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We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

For those of you coming to church in-person, *please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe during this pandemic:*

INDOOR - Masking is now recommended at church services. For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.

When the priest celebrates communion, she will always thoroughly wash her hands. She will be unmasked while celebrating communion. The bread and wine will be covered with a linen/pall except during the epiclesis. She will re-mask to distribute communion, since she will come closer than six feet and want to make everyone as comfortable receiving.

Thank you for your continued patience as we try to provide the greatest level of safety for all of us!

OUTDOOR - Please be aware of those around you who may be vulnerable and try to maintain a distance. Our coffee hour will be on the Alpha-Omega patio.

For those attending remotely, *you may connect in either of two ways:*

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):
You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101
2. *by telephone (audio only):*
Dial +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#) .
*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (*6) and raising a hand (*9).*
Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.

Thank you for joining us, and for observing our protocols.

Prelude

Franz Joseph Haydn

Piano Sonata No. 50, Movement 1

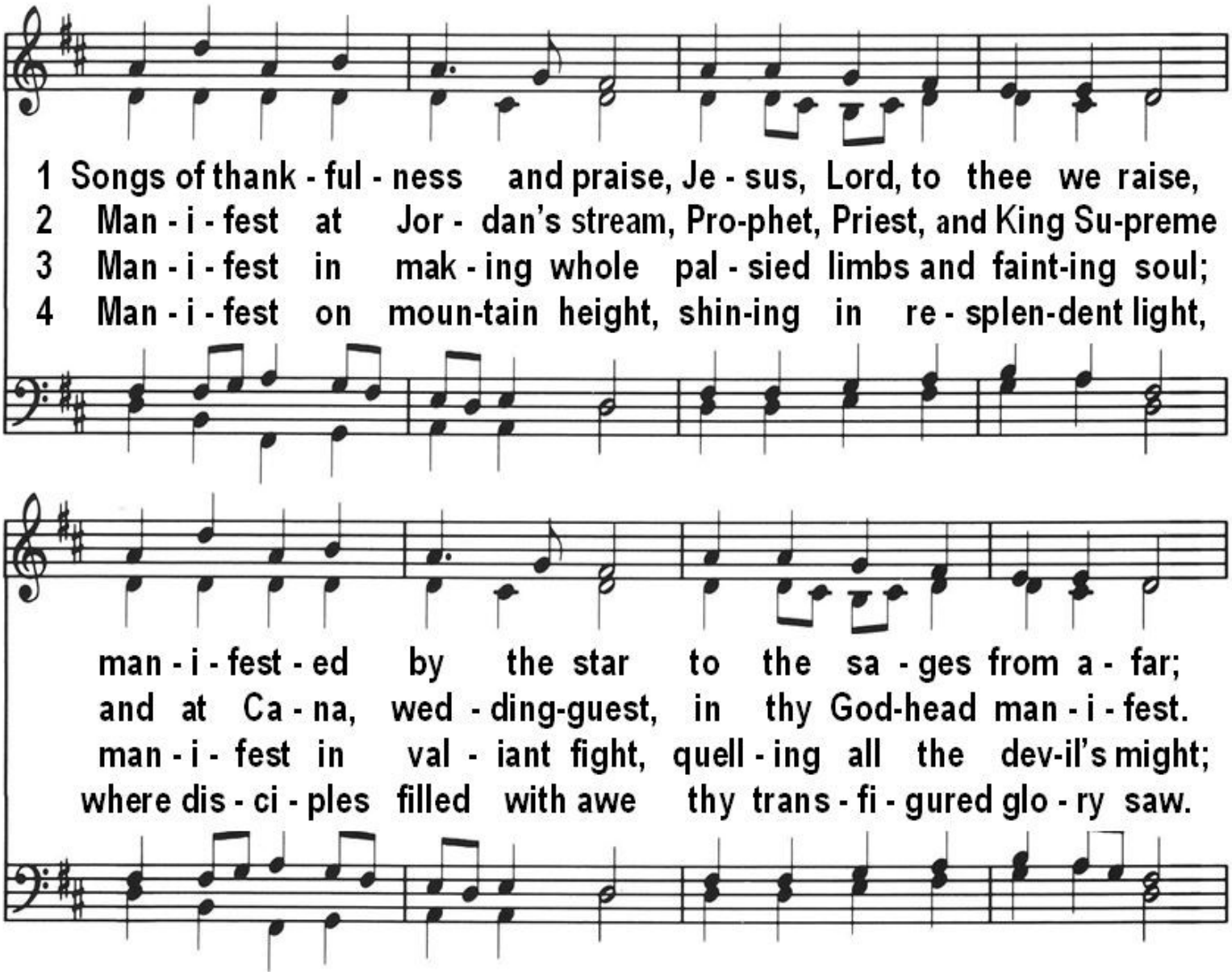
Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



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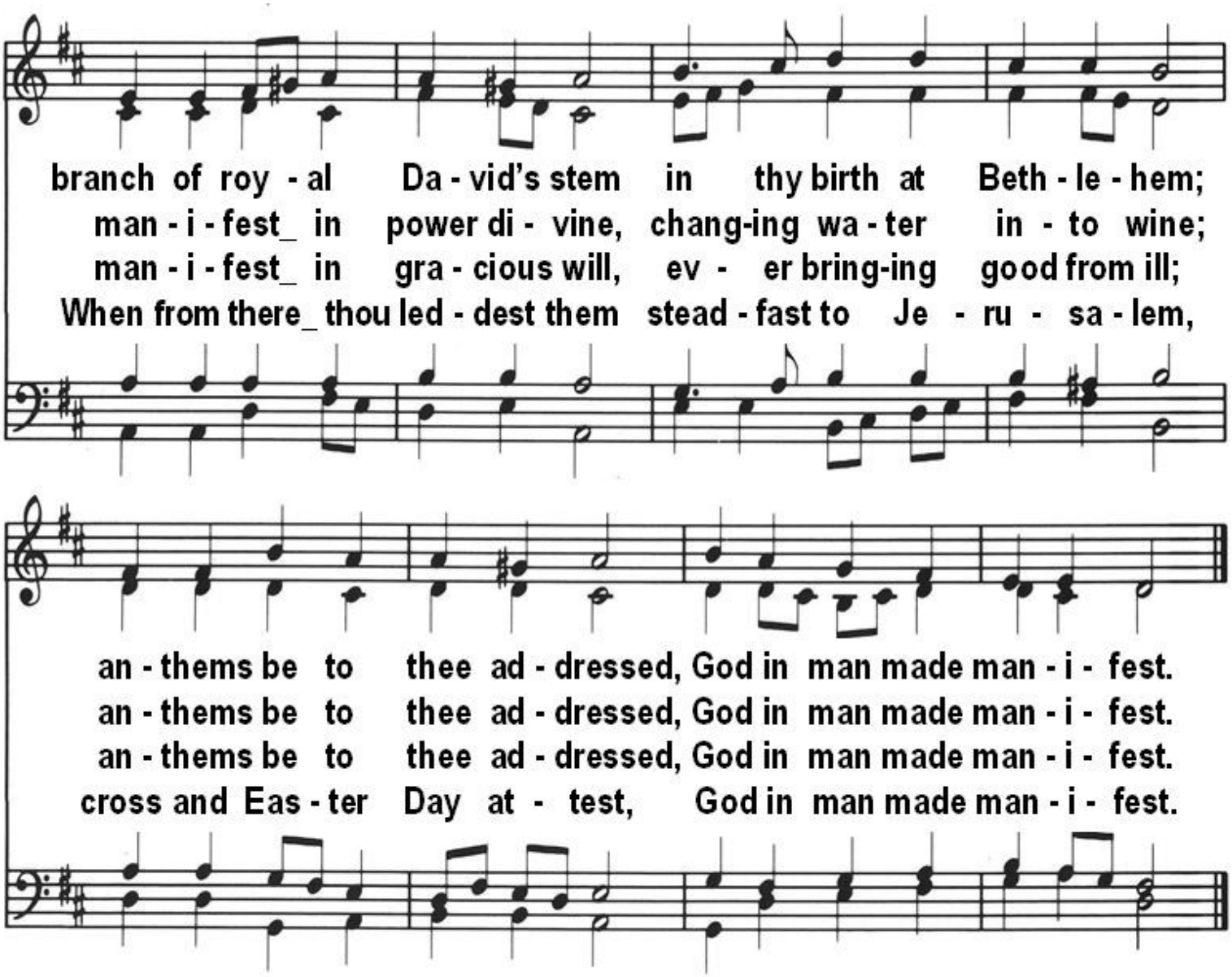
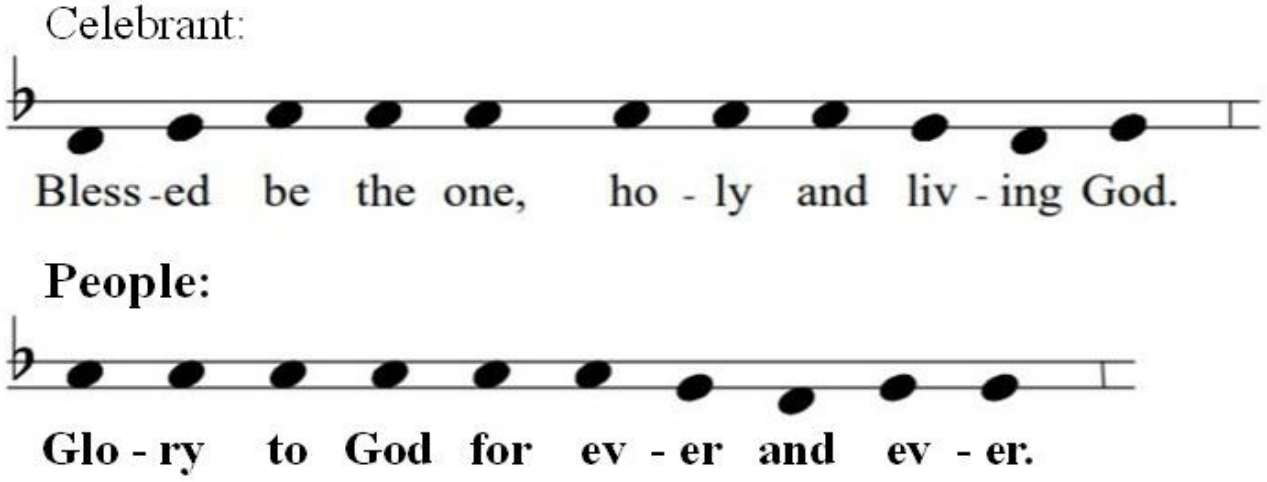


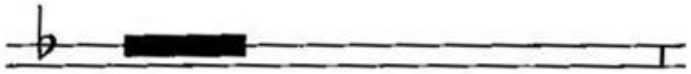
Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) 77. 77. D

Opening Acclamation



Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



God be with you.

