

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 • 9:00 AM

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. John Hierlinger
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GATHERING

PRELUDE *Nearer, My God, to Thee* arr. Ann Buys

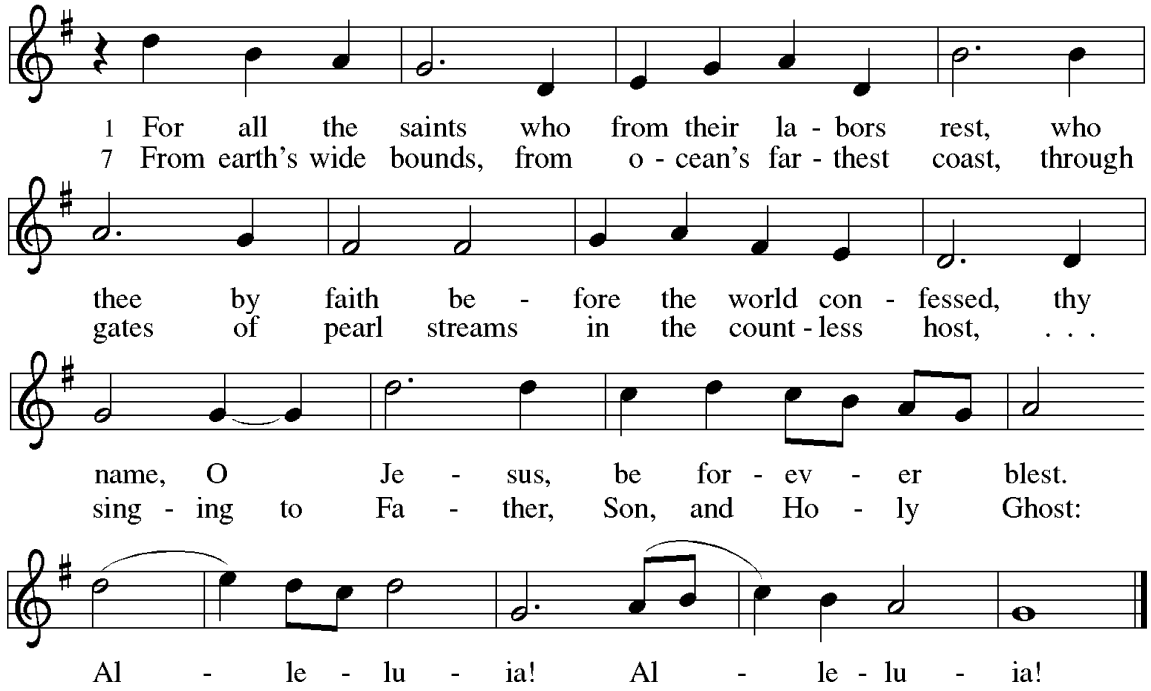
WELCOME

The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship,
C: We give thanks, O Lord.
L: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love,
C: We give thanks, O Lord.
L: For those who have pointed to, opened, and helped us enter a gateway that revealed you, O Lord Jesus,
C: We give thanks, O Lord.
L: For those who have guided us in our journey of faith,
C: We give thanks, O Lord.
L: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve,
C: We give thanks, O Lord.
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C: We give thanks, O Lord.
L: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.
C: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to remember that we are never alone, but are a part of the communion of saints, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **For All the Saints** ELW 422

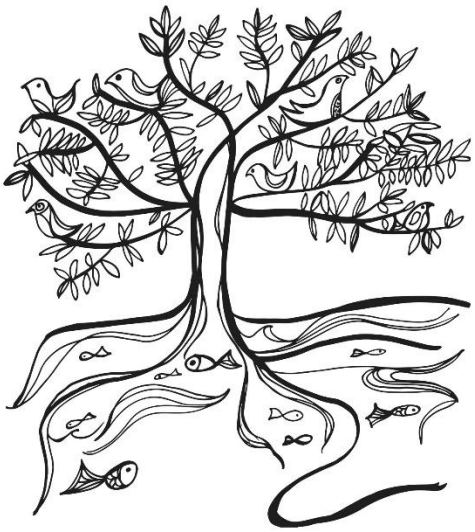


3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



TOLLING OF THE BELLS

L: Holy God, meet us here in this place as we mourn those who have died this year: sons and daughters; mothers and fathers; siblings and grandparents; partners and friends. And at the same time celebrating new birth among us: children and grandchildren; siblings and friends.

L: We remember with thanksgiving:

Richard "Dick" Carle, Diane Hawthorne, Ronald Anderson, Gerald "Jerry" Siverson, Carole Hultgren, Laura Ottinger, Brad Nelson, Perry Ball, Harlan Johnson, George Carlson, Suzanne Johnson, Susan Aguirre, Andrew Sederstrom, Lillian Bloom, Carol Maier, Bill Lund, Lennart Pearson, Helen Alberg, David Ryan

L: Holy God of wind and fire;

