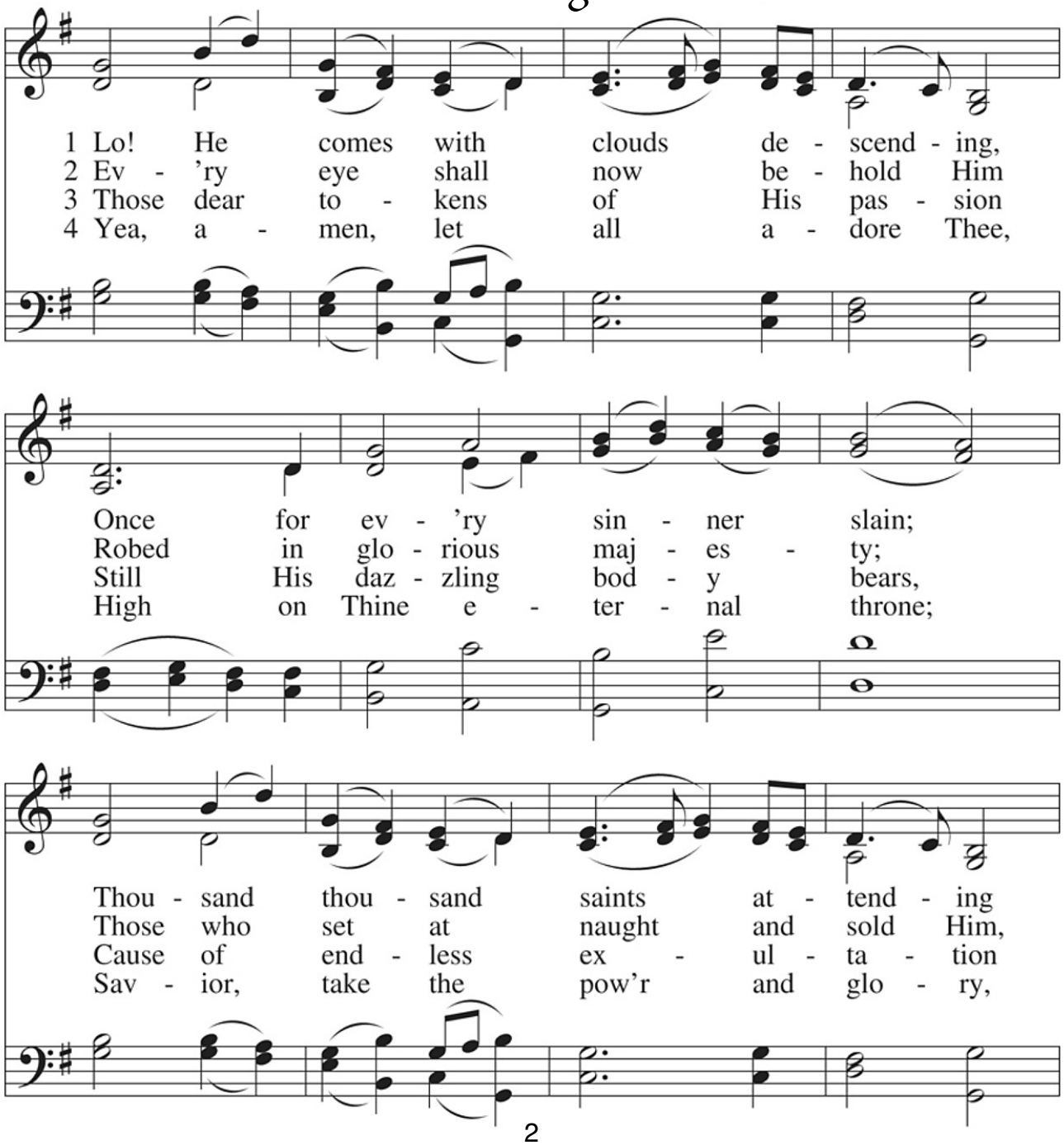
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

Pastoral Greeting
Stand
Hymn of Invocation

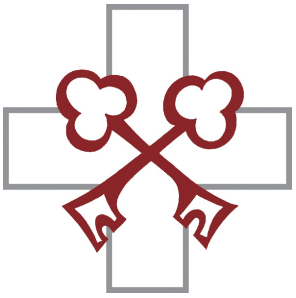
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending 336



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!



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 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*

A We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

C **O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;**
let me know how fleeting I am!

A Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?**
My hope is in you.

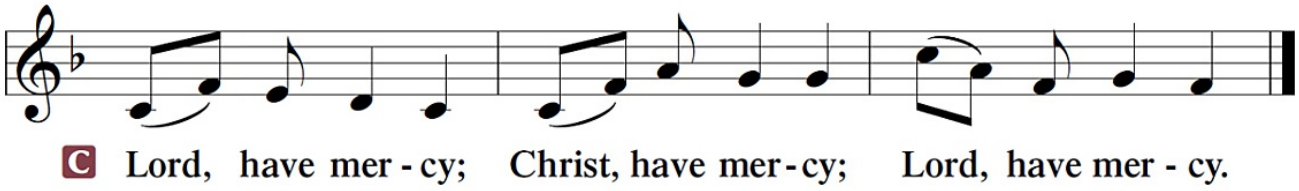
A Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;**
hold not your peace at my tears!

