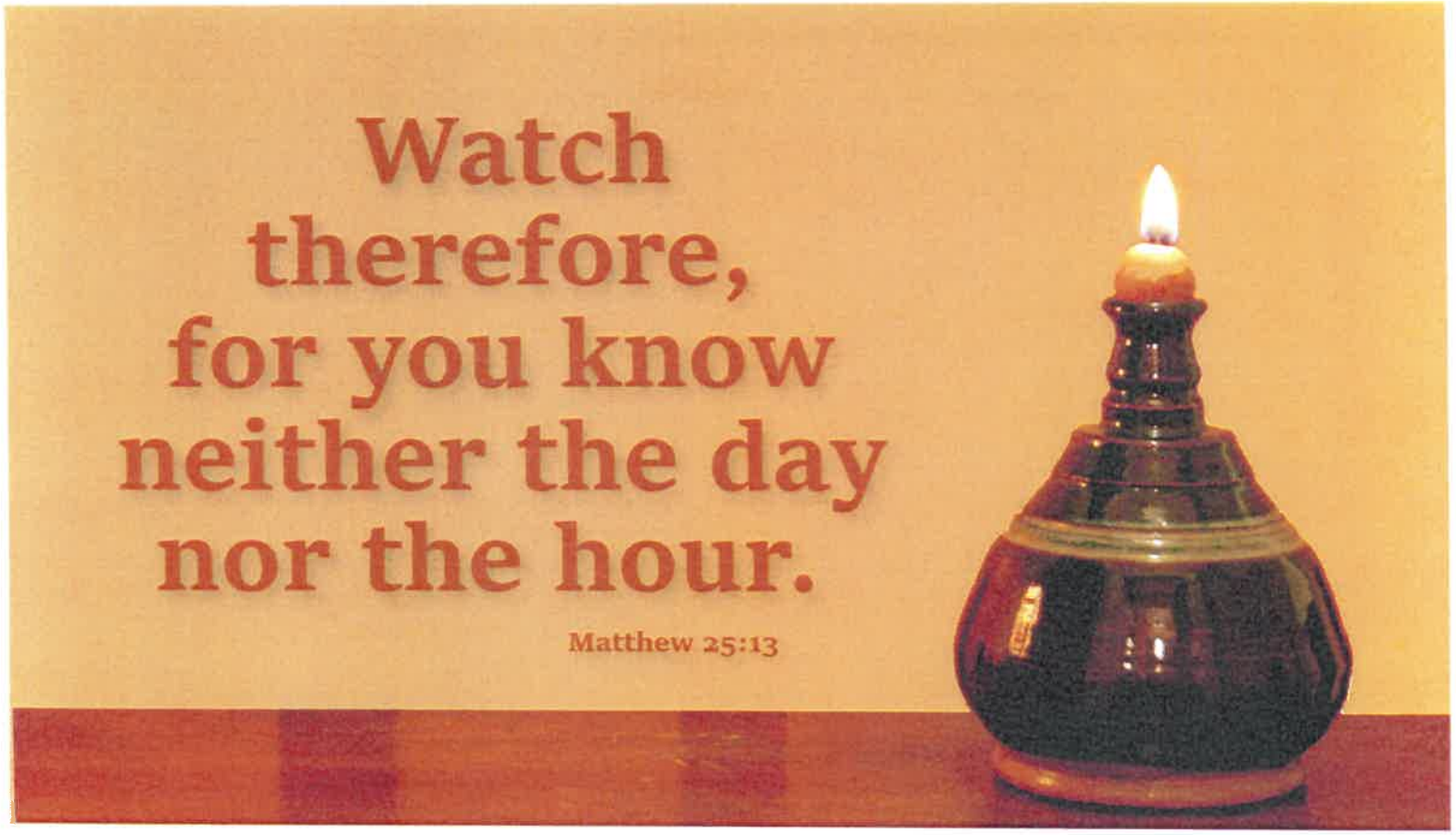


Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church
311 Judges Rd. 2B Wilmington, NC 28405
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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information on a blue card, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

"...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

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Chicago Folk Service
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Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG *Arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

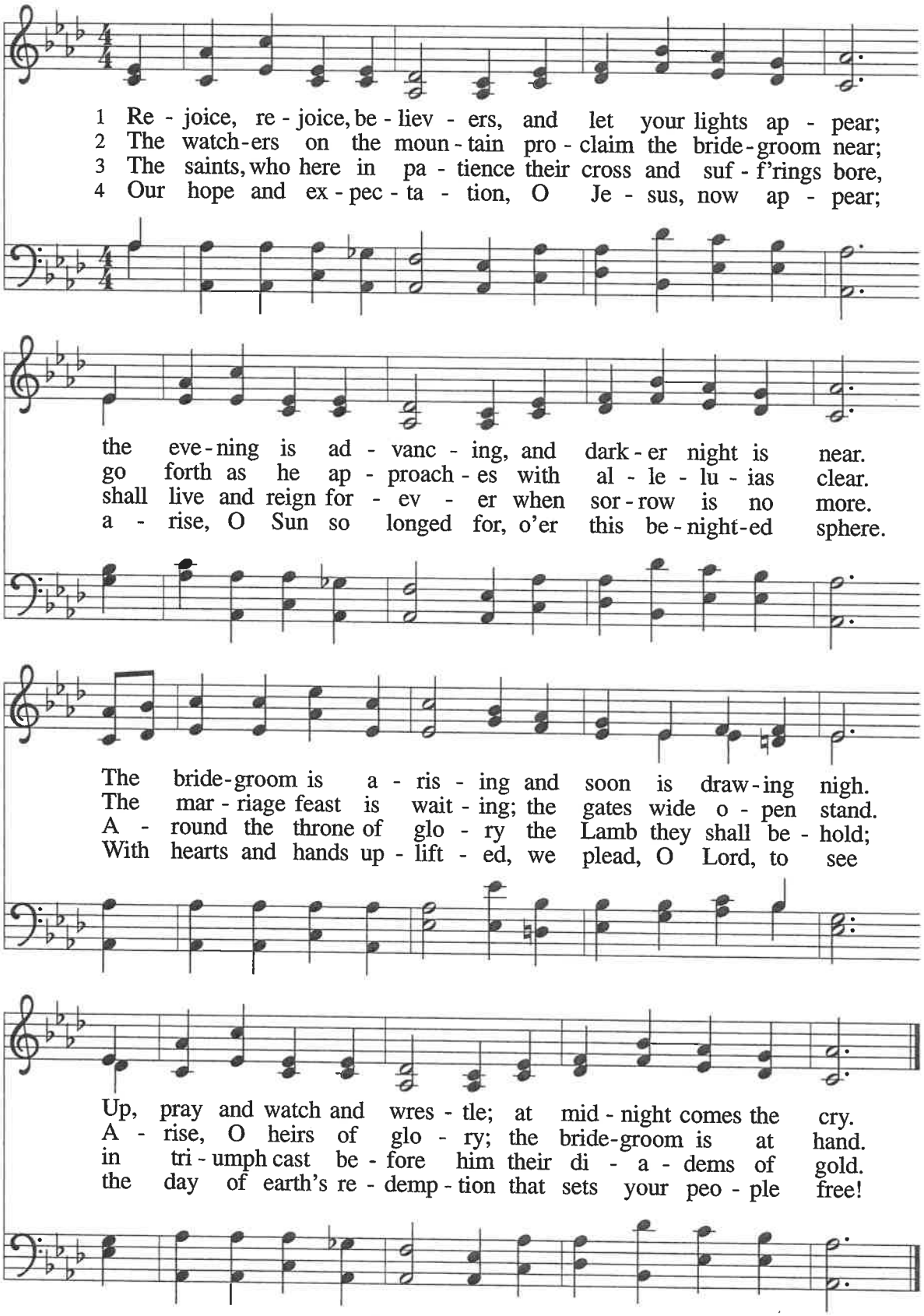
Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, ✢ Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: Swedish folk tune

