TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Pastoral Greeting
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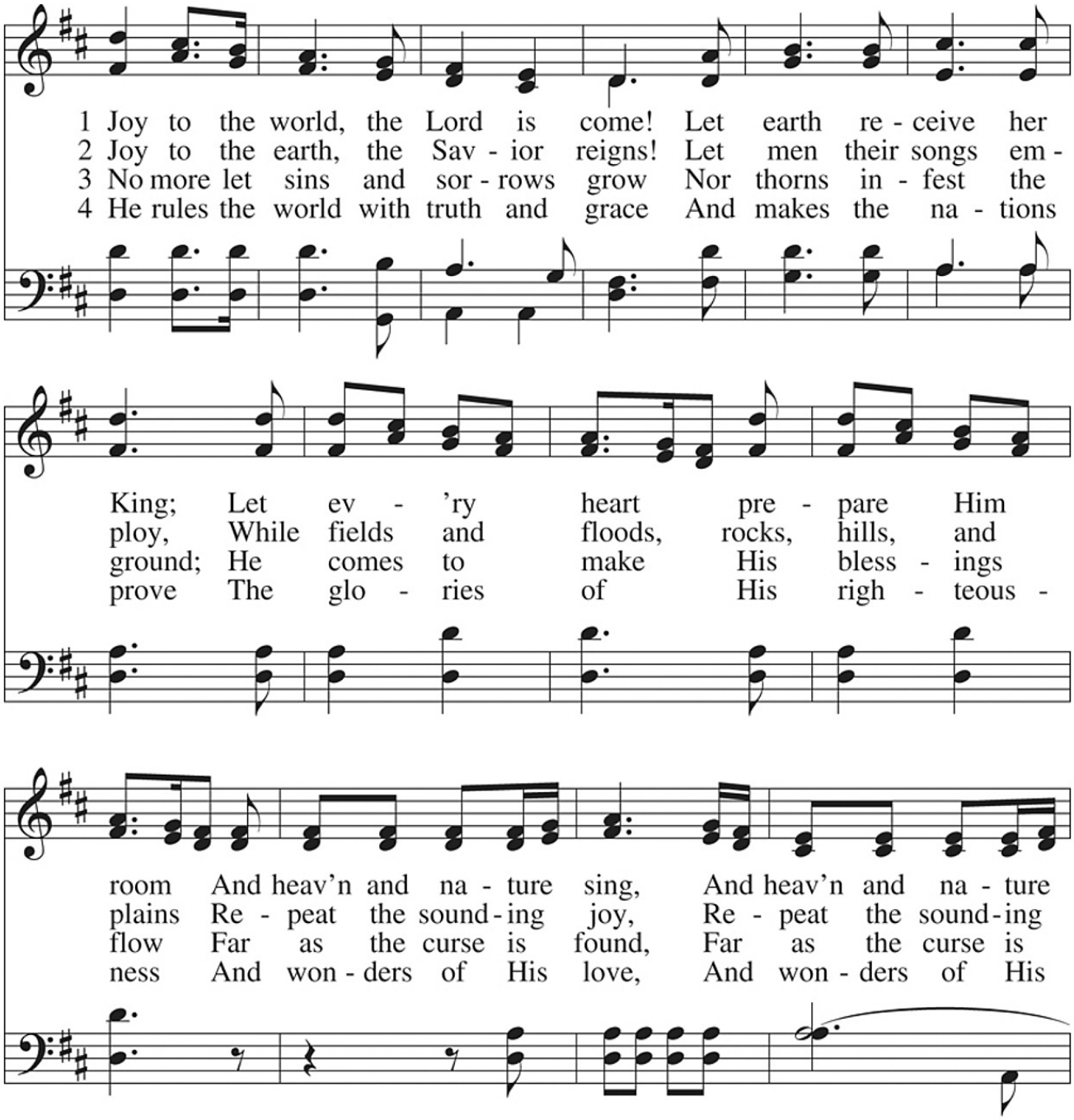
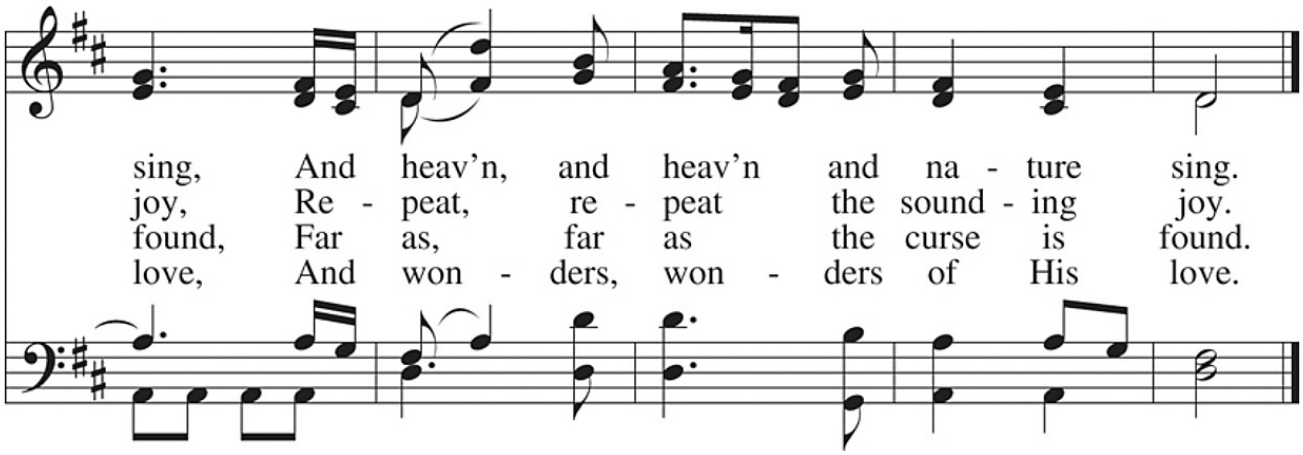
Hymn of Invocation

Joy to the World 387





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 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.** *1 John 1:8-9*

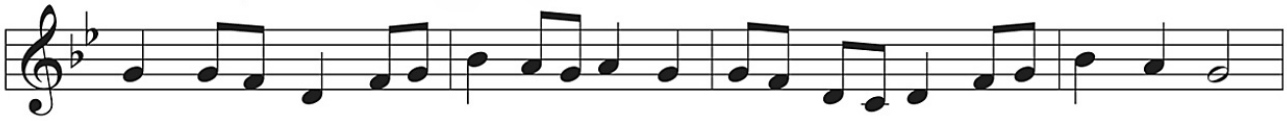
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

A 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.**

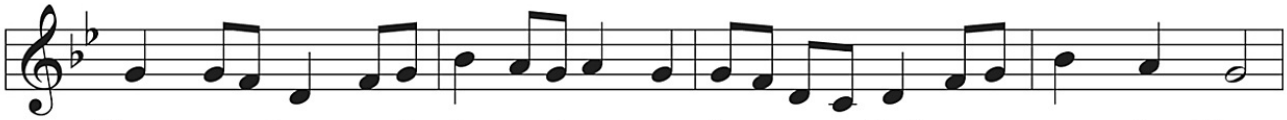
A Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

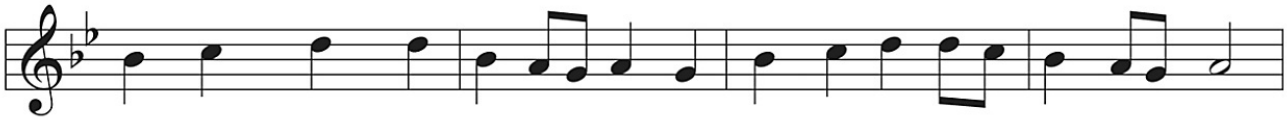
ENTRANCE HYMN ~ Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 338



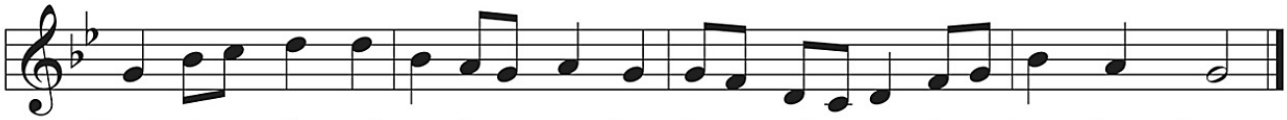
1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

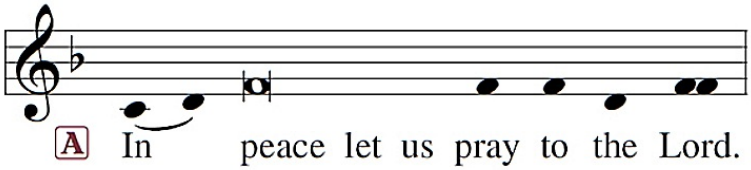


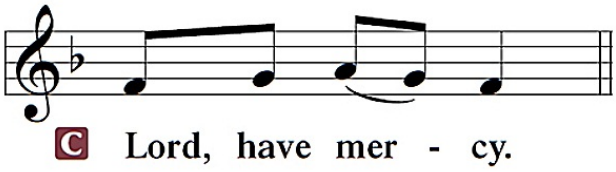
Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

