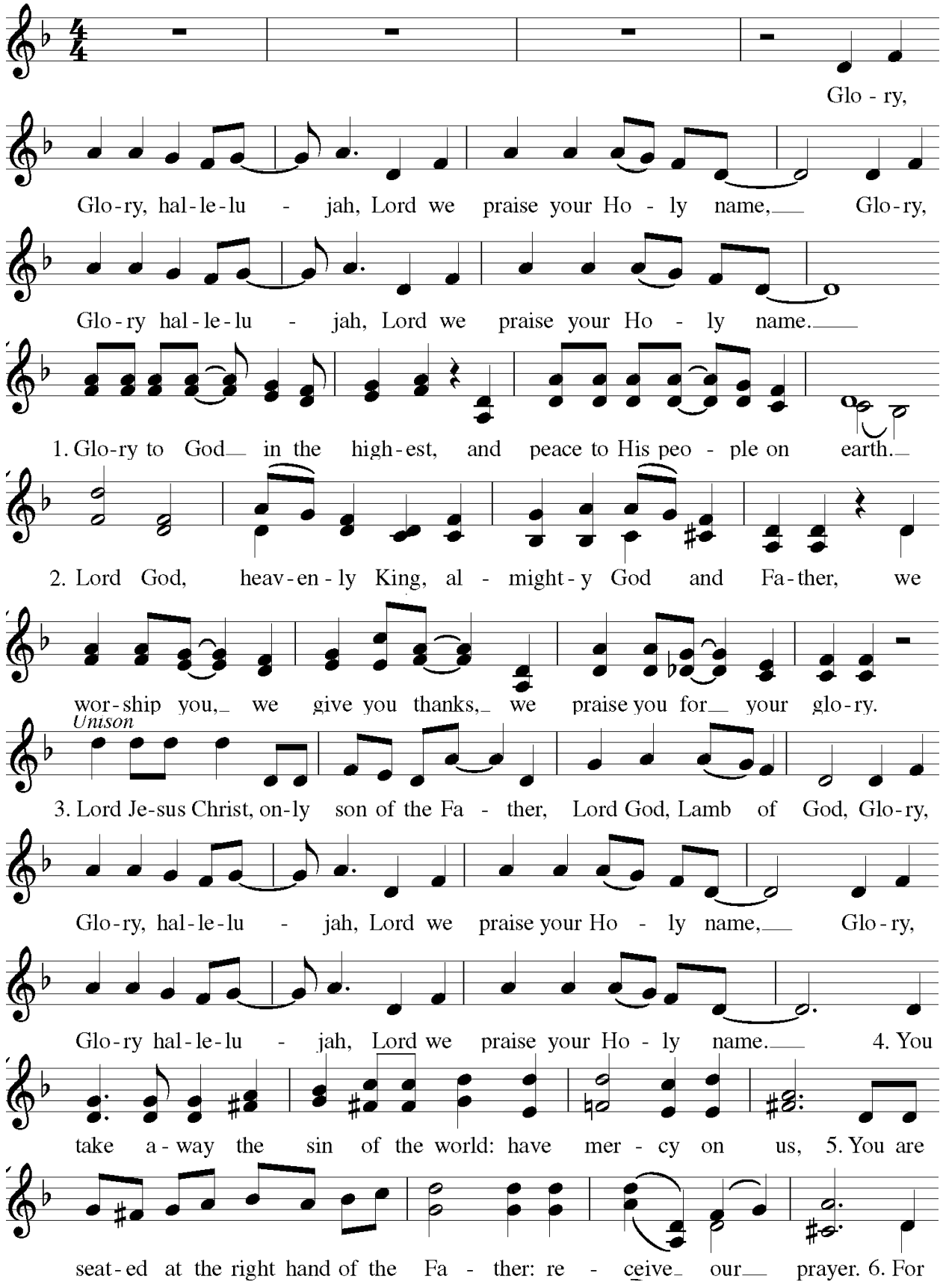


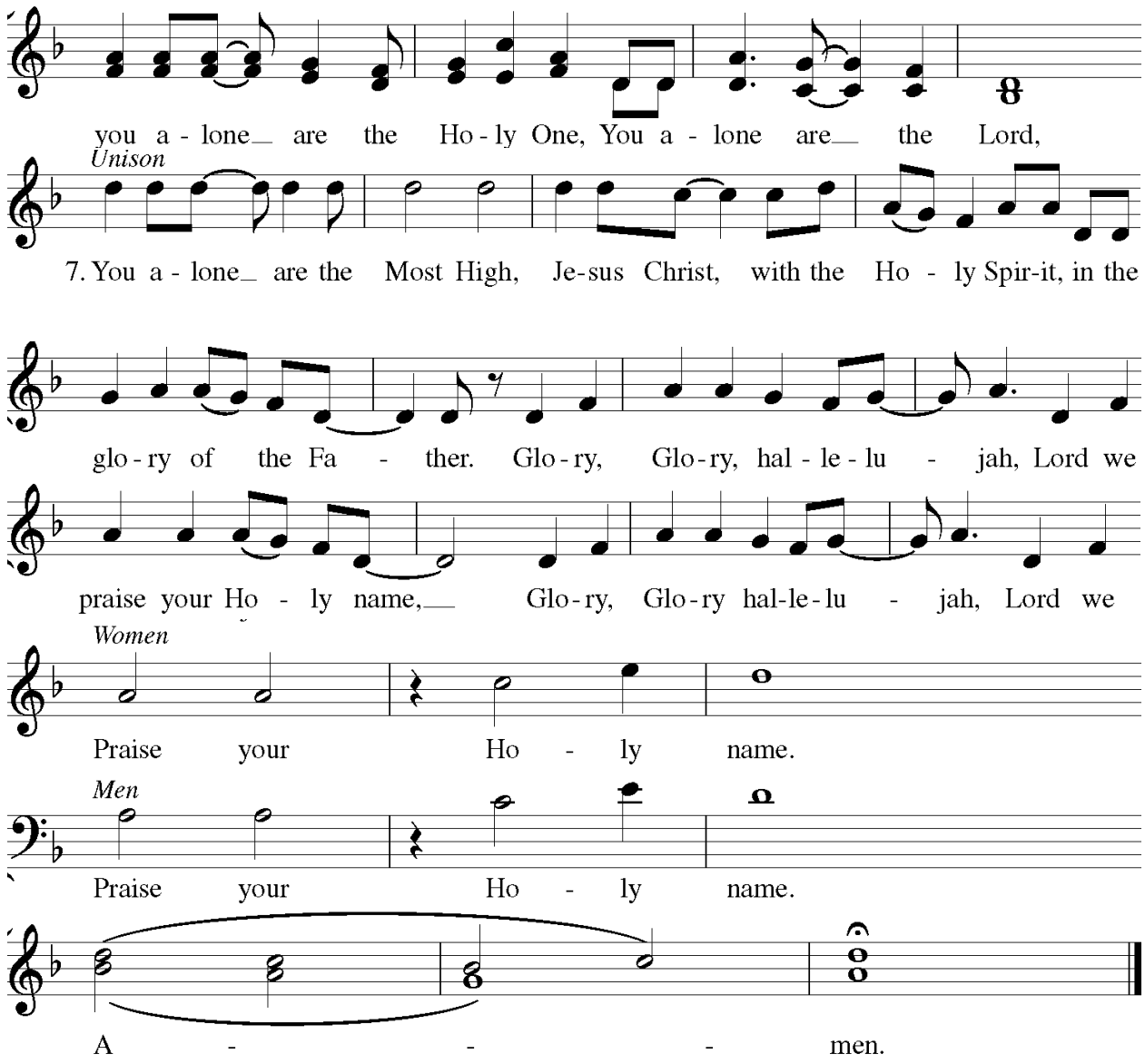
Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah **Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

After the Lesson:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus
Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in God and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Holy Name;

Make God's deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that God's Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

