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**"But take heart; I have overcome the world."**

# Divine Service One
# Sixth Sunday of Easter
# May 14, 2023

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**Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross**

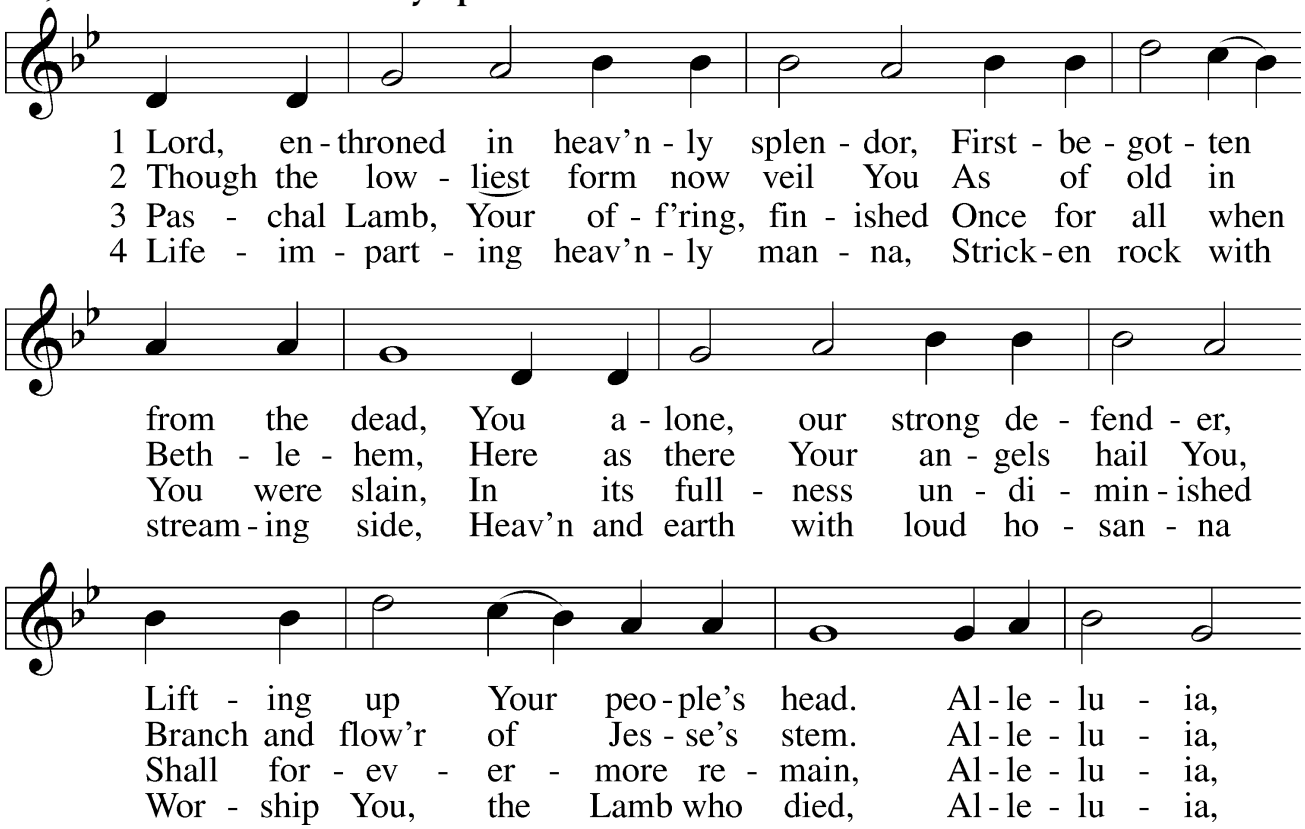
Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not 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.

