24th Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast
November 8, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist — Diane Rauser
Liturgist — 8:15 - Jen Christy
10:45 -

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness
We confess our sins before God and one another.

Loving God, **We have rebelled against your life-giving reign and raised up worldly kings for ourselves—people, possessions, fame. You have sent us prophets to declare to us the error of our ways and we have despised them, choosing instead to follow false prophets who tell us what we want to hear. We have failed to heed your persistent call to lives of simplicity, love, self-sacrificial service, and commitment to the flourishing of all creation. Forgive us our short-sightedness and self-focus. Draw us back to you, that we might center our lives on our relationship with you, and turn outwards in love for all that you have made.**

Our God still reigns over all that is, and cherishes each and every one of us as beloved children. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, and you are set free to serve and do justice in all the earth. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

When nights are long with wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,
your calming peace to know.
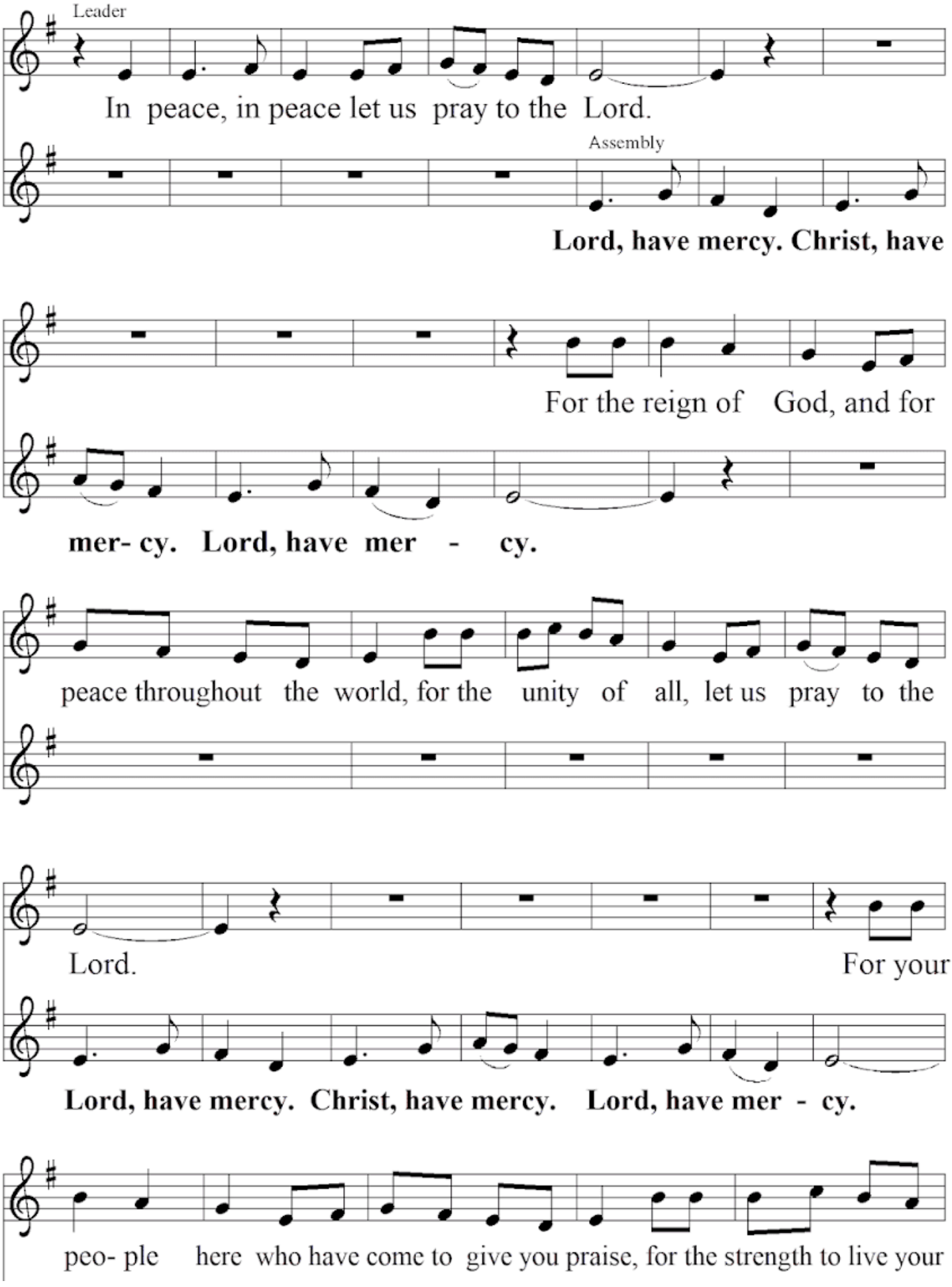
We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

