Festival of All Saints
November 1, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service, Setting Four

ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer before worship

As we come into your presence, O God, bless this time of worship. Unite our prayers and praises with your whole Church on earth and in heaven. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Pre-Service Music "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" (H. Walford Davies)

Ringing of the Bells

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism

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

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

P 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*

P 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]

Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer and confession, as able

℗ Almighty God,

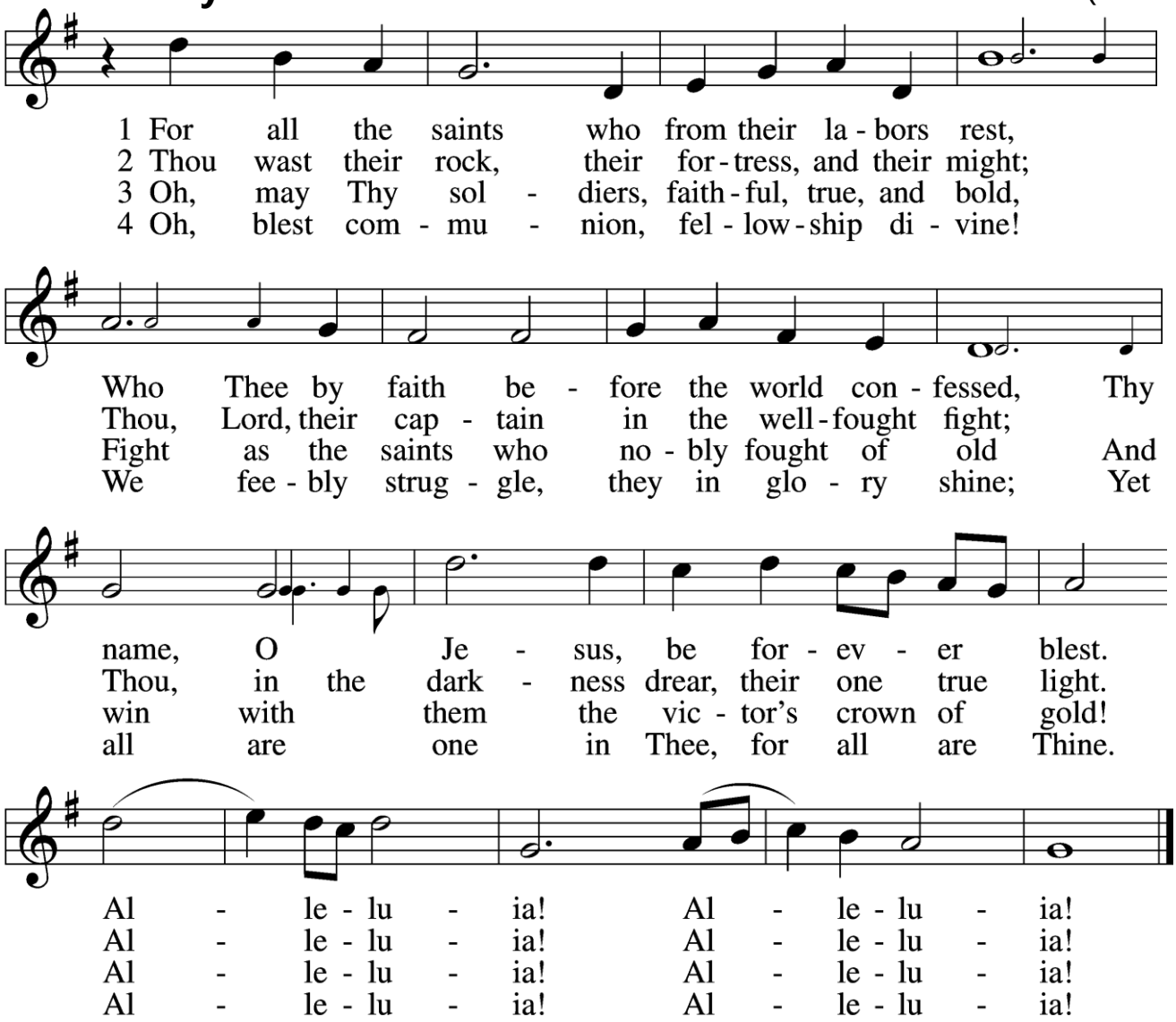
℃ have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

℗ 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.

℃ Amen. *[John 20:19-23]*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn "For All the Saints" (LSB 677)



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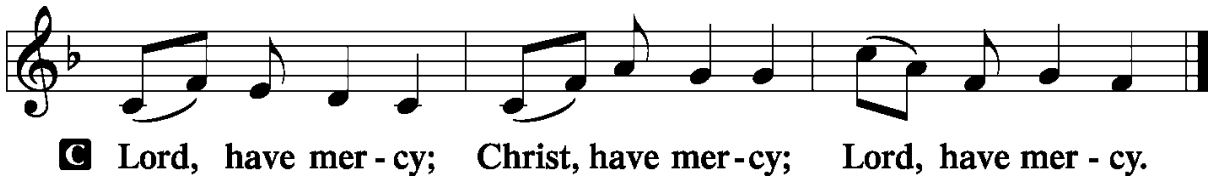
Greeting

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.