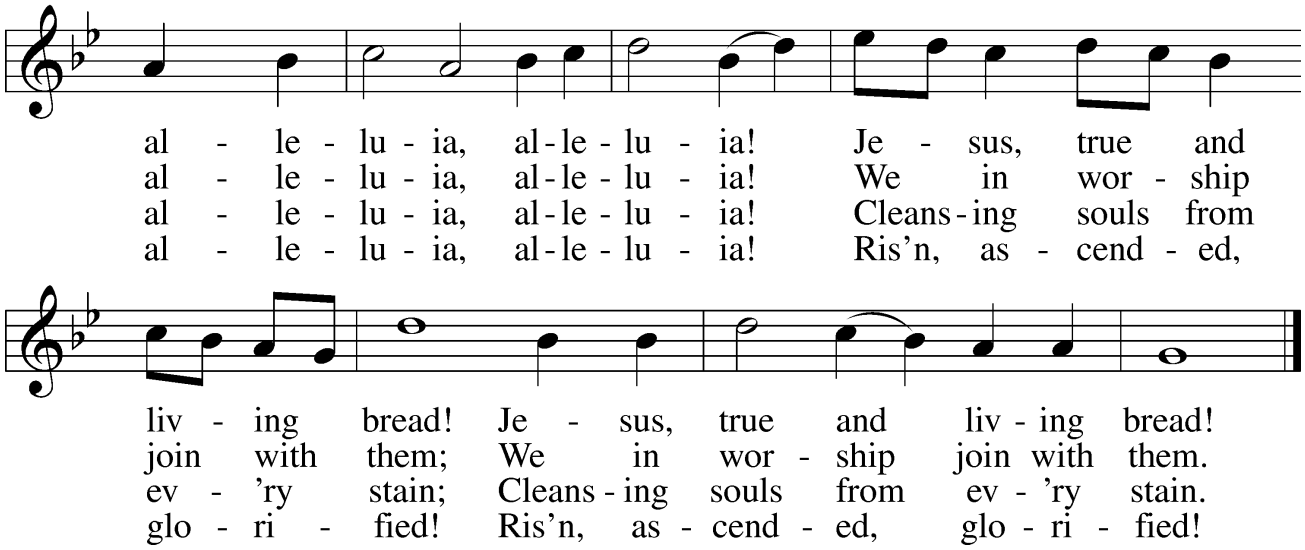
**Prelude**

*Please stand and face the procession*

## + Confession and Absolution+

**534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**



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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 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.**

*Stand*

## + Service of the Word+

**Introit** *Psalm 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;***

**sing the glory | of his name.**

I cried to him | with my mouth,*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

**But truly God has | listened;***

**he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love

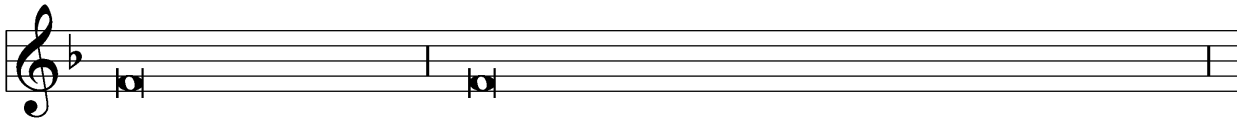
from me!

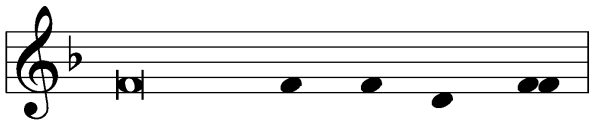
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,***
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

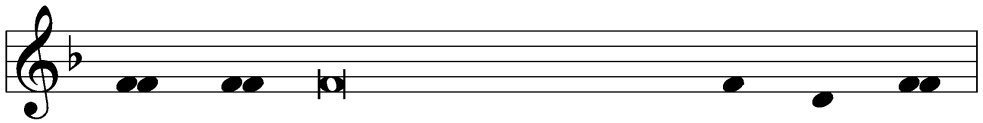
[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

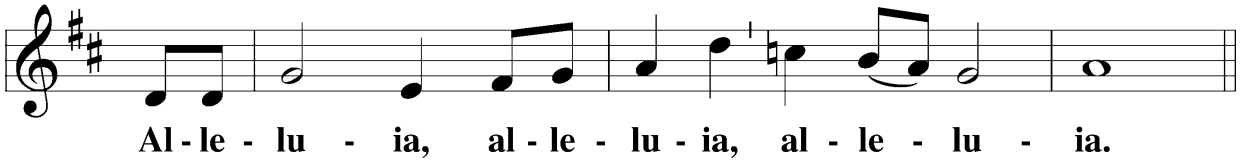
**Kyrie** *LSB 152*





**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*



**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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** *Numbers 21:4–9*

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around
the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the
people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up
out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water,
and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents
among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel
died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we
have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he
take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the
LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and
everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a
bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would
look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**Epistle** *1 Timothy 2:1–6*

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high
positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in
every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,
4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and
men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is
the testimony given at the proper time.

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

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**Alleluia and Verse** *Liturgical Text; John 16:28*

**P** Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel** *John 16:23–33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

[23][Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. [24]Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

[25]"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26]In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; [27]for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. [28]I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

[29]His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! [30]Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." [31]Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? [32]Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own

home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33]I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**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.**

