8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 29, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sarah Campbell has served in ministry in the Columbus area for more than 20 years. She began at First United Methodist Church in Columbus in 2004 in children's ministry, later expanding her work to include youth and family ministry and eventually serving as associate pastor. From 2021-2025, Sarah served as senior pastor of Scipio United Methodist Church.

Sarah lives in Columbus with her husband, Mark, and their dog, Lucy. They have two adult daughters, Maia and Emma. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside the congregation of First Lutheran Church during this season of ministry together.

PRELUDE: "Once He Came in Blessing" – Michael Burkhardt

GREETINGS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

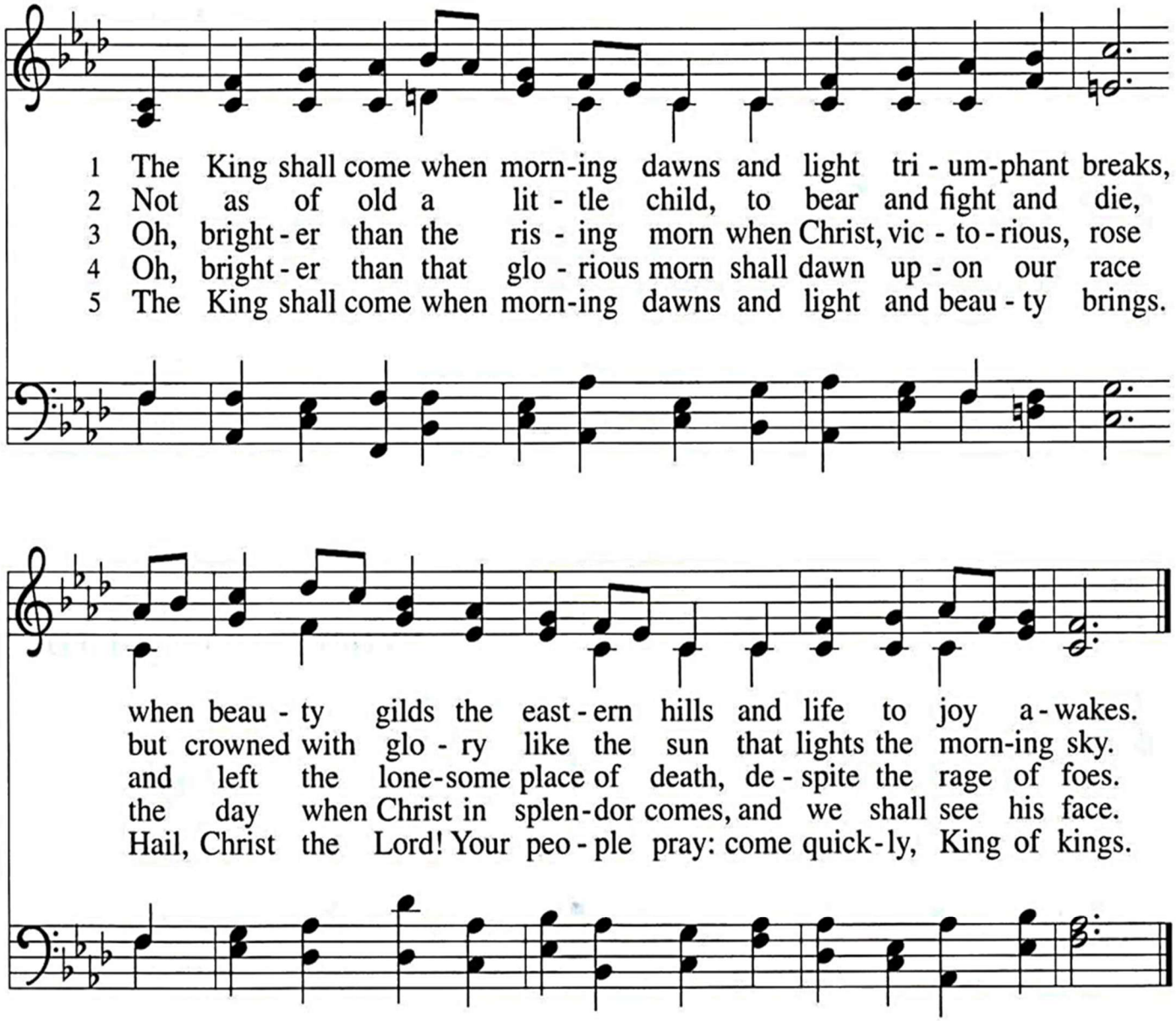
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "The King Shall Come"



Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925
Music: A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003
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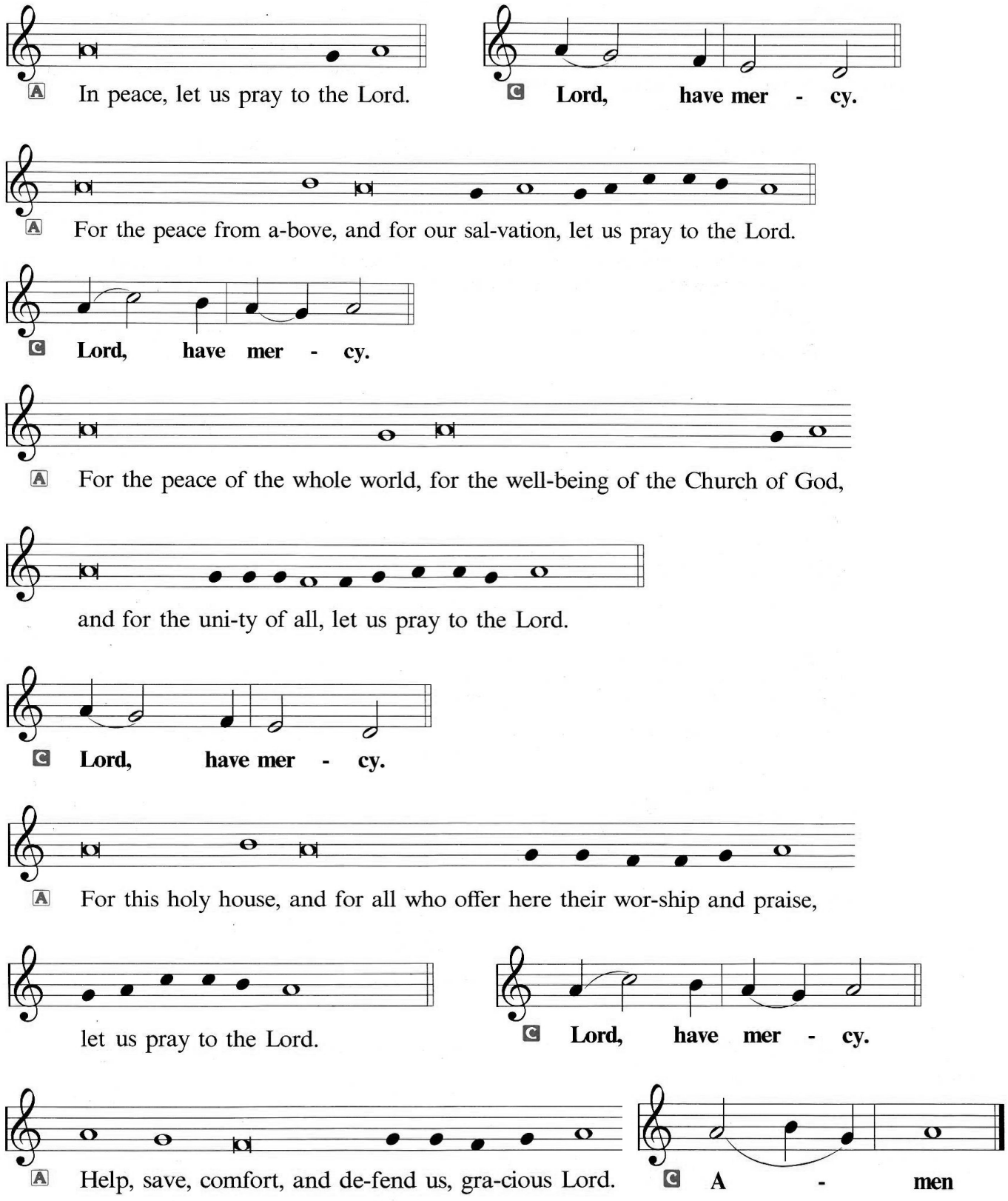
APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

