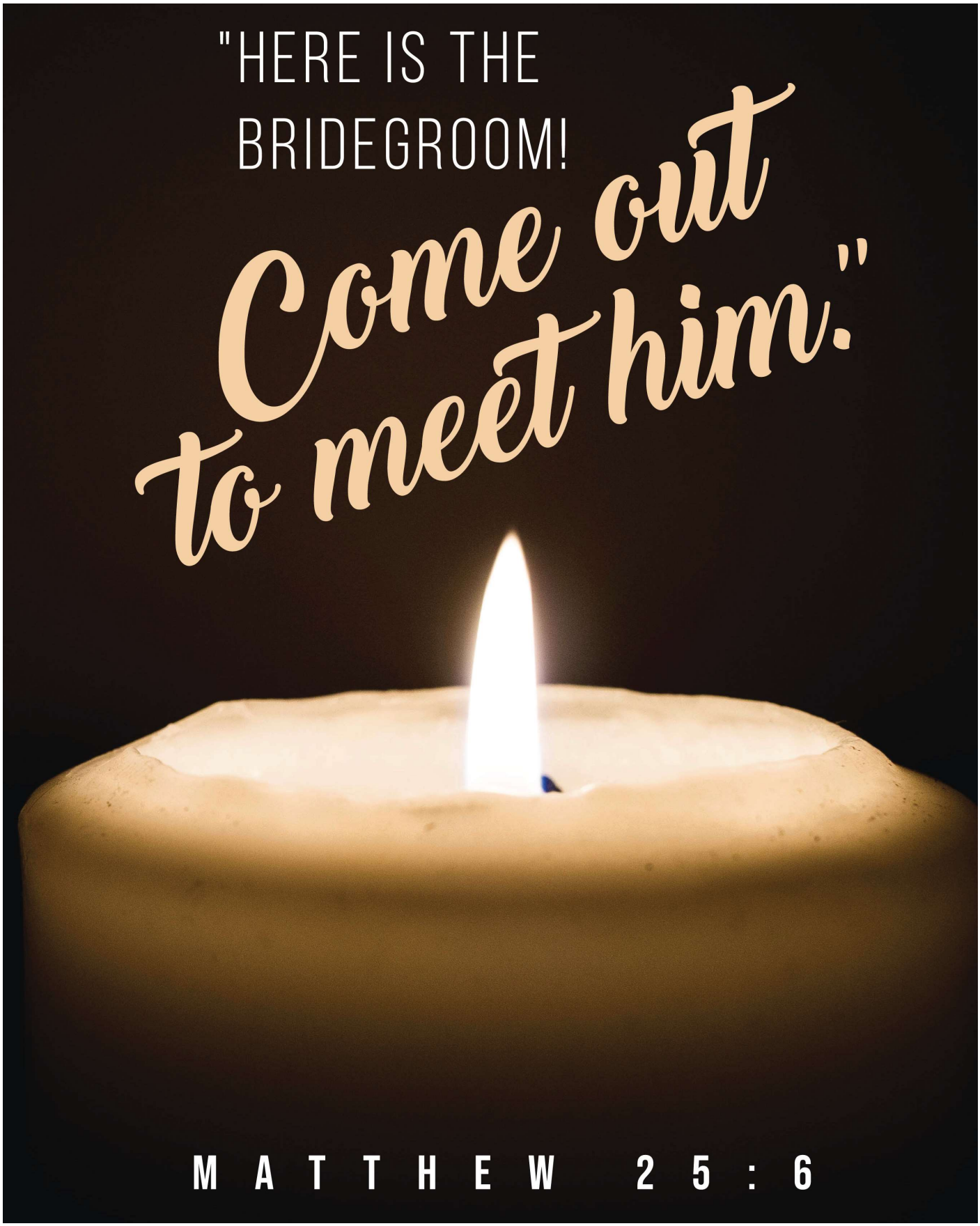

"HERE IS THE BRIDEGROOM!
Come out to meet him."
MATTHEW 25:6



FAMILY OF GOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

November 8th, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy
"Now the Feast and Celebration" from the GIA Hymnal Suppliment