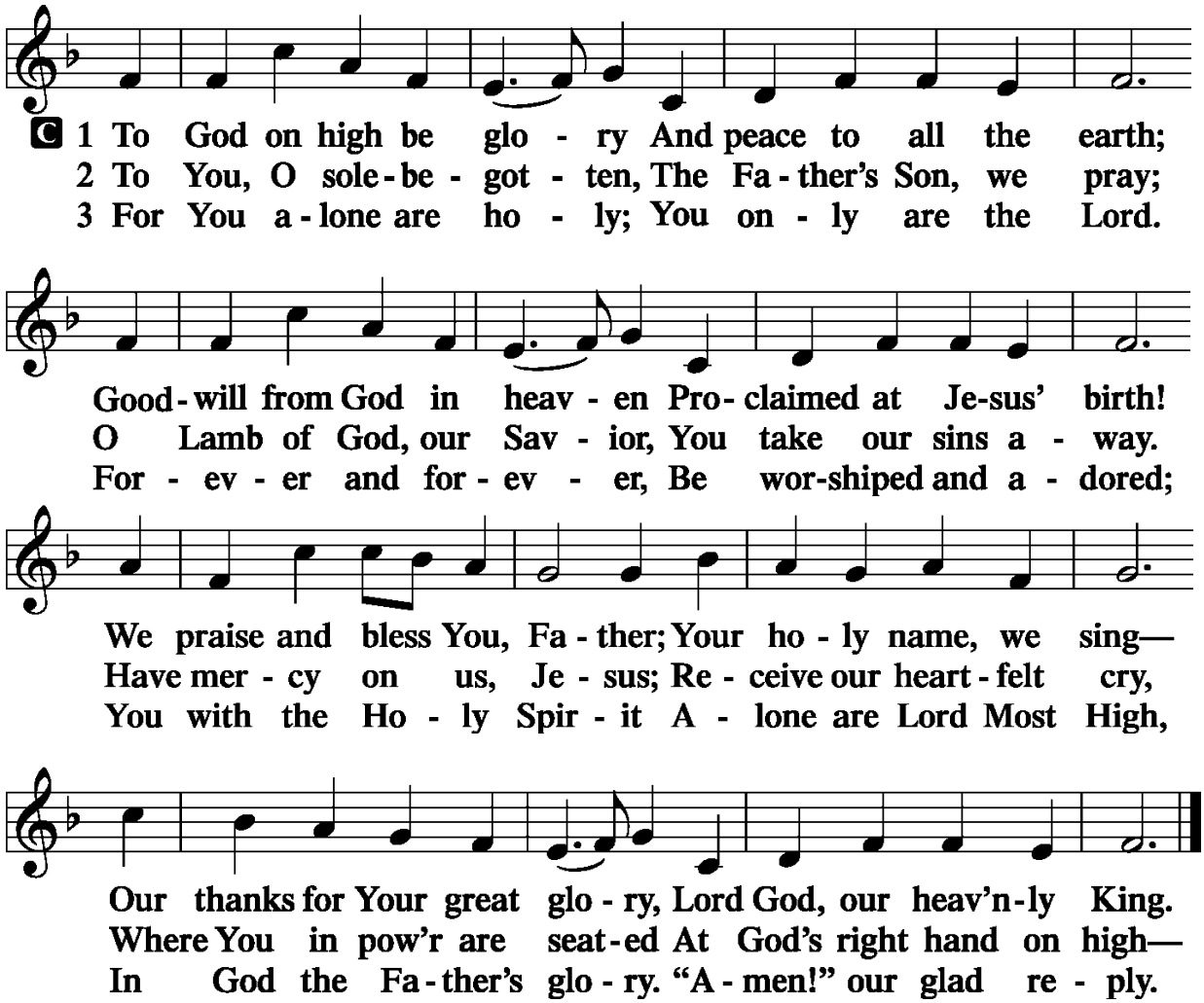
Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading Revelation 7: 9-17

*Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,
with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed
in white robes, and from where have they come?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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. 15 "Therefore
they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his
temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not
strike them, nor any scorching heat 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the

throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 149

L Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

C Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

L Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

C For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

L Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

C Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

L to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

C to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

L to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:1-3

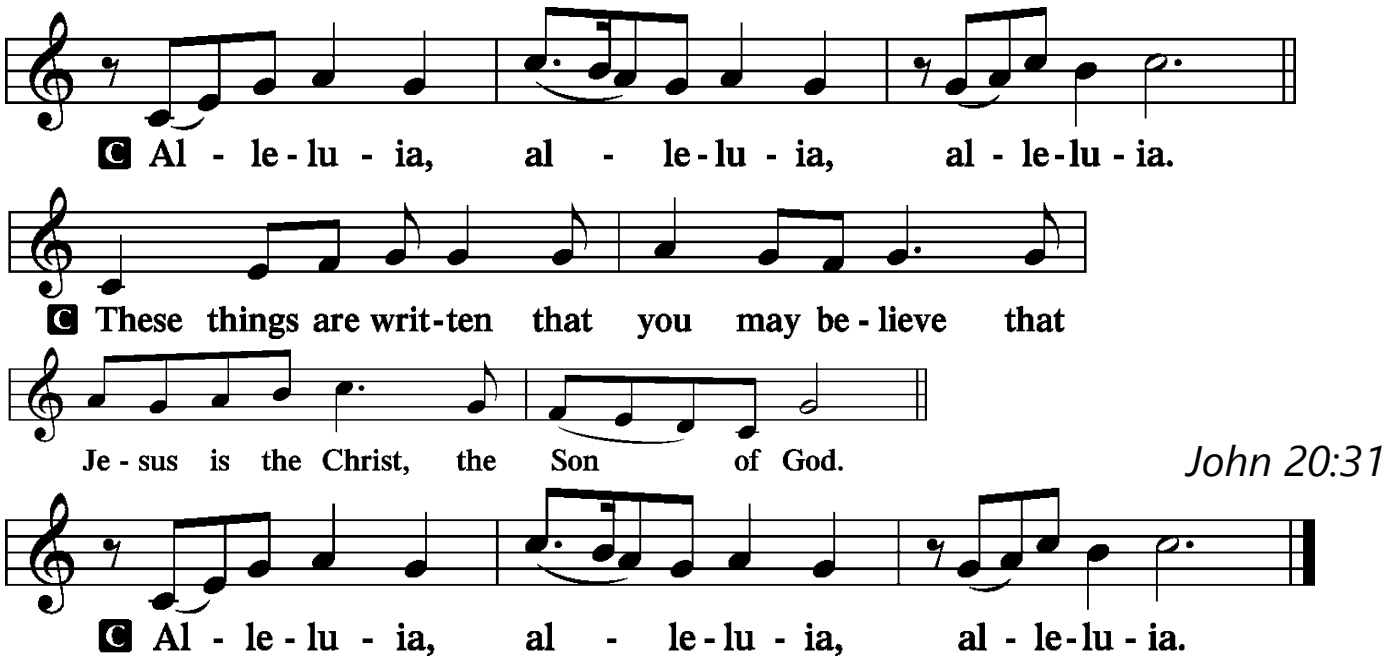
[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