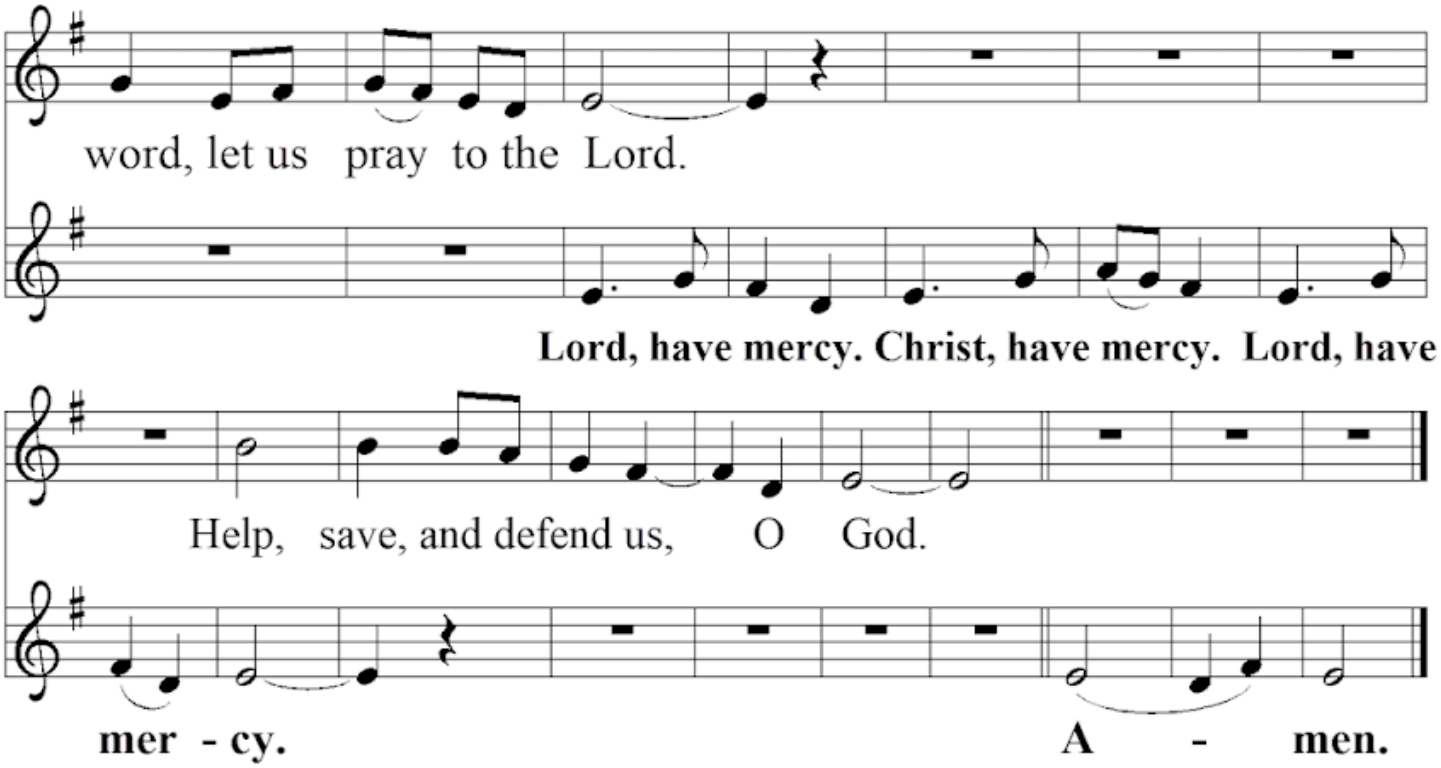
Liturgy of the Word

† Greeting

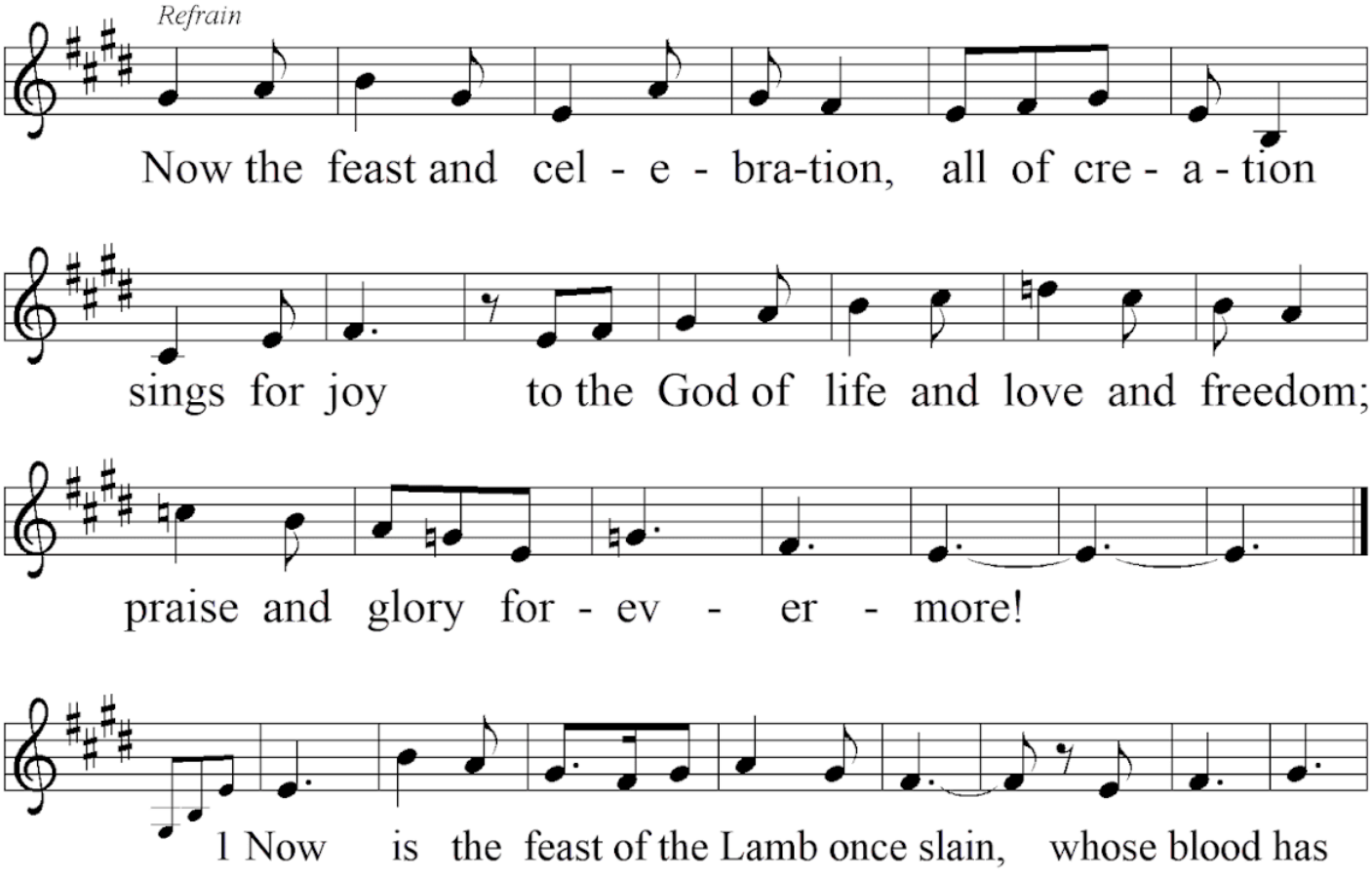
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**
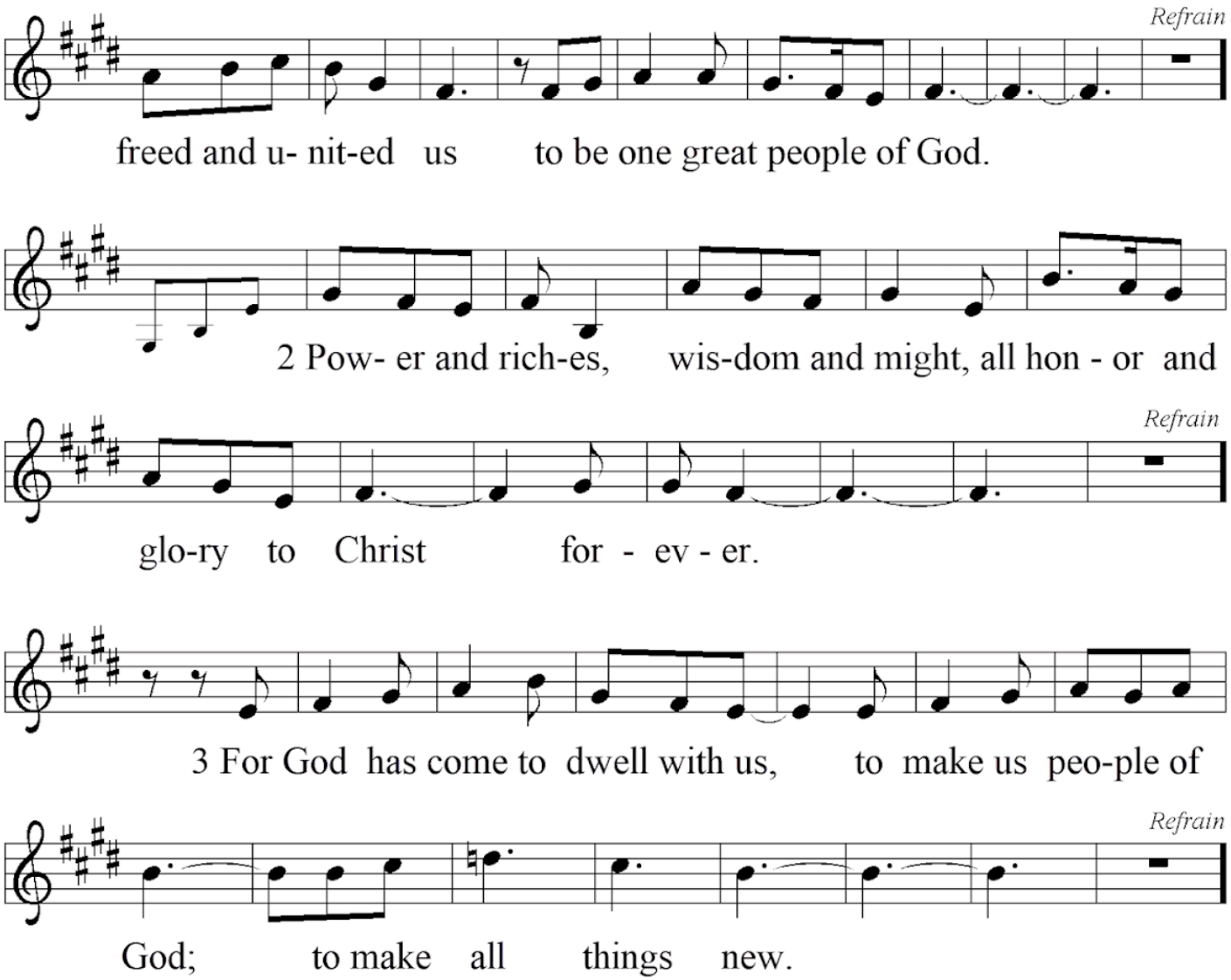
† Kyrie


