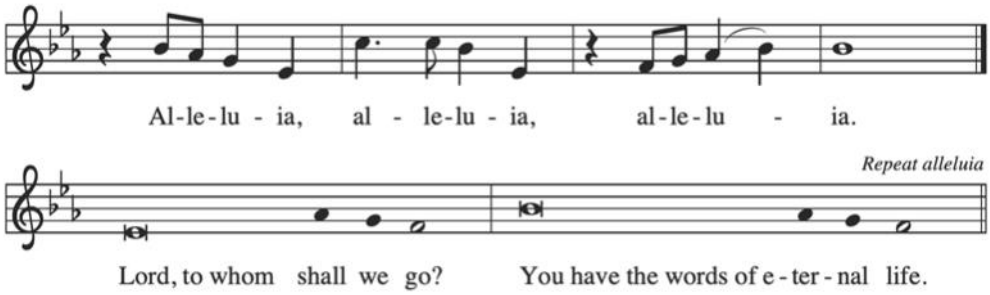
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation sings "alleluias", Pastor sings the verse; alleluias are repeated.



GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:6 (*Pew Bible Page 814*)

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY……**HYMN #521** *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 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 INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING……***Hymn #863*** *"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

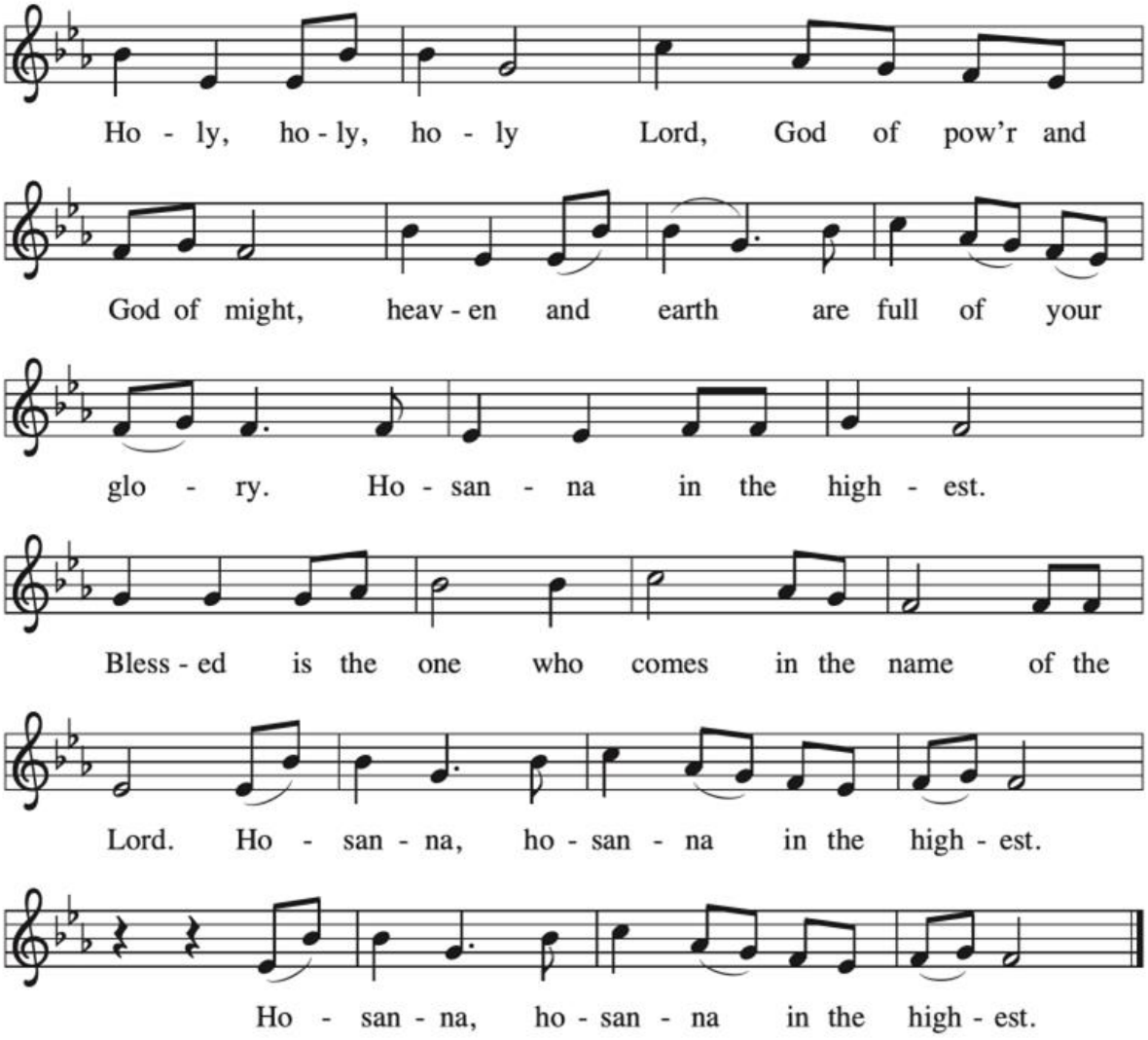
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

STAND

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN