# Worship Plan for Sunday, November 8, 2026

*24th 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.**

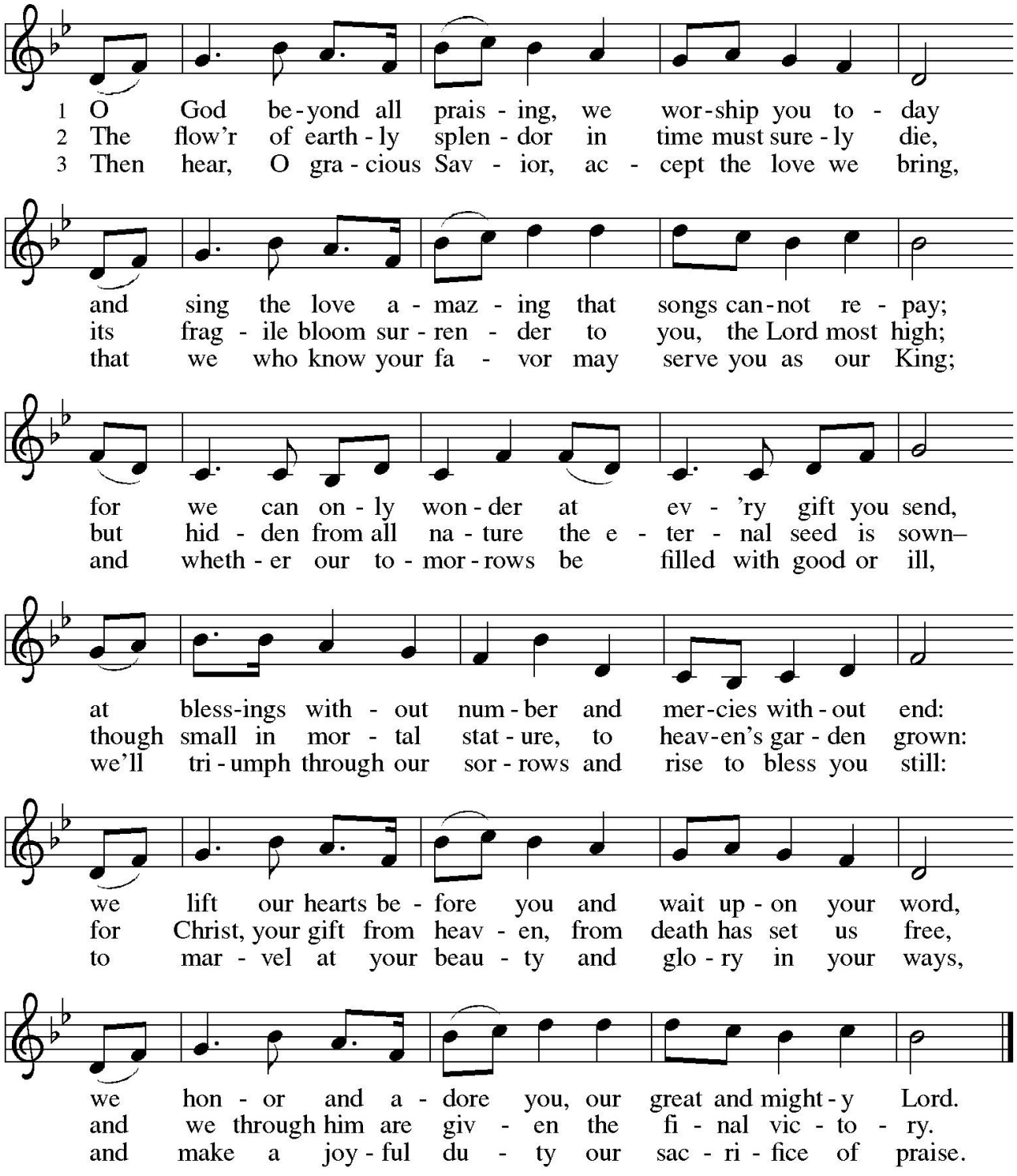
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