C: Dance through this room today.
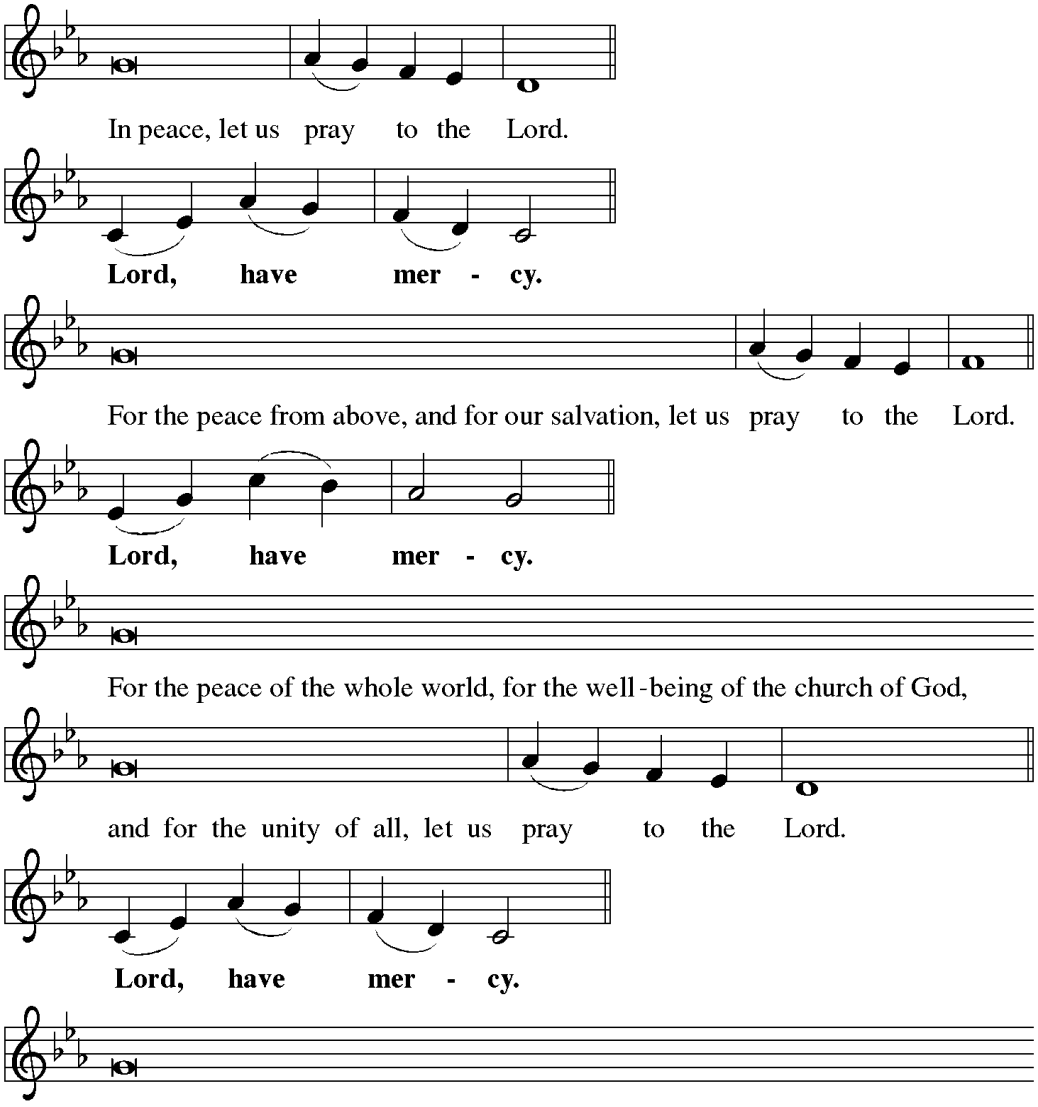
L: Holy God of earthquakes and illness;

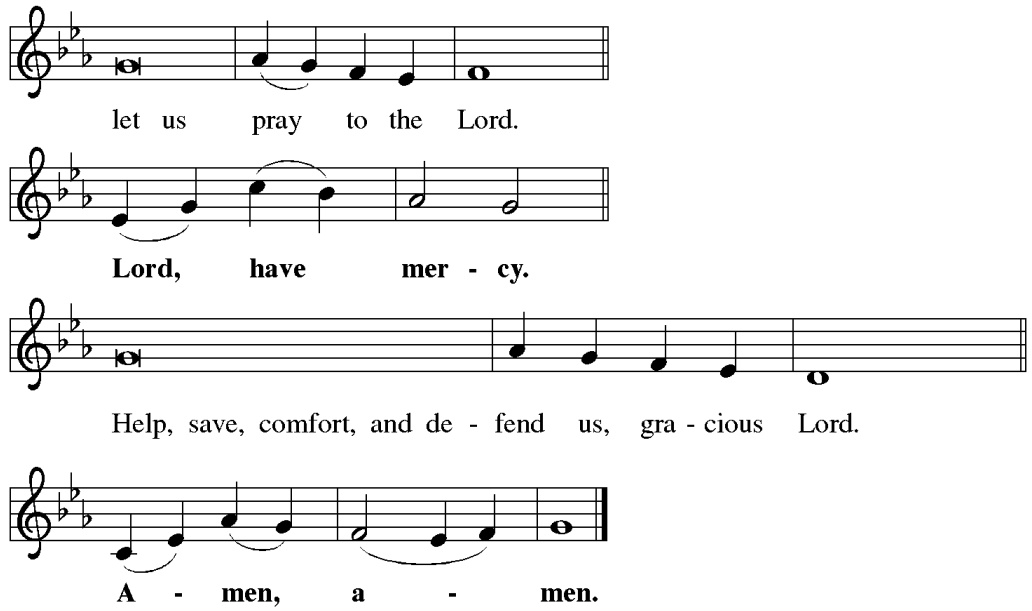
C: Share our tears of sadness and pain.

L: Holy God of creation and new beginnings;

