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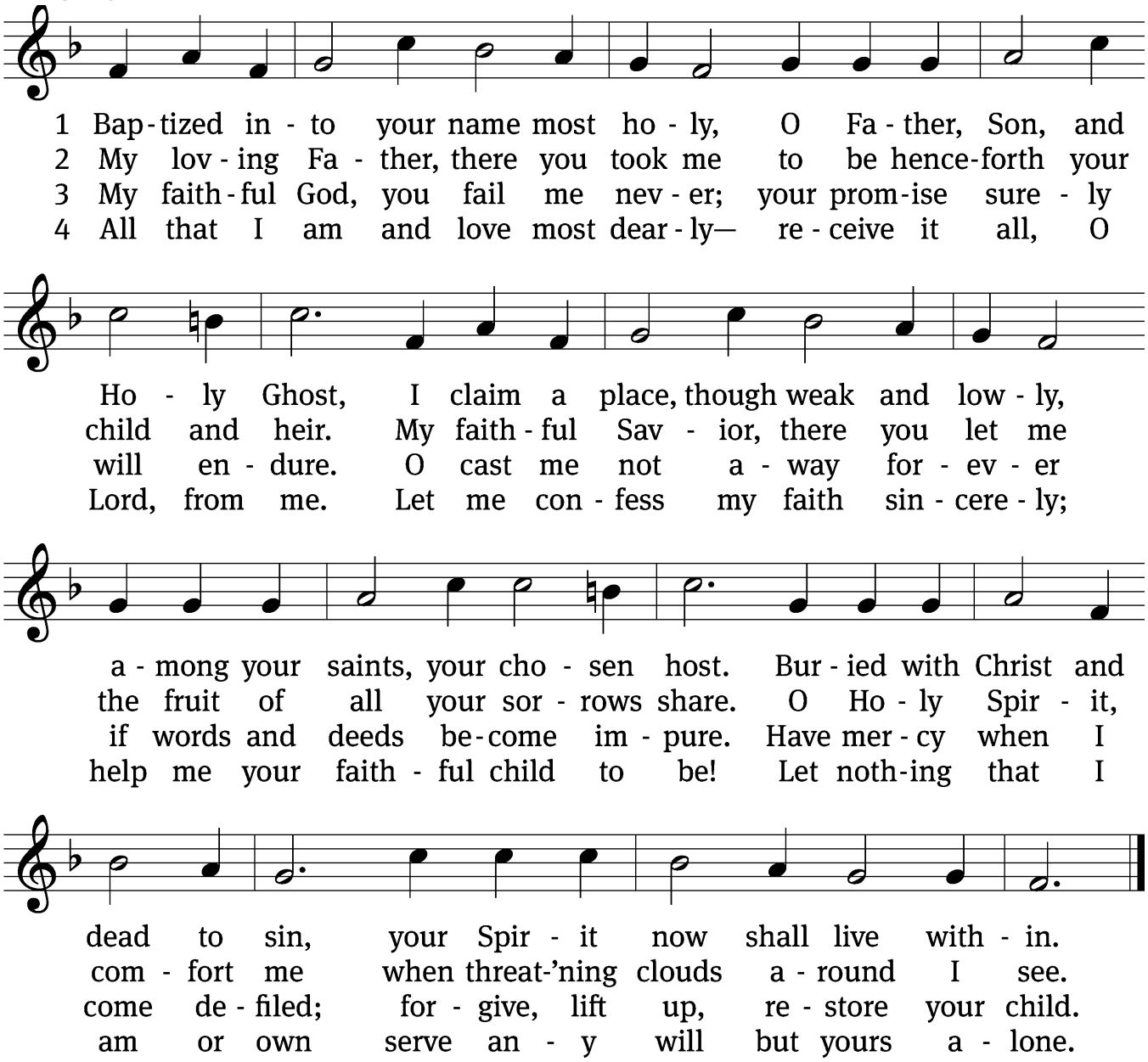


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Opening Hymn #680 *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"*



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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:
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: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.
C: Amen.

Be seated.

Sacrament of Baptism *(late service)*
M: Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?
Response: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—planned and carried out your salvation?
Response: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?
Response: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?
Response: Yes, I do.

M: Do you desire to be baptized into the Christian faith?
Response: Yes, I do.