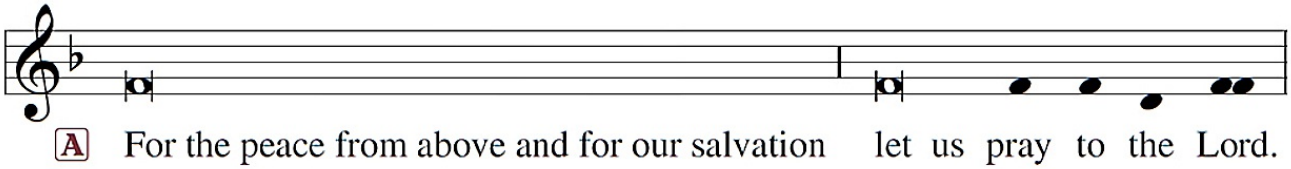


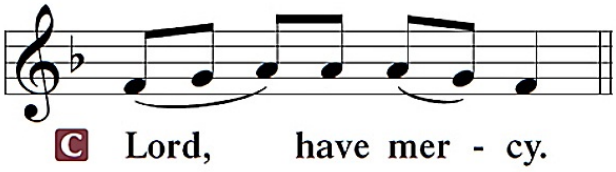
Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

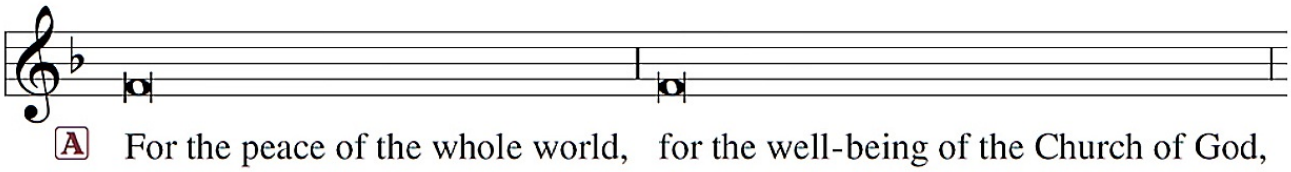
KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* *Mark 10:47*

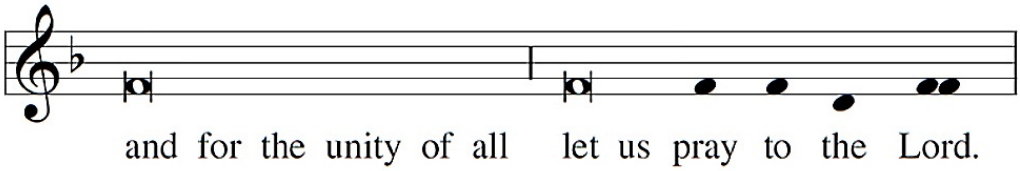


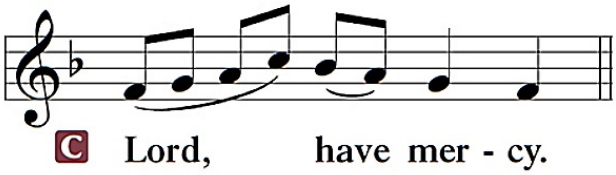


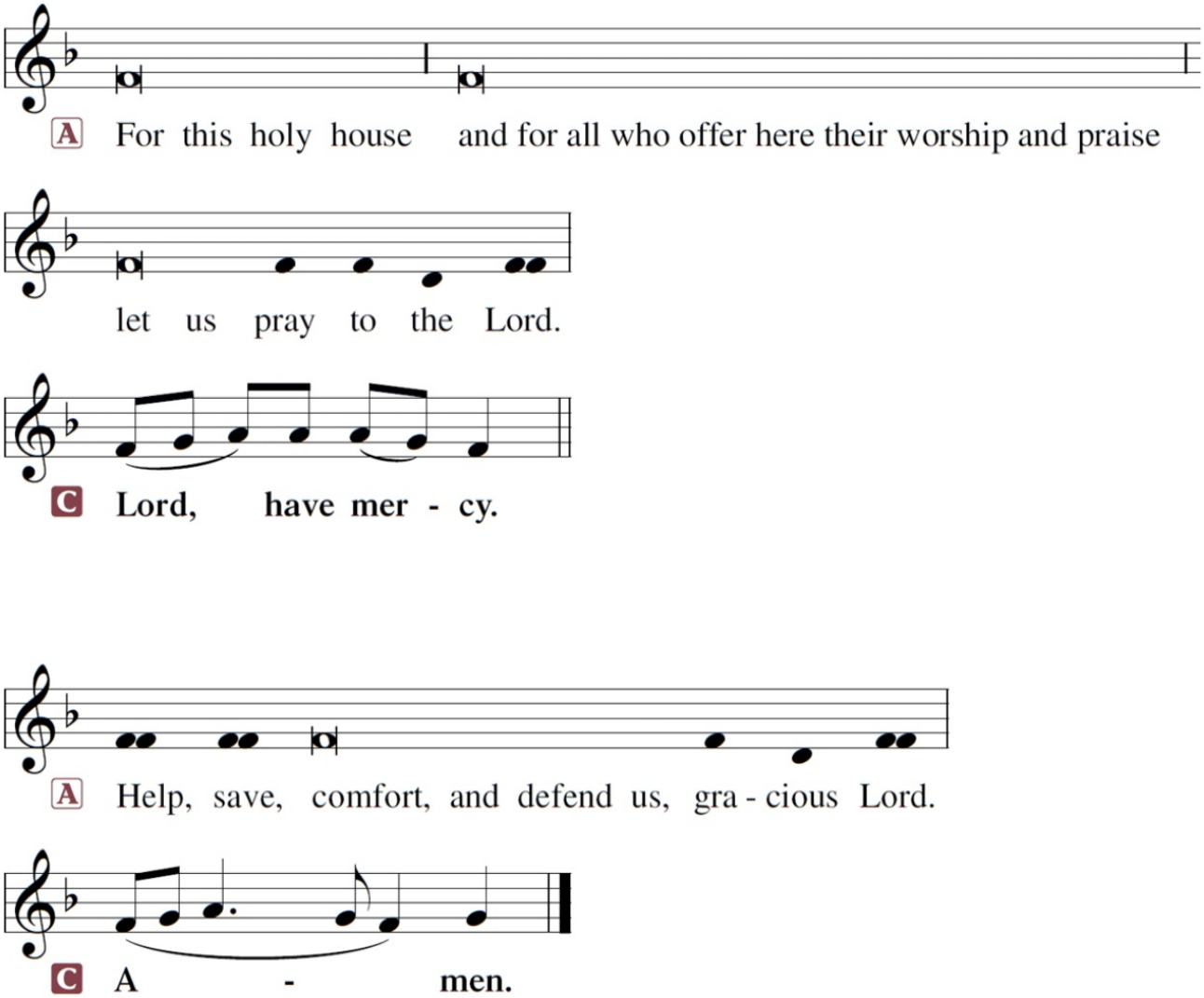








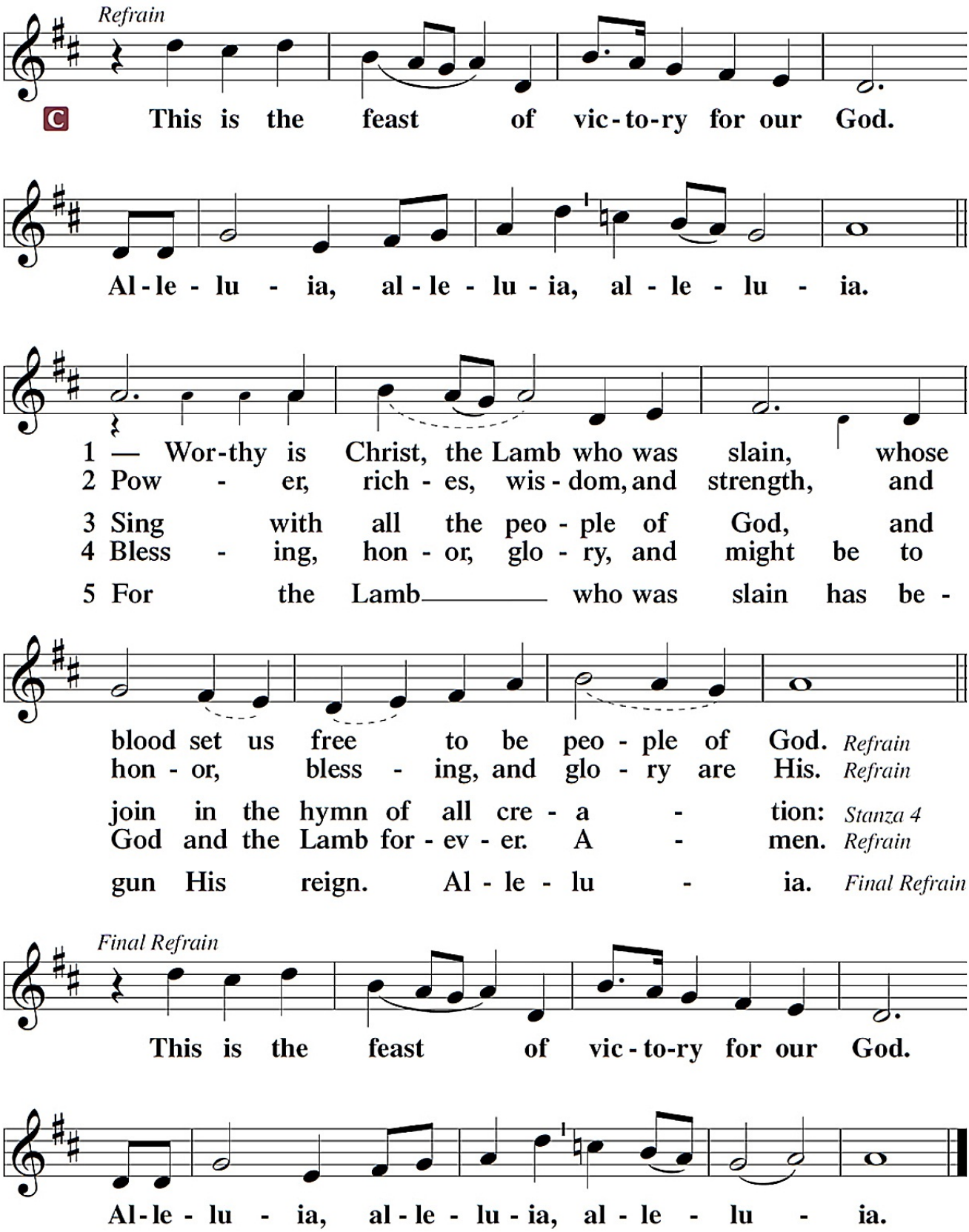



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

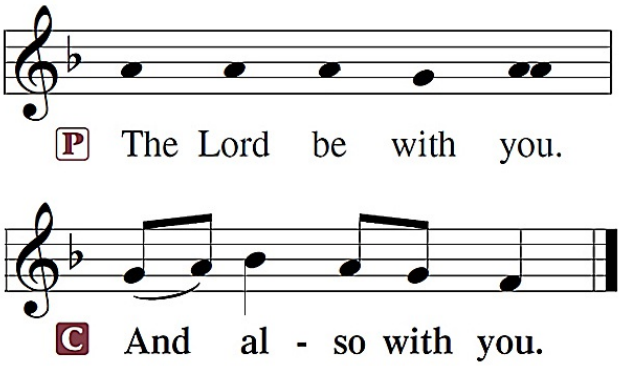
Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



2 Timothy 4:22

A Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken.

A Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; 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

OLD TESTAMENT ~ *Isaiah 52:7-10*

[7]How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." [8]The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. [9]Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. [10]The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

A To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE ~ *Hebrews 1:1-12*

[1]Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
[2]but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all
things, through whom also he created the world. [3]He is the radiance of the glory of God and
the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After
making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4]having
become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[5]For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

[6]And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

[7]Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

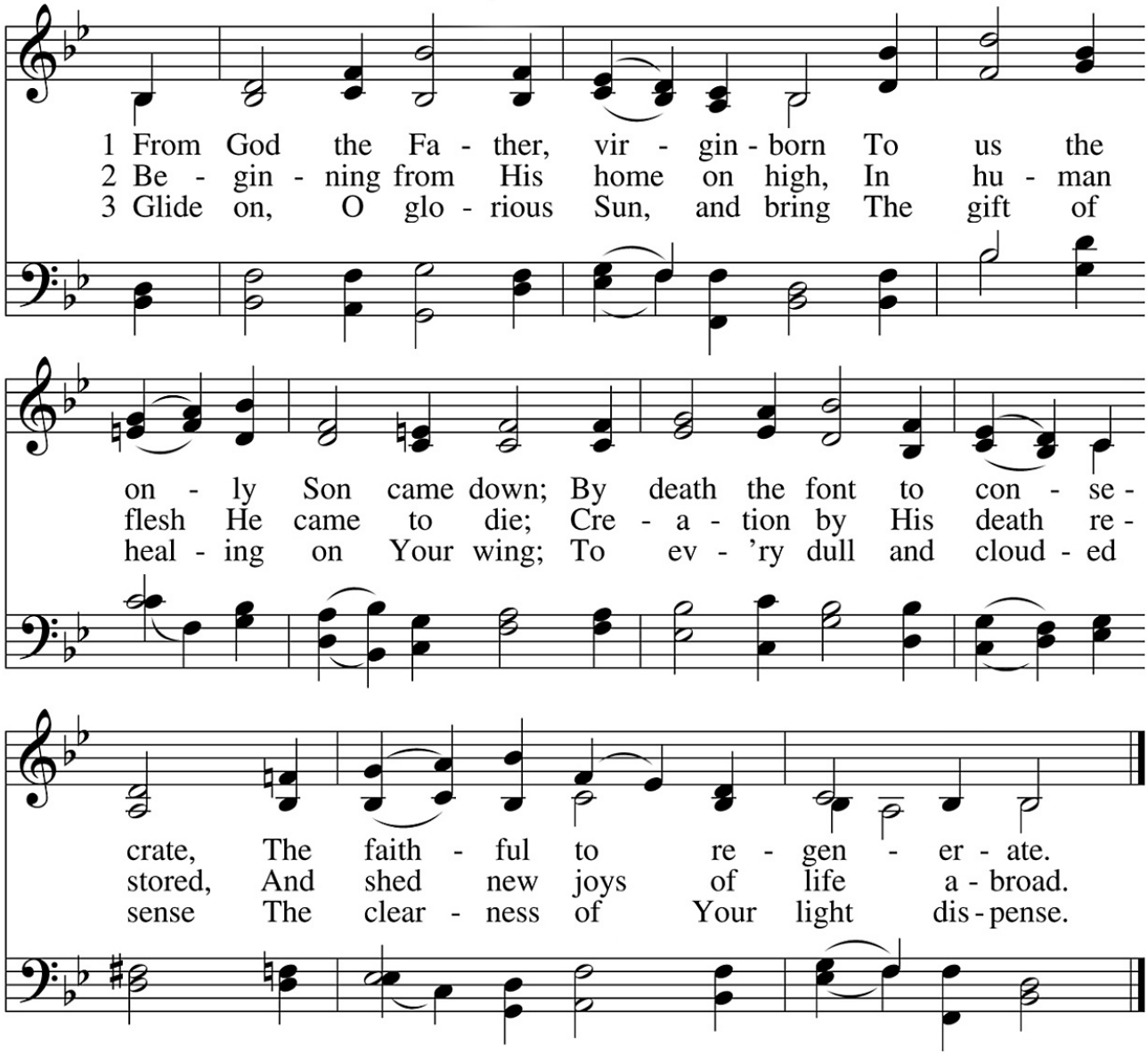
[8]But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. [9]You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

[10]And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; [11]they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, [12]like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

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

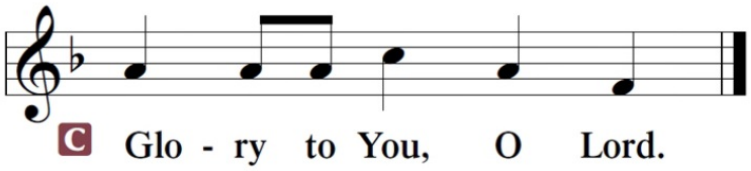
Stand

ALLELUIA HYMN ~ From God the Father, Virgin-Born, st. 1-3 401



HOLY GOSPEL ~ *John 1:1-14*

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



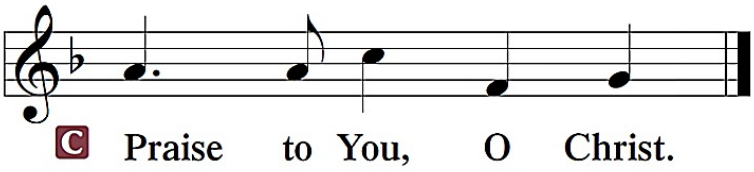
[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
[2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made through him, and without him
was not any thing made that was made. [4]In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
[5]The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[6]There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a witness, to bear
witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8]He was not the light, but came
to bear witness about the light.

[9]The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [10]He was in the
world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11]He came to
his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12]But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13]who were born, not of
blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