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.**
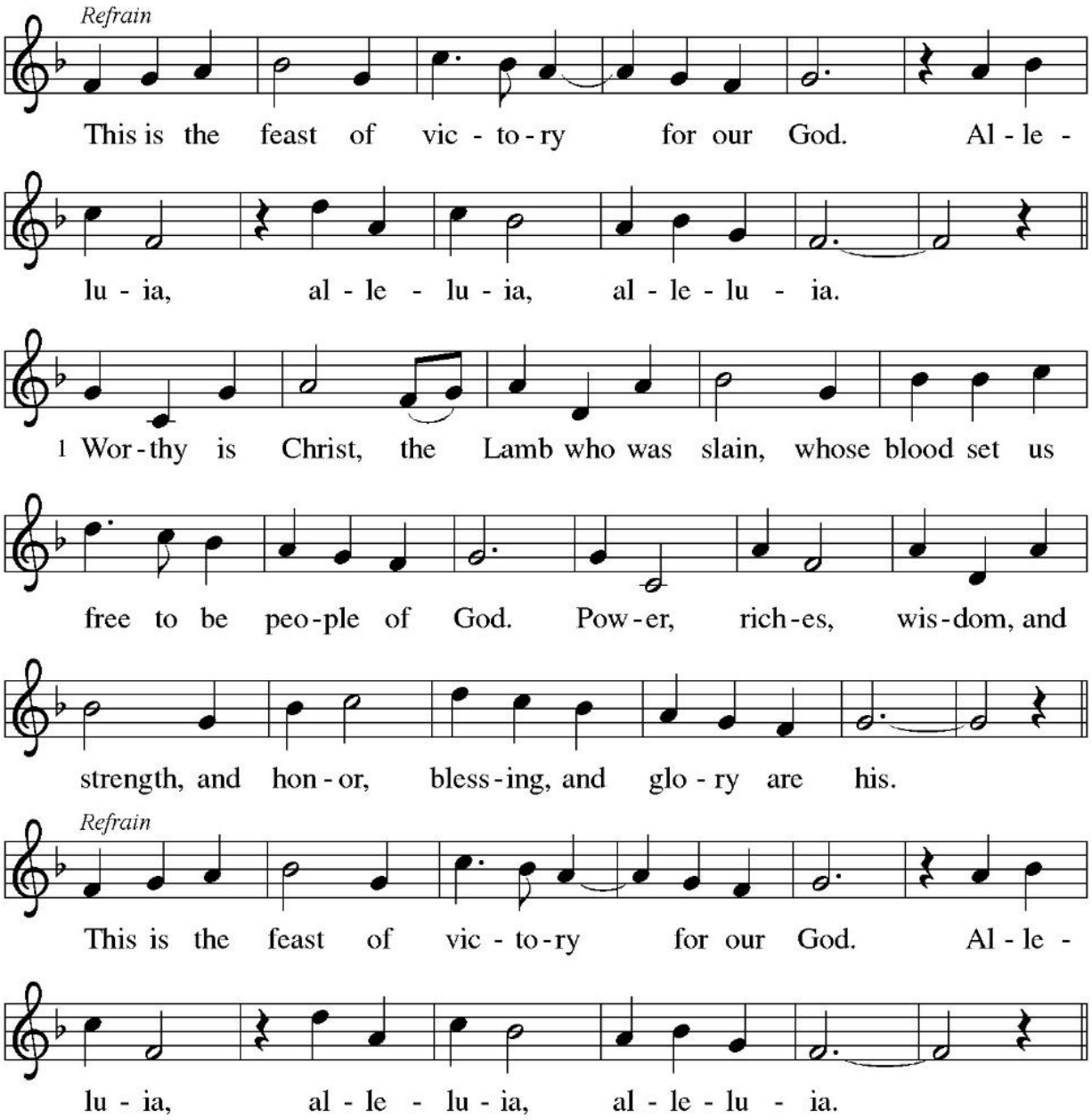
**GATHERING SONG *O God Beyond All Praising* (ELW 880)**
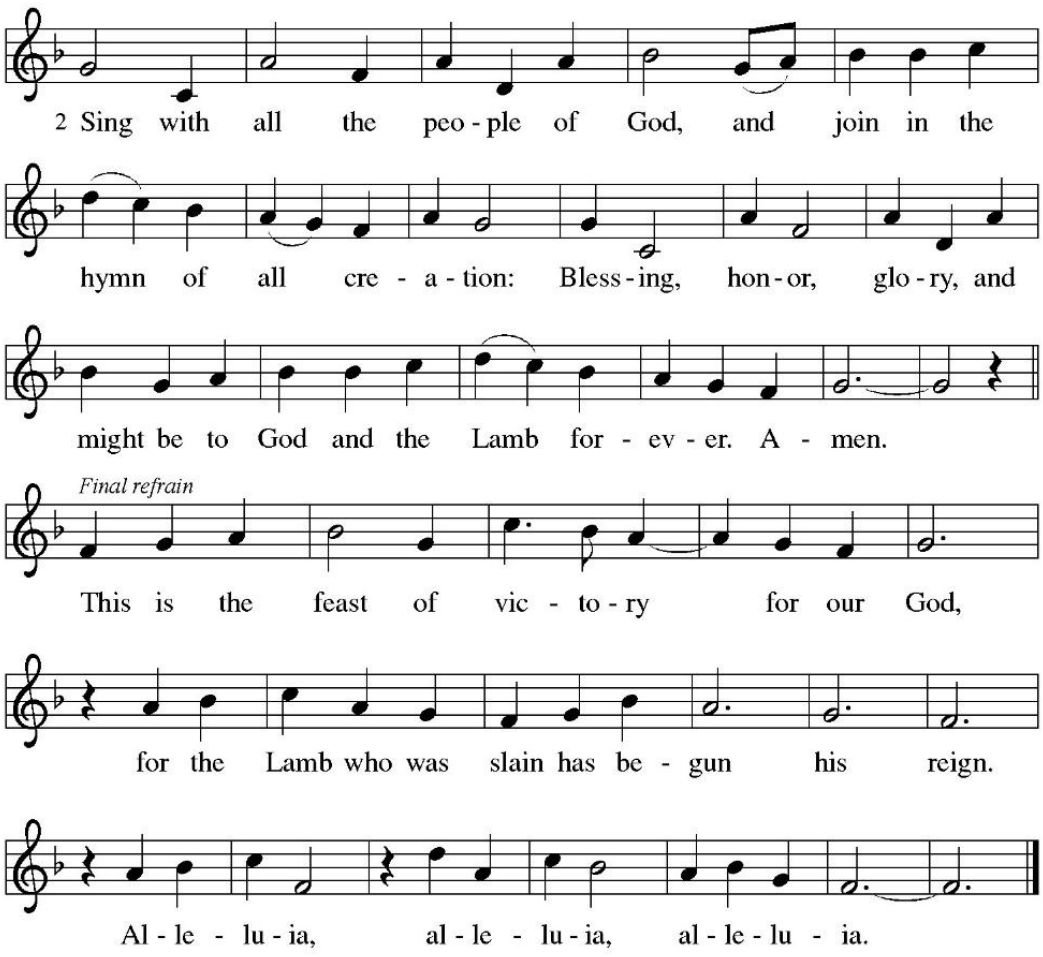
# O God beyond All Praising



