Reformation Sunday

October 25th, 2026 8 & 11 am



Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church.

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE: Whether this is your first time or you're a regular, we invite you to fill out an attendance sheet located within the blue binders in each pew to let us know you're here. If you're watching online, you can let us know you joined us by clicking the "Let Us Know You're Here" link on our website's worship page.

OFFERINGS: Our mission and ministry is not possible without you. Gifts can be shared in a variety of ways during the service. Checks, cash and "I Give Online" cards may be placed in the offering baskets passed during the service. Online and mobile gifts can be shared via the app and QR codes listed below. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



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NURSERY: Children are a joy in worship, *and* we understand that little ones might sometimes need a break. The nursery, for children ages 0-3, is open throughout Sunday mornings until the end of the 11:00am service. For children in worship, you can find busy books and activity bags outside the sanctuary. Please ask one of our ushers if you need help finding the nursery or worship resources.

COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Ushers will guide you to the altar where you can either kneel or stand to receive the body and blood of Christ. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine is received either by drinking from the silver chalice or saving the bread and dipping it in the chalice, or by taking an individual cup. Individual cups include both wine (red) and non-wine (white) and may be discarded in the baskets found at the aisles while returning to your seats. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone. For those unable to commune at the altar, our pastors will bring communion to you.

ABOUT REFORMATION SUNDAY: On October 31st, 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther posed 95 theses on the castle doors in Wittenburg, naming his points of contention with the church and sparking a movement of the Holy Spirit within the church. Celebrated in the Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, today is set apart as a day we remember that we are ever rooted in the past and growing into the future. The church is ever-reforming in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

Visit calvaryftw.org for more information, our newsletter, and to view the full church calendar.

Celebrating 70 years as
"The Friendly Church serving Christ and the Community"

Early '50s

Pr John Groettum - Trinity Lutheran Ft. Worth sees need for a Lutheran church in Richland Hills, Hurst, Bedford area

1955

2 June Rev. Oris Sougstad called as mission developer/first Pastor.
15 Oct. Pr. Sougstad and family arrive

1956

8 Jan. 1st worship service at Richland Elementary 175 attending
15 Jan. 1st Sunday School & Ground breaking for buildings
25 March 1st Baptism 13 children + 4 adults
& Confirmation 28 confirmed.
17 April WELCA organized
25 April Calvary officially organized with 116 members
13 May 1st Congregational meeting & election of officers
20 June Calvary officially received by national church
5 Aug Moves into new buildings
23 September 1956 Dedication of new buildings 225 attending
Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall, educational wing,
and parsonage

1988

4 December New Sanctuary dedicated
8 March Family Life Center dedicated

2018

27 October Remodeled Sanctuary and new organ dedicated

The Liturgy at Calvary Lutheran Church

Prelude ***Rejoice! Give Thanks! Alleluia*** Viktor Andersson 2026
Calvary Orchestra

We turn in place, following the cross as it passes in procession to the altar.
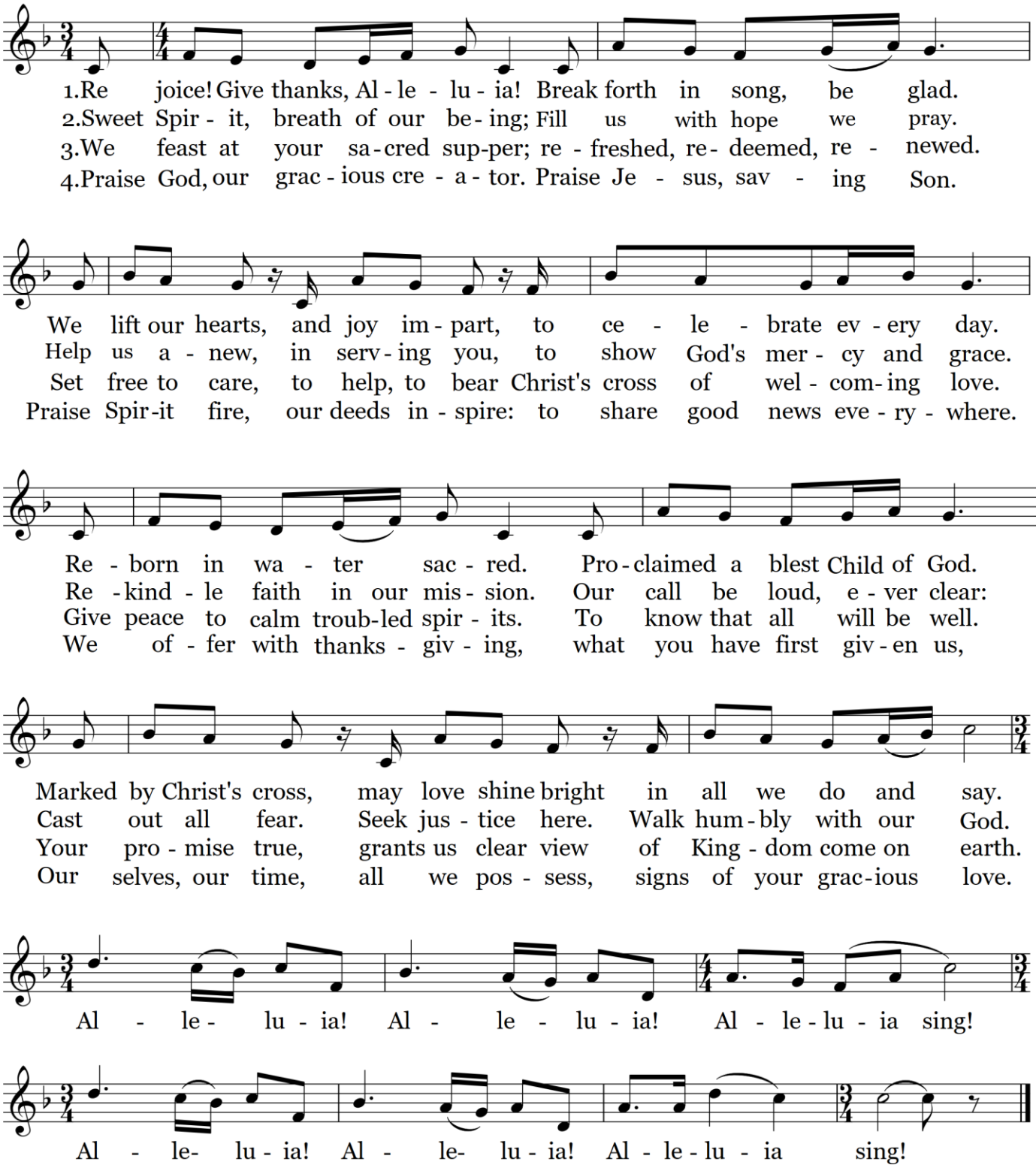
Celebrating 70 years of faithful service 1956-2026
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Rejoice! Give Thanks, Alleluia!

