# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**



## Divine Service One
## Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
## November 8, 2026

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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.

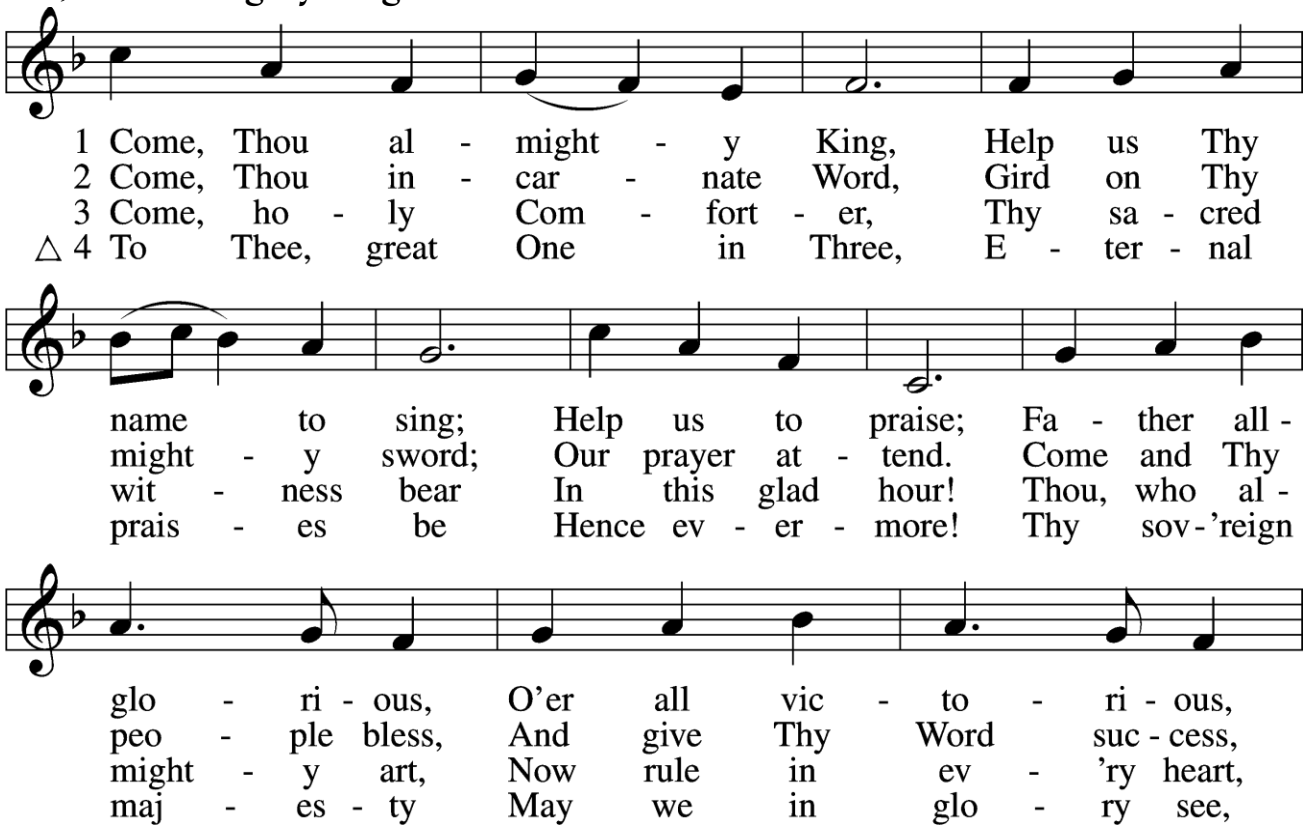
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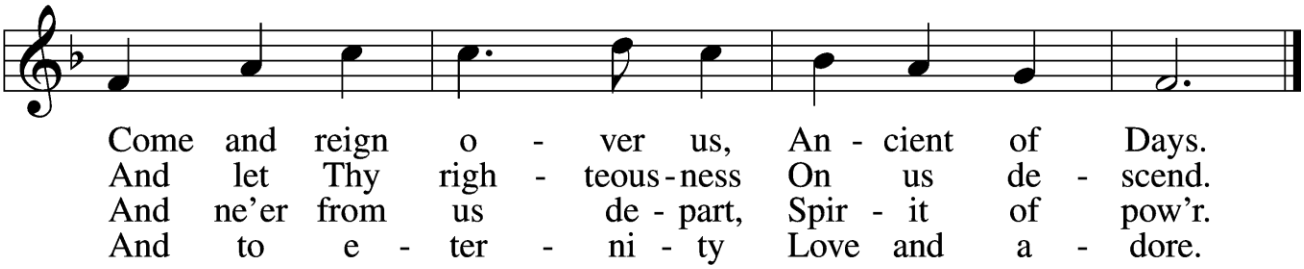
**Prelude**

*Please stand and face the procession*

## + Confession and Absolution+

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*Stand*

*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 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**Confession of Sins** *LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**Absolution** *LSB 151*
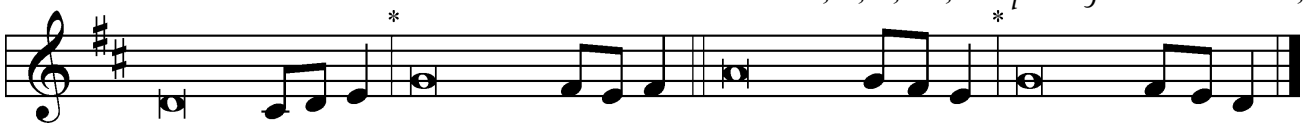
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

