Worship Plan for Sunday, November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent
ELW Holy Communion Journey to Hope

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

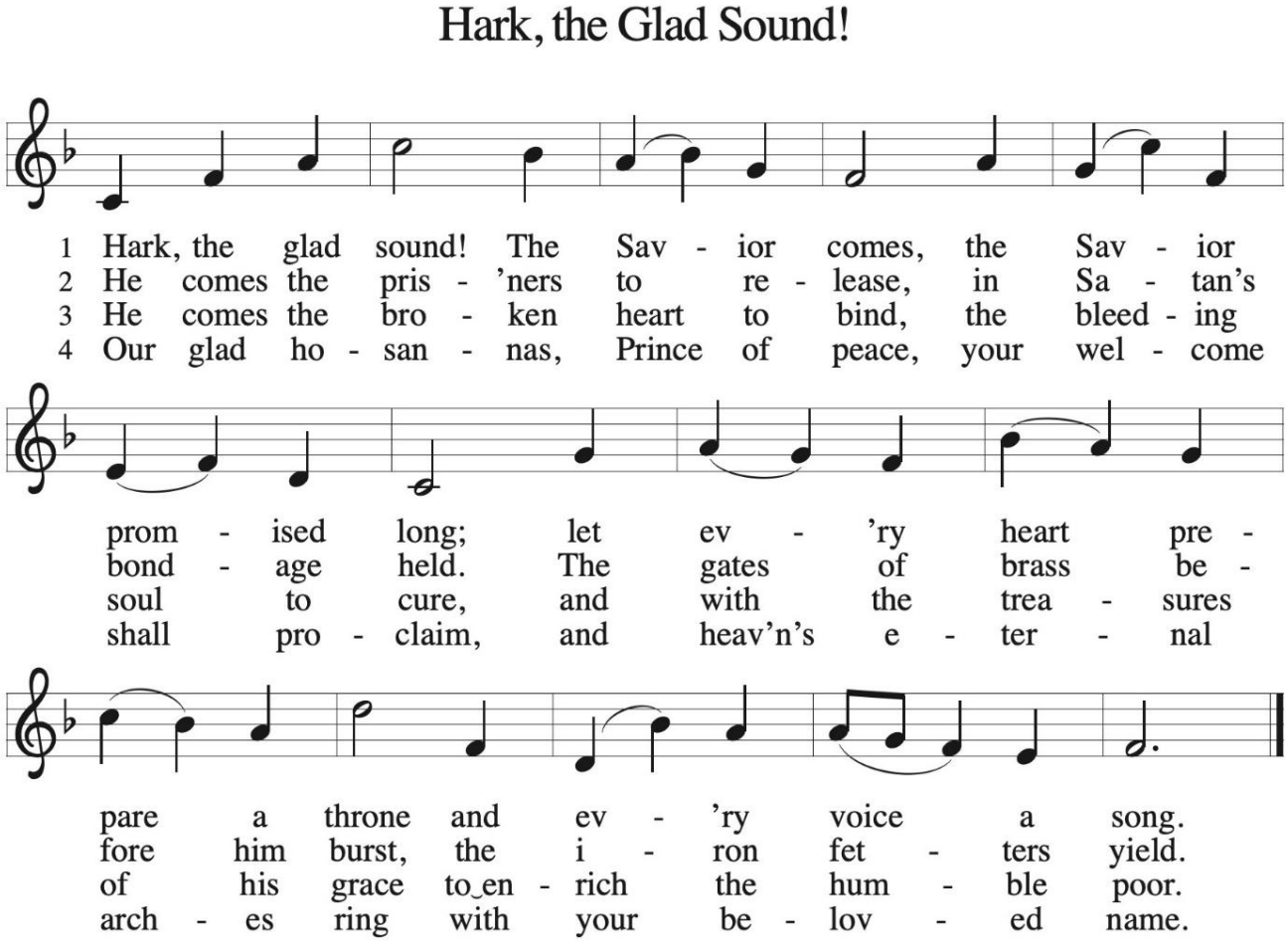
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ✢ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (ELW 239)



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.

