

Eighth Sunday after PENTECOST



Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

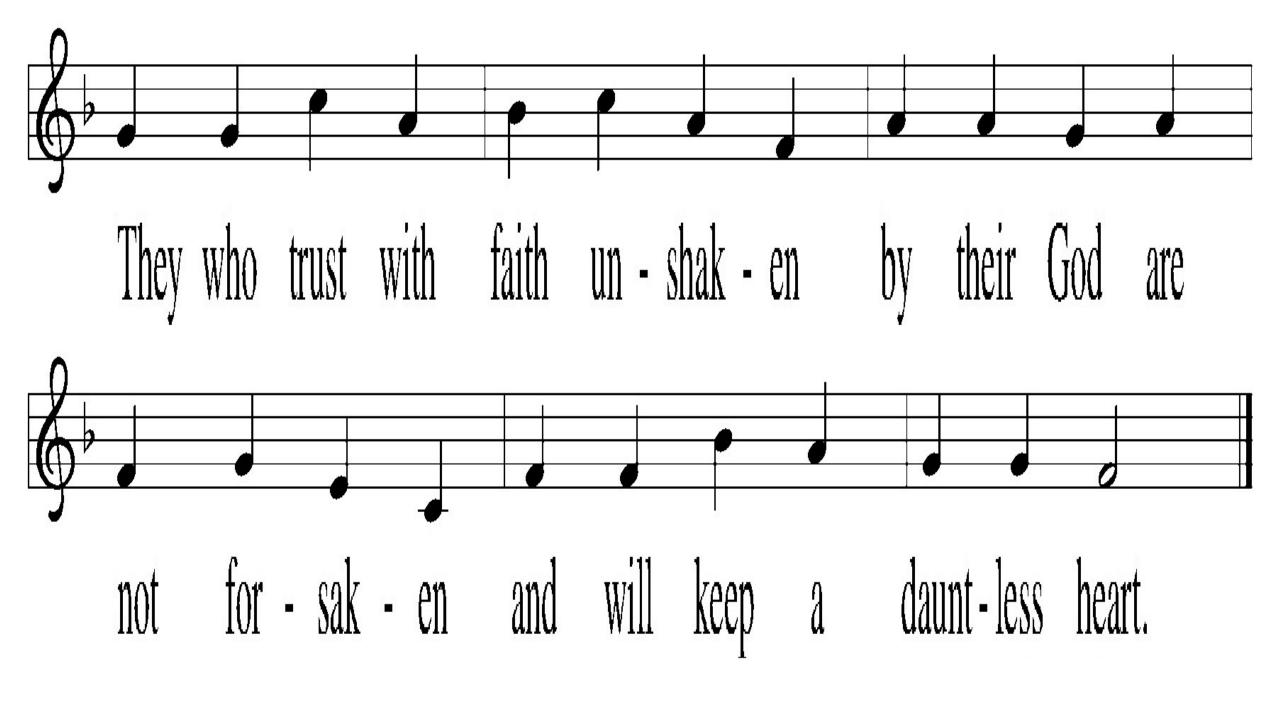
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.

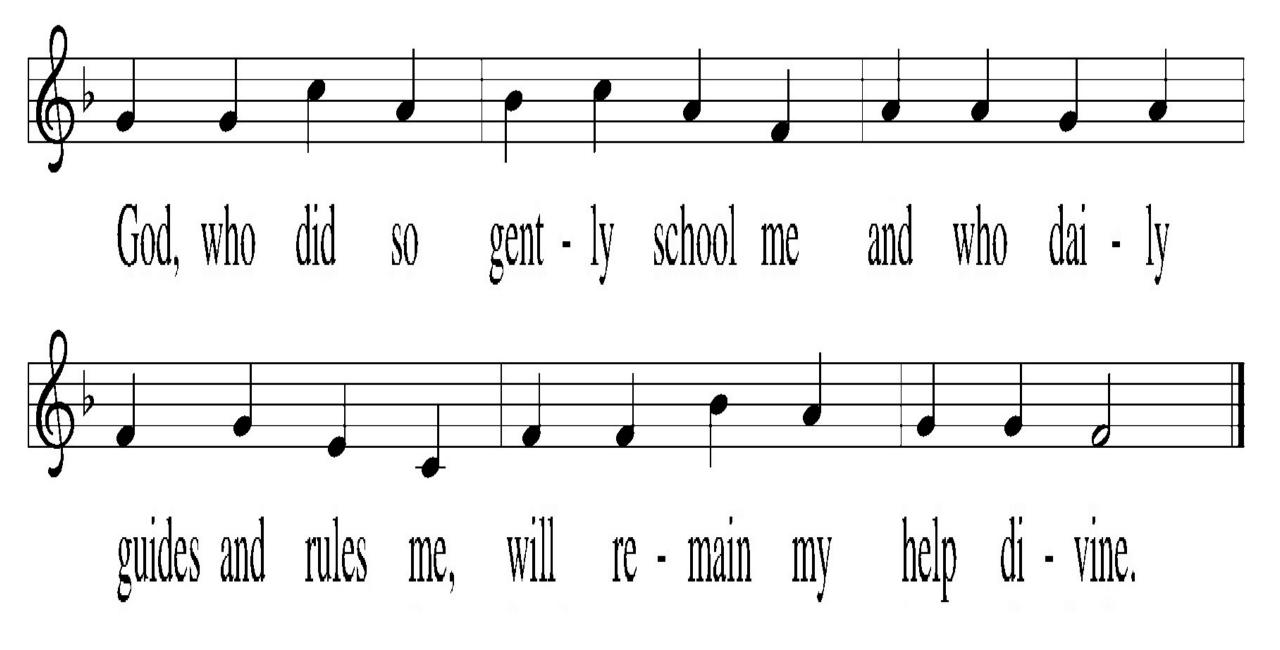
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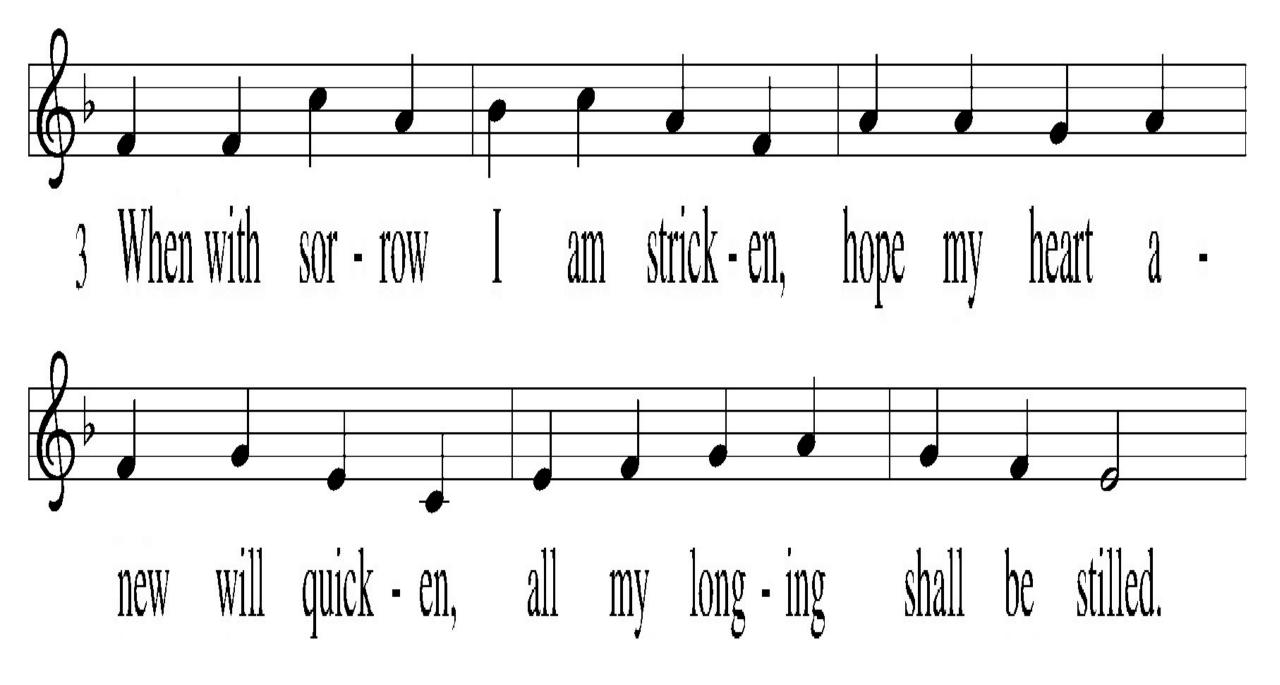
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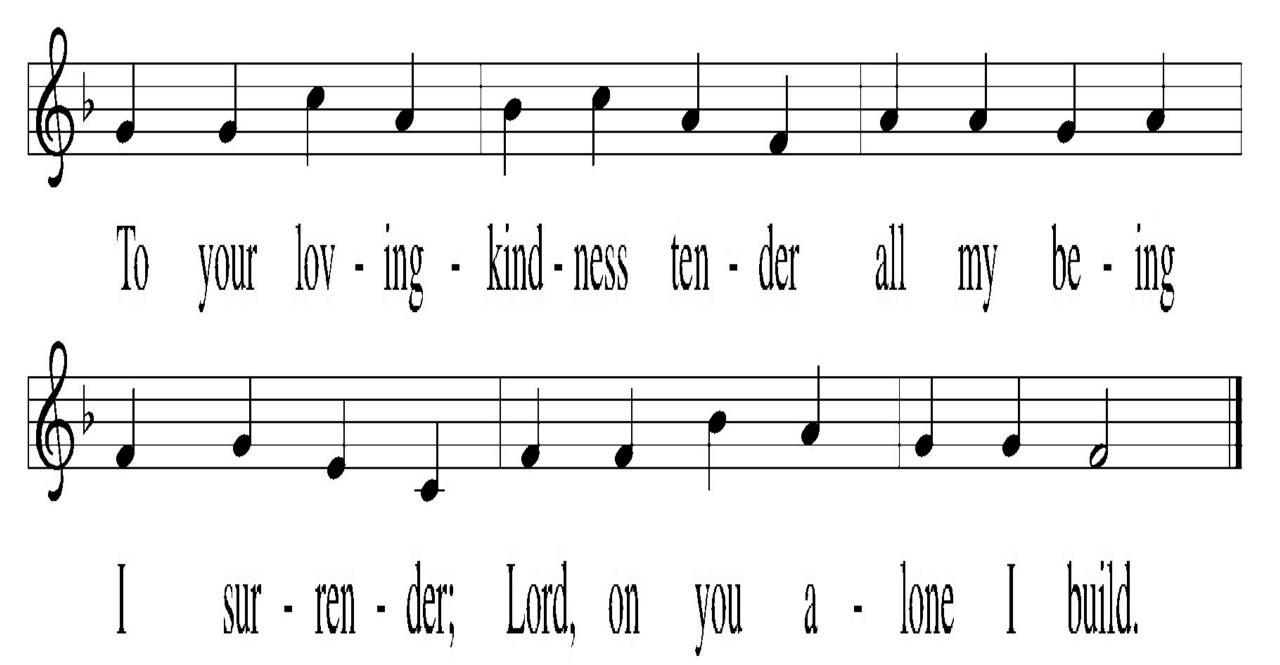