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Gather

Prelude "Partita on Marching to Zion" arr. Jon Spong
Welcome
*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.
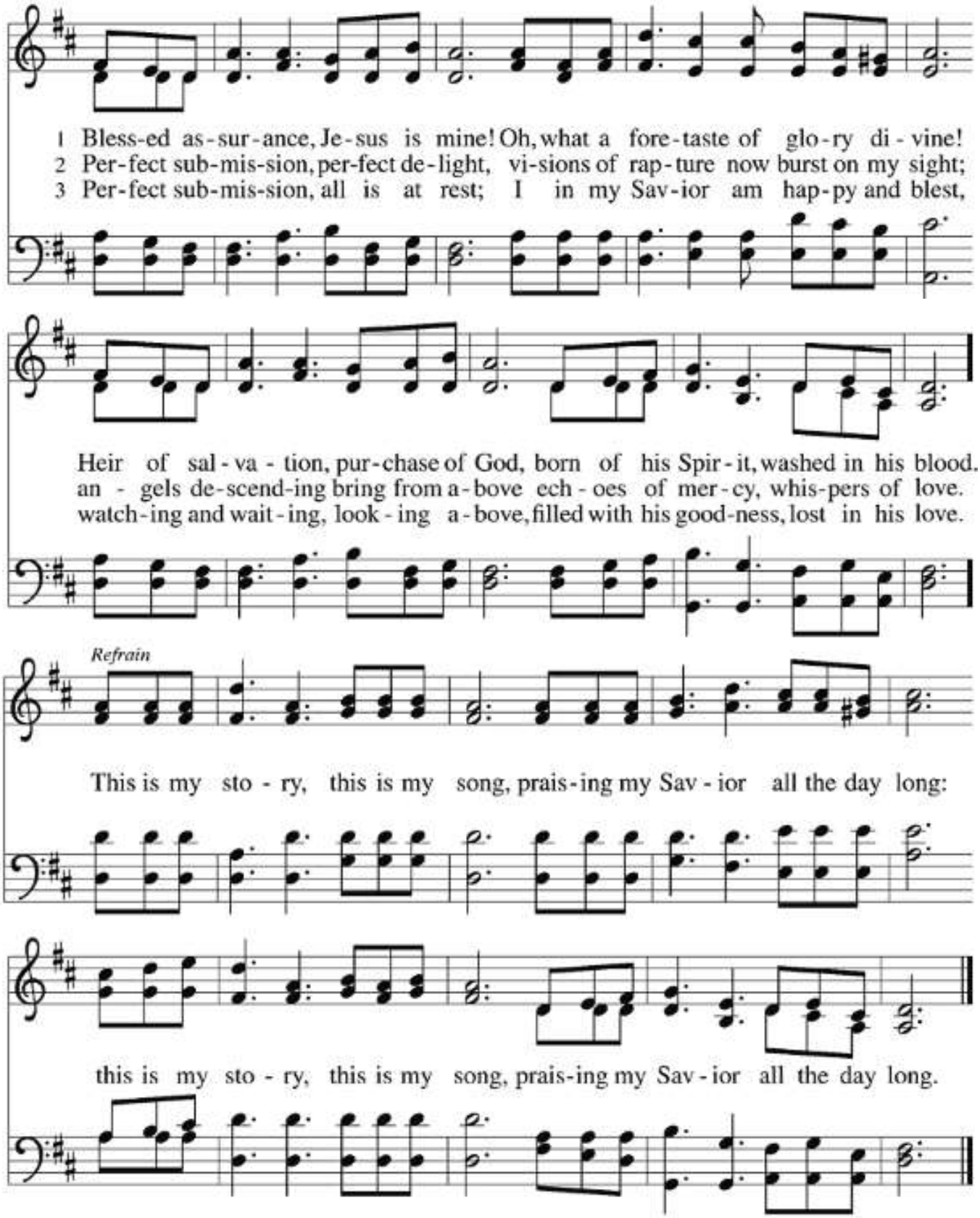
P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" **ELW 638**
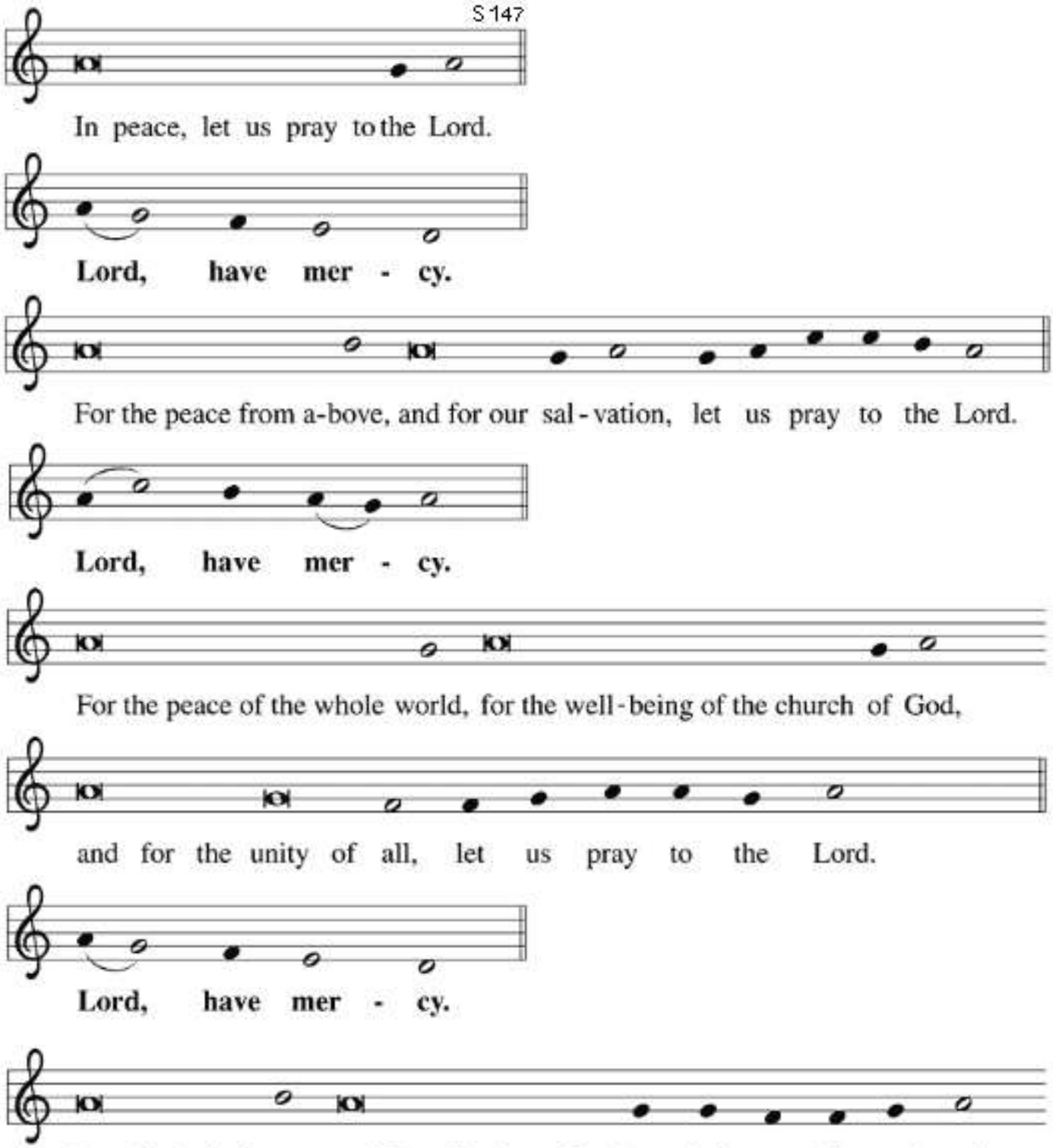


Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

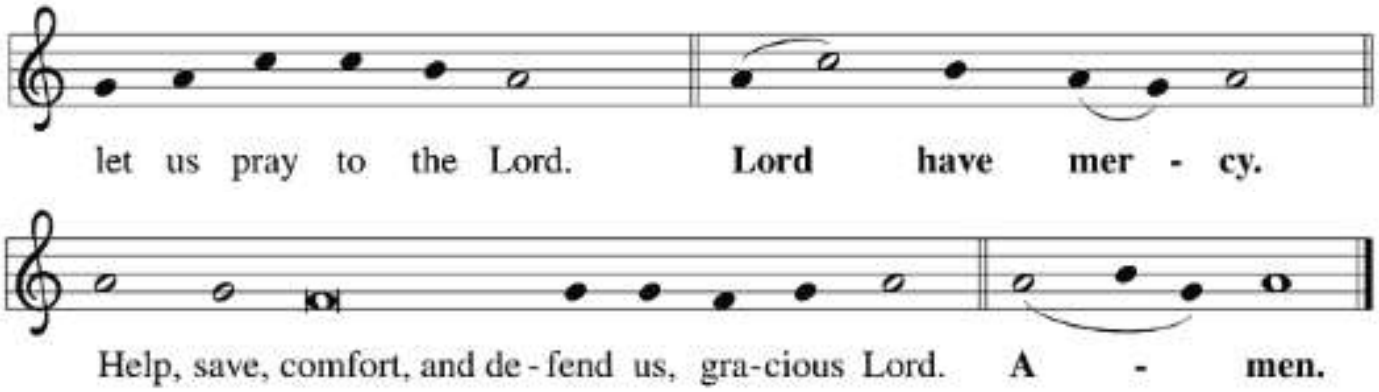
ASSURANCE
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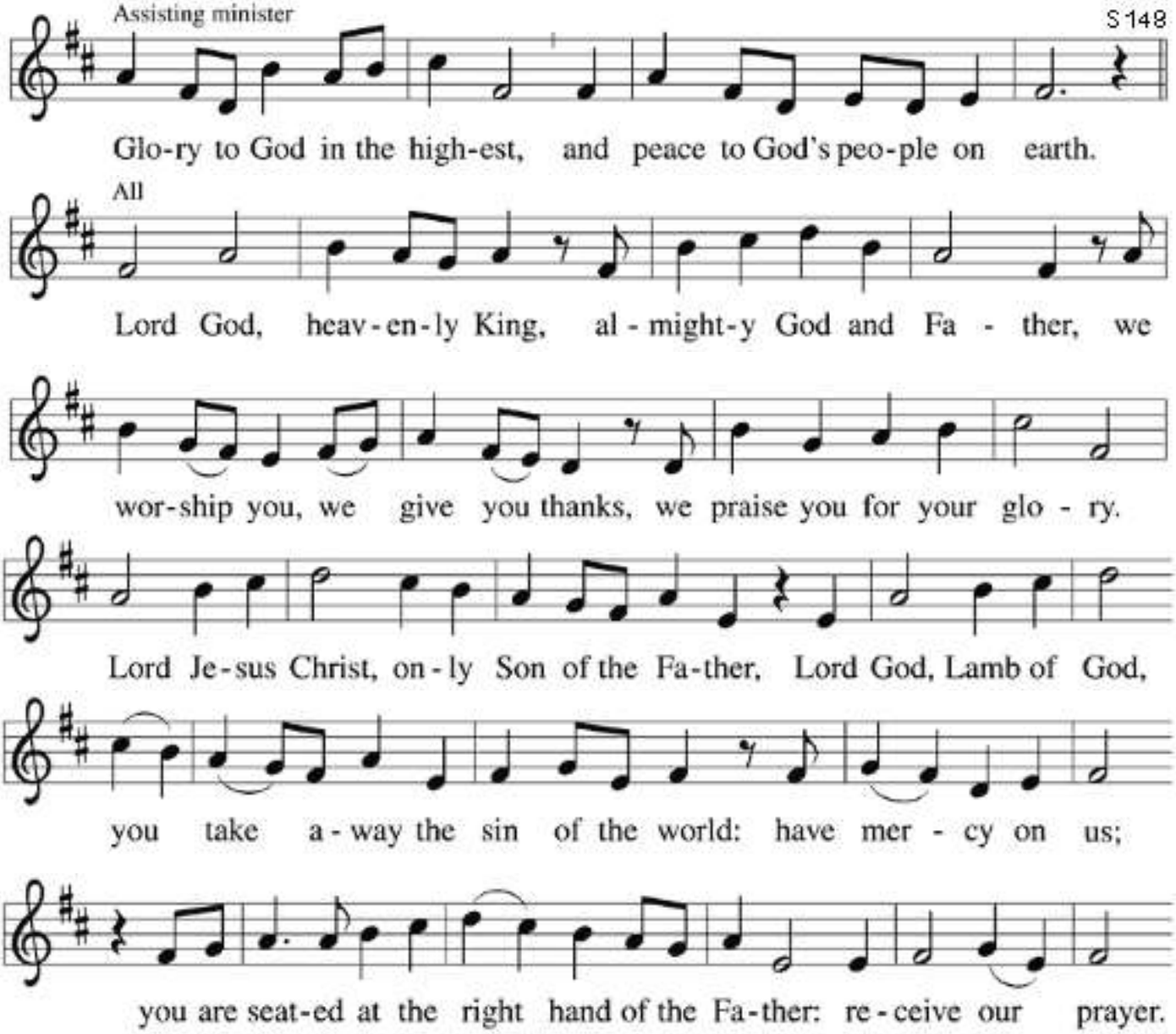
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

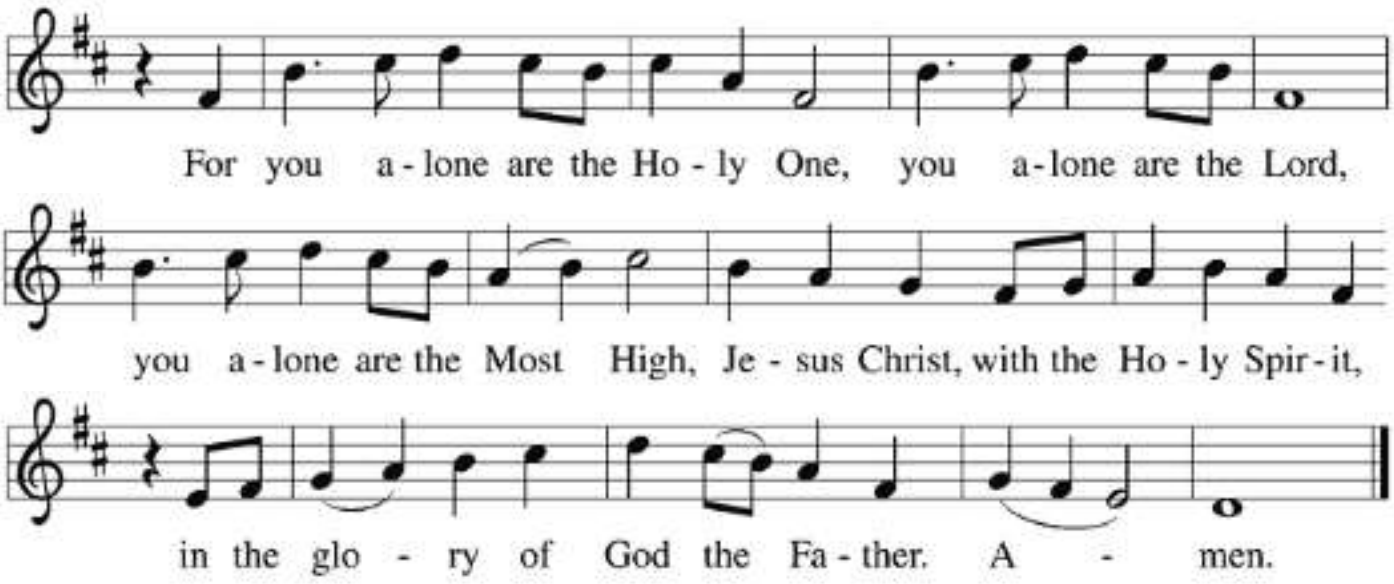




* Hymn of Praise



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*Prayer of the Day

P: O God of justice and love,
C: 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.

