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Saturday evening September 12 & Sunday September 13, 2026

We are grateful to The Reverend Canon Susan Fortunato
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Entrance Hymn *Praise My Soul* ***Hymnal #410***

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Glory to God ***Hymnal #S 280***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector 1: A reading from the book of Exodus *Exodus 14:19-31*

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and
the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. 20 It came between
the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit
up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east
wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites
went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their
left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots,

and chariot drivers. 24At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."26Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." 27So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Lector 1: We will read Psalm 114 responsively by half verse.

1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Lector 2: A reading from the letter to the followers of Jesus in Rome *Romans 14: 1-12*

1Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over
opinions. 2Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3Those who eat
must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those
who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It
is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to
make them stand. 5Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to
be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6Those who observe the day, observe it in
honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God;
while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. 7We do not live to
ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die
to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end
Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10Why do
you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.11For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12So then, each of us will
be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Awake My Soul* ***Hymnal #11***

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 18:21-35*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

21Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "Not seven times,
but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24When he began the
reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25and, as he could
not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his
possessions, and payment to be made. 26So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27And out of pity for him, the lord of
that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28But that same slave, as he went out, came
upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the
throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him,
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30But he refused; then he went and threw him
into prison until he would pay the debt. 31When his fellow slaves saw what had happened,
they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken

place. 32Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

~ Sermon ~

Nicene Creed **BCP page 358**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People — BCP page 392

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Litanist: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Litanist: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Litanist: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Litanist: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Litanist: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Litanist: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sally, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

All: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Litanist: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Let us begin by lifting up all who are on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names:

Janine Elkin, **Don** Engle, **John** Fiandolz, **Samuel** Flanigan, **Jean** Fowler, **Gen & Joan**, **Steve & Margreta** G., **Diane** Garrenger, **Bill** Giberson, **Kathryn** Gilbert and **Beth** Gilbert-Pagán, **Salli** Gordon, **Judith** Harvey, **Pamela** Hastings, **Pat** Hawkins, **Gwen** Hodavance, **Clara** Kearns, **Ed** Klimas, **Maegan** Louise, **Mary Lou** L., **Kathy** Laskody **and the Laskody Family**, **Eileen** Lebida, **Jacqueline** Lees, **Emberlyn** LeRiche, **John** Lisa, **and the St. Peter's Community that we may be guided by the holy Spirit in this time of transition.**

Silence

People may add petitions either silent or aloud.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin — BCP page 393

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn — *Rock of Ages* — ***Hymnal #685***

Eucharistic Prayer A — **BCP page 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your

glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Hymnal #S 129*

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your all the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen ***Hymnal #S 146***

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All:

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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** Alleluia!

Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need a gluten free host, inform the Priest.

If you wish to receive communion host and dip it in the consecrated wine, remain at the altar rail and hold the bread or host in your hand until the gold chalice comes to you. Then dip the host into the wine and consume the communion bread and wine.

If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice, leave the altar rail after you consume the bread or host and move to the Eucharistic Minister with the silver sipping chalice at the left side of the altar rail.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the People of God.

Post-Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ***Hymnal #341***

Celebrant*:* Let us pray

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father** **BCP 365**
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.

