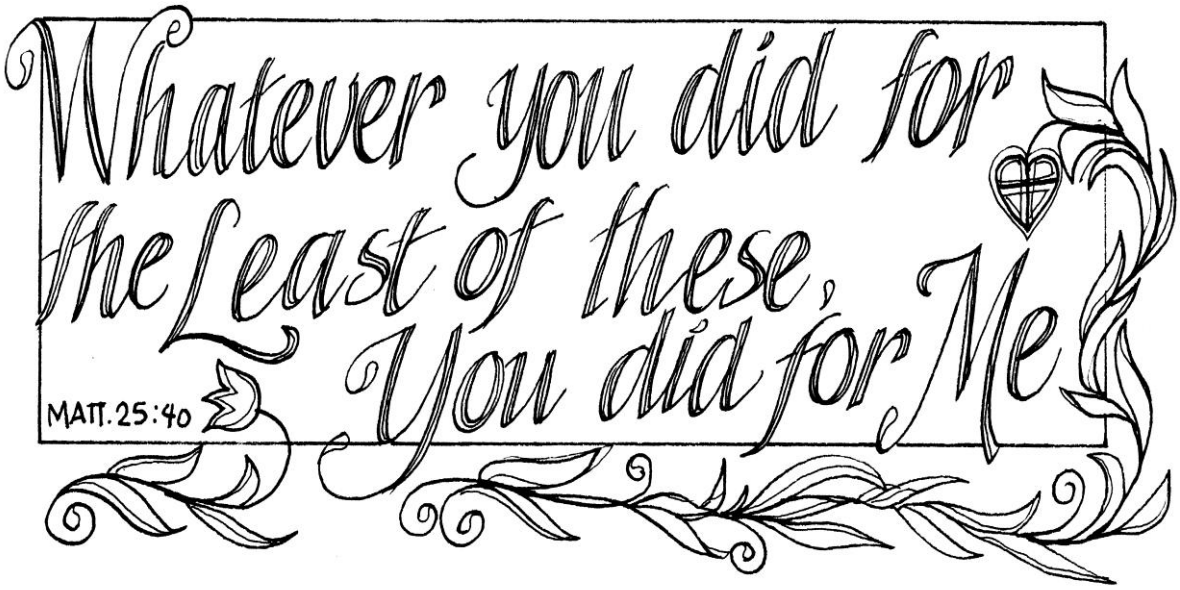
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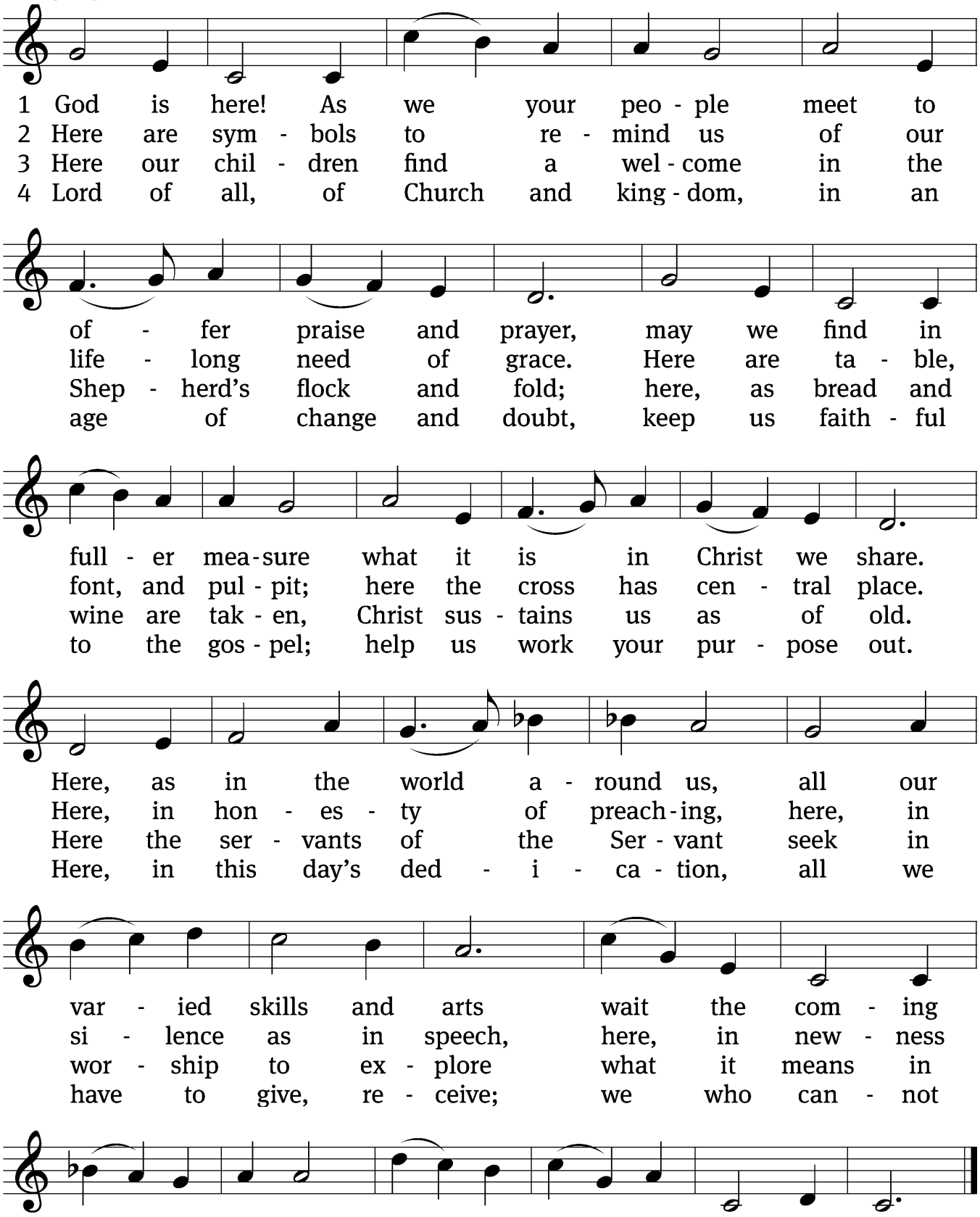


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Opening Hymn #858 *(Choir will sing stanza 1)* *"God Is Here! As We Your People"*



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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession *CW 188*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ┼ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