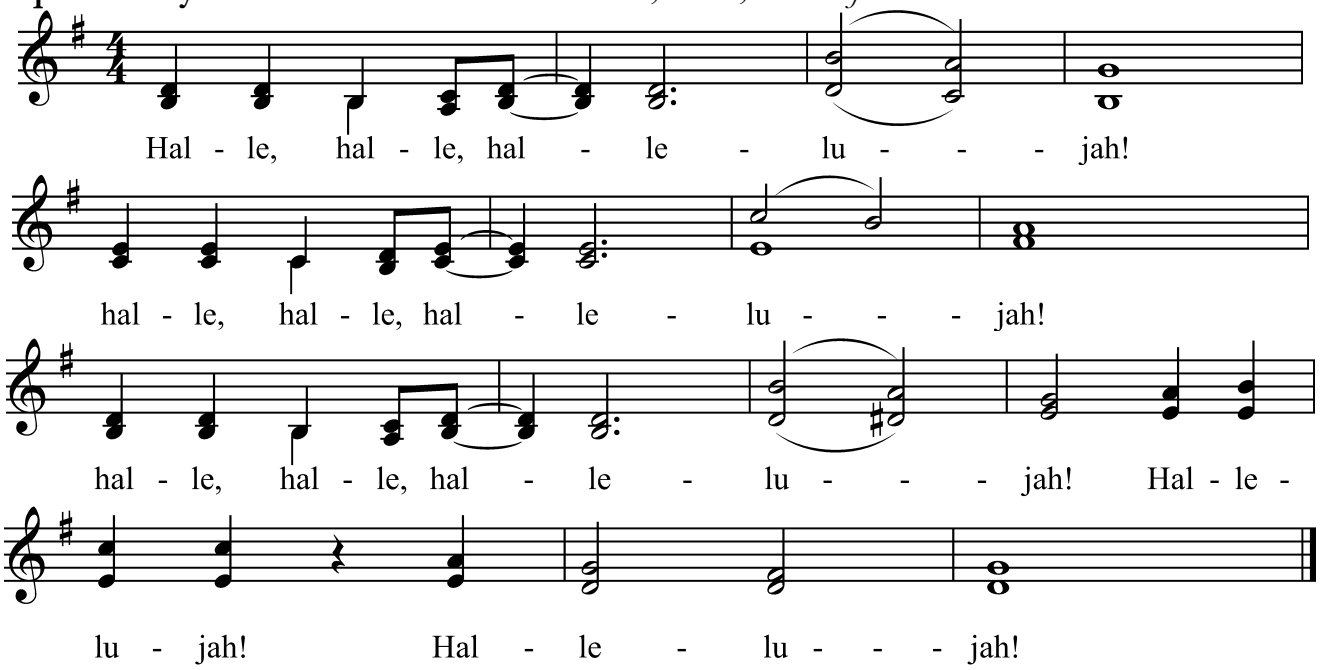
A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

After the Lesson:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*



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A Reading from the Gospel of Luke Luke 21:5-19

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, `I am he!' and, `The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or

contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

After the Lesson:

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 on your way in joy, my friends!
Go on your way in joy, my friends!
Go on your way in joy, my friends!
Let your left foot say 'Glory!'
and your right say, 'Amen!

Homily

After the sermon a brief silence for reflection will be observed.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

We believe in one God,
Creator of all we see and all we don't see;
Ruler of the universe:
Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
One with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us.
One with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Sustainer of all creation!

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The Prayers of The People

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church throughout the world: for Bishop Kym, for this gathering, and for all ministers, lay and ordained; for whom in the Church shall we pray?

People **(add names silently or aloud)**
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

I ask your prayers for peace in our world, for peace in Ukraine, for peace in our hearts; and for which other places and peoples shall we pray?
(add names silently or aloud)
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy One. Pray that all in need may find and be found by God. For whom else shall we pray?
(add names silently or aloud)
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; for those we carry in our hearts; for God's blessing on _____, and for whom else shall we pray?
(add names silently or aloud)
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially _____, for whom else shall we pray?
(add names silently or aloud)
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

We offer our thanksgivings to God, for the gift of this day and these people, and what other thanksgivings shall we offer?
(add names silently or aloud)
O God, hear our prayer
And let our cry come unto you.

The Collect

Confession

Please kneel or stand.

Loving God, hear our prayer:
our hearts are heavy .
We have trusted too much in our own strength.
We have hidden our faces from those who suffer.
We have turned away from neighbors in need.
We have given up hope instead of seeking your help.
O God, be gracious to us.
Forgive our sin.
Heal our brokenness,
and fill our hearts with songs of joy. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

