PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a church that **forms** people in the Gospel of God's grace,
anchors them in Christ-centered relationships,
and **sends** them out in Spirit-empowered mission.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Welcome!

Visitors

We welcome you this morning in the name of Christ! If you are new to our church, we ask that you complete an Attendance Card, which can be found in your bulletin. You will give this card to the ushers at communion. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Peace Lutheran. Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 9:15am. We are glad you are with us!

Our Worship

Lutherans believe that the Gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners by his death and resurrection, but also the power by which God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the Gospel as the central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In preaching and Holy Communion, in Bible readings and songs, prayers and confessions, the liturgy points us to Jesus as our gracious Savior.

Parents and Young Children

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church. If you need to leave worship with your children, feel free to make use of the Quiet Room in the back of the Sanctuary. But even more so, feel free to come back in! Nursery care is also provided during the service. An usher can direct you to the Nursery.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP (LBW II)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

Prayer cards can be found in the pews.
Ushers will pick up prayer cards at the Children's sermon.

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

The people please stand.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

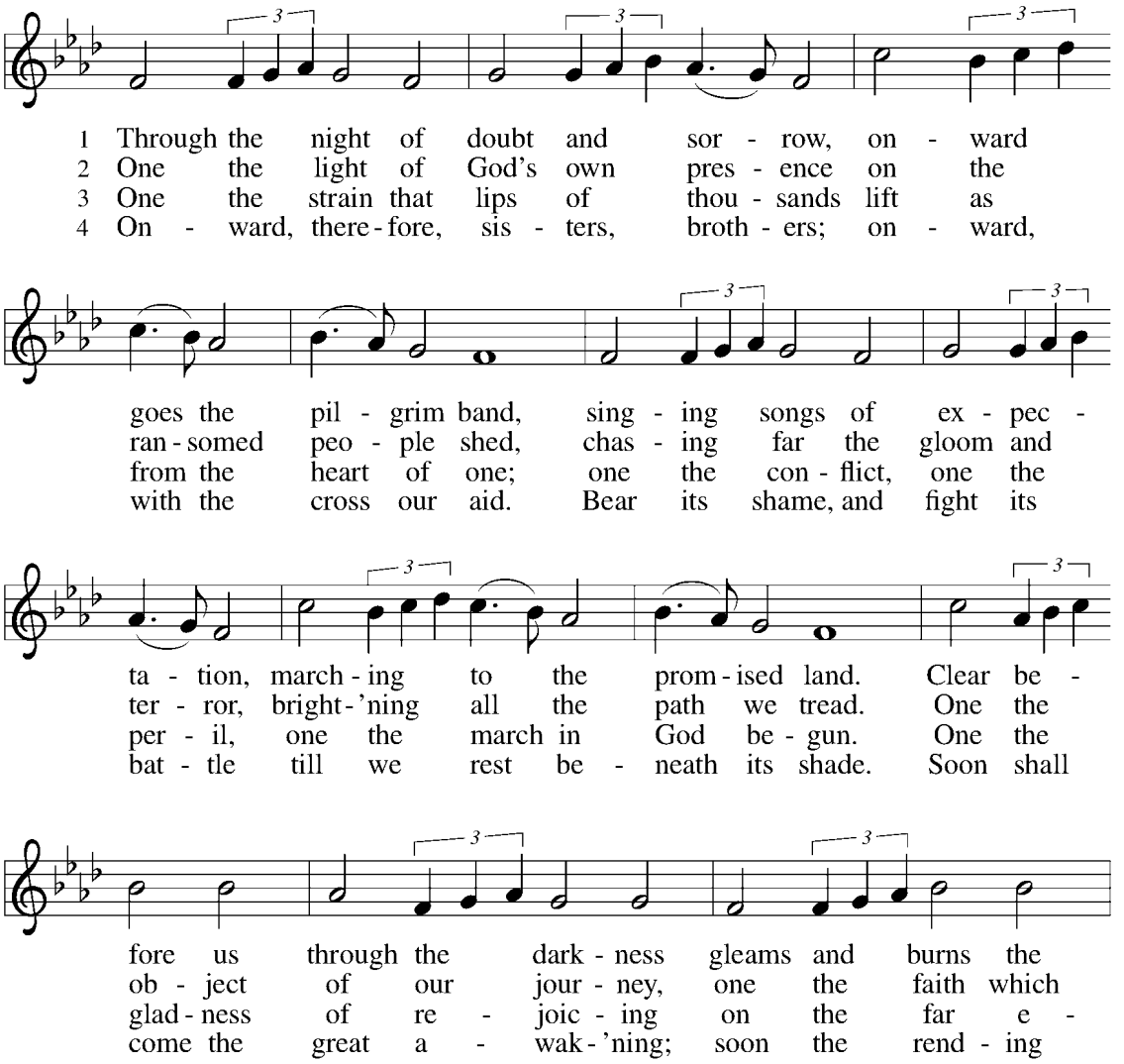
C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
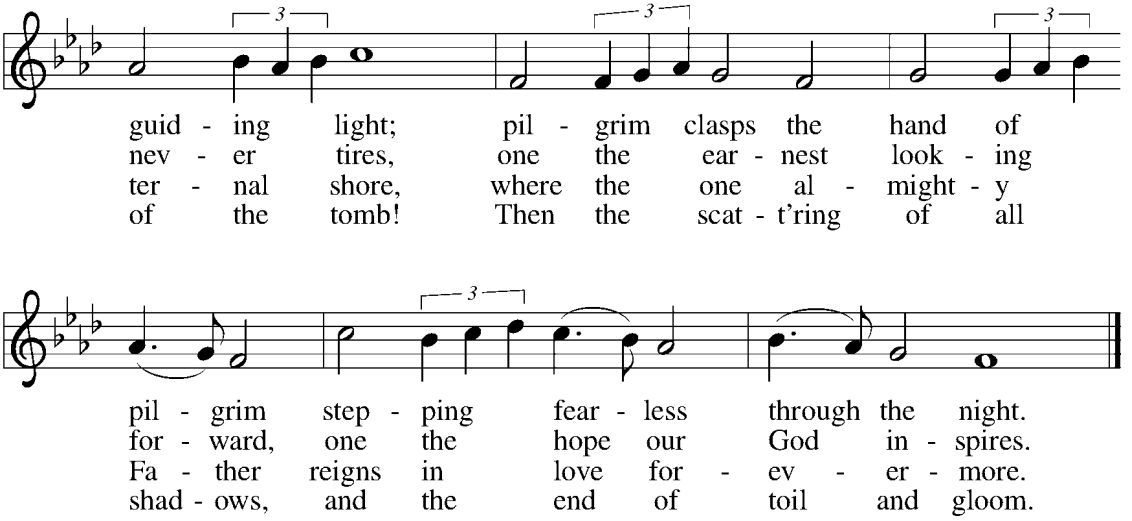
ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow
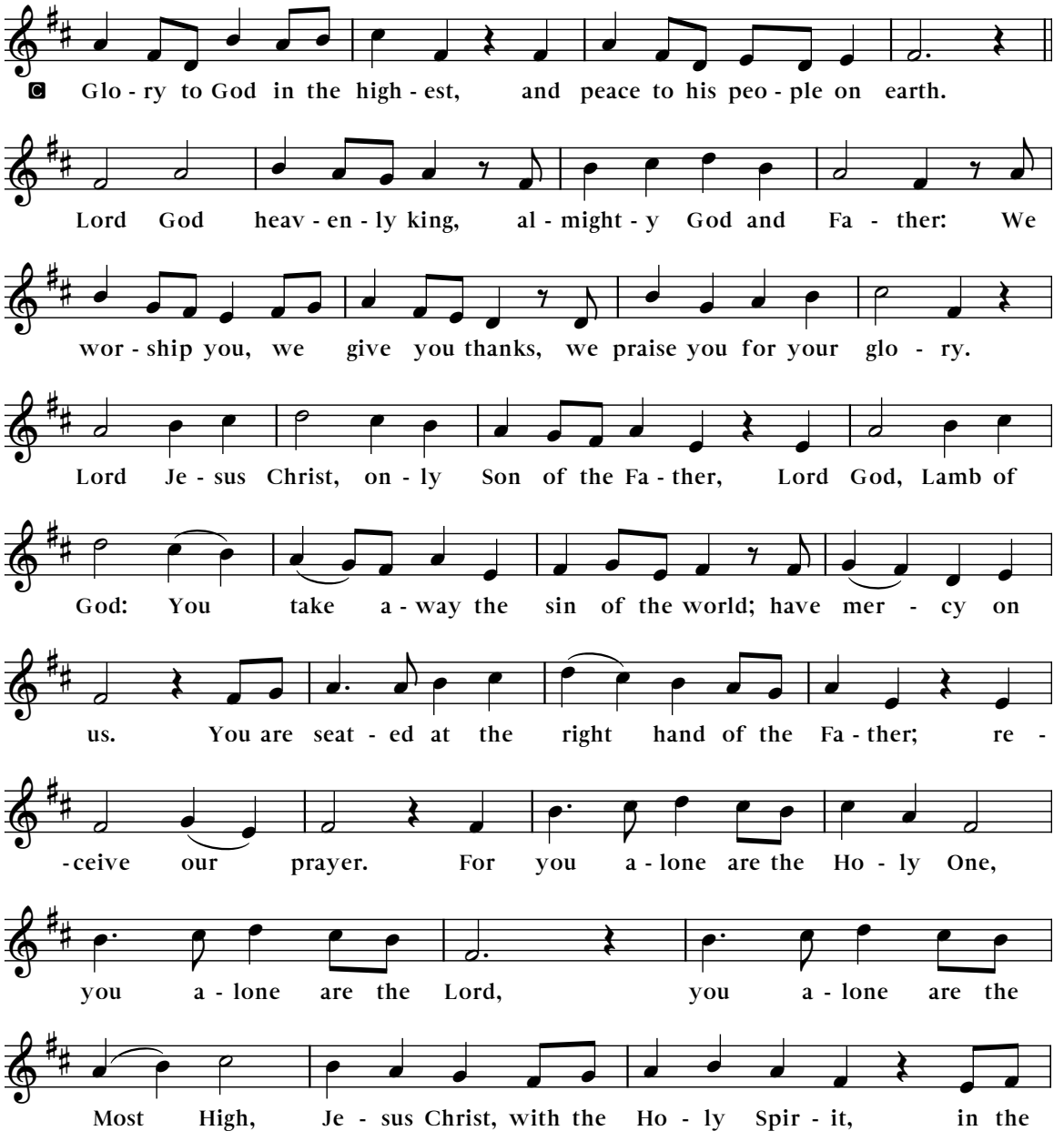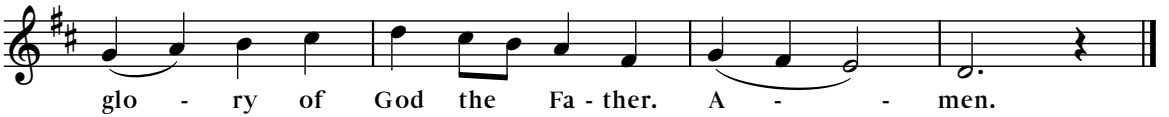