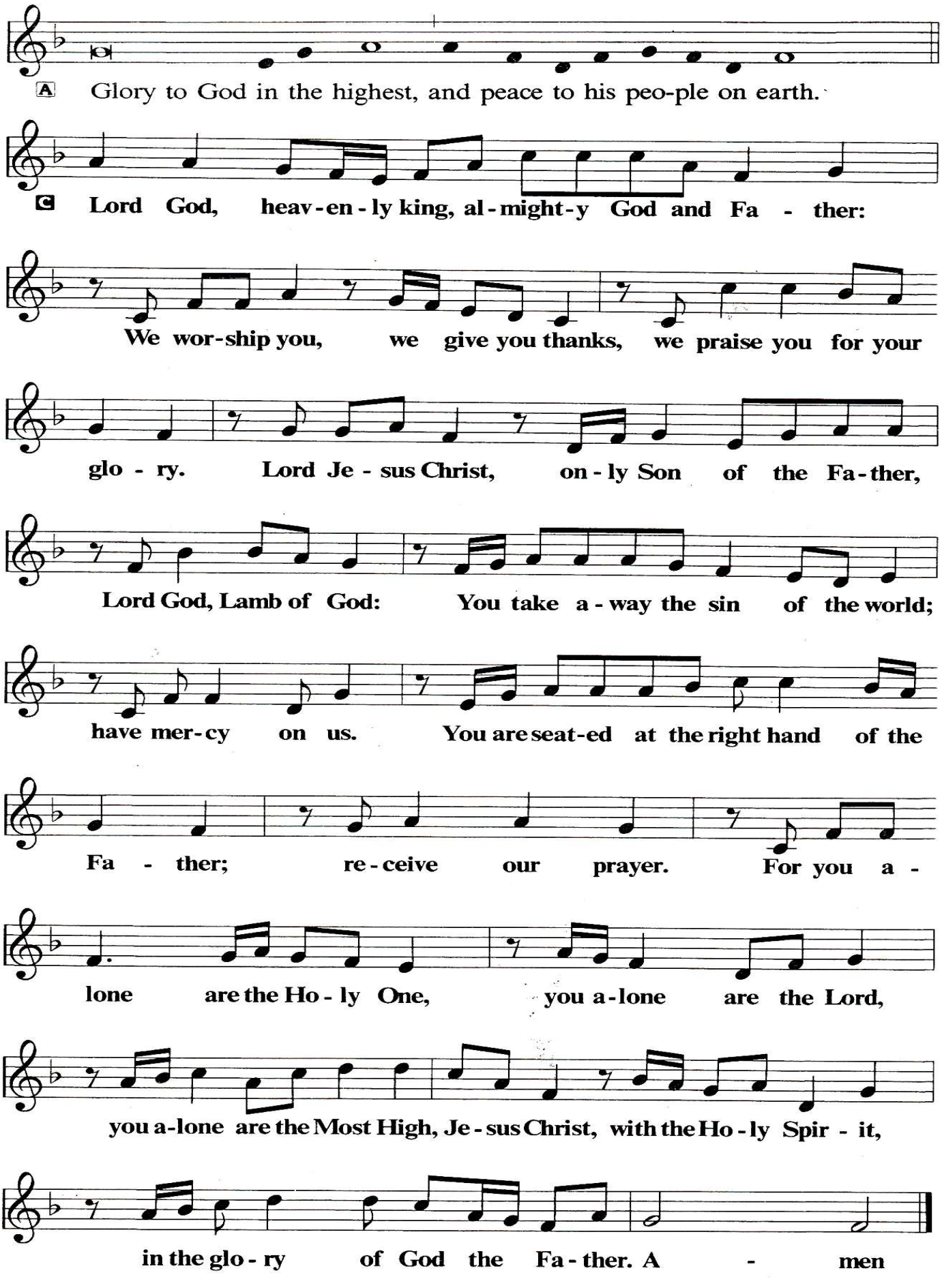
C: And also with you.

KYRIE:

May be spoken or sung.



HYMN OF PRAISE:



PRAYER OF THE DAY:
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray.

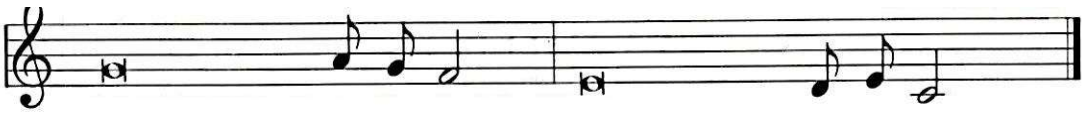
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated
CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9 *see back of bulletin*