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## + Service of the Word+

**Introit** *Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12*

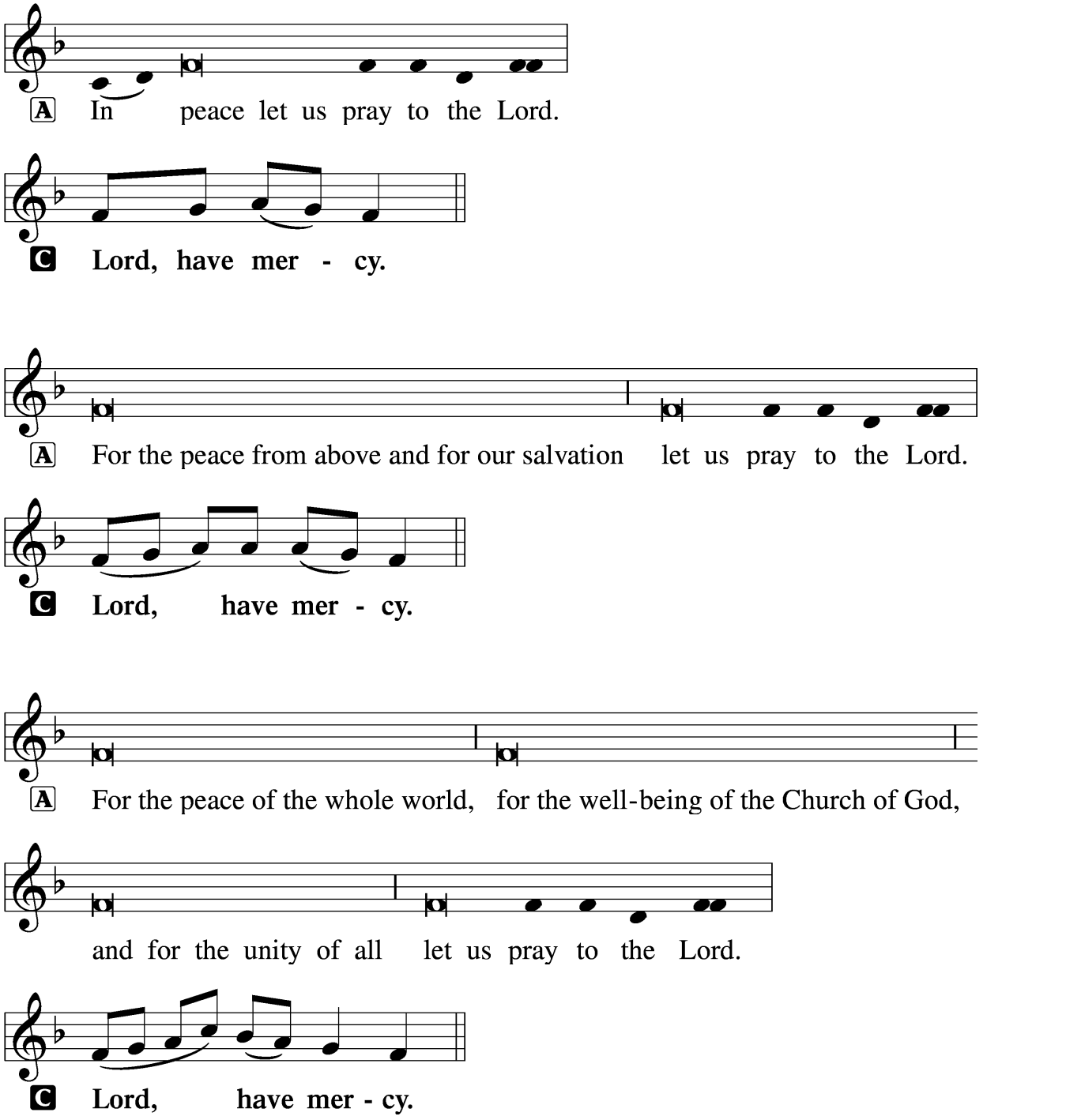


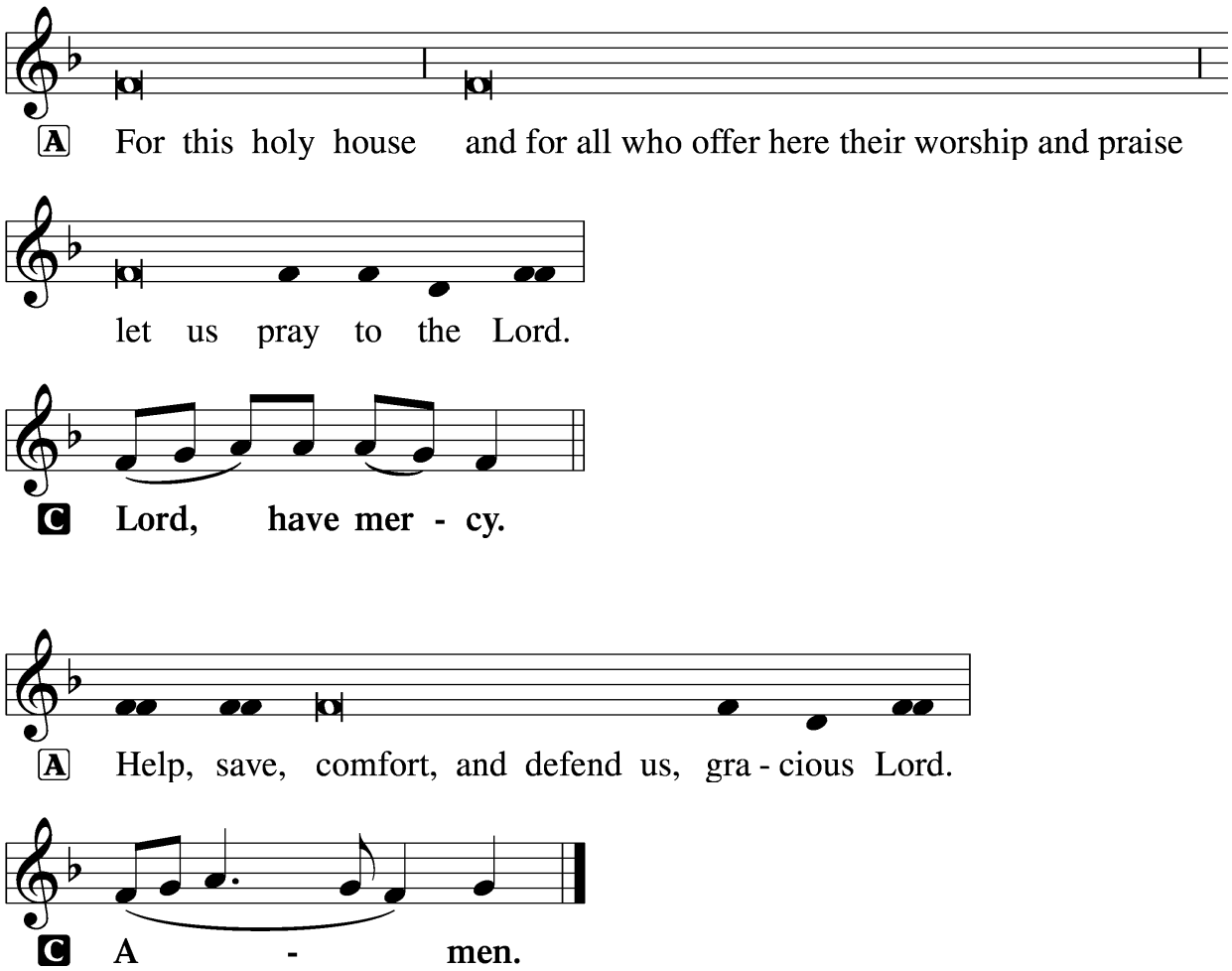
I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.
**LORD, you were favorable | to your land;***
**you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.**
**Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,***
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
**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.**