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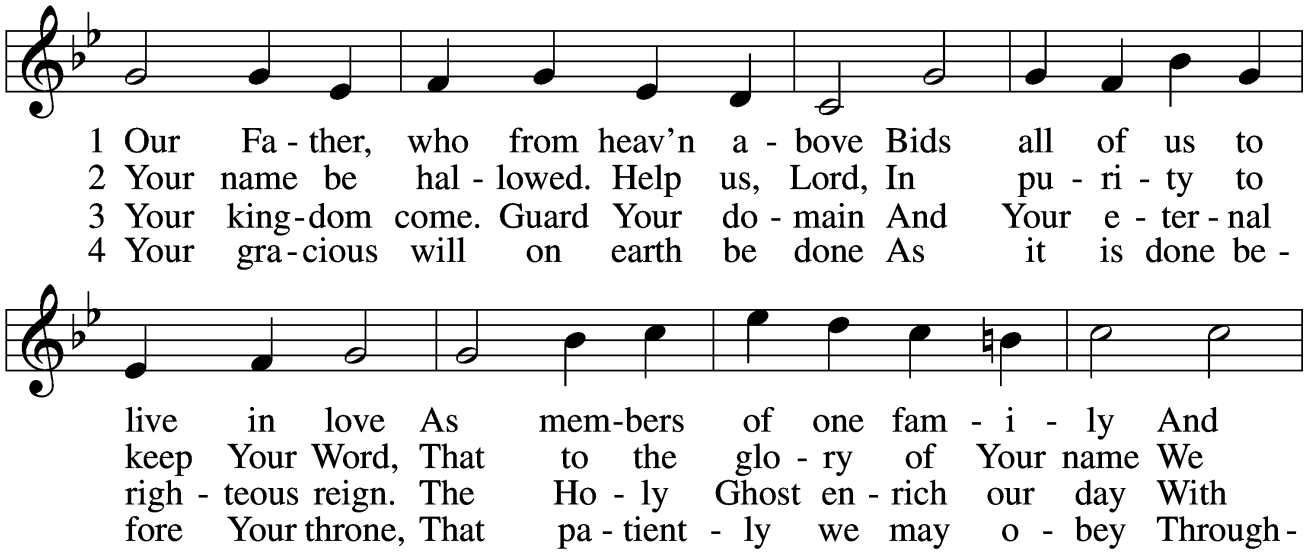
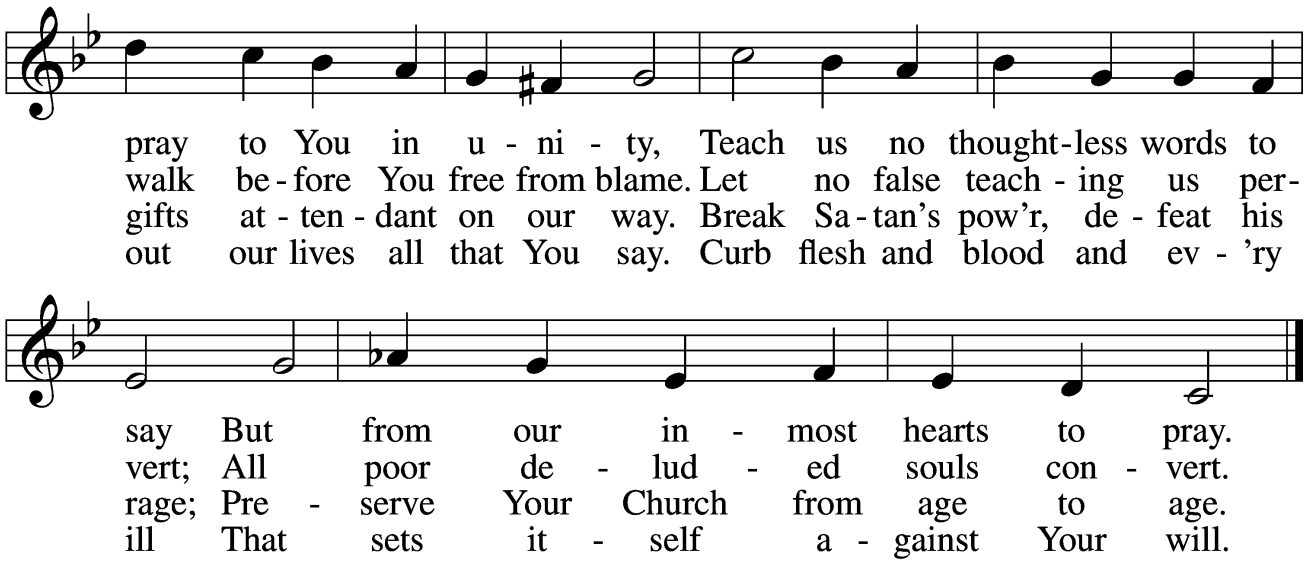
**766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above** *(All sing stanzas 1, 5, & 9 ; Pulpit side sing stanzas 2, 4 & 7; Lectern side sing stanzas 3, 6, & 8)*






