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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

9:50 AM GATHER

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST FAMILY SERVICE

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Deacon
The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music
Jeff Kempskie

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill

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To view the **parish calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

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THE BUTTERFLY CROSS was created by the children of the Parish for Easter Season 2017. It is a representation of our donation of living plants to help pollinators have a more livable habitat.

Cover Image: Journey with Jesus, by He Qi

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Today's service is a Family service; please know after the sermon there is an opportunity to participate in a confession, so you are invited to have a rock ready to use during the service.
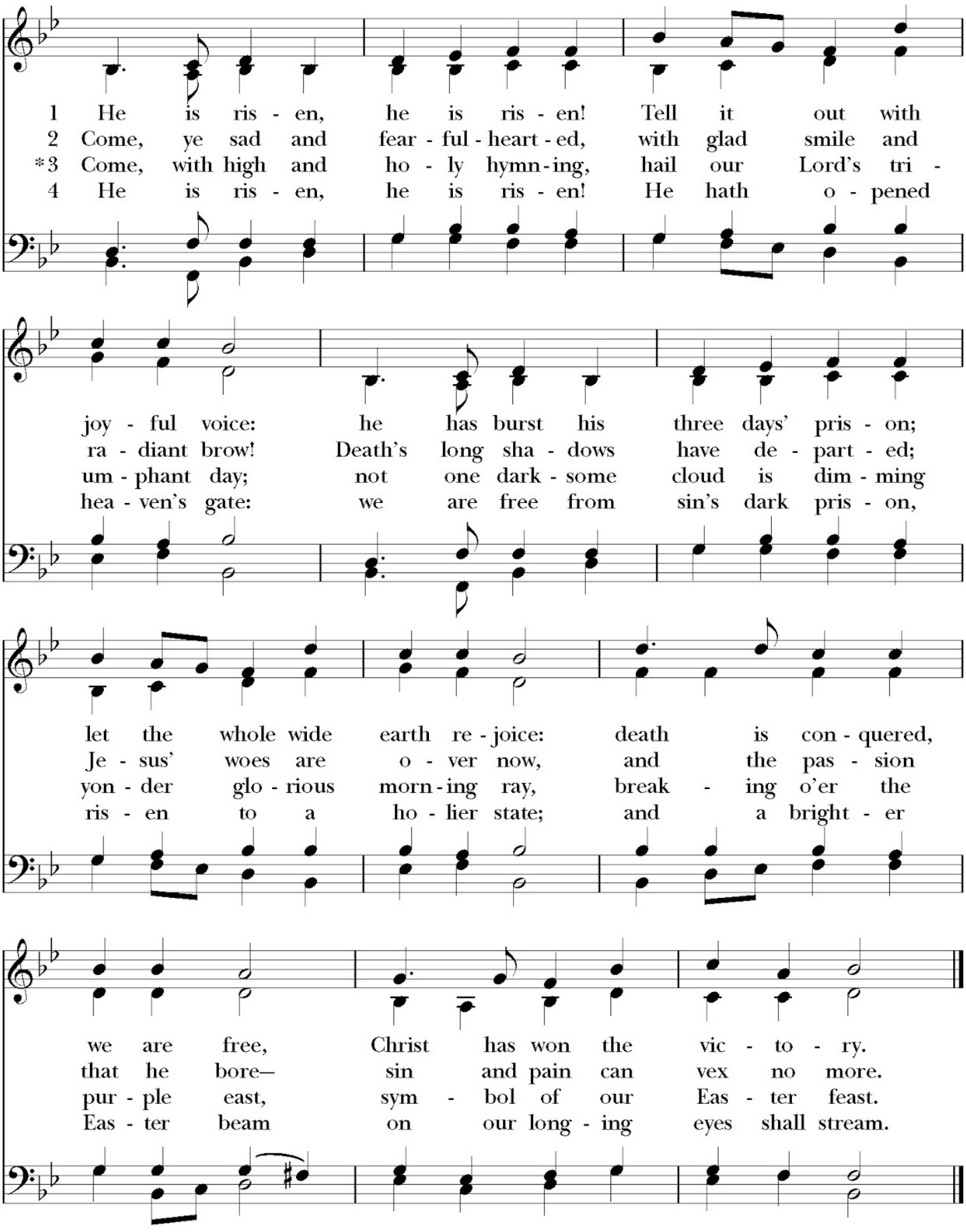
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Gavotte & Air Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 180 He is risen, he is risen, vv. 1-2, 4 *Unser Herrscher*