C: Show us again your vision of healing and wholeness. Amen.
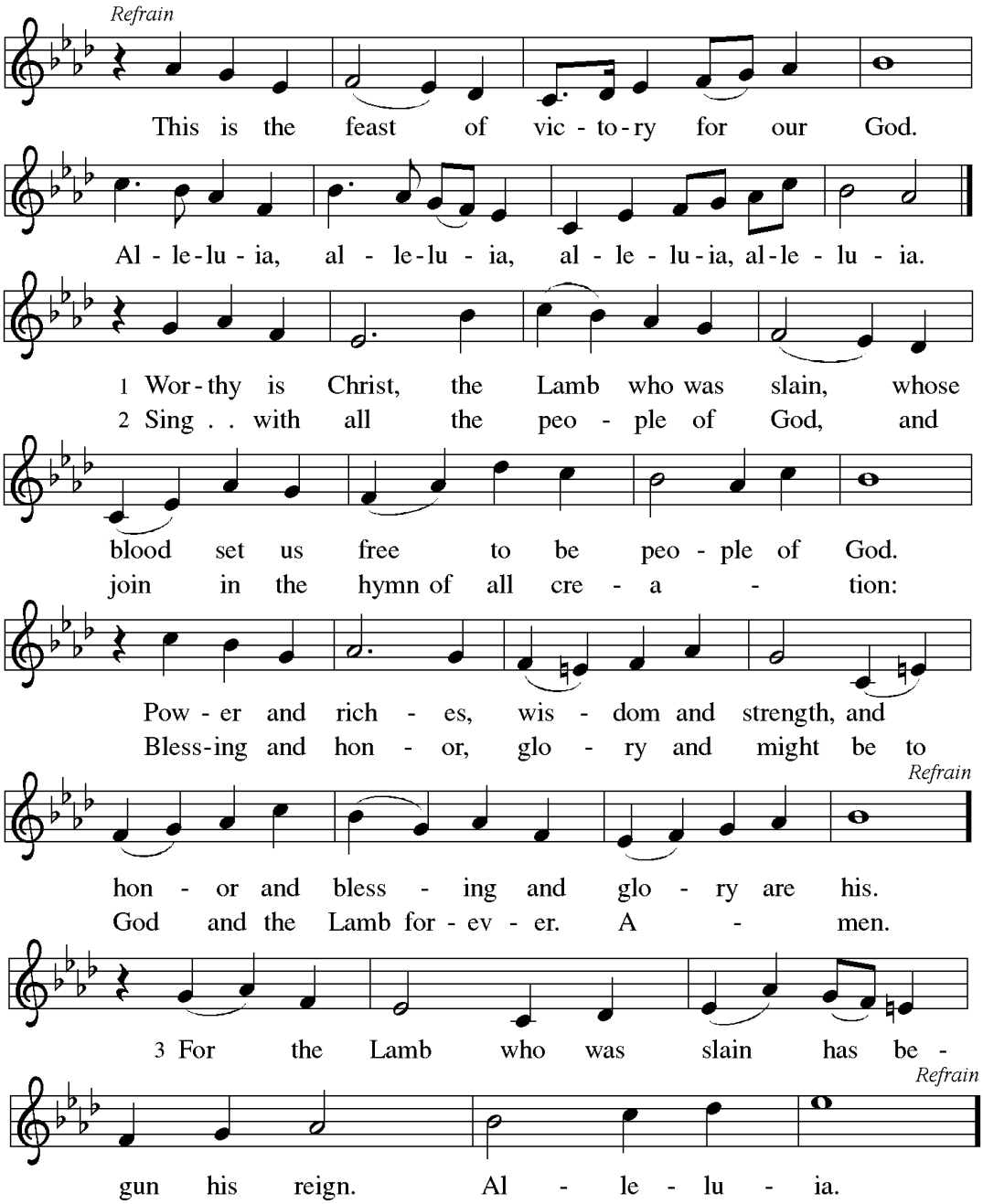
KYRIE ELW, p. 98





CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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GREETING

L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

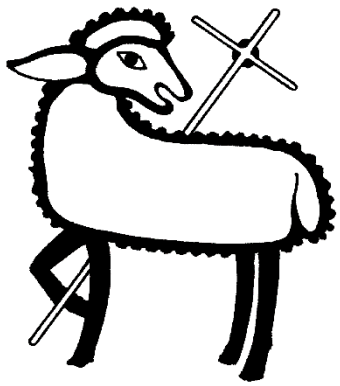
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