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG
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***WELCOME**
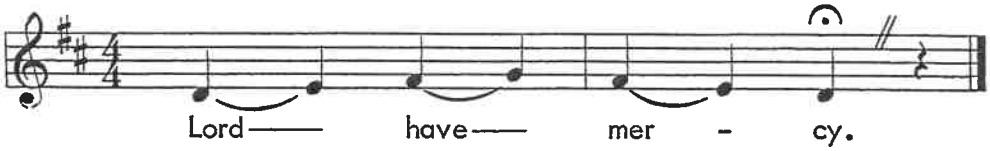
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.
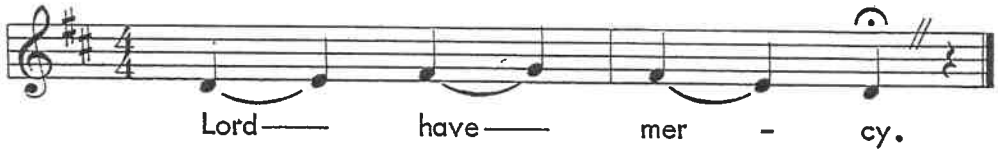
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***KYRIE – "DEACONS PRAYER"**
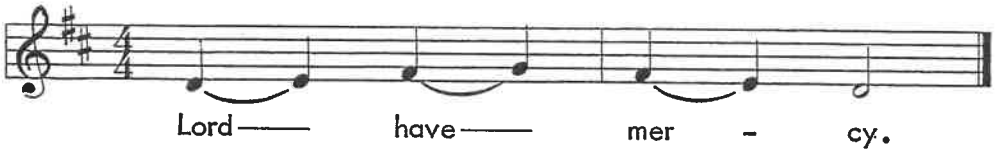
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
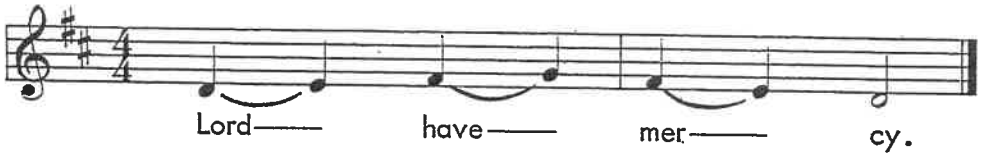


For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
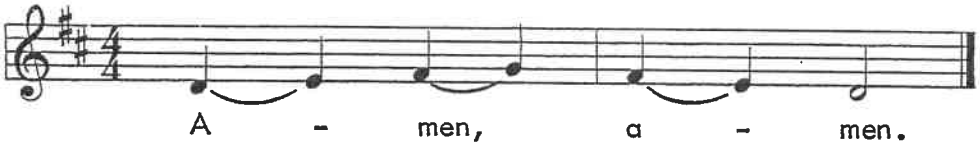


For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
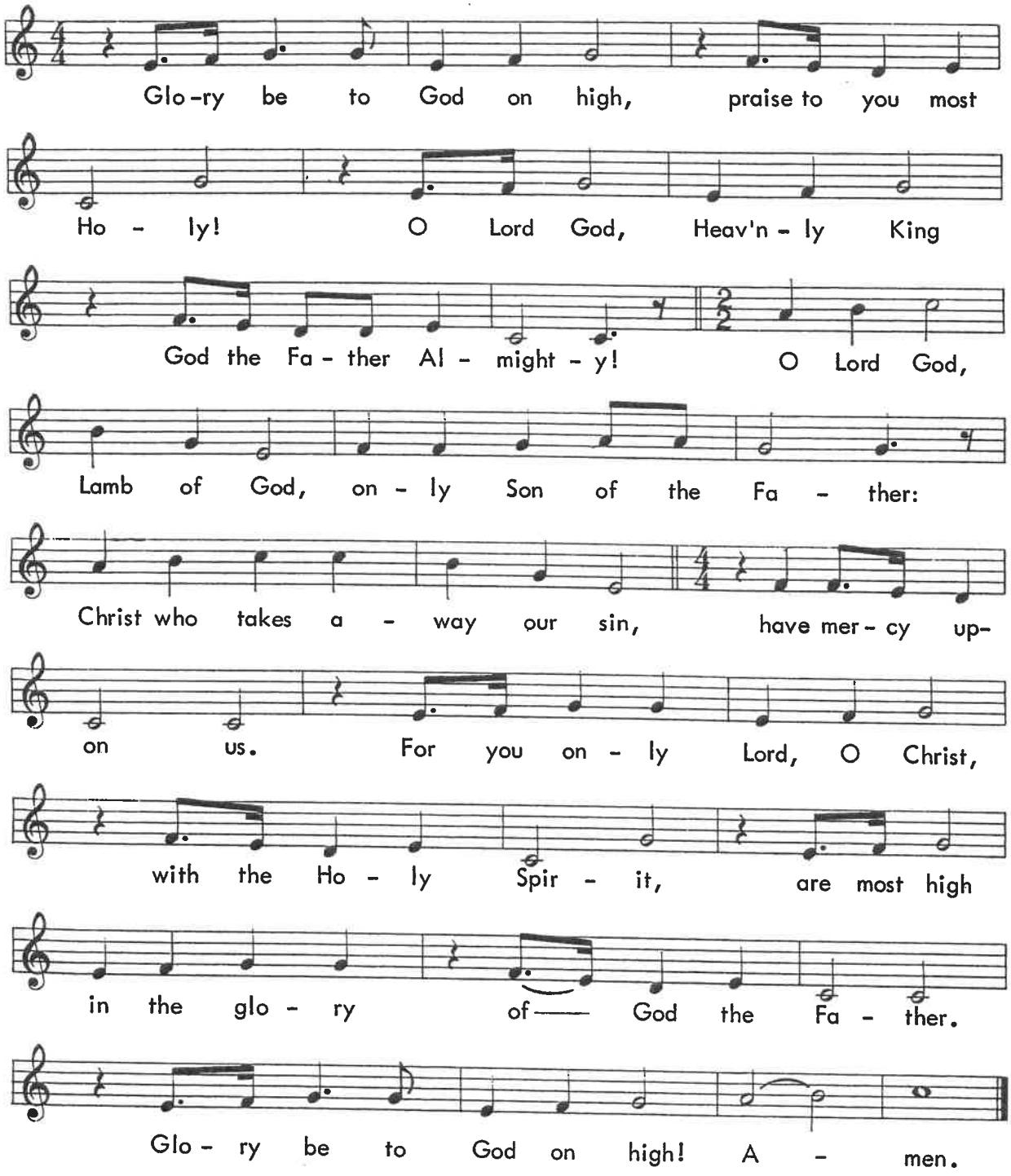


For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help save, strengthen and defend us, O God by your grace.
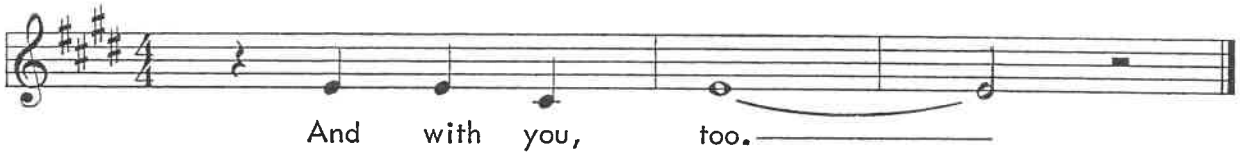


*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – "SONG OF PRAISE"



***"GREETING" AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray…

Gracious and merciful Father, You have promised that Your Son will come again in glory to gather His people into Your eternal kingdom. Awaken us from complacency, strengthen our faith, and keep us watchful as we await His coming. Teach us to trust not in our own goodness or preparation, but in the saving work of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us as His own and prepared a place for us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING
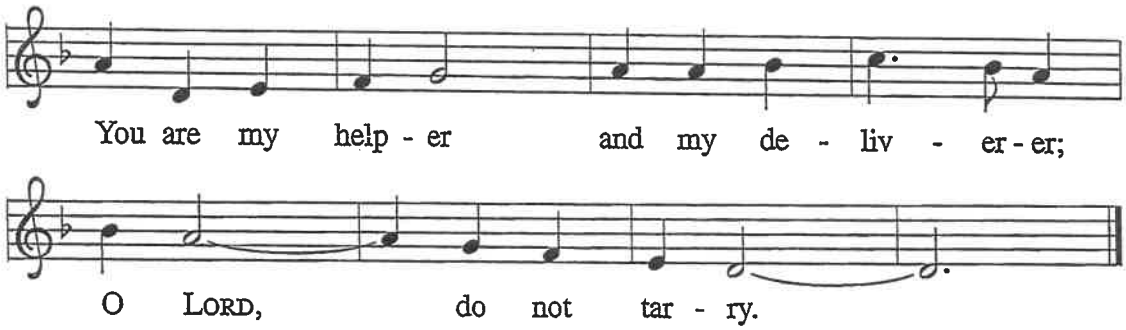
The First Reading is from Amos the 5th chapter.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70