3And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat
down, his disciples came to him. 2And he opened his mouth and taught
them, saying: 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the
pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they shall be called sons of God. 10"Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed
are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your

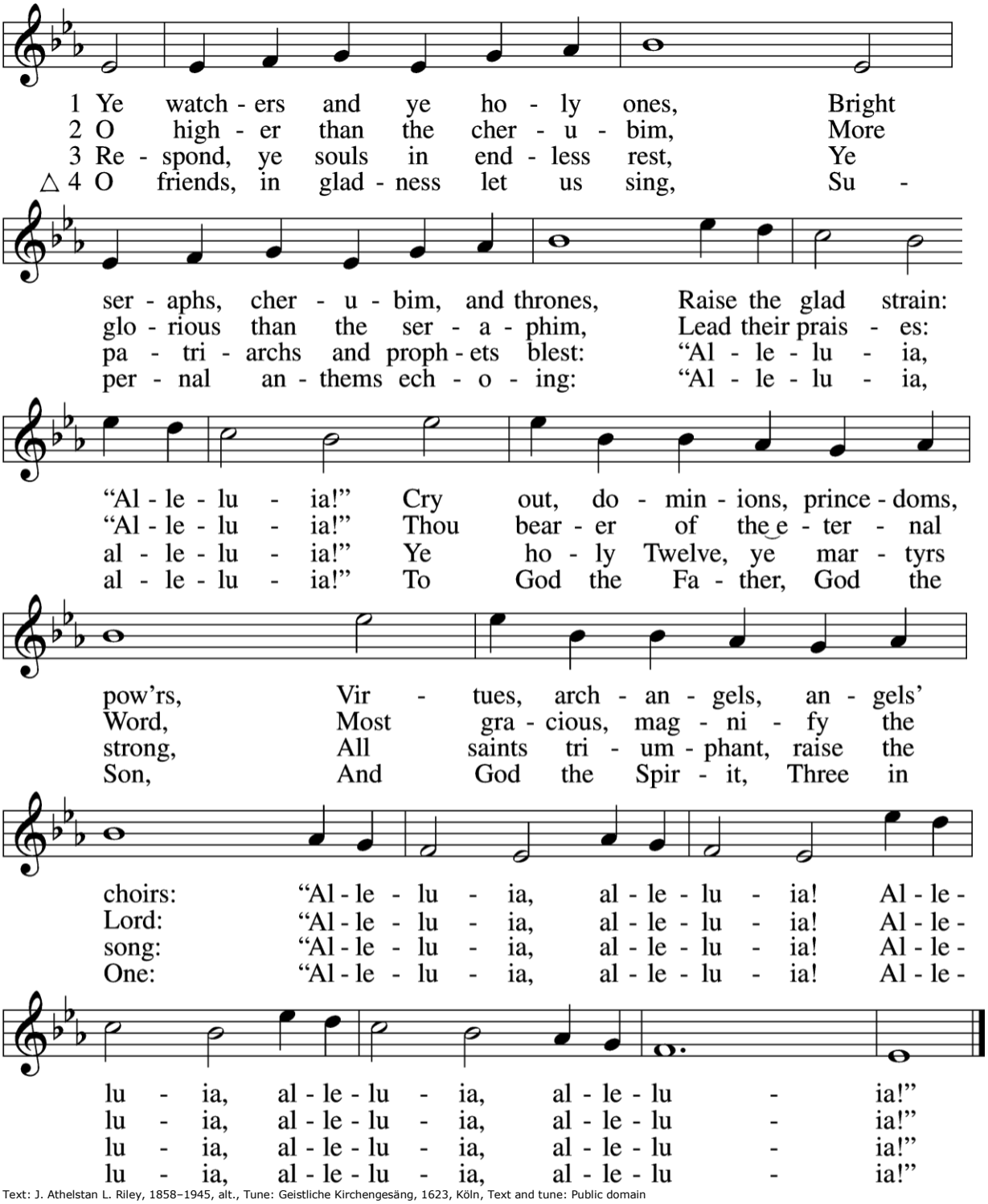
reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon "Following in Their Train"

Hymn of the Day "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (LSB 670)



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Profession of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We 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]*

P Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

Today we give special remembrance to those saints among us who have died in the Lord this past year:

Liz Klein, Sharon Forrest, George Petersen, Andre Resendez, Bob Honold, Marge Roberts, Stan Sitnik, Pat Slantis, and Rosie Marrow.

