Welcome to

A Celebration of Holy Communion at Convention 93

Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:30 am

The Vandervort Conference Room in the Scandling Center Hobart and William Smith Colleges Geneva, New York



The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester is located on the traditional and unceded homelands of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy; an alliance of six sovereign nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The confederacy precedes the establishment of this diocese, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful and oppressive history of Haudenosaunee dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of Haudenosaunee people, past and present, to these lands and waters. We invite all who hear this statement to reflect on the profound impacts of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that intertwine our shared histories. This acknowledgment evolves with ongoing learning and collaboration, reflecting our commitment to continual improvement as an institution.

PRELUDE

The Word of God

Please rise in body or spirit at the invitation of the Presider

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: †Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

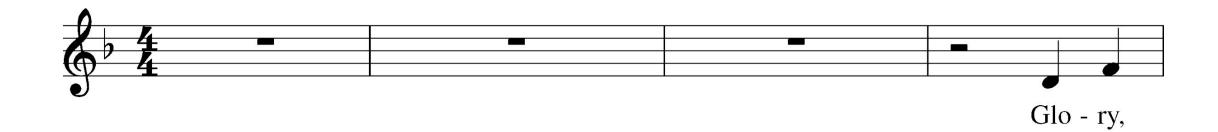
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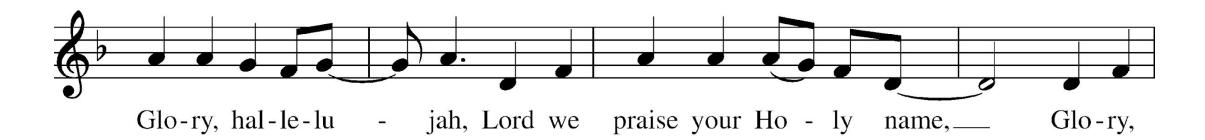
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

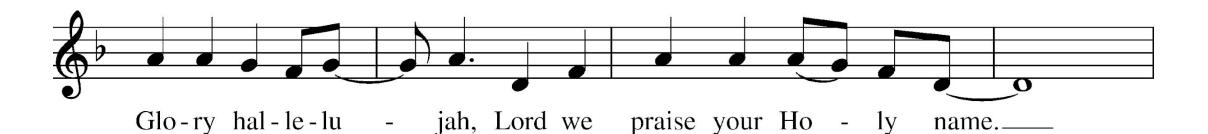
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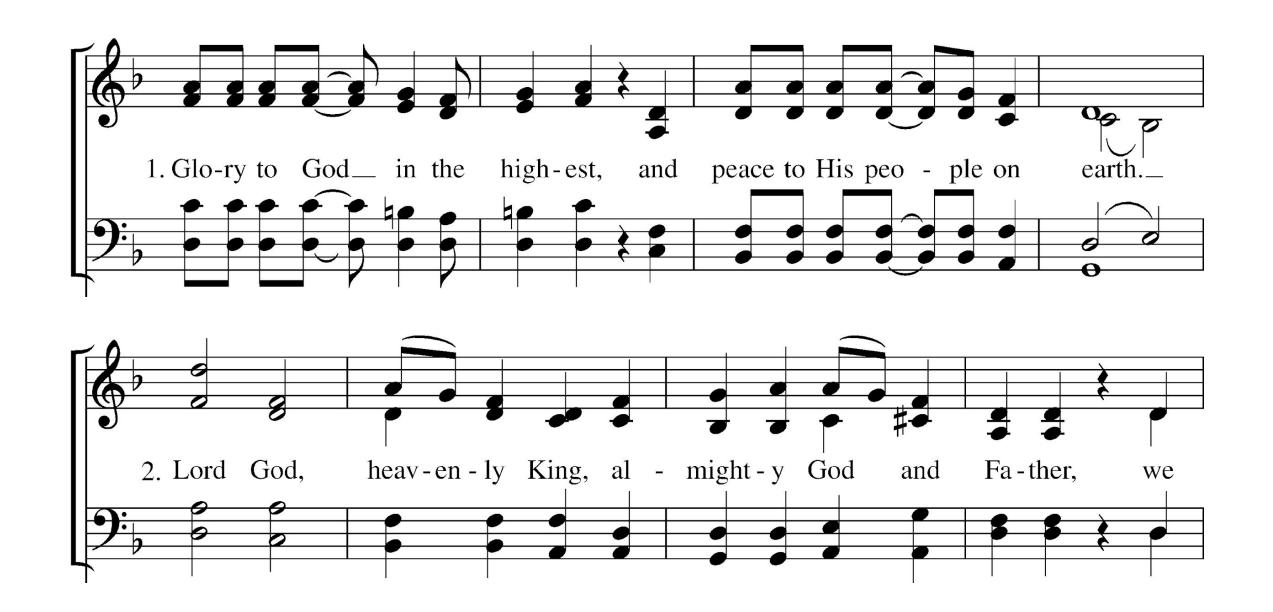
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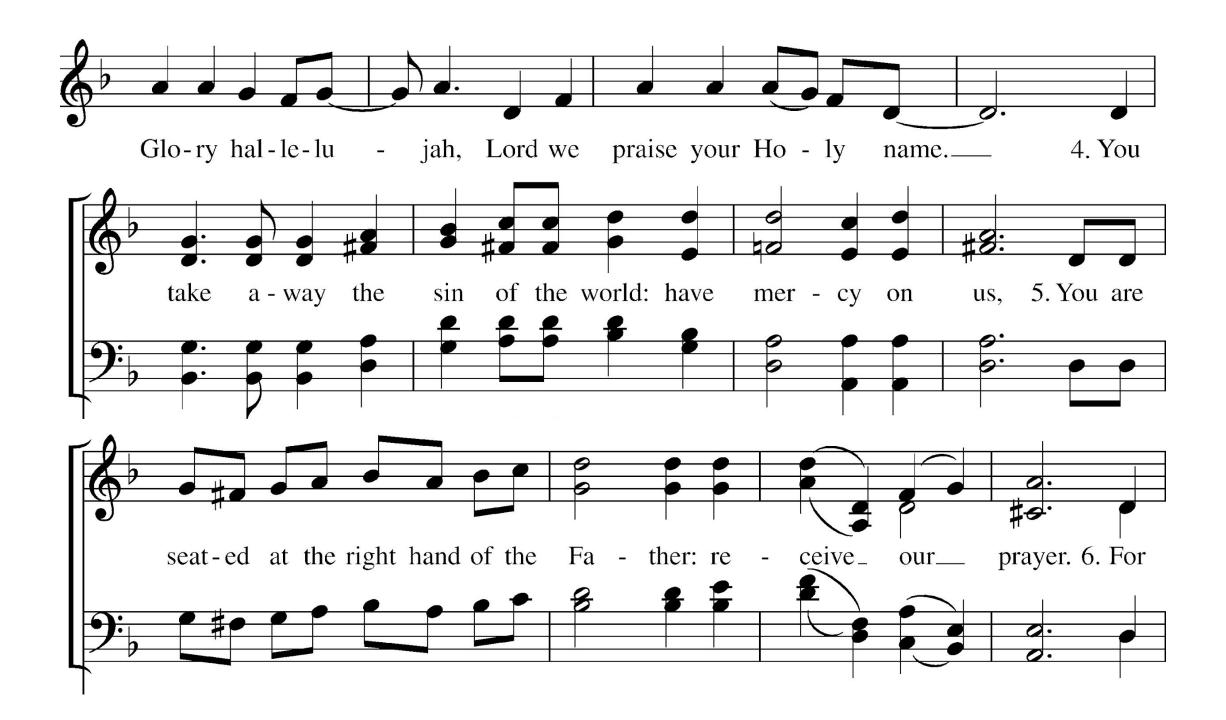




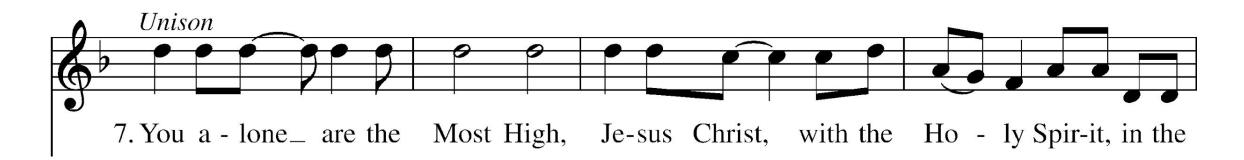


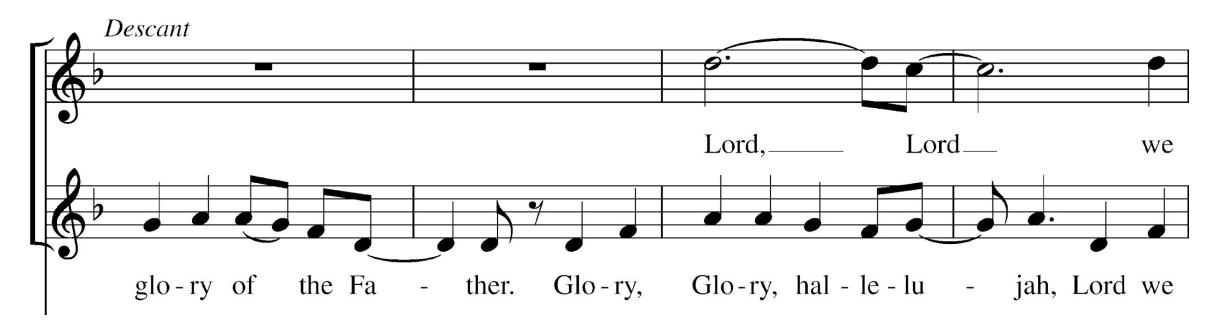
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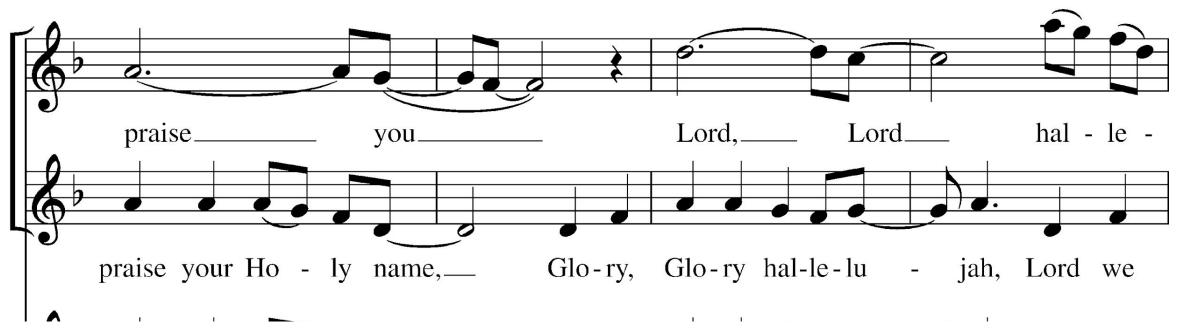


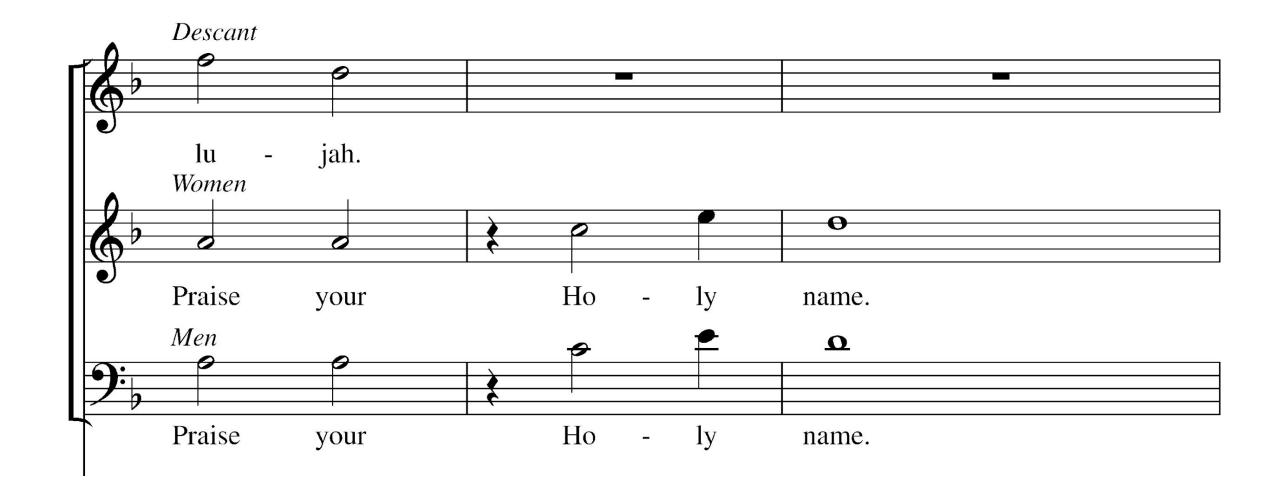


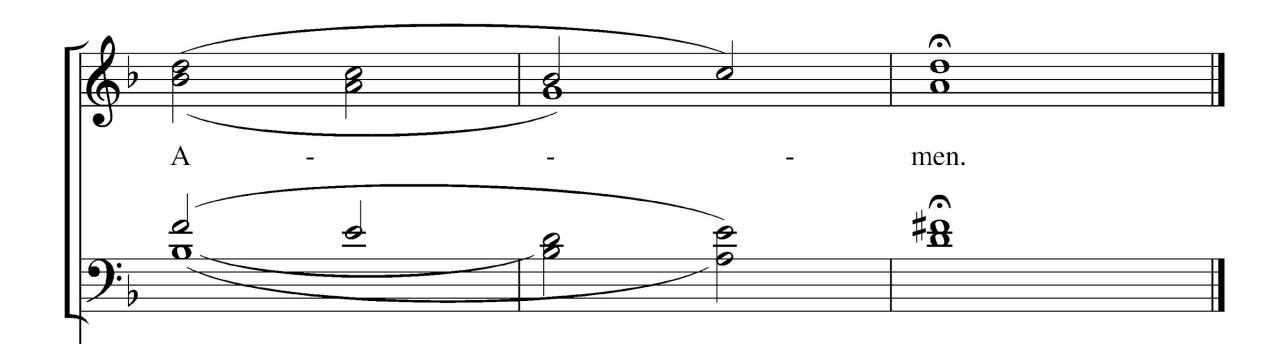












THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12

Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

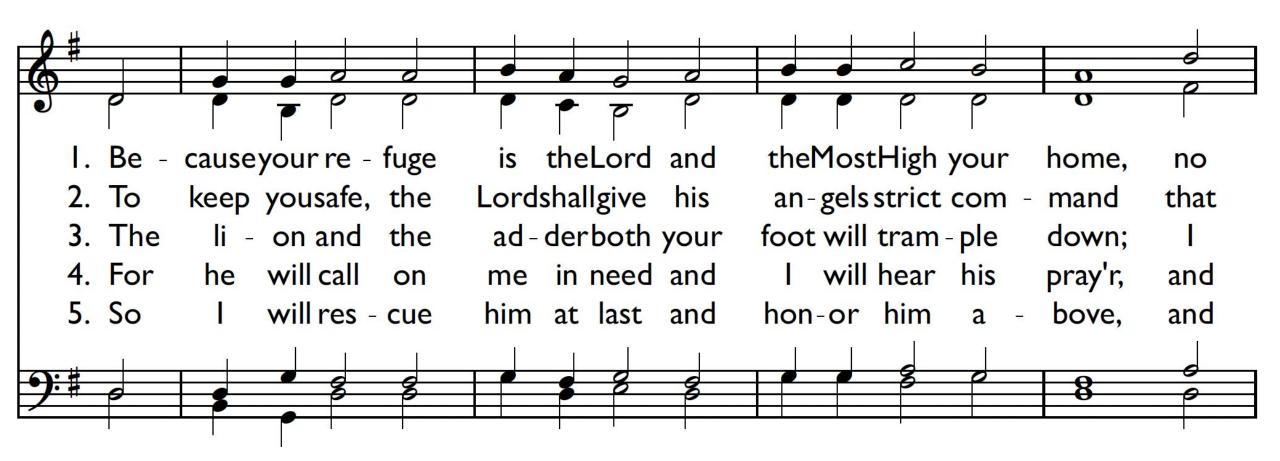
And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