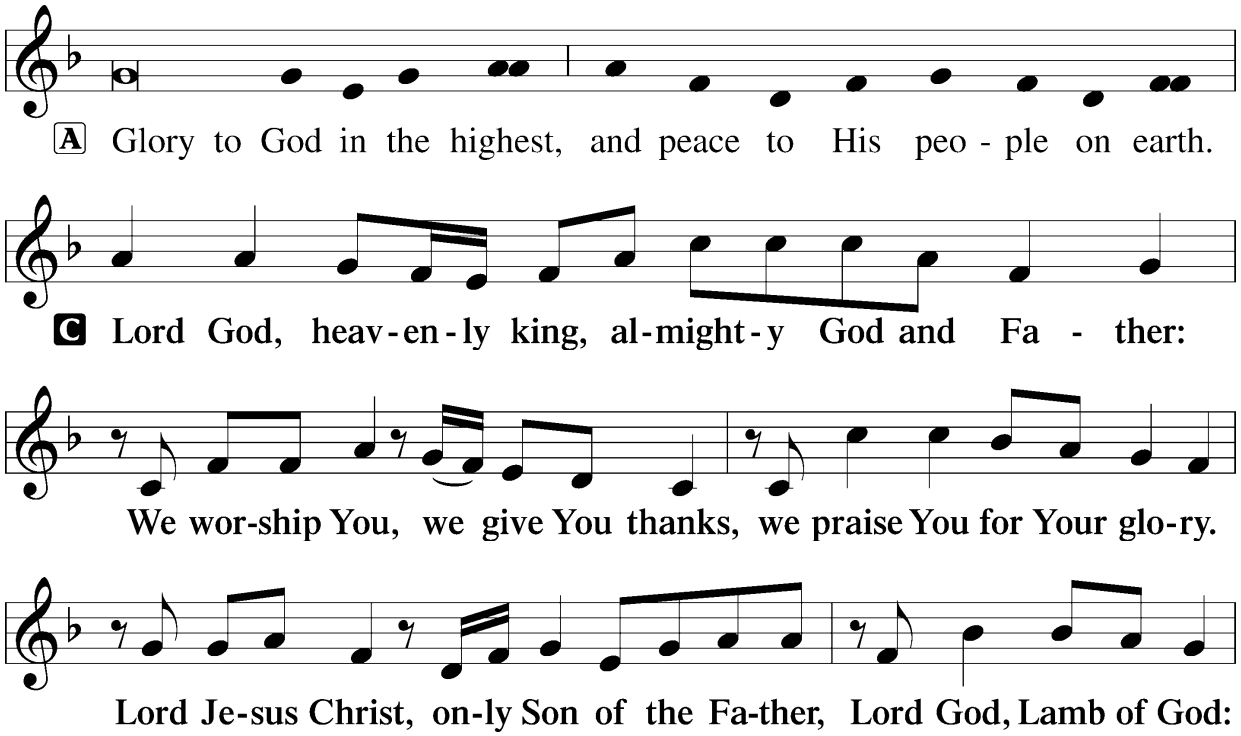
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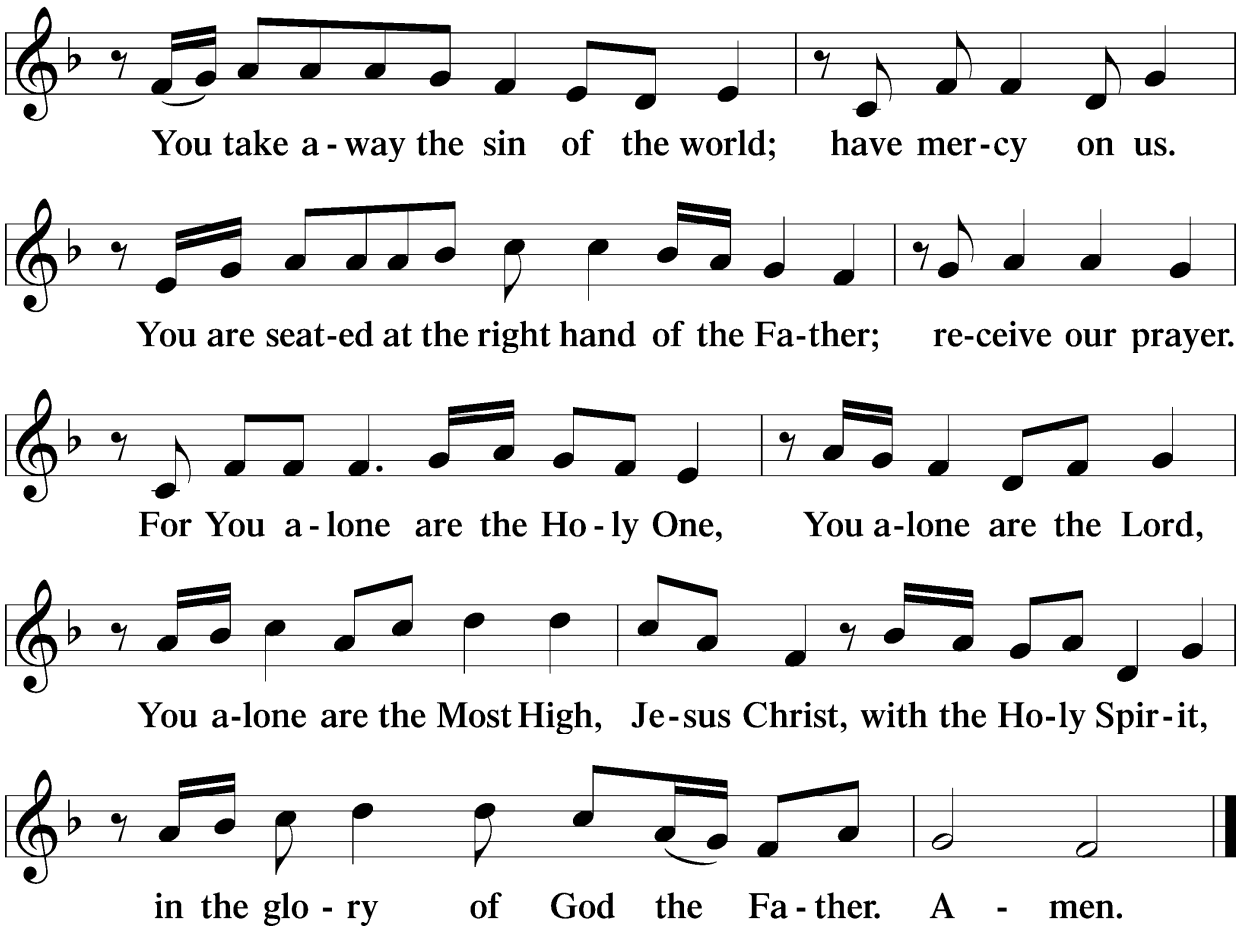
**Kyrie** *LSB 152*