M: Amelia Renae Elaine Harman, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
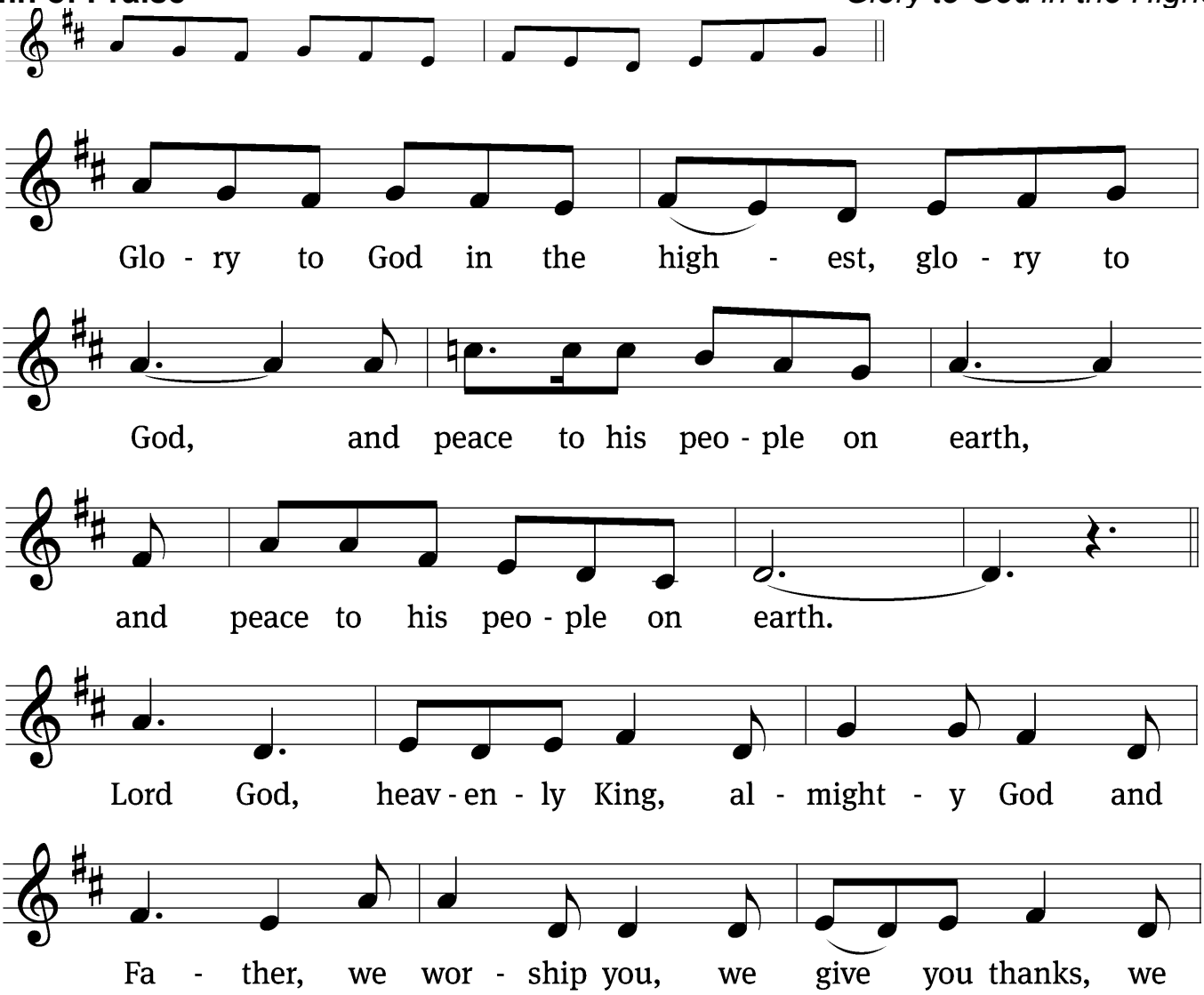
Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ┼ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
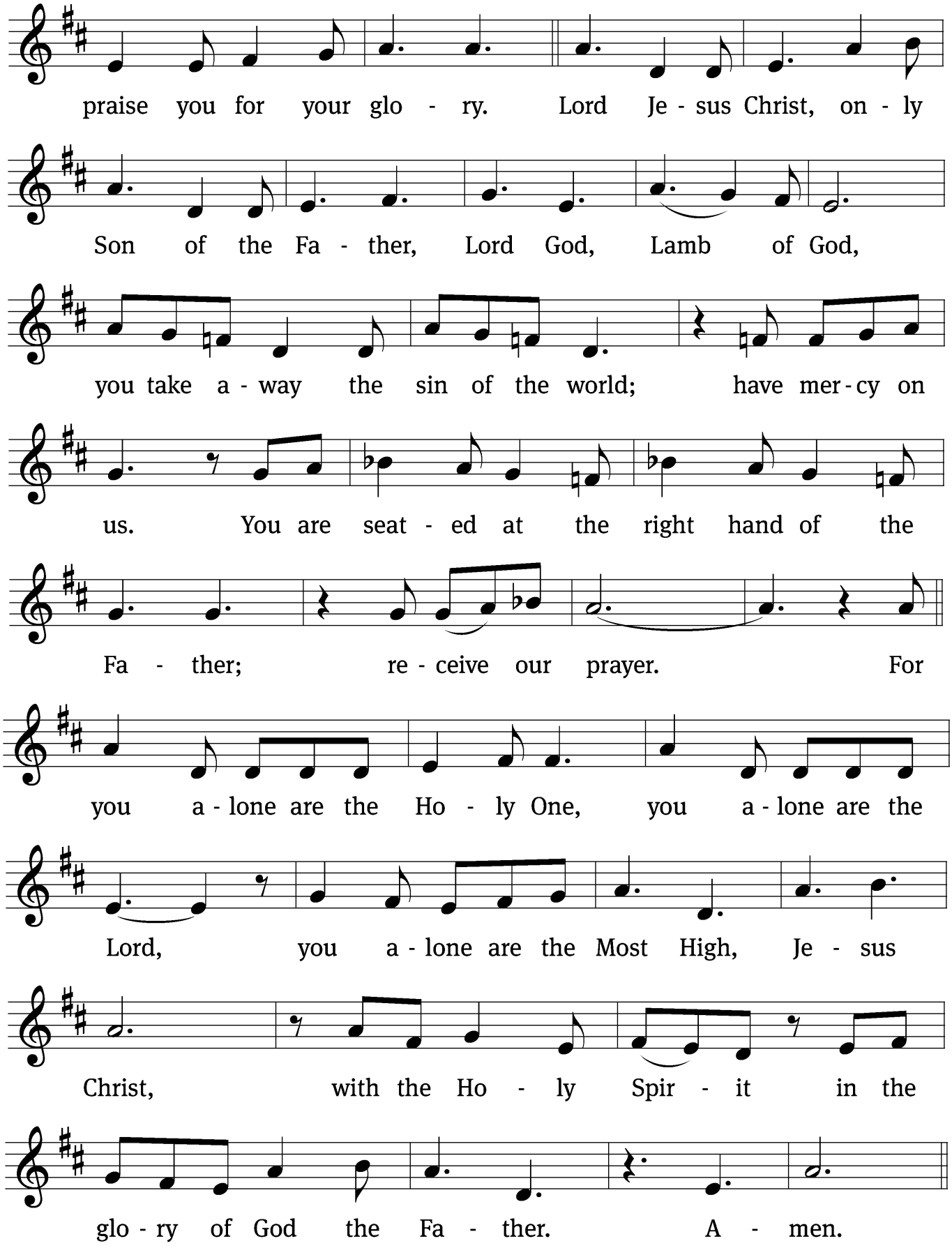
The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

