### Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God



#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, Godwith-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

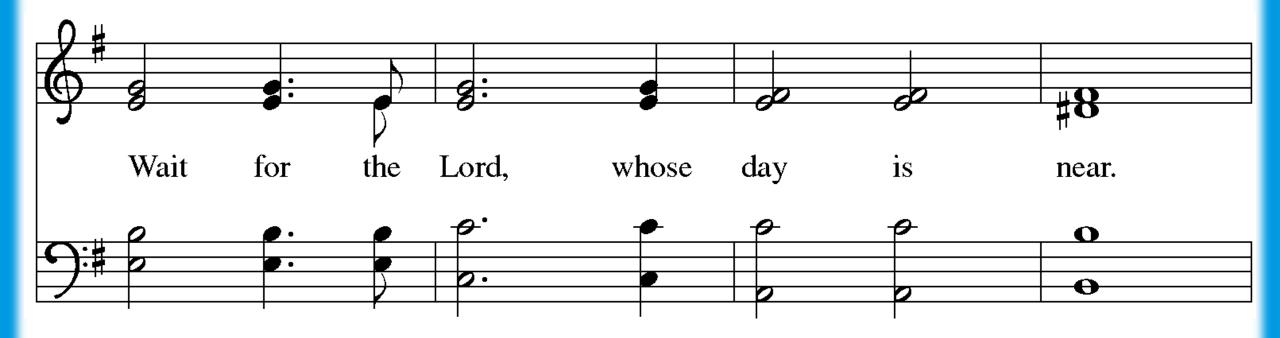
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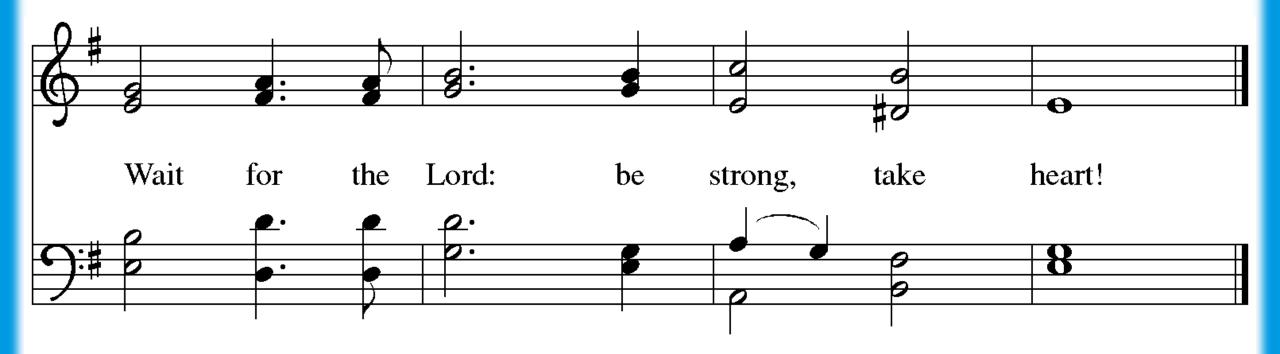


#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **ADVENT VERSE: Wait for the Lord**





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# ADVENT WREATH: Fourth Sunday of Advent

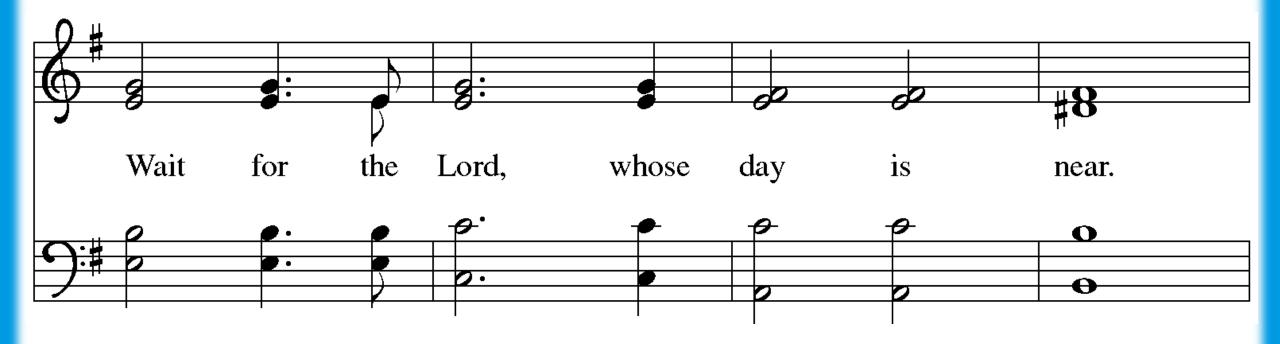
- Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones.
- As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you.
- Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek.

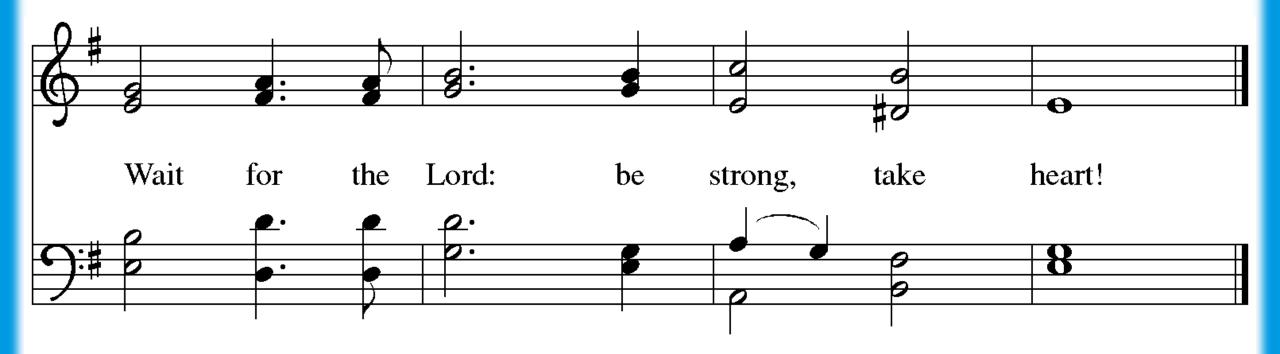
Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears.

We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.

Amen.

#### REPEAT ADVENT VERSE

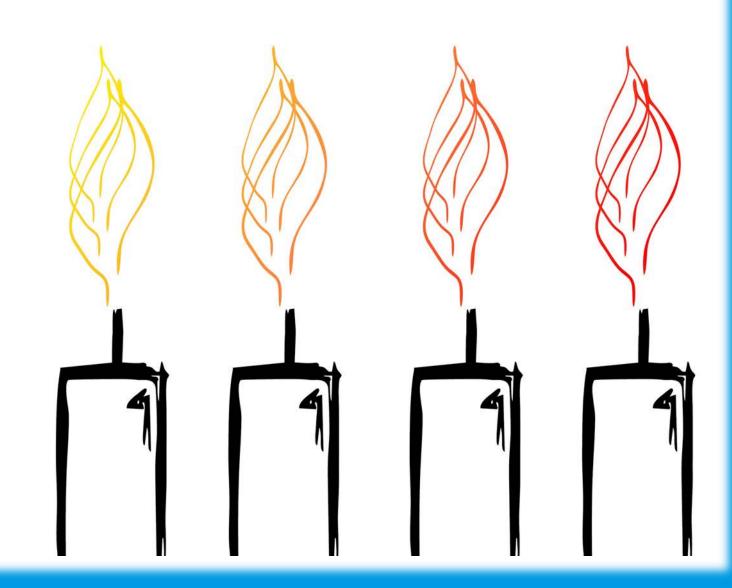




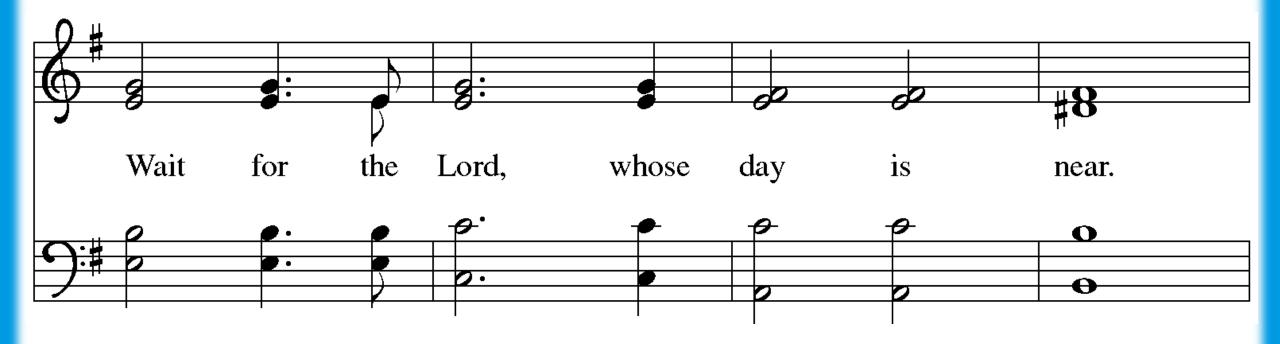
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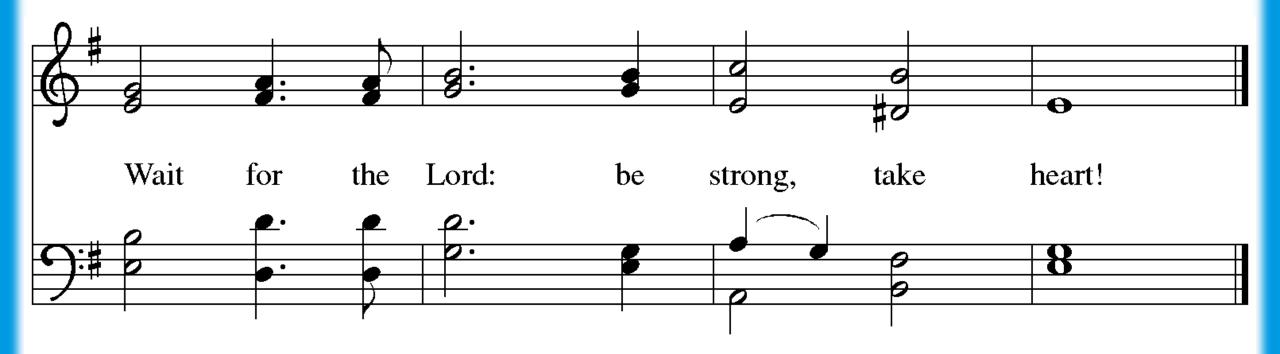
#### LIGHTING CANDLE

Four candles are lit.



#### REPEAT ADVENT VERSE





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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings, we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. Amen.



# GATHERING HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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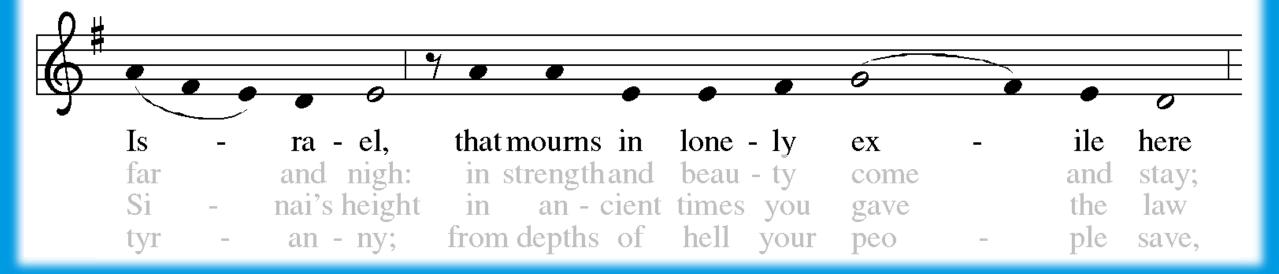
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- O come, O come, Em man
- O come, O Wis dom from
- O come, O come, O Lord
- come, O Branch of Jes

u - el, on high, se, free

and ran - som cap - tive em - brac - ing all things of might, as to your tribes on your own from Sa - tan's





ap - pear.our way.and awe.the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice!