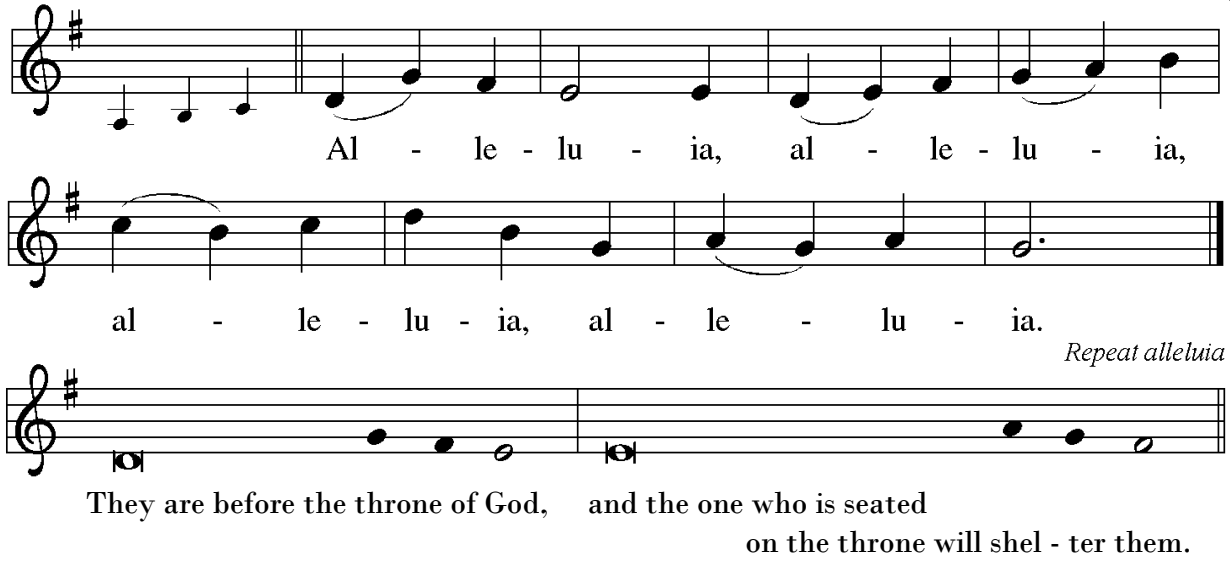
PSALMODY Psalm 34:1-10, 22

*The congregation joins in reading the Psalm **at the bold text.***

I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, p. 102



GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

L: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

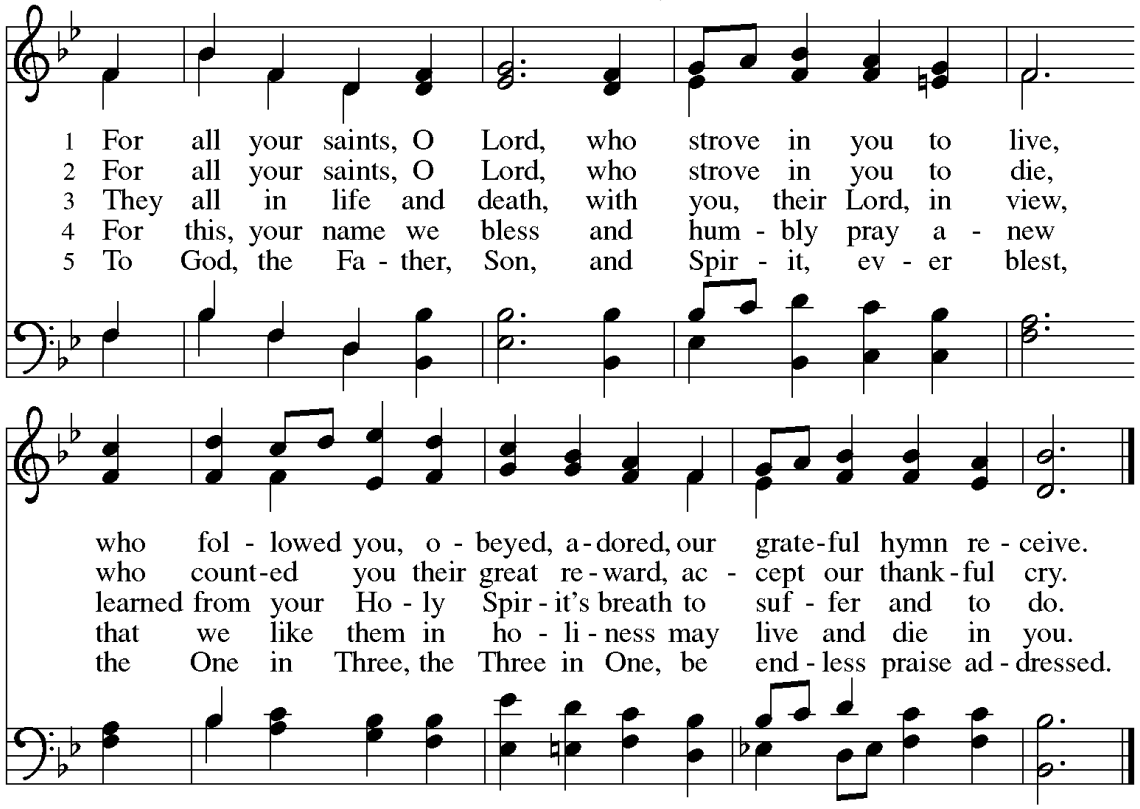
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Rev. John Hierlinger

HYMN OF THE DAY **For All Your Saints, O Lord** ELW 427



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence. Each petition ends with:

L: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. You may say "Peace be with you" or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

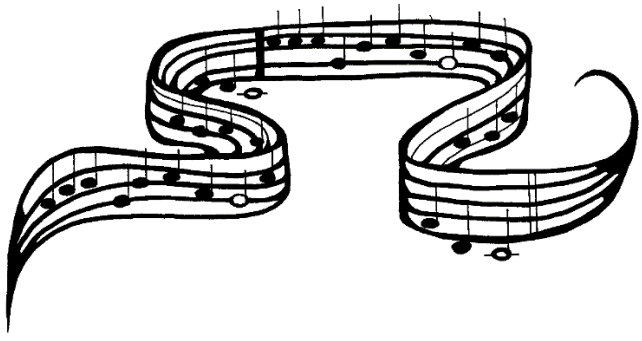
OFFERING

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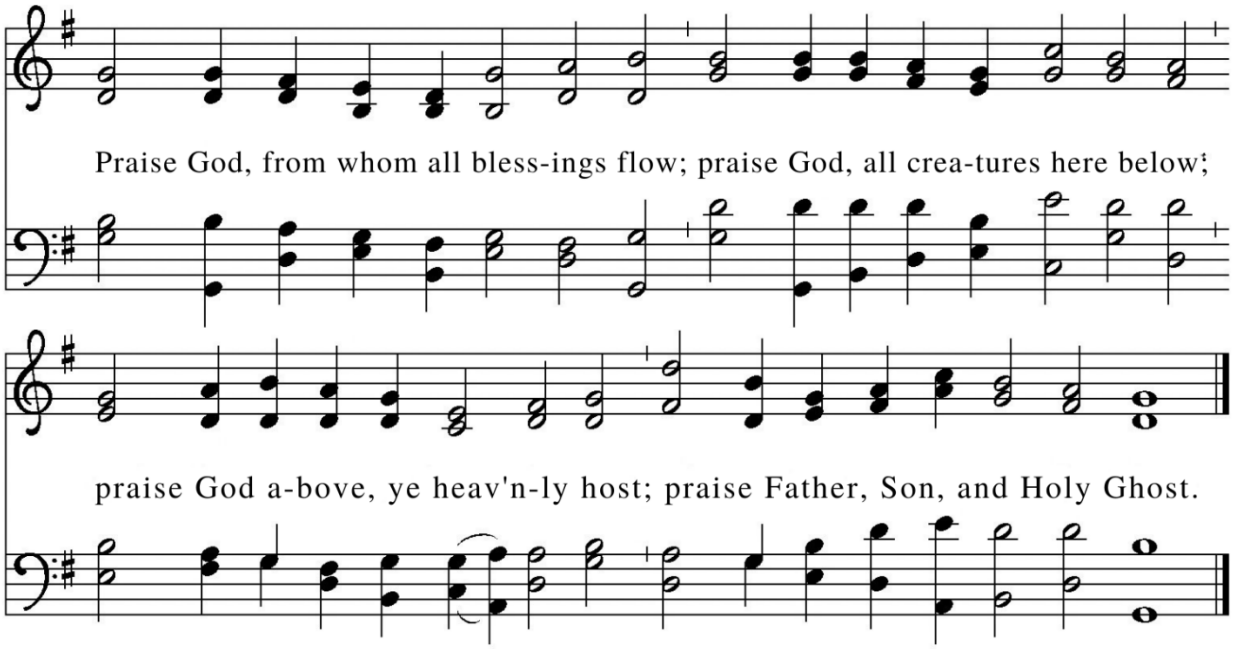
OFFERTORY *Pie Jesu (from* Requiem*)* Rutter

Wenie Lado, mezzo soprano, and Gustavus Adolphus Chancel Choir

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem
Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.
Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.



OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** ELW 885

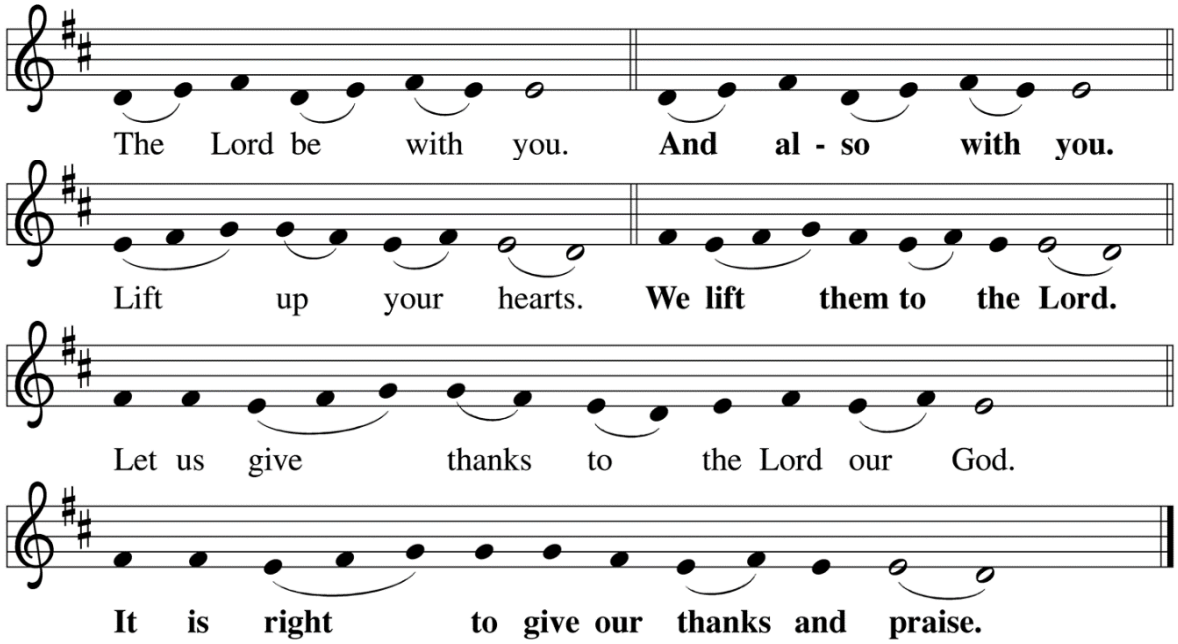


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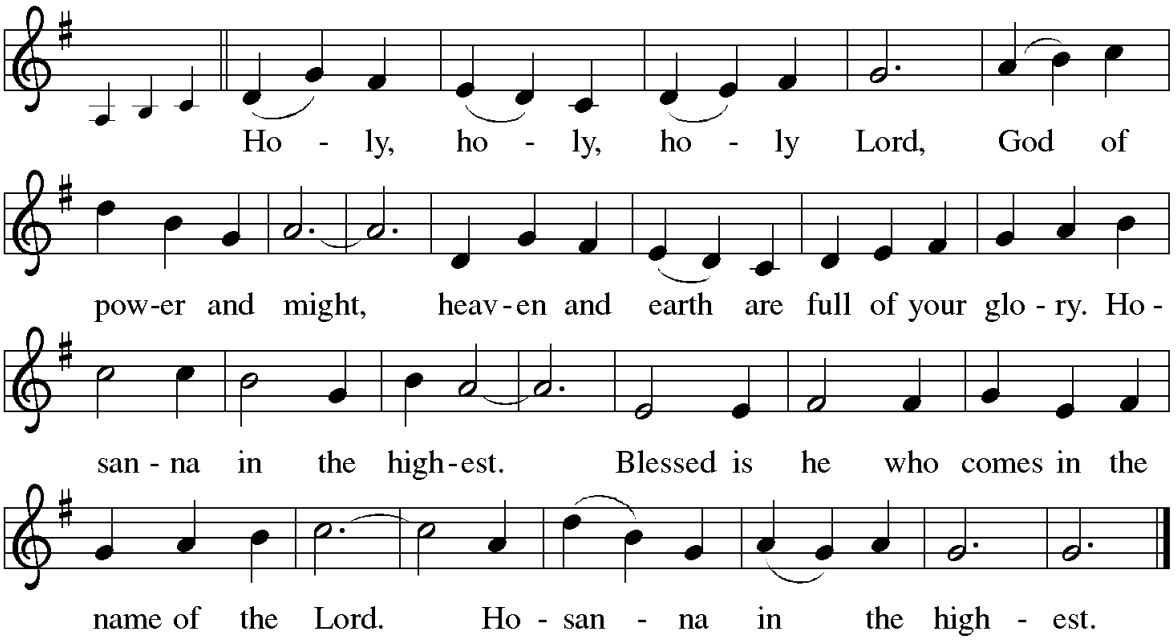
L: We pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW, p. 107



L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

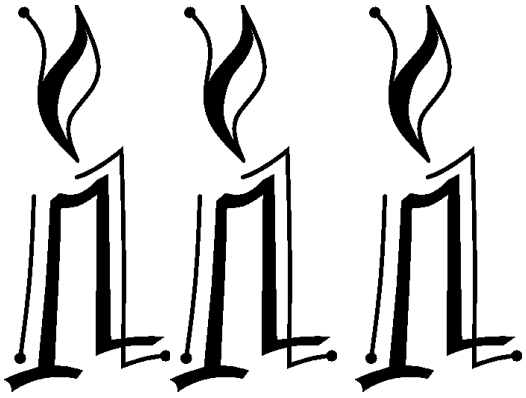
L: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The assembly is seated.

