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"This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Divine Service Three
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Prelude – *Holy Cross Choir*

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave st. 1

1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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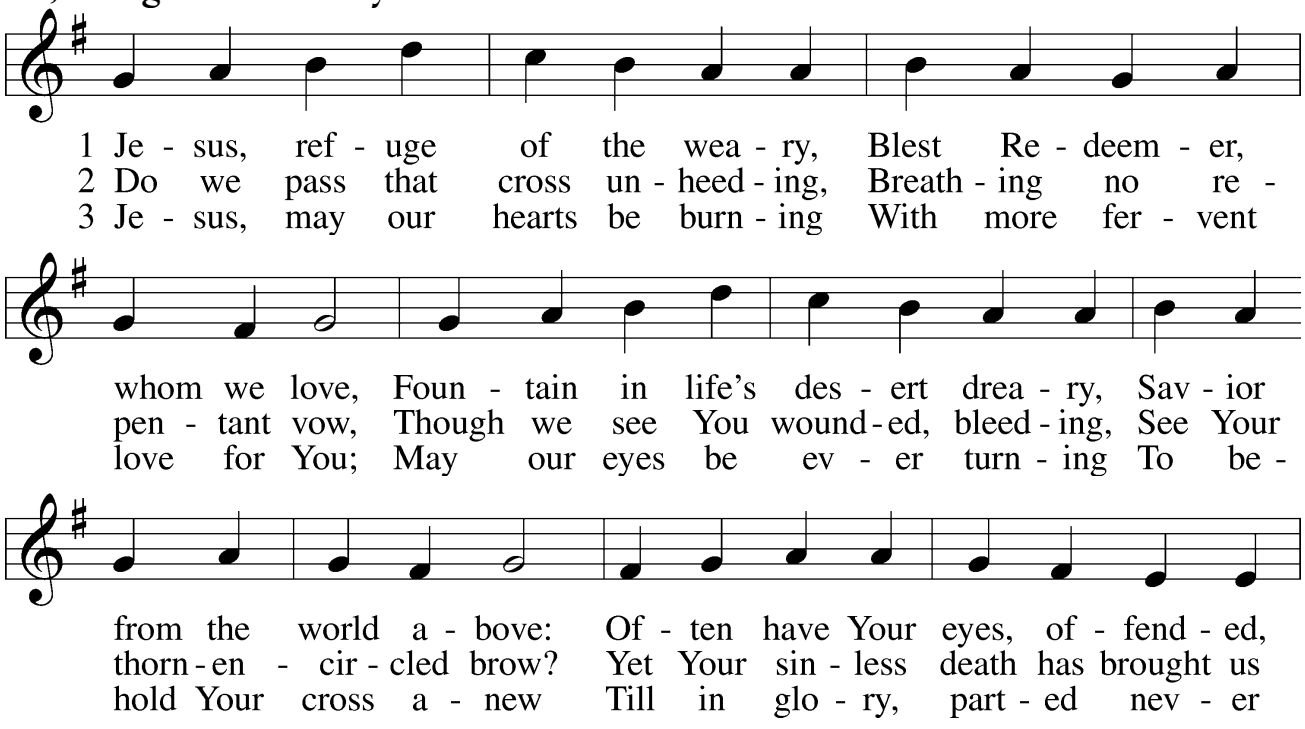
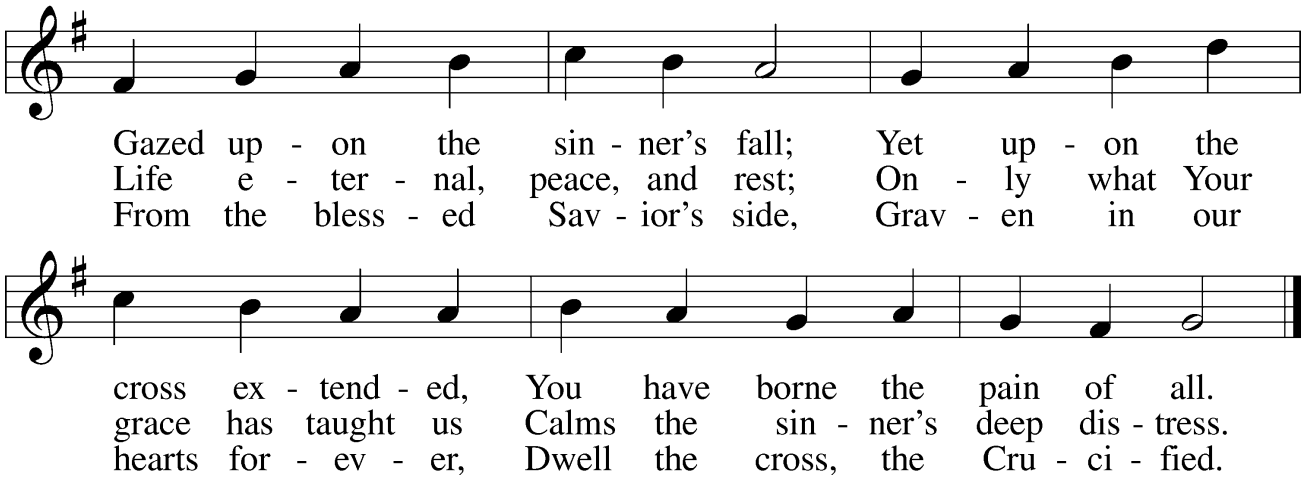
Please stand and face the procession

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary





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Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But**

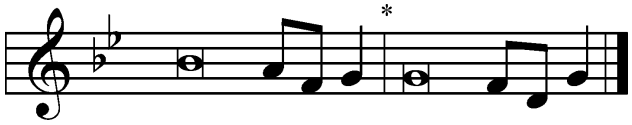
I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution *LSB 185*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word+

Introit *Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a – Sung by the Choir*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
May they be secure who | love you!
For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"
*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.
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
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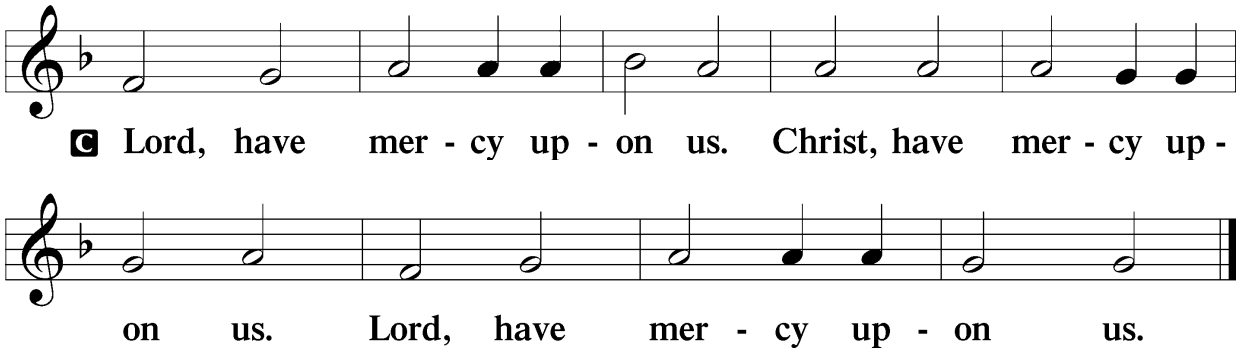
Kyrie *LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis - *Omitted for Lent*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against
Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3 and the people of Israel said to them,
"Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,
when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have
brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with
hunger."

