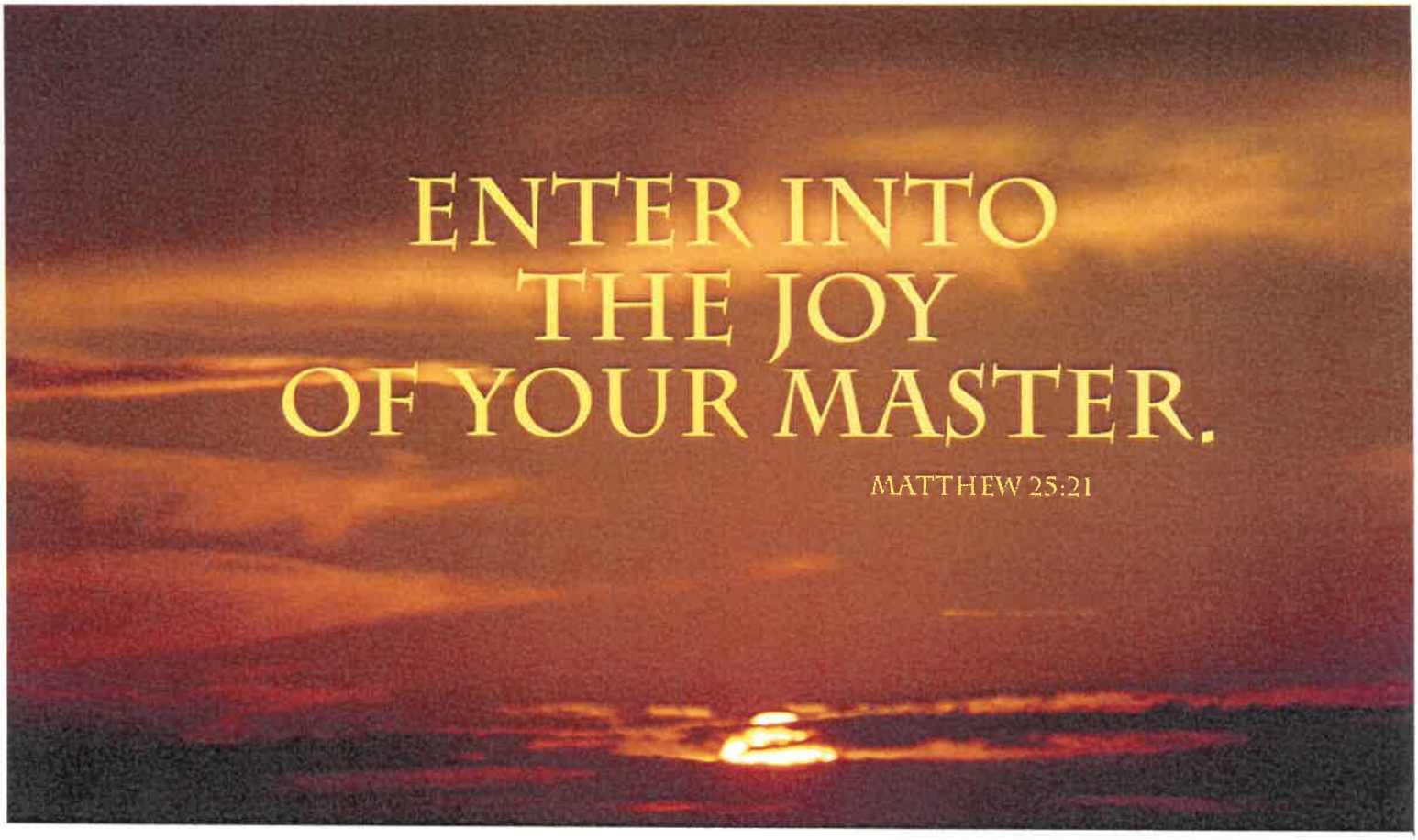


Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

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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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PRELUDE ST. ANNE *Setting by Rebecca R. Kramer*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

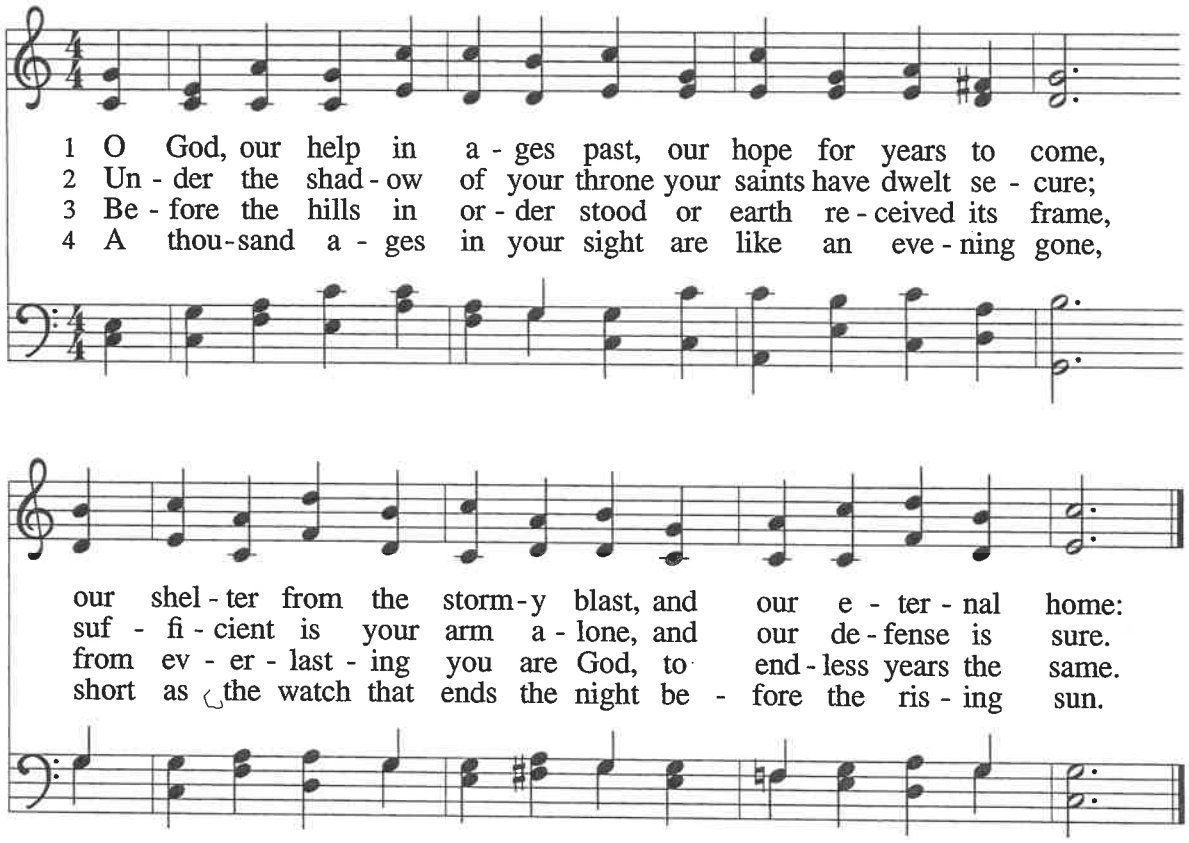
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
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, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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ST. ANNE
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***GREETING**