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Viktor Andersson



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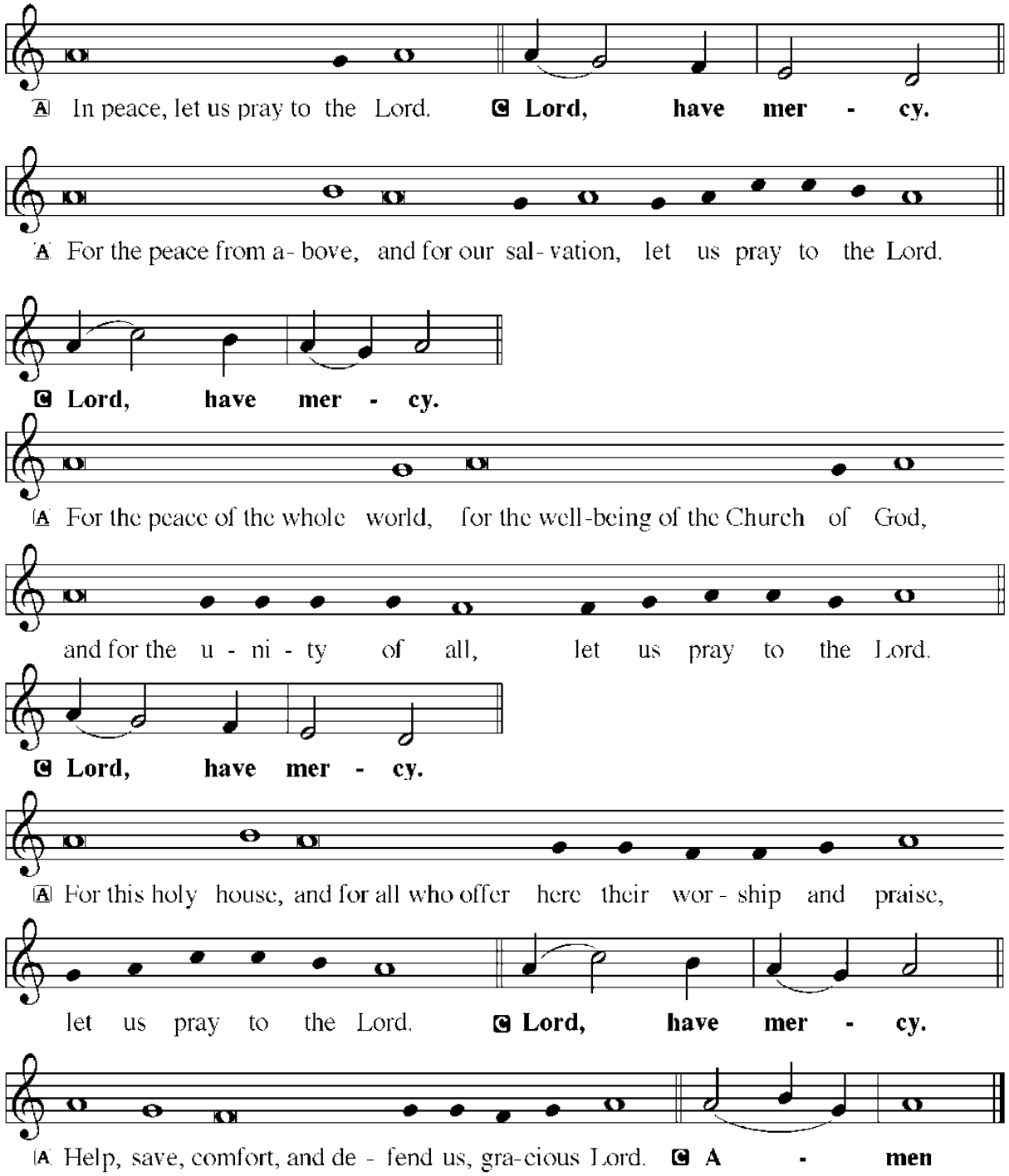
Apostolic Greeting

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

C And also with you.
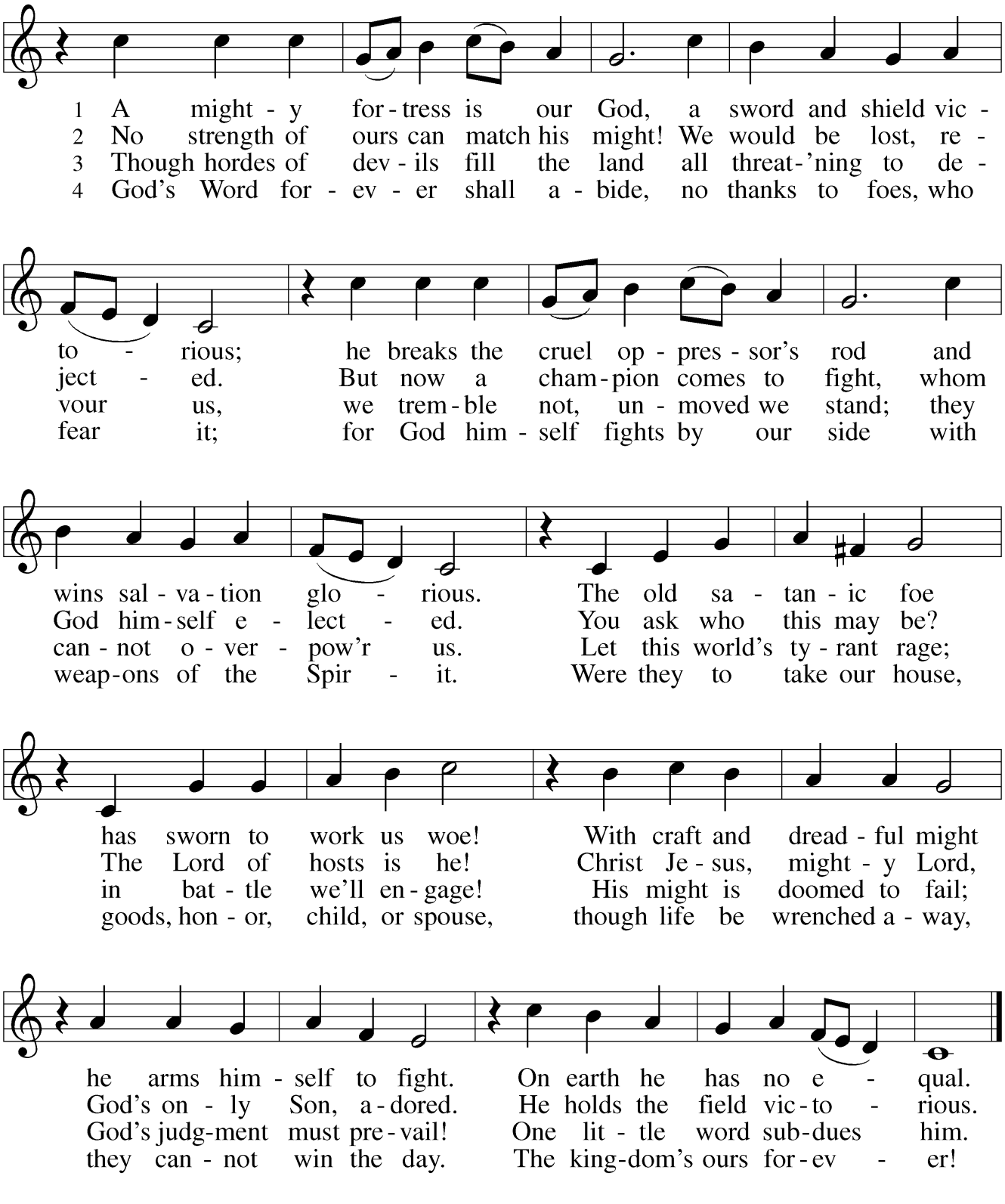
Kyrie Eleison

Did you know that "Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy"?



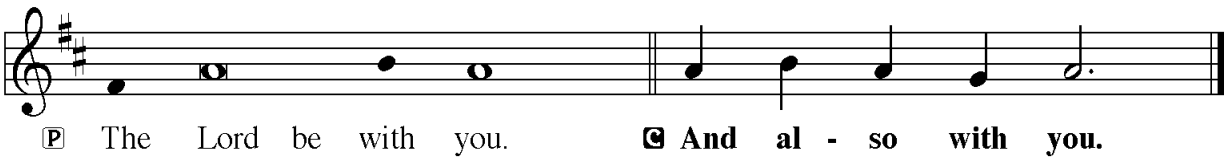
Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Prayer of the Day



P Let us pray… Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be
like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that
I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will
put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one
another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their
iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Today's appointed Psalm, Psalm 46, was sung as our hymn of praise, using Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress".

Second Reading Romans 3:19 – 28

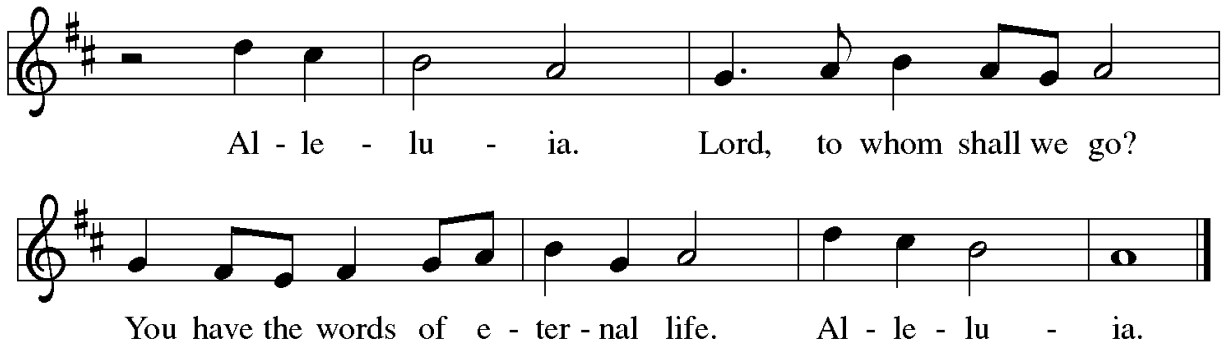
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before
him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of
God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the
Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for
all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward
as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did
this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance
he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to
demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is
righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of
law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold
that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

We stand for the gospel as Christ, the Word of God, is proclaimed.