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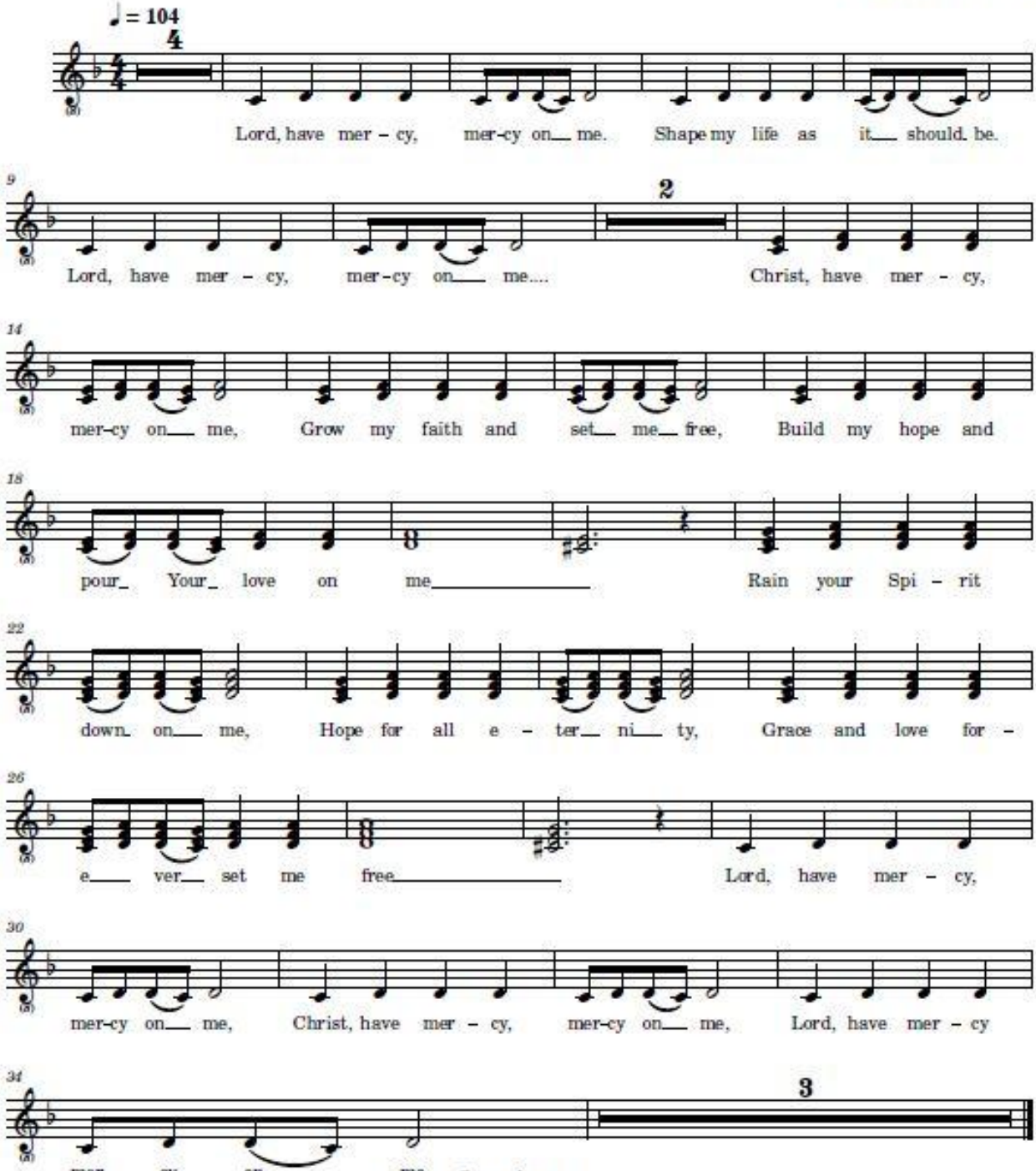

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Carols for Advent*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. Now
sing we Noel!
Sing we noel, noel, noel!
O come, Emmanuel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, O come, O come!
O come, O come, come Emmanuel!
Emmanuel!

We sing with joy, the birth is near,
The Son of God will soon appear.
Prepare!
The child will come from above,
The Prince of peace, the King of love.
Now sing we noel!
Sing we noel, noel, noel.
O come, O come, Emmanuel!

CHILDREN'S TIME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

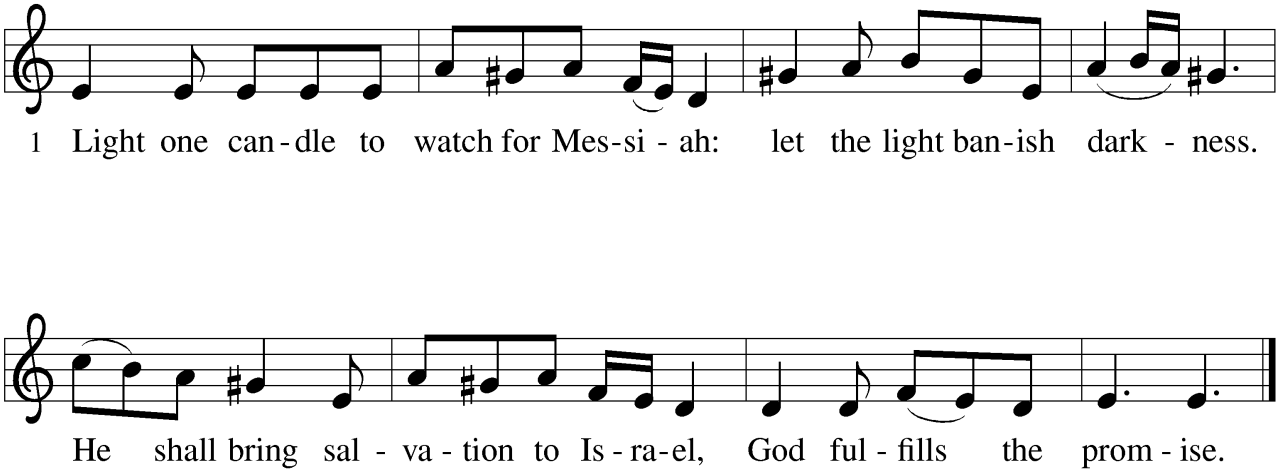
***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (ELW 240)** *Verse 1*

Leader: *We wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.*

All: **Come Lord Jesus.**

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



The first candle is lit and this response is used.

Reader: *The true light, which enlightens everyone*
is coming into the world.
All: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader: *The light shines in the darkness*
And the darkness will not overcome it.
All: **Christ, shine in your church today.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9
A reading from Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.