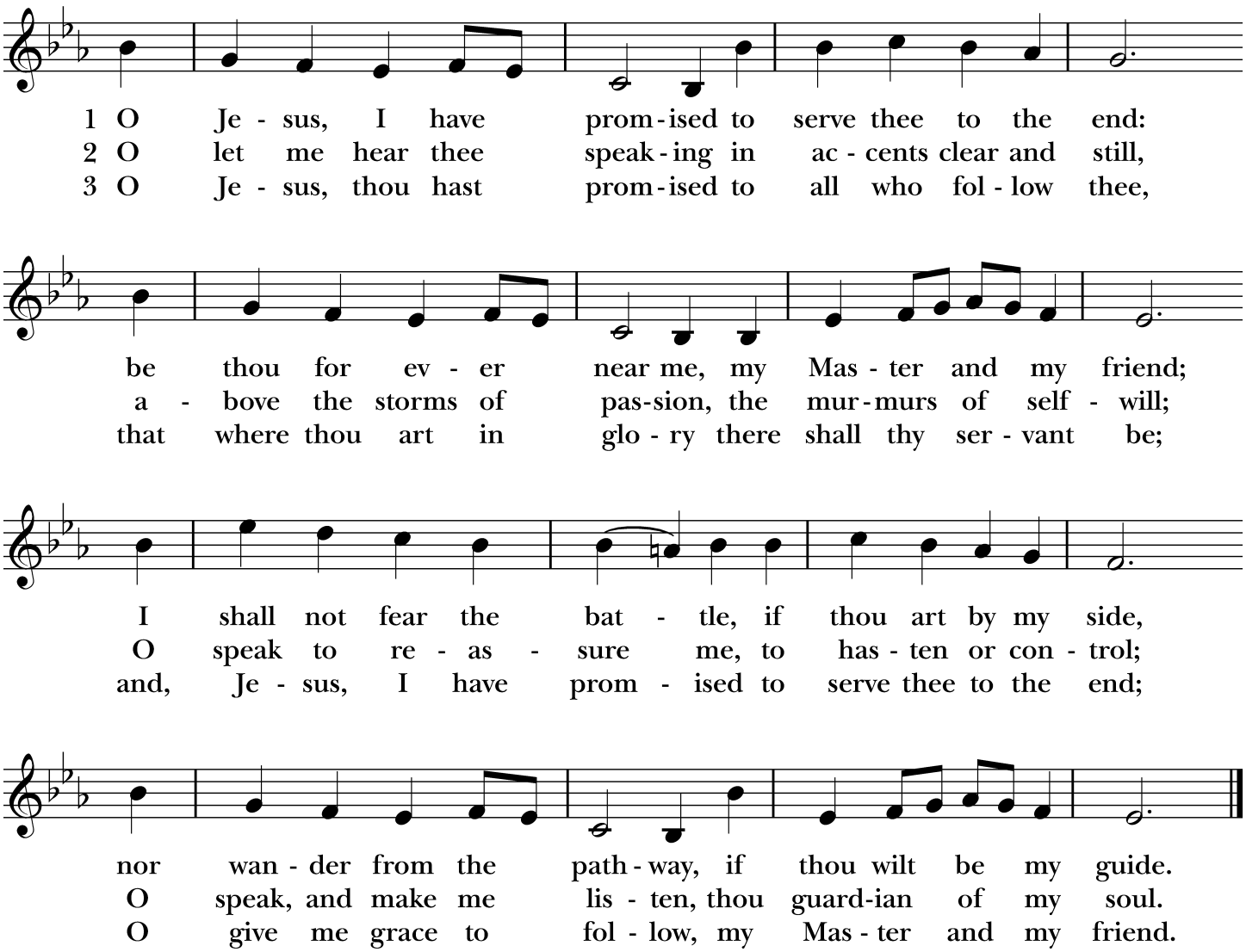
People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn



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Presentation Hymn *Doxology* Hymnal 1982

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During this hymn, the offering is presented at the altar. Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him 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.**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
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.