APOSTOLIC GREETING

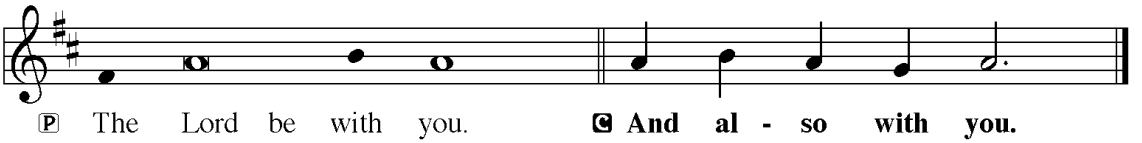
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY



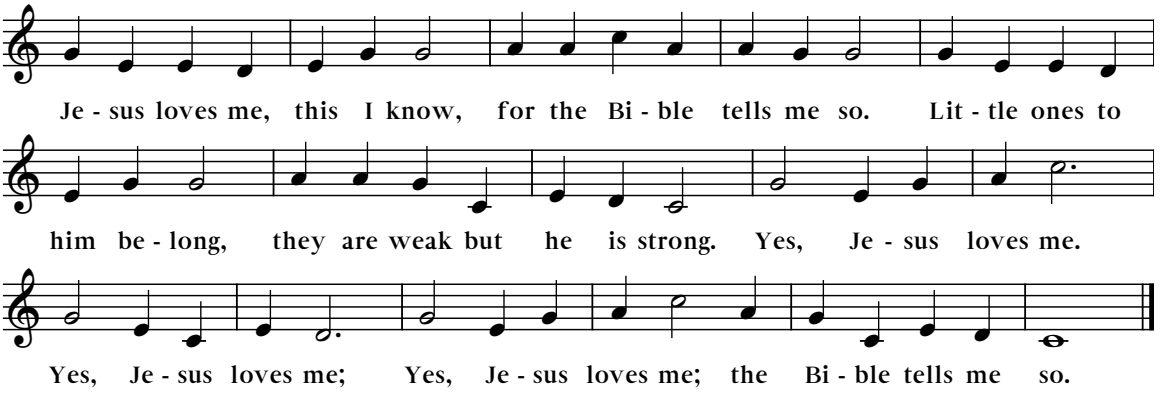
P: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **C: Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary at this time. Prayer cards will be picked up during the Children's Sermon.



THE FIRST LESSON Amos 5:8-14
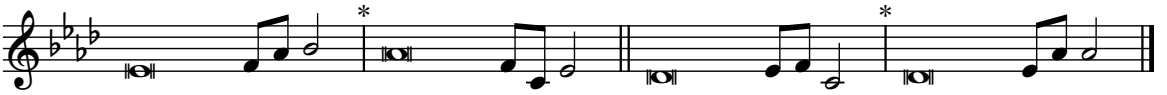
A: A reading from Amos.

8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the
morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the
sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his
name; 9 who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that
destruction comes upon the fortress. 10 They hate him who reproves in
the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. 11 Therefore because
you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you
have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you
have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
12 For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your
sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the
needy in the gate. 13 Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such

a time, for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.

A: The Word of the LORD.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 70



1Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

2Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.

4Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

5But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.

6You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
O Lord, | do not tarry.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

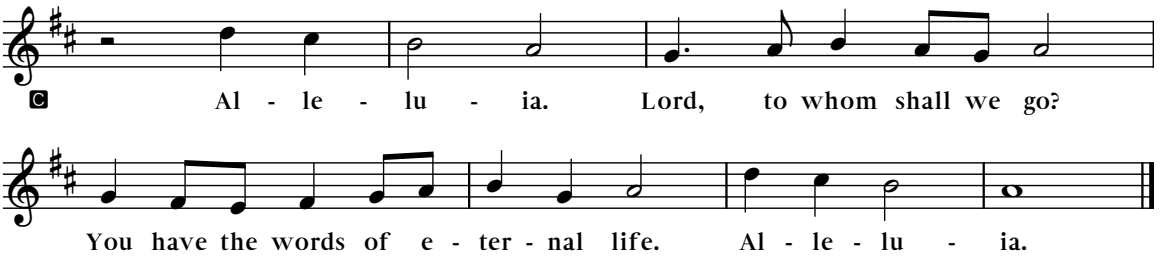
A: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are
asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we
declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have
fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a
cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of
the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the
Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A: The Word of the LORD.
C: Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE VERSE



