8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 8, 2026
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand" – J. G. Walther

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.
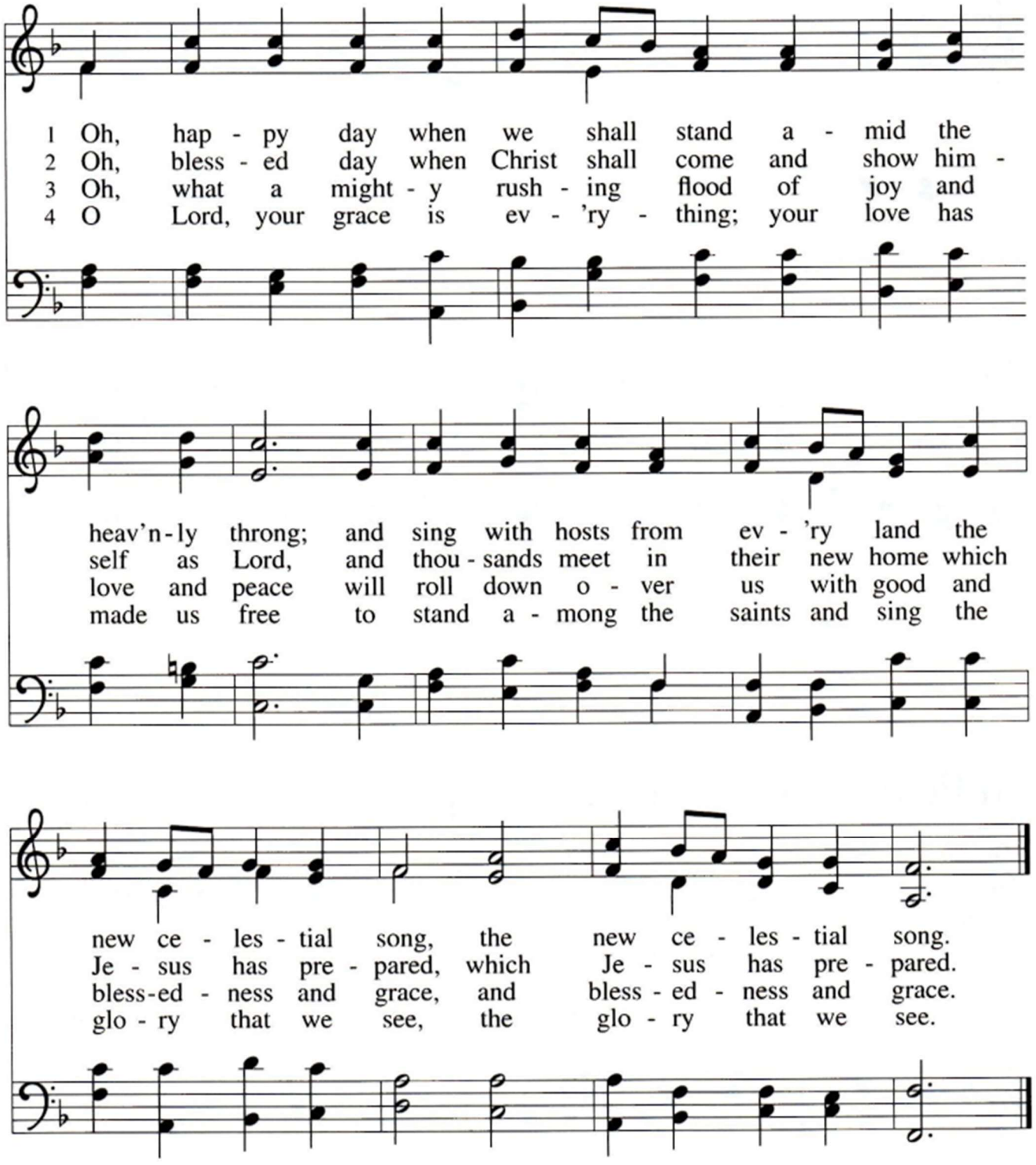
P: Most merciful God,

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: "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"