**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)**






**PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
A reading from Joshua.

[1] Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. [2] And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. [3a] Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

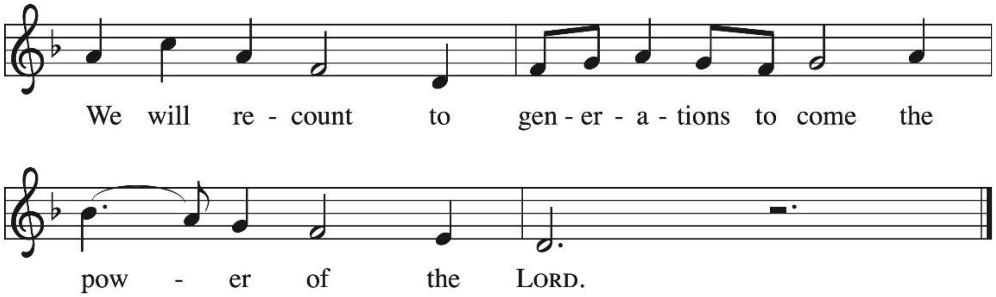
14 “Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in
Egypt and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose
this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region
beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as
for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD
to serve other gods, 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors
up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great
signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all
the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the
peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the
LORD, for he is our God.”

19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy
God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If
you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm
and consume you, after having done you good.” 21 And the people said to Joshua,
“No, we will serve the LORD!” 22 Then Joshua said to the people, “You are
witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And
they said, “We are witnesses.” 23 He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are
among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” 24 The people
said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” 25 So
Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances
for them at Shechem.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7**



[1] Hear my teaching, | O my people;
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.
[2] **I will open my mouth | in a parable;**
**I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—**
[3] that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have told us,
we will not hide | from their children.
[4] **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the LORD,**
**and the wonderful works | God has done. R**

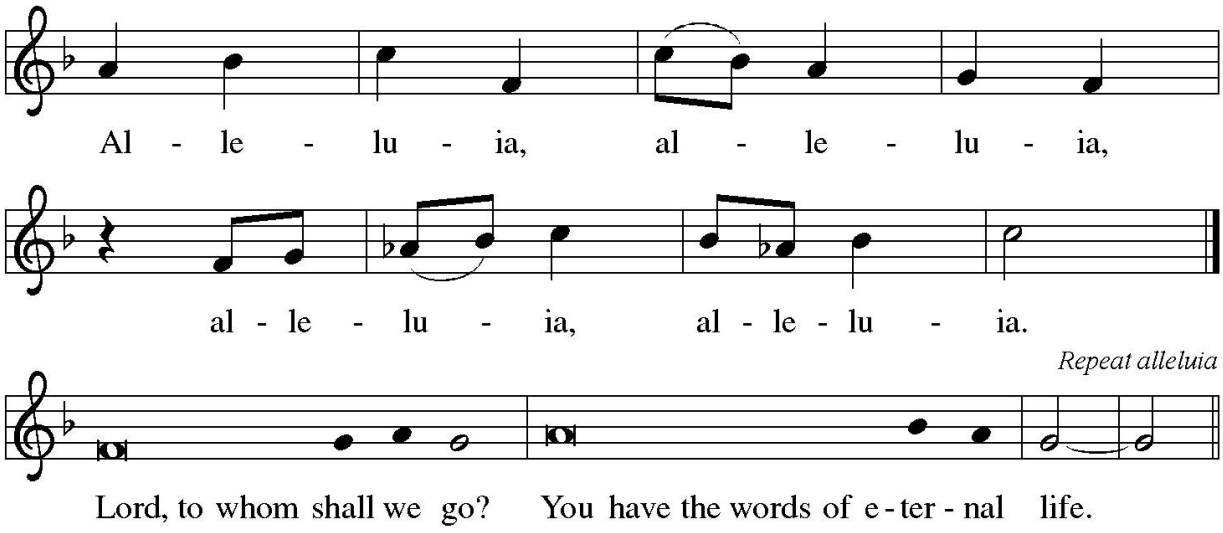
[5] The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a | law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it | to their children;
[6] **that the generations to come might know, and the children | yet unborn;**
**that they in their turn might tell it | to their children;**
[7] so that they might put their | trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep | God's commandments. **R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)**