THE GOSPEL — Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
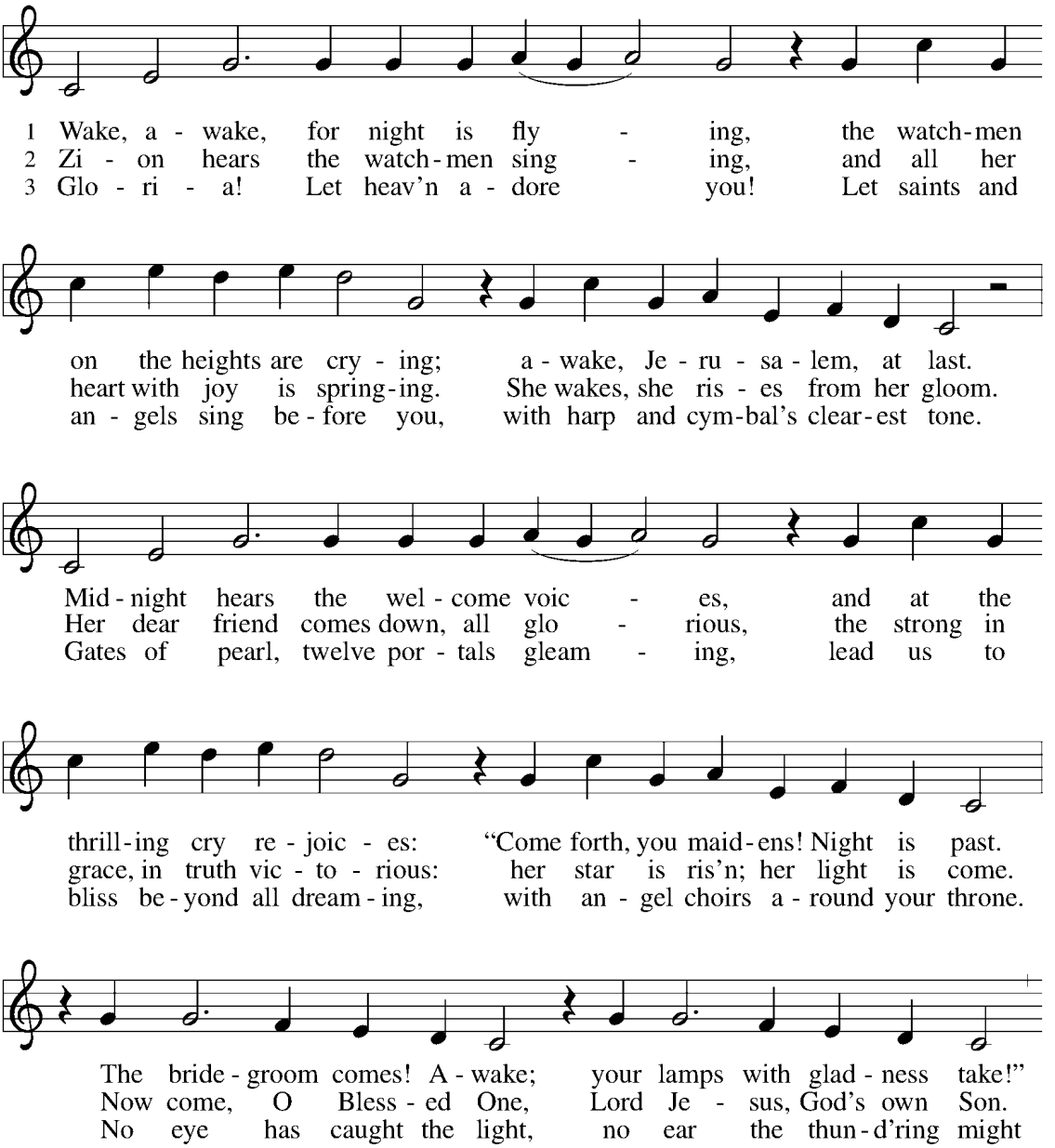
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As
the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be
enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for
yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and
the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not
know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.
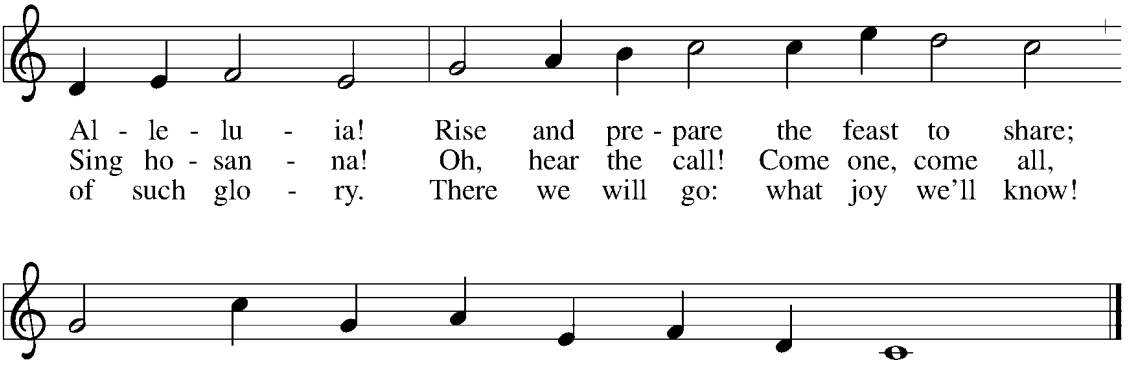
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — Pastor Orrey McFarland

The people stand for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY — Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying




Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!
go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

THE NICENE CREED

P: People of God, in whom do you believe?

