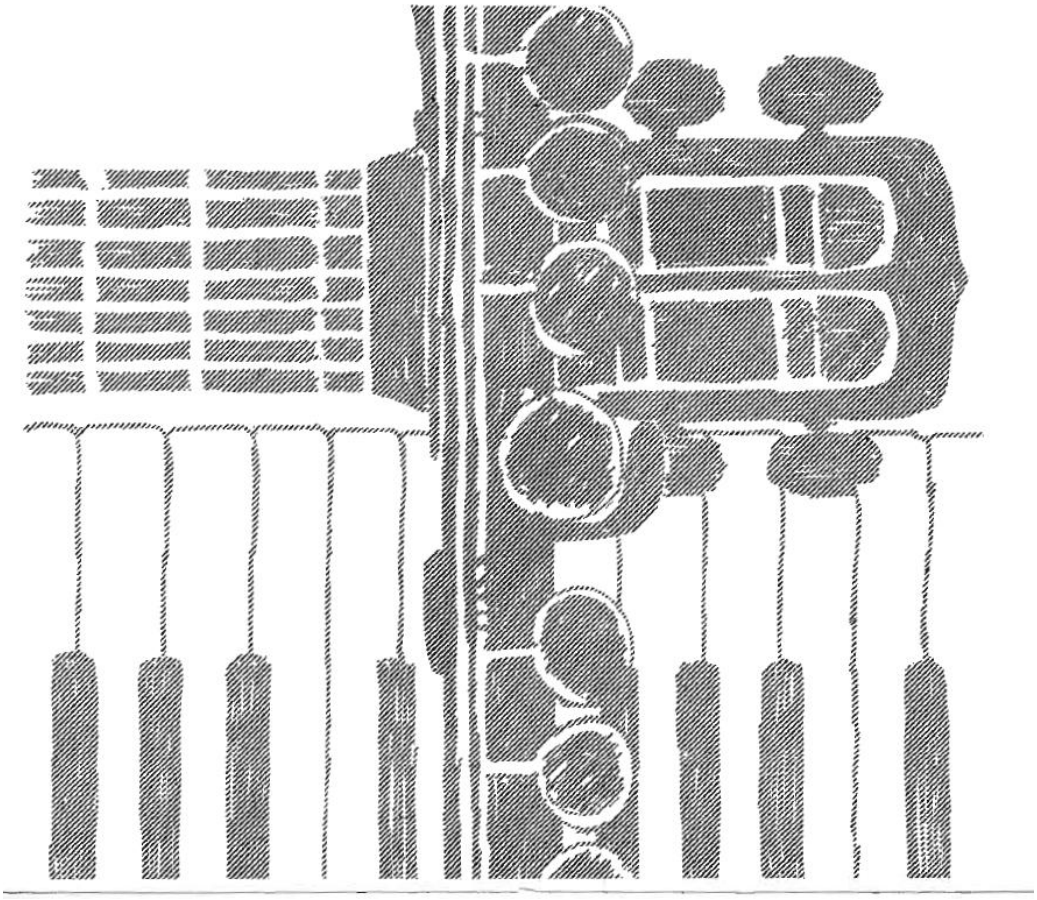
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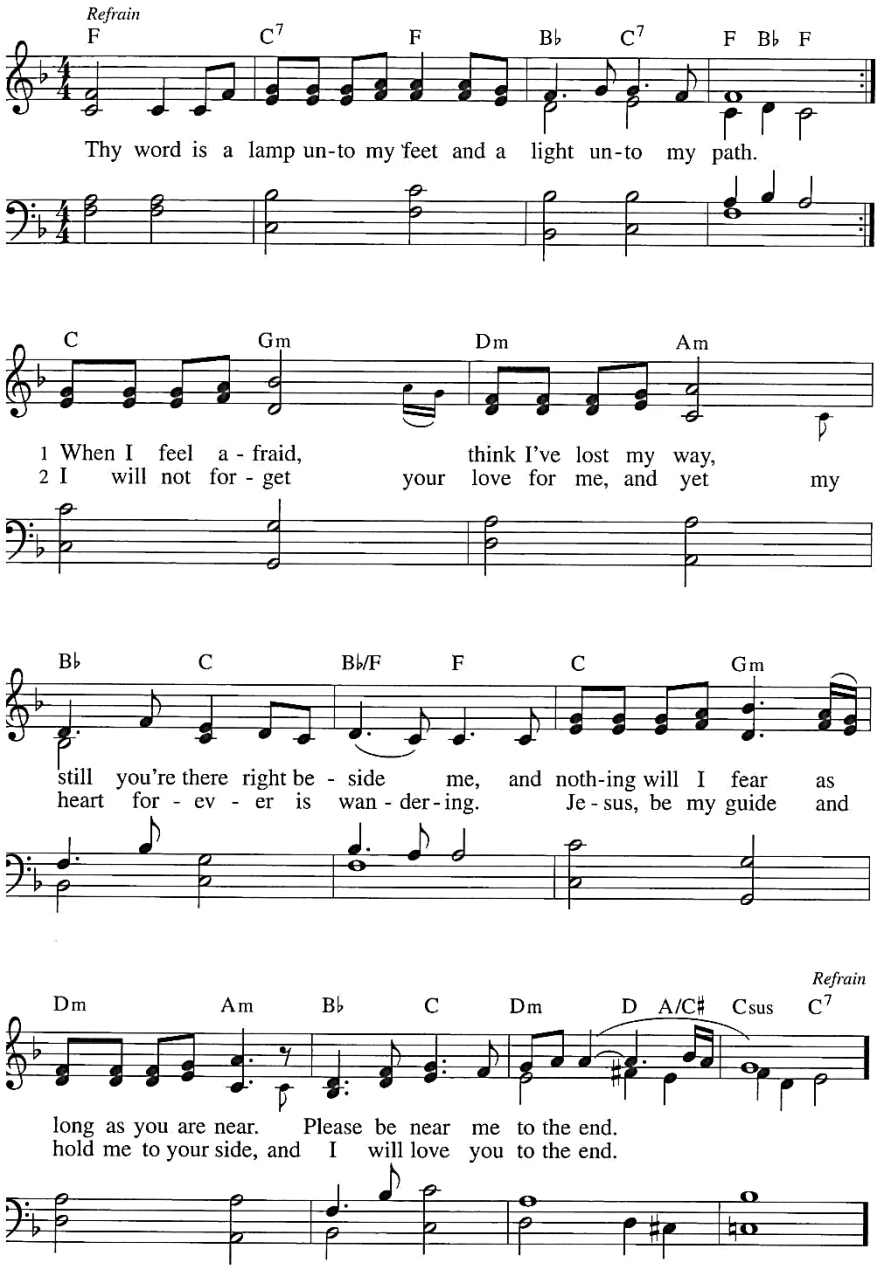


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Sunday, November 8, 2026
Chicago Folk Service
Holy Communion

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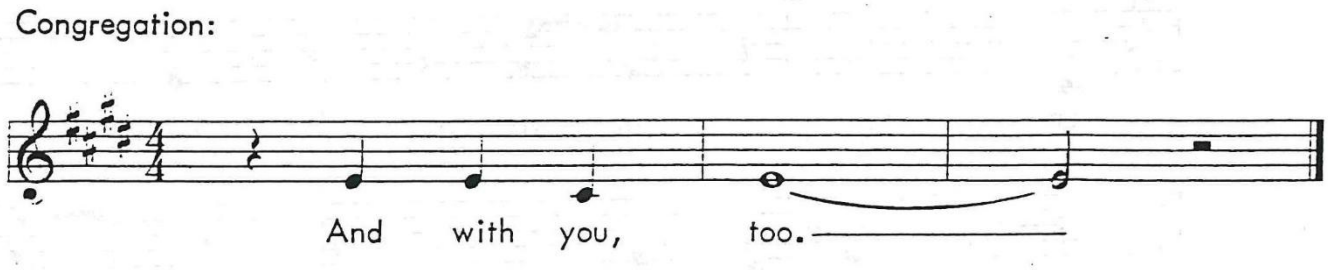
GATHERING HYMN
THY WORD, W&P 144



GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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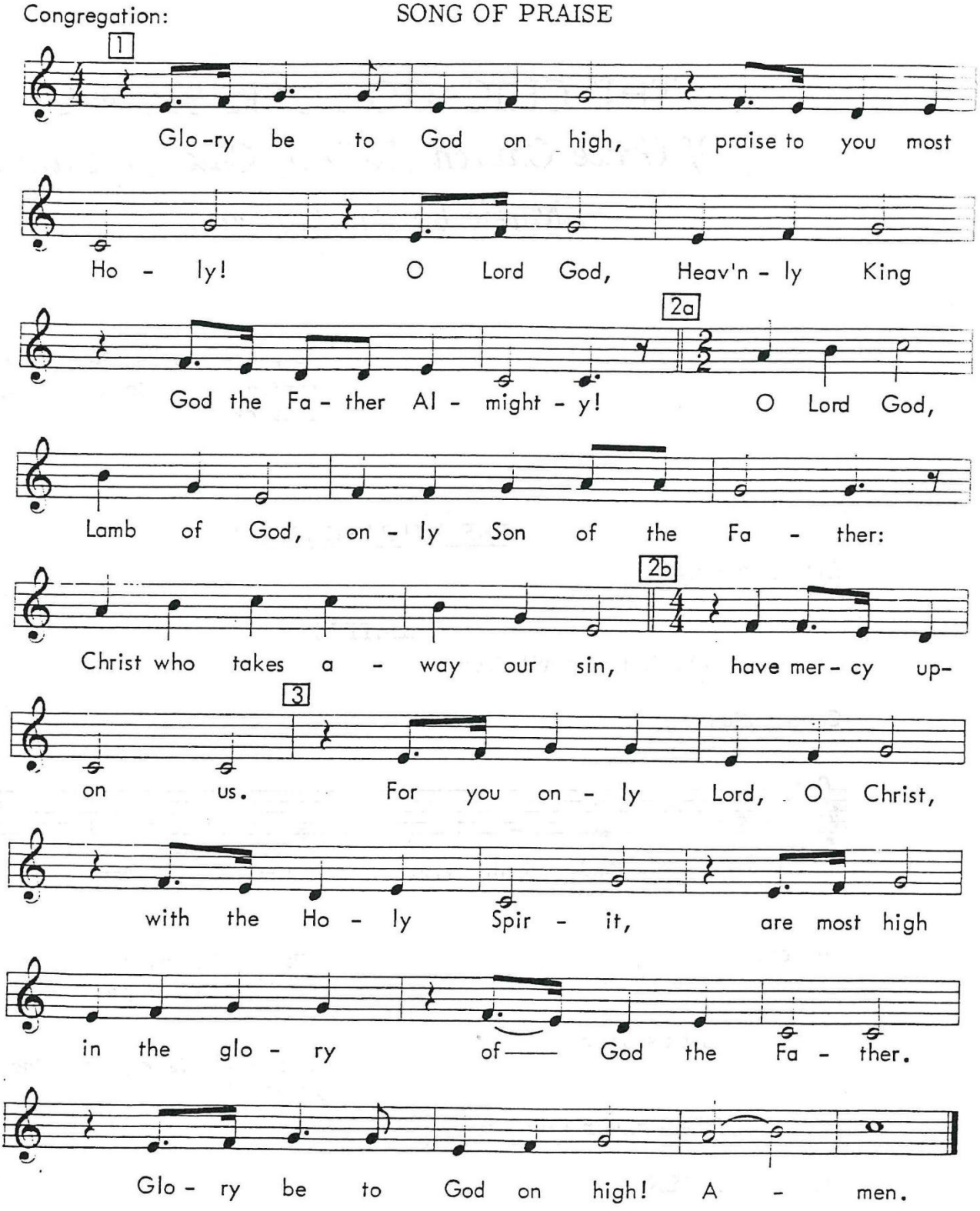


Leader: *(The leader announces the Day or the theme of celebration.)*

Let us pray.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



THE SERVICE OF HEARERS

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.
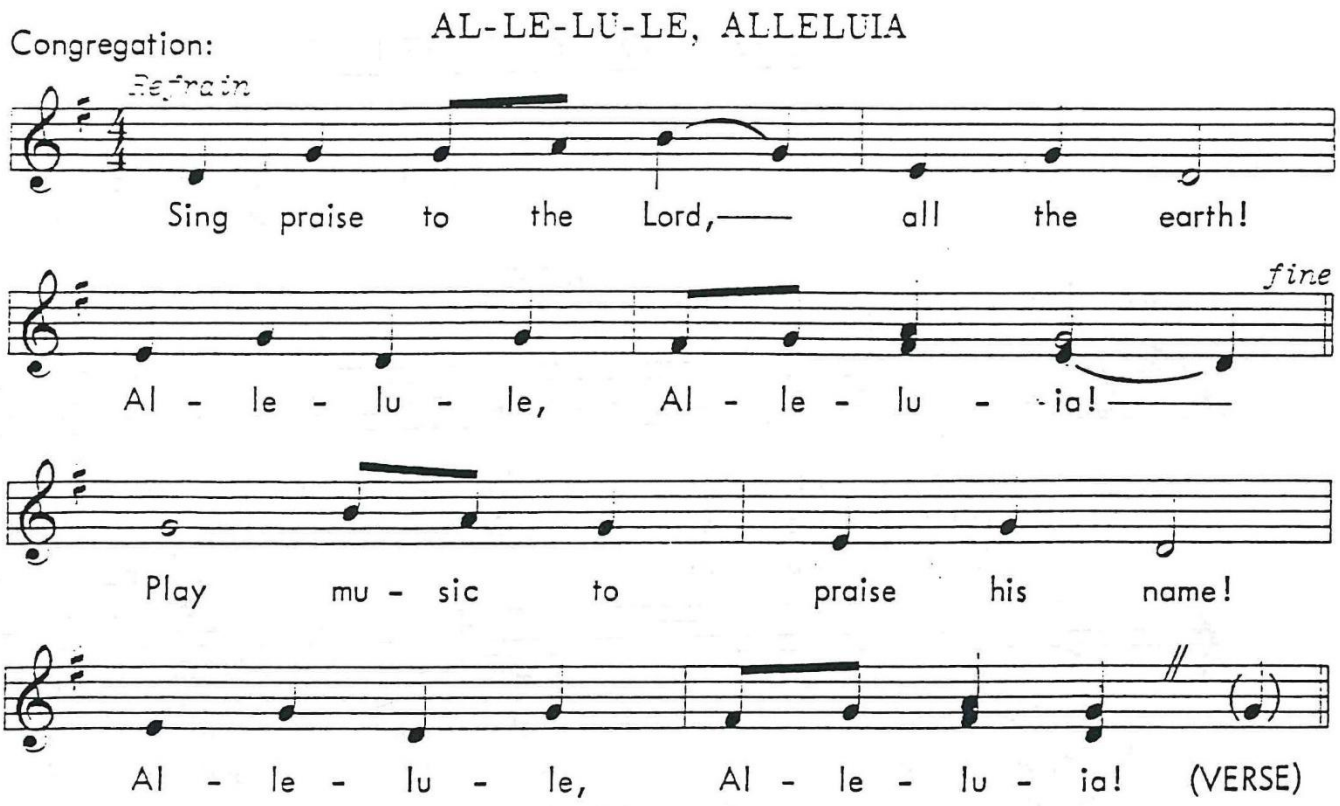
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 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. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 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. 16 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. [17] 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. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

AL-LE-LU-LE, ALLELUIA



Leader:

VERSE

1. Our passover lamb is Christ,
Who banished the Angel of Death.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

2. Our God mode the earth for good,
And one day we all will rejoice.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

4. To Christ our heavenly king
Give thanks for everything.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

5. He came to show us how
To live in the here and now.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

6. He suffered and died for us,
And one day he shall return.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

Reading From The Good News: Matthew 25:1-13
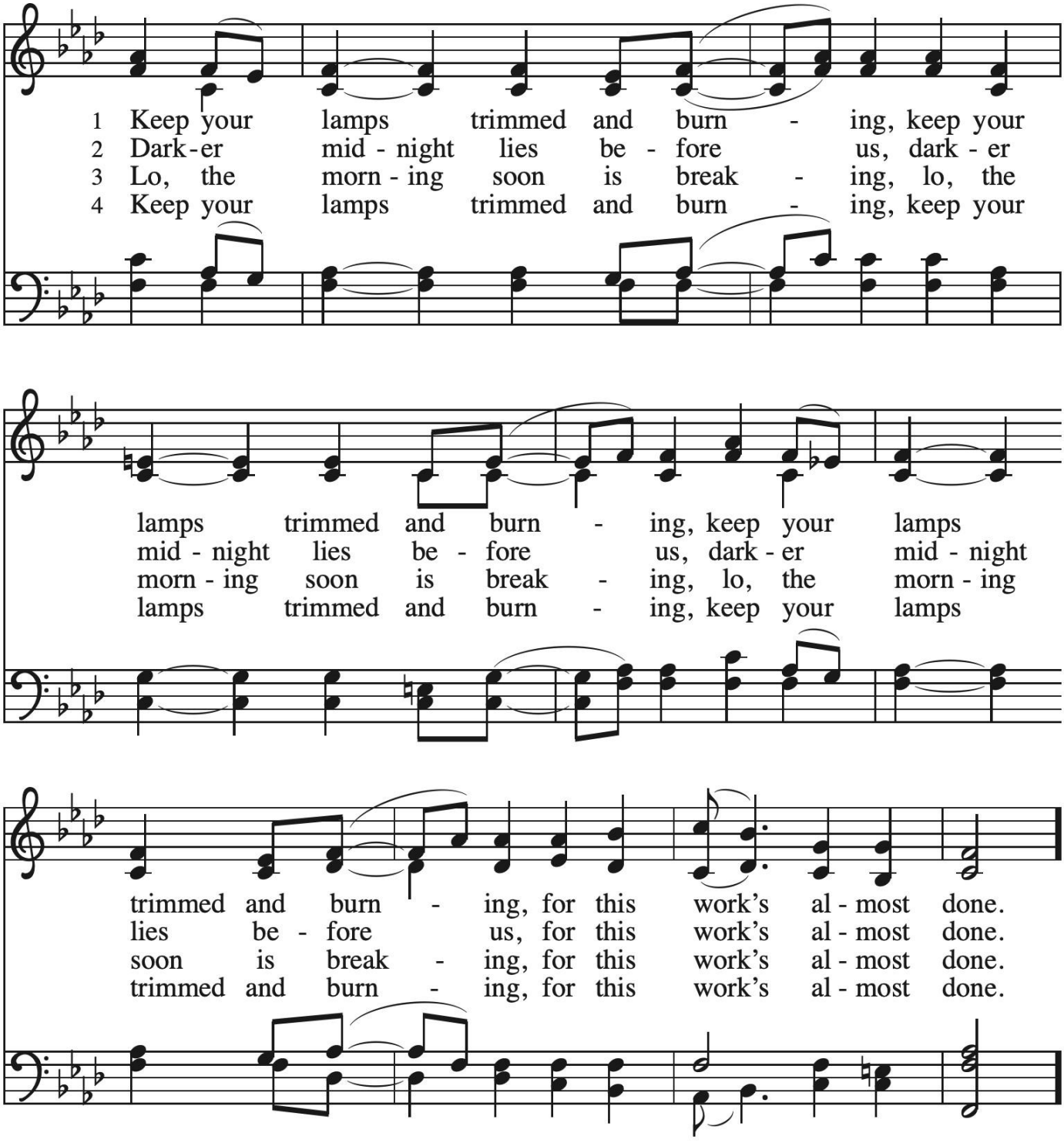
The gospel for today is from the gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