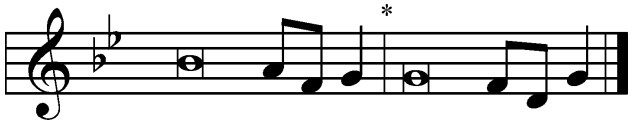
4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from
heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion
every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.
5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as
much as they gather daily." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of
Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the
LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what
are we, that you grumble against us?" 8 And Moses said, "When the LORD
gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full,
because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against
him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the
LORD."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the
people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your
grumbling.'" 10 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of
the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the
glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 And the LORD said to Moses,
12 "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At
twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with
bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the
morning dew lay around the camp. 14 And when the dew had gone up,
there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost
on the ground. 15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one
another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said
to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is what

the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" [17]And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. [18]But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. [19]And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." [20]But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. [21]Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 122:1, 7*

I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

Epistle *Acts 2:41–47*

[41]So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
[42]And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43]And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44]And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45]And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46]And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and

generous hearts, [47]praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract *Psalm 125:1–2, 5b*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

Holy Gospel *John 6:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[1]After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which
is the Sea of Tiberias. [2]And a large crowd was following him, because they
saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. [3]Jesus went up on the
mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. [4]Now the Passover, the
feast of the Jews, was at hand. [5]Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a
large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we
to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" [6]He said this to test him, for he
himself knew what he would do. [7]Philip answered him, "Two hundred
denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." [8]One
of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, [9]"There is a
boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so
many?" [10]Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much

grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.
[11]Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed
them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.
[12]And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the
leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." [13]So they gathered them up
and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by
those who had eaten. [14]When the people saw the sign that he had done,
they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"
[15]Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to
make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

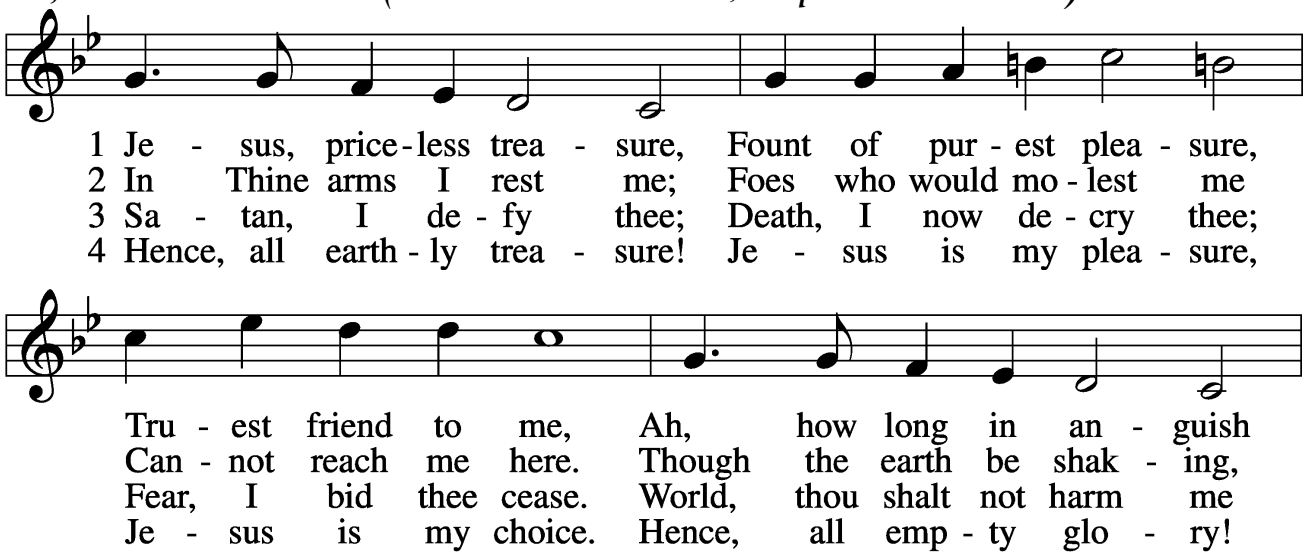
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

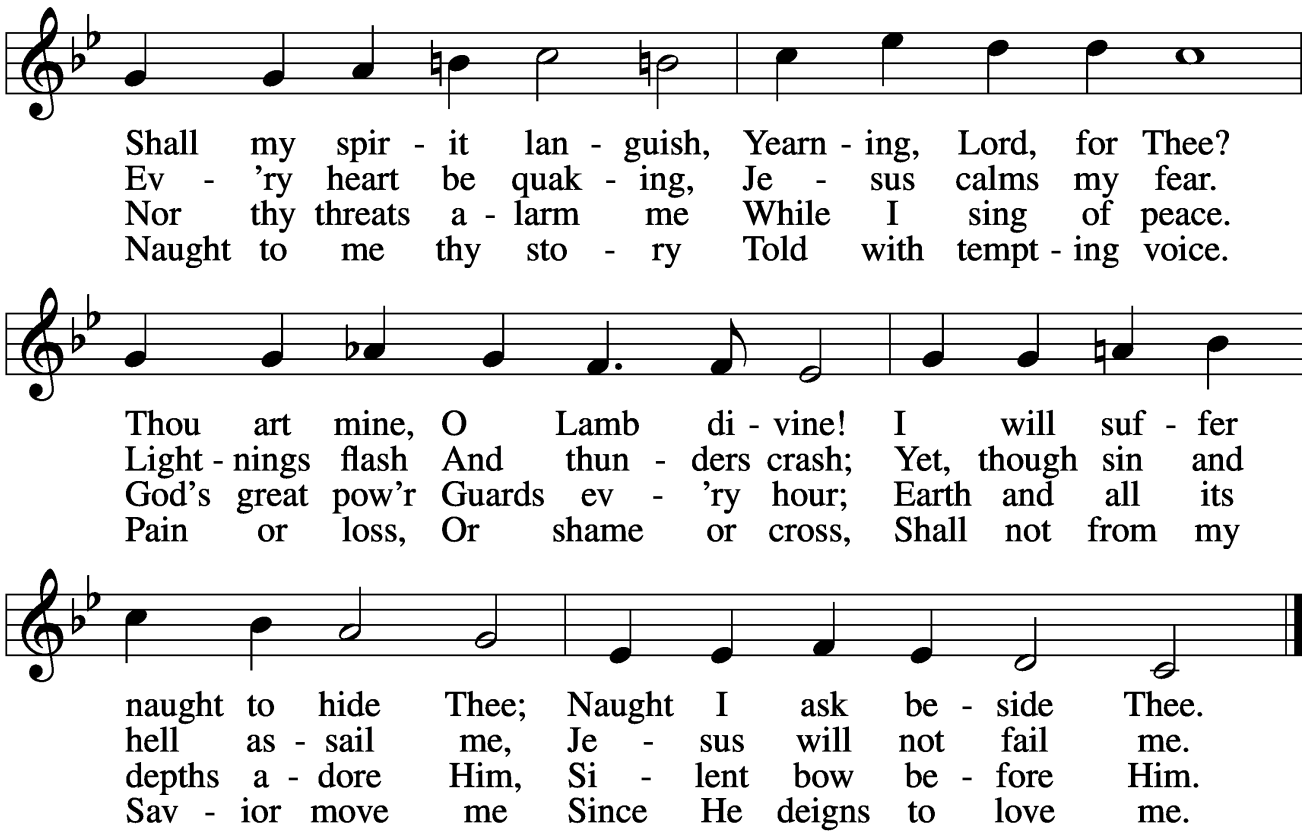
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure - ***(Lectern side – stanza 2; Pulpit side – stanza 3)***