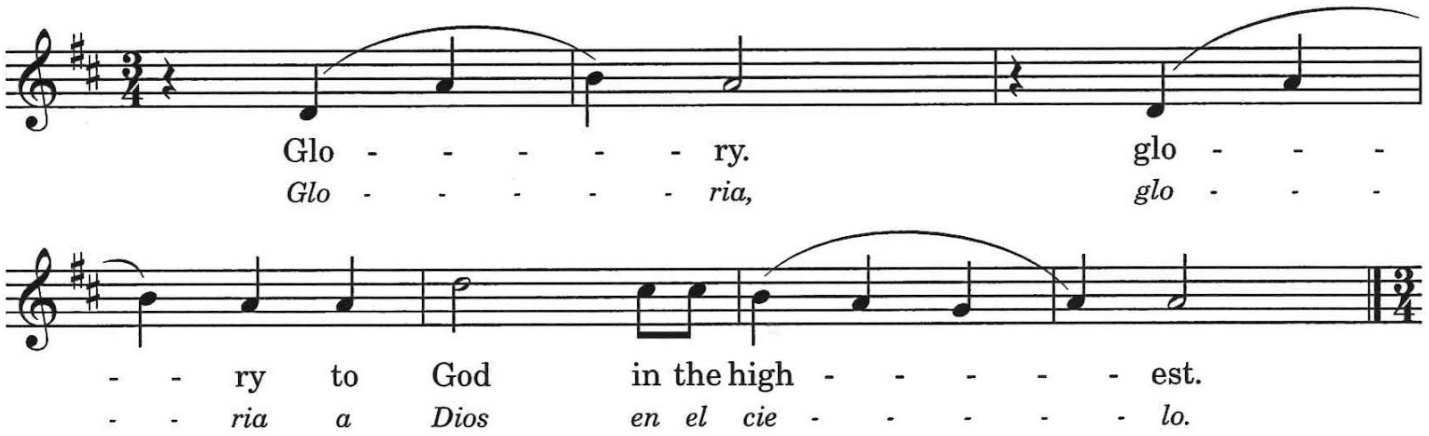


OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips



Choir: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God,
heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus, Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **[Congreg. Refrain]**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.
God, help us to remember to love everyone. Amen.

THE FIRST READING 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. The worker who is paid to keep the sheep is different from the shepherd who owns them. So when the worker sees a wolf coming, he runs away and leaves the sheep alone. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. The man runs away because he is only a paid worker. He does not really care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I give my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not in this flock here. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me because I give my life. I give my life so that I can take it back again. No one takes it away from me. I give my own life freely. I have the right to give my life, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father commanded me to do."

The Gospel of Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Reverend Cindy Dopp

CHILDREN'S CREED

I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe His Spirit too, comes to tell me what to do.
I believe that I can be kind and good,
Amen

CONFESSION

Each child holds a stone in their hand.

Let us now hold our stones to our hearts. The stones help us remember the things we have done wrong and the things we have left undone. Please repeat after me:
God, when we hurt others, we hurt you.
God, when we hurt others, we hurt you.
Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.
Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.

We are sorry, God, please forgive us.
We are sorry, God, please forgive us.

Help us to love one another.
Help us to love one another.

The children set their stones down (on the table, or near the computer).
We cannot wash the stones, but we can set down all the things we want forgiveness for, and be kinder and more loving.

No matter what, God loves us and forgives us. As we set these stones down, God sets aside our wrongs. We are forgiven. Be at peace.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings:

For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this earth that God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who have come back to worship,

that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world,

that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers.

Let us pray together:

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen God be with you!
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

To support the work of the church, make an online gift now or learn about the other ways to give.

Pledges to support the church in the future and online gifts can also be made through the St. Mark's website stmarks.net by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loves us.