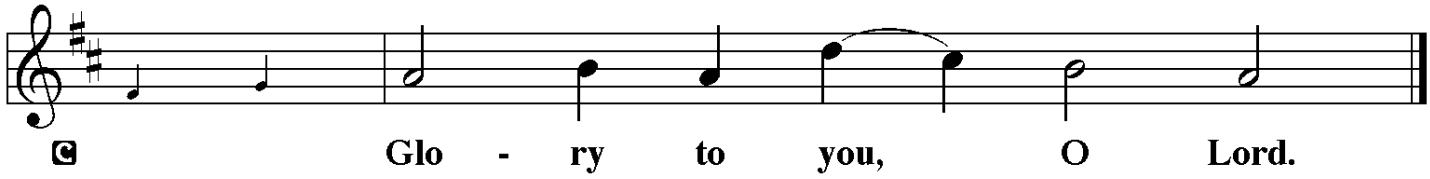
Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations



Following the congregational verse, the choir sings the following verse:

Truly you are my disciples, when you continue in my Word, and you shall know the truth; the truth sets you free. Alleluia!

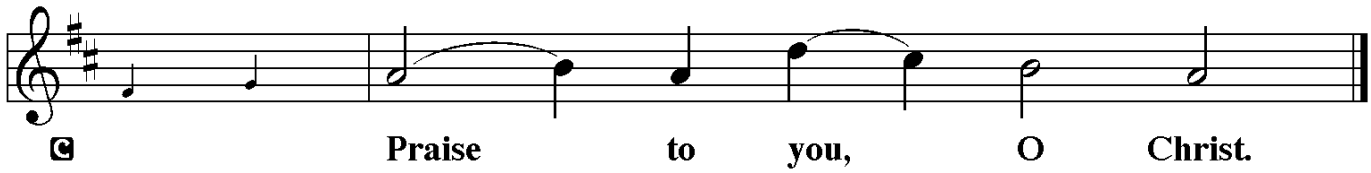
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.



31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of
Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by
saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits
sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the
household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you
free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of our Lord.
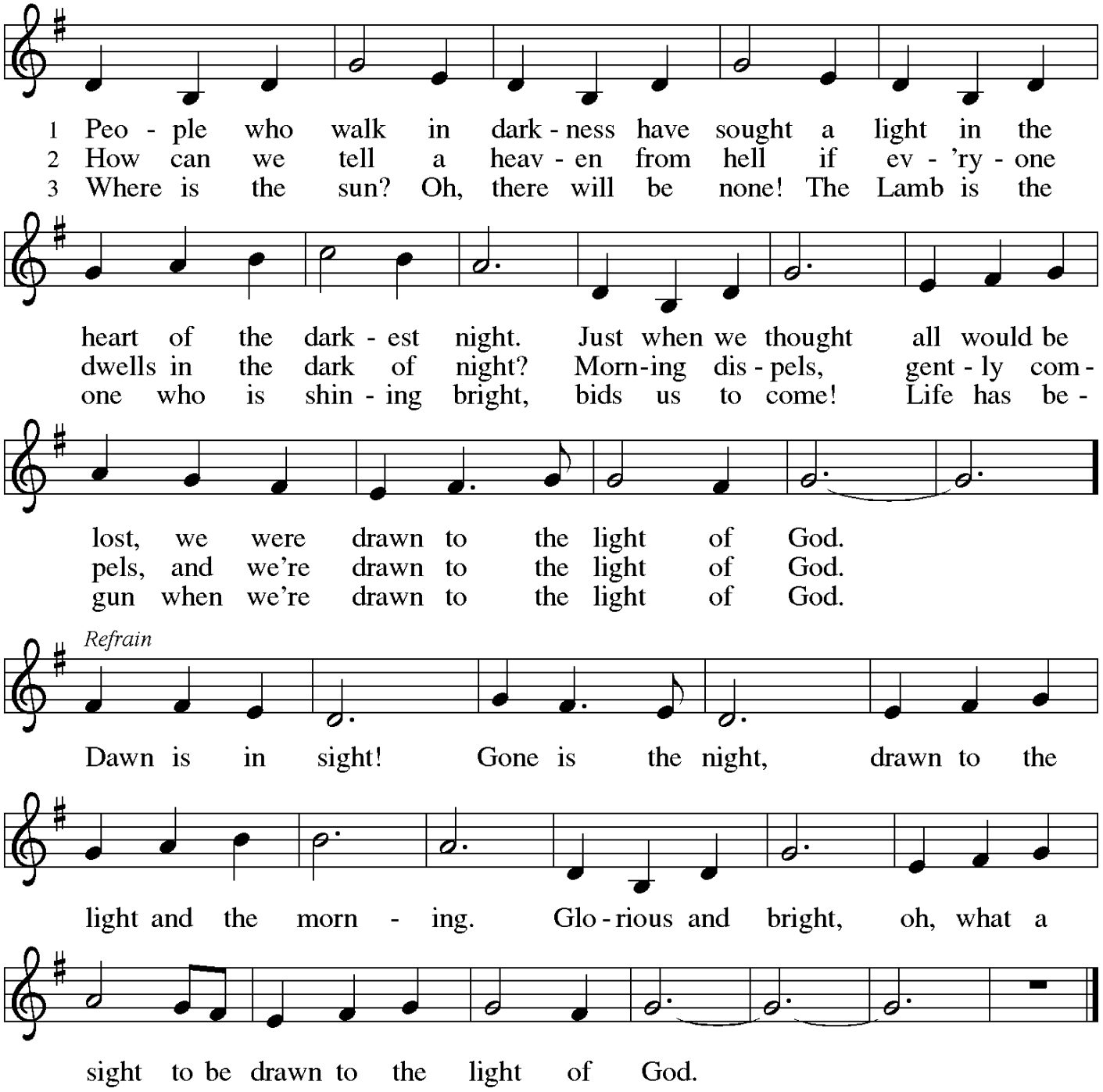


Sermon Pastor Phil Heinze, *Calvary Pastor 1991 – 2024*

Following the sermon, we pause for a time of silence, reflection, and prayer.

Hymn of the Day

Drawn to the Light



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker
Text and music © 1990 John C. Ylvisaker.

Creed

Did you know that "Creed" comes from the Greek "Credo" meaning "I believe"?

A Let us profess the faith in which we are baptized:

C 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 Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

The Assisting Minister will end each prayer petition saying "Lord, in your mercy…" to which the congregation responds, ***"hear our prayer."***

The Pastor will conclude the prayers with the following…

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

We greet our neighbors in the name of the Lord.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offertory *Now Thank We all our God* J S Bach 1685-1750
Sanctuary Choir, Trumpets, Timpani
from cantata *Gott der Herr ist Sonn un Schild* BWV 79
tune Johann Cruger 1598-1662 text Martin Rinkhart 1586-1649
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1829-1878 *alt.*

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things has done
in whom this world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms
has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.

