Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our **Annual Celebration Dinner** is set for **Saturday, November 21**! We gather at **4:00 pm for a program** of "Thanks in Action: Gratitude and Kindness" and will then enjoy a **Catered Supper at 5:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome! Please sign up in the Place of Welcome. Rides are available.

INTRODUCTION

In today's readings, Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord and Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
Let us confess our sin to God,
who is faithful and just,
and who has promised to forgive our sin
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
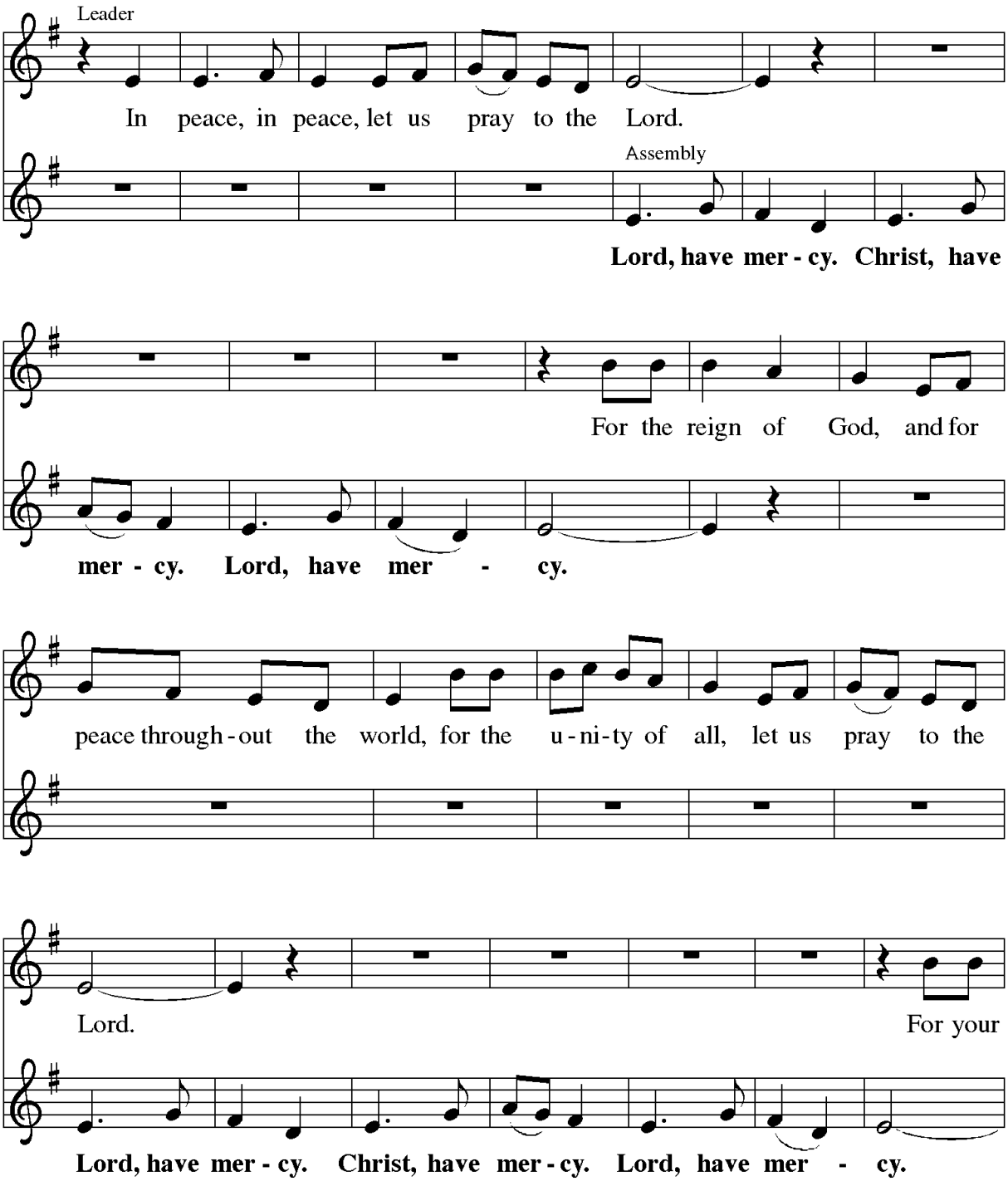
Silence for reflection
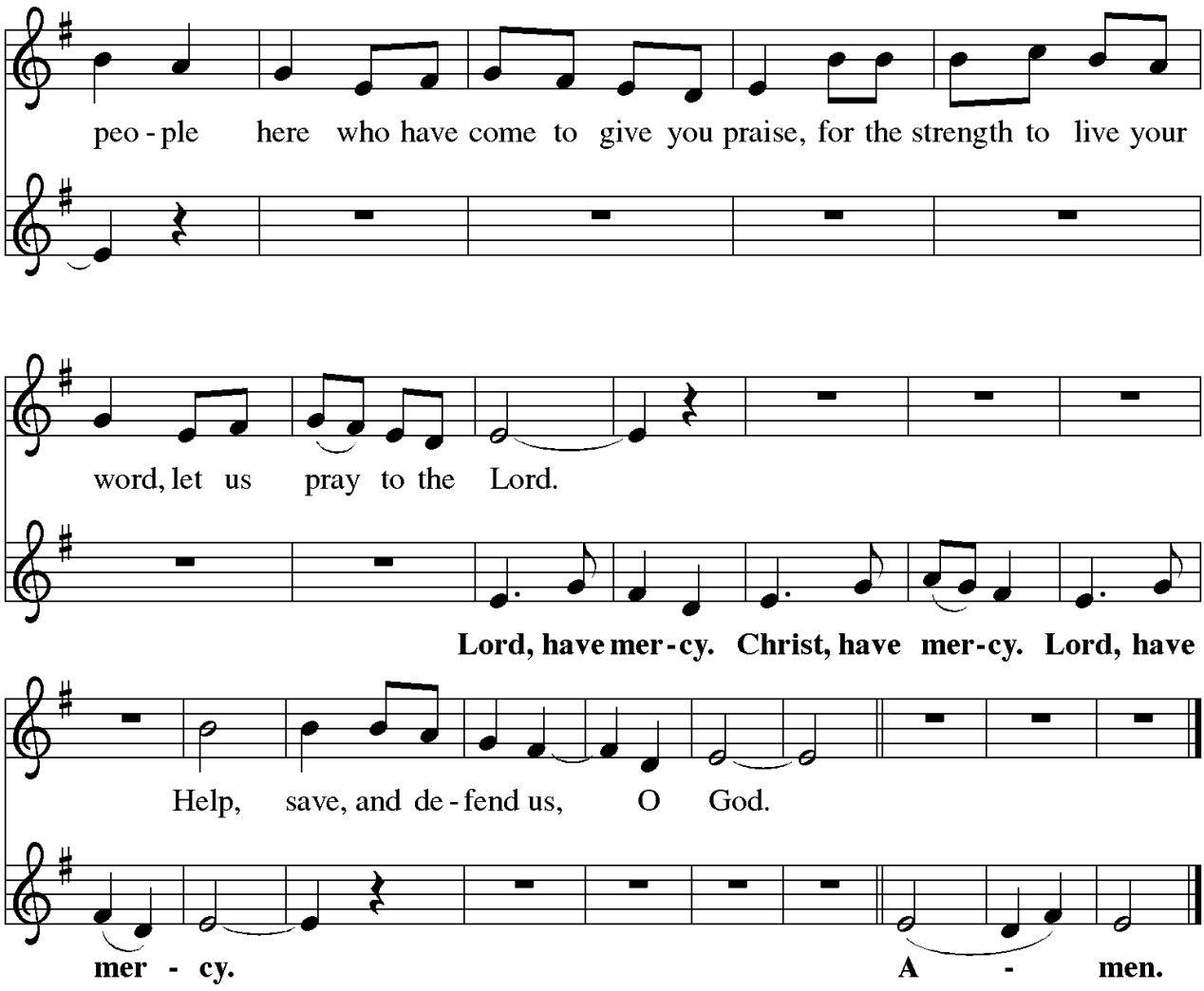
Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart;
we have not loved one another in deed and in truth.
In your compassion, forgive our sin
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.
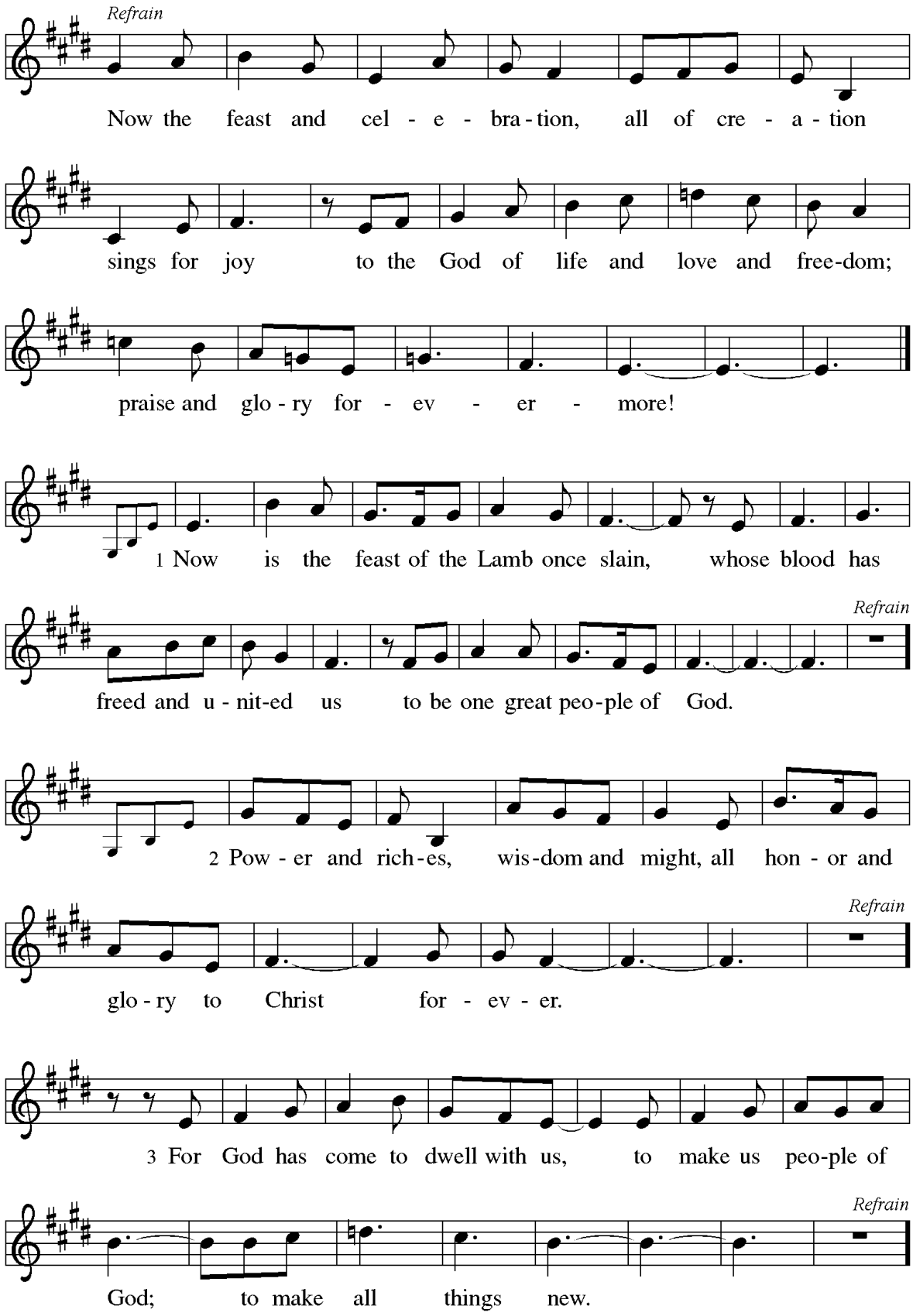
With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love,
forgives all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