5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

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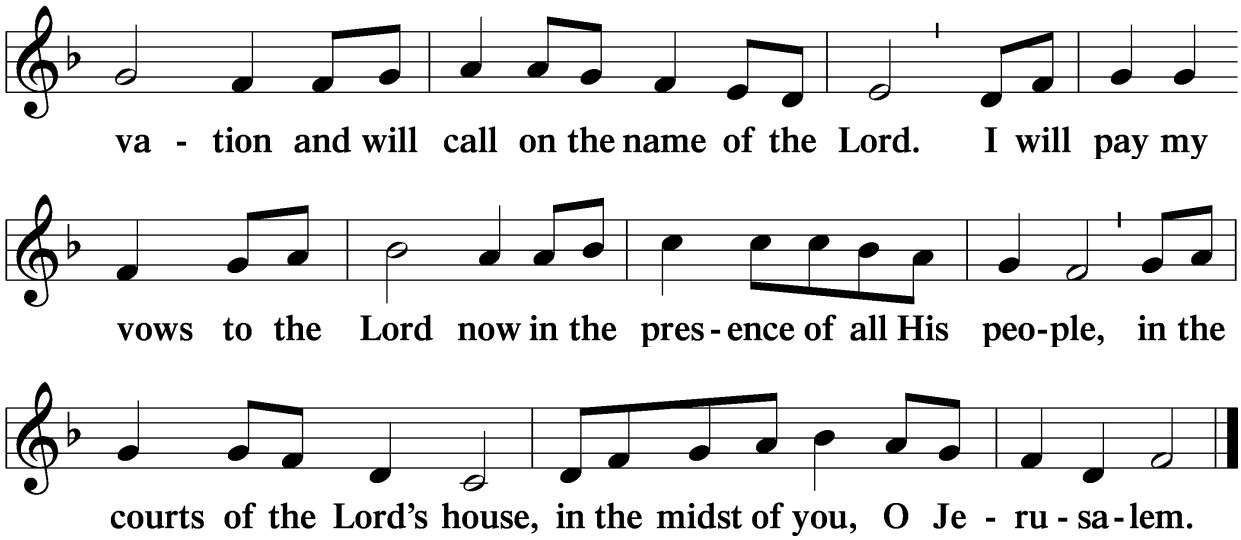
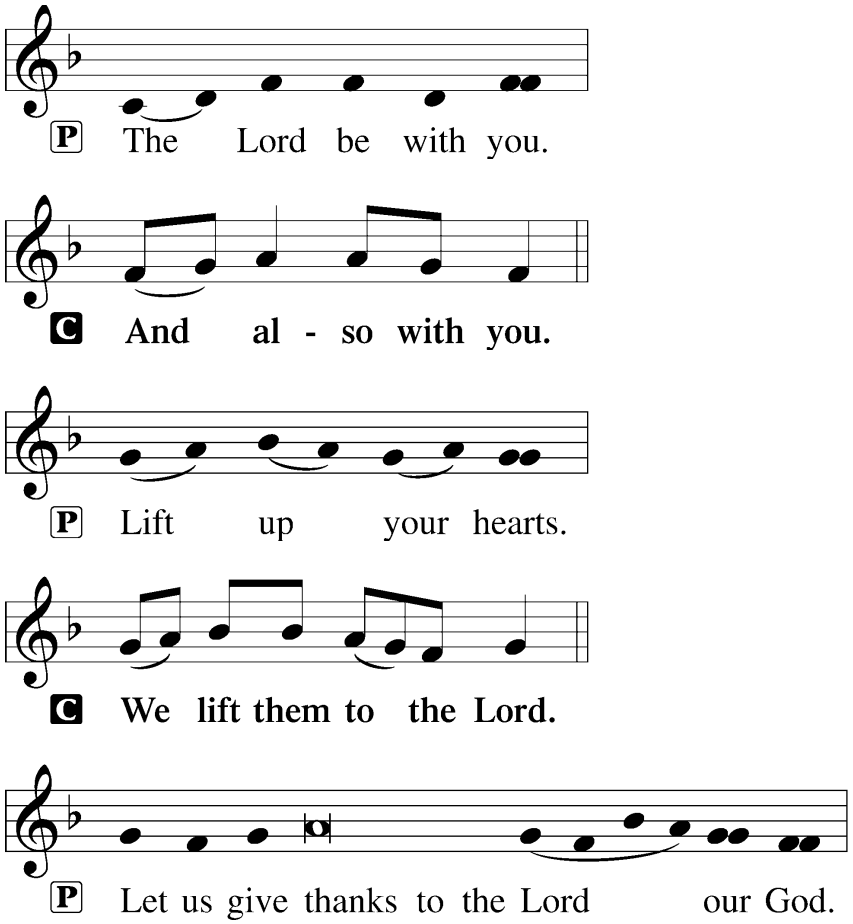
**Offertory** *LSB 159*