**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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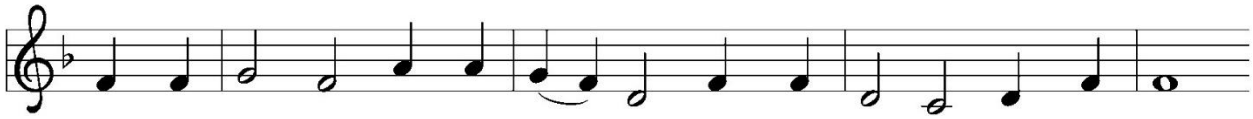
**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)**
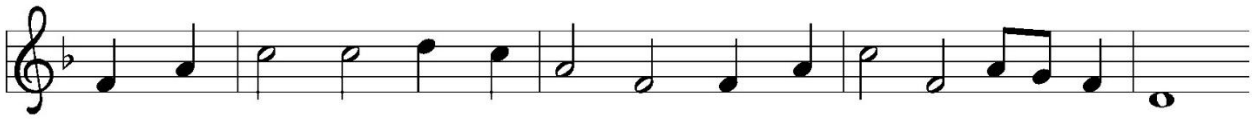
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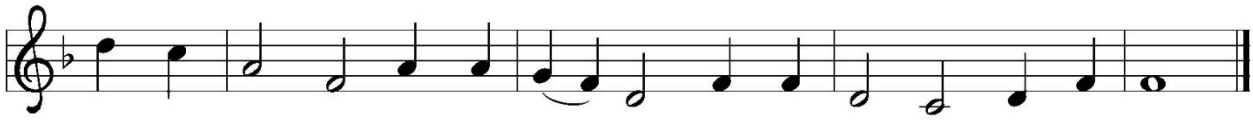


1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

**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 illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. We pray Peace Lutheran in Abbotsford and interim Pastor Dean Andersen; Emmaus Lutheran in Burnaby and Pastor Timo Saarinen; the Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College; and for our partners in the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop John Stephens. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

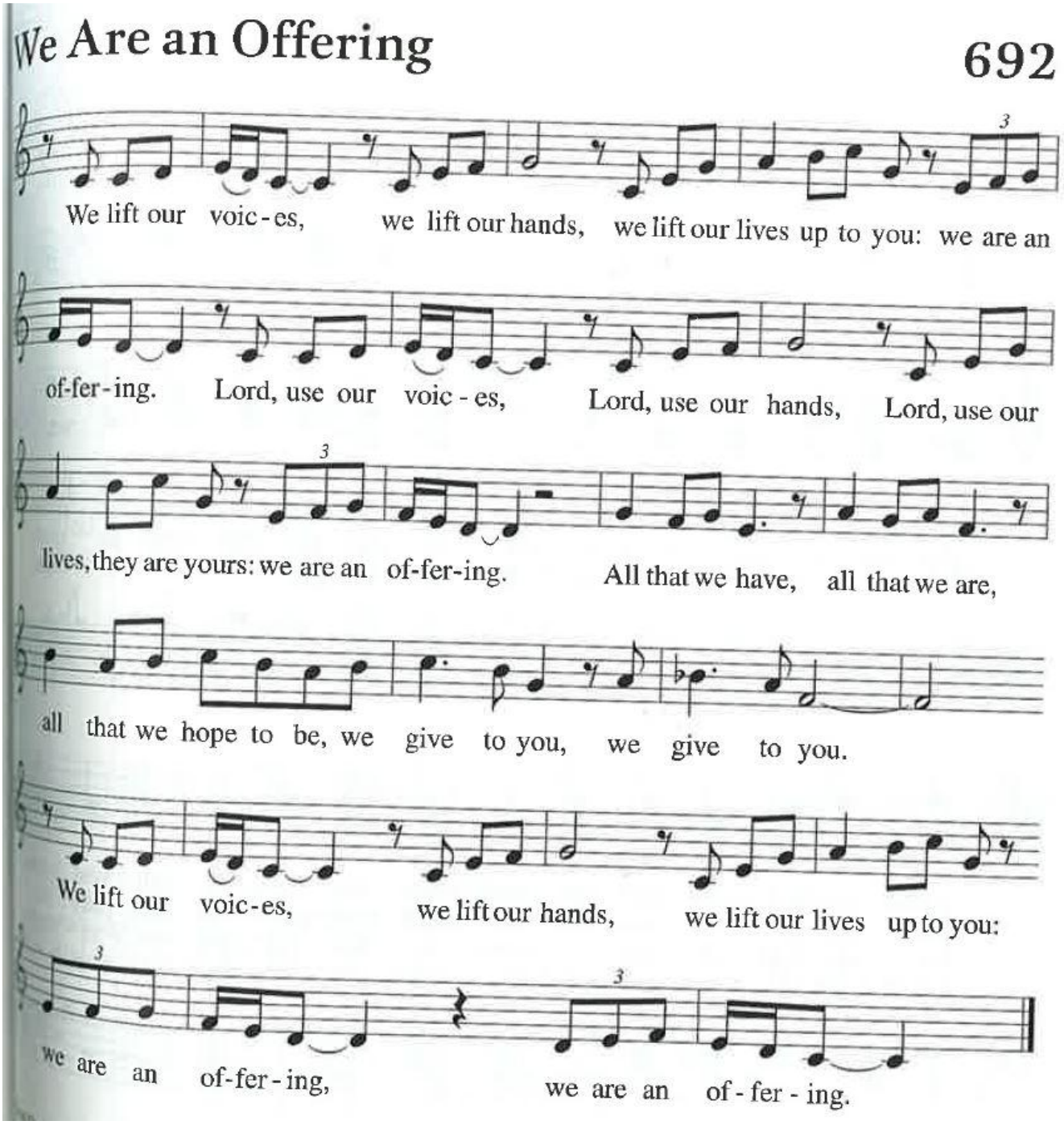
You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life.
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 *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)**