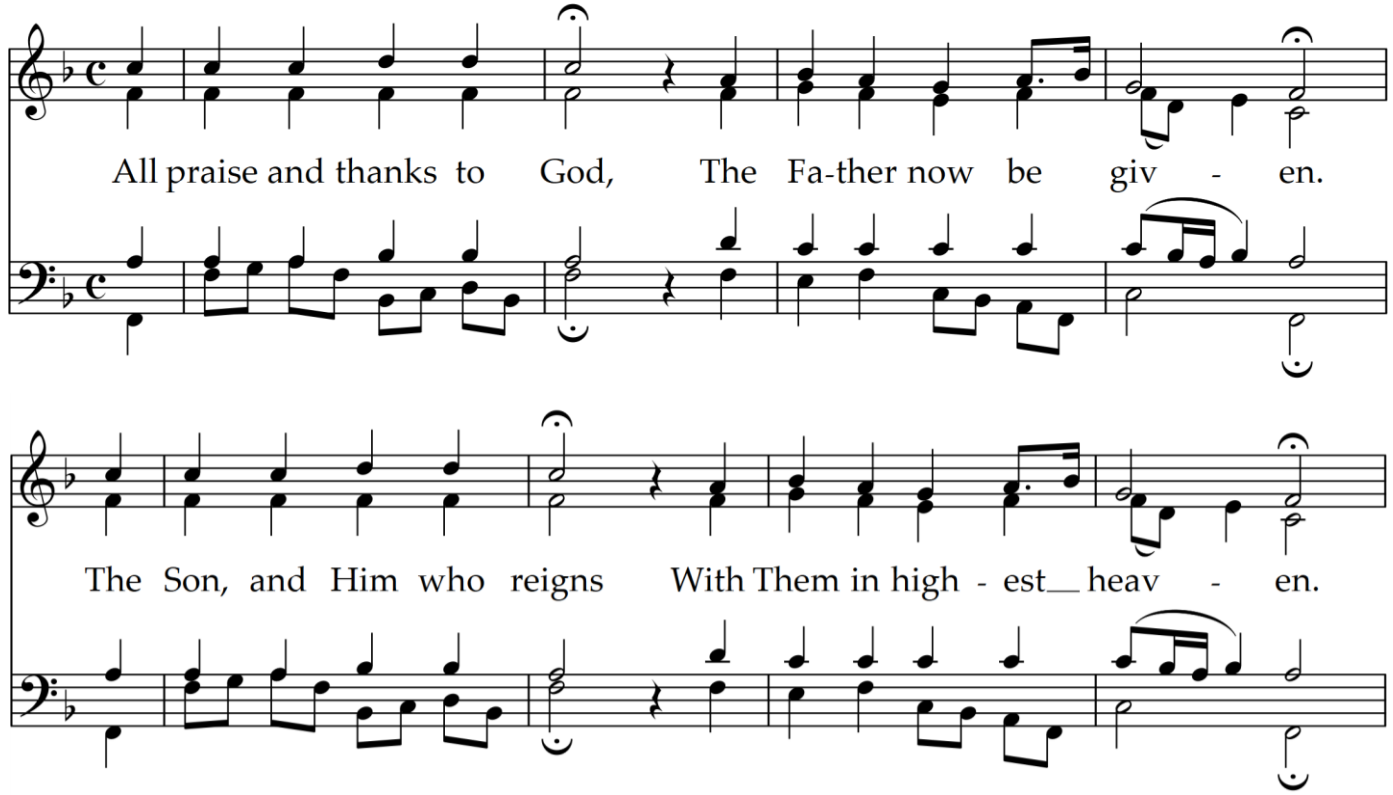
We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.

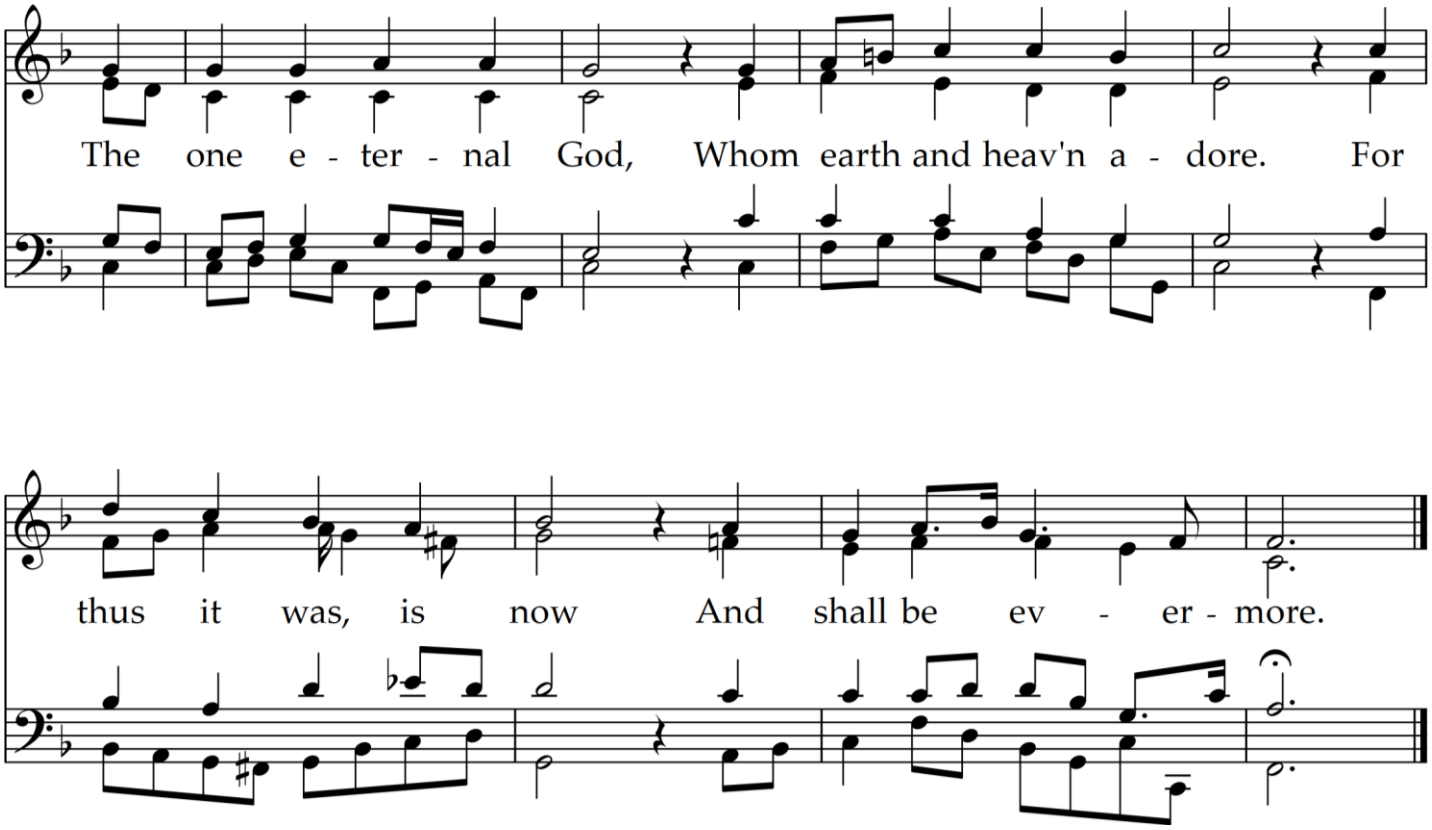
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We stand as our gifts are presented.



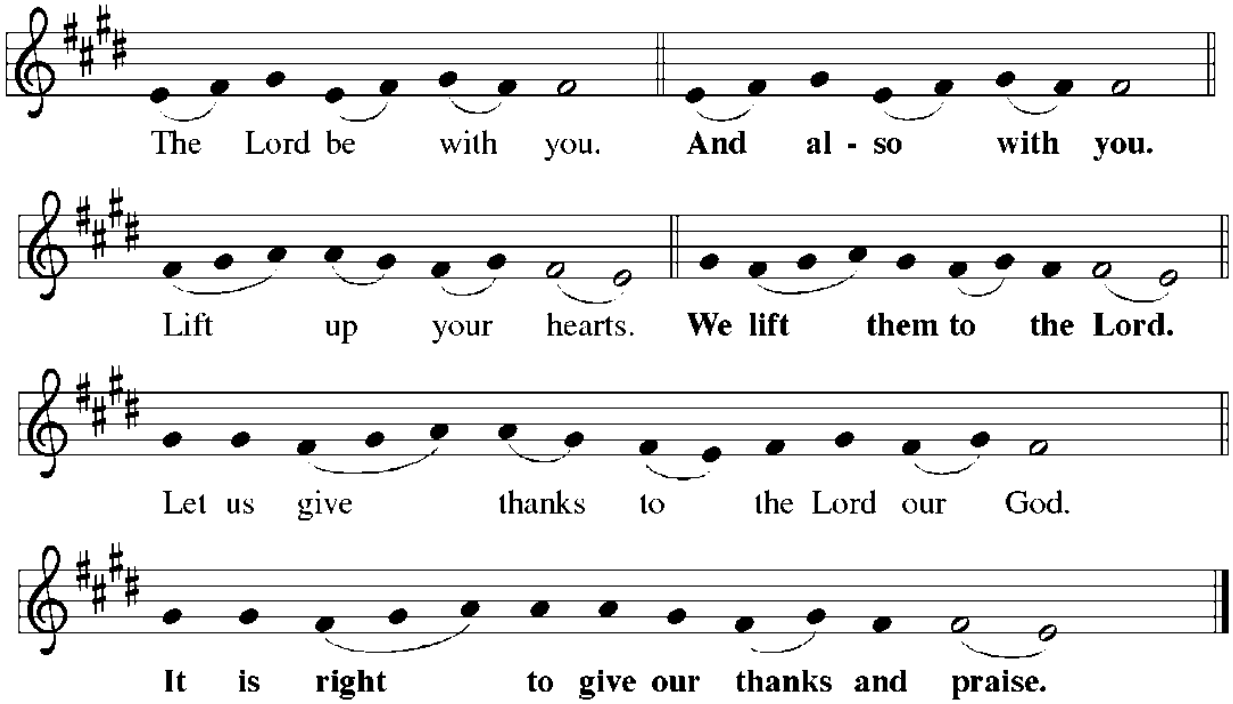


A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C 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