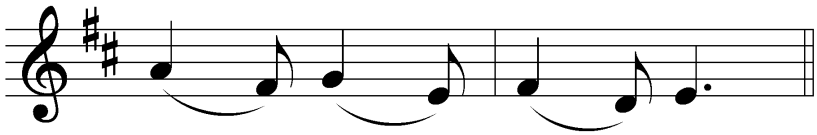
M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.
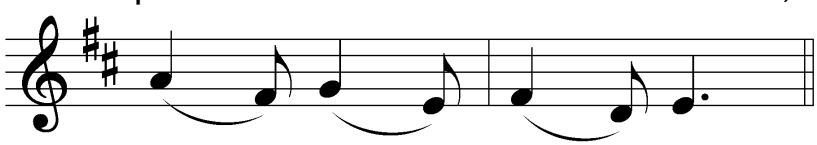
M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *CW 190*
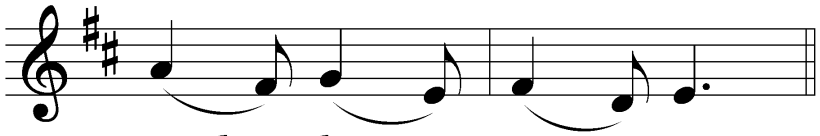
M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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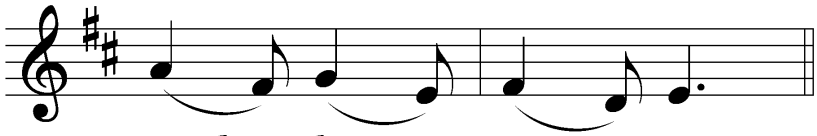


M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



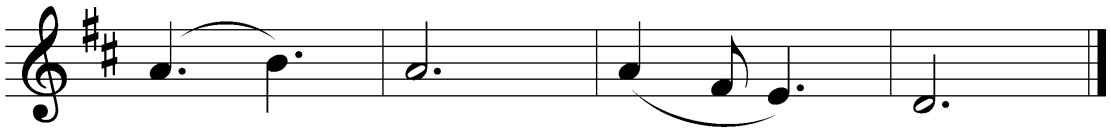
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

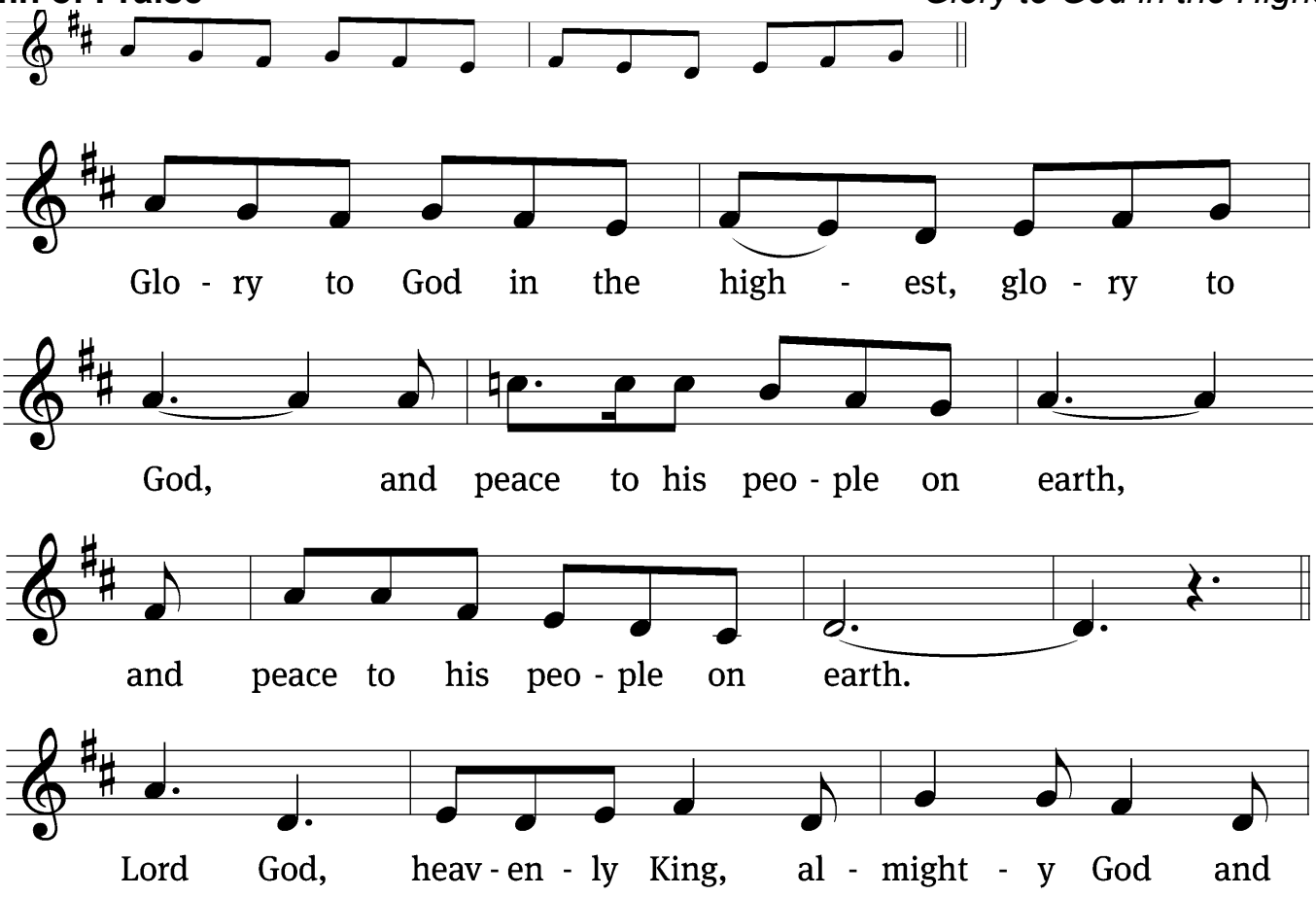
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
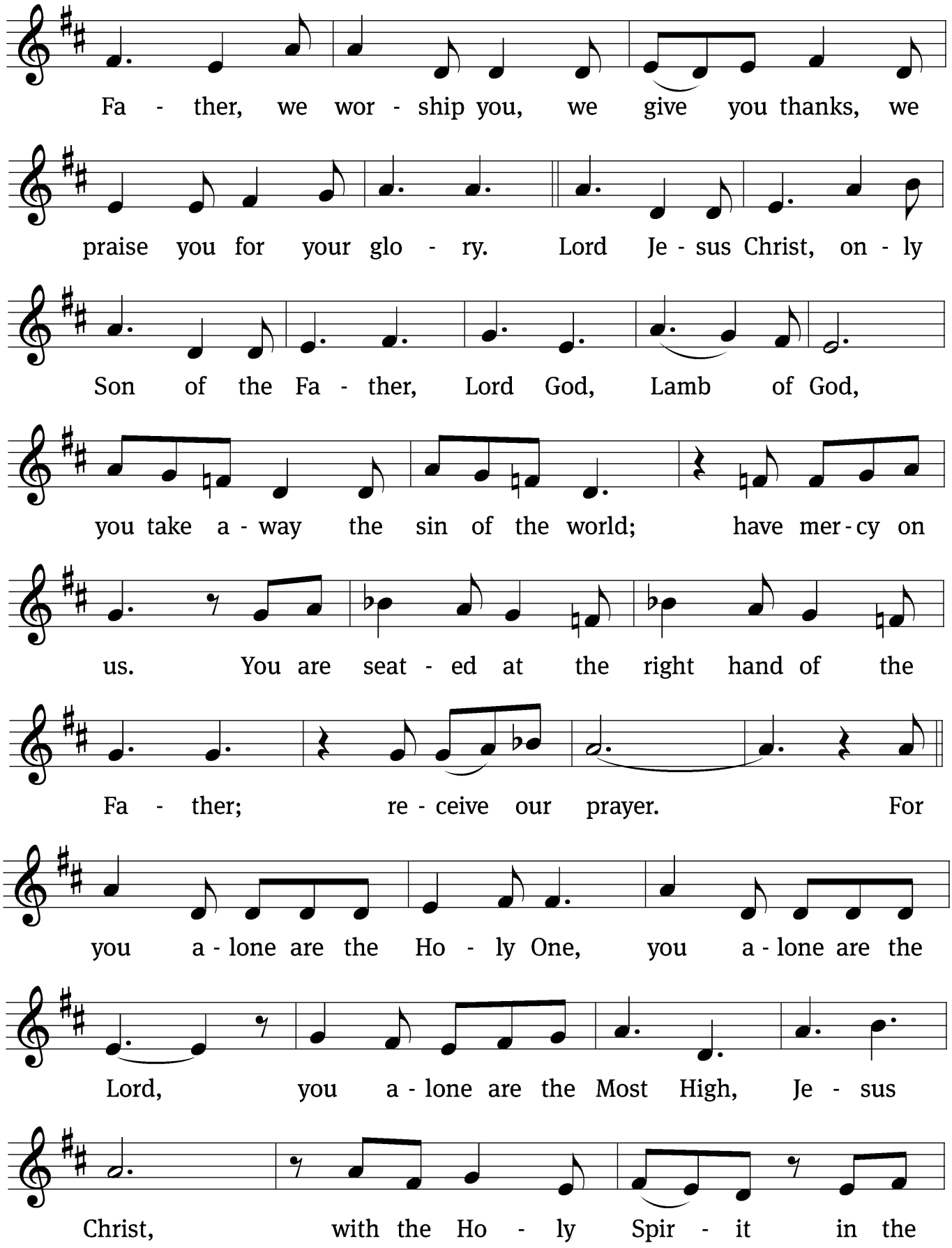