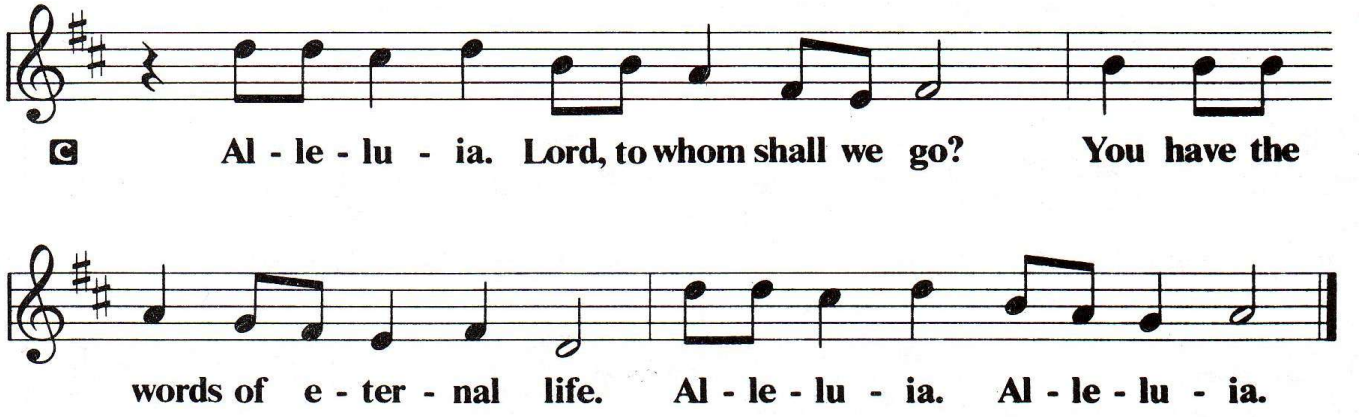
PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19
Choir and congregation all sing:



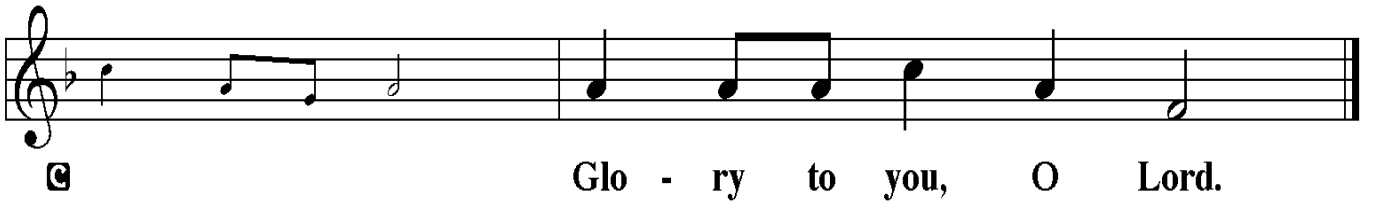
[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
[2] In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
[3] Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[4] O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?
[5] You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
[6] You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
[7] Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[17] Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.
[18] And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
[19] Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *see back of bulletin*

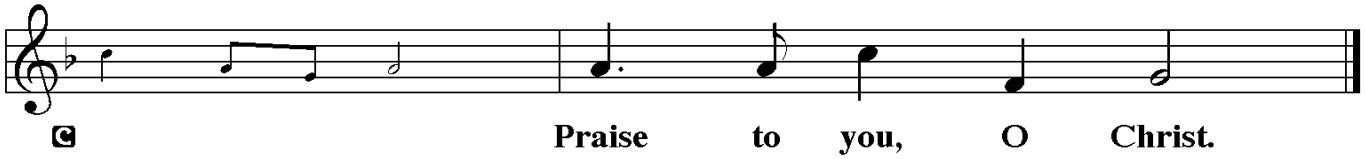
Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 13:24-37** *see back of bulletin*



After the reading the minister says: "The Gospel of the Lord"