[14]And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as
of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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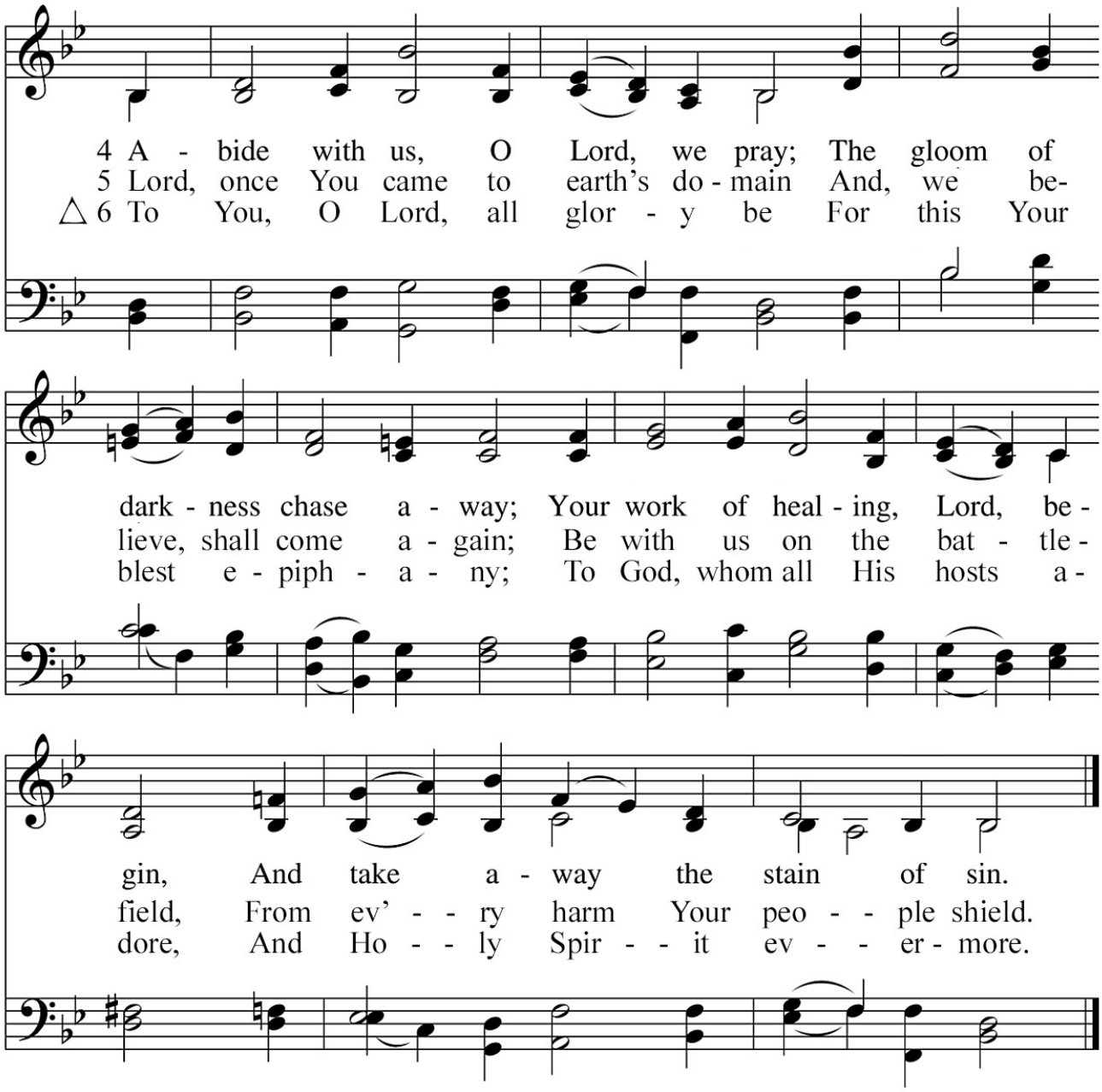
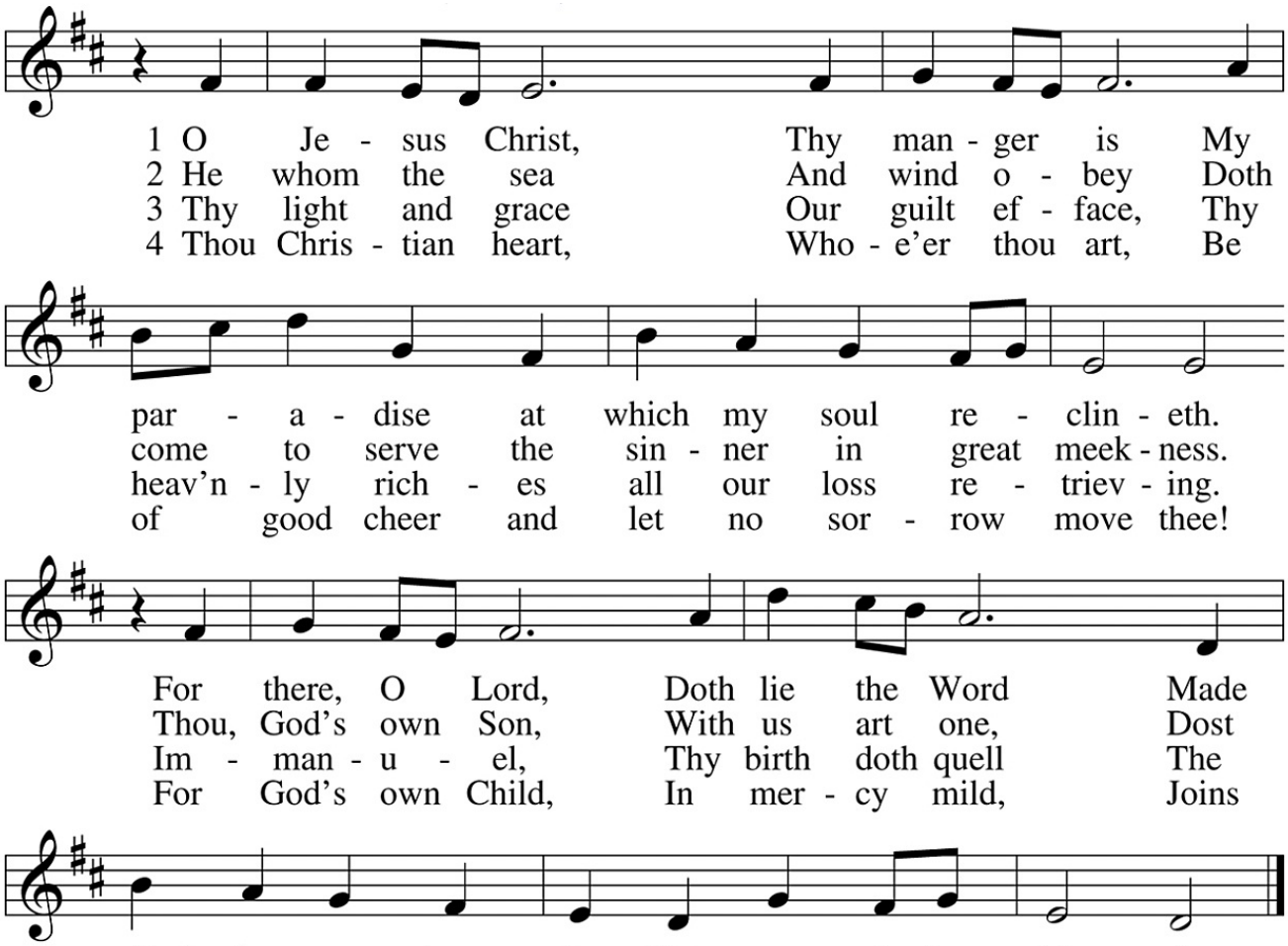
RESPONSORY HYMN ~ From God the Father, Virgin-Born, st. 4-6 401



HYMN OF THE DAY ~ O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is, st. 1-5 372



5 Remember thou
What glory now
The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.
The angel host
Can never boast
Of greater glory, greater bliss or sadness.

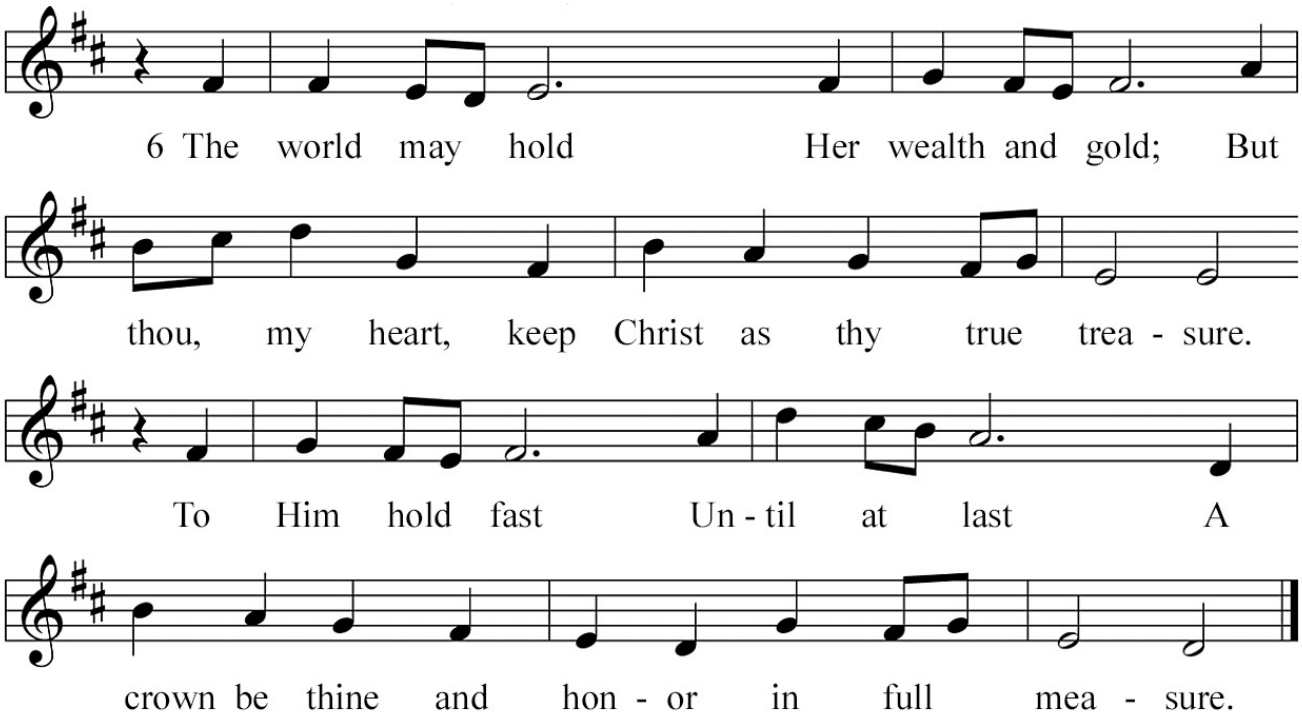
SERMON ~ "The Word Became Flesh" *John 1:1-14*

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

RESPONSORY HYMN ~ O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is, st. 6 372



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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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OFFERING