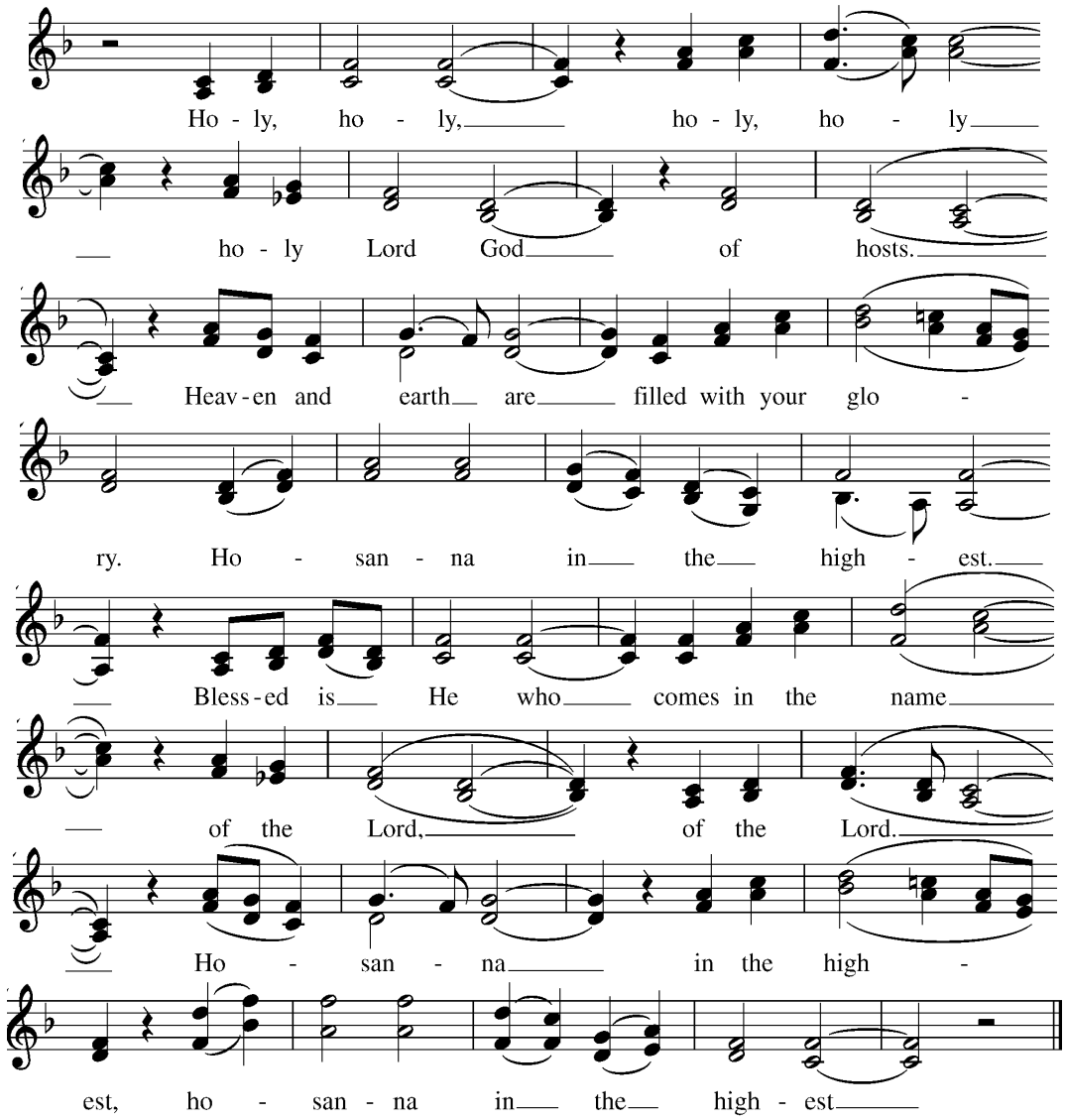
We give you thanks for our creation and our calling,
for friendship and community, for love and laughter,
tears and pain of growth.

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

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The people stand or kneel.

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 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, in songs of everlasting praise.