Young Persons Message — Pastor Paul Burow

Word
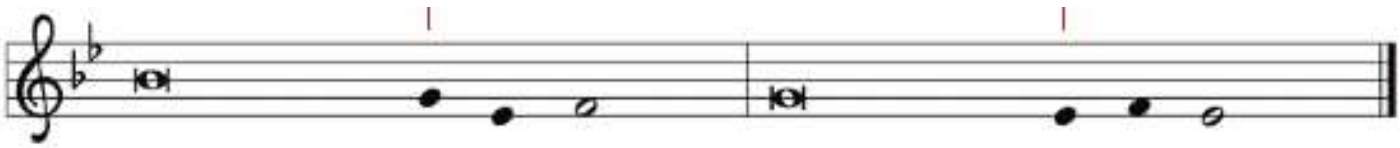
First Reading — **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **122** (read responsively)



P: [1]I was glad when they | said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house | of the Lord."

P: [2]Now our | feet are standing

C: Within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

P: [3]Jerusalem is built | as a city

C: That is at unity | with itself;

P: [4]to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,

C: The assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.

P: [5]For there are the | thrones of judgment,

C: The thrones of the | house of David.

P: [6]Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:

C: "May they pros- | per who love you.

P: [7]Peace be with- | in your walls

C: And quietness with- | in your towers.

P: [8]For the sake of my kindred | and companions,

C: I pray for | your prosperity.

P: [9]Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
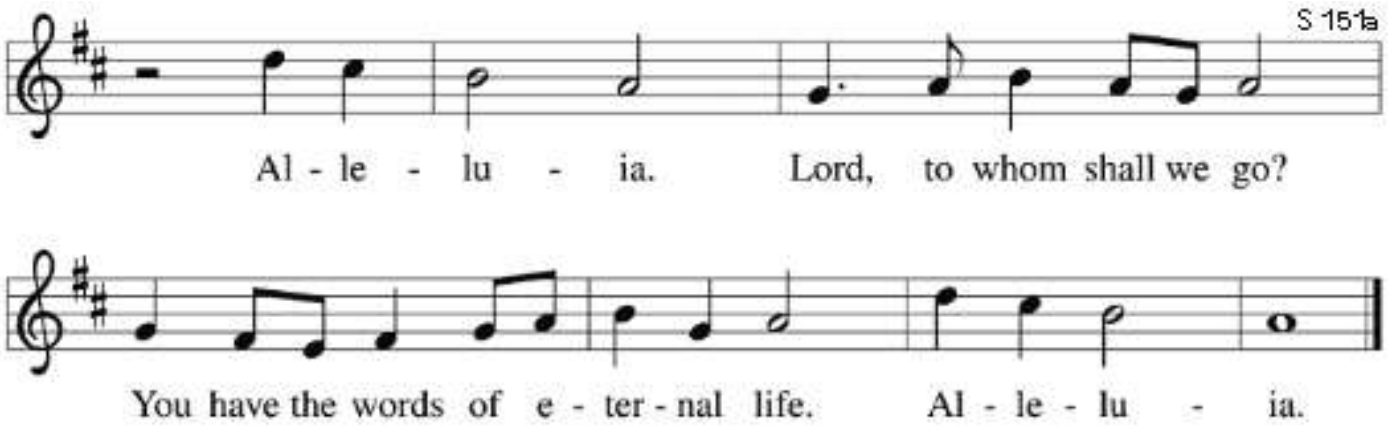
C: I will seek to | do you good."

Second Reading **1Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with
the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

P: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
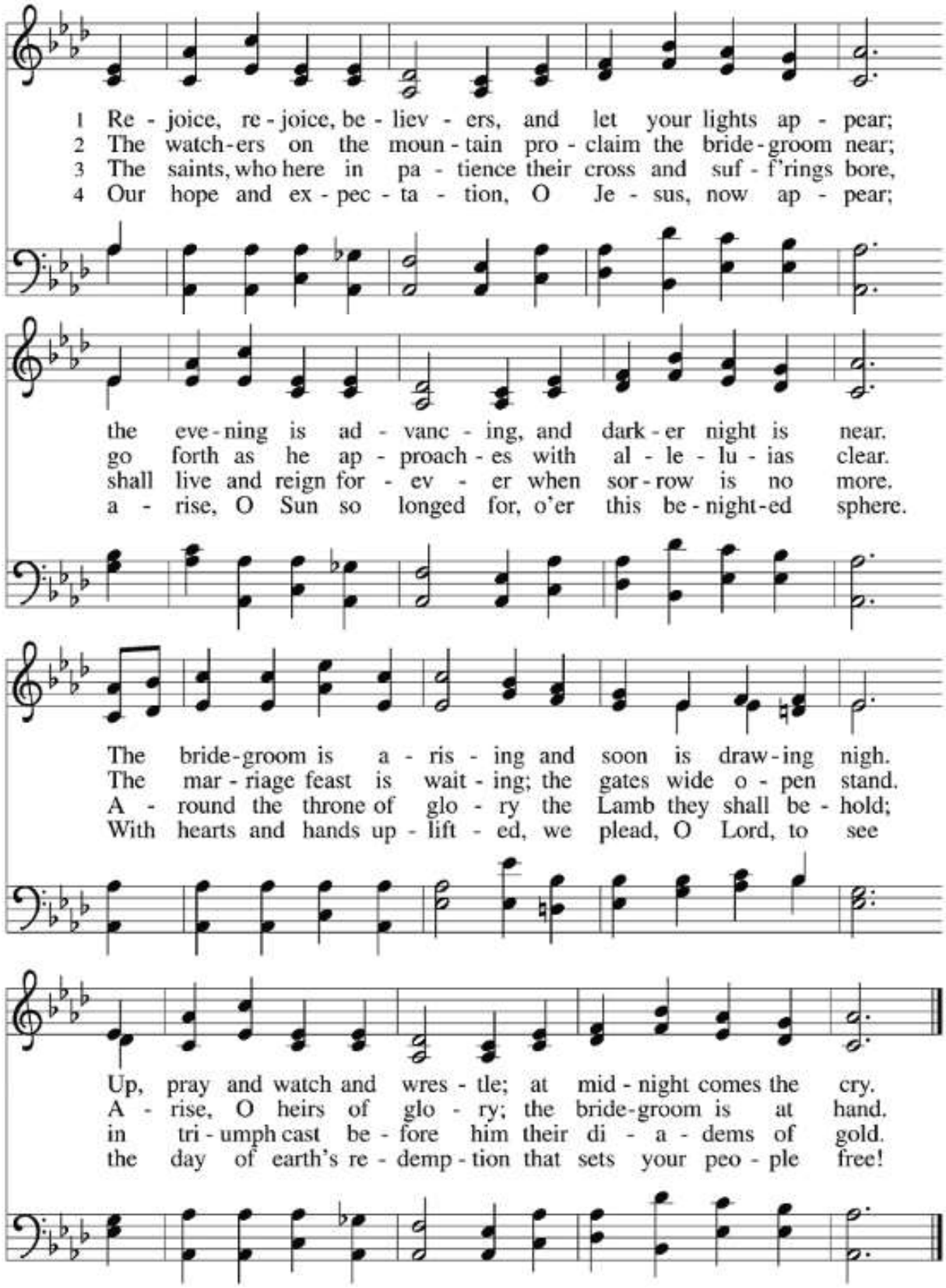
*Gospel John 8:31-36

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.' 7Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to
the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.
11Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13Keep awake, therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" **ELW 244**



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: Swedish folk tune

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*Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

*Prayers of the People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.
C: And also with you.

