Advent/Christmas 2026 **ELW Setting 1**

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.
(pause)
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!
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Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

GATHERING HYMN

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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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



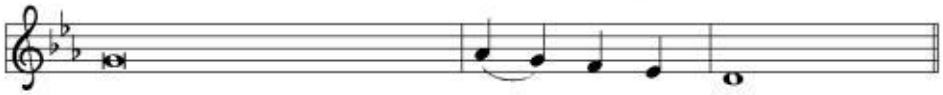
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



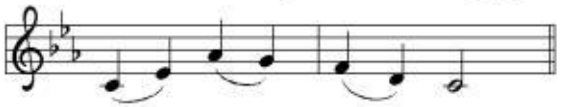
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



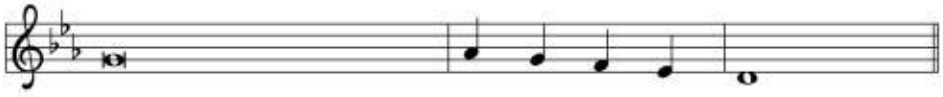
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



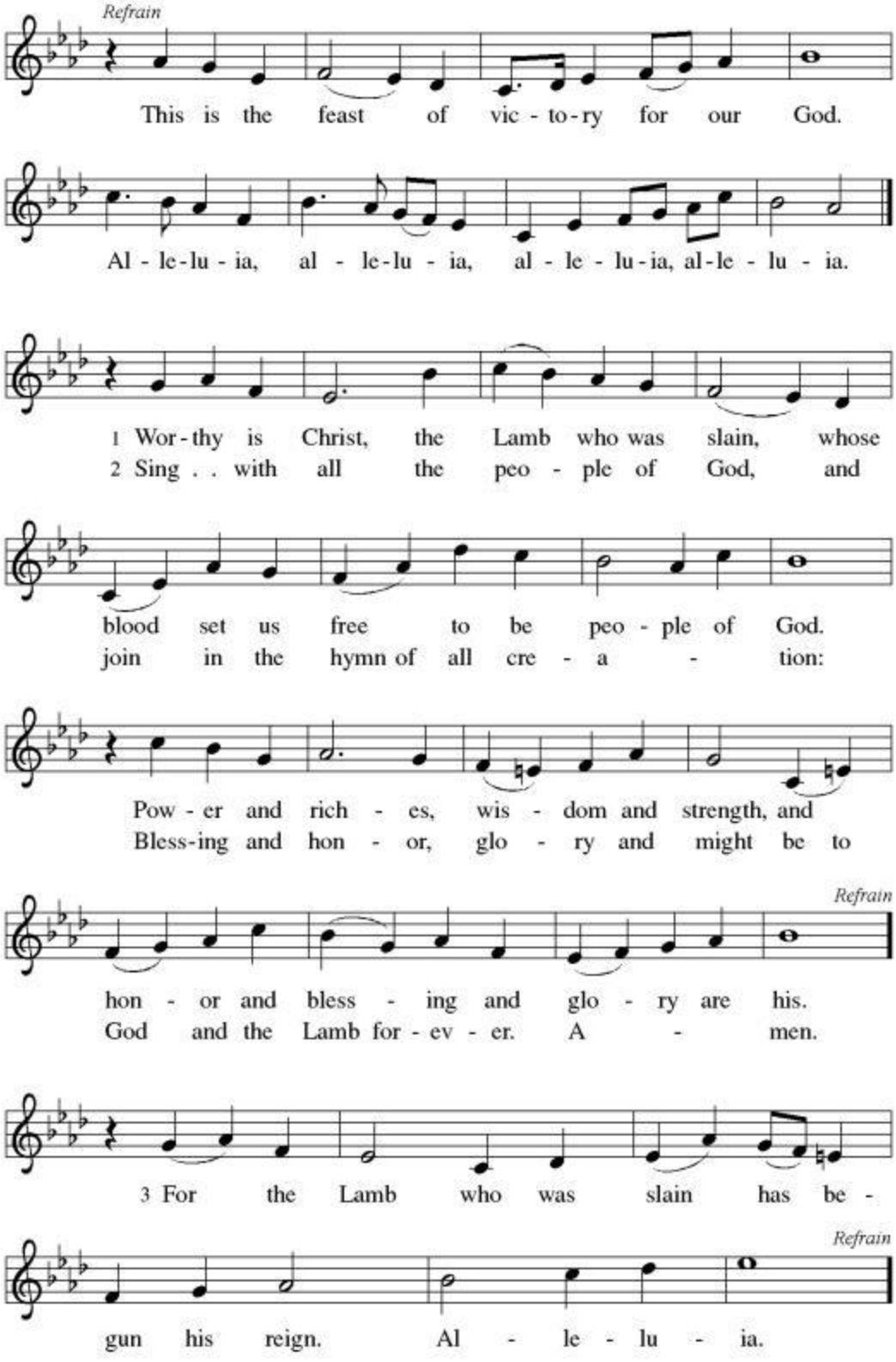
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