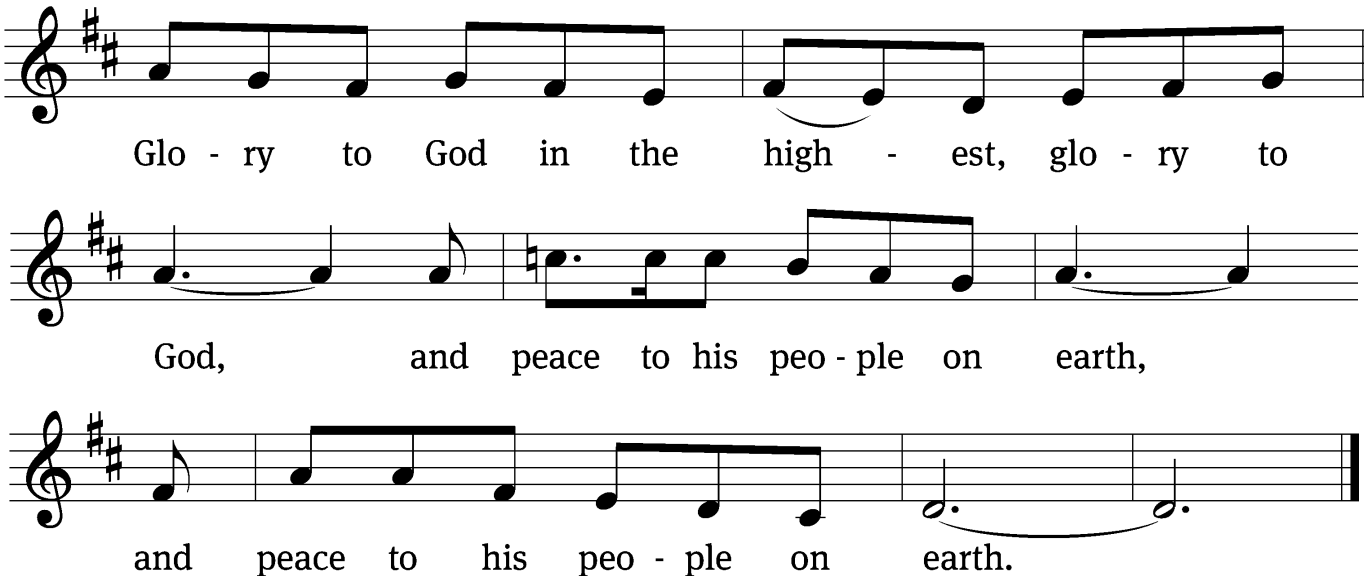
M: Let us pray.
We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Amelia as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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




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
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Prayer of the Day
M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.
Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Trinity School Choir Singing (late service) *"God With Us"*
Words and Music by John Hemmeleman *Trinity Lutheran School - Jenera, Ohio*
2026-2027 School Year Theme Song

1. In the days of Moses and Isaiah, long before Immanuel was born,
Prophets wrote down the words they received from God the Lord,
Words of hope for a nation forlorn.