Leader
In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



† Now the Feast





† Prayer of the Day

Healing God, you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions, and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music: Lift Every Voice and Sing ***Adult Choir***

Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-15a

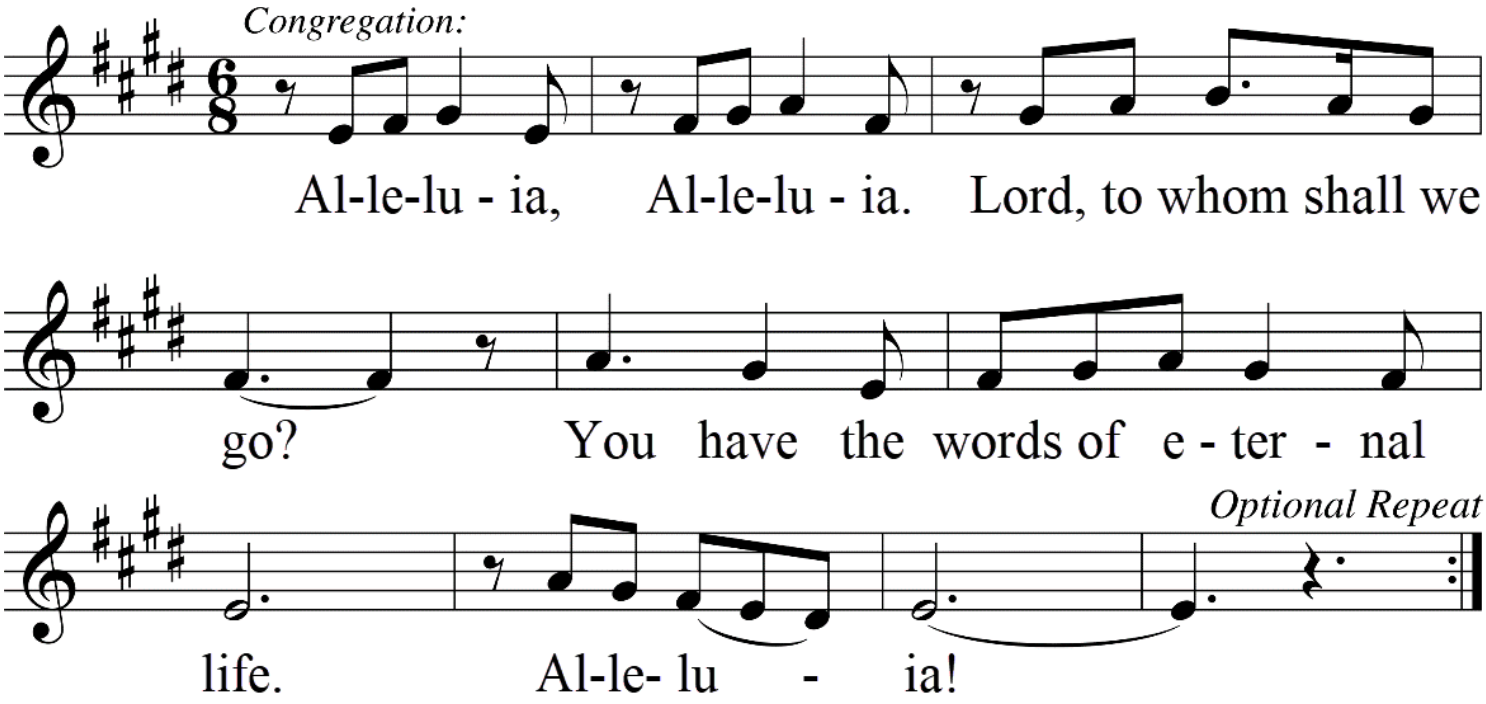
[1]Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. [2]Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of

Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. [3]She said to her
mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in
Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." [4]So Naaman went
in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had
said. [5]And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send
along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him
ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets
of garments. [6]He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which
read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to
you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."
[7]When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and
said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word
to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he
is trying to pick a quarrel with me." [8]But when Elisha the man
of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he
sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes?
Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet
in Israel." [9]So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and
halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. [10]Elisha sent a
messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven
times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."
[11]But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought
that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on
the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over
the spot, and cure the leprosy! [12]Are not Abana and Pharpar,
the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?
Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went
away in a rage. [13]But his servants approached and said to him,
"Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something
difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all
he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14]So he went down

and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. [15]Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Acclamation:



† GOSPEL: Matthew 8: 2-3

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 8th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

[2]And there was a leper who came to Jesus and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.” [3]He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon **Pastor Beth**

Sermon **Pastor Beth Wartick**

† Hymn of the Day: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* **ELW 614**

Refrain:
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. R*efrain*

† 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

Trusting in God's benevolent rule over creation, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, as Elisha cured a non-Israelite man, may we reach out in love and service to those who differ from us, that every single person—all of your beloved children, made in your image— might experience healing and wholeness. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