[1]Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
[2]Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed. ***Refrain:***
[4]Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
[6]You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry. ***Refrain:***

SECOND READING
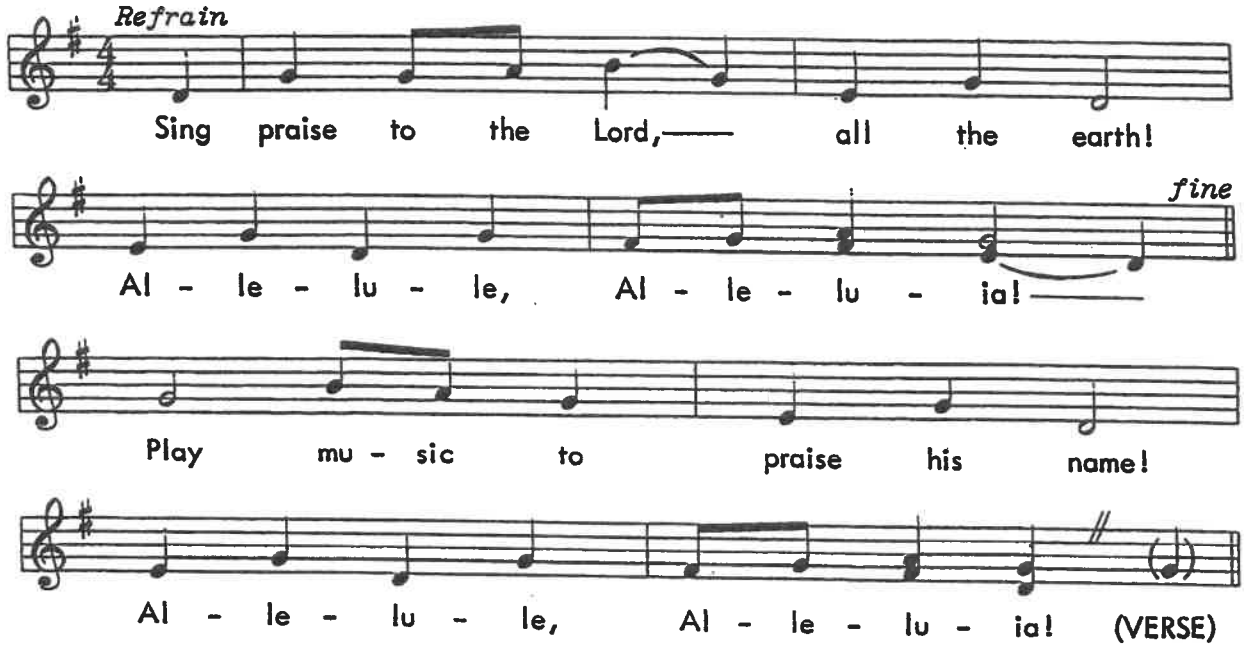
The Second Reading is from 1st Thessalonians, the 4th chapter.

[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia"



3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.

4. To Christ our heavenly king
Give thanks for everything.

*** GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

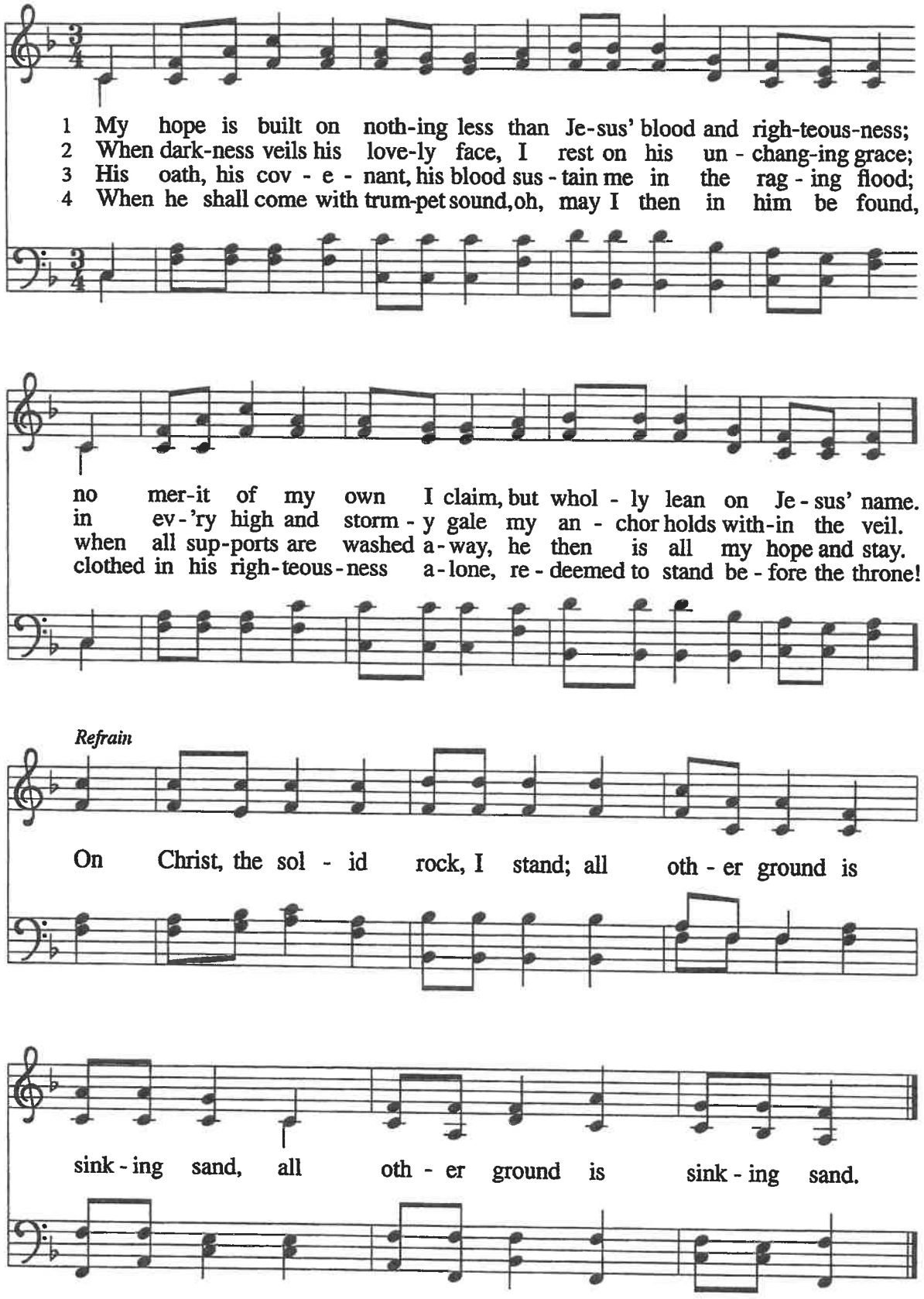
[1]{Jesus said to the disciples,} "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul **"Running on Empty".**
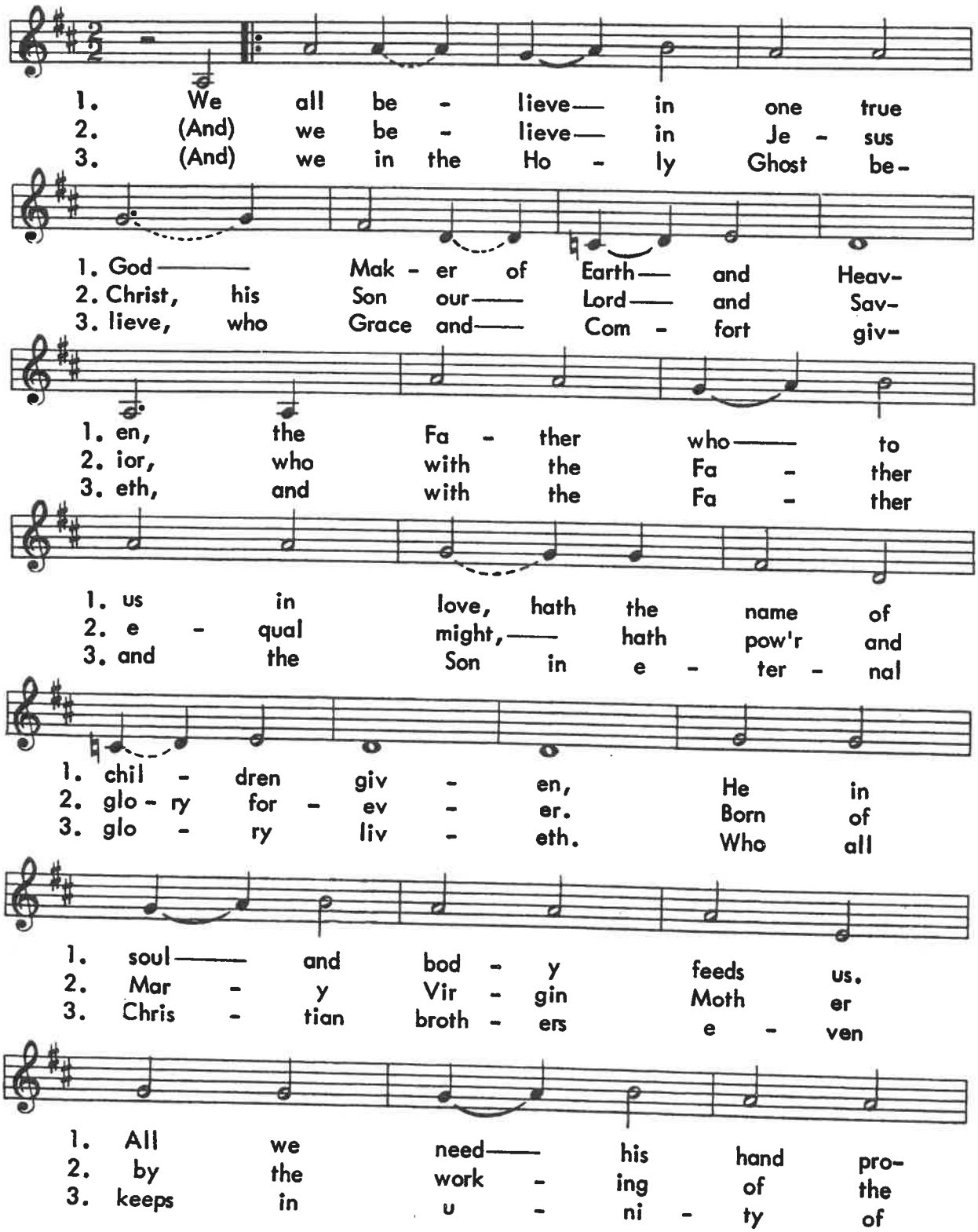
HYMN OF THE DAY My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