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Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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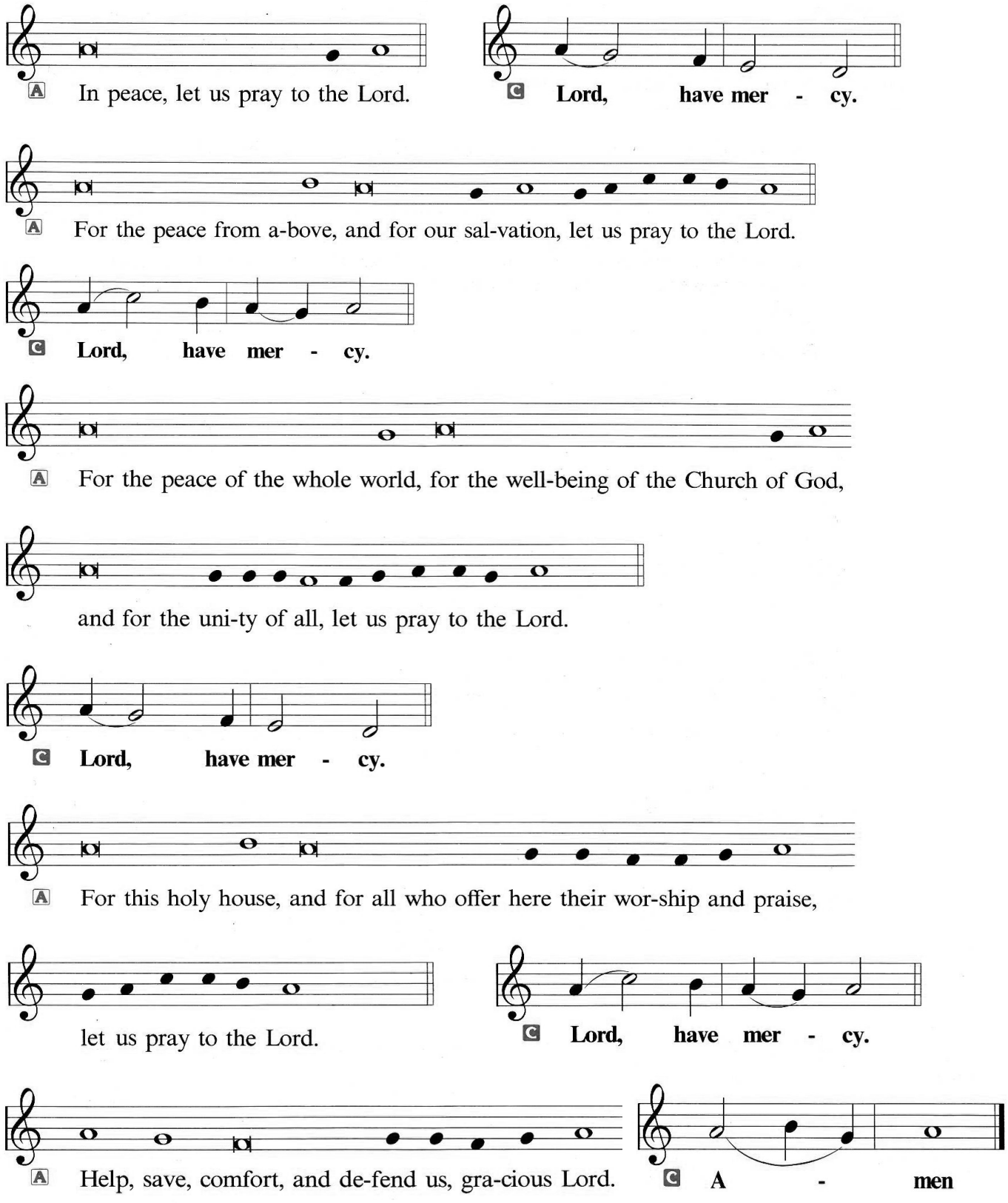
APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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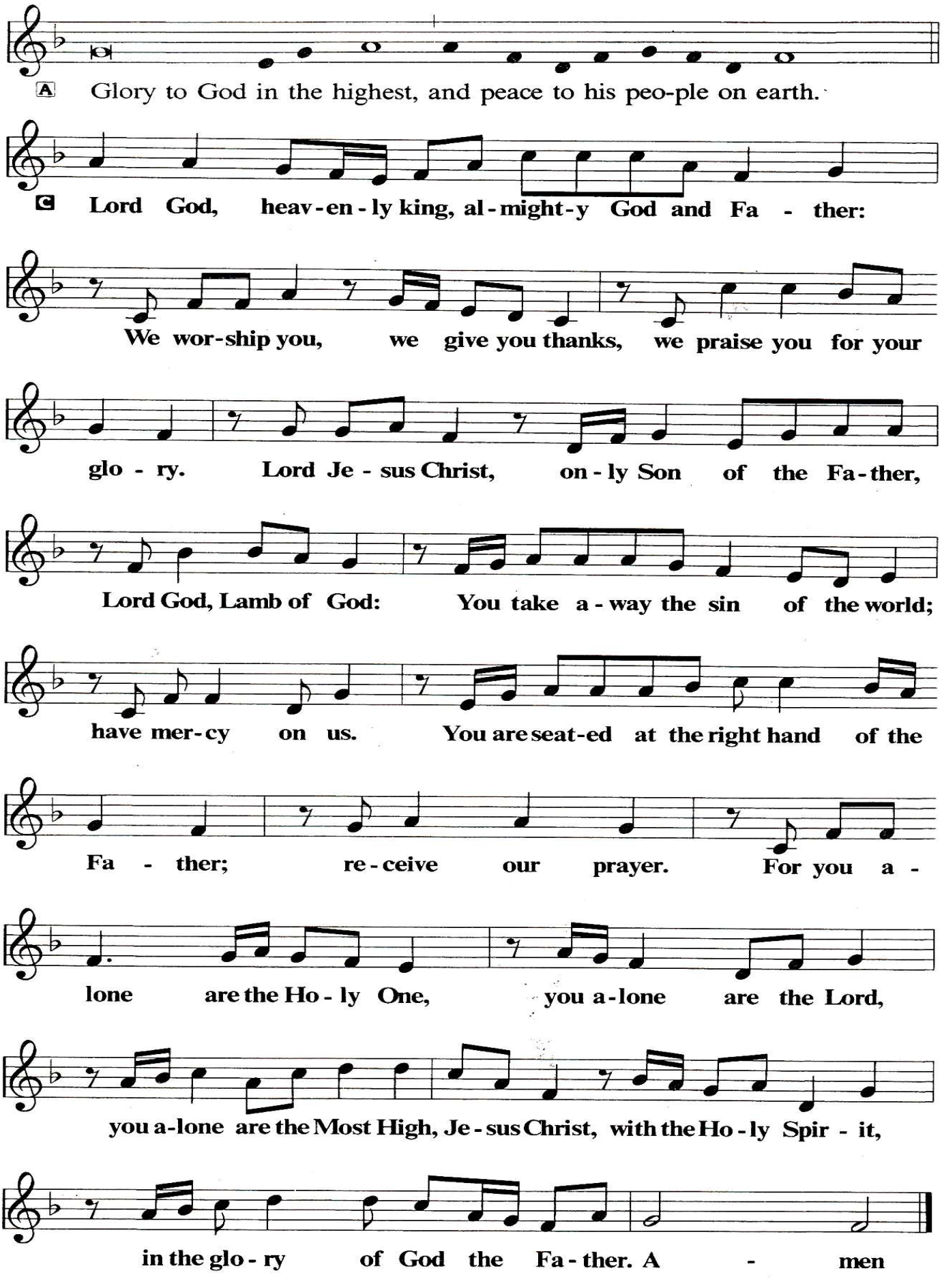
C: And also with you.