5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er

I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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Sermon

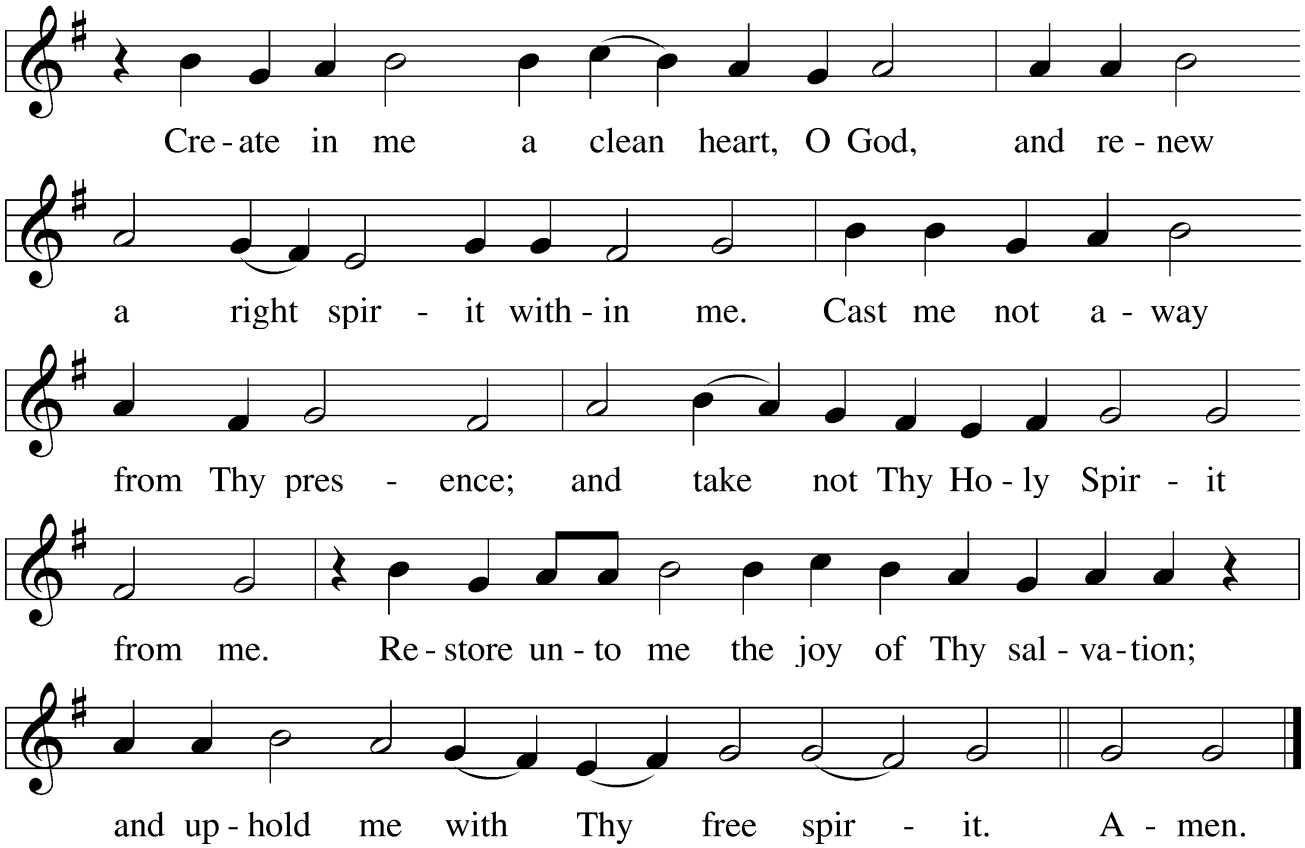
Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Offering - Please place your offering and attendance card in the plate as it is passed.

Stand

956 Create in Me

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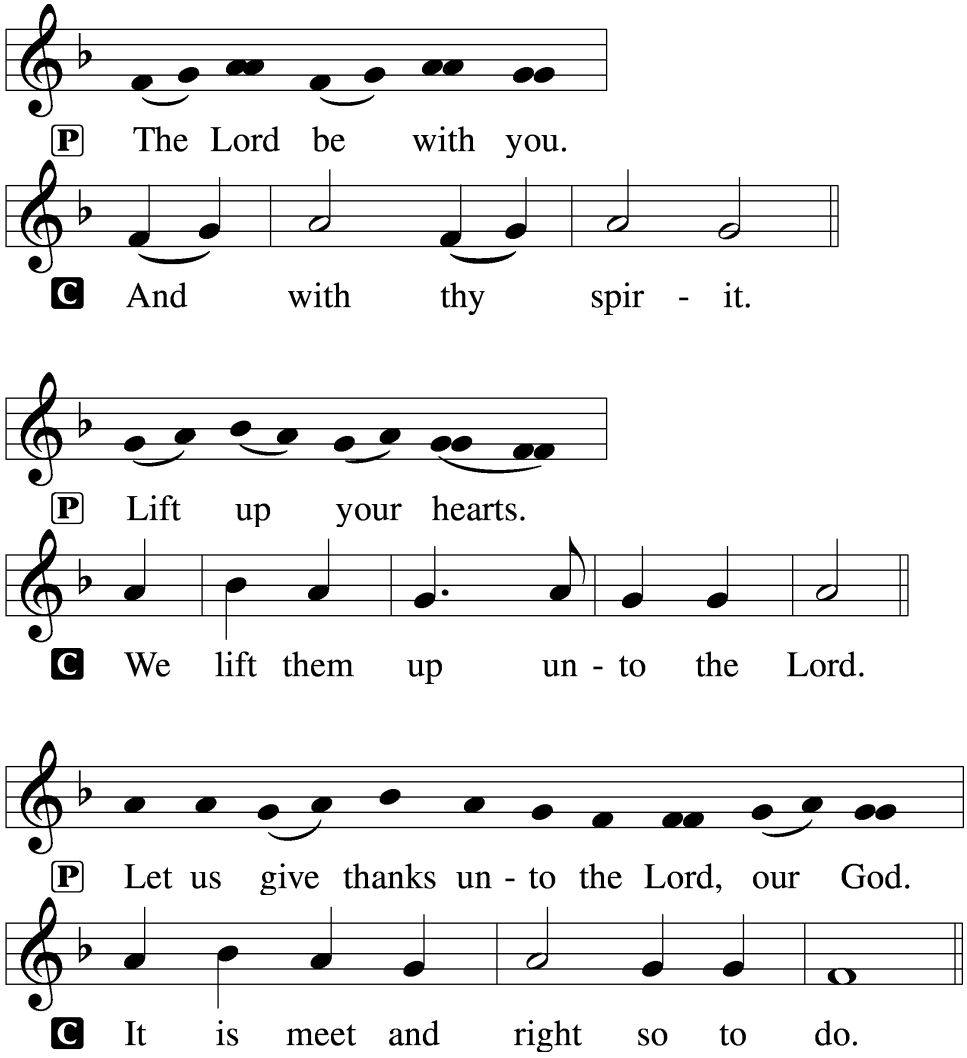
Prayer of the Church