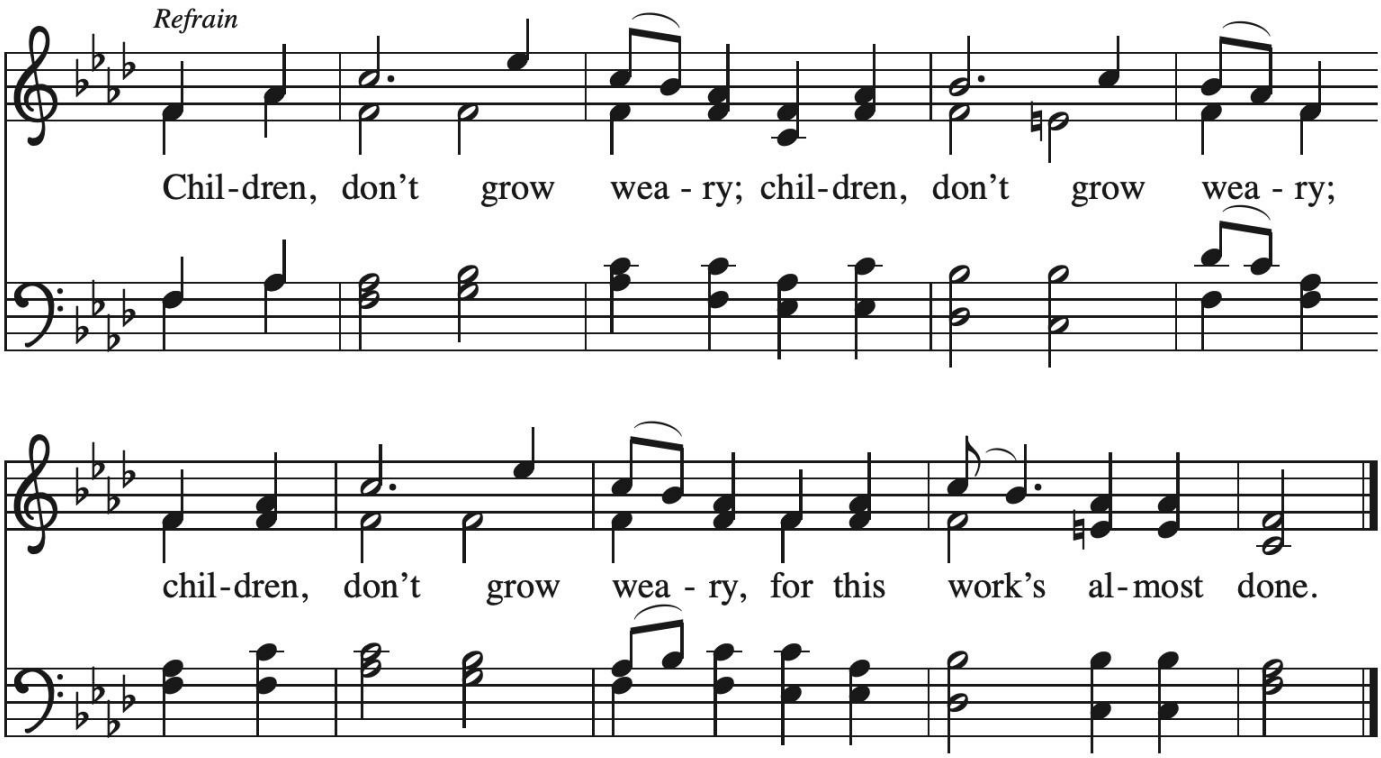
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five
of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.’ 9 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.’ 10 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. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord,
open to us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