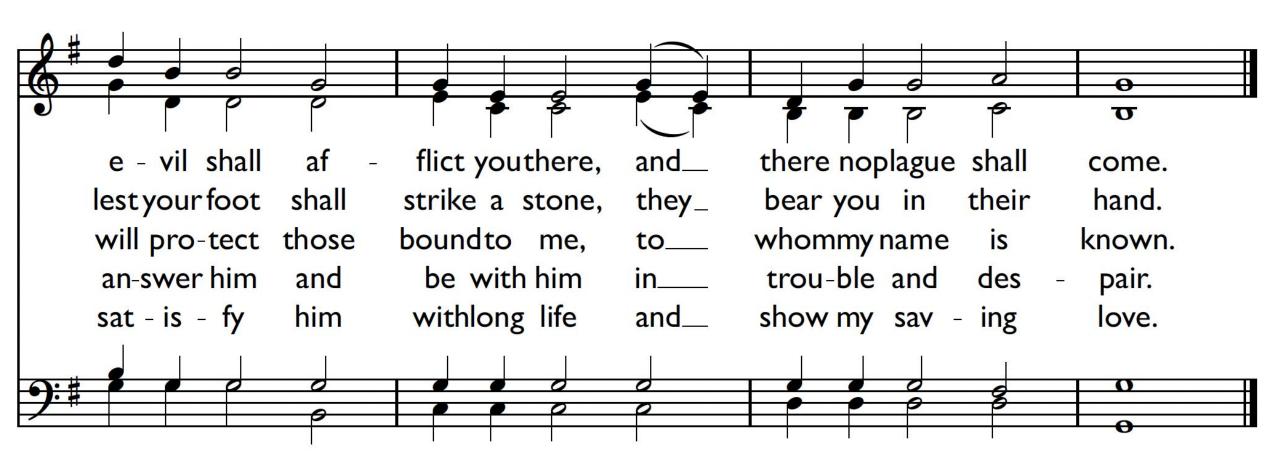
And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord;

and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

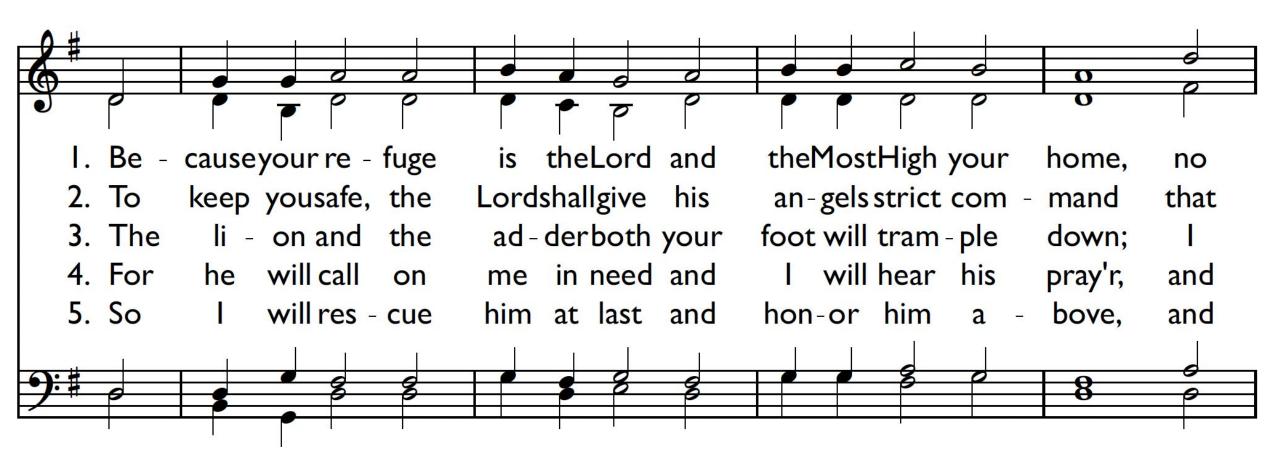
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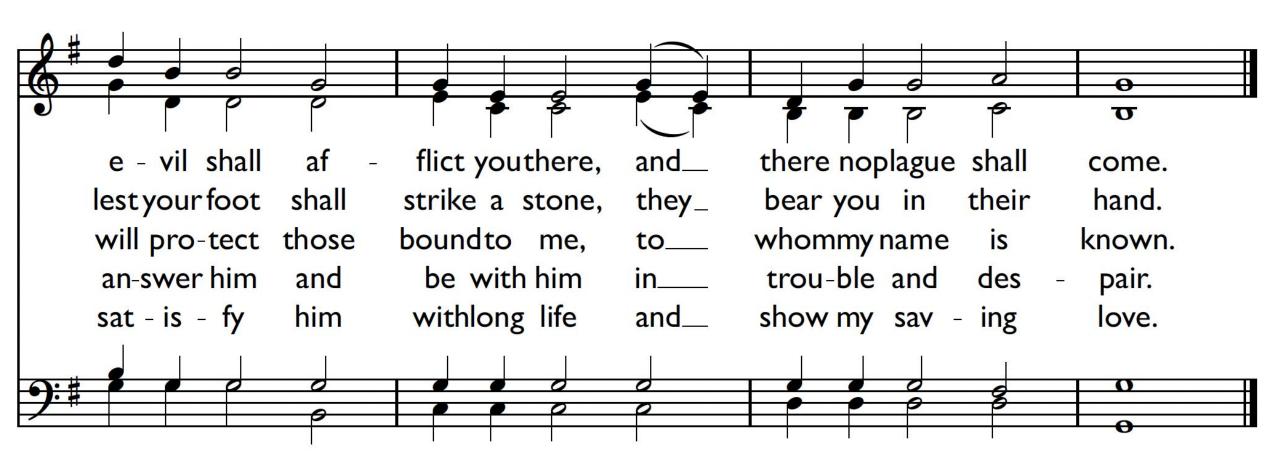
Psalm 91:9-16



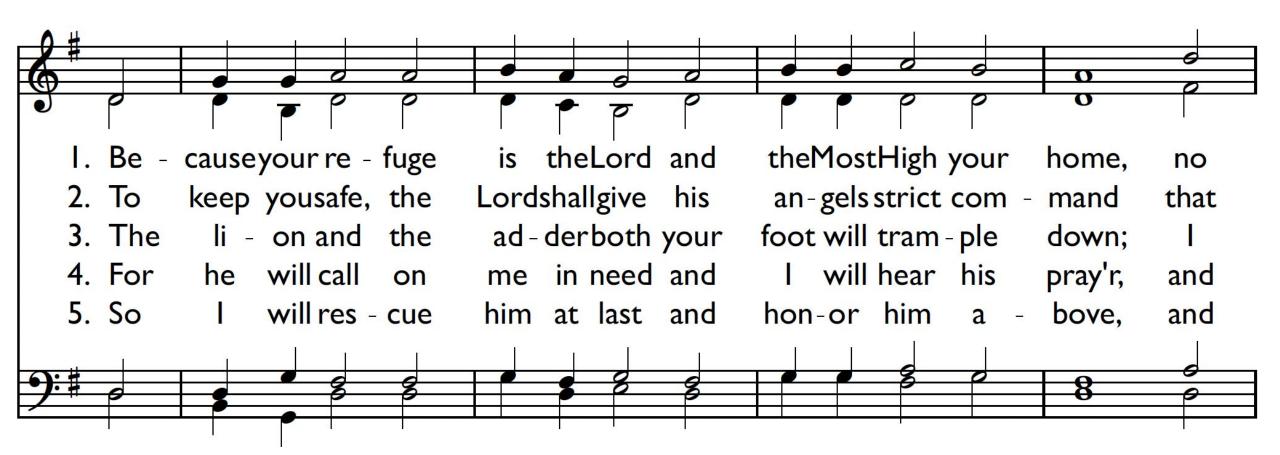


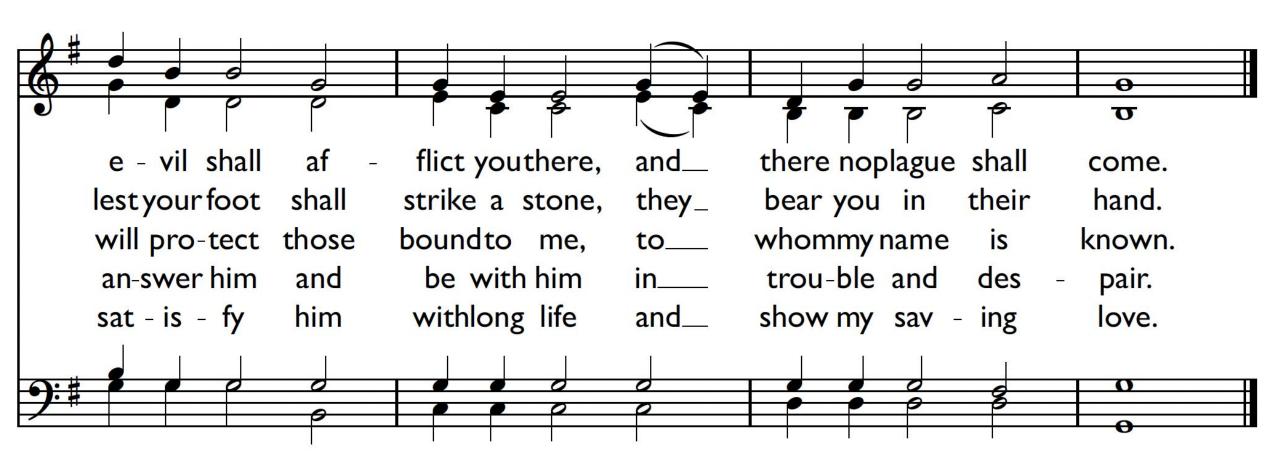
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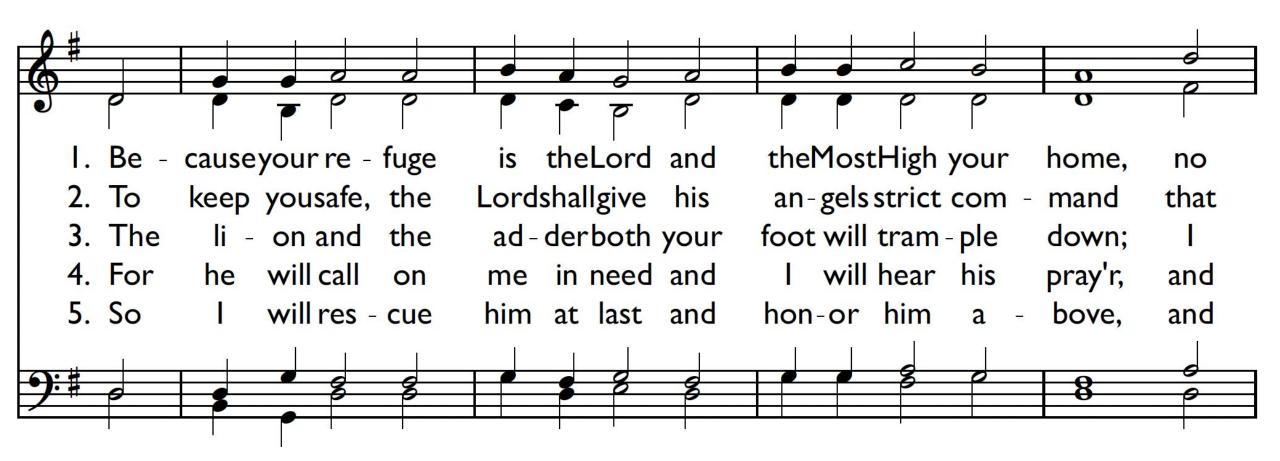