During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy."

Please respond by saying "Hear our prayer."
The prayers end with the words:

P Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Following the prayers, the people may stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,
"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

L Let us pray:
Merciful God,

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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*

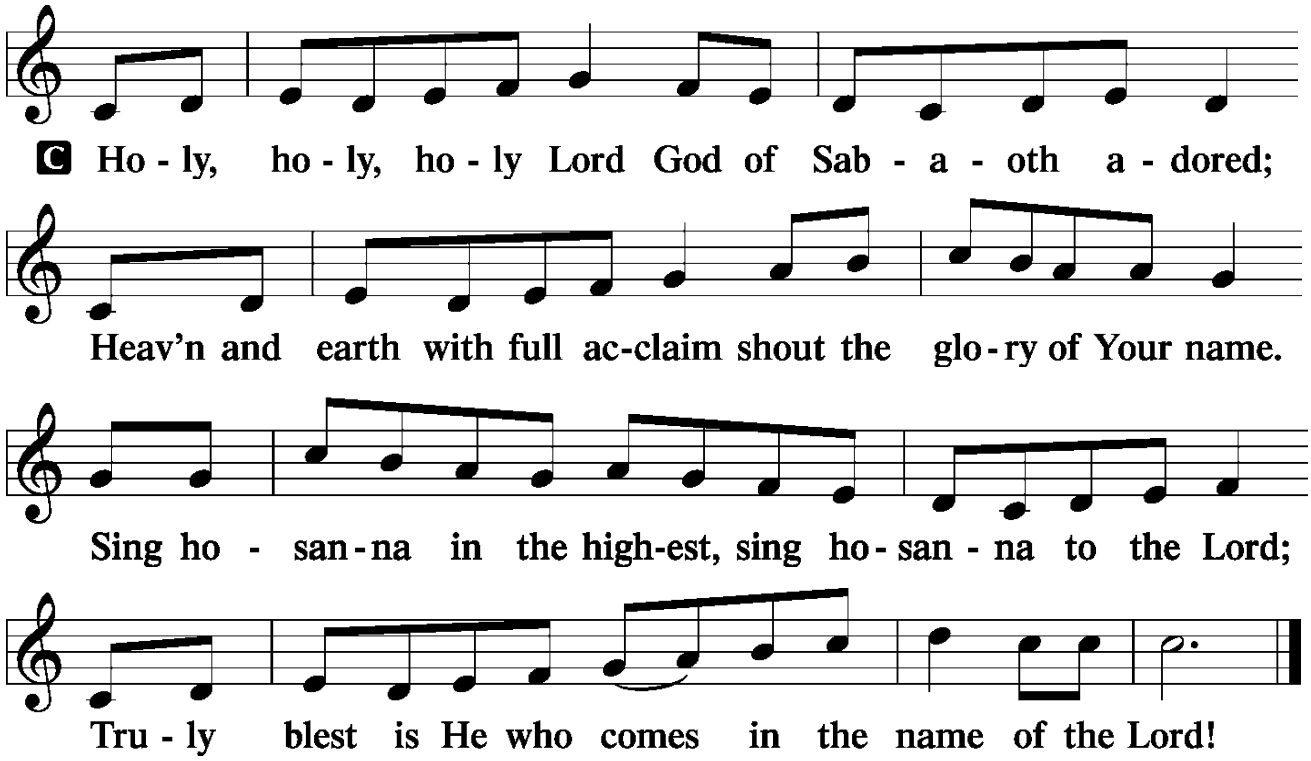
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*

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 singing:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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 *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."