**Prayer of the Church**

## + Service of the Sacrament+

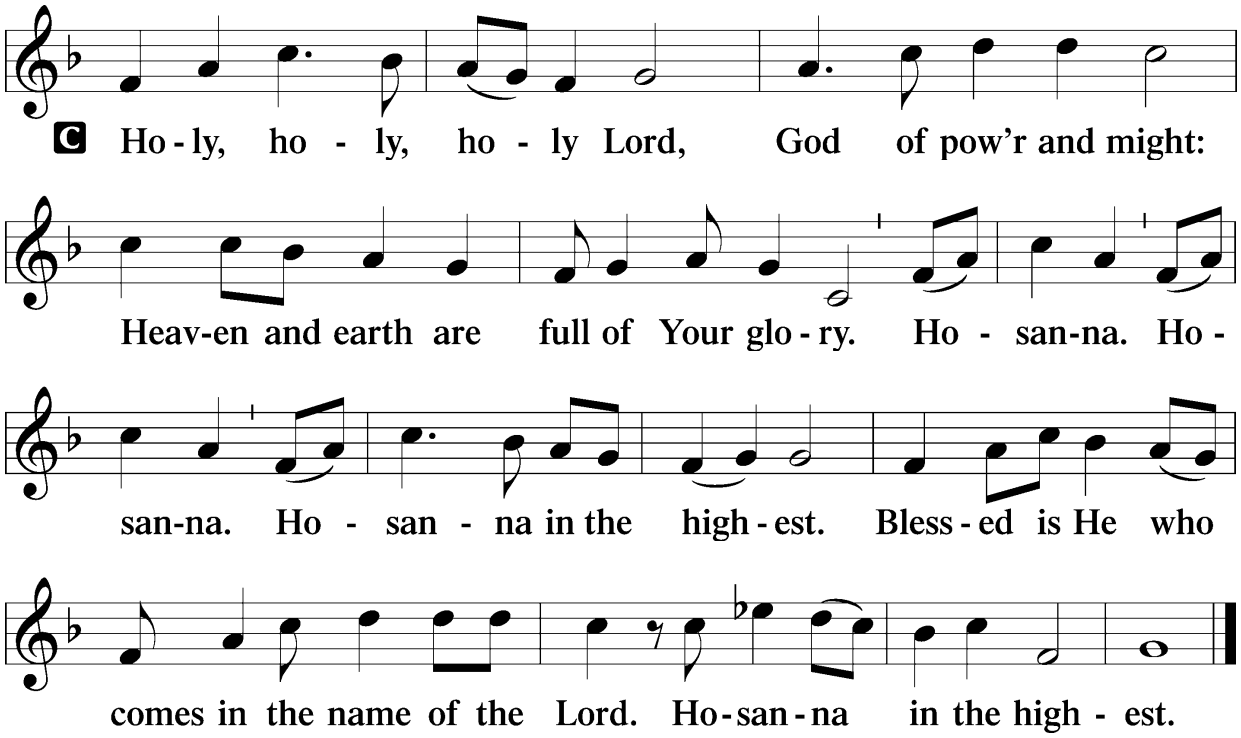
**Preface** *LSB 160*



**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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*




**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**

**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.**

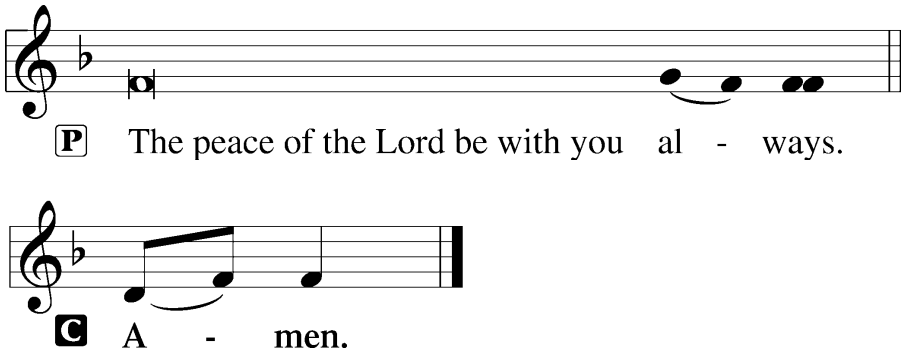
**The Words of Our Lord**

**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

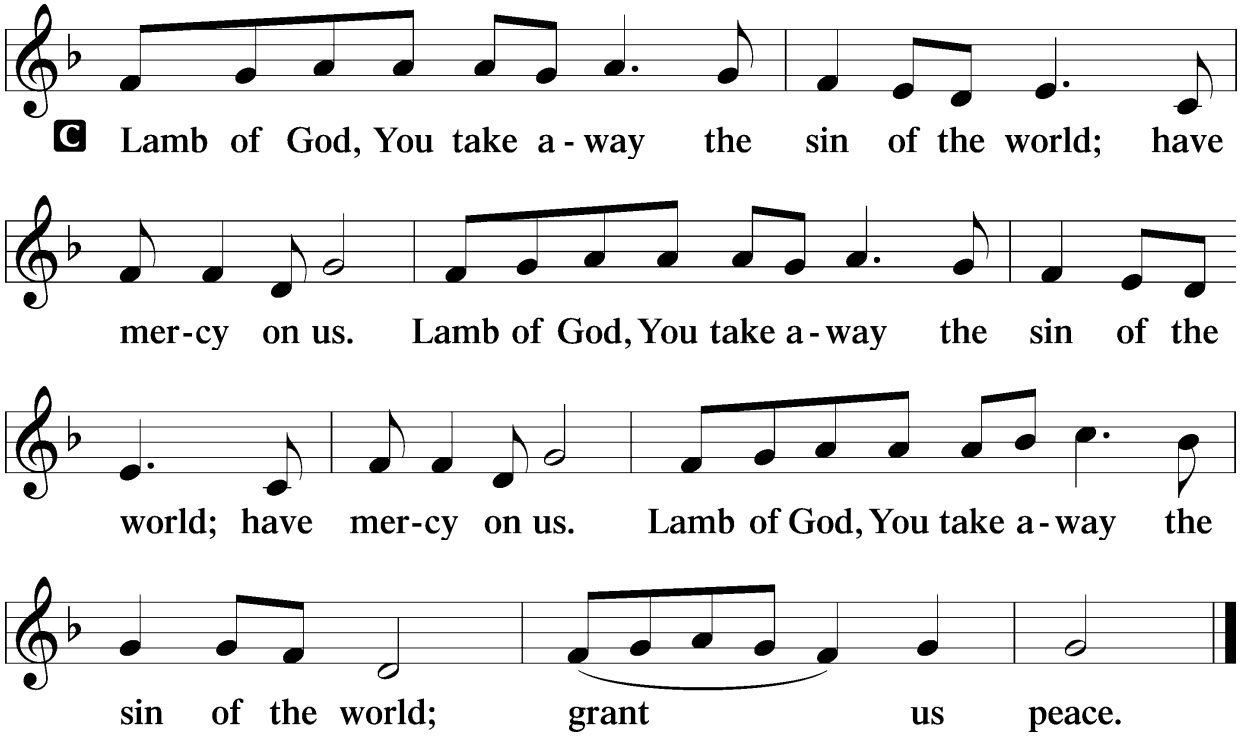
disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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*




**Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

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**Distribution**

**564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand**

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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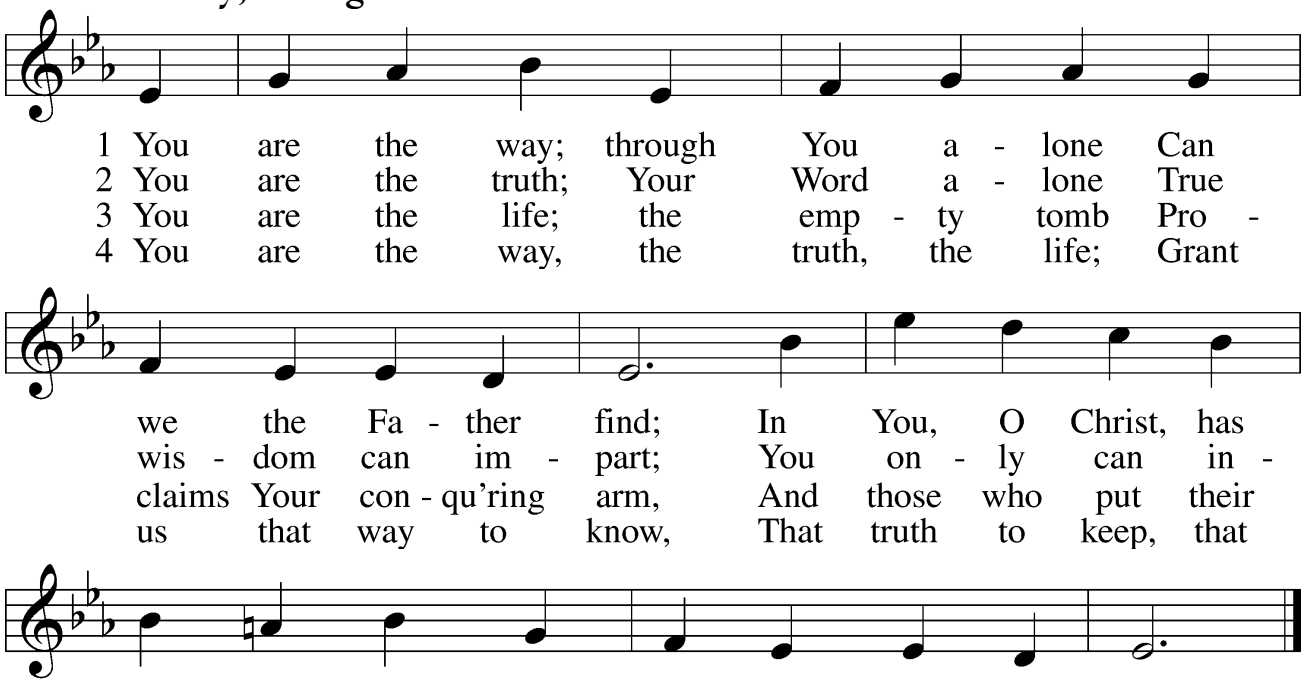
**526 You Are the Way; through You Alone**

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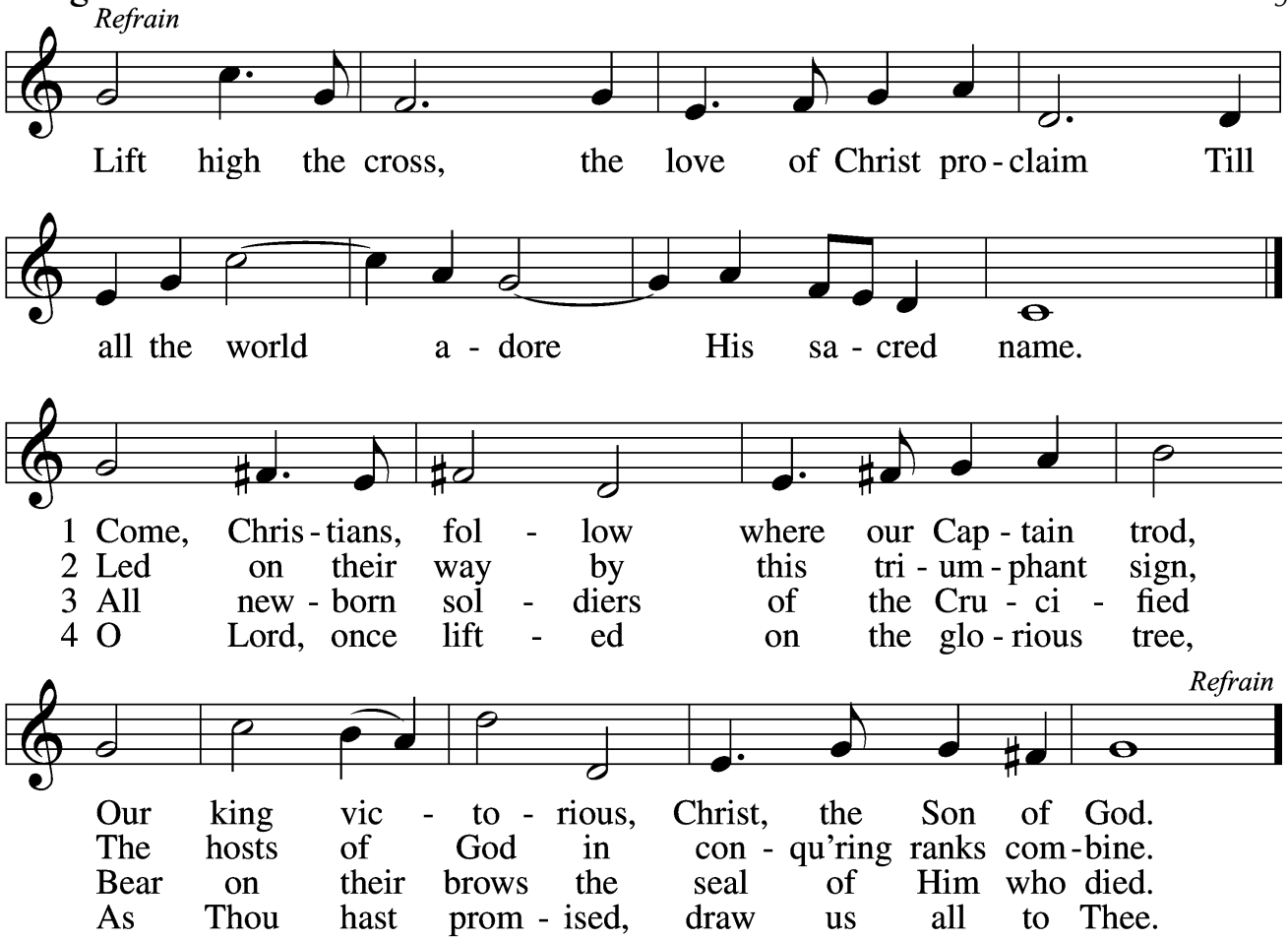