**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 154*






**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.
O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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**Old Testament Reading** *Proverbs 8:11–22*

11 For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
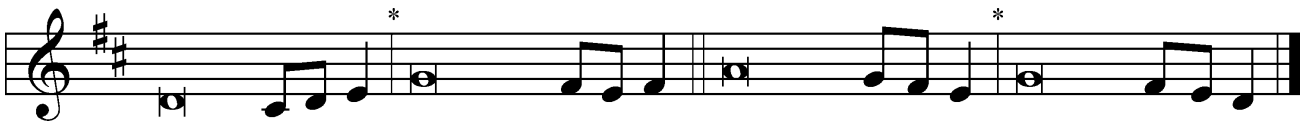
12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
16 by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *Psalm 44:7–8*



**You have saved us | from our foes***
**and have put to shame those who | hate us.**
**In God we have boasted con- | tinually,***
**and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

**Epistle** *Philippians 3:17–21*
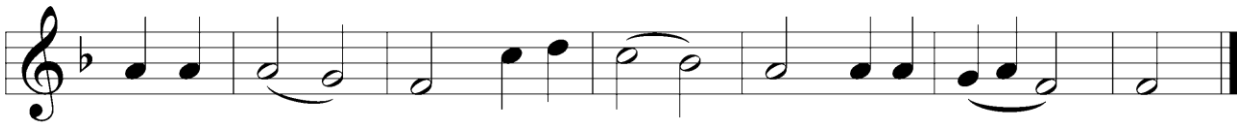
17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk
according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often
told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of
Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in
their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in
heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will
transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that
enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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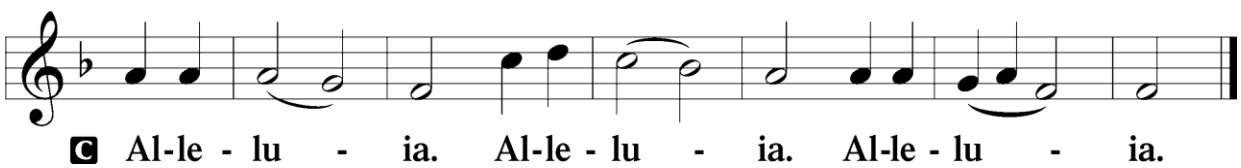
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Alleluia and Verse** *Psalm 115:11*




**P** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.



**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 22:15–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his
talk. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,
saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God
truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not
swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay
taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put
me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they
brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and
inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them,
"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the
things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left
him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Please note the Service liturgy from this point through the Prayer of the Church follows the pattern of Divine Service III, unlike the arrangement for Divine Service I in LSB**

**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*

**TLH 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode**

1. Who trusts in God, a strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.

2. Tho' Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us,
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

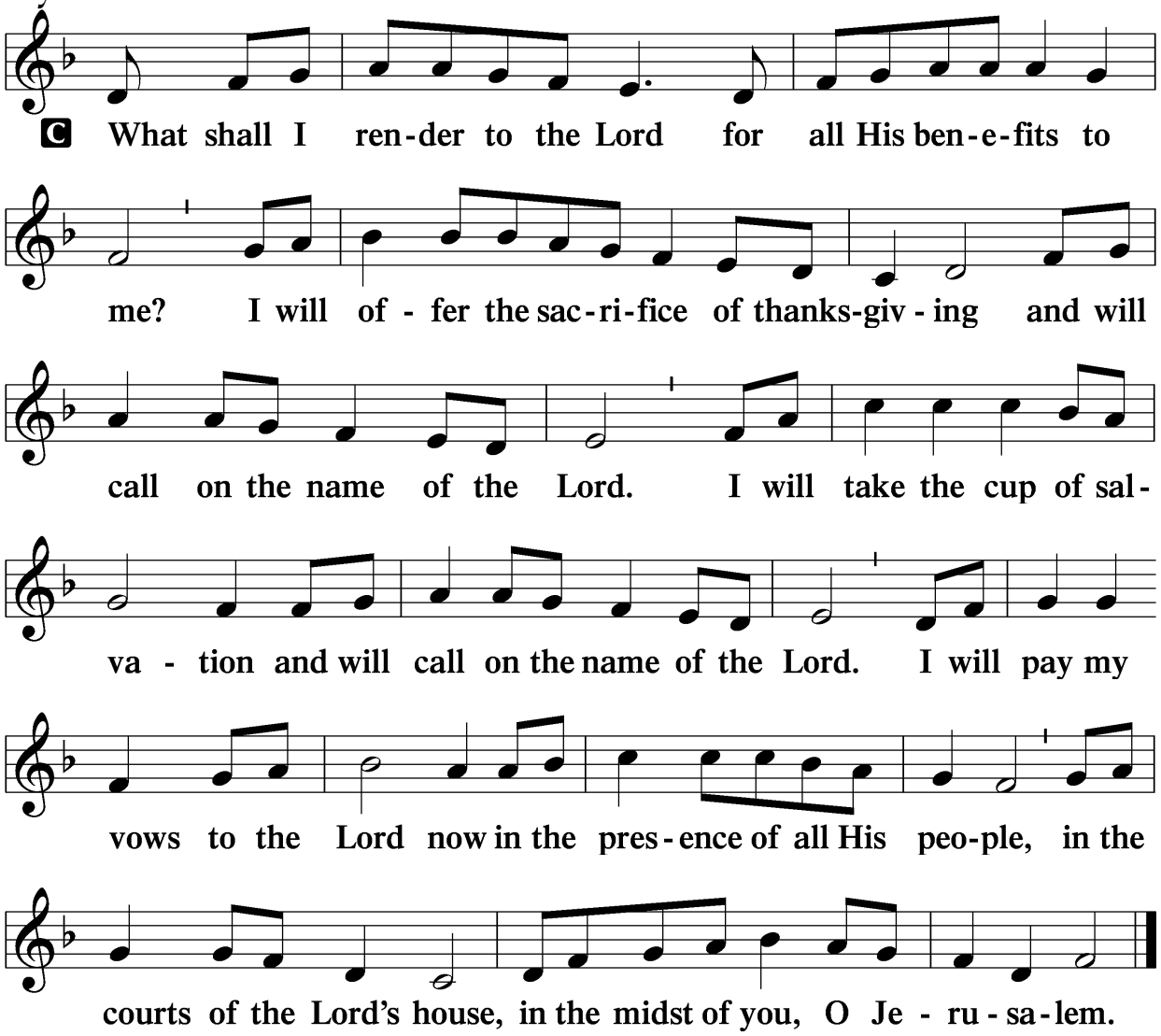
3. In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely,
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Thro' Jesus' saving merit. Amen.

