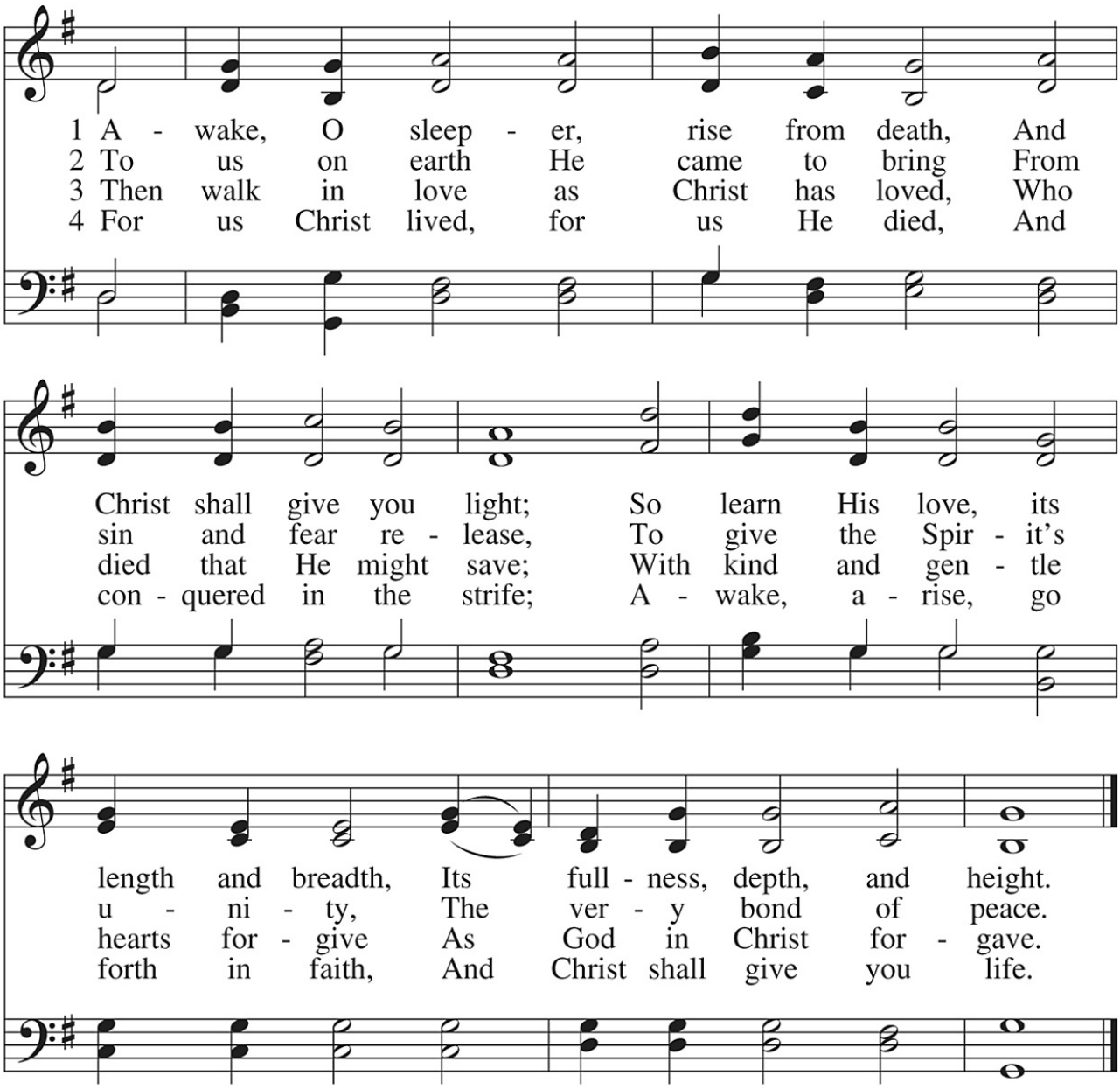
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

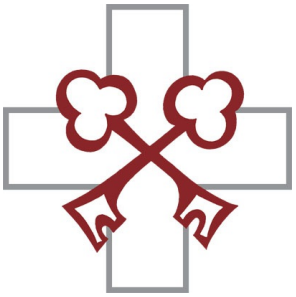
DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Pastoral Greeting
Stand
Hymn of Invocation

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death 697





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

A In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

A If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

A Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

A 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.** *[John 20:19-23]*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.

C **I will extol you, my God and King,**
and bless your name forever and ever.

A Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

C **The LORD is gracious and merciful,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

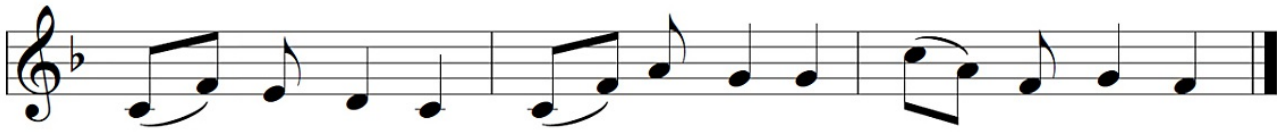
A All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

C **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,**
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

ALL **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.