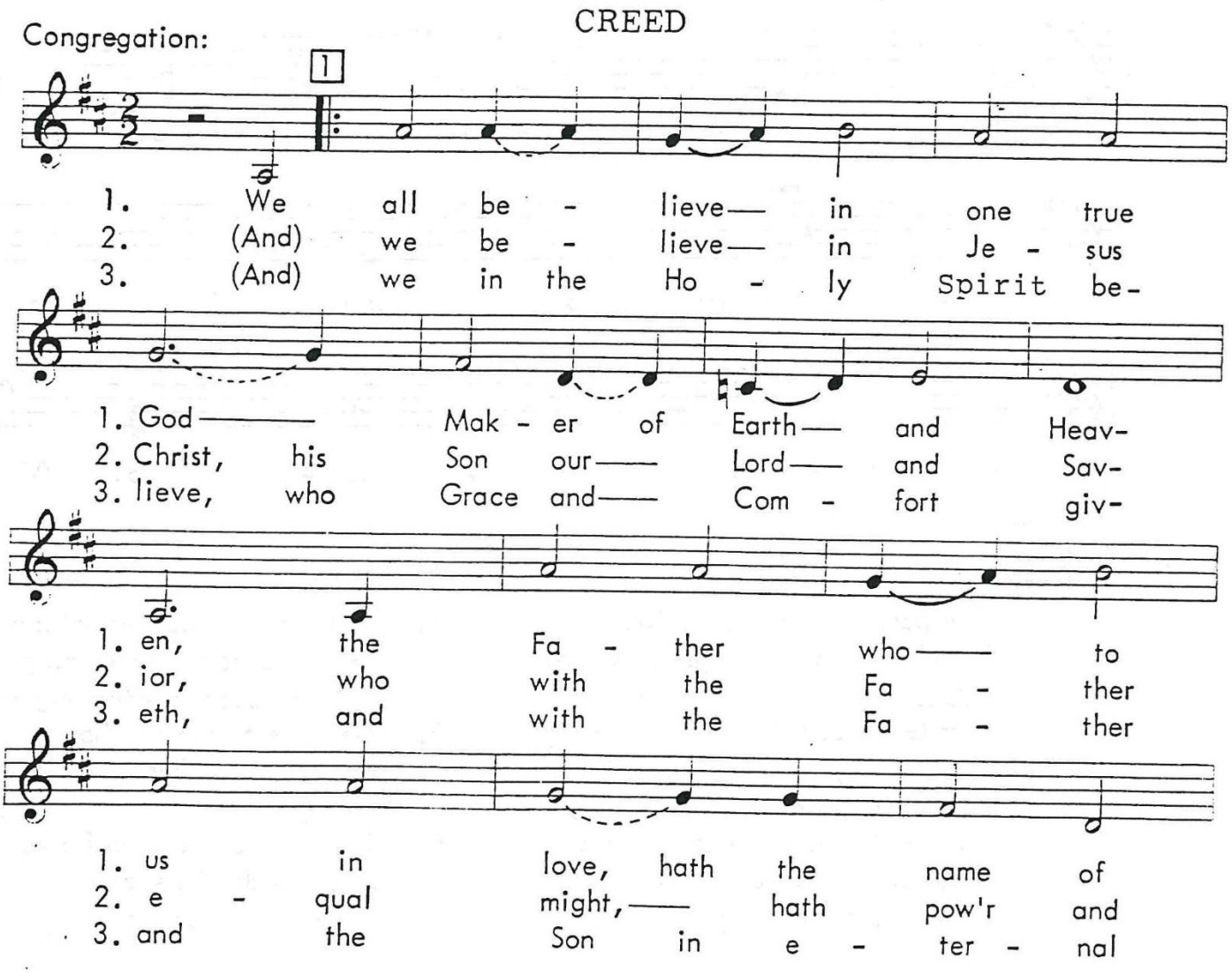
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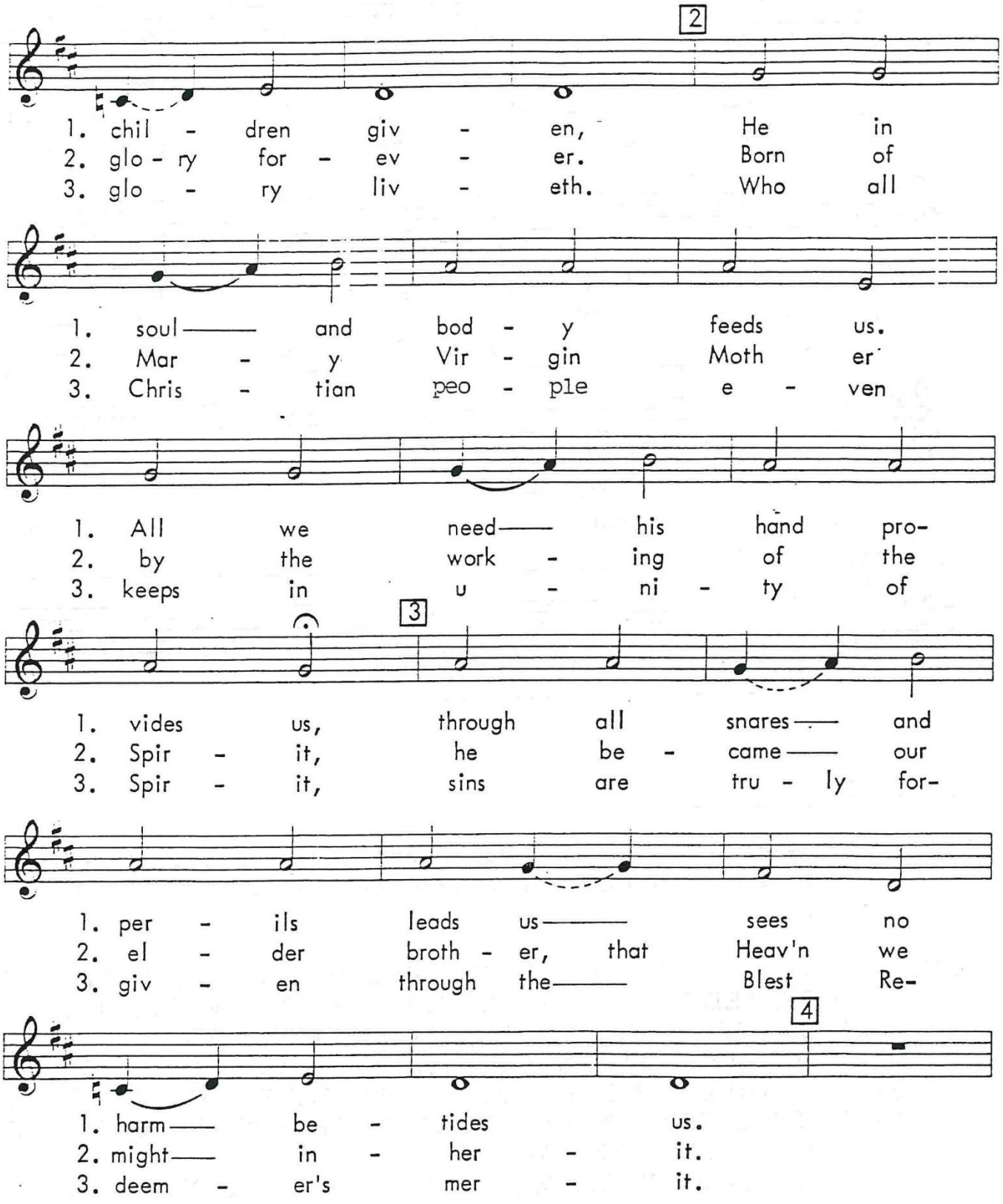
HYMN OF THE DAY:
KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING, ACS 949

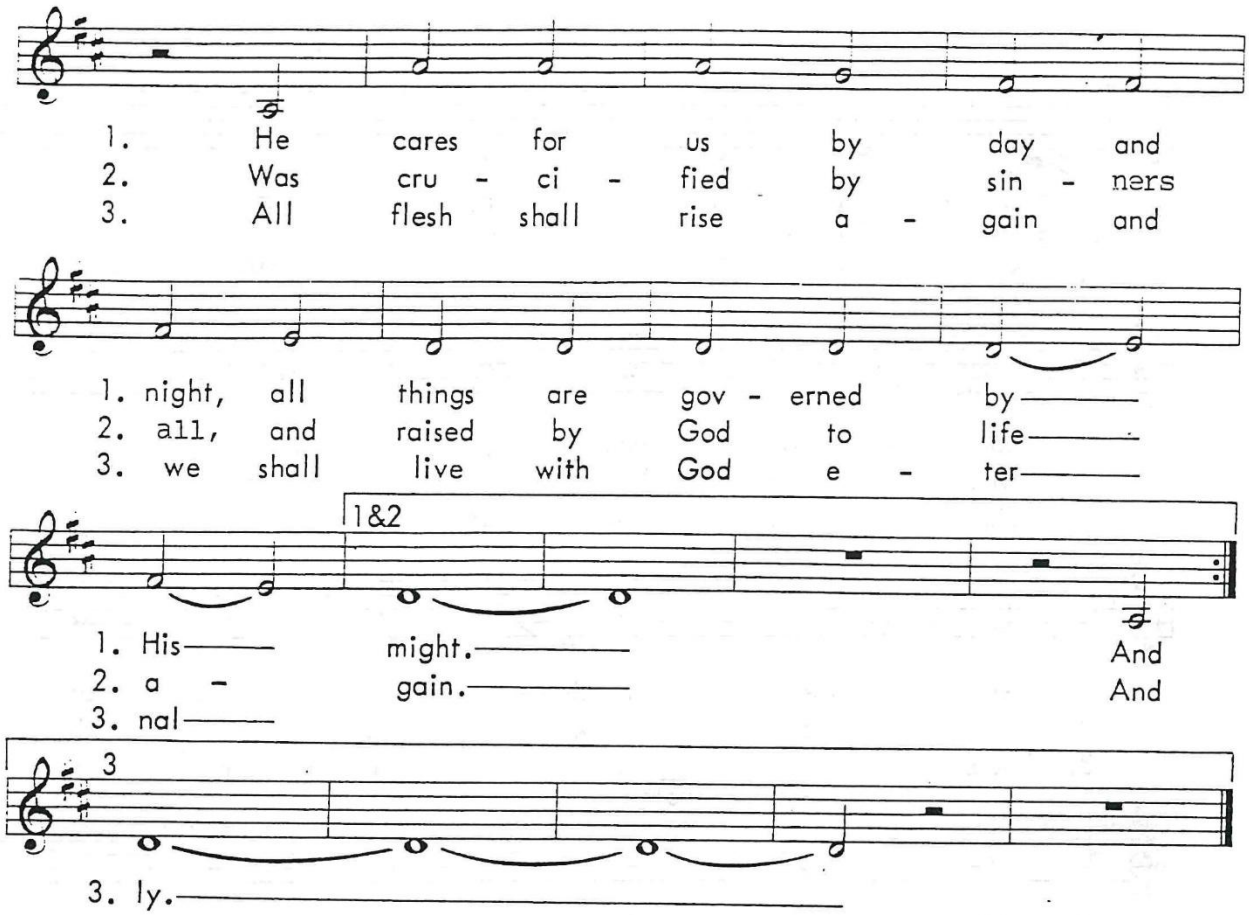



Refrain
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;
chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

APOSTLES' CREED




2
1. chil - dren giv - en, He in
2. glo - ry for - ev - er. Born of
3. glo - ry liv - eth. Who all
1. soul—— and bod - y feeds us.
2. Mar - y Vir - gin Moth er
3. Chris - tian peo - ple e - ven
1. All we need—— his hand pro-
2. by the work - ing of the
3. keeps in u - ni - ty of
3
1. vides us, through all snares—— and
2. Spir - it, he be - came—— our
3. Spir - it, sins are tru - ly for-
1. per - ils leads us—— sees no
2. el - der broth - er, that Heav'n we
3. giv - en through the—— Blest Re-
4
1. harm—— be - tides us.
2. might—— in - her - it.
3. deem - er's mer - it.