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

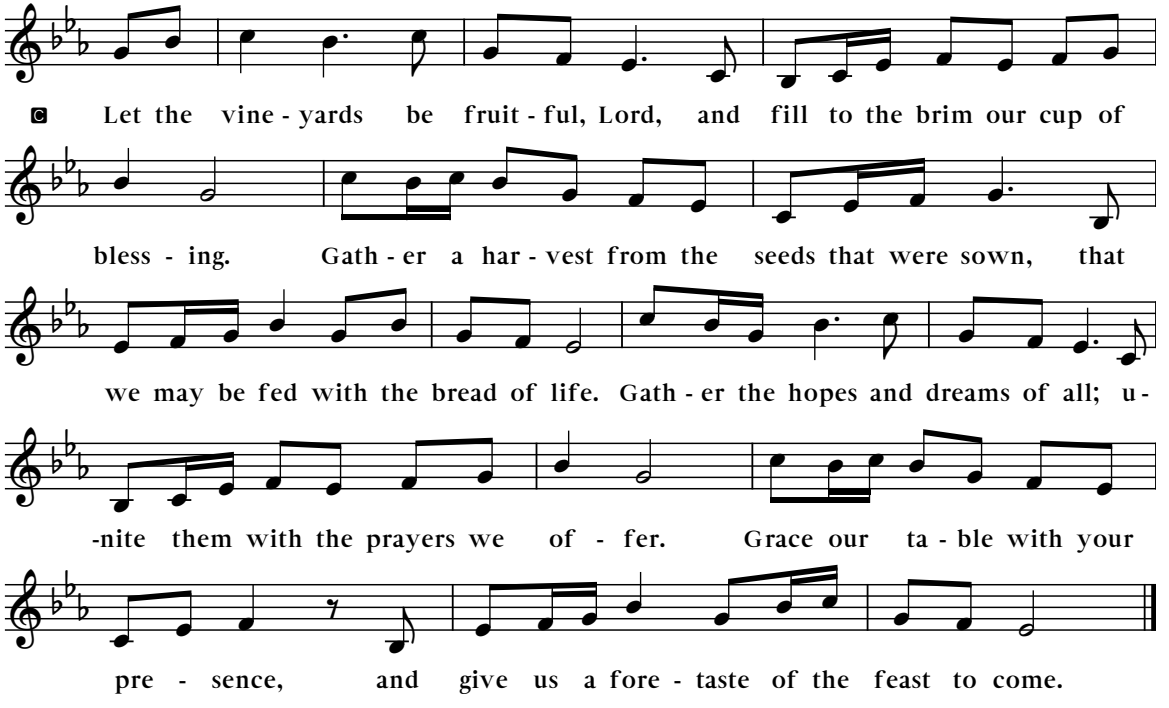
THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