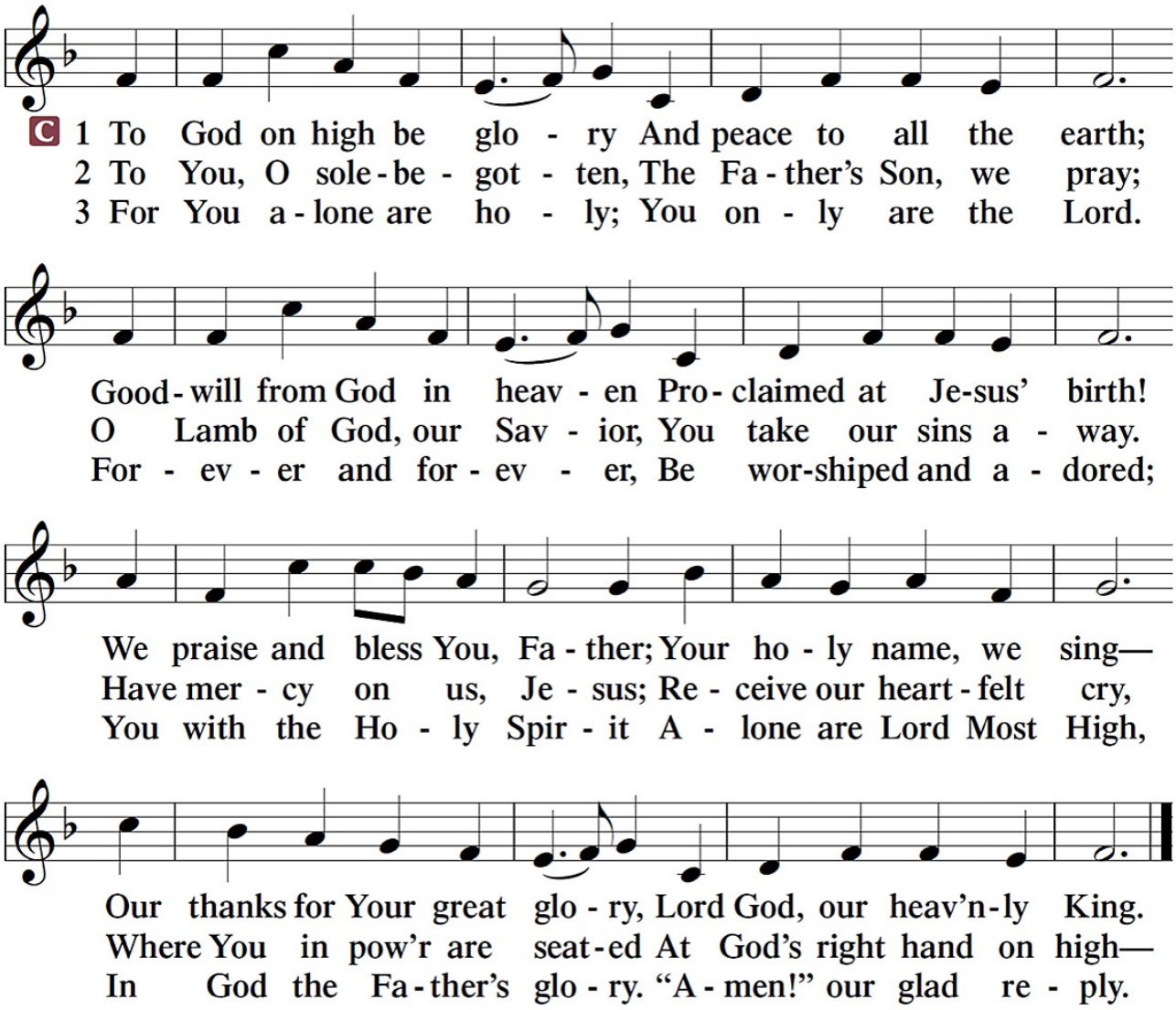
A A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* *Mark 10:47*



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **And also with you.**
A Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken.

A O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

FIRST READING ~ *Acts 8:26-40*

[26]An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. [27]And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship [28]and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. [29]And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." [30]So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" [31]And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. [32]Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. [33]In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

[34]And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" [35]Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. [36]And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" [38]And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. [39]And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. [40]But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE ~ *1 John 4:1-21*

[1]Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2]By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3]and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. [4]Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. [5]They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. [6]We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

[7]Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. [8]Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. [9]In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. [10]In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11]Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12]No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

[13]By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. [14]And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. [15]Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. [16]So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. [17]By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. [18]There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. [19]We love because he first loved us. [20]If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. [21]And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