ACT OF RECONCILIATION

Leader: Dear members of God's family and of one another, let us come together honestly to tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask him
to forgive us:

All: **Our father, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin might be forgiven and our guilt removed. Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives, so that with your help we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your son. You came to our world in Jesus. Come now to us.**

Leader: God our Father does care about us. He sent his son Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a

new creature. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And With You.**

DEACON'S PRAYER
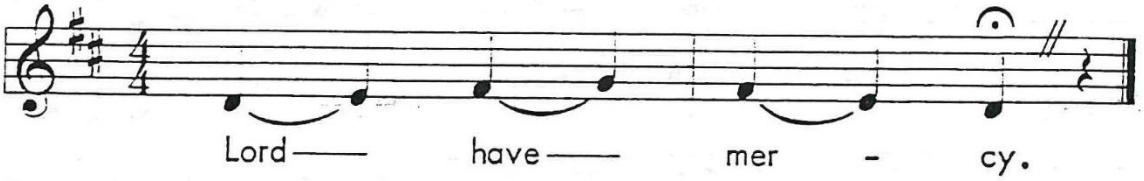
Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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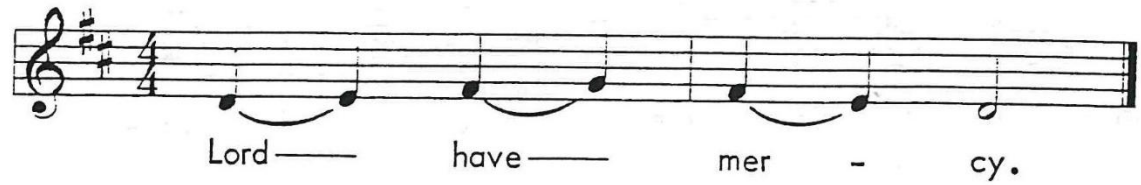


Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
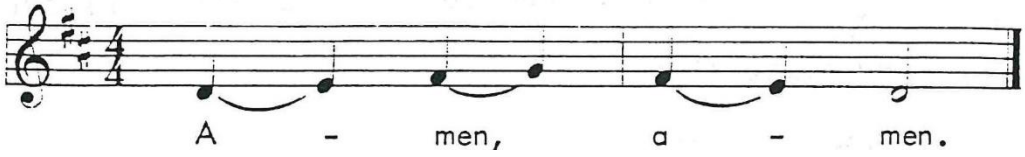
Congregation:



(Spoken intercessions may be inserted here.)

Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, 0 God, by your grace.

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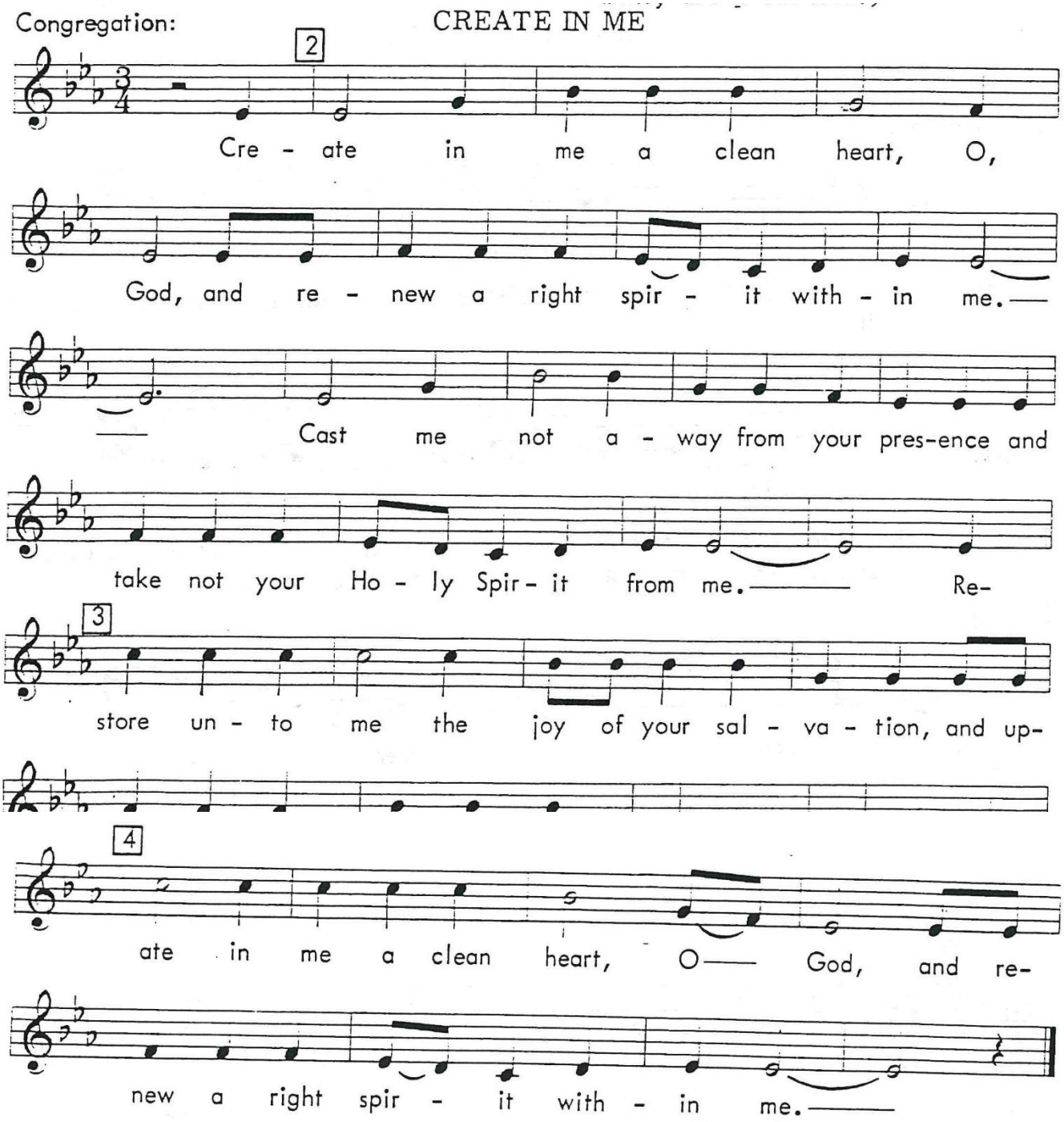


(While the "Create In Me" is sung, offerings, including bread and wine, are presented.)

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERTORY
CREATE IN ME
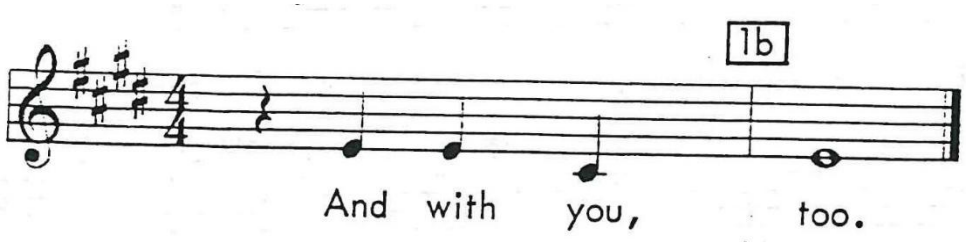


Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of him who offer-ed himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

THANKSGIVING
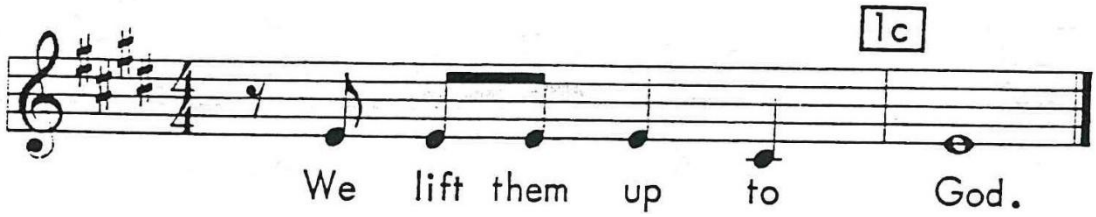
Leader: The Lord be with you.

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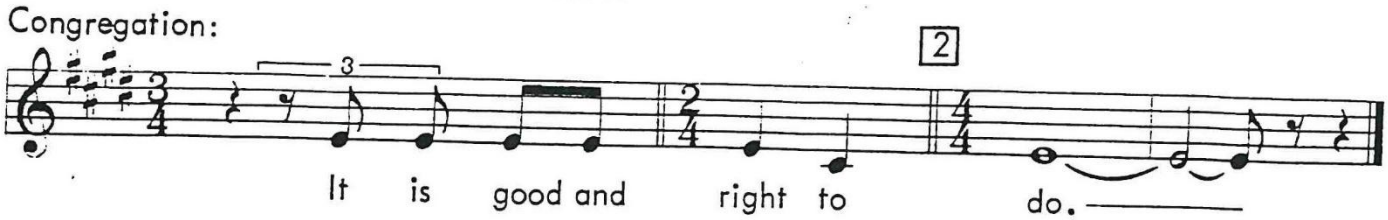


Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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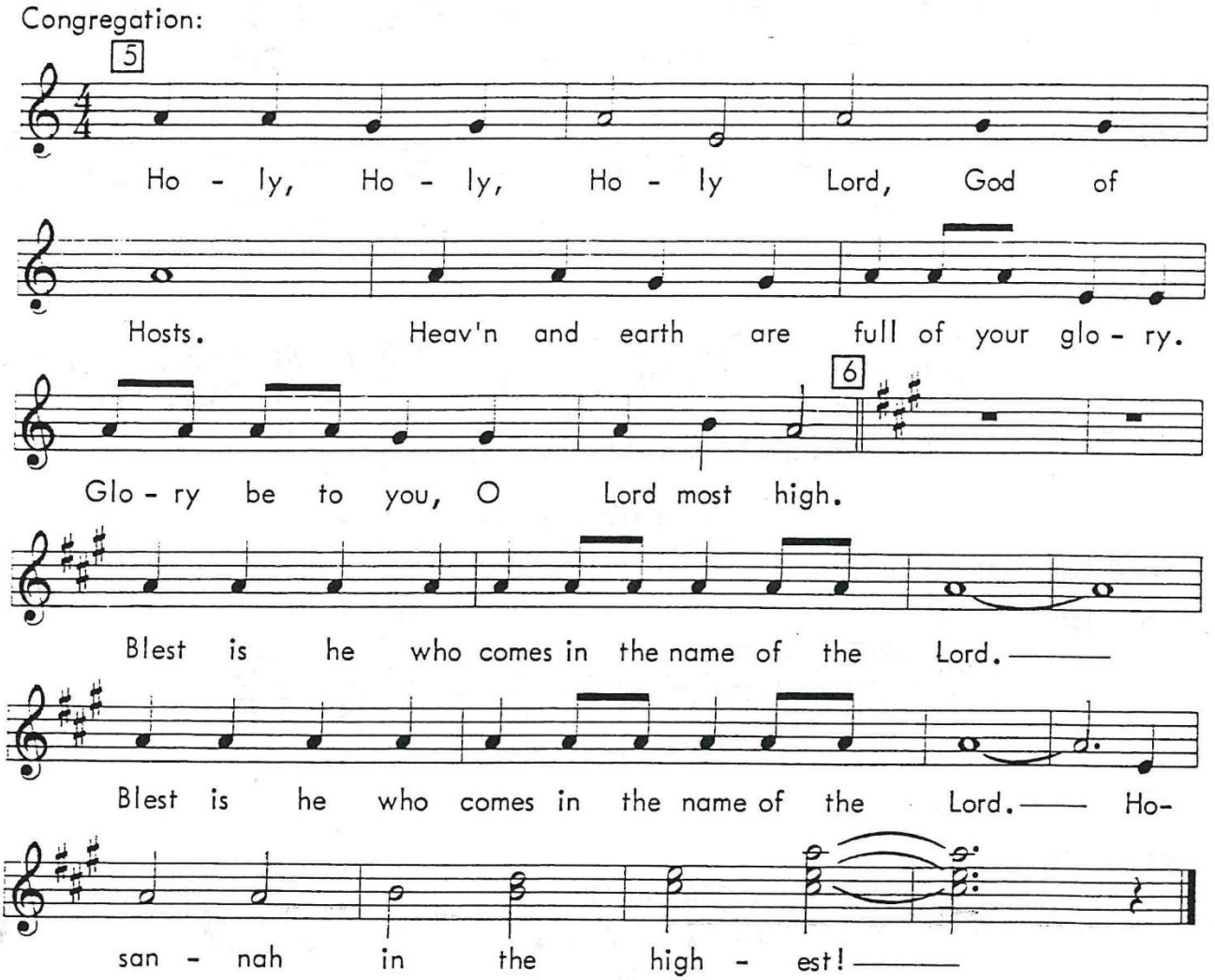


Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:



Presiding Minister:

Father, you are holy indeed: all your actions show your mercy and love.

You made us in your image and set us over your creation. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offered a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come.

You sent prophets to prepare the way.

And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection.

And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

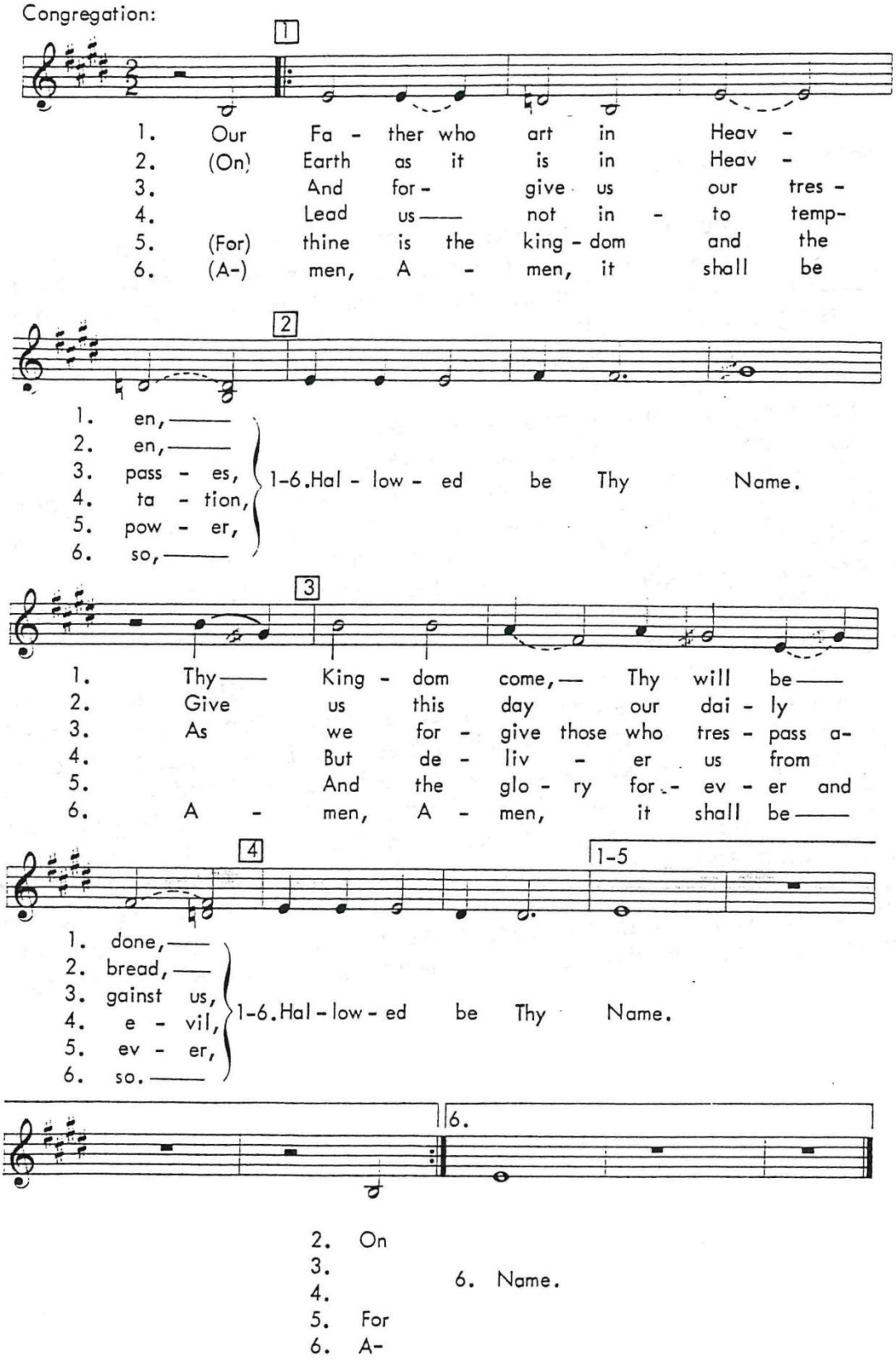
Father, through him and in his name we ask you, fill us with his Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