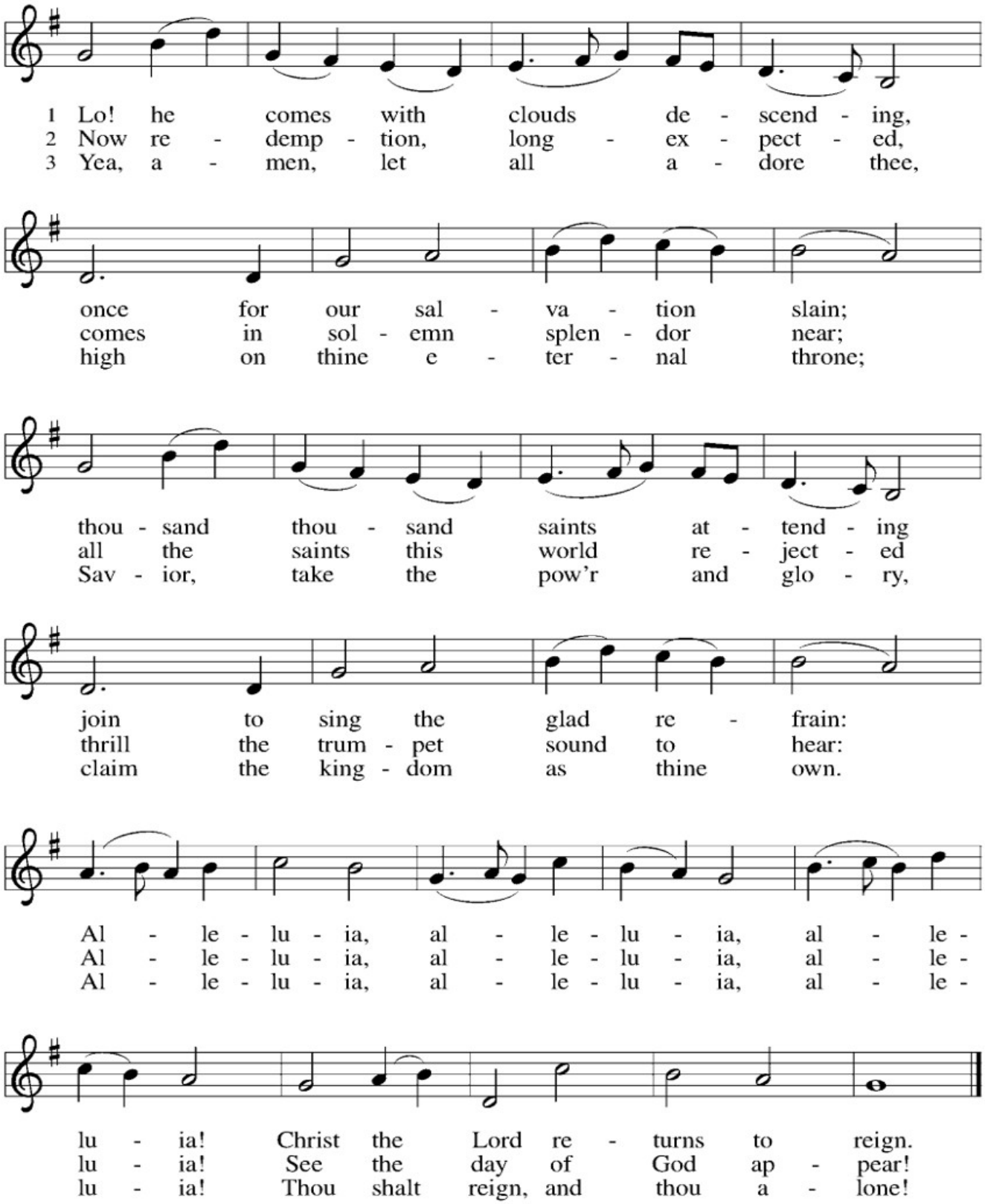
Please be seated

SERMON: **Pastor Sarah Campbell**



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

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APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