We lift an offertory plate acknowledging the online giving
and checks that have been mailed into the office this week.
We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — *Lobe den Herren*, arr. Richard Walters

Rob Hall, soloist

Praise to the Lord, the almighty the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.
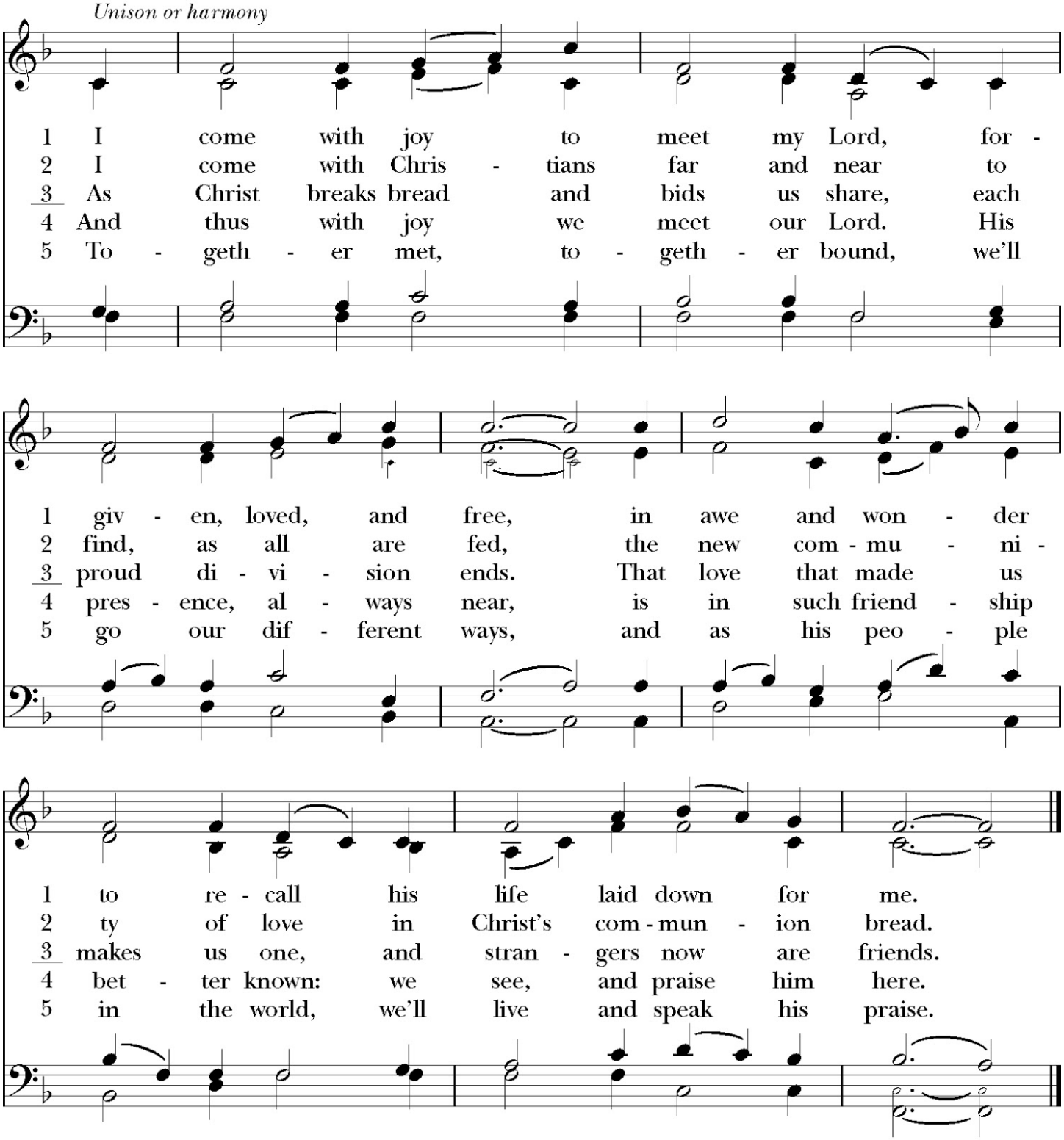
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