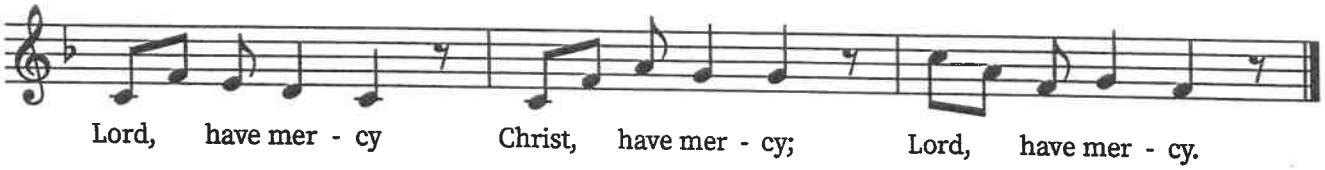
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

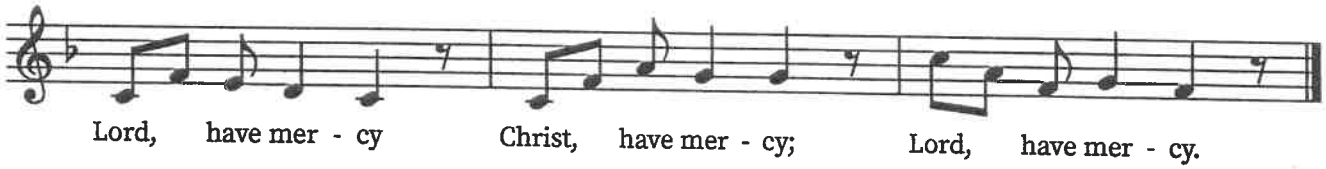
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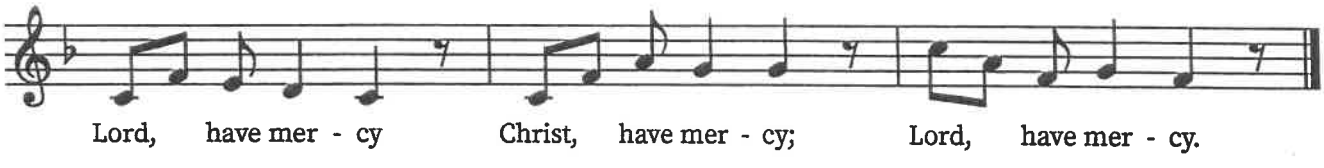
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



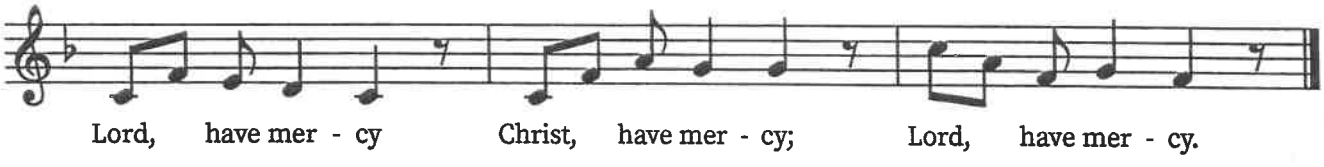
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



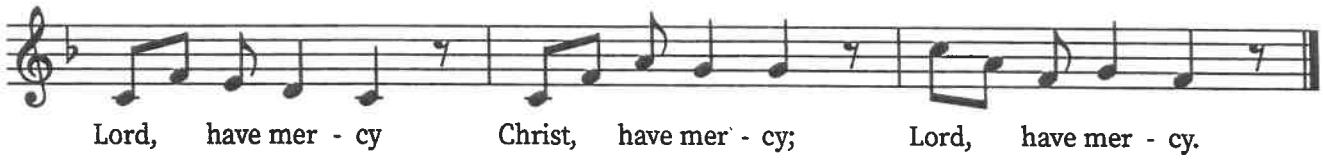
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
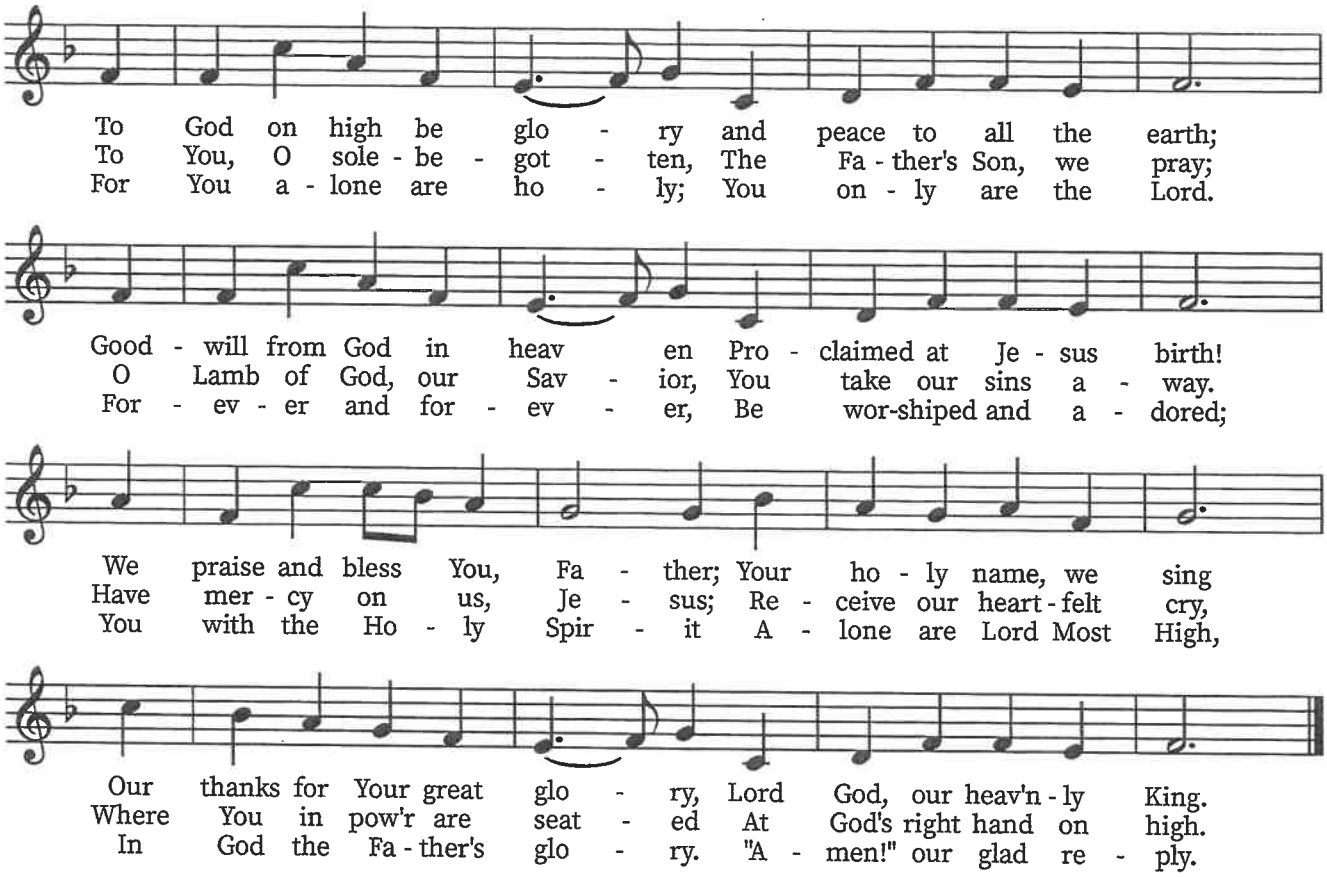