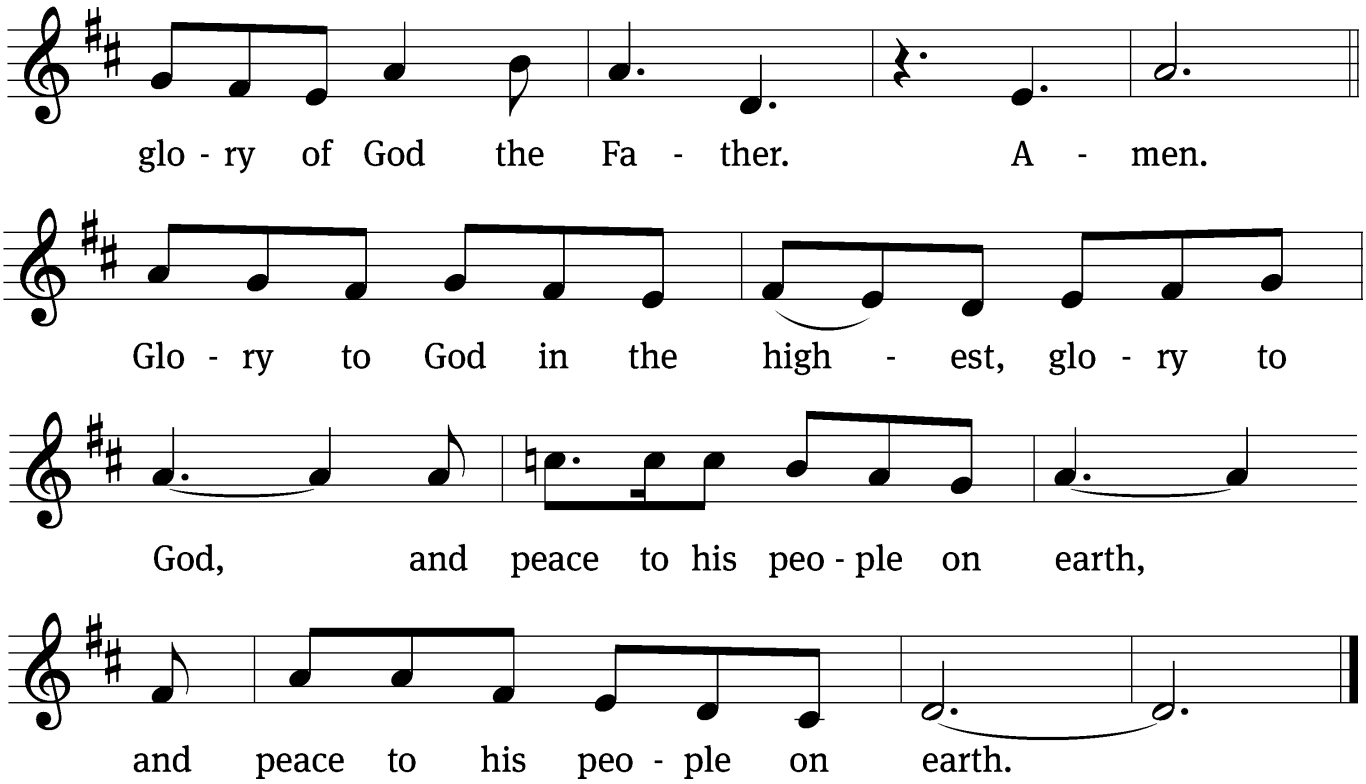
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Hymn of Praise *"Glory to God in the Highest"*




