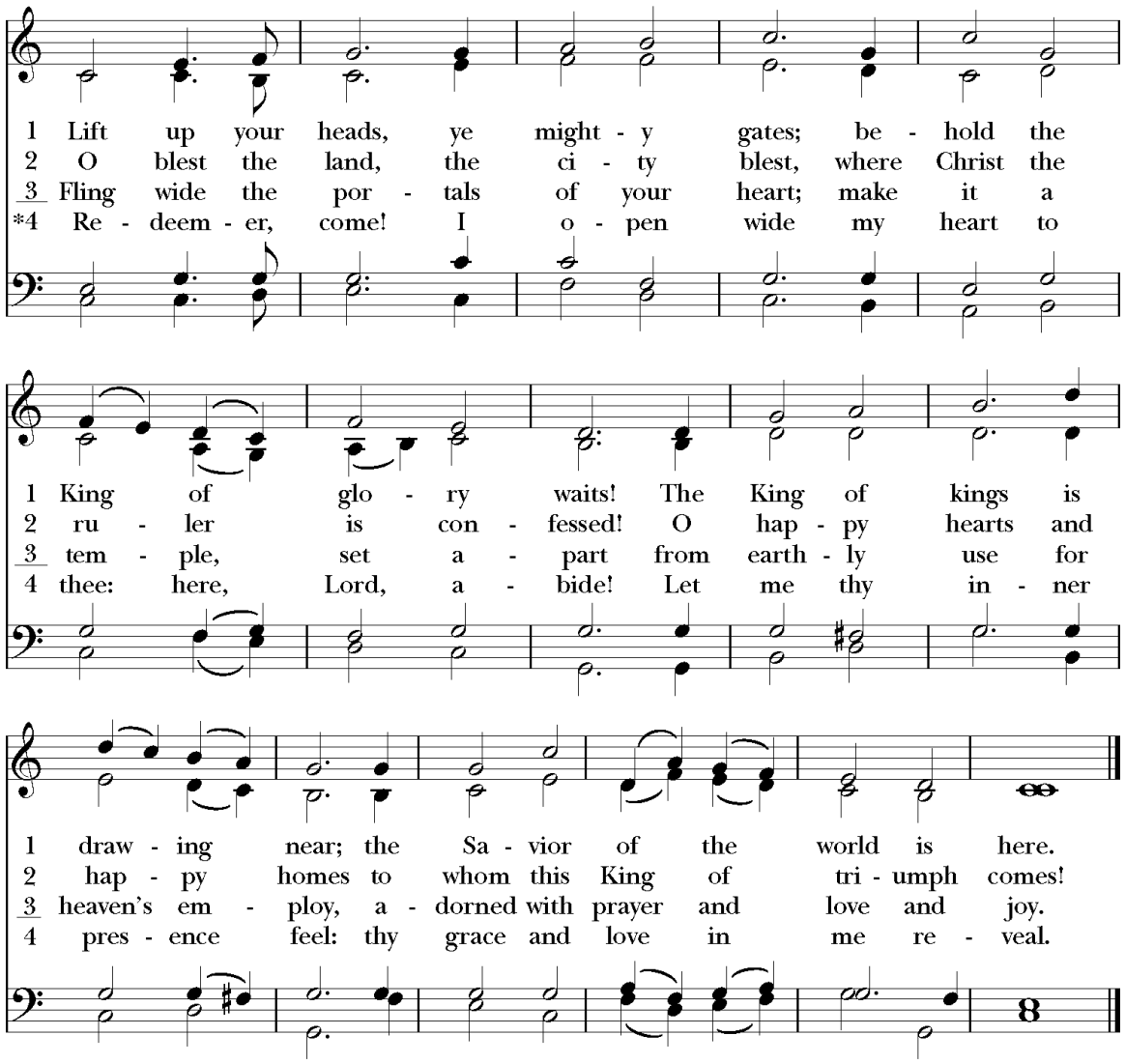
The Holy Eucharist — Full Text — *Proper 27 in Ordinary Time*

St. Paul's on the Green — November 8, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto from "Symphonie Gothique"* – Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

Hymn in Procession *Hymn 436*

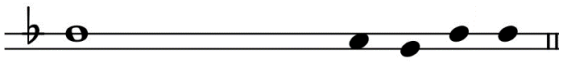


Words: Georg Weissel (1590–1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872), alt.