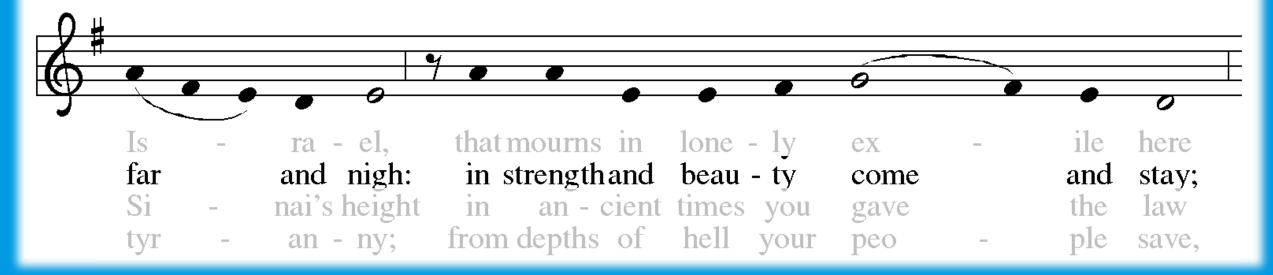




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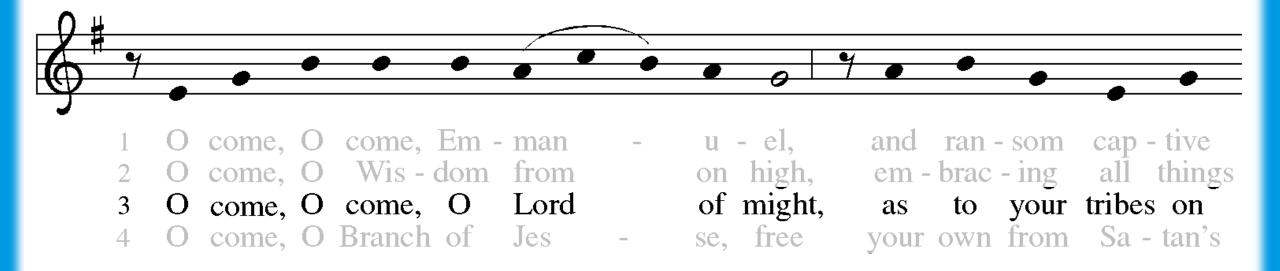


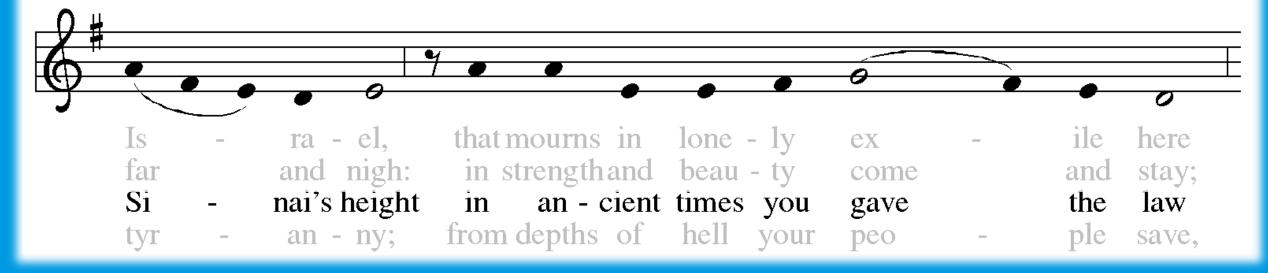


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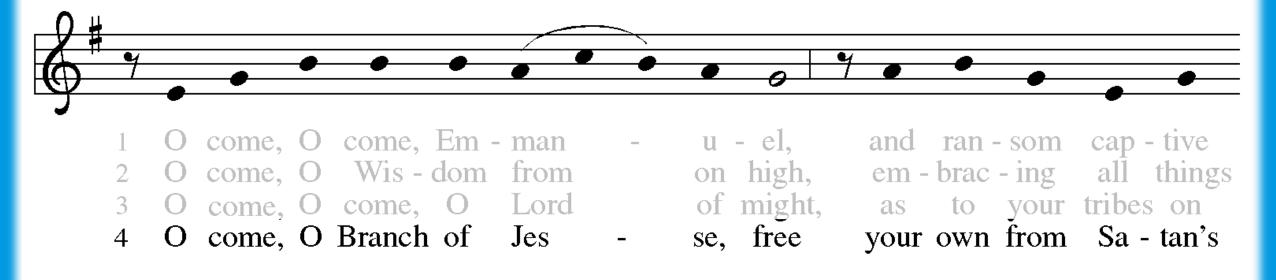


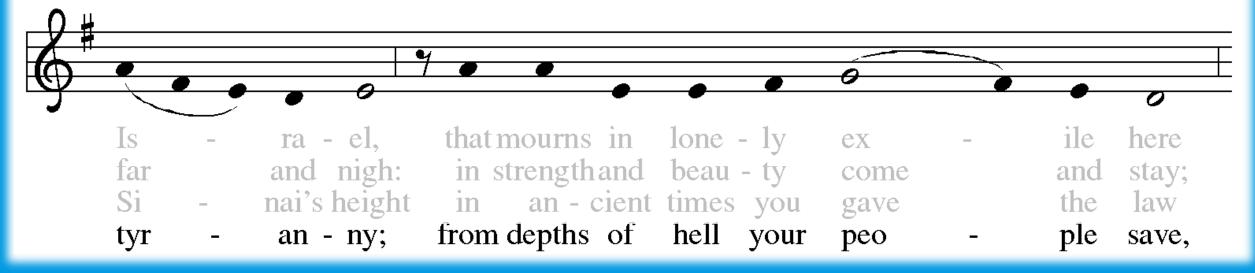


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## Refrain 4 0 9 0

5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain* 

Re-joice! Re-joice!



## Refrain 4 0

7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain* 

Re-joice! Re-joice!



#### GREETING

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

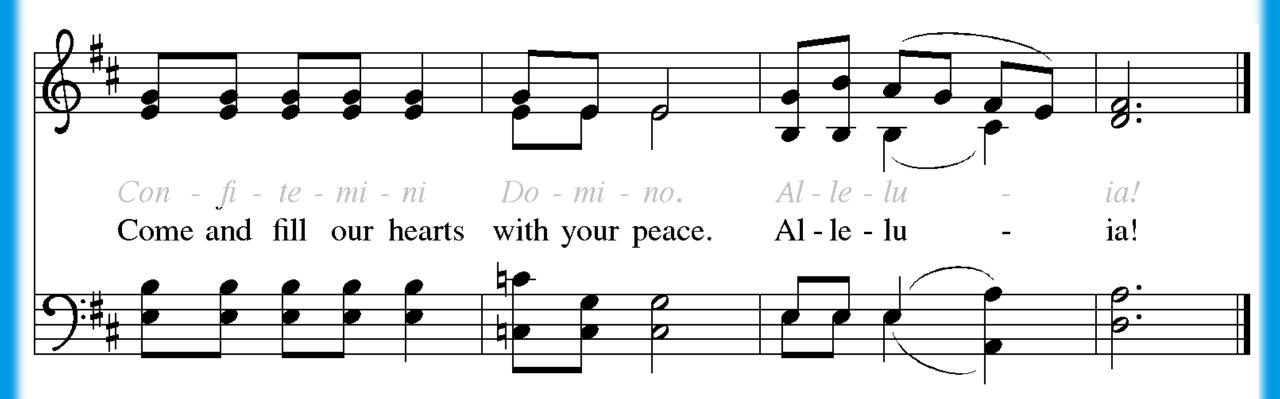
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#### **KYRIE: Come and Fill Our Hearts**

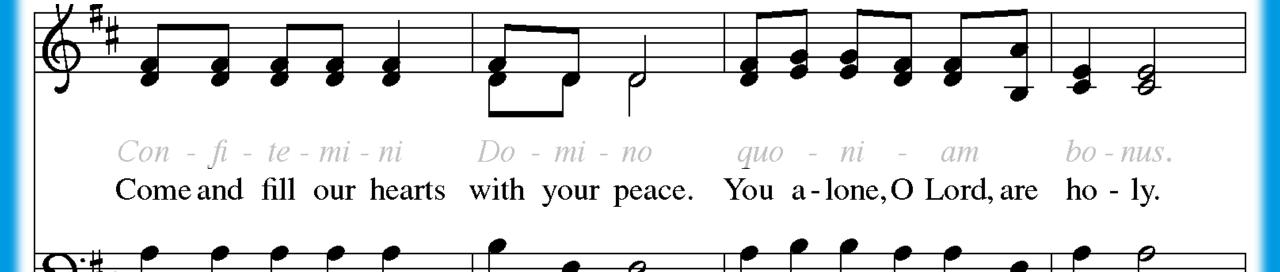
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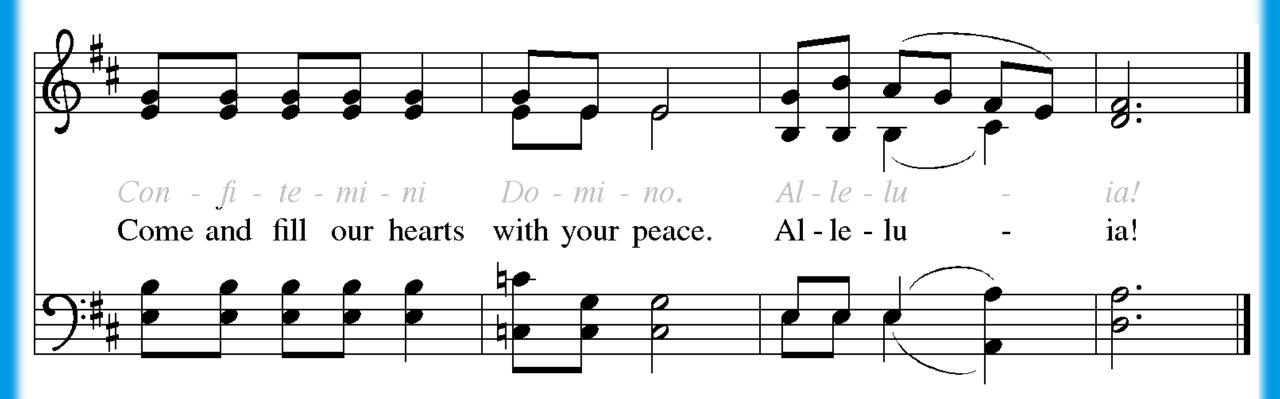




