Worship Plan for Sunday, November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

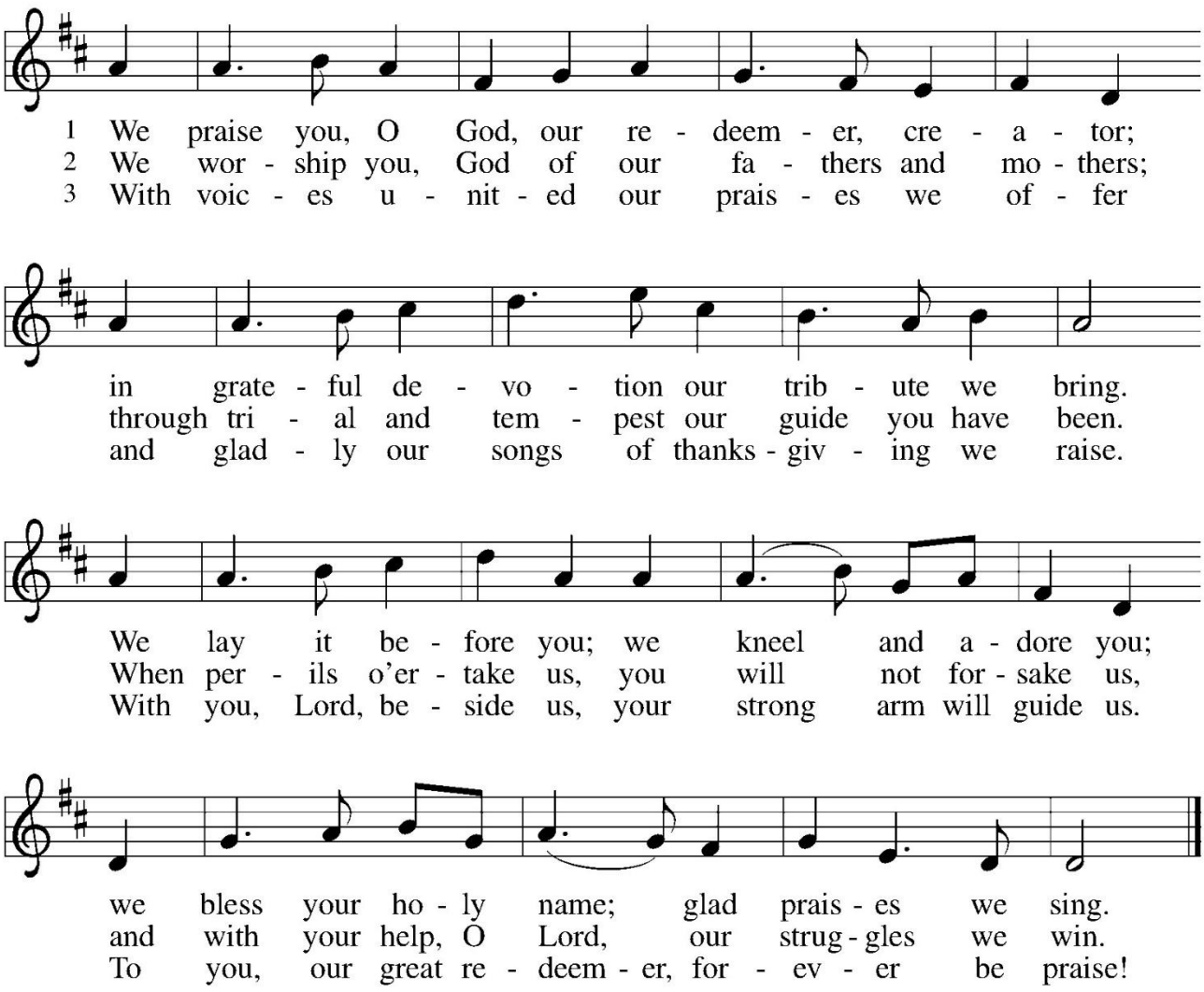
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *We Praise You, O God* (ELW 870)
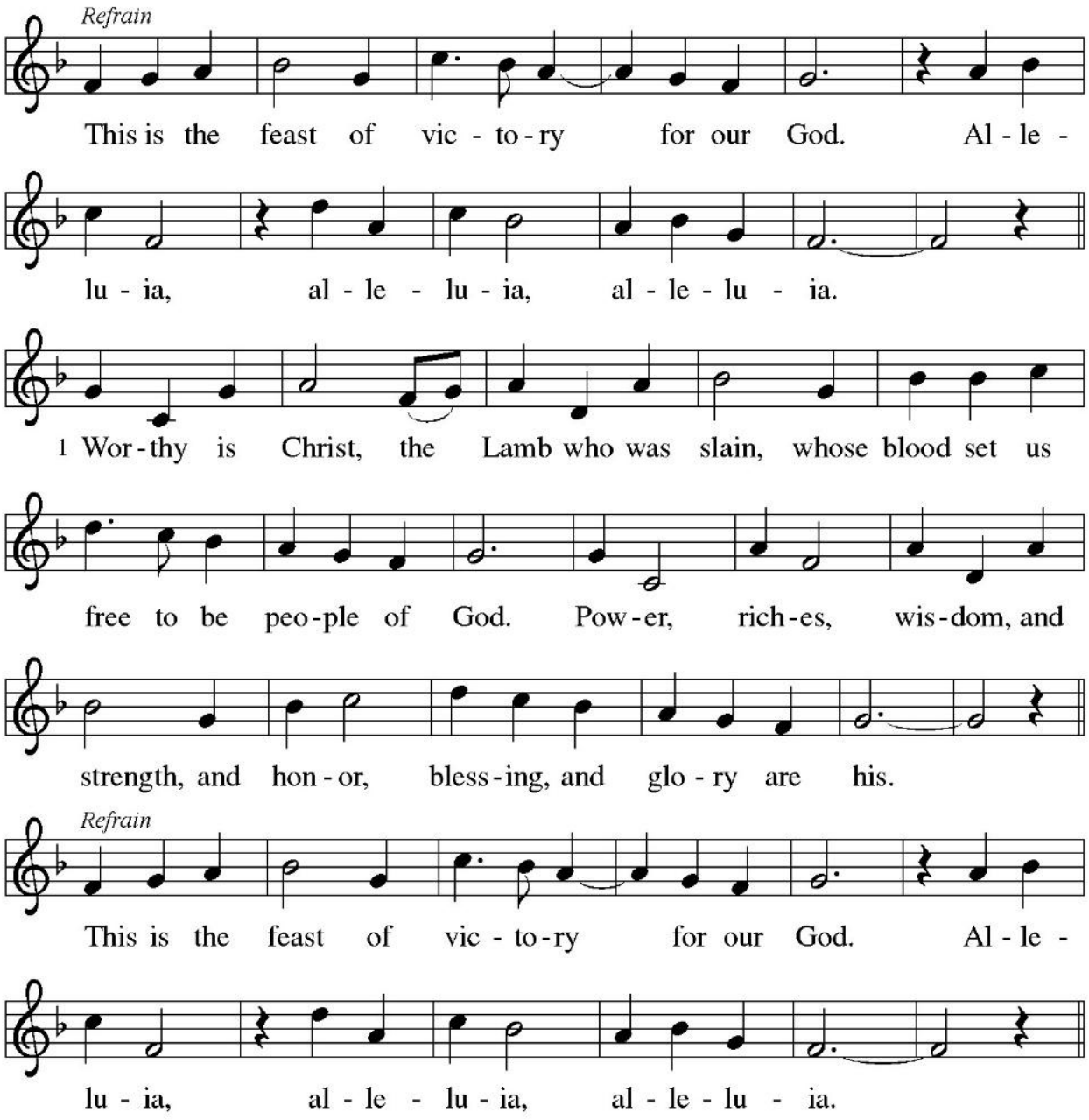
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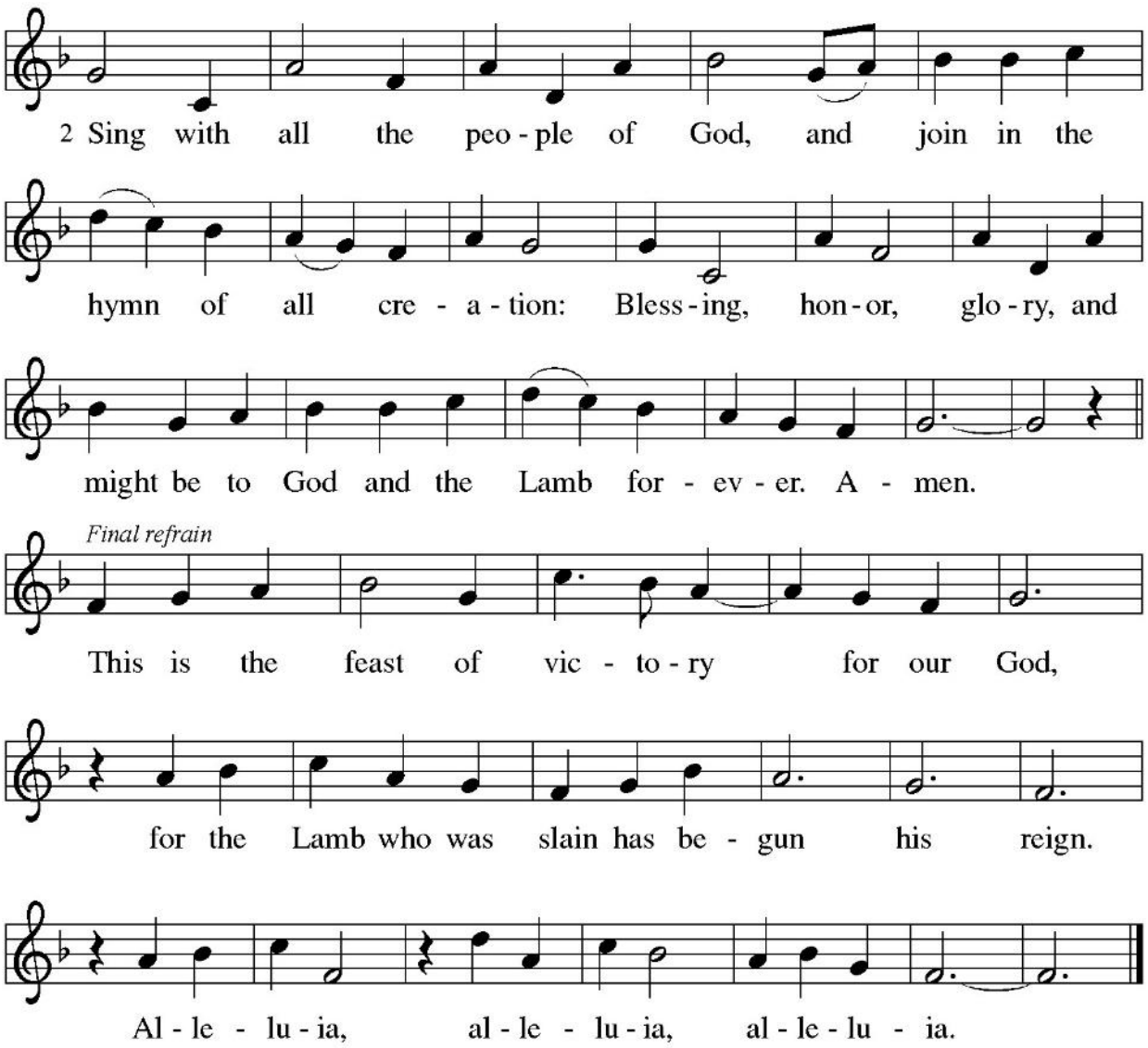


GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)


Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM (In the Stillness of this Moment)

In the stillness of this moment,
In the quiet of this place,
We pause in silent wonder at the miracle of grace.
As our hearts reach out in mercy,
Heaven's arms reach from above,
And we touch the hope of glory,
And we hold the gift of love.

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me!

In the stillness of this moment,
As we calm our hearts and minds,
We feel Your tender mercy and the gift of peace divine.
Let us gather at the table.
Let us find our place of rest
where the bread and wine of mercy
feed our souls with Heaven's best.

In the stillness of this moment,
As we give Him full control,
There is comfort for the weary,
There is healing for the soul.
And the tears of our surrender are an off'ring made of praise.
For the wonder of salvation is a miracle of grace.

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me.
In the stillness of this moment.
In the stillness.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7
A reading from Judges.

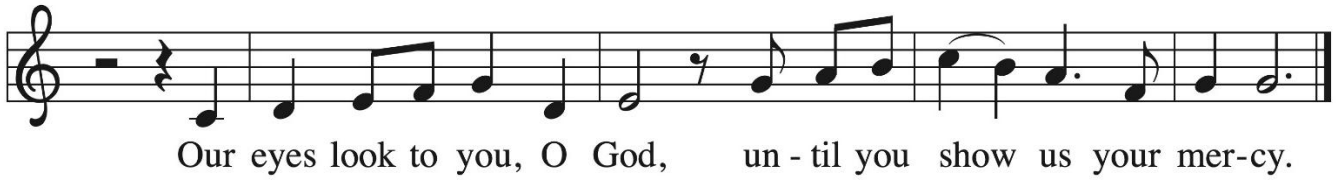
1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.
2 So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in
Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.
3 Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred
chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She
used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill
country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and
summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The

LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking
ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out
Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his
chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.’ ”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123



1 To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud. R

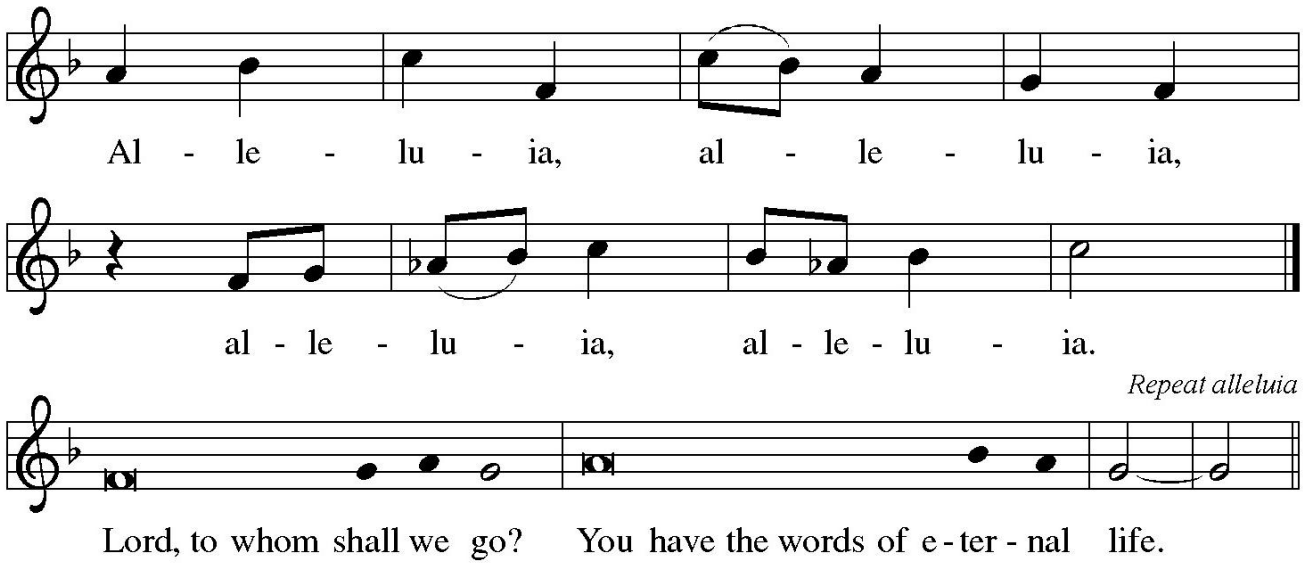
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need
to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, “There is peace and
security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let
us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and

for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P. 124)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’
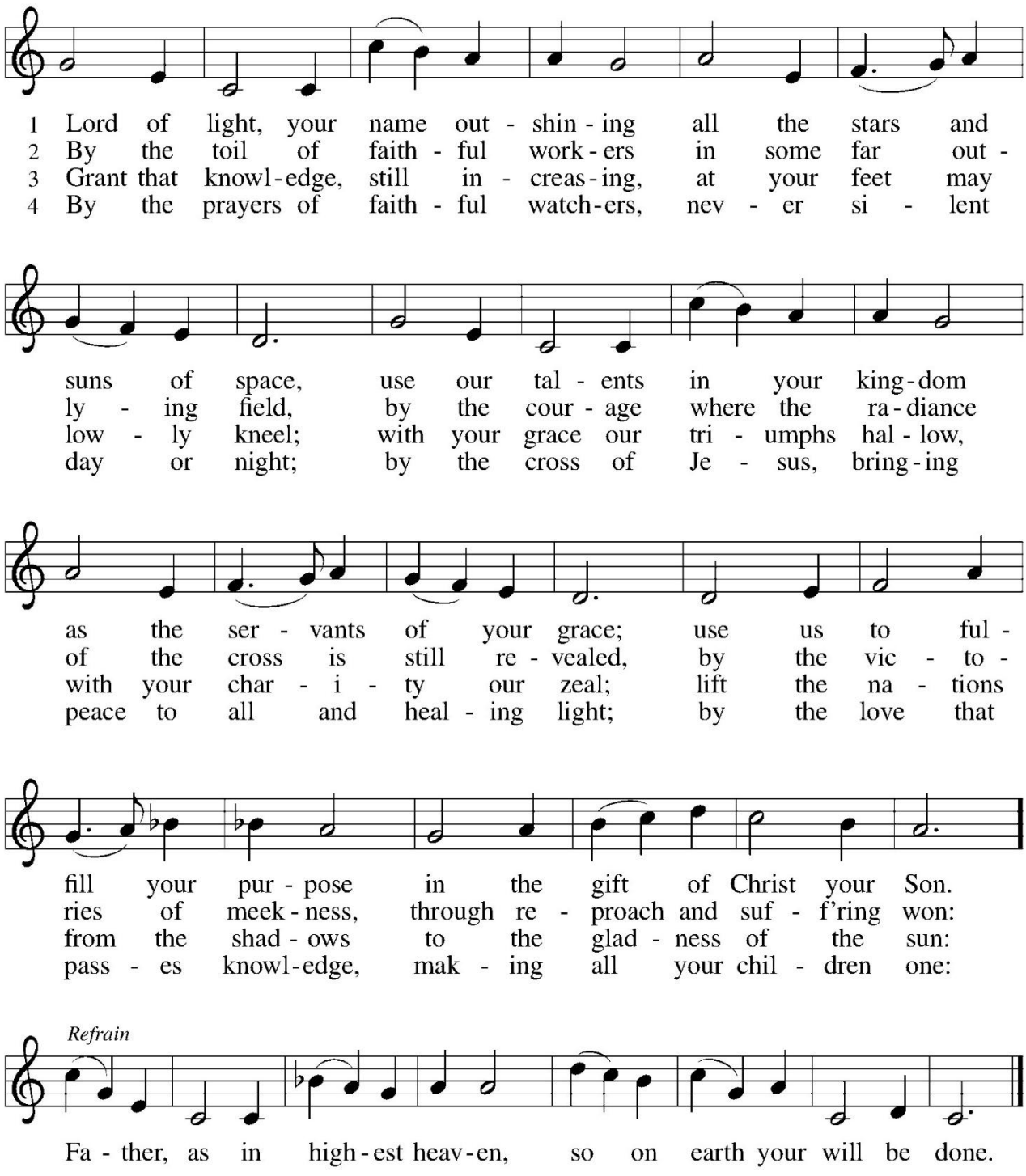
[23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