The people stand.
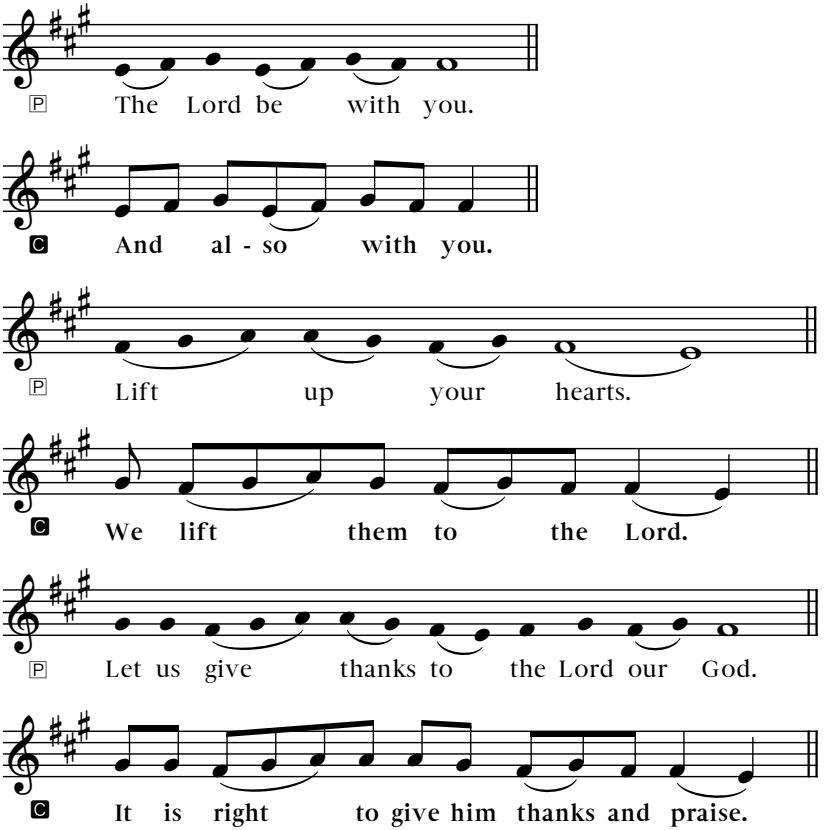


THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

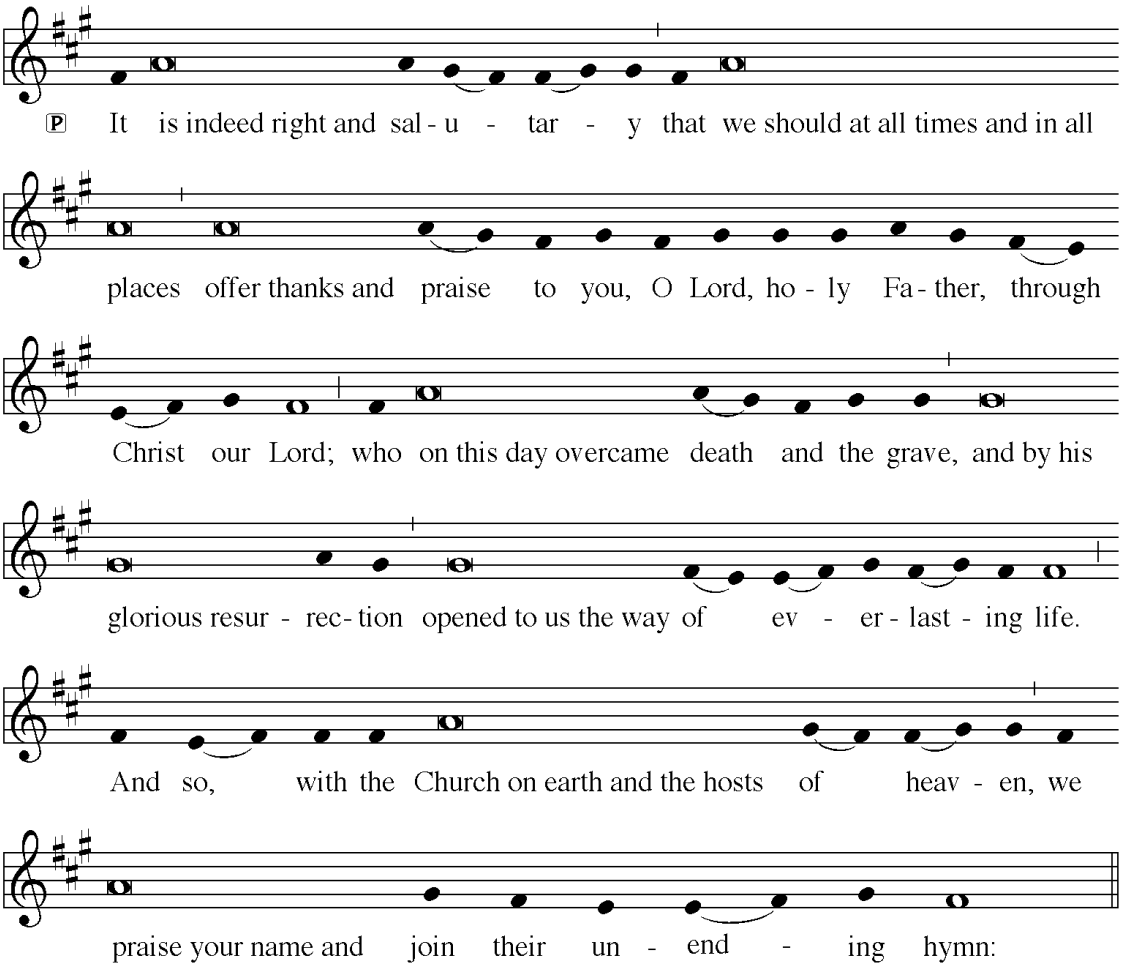
A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

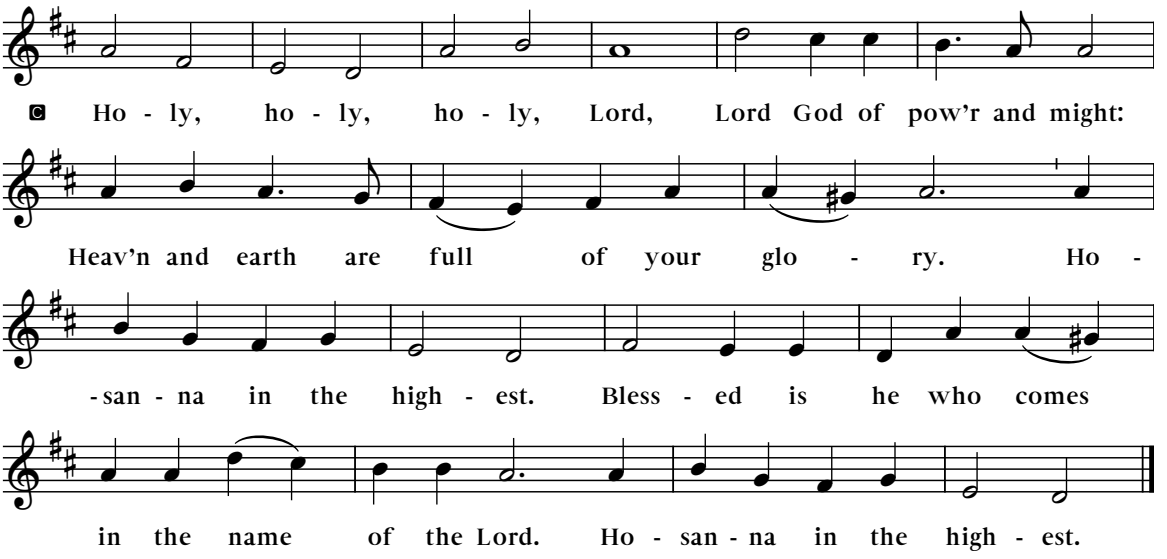
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PREFACE


P It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in all
places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious resur - rec - tion opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we
praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

THE SANCTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts. You fashioned all of life and created humankind in your image. Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven and the promise of life and salvation.