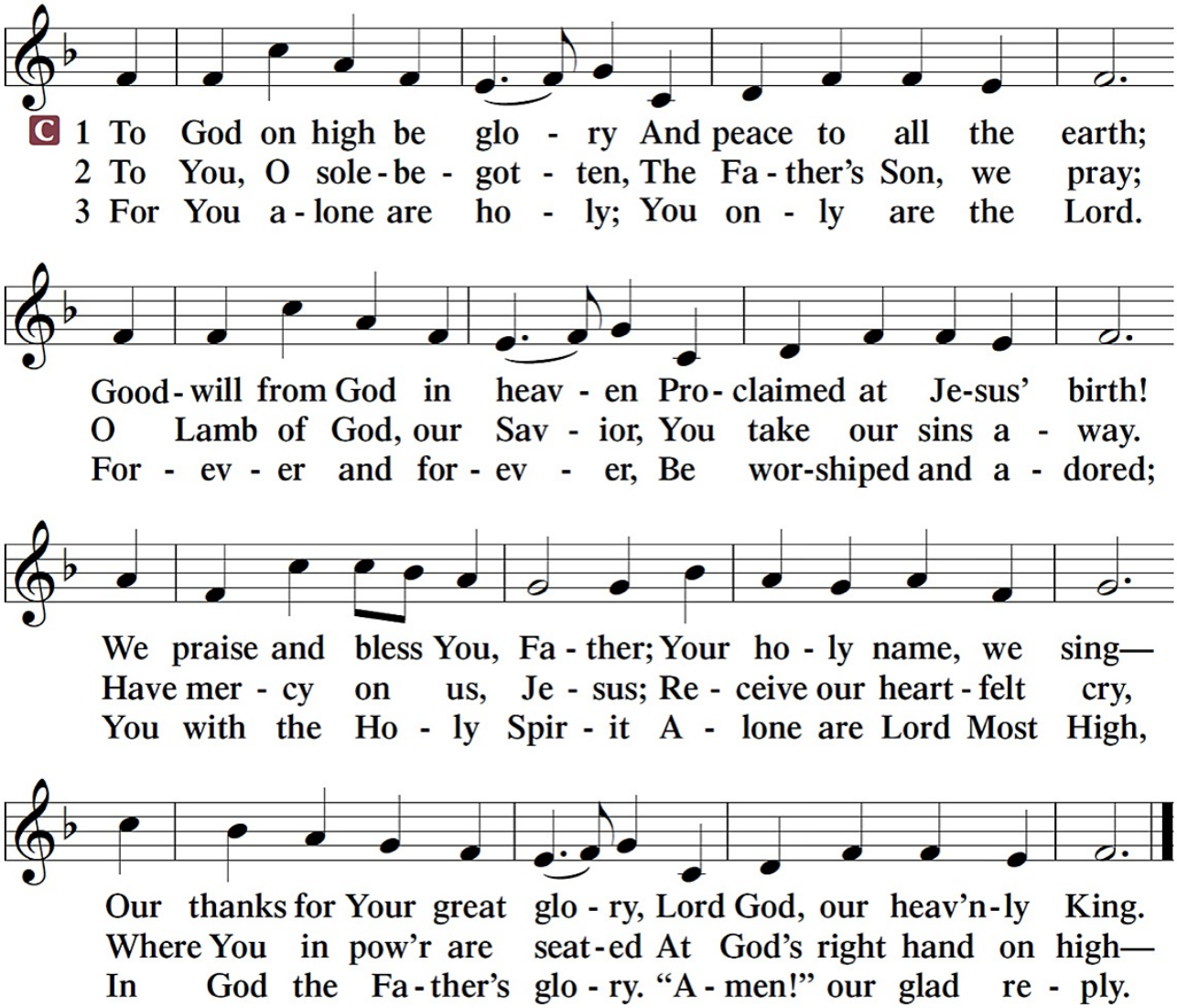
ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

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



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 Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT ~ *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14*

9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing
was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its
wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a
thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the
court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like
a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And
to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and
languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass
away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

A These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE ~ *Revelation 1:4b–8*

4 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from
the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed
us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to
him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the
clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth
will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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

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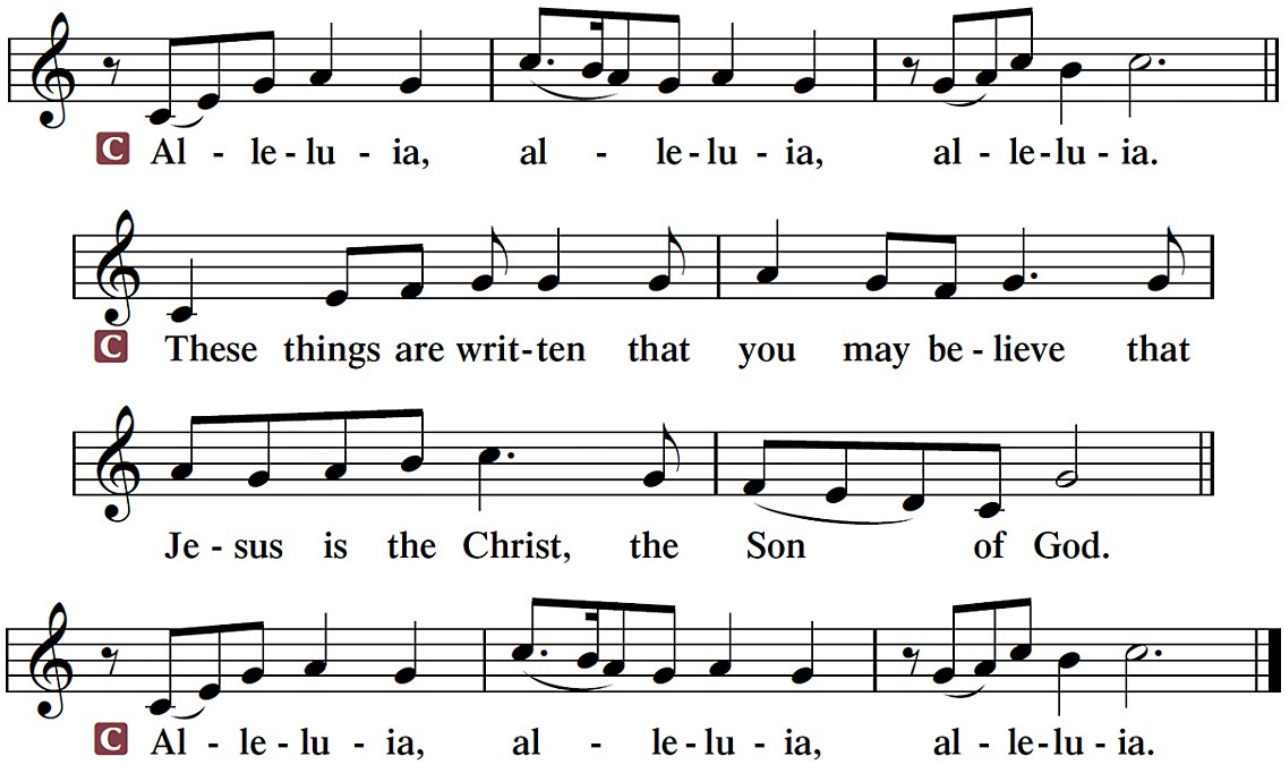
ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL ~ *John 18:33–37*