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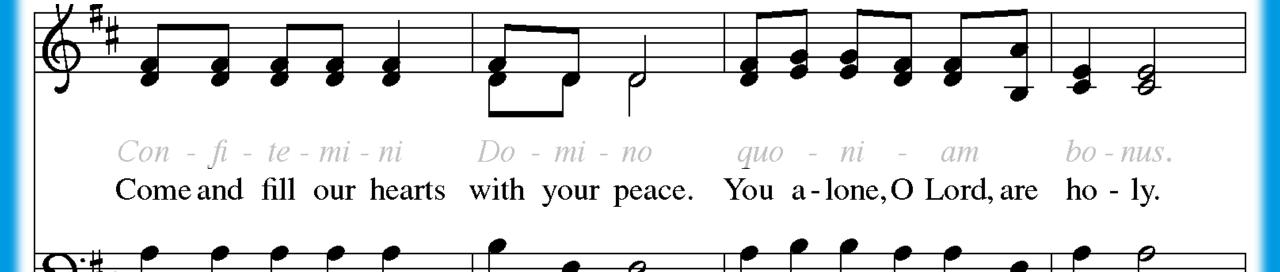
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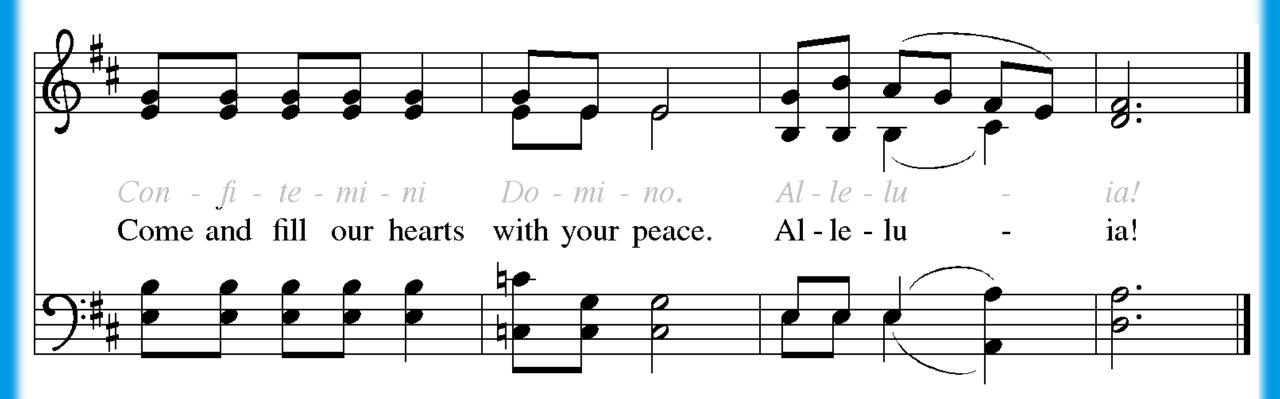




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### **HYMN OF PRAISE:** Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



- God's own light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of Joy - ous
- that grace the dark ness, in the blaz - ing In the stars sun the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry You who made danc - ing star



face, dawn, night,

you who in the make us

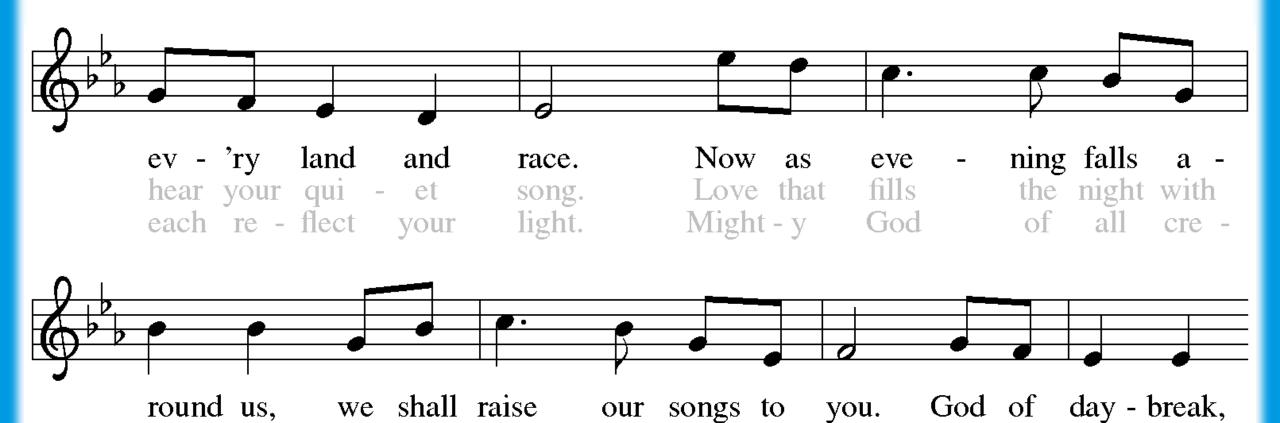
shine

sing

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shine on can



won - der, love that warms

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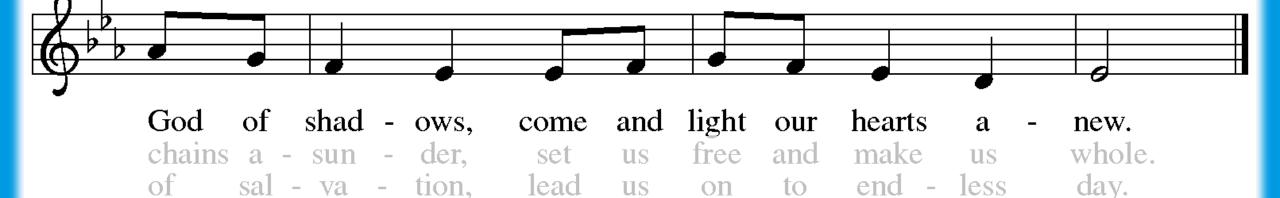
the wea-ry

who lights our

soul,

love that bursts all

way, lov-ing Spir-it



us

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- Joy ous light of heav'n-ly glo ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
- that grace the dark ness, in the blaz ing In the stars sun of You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of

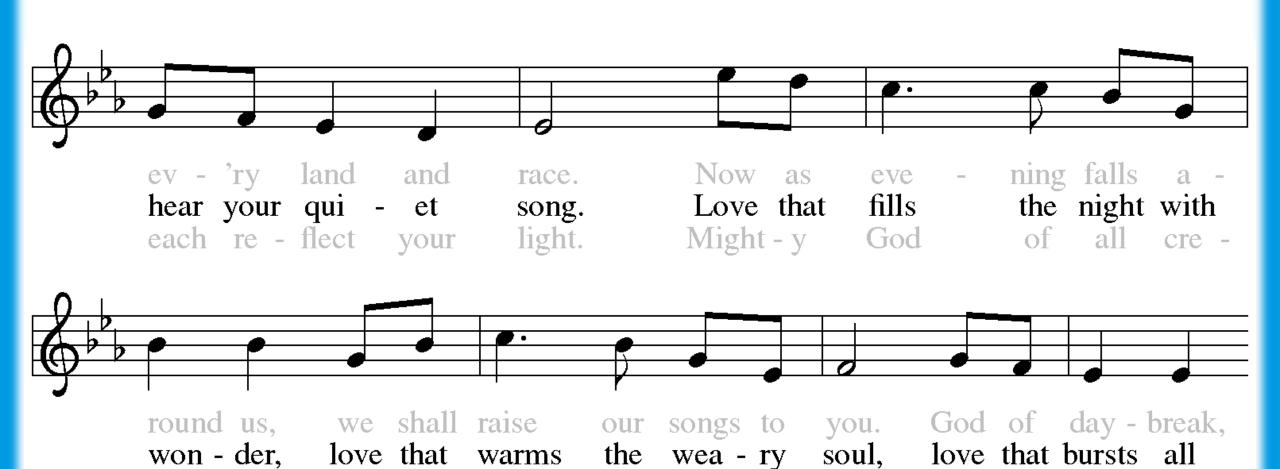


face, dawn, night,

you who sing in the light make us shine

cre - a - tion's sto - ry, of peace and wis - dom, we can with gen - tle jus - tice,

shine on let

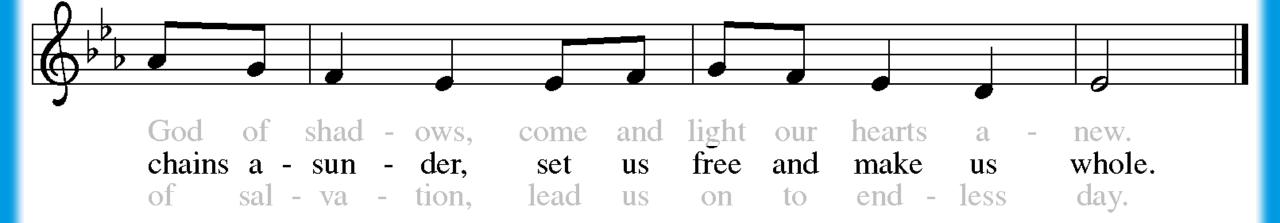


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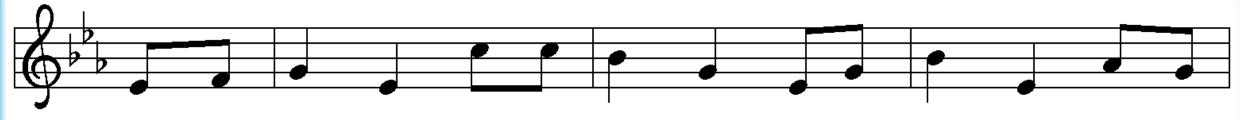


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- 1 Joy-ous light of heav'n-ly glo ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
- 2 In the stars that grace the dark ness, in the blaz ing sun of
- 3 You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry danc-ing star of



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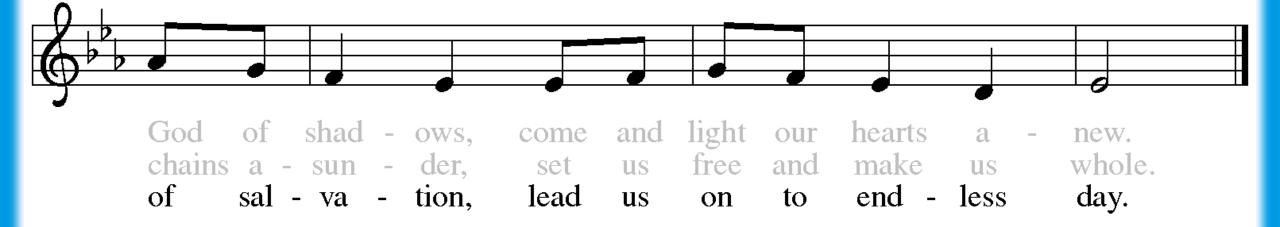
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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

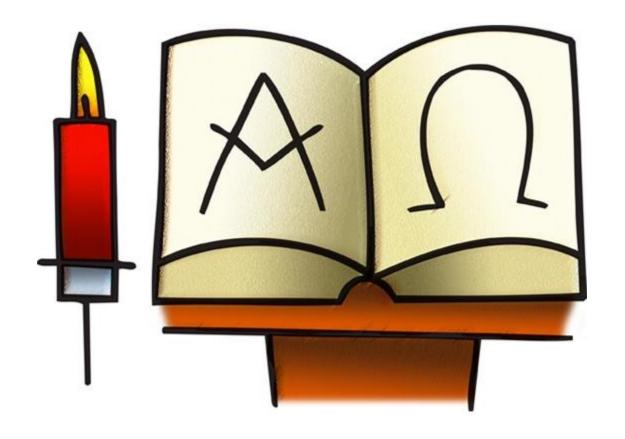
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING:

## Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. 13Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

<sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

- <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
  - stir up your strength and come to help us.
- <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

- <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? R
- <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. R

- <sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- <sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. R

### SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

<sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



### CHILDREN'S TIME

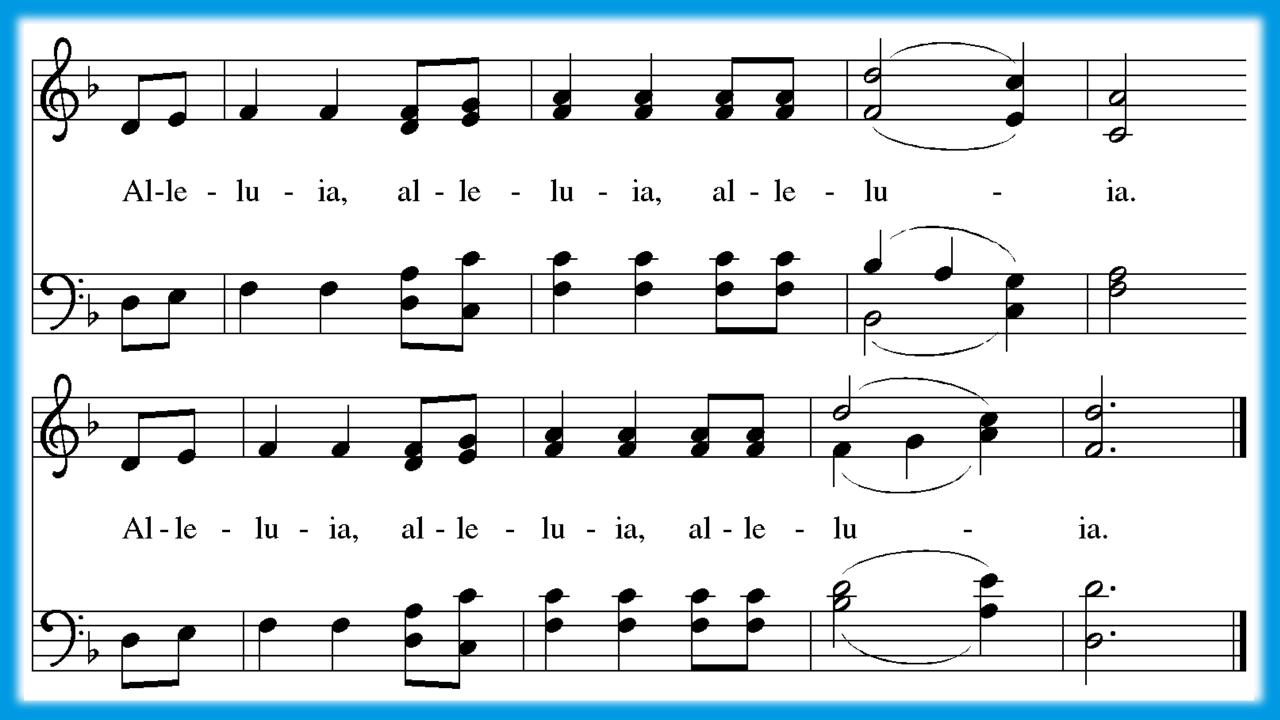
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# GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

<sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

Rev. Karen Perkins



### HYMN OF THE DAY:

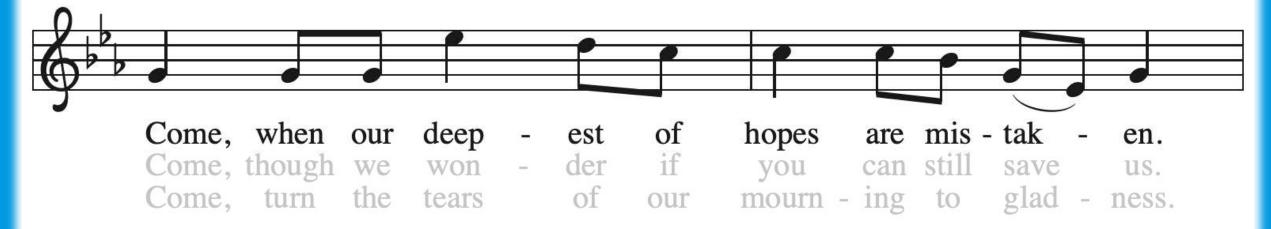
Come Now, O God

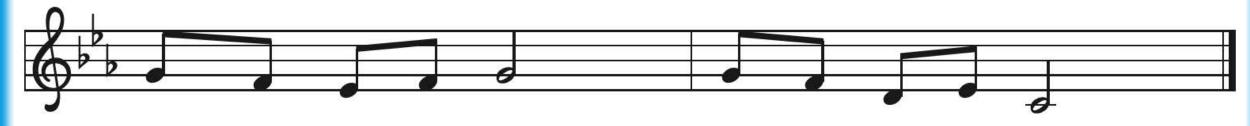


- 1 Come now, O God, when our love is for sak en.
- 2 Come, when we squan der the free dom you gave us.
  3 Come, put an end to our self serv-ing mad ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.





Come, Em - man - u - el.

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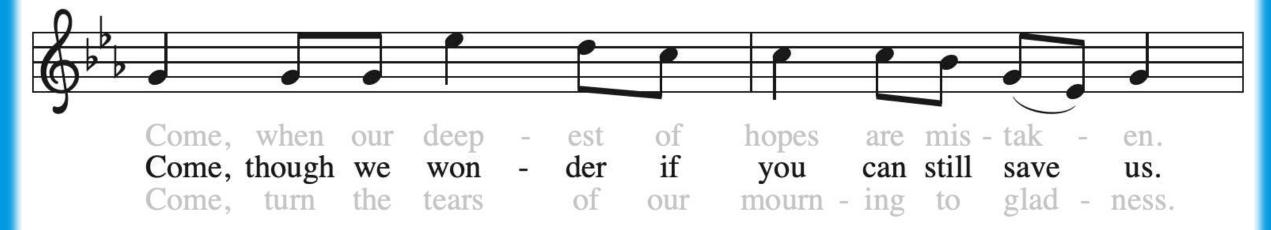
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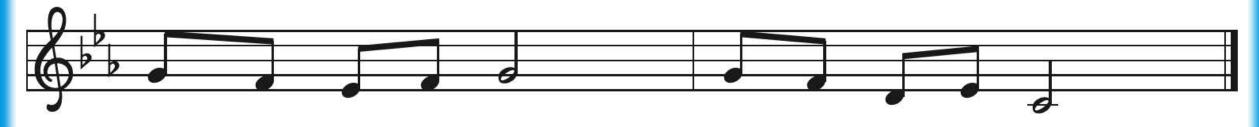


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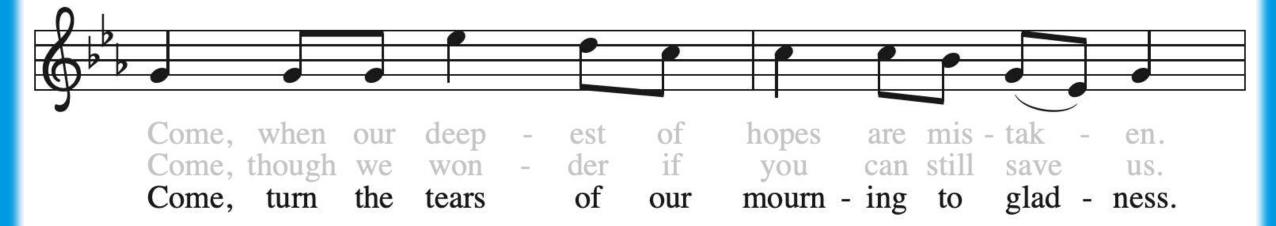
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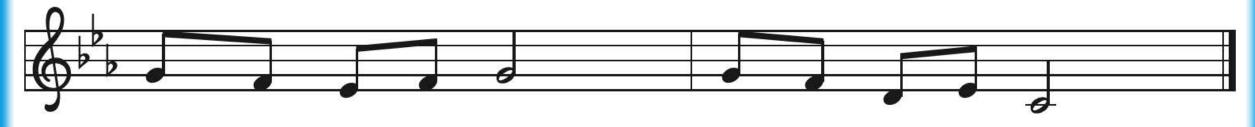


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#### NICENE CREED

Let us confess together:
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

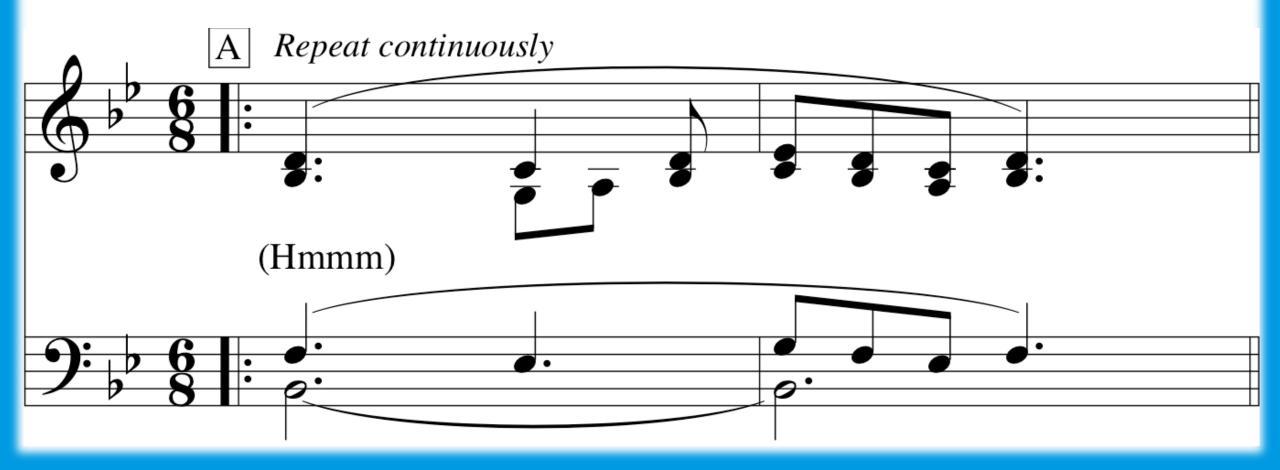
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

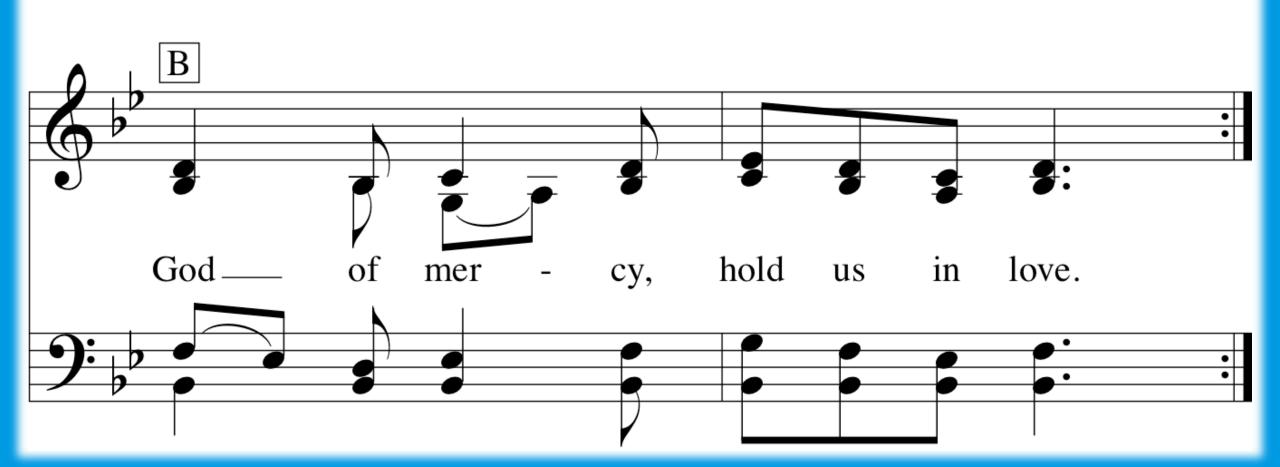
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

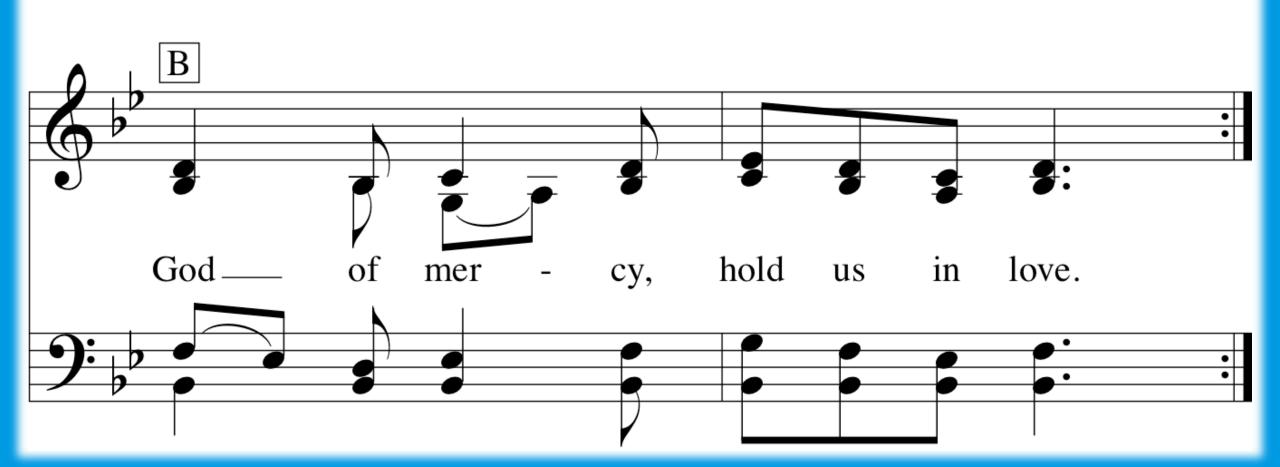
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## LITANY AND PRAYERS