For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray…

Heavenly Father, giver of every good gift, You have blessed us with abilities, opportunities, and resources to serve You and our neighbors. Yet too often we allow fear and uncertainty to keep us from faithfully using what You have entrusted to us. Through You Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our shortcomings, renew our trust in Your promises, and free us to serve with willing and joyful hearts. By Your Holy Spirit, empower us to use the gifts You have entrusted to us for the good of our neighbors and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, 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 Zephaniah, the 1st chapter.

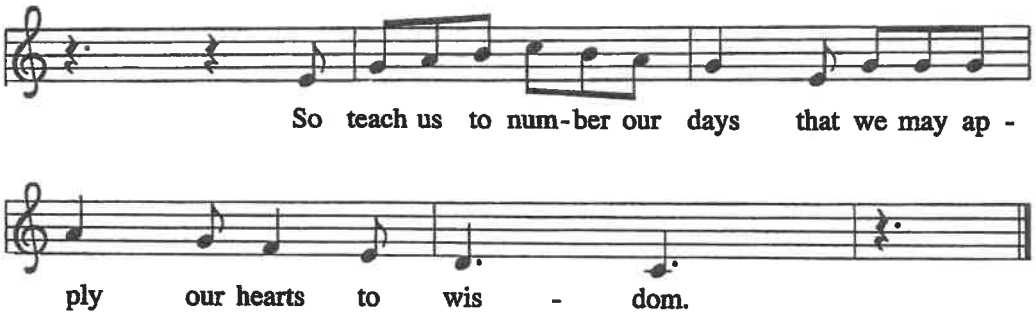
7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has
prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the Lord's
sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array
themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over
the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
10 On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a
wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants
of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut
off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men
who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant
vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the Lord is
near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the
mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of
clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the
fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 90



[1]Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
[3]You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."
[4]For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night. ***Refrain:***
[5]You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
[6]In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7]For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
[8]Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ***Refrain:***
[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10]The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
[11]Who regards the power of your wrath?
who rightly fears your indignation?
[12]So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ***Refrain:***

SECOND READING
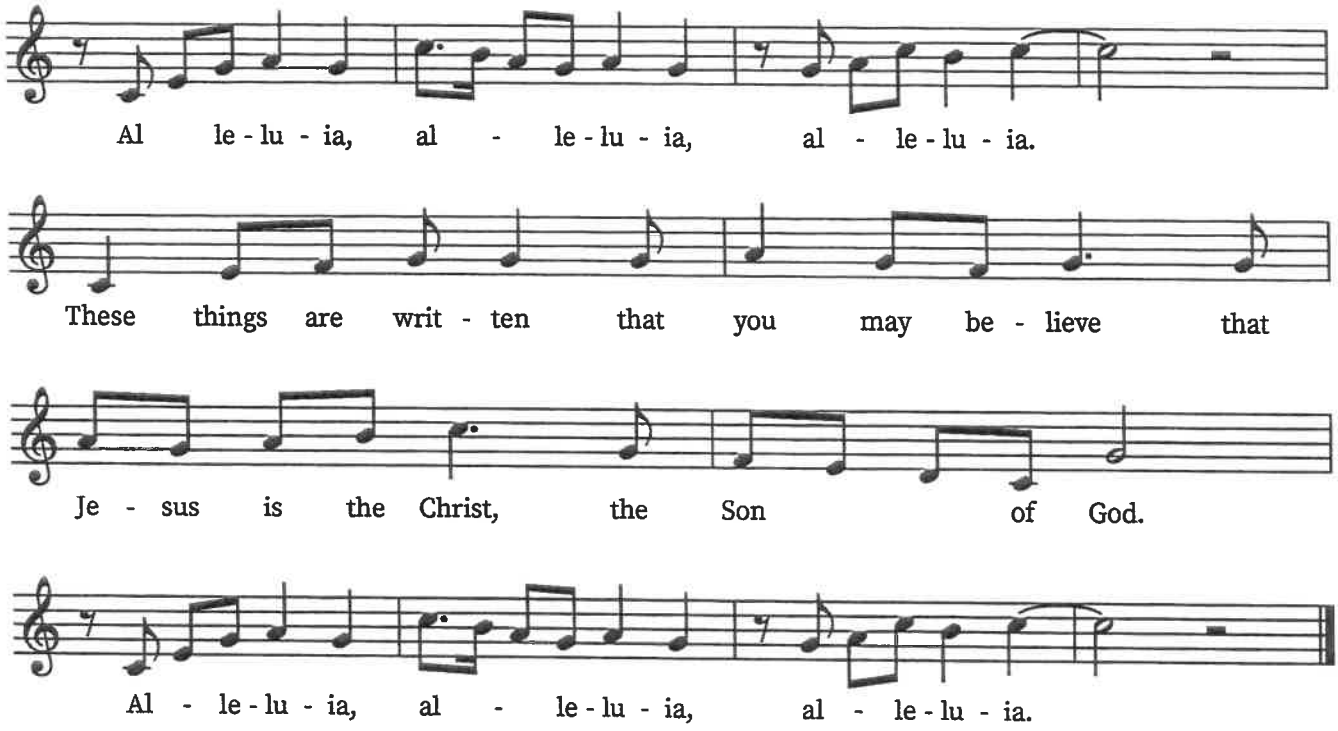
The Second Reading is from 1st Thessalonians, the 5th chapter.