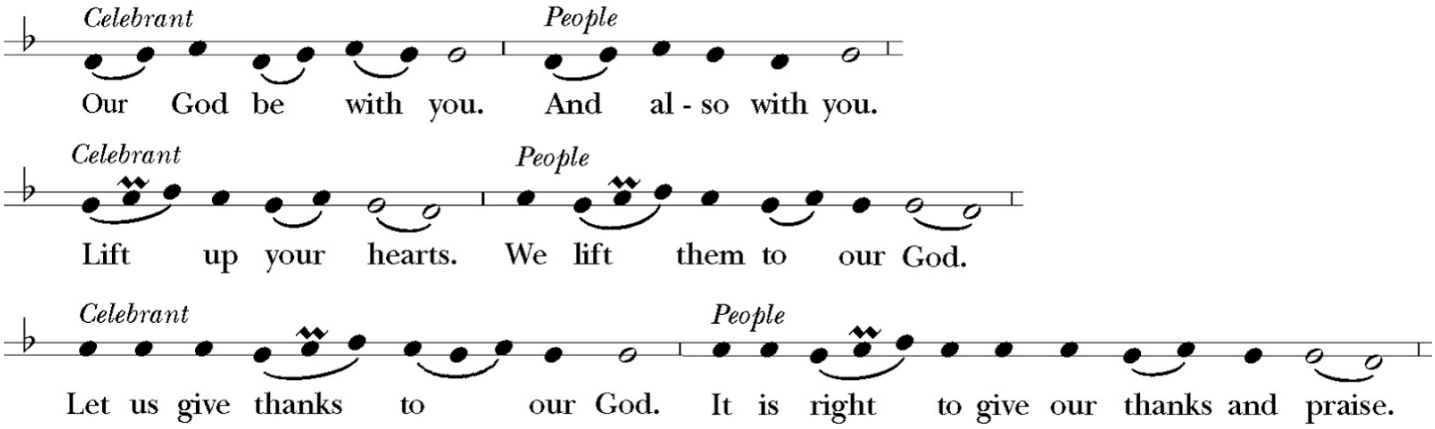
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