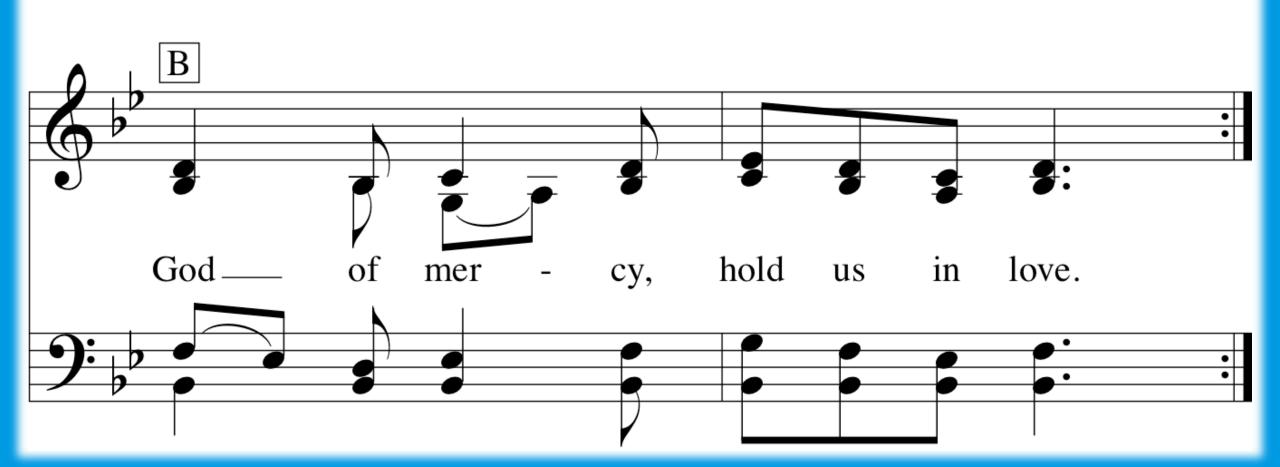








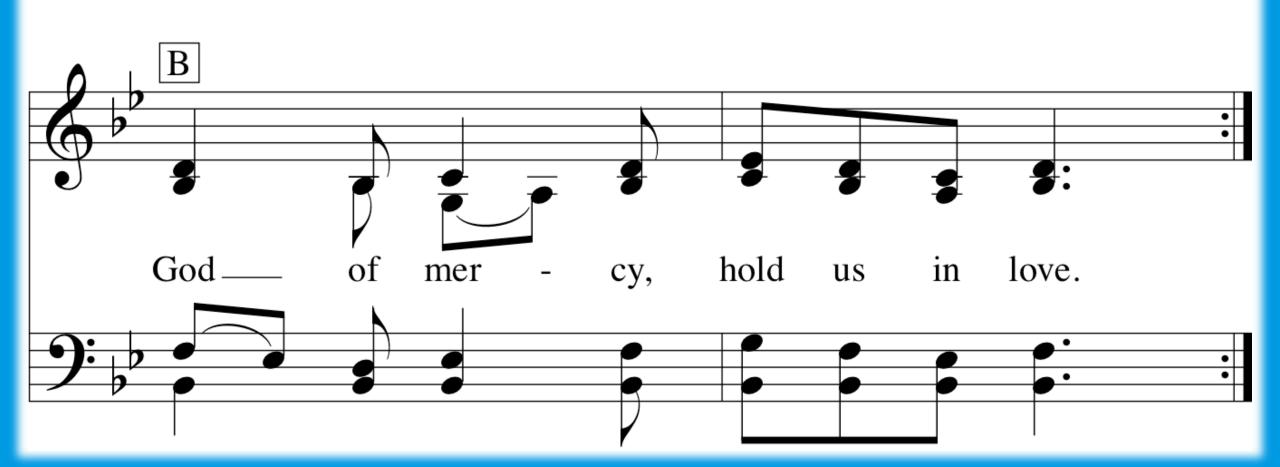


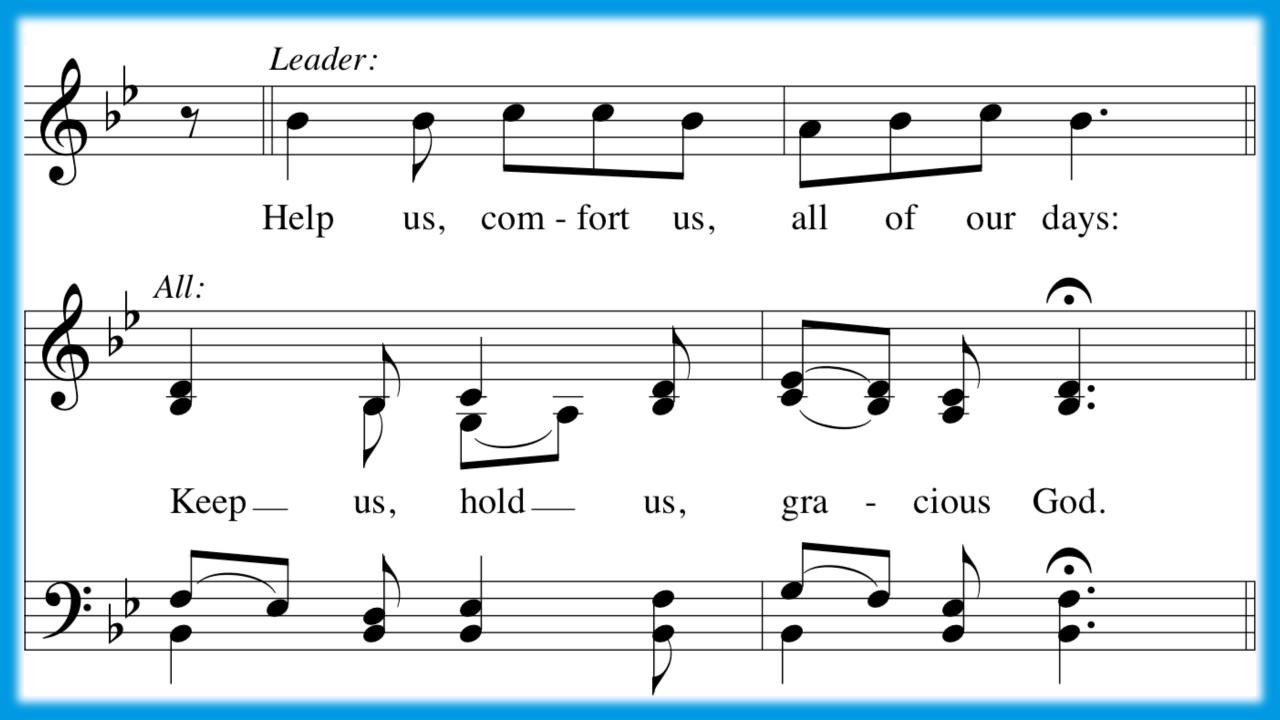




- 3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
- 4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
- 5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
- 6. For all those who gov ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
- 7. For all those who la bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
- 8. Grant weath-er that nour ish es all of cre a tion:
- 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
- 10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:

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## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.



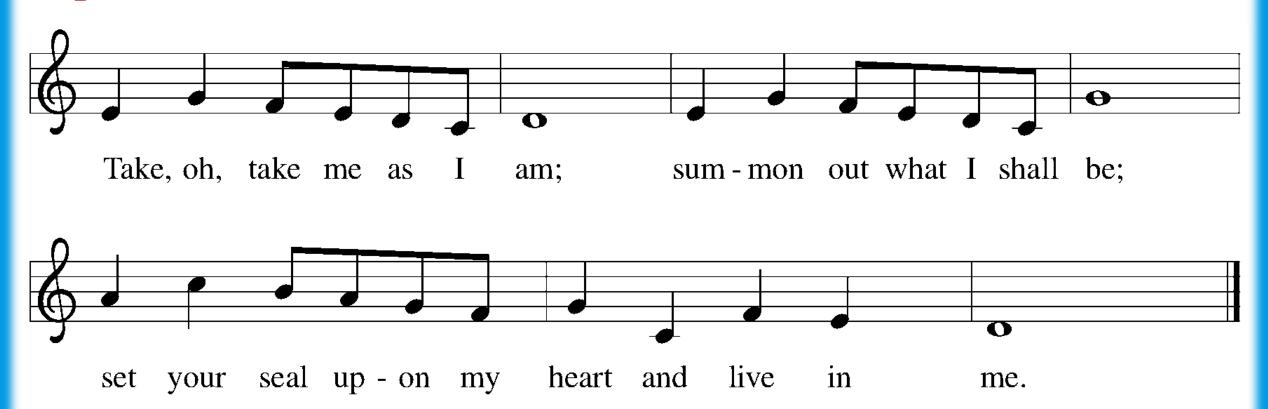
## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# **OFFERING**

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Repeat three times.