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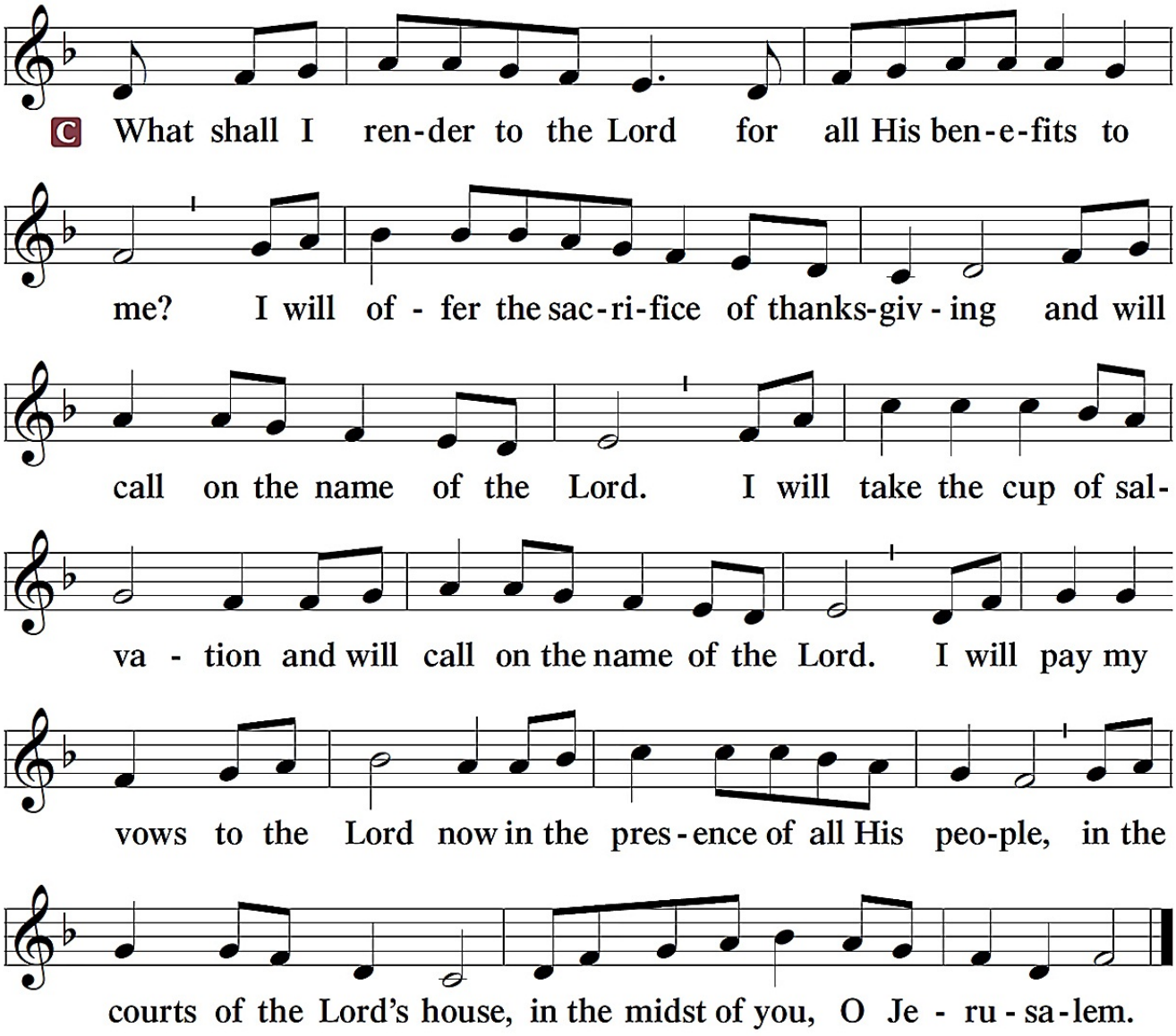
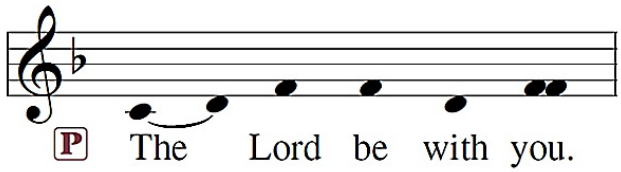
OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



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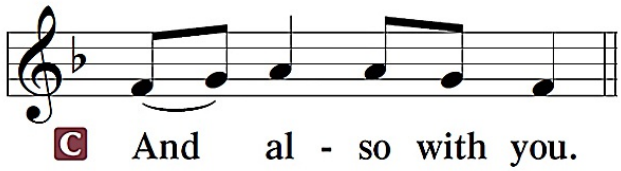
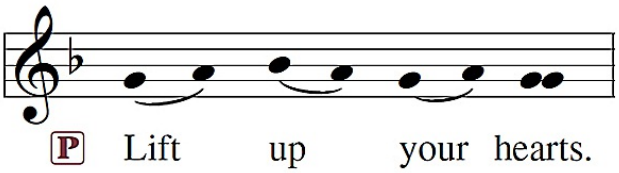
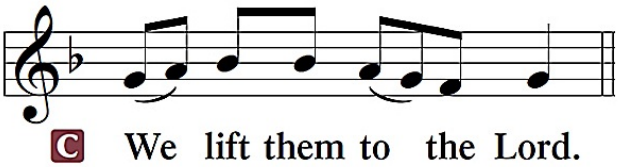
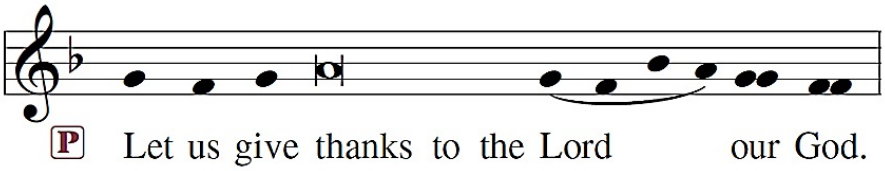




[Colossians 3:1]





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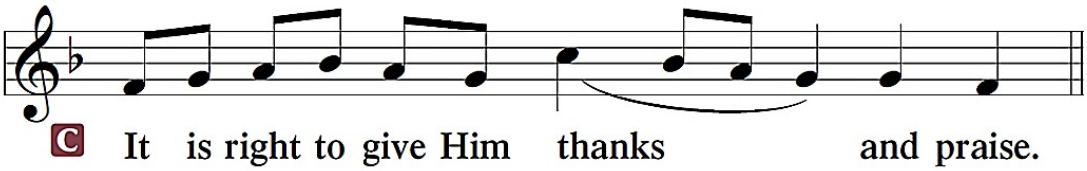
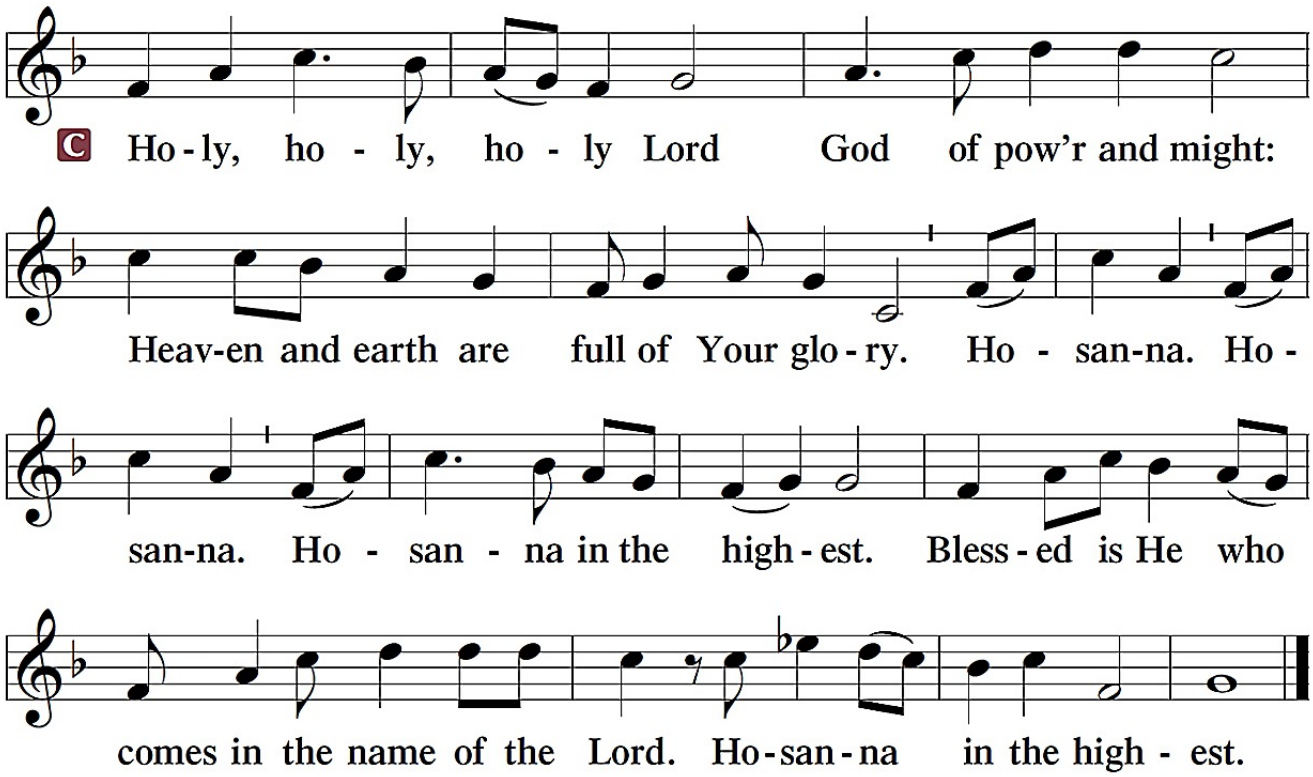


The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

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

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



Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

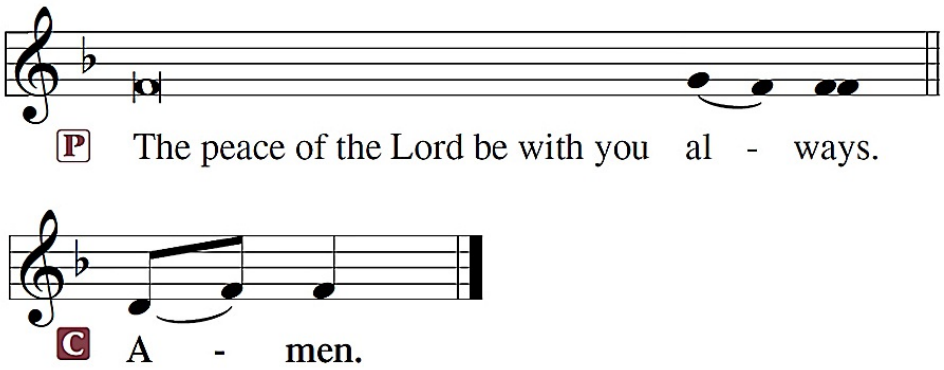
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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."