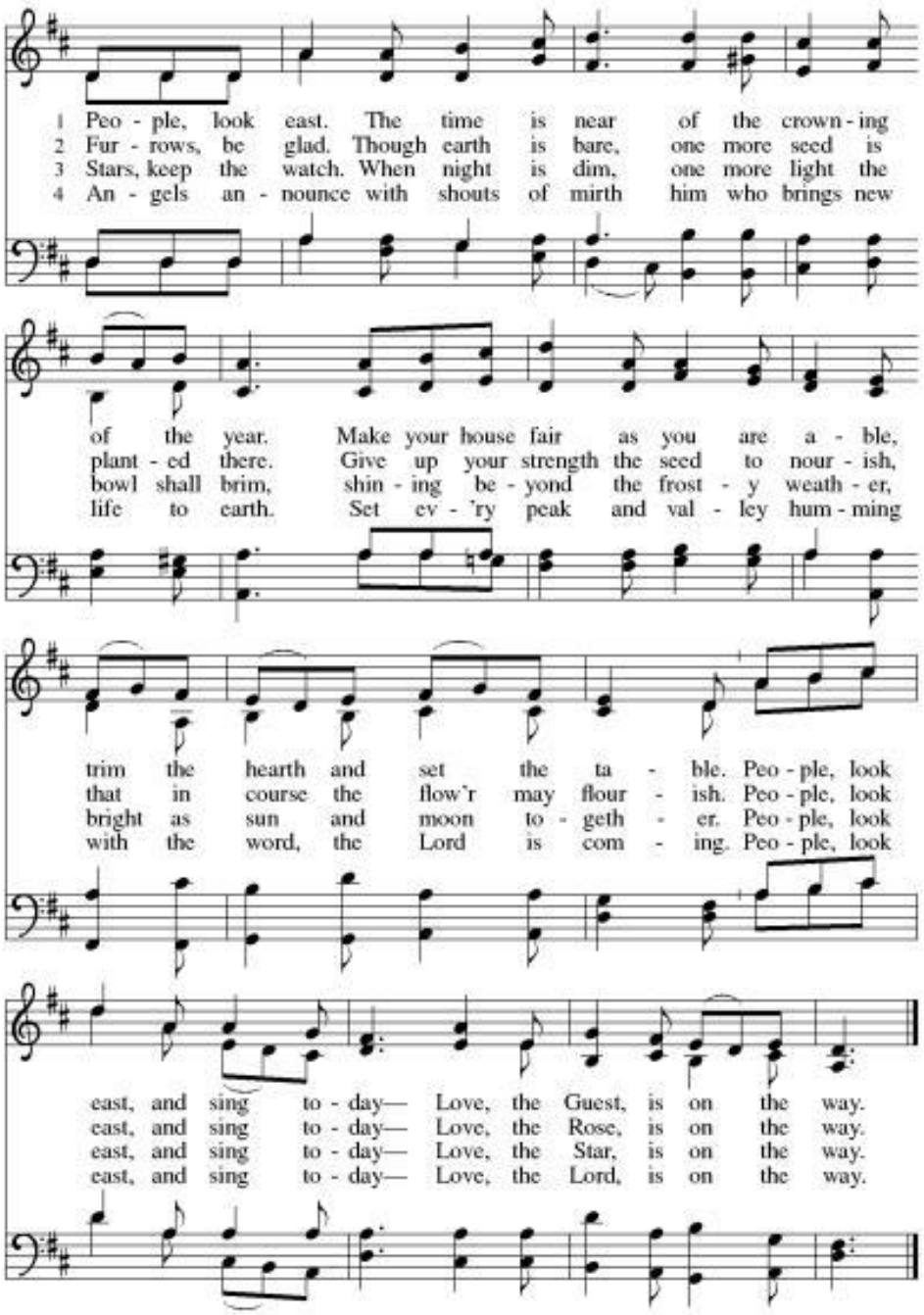


A - men, a - men.


Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

People, Look East



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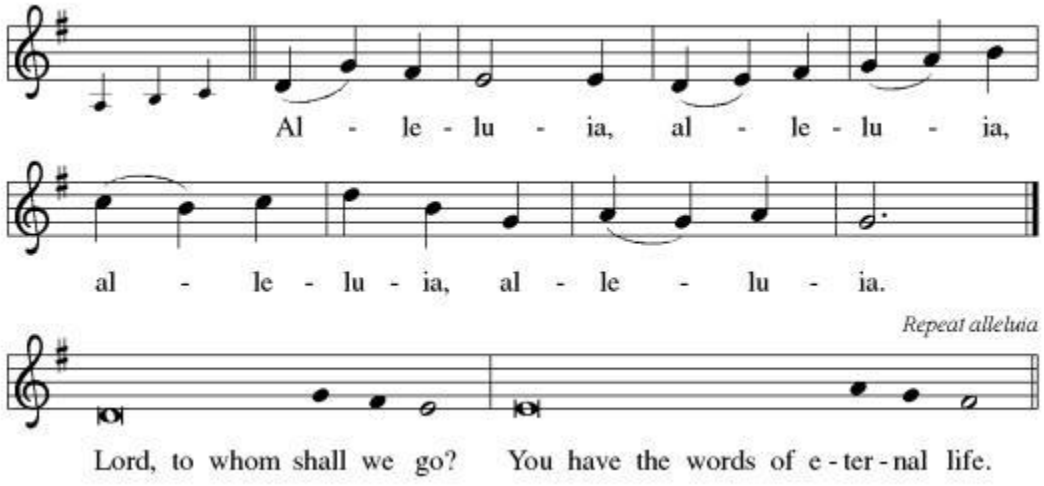
CHILDREN'S TIME

1ST READING

PSALM (READ RESPONSIVELY)

2ND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(the Gospel is read)

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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,

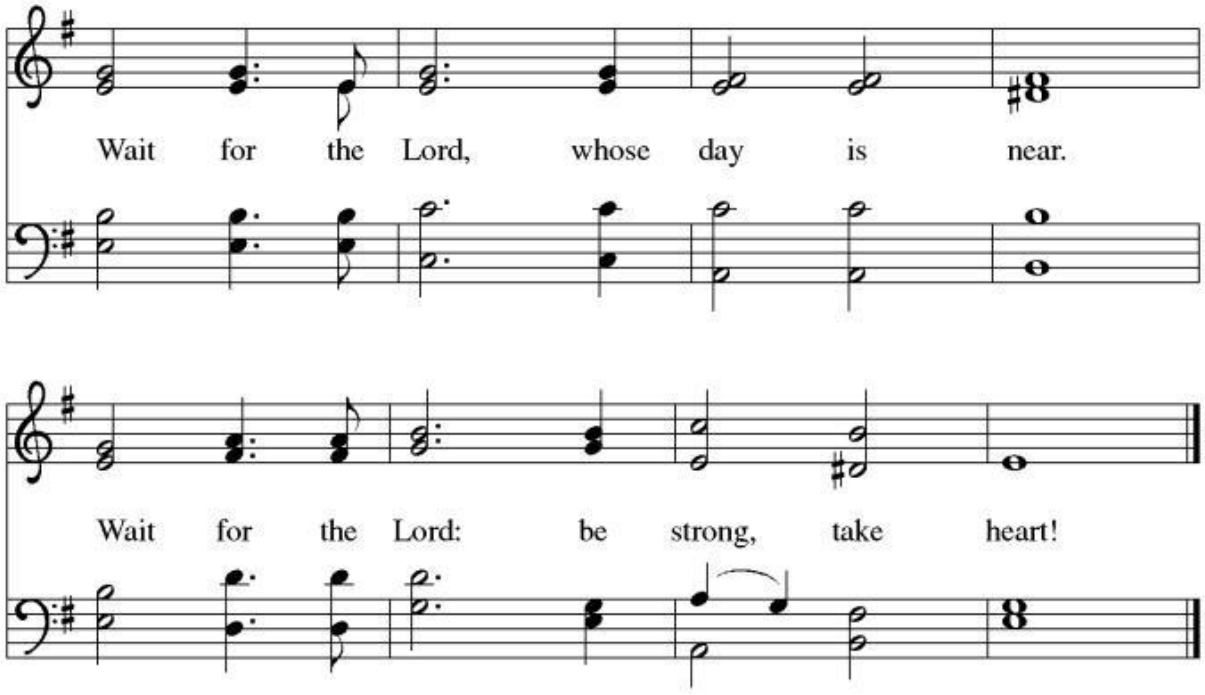
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and 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