Lord of Light



CREED

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

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

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. We pray for Grace Lutheran in Burnaby and Pastor Nathan Fong; Our Saviour's Lutheran in Prince George; The members of the Council of General Synod; The members of the National Church Council; The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and the property division. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Encourage and sustain those celebrating baptismal anniversaries this week. May they know your peace and love each day. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
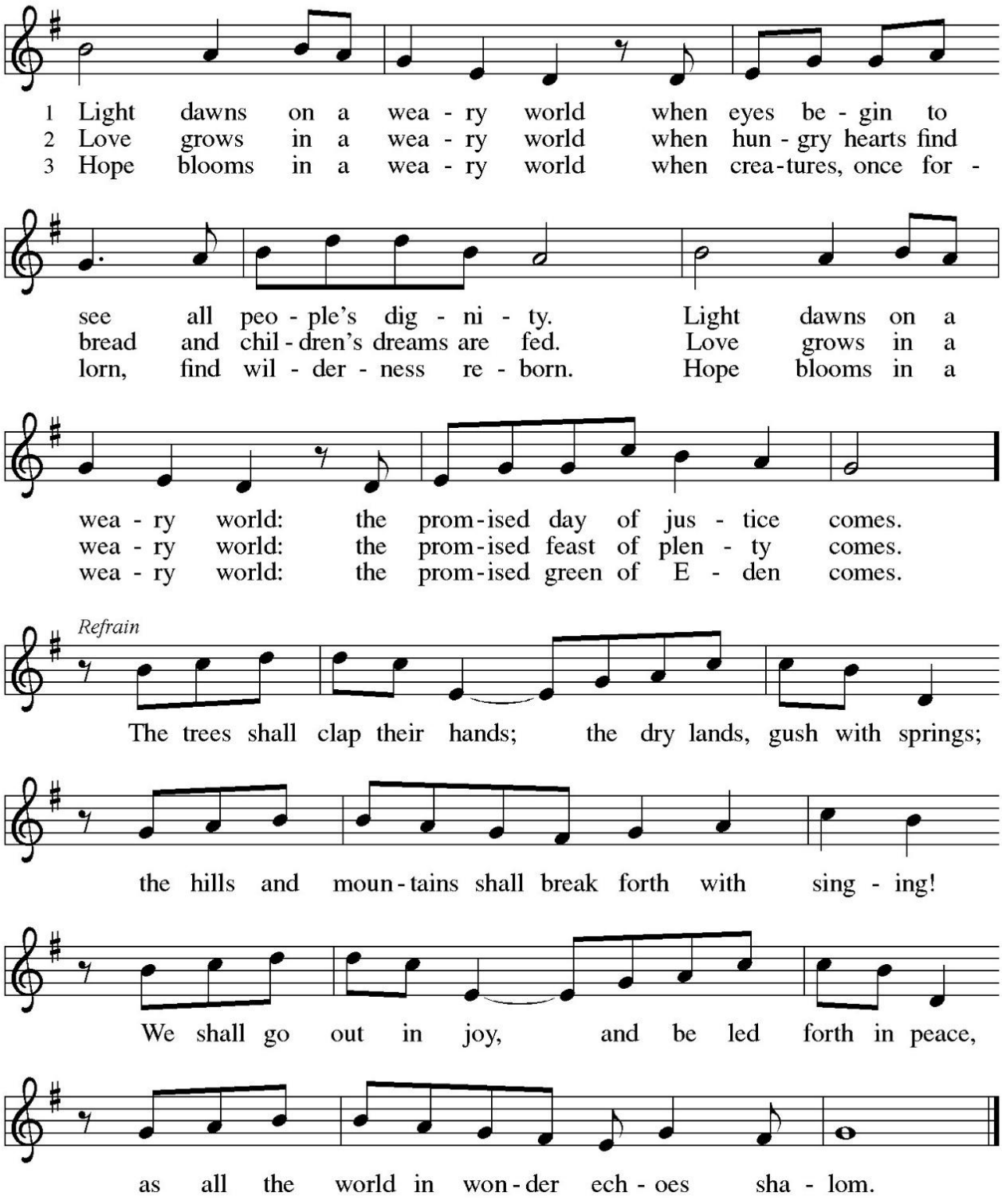
The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (ELW 726)

Light Dawns on a Weary World



OFFERING PRAYER
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.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