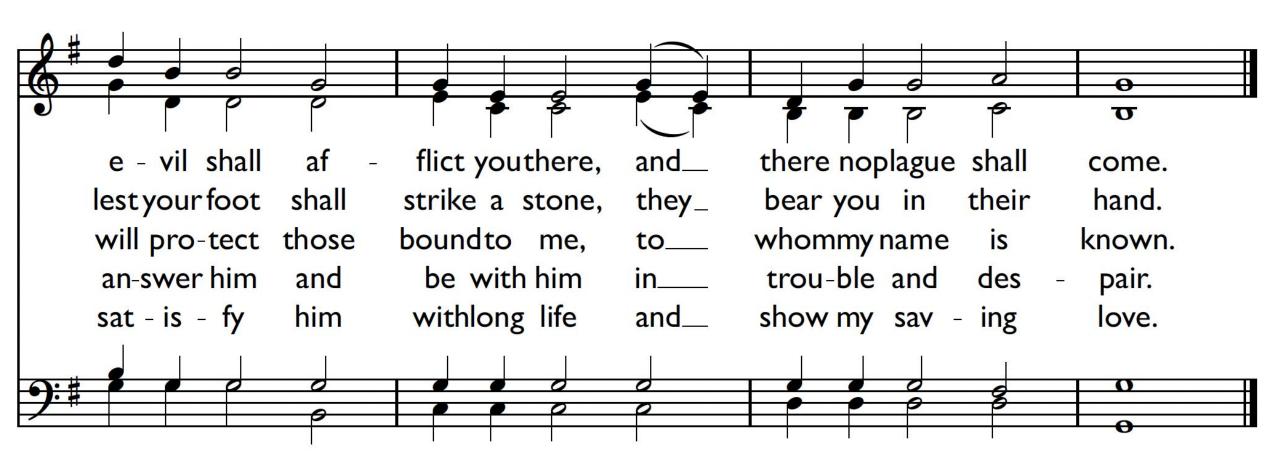
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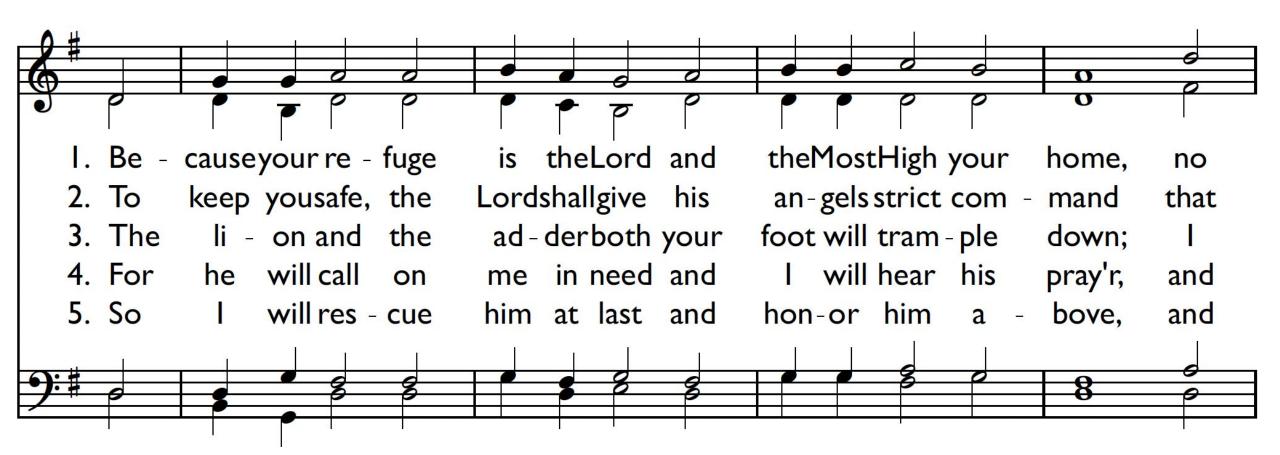


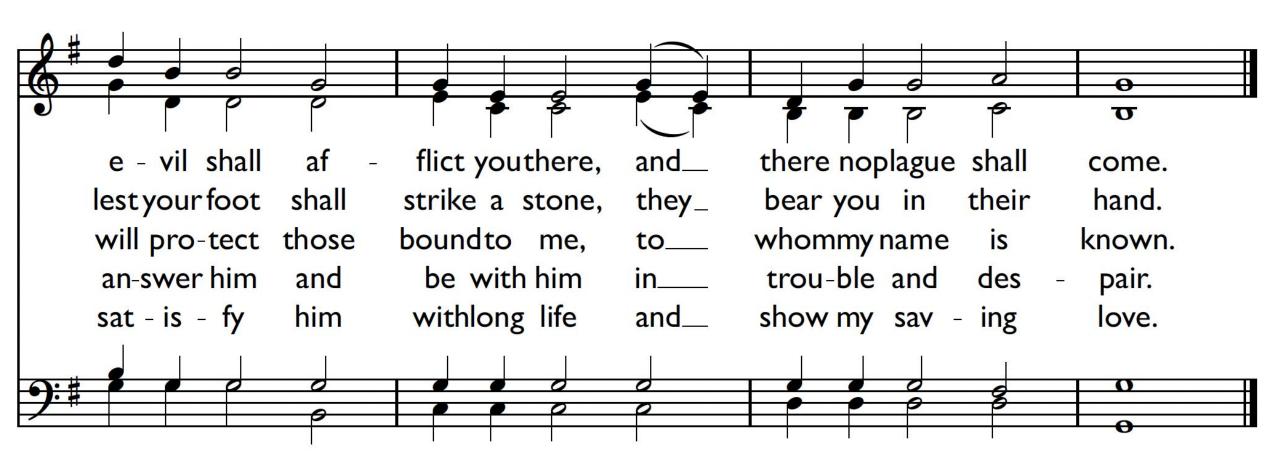
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VERSE FIVE





SECOND READING

II Corinthians 8:1-9

A reading from Paul's second letter to Corinthians.

Now we want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been given to the churches of Macedonia; for in a great trial of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

For, according to their means, as I can testify, and even beyond their ability, voluntarily, with much exhortation begging us earnestly for the grace of participation in this ministry to the saints. And not simply as we expected; rather they gave themselves first to the Savior, and, to us by the will of God. Thus we exhorted Titus that just as he had begun, so he should also complete this work of grace among you all.

So then, as in everything you excel—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in zeal, and in love, ours for you—yours for us—so we want you to excel also in this act of grace.

Not as a command do I say this rather against the zeal of others am I proving the genuineness of your love.

For you know the grace of our Redeemer Jesus the Messiah, that for you all he became poor though he was rich, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

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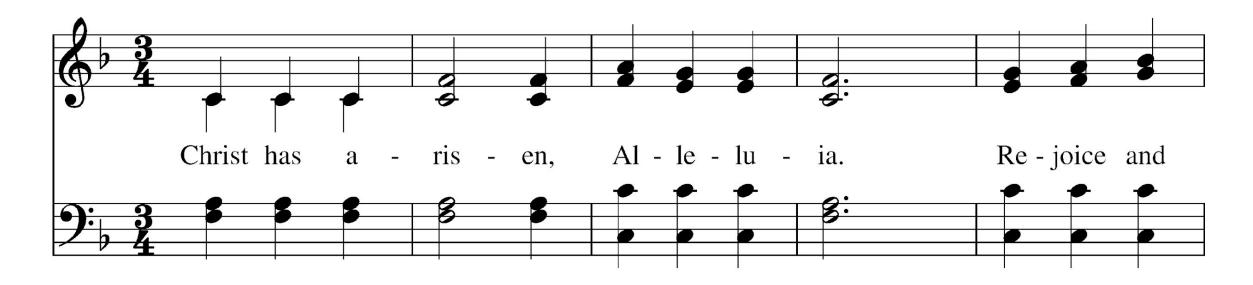
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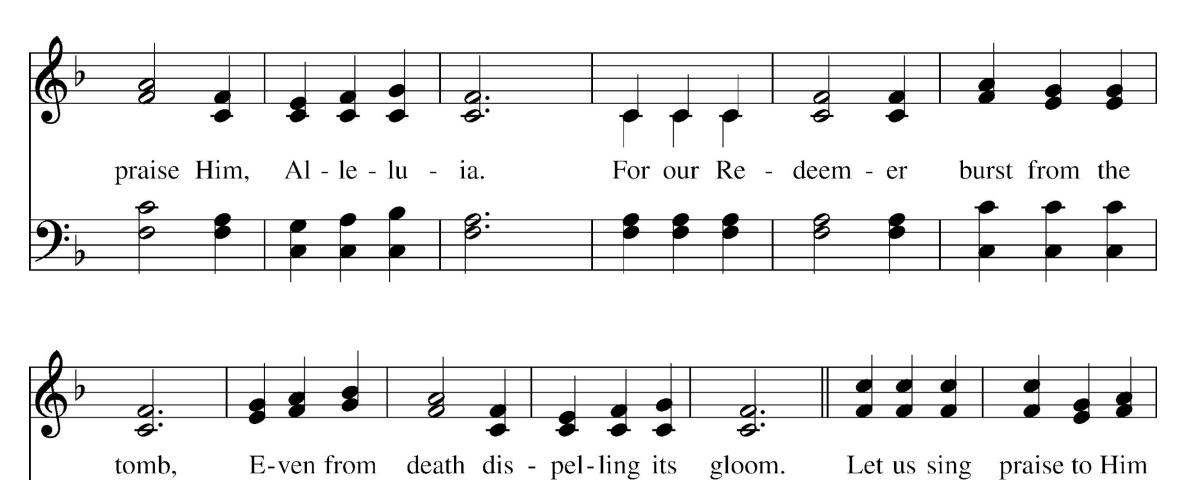
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or spirit for the acclamation and Gospel reading

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #41

Christ has arisen, Alleluia







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THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. †

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

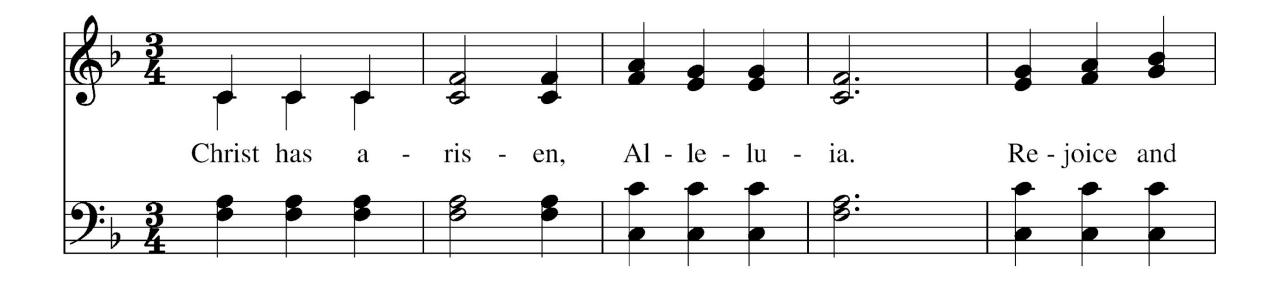
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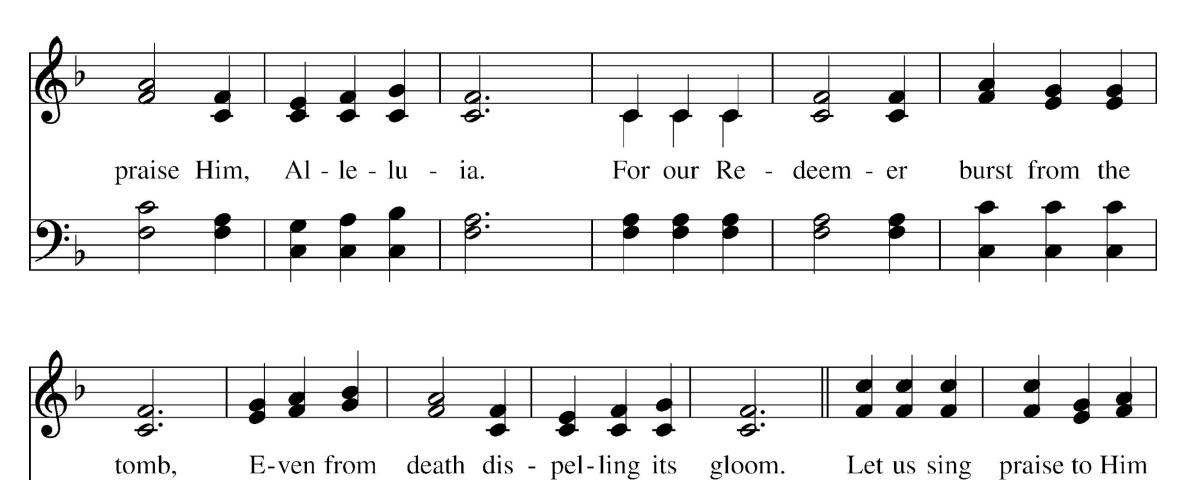
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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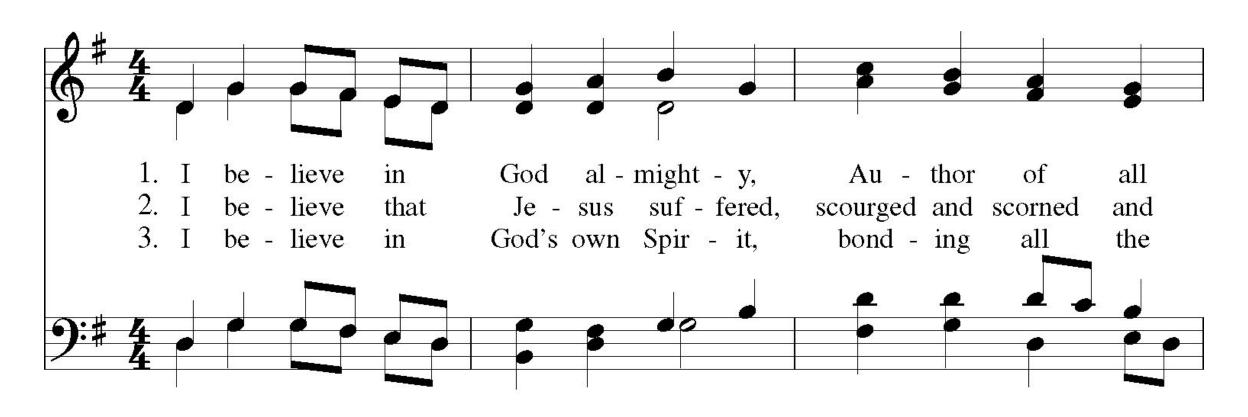
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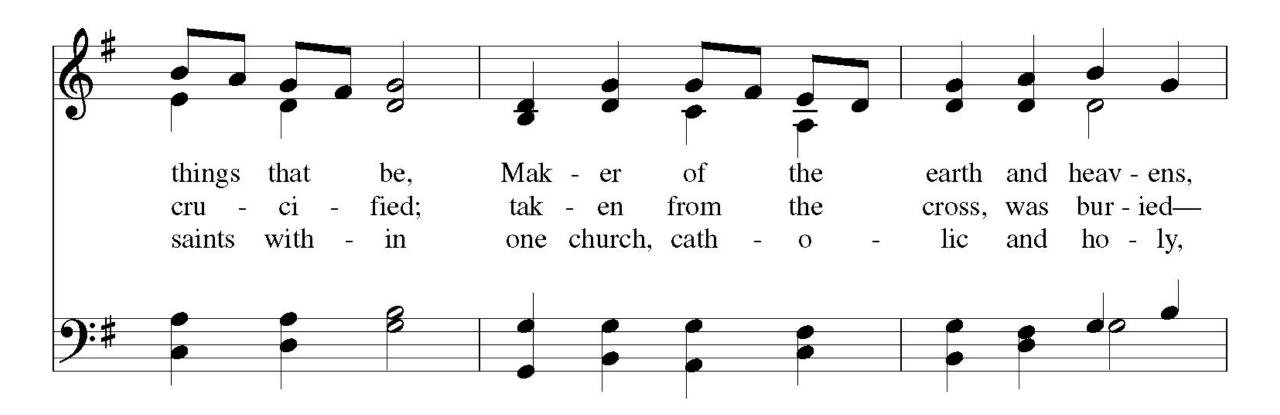
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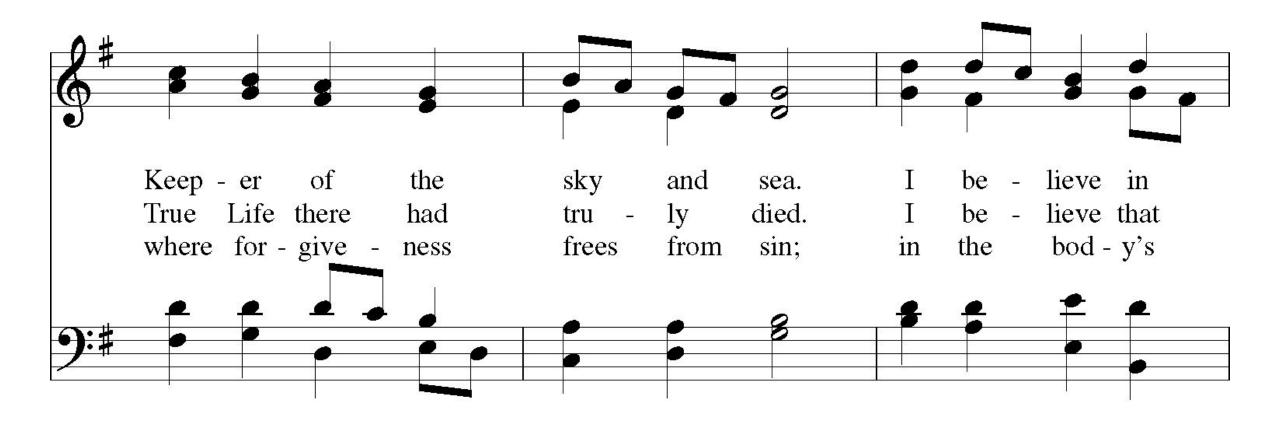
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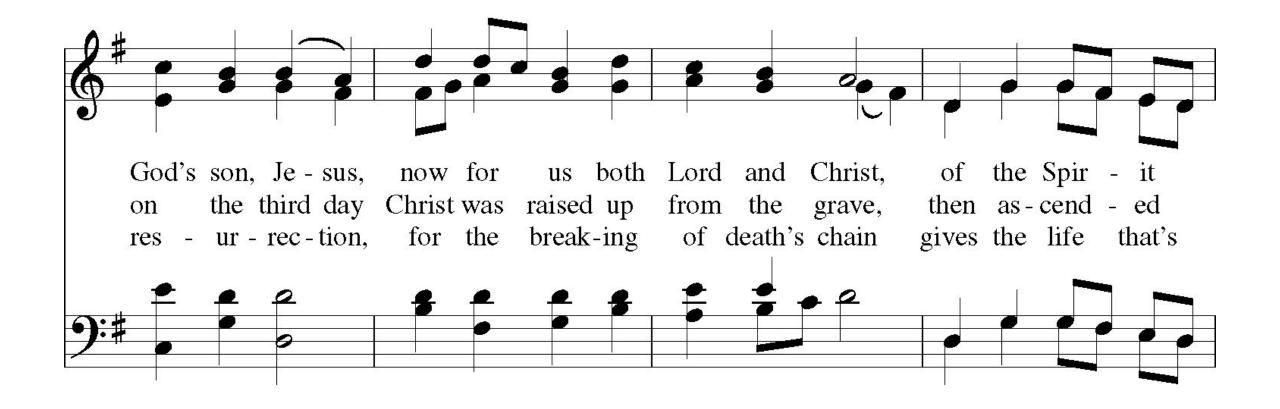
SERMON HYMN