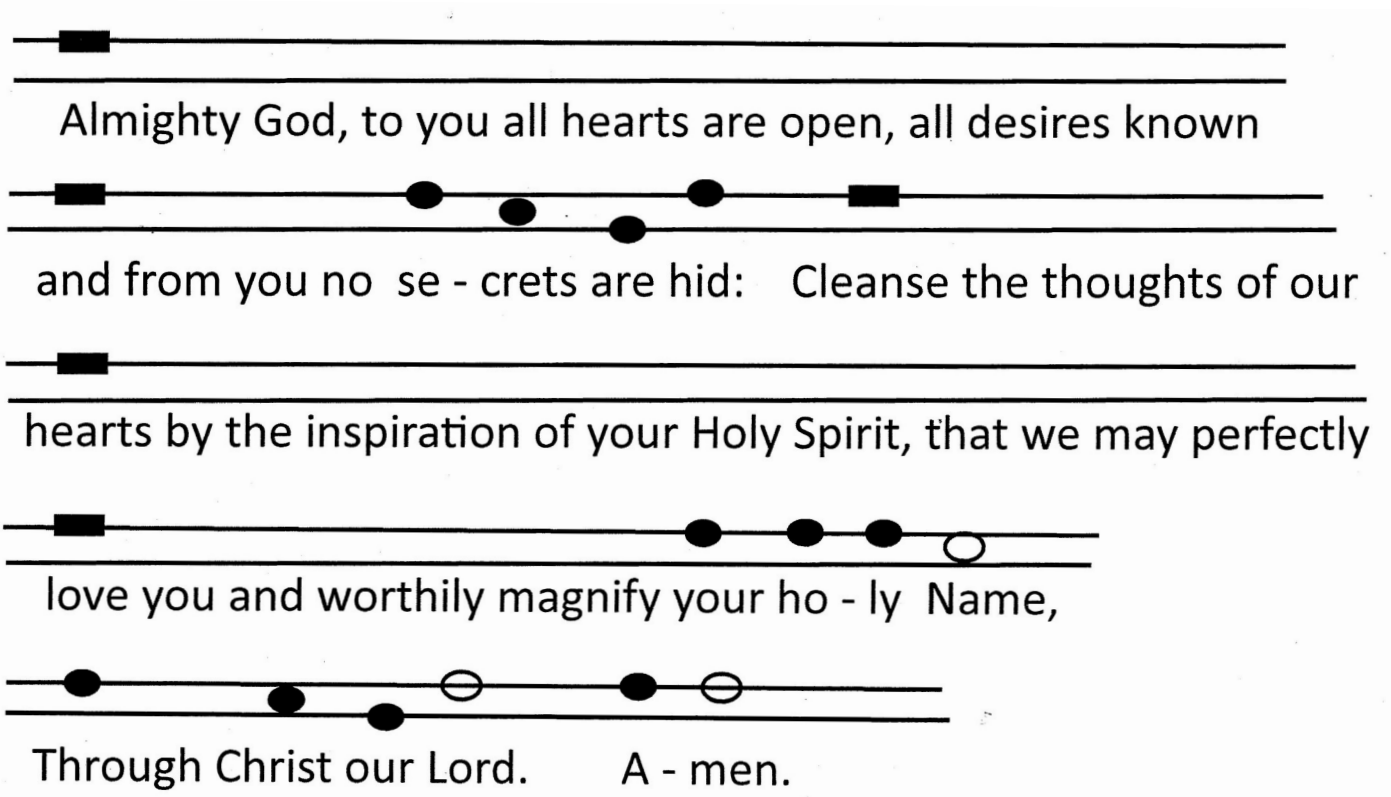
People:

And also with you

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

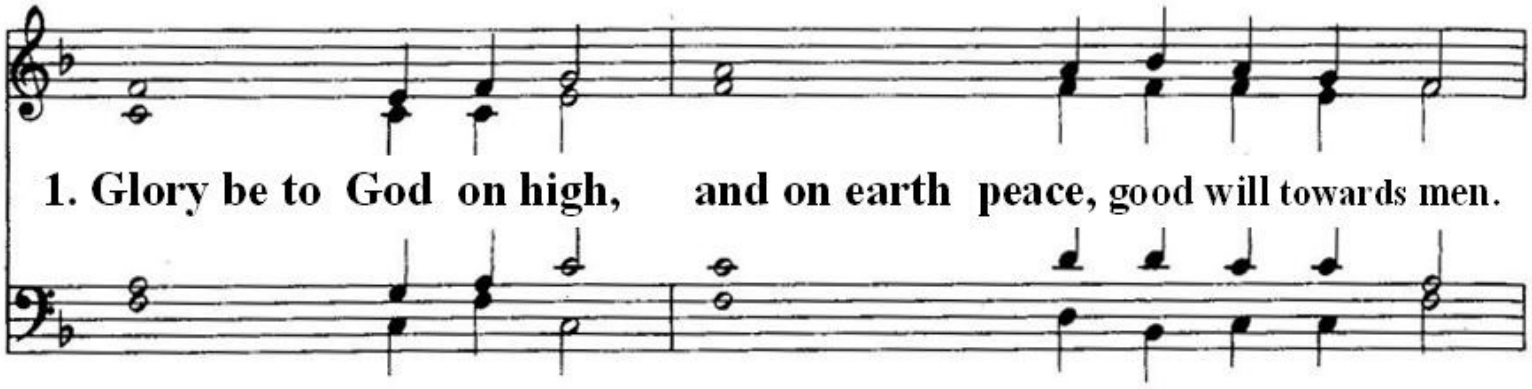
All:



The Gloria

Hymnal #S204

The congregation may join the choir in singing the Gloria.



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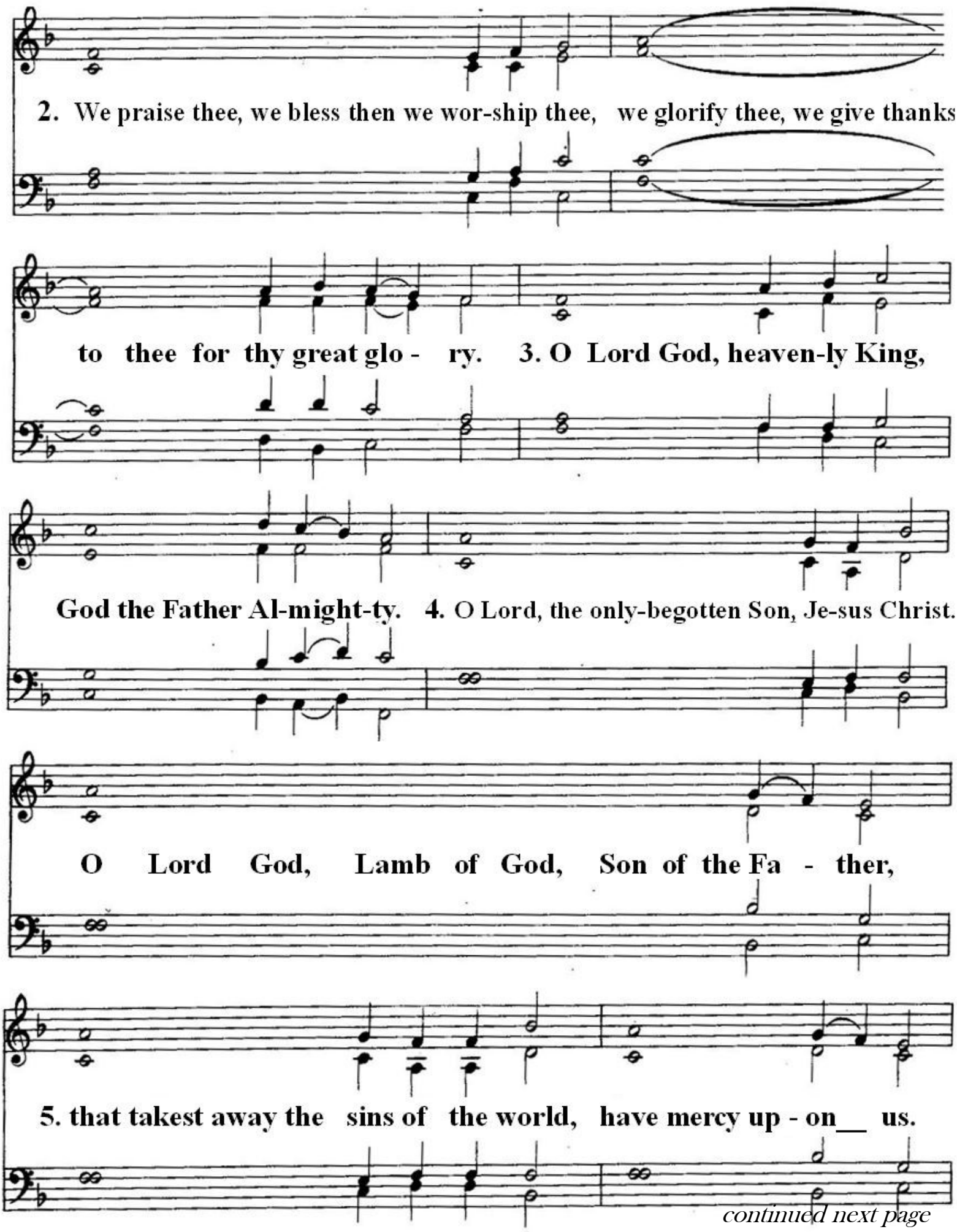