Opening Acclamation

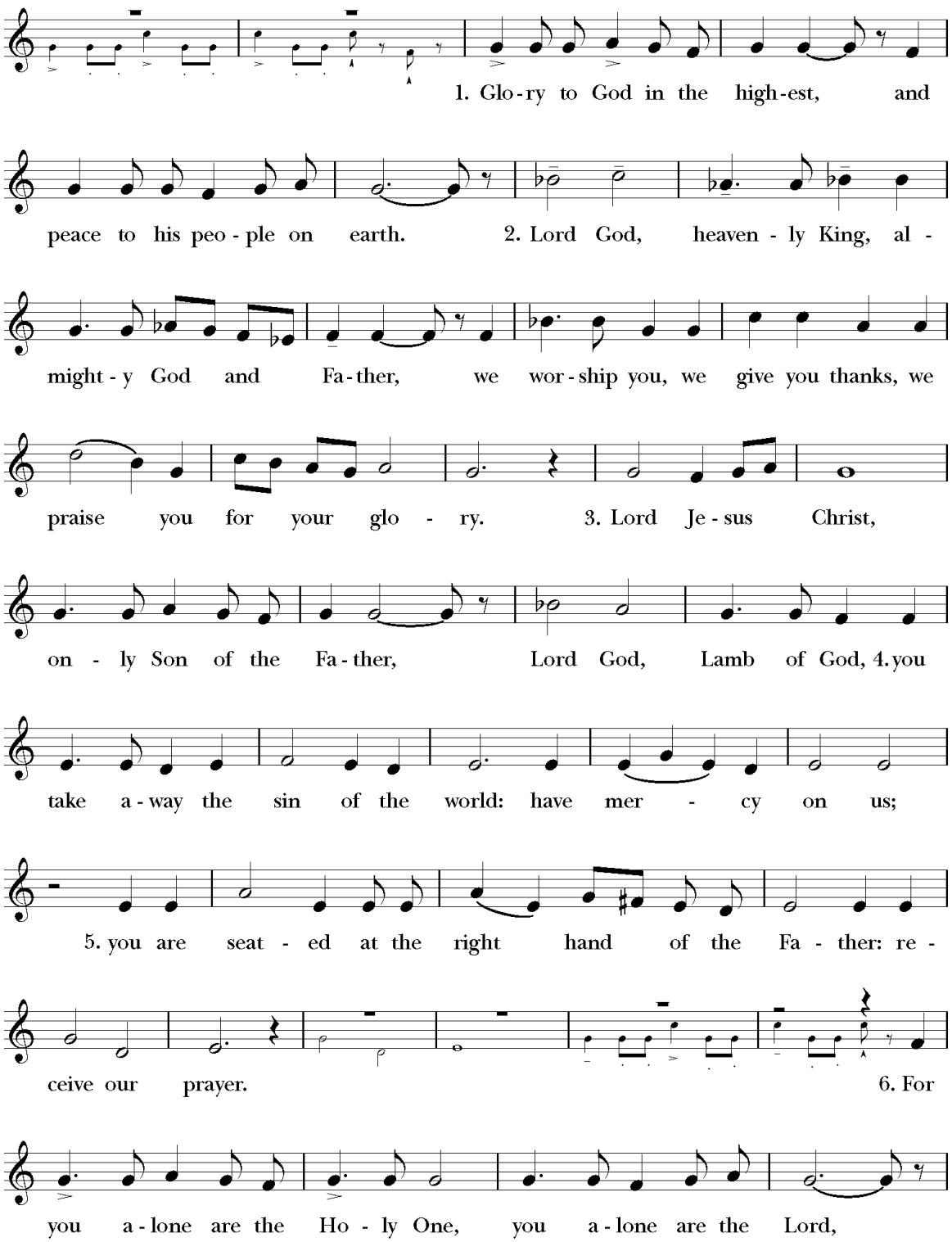
The Celebrant intones Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

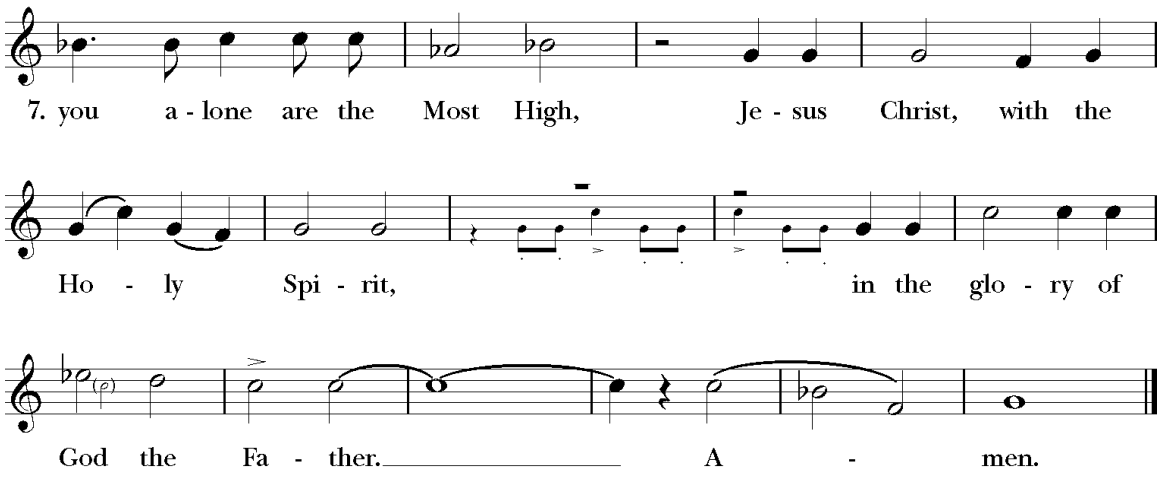
The People respond



Gloria

S278





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.

Brighten your church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom, and waken our hearts do its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom's return, and to enter the wedding feast. We ask 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.

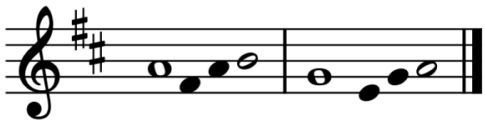
THE LESSON *seated* *Wisdom 6:12–16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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 70*
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



Be pleased, O God, | to deliver me; *
O God, make | haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and alto-|gether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back, *
because they | are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great | is the Holy One!"

But as for me, I am | poor and needy; *
come to me | speedily, O God.

You are my helper and | my deliverer; *
O God, | do not tarry.

Setting: Will Doreza

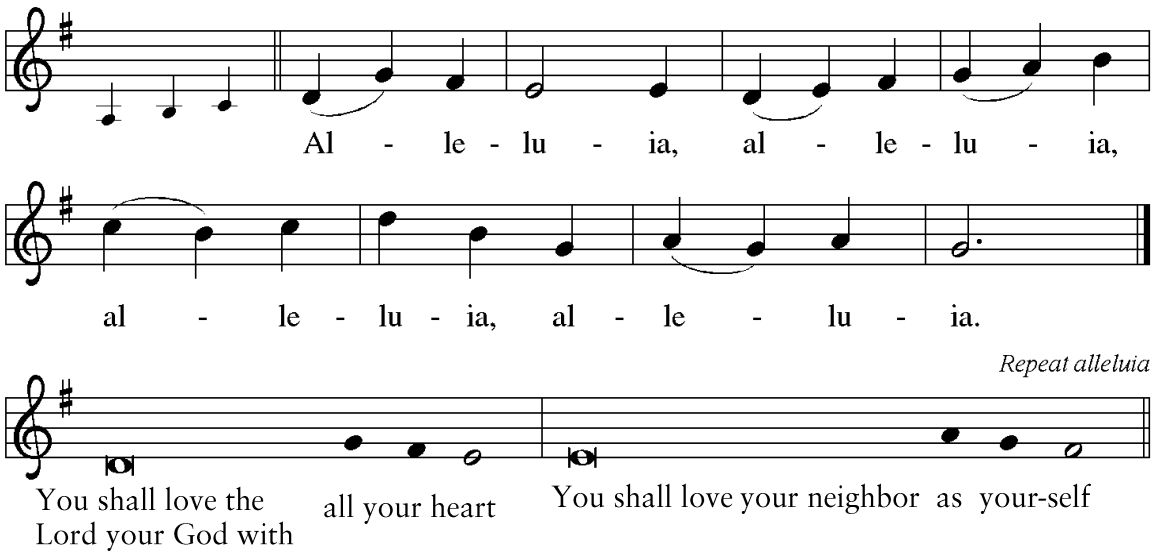
THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For 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. For 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. Then 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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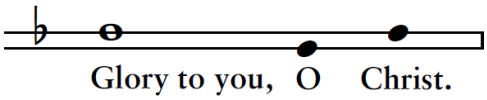
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