Wonder, Love, and Praise #769 I believe in God Almighty











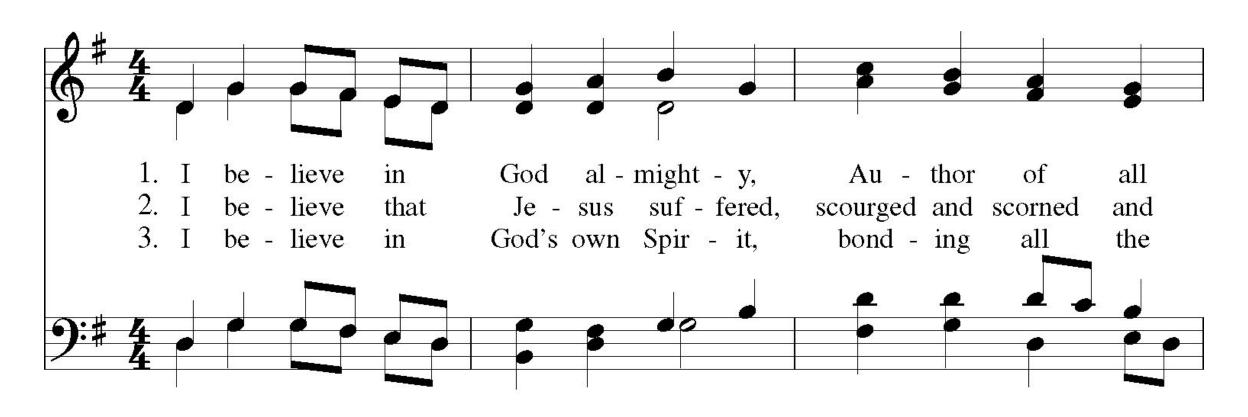
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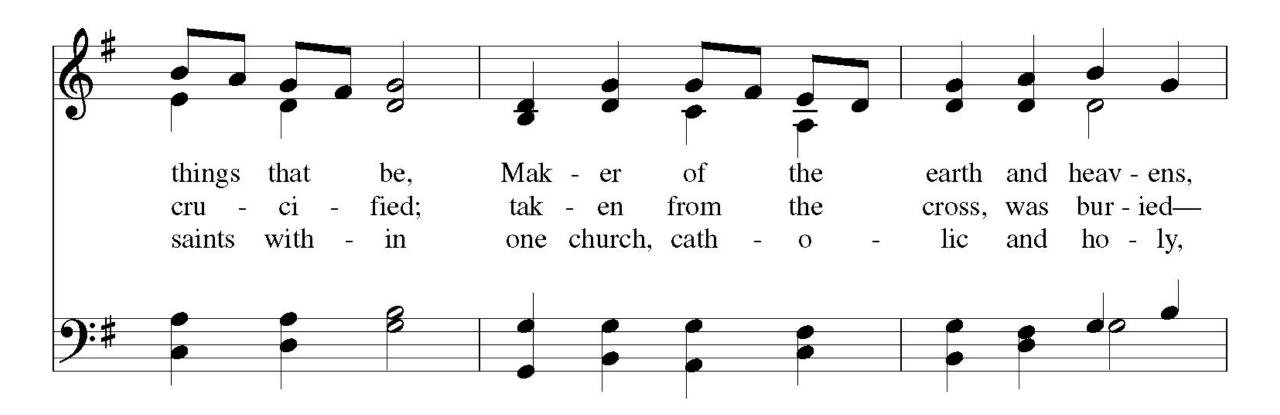
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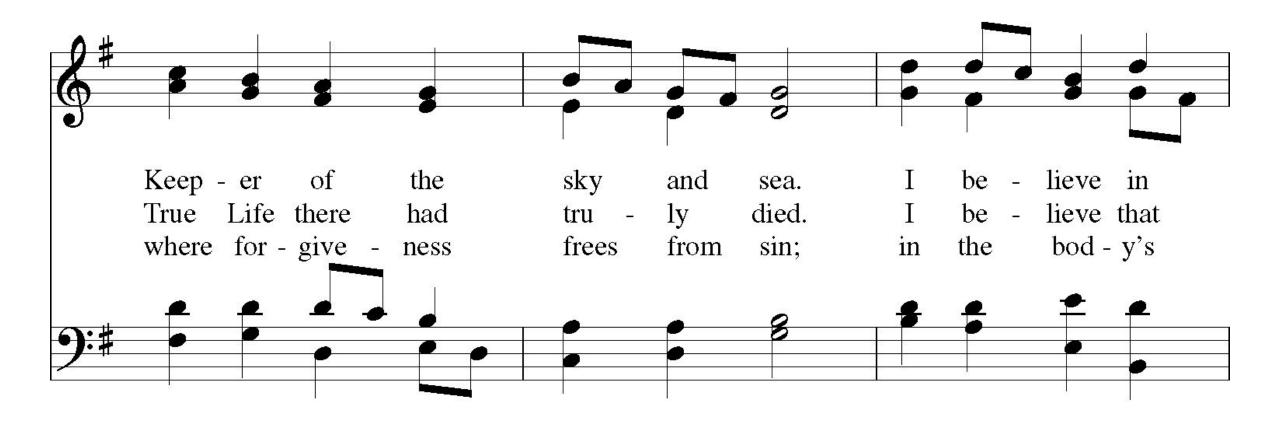
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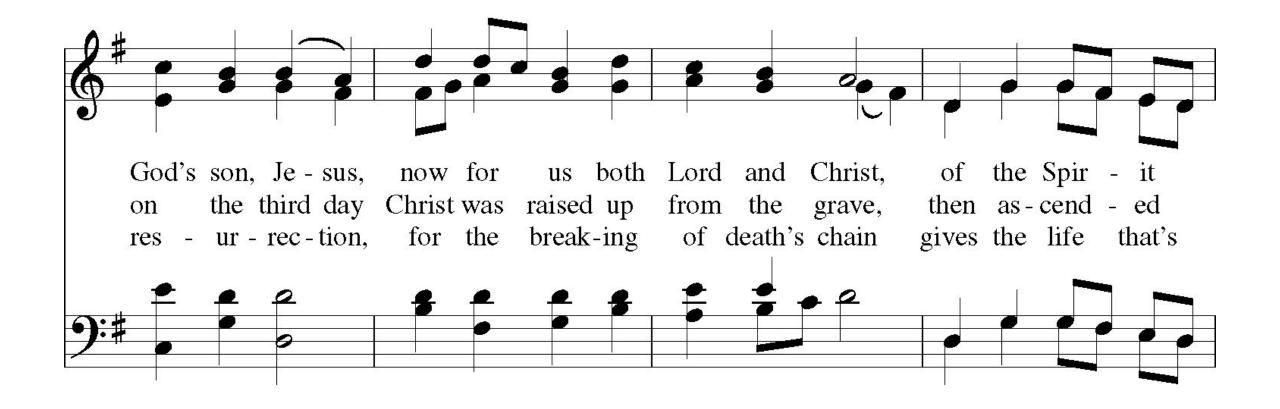
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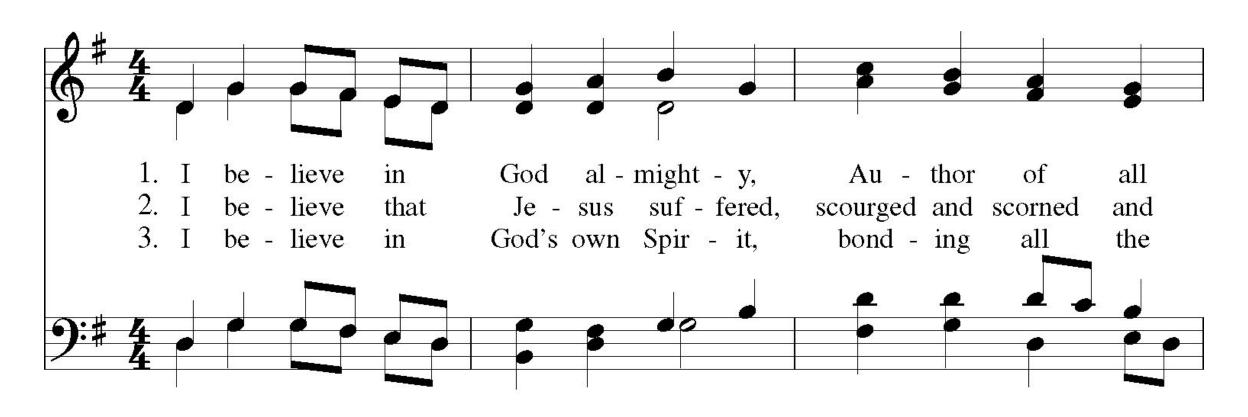
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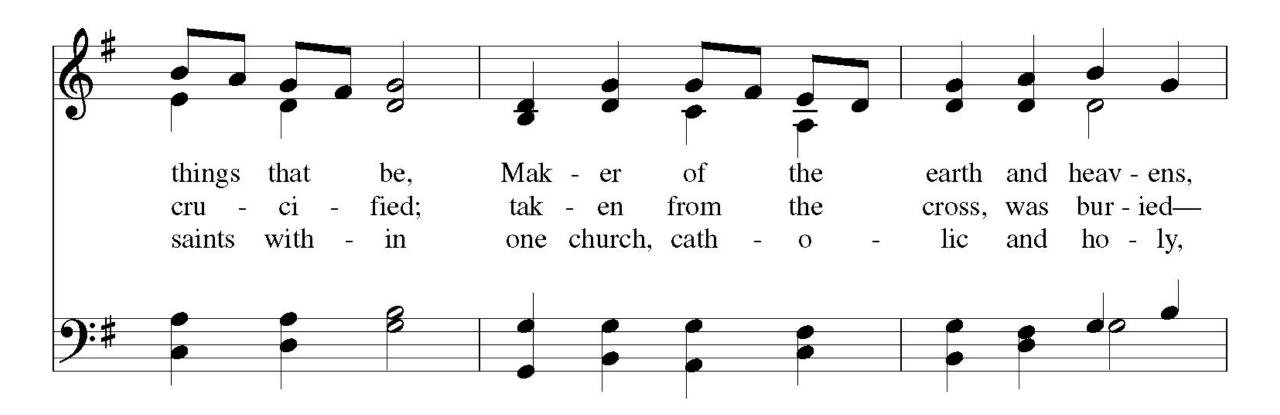
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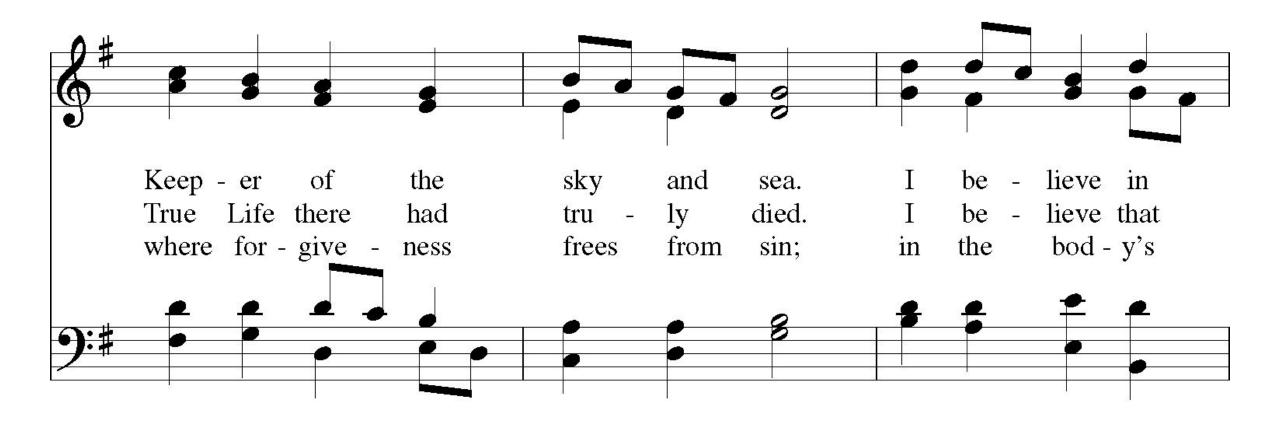
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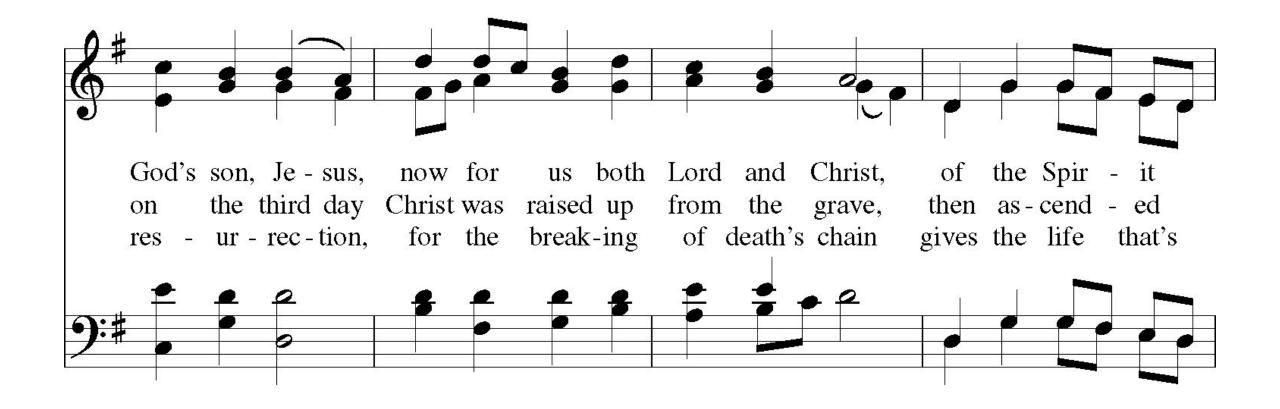
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Written and led by the deacons of the Diocese