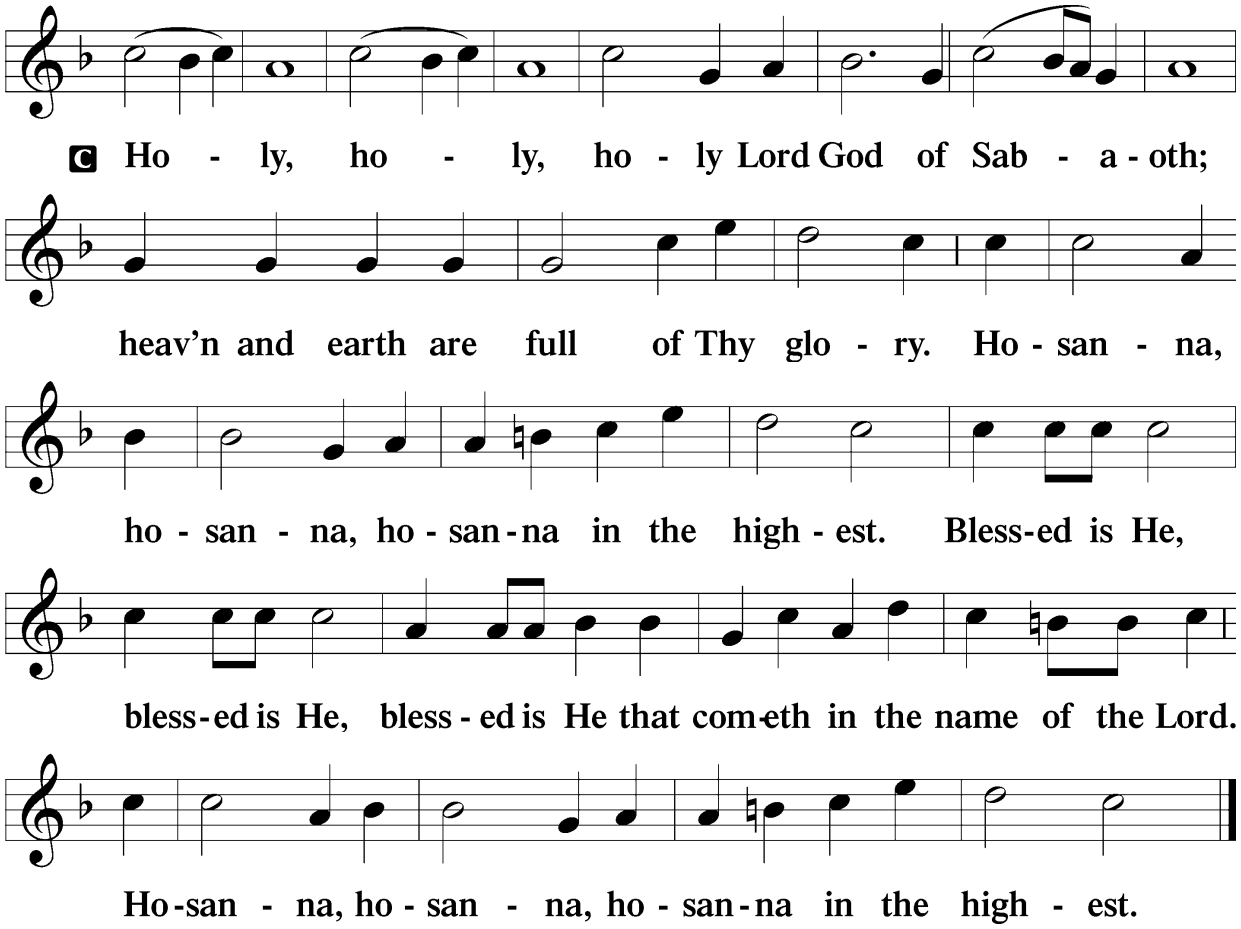
+ Service of the Sacrament+

Preface *LSB 194*

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in

sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

C **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.

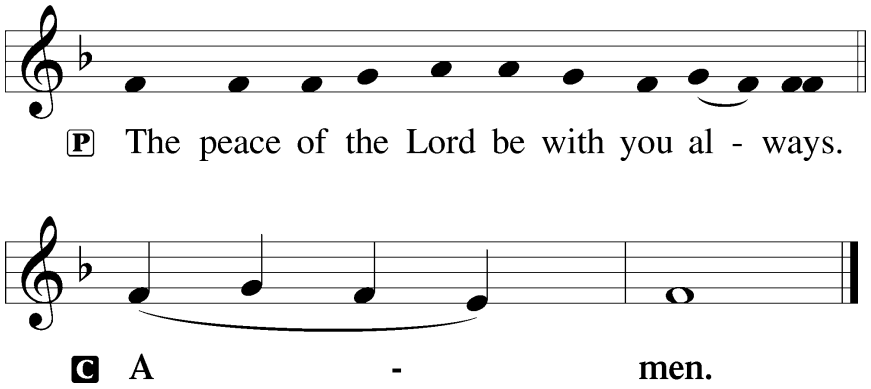
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

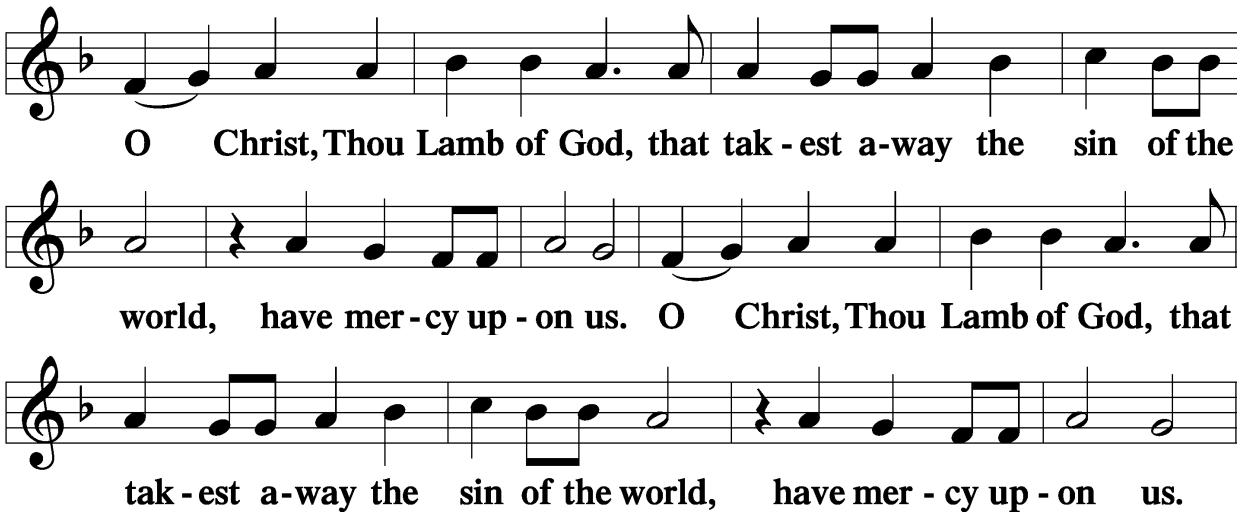
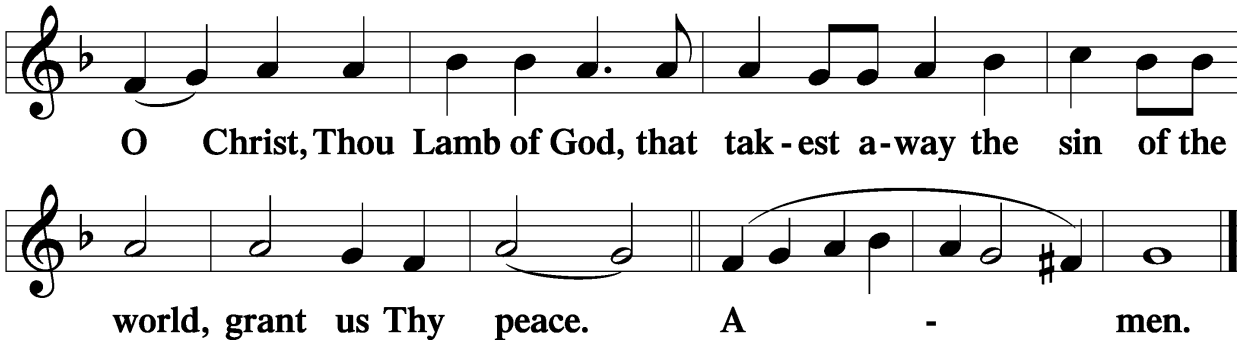
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*