4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

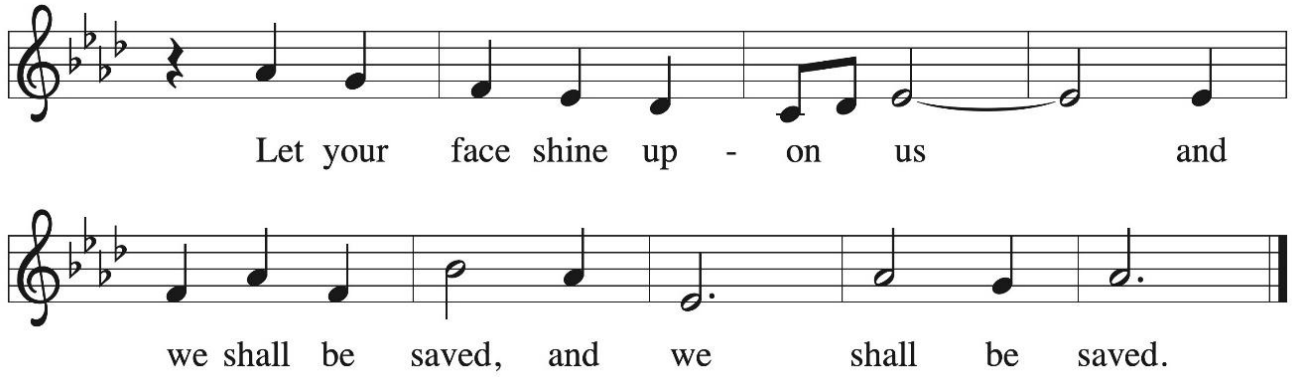
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

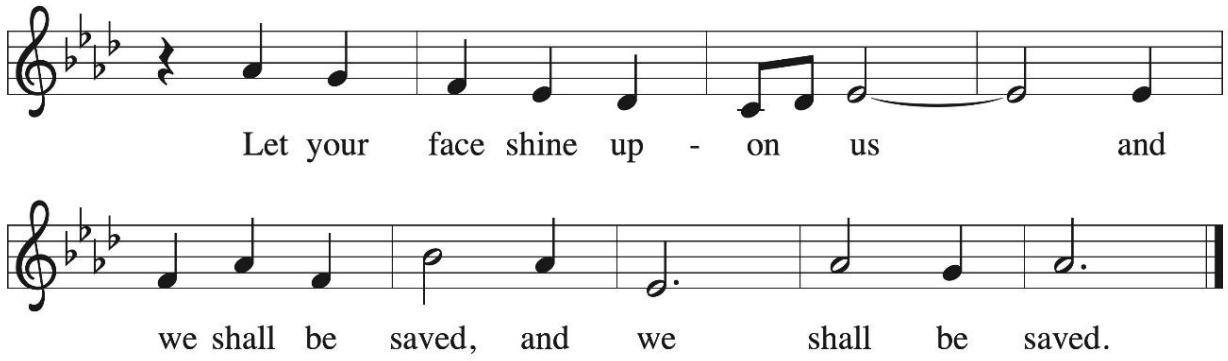
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
[3] Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[4] **O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R

[5] You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
[6] **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
[7] Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[17] **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R
[18] And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
[19] **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
A reading from 1 Corinthians.

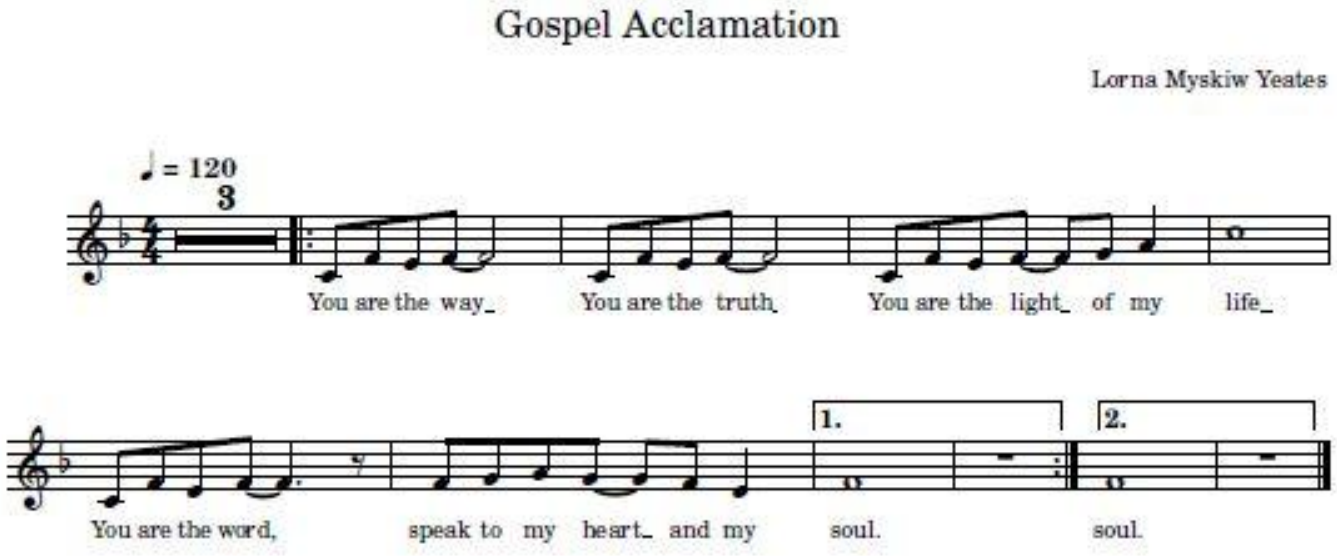
[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him,

in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for
the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so
that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by
whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION from Journey to Hope



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37
The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and
glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