KYRIE *"Now the Feast"* ELW 157




peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy.
A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW 167



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

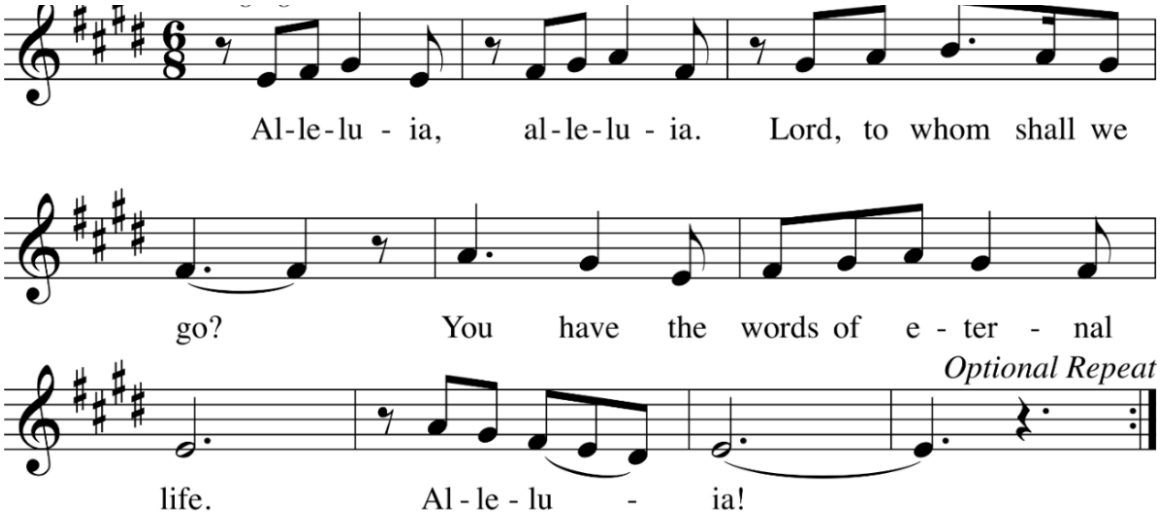
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Alleluia" NTF – *piano, bass, cajon*