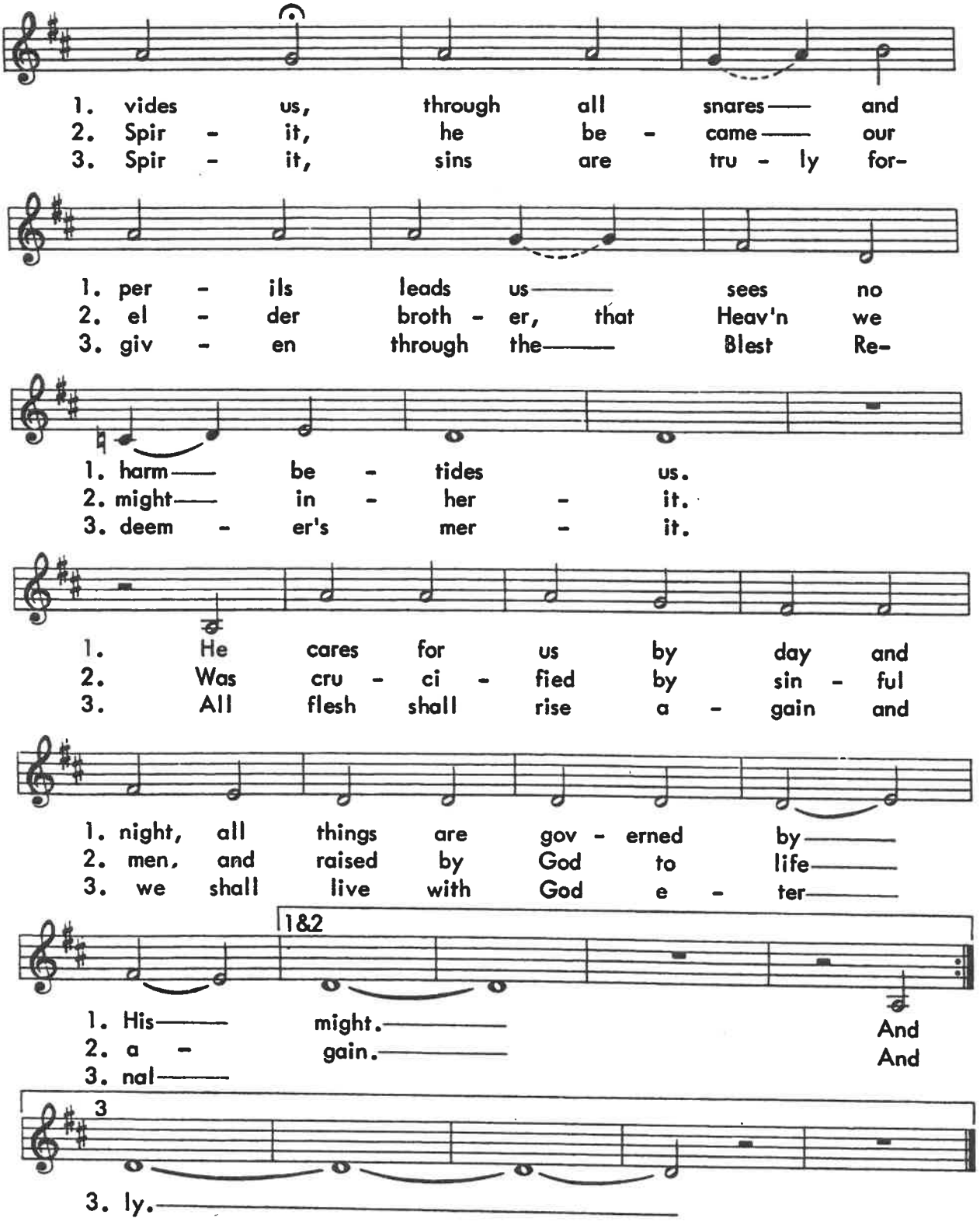
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*APOSTLES CREED – "CREED"



*APOSTLE'S CREED (continued)