2. Then when God came down to live among us, as a man incarnate for mankind,
Many thousands could see, from his love and majesty,
They beheld their Savior divine.

Refrain: God with us - how blessed are we, that by grace he has called us his own;
God with us - how blessed are we, that by faith we may come to his throne!

3. And although our Savior has ascended, he sent the Spirit in his place.
By his Word we believe and in sacrament receive
Full forgiveness, ensured by his grace. (Refrain)

First Reading *Isaiah 52:1-6*

[1]Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
[2]Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

[3]For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."

[4]For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

[5]"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.
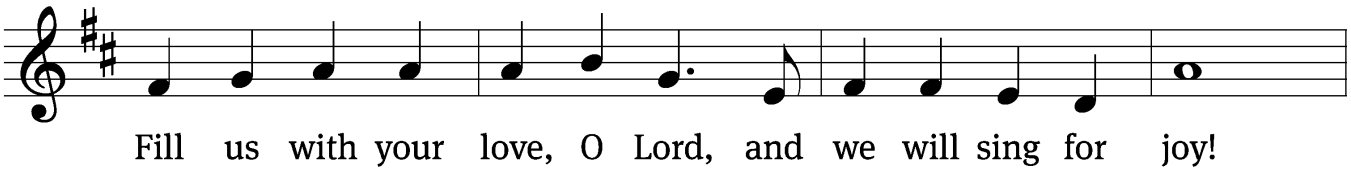
"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the LORD.
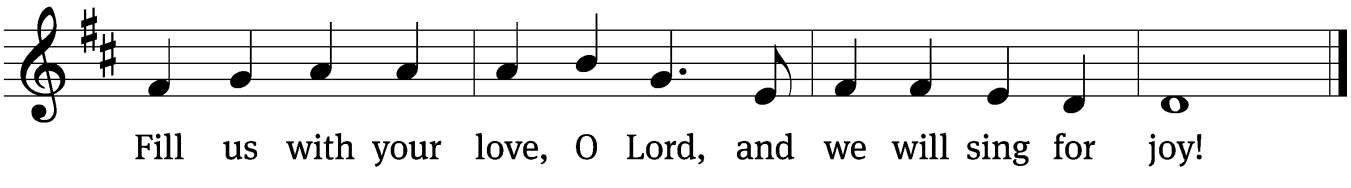
"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I." (NIV)

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

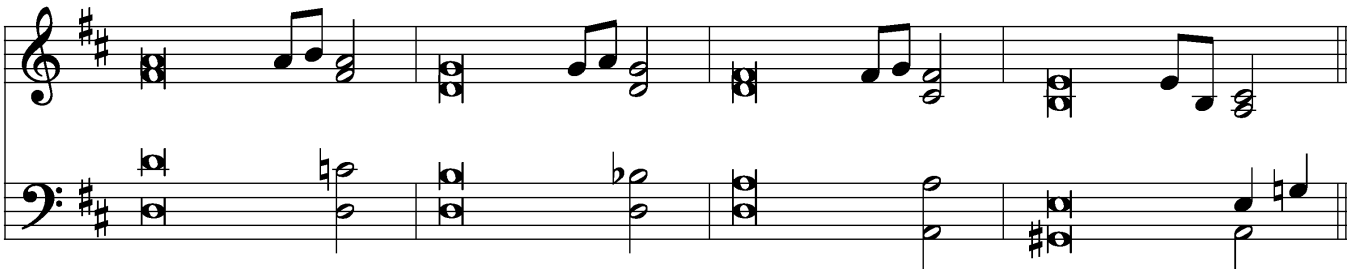
Psalm 90A *(sing as indicated)* *"Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord"*

Refrain





Tone



M: Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

C: You turn people / back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night. ***Refrain***

C: Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.
May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work /
of our hands.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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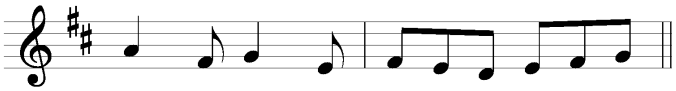
Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