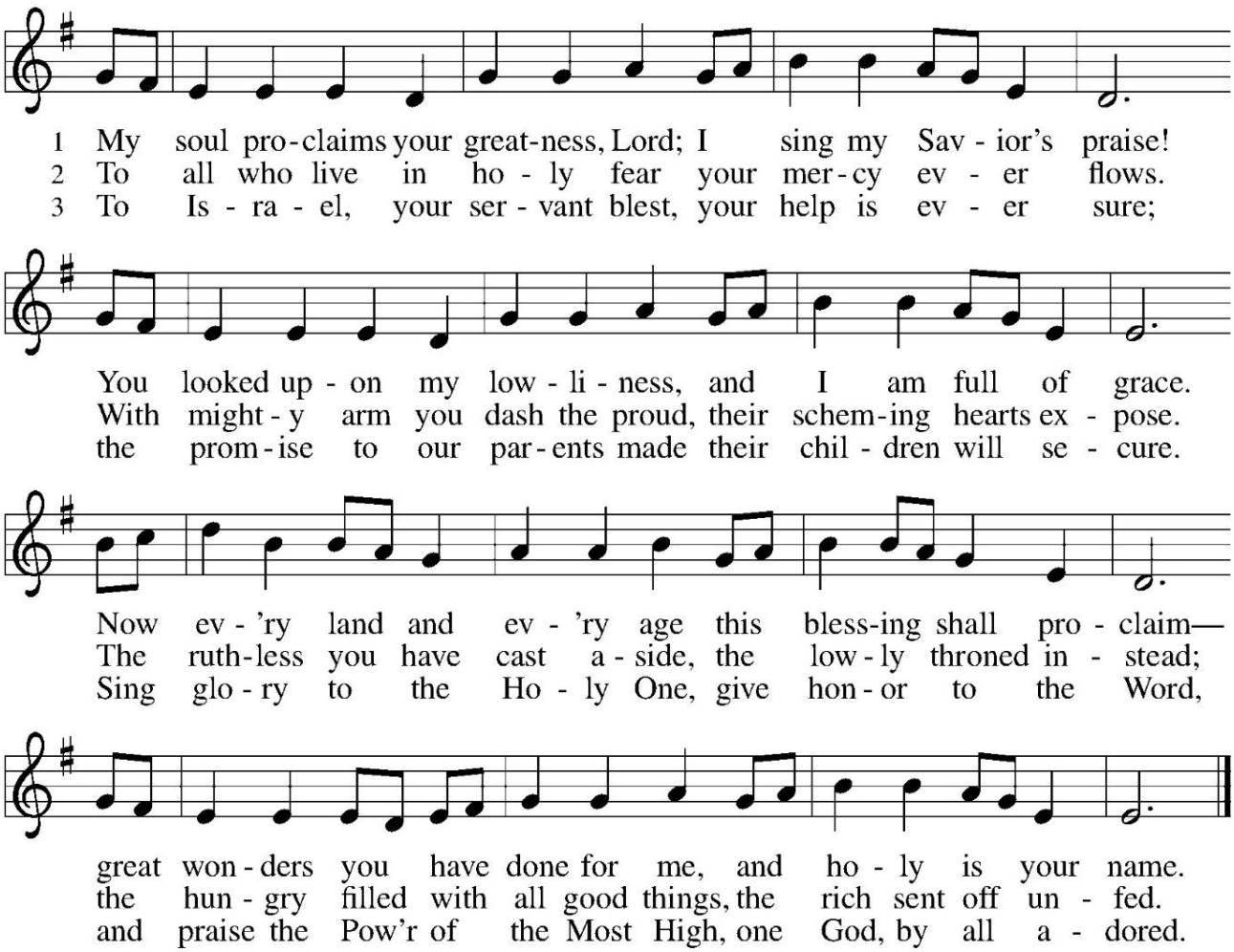
32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the
Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time
will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house
will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he
may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* (ELW 251)

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



APOSTLES' 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

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. We pray for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Comox; Our Seminaries in Saskatoon and Waterloo and for all faculty, staff, and seminary students; The people of the Anglican Church of Canada; The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; The people of the Moravian Church in Canada. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the many years of service of our retired pastors & deacons. Thanks be to God for the ways they continue to support ministers and ministries in their communities. This week we celebrate these retired ministers: *Rev. Curtis Aguirre, Rev. Arnold Alskne.* God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage and sustain those celebrating baptismal anniversaries this week. May they know your peace and love each day. God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bless those who are living at Emmaus Place. May they know your love and presence in their lives. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister reads: We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour.
Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERING *We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord* (ELW 690)

1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord,
like empty vessels.
Oh, come to us and give us life
from springs where living waters flow.

2 What good and blessing you bestow
are freely given.
Your pow'r will make the weakest strong
and barren branches start to bud.

3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow,
our hands to blossom,
and let our lives bring forth such fruit
that heals our neighbor's grief and pain.

4 As summer follows springtime's rain,
grace follows sorrow,
and grief and joy shall bear much fruit,
though hidden from our human eyes.

5 Through grace your new creation lies
in hands held open.
O Giver of all goodness, come,
dwell with us in our earthly home.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