Great Thanksgiving



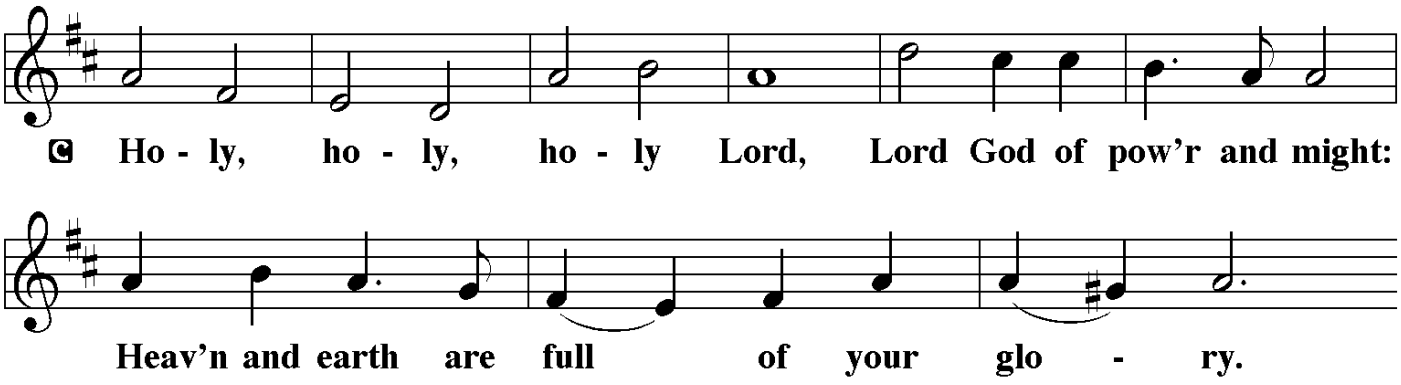
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

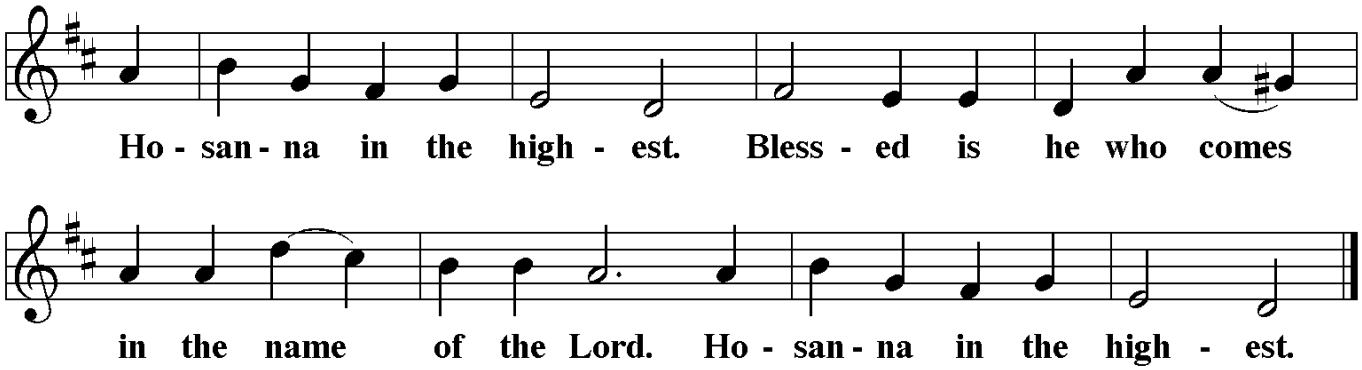
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The Sanctus and Benedictus, translated from the Latin meaning "Holy and Blessed" is an ancient song that draws on the words of Isaiah and recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

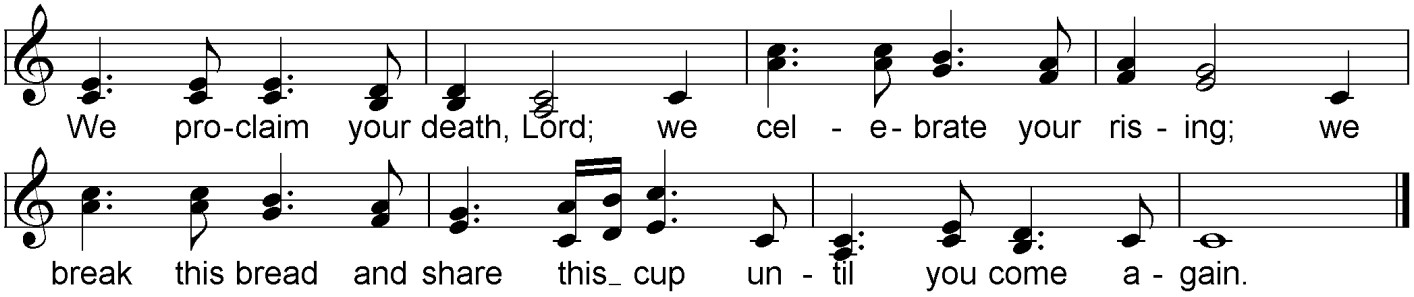




Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist is from the Greek meaning "Thanksgiving". The Pastor prays the Eucharistic prayer, weaving in the day's themes with the familiar words of Jesus from the Last Supper. We are reminded that we share in this meal "in remembrance of Jesus".

Eucharistic Acclamation



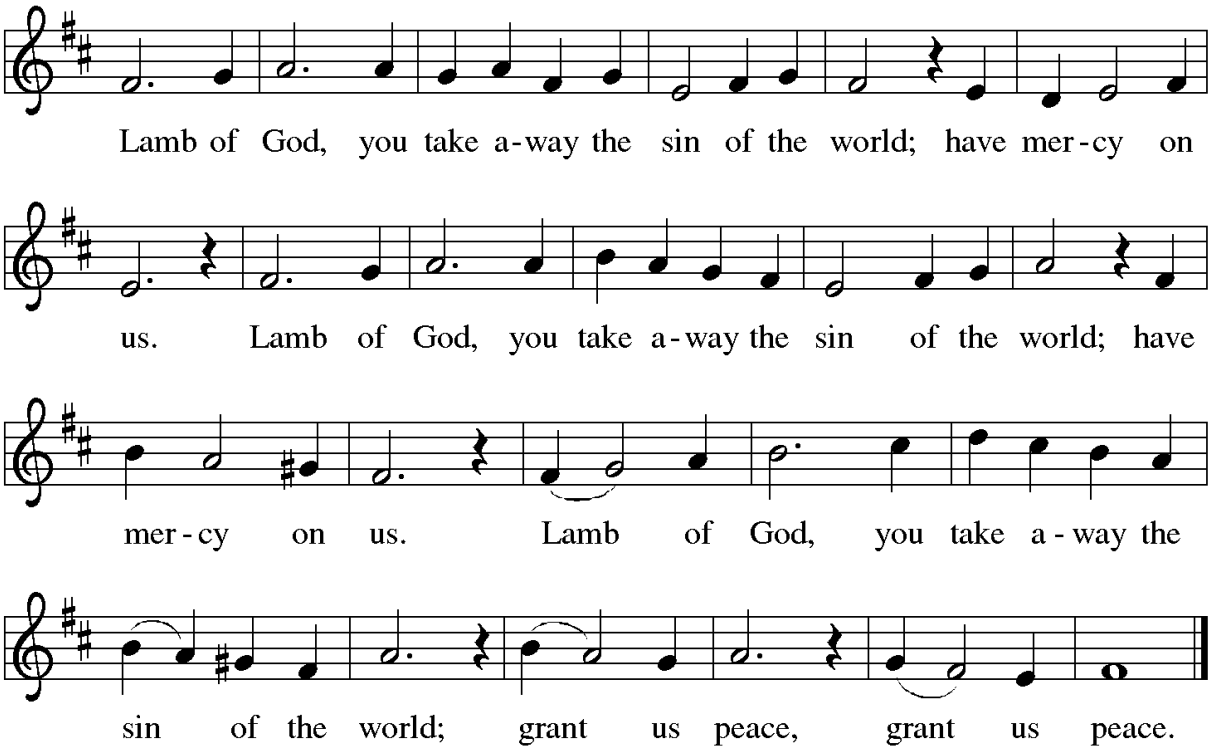
P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**All 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**

P The body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei

"Agnus Dei" comes from the Latin meaning "Lamb of God".
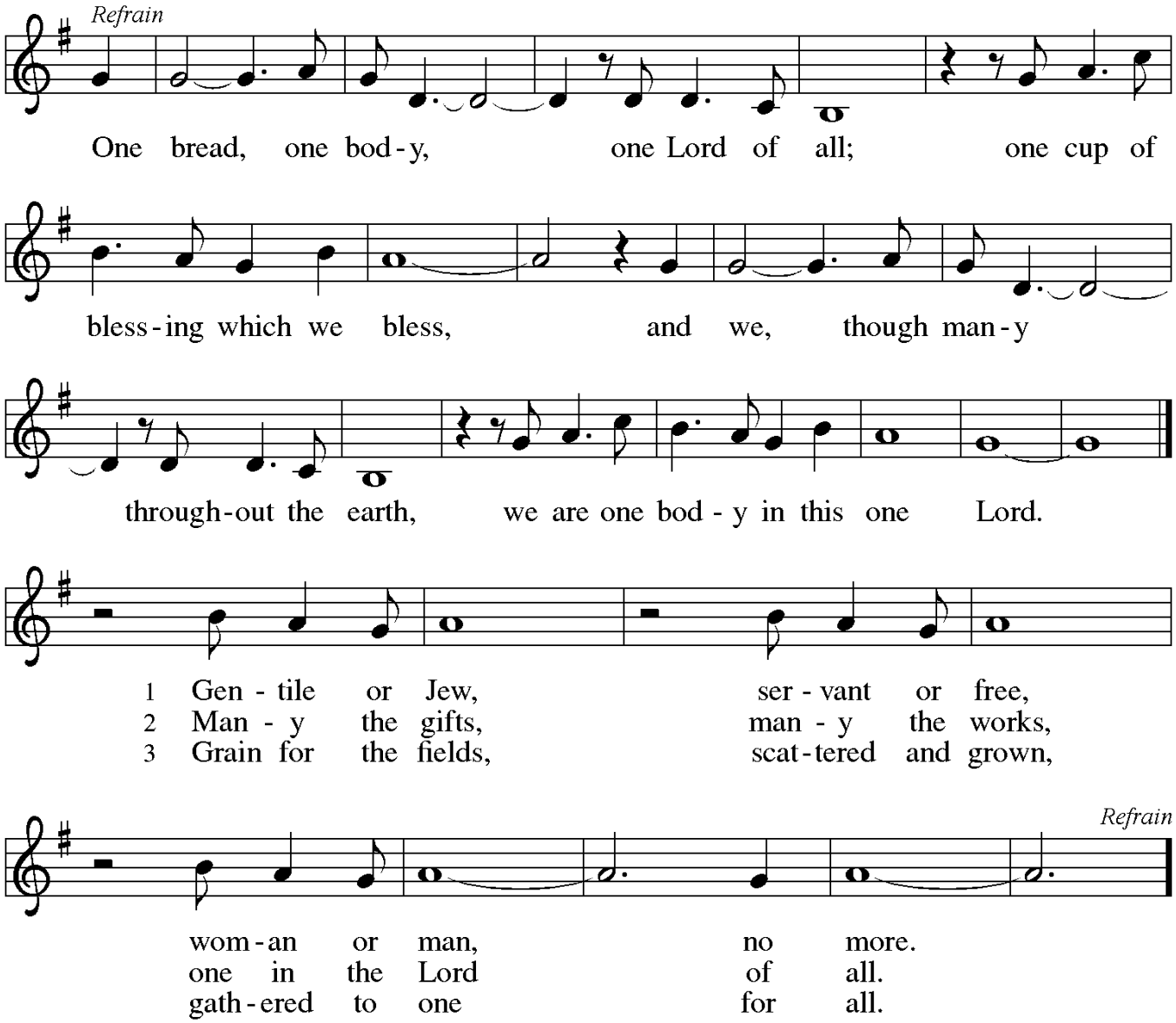


Sharing of Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.
Please follow the directions of the ushers as we share in this meal of grace.
As we share in the meal, the words of promise are shared:
"The body of Christ, given for you." and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Detailed communion information can be found on the inside cover of your bulletin.

The following hymns may be sung during the sharing of communion.
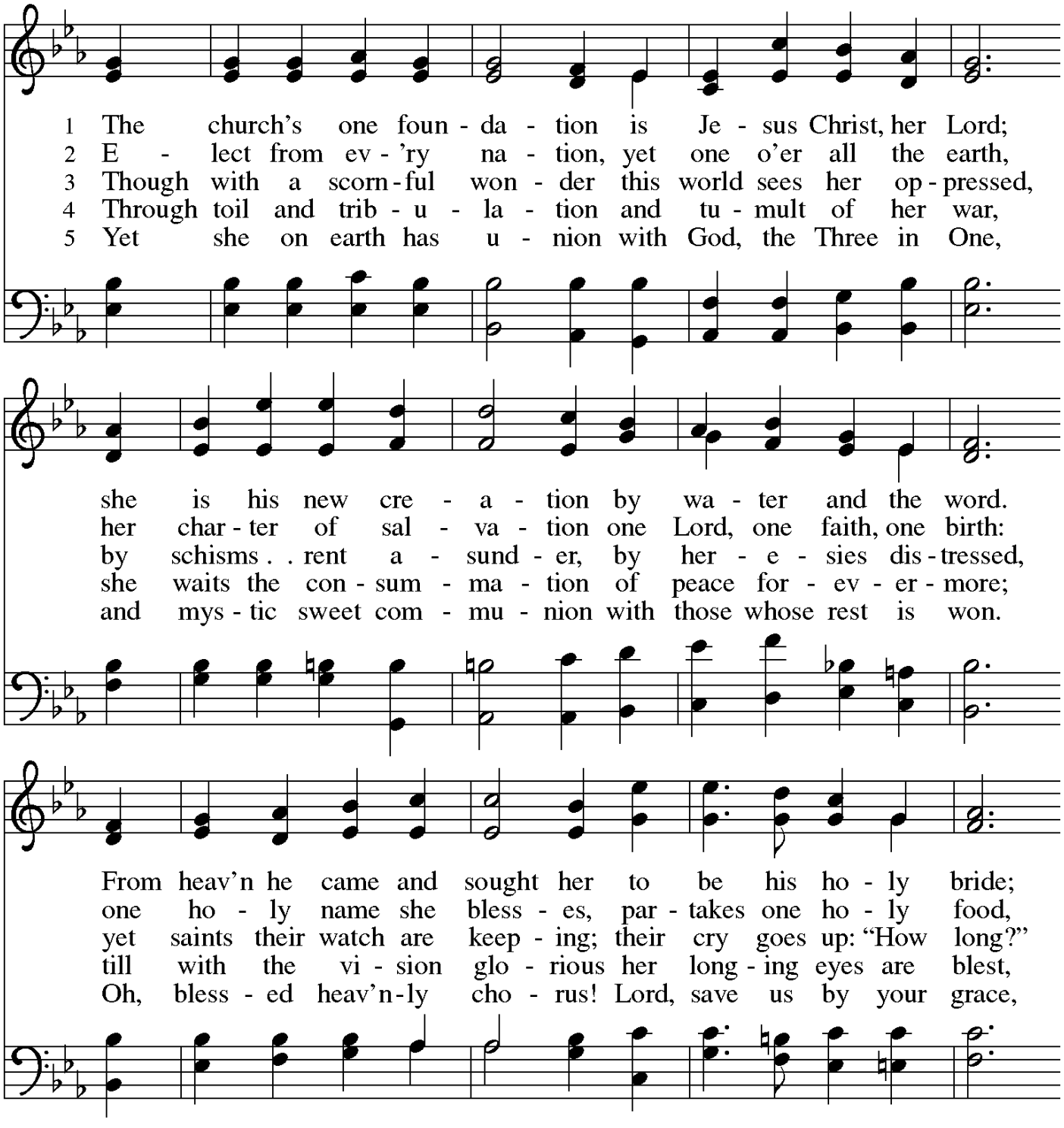
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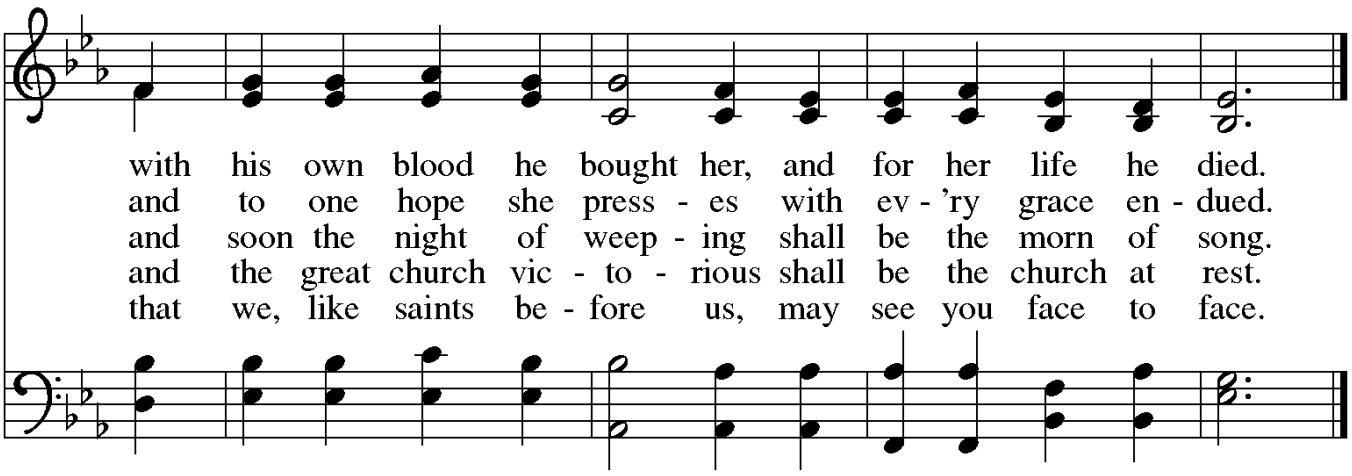


Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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The Church's One Foundation, v. 4 sung Acapella

The Church's One Foundation was the entrance hymn at Calvary's first worship service in 1956.
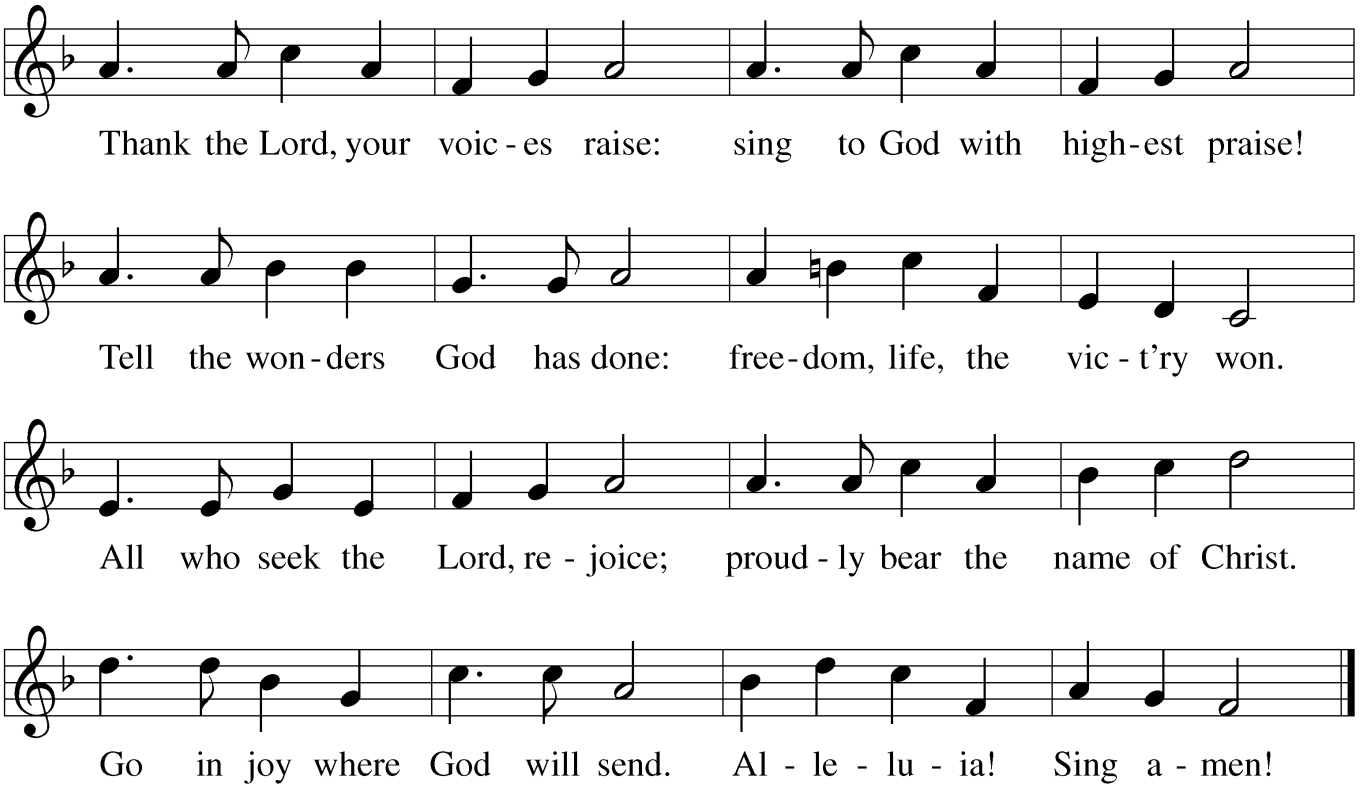




Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

A Let us pray… O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen

The Benediction evokes the language of the Priestly Blessing from Numbers 6:24 – 26.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