Today's gospel reading and sermon have been prepared and shared by Pastor Nathan Fong from the British Columbia Synod.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
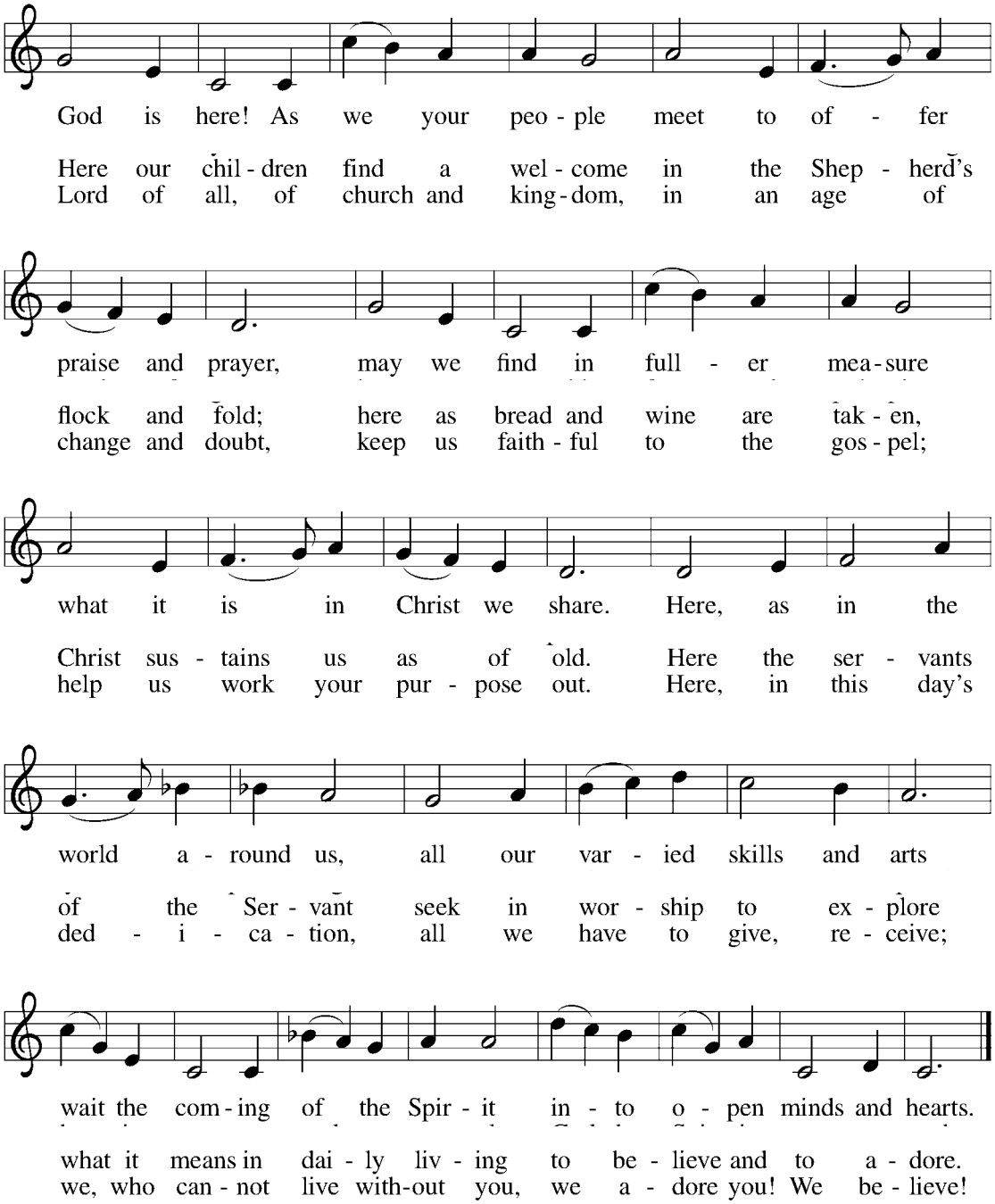
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women 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 young women 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 young women 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.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God is Here" ELW 526, verses 1, 3 & 4



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Lord God, you illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Awaken your church and prepare our hearts and minds, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance and make us careful stewards of our common home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict, especially those who work for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Patrick, Lois, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Jody, Mo, Sidonia, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. Bless those who care for our property. Watch over Lori Fromm and Wilf and Joan Giese, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans and hold them in your care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. Hear us, O God. Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. Amen