All rivers and waterways are holy, O God. Help us to heal the infirmities we have inflicted upon this most life-giving resource throughout the world. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Give all who lead the humility to recognize their own limitations and the promise of your restoring grace and power. Inspire them to find joy in the work of serving others. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

As you healed Naaman, an outsider, so may we strive for just medical systems that provide care to all who need it, regardless of any artificial barriers we might create. Bring hope and healing to all who struggle, especially Denise and Stephanie. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Naaman's pride almost prevented him from accepting your gift of healing and wholeness. Relieve us of our need to control everything, that we might humbly follow in your way to serenity and peace. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all your saints whose lives demonstrate your love and strength in their overcoming of challenges. May we remember their victories and be inspired to hope and trust in you. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**
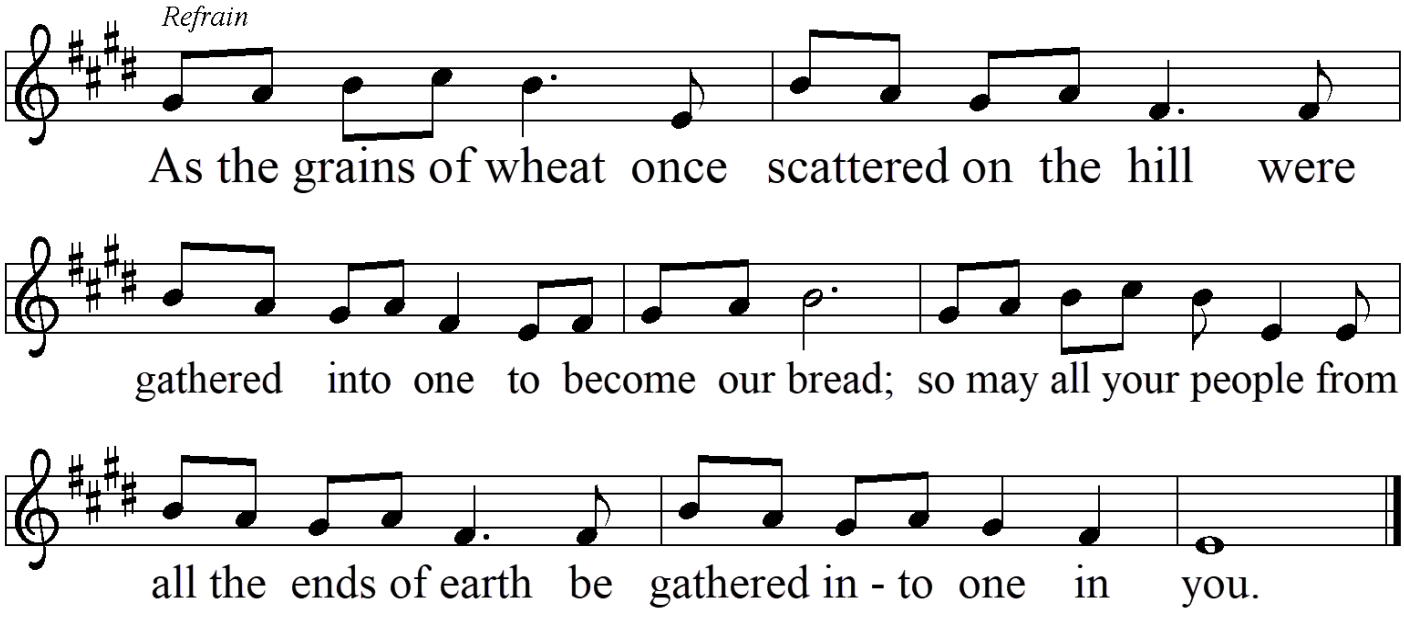
Sovereign God, we lift these prayers to you, and have faith that all things are in your hands. **Amen.**