ELW Setting One

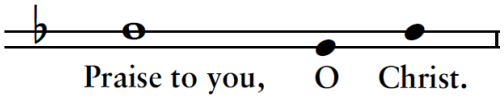
THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones* *Matthew 25:1-13*

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



Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But 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.' And 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *The Rev. Milton Gilder*
Curate

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Stewardship Testimonial *Salome Nsereko*

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*

Keep Your Lamps!

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

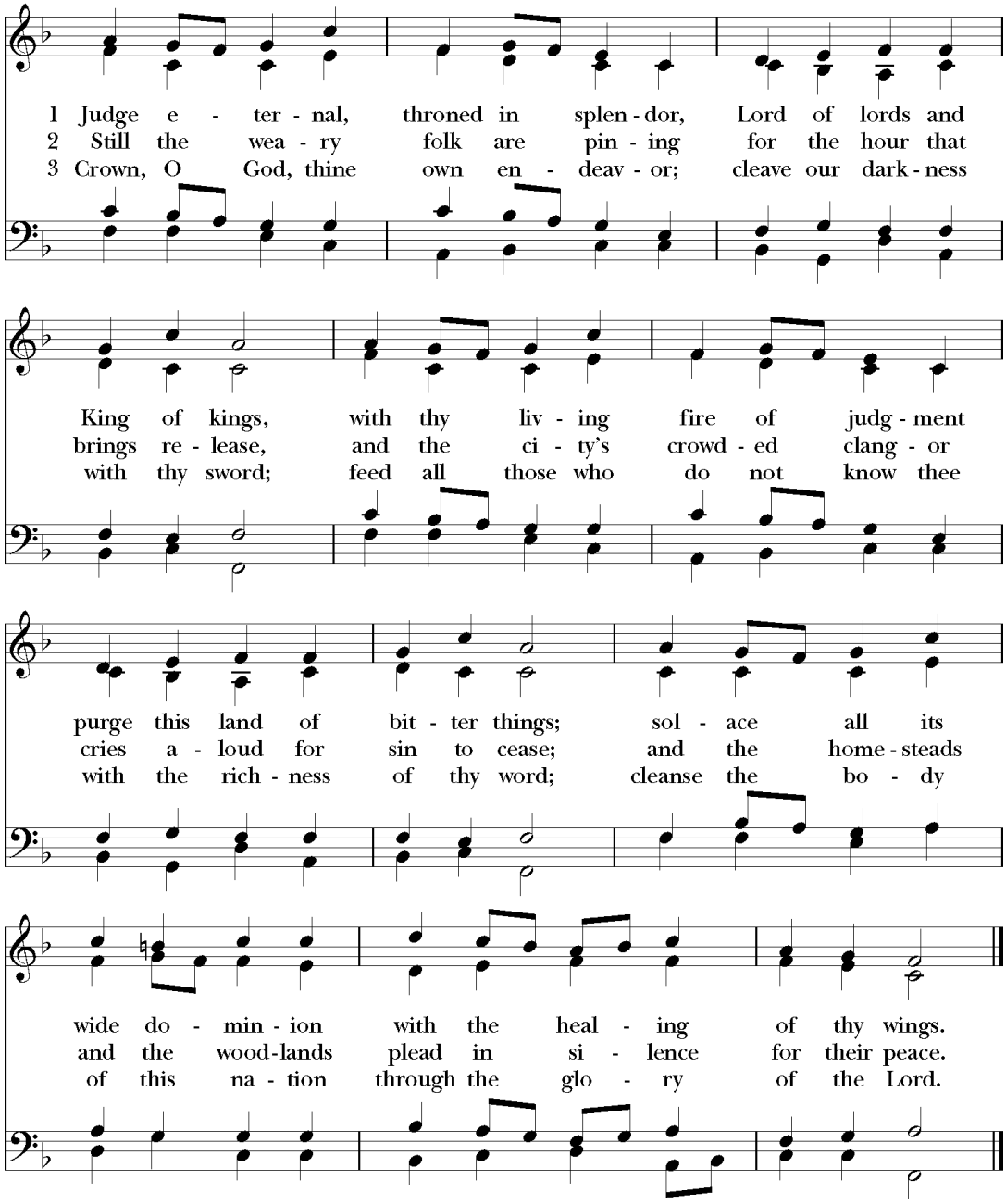
Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