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

33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you
the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did
others say it to you about me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the
chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My
kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have
been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from
the world." 37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that
I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the
world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

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

NICENE CREED

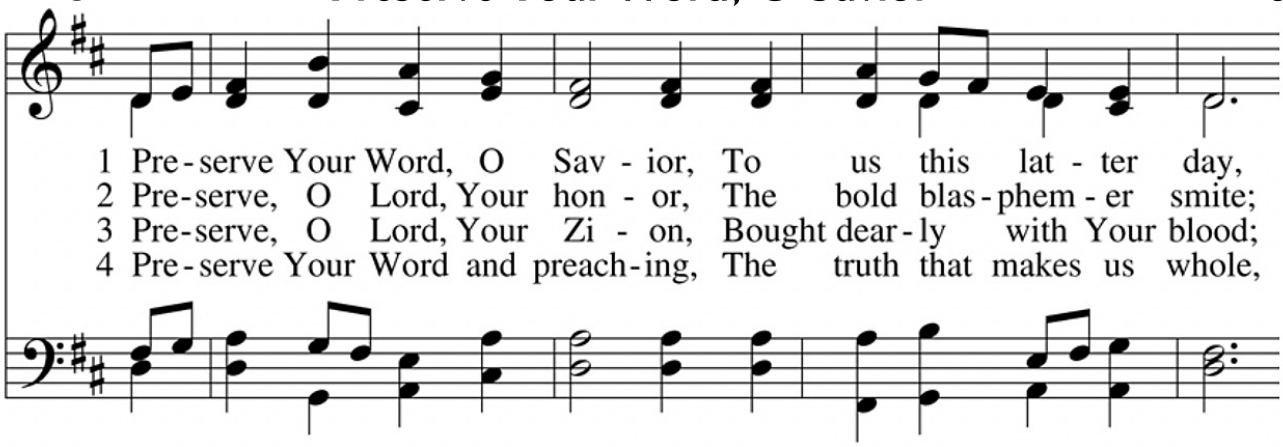
C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

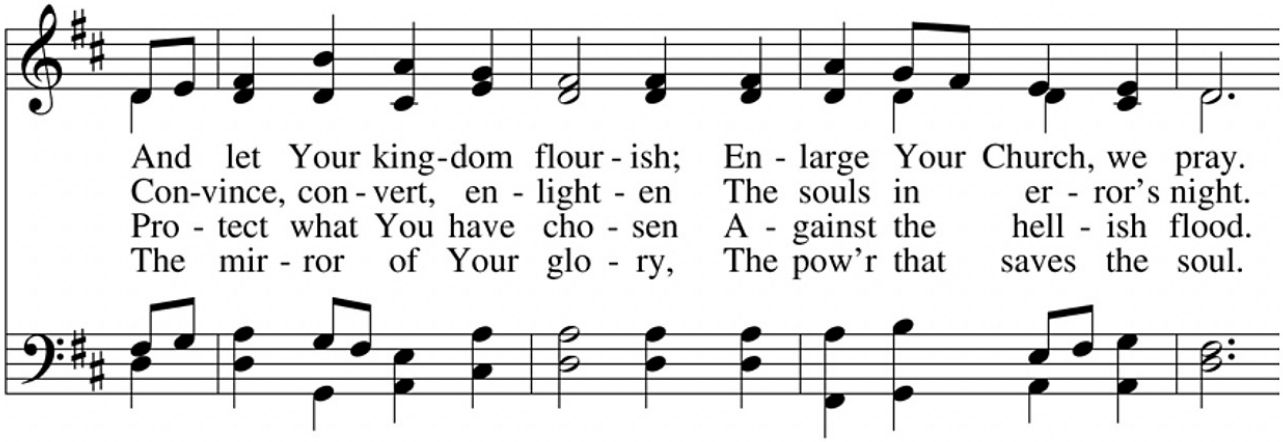
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Sit

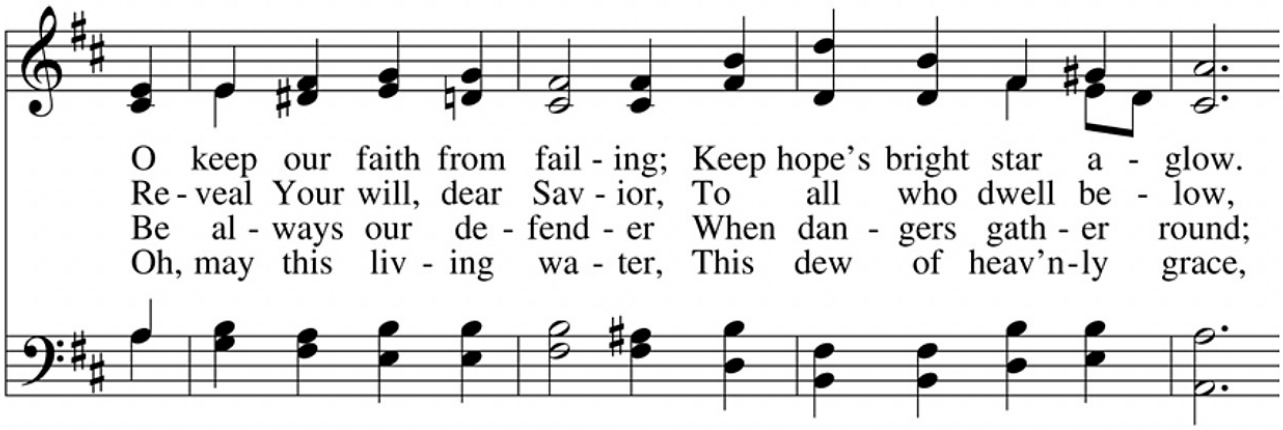
HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Preserve Your Word, O Savior 658