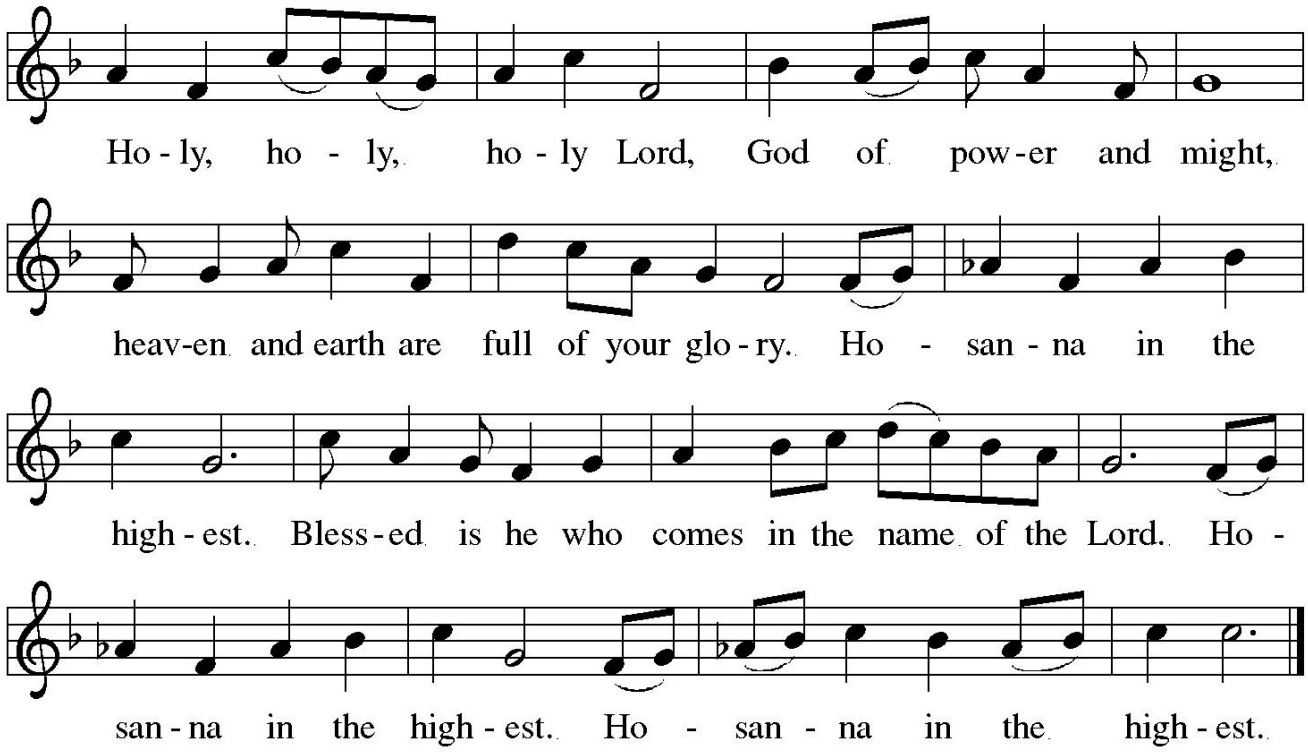
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 130)
We praise and thank you, abounding God,
because you demand so much from us
and at the same time give us everything you expect of us.
In the glory of creation and the grace of liberation
you set the contours of our journey with you.
By crafting the covenant and by renewing your people in exile
you showed us the manner and purpose of your ever-flowing love.
In Jesus you gave us your most precious talent.
Though we buried him through our ignorance and sin,
you raised him to multiply your church
and spread abroad your kingdom.
And so we give you thanks
with saints and angels and the company of heaven,
joining their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Encouraging God, your Son Jesus died for us
so that we might live together with you.
He went through the deep night of betrayal, anguish in Gethsemane,
trial by his own people, and scourging by his oppressors,
that we might live in endless day.
Send your Holy Spirit that your people may be turned
from the fear of your wrath to the anticipation of your glory.

By that same Spirit of salvation and hope,
sanctify these gifts of bread and wine
that in your kingdom of grace they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Generous God,
when your church is entrusted with a little, make it faithful,
and when your people are sent forth to take care of much,
make them wise and true and kind.
As you invested your whole heart in the uncertain market of our love,
show your children where to take risks, when to enter the unknown,
and how to trade with your bounty.
Prepare the hearts of the flourishing and the fragile
for the day of your revelation,
that when all secrets are made known and all desires laid bare,
your understanding and forgiving grace may see
the virtue behind our clumsiness and the goodness amid our folly.
Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope
that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy,
when your whole creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love,
and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

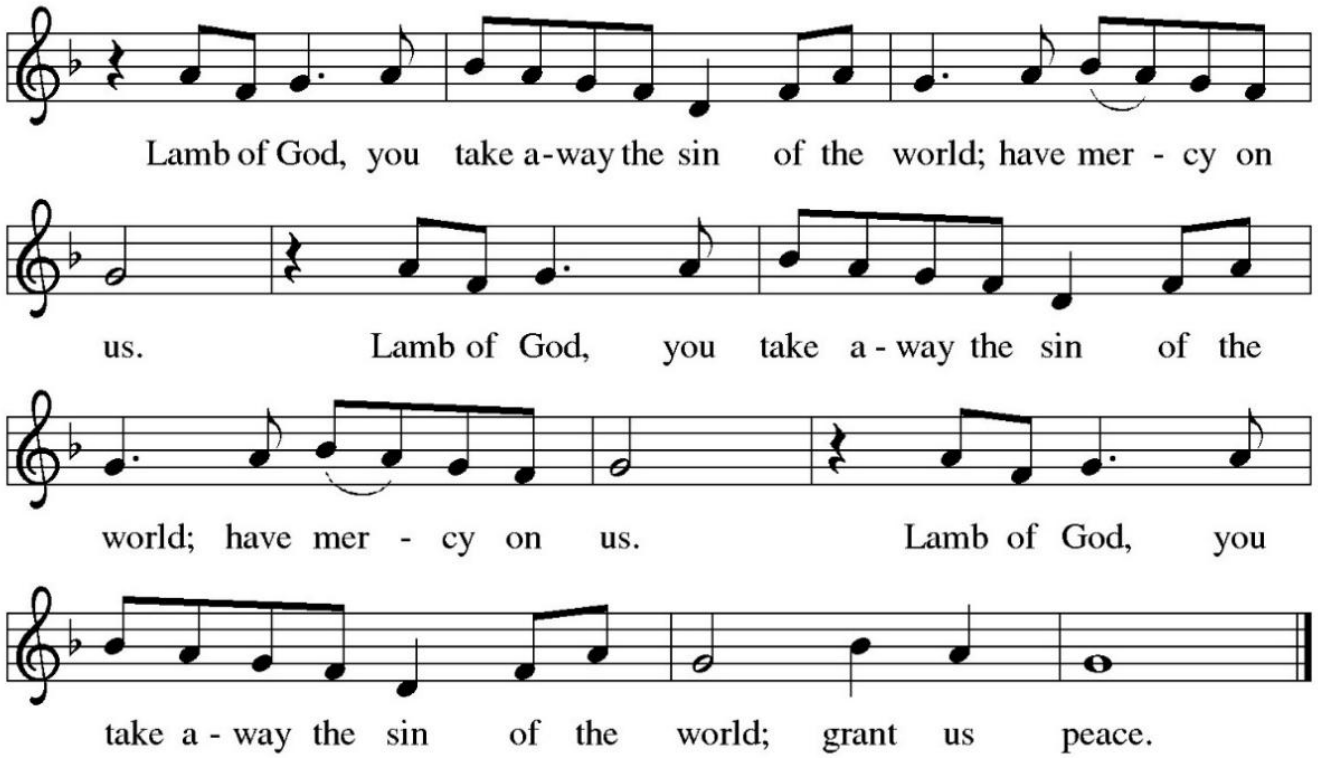
LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