[1]Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
[2]for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3]While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them
suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
[4]But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise
you like a thief. [5]You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not
belong to the night or to the darkness. [6]So then, let us not be like others, who are
asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and
those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a
helmet. [9]For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we
may live together with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build each other
up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV)
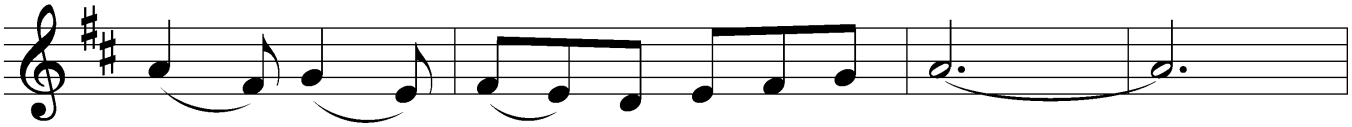
M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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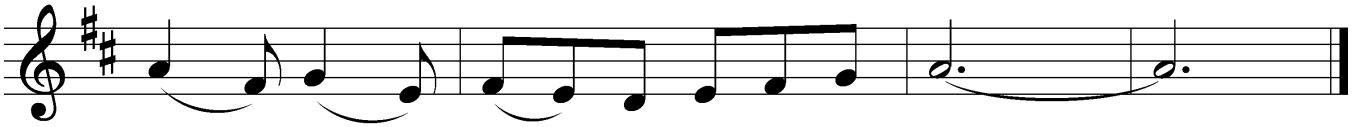
Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42*



Refrain



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



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

M: Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.
C: *Refrain*

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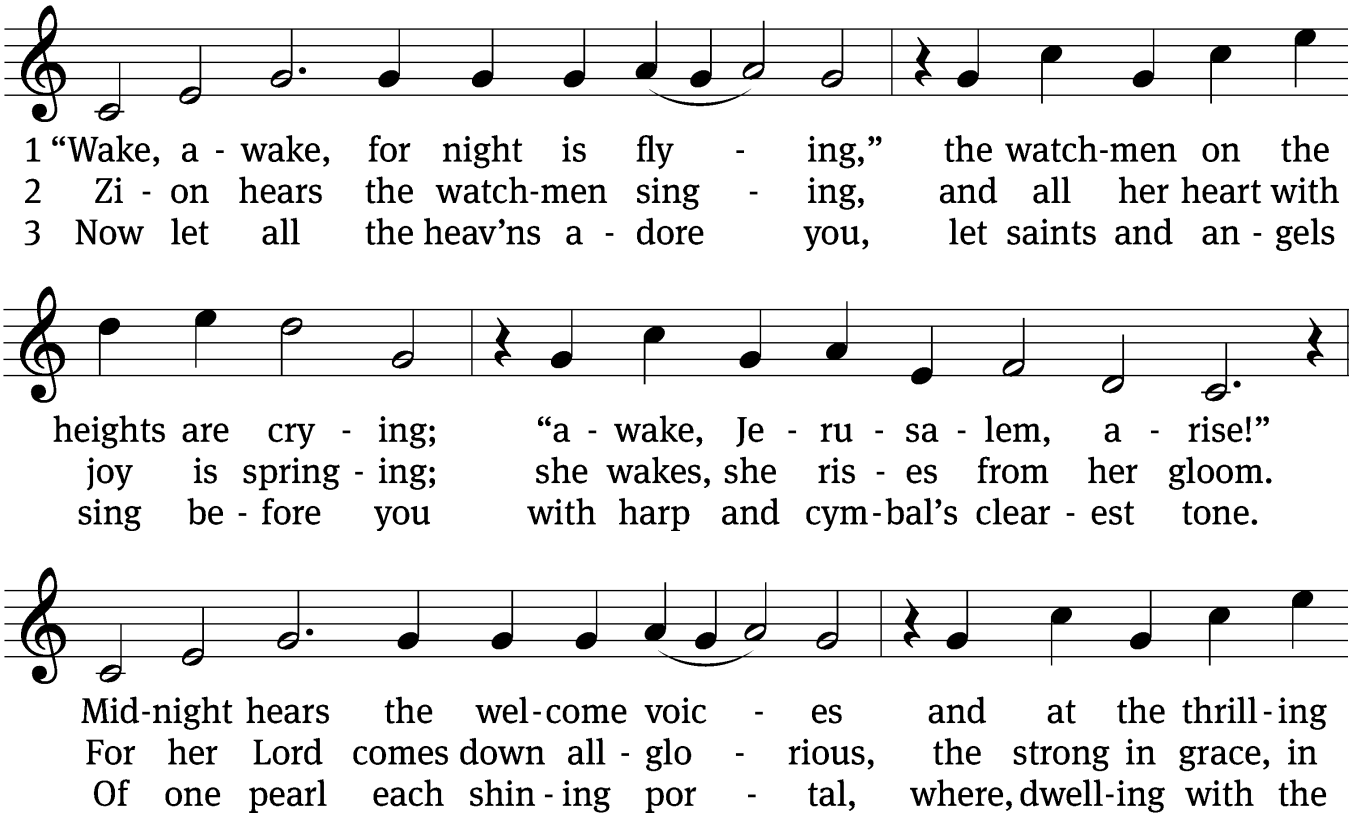
Holy Gospel *St. Matthew 25:1-13*

