The Holy Eucharist — Full Text — *Feast of the Reign of Christ*

St. Paul's on the Green — November 22, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

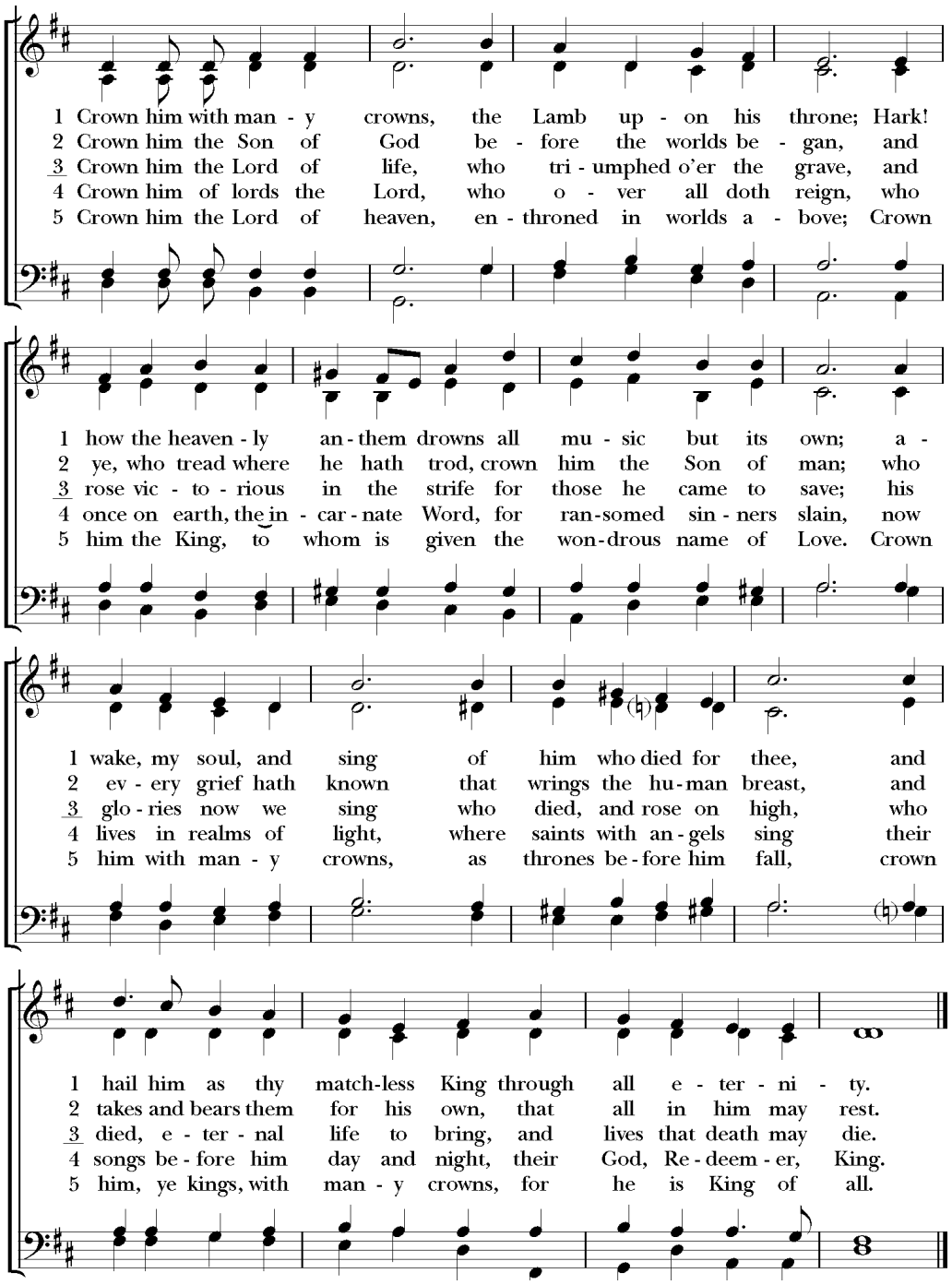
Prelude

Fugue in G Major BWV 541 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 494

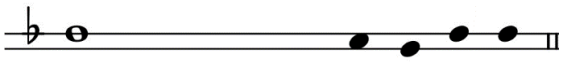


Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)
Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816–1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Opening Acclamation