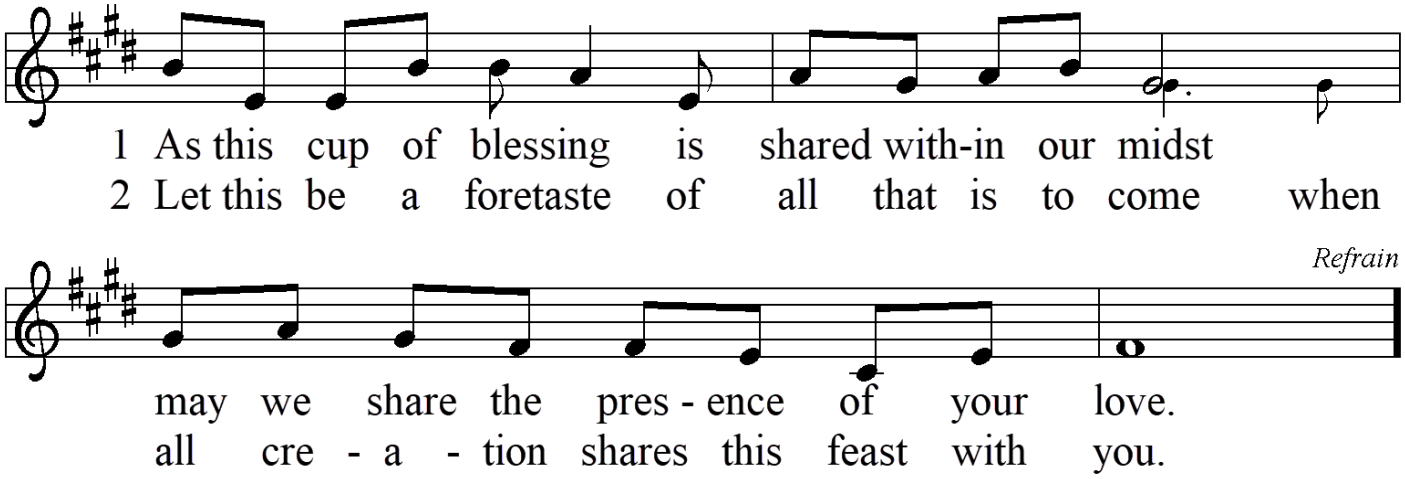
† Peace

Offering

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As The Grains of Wheat

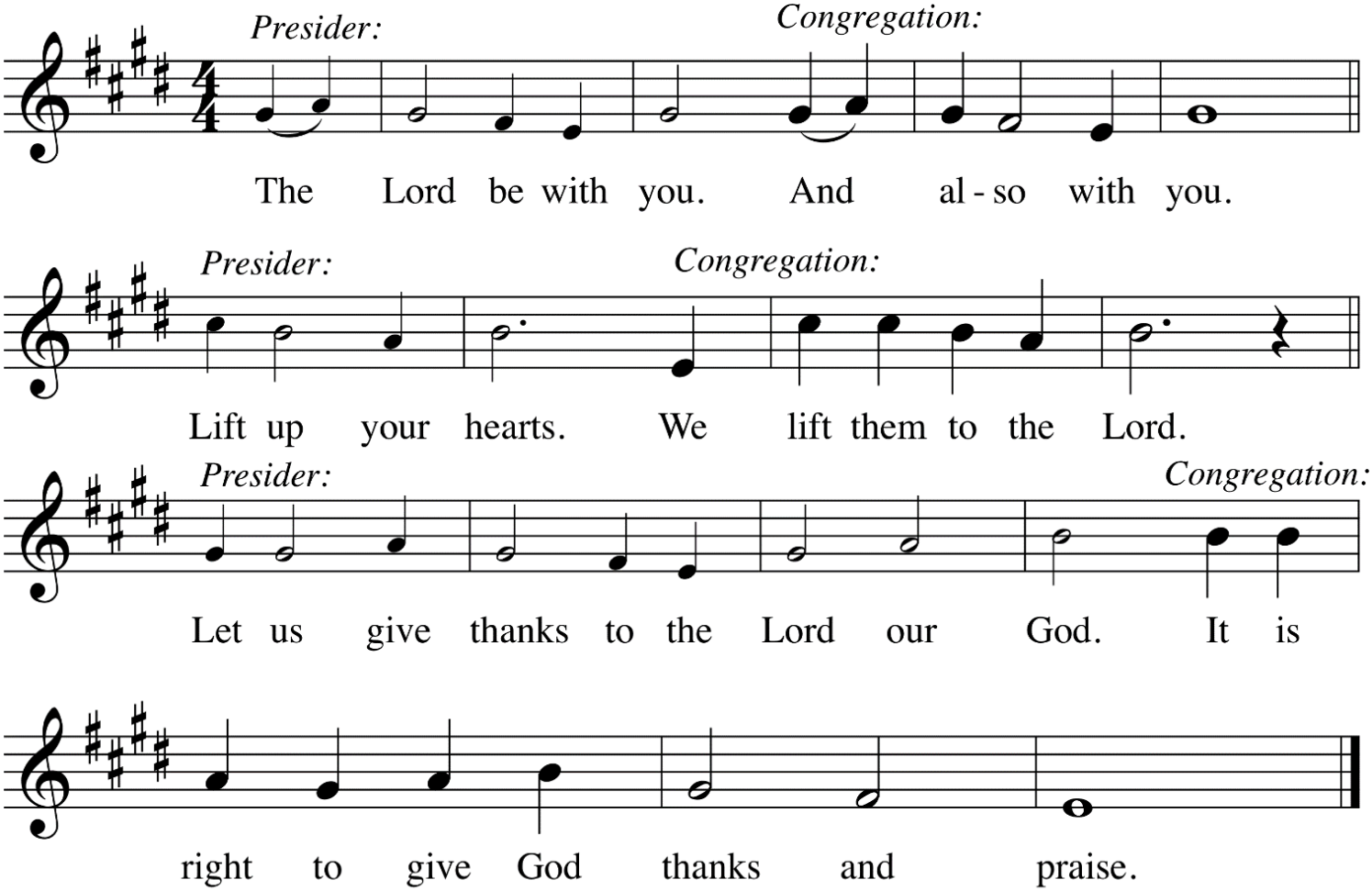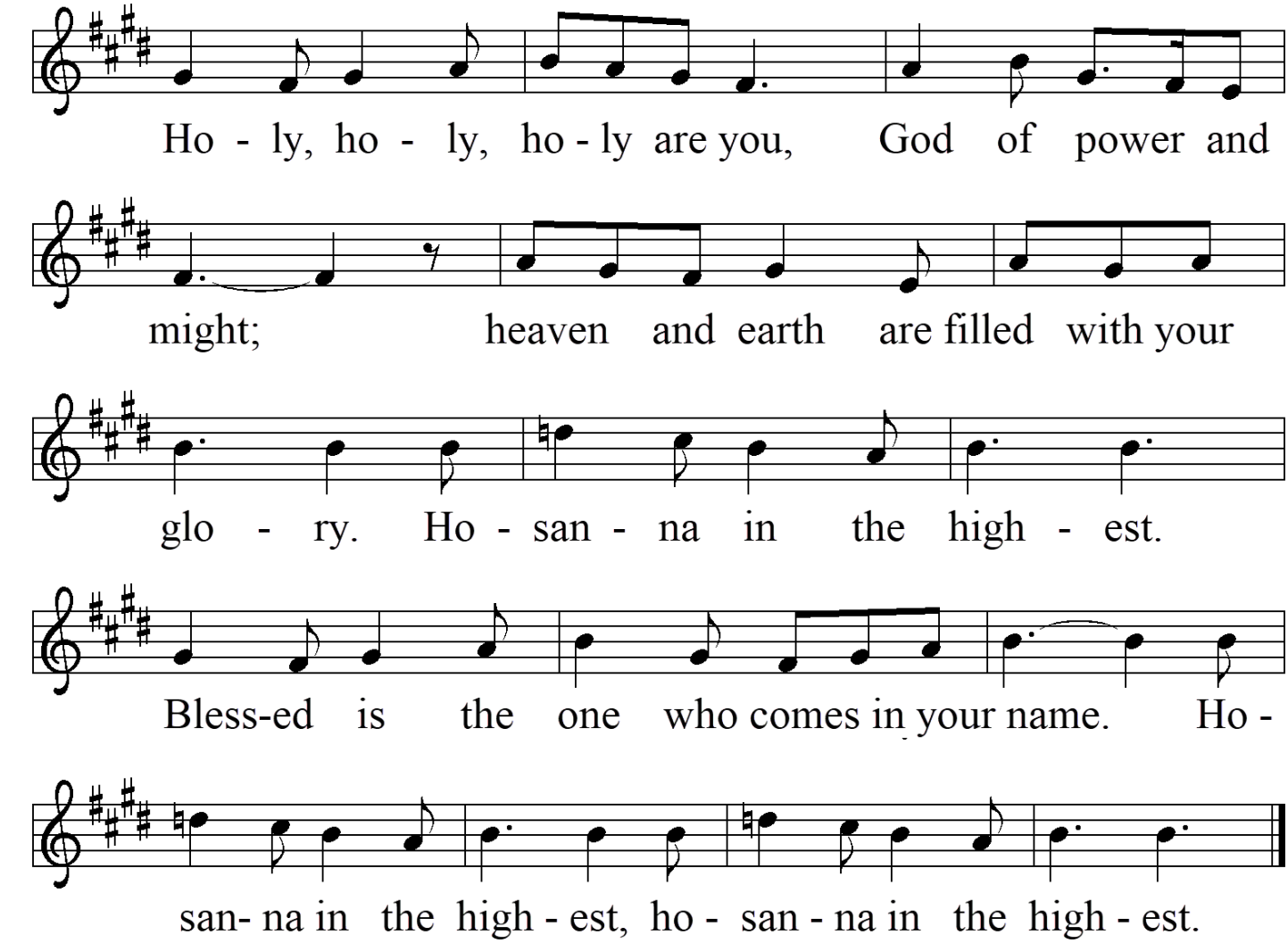




Offering Prayer

Holy God, you cross our human-created boundaries to lavish your abundance on us. In gratitude we return these gifts to you. Bless and use them for the sake of those who are in need, that all might flourish according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