A: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

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

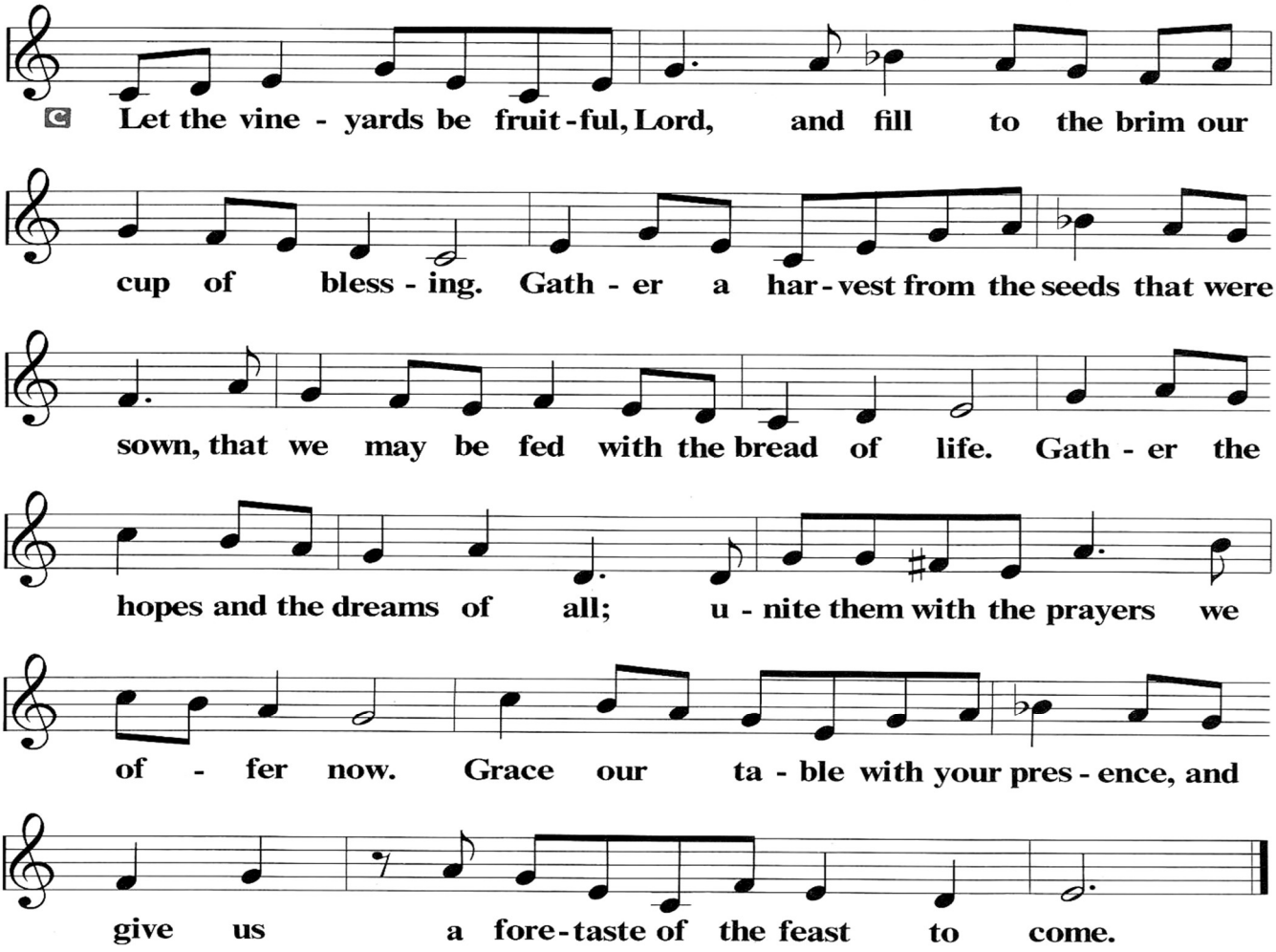
C: And also with you.

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.



CHOIR ANTHEM: "Keep Your Lamps"

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

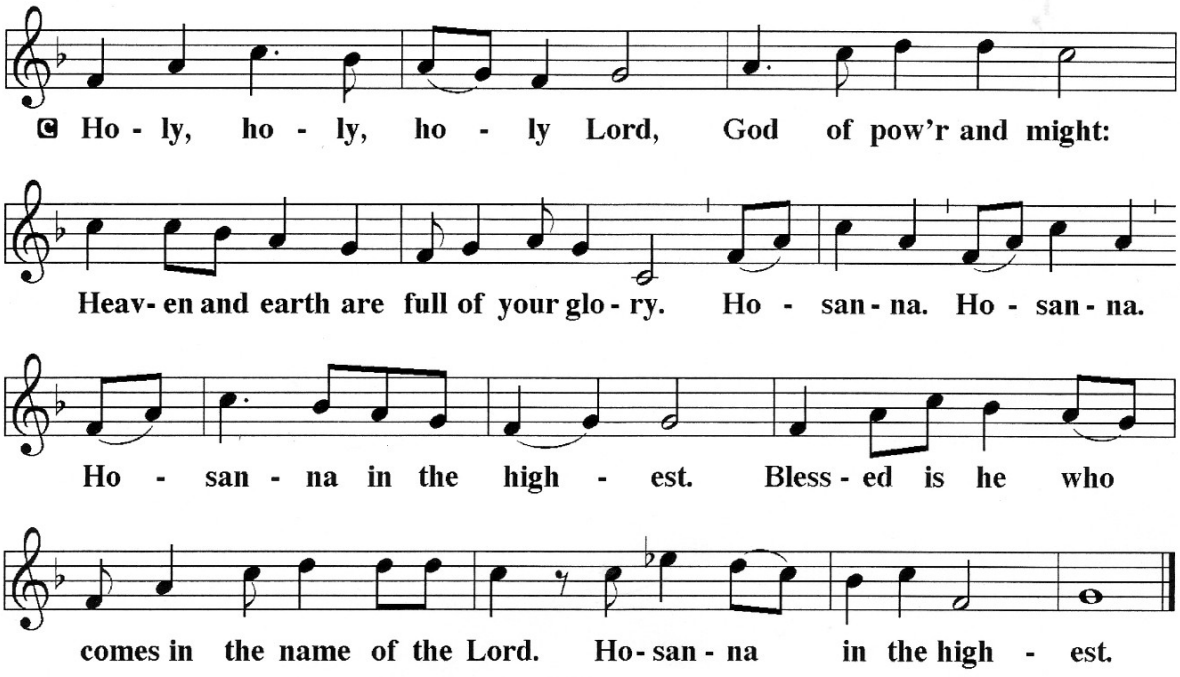
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, … we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