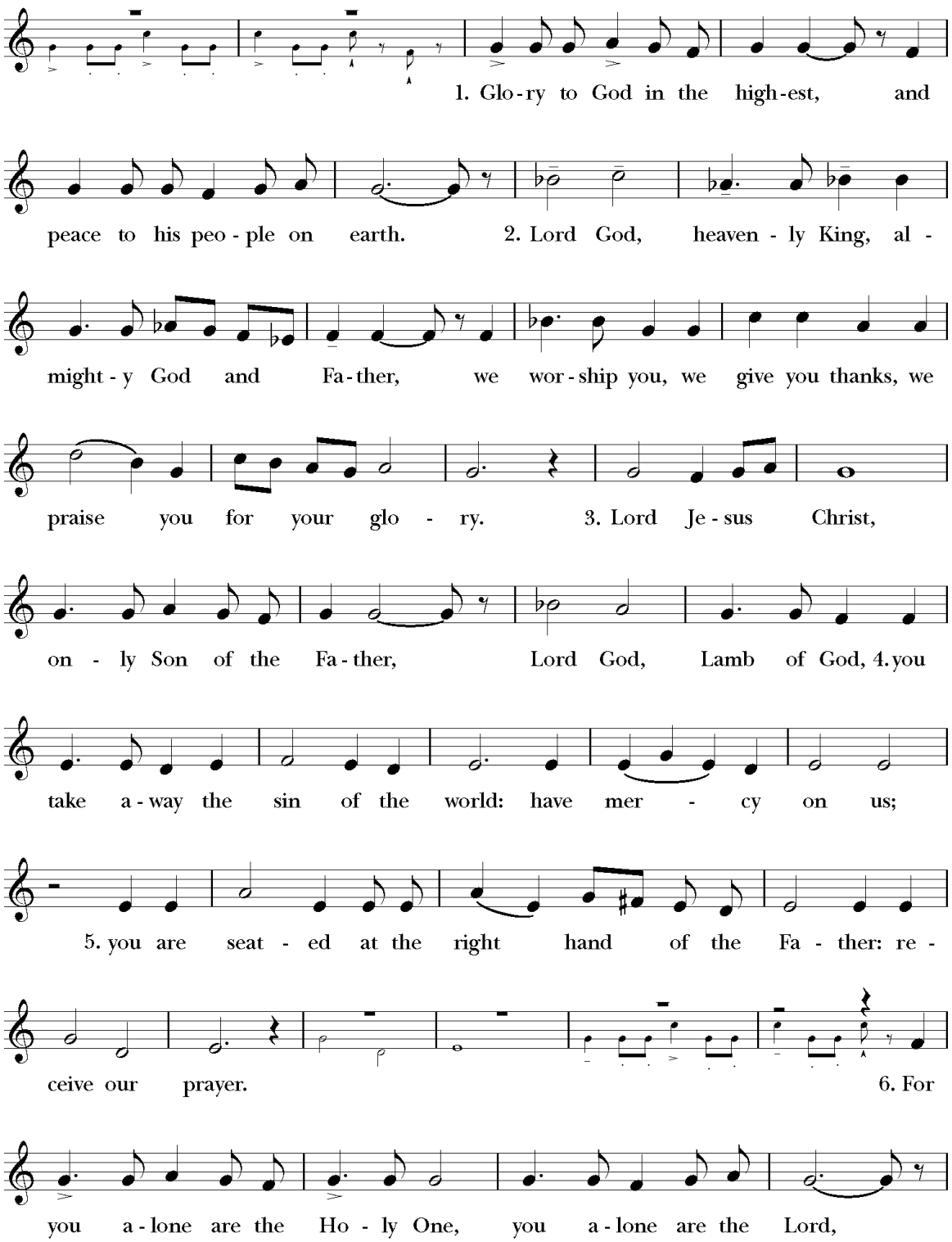
The Celebrant intones Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