**Sermon**

**Offering**

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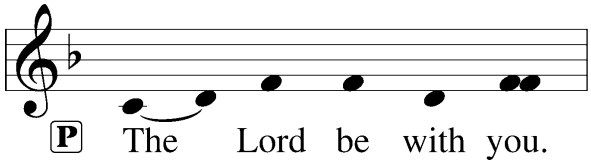
**Offertory** *LSB 159*

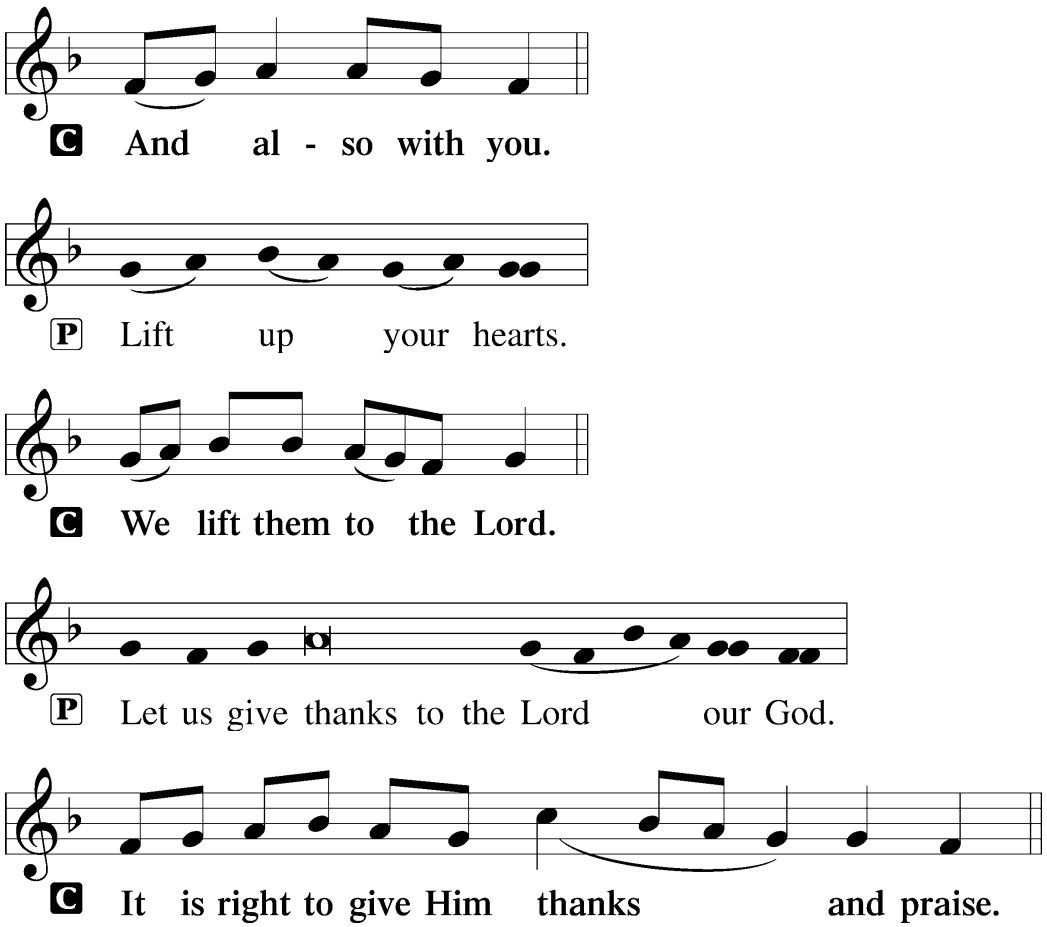



**Prayer of the Church**

## + Service of the Sacrament+

**Preface** *LSB 160*






**Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 161 (Sung)*

**C** ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:***
***Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***
***Hosanna. Hosanna.***
***Hosanna in the highest.***