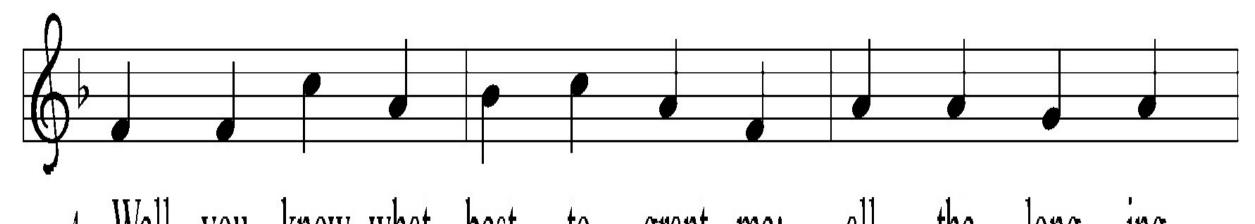




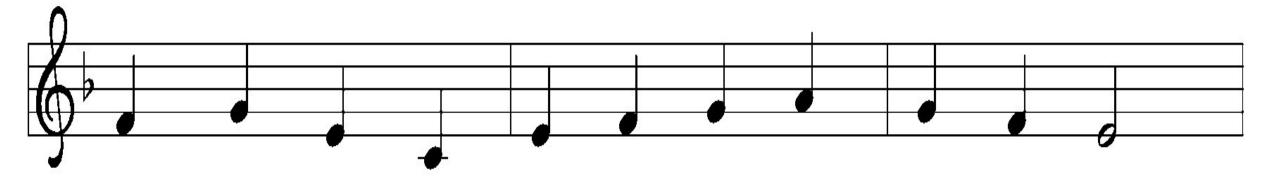






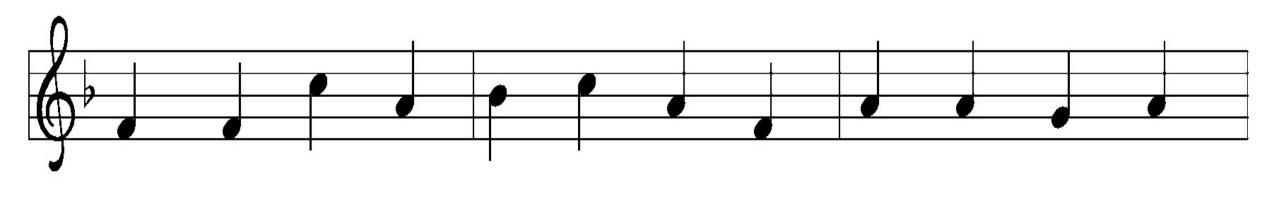


4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing

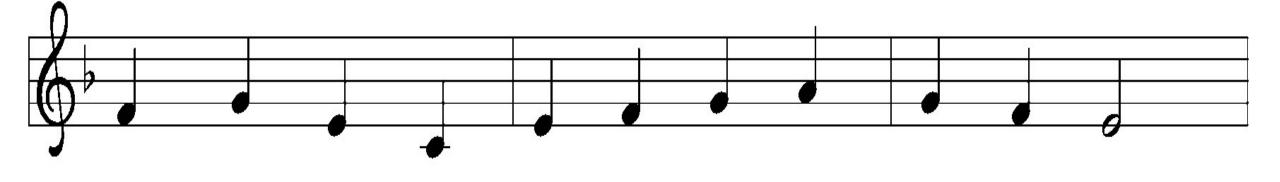


hopes that haunt me, joy and sor-row, have their day.