***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy…

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**
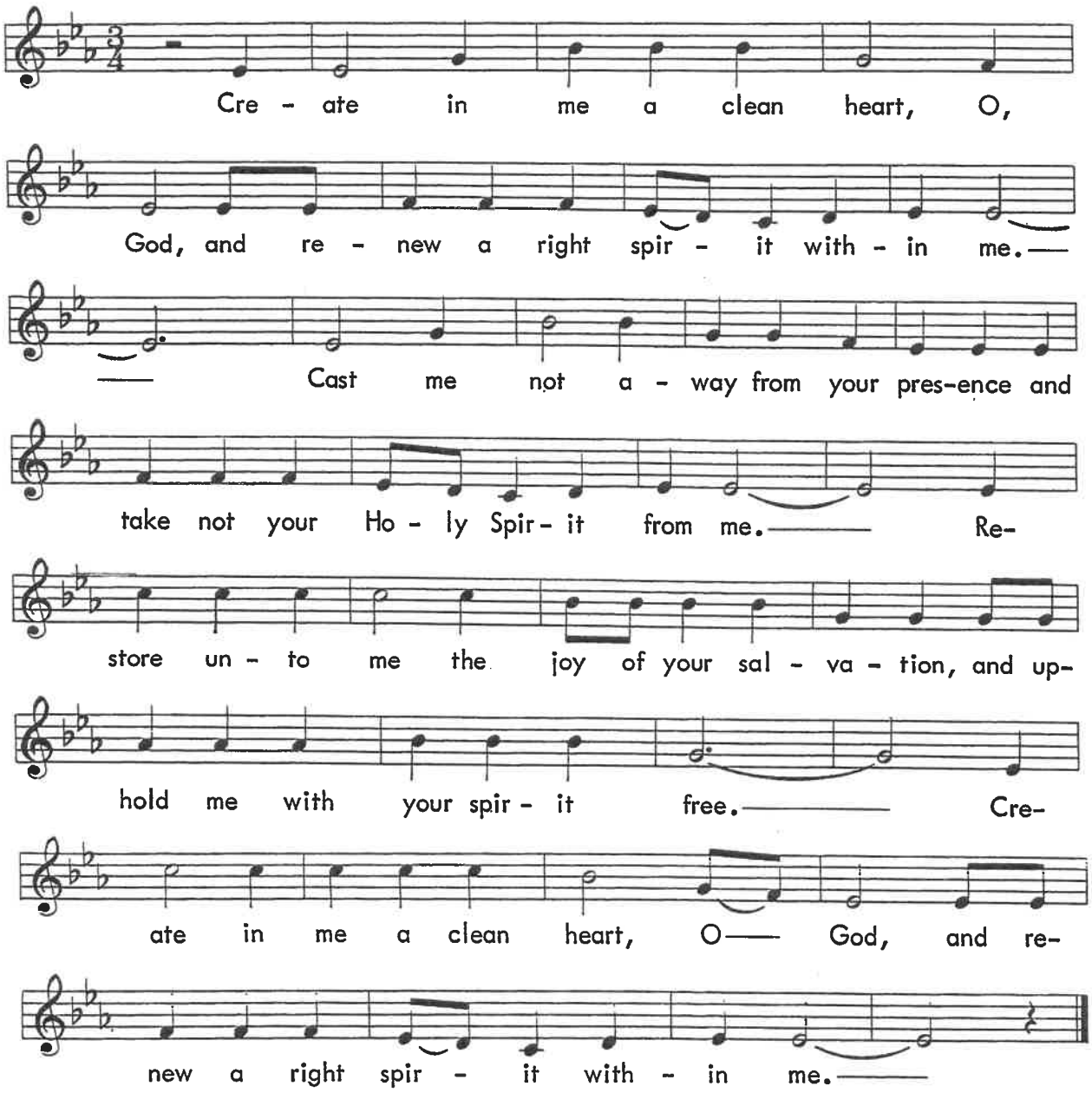
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

OFFERTORY "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *Flute/Piano duet*
Tune: J. Rosamond Johnson Arr. Nancy Raabe

***"CREATE IN ME"**
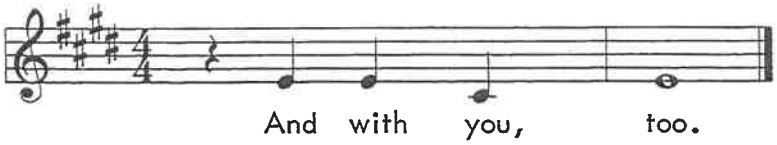


SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Let us pray,
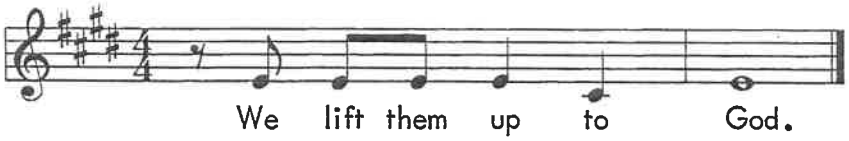
Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***"THANKSGIVING"**
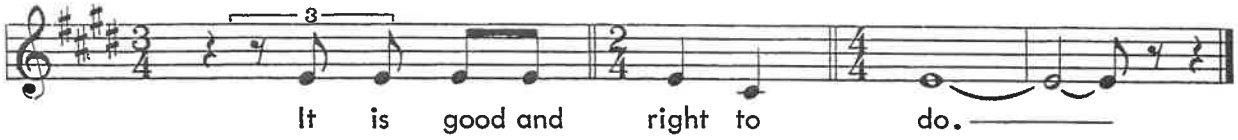
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.
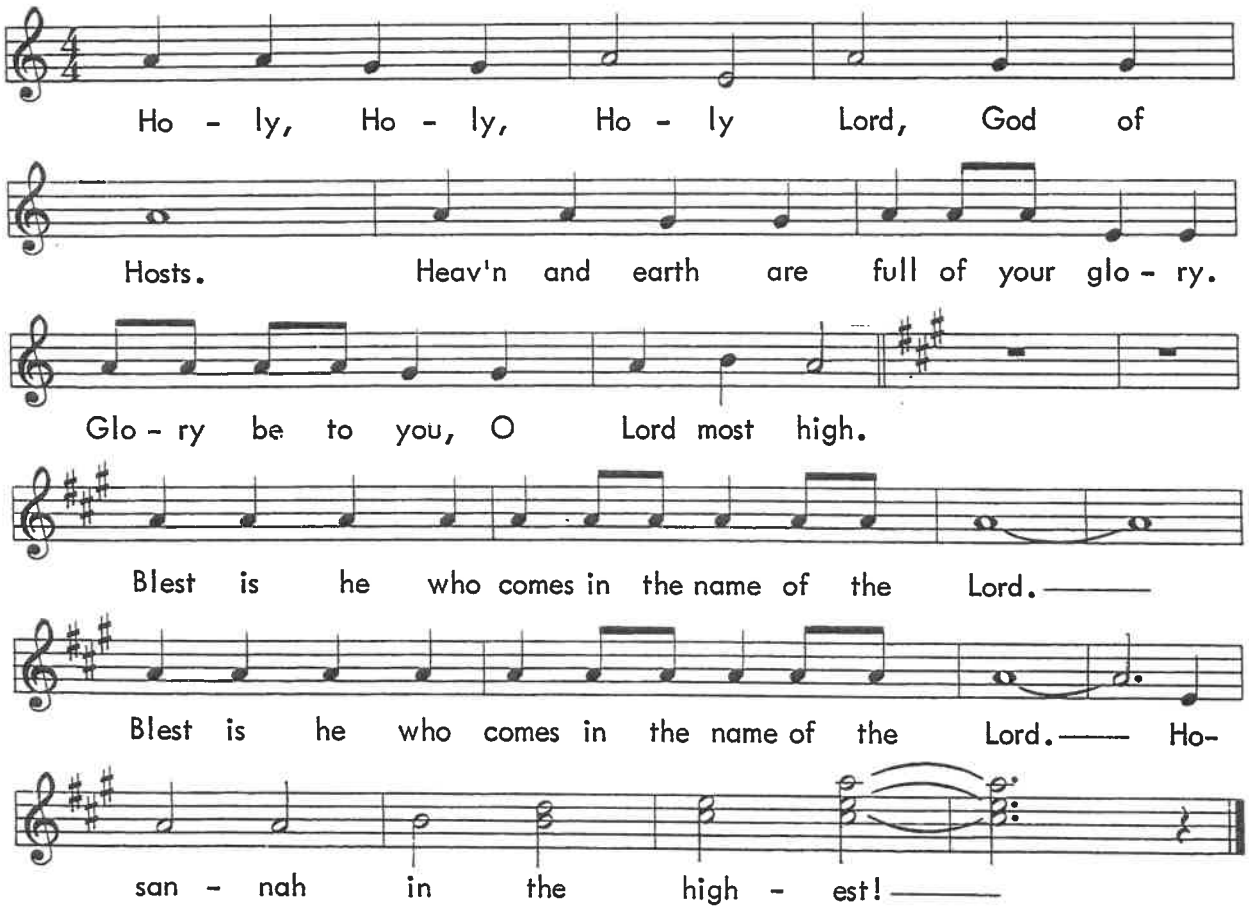


Give thanks to the Lord.