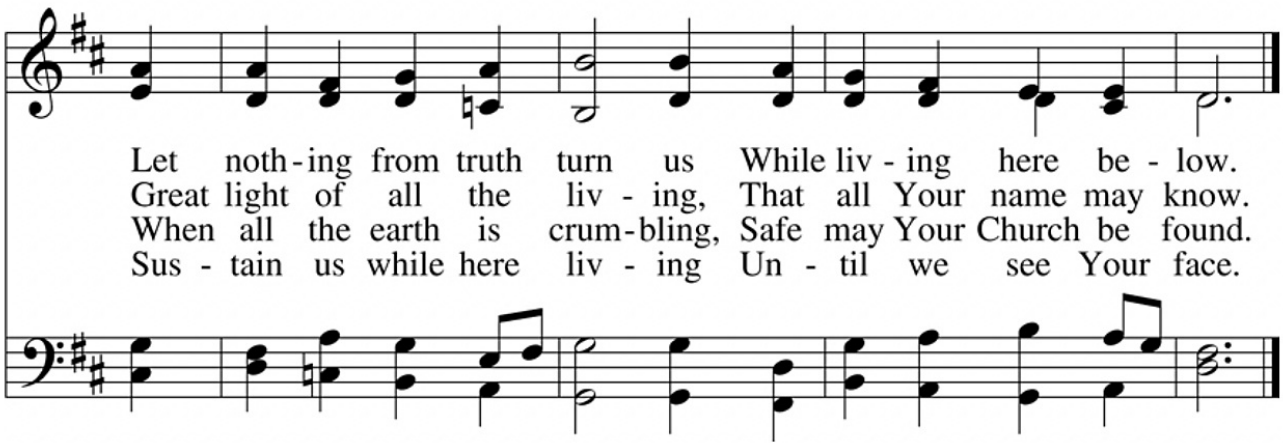
1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas-phem - er smite;
3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear-ly with Your blood;
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach-ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con-vince, con-vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re-veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

5 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.

Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In Your eternal light.

SERMON ~ "To Be or Not to Be" John 18:33-37

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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OFFERING

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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]*

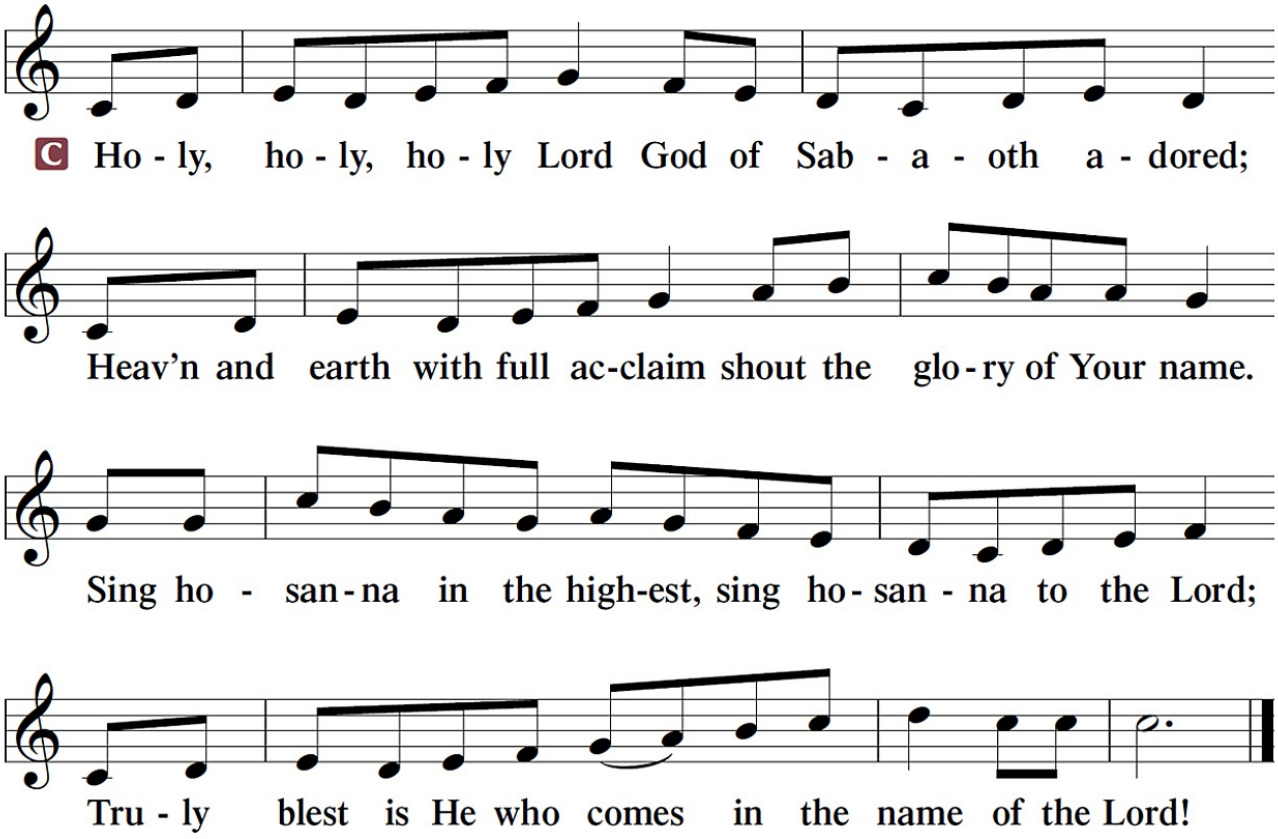
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 ~ *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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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."