At supper on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took some bread in his hands, and after giving thanks to you he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat. This is my body which is given for you. "
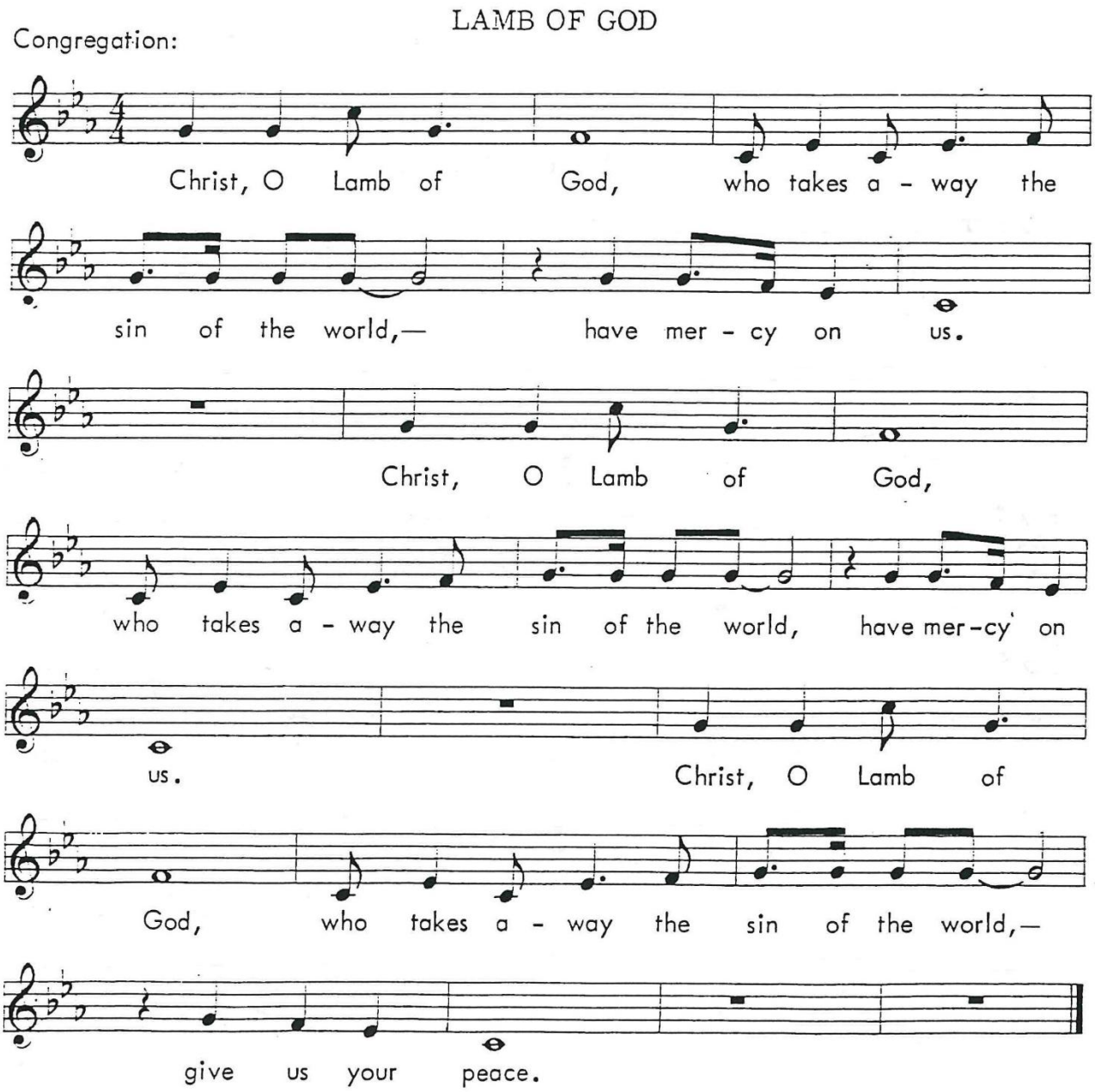
When the meal was ended he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks he gave it to them and said, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people so that sins might be forgiven. Do this to remember me, for I will not drink the fruit of the vine again until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God. "

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation:



Leader: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.



SHARING THE MEAL
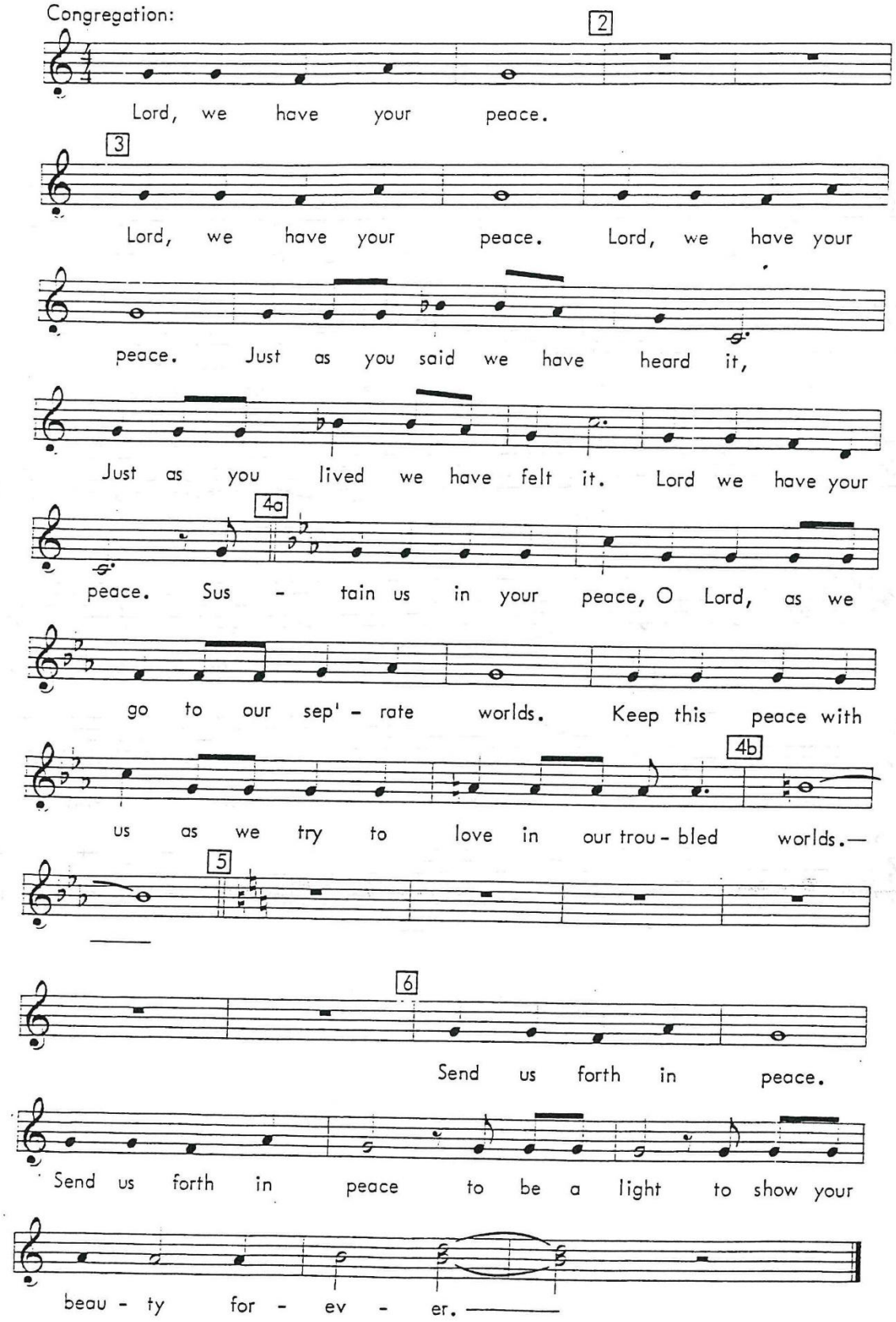
Presiding Minister:

The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his Grace.

All: **Amen.**

SEND US FORTH IN PEACE

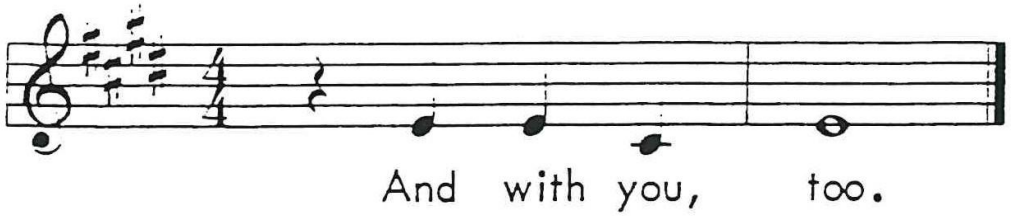
Leader: Lord, we have your peace.



BLESSING

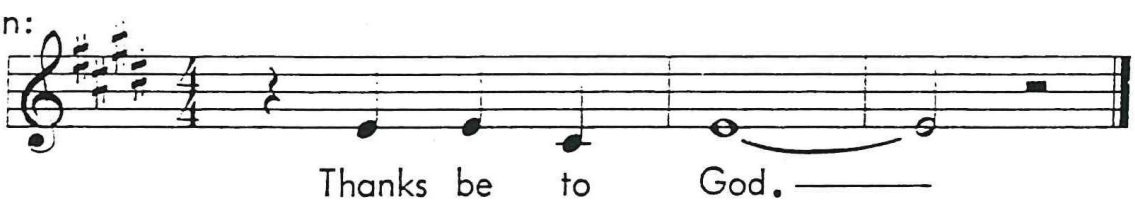
Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



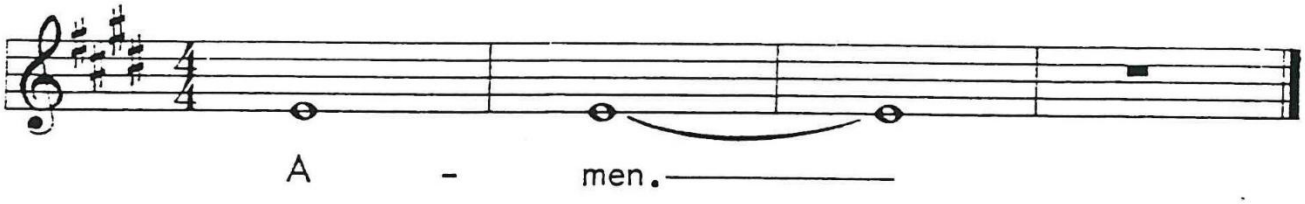
Leader: Bless we the Lord.