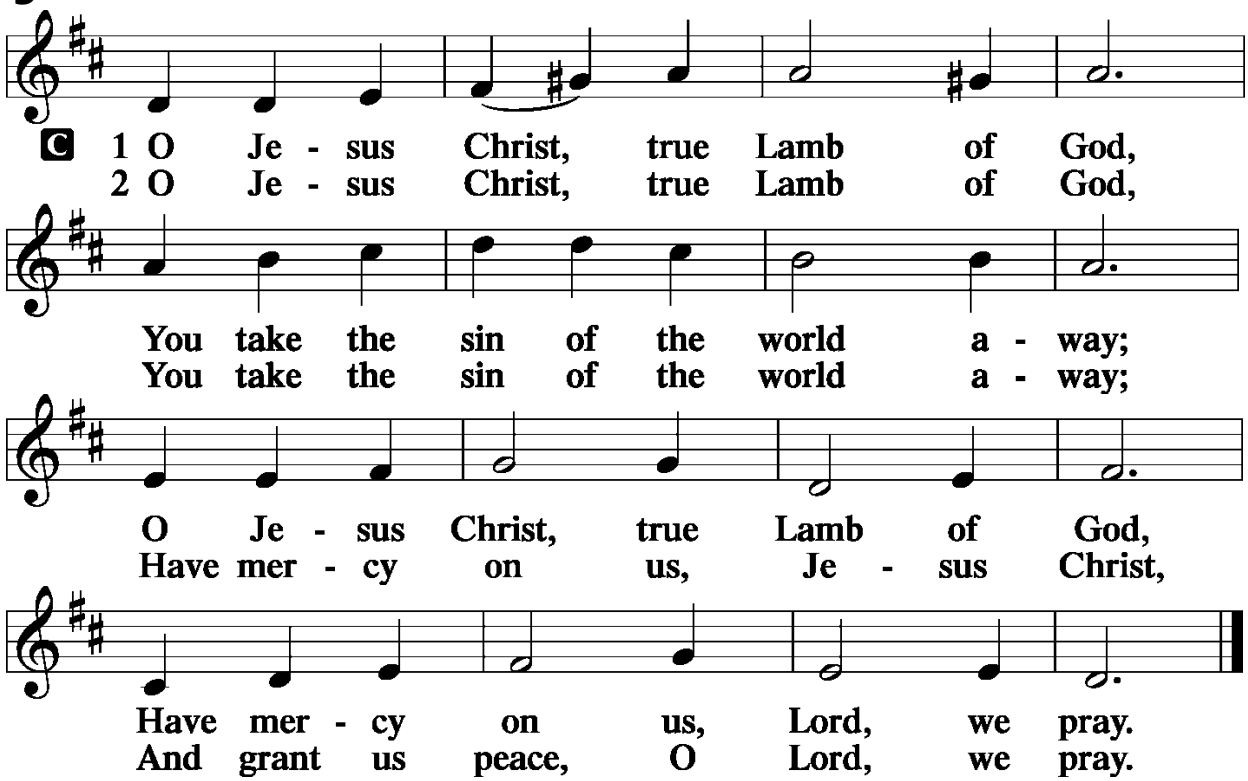
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *John 1:29*



Distribution *Please be seated*

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those

who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Music at the Distribution

Distribution Anthem "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" (Robert J. Powell)

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and Heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of love;
See, He sits on yonder throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Amen!

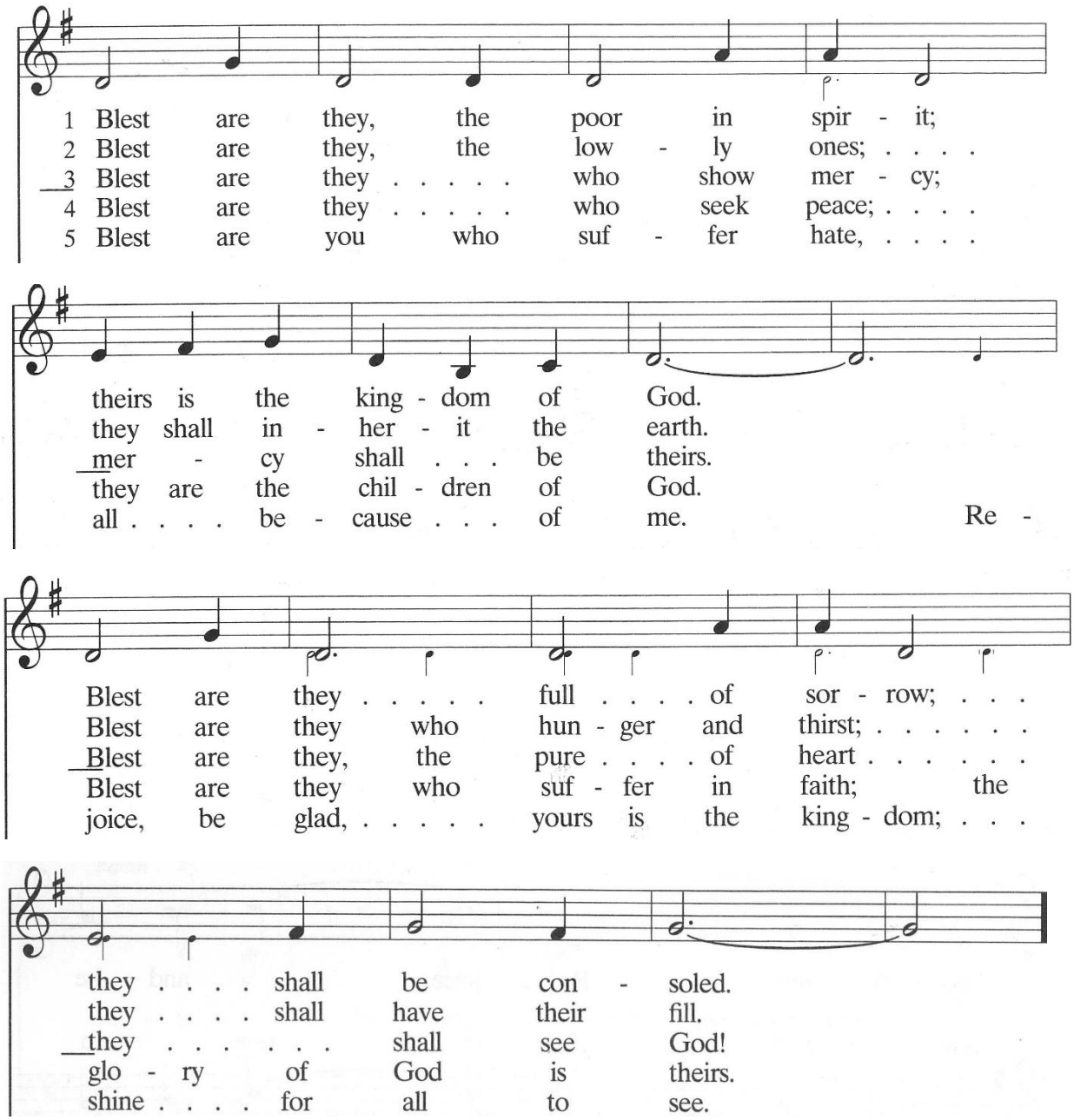
Jesus, hail! Whose glory brightens
All above, and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.