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace
and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not
sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong
to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for
a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to
obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether
we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one
another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



***HOLY GOSPEL**

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

Glory to You, O Lord.
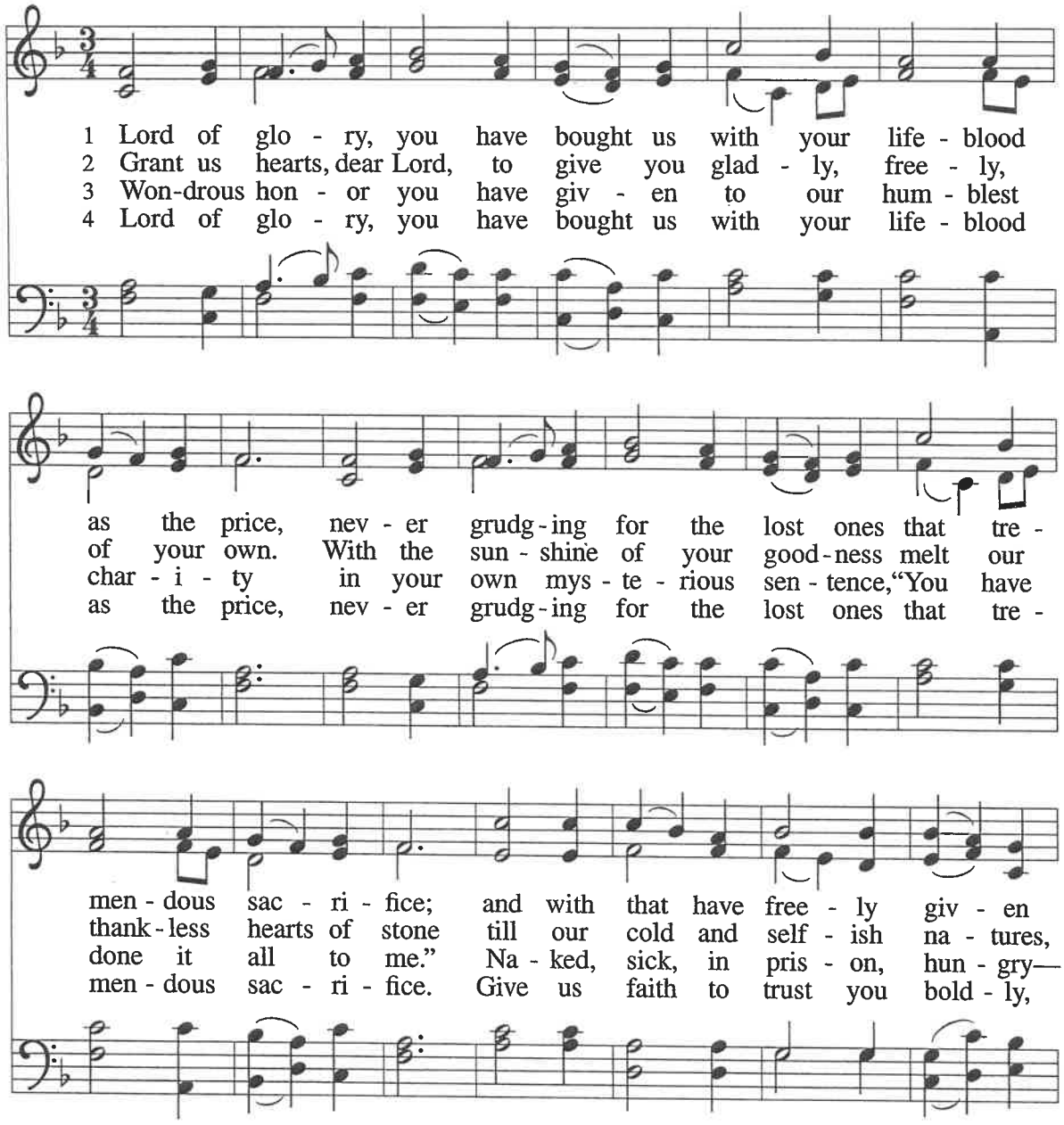
14{Jesus said to the disciples,} "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who
called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with
them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made
two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master of those
servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you
delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a
little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22And he also
who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two
talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over
much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24He also who had received the one
talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where
you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and
I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26But his
master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap
where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have
received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give
it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has
will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In
that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Paul: **"From Fear to Joy"**
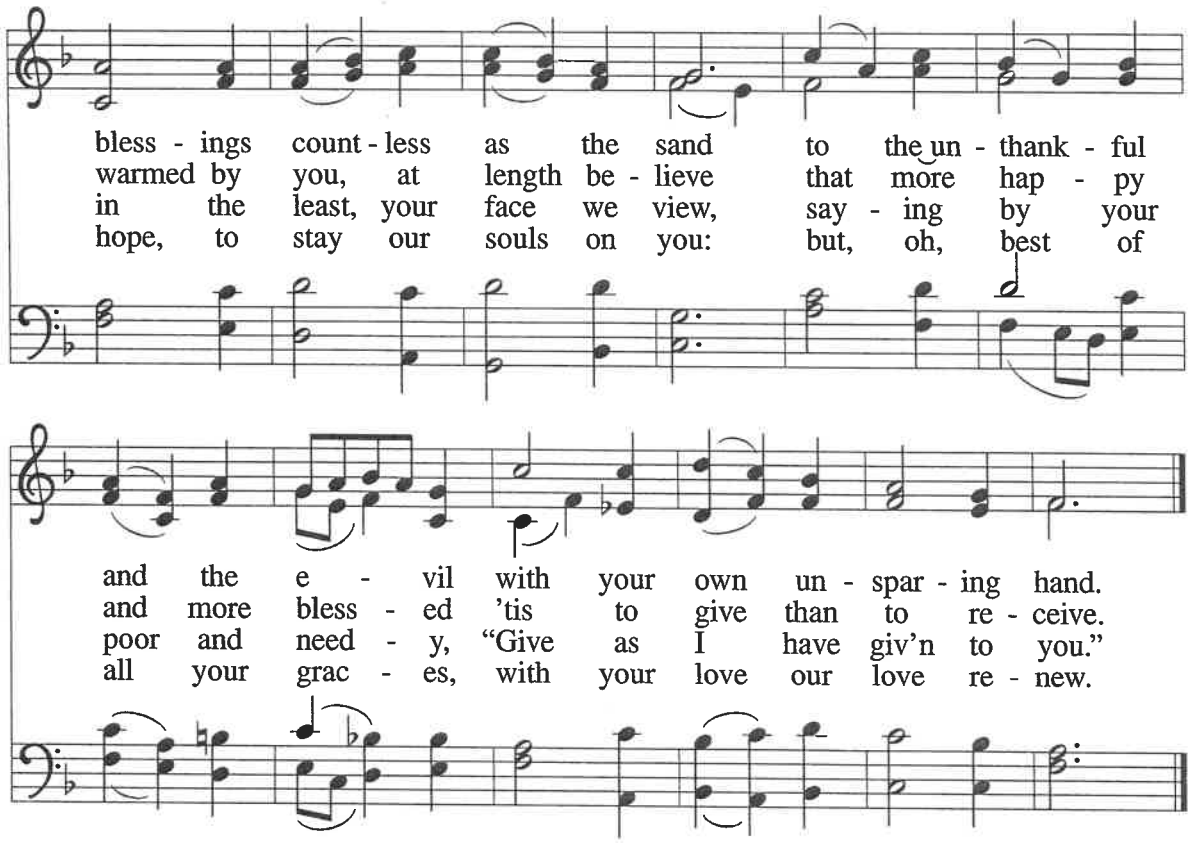
HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