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*

9 "As I looked,

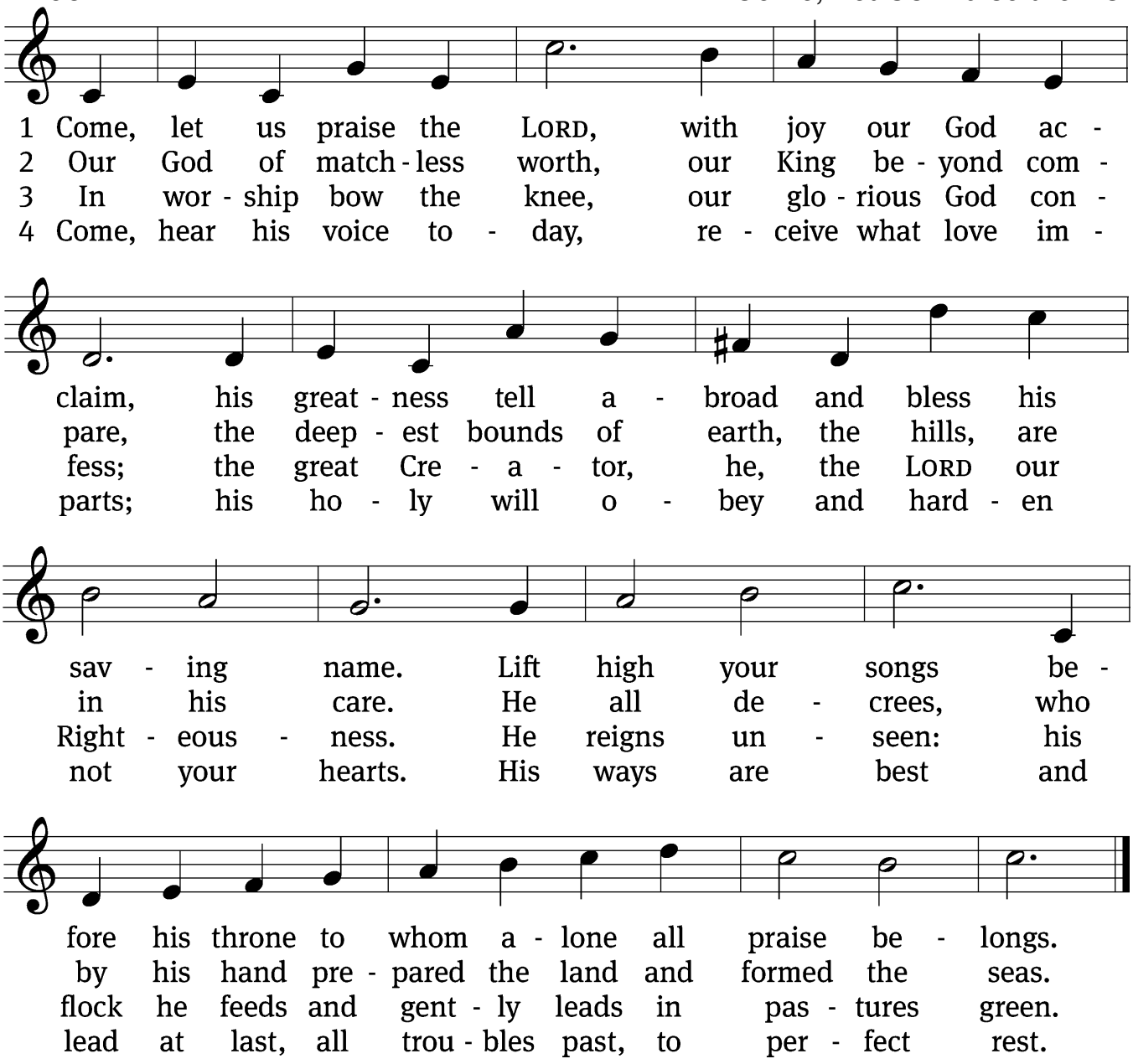
"thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
10 A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,
coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into
his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and
peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that
will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95C *"Come, Let Us Praise the LORD"*



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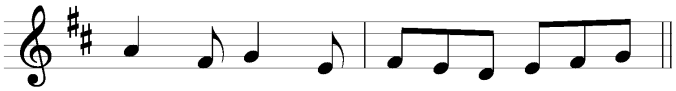
Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

[13]Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. [14]For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. [15]According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NIV)
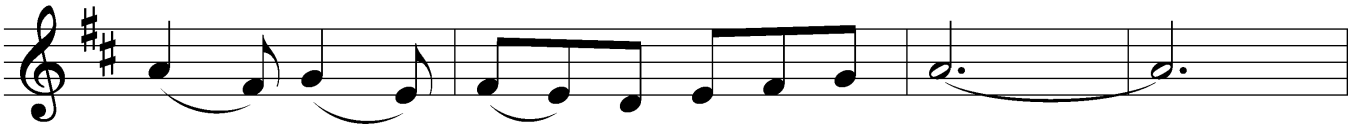
M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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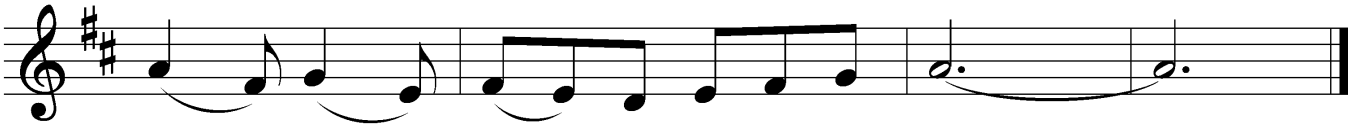
Gospel Acclamation *Revelation 22:13*



Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.
C: *Refrain*

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Holy Gospel *St. Matthew 25:31-46*
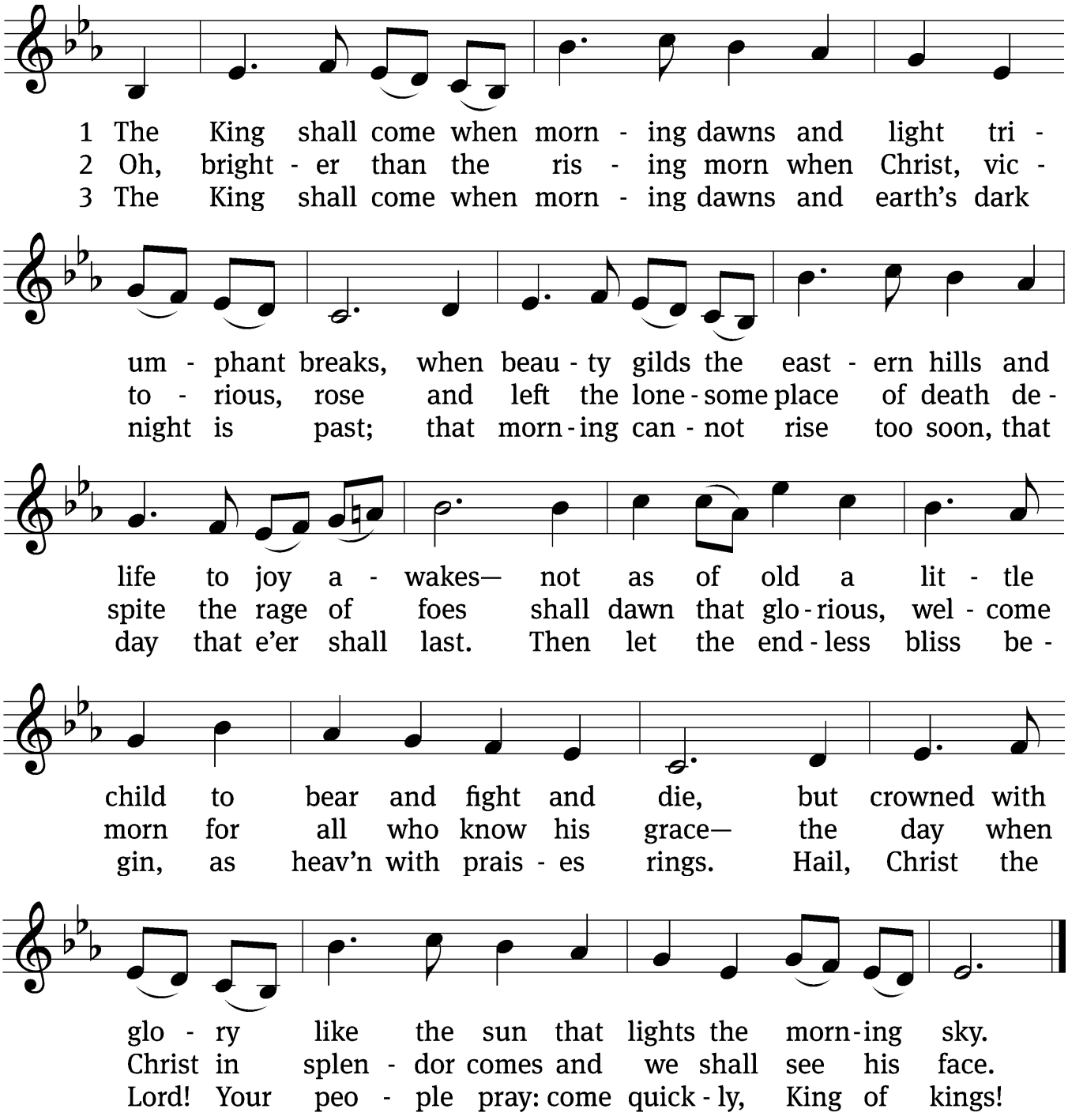
31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit
on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my
Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of
the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed
clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and
you came to visit me.’
37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a
stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see
you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’
40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’
41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you
gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a
stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I
was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’
44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’
45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of
these, you did not do for me.’
46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

(NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn #495 *"The King Shall Come"*



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Sermon Text *St. Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon *"What Did I Do?"*

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord, you are a great God, the great King above all gods. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: As the end of all things draws near, fill our hearts with hope that we will be with you forever. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: While you give the world time, let your Word of grace spread, that many more may hear your call from darkness to light, and in the end, receive the inheritance you have prepared since the creation of the world. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: You do much work through the hands of your servants on earth. Give love, guidance and strength to doctors, nurses, chaplains, pastors, and all who care for the sick in body and spirit. Bless those who were elected this week, as you use them to protect and guide us. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: We give thanks for those veterans who served our country and risked life and limb for the defense of its people. Thank you for protecting them while they served the nation and for maintaining the blessings of freedom and safety we still enjoy through their service. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: Use us to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, comfort to the sick. Have mercy on those who suffer, [*especially…*], for you are the Rock of our salvation. We are the people of your pasture.

C: We are the flock under your care.

M: Faithful and gracious God, help us use all our gifts to serve, comfort and help our neighbors. Strengthen us so that we may be good and faithful servants, and finally enter the kingdom prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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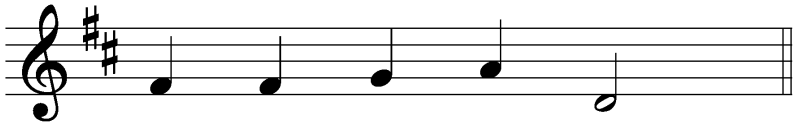
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Preface *CW 199*

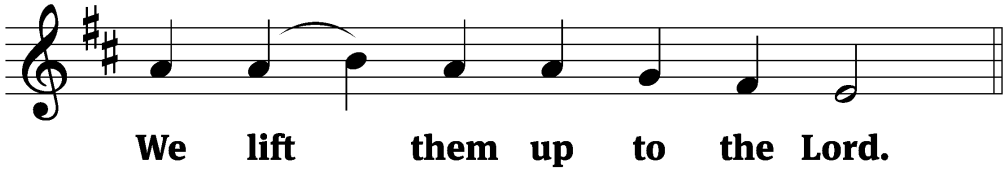
M: The Lord be with you.

C:



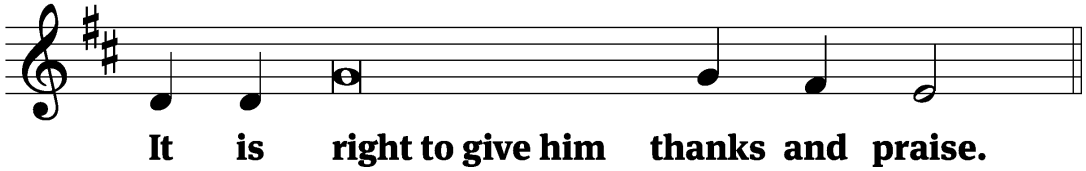
M: Lift up your hearts.