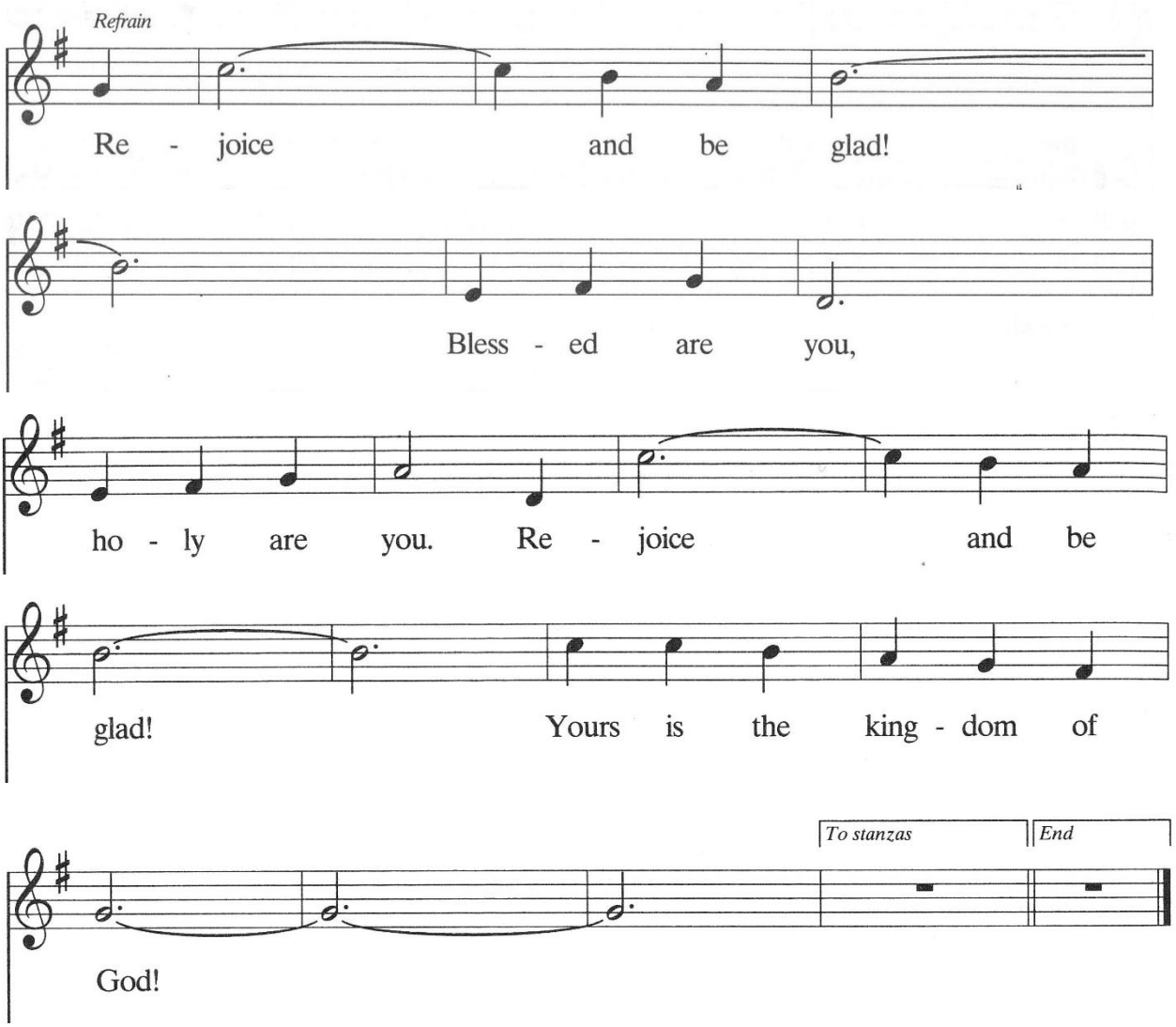
King of glory, reign forever!
Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own:
Happy objects of Thy grace,
Destined to behold Thy face.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons bearing