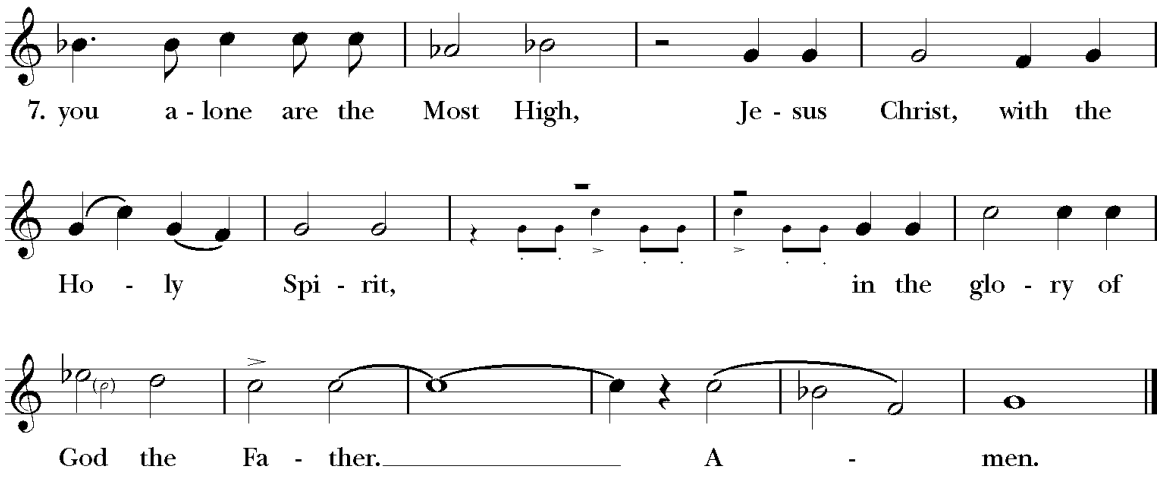
The People respond



Gloria

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Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

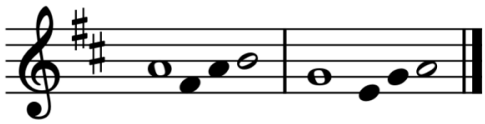
Almighty God, you have conferred upon Christ Jesus sovereignty over every age and nation. Direct us, in the love of Christ, to care for the least of his sisters and brothers, that we may be subject to his dominion, and receive the inheritance of your kingdom. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSON *seated* *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM *At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone* *Psalm 95:1-7*
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



Come, let us sing to the | Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of | our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud | shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are | a great God; *
you are great a-|bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns | of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are | yours also.

The sea is yours, | for you made it, *
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee, *
and kneel before | God, our Maker,

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep | of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken | to your voice!

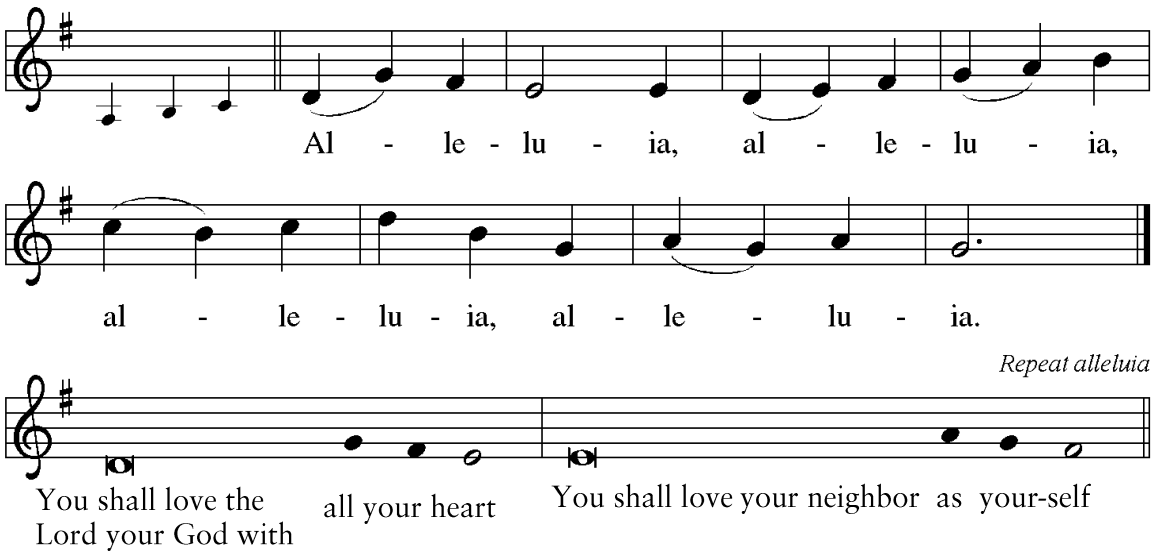
Setting: C.H.H. Parry

THE EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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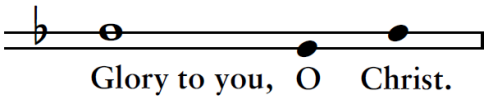
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