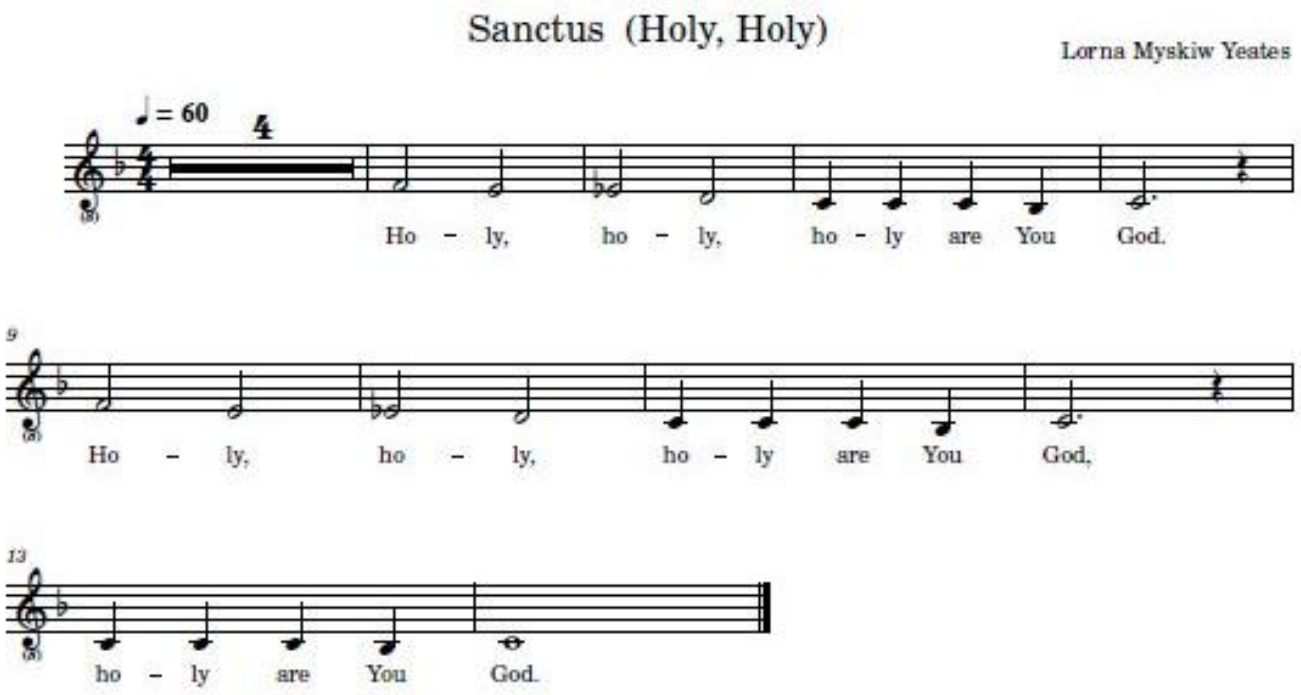
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

PREFACE
Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor tongue told
of a glory like yours, Lord God,
for you are the potter, and we the clay,
and you fashioned us in your image.
Though the pot was broken in your hands
in the exile of your people and the rejection of your Son,
you made an even more wondrous vessel
out of agony and estrangement.

ln Jesus you glorify your chosen people
and inaugurate your church to be his body in the world.
In his death the pot was broken once and for all,
but in his resurrection you refashioned a new pot from the same clay
to feed your people forever.
And so we gladly thank you,
joining with the company of angels and archangels
and all the host of heaven in their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY From Journey to Hope



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Ever-present God, your prophets longed
that you would tear the heavens and come down;
and in your Son Jesus Christ you have come down
and filled the earth with the splendor of your dwelling among us.
In him you were present to friend and stranger,
the intrigued and the suspicious, the betrayer and the bereft.

Come down now in the power of your Holy spirit upon this bread and cup
and make them 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.

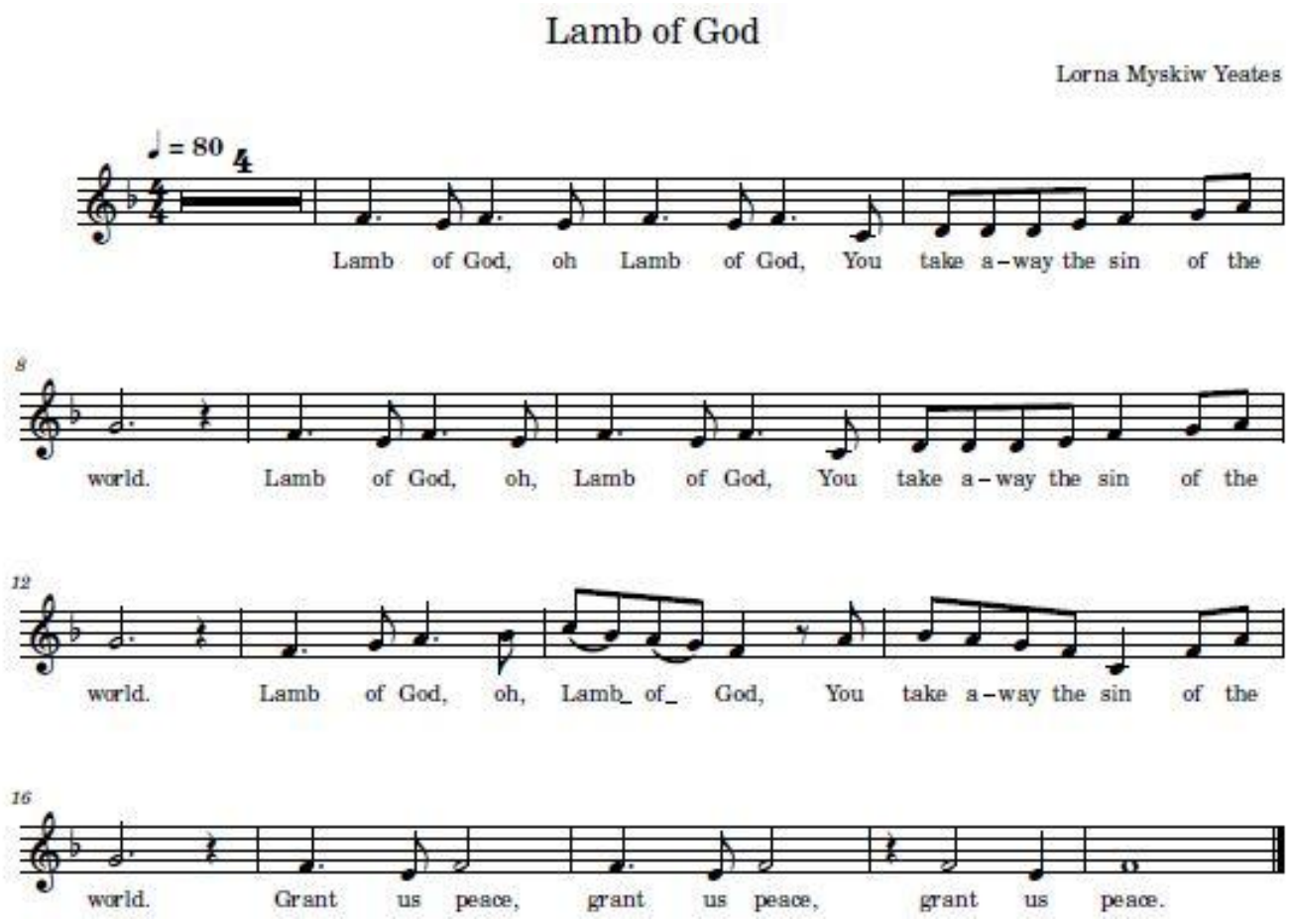
Word of life, though heaven and earth will pass away,
your words will never pass away.
As you feed us with this living bread,
strengthen those who wonder if they can survive this day;
restore any who are downtrodden and heavy-laden;
visit all who are forsaken and alone.
Open the window of your heaven
that your church may glimpse the hope of your glory
and your world may be transfigured by the light of your truth,
until that day when heaven finally comes to earth,
when your Son returns on the clouds
and your Spirit infuses your creation with resurrecting grace,
and you are all in all, one God, now and forever.
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.