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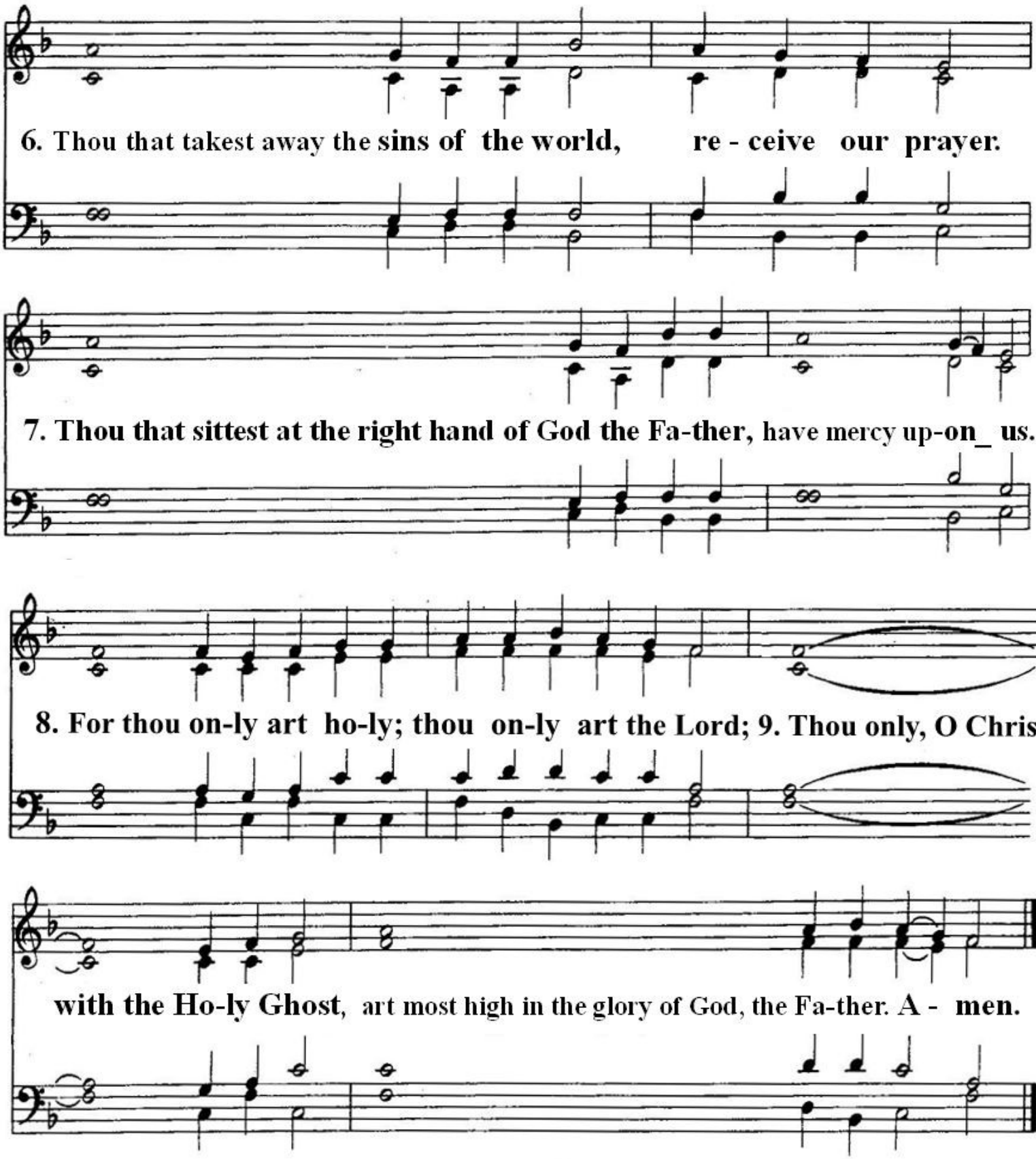

Setting: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 2

You may join with the choir in singing the refrain.
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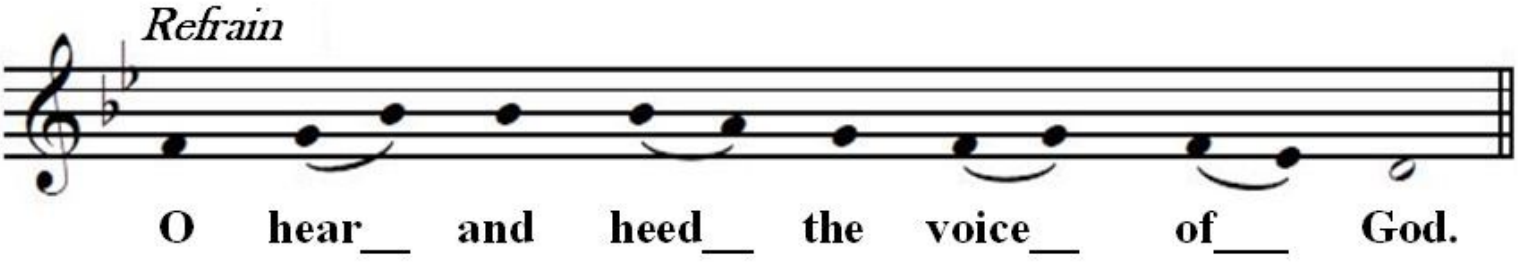
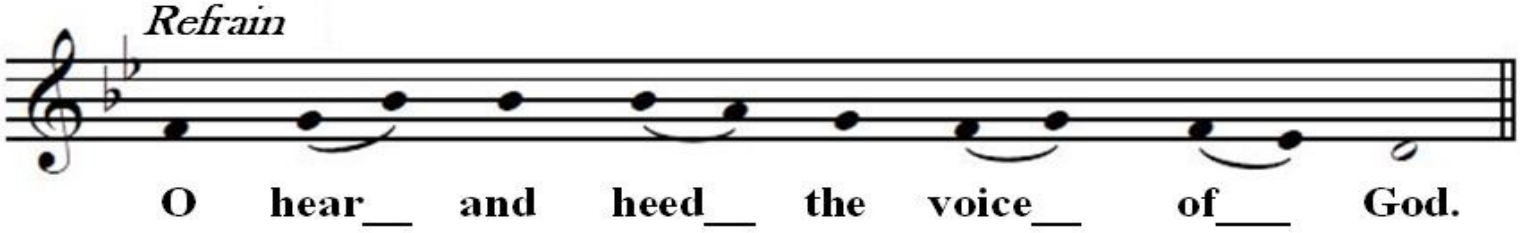


Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

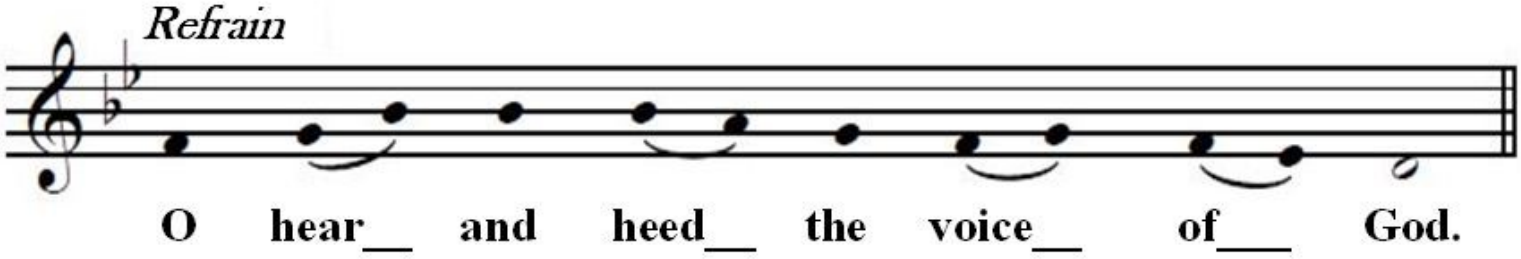
"Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us." ***Refrain***



He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

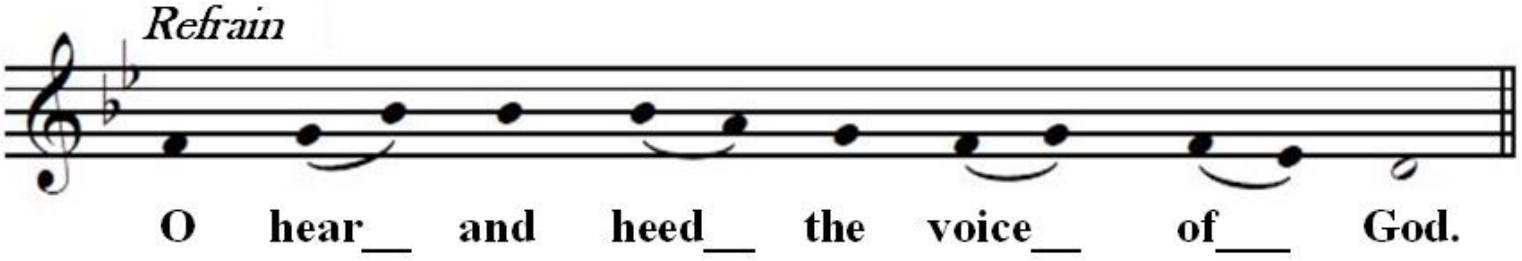
"I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion." ***Refrain***



Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

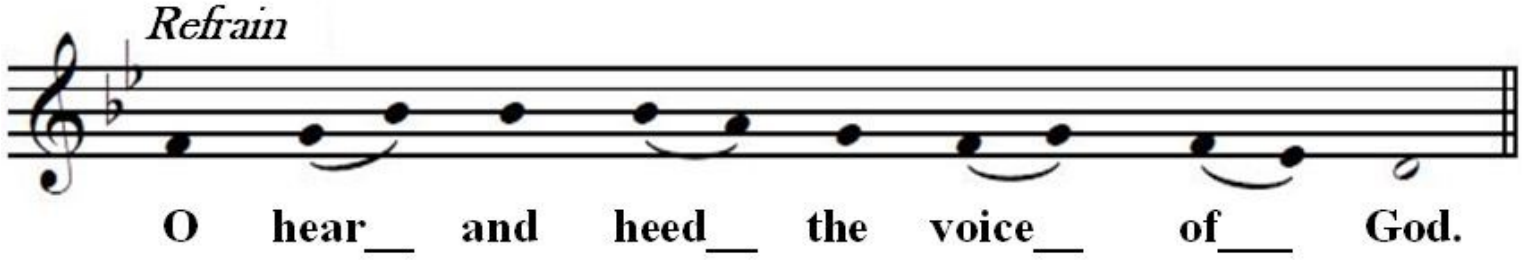
You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery." *Refrain*



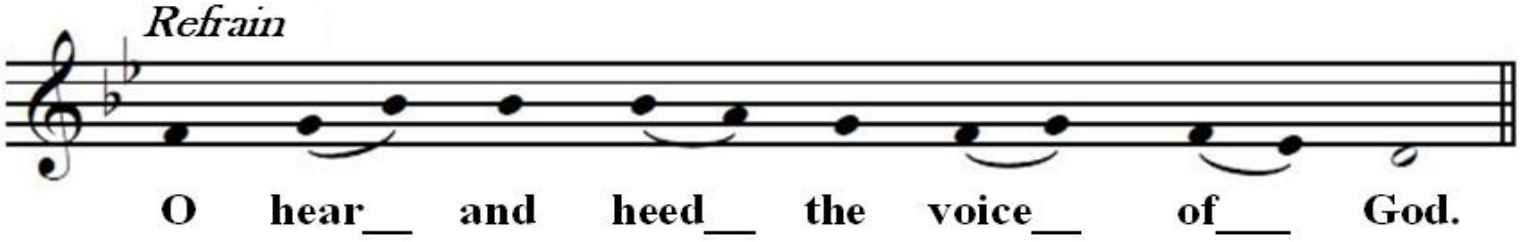
And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled. *Refrain*



Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him! *Refrain*



The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

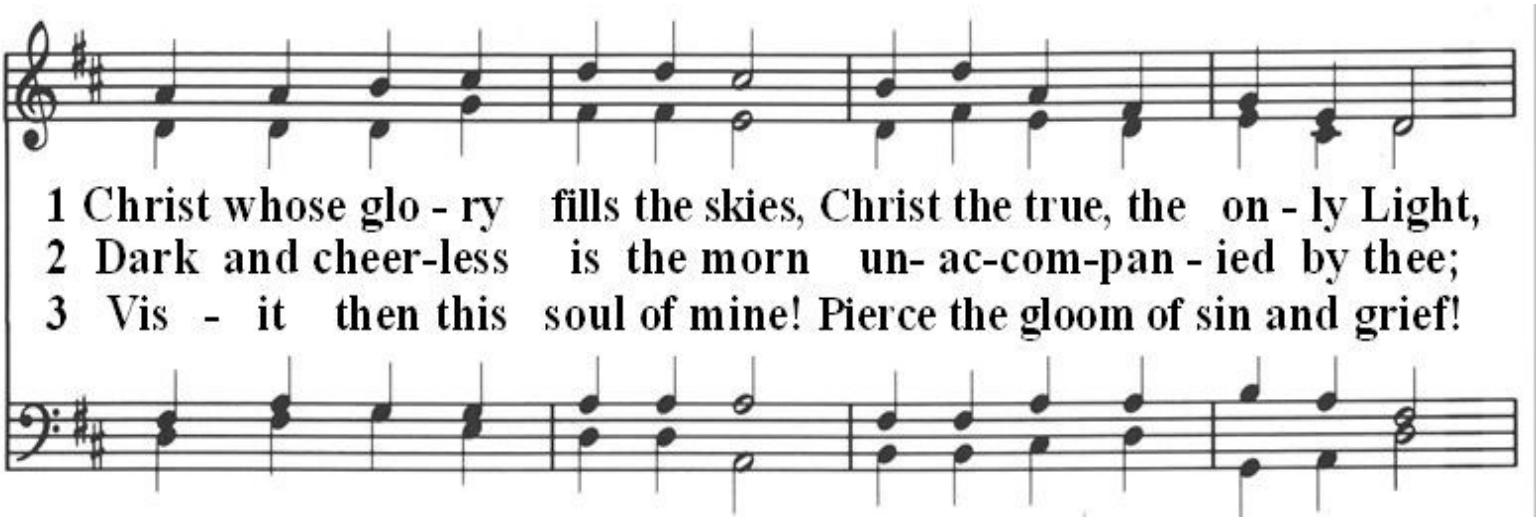
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn Hymnal #7

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



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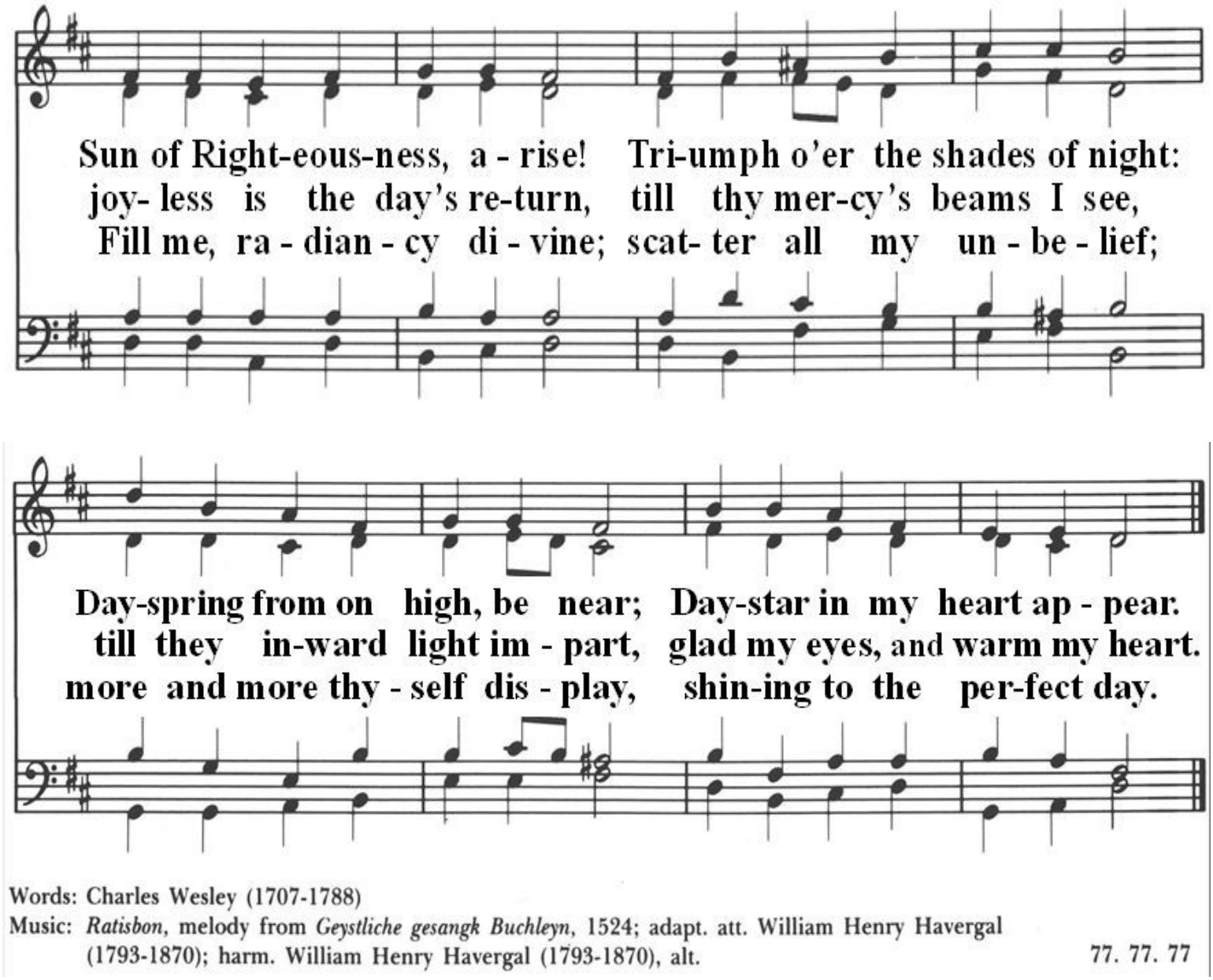

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt. 77. 77. 77

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it

is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily:

There will be a time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Marty Haugen

The congregation may join the choir in singing the responses.
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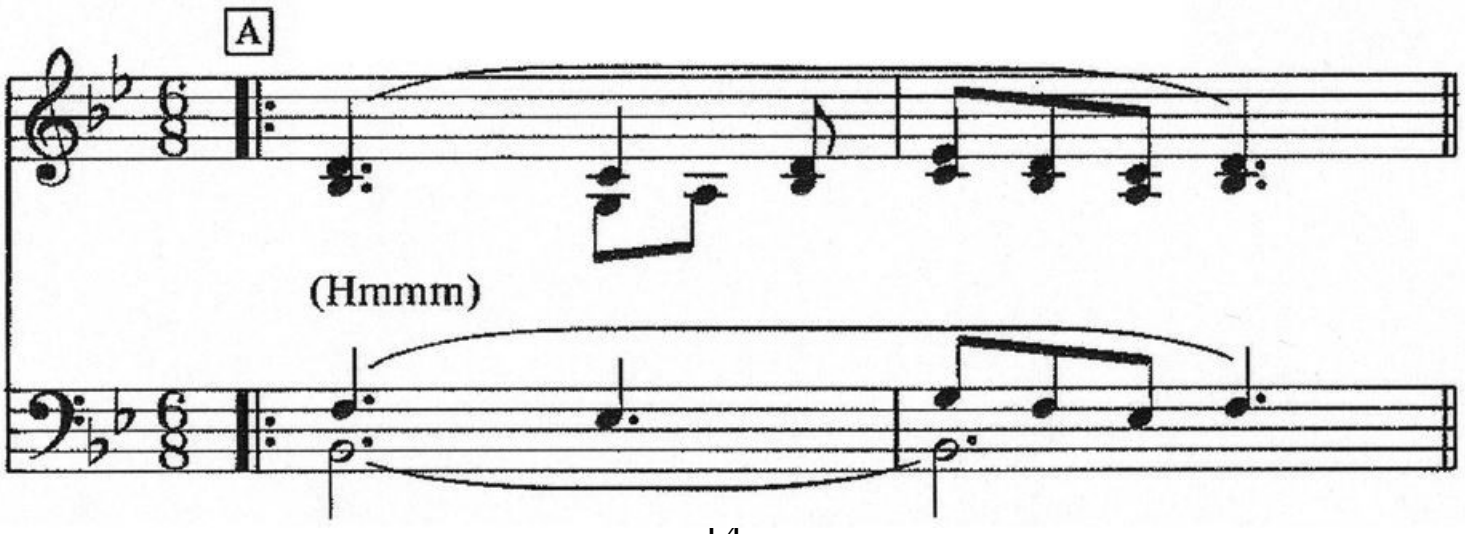
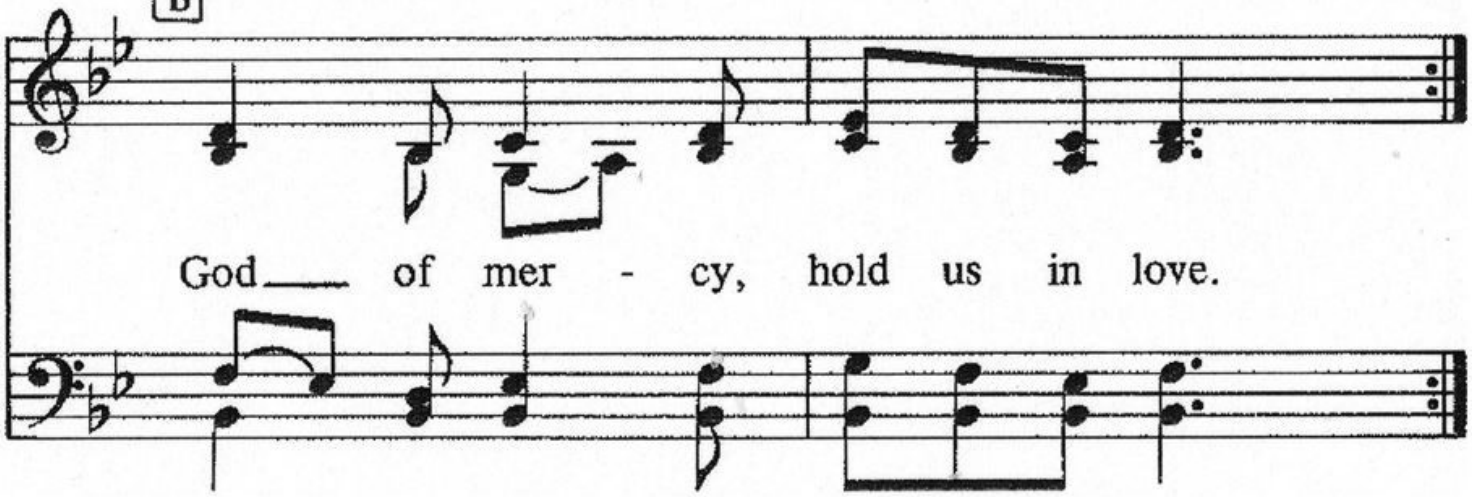
All: *repeat continuously (under Leader)*