ELW Setting One

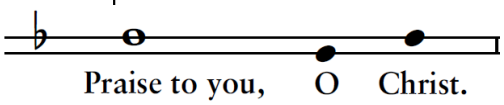
THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones* *Matthew 25:31-46*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *Ben Ray*
Seminarian

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith *standing*

We believe in God,
the Source of all Being,
who creates us in love
and holds us in blessing.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Incarnate Word of God,
who walked among us,
welcomed us to God's table,
gave his life for the life of the world,
and is risen in glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us in faith,
empowers us in hope,
and sends us into the world in love.

We believe in the life of grace,
gathered in community
and sustained through all time
and for all eternity.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for:

The welfare of the world and those in authority
Those who minister in Christ's name
The thanksgivings and concerns of the local community
Those who are suffering and in any trouble
Those who have died

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world and the church, for this community, for all who suffer, and for those who have died; and let us give thanks for all we have been given.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in ***bold****, above.*
The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.

For the world, and for all who hold authority in it: that the gifts of the earth would be shared, and that all would be welcome at the table.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who minister in Christ's name, here and in every church: that all we give would bless others far beyond our imagining.

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, and the grieving, and for everyone carrying more than they can bear: that they would know they are not abandoned, and that we would uphold them in their need from what you have given us. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

For all who have died, and for those who remember them in love. *(Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.)*

God of plenty,
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

God of plenty, open our hearts ever wider to the needs of the world, and give us grace to see your provision in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

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

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

Announcements *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Amy Beach (1867 – 1944)*

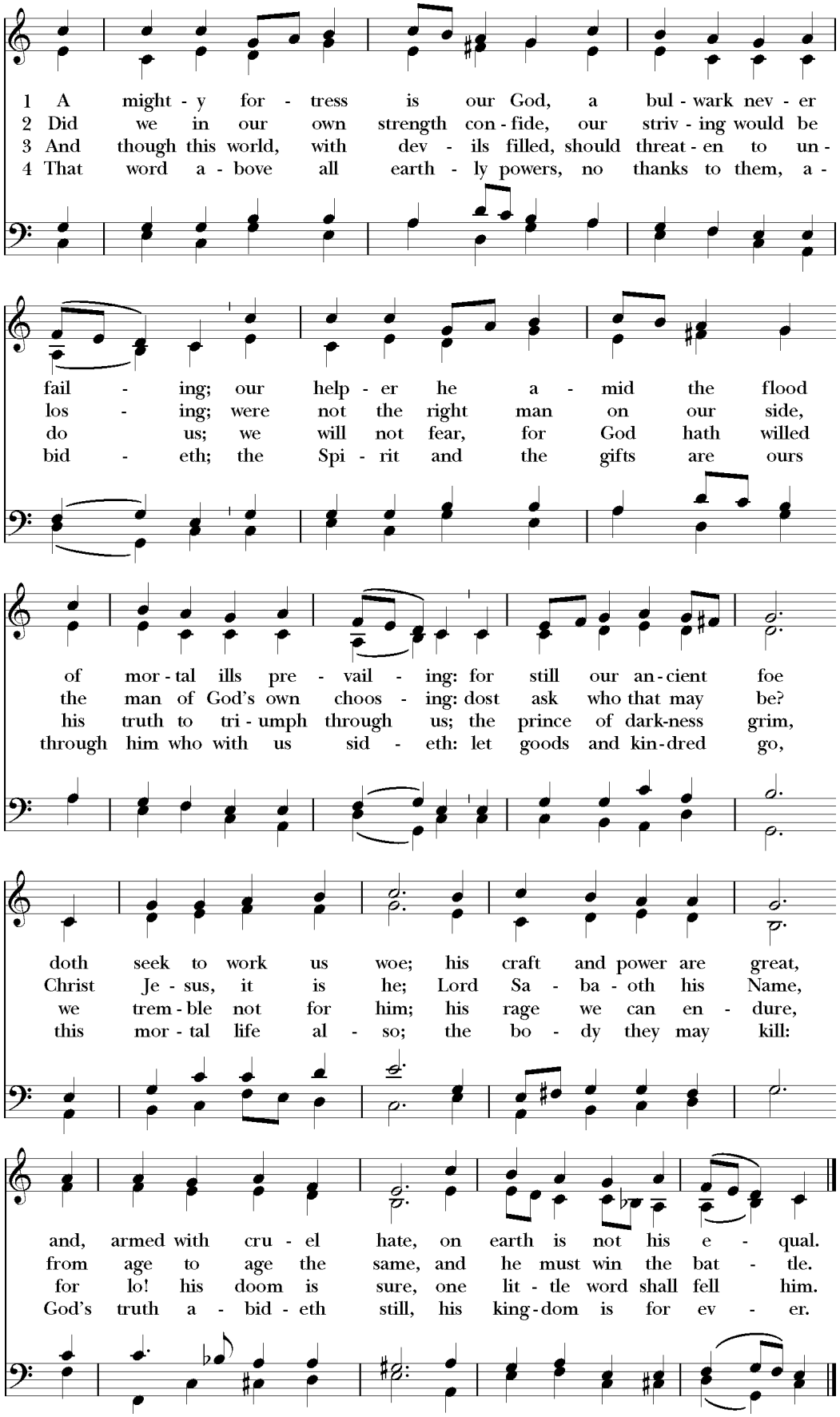
All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God
Who from His altar call
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all