In the silences following each petition, all are invited to offer prayer silently or aloud.

The Rev. Tom Williams

For the Universal Church, its members, and its mission:

Father, we ask that we may all be one. We pray for the Anglican Communion—heal our divisions and strengthen Archbishop Justin Welby. We pray for Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe as he takes the leadership of The Episcopal Church.

We pray for our bishop, Kara, as she assumes the leadership of our diocese, and we pray that we may be partners with her in the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.

We pray for clergy and laity in this diocese in fulfilling.

We pray for clergy and laity in this diocese in fulfilling our call to seek and serve Christ.

I invite your prayers for the Church.

The Rev. Roch Whitman

For the nation and all in authority: For all in authority in this country and throughout the world; Grant them discernment in their decisions, compassion in their actions, and a commitment to justice. May they lead with integrity and serve the common good, fostering peace and unity in and between all nations. We pray for our nation, for a safe and peaceful presidential election.

Written by the Rev. Patti Blaine

For the welfare of the world:

We pray for this earth, and all of your creation, that it may inspire us to awe and wonder rather than measure of its commercial value, and that we may never forget the intrinsic value, dignity, and worth of all persons.

For the concerns of the local community:

We pray for each of our local communities and the unique concerns each carries; we pray especially for the hungry and impoverished who are our neighbors throughout this diocese, that we may be ever mindful of them, and that they may not lose hope.

Written by the Rev. Sue Ouellette, read by the Rev. Patti Blaine

For those who suffer and those in any trouble: Comfort and uphold all those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, that they might rest in your healing love.

Bless the poor, the prisoners, orphans, and the forgotten. Protect and guide those who are ill and those who grieve, that they might feel your hand in theirs and know that your love surrounds them.

By the Rev. Suzanne Johnston

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in live: Give to your whole church in paradise and on earth your light and peace; and grand that we, following the good example of those who have served you here and are now at rest may, at the last, enter with them into your unending joy.

By the Rev. Georgia Carney

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, for the harvest season, for family and friends, for caregivers and all those who work for justice and peace. We are especially thankful for all who have gathered today for this 93rd Diocesan Convention.

Presider:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?

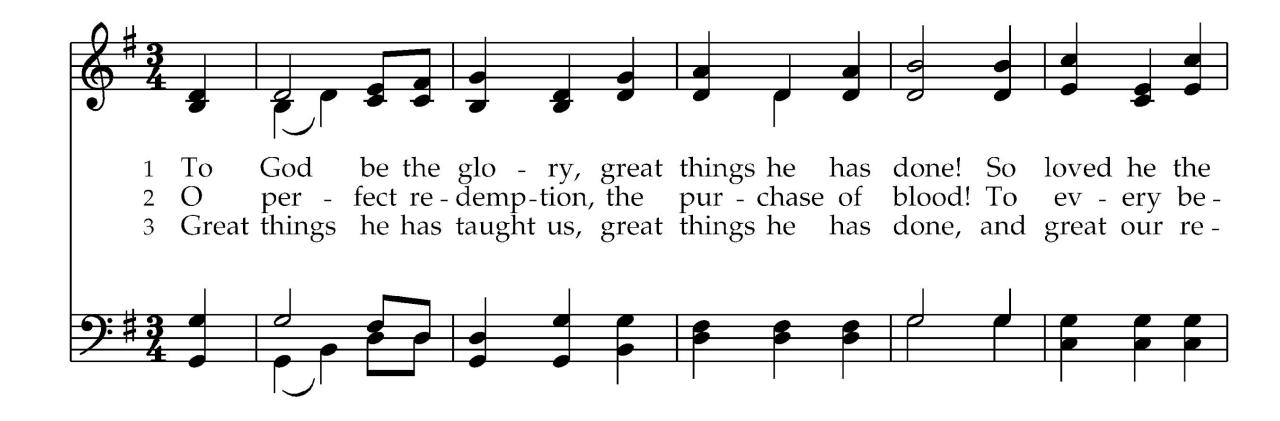
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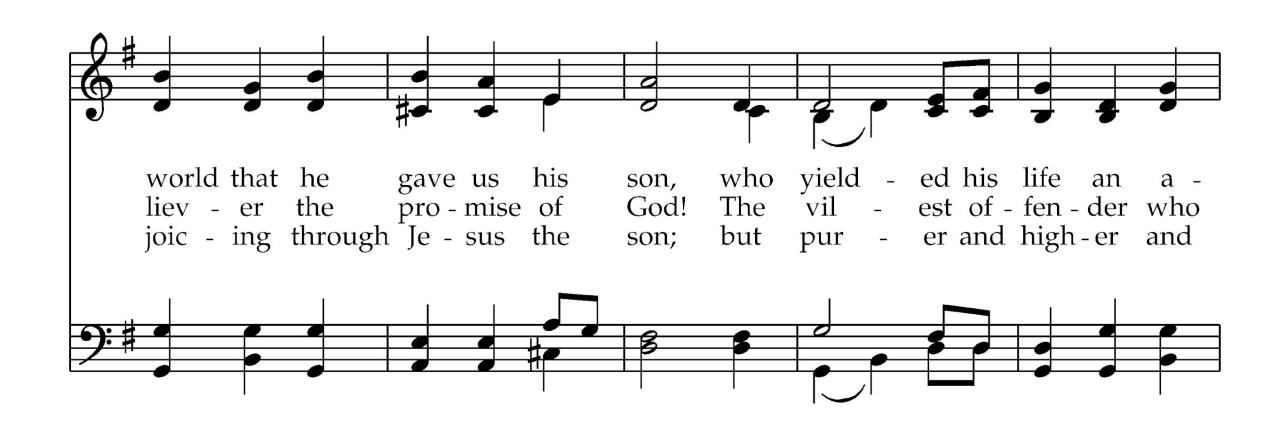
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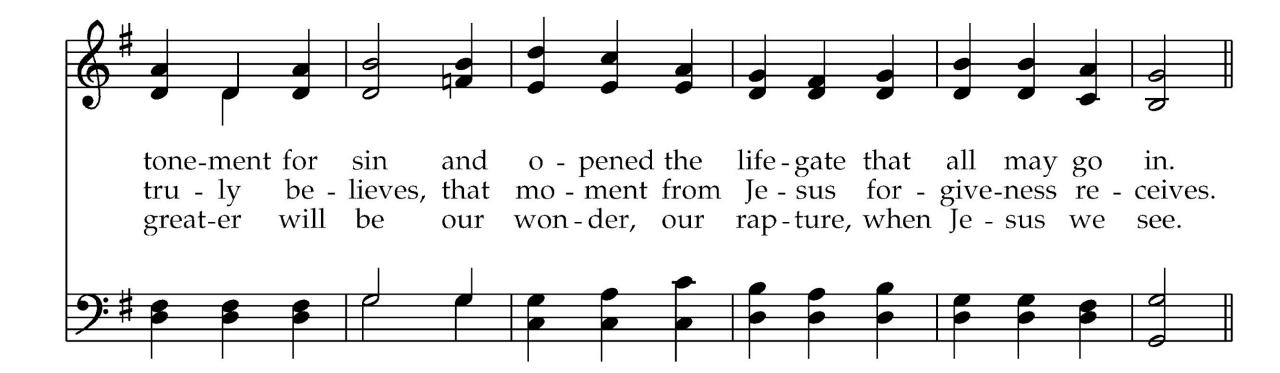


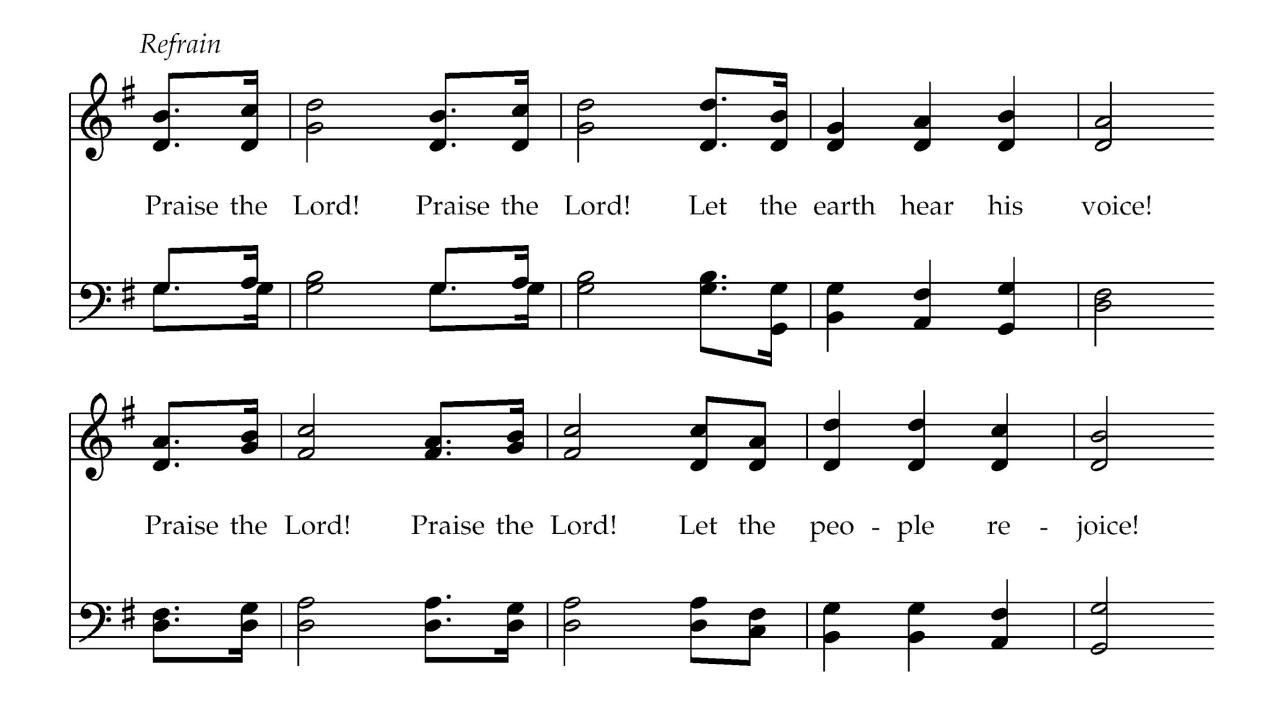
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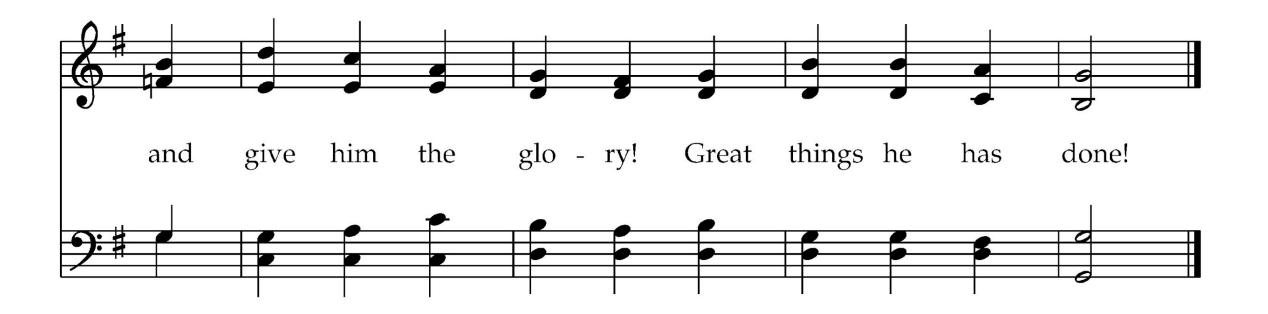