**Blessed is He ✢ who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

**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."*

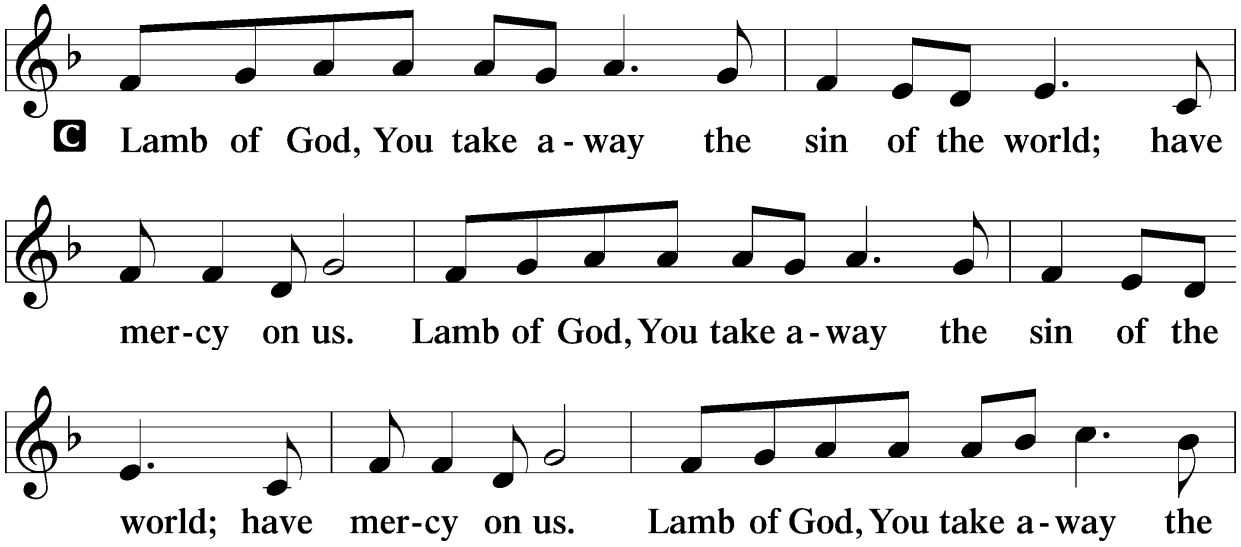
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