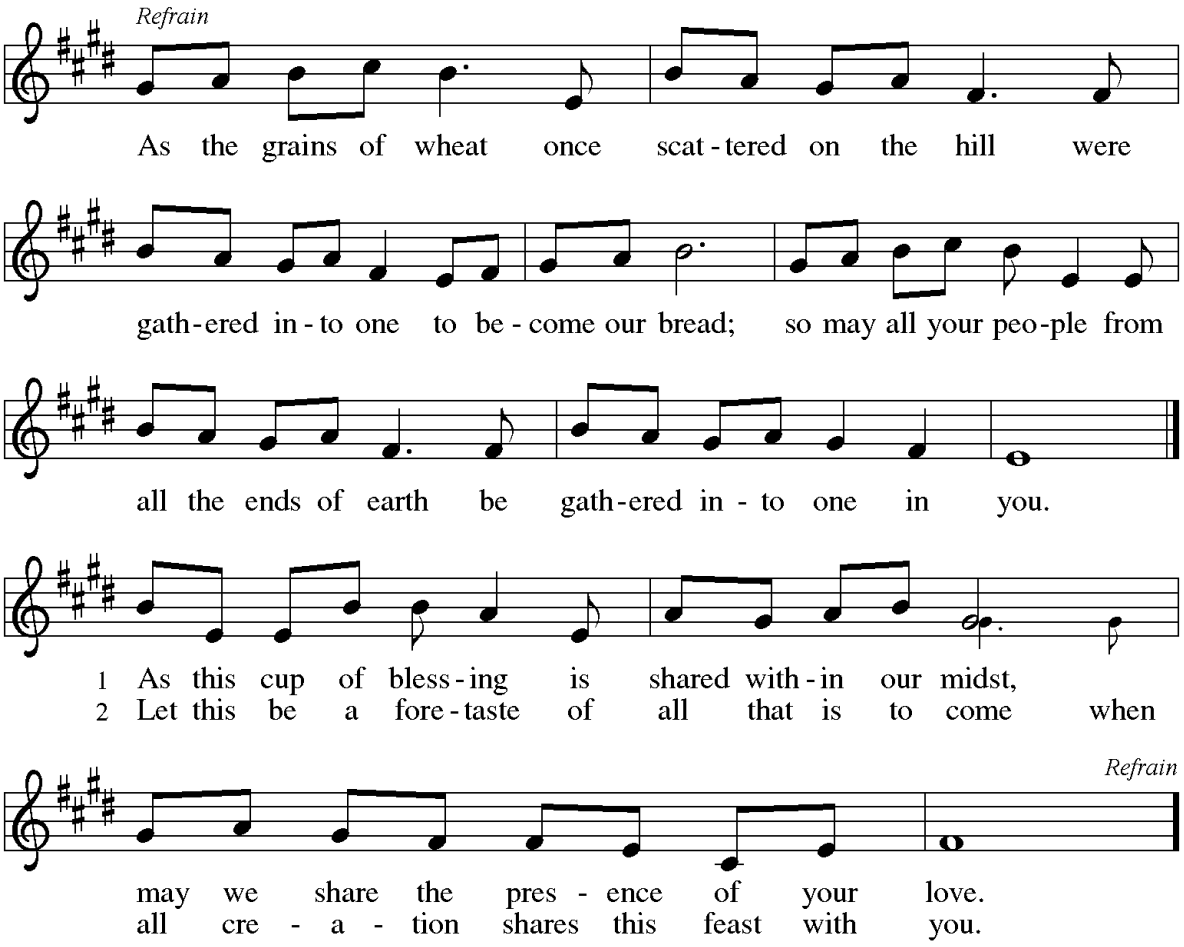
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

We set our table for the communion meal.

OFFERTORY "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

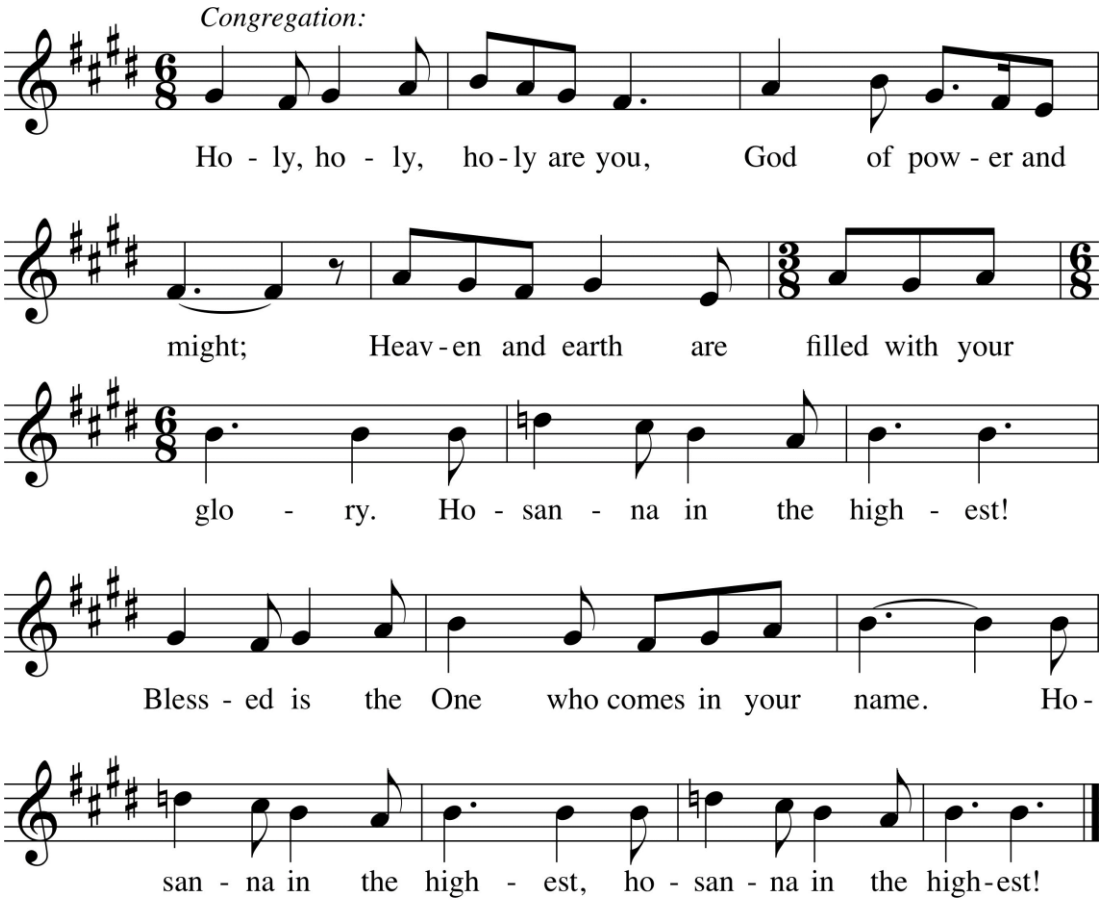
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love,
and so with the church on earth,
all creation and the host of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy Holy" NTF/ELW 191