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

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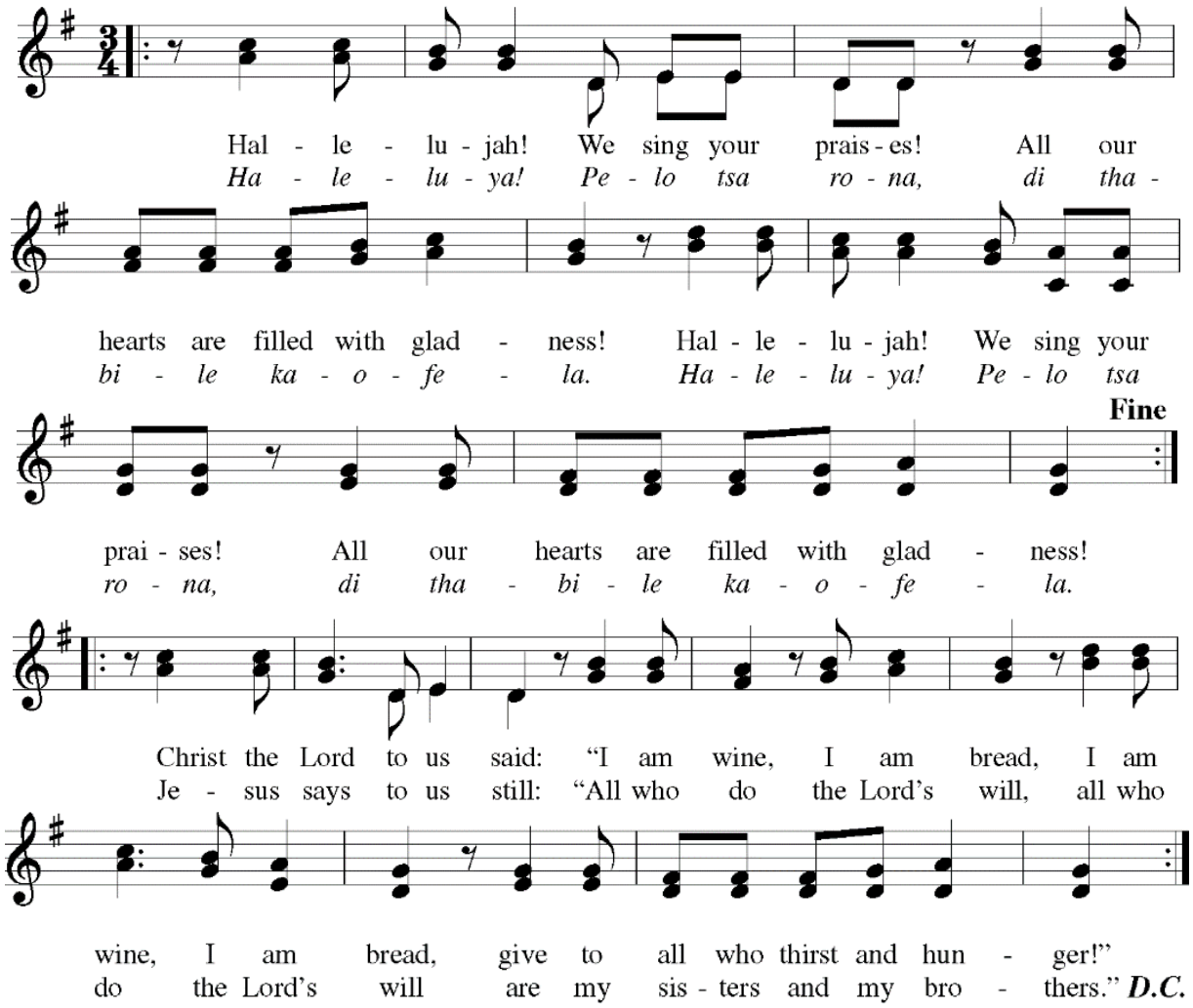
The Lord's Prayer Arr. Albert Hay
Malotte

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, which 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.