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

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

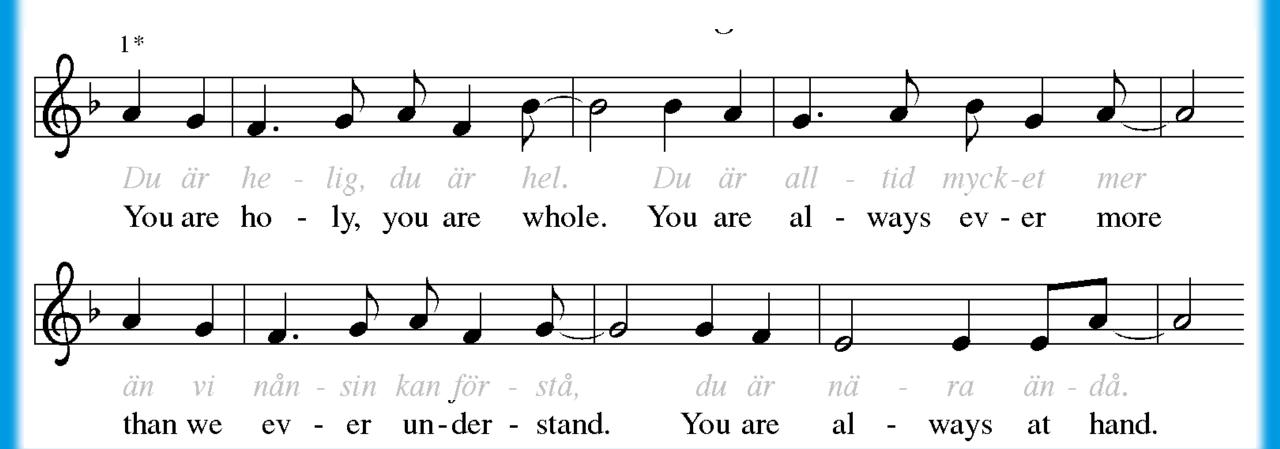
# SANCTUS: You Are Holy

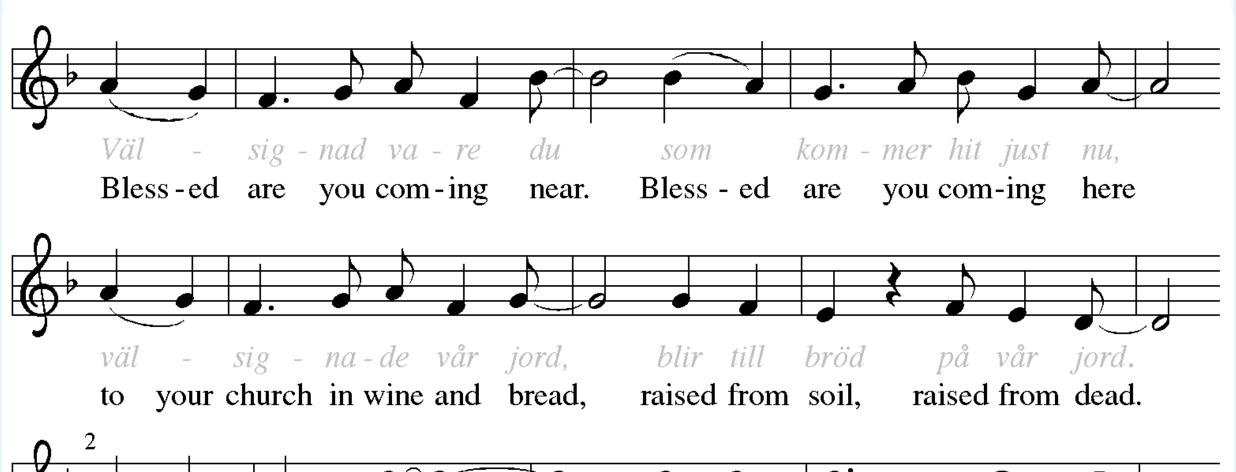
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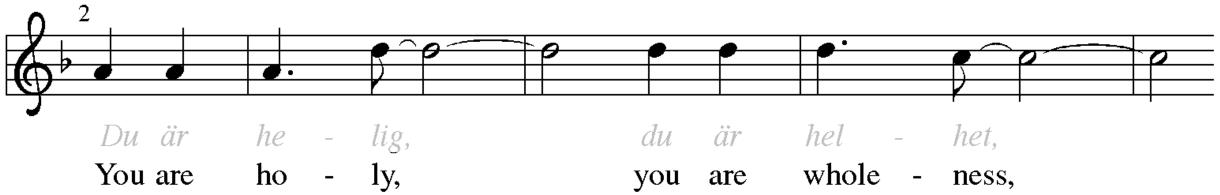
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Ho - si - an - na,

Sing ho - san - na

in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na!

Sing ho - san - na to God! our

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

and to heal all the suffering world.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love

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 life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen** 

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

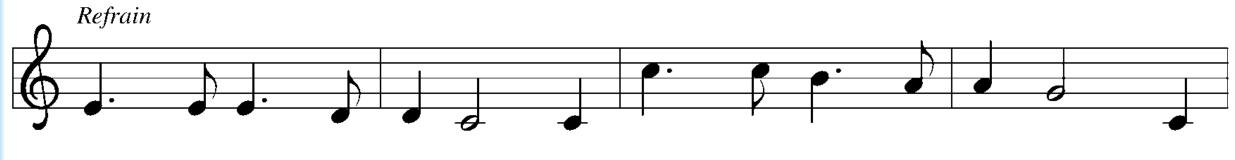


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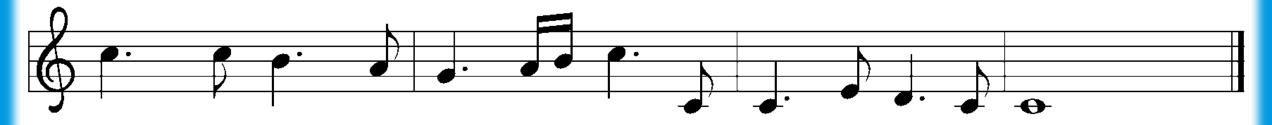
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

# COMMUNION HYMN: Bread of Life from Heaven

Repeat three times.



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

# POST COMMUNION BLESSING

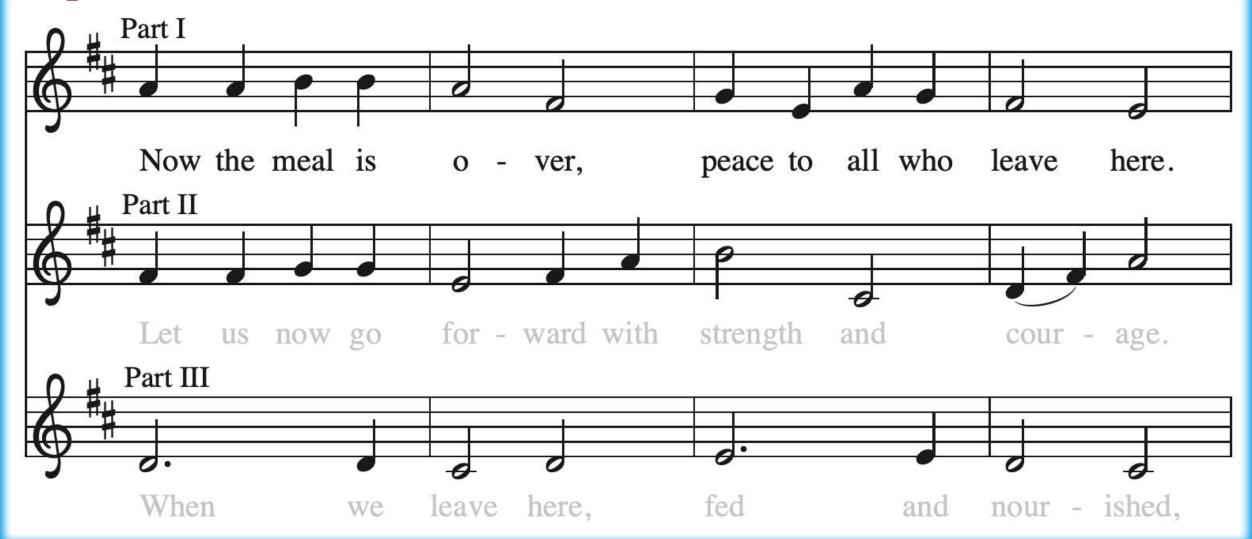
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

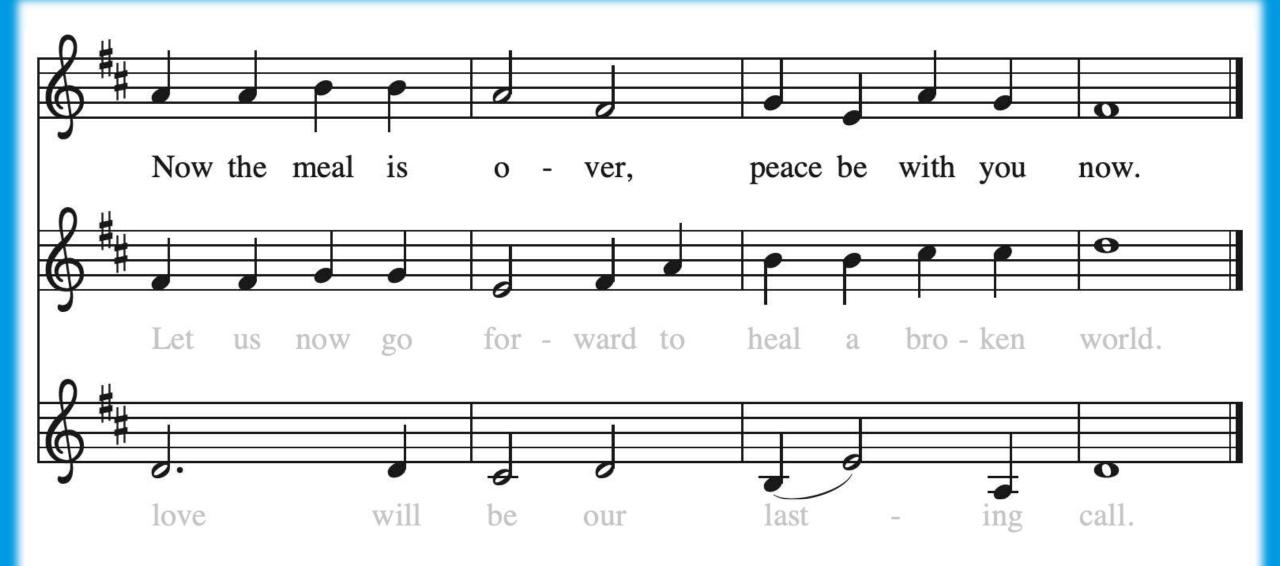
Amen.



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Repeat Part I three times.