You are indeed holy,
gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.
We give you thanks for your promise and presence
which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.
Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary,
who in word and deed announced your gentle rule
of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

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 his command to love one another,
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.
Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the faithful who have gone before us,
and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One
who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.
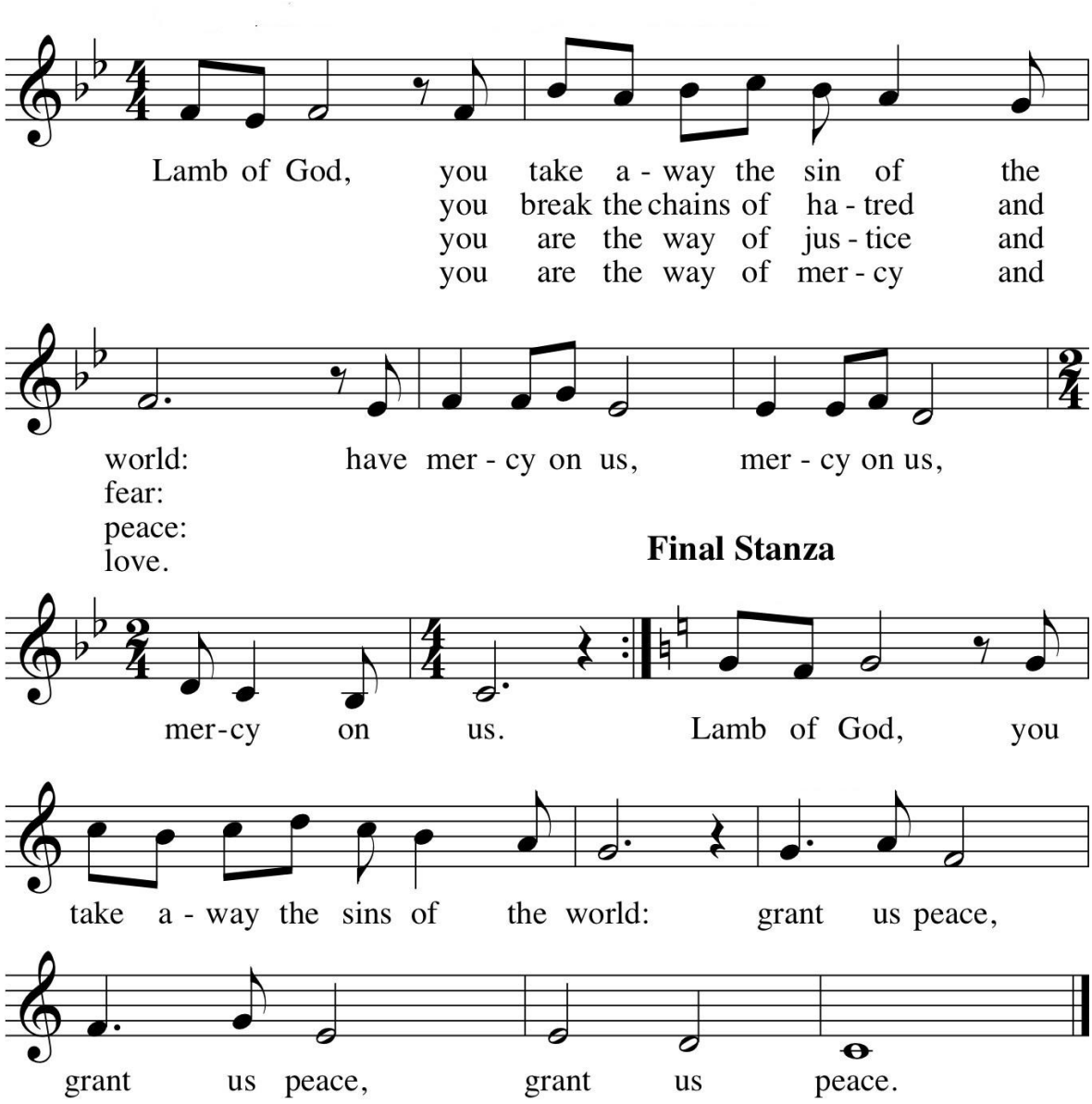
INVITATION TO COMMUNION **PR CAROLYN**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life.