Announcements

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

The Celebrant's Blessing

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehova* ***Hymnal #690***

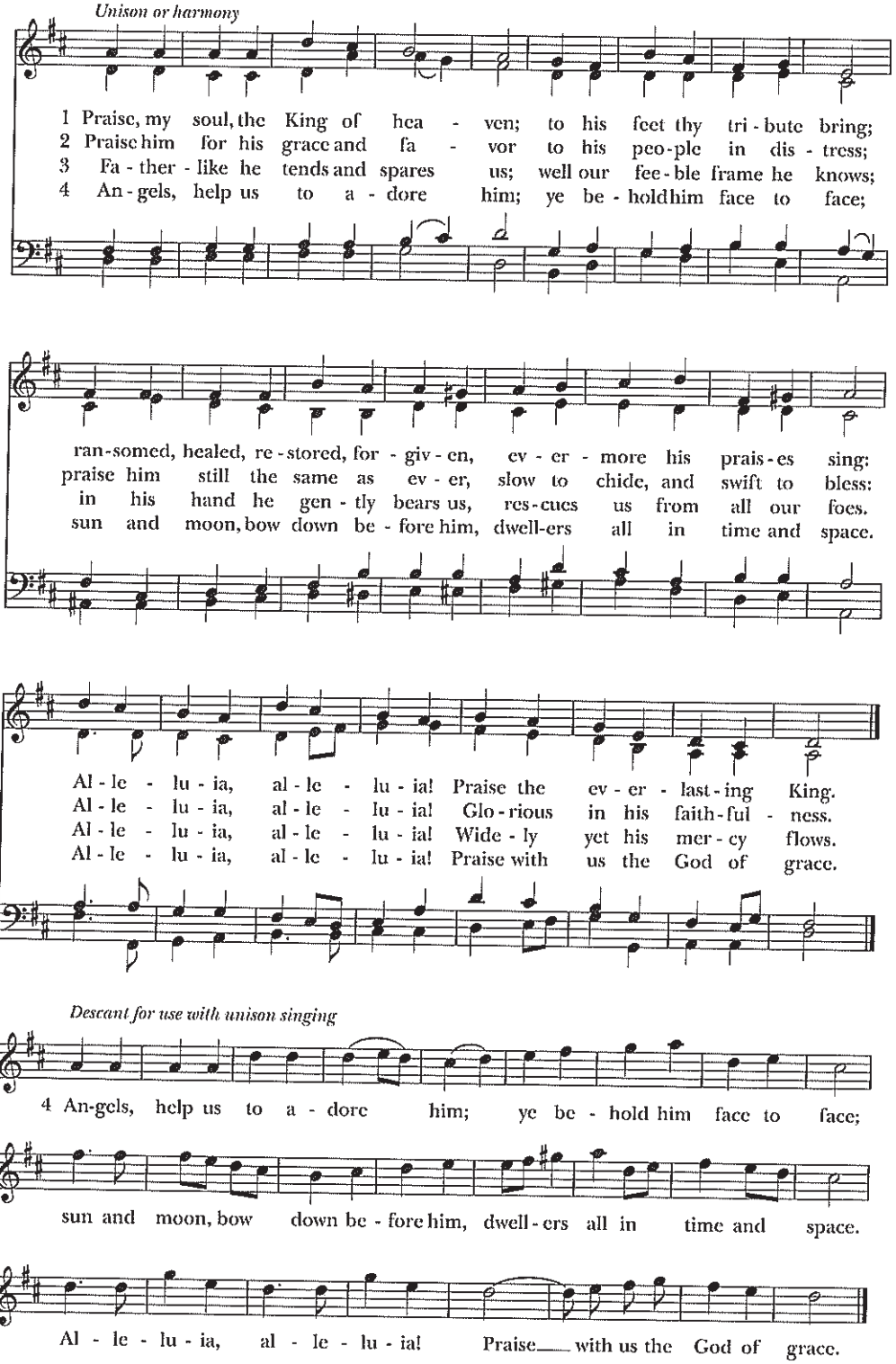
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
Join us, if you can, in the parish house for a short time of fellowship after this service.
You are always welcome here.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Hymnal 1982, **#410**



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1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Awake, my soul, and with the sun