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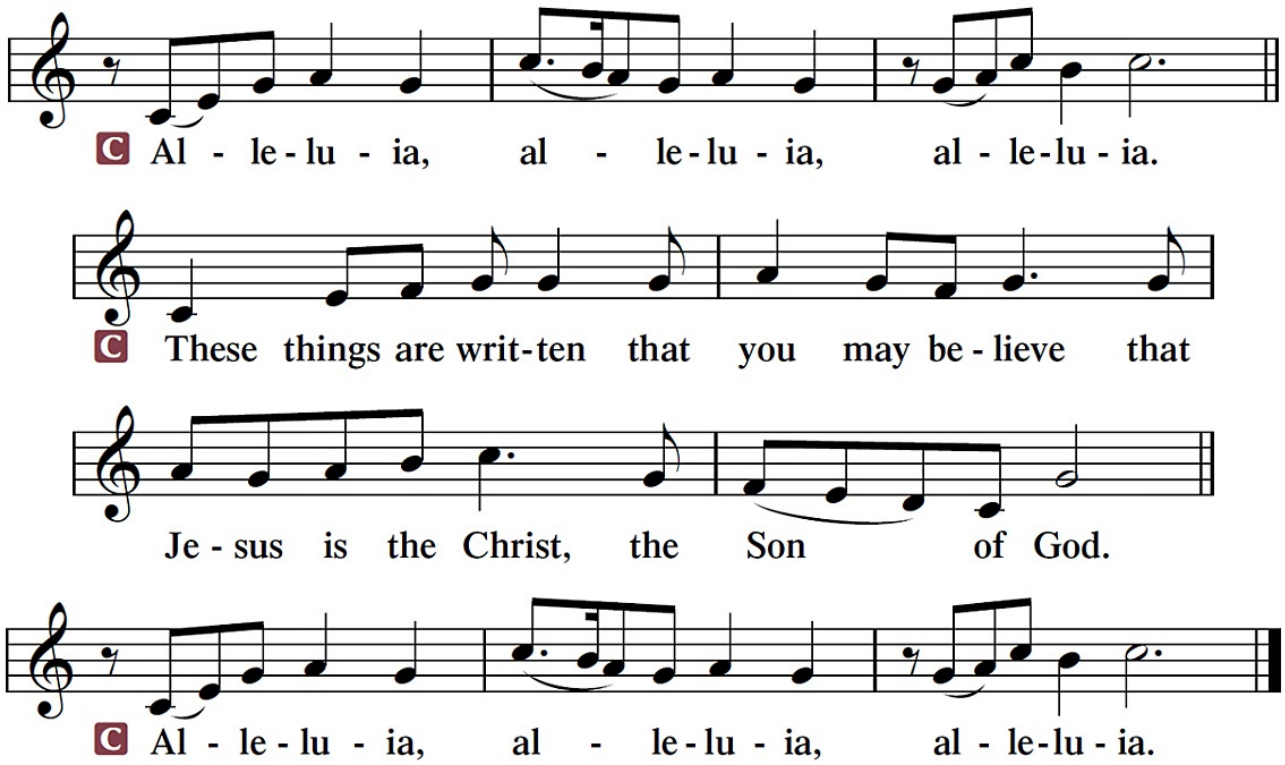
ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL ~ *St. John 15:1-8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. [2]Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [3]Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. [4]Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5]I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. [6]If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. [7]If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8]By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, 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.

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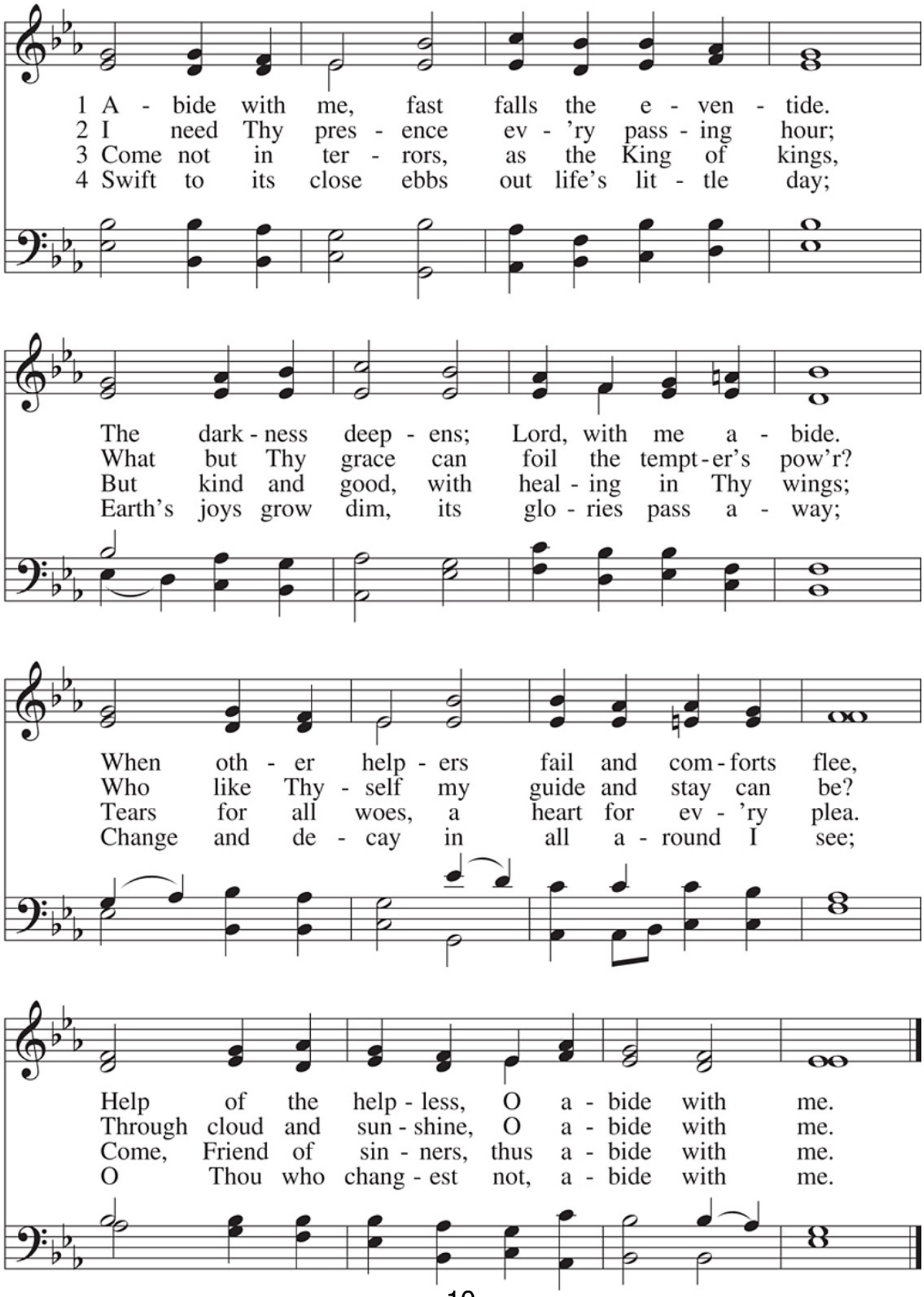
HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Abide with Me 878