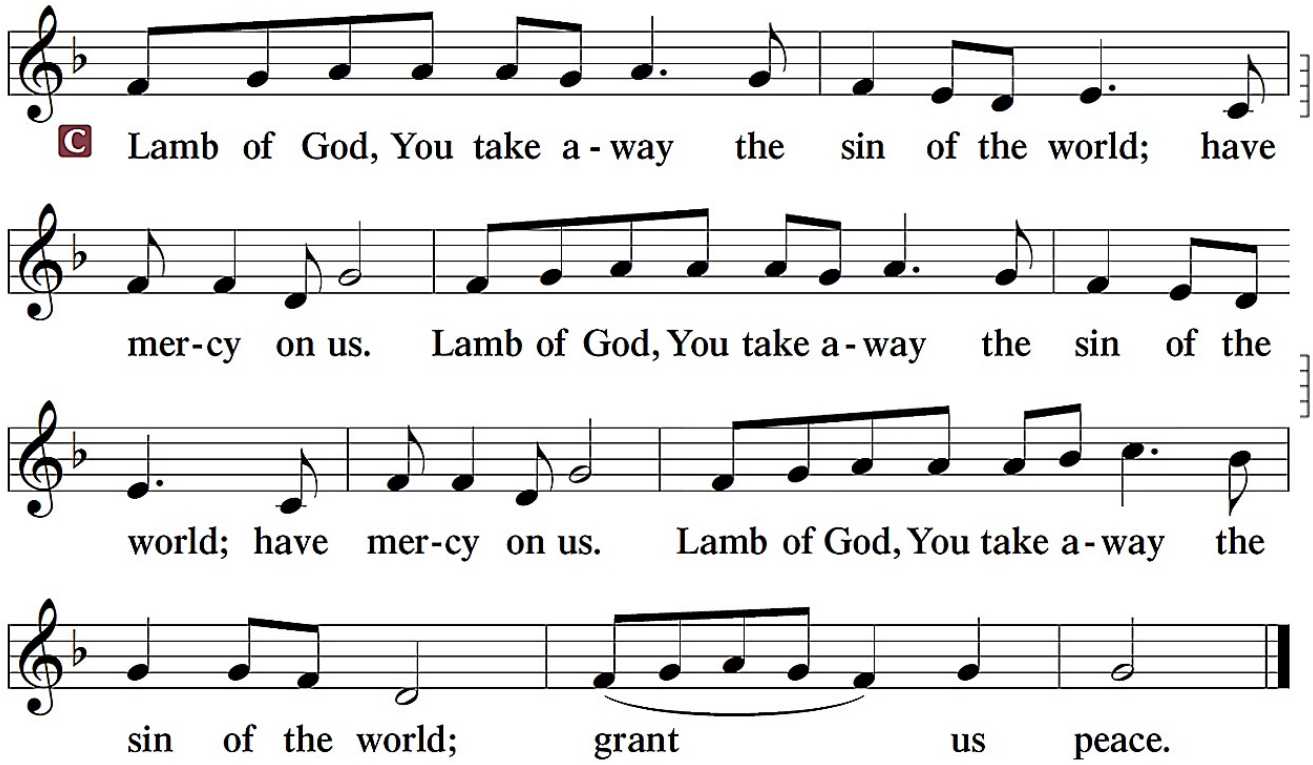
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



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



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DISTRIBUTION

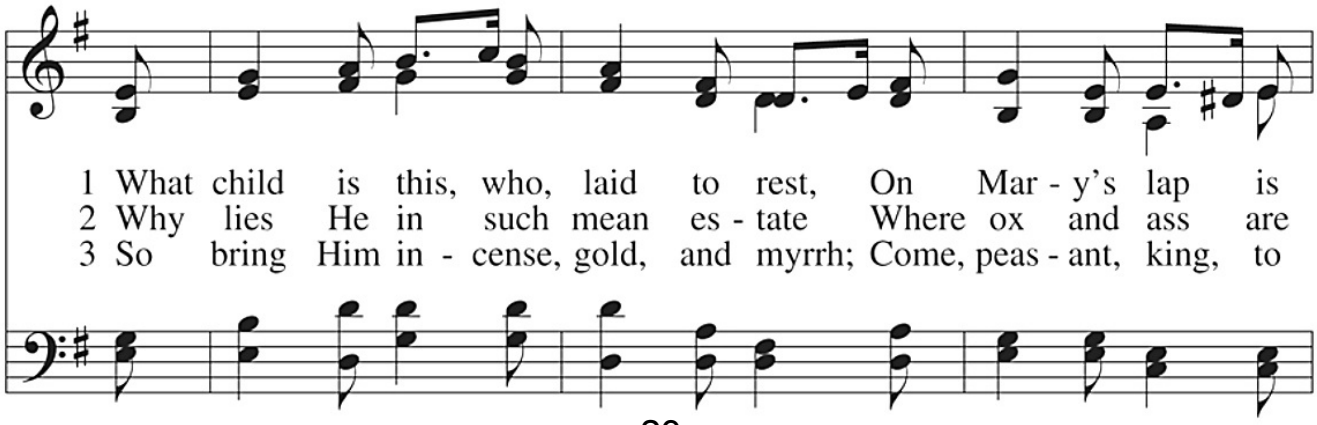
P Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