[1]"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
[3]The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4]The wise ones,
however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5]The bridegroom was a long time in
coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
[6]"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
[7]"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish ones said to
the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
[9]" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
[10]"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The
virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was
shut.
[11]"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
[12]"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
[13]"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (NIV)

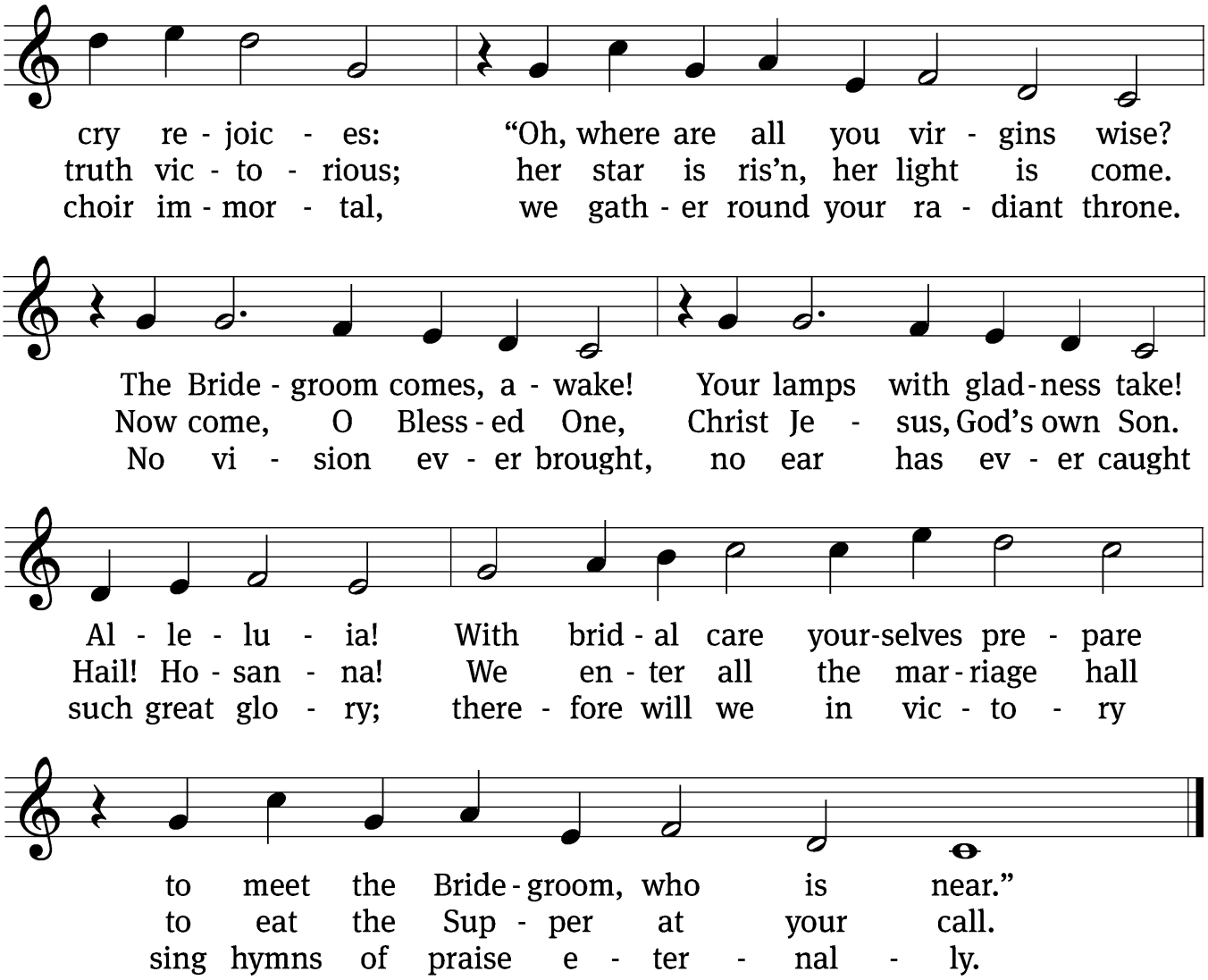
M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn #486 *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*



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Sermon Text *St. Matthew 25:1-13*