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

OFFERING SONG: WAIT FOR THE LORD- ELW 262

Wait for the Lord



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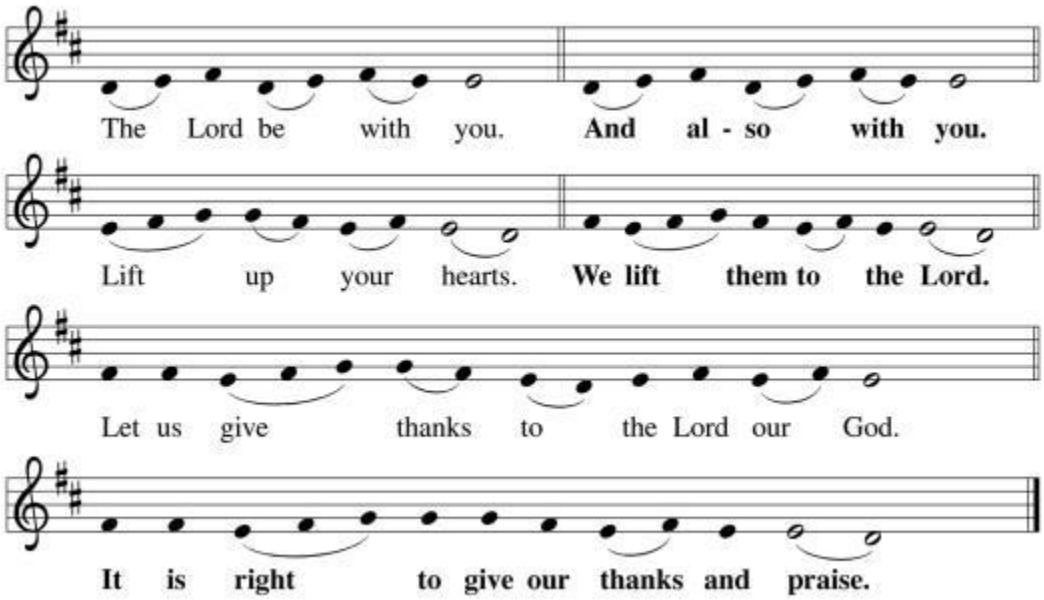
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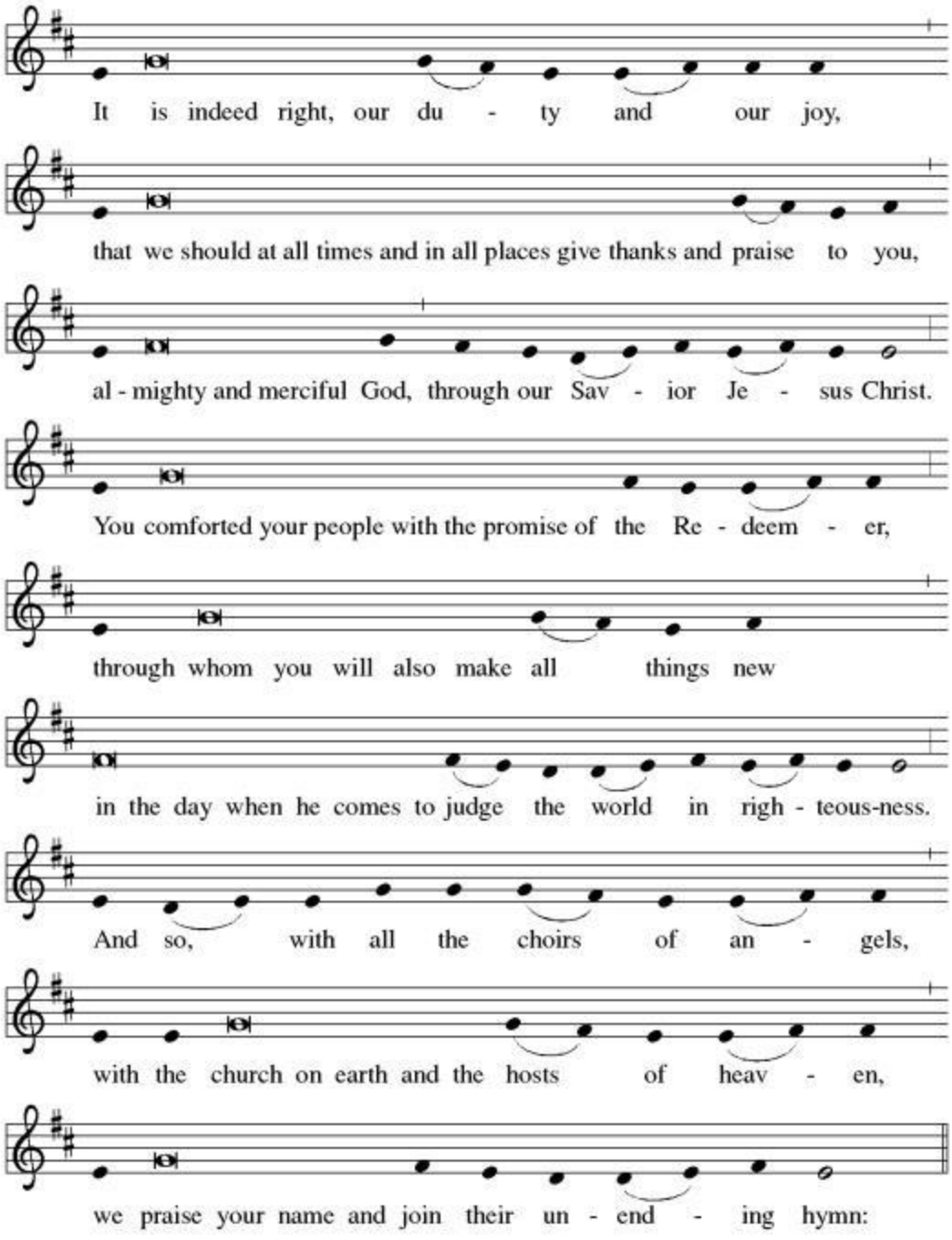
OFFERING PRAYER:

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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

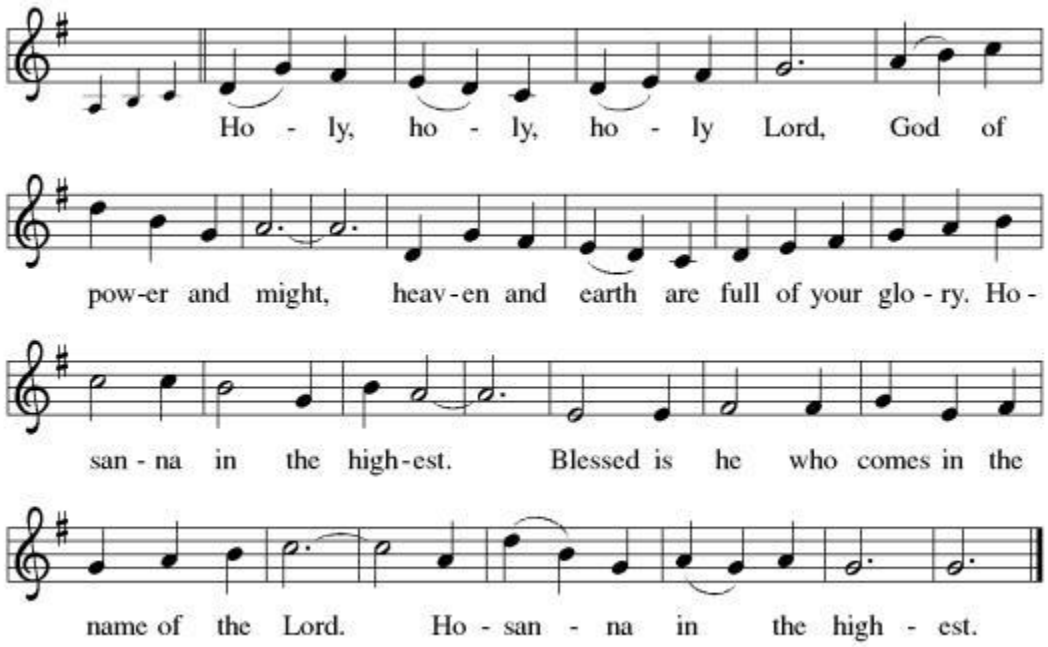


PREFACE



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HOLY HOLY HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We praise you, living and loving God,
that you have sent your Son to this world.
Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation,
our Lawgiver, burning with justice,
the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots,
the Key of David, opening our prison doors.
And let the people cry, O come and save us:
O come and save us.

We praise you, serving and saving God,
that you send your Son also to this table,
who on the night before he died 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.
And let the people cry, O come and save us:
O come and save us.

We beg you, mighty and merciful God:
send us the Spirit of your Son.
Dwell in this food and in all who share it,
that the earth may rejoice in your presence.
In Christ, the Dawning Day, enlighten a darkened world,
reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples,
and live among us, Emmanuel,
our deepest desire now and forever.
And let the people cry, O come and save us:
O come and save us.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus, with your Father and your Spirit, to the church,
and receive our praises, now and forever. Amen:
Amen.

And let the people pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blest be God, who is our Bread;
may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

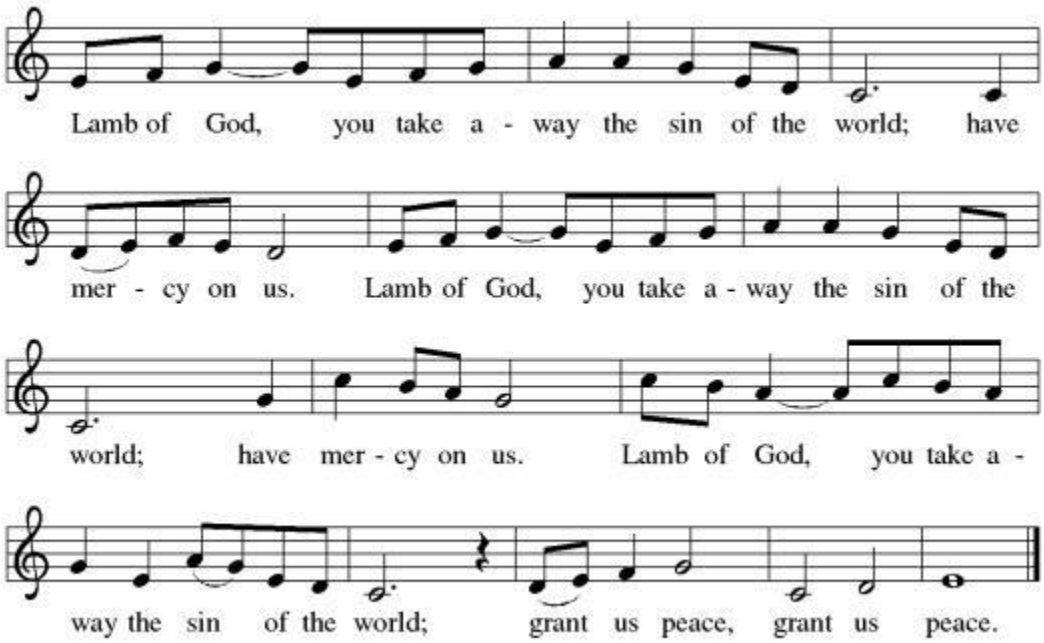
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

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

The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and taste God's presence.

LAMB OF GOD



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God our provider,

God our feast,

God our companion,

☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

Thanks be to God.