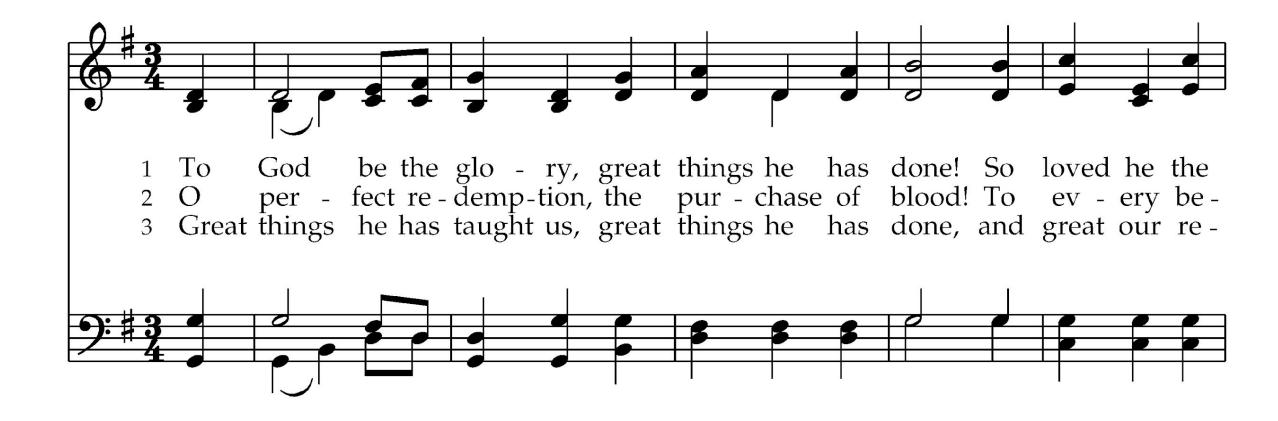


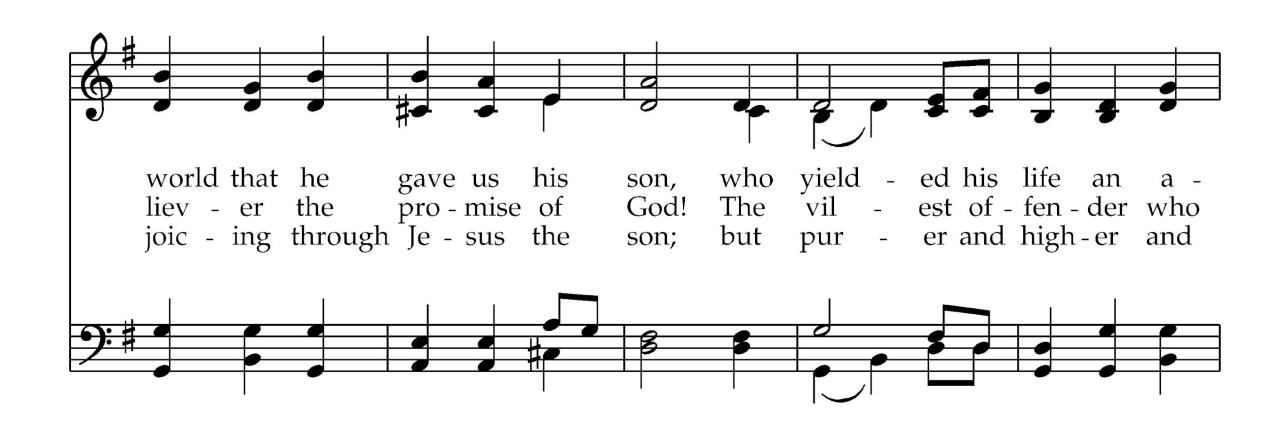


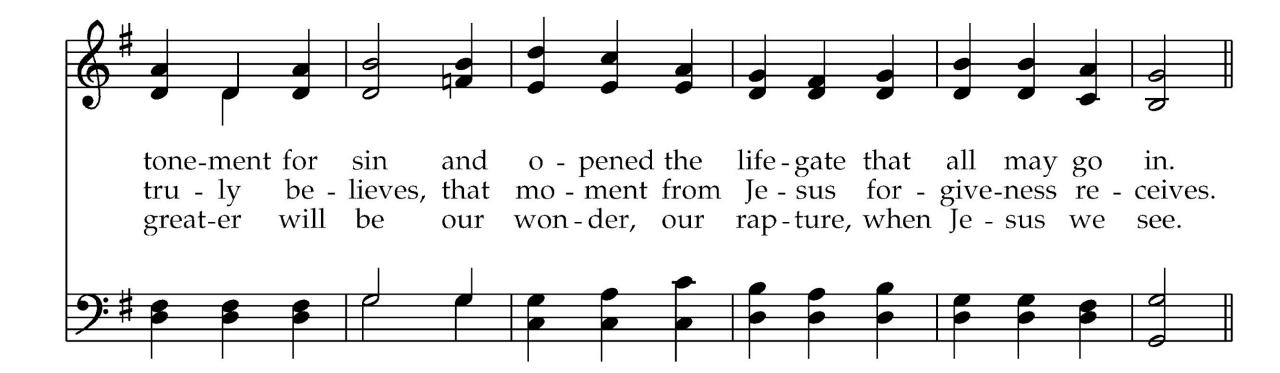
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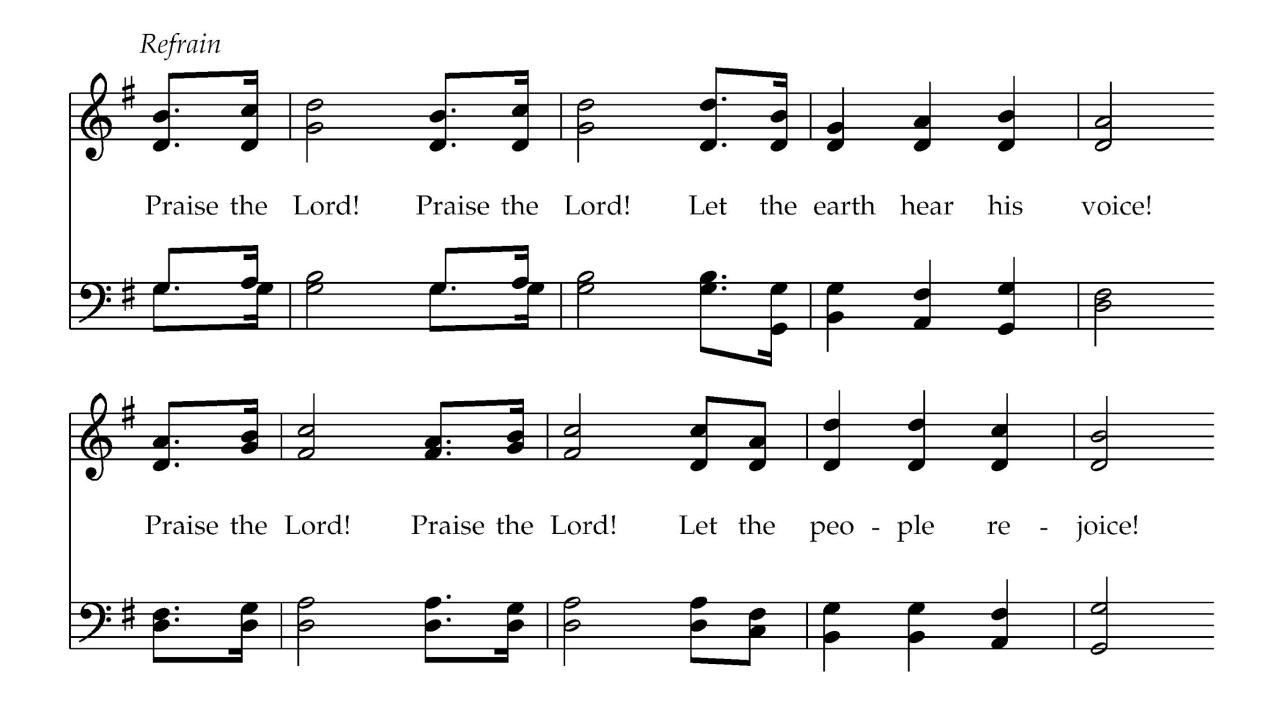
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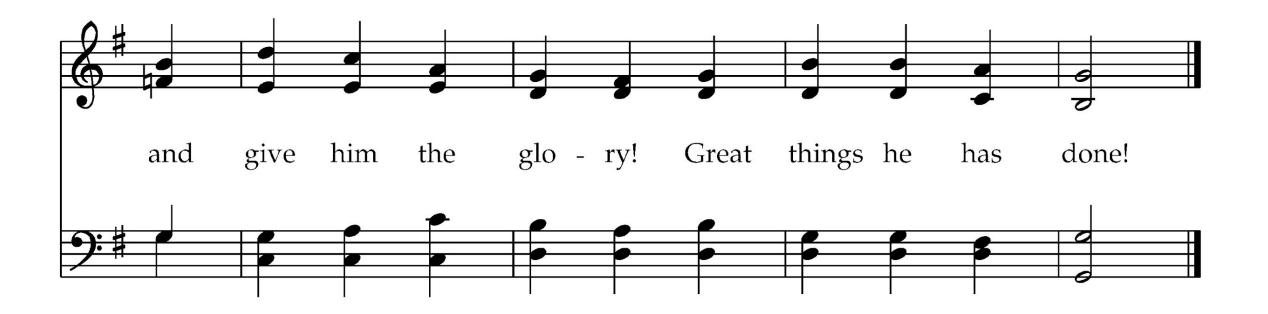