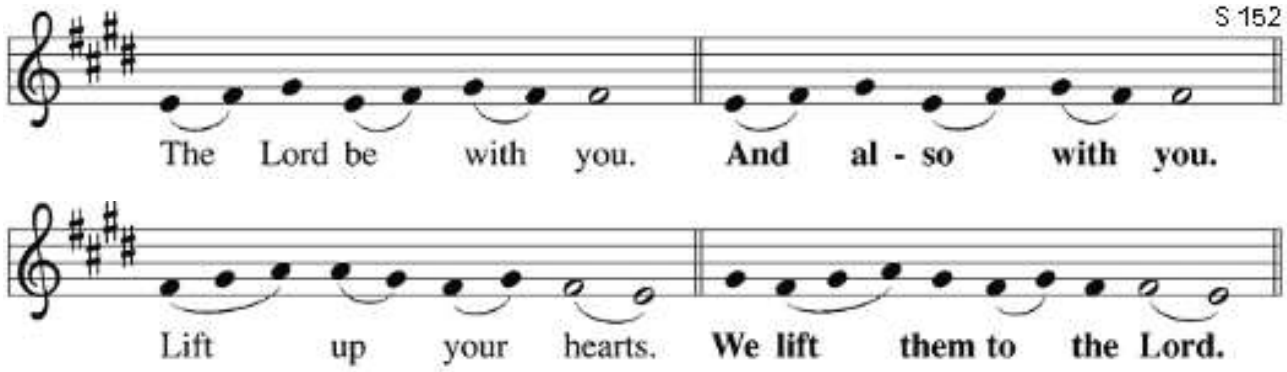
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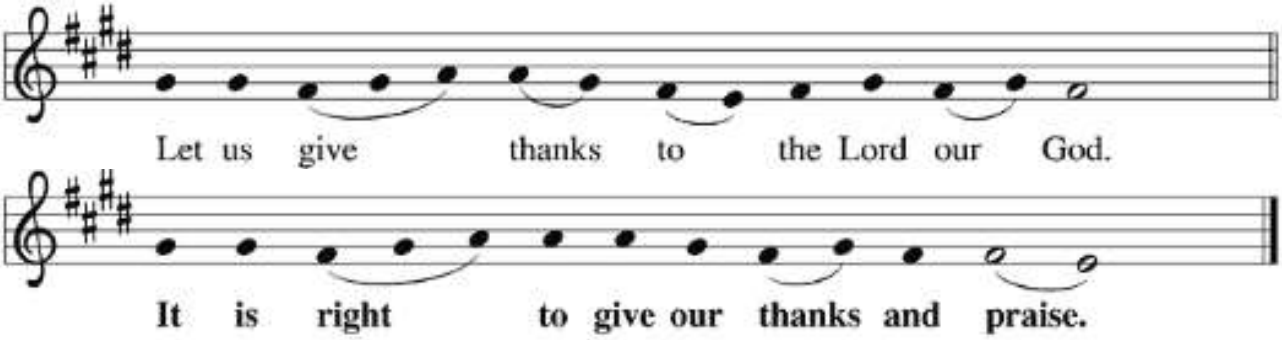
Offering "Behold the Host Arrayed in White"

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

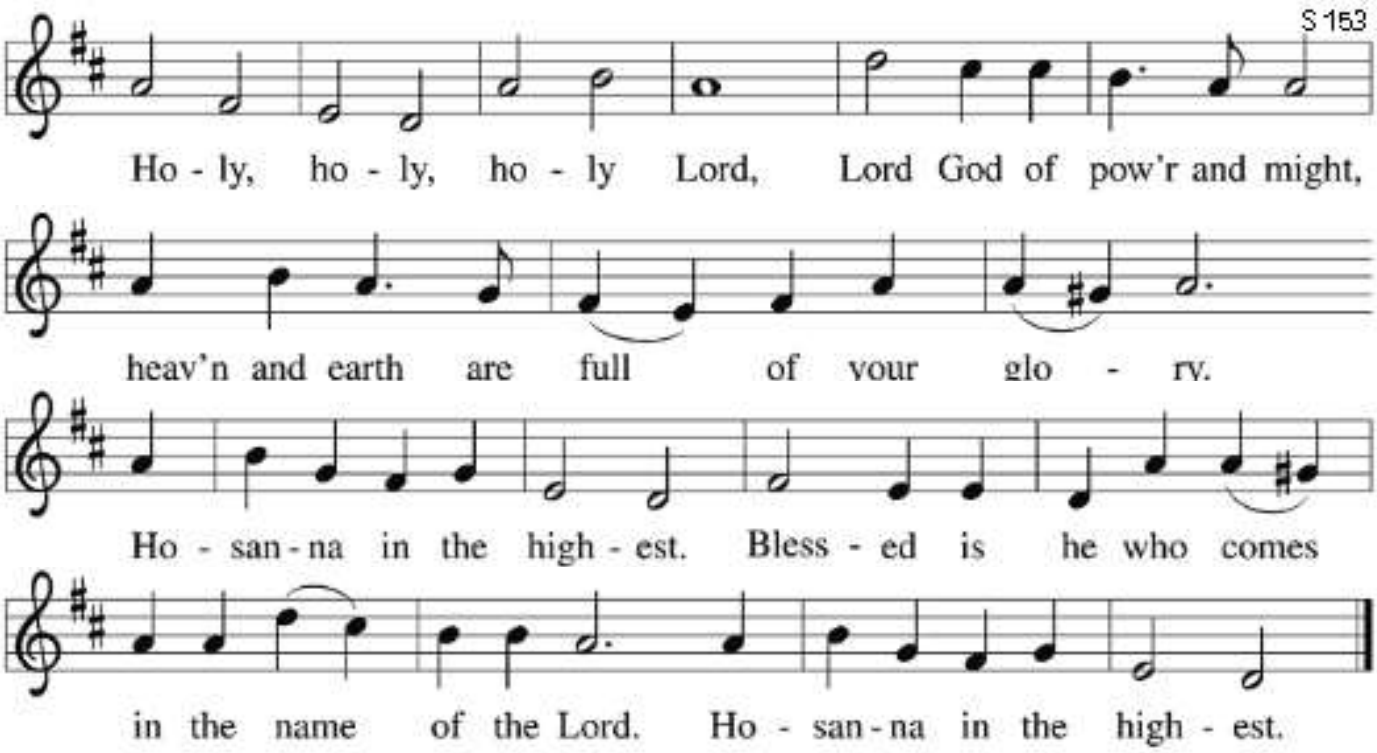
C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving





P: It is our duty and delight….we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



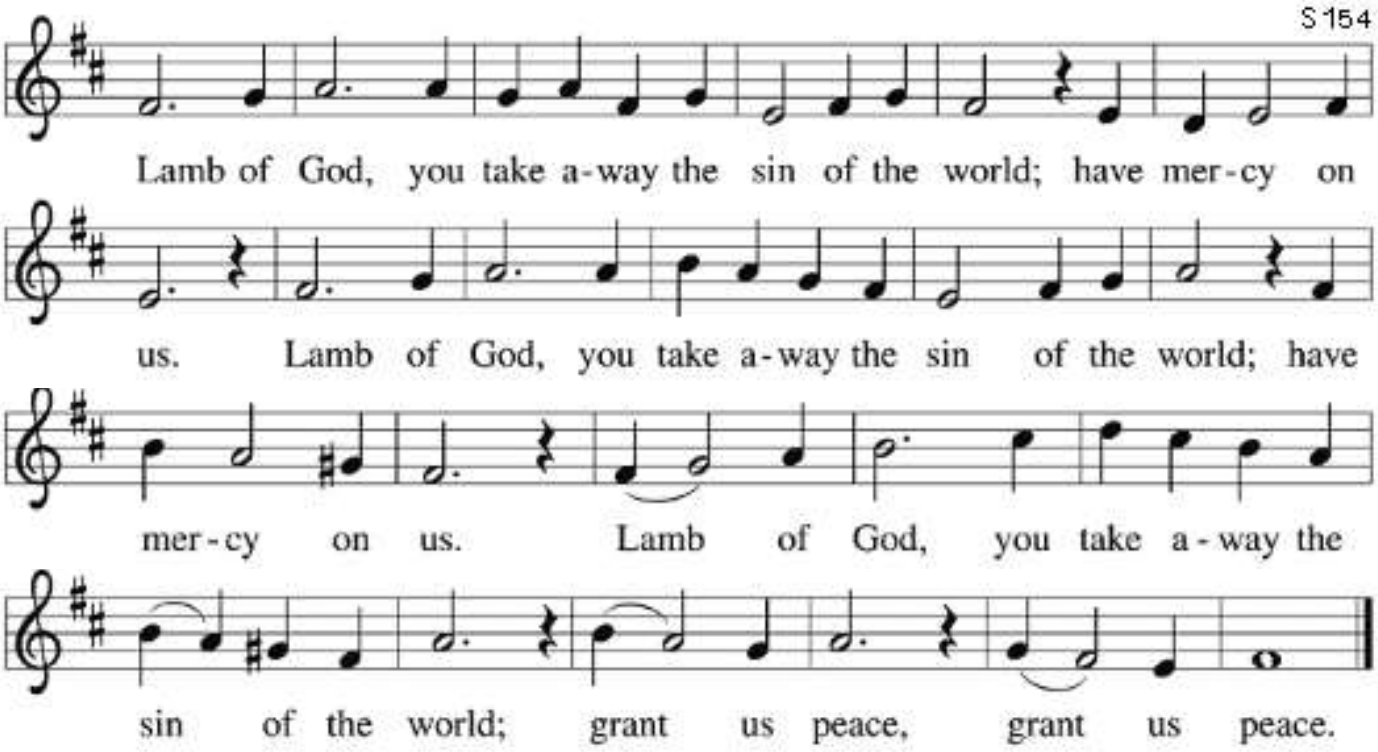
*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
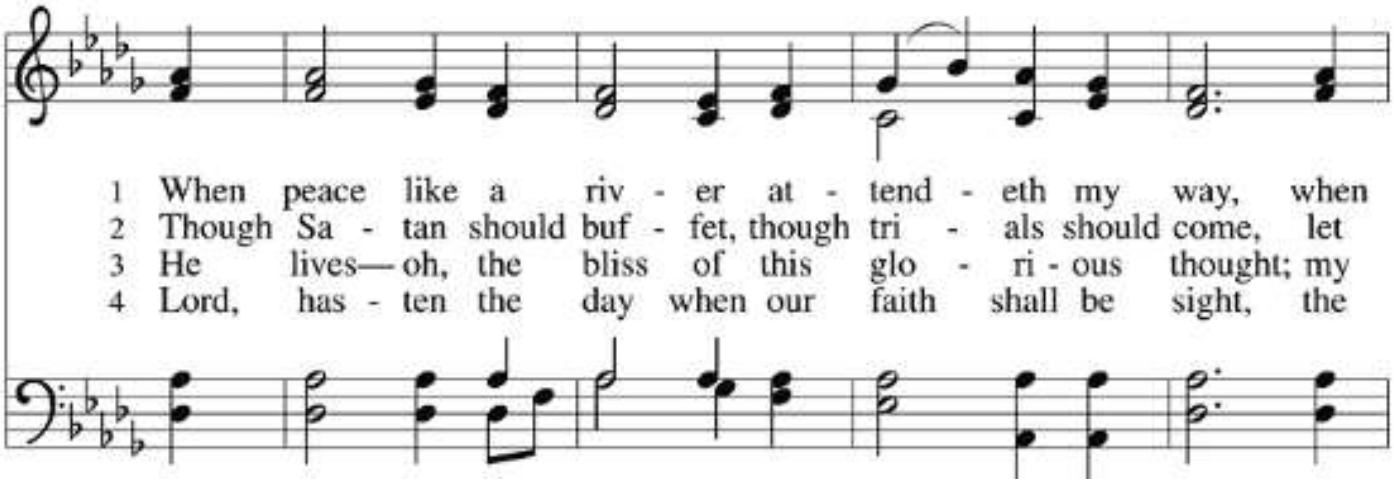
*Lord's Prayer
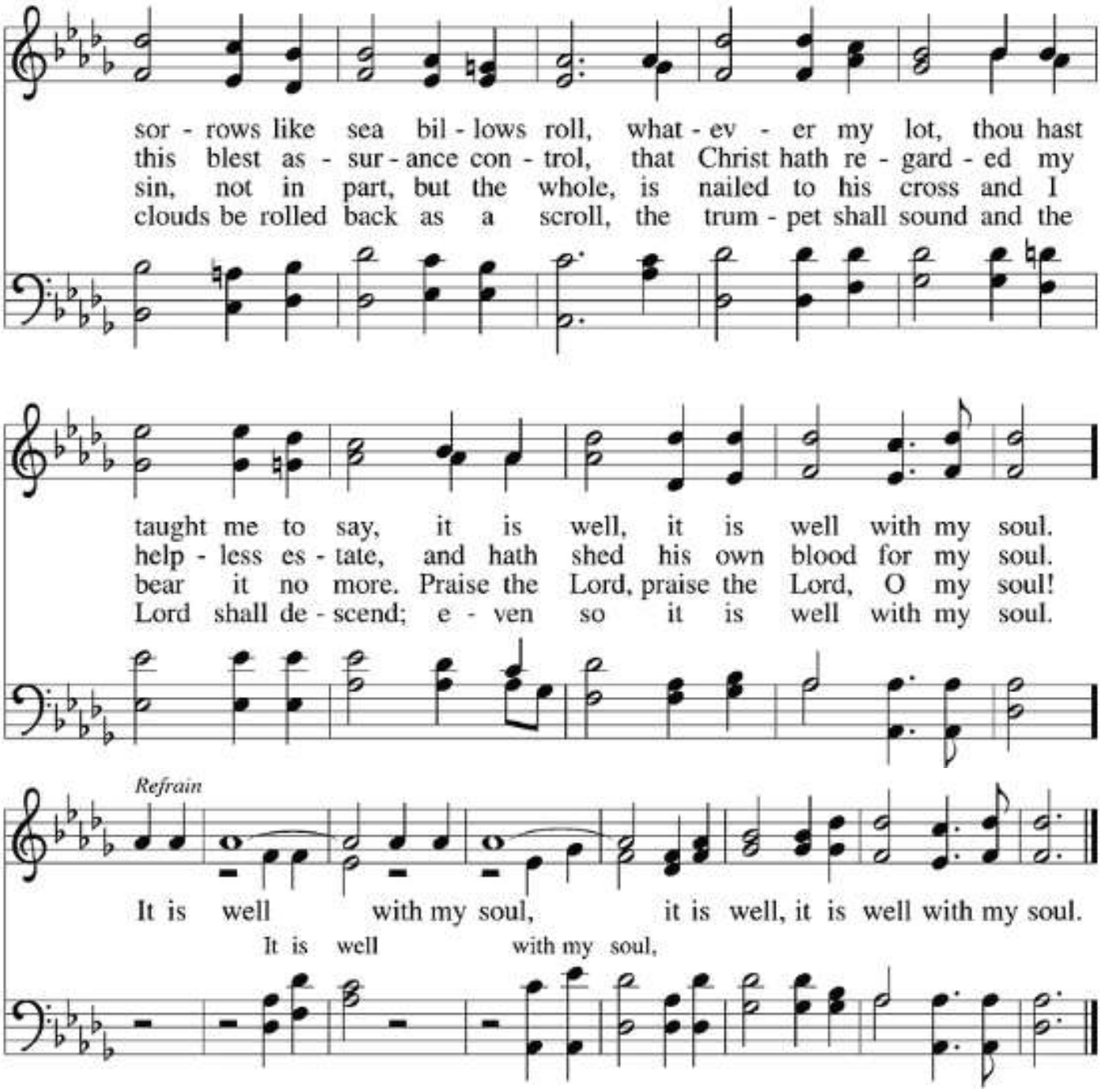
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Communion Distribution