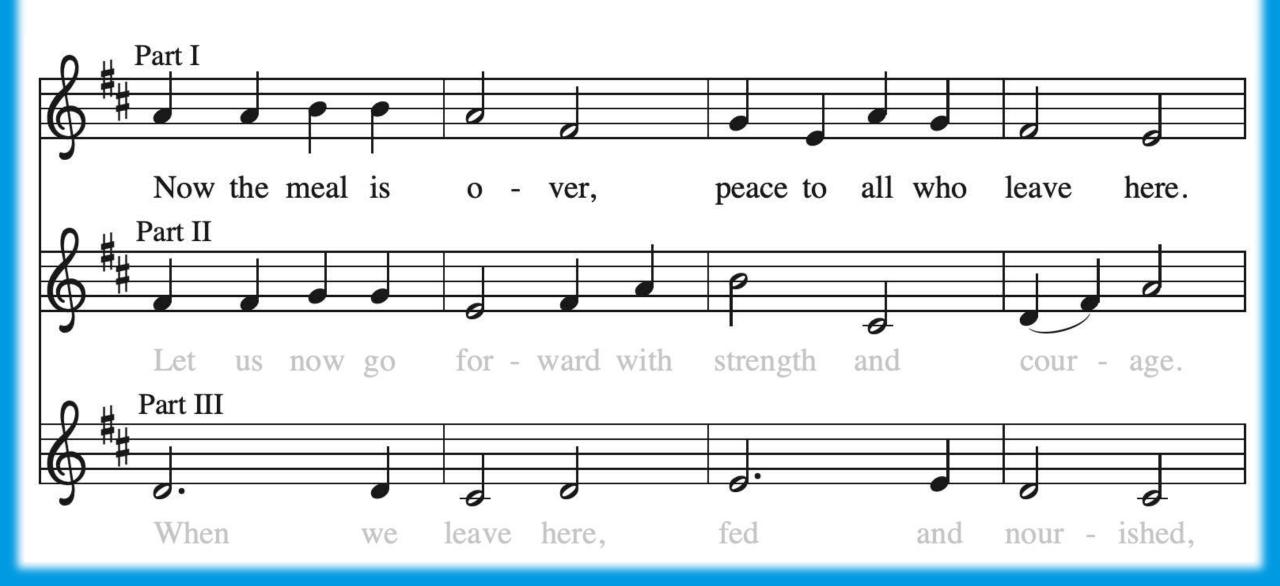


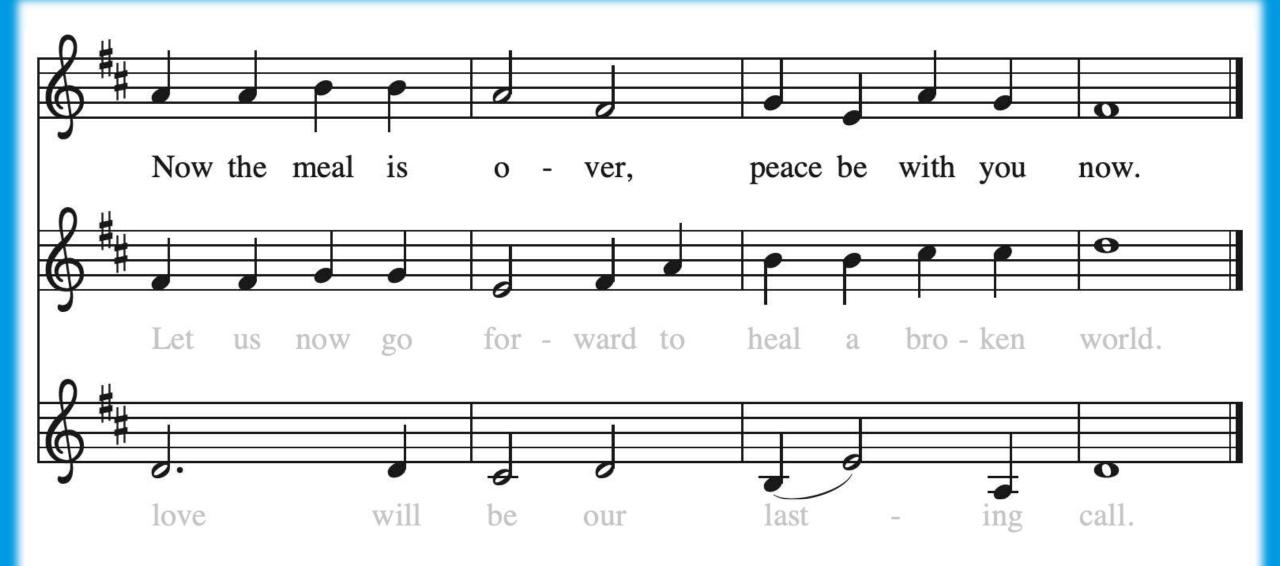


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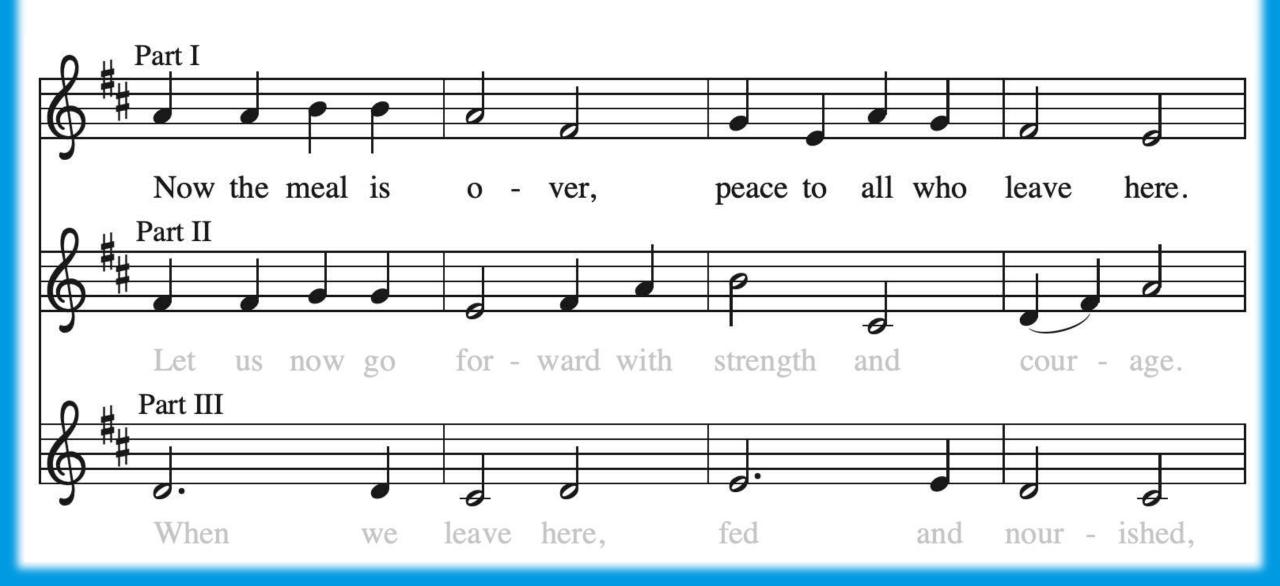


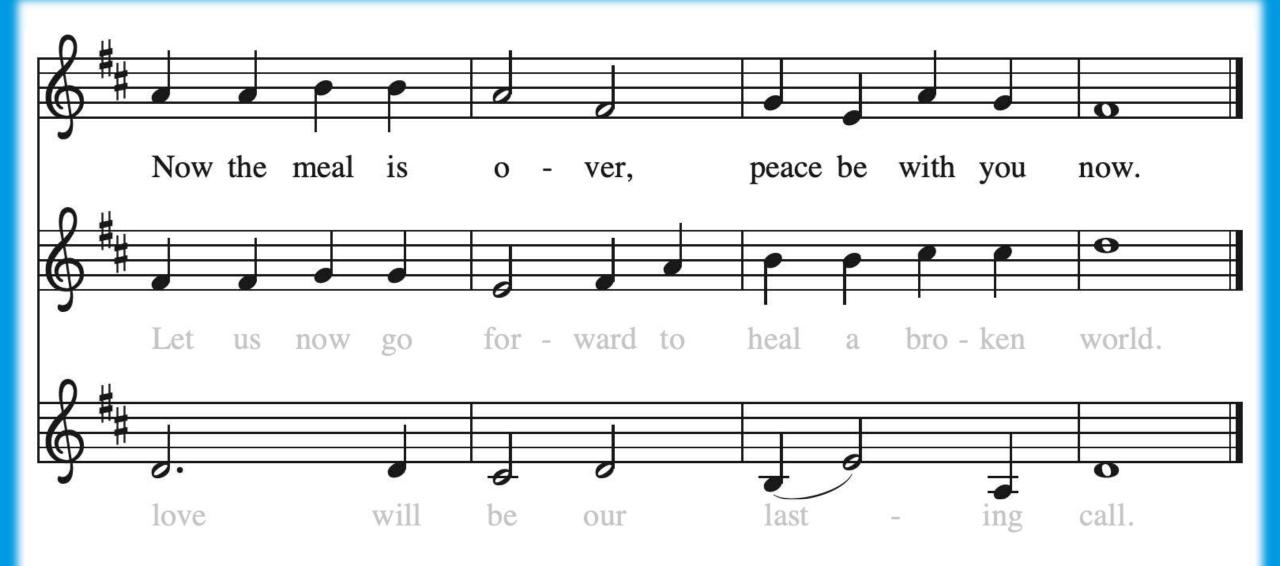


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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Let us announce together,

The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is to promote spiritual growth in Christ and service to all people.

#### **BLESSING**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

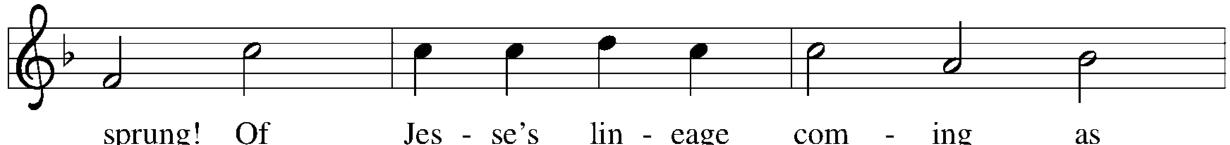
Amen.



# SENDING SONG: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



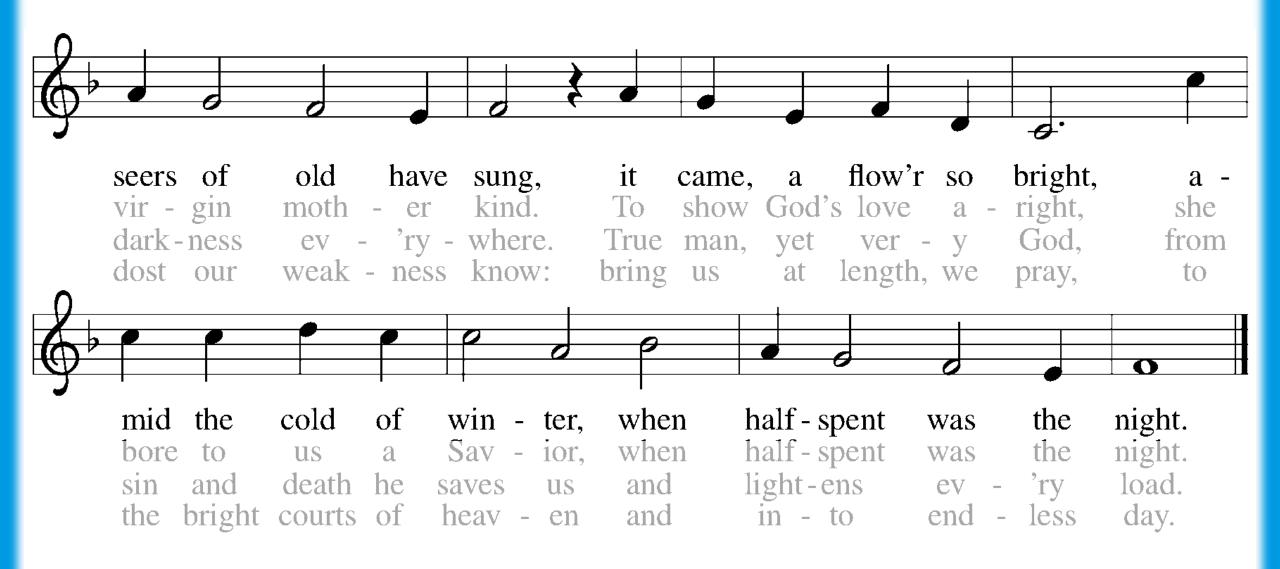
from Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing ten - der hath stem I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the have in rose This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with fills sweet-ness the Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt hu our man