5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

SERMON ~ "Abiding in Christ" *John 15:1-8*

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **And also with you.**

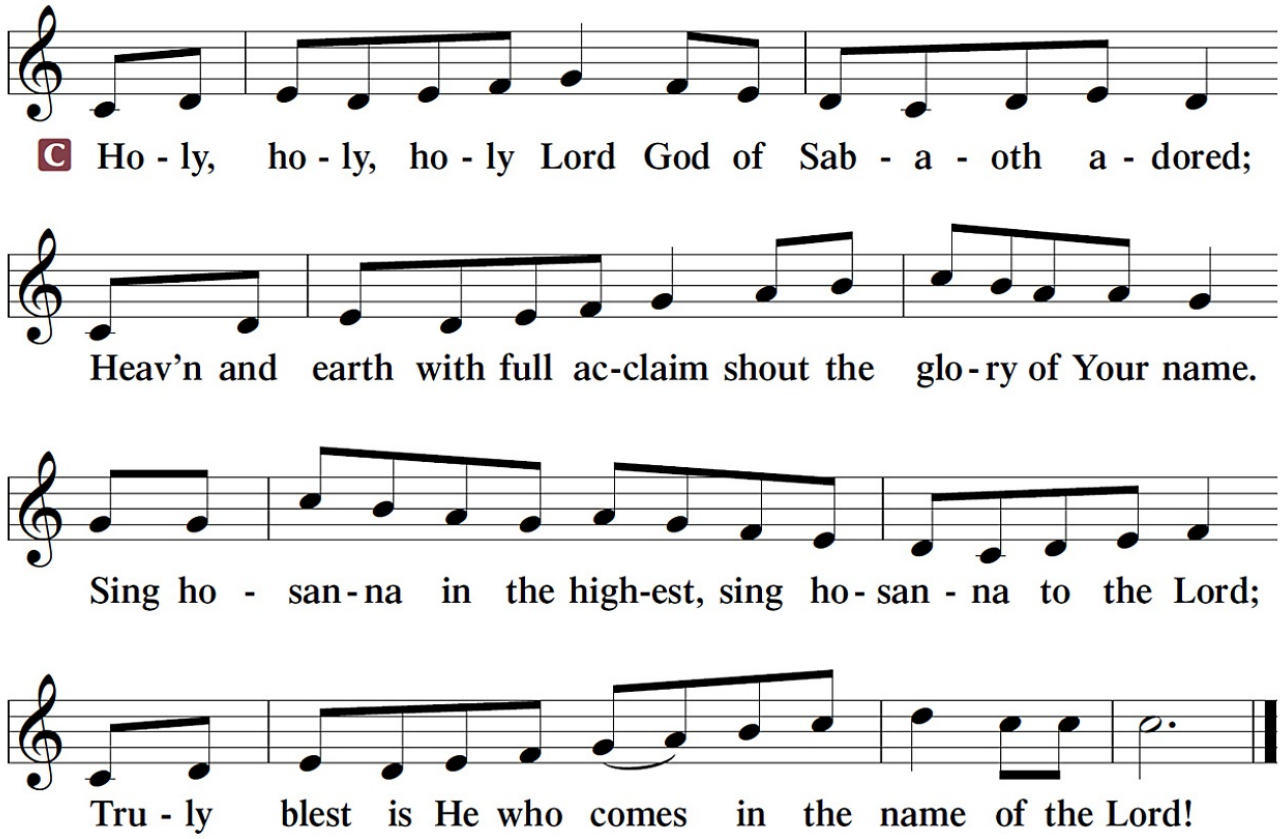
P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

P It is truly good, right and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