PRESENTATION HYMN

304 I come with joy to meet my Lord, vv. 1, 3, 5 *Land of Rest*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

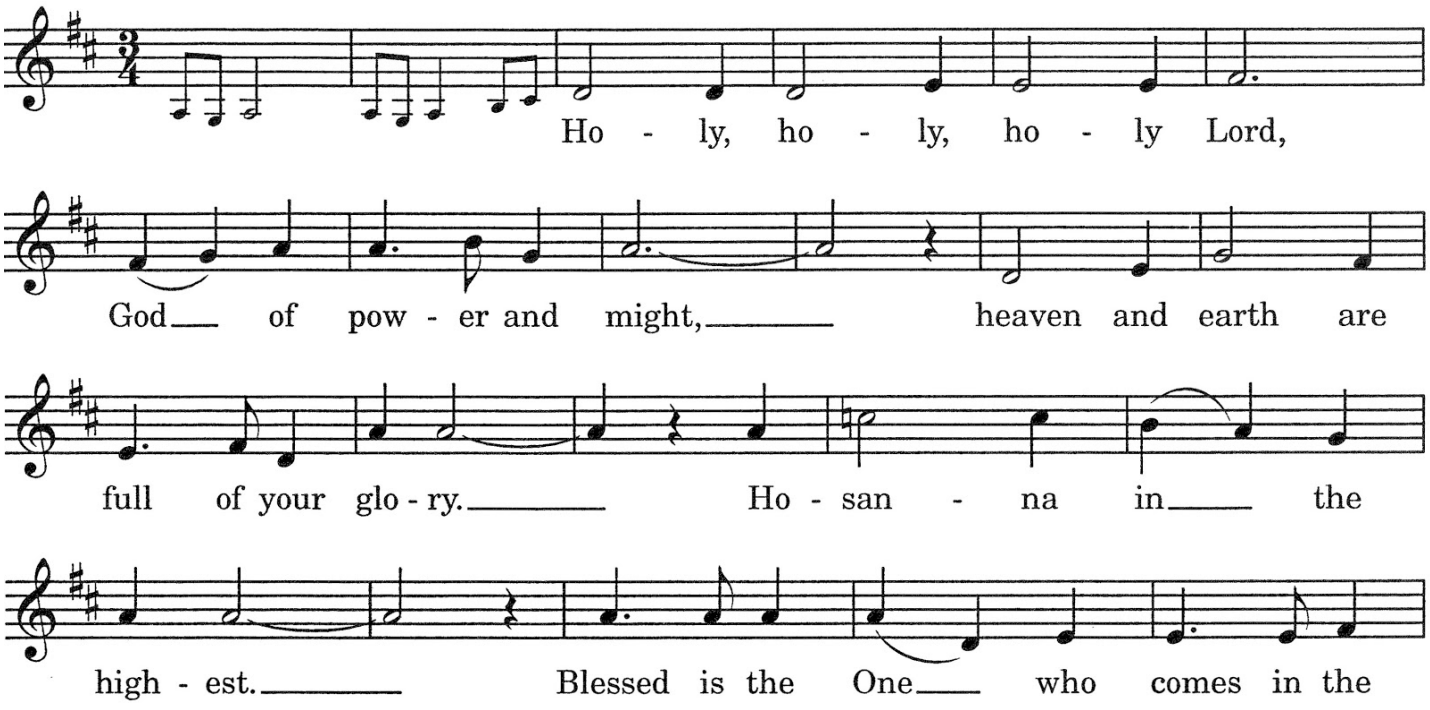


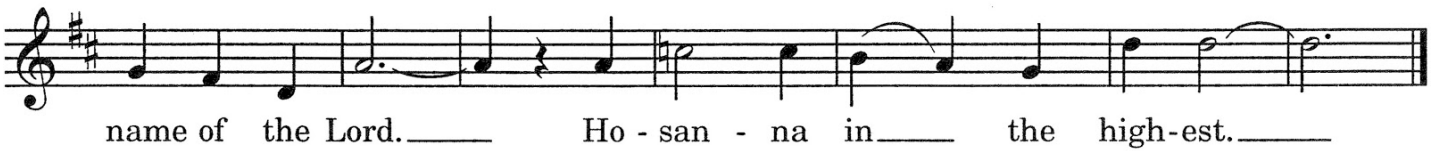
Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS *Festival Eucharist*, Craig Phillips





Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us
now in every place for ever.
Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of
new birth in the Spirit who sets your sons and daughters free.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the enslaved walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and
offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my
Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and
for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for his coming again. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Most merciful Creator, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son and that we may be kindled with the fire
of your love and renewed in our service to you.

Help us, who are one in the fellowship of Christ, to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into
our heritage in the company of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