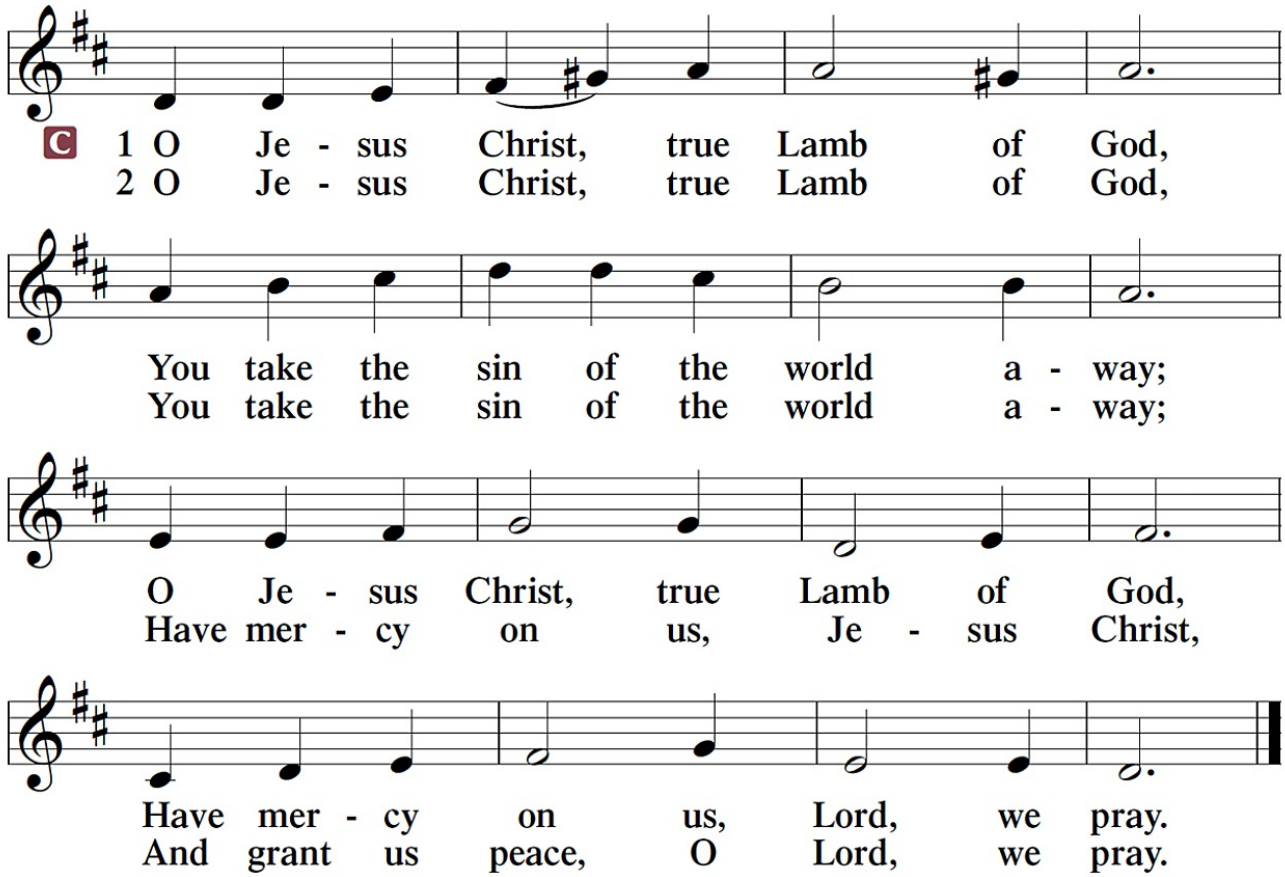
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

Giving to the church is an act of worship and a privilege of membership.
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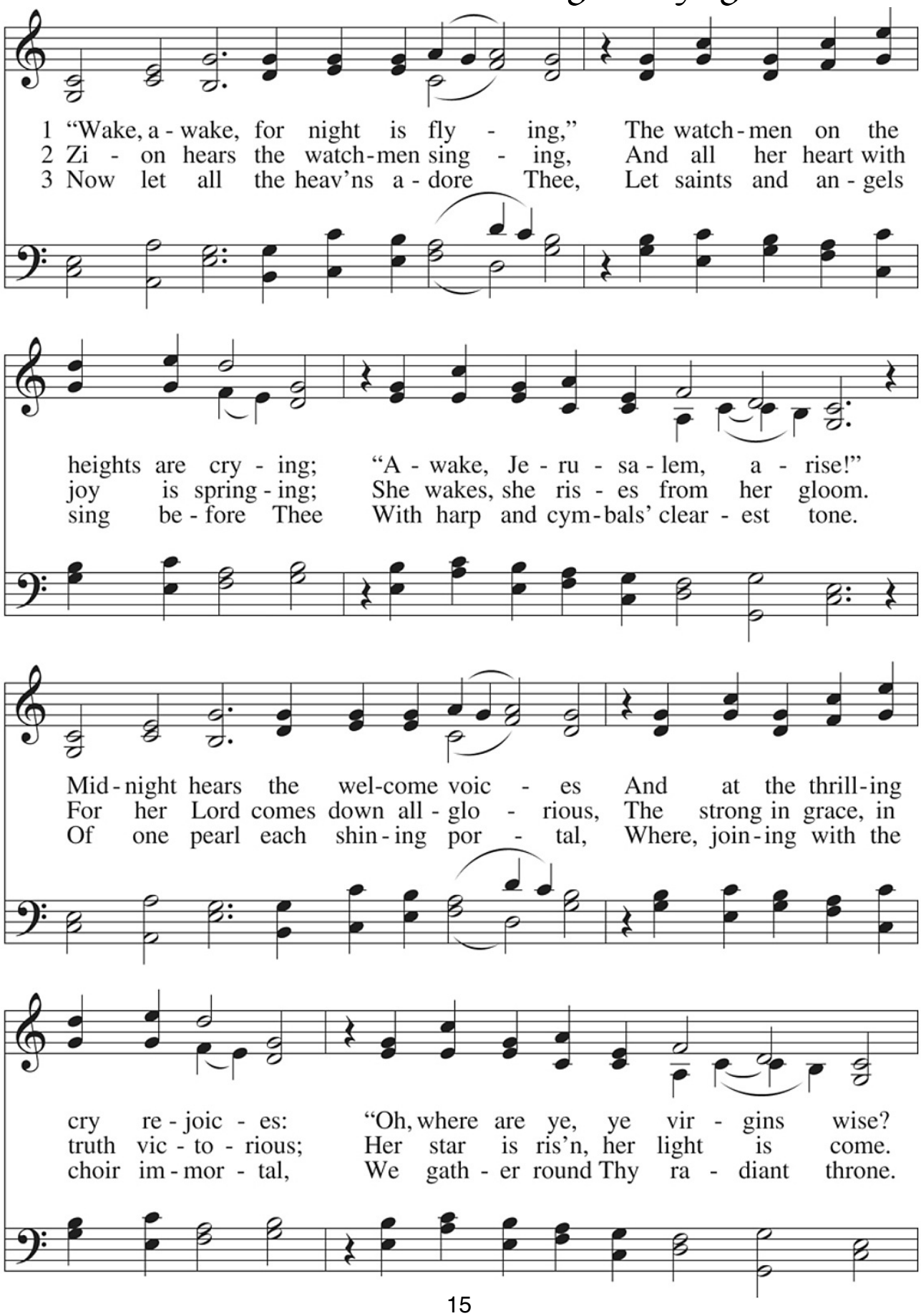
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying 516