5 If on earth my days should length-en, God, my wea - ry



soul still strength-en; all my trust in you I place



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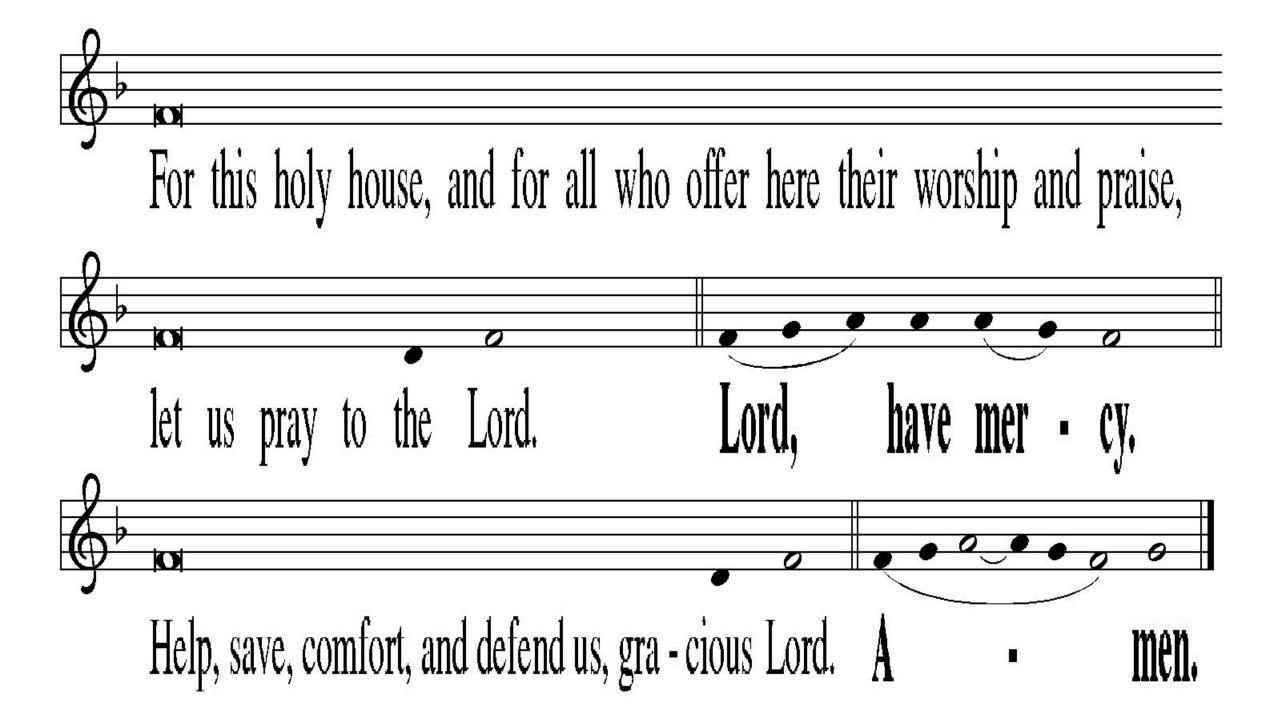
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

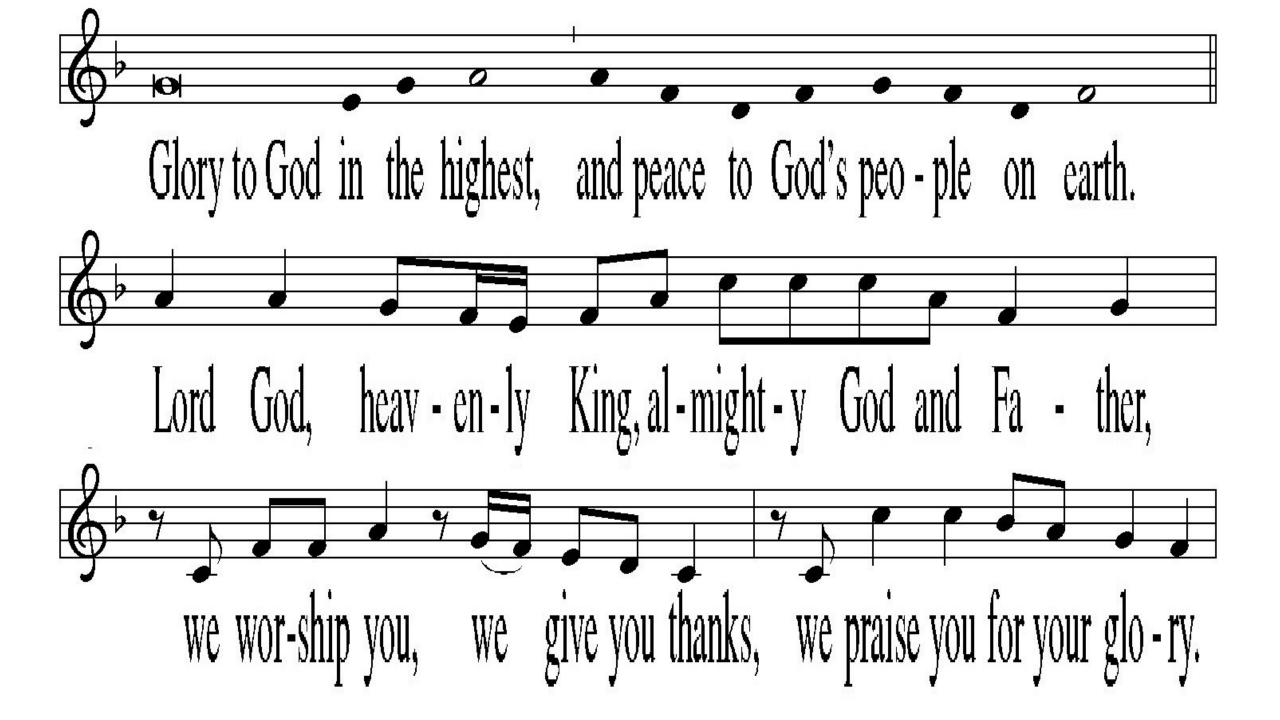
C: And also to you.





Lord, have mer - cy.









Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has

toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, | all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

² you of high de-| gree and low, rich and | poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

- ⁵ Why should I be afraid in | evil days, when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?