**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 Saviour and Lord.
**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

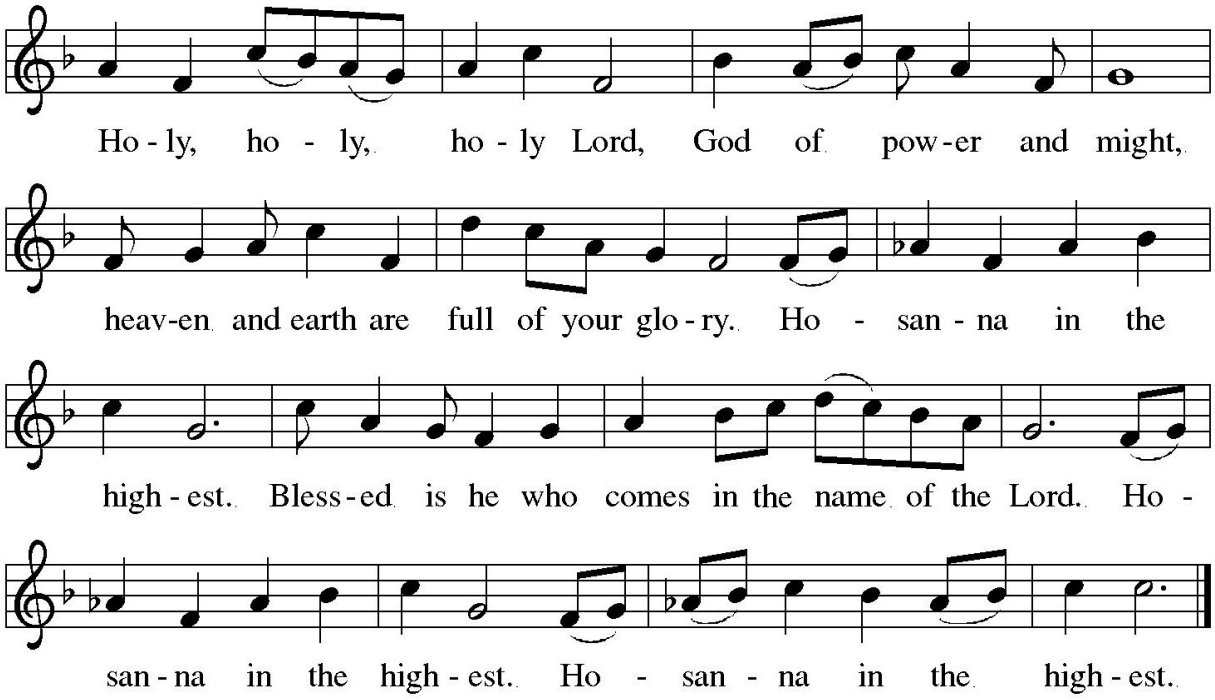
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**PREFACE (ELW p. 130)**
God of time and eternity, you set out the glory of your heavens
and show us reflections of that glory
in the tiniest details of the atoms of life.
When we find a thousand ways
to pervert and turn away from your grace,
you transform our rejection into your providence.

You dwelt among your people
in the cloud and pillar of fire, in the tabernacle and temple;
and finally you dwelt among us in your Son Jesus.
In his death you defeat death,
and in his resurrection you offer us life with you forever,
where we shall dwell with you,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)**




**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

God of deliverance, in the cross of Jesus
we see what it costs you to dwell among us,
and in this broken bread and poured wine
we see your costly love among us today.
Send down your Holy Spirit,
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,
and these gifts of bread and wine 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.**

God of everlasting fidelity,
you have promised us that in marriage
we may glimpse the relationship of your Son and your church.
Renew the love and ministry of those who are married
that they may witness to your bond with us,
until the day comes when the new Jerusalem descends
as a bride prepared for her husband
and all creation meets its fulfillment
in the marriage of heaven and earth,
where every tear is dried and all the oppressed are vindicated,
all prisons are opened, and the fear of death is no more,
and we see you face to face and dwell in your presence,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