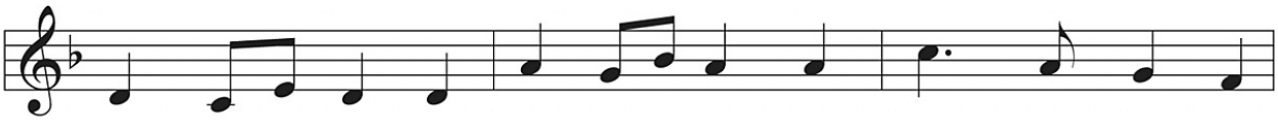


The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly

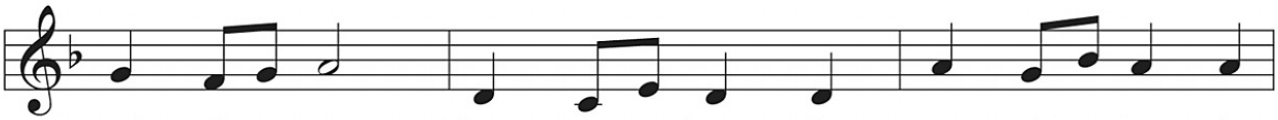
To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle 454



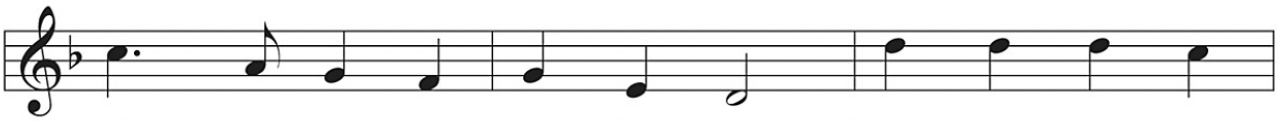
1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap-point - ed
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com-plished, He went forth from

4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



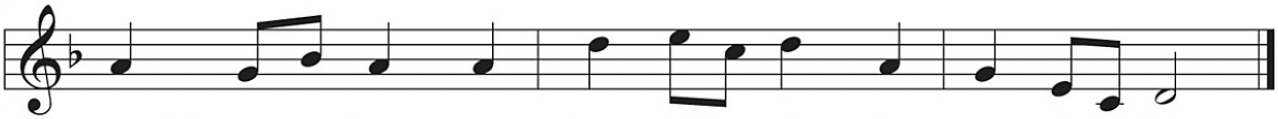
of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,

no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He

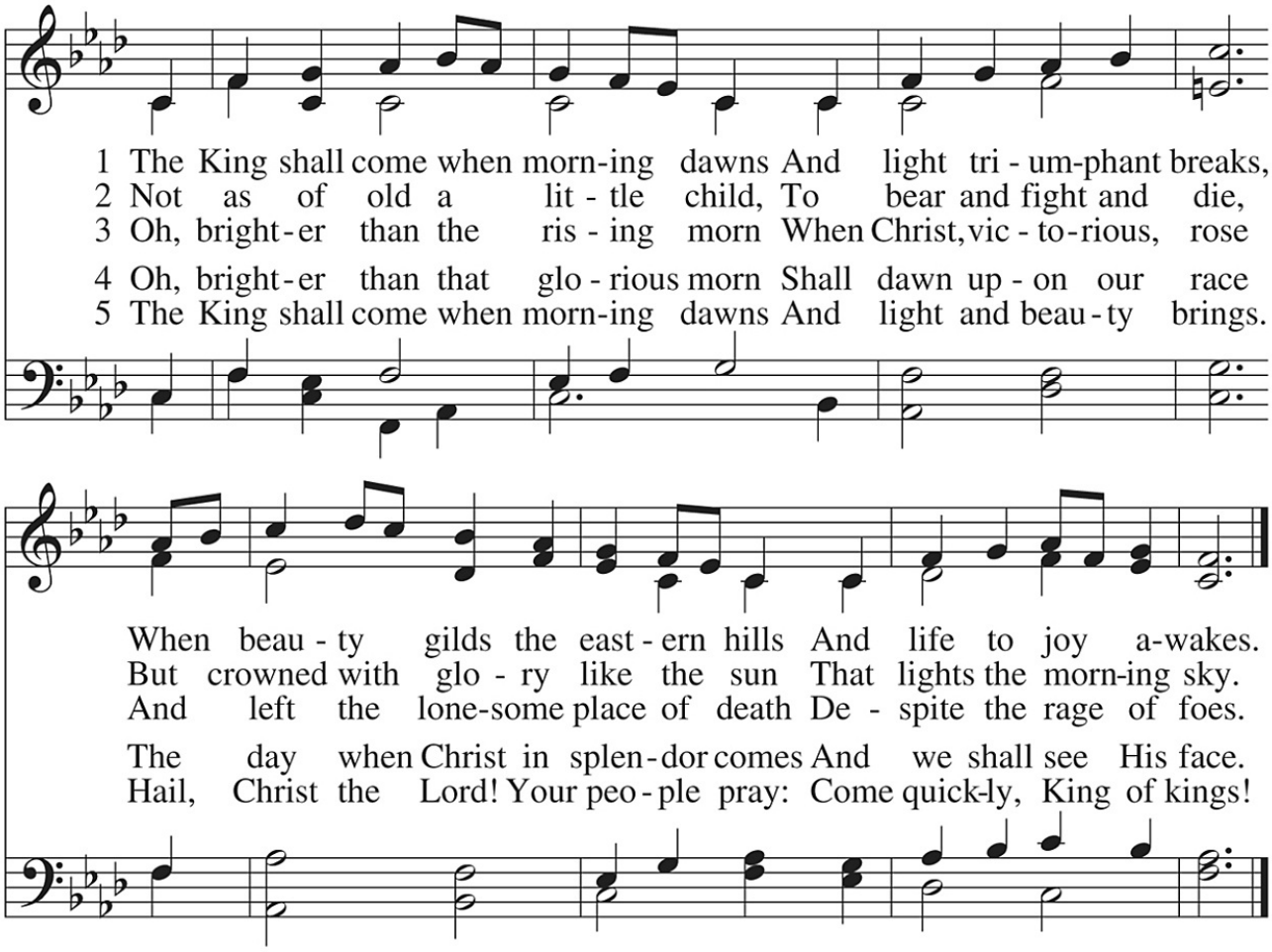
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.