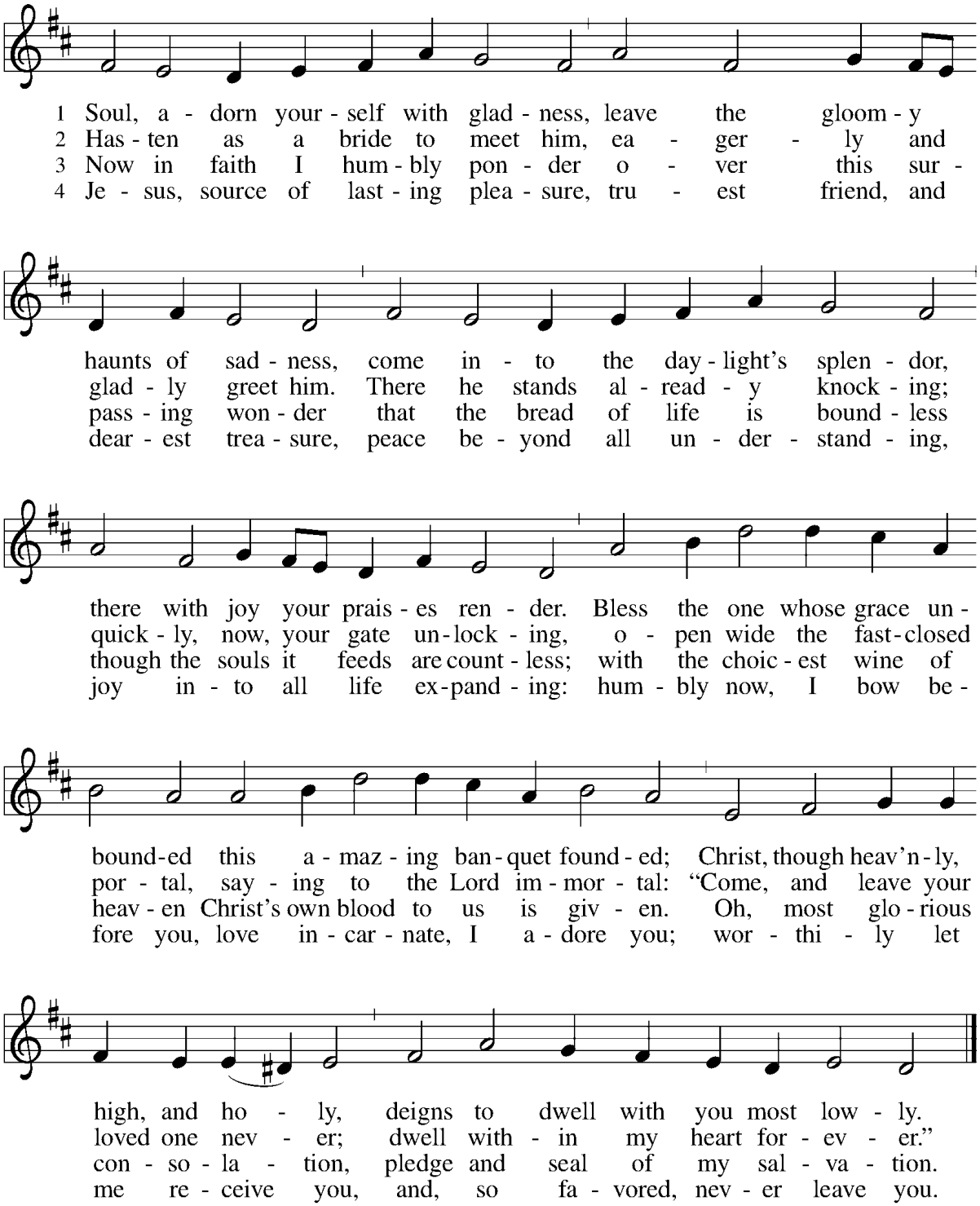
COMMUNION
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God from Journey to Hope