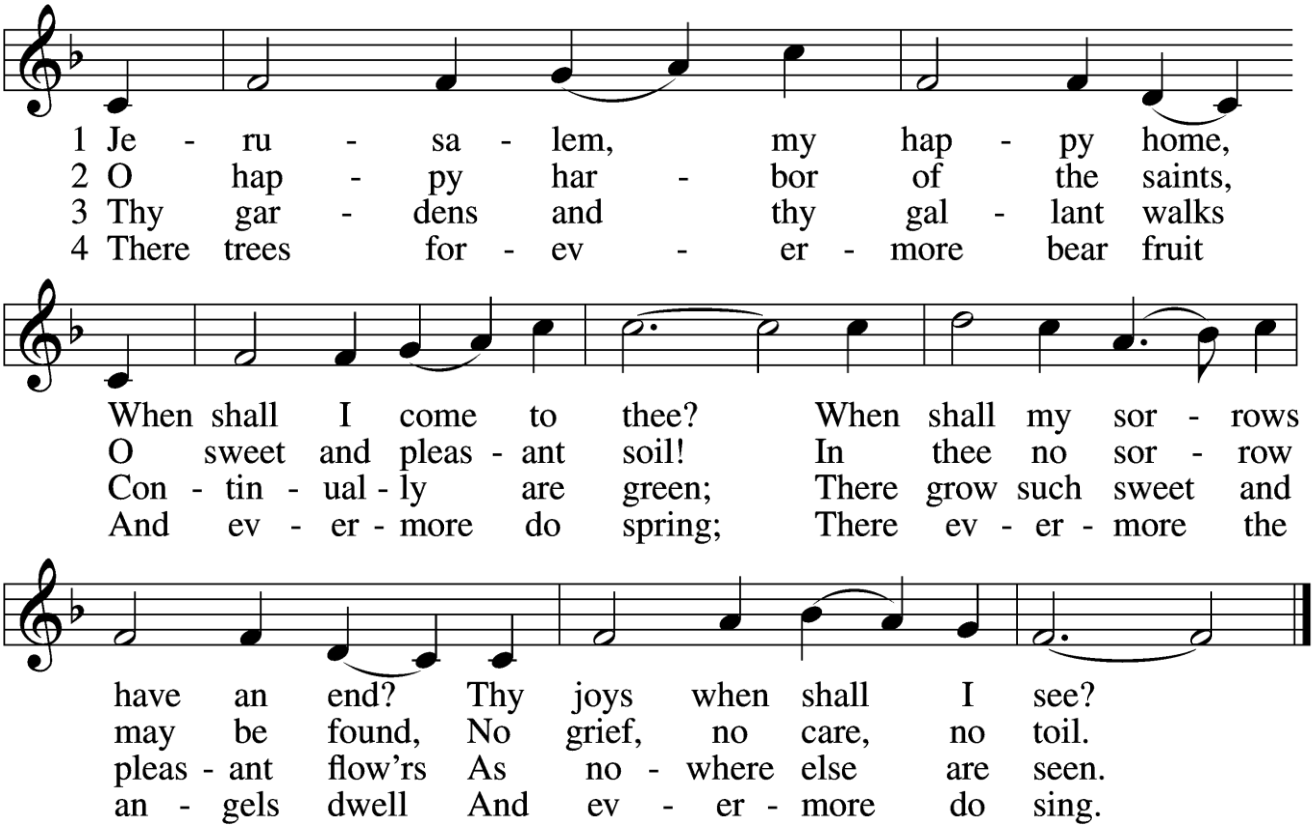
Heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then with all the saints we'll sing,
Glory, glory to our king!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Amen!

"Blest Are They" (WOV 764)




Refrain
Re - joice and be glad!
Bless - ed are you,
ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be
glad! Yours is the king - dom of
To stanzas
End
God!

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (LSB 673)



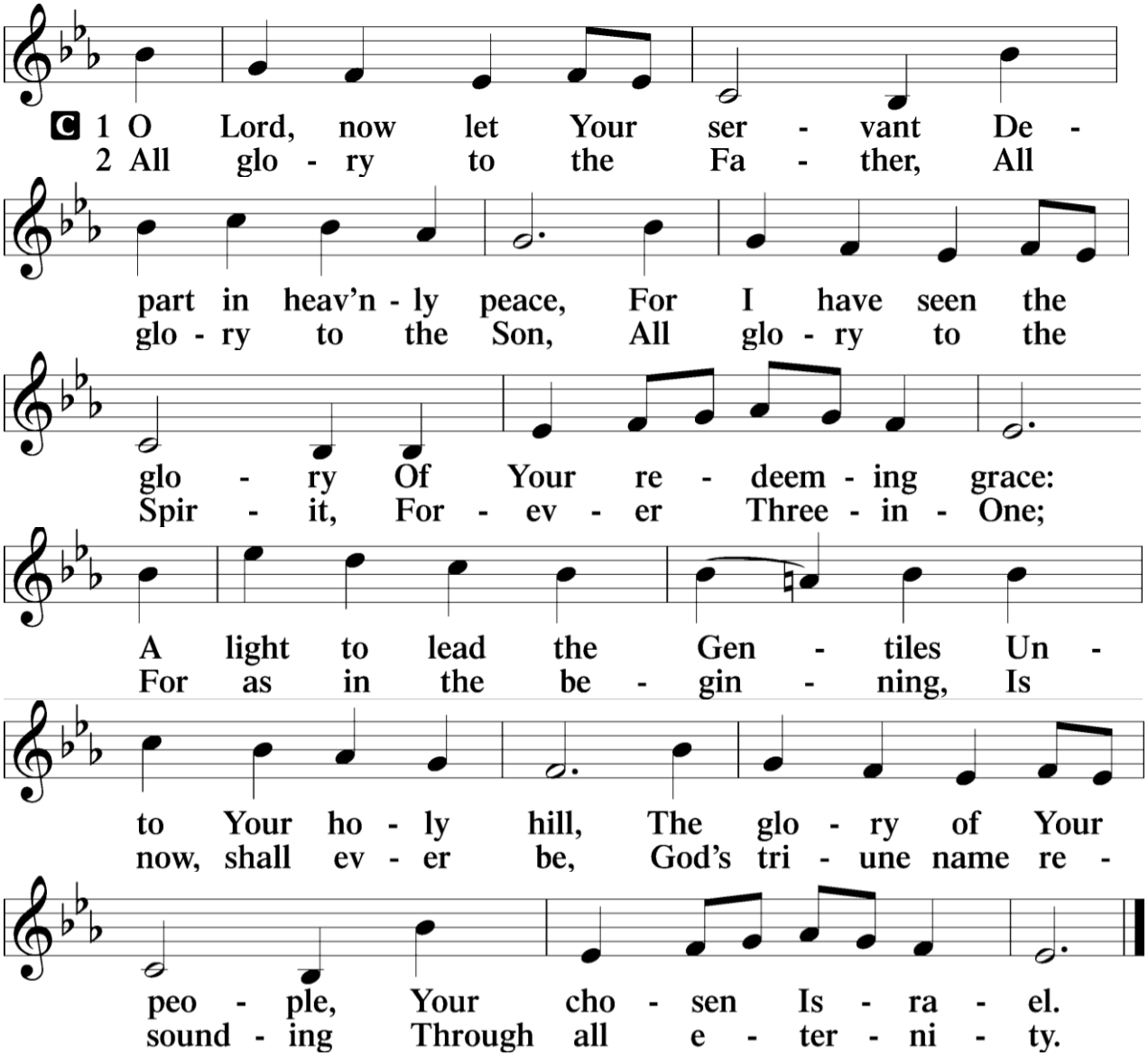
5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