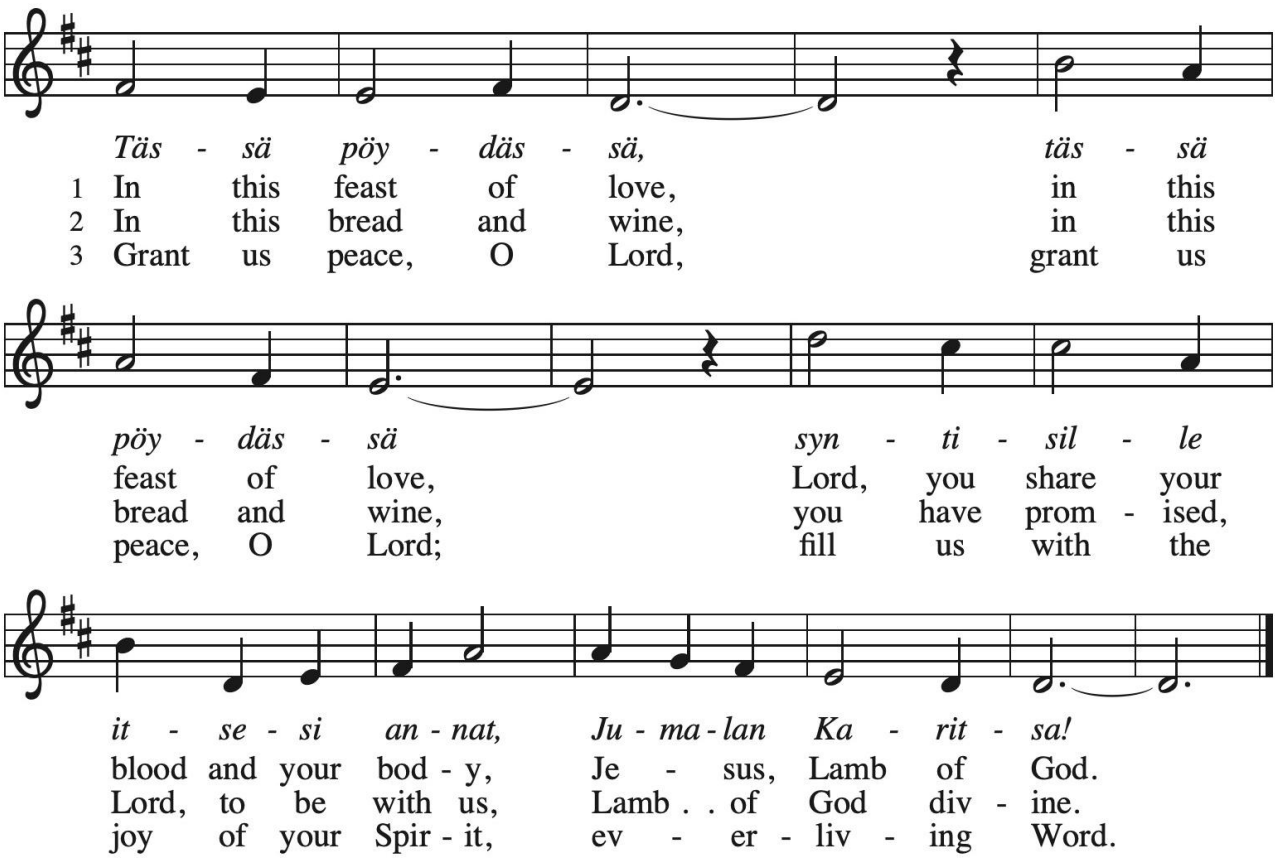
COMMUNION
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)
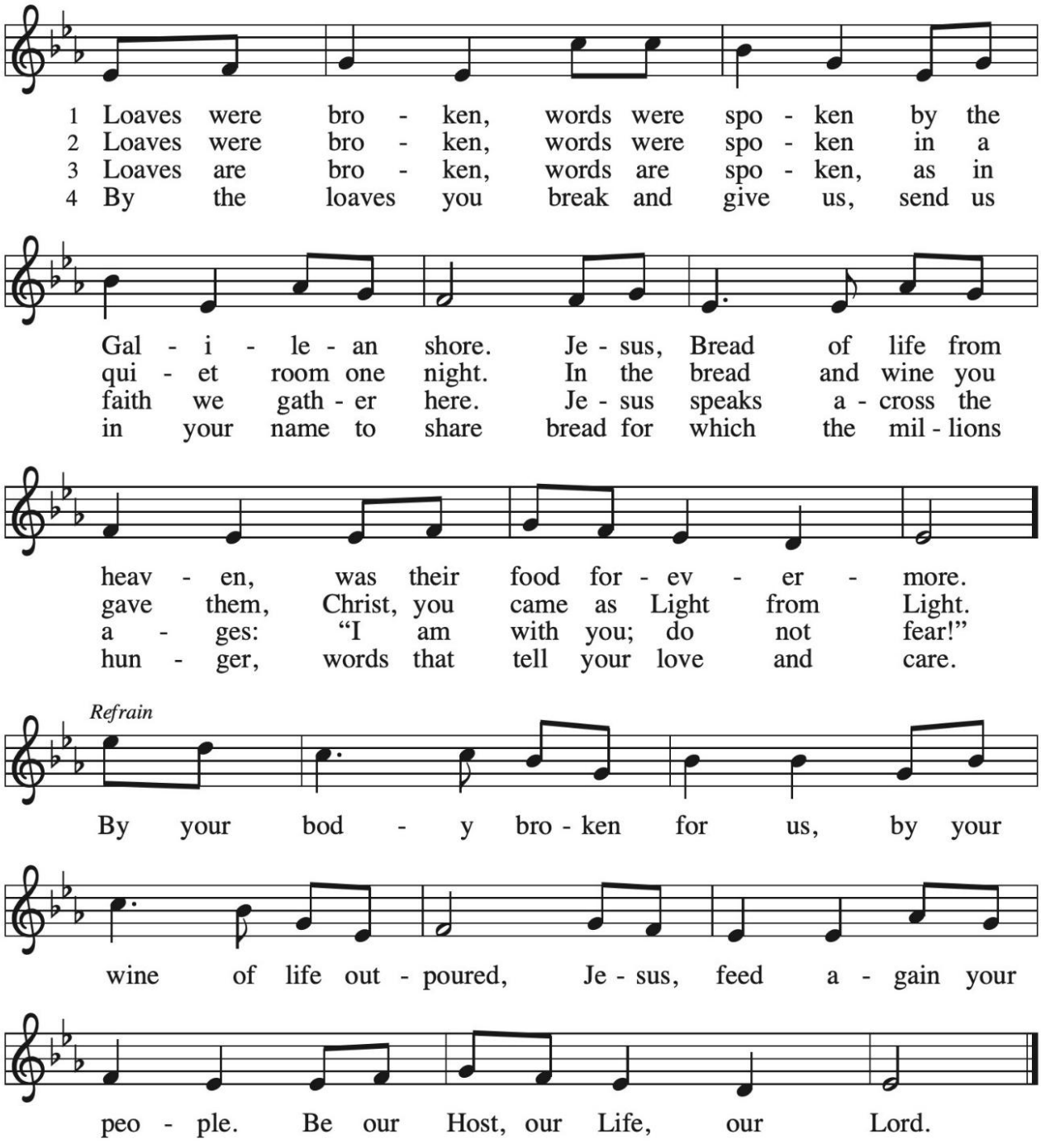