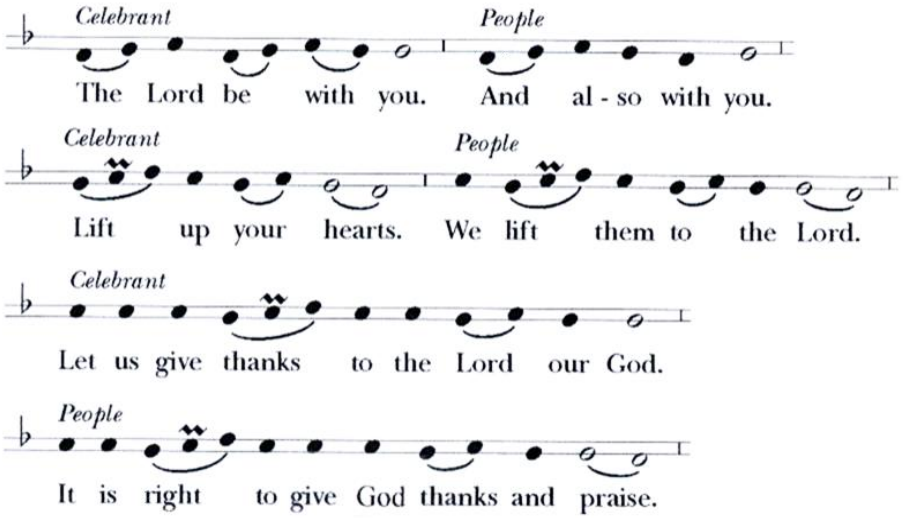
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The time is drawing nigh.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 596