world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns 348



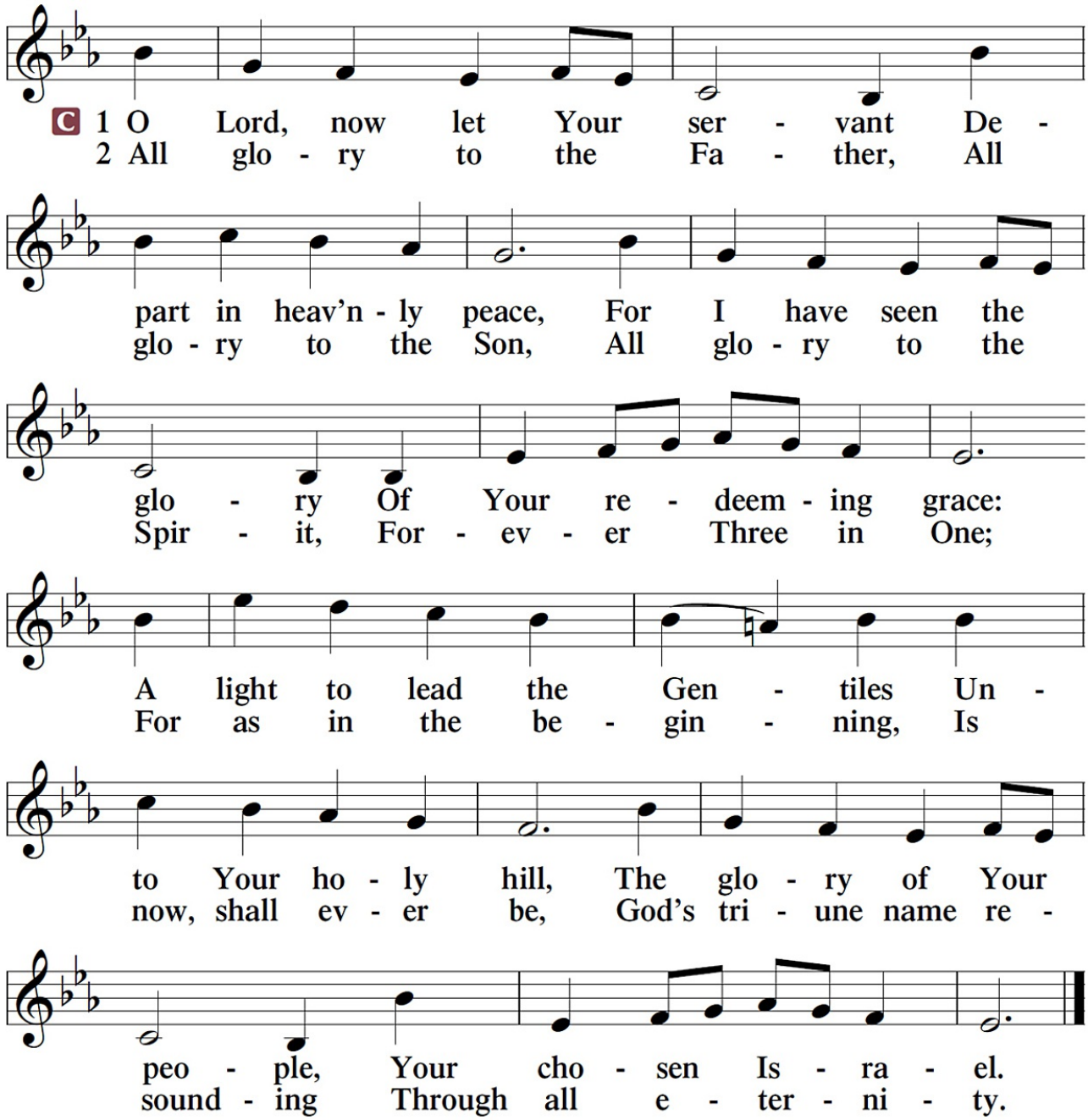
Stand

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.**

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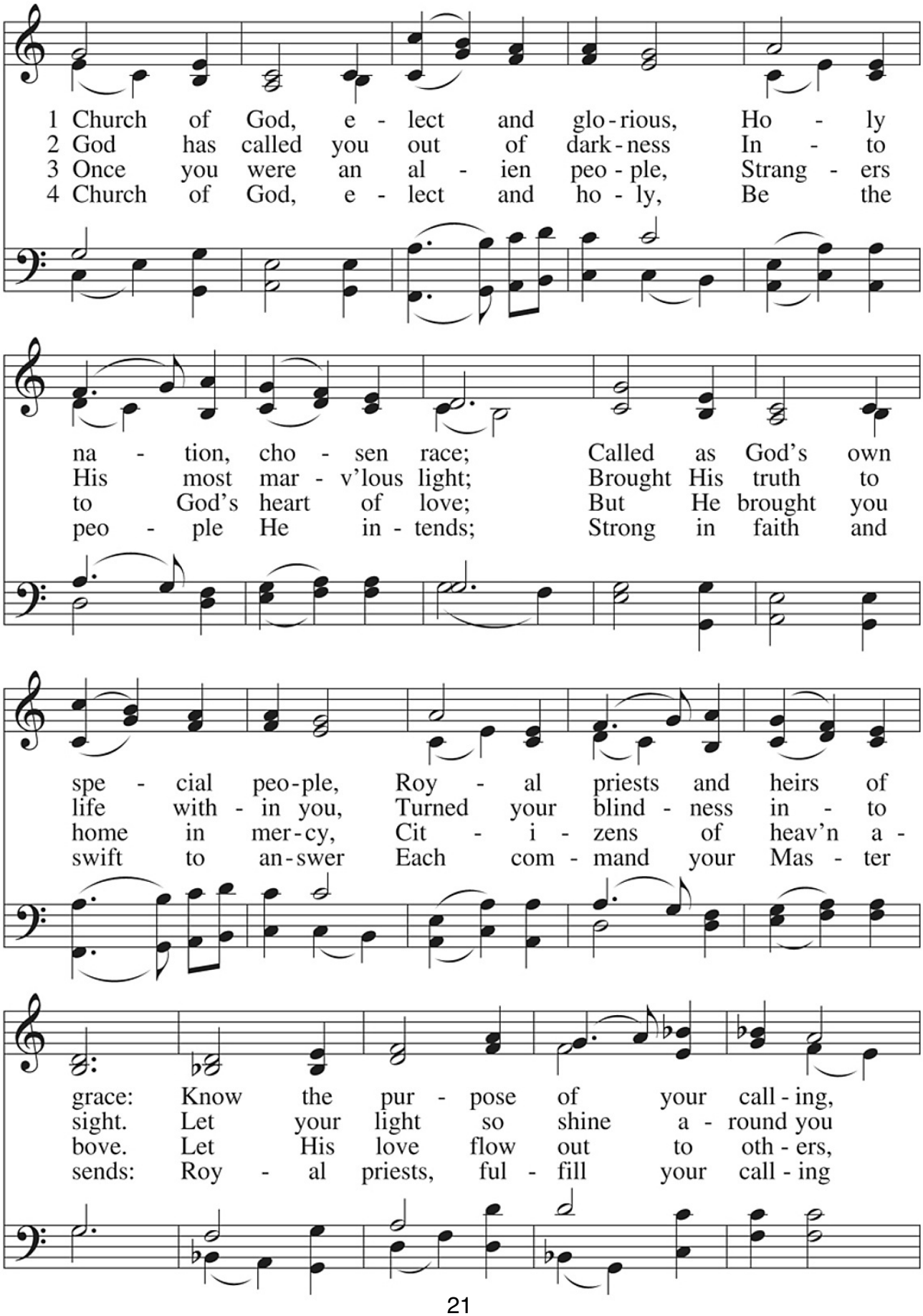
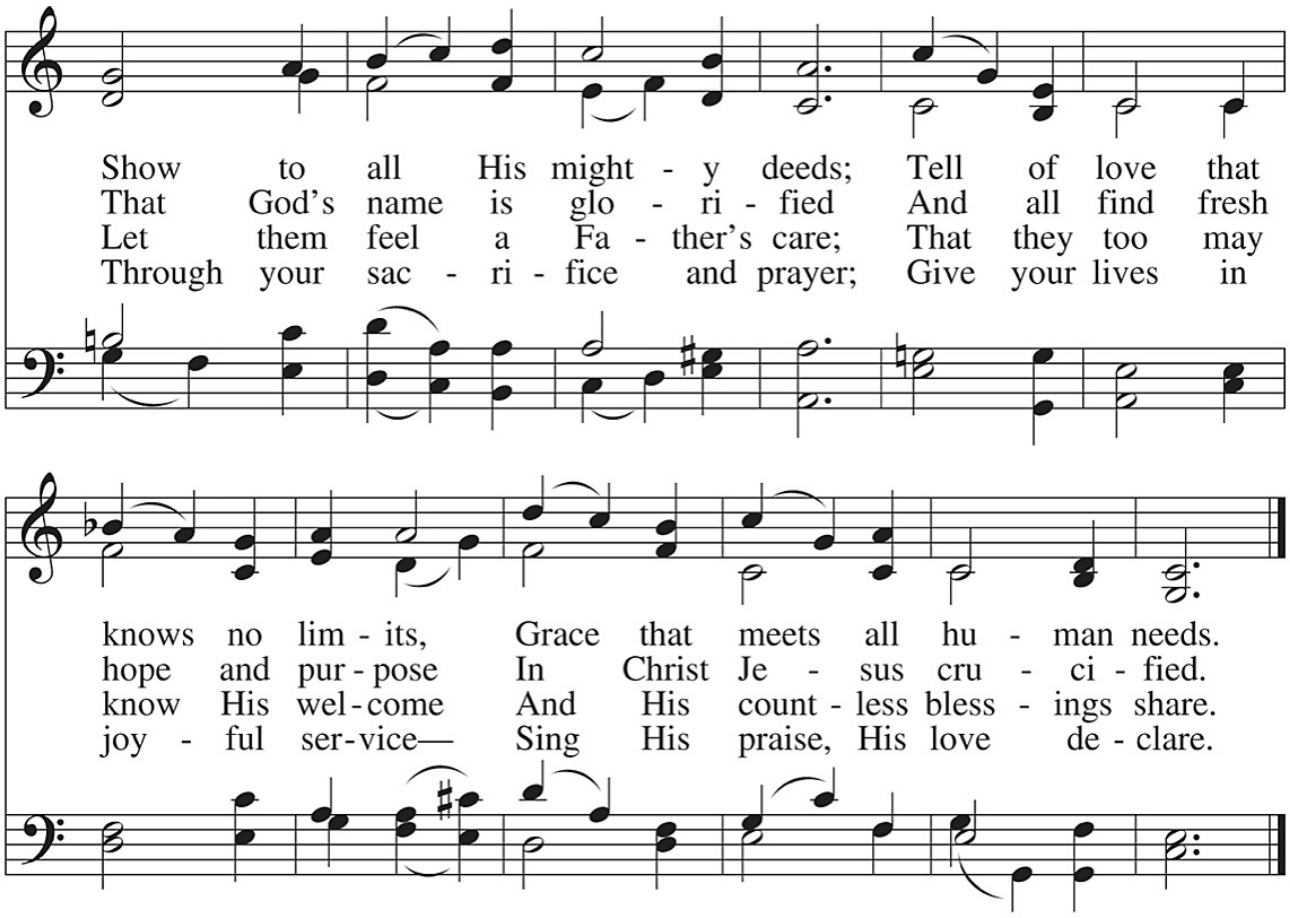
✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

CLOSING HYMN ~ Church of God, Elect and Glorious 646





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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (Proper 29B)

(24 November 2024)

Isaiah 51:4–6 *or* Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14
Jude 20–25 *or* Revelation 1:4b–8
Mark 13:24–37 *or* John 18:33–37

In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *"heaven and earth will pass away."* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). He is *"the firstborn of the dead,"* who in His great love *"has freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *"his dominion is an everlasting dominion"* and His Kingdom *"shall not be destroyed"* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *"a light to the peoples,"* which *"will never be dismayed"* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He *"is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,"* so wait upon *"the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life"* (Jude 20–24).