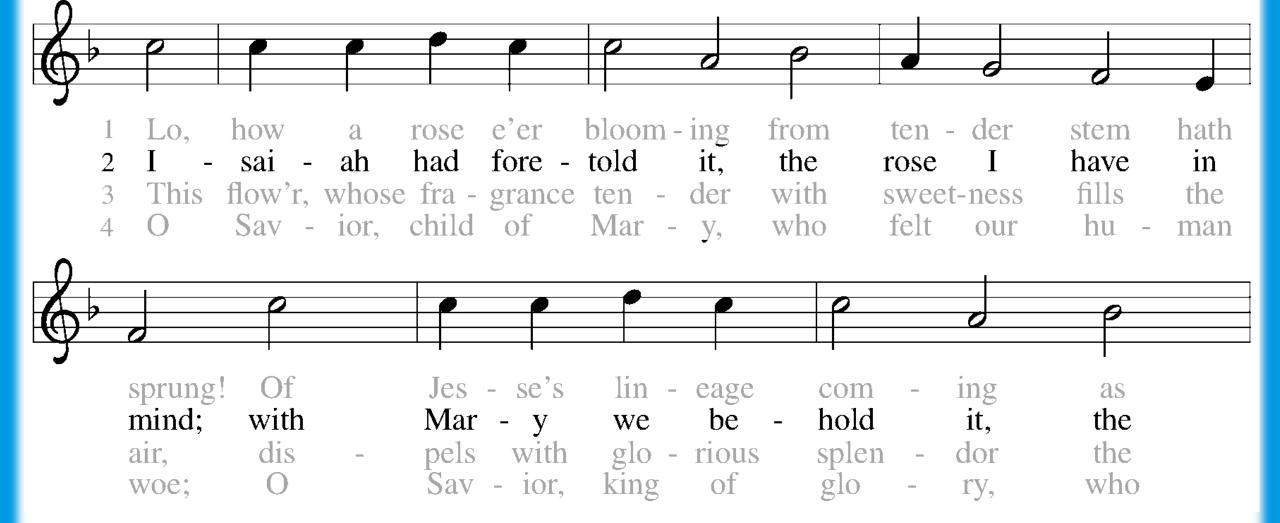


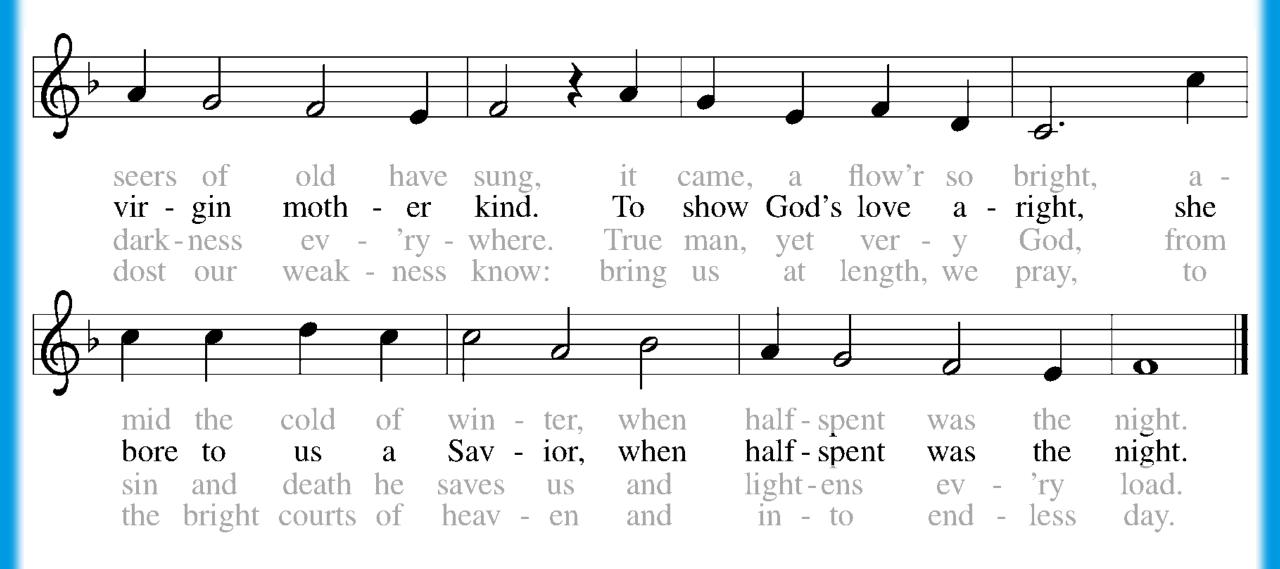
sprung! Of Jes - se's mind; with Mar - y air, dis - pels with woe; O Sav - ior,

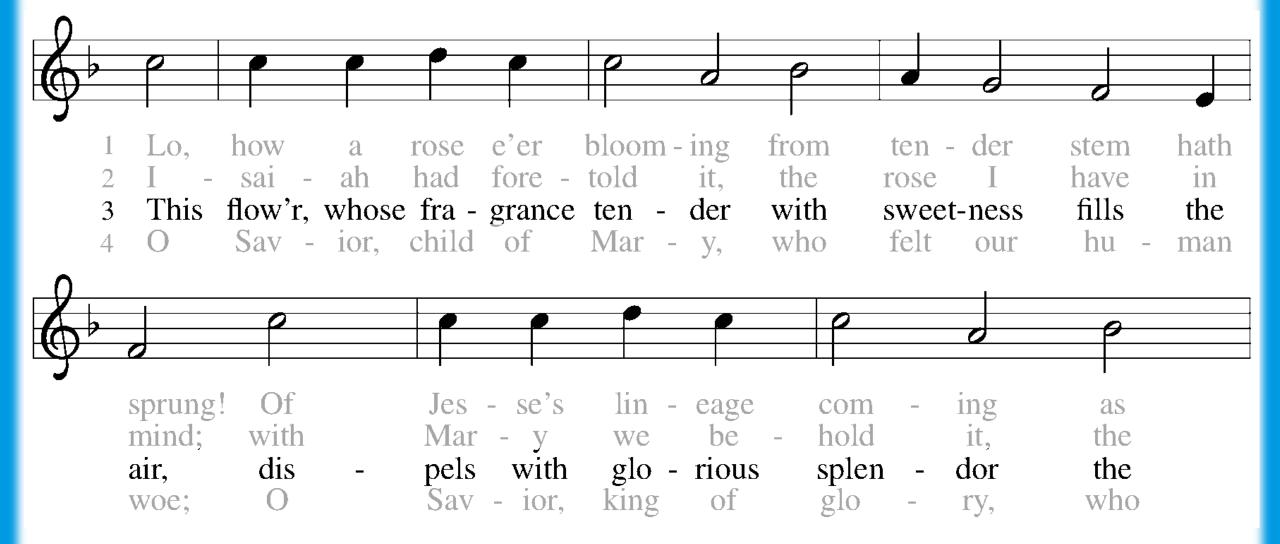
Jes - se's lin - eage
Mar - y we be pels with glo - rious
Sav - ior, king of

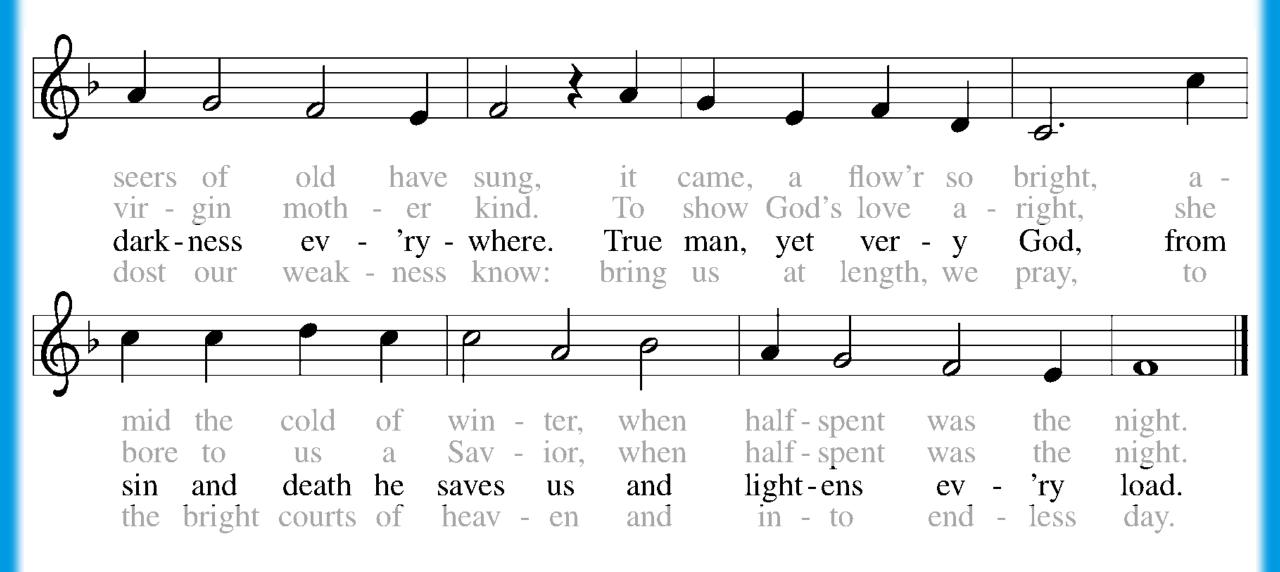
com - ing as hold it, the splen - dor the glo - ry, who

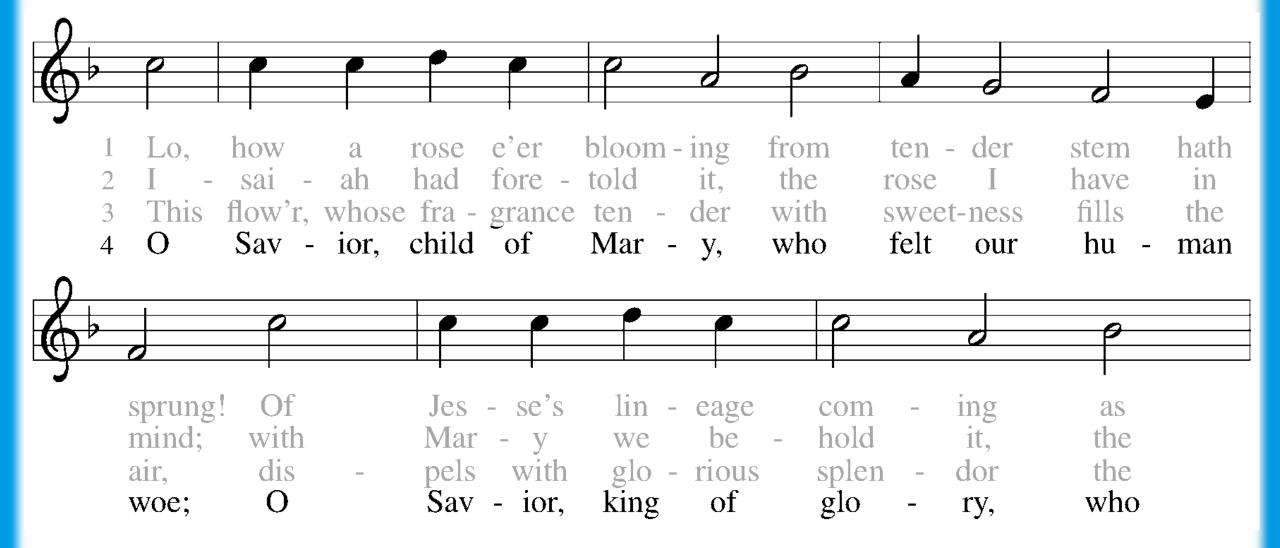


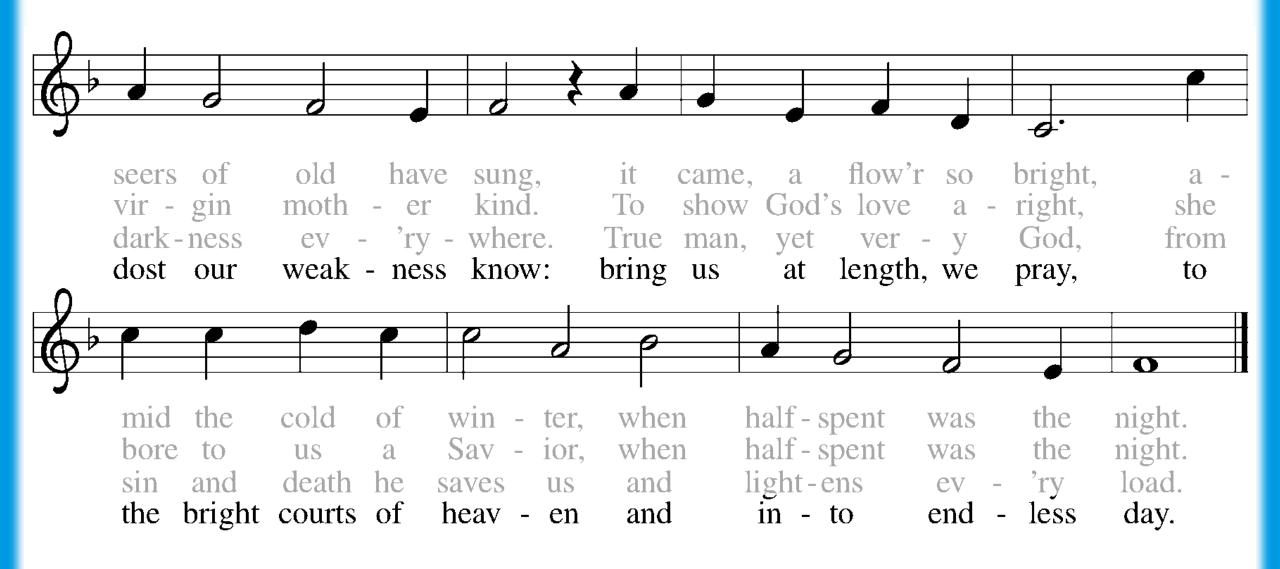












## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God.



## Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Reverend Karen Perkins, Pastor

People of Resurrection, Ministers of God