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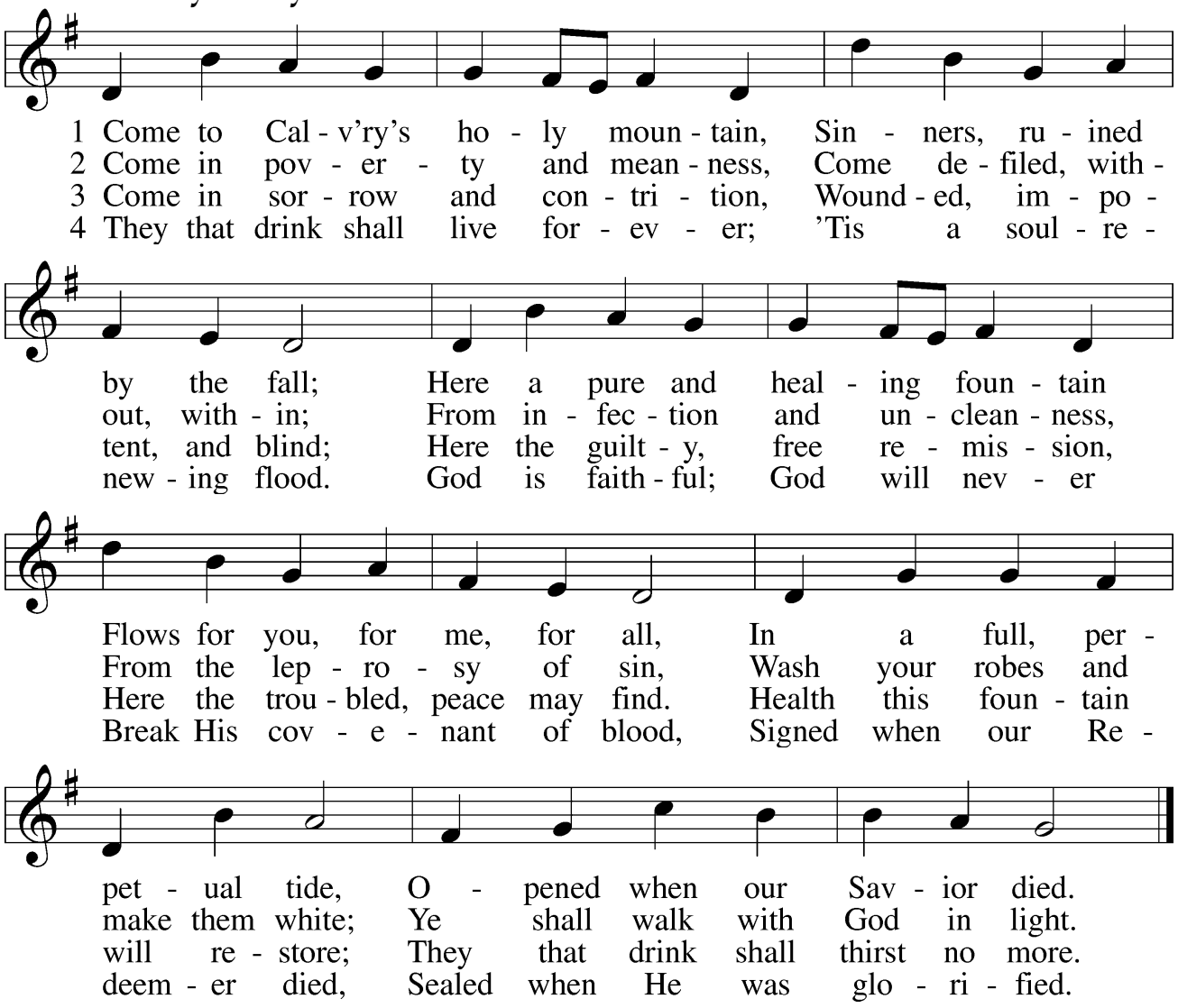
435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