One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

*for the ransom of a life | is so great that there would never be e- | nough to pay it, o in order to live forev- er and ever and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

- Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation, though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
- Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
- ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life

⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Please Stand as you are able



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

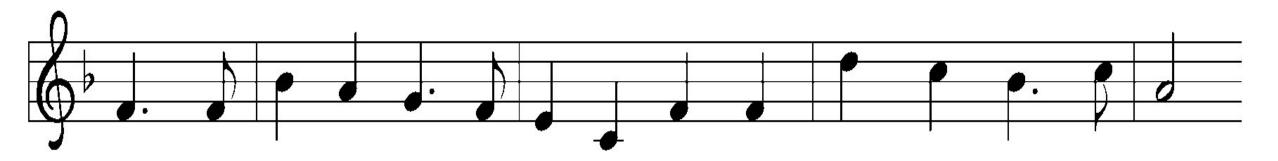
¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

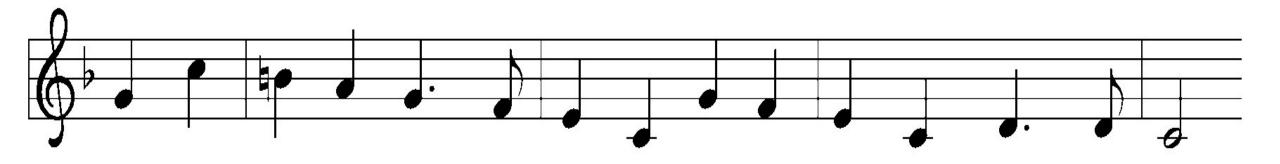
Praise to you, O Christ.



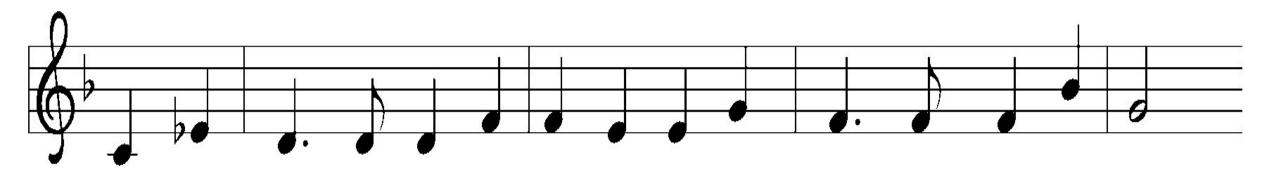
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



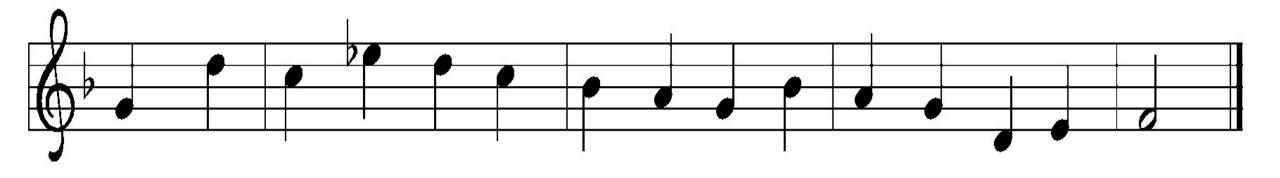
1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:



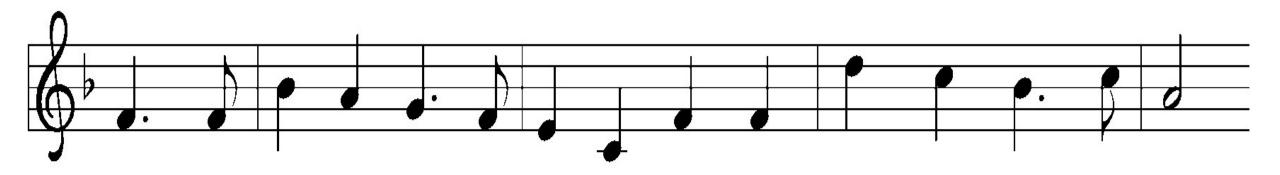
na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,



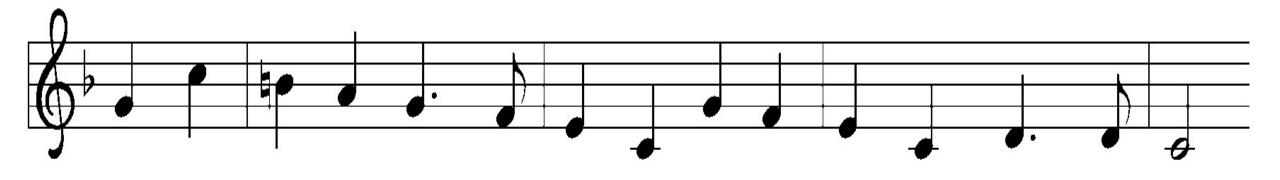
gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;



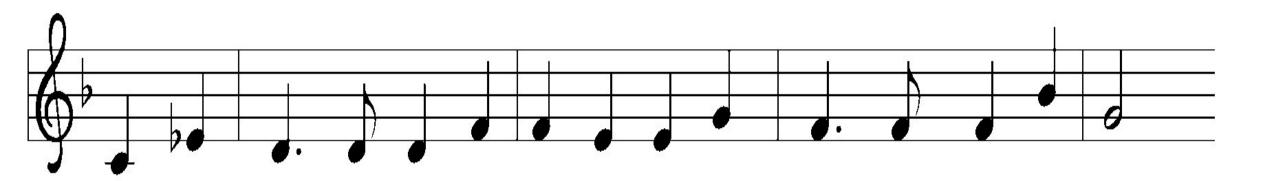
thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.



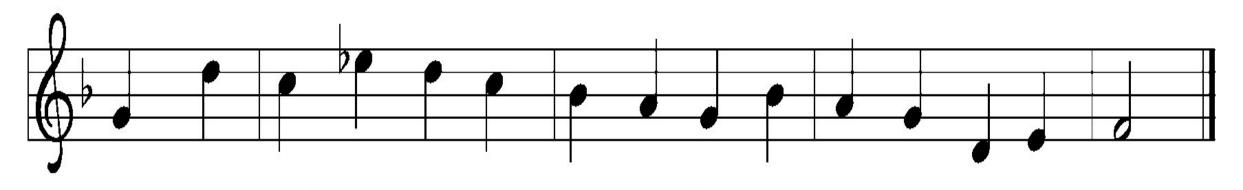
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:



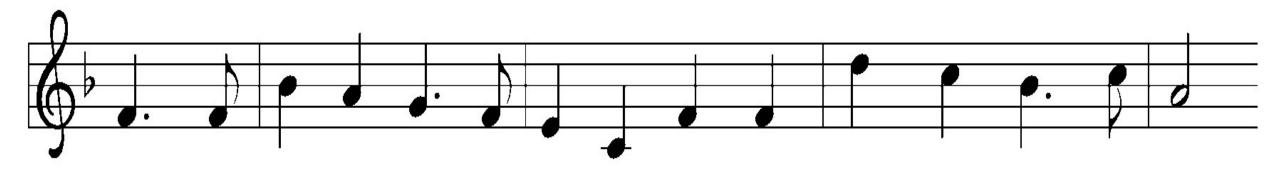
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.



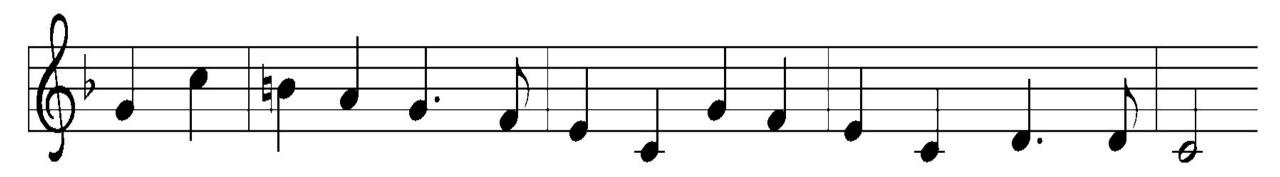
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;



born with tal - ents, make us ser-vants fit to an - swer at your throne.