Communion Music "When Peace Like a River" **ELW 785**





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

VILLE DU HAVRE
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Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.
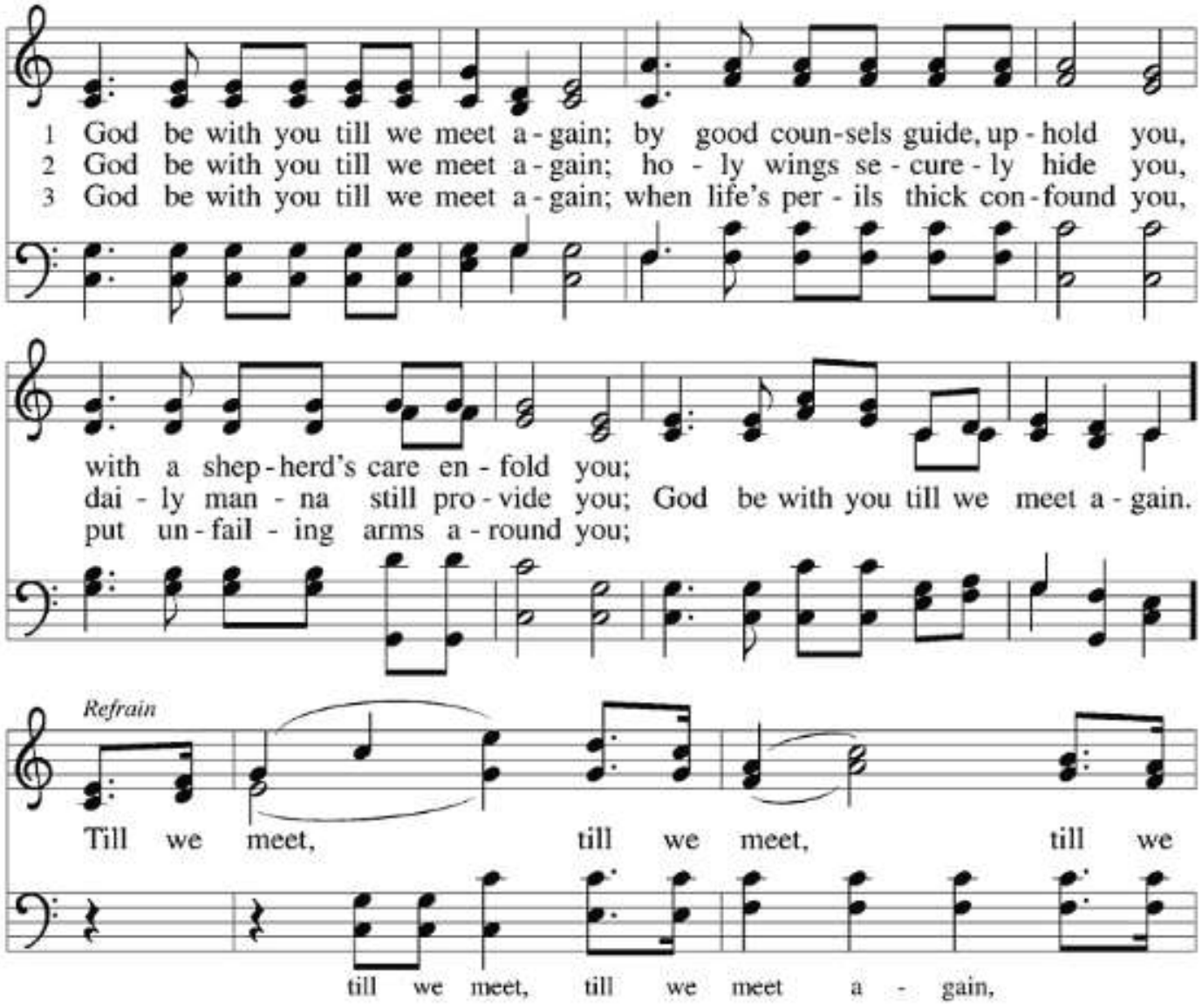
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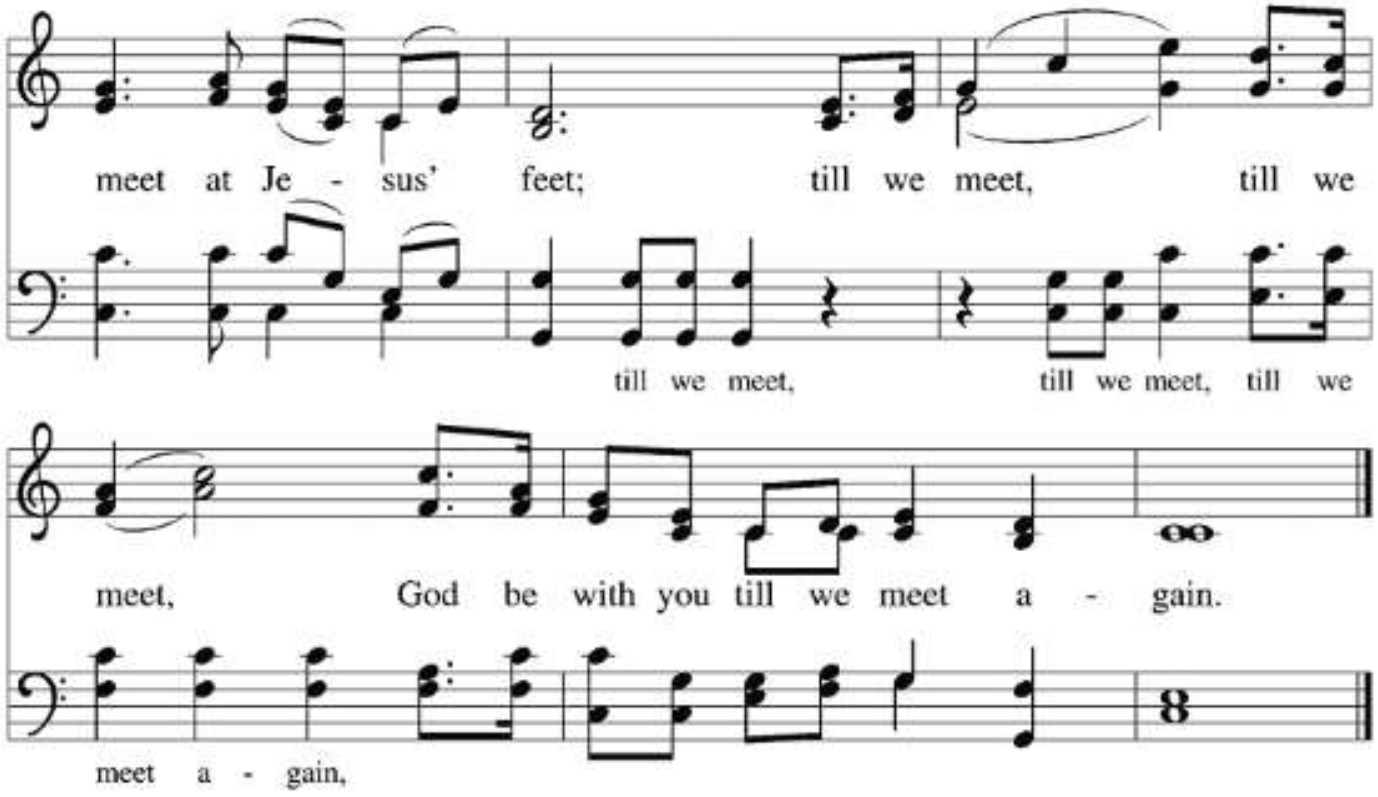
Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ✝ give us peace.
C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **ELW 536**





Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Music: William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

GOD BE WITH YOU
98 89 and refrain

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Andrew Peterson

Chancel flowers

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Cindy Hanson
Sue Aleckson for a broken foot
Vonnie Coleman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
Quincy Meyers
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

In November we are supporting the Champlin Park High School Shelf. Here is thier list of most needed items:

Basic Needs for the Day
Hairbrushes
Combs
Belts, 28"-38"

Basic Needs for Take-Home
Full-sized toothpaste
Conditioner (we have shampoo in stock)

Food Supplies
Snacks (individually packaged, such as popcorn, sun chips, almonds, yogurt, apple sauce, granola bars, etc.)
Oil (vegetable, olive, canola)
Bags of rice
Bags of dried beans

Please no canned food, as they are more difficult to get distributed to young people.

Announcements

Updates on Estate Planning Sessions Attorney Rebecca Bell, who led the general information class recently, has agreed to host four private, 30-minute sessions here at Family of God on **Sunday, November 22nd**. You will receive personalized recommendations (eg, wills vs trusts), pricing info, and establish an attorney/client relationship with a retainer fee due that day. You will also receive an organizer to complete prior to your appointment. Appointments are available at 11:00 11:45, 12:30, and 1:15. Please