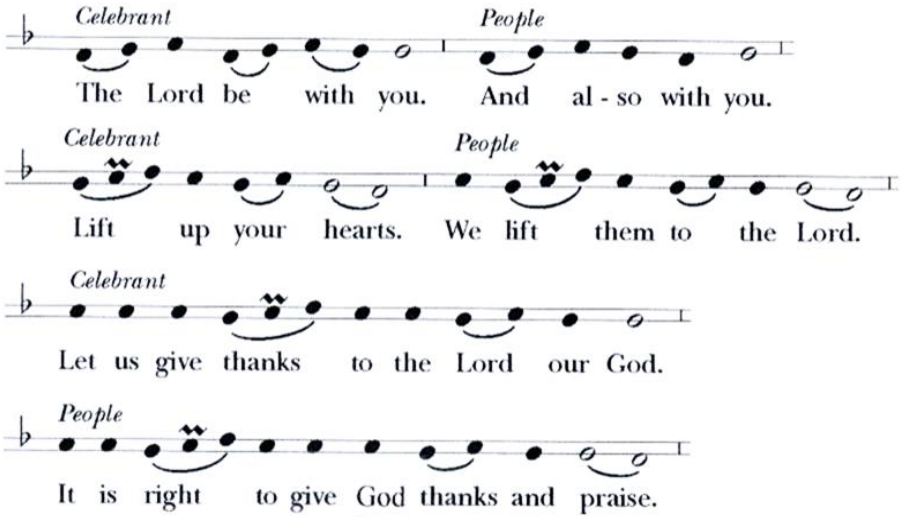
Hail Him, the Heir of David's line
Whom David Lord did call
The Lord incarnate, Man divine
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransomed of the fall
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred, every tribe
Before Him prostrate fall!
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all



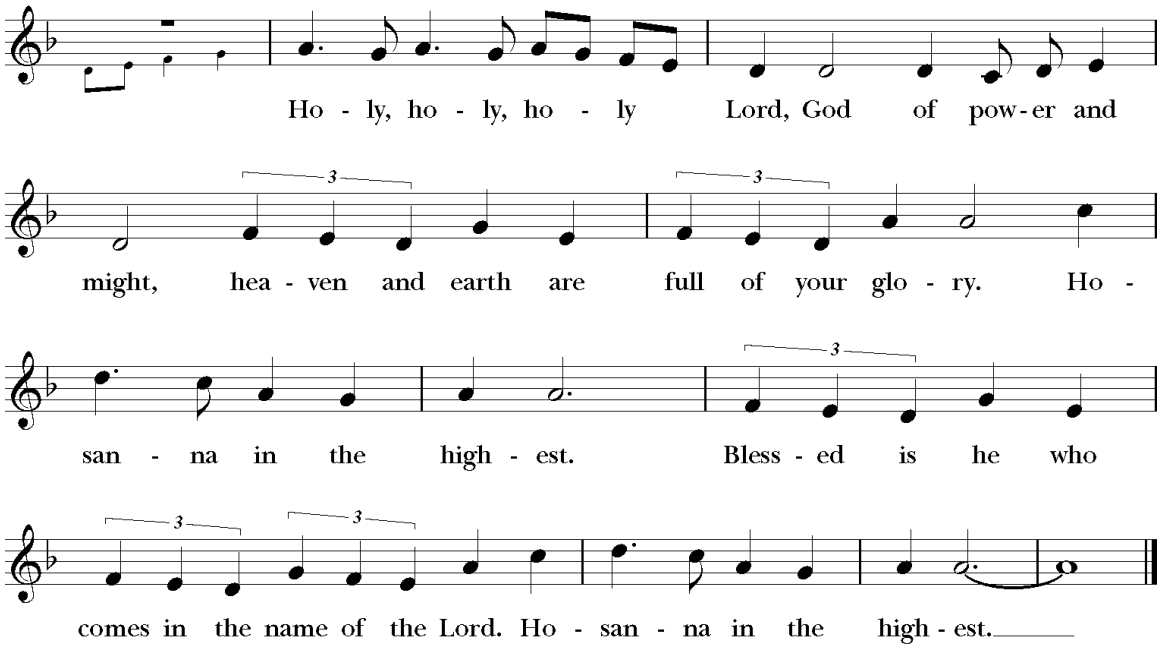
Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805–1890); based on Psalm 46
Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483–1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)