Sermon *"We Are Prepared for Christ's Coming"*

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

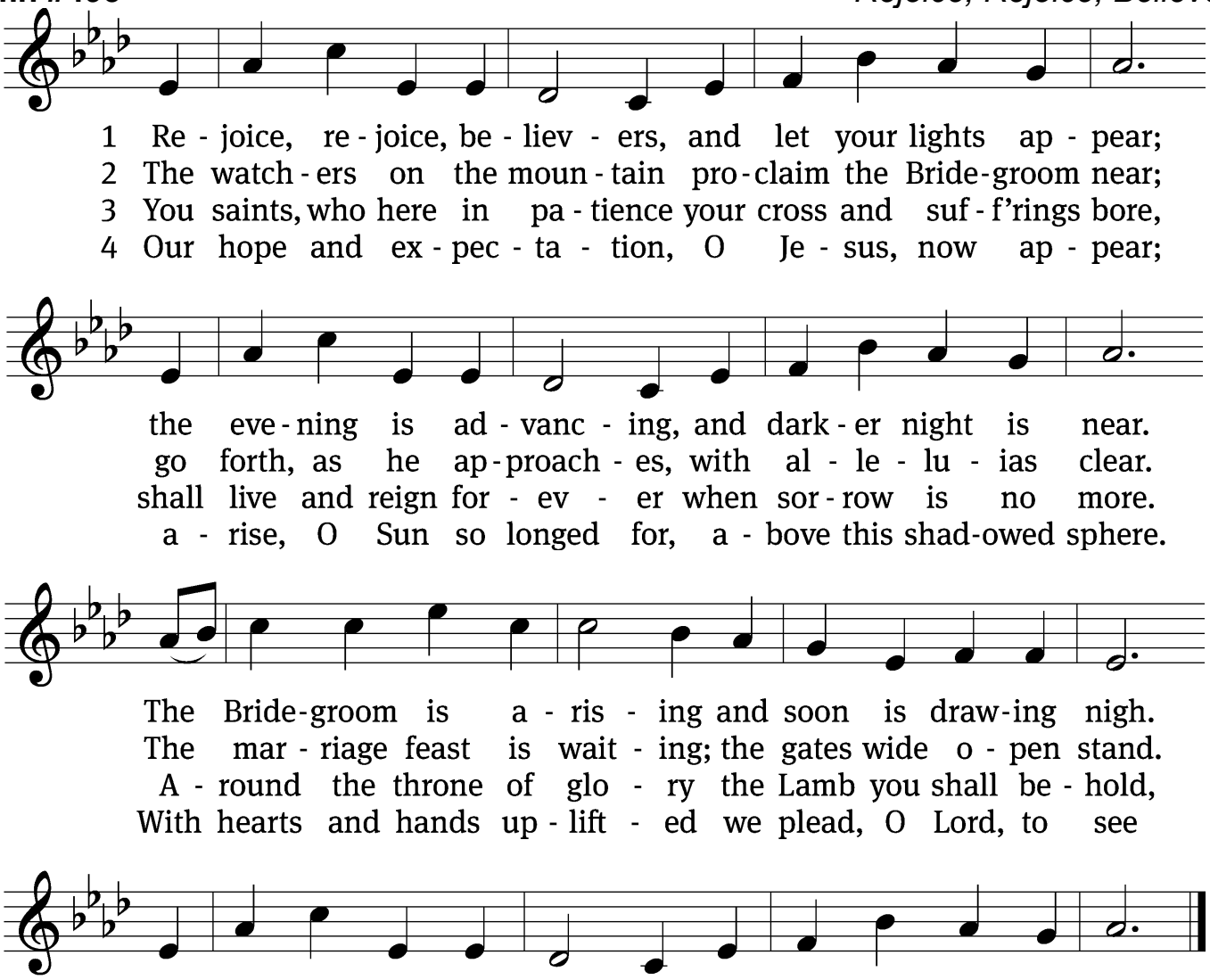
C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn #493 *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*



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Prayer of the Church *Response is taken from Psalm 90:17,13*

M: Lord our God, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. May your favor rest on us, Lord.

C: Have compassion on your servants.

M: Equip us with your Word, that we may be armed and ready as we live in this dark world until we receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. May your favor rest on us, Lord.

C: Have compassion on your servants.

M: Call people from the nations out of darkness into your wonderful light. In your grace, give them time that they may have opportunity to hear and believe your Word, be spared from judgment and enjoy your eternal kingdom. May your favor rest on us, Lord.

C: Have compassion on your servants.

M: You encourage us through Christian friends, your saints on earth. Move us to befriend one another with your love, to uplift those who are sad, to strengthen those who are weak, and to proclaim your grace to those who need hope. May your favor rest on us, Lord.

C: Have compassion on your servants.

M: As you strengthen us with your Word, you adorn us with faith, hope, and love. Strengthen the faith of those who suffer in mind or body, [especially…,] that they may look to you with hope even in the darkest times and be assured of your constant love. May your favor rest on us, Lord.