Response

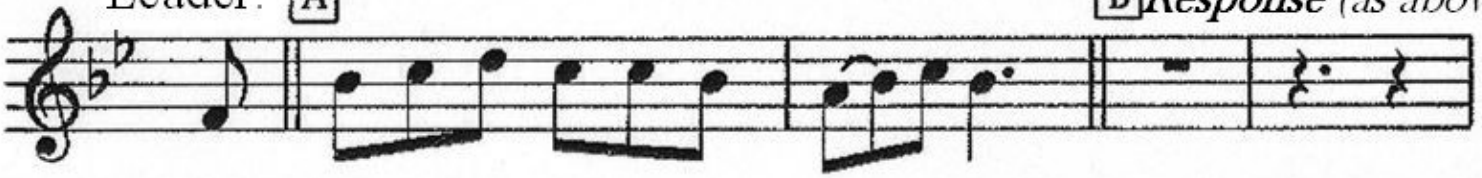
All: B



Leader: A B ***Response*** *(as above)*

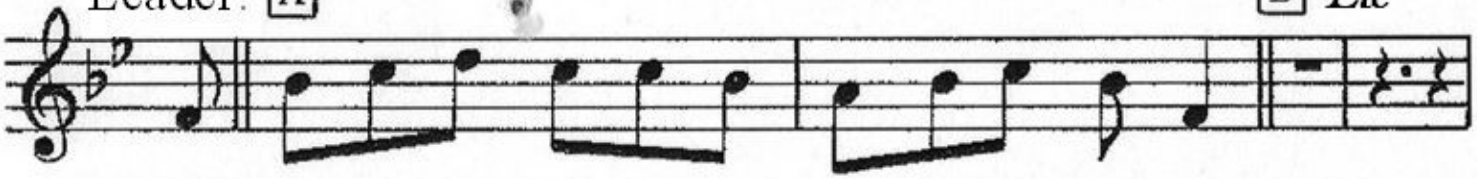
1. In peace, in peace, we pray_ to you:

Leader: A B ***Response*** *(as above)*



2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: A B ***Etc***



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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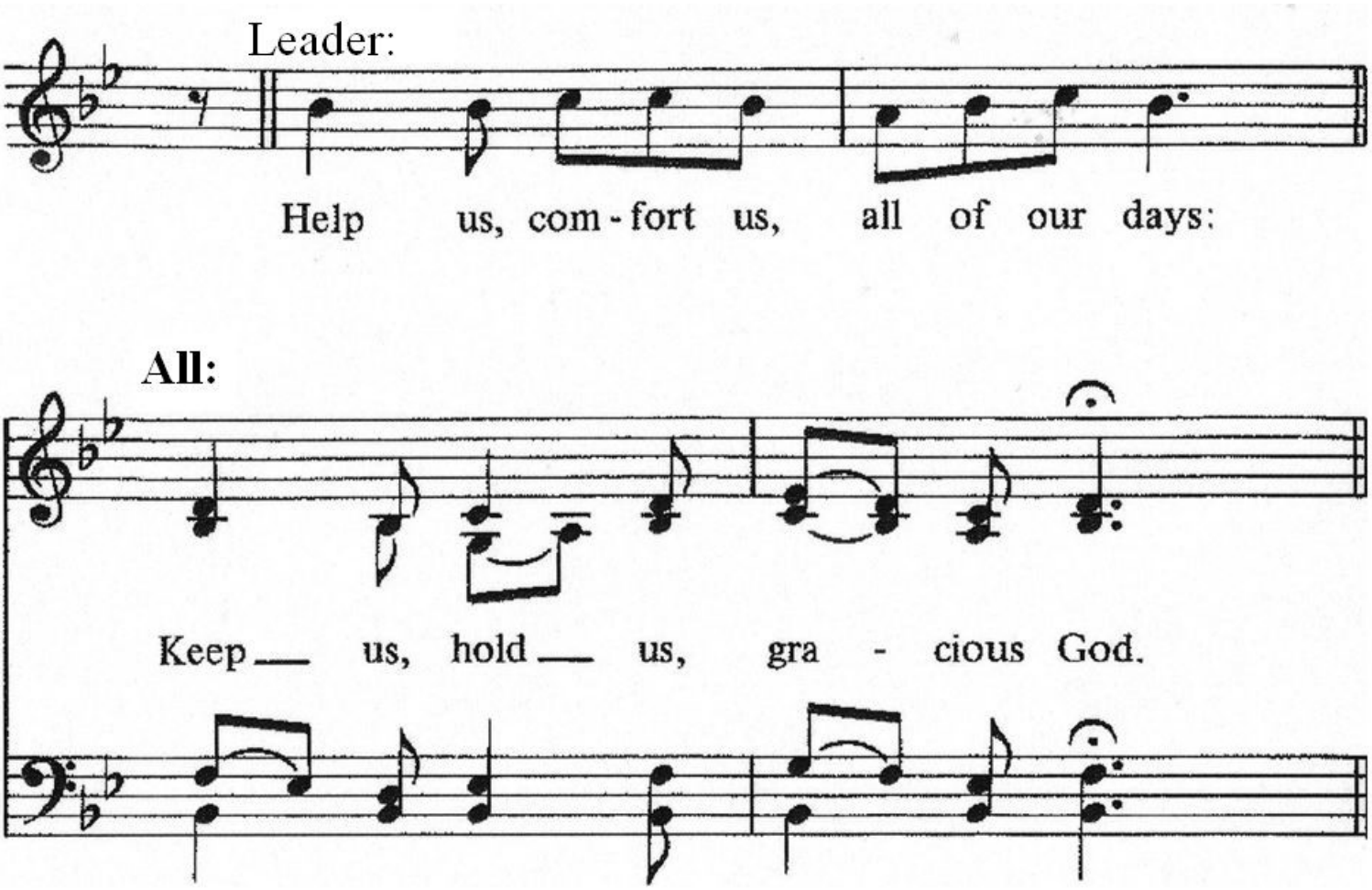


The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life**. Amen.**

The Peace

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

The people and the ministers greet one another.

The Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

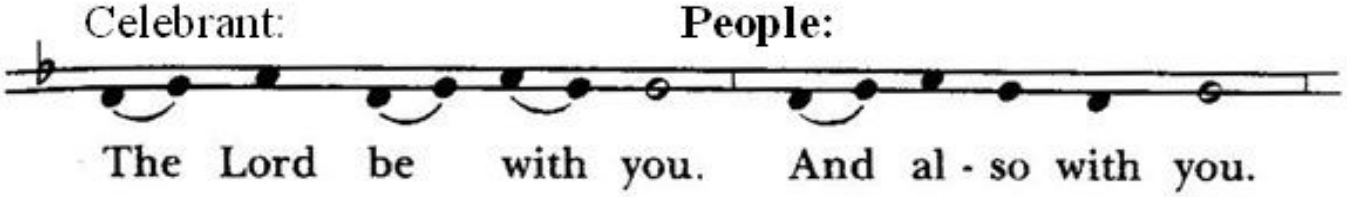
Robert Lehman

Christ Upon the Mountain Stands
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.
People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

EOW1 **Eucharistic Prayer 3**



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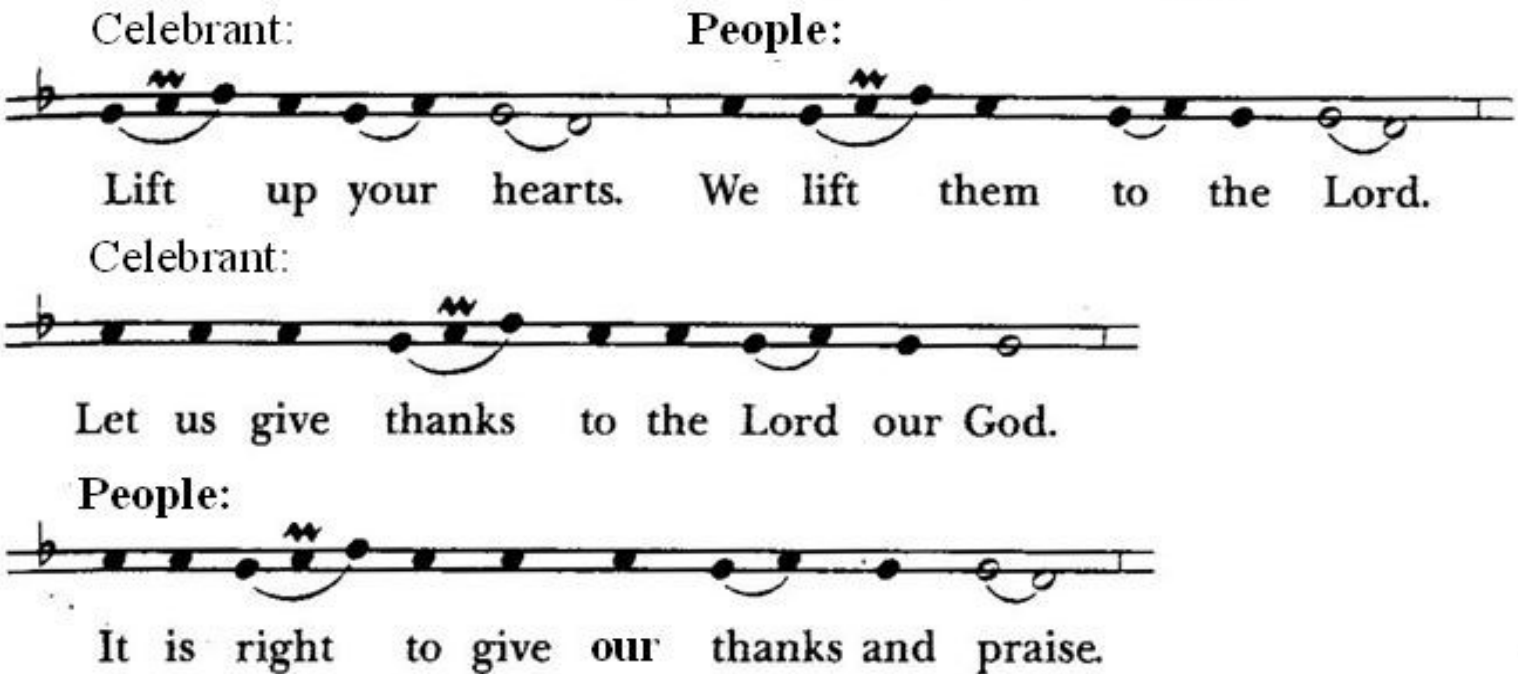