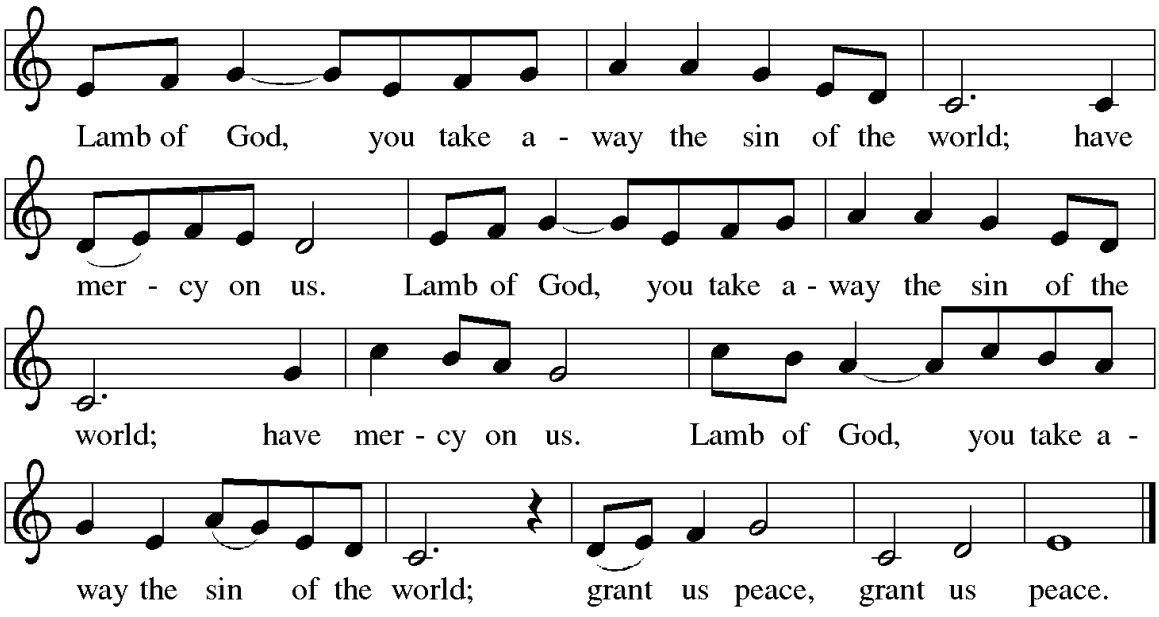
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING

All are welcome to join in this meal of God's mercy for all people. The ushers will direct you to a station. If going forward is difficult for you, please remain seated and a pastor will come to you.
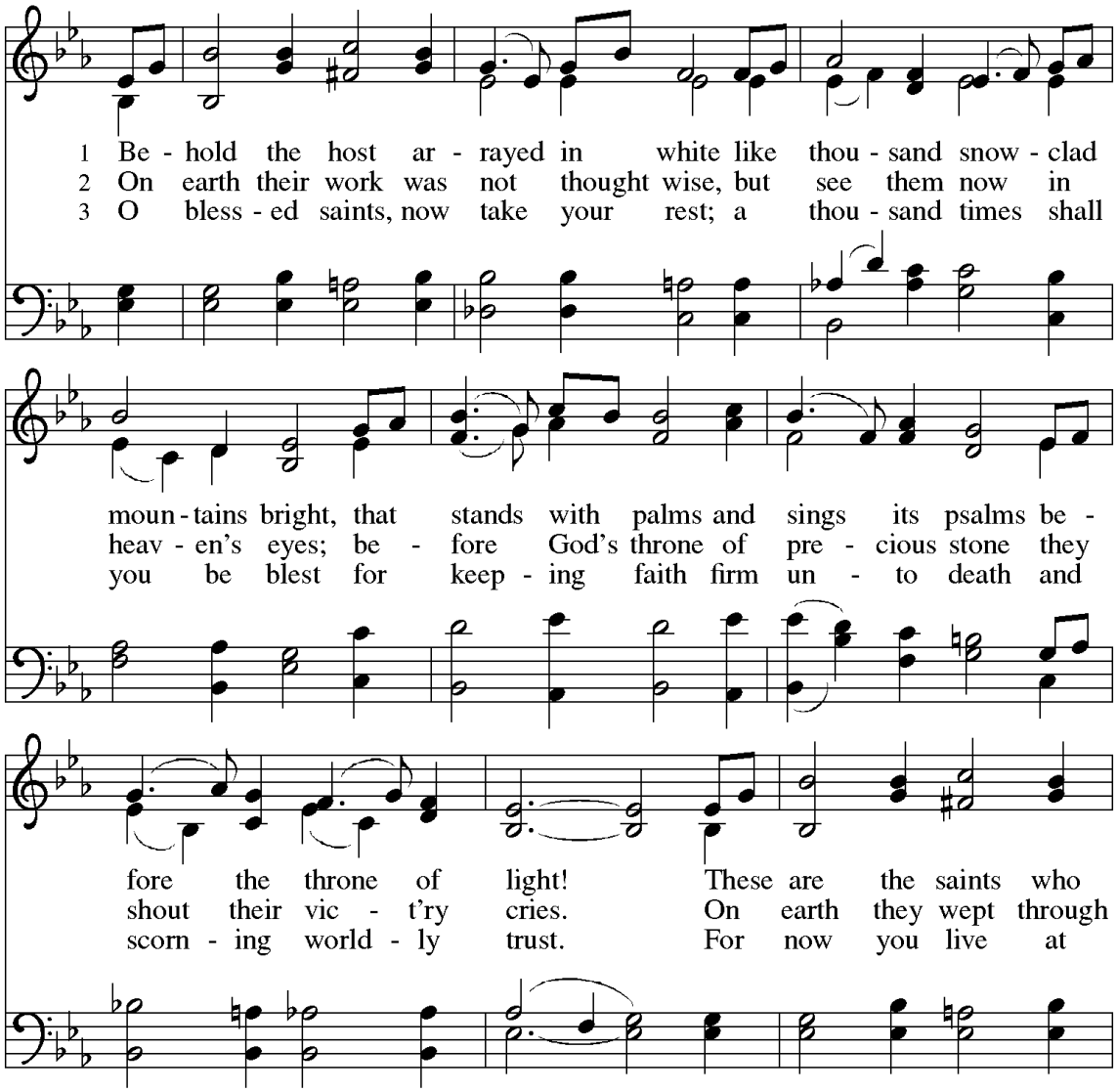
At this time, you may come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Our prayers rise up as incense to God who weeps with us and draws us near those who have died.
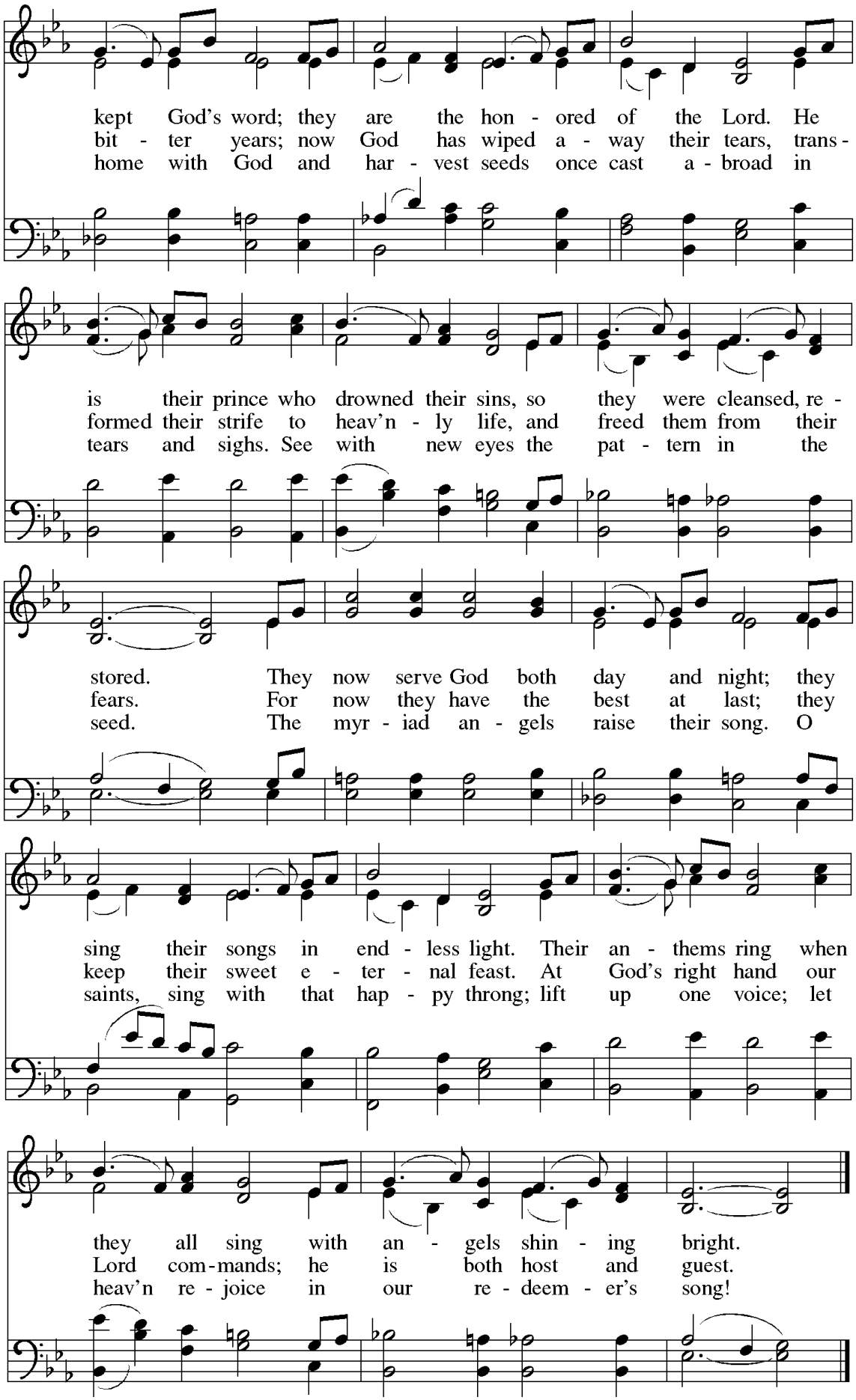