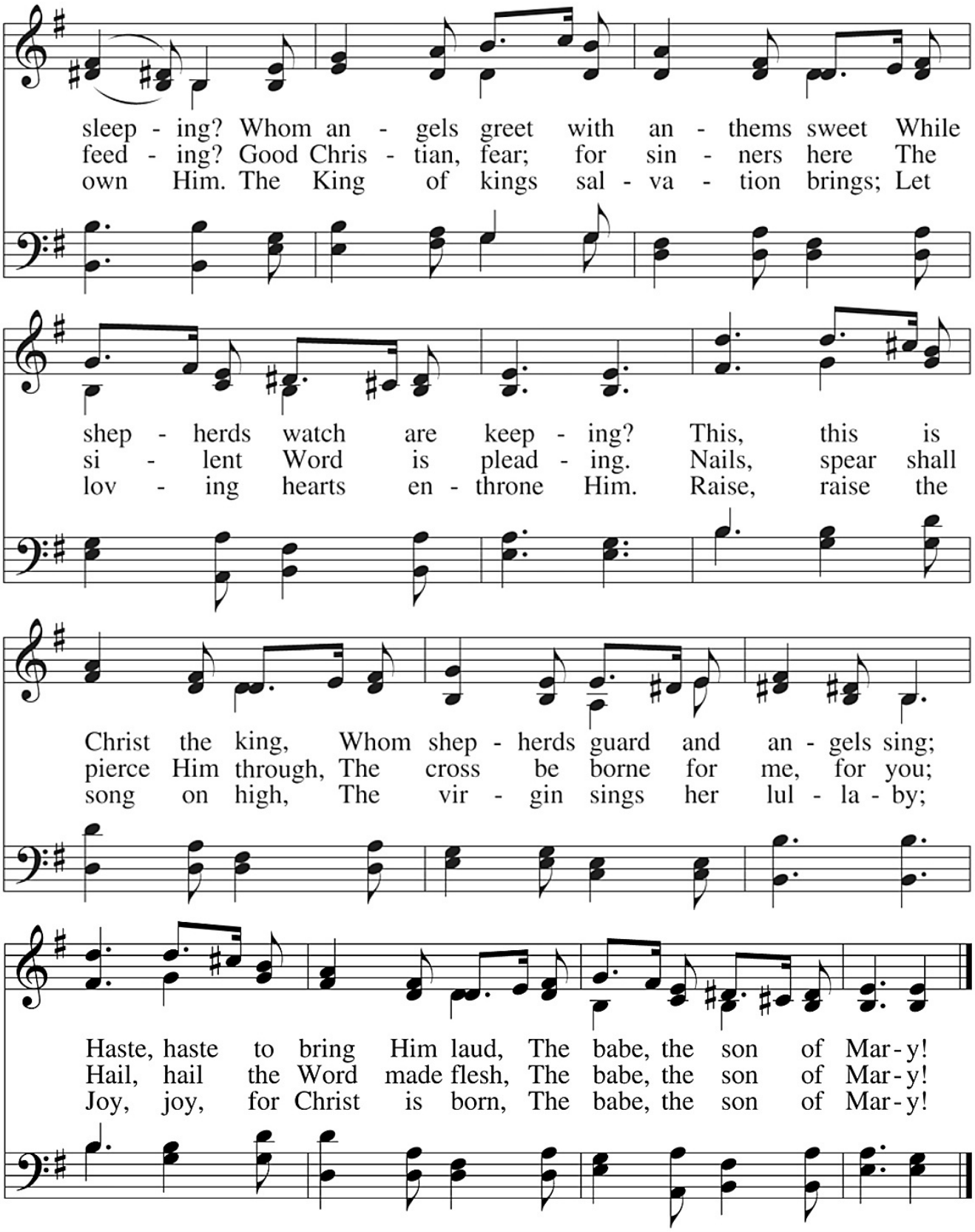
C **Amen.**

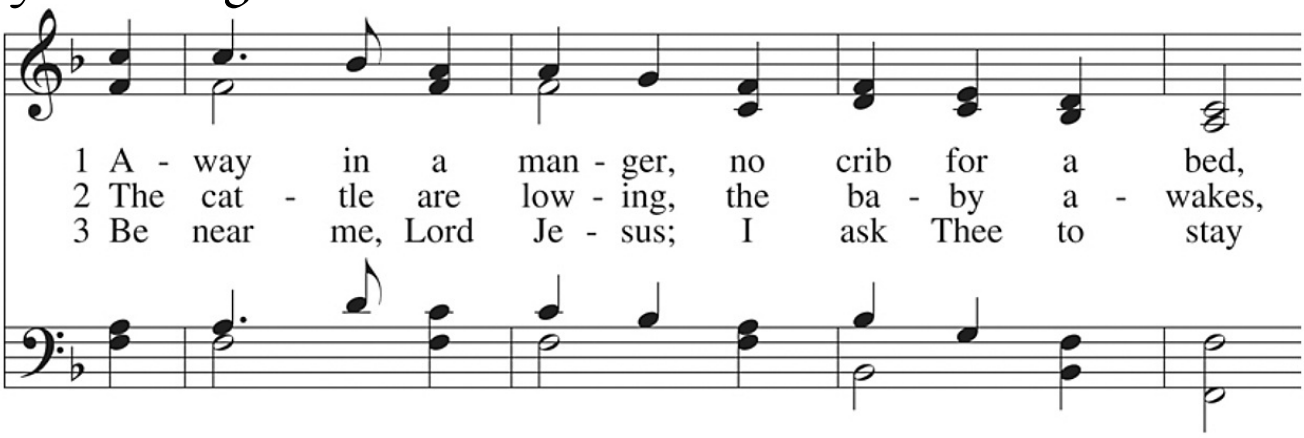
P Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

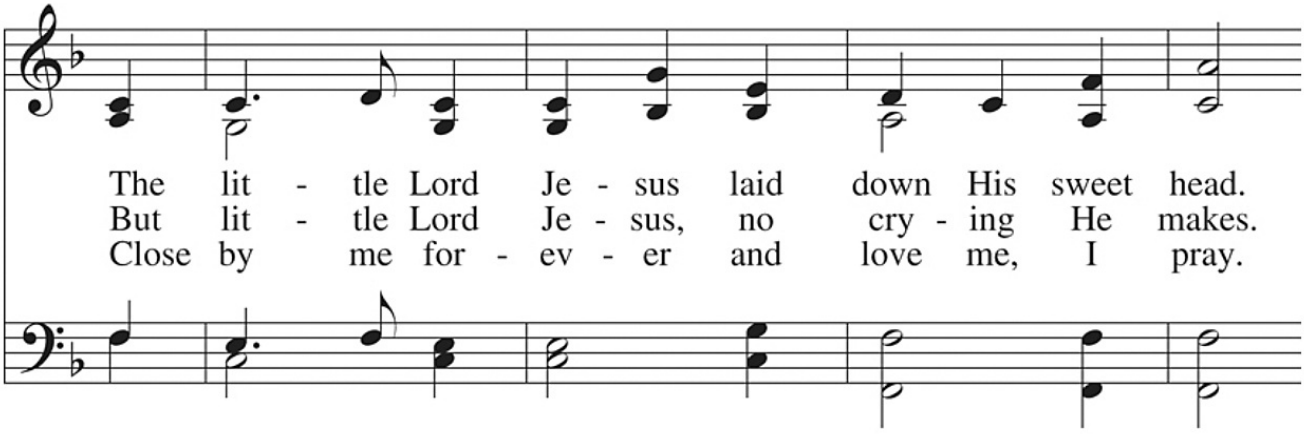
C **Amen.**

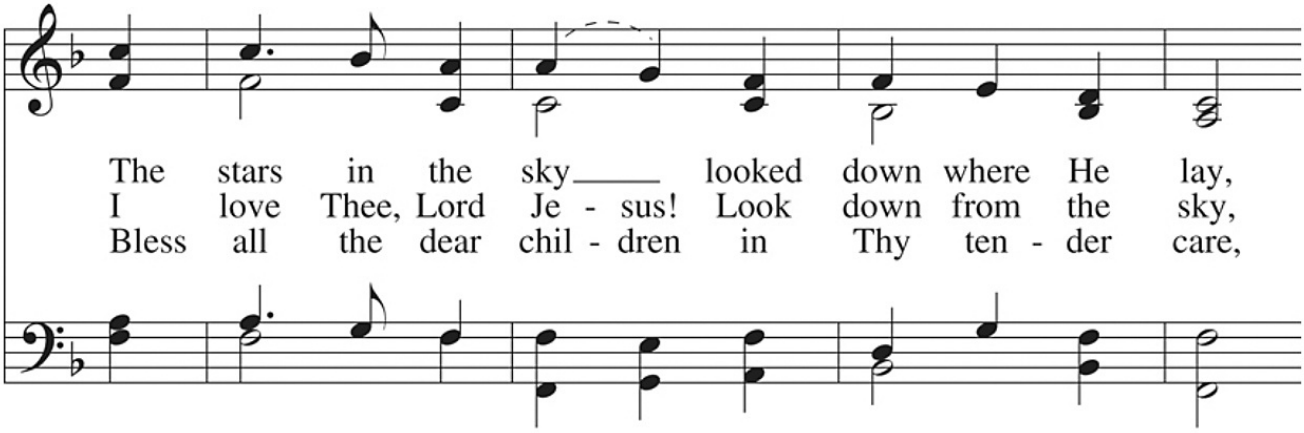
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ What Child Is This 370