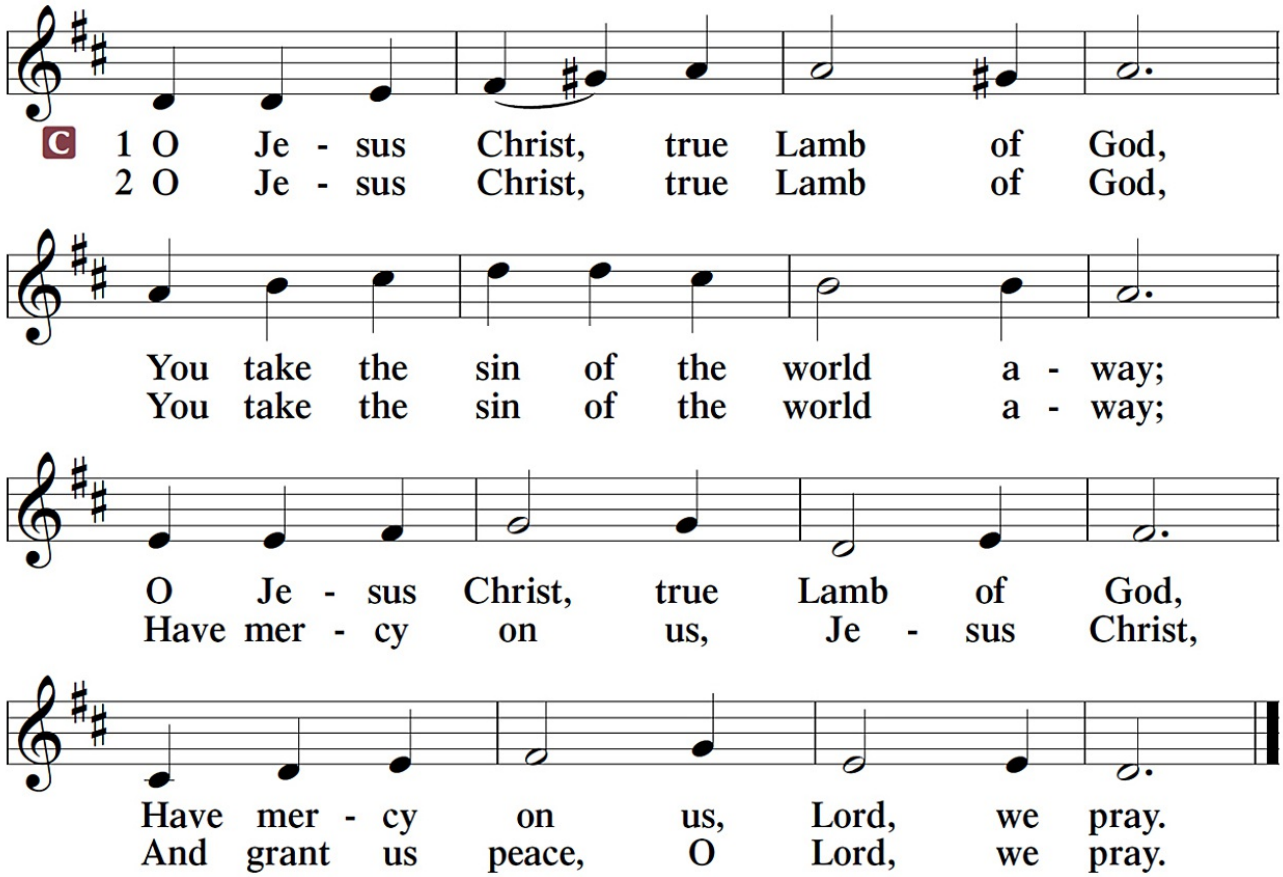
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *John 20:19*

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* *John 1:29*



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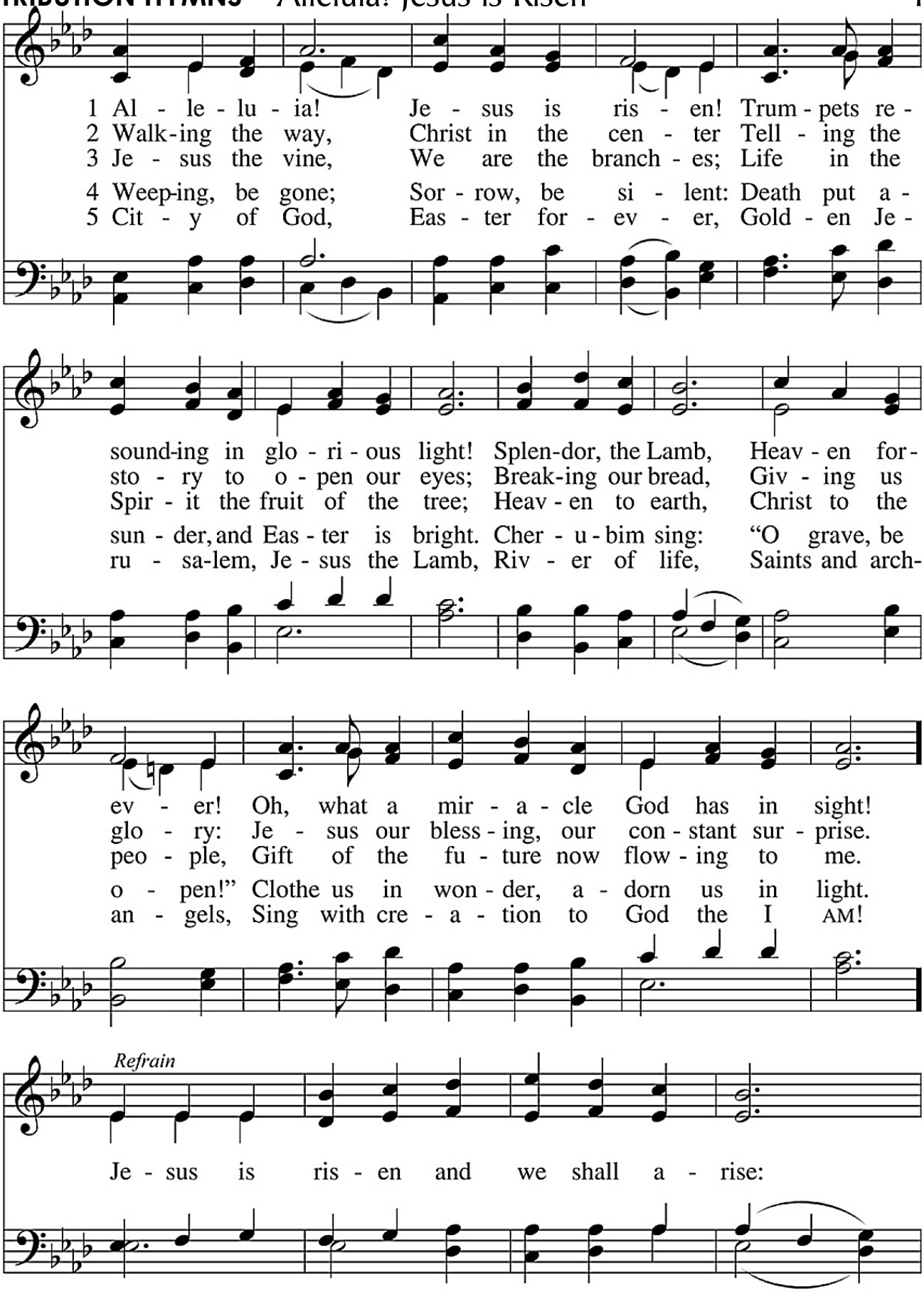
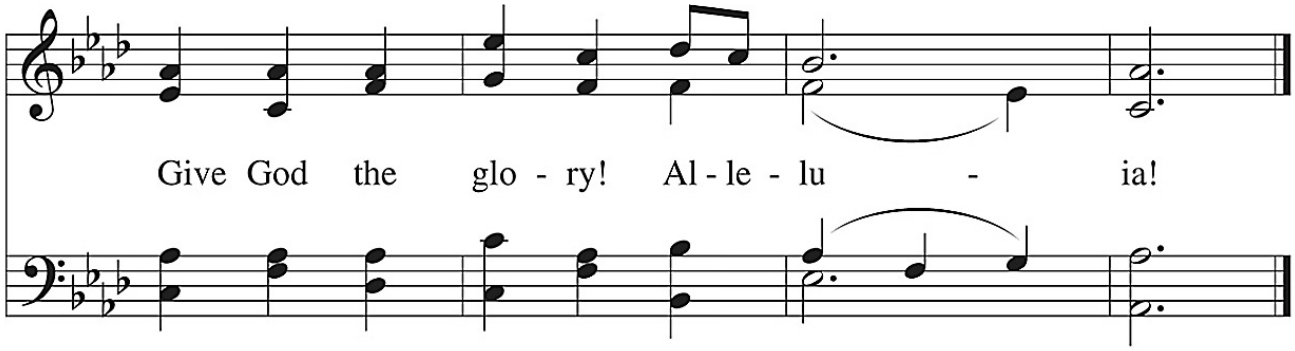
DISTRIBUTION

P Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
C **Amen.**

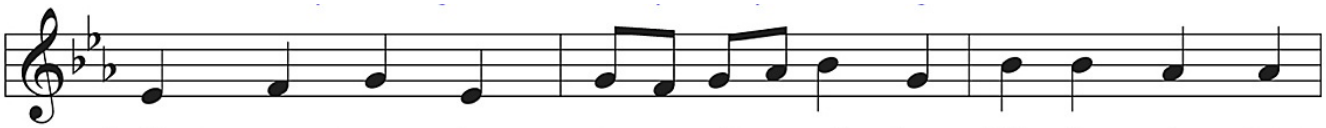
P Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ Alleluia! Jesus is Risen 474



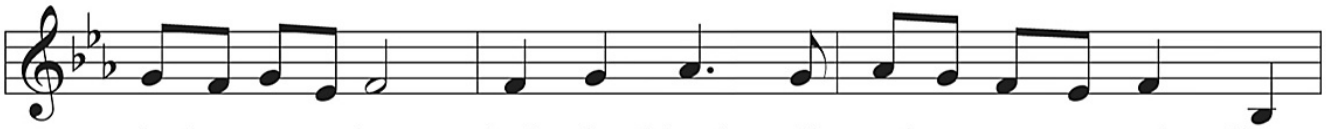


Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling 630



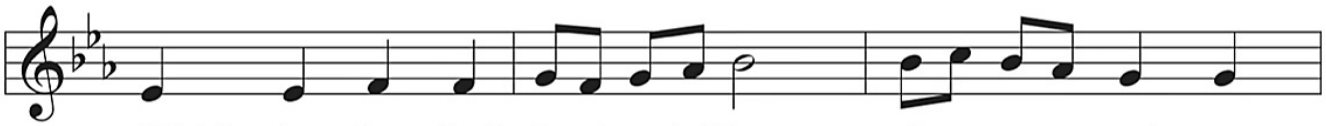
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His

4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His
△ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



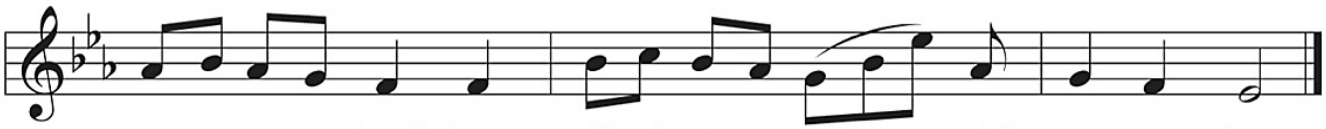
bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,
us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing
cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,

flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,
and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