It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS



Father, you are holy indeed; all your actions show your mercy and love. You made us in your image and set us over your creation. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offered a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come. You sent prophets to prepare the way. And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection. And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

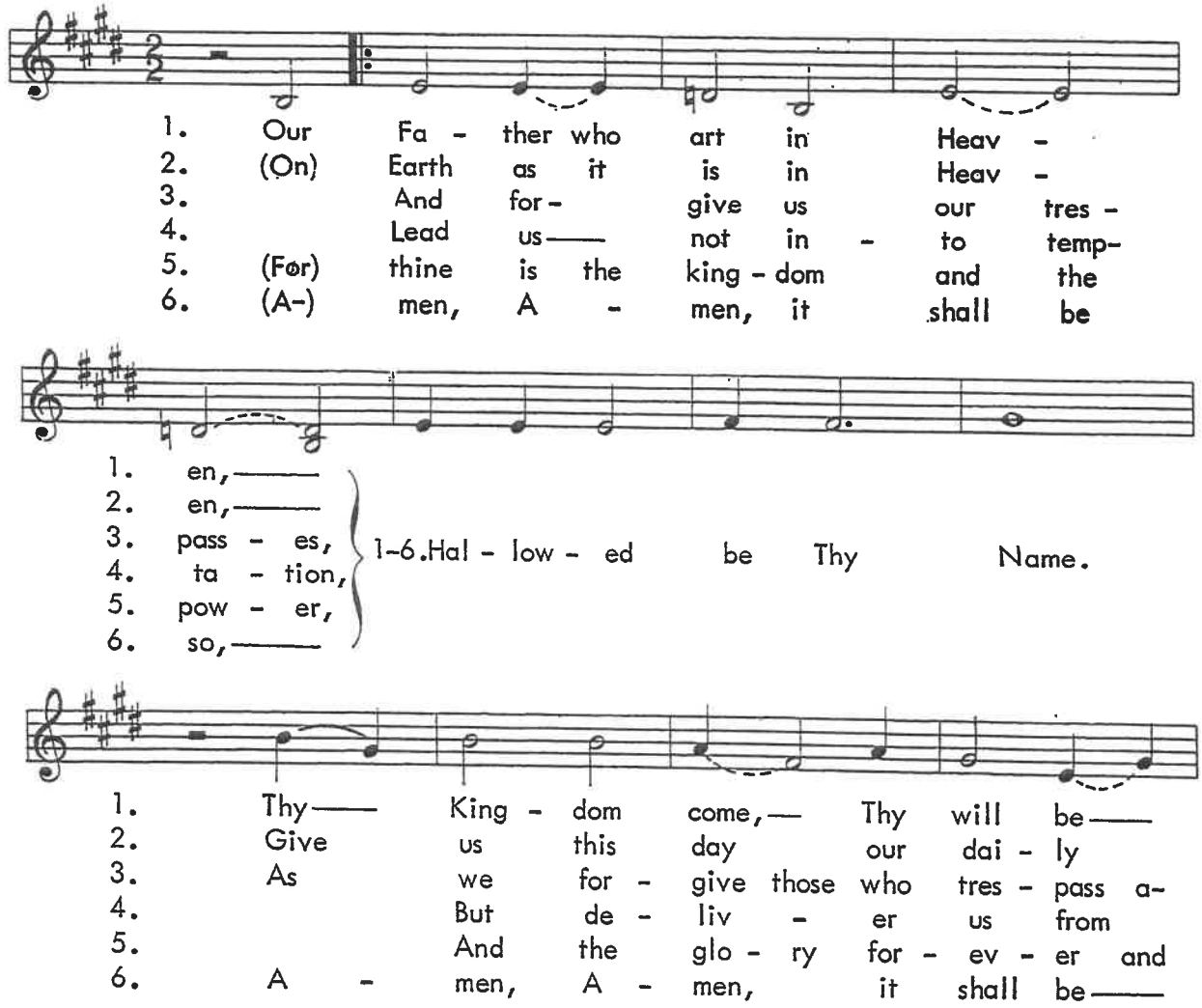
Father, through him and in his name, we ask you fill us with your Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

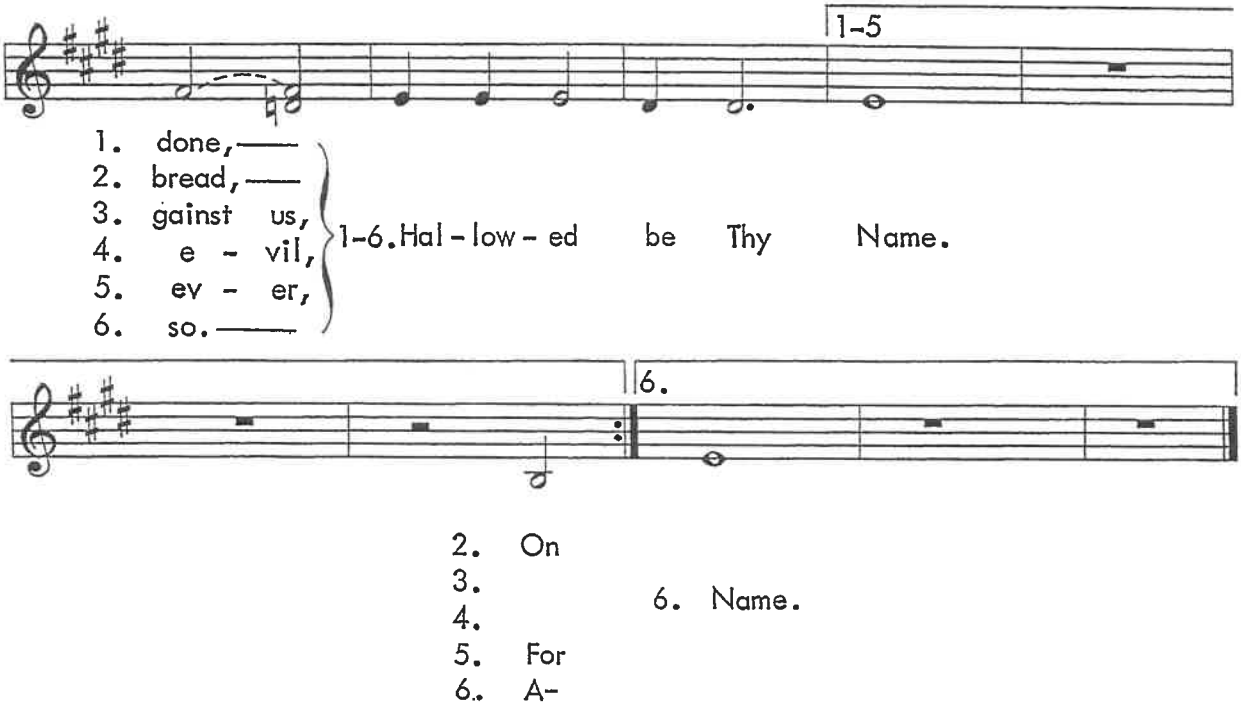
In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**
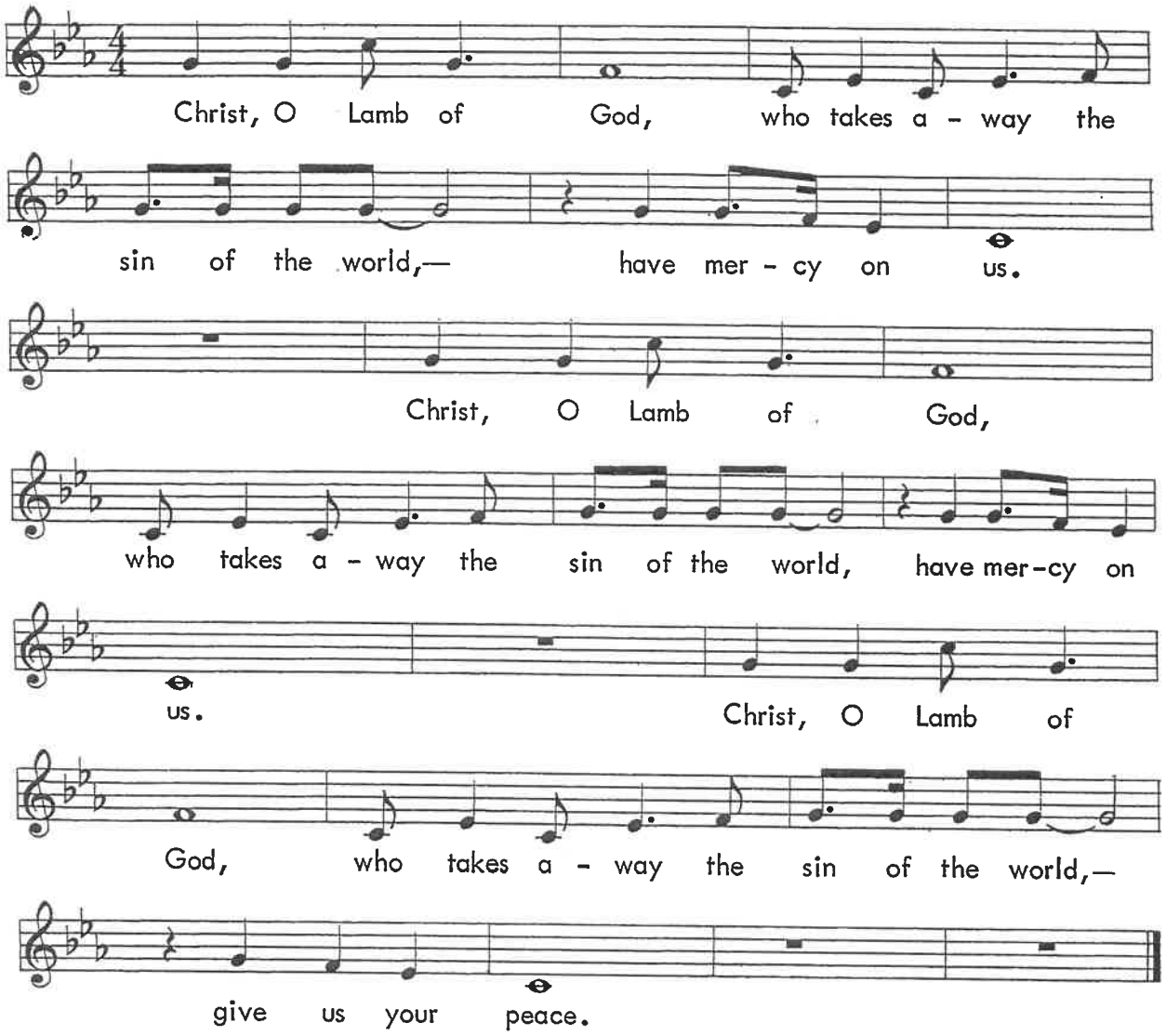