C: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

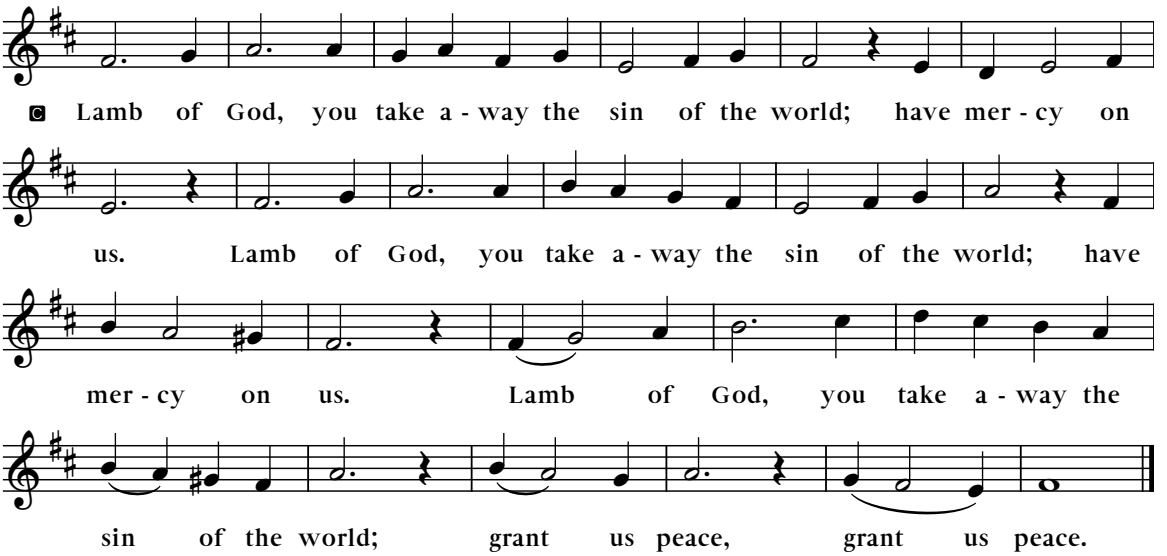
THE FRACTION

P: God brings forth wine to gladden us

C: And bread to strengthen the human heart. (Psalm 104:15)

The people may be seated.

THE LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's body and blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

An usher will dismiss you from your pew to come forward to receive communion at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. You will receive bread from the pastor and then wine from a communion assistant. When you have communed, you may return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Anyone not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.
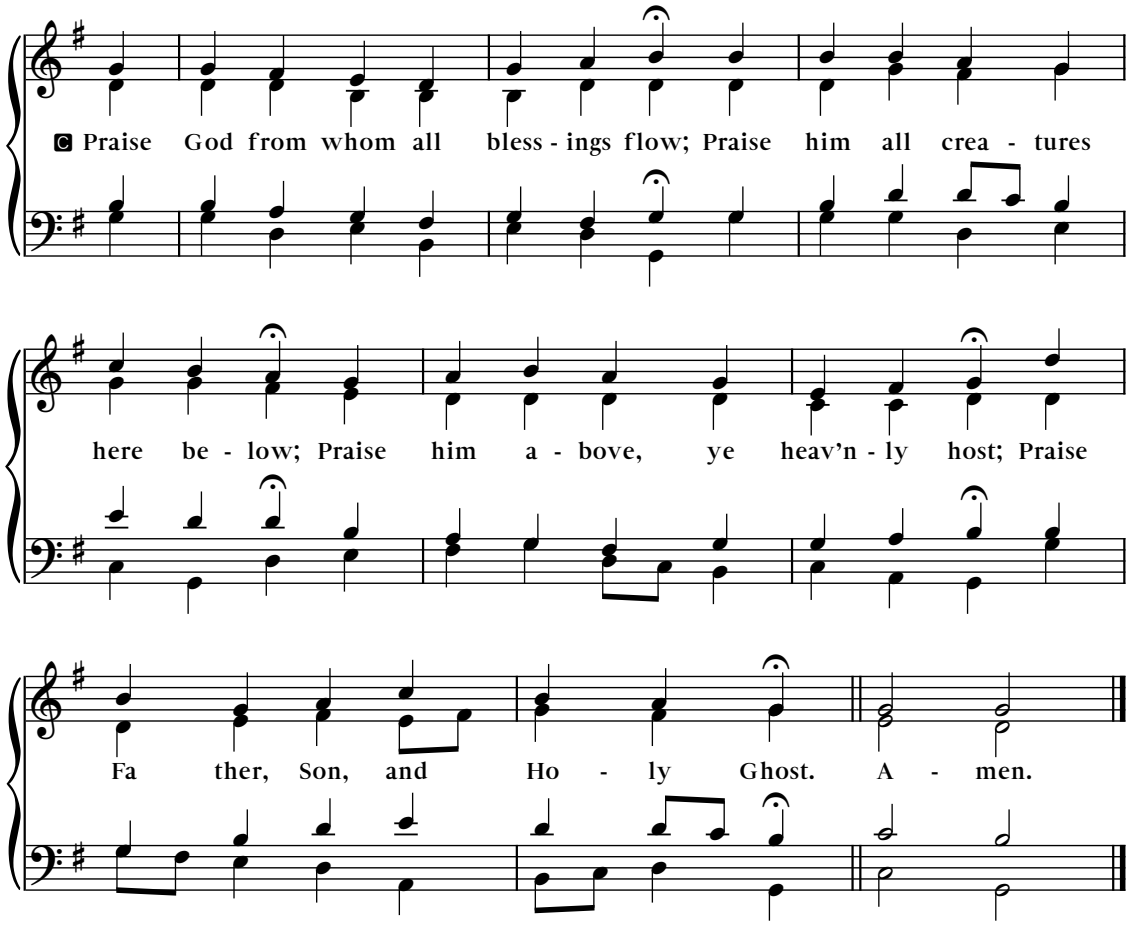
COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 487, 488, 542, 485