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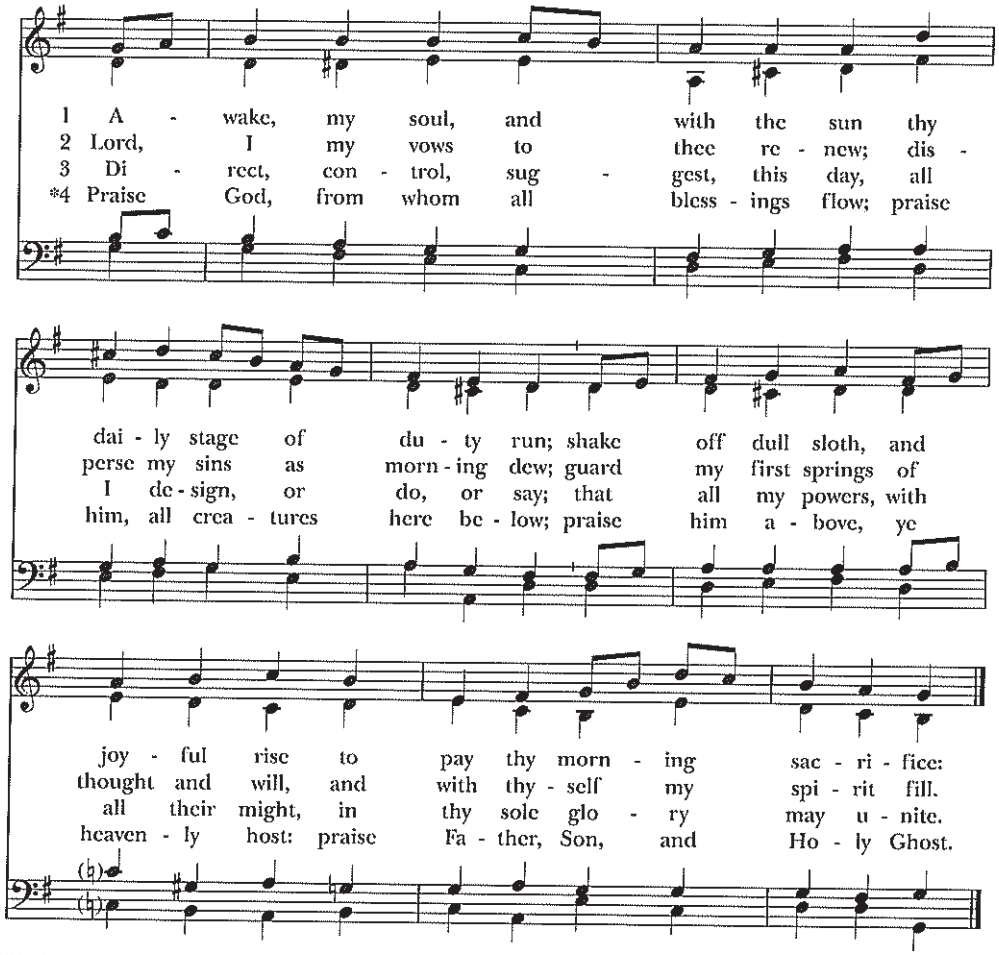

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1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice:

2 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will,
and with thyself my spirit fill.

3 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design, or do, or say;
that all my powers, with all their might,
in thy sole glory may unite.

4 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.

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Rock of ages, cleft for me

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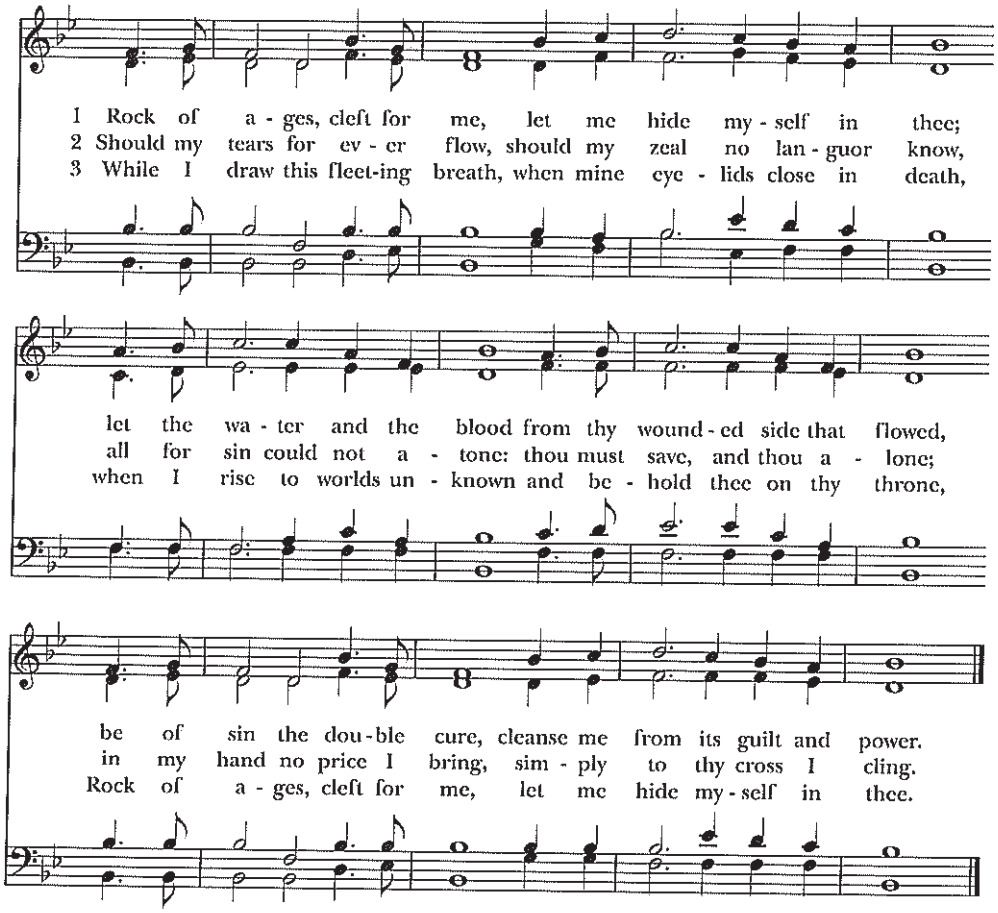