COMMUNION HYMN **Lamb of God** ELW, p. 112



DISTRIBUTION HYMN **Behold the Host Arrayed in White** ELW 425




kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in
is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the
stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
fears. For now they have the best at last; they
seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O
sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let
they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.
heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
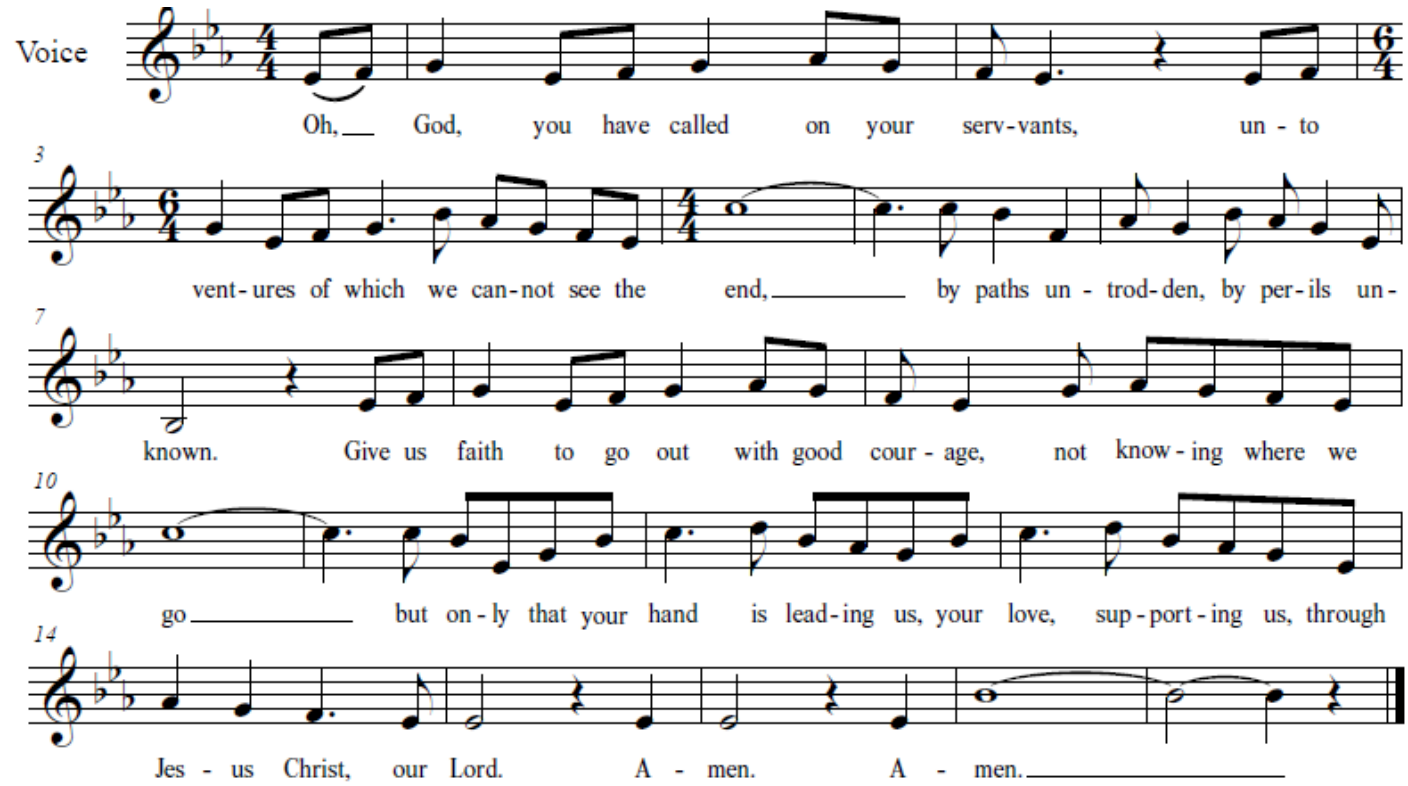
C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE — Andrew Parr
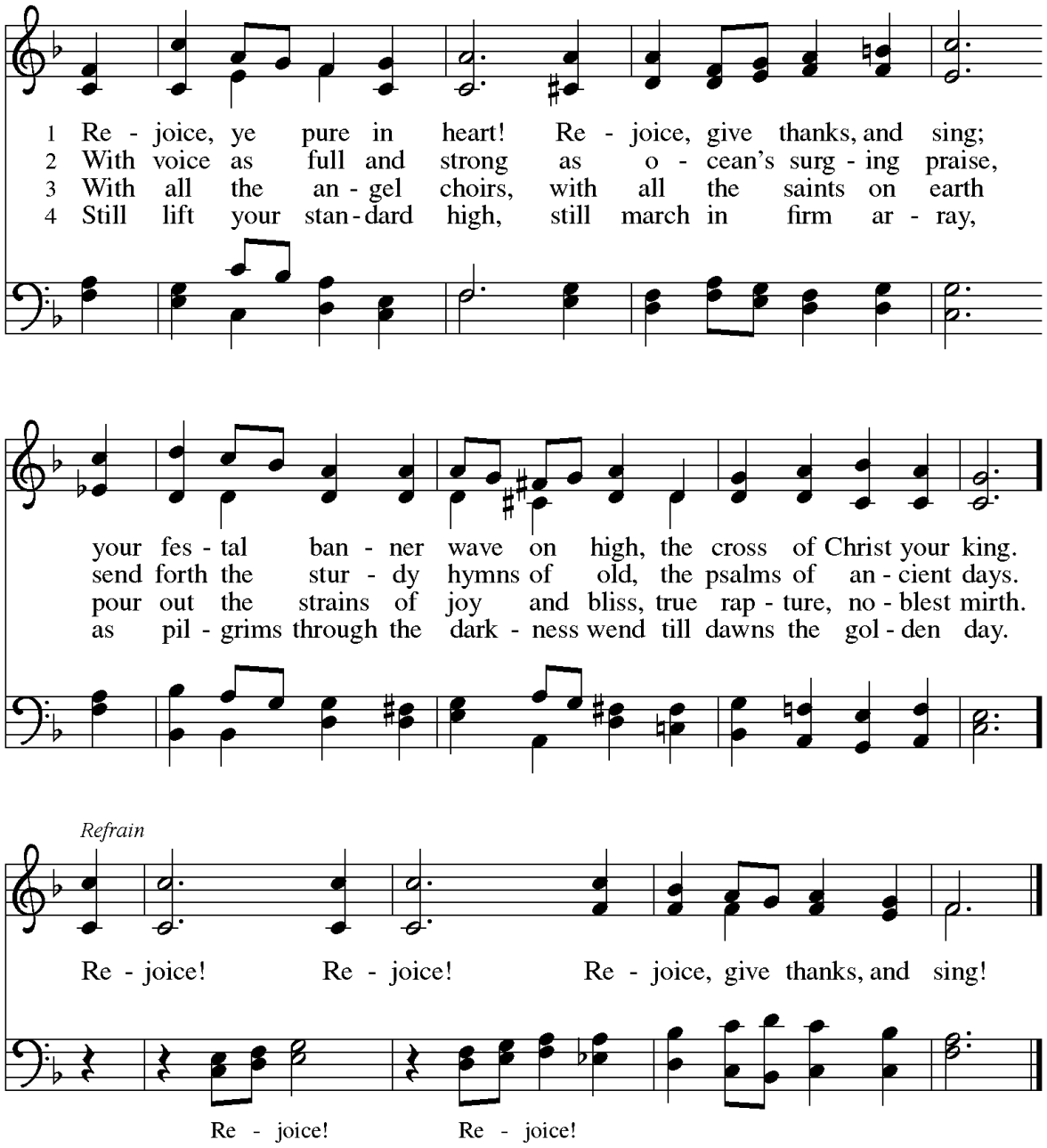


BENEDICTION

L: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart** ELW 873



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *I Got a Robe* arr. Andrew Parr

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