C:
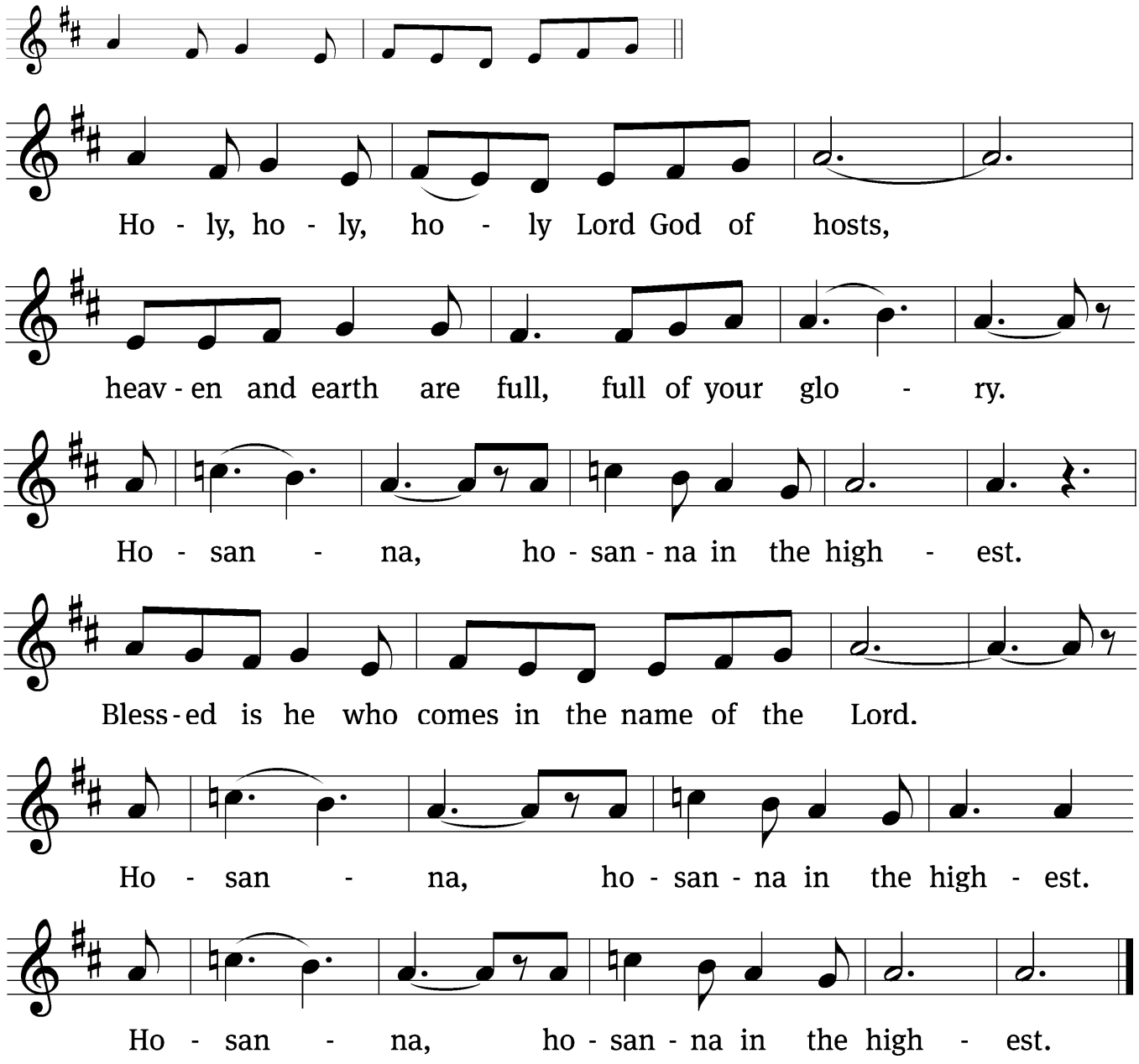


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C:



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *CW 200*



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
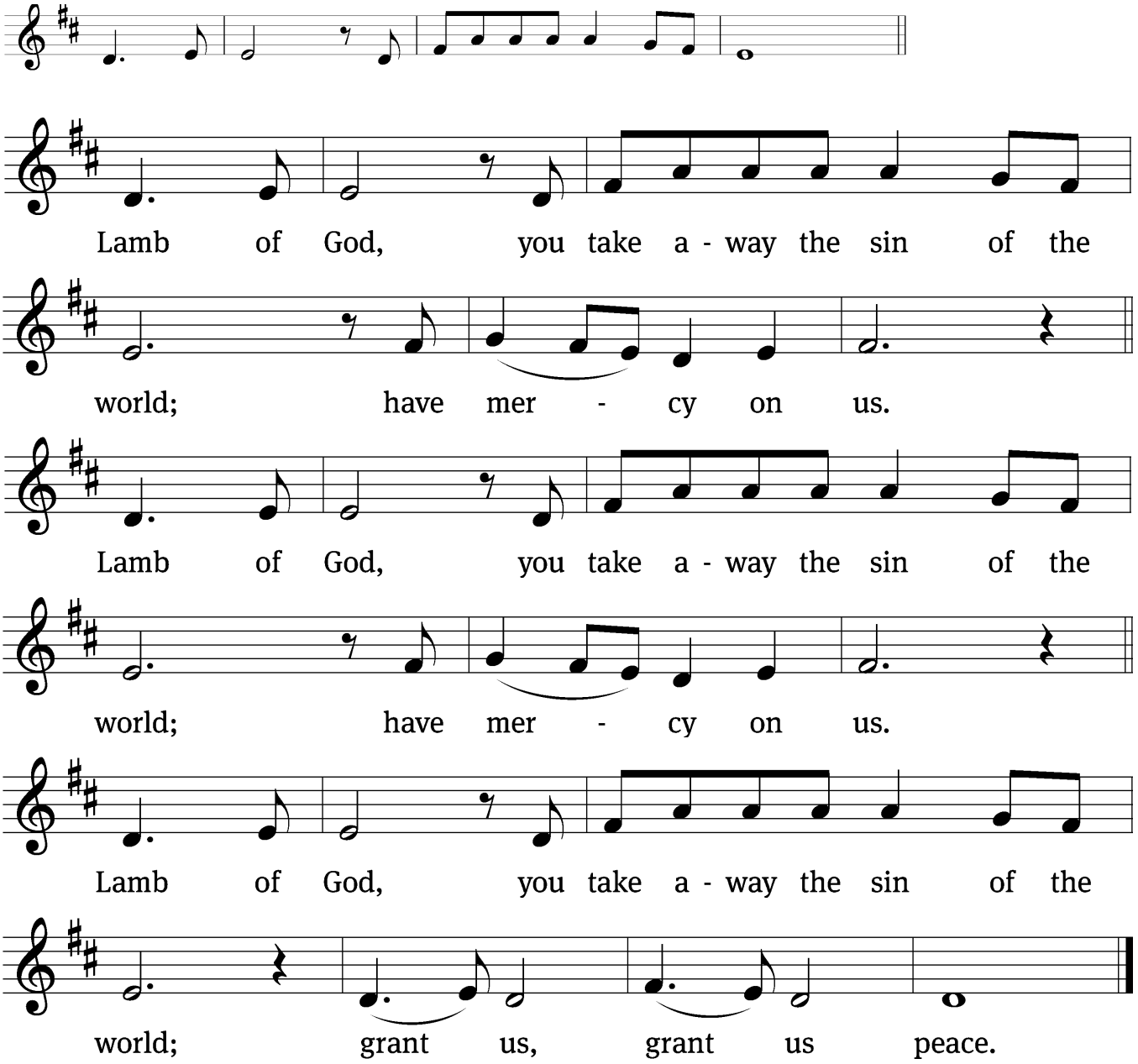
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ┼ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ┼ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *CW 202*