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side that flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath,

when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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For the bread which you have broken

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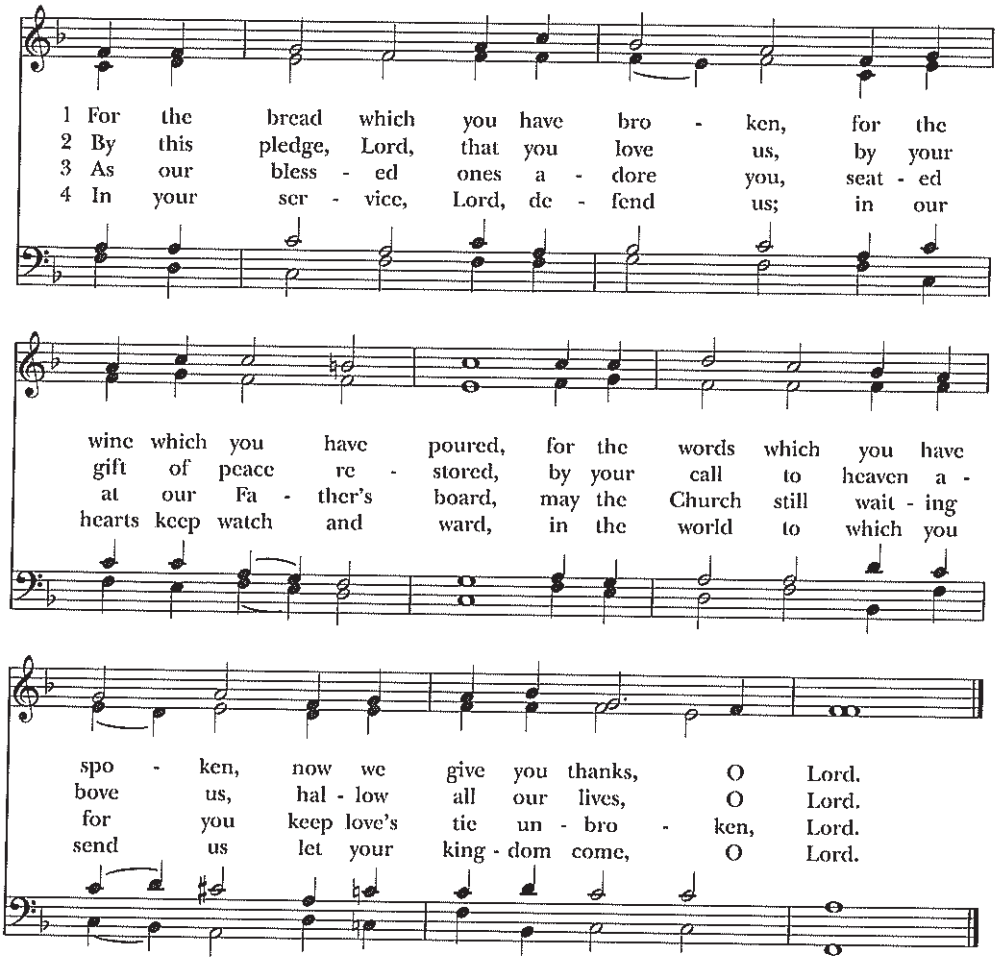