**Pax Domini** *LSB 163*

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

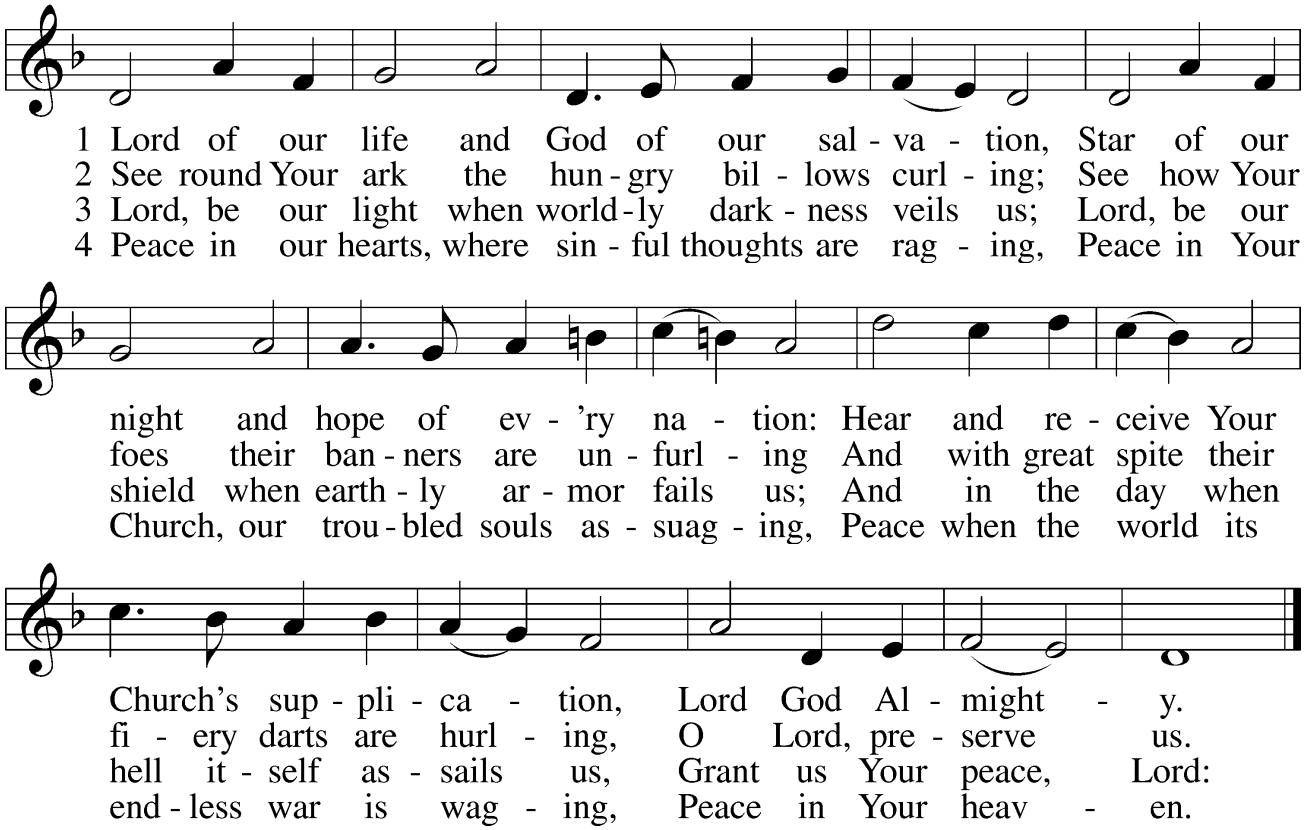





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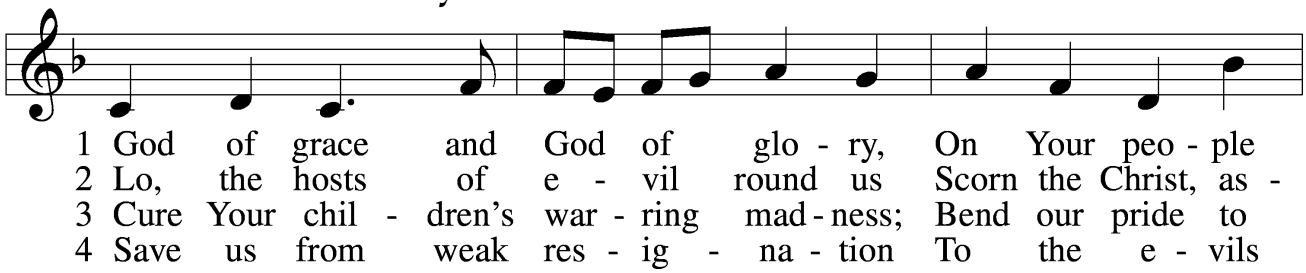
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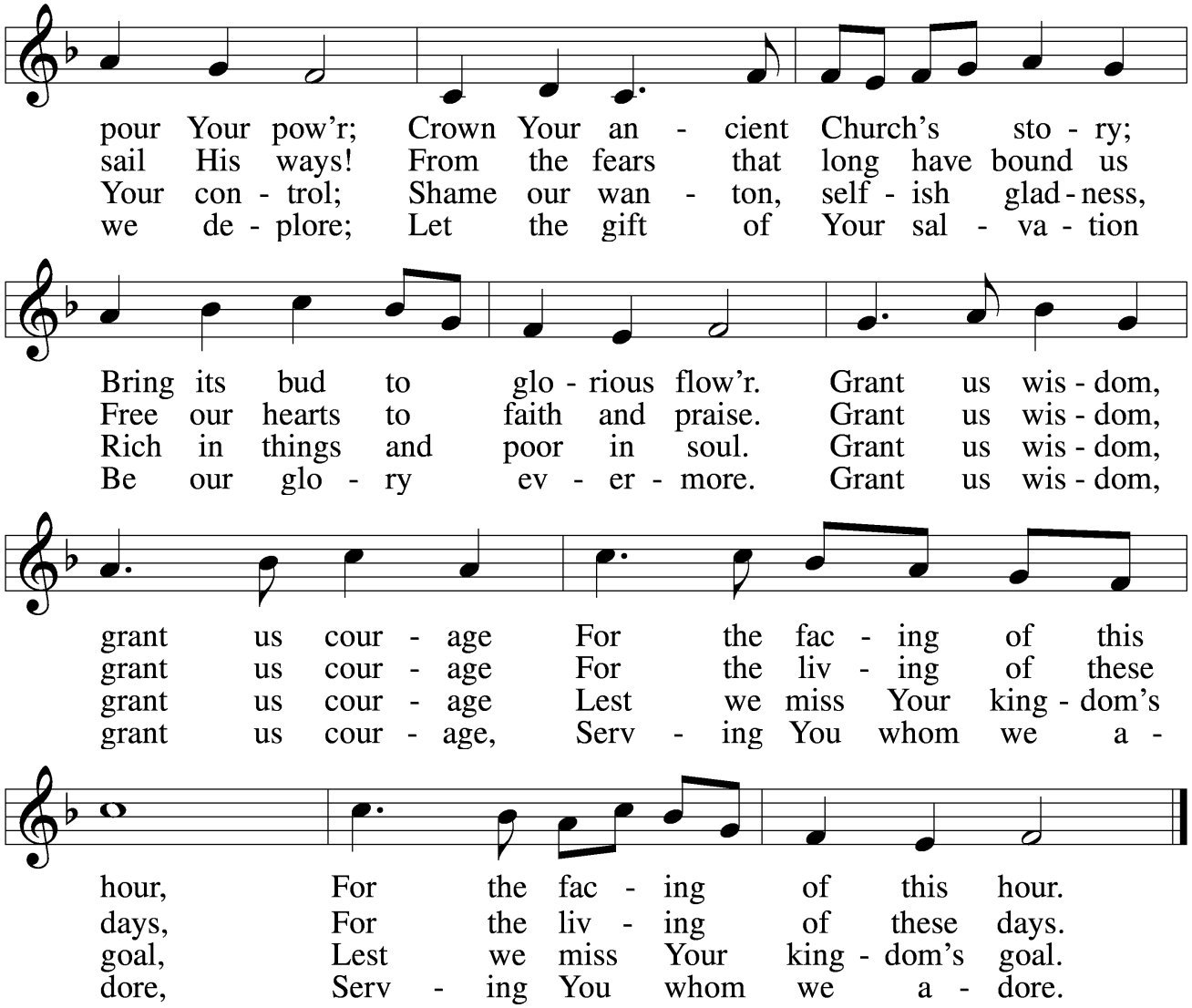
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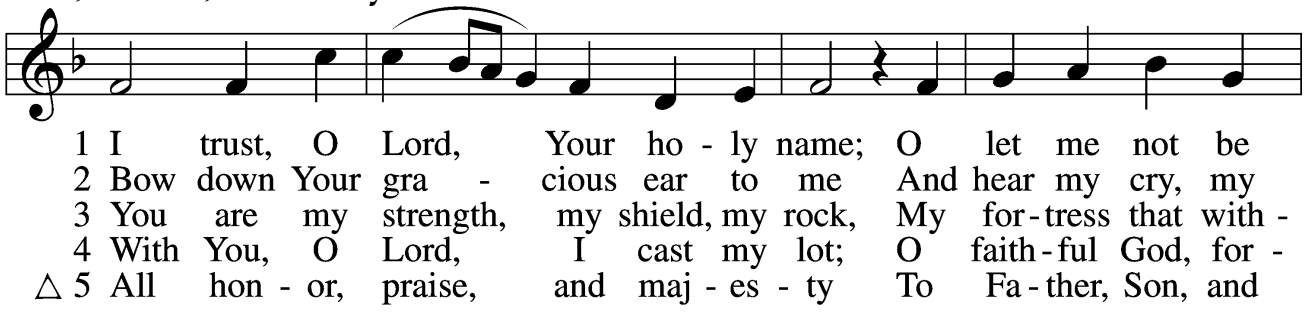
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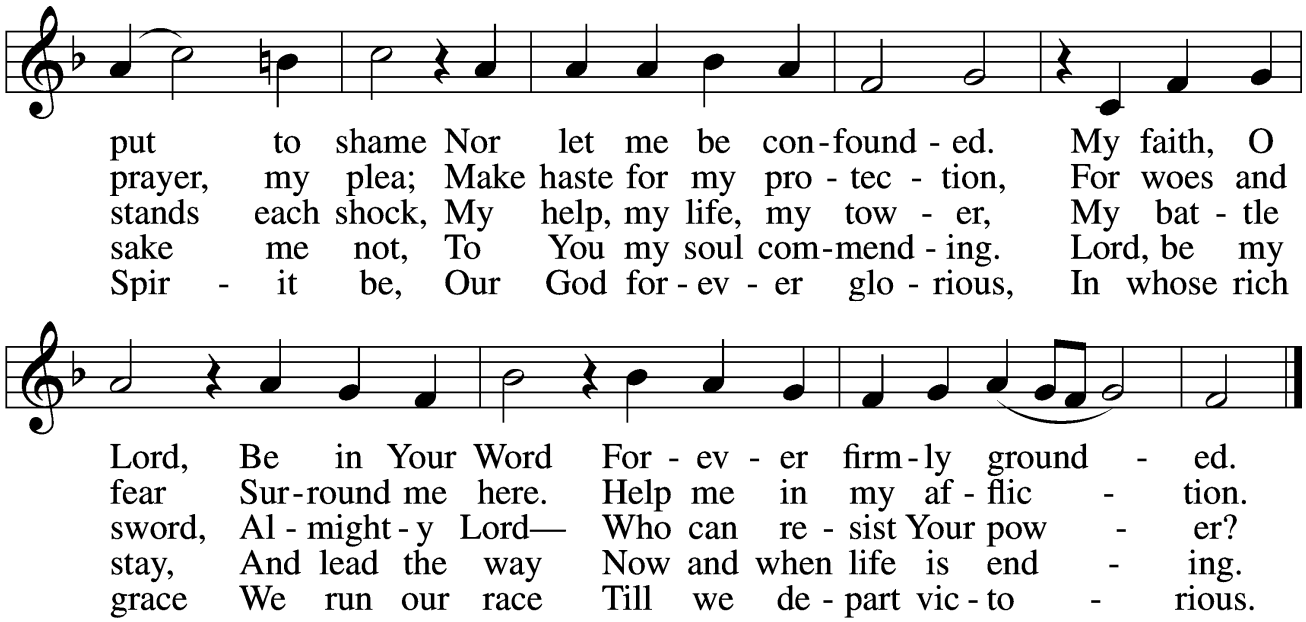