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.

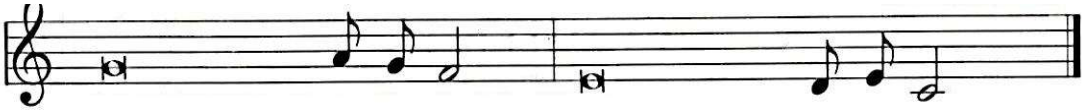
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated
CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24 *see back of bulletin*

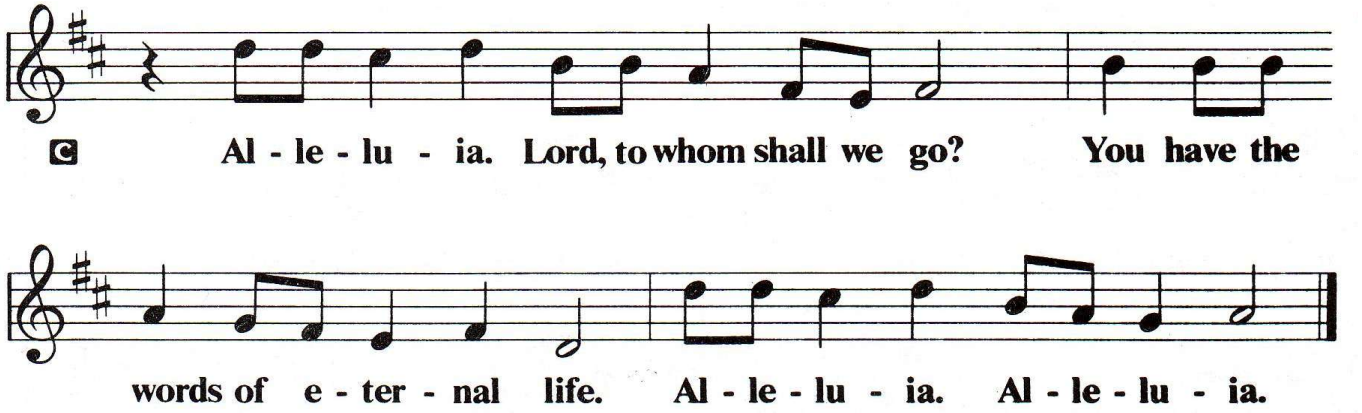
PSALM 70
Choir and congregation all sing:



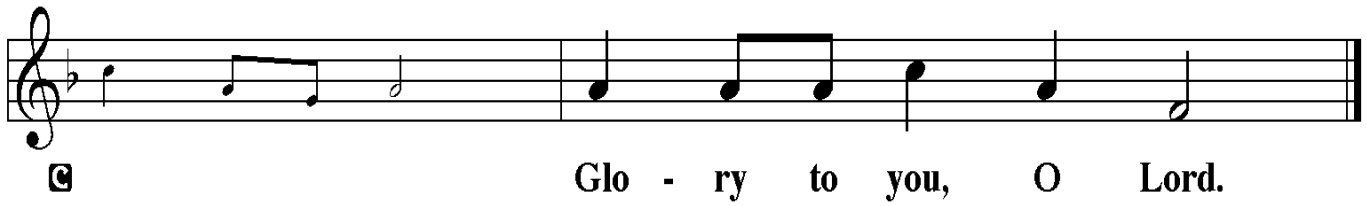
[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
[2] Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *see back of bulletin*

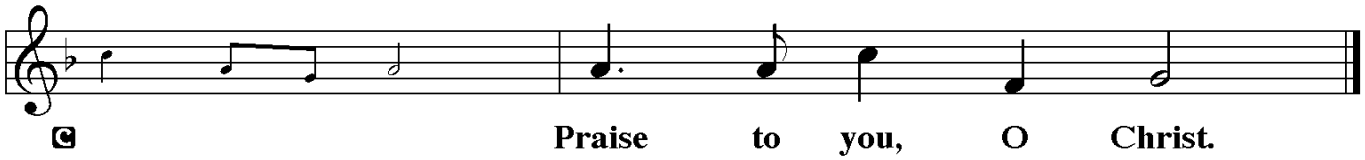
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GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 25:1-13** *see back of bulletin*