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Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

L Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

L Let us bless the Lord.

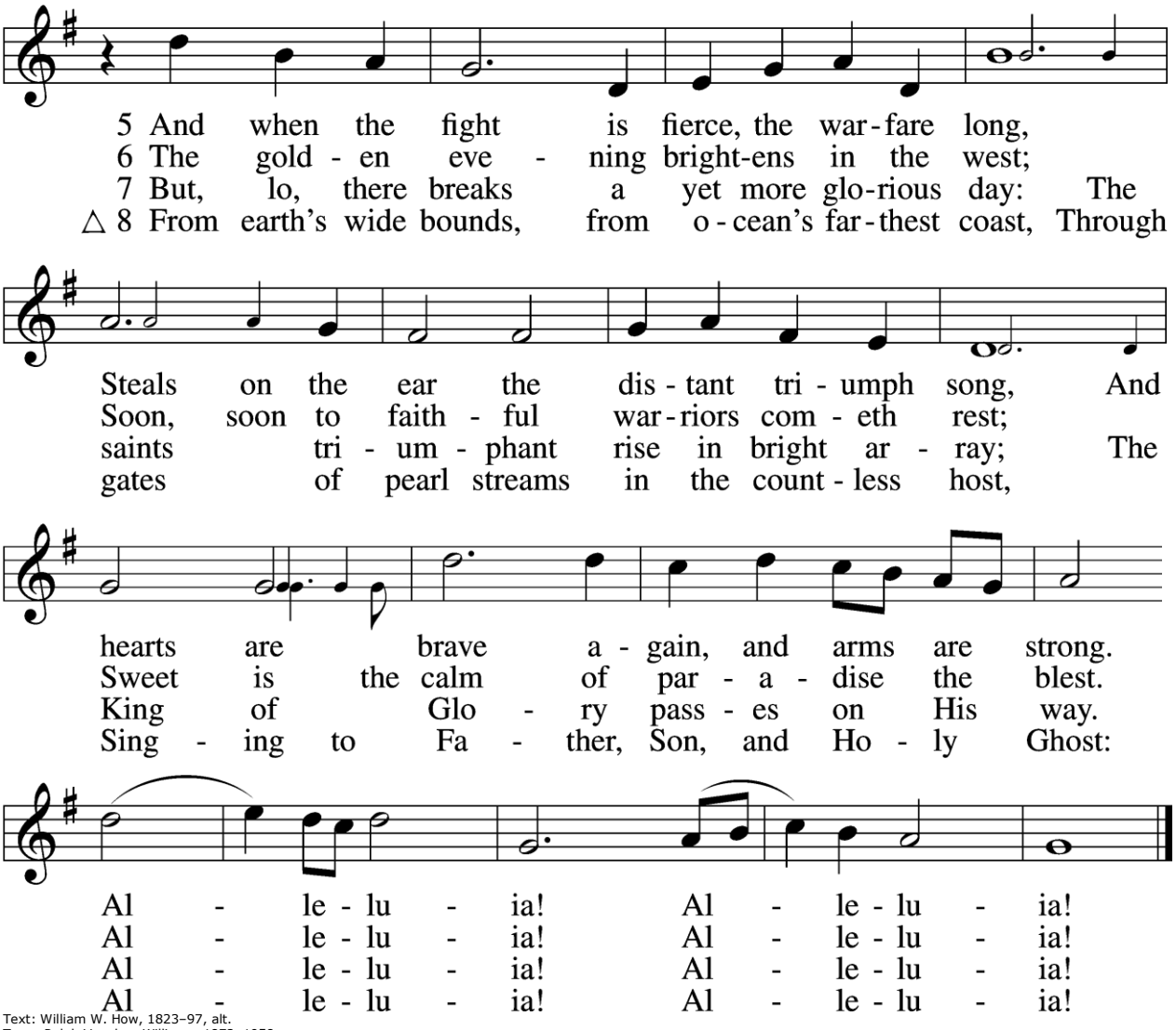
C Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*

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.

Sending Hymn

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Postlude

"For All The Saints" – (Jacob B. Weber)

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Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of fellowship.

Our Ministry Of Worship

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Altar Care	Jean Gilbertson
AV Operators	Denise Canter Mark Gilbertson
Welcome Host	Debbie Haugan
Nursery	

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This weekend's **altar flowers** are given in loving memory of all who have gone before us.

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