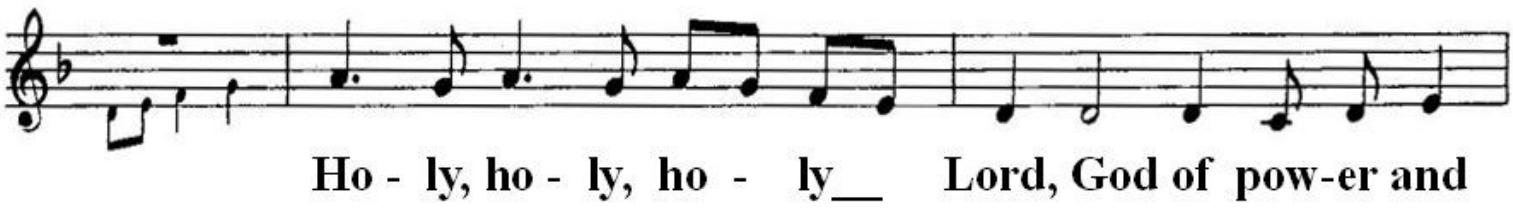
Celebrant: All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S-209

Please sing along; Zoom participants remain muted.



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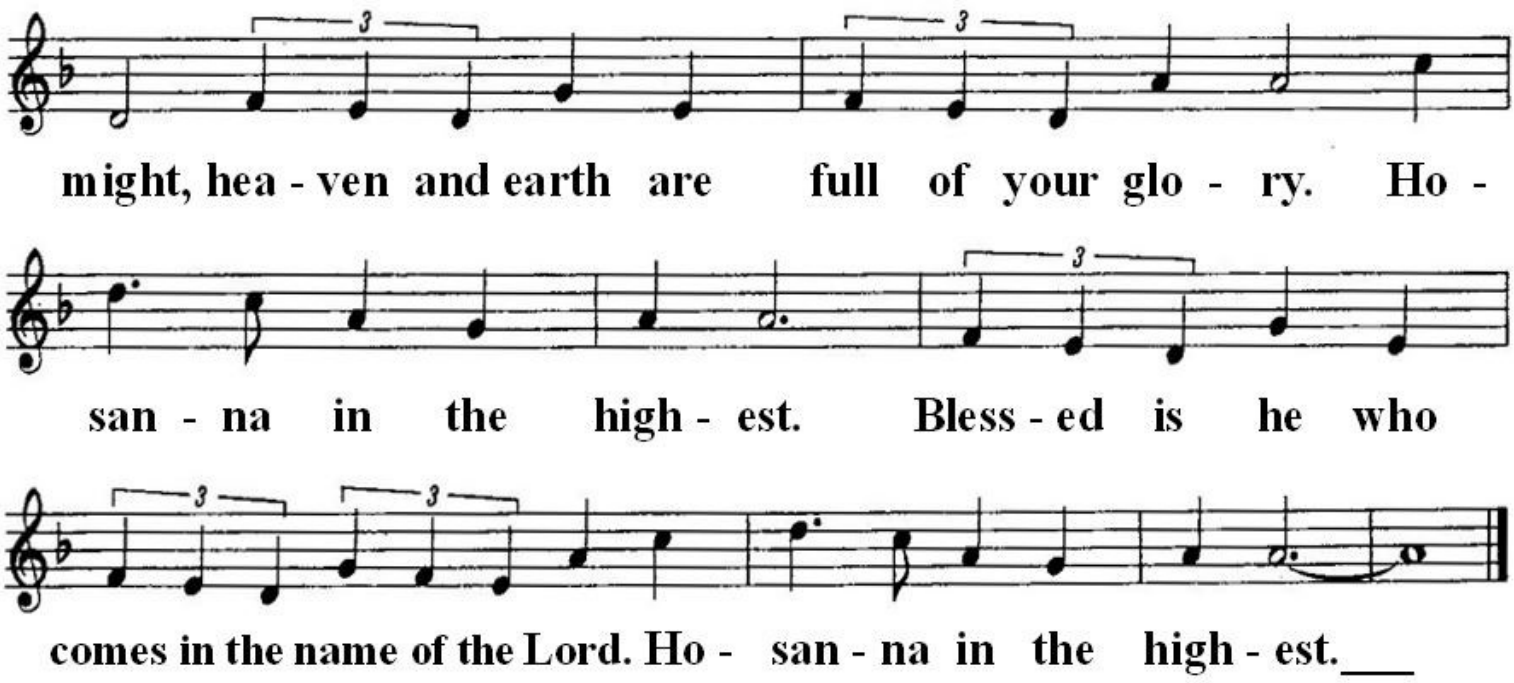


Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and **People**:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and **People**:

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer *led by the Deacon, said in unison*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.
Please come to the rail.

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*

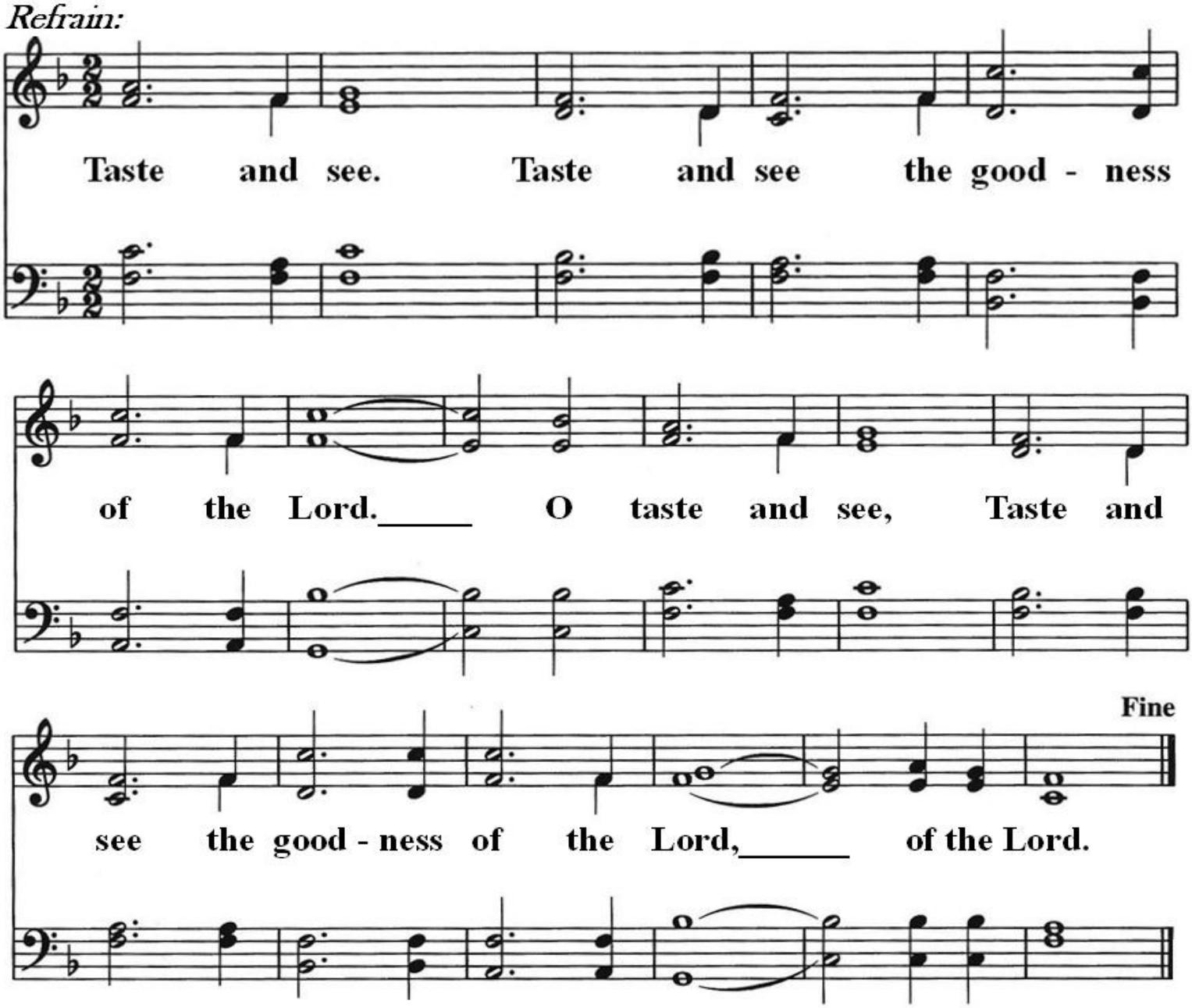
- *As a symbol of our unity as the body of Christ, the wine will be served from the flagon into individual cups after the consecration. Once you have consumed your wine, please place the cup on one of the trays near the aisles.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