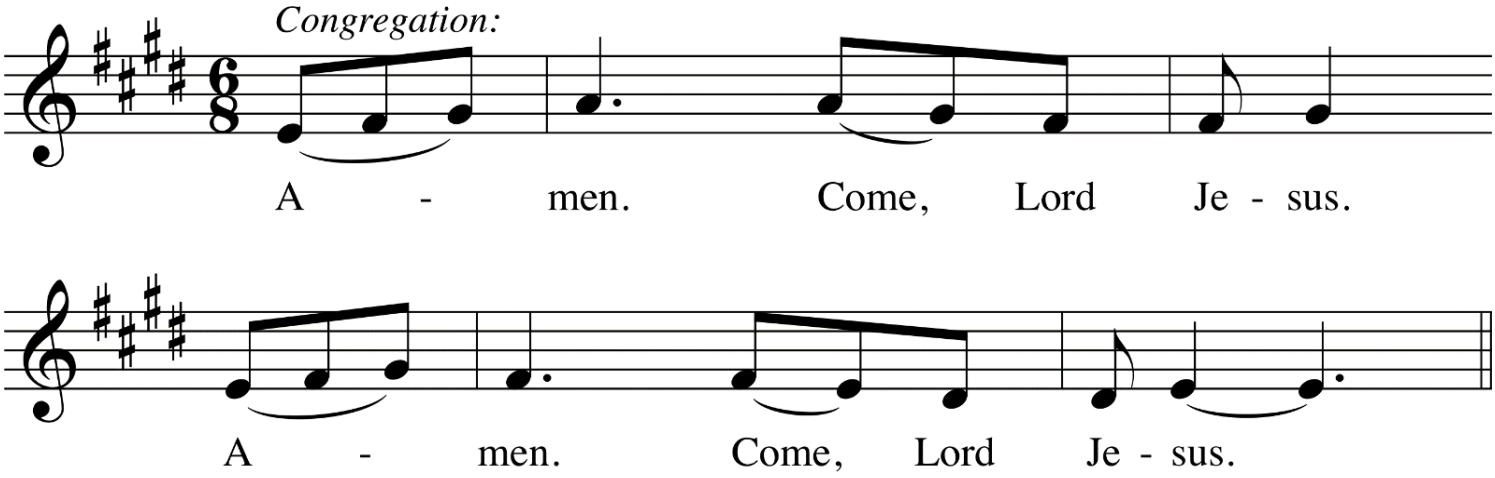
† The Great Thanksgiving



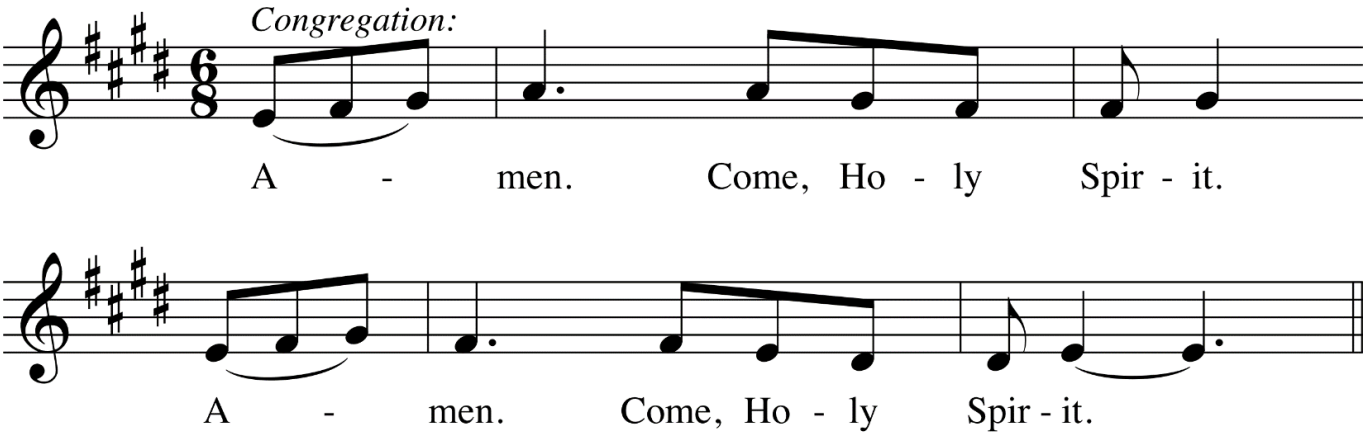
Pastor: It is our duty and delight…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



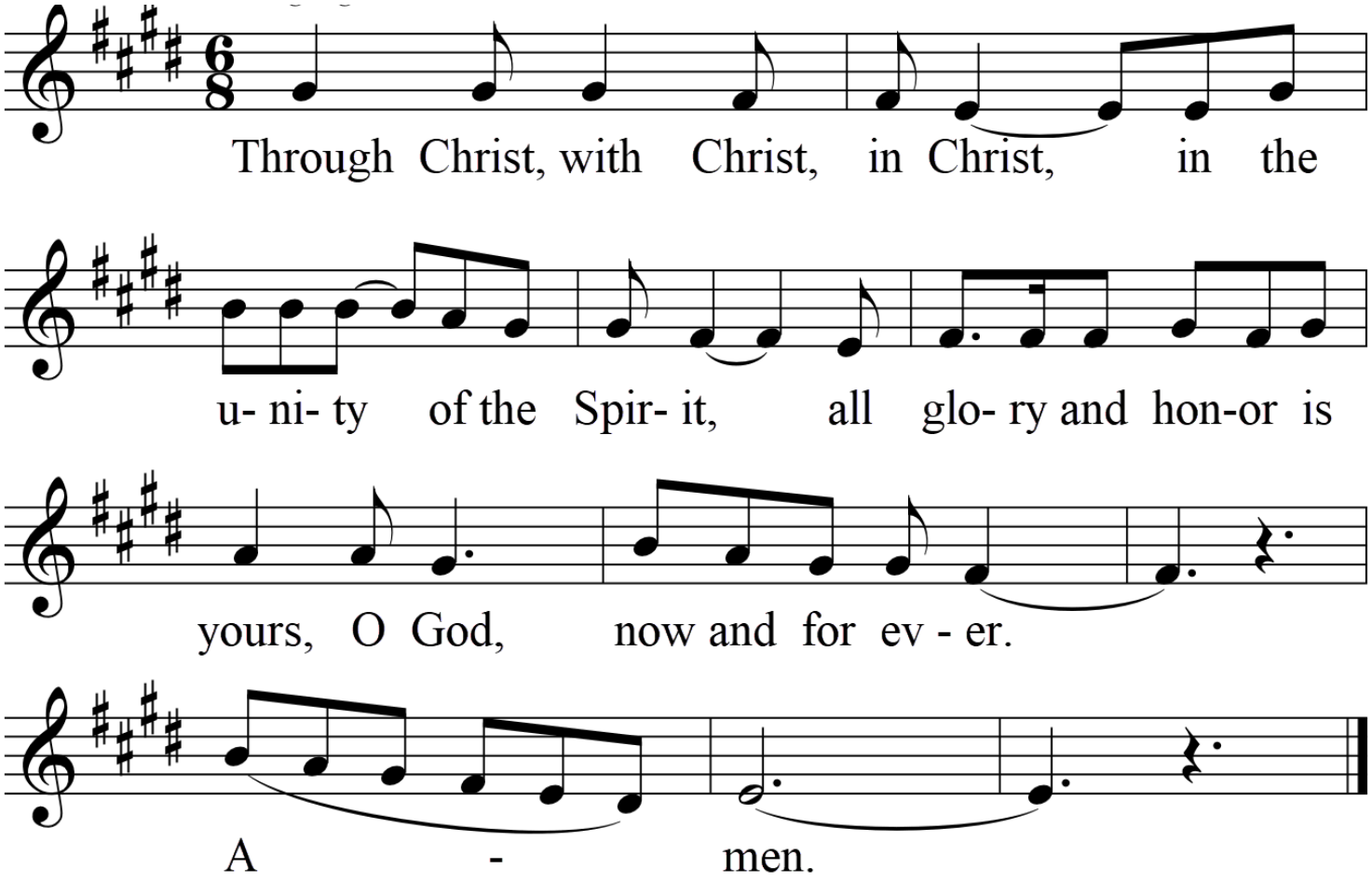
Pastor: You are indeed holy… Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



† Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ



† Lord's Prayer

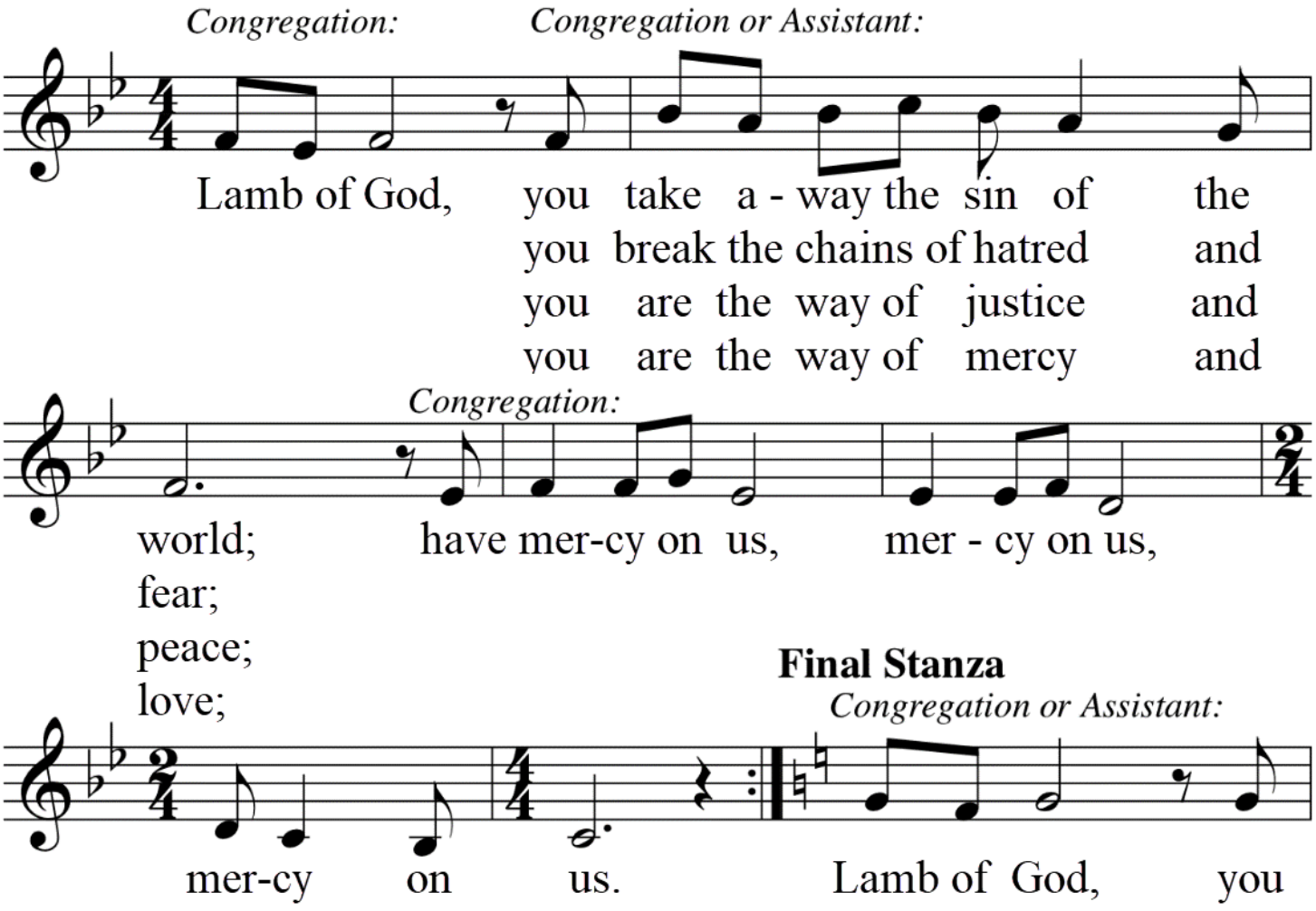
Our Father in heaven,	*Nuestro padre en el cielo,*
hallowed be your name,	*santificado sea tu nombre,*
your kingdom come,	*venga tu reino,*
your will be done,	*hágase tu voluntad,*
on earth as in heaven.	*en la tierra como en el cielo.*

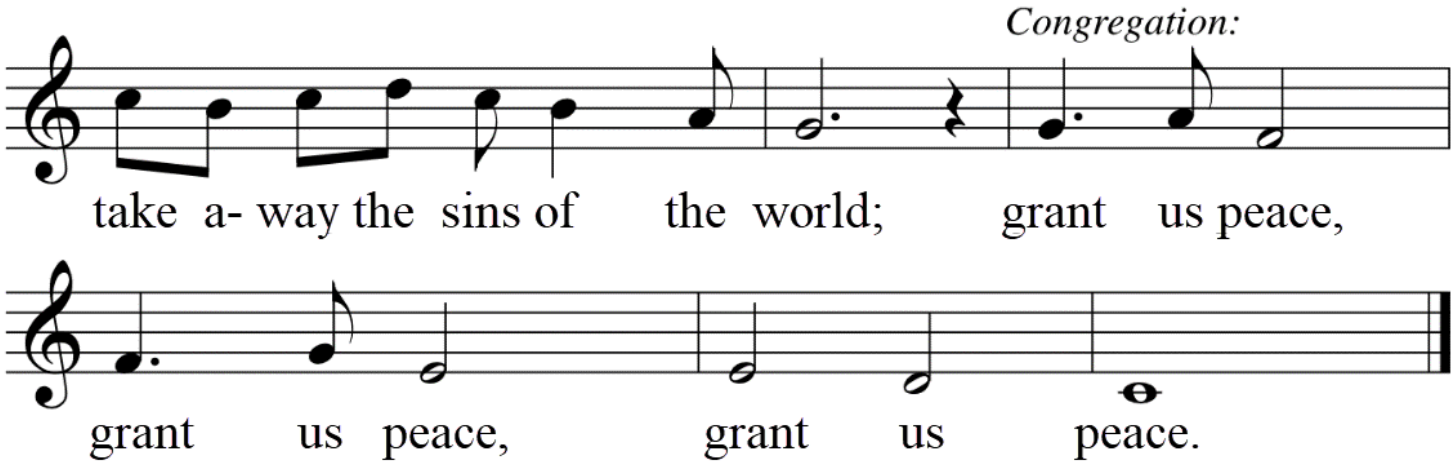
Give us today our daily bread.	*Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.*
Forgive us our sins	*Perdónanos nuestros pecados*
as we forgive those	*como nosotros perdonamos*
who sin against us.	*los que pecan contra nosotros.*
Save us from the time of trial	*Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.*
and deliver us from evil.	*y líbranos del mal.*
For the kingdom, the power,	*Por el reino, el poder y*
and the glory are yours,	*la gloria es tuya,*
now and forever. Amen.	*ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God