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1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 As our blessèd ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you

keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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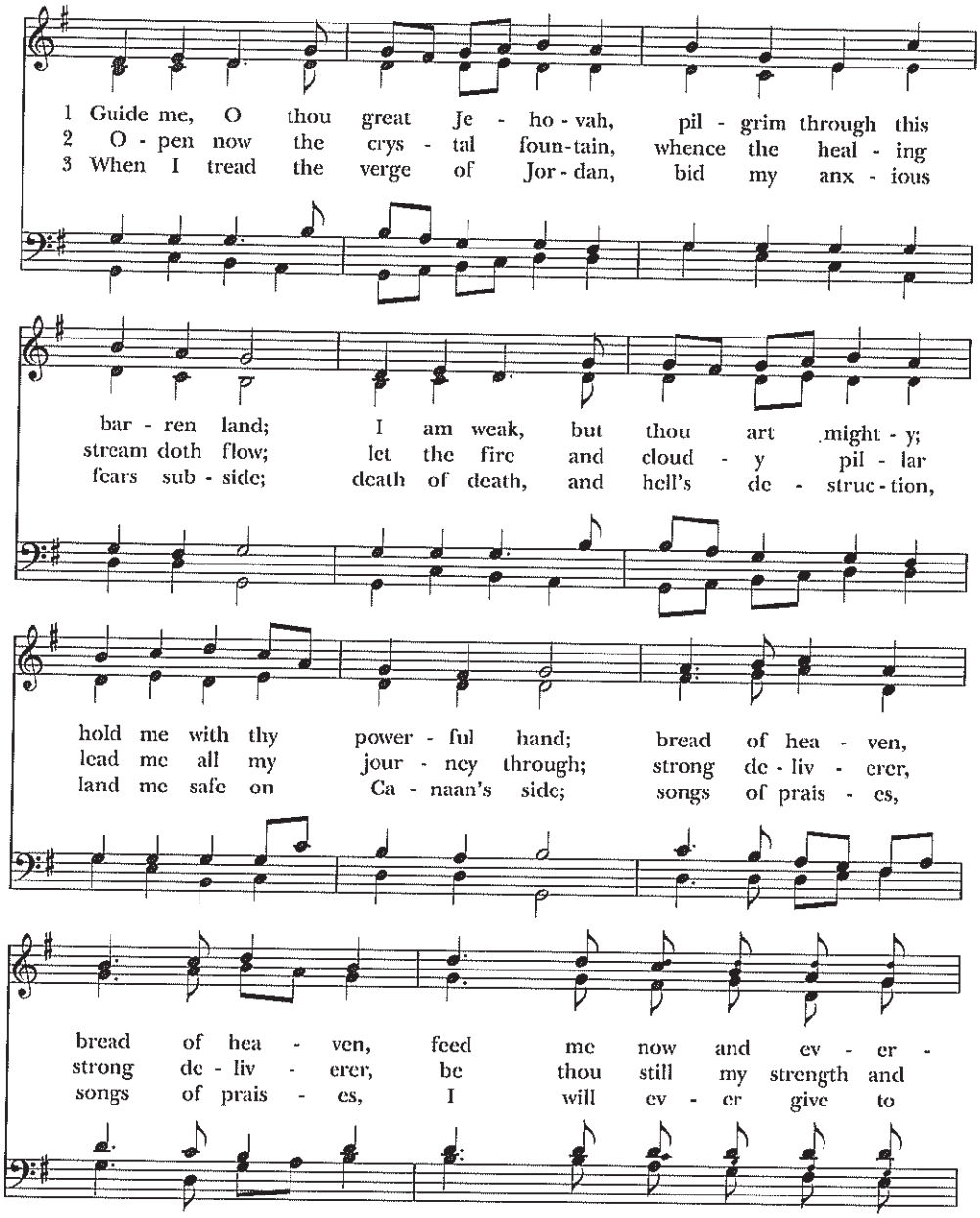

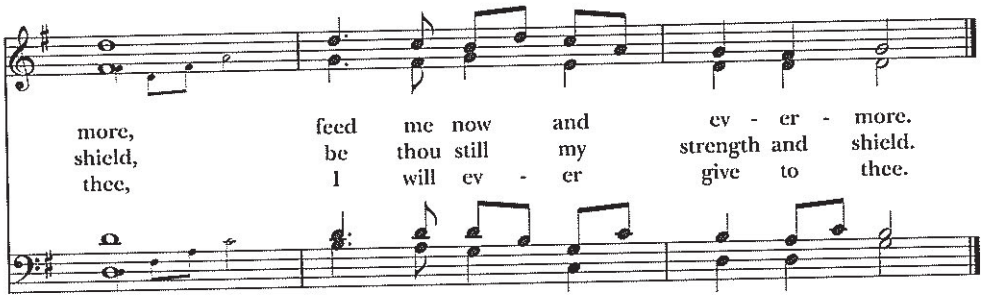

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1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

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