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



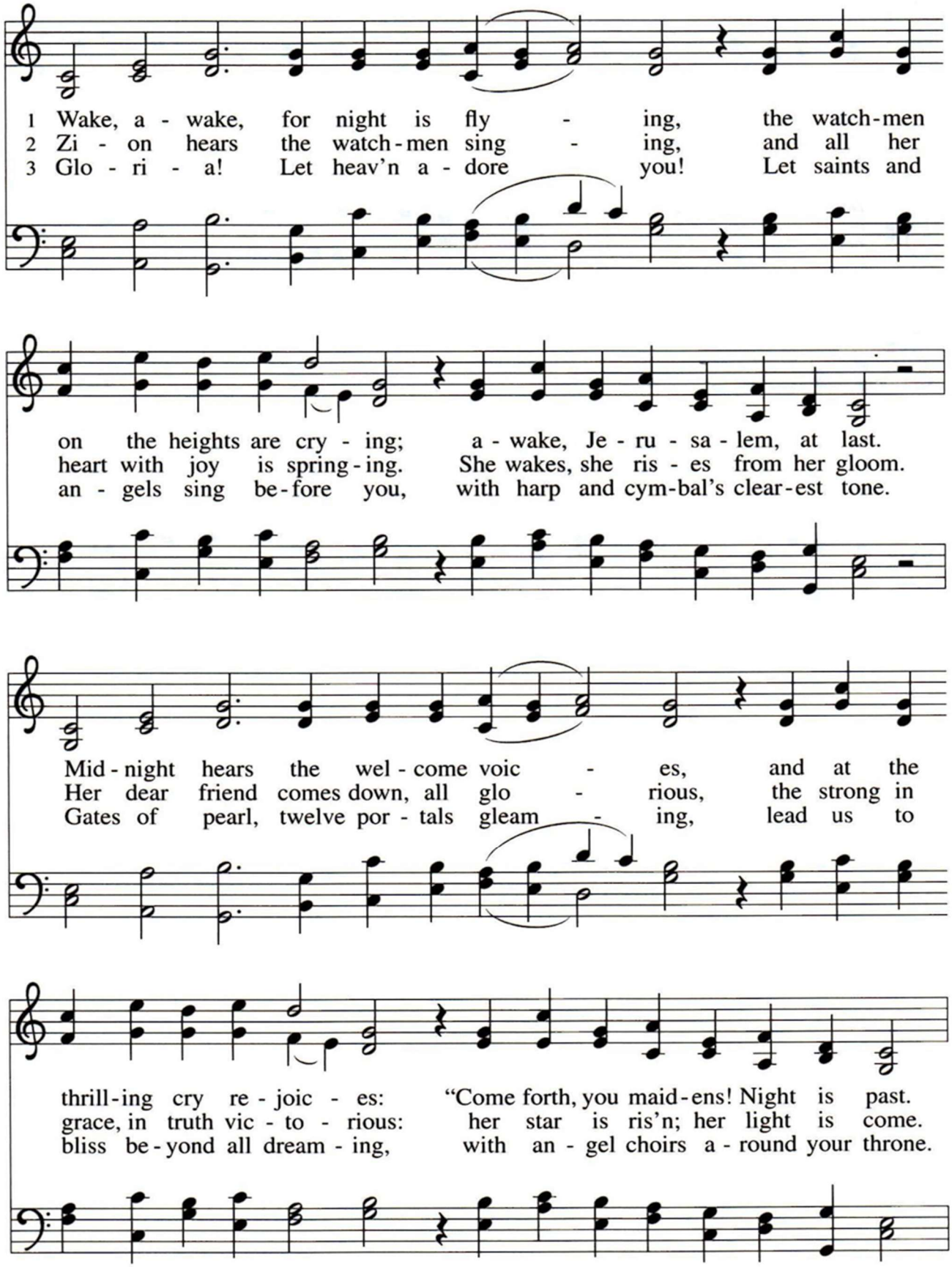
Please be seated

SERMON: **Pastor Sarah Campbell**



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"



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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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