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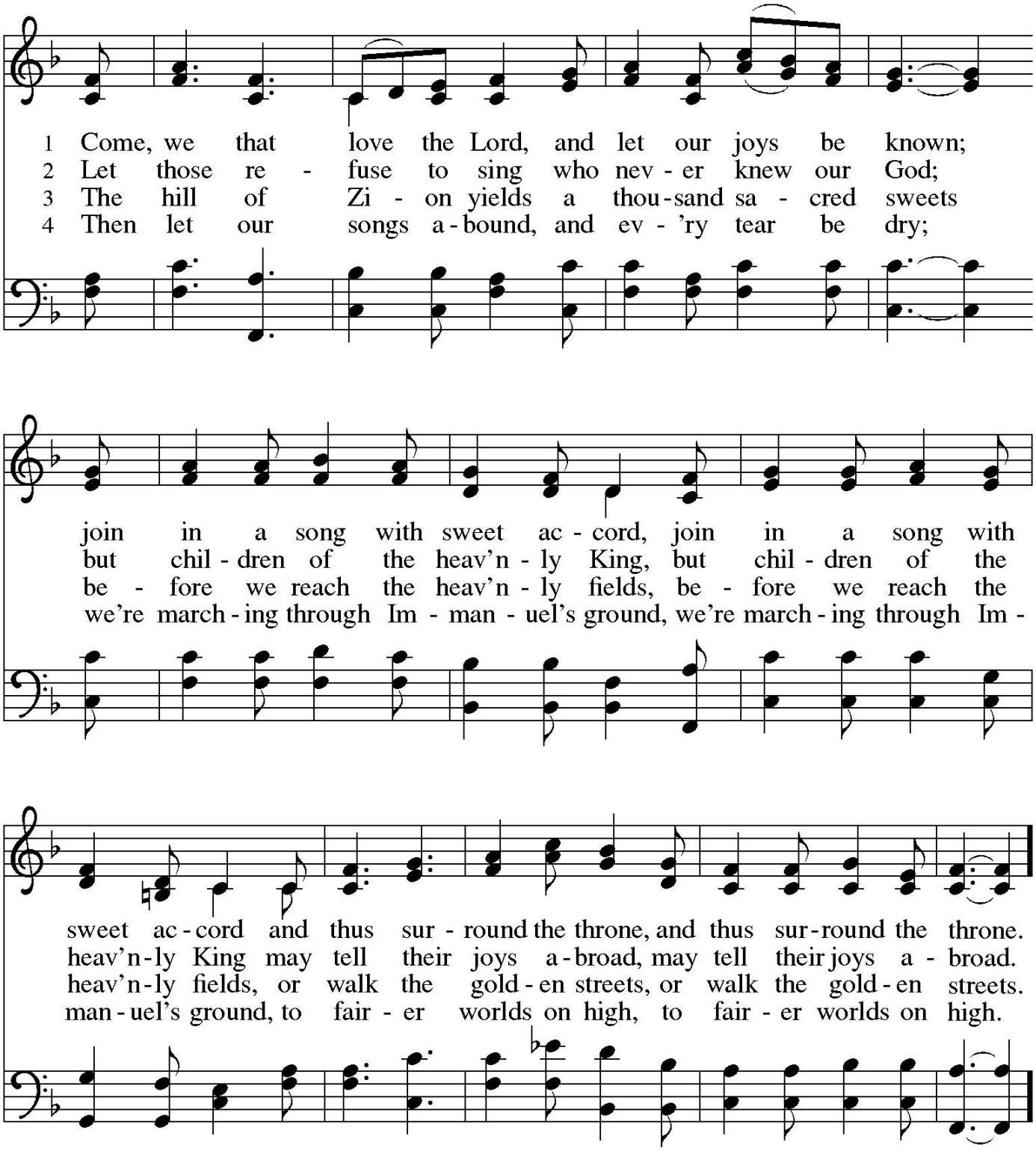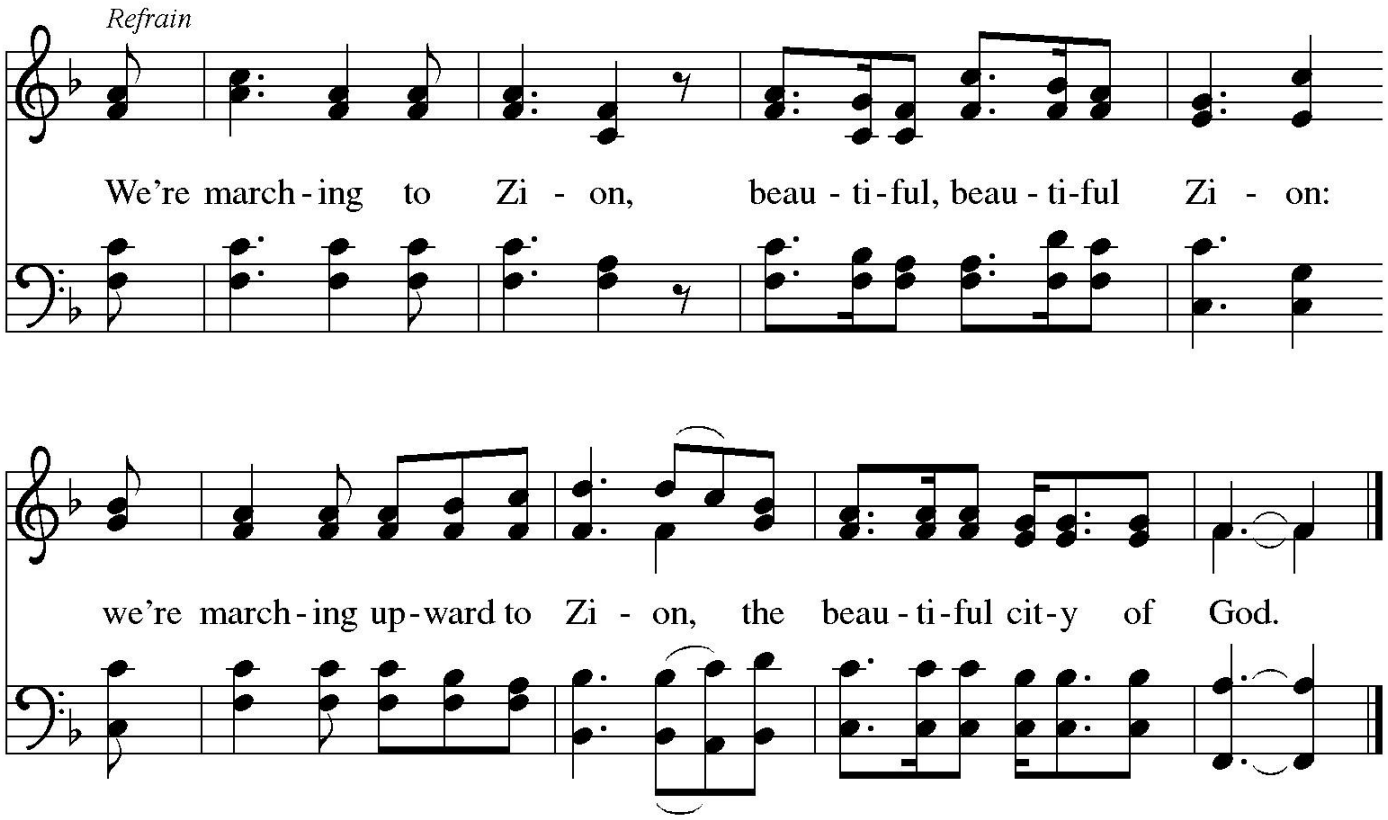


Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you.
And give you peace,
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



SENDING HYMN
COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD, ELW 625





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshiping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

WAYS TO GIVE: We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:
1. Go to www.feastofvictory.org/give, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers.
We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church
Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the school year Sunday School for children takes place during worship after the Children's message. Teachers will lead children to our fellowship hall for a lesson and activity, then return to the sanctuary for Communion. Please be mindful that children age 3 and under, or those not yet toilet trained, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MULTI-SENSORY WORSHIP: Thanks to our congregation's support and the effort of our Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) Taskforce, we have a Sensory Bin available at the Welcome Table located on your way into the Sanctuary. People of every age and ability are welcome to use anything from our Sensory Bin that helps you feel comfortable, focused, and connected during worship. Please return items to the Sensory Bin before you leave so they may be cleaned and ready for the next person. If you have ideas for cultivating inclusivity, through sensory-friendly worship or other means, please call the church office and connect with our Pastor. We're glad you are here!

HEARING ASSIST: If using a hearing assistance device would make worship more accessible for you, please visit our AV room located just outside the sanctuary and we will gladly help you get connected.



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Assisting Minister: Christy Pawloski
Acolyte: Eli Wilson
Organist: Cliff Kelto
Guitarist: Gwyn Besner & Kris Hendrickson
Reader: Caylyn Moglia
Greeters: Jean Friday & Tom Hurshman
Ushers: Jeam Friday & Tom Hurshman
Communion: Shelley Mishler
AV Operator: Cam & Carter Darling & Gran Wilson
Coffee Host: Emily & Tanya Helman
Altar Care: Ruth Sutton

The altar flowers today are given in honor of Matt and Christy Pawloski's 17th wedding anniversary

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