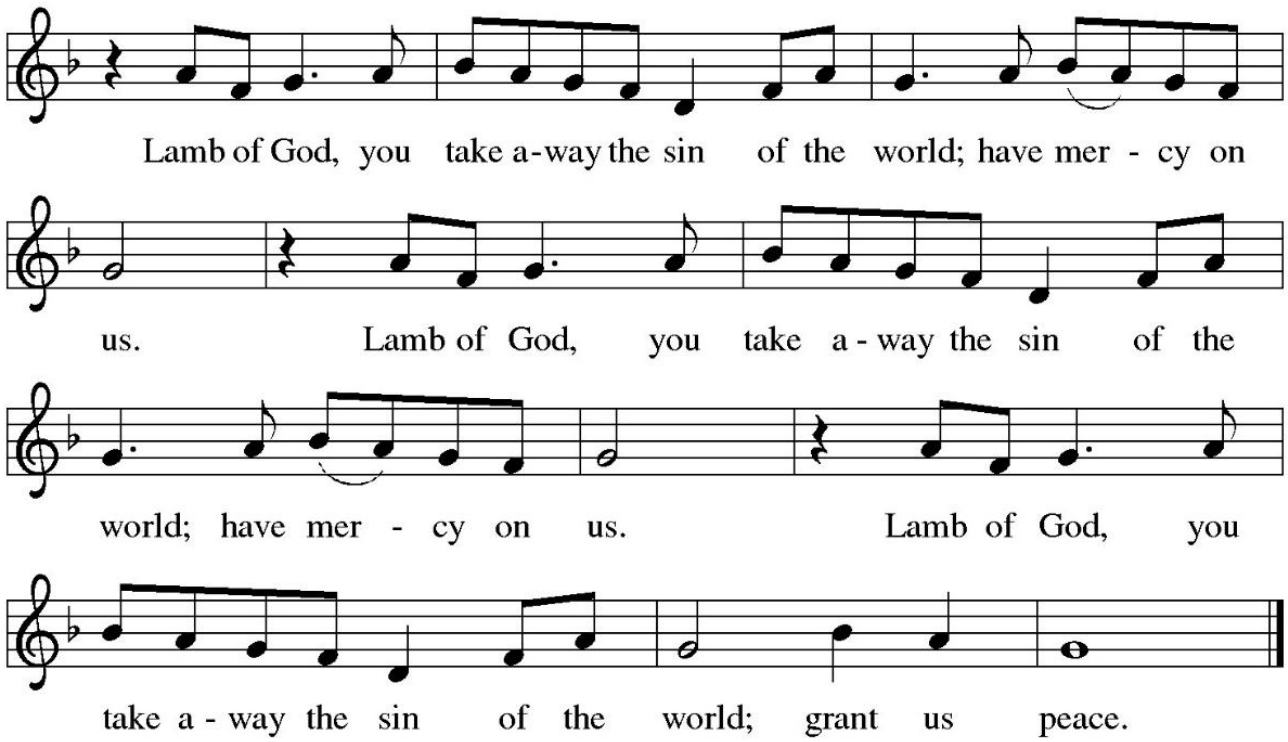
**LORD'S PRAYER**
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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