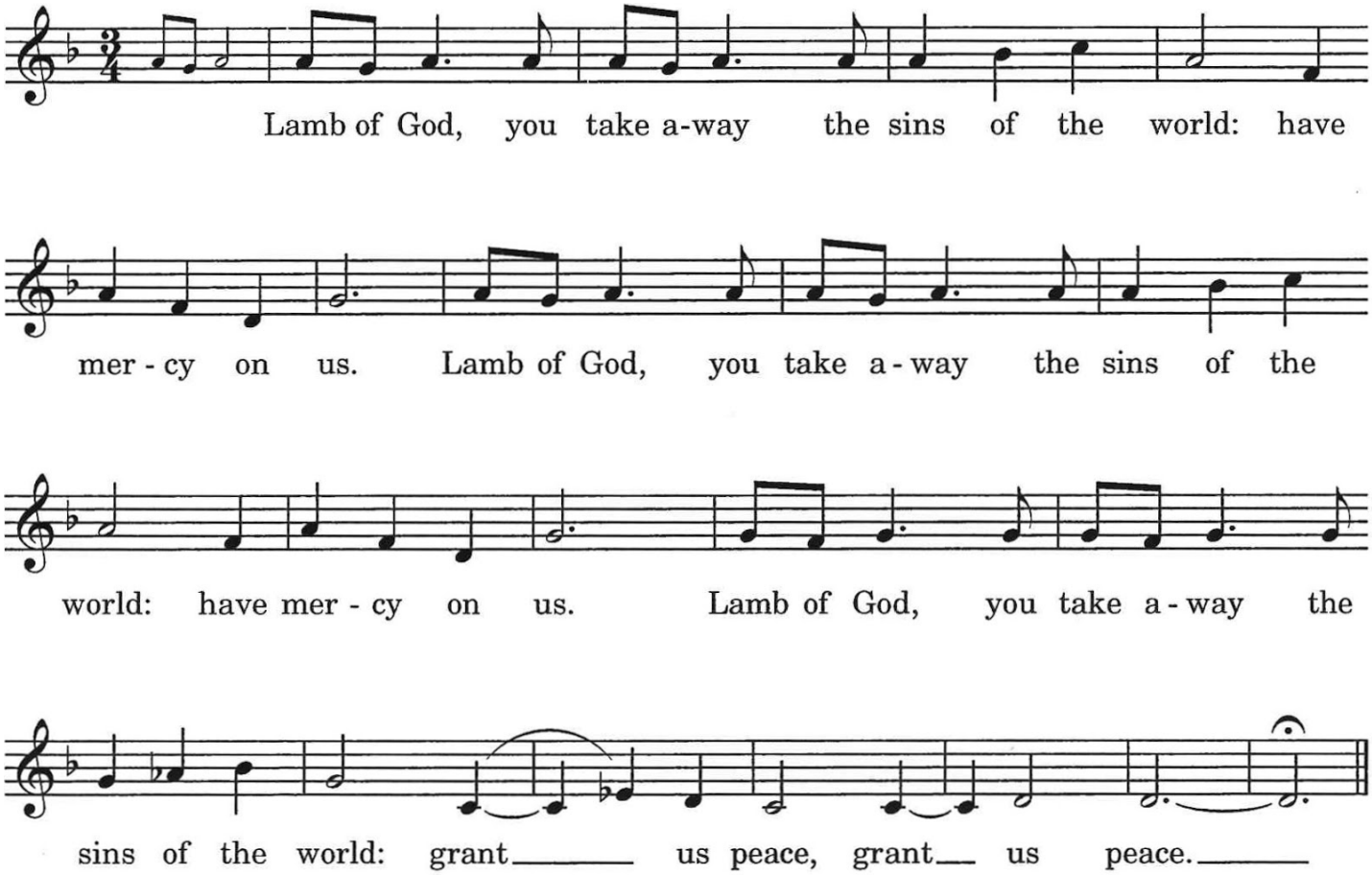
Throughout the season of Easter we are using the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.
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