C: Have compassion on your servants.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, guide our hearts by your power and protect us against false security and willful sins, that we wait for our heavenly bridegroom, Jesus Christ, in true faith, ready for him to take us into his heavenly wedding banquet; who lives and reigns, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer
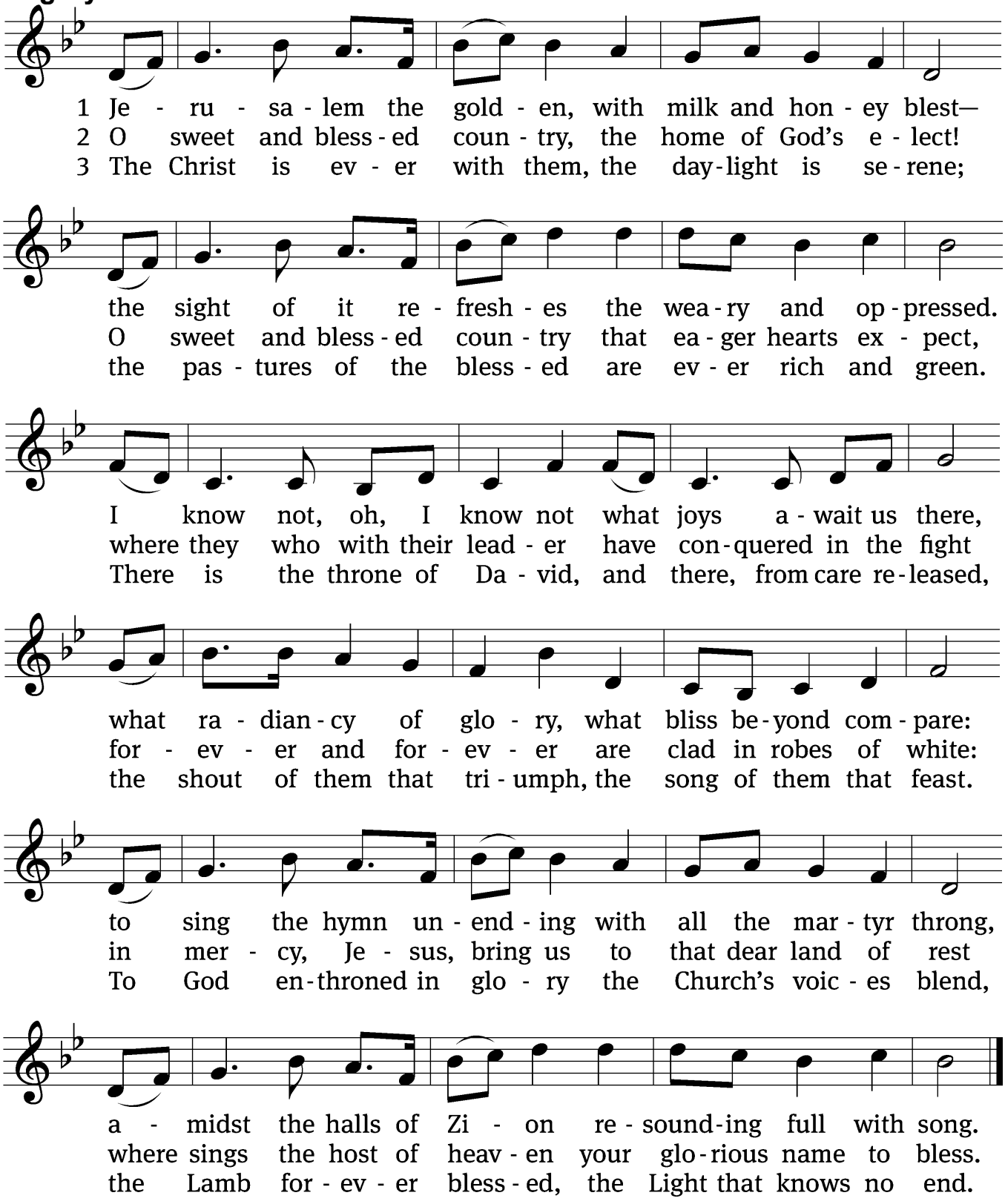
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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 #889 *"Jerusalem the Golden"*



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Holy Baptism: This morning Amelia Harman, the granddaughter of Dan and Sue Harman, will be welcomed into God's family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her sponsors are her grandparents, and witnesses are David and Rebecca Reinhart. We pray God's blessings on Amelia.

Thank you to Trinity School Choir
For beautifying our worship service today!

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

Advent by Candlelight Tea at Trinity: Women are invited to attend an evening of music, fellowship, and the Word to help prepare your hearts for the Advent season on Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 in Trinity's basement. Finger foods and tea will be served in the church basement. This year's program, *Let Your Lights Appear*, includes the traditional candles of the Advent Wreath along with new, ways to think about the candles. The program focuses on letting the light of our faith shine at home, work, in our community and at church. Please email or text Jenny Boehm if you plan to attend--mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or (262) 391-7994.

Bible Classes
Our Wednesday Bible is studying the Gospel of Mark. 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, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Monday	
	Tuesday	**Church Council, 6:30 PM**
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Friday	
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

November

Greeters	**East Doors**	**North Doors**
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.
10:30Sam 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.
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