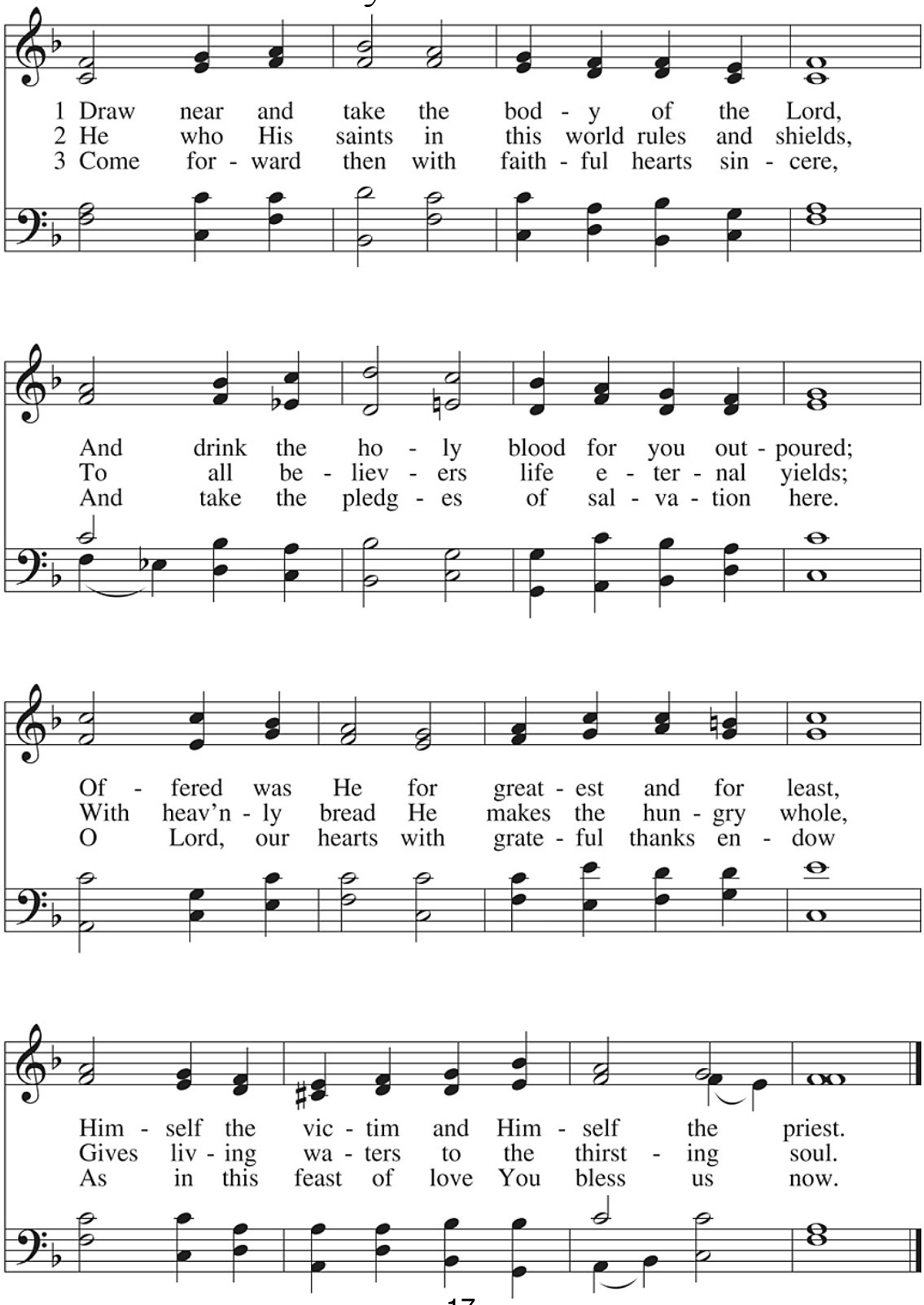
Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with
Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious

Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the
While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.
food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.

true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.
love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