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,
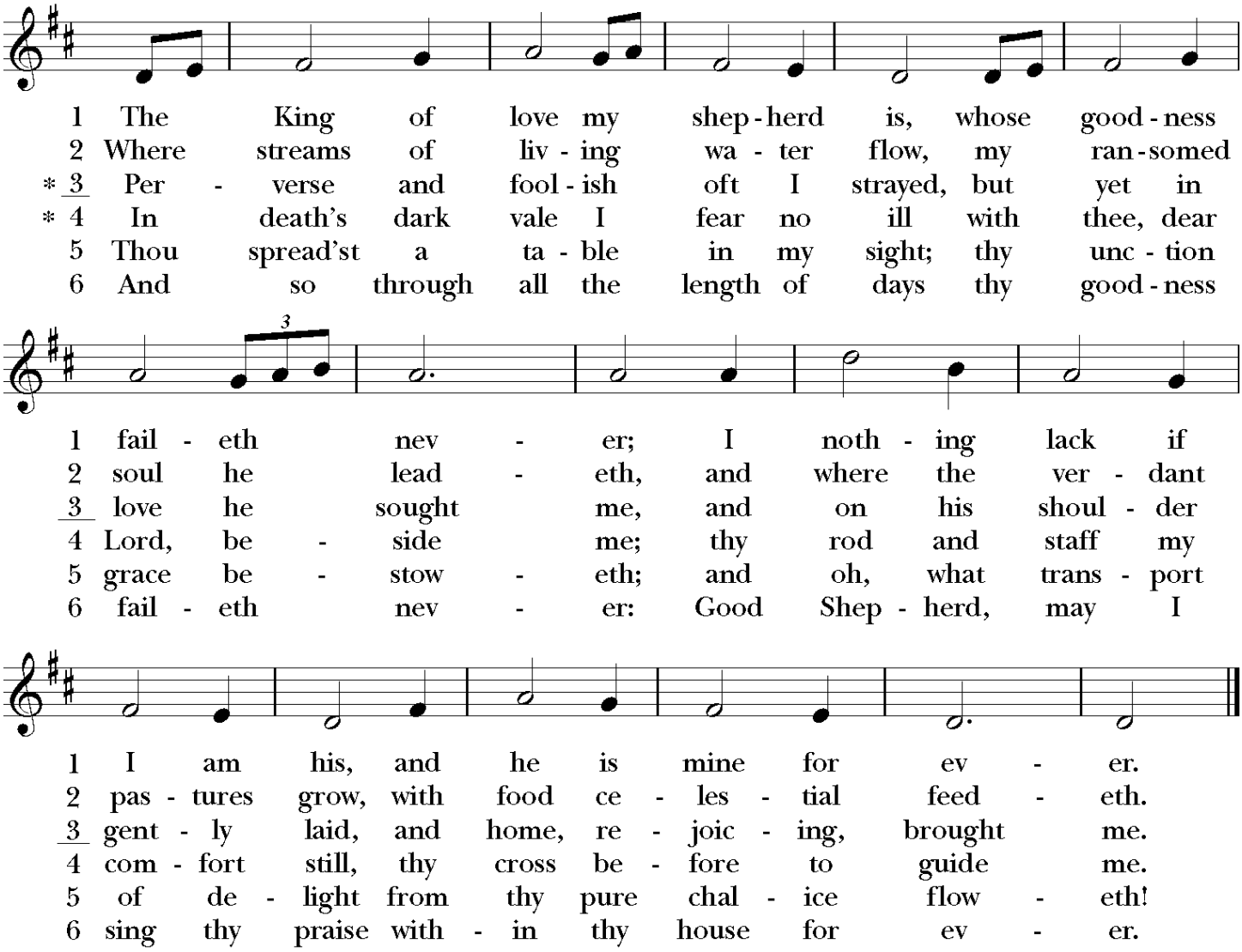
All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