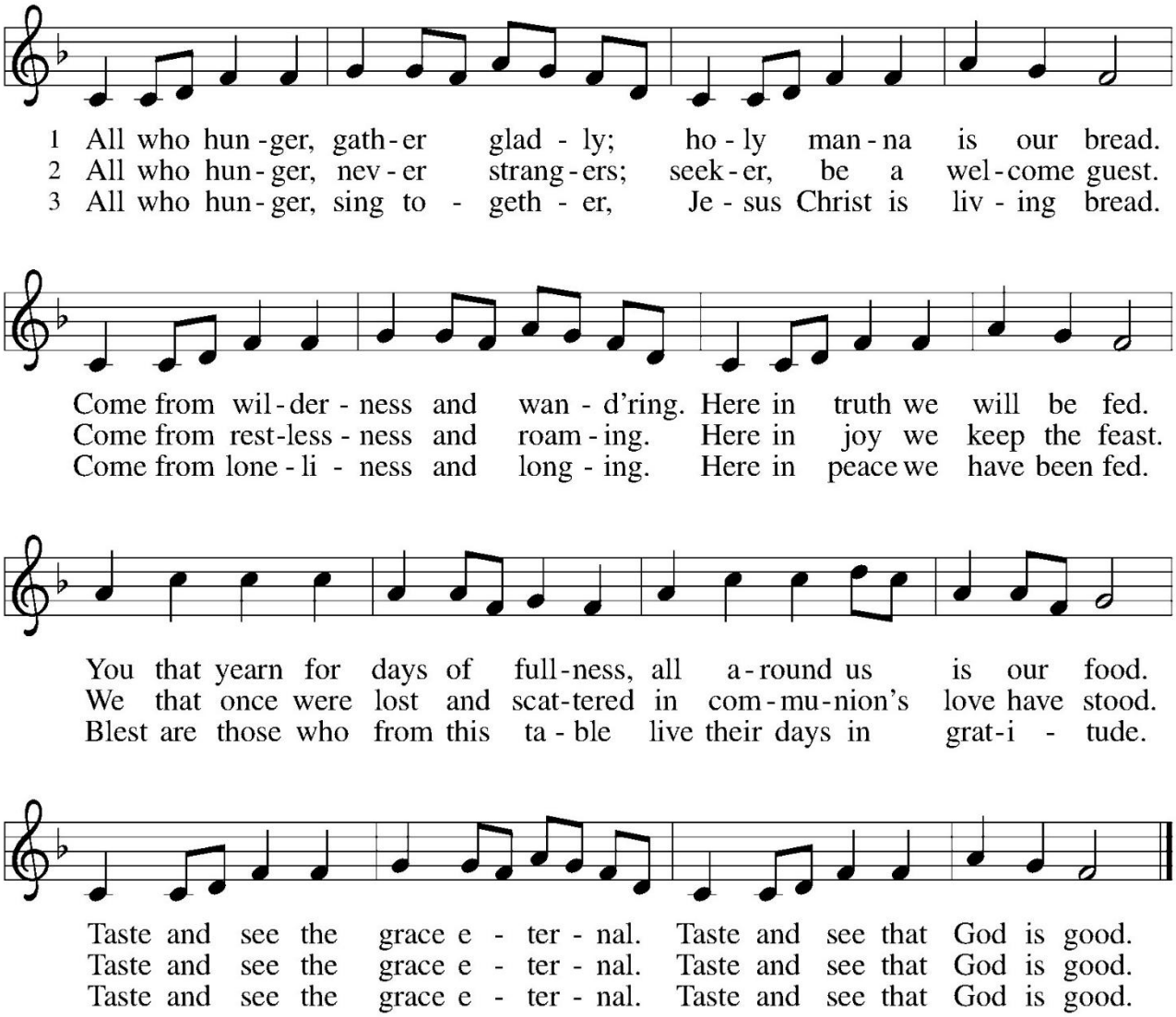
**COMMUNION**
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)**
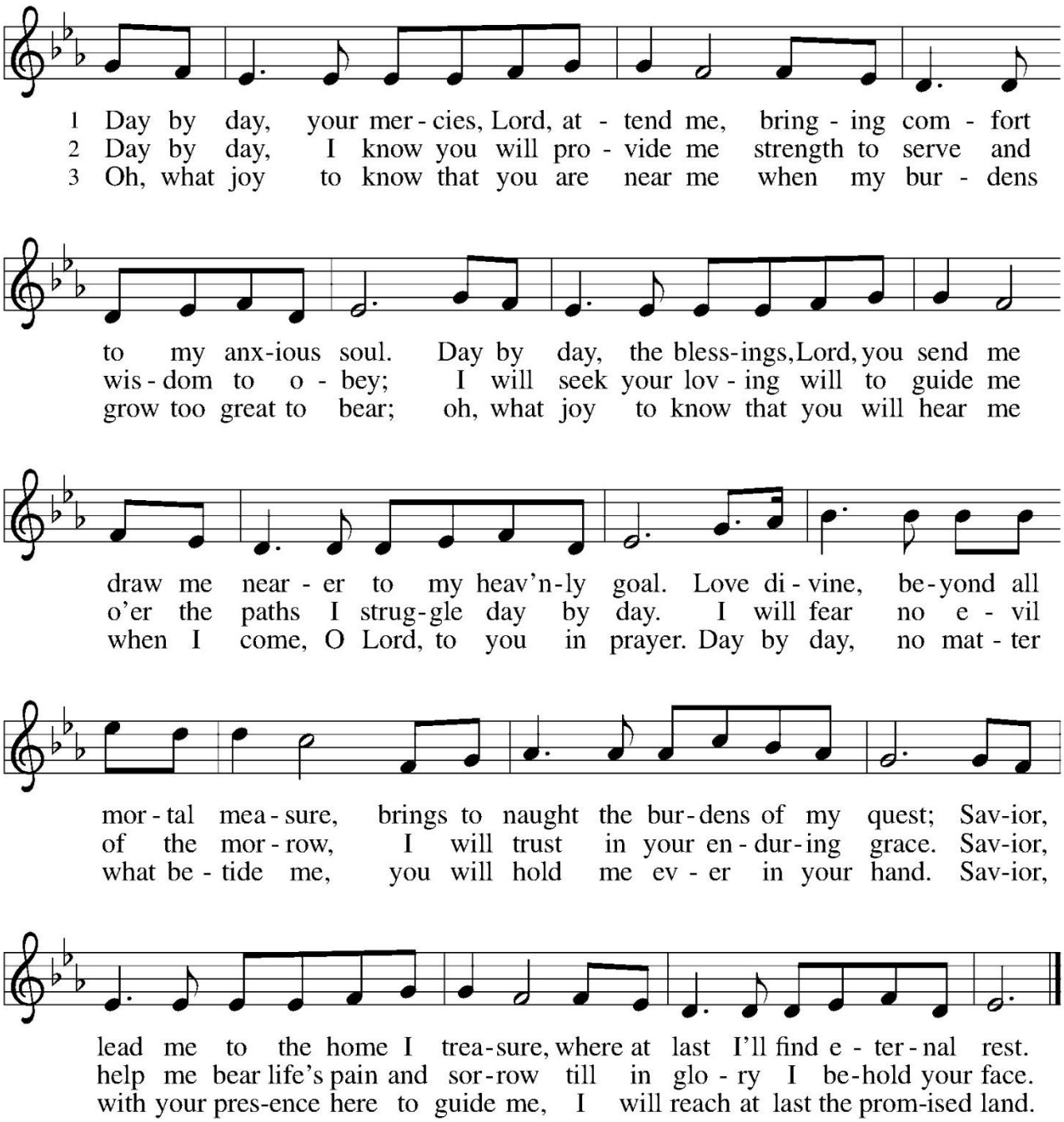