5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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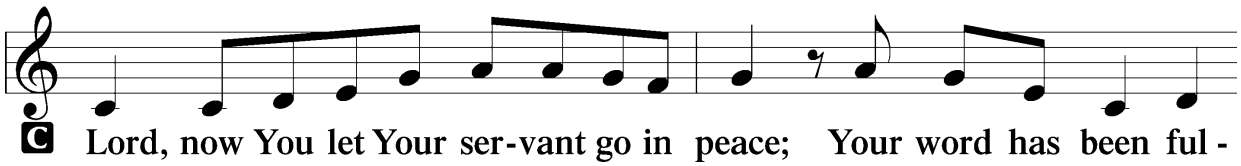
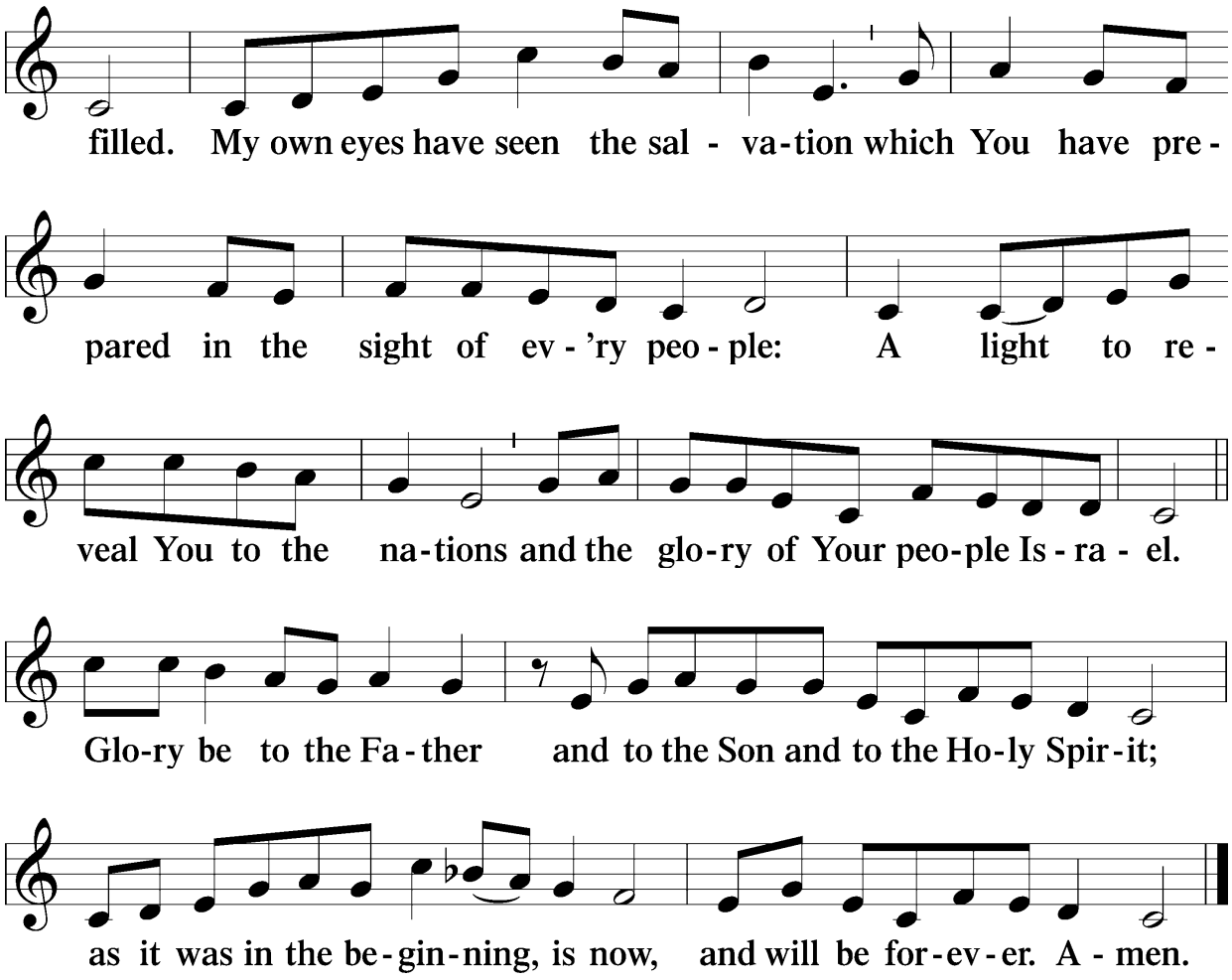
**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*