If you have bread and wine in your home you are welcome to consume it now. If you would like us to deliver a blessed communion wafer to you, please contact Michele@stmarks.net

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is, vv. 1-2, 5-6 *St. Columba*
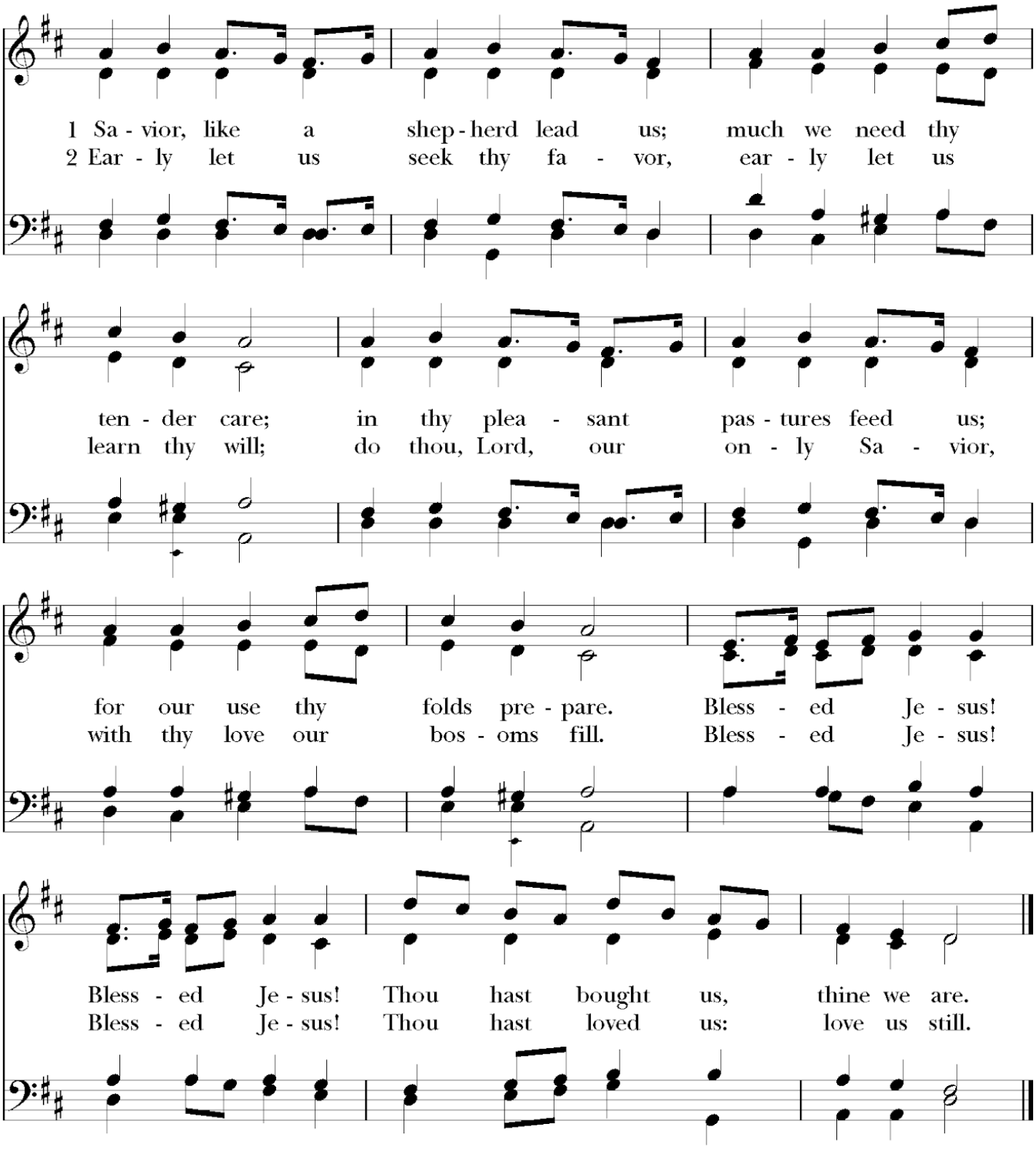


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us *Sicilian Mariners*



THE BLESSING

May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short. Grace to risk something big for something good. Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of a gracious God: the Creator, Redeemer and, and Sanctifier, be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ, the risen one.
Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Vivace from Voluntary William Boyce (1711-1779)

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Easter Sermon Series

The Many Directions of Reconciliation

What it means to become God's reconciliation in the world.

Because God's reconciliation is born out of the risen Christ, through whom God "reconcile[s] to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven" (Col. 1:20), God's reconciliation has many directions: Creator-ward, Self-ward, Other-ward, Creation-ward. God's reconciliation also moves us beyond the four principal directions towards the powers and principalities of this world, calling us to become God's reconciliation Margins-ward and Center-ward. In this season of resurrection, what does it look like for us to become God's reconciliation within ourselves, between our neighbors, across creation, under the bridges and in the shadow of the Capitol?

Featuring The Rev. Mark Andrew Jefferson, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) and the Associate Director of the Deep Calls to Deep Preaching Program at Virginia Theological Seminary:*

April 11	Michele:	What does it mean to be God's reconciliation
April 18	Patricia:	Reconciliation Self-ward - the starting point
April 25	Cindy:	Reconciliation Otherward - bringing the flock together.
May 2	Joe:	Reconciliation Creation-ward, reconnecting the vines to the branches to bear the fruit of creation.
May 9	*Mark Jefferson:	Reconciliation Margin-ward: How do we become?
May 16	Michele:	What is the way we need to lean into to have Reconciliation?

Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection as we share this time together online.
There are many other opportunities to get involved with St. Mark's, even remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out this form. If you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the last page.
We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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Worship Participants

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Preacher	The Reverend Cindy Dopp
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Soloist	Rob Hall
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Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Rector, Michele Morgan, at michele@stmarks.net.

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Cycle of Prayer

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St. Philip's Church, Baden
Diocesan Confirmation Service (May 1) Pray for those who are to be confirmed.
Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring
Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Ka

Parish Prayer List

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Barbara Marks • Nat Marks • Jane Miller • Don Mosher
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