The prayer continues until

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being,
to give you thanks in every time and place.
You made us in your image and likeness,
and the abundance of your grace has never ceased to follow us
even when we ceased to follow you.
In the Word made flesh you came among us,
called us to your table, and loved us to the end.
Therefore, with all creation, and with the whole company of heaven,
we join the eternal song as we sing:

SANCTUS



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God,
in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, born of Mary,
to share our life, and to offer his life for the life of the world.
At table on the night before he died for us,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, 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."
After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, 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."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

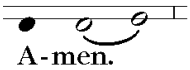
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again,
we offer you these gifts of your own creation,
this bread and this cup, and with them ourselves.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.
Send your Spirit upon us, that we may be Christ to others
and make room at the table for everyone you call.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, Source of all Being,
now and for ever.

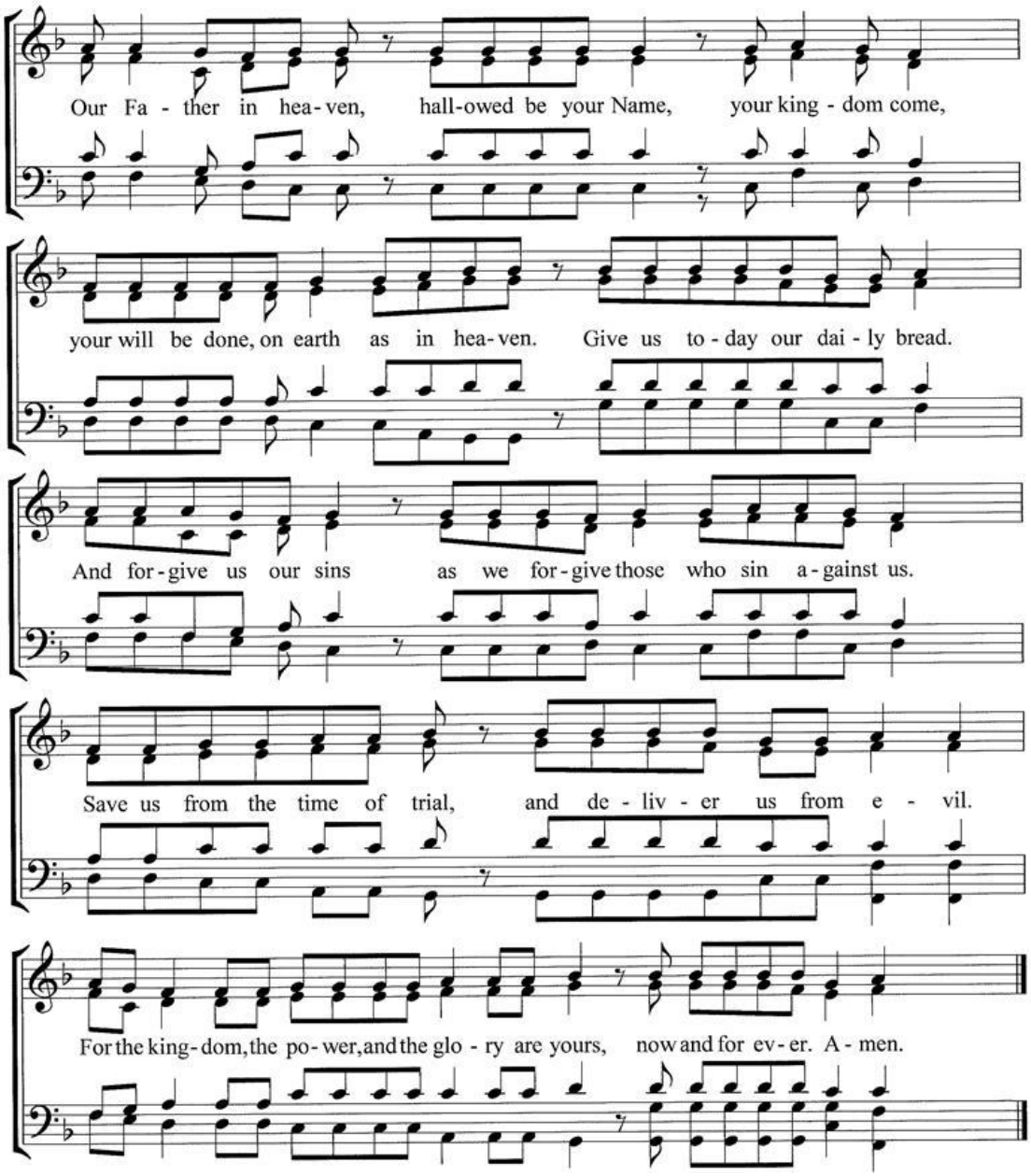
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People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