**COMMUNION HYMN *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (ELW 461)**

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly




**COMMUNION HYMN *Day by Day* (ELW 790)**

# Day by Day


1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens
to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter
mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,
lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.
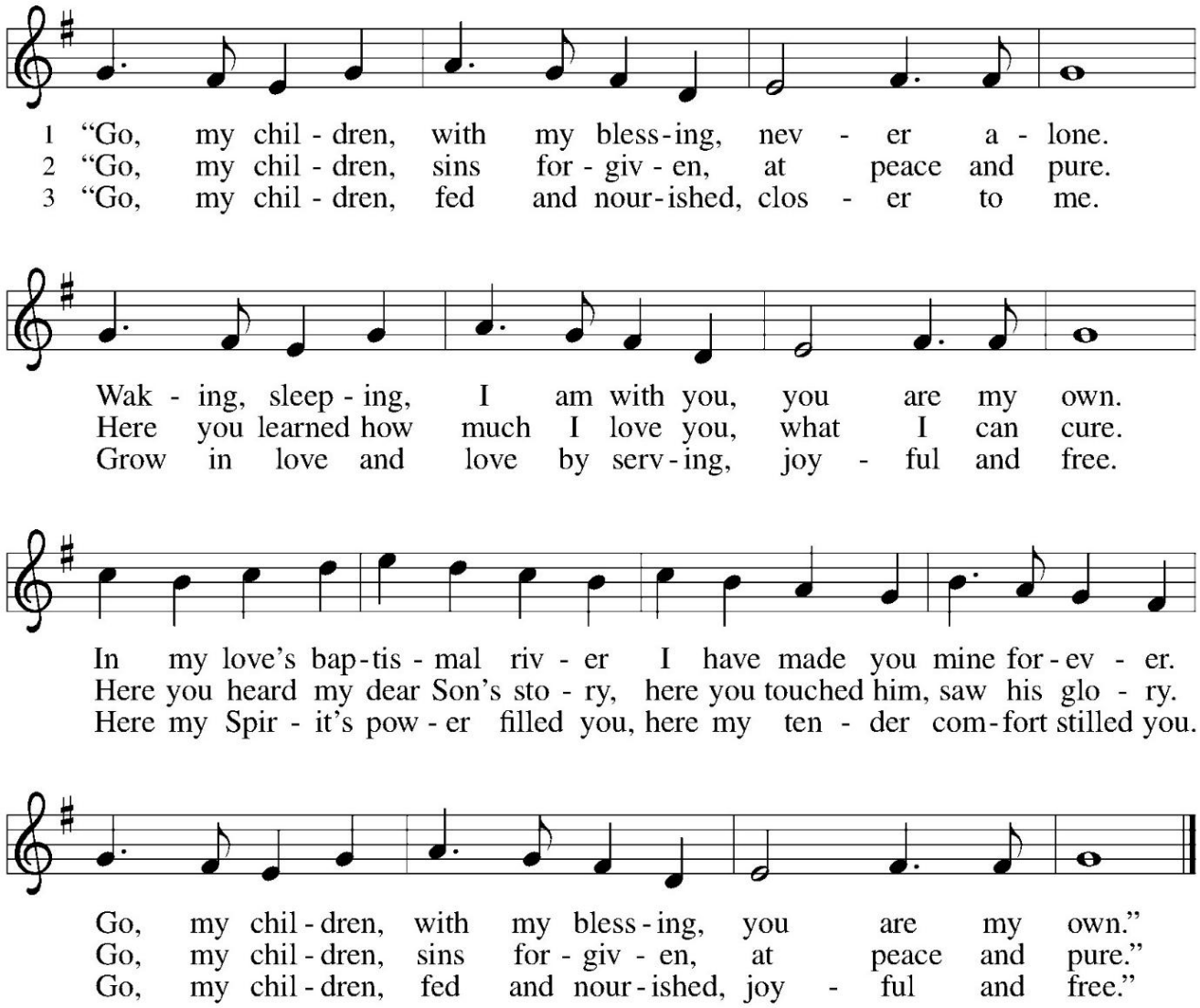
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
**Amen.**

**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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)**

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing




**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**Thanks be to God.**

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