*LORD'S PRAYER (Continued)



When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.



*AGNUS DEI – "LAMB OF GOD"



COMMUNION

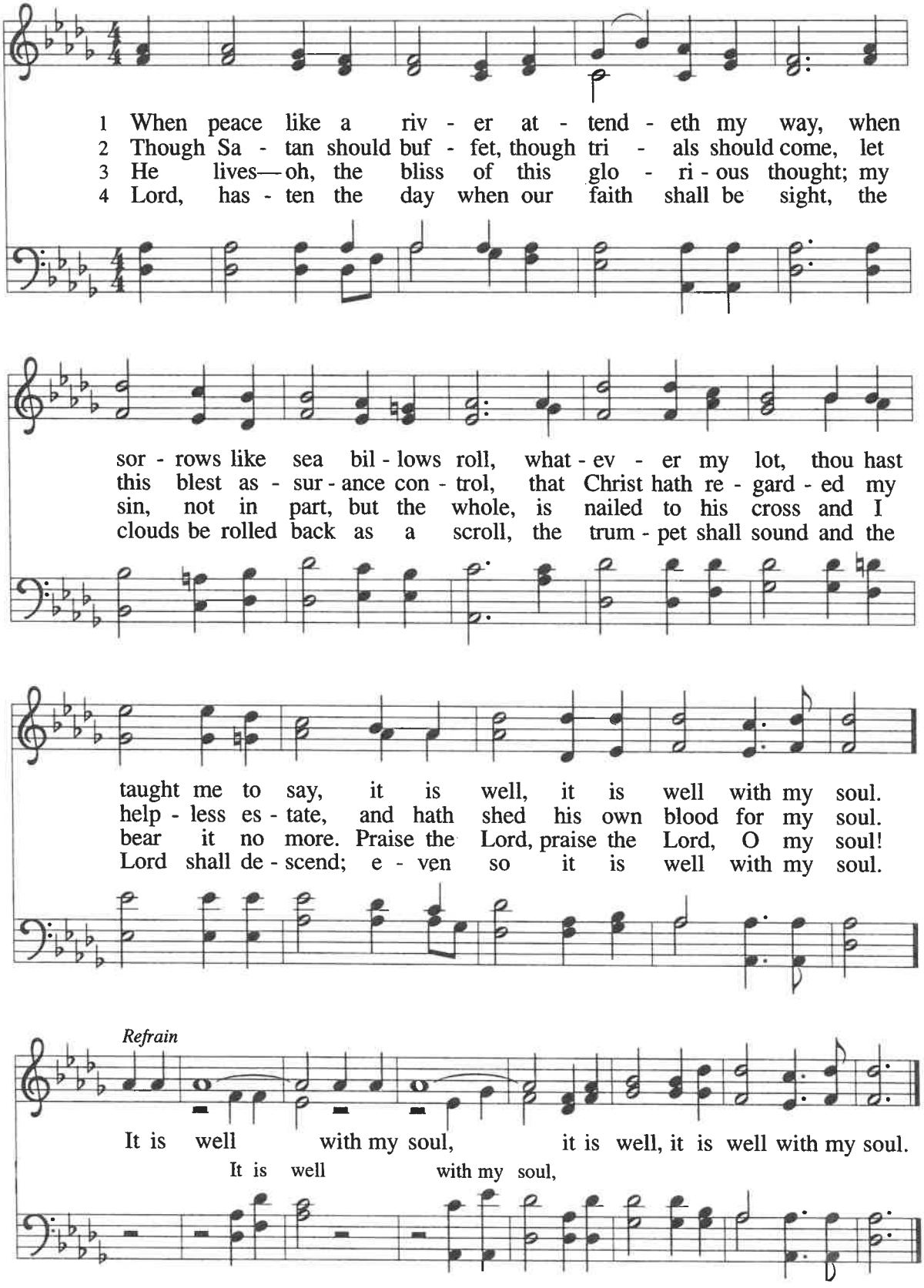
The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN It Is Well With My Soul
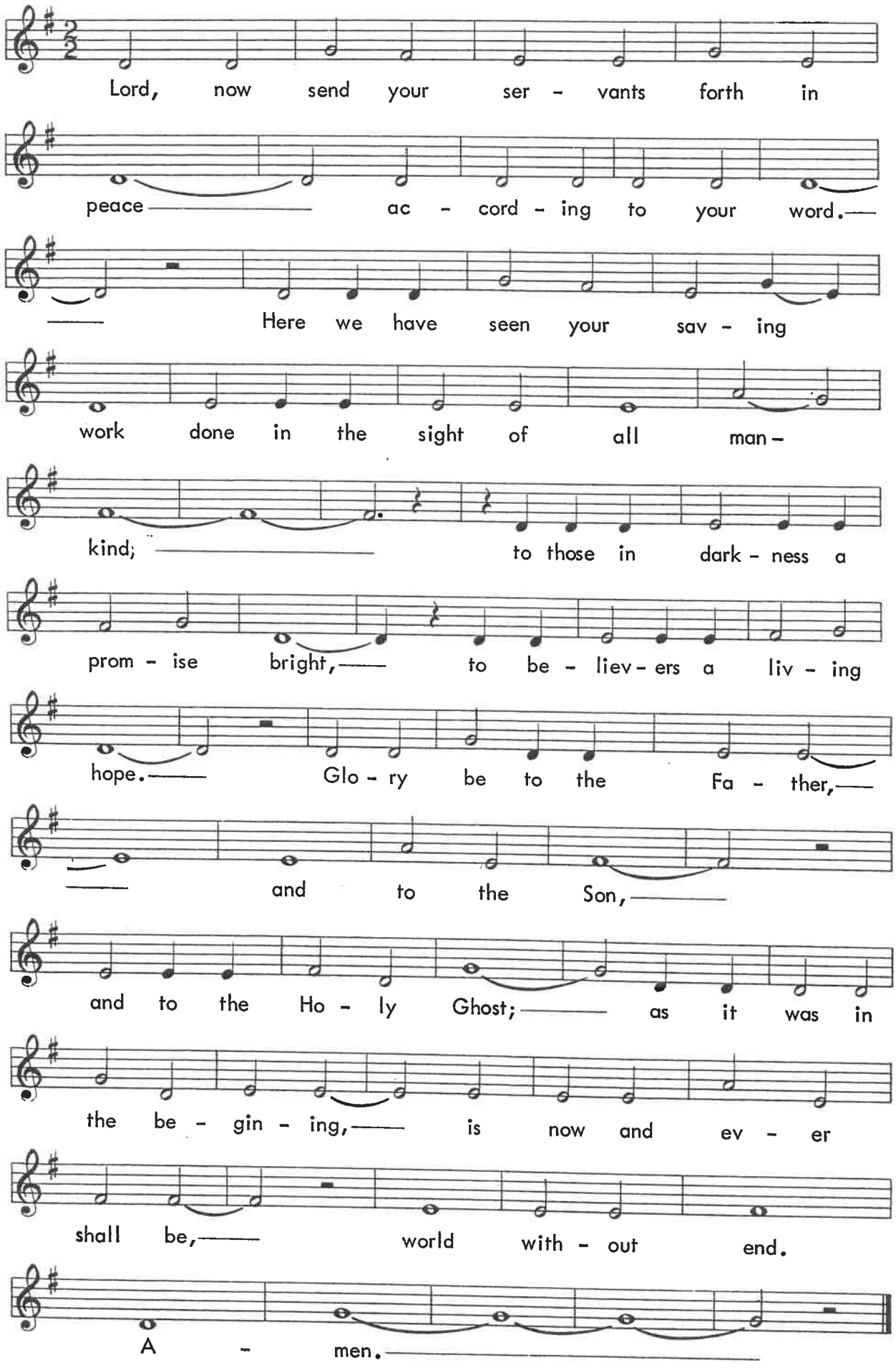


Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
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VILLE DU HAVRE
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*The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in His Grace.
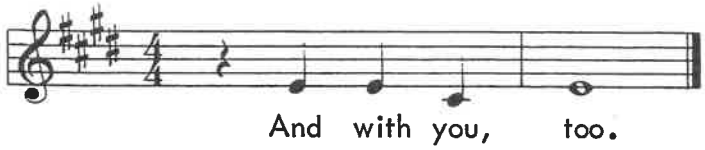
Amen

*NUNC DIMITTIS – "SIMEON'S SONG"
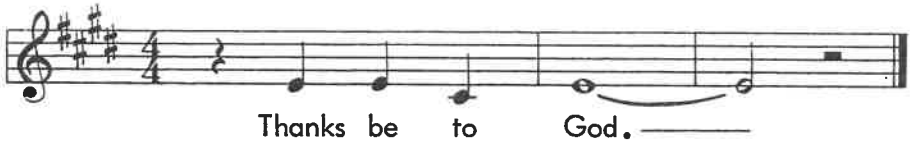


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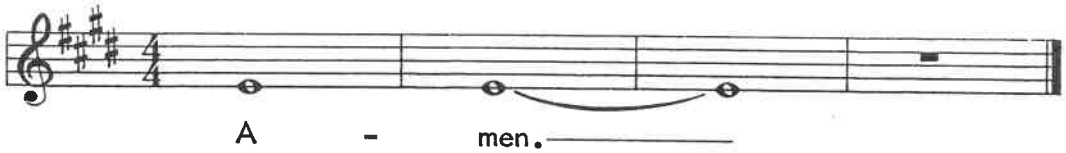
The Lord be with you.



Bless we the Lord.
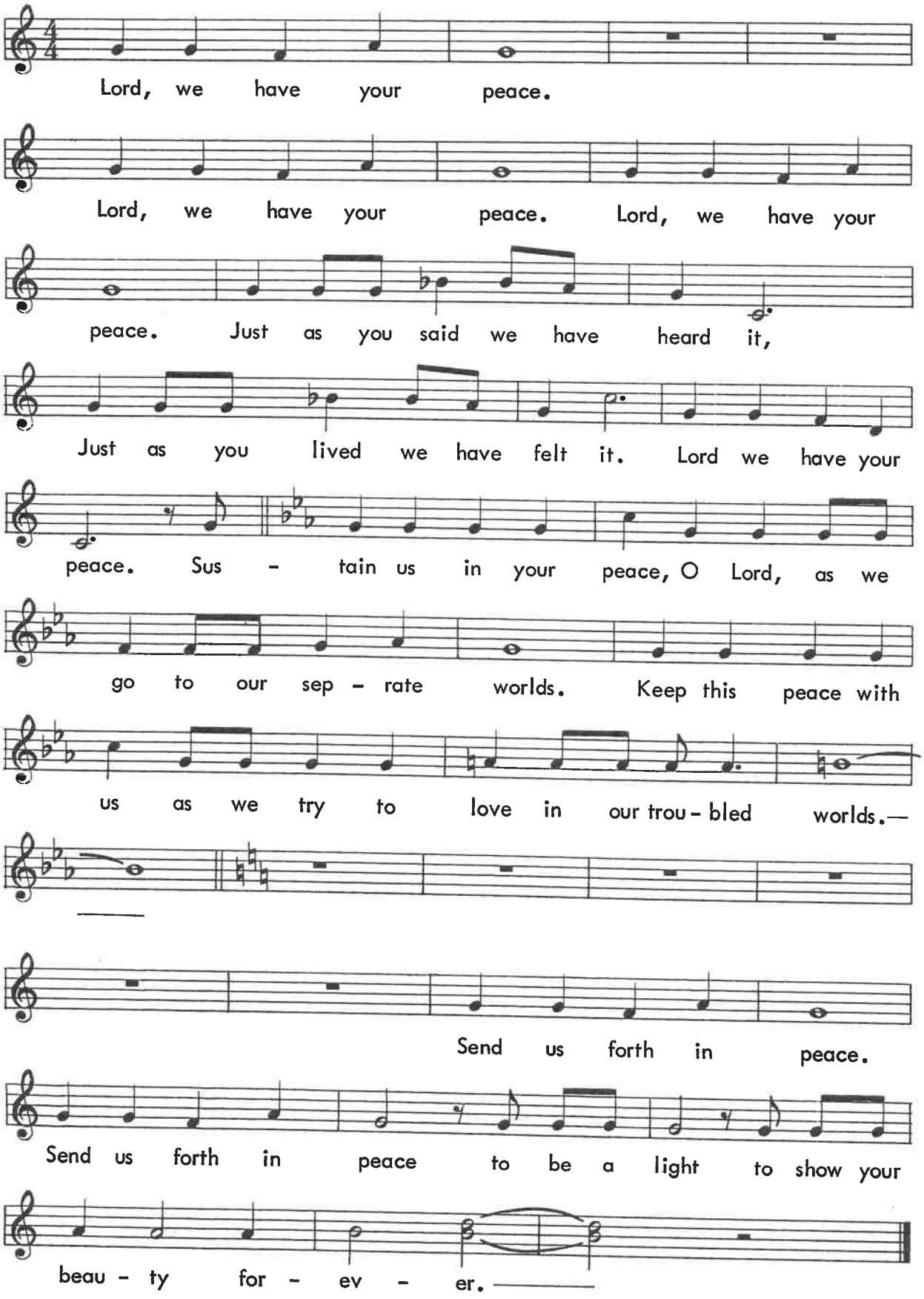


The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.





***"SEND US FORTH IN PEACE"**

Lord we have your peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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A NOTE OF THANKS
Dear Church Family,
Frank and I want to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers and support you have shown us during the loss of our son Bruce. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ during this difficult time!
Love, Renate and Frank

Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 11/8
Reader: Bill Palmer
Communion: Ray Porter
Fellowship: Charlene Arone
Usher: John Humphrey

Next Week: 11/15
Reader: Nancy Wells
Communion: Nancy Wells
Fellowship: Margaret Ebeltoft
Usher: Gary Ebeltoft

Guitarists: Pr. Paul, Lisa Hornick
Bass Guitart: John Loeschen
Flautist: Katie Voulgaris

Anniversary: 11/12 Ralph & Barbara Kuhn's Anniversary

Reminders: 11/19 Thursday, Women's Bible Study at 10 am Unit 9
11/22 Christ the King Sunday
11/29 First Sunday of Advent!!!

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