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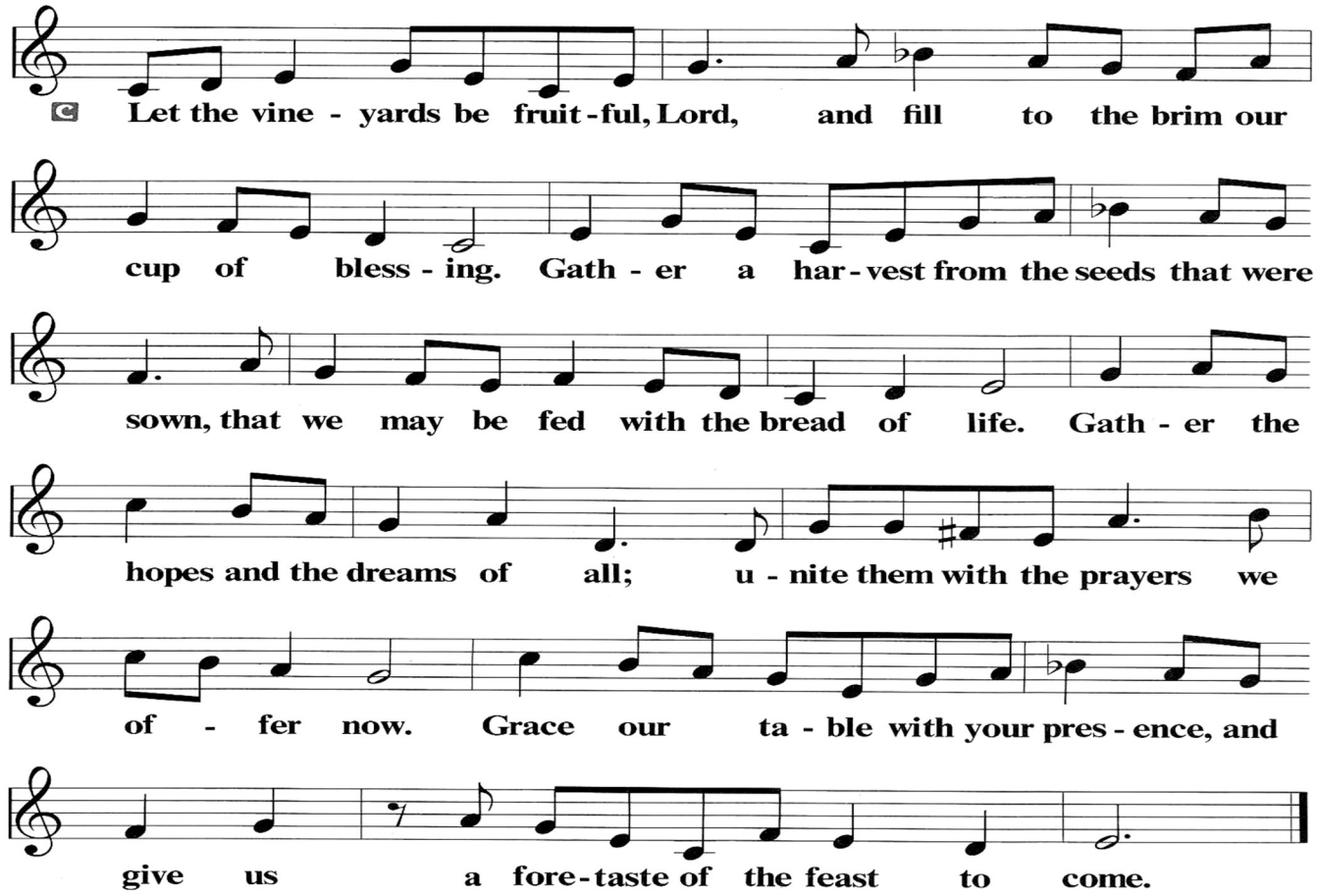
C: And also with you.

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.



CHOIR ANTHEM

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.