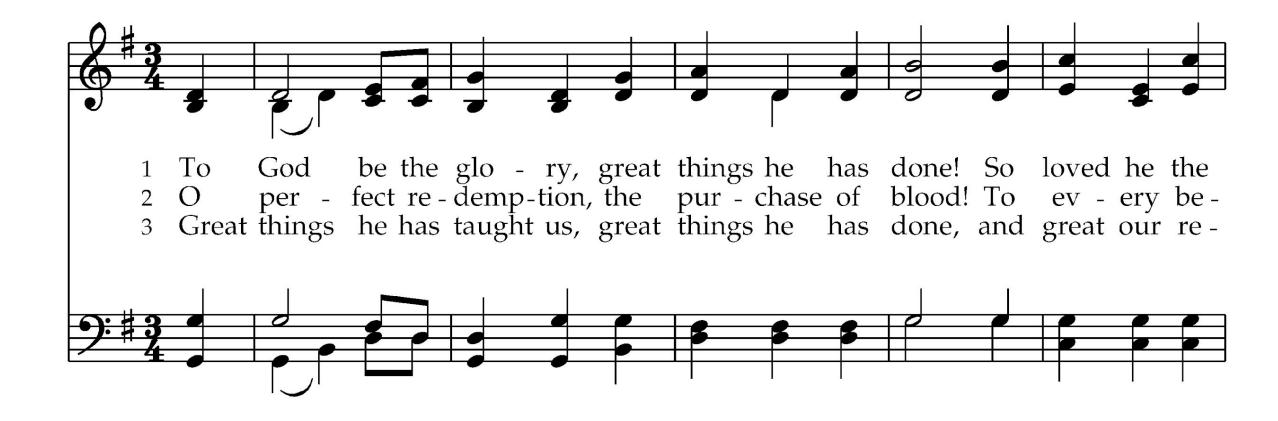


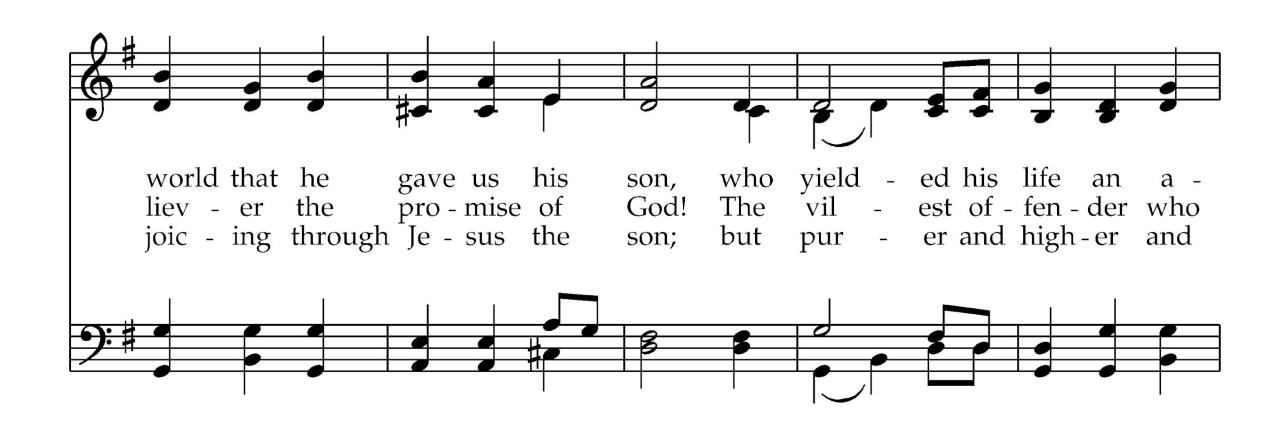


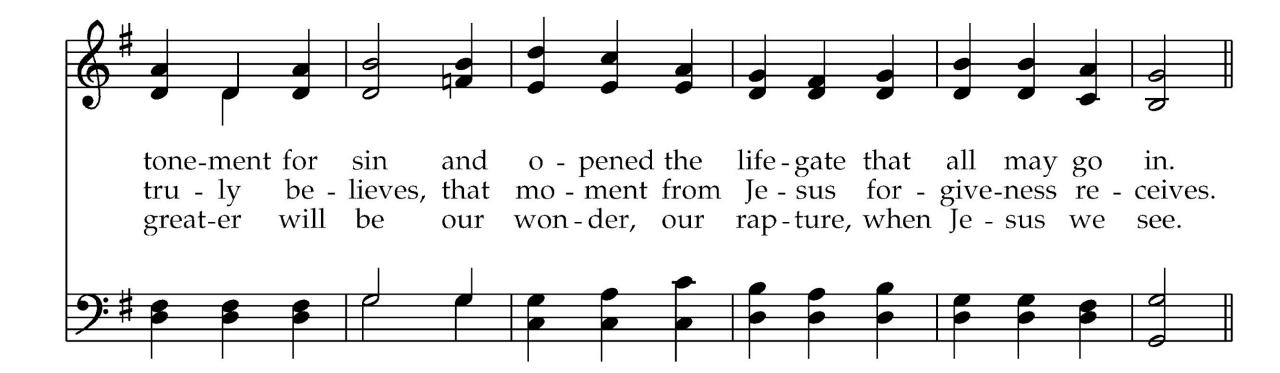
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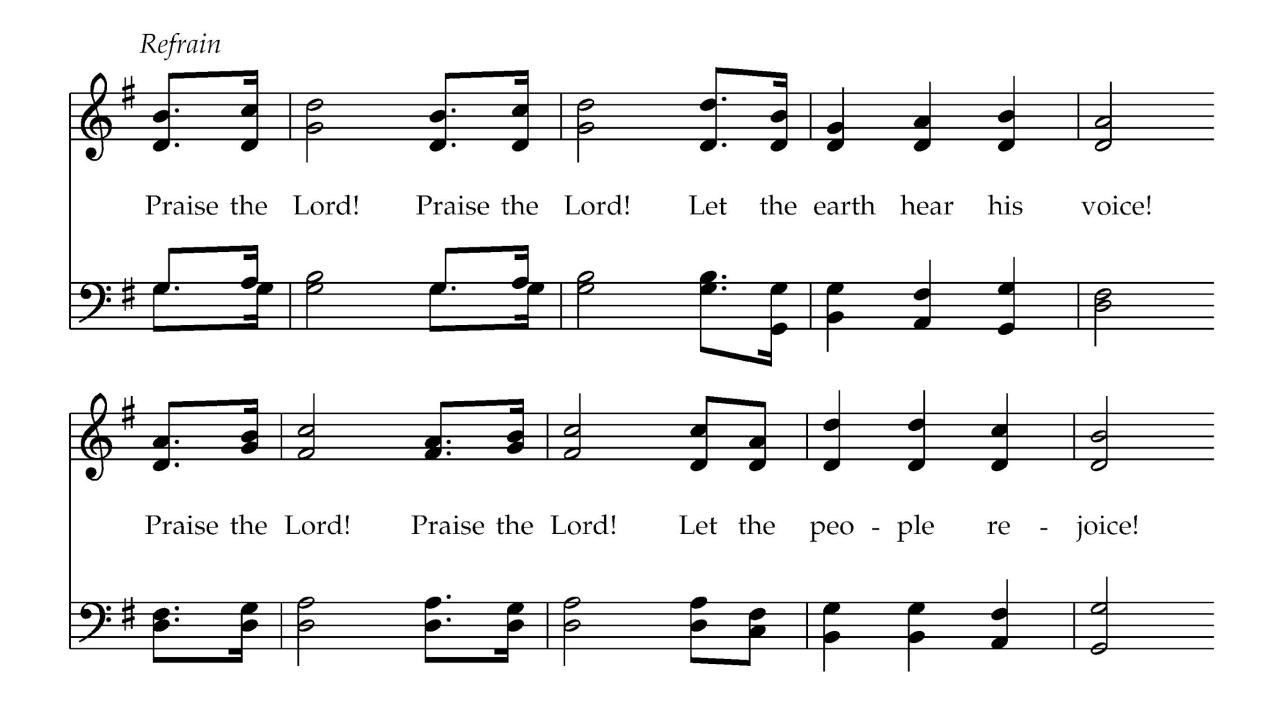
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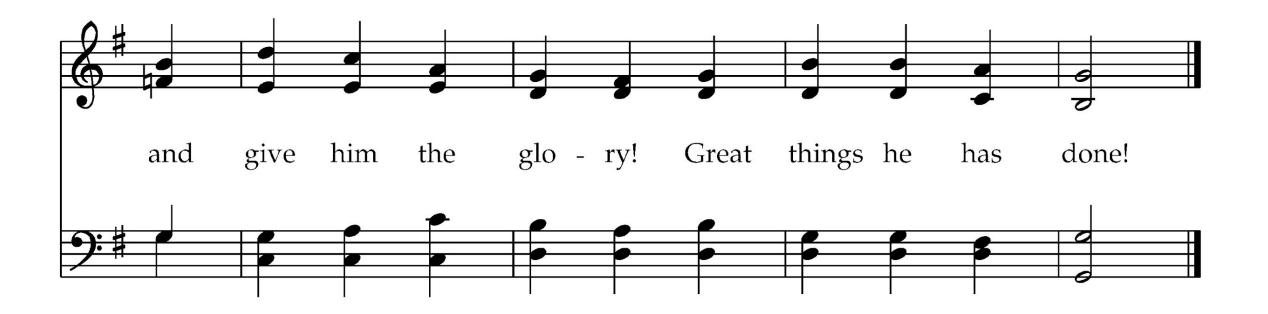












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The Great Thanksgiving

THE PRESENTATION

The offering is brought forward and the gifts are offered up. Please rise in body or spirit.

All things come of thee O Lord,

And of thing own have we given thee

And of thine own have we given thee.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

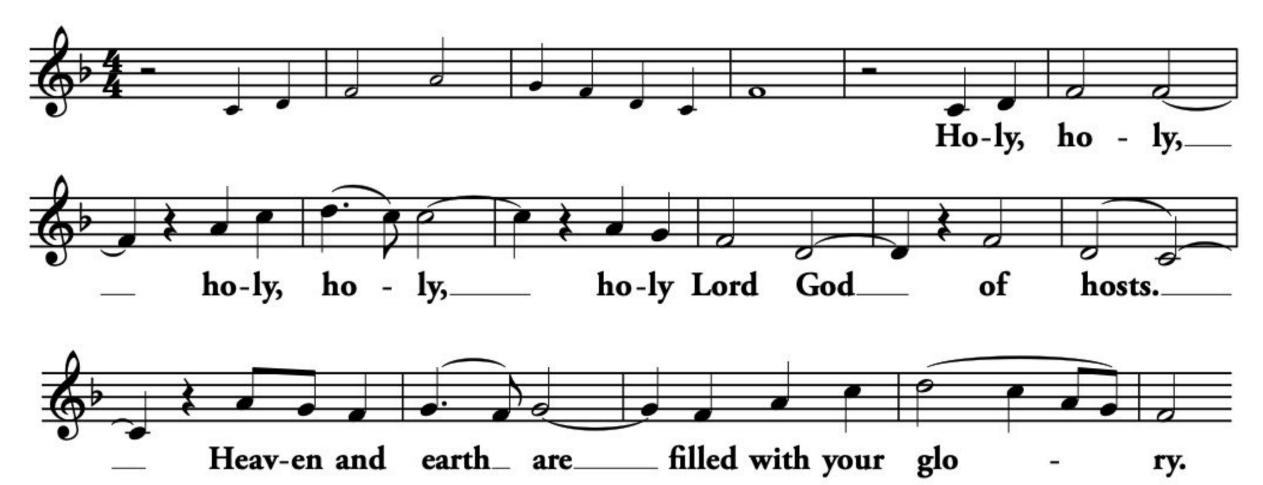
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body; through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

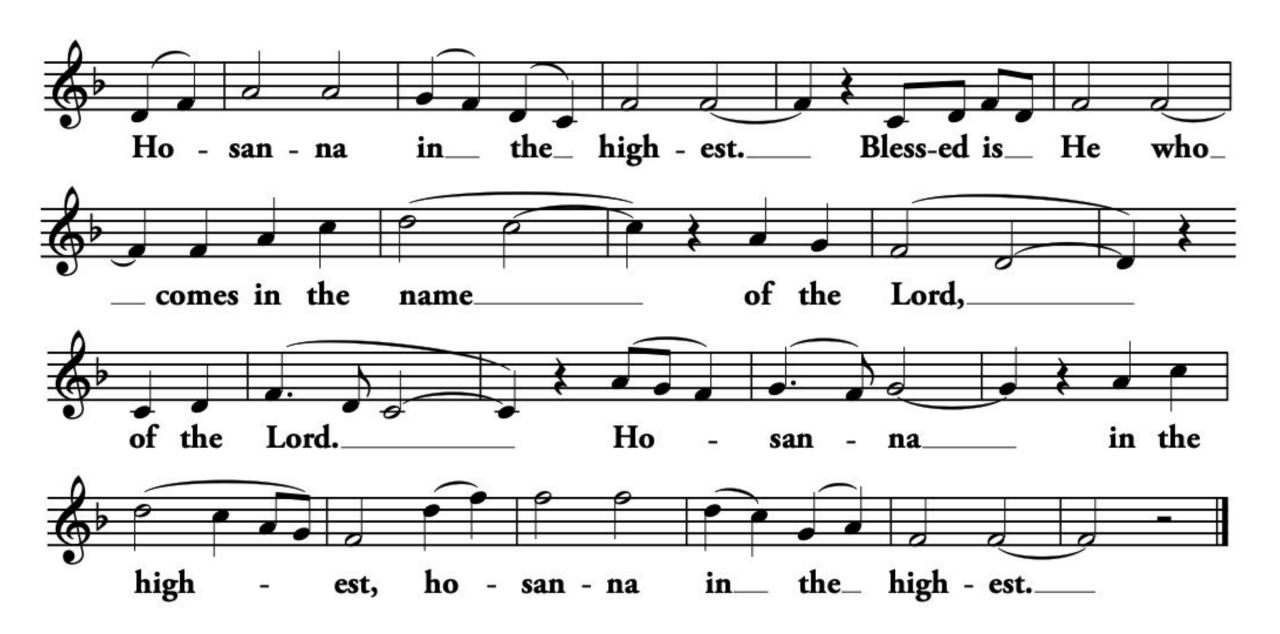
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Wonder, Love, and Praise #860 Christ has died

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

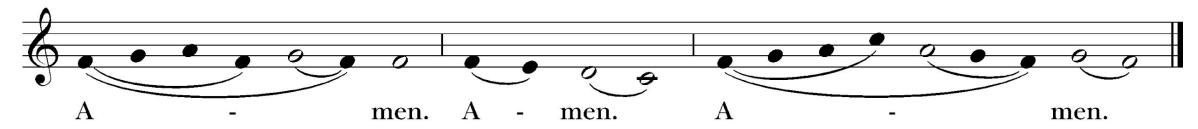
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the Godbearer and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Hymnal #S-143



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

our hearts, we pray...

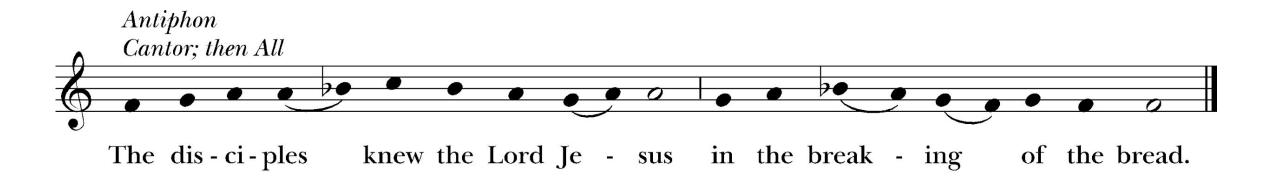
You are welcome to pray in whichever language or version you prefer. Now, as our Savior taught us and in the language of

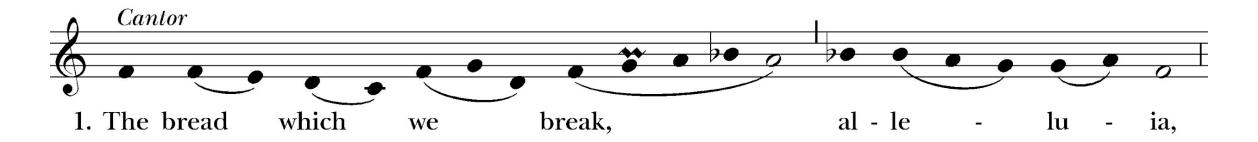
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

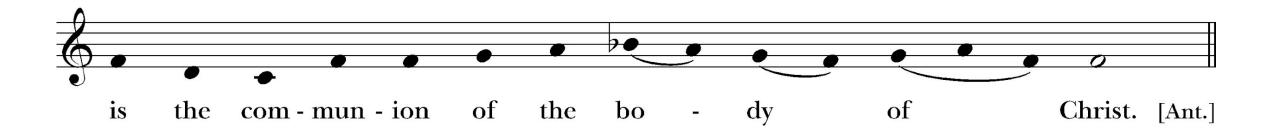
Silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal #S-167, The Disciples Knew











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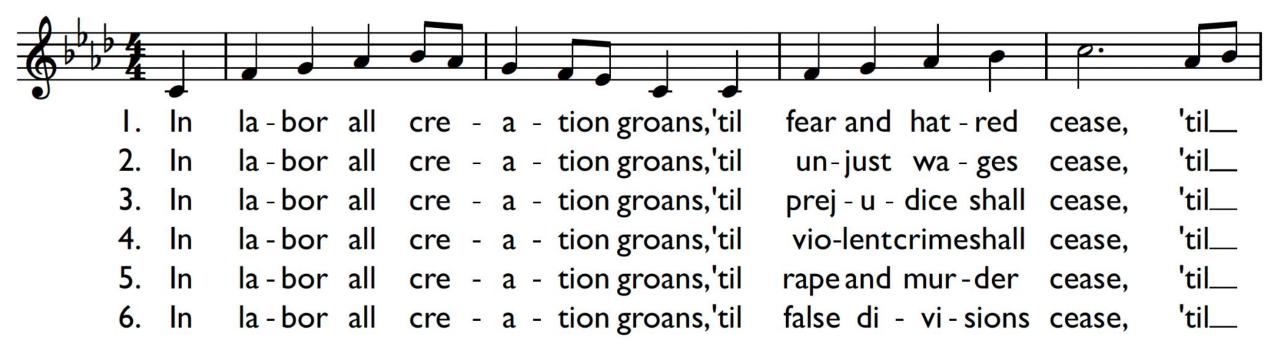
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HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Glimmer of Glory in Song #74 *In labor all creation groans*





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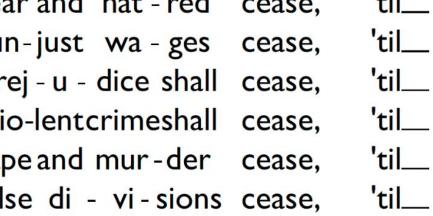
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- cre a tion groans, til In 5. la-bor all
- In la-bor all cre - a - tion groans, til 6.