The Breaking of The Bread

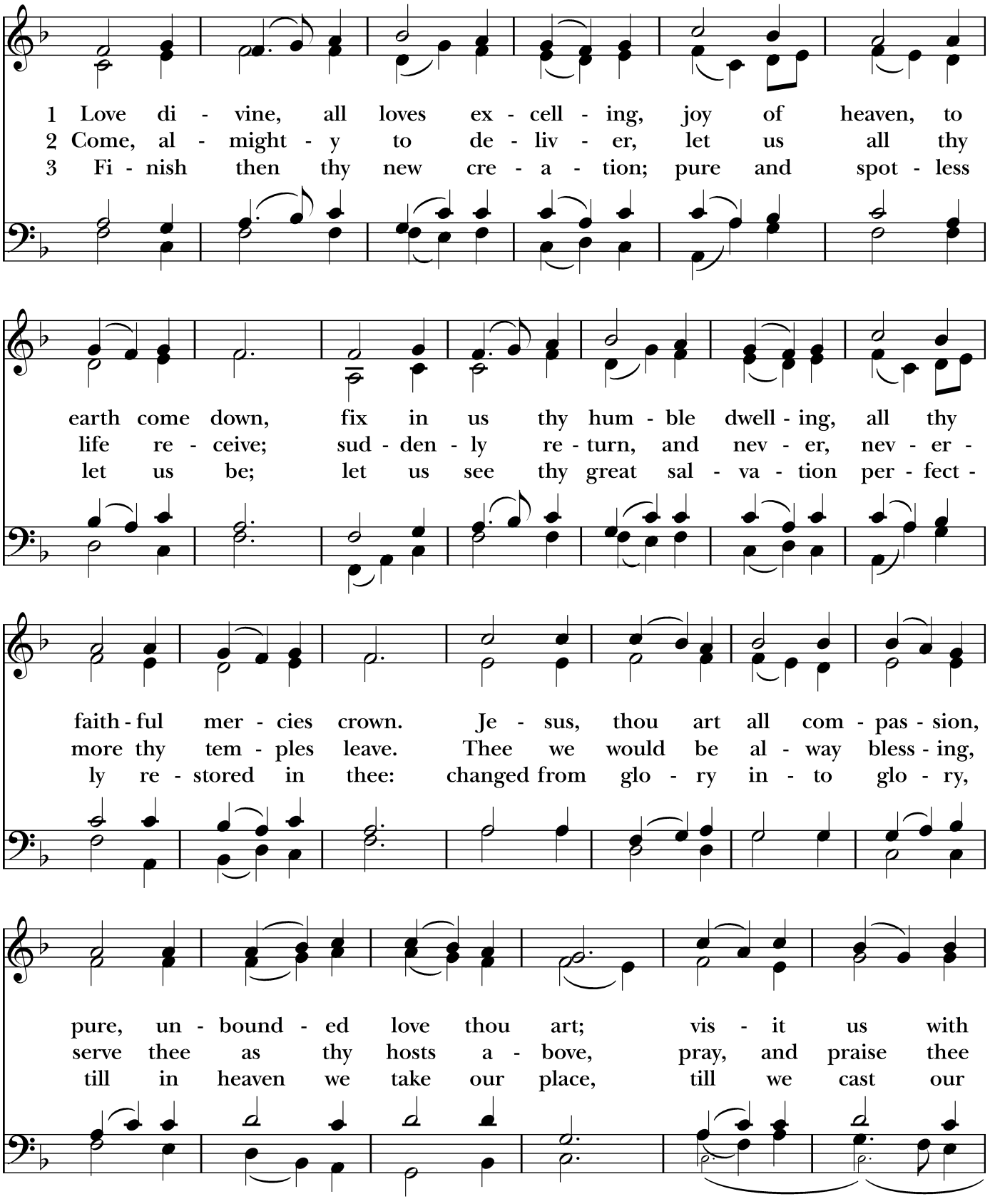
Fraction Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