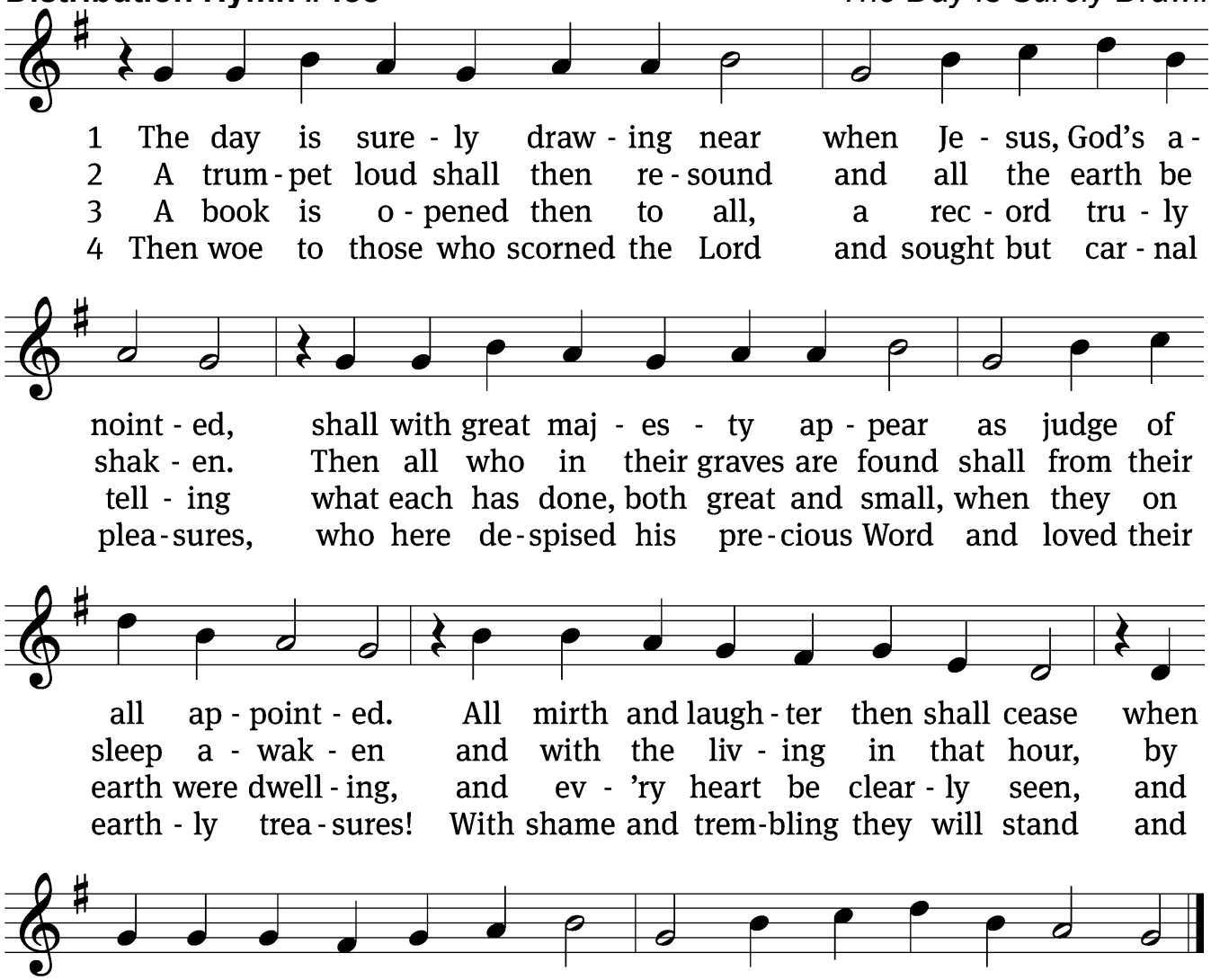
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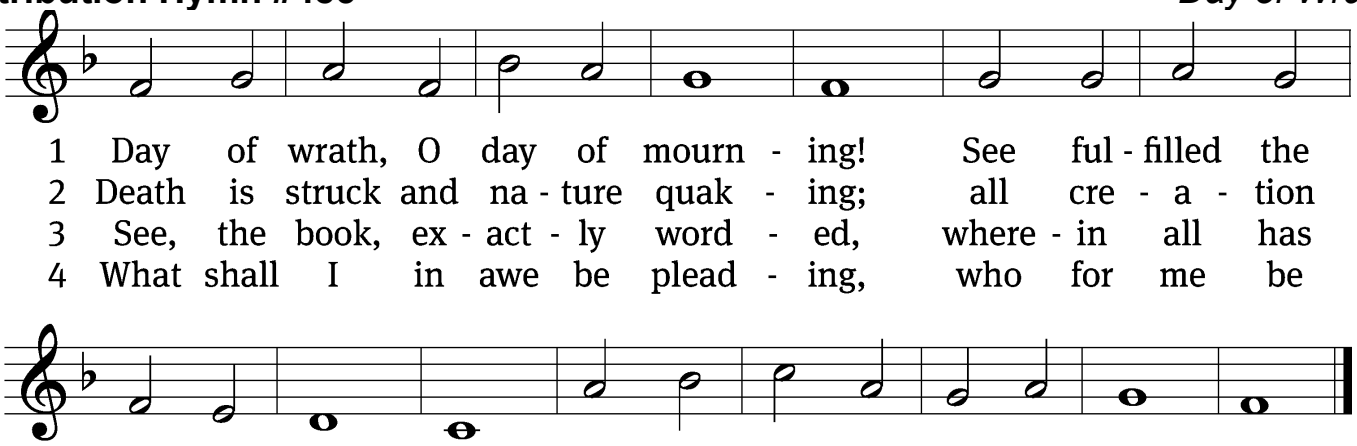


5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
and for my sin was smitten;
within the Book of Life I know
my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
and Satan cannot threaten me;
there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
but hasten our salvation;
we often tremble on our way
in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
come soon, Redeemer, make us free
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

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Distribution Hymn #485 *"Day of Wrath"*



5 King of majesty tremendous,
who such grace have freely sent us,
fount of pity, then befriend us.

6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
caused your wondrous incarnation,
made you suffer my damnation!