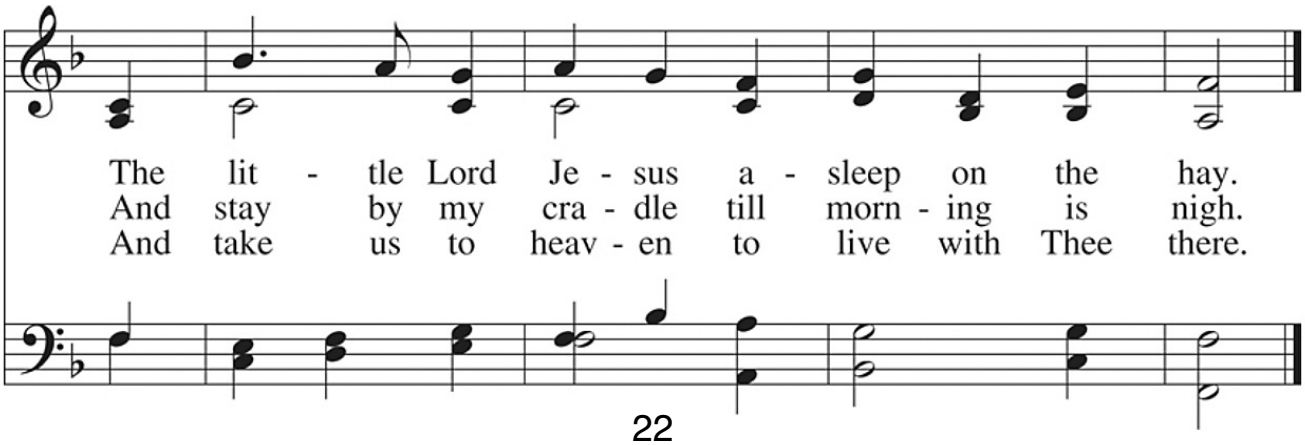


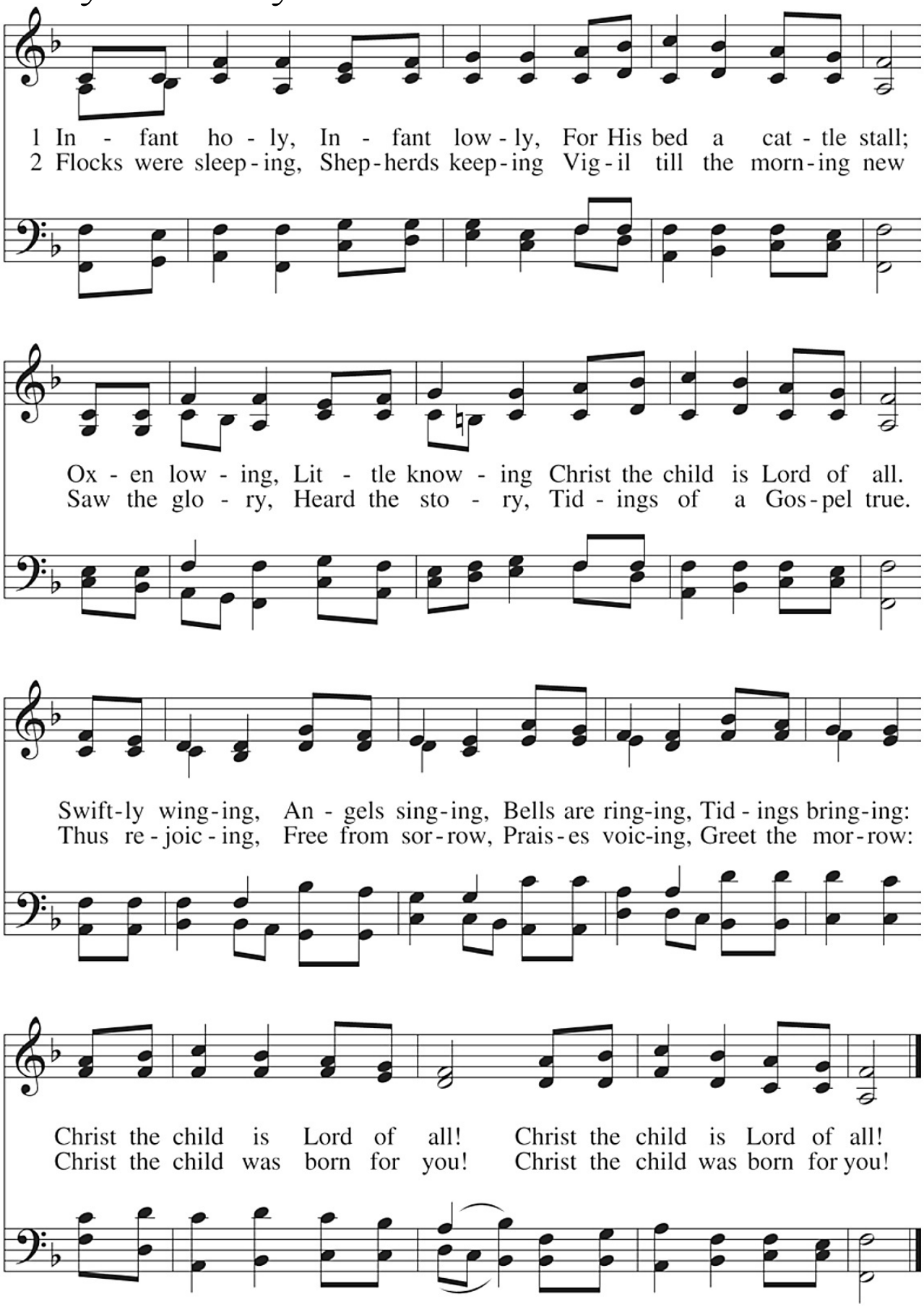

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!


1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay


The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.


The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,


The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.


1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new
Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.
Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

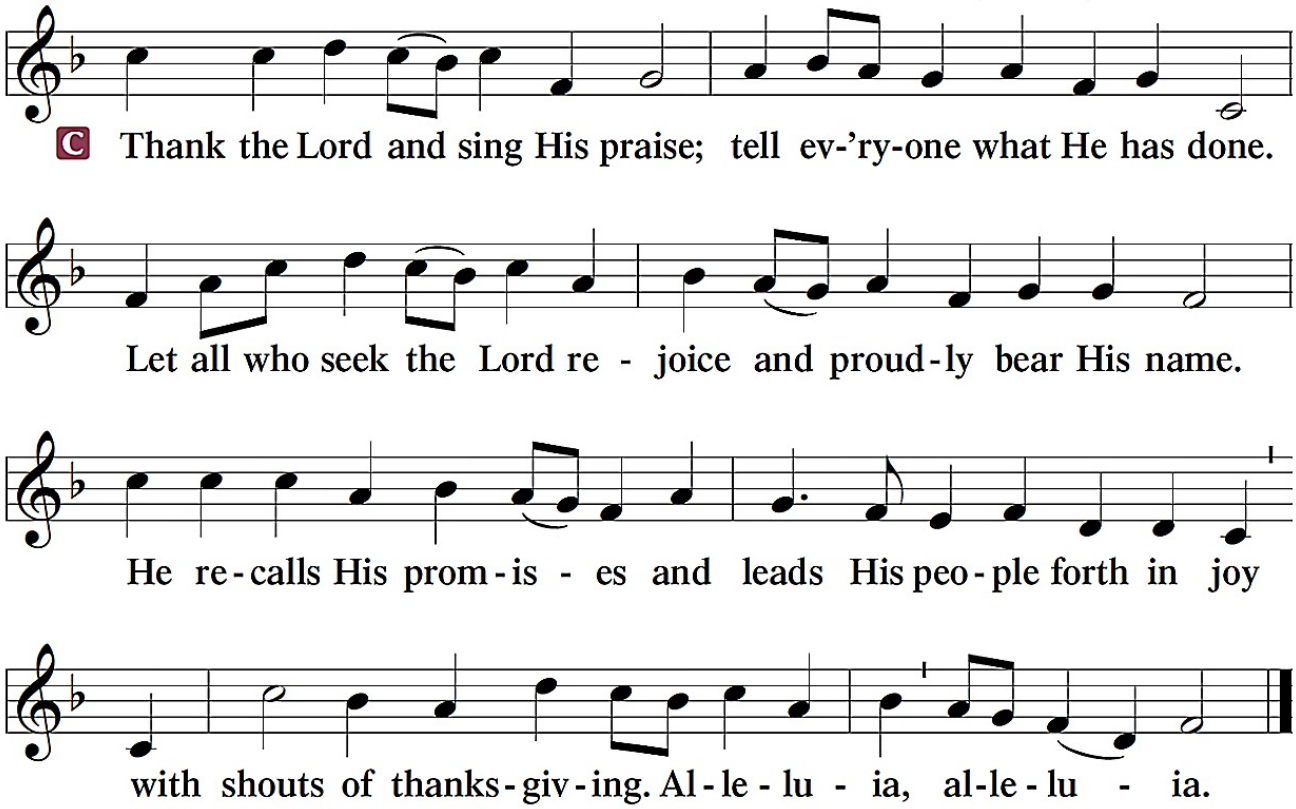
Stand

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.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Thank the Lord*



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

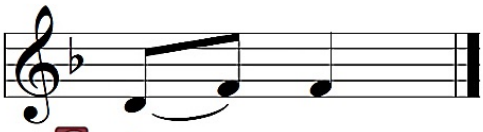
A Let us pray.

A We give thatks 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.**

BENEDICTION

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 A - men.

Sit

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

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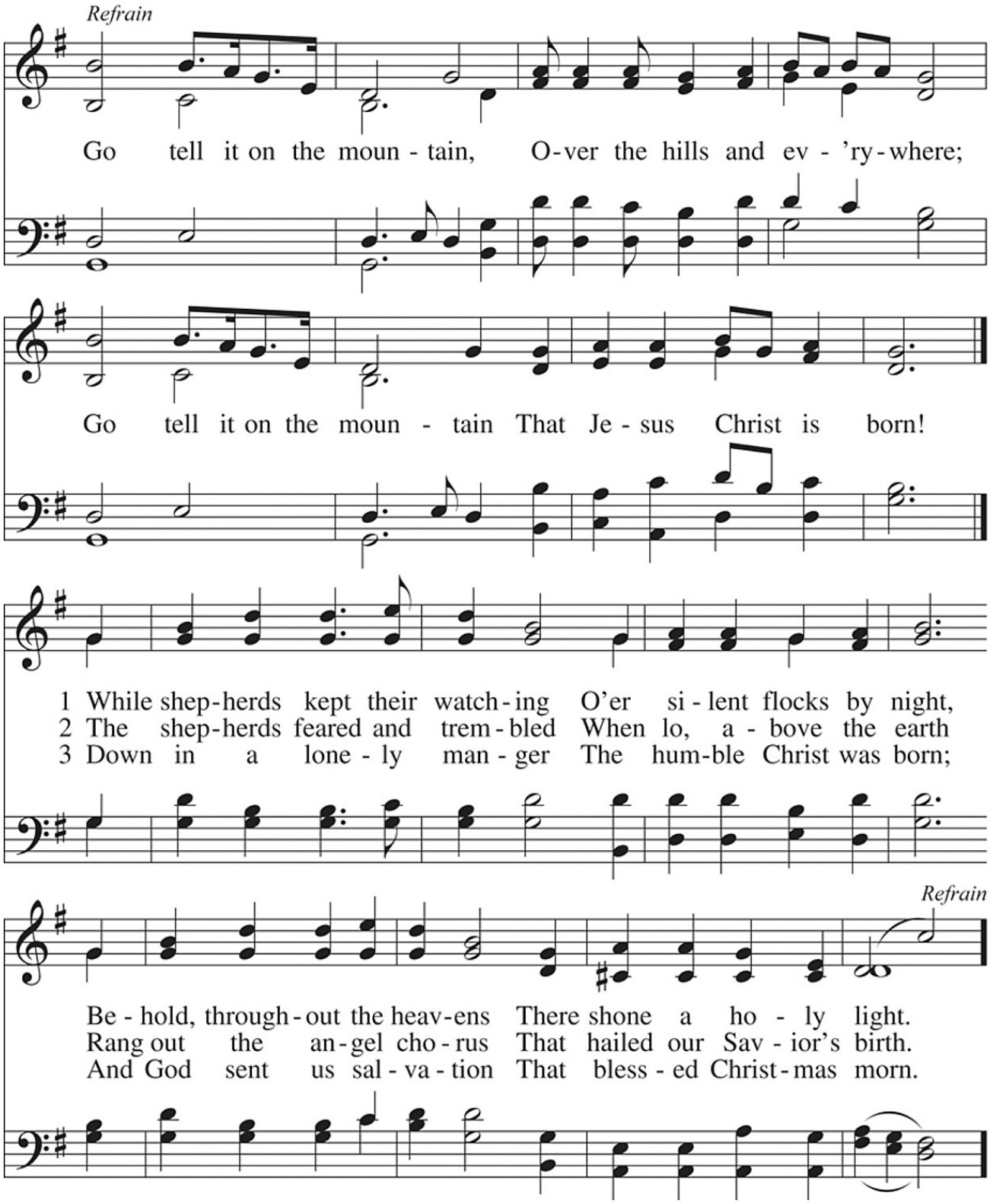
CLOSING HYMN ~ Go Tell It on the Mountain 388



CHRISTMAS DAY
(25 December 2024)

Isaiah 52:7–10
Hebrews 1:1–6 (7–12)
John 1:1–14 (15–18)

The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells Among Us in the Flesh

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples *"of all the nations,"* so that *"all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."* For the Lord has *"bared his holy arm"* in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The Child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, *"whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world"* (Heb. 1:2). As *"all things were made through him"* (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold *"the radiance of the glory of God"* (Heb. 1:3), *"glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.