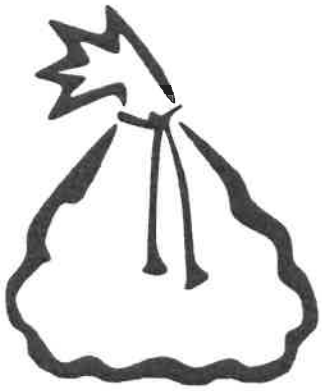


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HYMN OF THE DAY (cont.)





***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

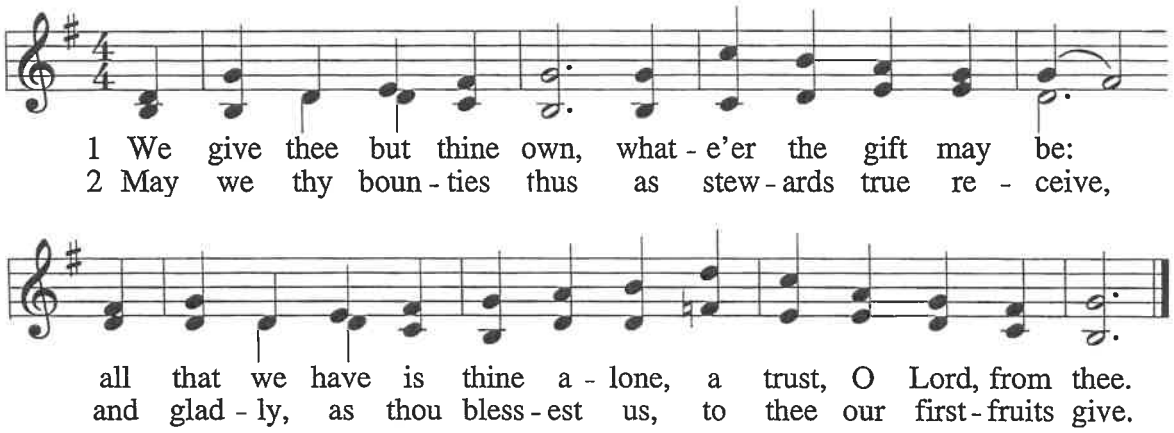
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(At this time we offer each other a sign of God's peace)

OFFERTORY "At Peace" *Piano Solo Written by John Turner*

*WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN



WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray…

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

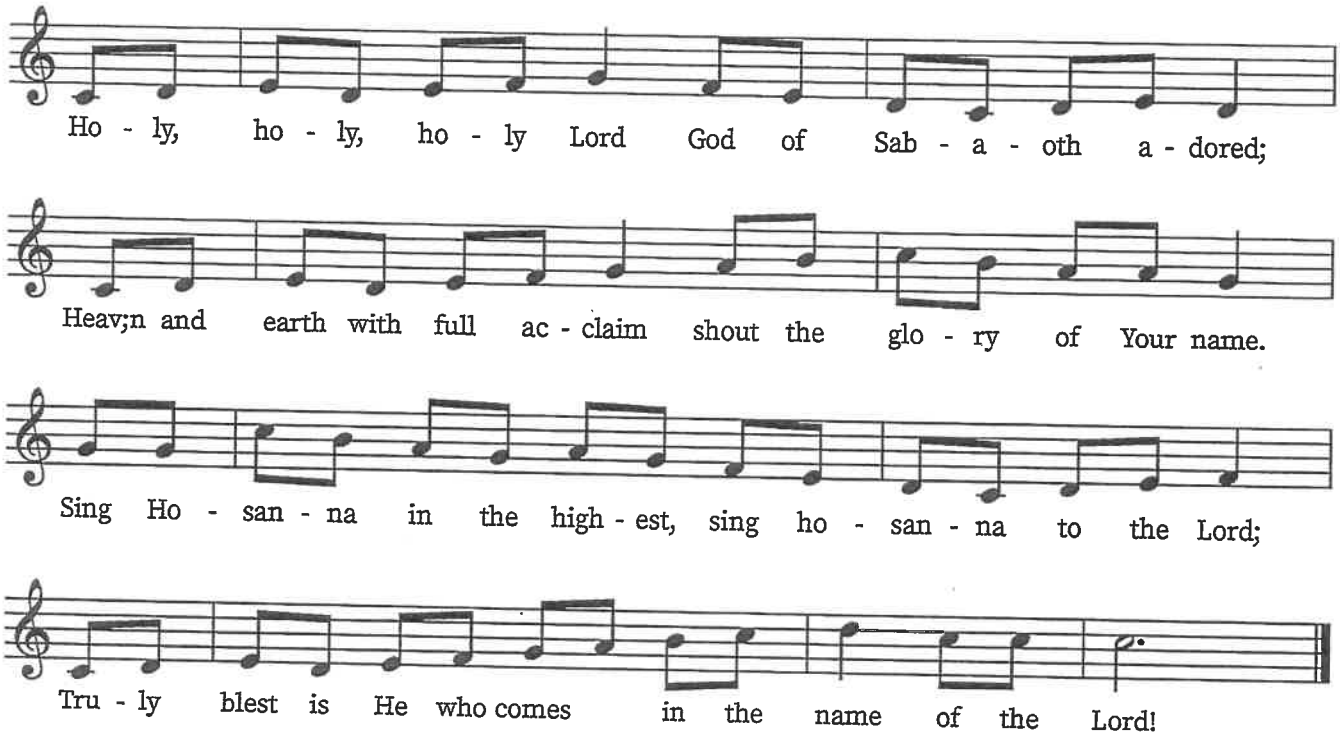
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