At the end of communion, the people please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
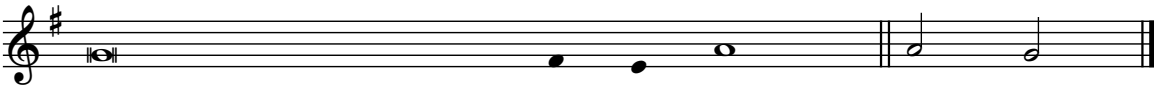


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.
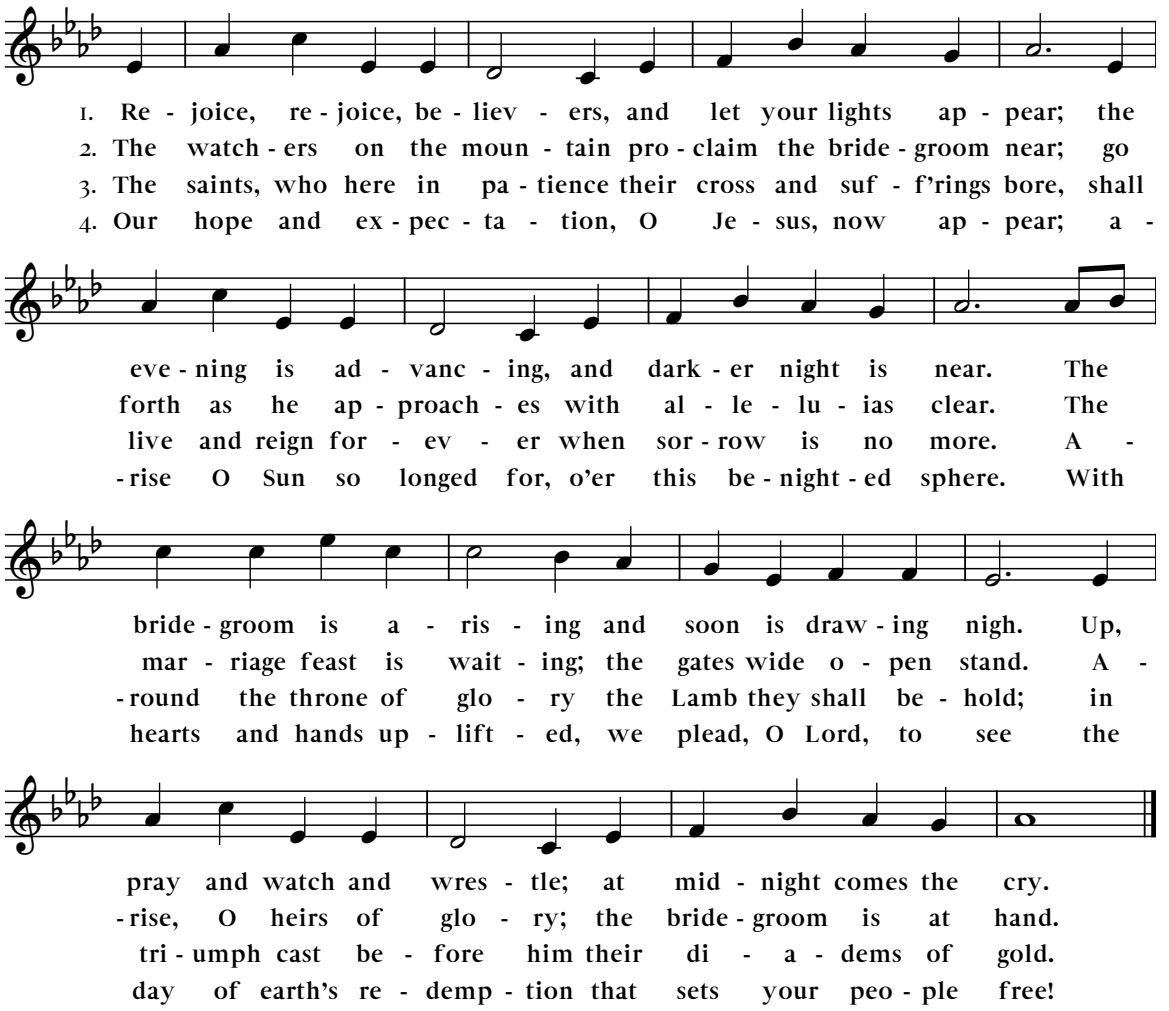
SENDING

THE BENEDICTION



P Almighty God, Father, ☩Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. C A - **men.**

SENDING HYMN — Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Pastor Orrey McFarland
Pianist	Hwaju Lee
Assisting Minister	Scott Saxton
Cantor	
Acolyte	Kyler Higgins
Communion Assistants	Amy Higgins, Daniel Kreeger
Ushers	Donna Pflaum, Erica Price
	Cathy McVay, Gail Ezersky
Sound Tech	Ian Cole
Altar Setup	Cathy Whitford
Altar Clean-up	Melanie Schmidt
Nursery	Shannon Wyatt, Vivi Pflaum