3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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Apostles' Creed

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 into Hell.

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 INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

P/A: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

P/A: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

P/A: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

P/A: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (especially). Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

P/A: God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (specific ministries may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P/A: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (especially). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

PEACE

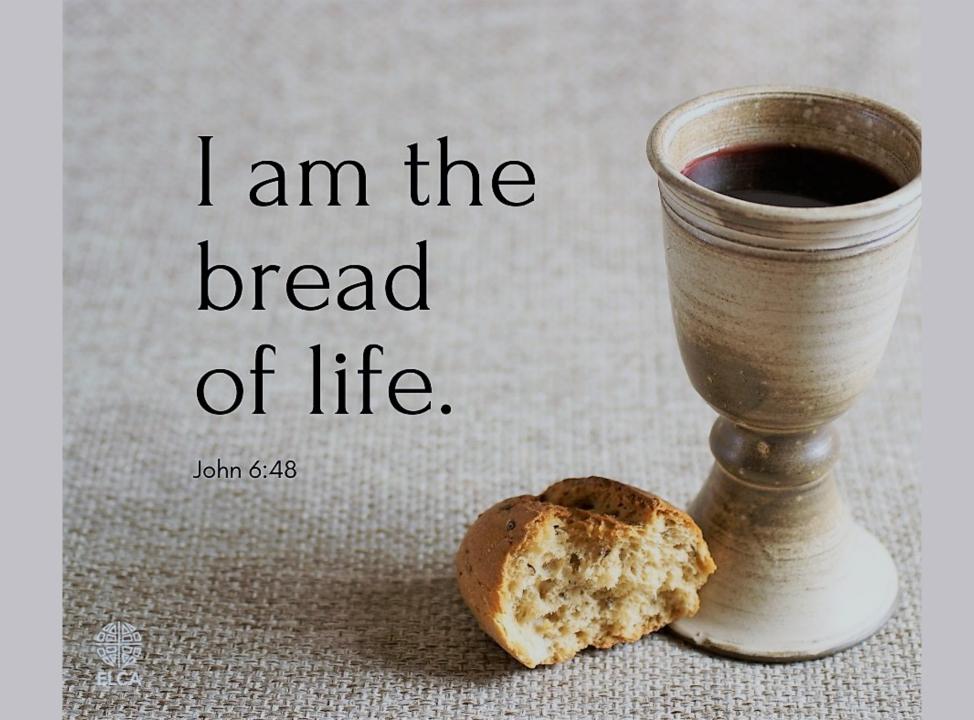
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.



Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song





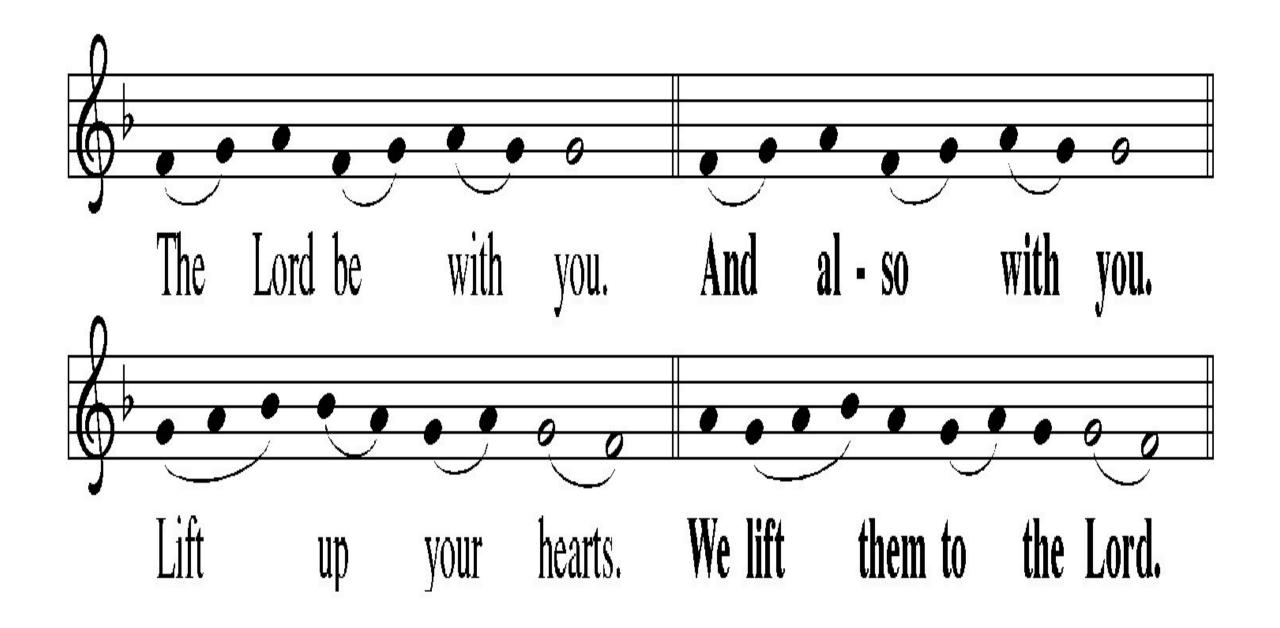
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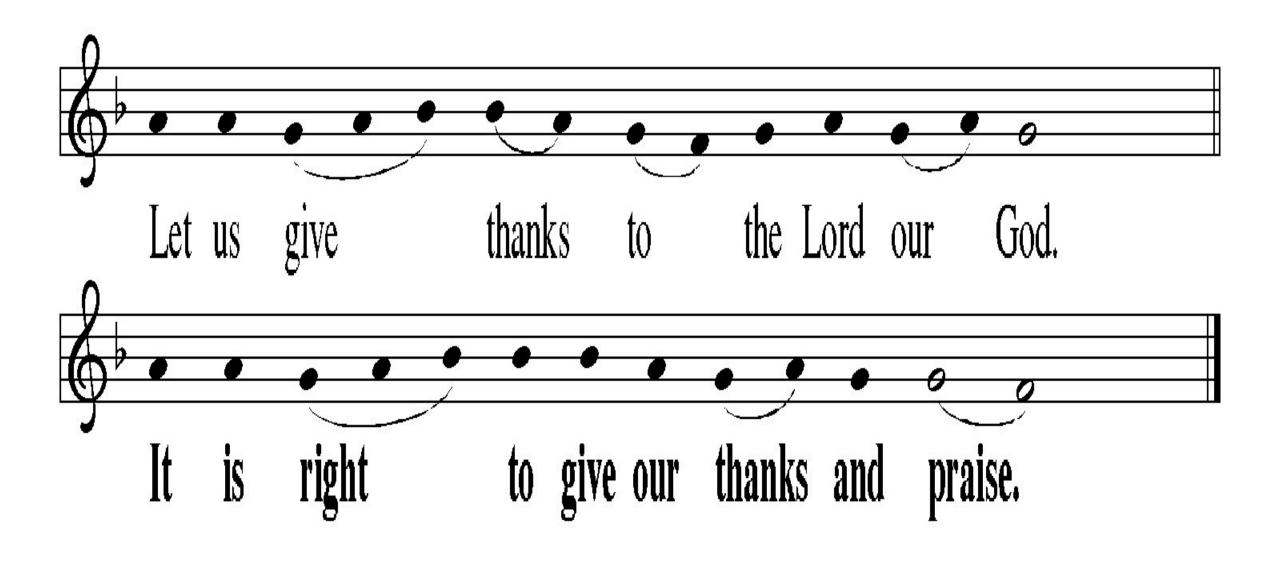
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P/A: Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.