HYMN FOR COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYERS
In This Feast of Love **(ACS 962)**

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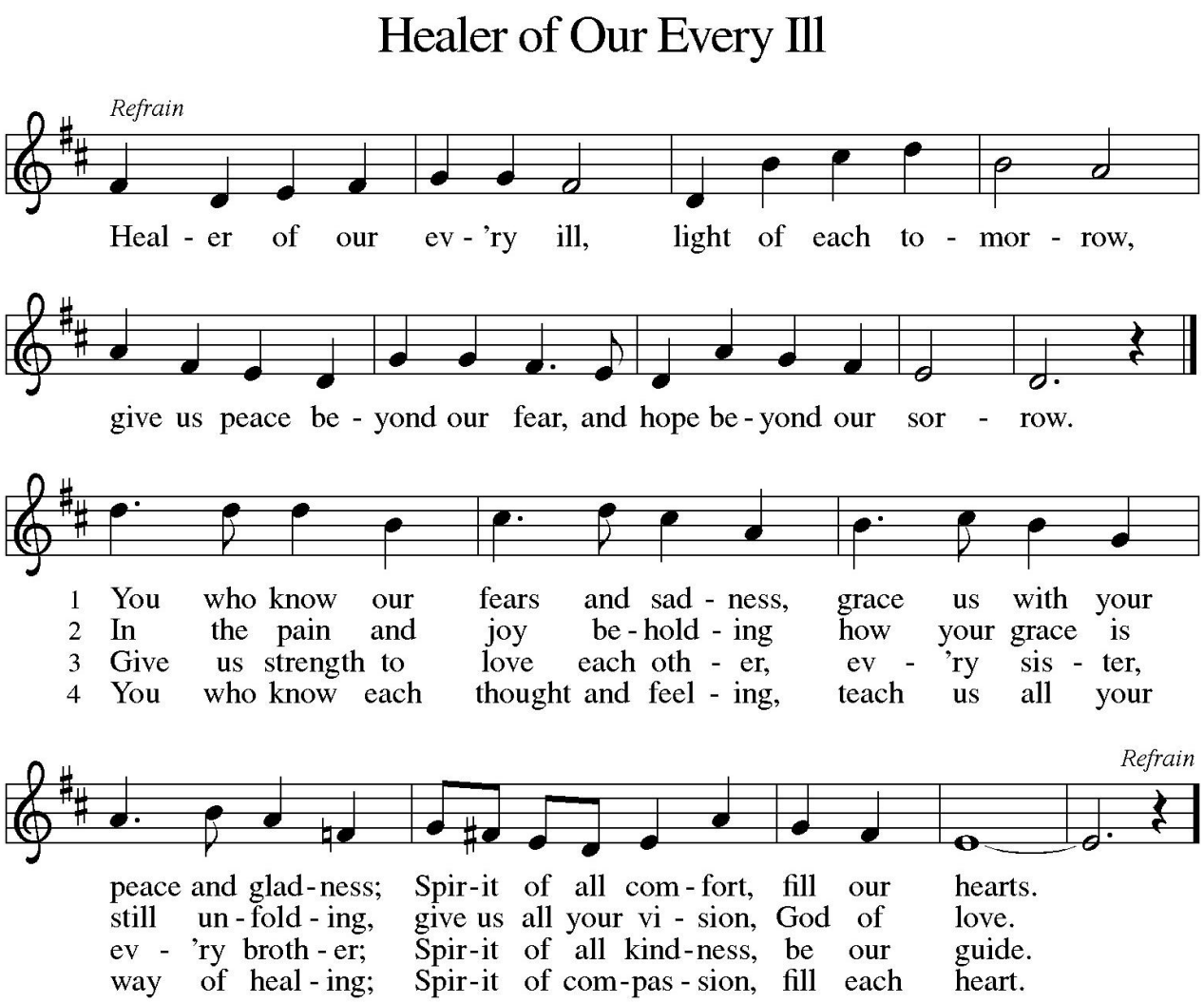


HYMN FOR COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYERS
***Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (ACS 966)**