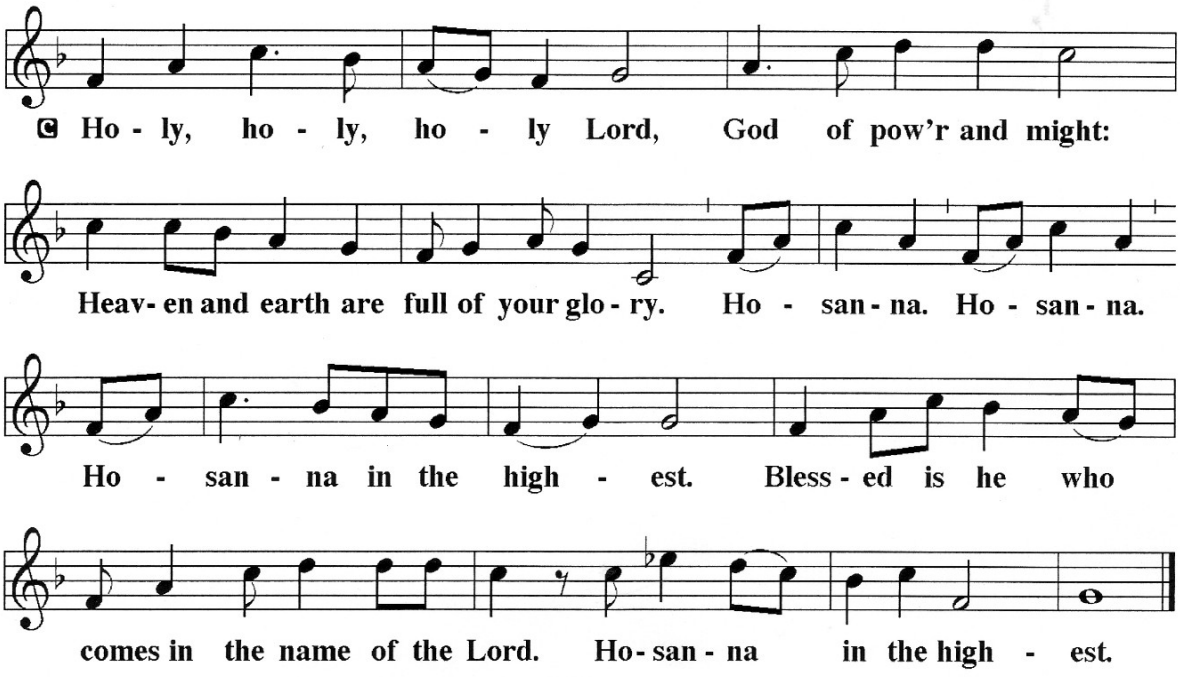
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.
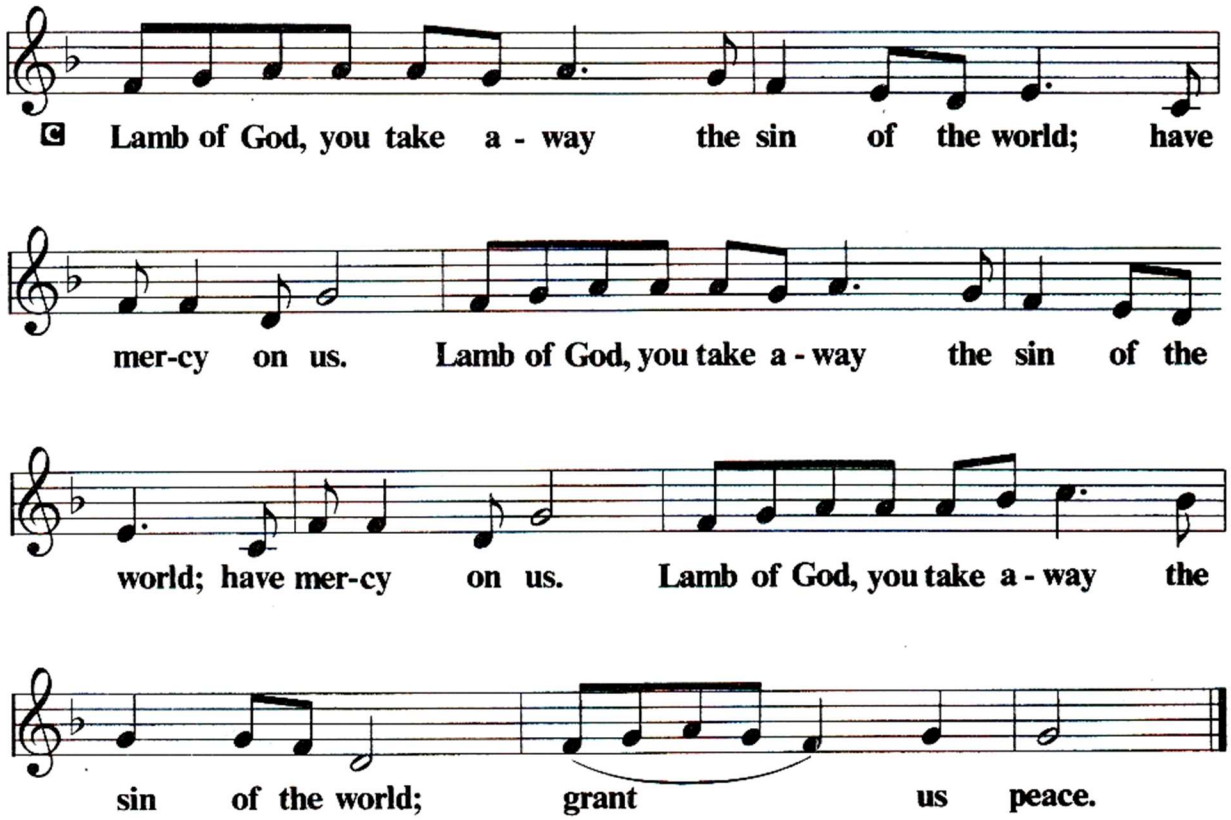