P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings







comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

- P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Congregation – Please Be Seated







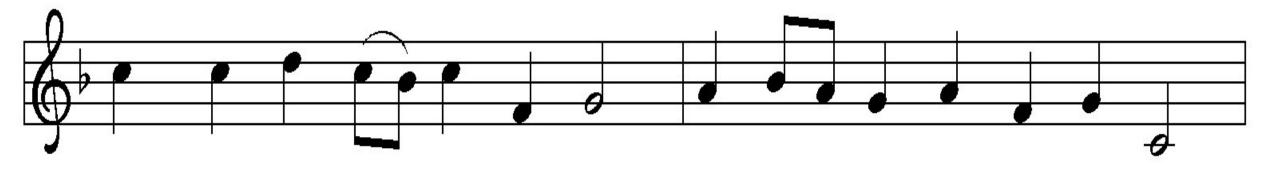
After all have returned to their places, stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Stand as you are able

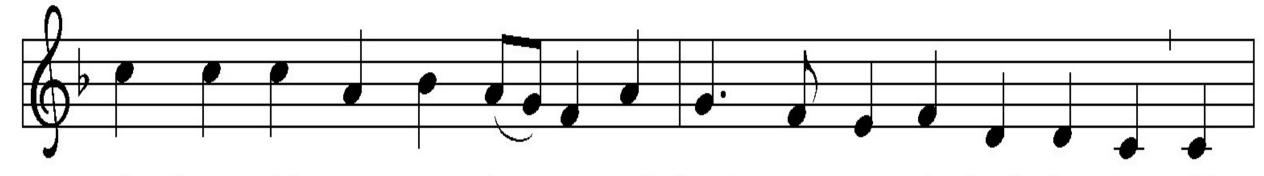
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia

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P/A: Let us pray.

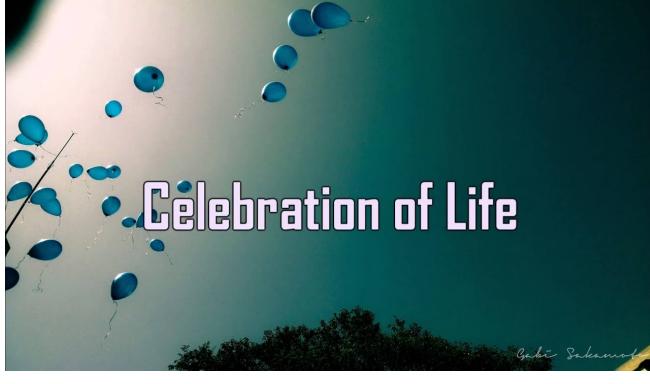
Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, and empower you to bless and keep those around you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, as you share that grace and mercy with all that you meet. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace, and let that peace shine through you for all the world to see.

C: Amen.

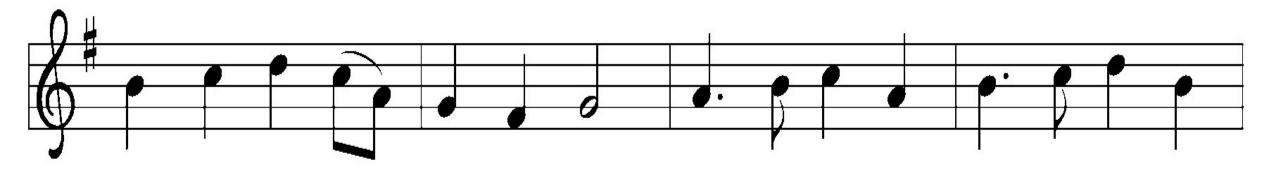




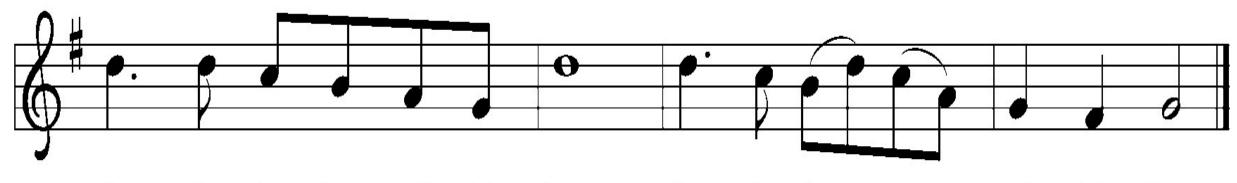


God of Grace and God of Glory





bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age

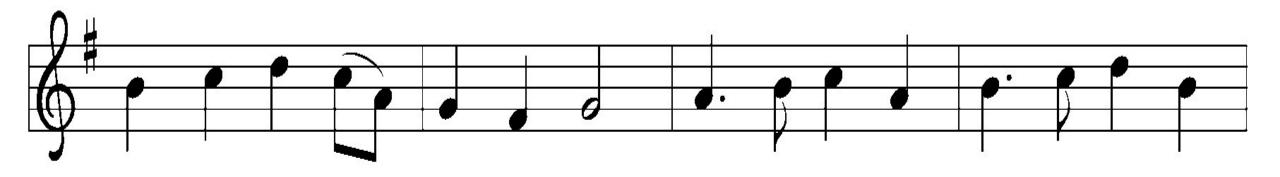


for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.

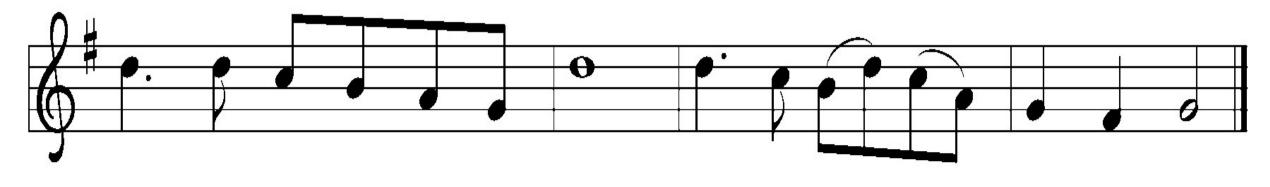


2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -





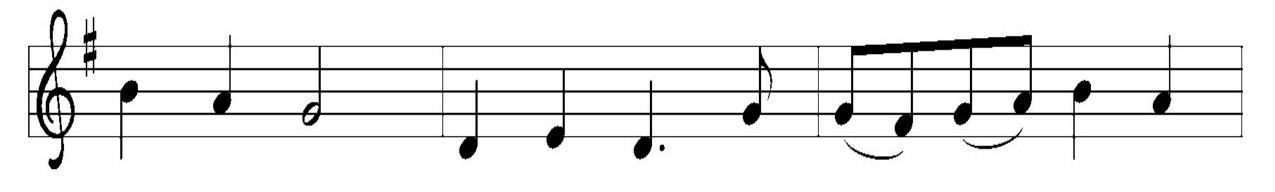
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age