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**734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name**






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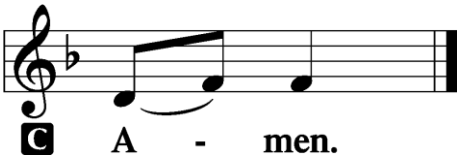
**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165 (Sung)*

**C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**
**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**
**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**
***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;***
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**
**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints,

celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



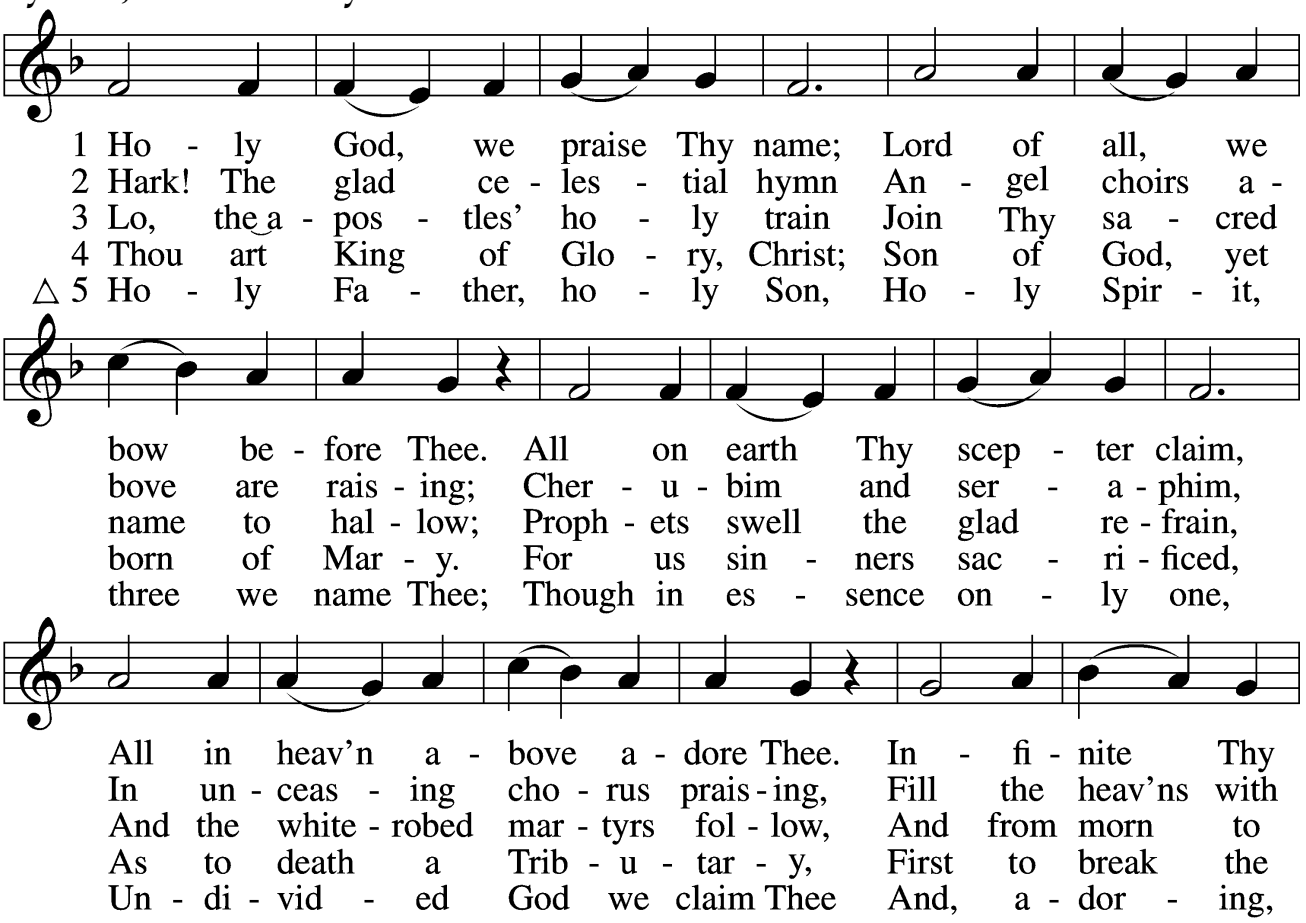

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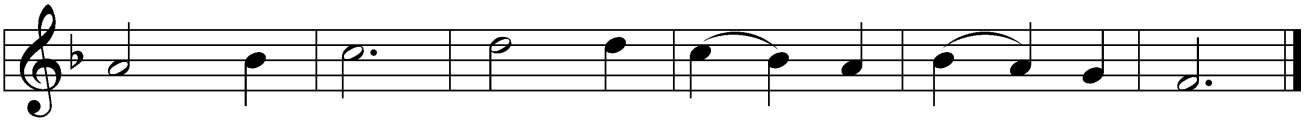
**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.*
*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*
*The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.*

**C** **Amen.**

*Please face the procession, returning after it passes*

**940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** *sts. 1–5*






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