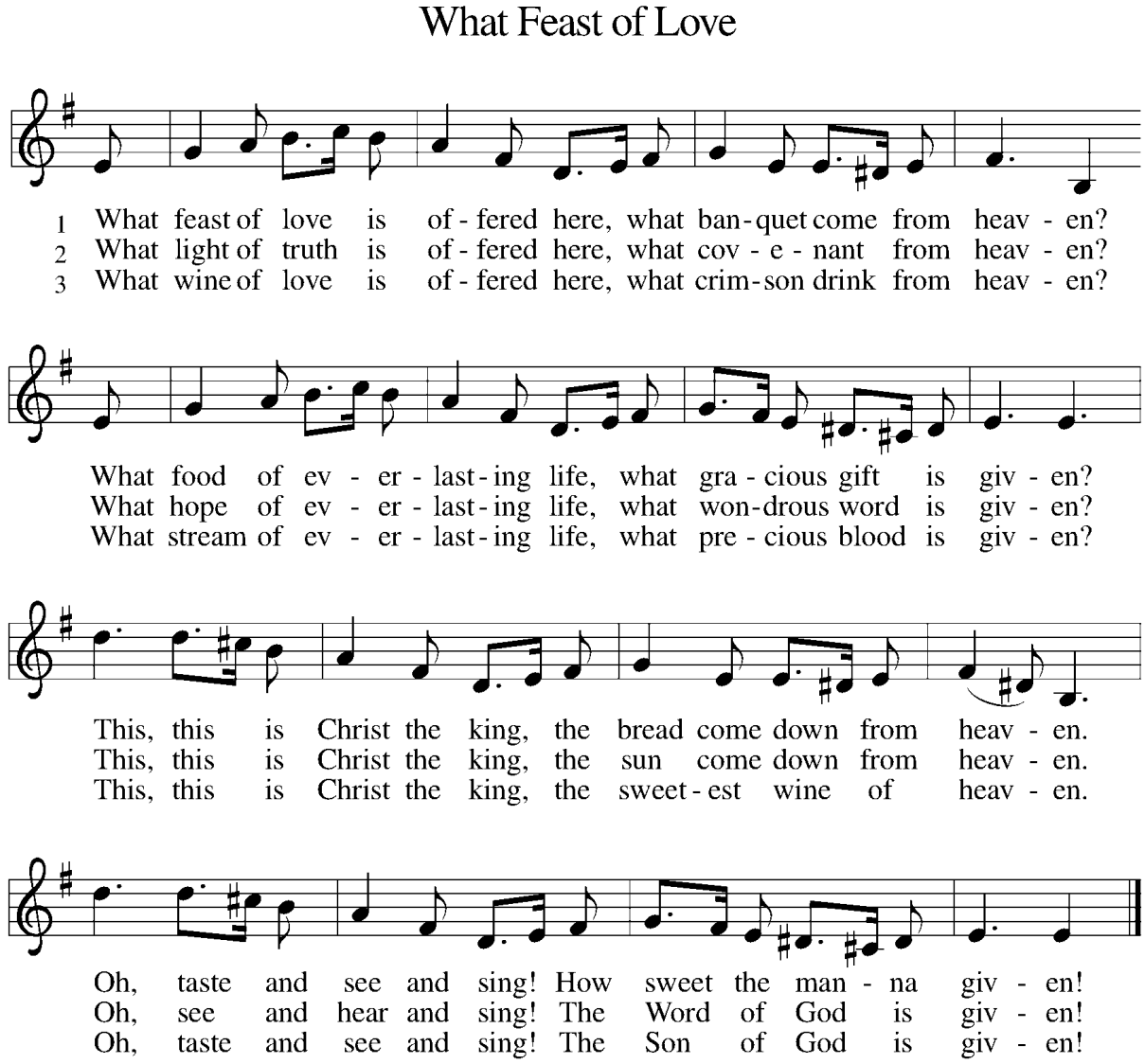


COMMUNION HYMN: *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (ELW 488)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