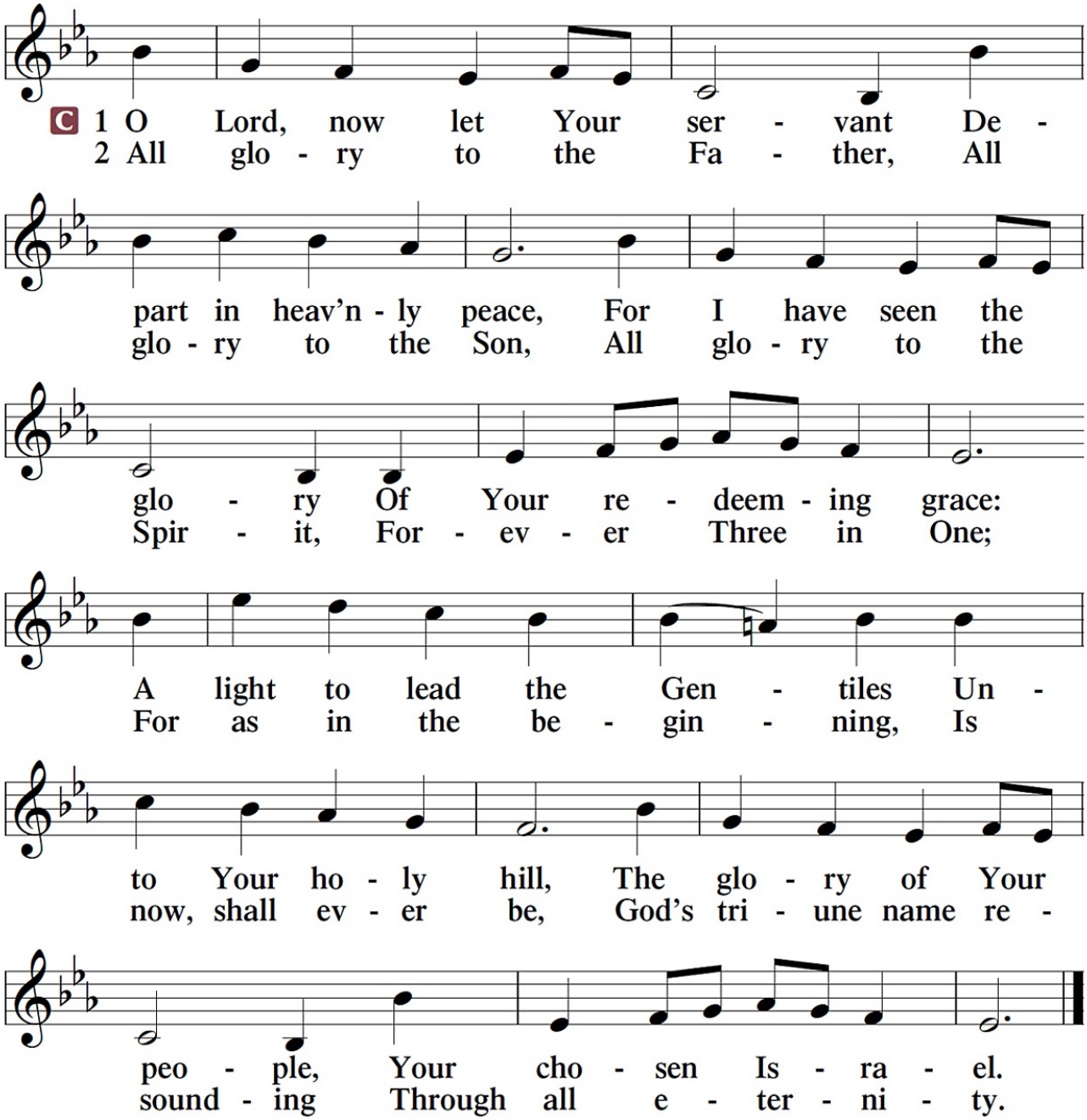

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon* *Luke 2:29-32*



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

A 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.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

A Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*

C **Thanks be to God.**

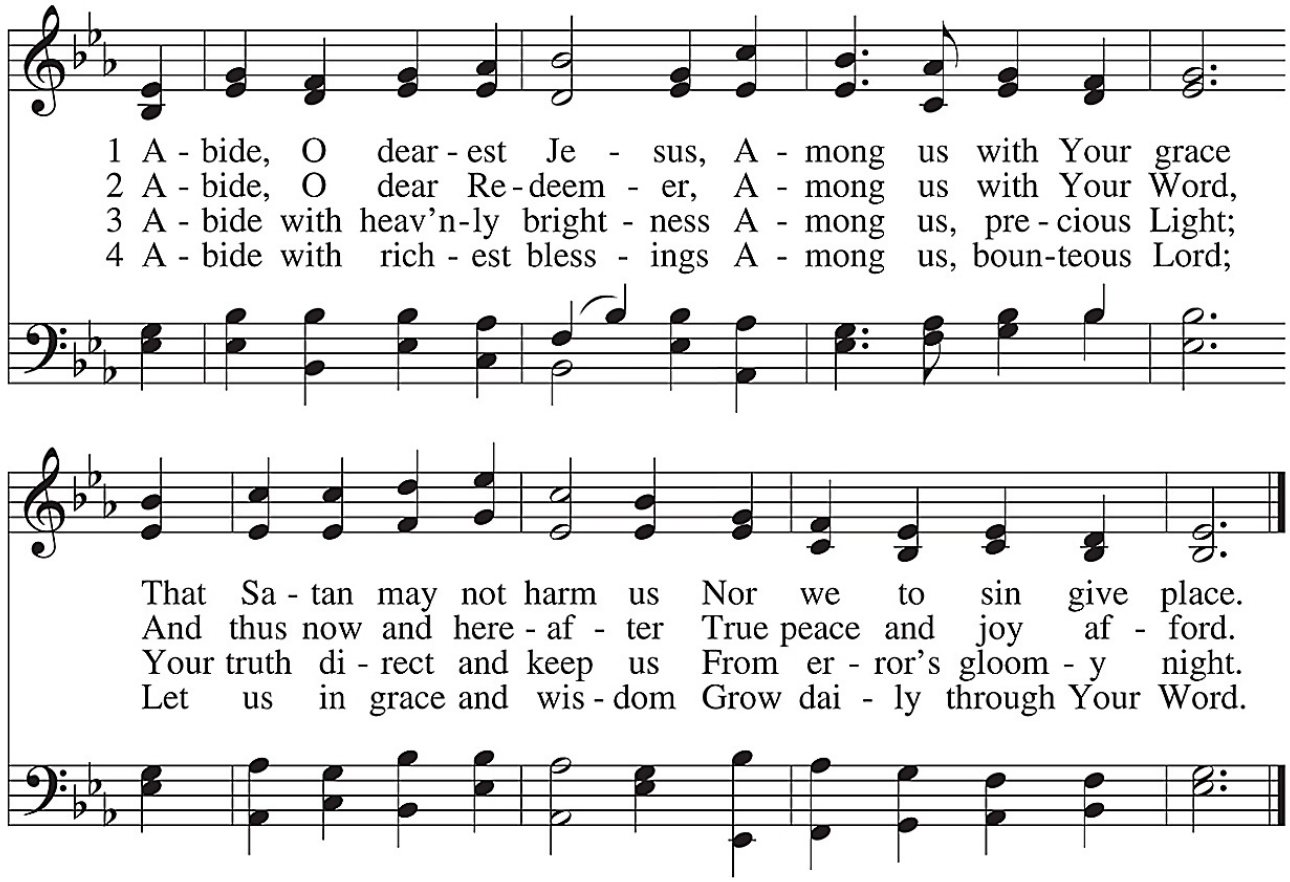
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C **Amen.**

Sit

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

CLOSING HYMN ~ Abide, O Dearest Jesus 919



5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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