7 On the cross your dying spared me;
just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
C: Amen.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
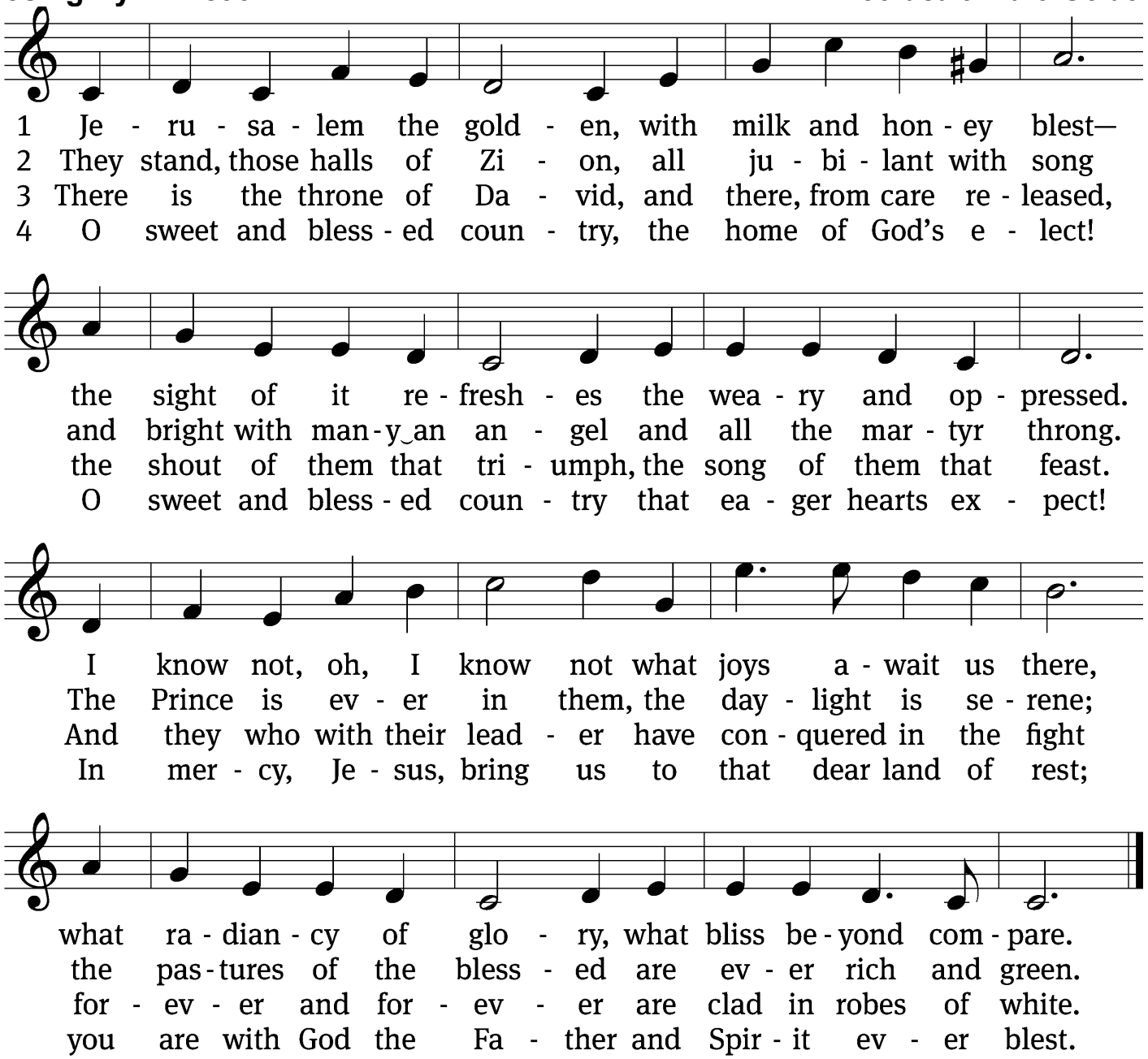
M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #890 *"Jerusalem the Golden"*



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The Board of Property Enhancement will be giving an update regarding several major projects going on at Immanuel after the service to the congregation.

Women are invited to Trinity in Jenera!
Trinity's Women's Ministry is hosting a Sampler Supper and Bible study in their church basement on Sunday, November 8 at 5:00. Ladies will have the chance to sample various drinks, appetizers, salads, and desserts throughout the evening. You can take home recipes from the ones you like! Our Bible study will look at “Finding Strength in Desperate Times” by studying Deborah from the book of Judges. Please email Jenny Boehm at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or text/call (262) 391-7994 if you would like to join us

Christmas For Kids
Volunteers are needed for Christmas for Kids. Saturday December 5 from 1-4 PM. Volunteers should plan to be here from 12:30 – 4:30. There is also a sign up sheet to bring baked Christmas cookies, frosting, etc. Please sign up to help.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Please join us for a service of thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM

Bible Classes
Our Wednesday Bible class will begin a study of the Gospel of Mark this week. Our Thursday Zoom Bible class is studying God’s Word. Join us as we apply God's Word to our lives!

Bible Study

Sunday	Adult Bible Study	People in David’s Life	9:20 AM
Wednesday	Adult Bible Class	Gospel of Mark	10 AM
Thursday	Zoom Bible Study	God’s Word	7 PM

Calendar

Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
Friday	Japanese Bible Cooking Class, 11:00 AM
Saturday	
Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

November

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
11/8		
8:00	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30	Helen R.	Jim & Jamie T.
11/15		
8:00	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30	Volunteer	Becky F.
11/22		
8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Jan S.	Pam W.
11/29		
8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Tim P.	Diane L.

November Ushers
8:00 Don L., Nate W.
10:30 Sam P., Denny P.

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.
Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.
There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.
There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.
Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.
Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.
When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.
Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.