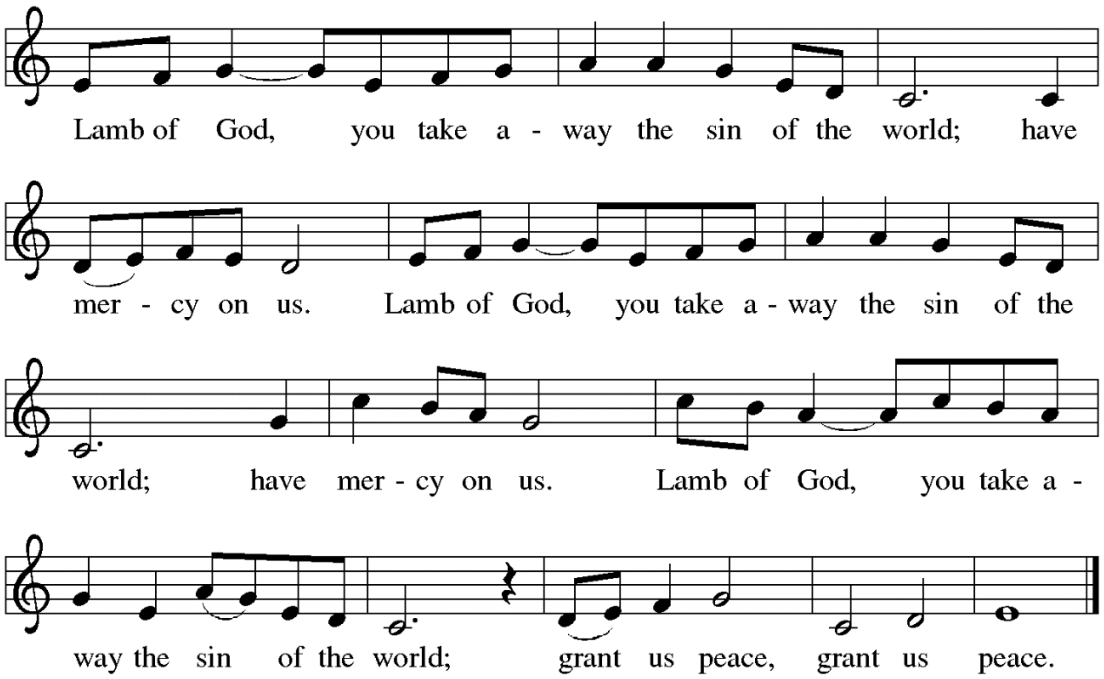
The Communion

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

God of plenty, you have called us to your table.
Gather us ever closer in your love.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: *ELW Setting One S112*

Music at Communion *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

If Ye Love Me *Thomas Tallis (1505 – 1585)*

If ye love me
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter
That he may 'bide with you forever
E'en the spirit of truth

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors]

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *those* to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond

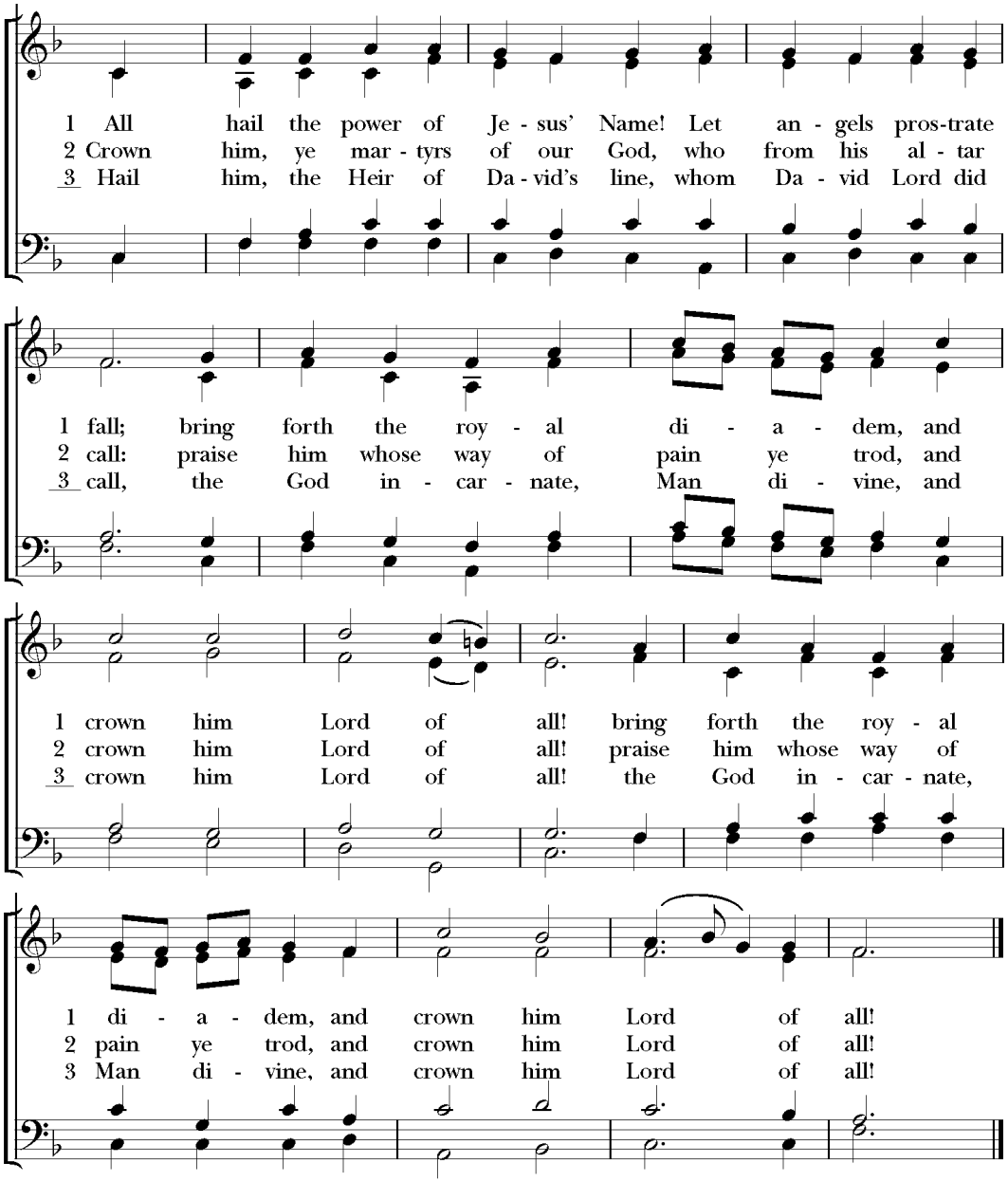
We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People.

May God fill your hands and open them,
and make your hearts glad in your giving.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Source of all Being, Word of Life, and Spirit of Grace,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always.
Amen.



6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726–1792), alt.
Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765–1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

The Sending

Go forth into the world rejoicing in God's plentiful abundance.
Thanks be to God.

The feasting continues! –
in the Parish Hall with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation.
Ask anyone around you how to get there and they will direct you.

Organ Voluntary

Tuba Tune – Norman Cocker (1889 – 1953)