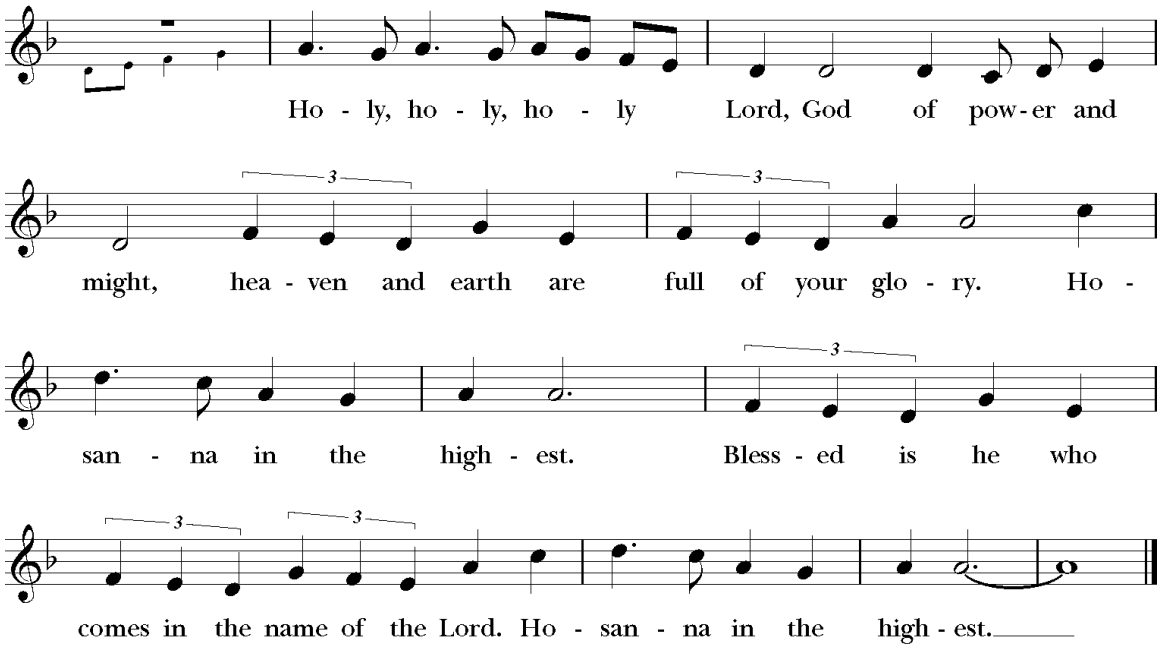
Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)



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:

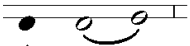
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

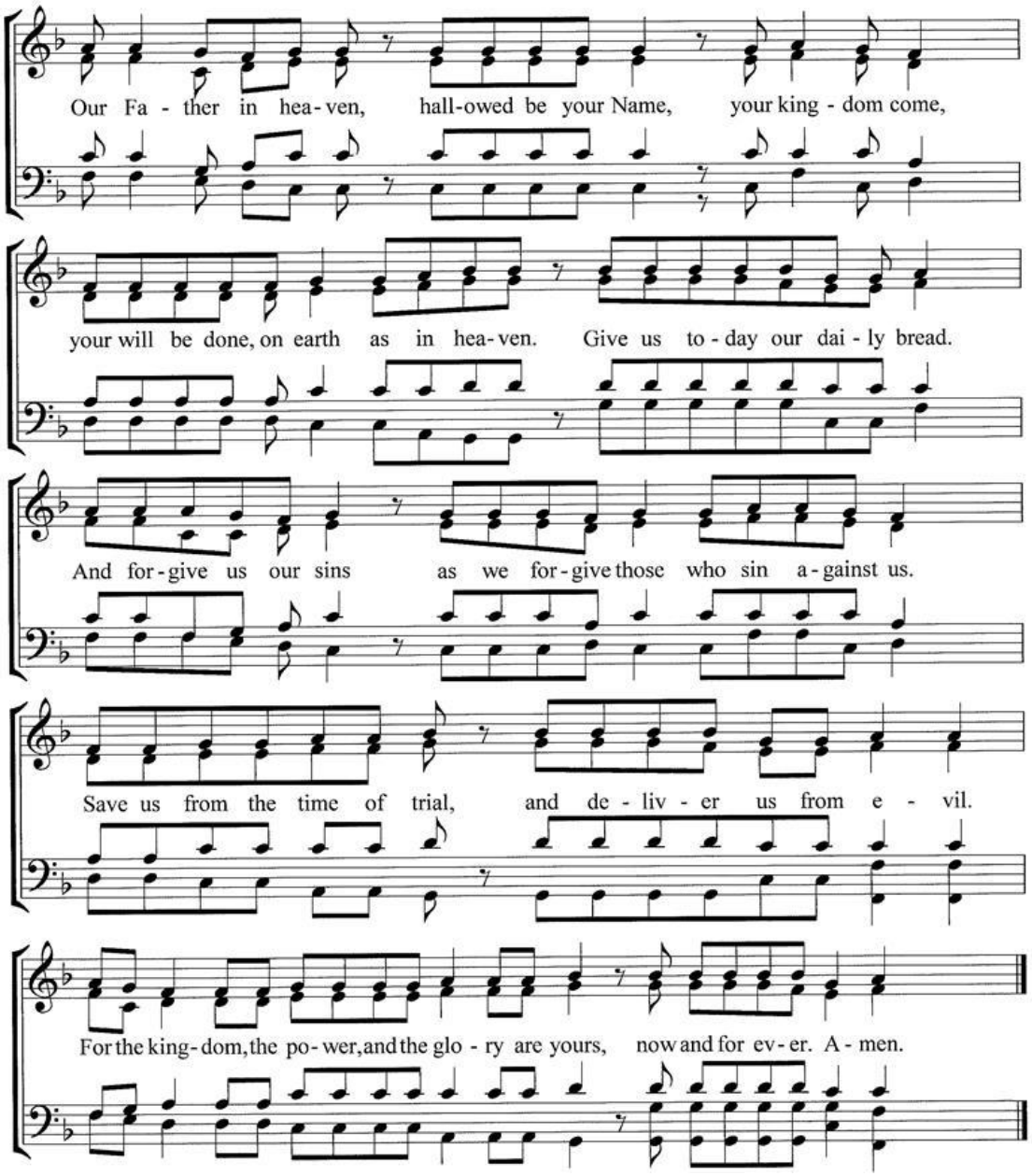
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People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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