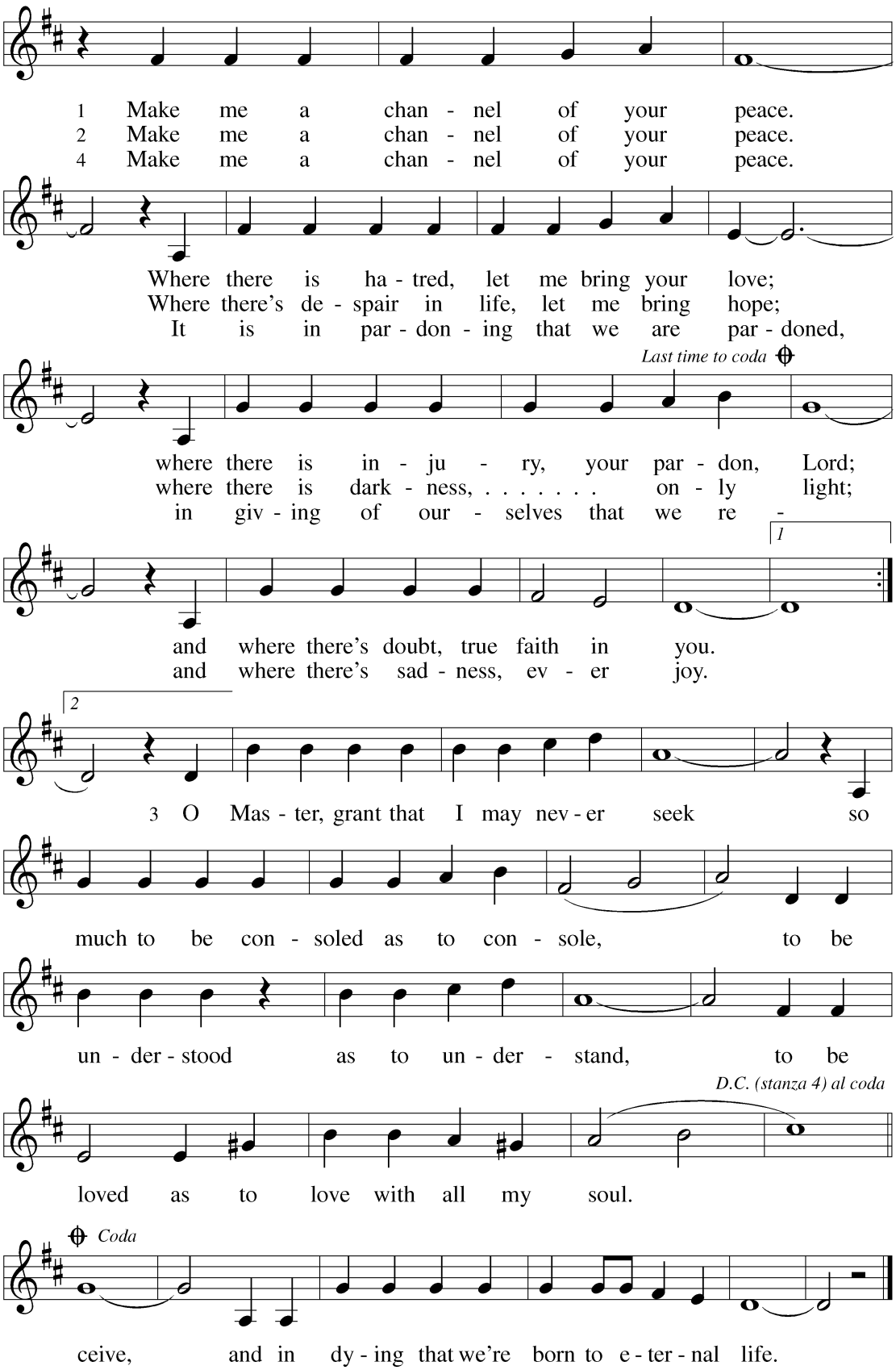
Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you