Communion Hymn: *Thy Holy Wings* **ELW 613**

Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,

and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.

Healing Liturgy

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created. Help us to receive you in trust, turning to you for all our needs. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. We pray especially for Stephanie. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Individual Prayer

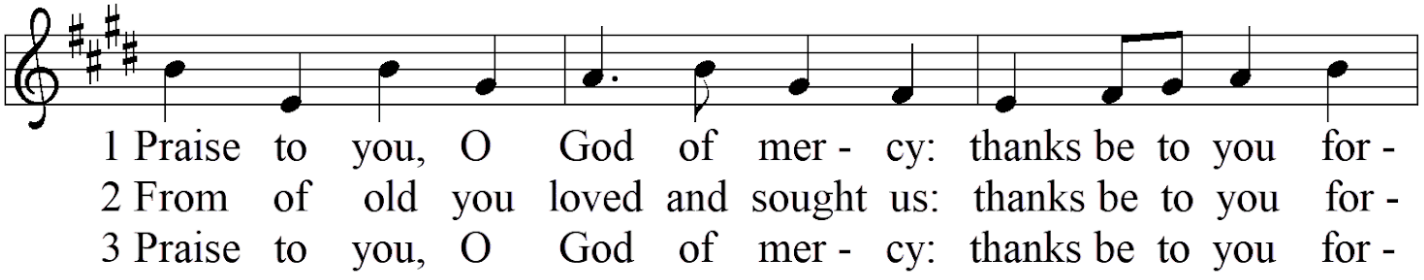
During this time, those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing may come forward, returning to your seat afterward. You may choose also to stop and light a candle and lift up any particular prayer concerns. We have a special candle station for children. You may also remain in your seat and meditate on Psalms 40 & 91 in the red hymn book.
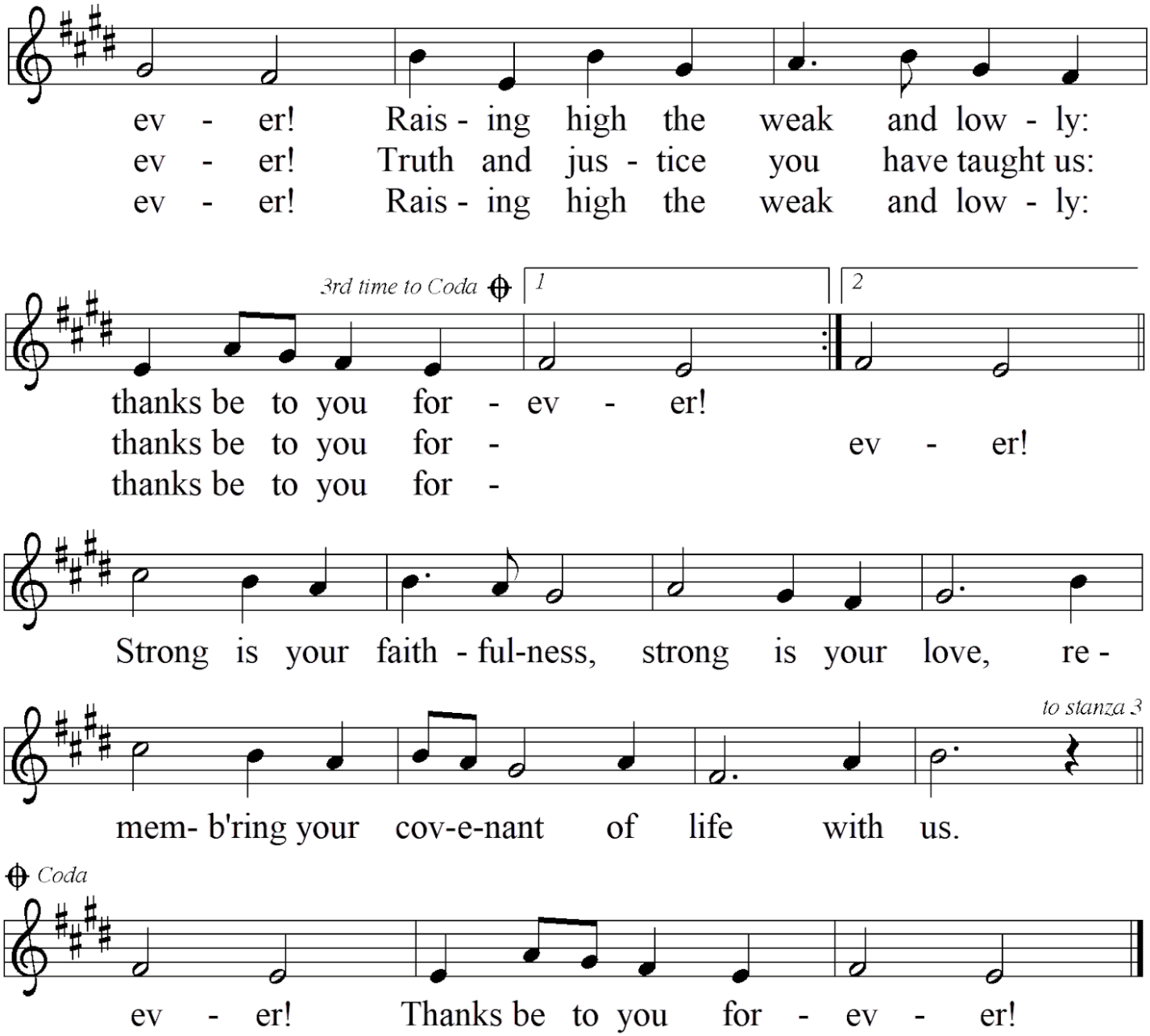
Loving God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

† Song of Blessing





† *Blessing*

Let everything that breathes praise God! Go now in peace, to love and to serve, making a joyful noise with trumpet and harp, strings and pipe, piano and organ, speech and song! In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

† *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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