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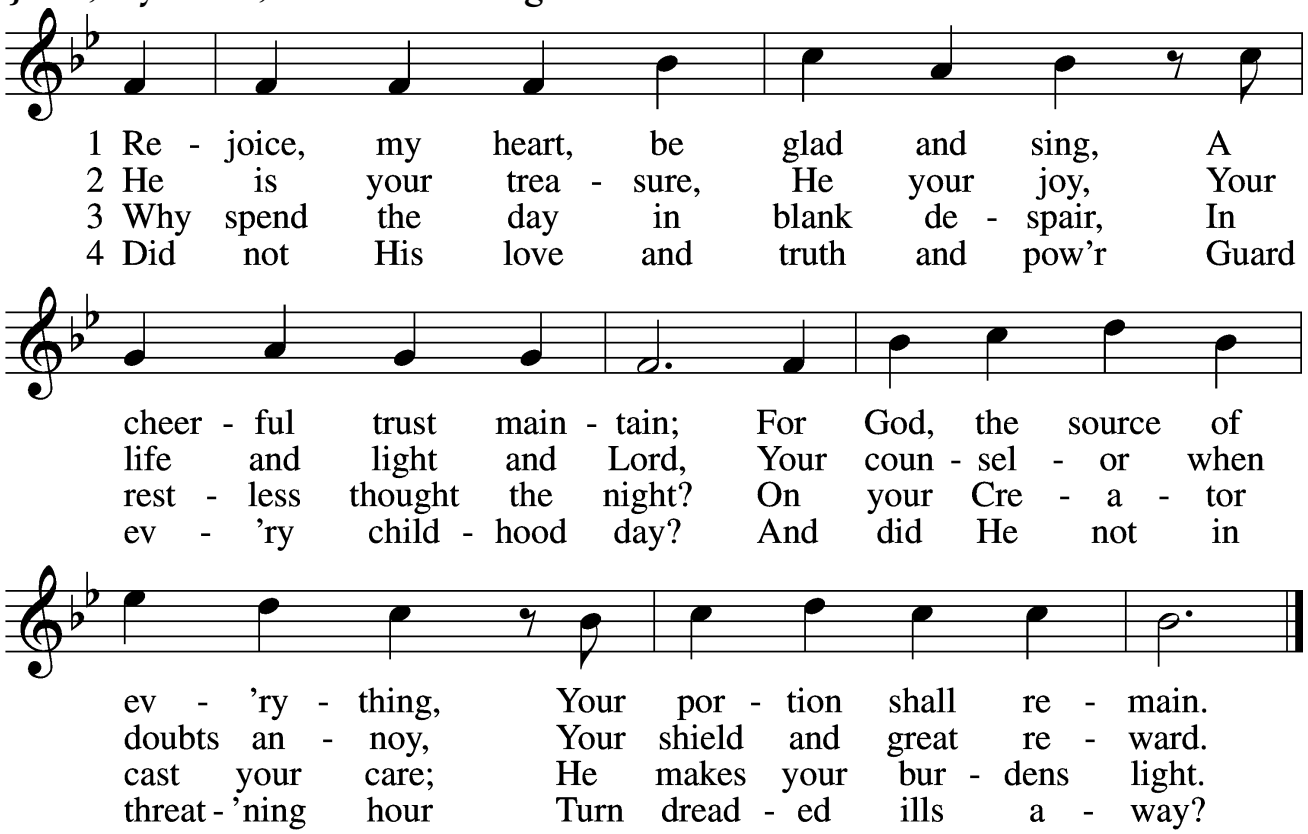
737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessèd ending makes.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
Tune: Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, 1738, Frankfurt
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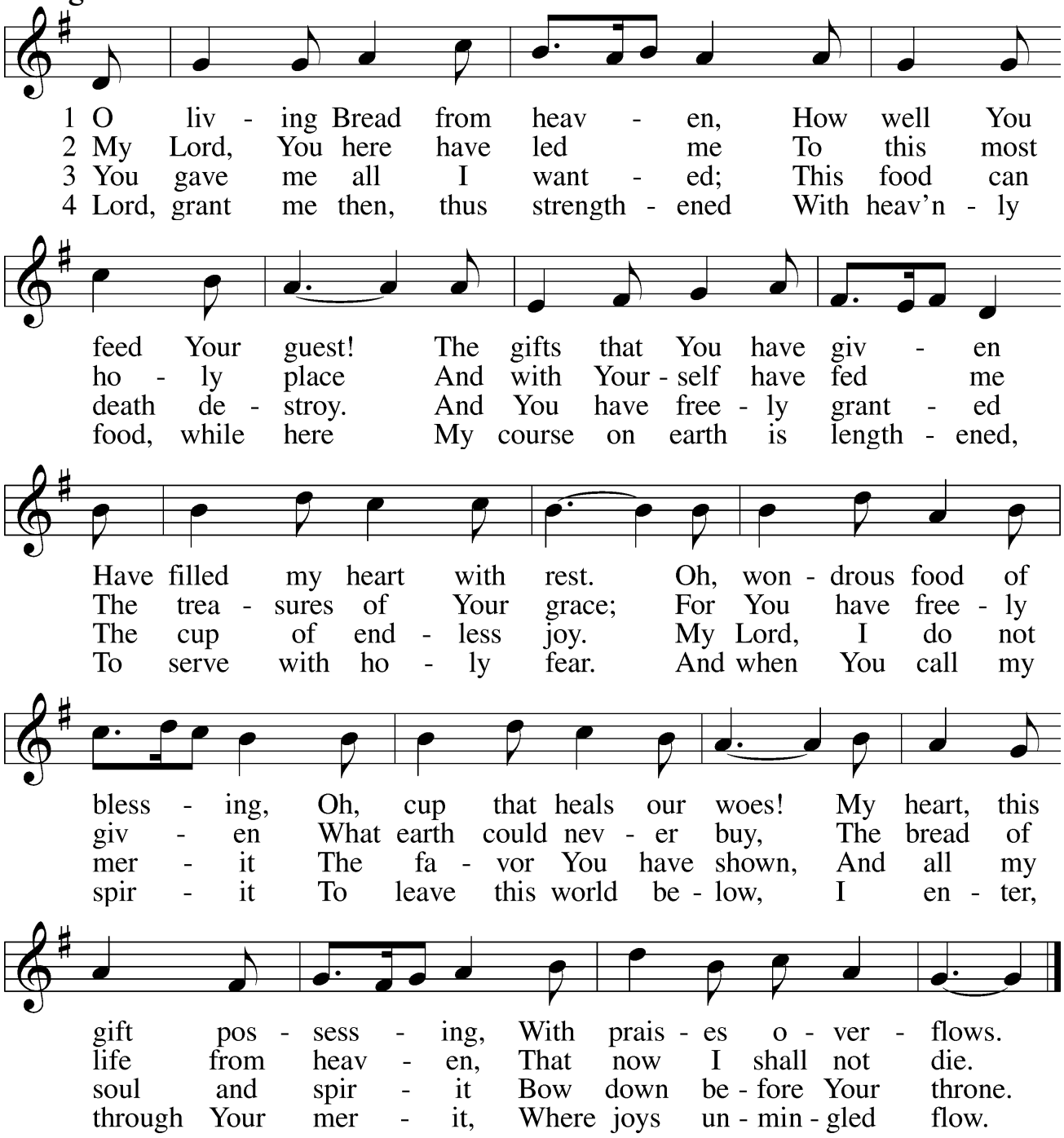
642 O Living Bread from Heaven