INVITATION TO COMMUNION:
P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

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.
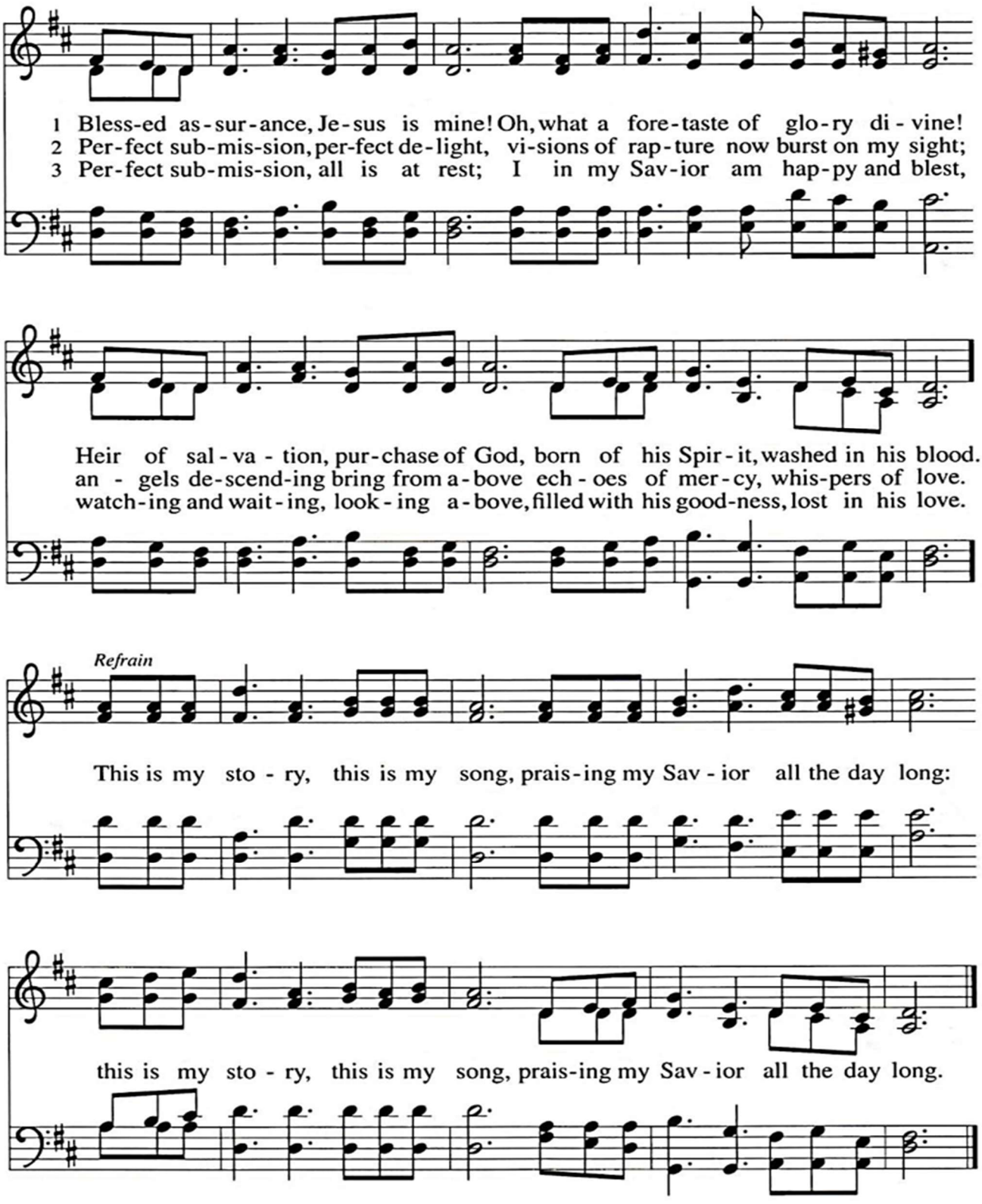
POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

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: "Blessed Assurance"



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ASSURANCE
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DISMISSAL:

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

POSTLUDE: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" – J. G. Walther



Today's altar flowers are offered by Jenny Boggs in honor of her daughter-in-law Brooke's birthday and by the Strickers to the Glory of God.

Thank you for worshiping with us!