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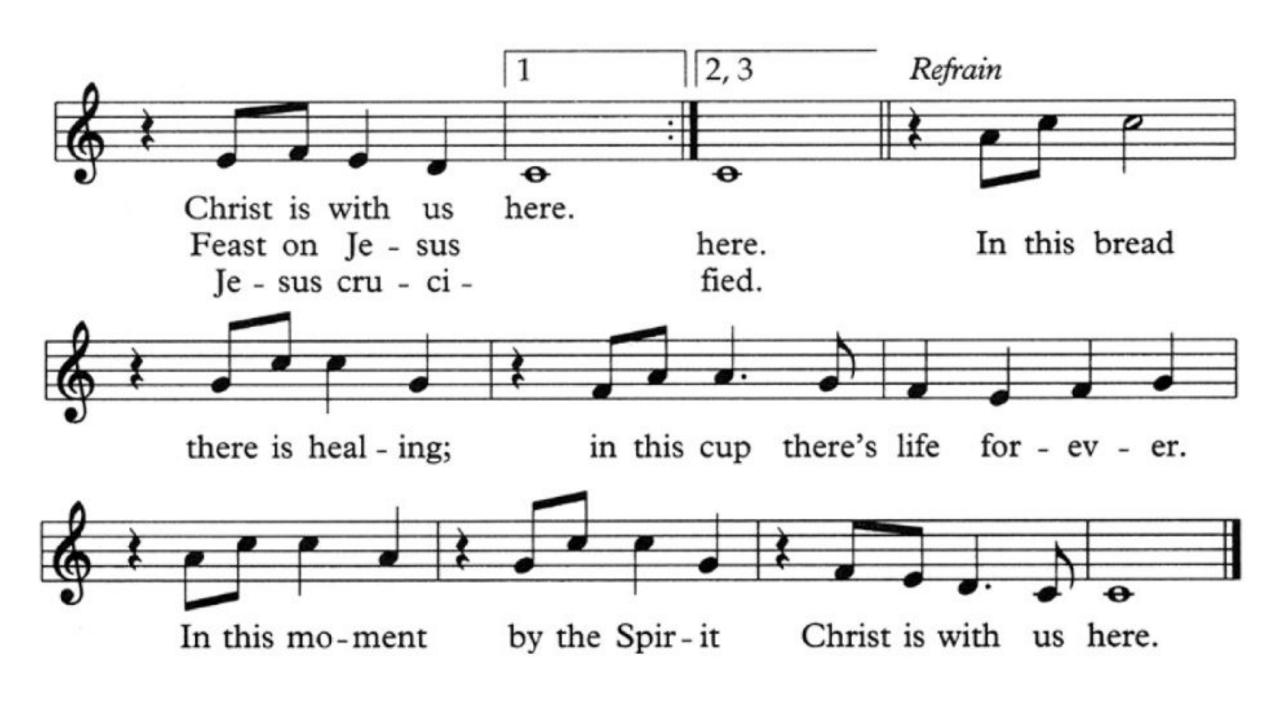
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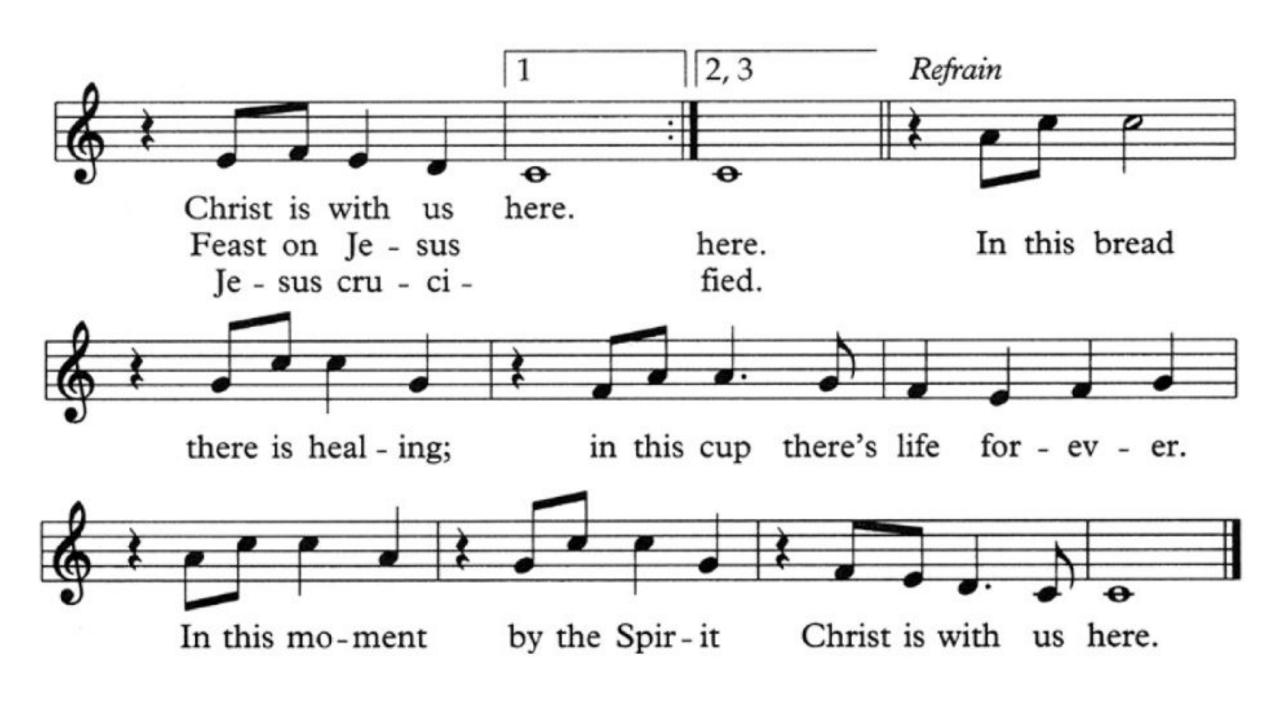




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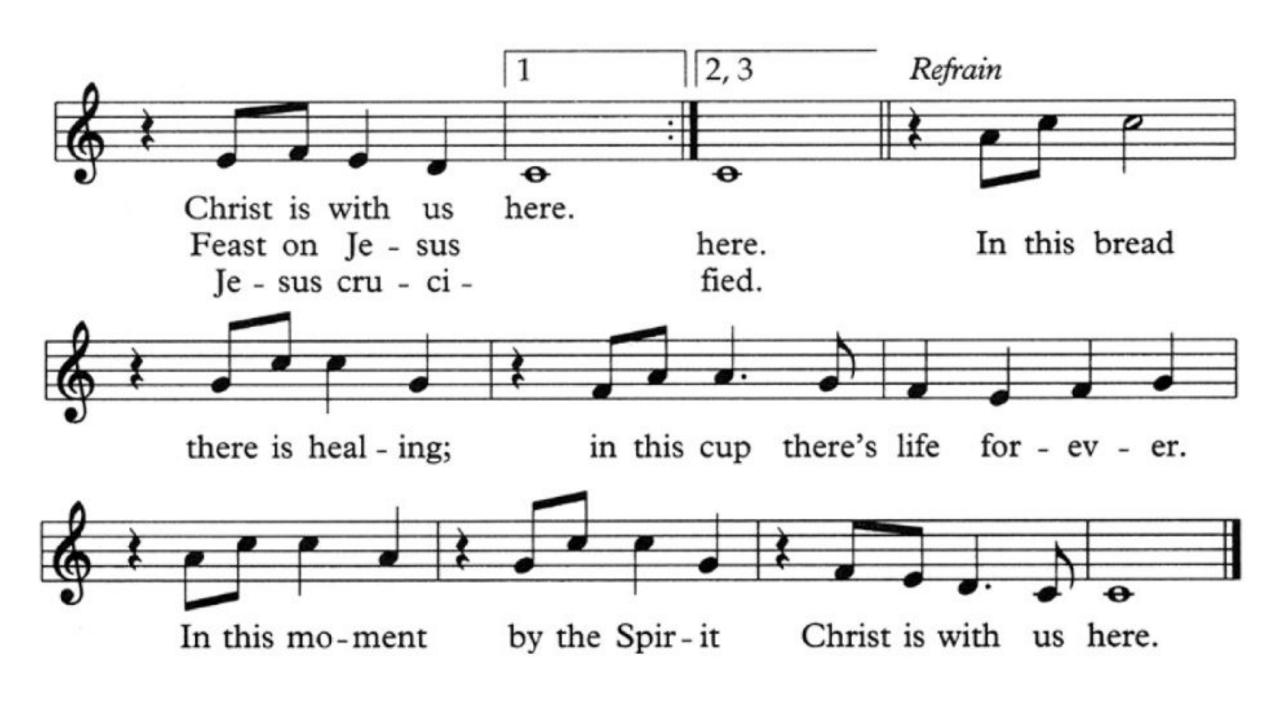




COMMUNION HYMN

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand in body or spirit Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

BISHOP'S BLESSING

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

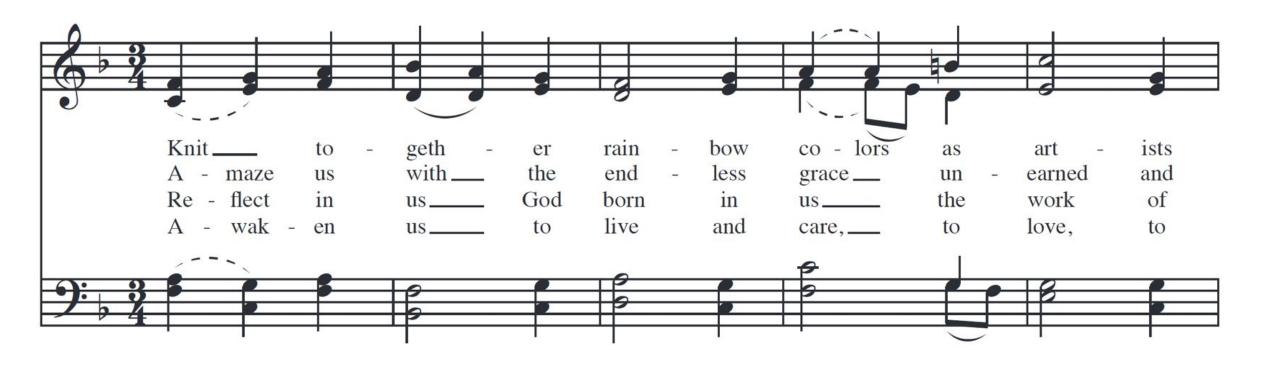
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

From this time forth for evermore.

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirt be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Awaken us

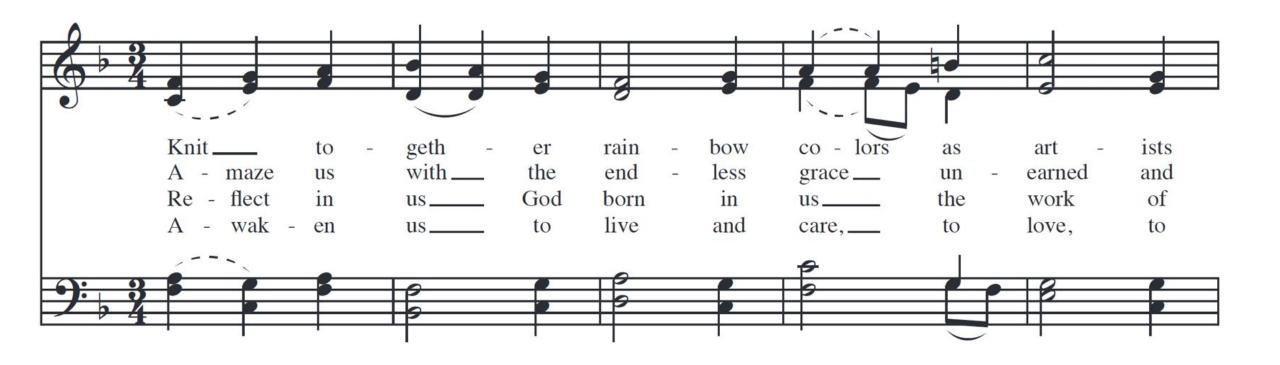
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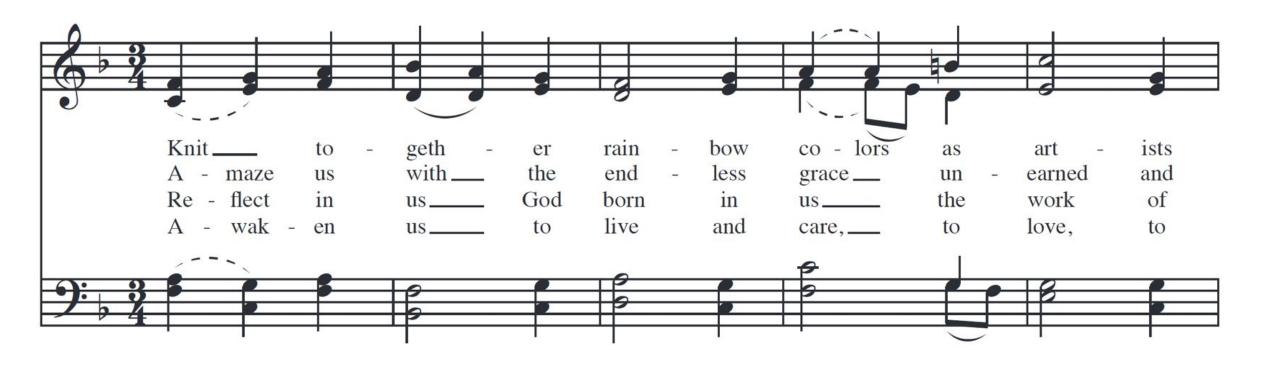
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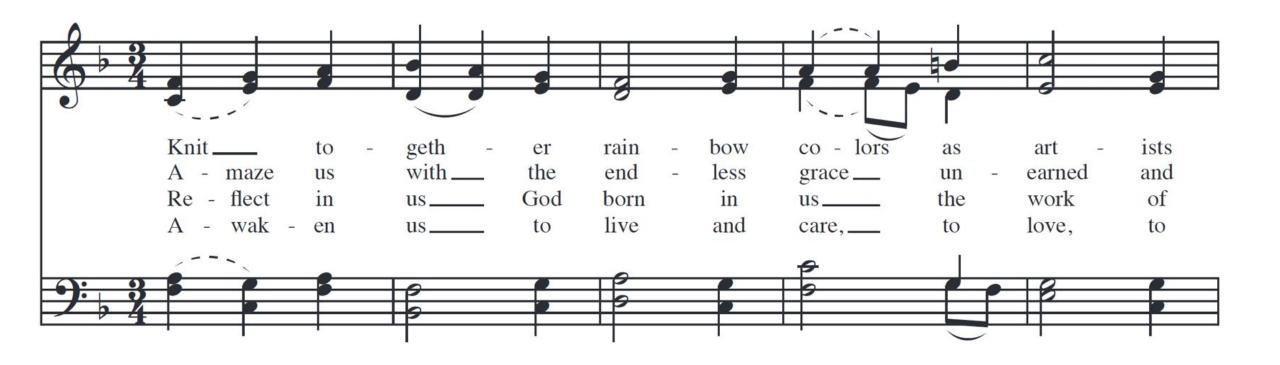
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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Minuet in G by William Shield

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