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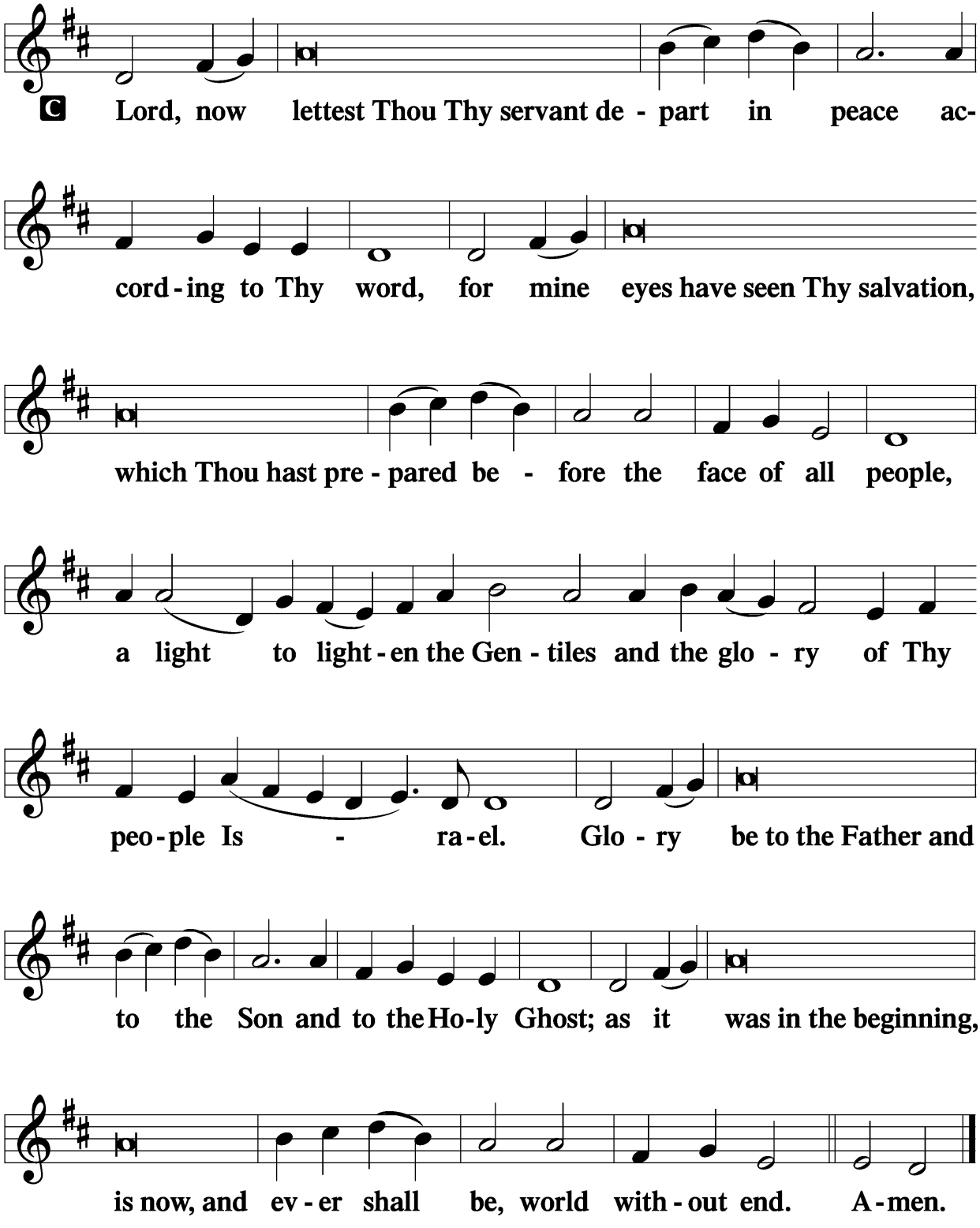
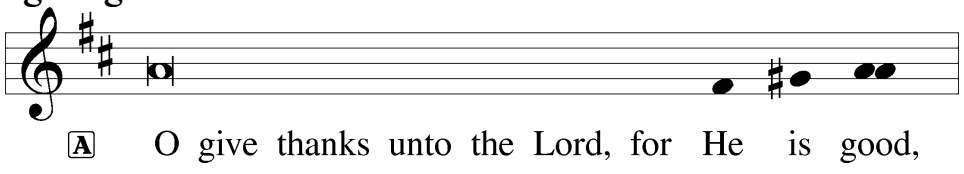
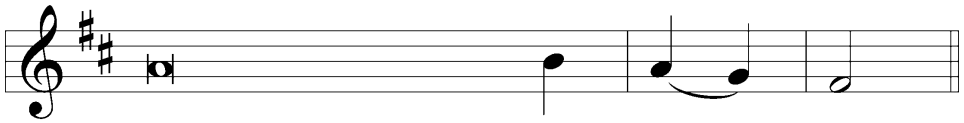
Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*



Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

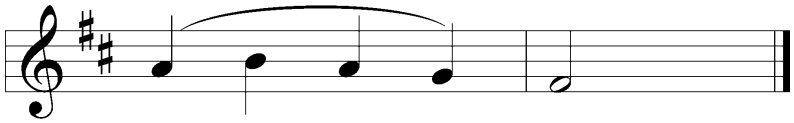




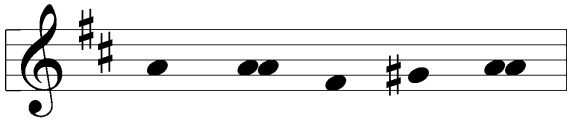
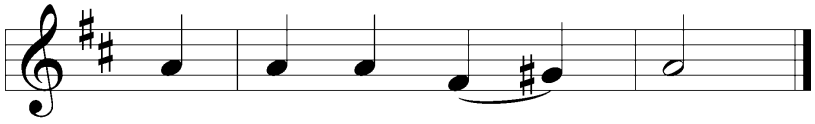
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

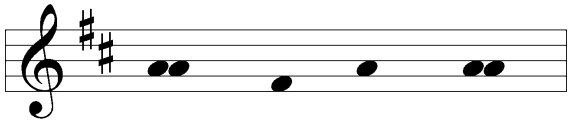
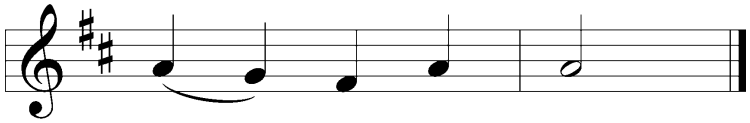
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



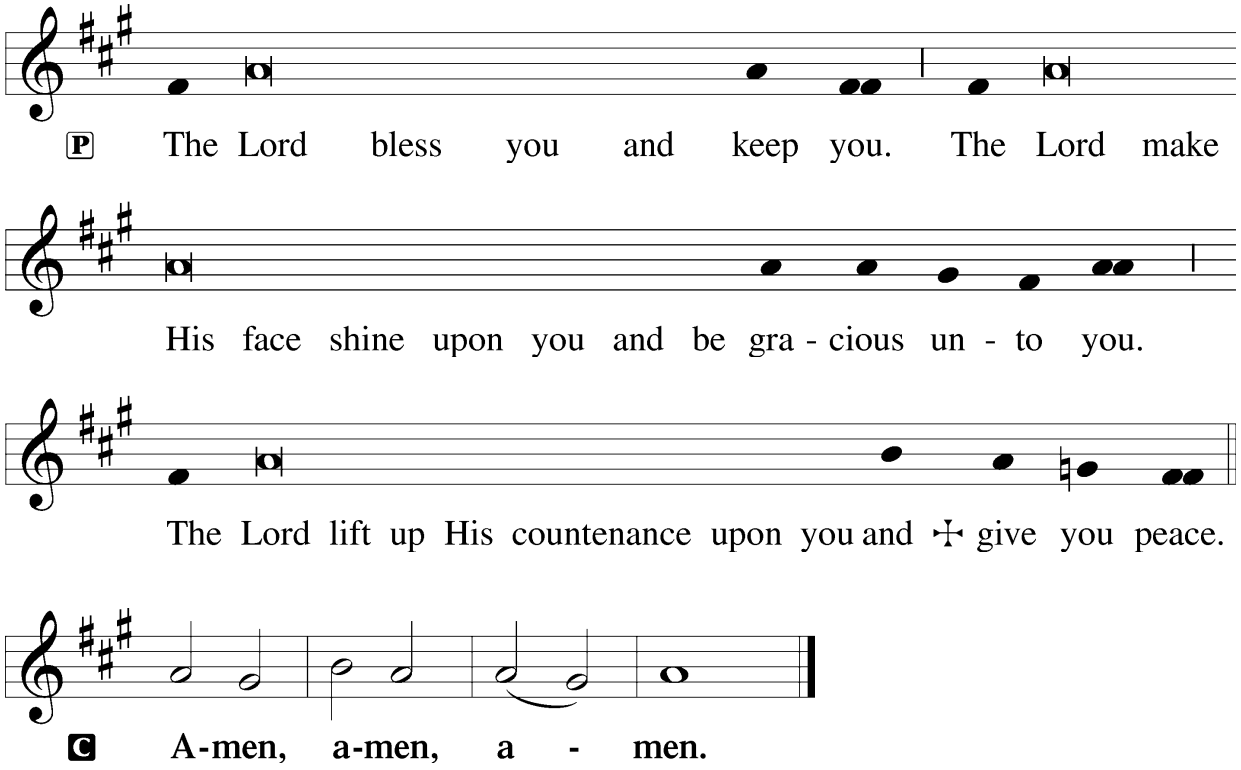
Salutation *LSB 201*



Benedicamus *LSB 202*

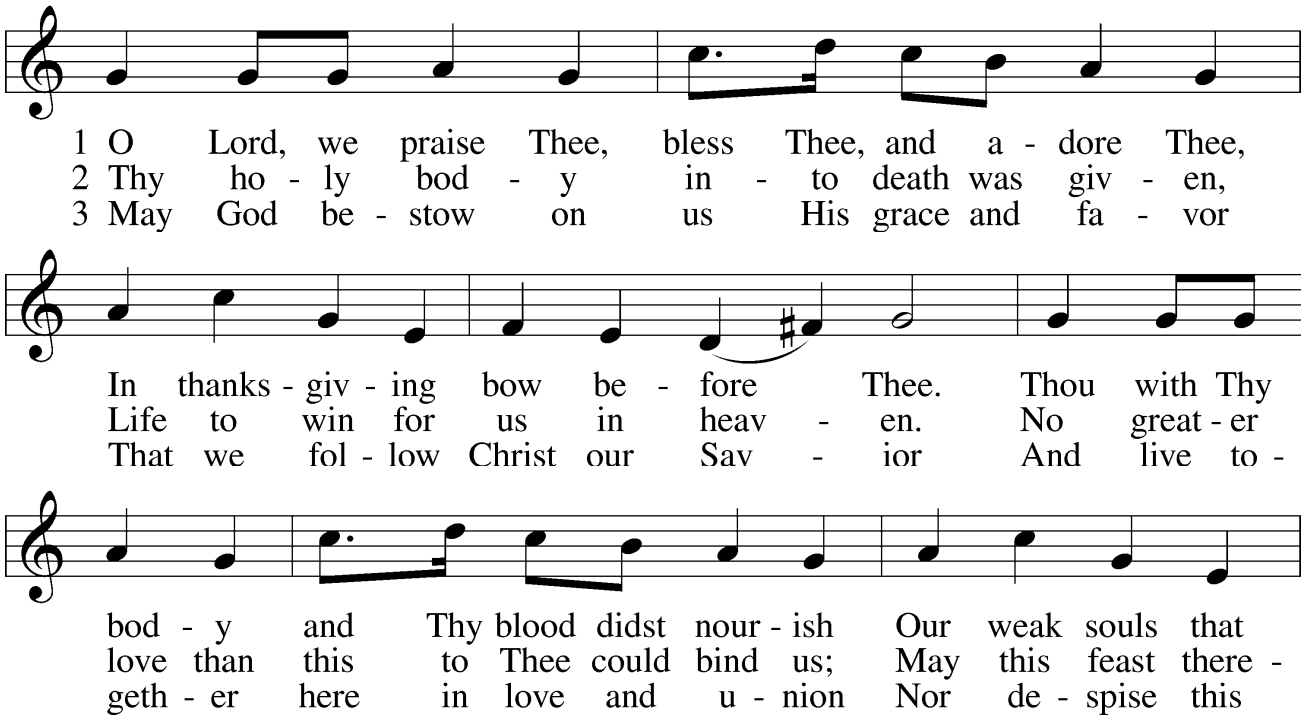
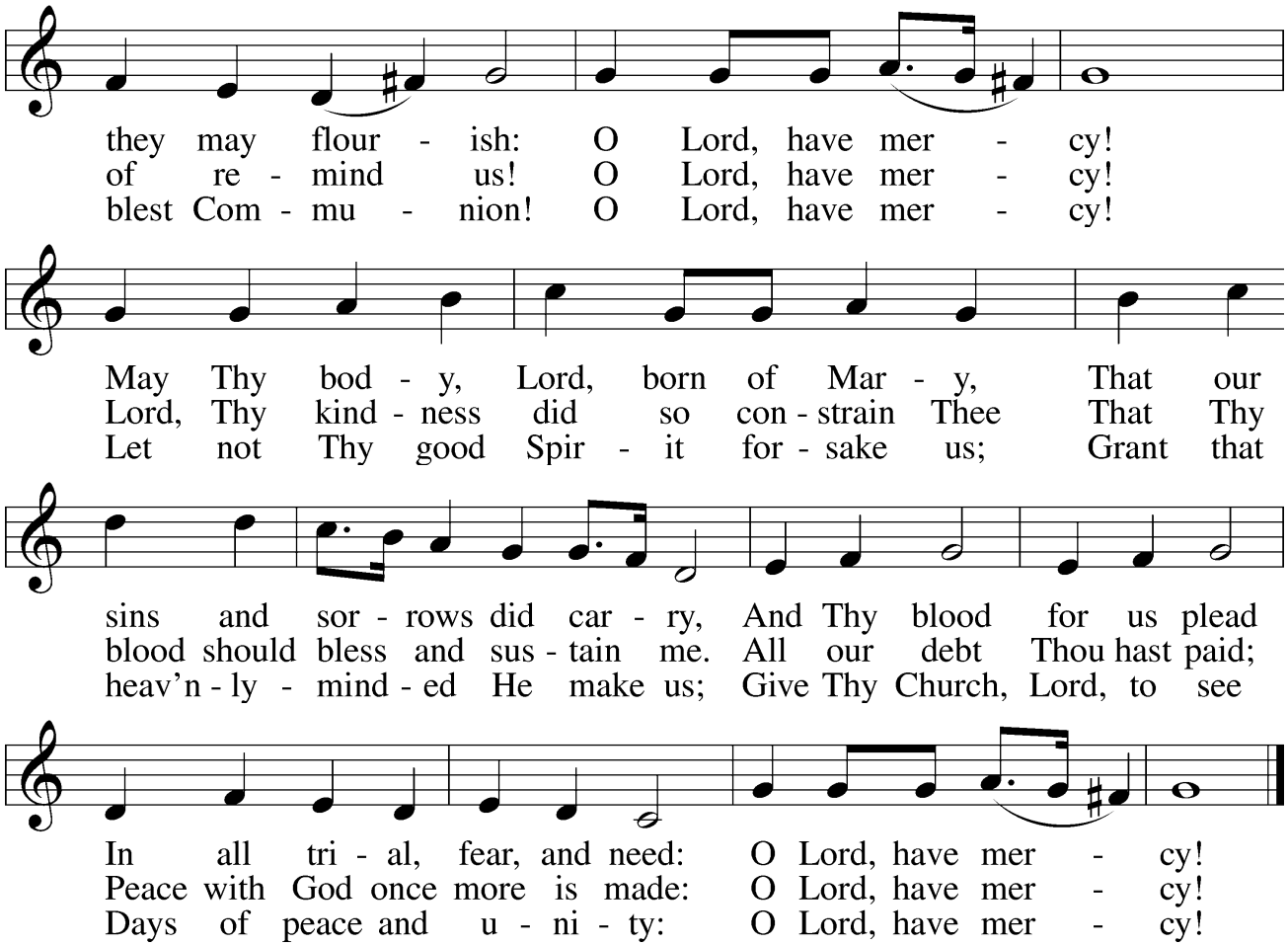


Benedication *LSB 202*



Please face the procession, returning after it passes

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



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