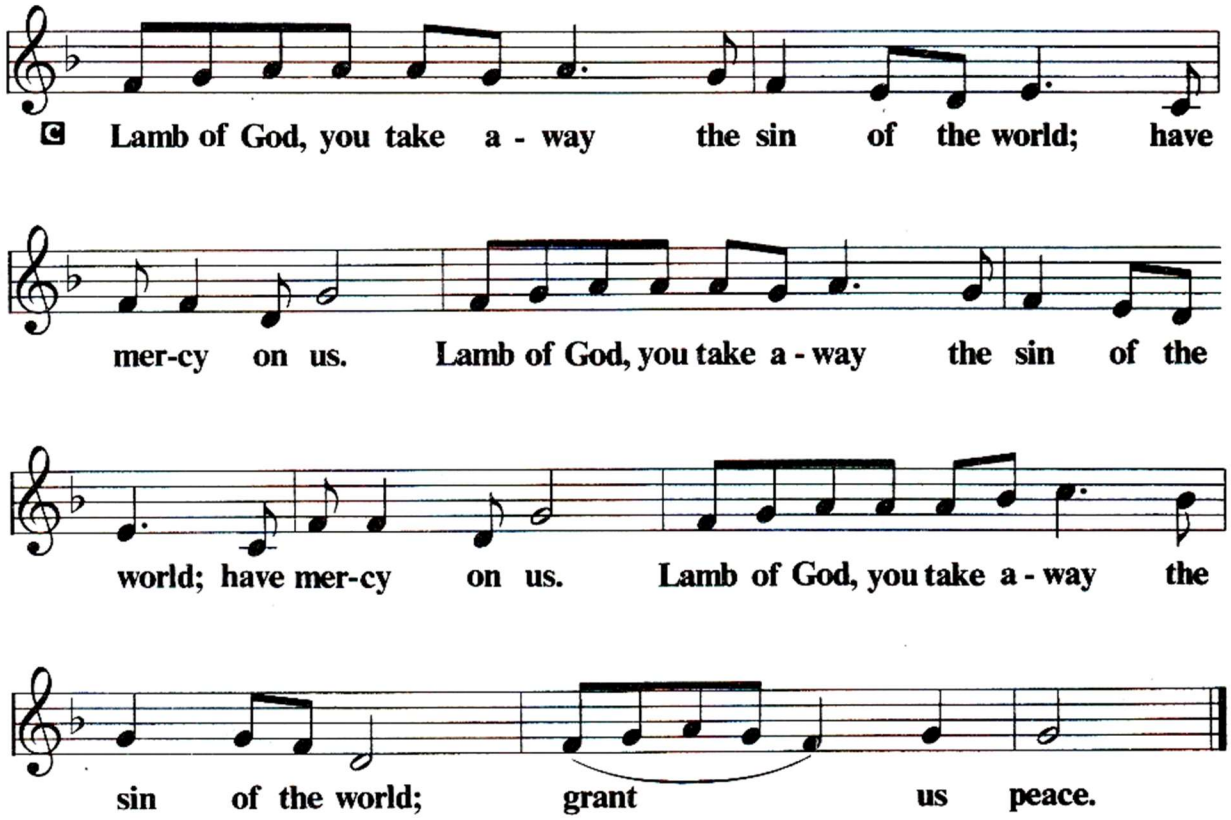


INVITATION TO COMMUNION:
P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION:
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. (Red – wine; White – grape juice)

AGNUS DEI:



Please stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C: Amen.