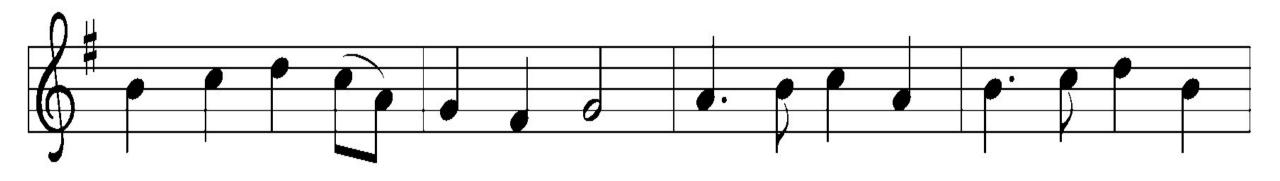
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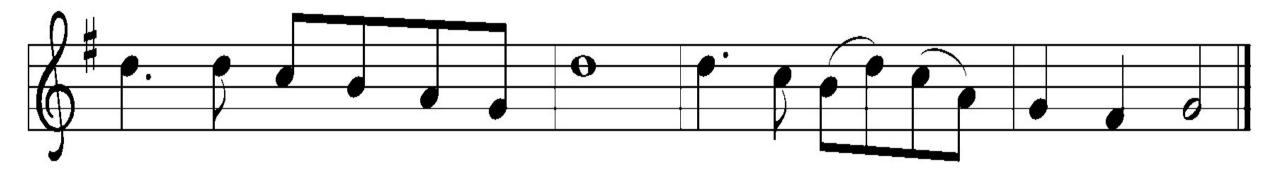
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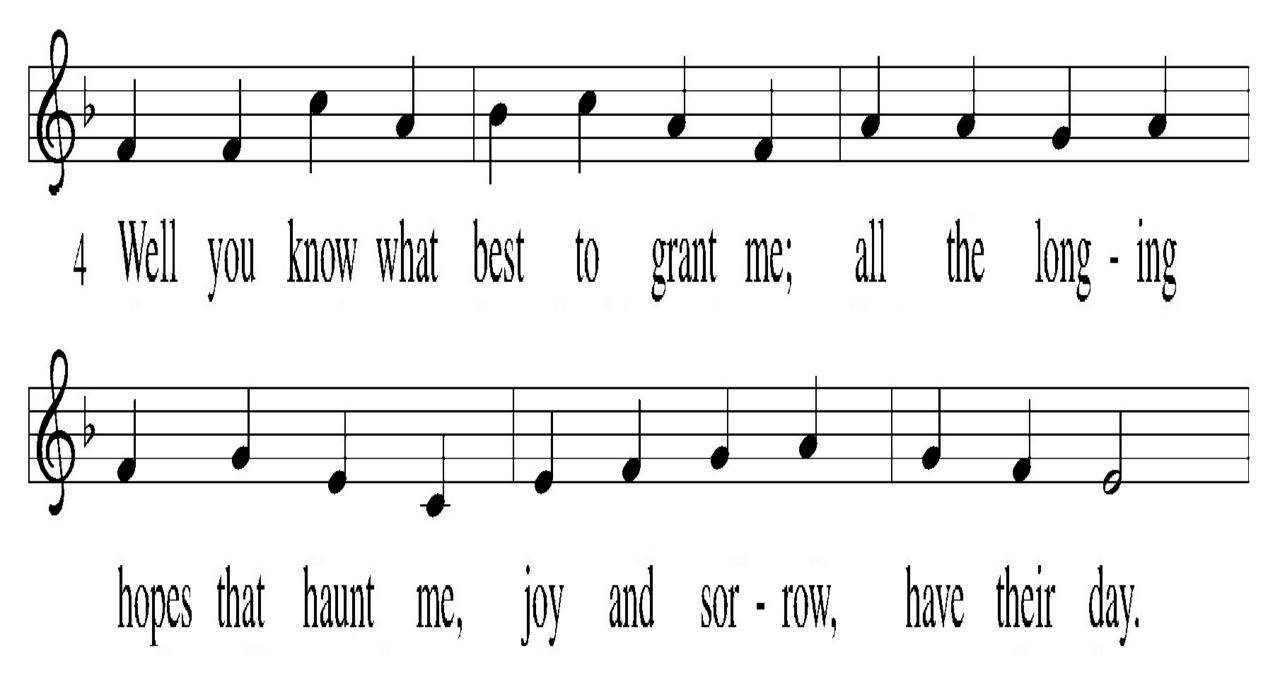
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness,

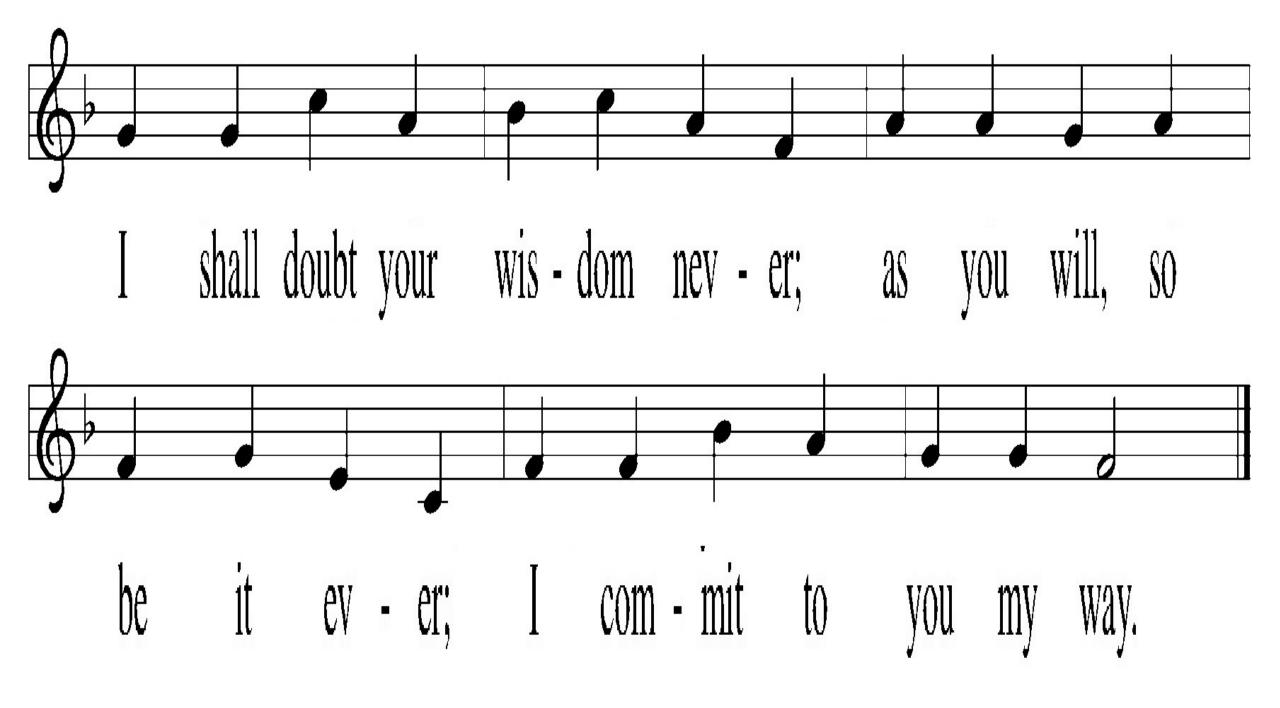


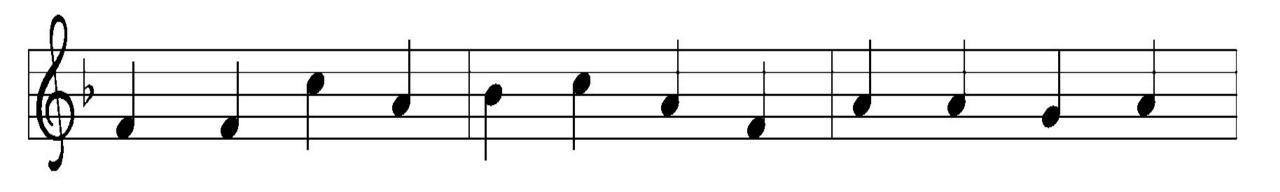
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