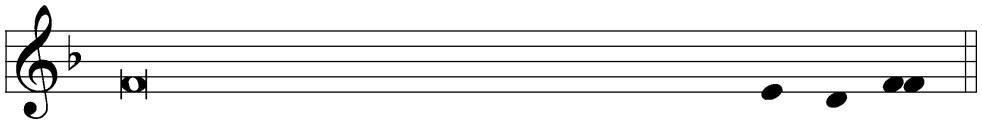



**Post-Communion Collect**

**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.

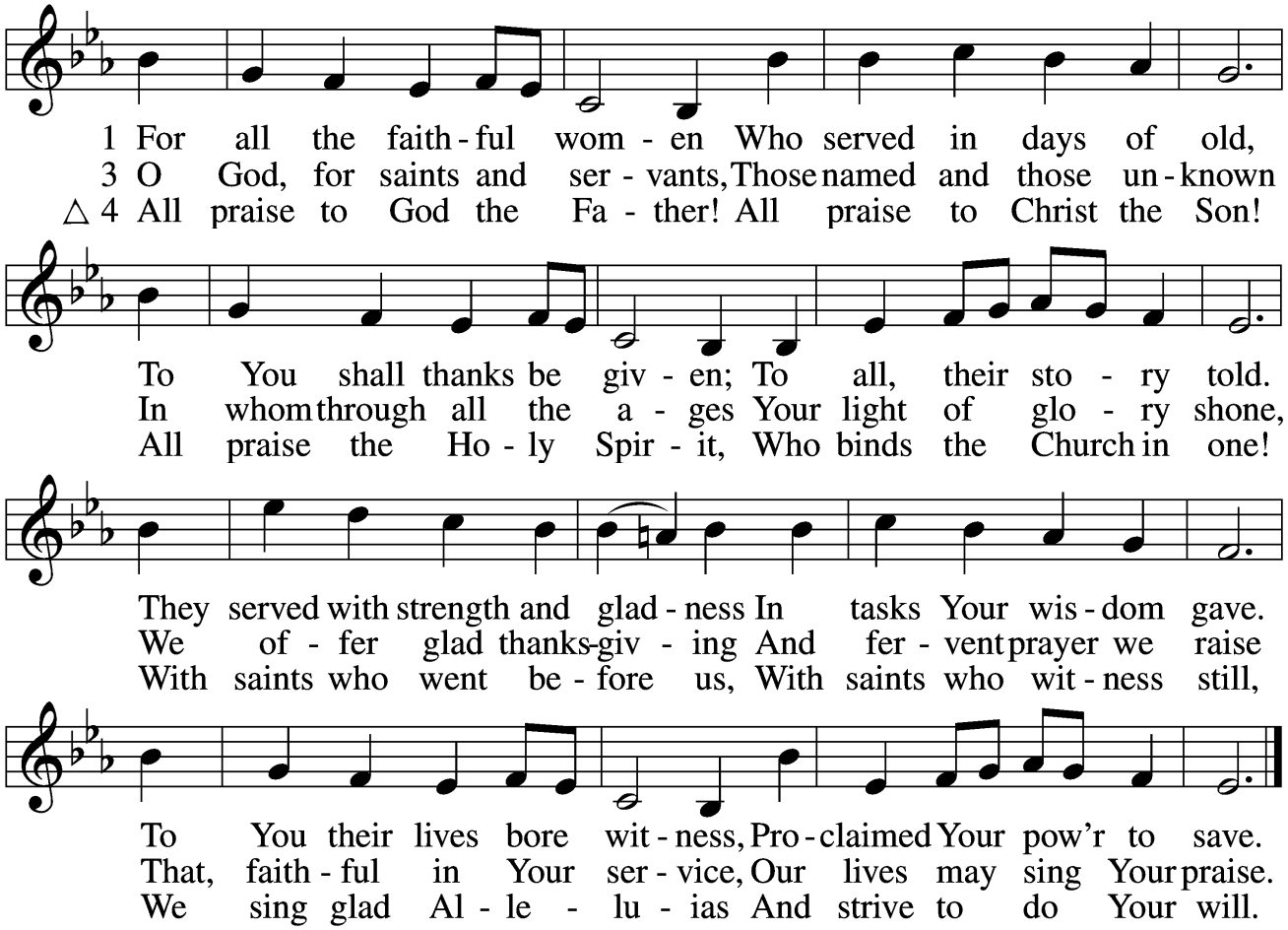
**Benediction** *LSB 166*



℗ 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.

*Please face the procession, returning after it passes*

**855 For All the Faithful Women** *sts. 1, 3–4*

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