COMMUNION VIDEO – Psalm 90

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God" NTF



"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" W&P 95



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**
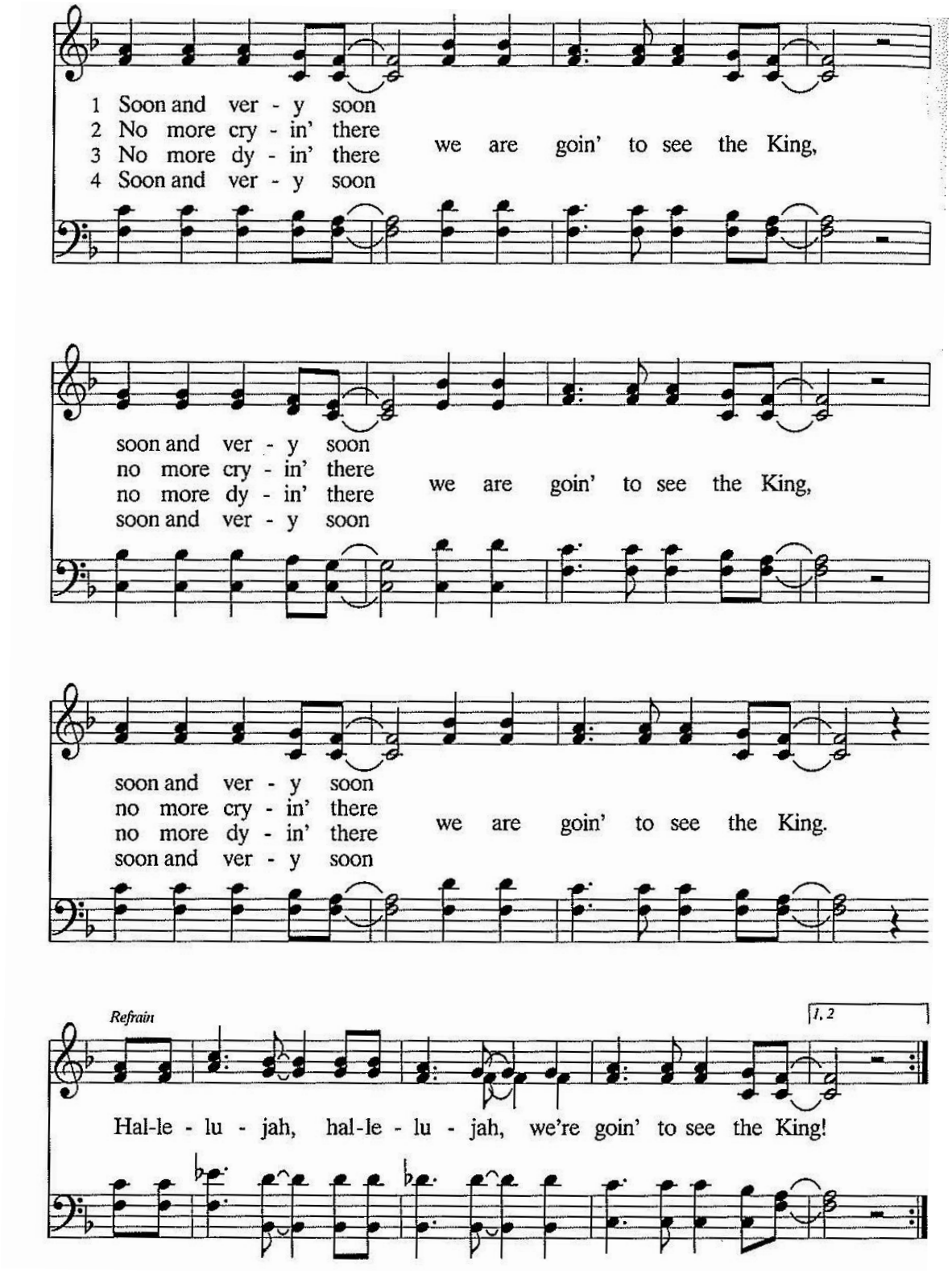
SENDING OF COMMUNION

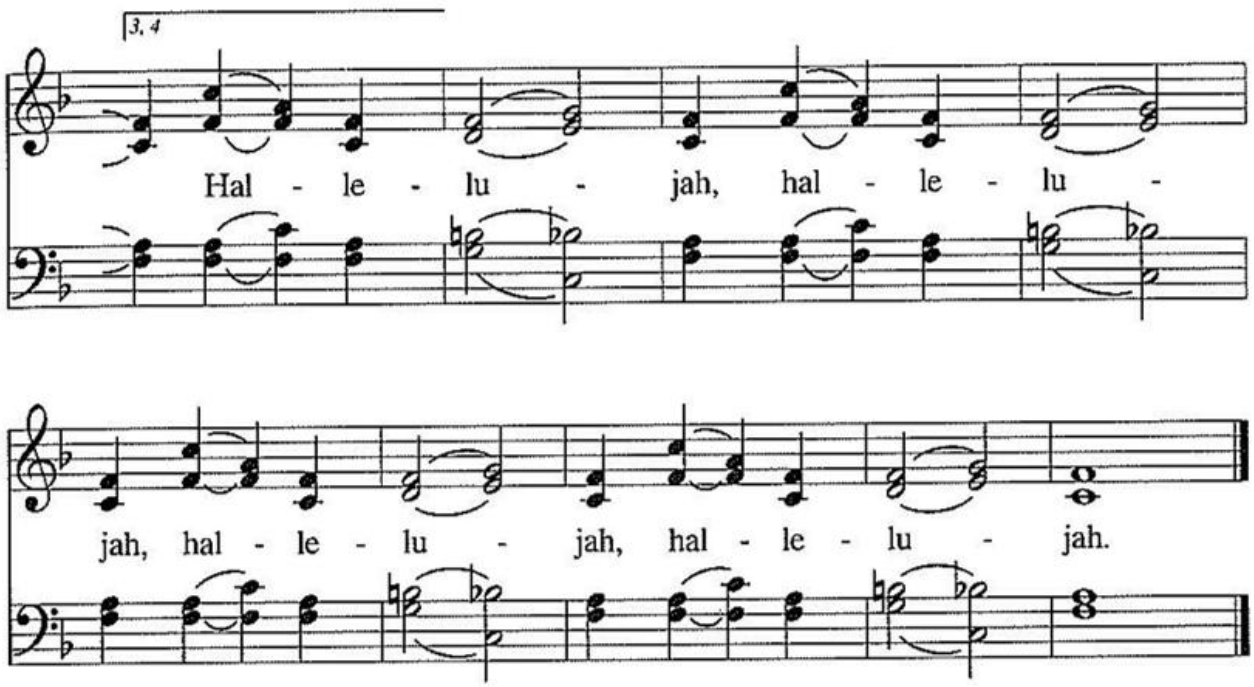
Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May God look on you with favour and ✢ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG "Soon and Very Soon" WOV 744





SENDING

Led on by saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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