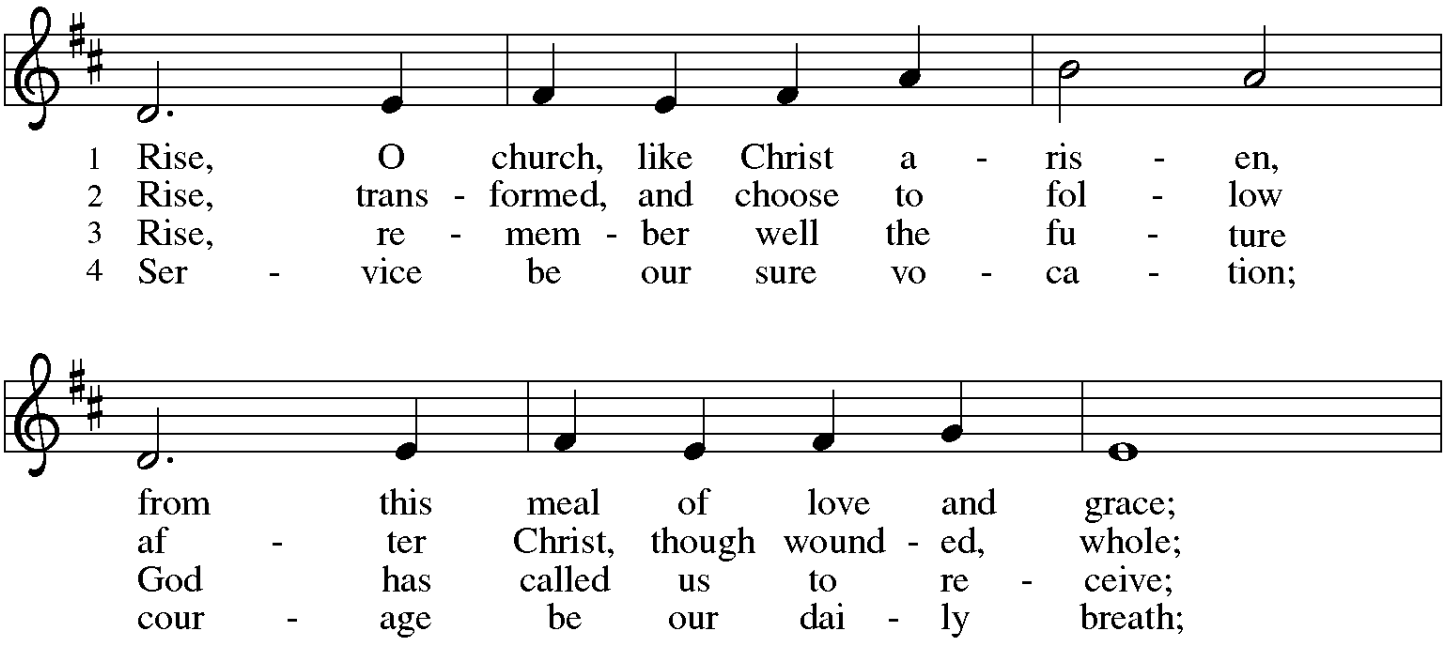
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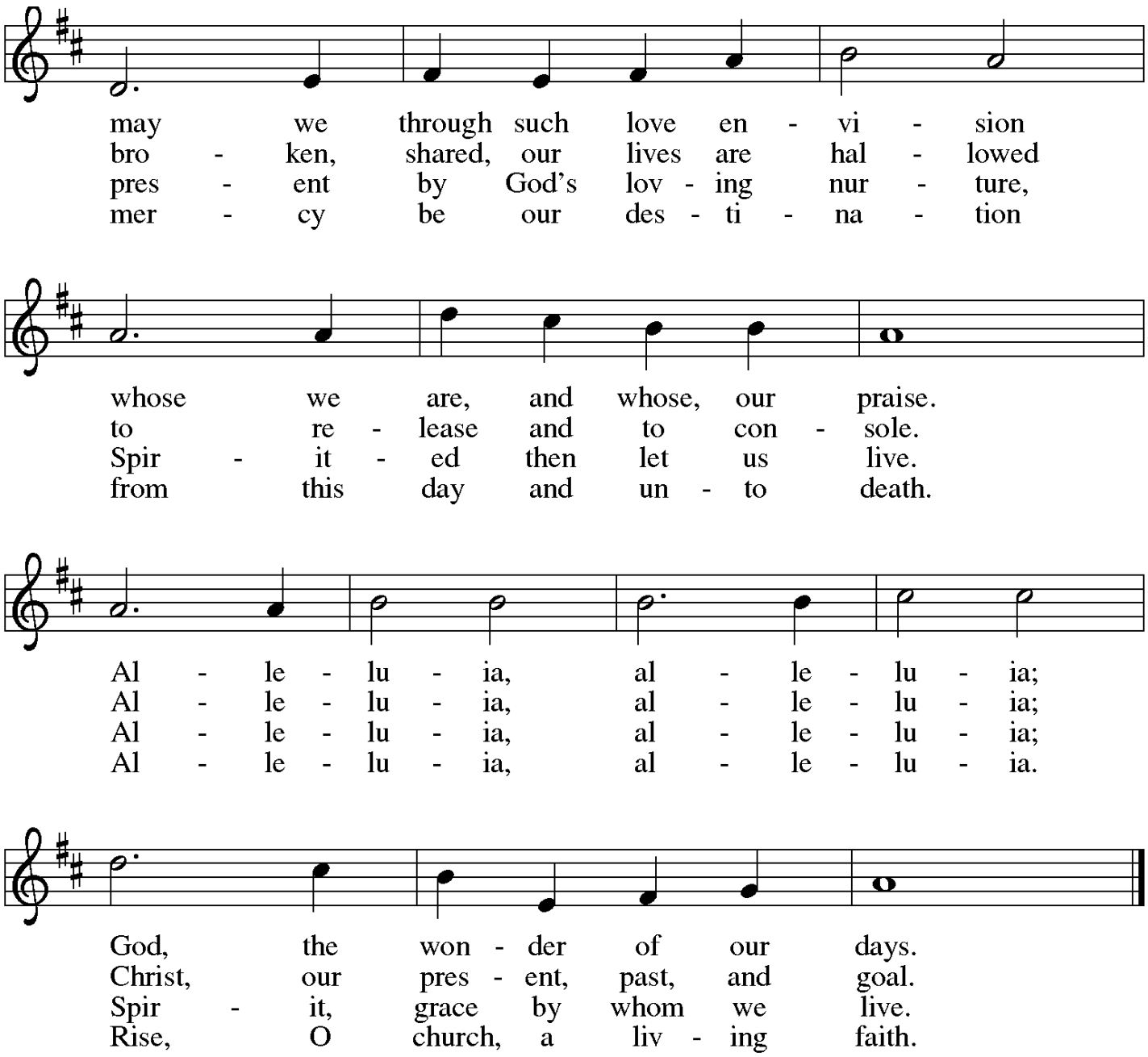
Having been fed by the Word and at the table, we are sent to live out our baptismal calling – sharing God's love with our human hands.

During the recessional hymn, we turn in place, following the cross.

Recessional Arr. Jeremey Bankson 2025

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen





Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Orchestral Reprise ***Rise, O Church Like Christ Arisen***

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Lector	Debbie Larsen	Fred Ginapp
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Acolyte		
Crucifer		Derek Hershberger
Torch Bearers		Holden Rouze, Brayden Chambers
Banner Bearer		Nate Chambers
Ushers &	Jeff Goodwin	Karen & Dale Schultz
Greeters	Don Acker	Carmen Day-Alexander, Craig Alexander
Altar Guild	Jenny Gibson	Cathrine Andejeski
Audio/Visual	Peter Abadier	Peter Abadier, Zach Williams

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Viola Nathaniel Wheeler
Double Bass Amelia DeFanti
Oboe Katelyn Bennett, Caroline Sena
Flute/Piccolo Melissa Arthur, Christy Gibson, Toni Tharp
Clarinet Nancy Medina, Kelsey Scheuerman, Emily Wenger
Bass Clarinet Cindy Mraz
Sax Nolan Burkett, Mary Keller, Noah Larsen, Kelsey Scheuerman
Trumpet Blake Bina, Casey Goldman, Jacob Groening
F Horn Debra Machos, Garrett Nelson *Euphonium* Charles Lansdon
Trombone Jack Graeber, Robert Morris
Bass Trombone Paul Slezak
Tuba John Michael Slezak
Timpani, Percussion Blake Kitch
Soprano Lauren Acker, Kathy Burke, Susan DeFanti, Christy Haley, Sandy Kammerdiener, Amanda Rothe, Lynzy Slezak, Michaelann Wood
Alto Melissa Arthur, Pam Eddis-Klein, Maureen Lester, Karen Moxley, Tammy Nadasky Pam Rabbe, Kelsey Scheuerman, Toni Tharp
Tenor Brent Anderson, Phil Beckman, Aaron Fields, Don Holmes, Don Holmes, Zachary Williams, Tim Raabe, Jason Rasmussen,
Bass Paul Bartels, Paul Keller, Austin Kobiske, Pete Moxley, Paul Slezak, Mickey Nowell

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott)
The words are Luther's interpretation of Psalm 46,
the psalm appointed for today's liturgy.

Hymn singing was born in the Lutheran Reformation, and Martin Luther was its father. Monks were primarily the only singers in mass before Luther. He obviously knew, loved and drew from this tradition from his time as an Augustinian monk.

A Mighty Fortress is sung throughout the world in over 200 languages. Probably first published in 1529 in Wittenberg, Germany, in Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder* (*Spiritual Songs*), Luther called it "A Hymn of Comfort" – a tribute to his dear friend and colleague Leonard Kaiser who was burned at the stake, martyred for his reform zeal.

Luther titled his new tune *Ein feste Burg* (A stronghold castle). The original rhythmic version, first published in 1539, is #503 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The isometric (rhythms equalized) version, (ELW #504), is the one we are most accustomed to singing. It was first published in 1738 in Johann König's *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz (Harmonious Song Treasury).* The harmonization is from J. S. Bach's Cantata 80. Major works based on this chorale include Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony # 5, composed in honor of the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, and Giacomo Meryerbeer's opera *Les Hugenots,* as well as *o*thers by Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Handel, Telemann, Debussy, Glazunov, Wagner, Vaughn Williams, Max Reger, and countless others.

On the Cover: Martin Luther's Seal

Luther's seal, or, as it is sometimes called, Luther's Rose, is the most widely known symbol of Lutheranism. Its origins are interesting. Luther was invited to create a personal symbol to summarize his faith in 1520. As his writings became increasingly popular, there was a desire on the part of the Wittenberg printers to somehow indicate what was an authorized publication of Luther's works. So, they asked Luther to tell them what he would like to have as his personal mark on his published works.

It was very common in Luther's Day for public servants, theologians, political rulers, and others of some public note, to have a personal seal. In 1530, Prince John Frederick wanted to give Luther a gift of a signet ring, as an expression of his appreciation, love and respect for Dr. Luther. Prince John personally presented the ring to Luther at the Coburg Castle on September 14, Holy Cross Day, when the Prince stopped there while travelling back from the meeting in Augsburg.

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