see Sue Arens to sign up and receive your organizer. Rebecca is also graciously offering $250 off an Estate Planning package to any Family of God member using the code *Family of God*. This offer is valid through 2026. Also available is a free, 15-minute "Discovery Call" with her Client Service Director to ask your initial questions. These may be scheduled by calling Shelley, Client Service Director, at 763-582-1414.

Blanket Drive: David and Rita Loos are organizing a blanket drive to help the low income and homeless people in downtown Minneapolis. We are asking for gently used and new blankets throughout the rest of October and November. They will be given out in early December.

Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 am. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, a Bible study and service to the congregation and the community. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. Hope to see you then!

"Jingle Bells" Ladies: When you are jogging along to the tune of "Jingle Bells," jog on over to the sign-up sheets for the Women's Christmas Brunch. This event would not be possible without FOG's excellent cooks and bakers. When you sign up for the food you are bringing, also be sure to sign the attendance sheet. The date of the "Holiday Traditions" Brunch is Saturday, December 5th at 10:30 a.m. See Jeanne, Nancy K., or Myra with suggestions, questions, or encouraging words.

FOG Drama is excited to announce that our next production will be *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,* performing in late April, 2027. This heartfelt musical comedy features the *Peanuts* gang we all know and love as they navigate life's ups and downs. Packed with upbeat music, laughs, and nostalgia, this show is sure to be enjoyed by all ages! Interested in being a part of the show? Stay tuned for more details about auditions and other ways to get involved.

FOG Crafters will be meetting Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14.

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