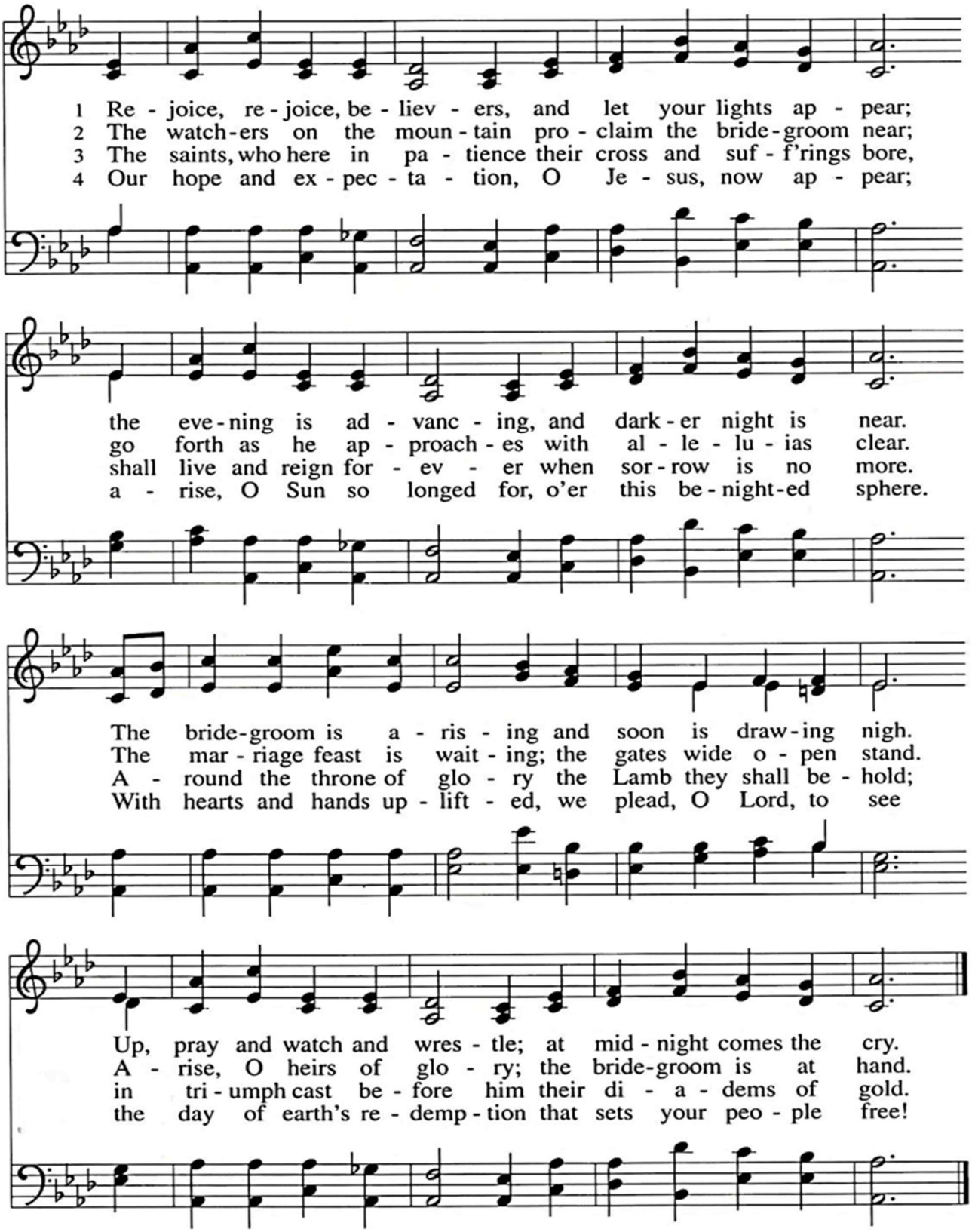
POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



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DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: "The King Shall Come" – David N. Johnson



Today's altar flowers are offered by the Strickers to the Glory of God.

Thank you for worshiping with us!