COMMUNION HYMN: ***What Feast of Love*** **(ELW 487)**



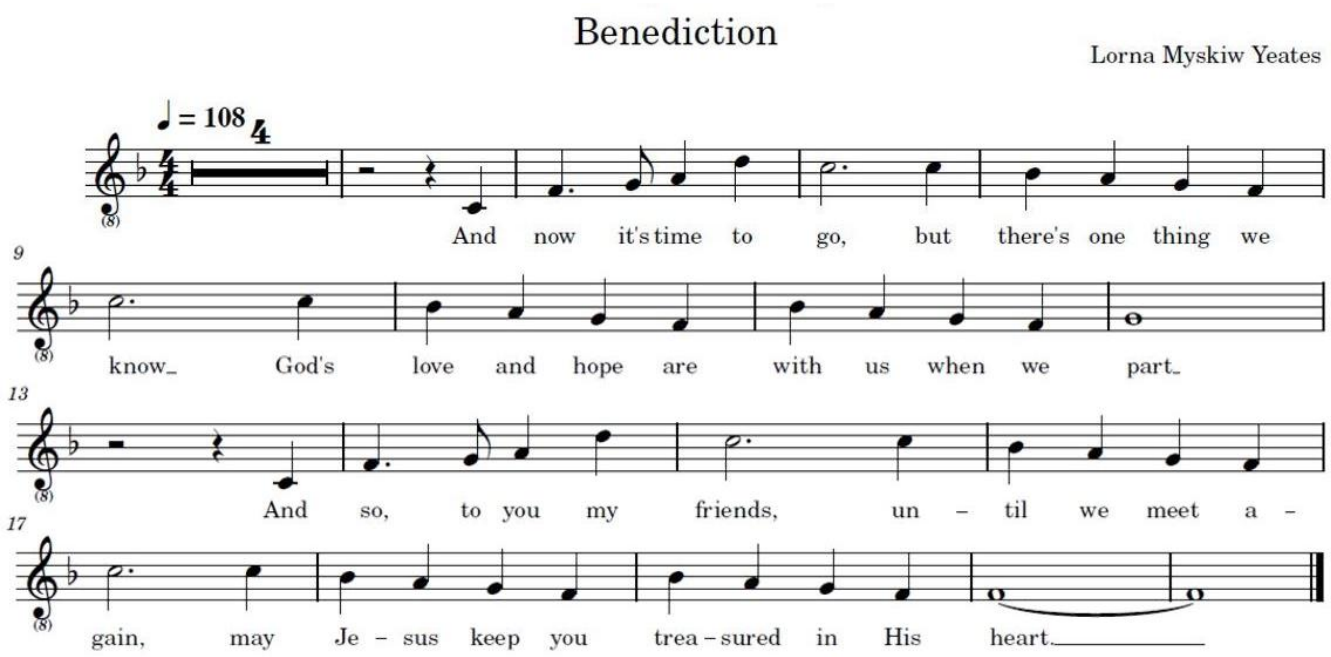
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (with Sung Response)
God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
☩ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

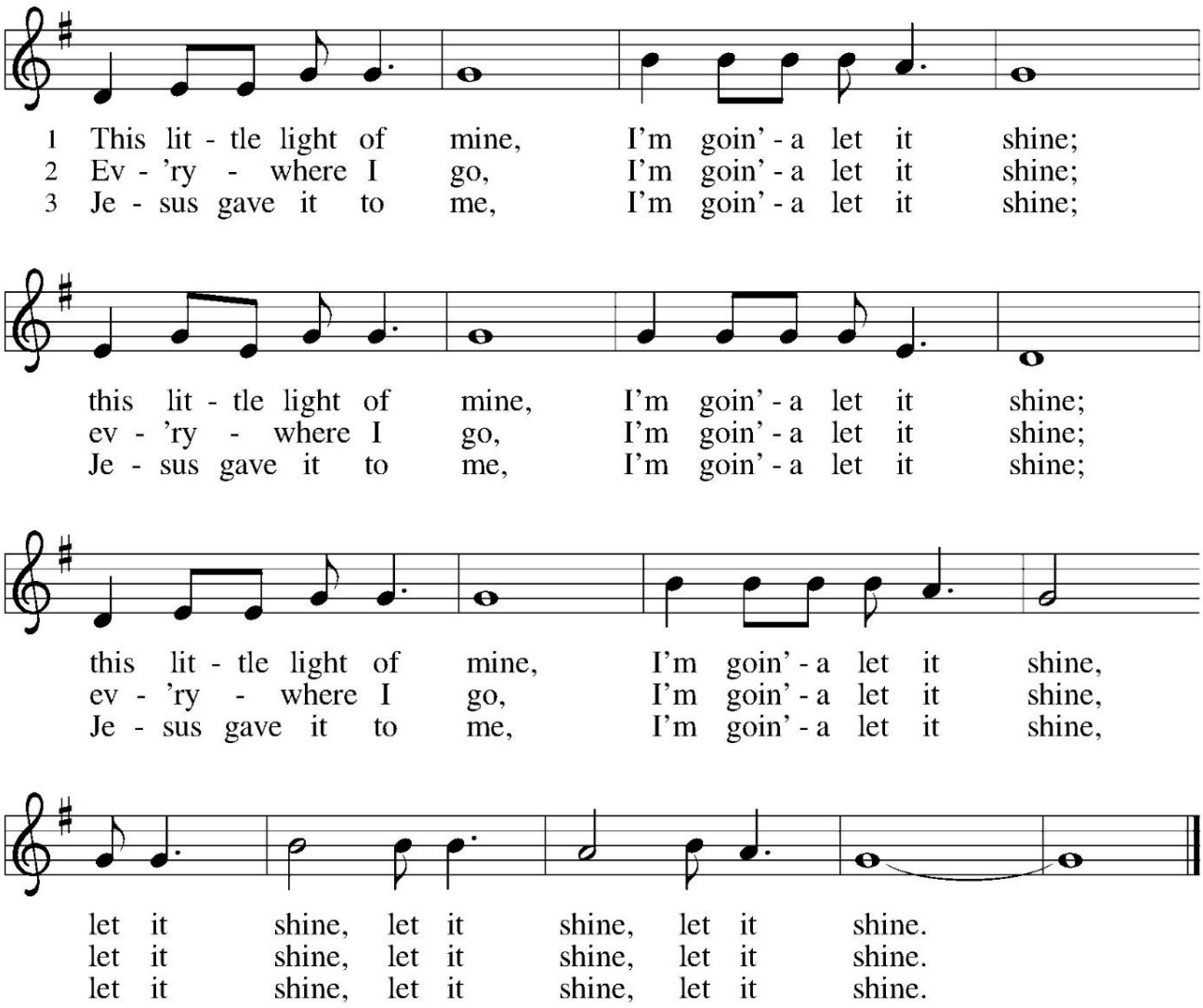
Sung Response:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

This Little Light of Mine



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

Thanks be to God.

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