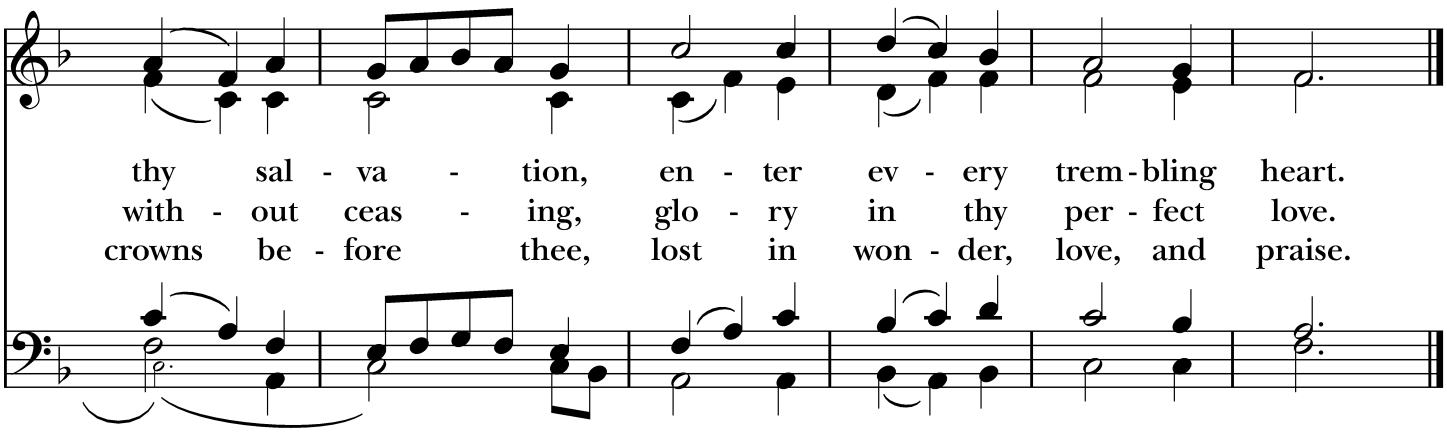


The Invitation to The Table

The Communion of the People

Communion Music





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Post-Communion Prayer

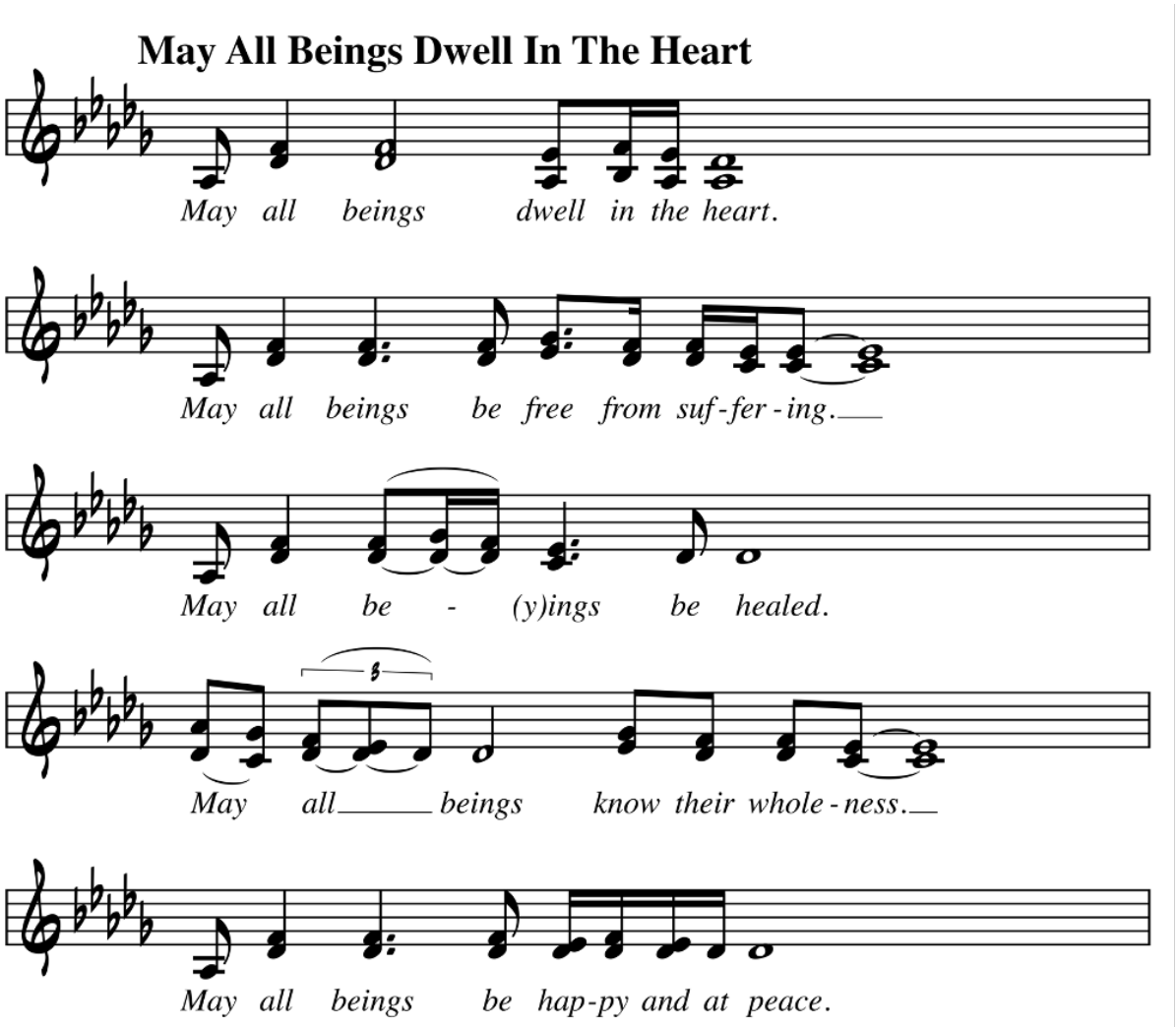
Please kneel or stand as you are able.

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

Announcements



Final Blessing

Closing Song *Lead With Love* Melanie DeMore

<u>Chorus</u>
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. (repeat all 4 lines)

<u>Verses (call and response)</u>
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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

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 come 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 interpret for us if we are unclear of their intentions.)

5. If something is confidential, we will not do 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 one 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.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

LEAD WITH LOVE

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 will be guided by discernment and prayer. (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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