The Communion

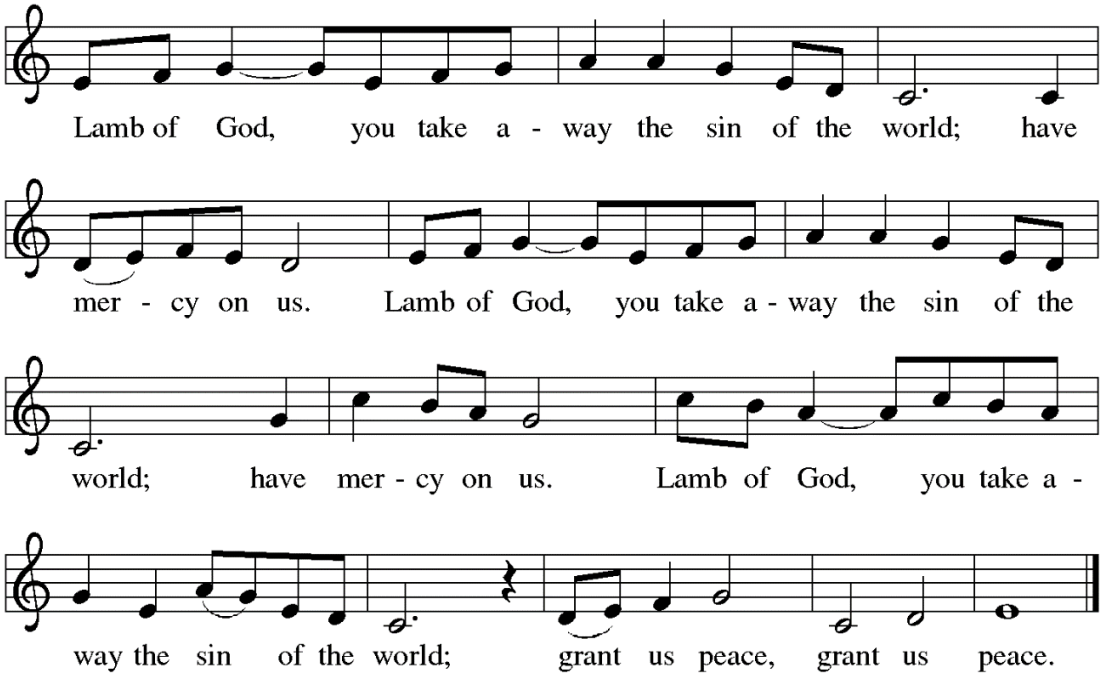
The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

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*

Christ is the World's True Light

W.K. Stanton (1891 – 1978)

Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Day-star clear and bright
Of every man and nation;

New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:

When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;

The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come Prince of Peace, and reign.