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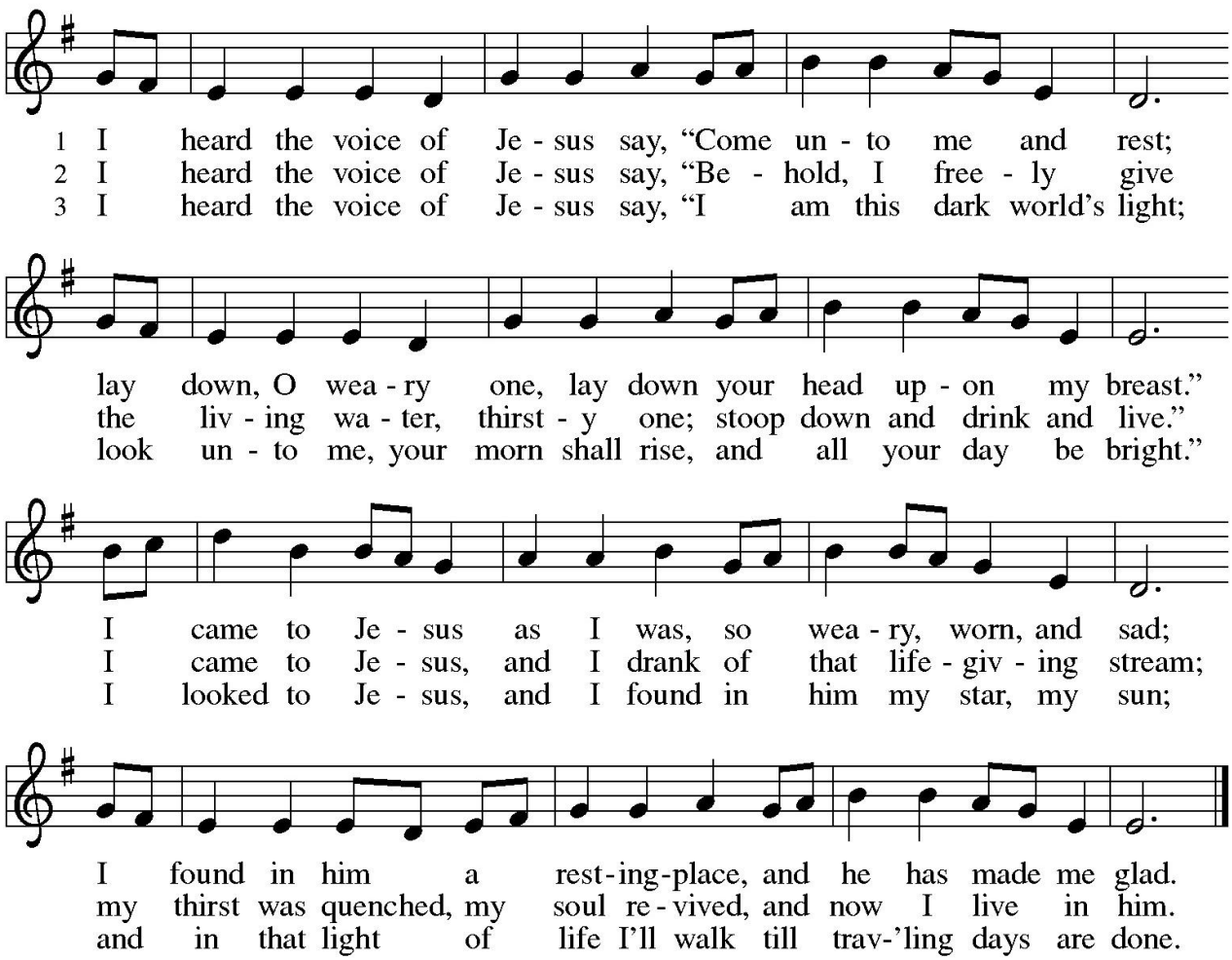


HYMN FOR COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYERS
Healer of Our Every Ill **(ELW 612)**



HYMN FOR COMMUNION & HEALING PRAYERS
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say **(ELW 611)**

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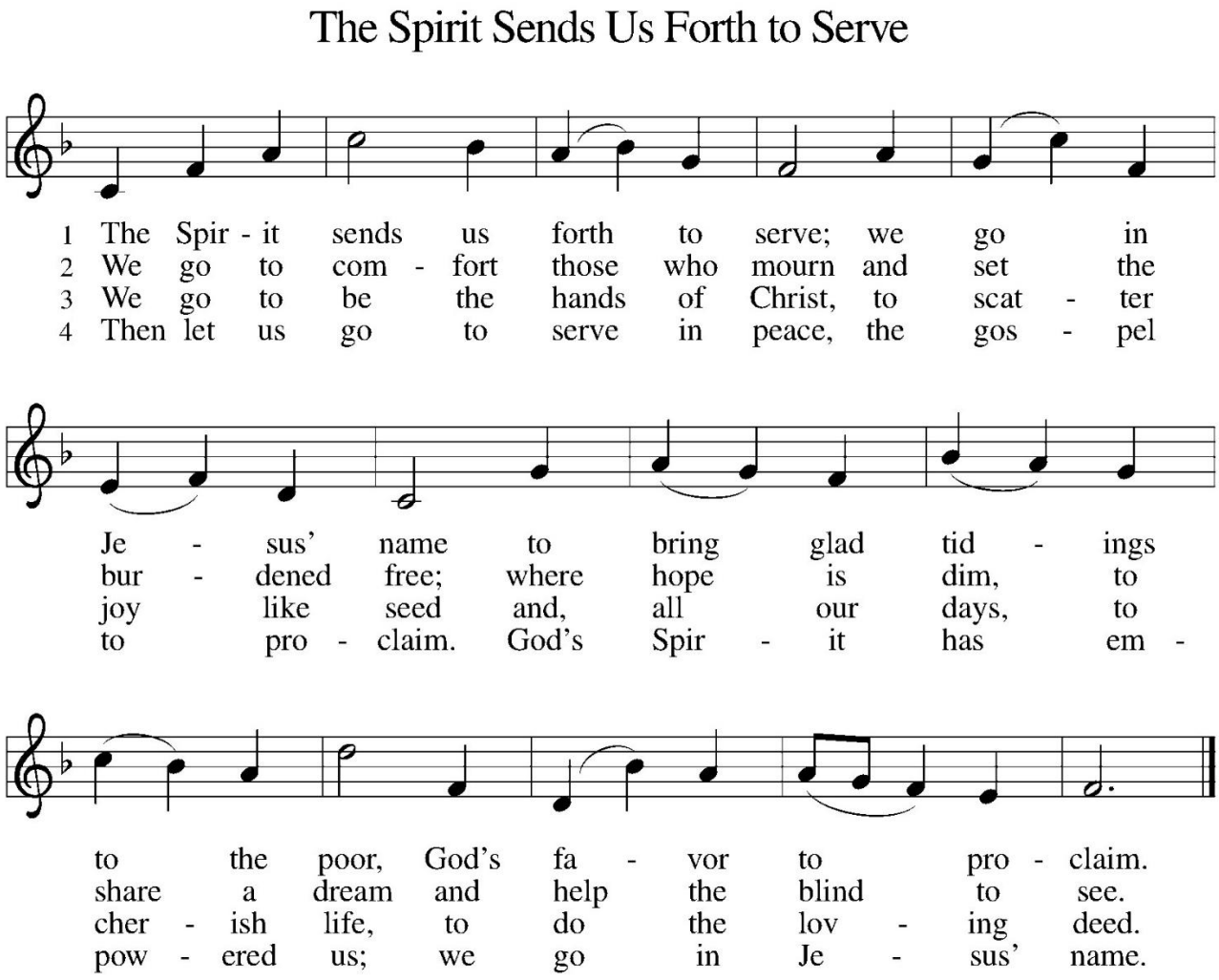


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ELW 551)



DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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