***THE 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.

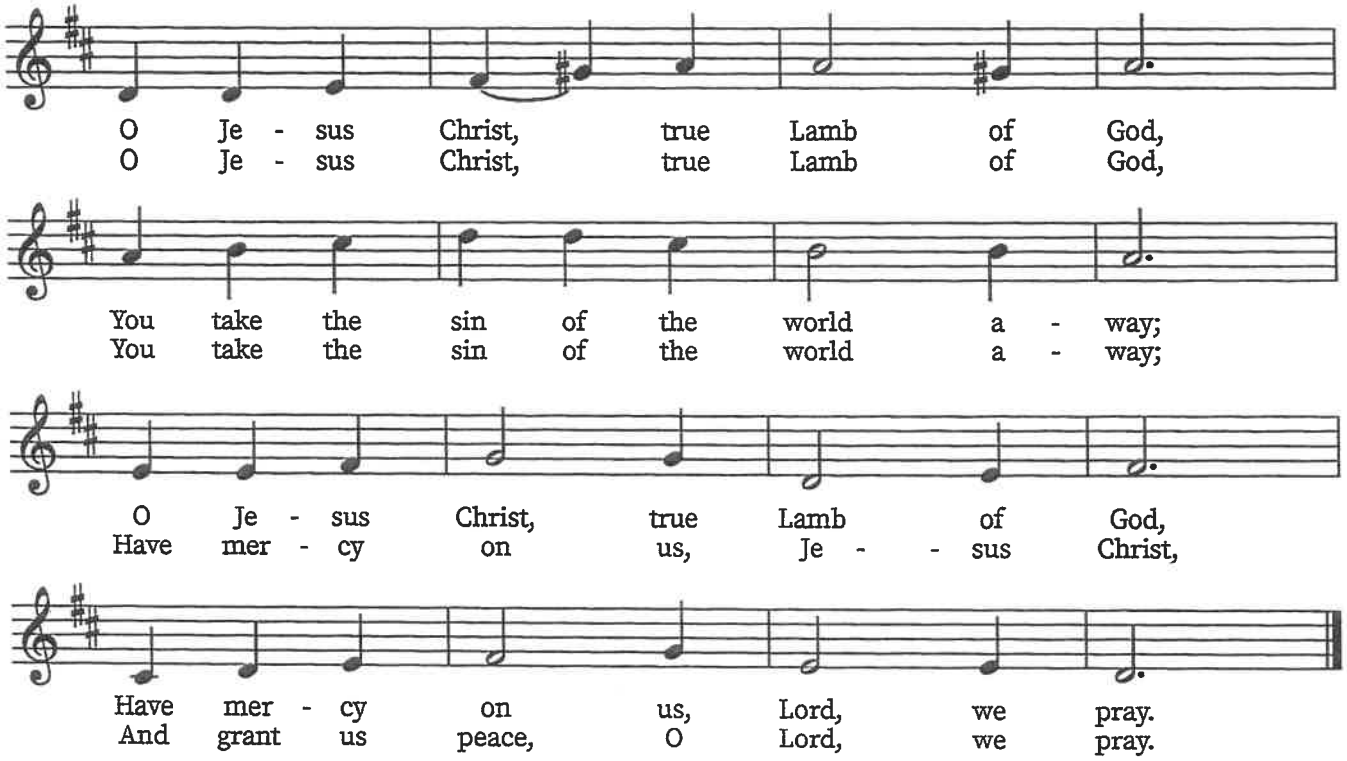
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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



*AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

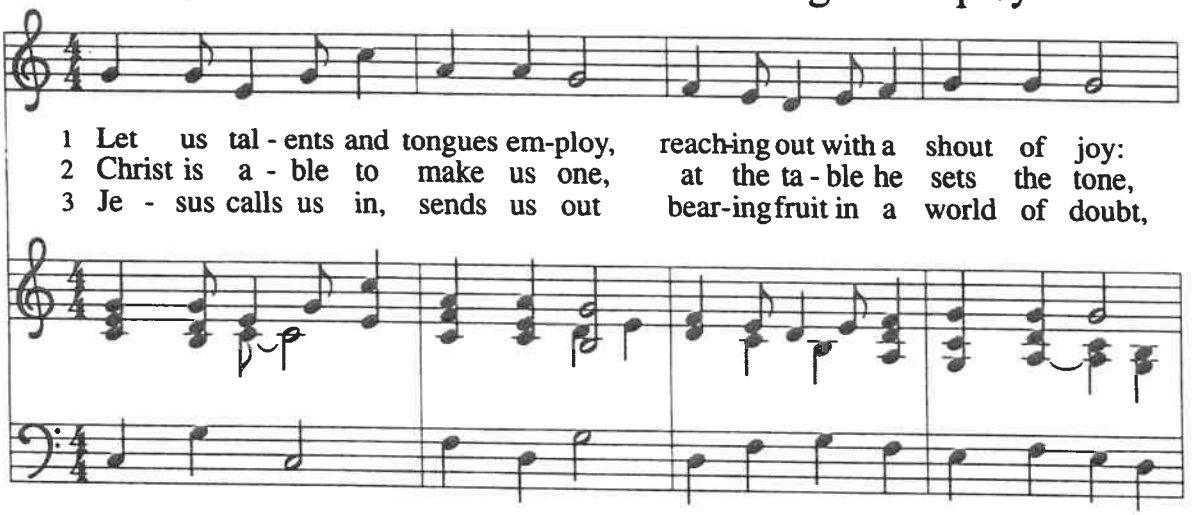
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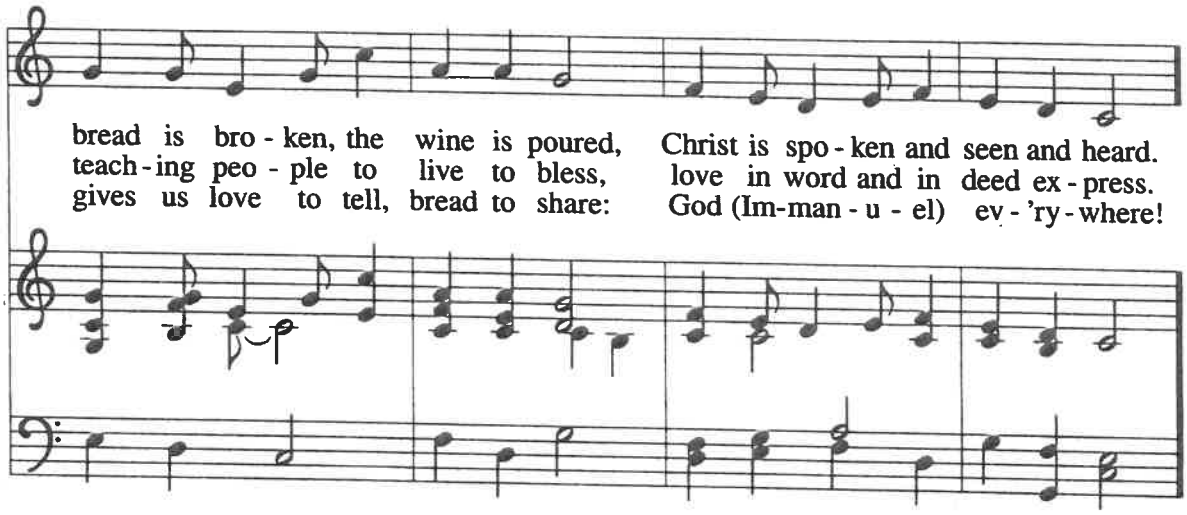
The blood of Christ shed for you.

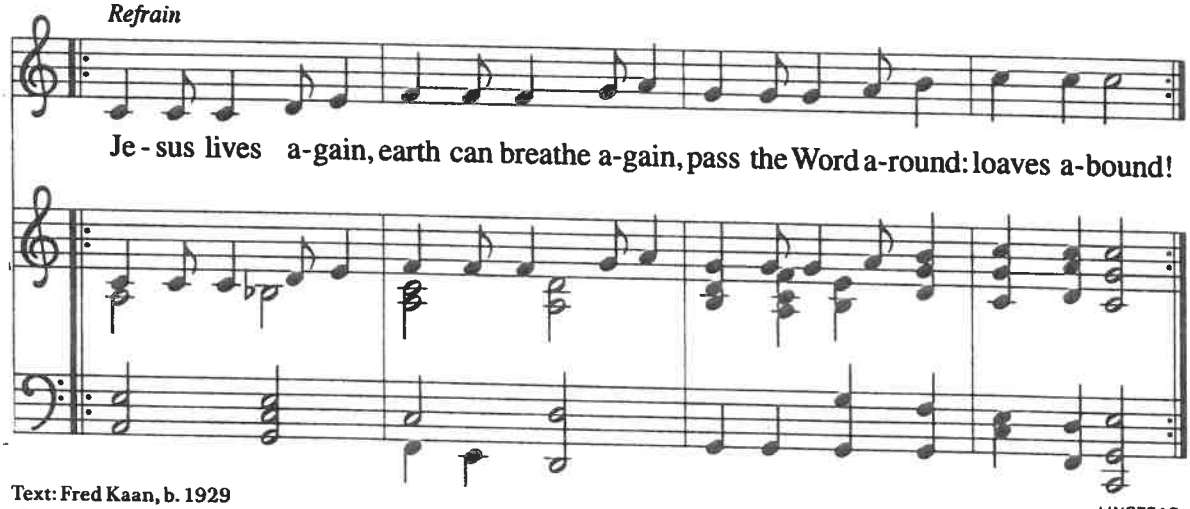
Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ







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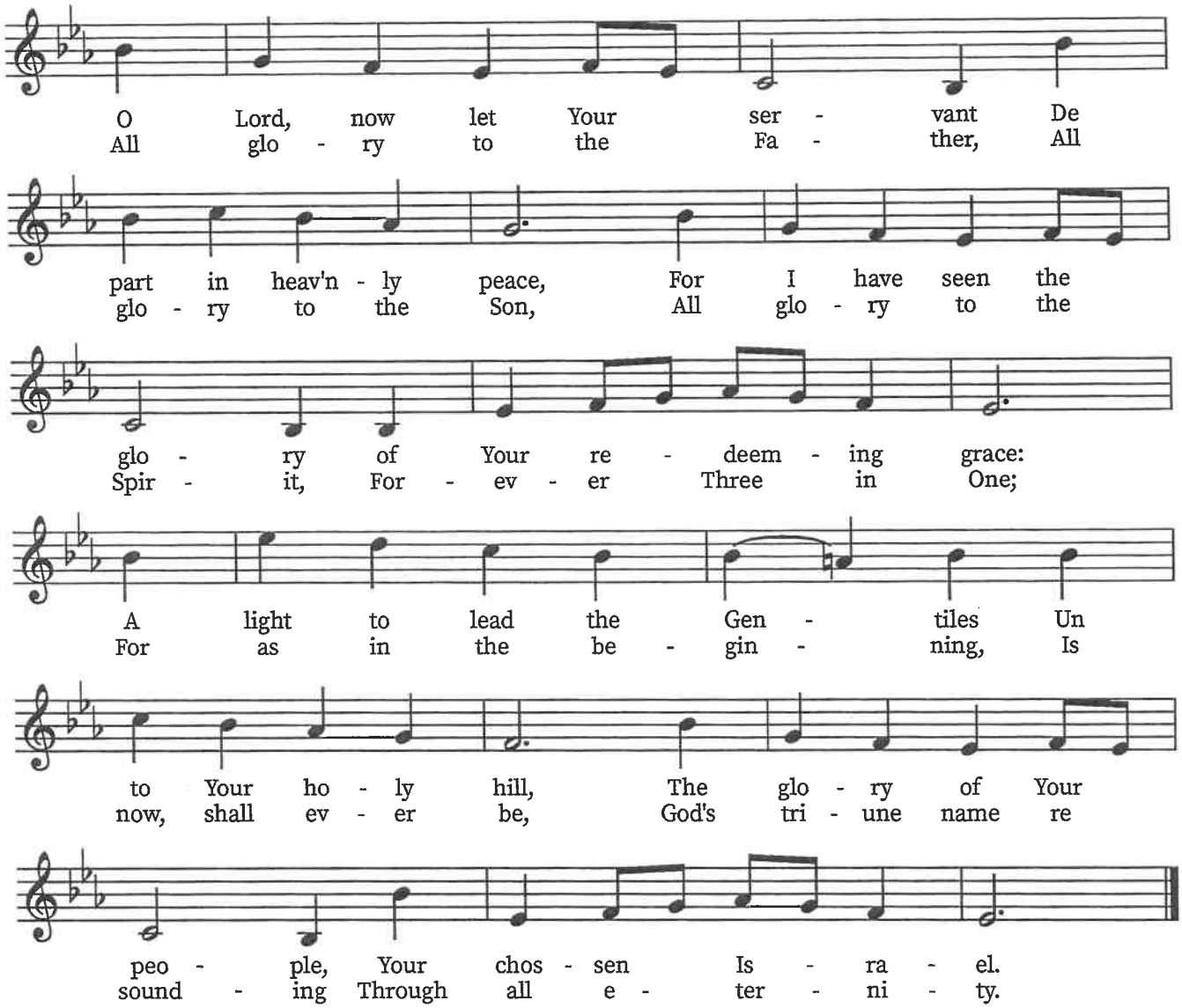
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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

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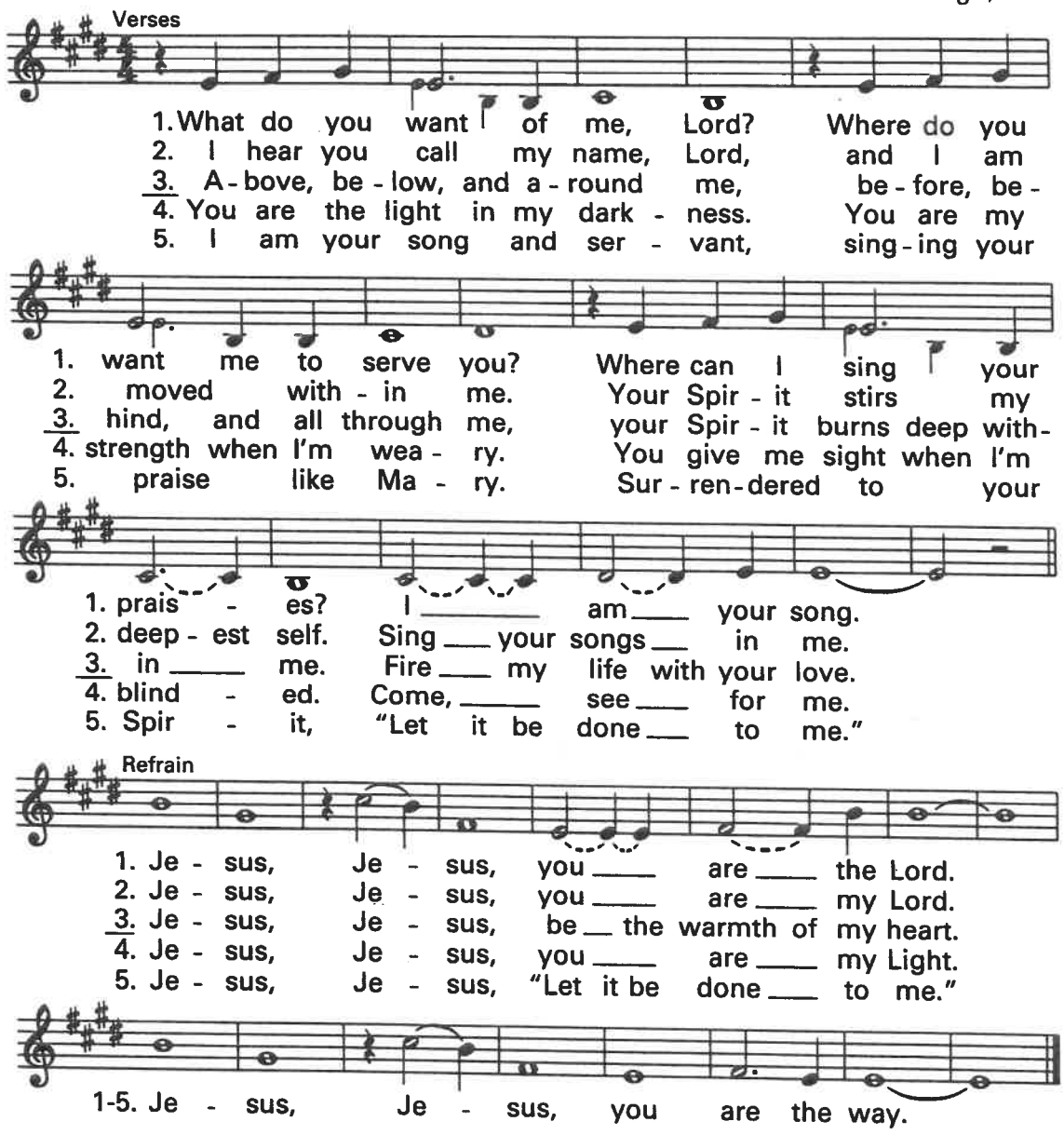
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you his peace.
Amen

***SENDING HYMN** **Servant Song**

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM



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DISMISSAL

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 11/15
Reader: Nancy Wells
Communion: Nancy Wells
Fellowship: Margaret Ebeltoft
Usher: Jerry Bramley

Next Week: 11/22
Reader: Ken Schiess
Communion: Gina Schiess
Fellowship: Deb Ebert
Usher: Ken Schiess

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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