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

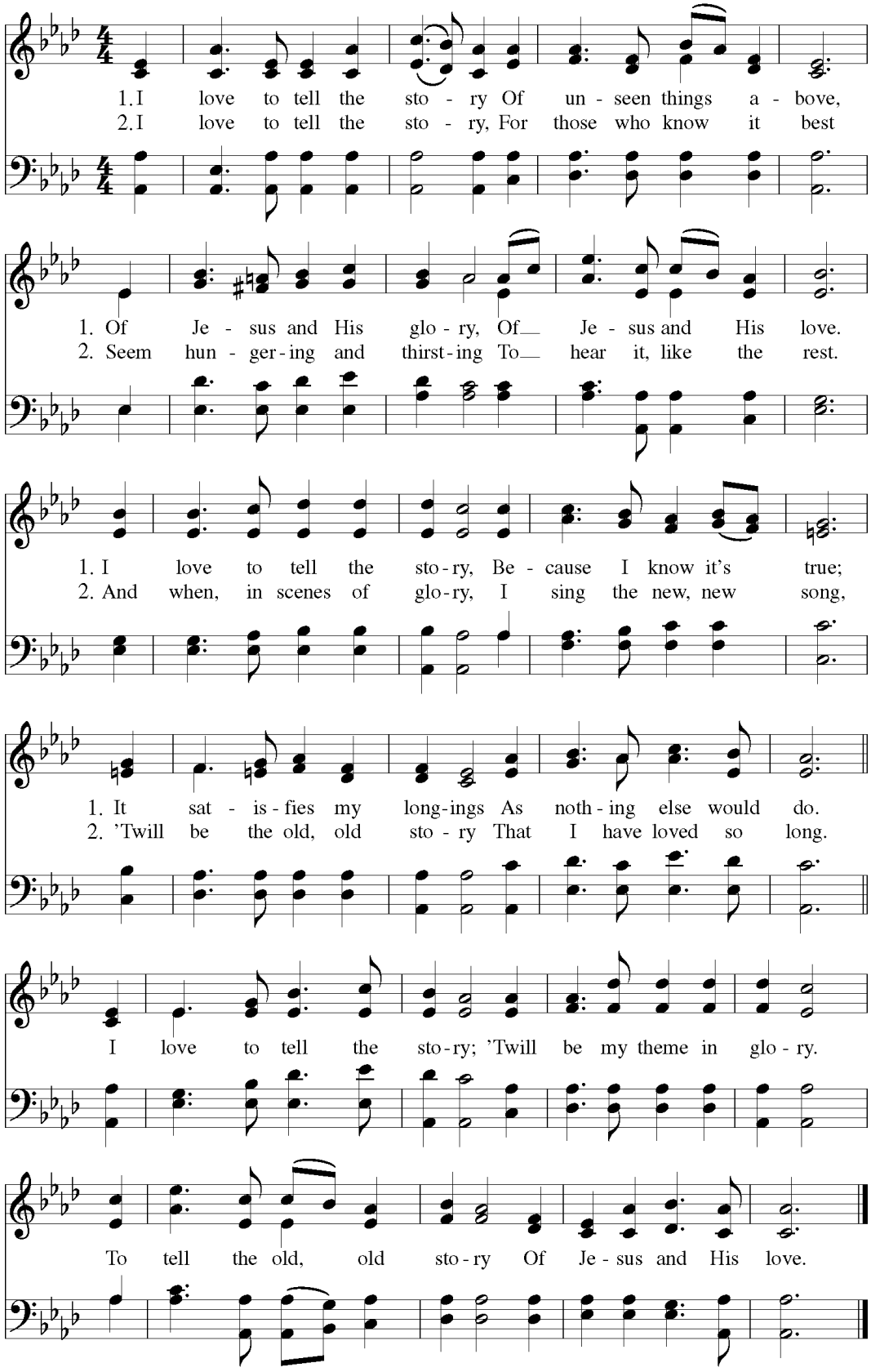
We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

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.



Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831–1911)
Music: William G. Fisher (1835–1912)

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

"Little" Fugue in G Minor BWV 578 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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