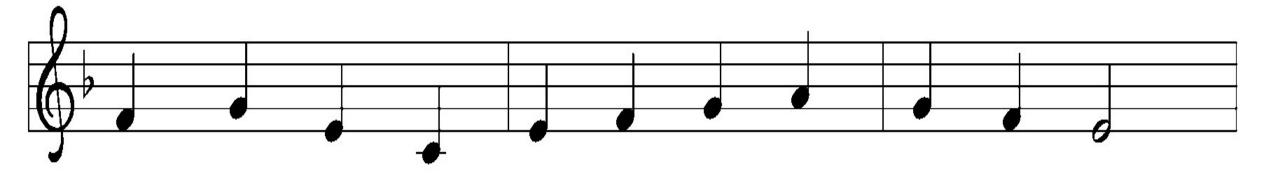
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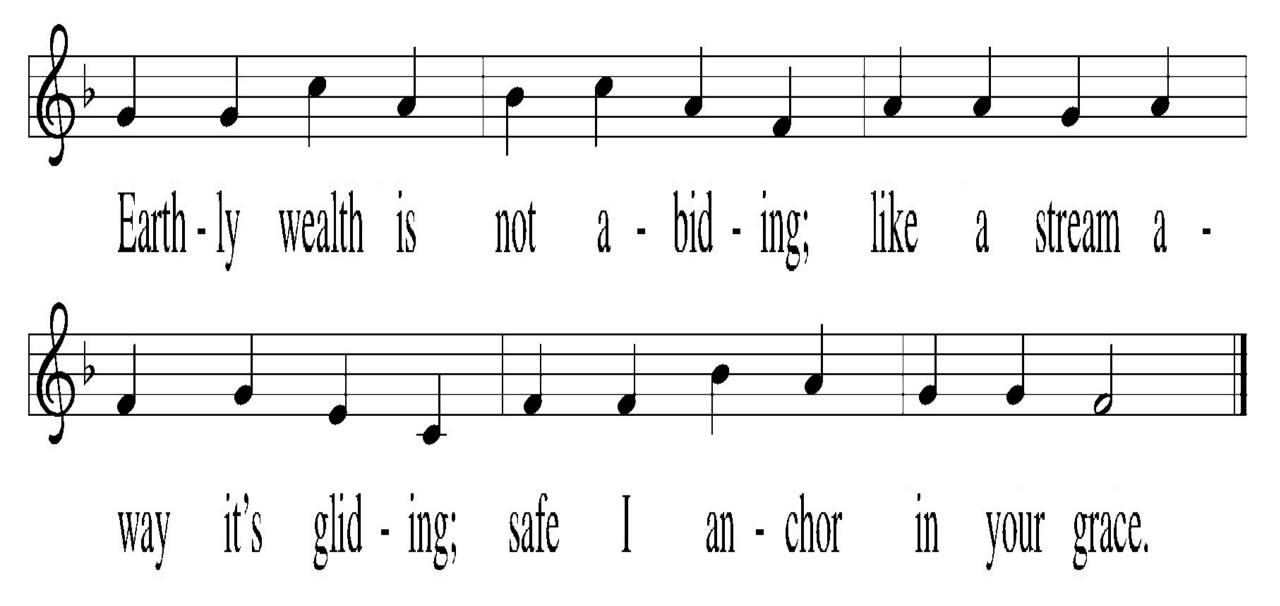




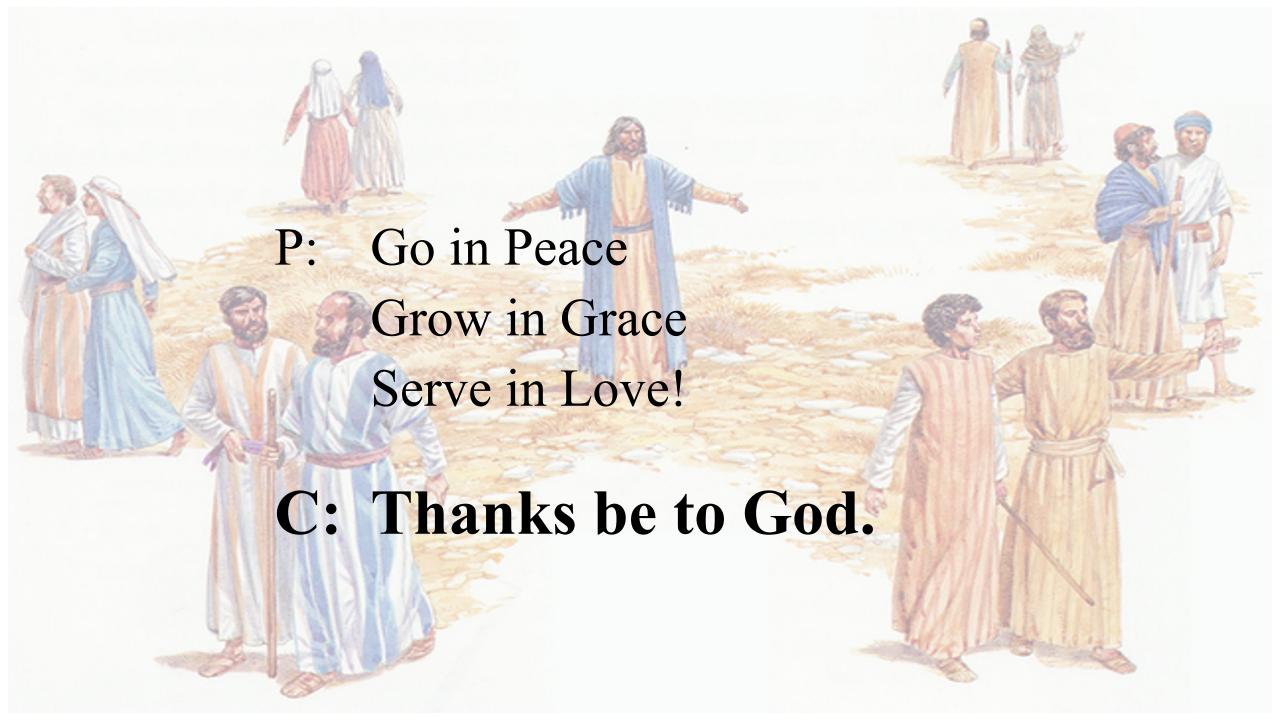
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Go and tell what great things God has done

for you.

Luke 8:39

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