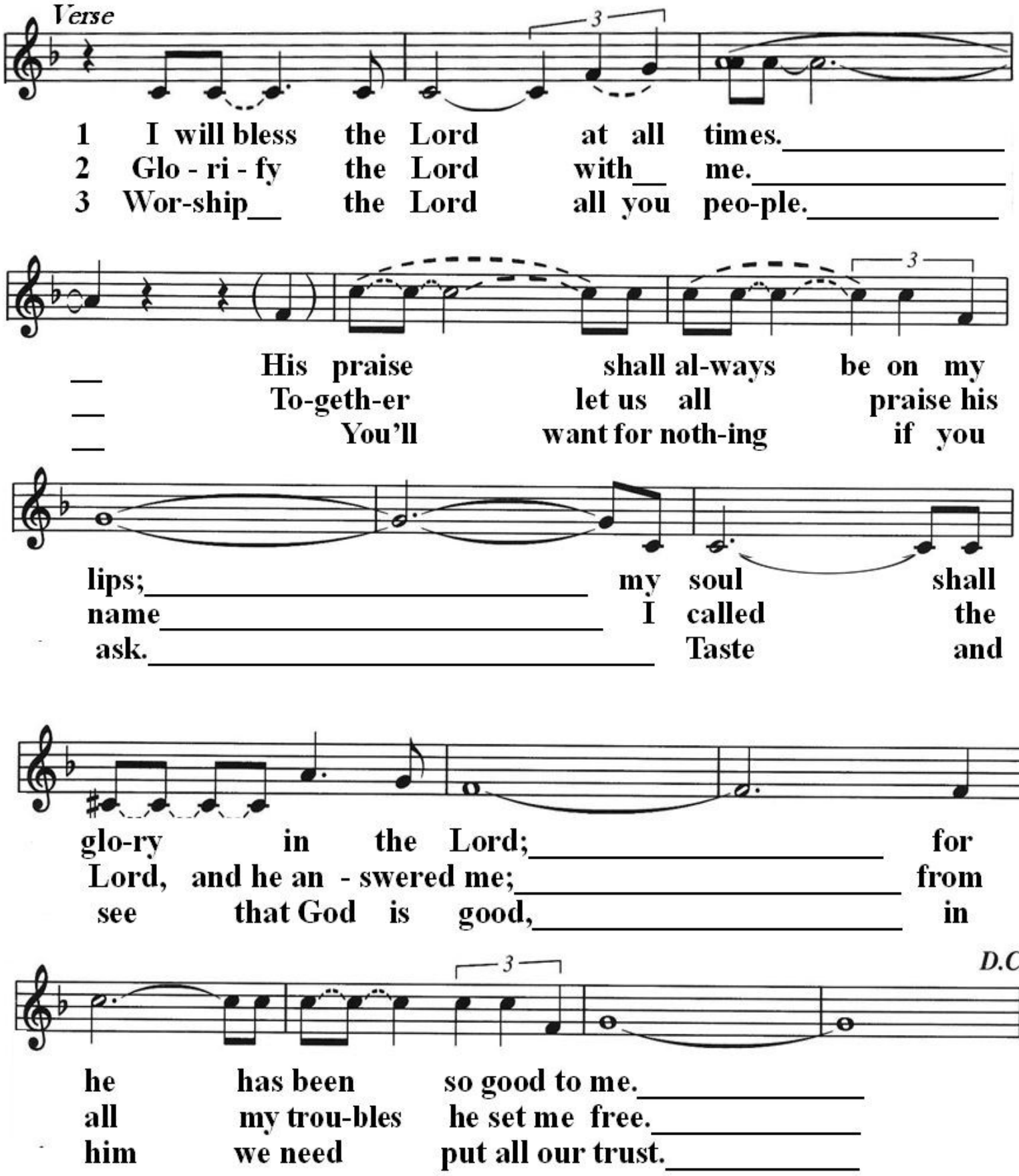
Communion Hymn

Gather #609

Taste and See

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.




Verse
3
1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3 Wor-ship the Lord all you peo-ple.
3
His praise shall al-ways be on my
To-geth-er let us all praise his
You'll want for noth-ing if you
lips; my soul shall
name I called the
ask. Taste and
glo-ry in the Lord; for
Lord, and he an - swered me; from
see that God is good, in
3
D.C.
he has been so good to me.
all my trou-bles he set me free.
him we need put all our trust.

\Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

led by the Celebrant, said in unison

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

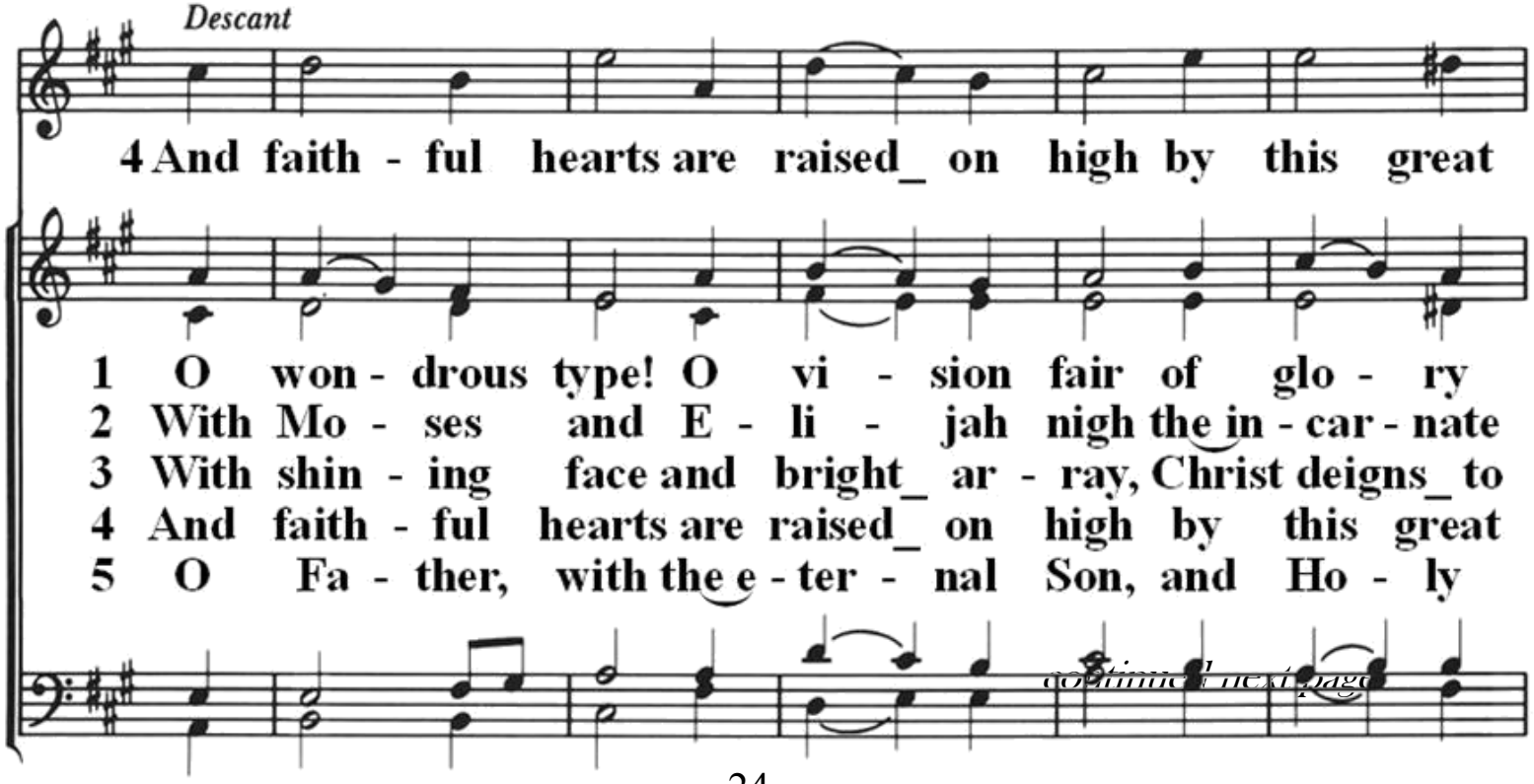
The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #137

O Wondrous Type

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



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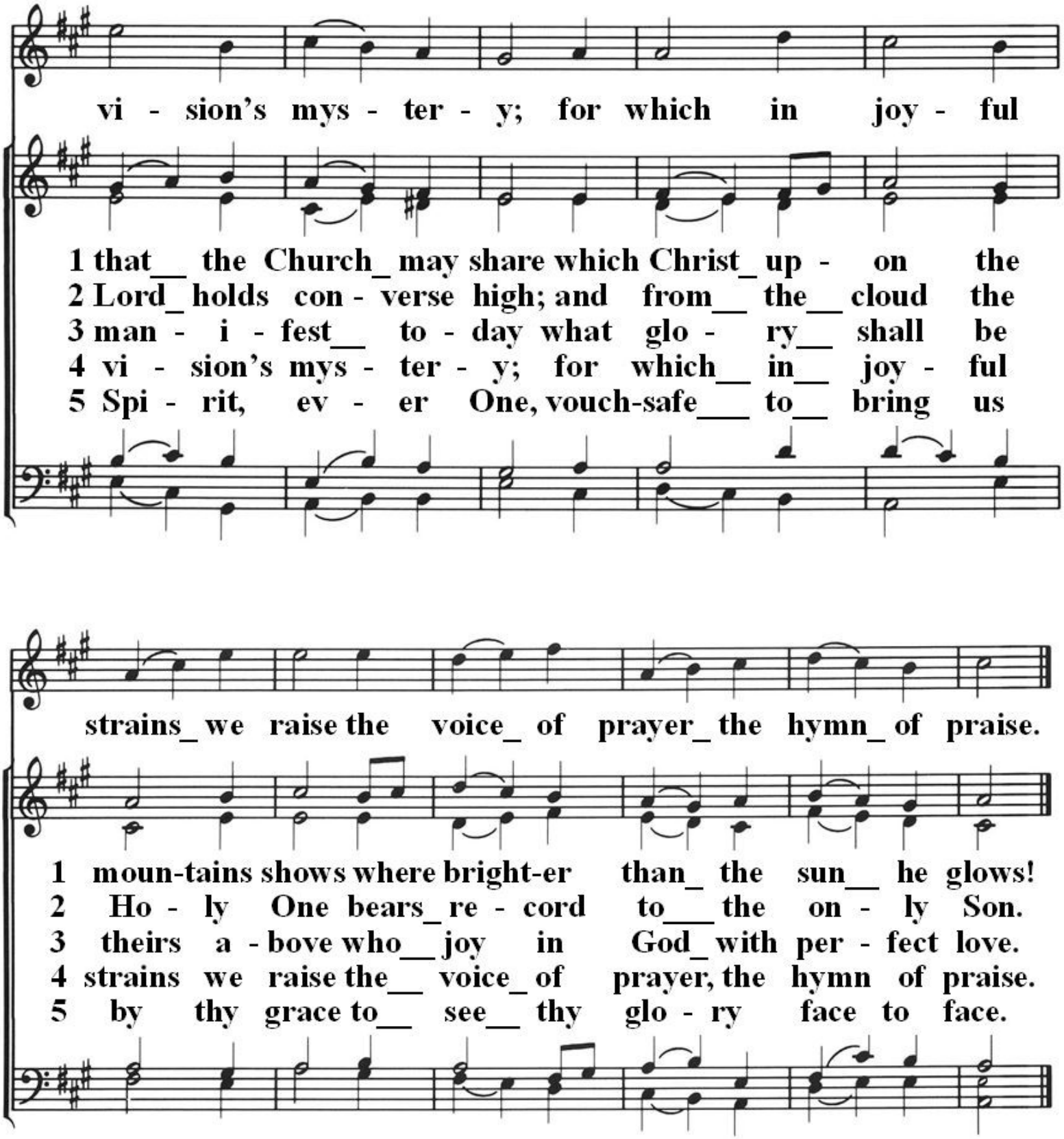

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947) LM

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Variation 1 from the *Goldberg Variations*
Benjamin Belew, Piano

Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong
Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke
Greeters: Pat Turnbull, Michele Allmon
Cantor: Abby O'Connell
Intercessor/Cantor: Chris Schmidt
Lectors: Susan McVey, John McVey
Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Fulvia Govetto
Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh

TODAY

Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch – TODAY

Shrove Sunday, or St. Thomas' version of Transfiguration Sunday, is back! Following the 10:30 am service Parish Event Planners is hosting a Pancake Brunch in Cowans Hall to highlight the coming of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday later that week. For brunch, we will be serving both regular and blueberry pancakes along with a slice of ham. Beverages (i.e., juice, coffee, tea, and water) are also provided. You can show your appreciation for the brunch by contributing a "Goodwill Donation" for Santa Maria Urban Ministries

(which supports needy inner-city residents in San Jose) and Episcopal Relief and Development (which will benefit those who are suffering the earthquakes.)
Please be mindful of recommended Covid protocols.
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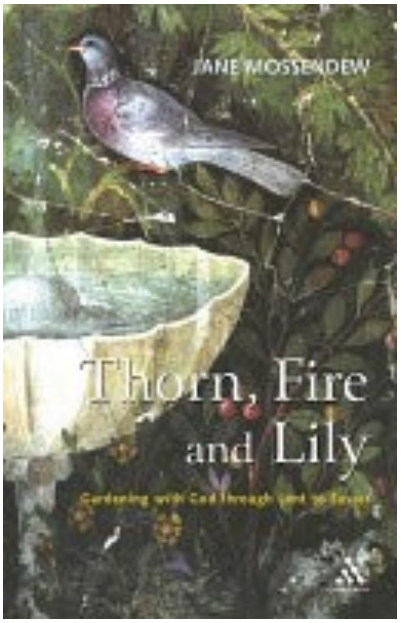
Children and Family Ministry Children and Youth please join us today for the Shrove Sunday event. We will gather in the Heart classroom in the Education building behind the church at 10:30 to learn about the season of Lent and Ash Wednesday traditions. We will also participate in Mardi Gras games and enjoy a Pancake brunch following our church service in Cowans Hall.
For information on the schedule of children and family ministry, please contact Sue Beckham at Sue_beckham@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Library News:

Please take a look in the archives display case to see the 1611 King James Version of the Bible given to the church by the Patterson family during Advent in 1916. William Patterson was the first warden at St. Thomas.



Book of the Week February 19
Thorn, Fire and Lily: gardening with God in Lent and Easter by Jane Mossendew.
Covers the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter and gives practical proof of the close link between prayer and gardening.

LENT is coming.
Please be sure to prepare for Lent by picking up a *Journey Through Lent Calendar* in the racks at the back of the church.

A prayer card with the schedule of worship from Lent 1 through Easter may also be found on the back table.

Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent is **February 22.** There will be two worship services:

at **12:15pm** Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes in person in the church (no Zoom), and

at **7:00pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom only:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974202871
Meeting ID: 889 7420 2871
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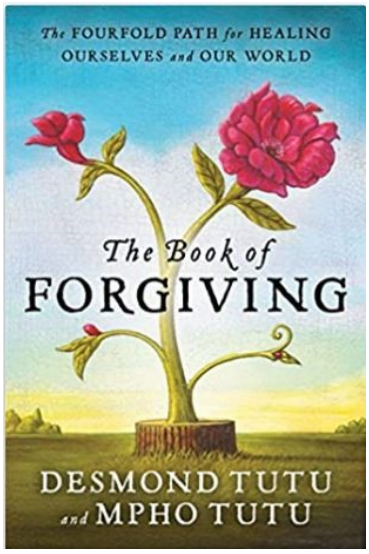
Agape Circle First Friday of the month at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary). Please join us for food, fun, and friendship! Also, please bring a pot-luck dish to share (along with serving utensils)! In March, we will meet on **Friday March 3rd at 6:30 pm.** We look forward to seeing you there!

ADULT FORMATION DURING LENT 2023

Lenten Book Study:

The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing ourselves and Our world

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu



South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu was a towering figure in the late 20th century. After the collapse of the apartheid system in South Africa, Archbishop Tutu chaired The Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This commission provided opportunities for those wounded by the racist regime to tell their stories, and of equal importance, it provided opportunities for the perpetrators of these evil acts to acknowledge responsibility.

Desmond Tutu drew from this painful but healing process a roadmap for forgiveness: Here is a quote from the introduction to his book:

There are countless studies that enumerate the social, spiritual,

psychological and even physiological benefits of forgiveness. The actual process of forgiveness, however has often been left a mystery. It is good and helpful to let go of resentment, but how do we let go of resentment when we have been harmed? It is better not to exact retribution, but how can we forgo retribution when what has been taken from us cannot be restored? And, is it even possible to forgive and still pursue justice? What steps must we follow to achieve forgiveness? How do we heal all the holes in our hearts that come with being the fragile creatures we are?

The Lenten book study will meet via ZOOM on four consecutive **Wednesday evenings:**
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, beginning at 7:00PM.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186179073
Meeting ID: 821 8617 9073
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Our library has three copies of ***The Book of Forgiving.*** It is also available from all major book sellers. Amazon has it in paperback, as a Kindle ebook and as an audiobook. You may also be able to download the audiobook from your local library.

Save the Dates / Worship schedule:

Ash Wednesday, February 22	12:15pm - in person only 7pm - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist w/ashes Evening Prayer
Lent 1 - Sunday, February 26	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Friday, March 3	**Agape Circle** 6:30pm	*Details tba*
Lent 2 Sunday, March 5	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only 4pm - in person	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Concert

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Lent 3 Sunday, March 12	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Lent 4 Sunday, March 19	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Concert March 5 A concert by our pianist/organist and composer Benjamin Belew and his instrumental ensemble will take place on Sunday **March 5 at 4:00pm** in the sanctuary. The program will feature traditional repertoire and original pieces by Benjamin and other local composers. Part of the proceeds of the concert will benefit victims of the Half Moon Bay shooting. Put it on your calendar!

General Announcements

Episcopal Relief & Development: Turkey & Syria

Almost 2 weeks ago a deadly 7.8-magnitude earthquake and severe aftershocks struck along the border between Turkey and Syria, killing, at current count, over **43,000** people and causing widespread damage across the region. Episcopal Relief & Development has been working with partners to provide support. Please join Episcopal Relief & Development in this relief effort by making a donation at episcopalrelief.org. Fliers may be found on the table at the back of the church.

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild

Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. You can make a donation for fresh flowers on a designated date or a general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread and oil for the candles. You can make this donation online or by check, with “altar guild” on the memo line. If applicable, please also include (1) the date for the commemoration

and (2) the person or occasion to be commemorated.

COVID Protocols update

Masks are recommended at the services. Please maintain six feet distance to keep all comfortable.

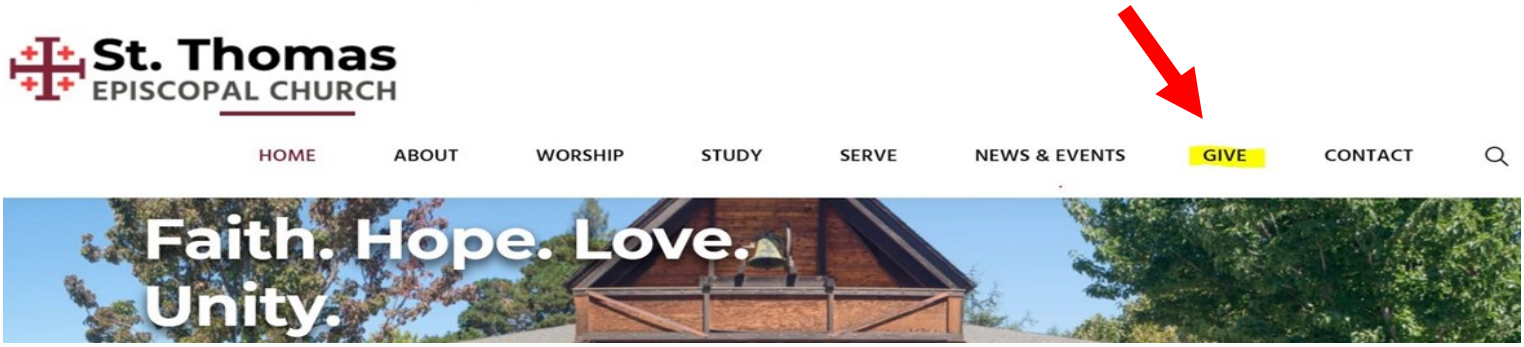
Pledges, Offerings & Donations

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

When donating by check, please make the check payable to "St. Thomas Episcopal Church".

Under our current public health restrictions, we encourage you to mail in your pledges and offerings to the church *or* use our online donation option.

Online Giving Please look for the "GIVE" option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of



the home page. Once you select "GIVE", you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card.OR, if you prefer, you may go directly to the PayPal site through the following link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url

If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

Finally, and very simply, another way to support St. Thomas is through Amazon Smile on our website, where Amazon gives the church a small percentage of your purchases. You just start your Amazon purchases from our website by clicking the Amazon Smile link, which you'll find at the bottom of the "GIVE" page: https://stthomas-svale.org/give/
As always, we want to say "Thank You!"
Peace, Jim Cobb

Welcome to the St. Thomas Library

The St. Thomas Church Library will be open
The church library will be open on Sundays after the 8 a.m. service and after the 10:30 service during the Sundays when there is the option to meet in person. Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10-12; after 12 our administrator Anne will be available at 408-736-4155 until 4:00 to open the door for you. We request that you remember to wear your mask.

Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries

St Thomas Stepping Stones Jail Ministry

Get proximate to the pain and you will make the deepest connection. Join the St. Thomas Stepping Stone Jail ministry and get proximate to those who are in need of community and love. We began by sending out pen-pal letters and the coming weeks we will try to organize going in person into the jail (only for persons who want/agreed to do this work).
Recent projects Fifteen St Thomas parishioners donated Christmas gifts to fifteen families that included forty-five kids. We want to thank each member at St Thomas who donated gifts.

A group of faithful parishioners banded together during Christmas and prepared eight gift baskets for other St Thomas parishioners who are home-bound or less mobile. .

Please contact Deacon Bertram (bertramemail@gmail.com) if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

The Prayer Chain and Helping Hands and Hearts Committee. Anyone who needs prayers or needs pastoral care assistance or would like to join in this ministry, please send an email to: prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us.

Senior Ministry If you are a Senior at Saint Thomas and are not yet receiving our twice weekly Senior Activities Sheets please contact Sue Beckham at Sue_beckham@comcast.net

ESL is back A class for Chinese speakers meets most Fridays at 10:00am in the Disciples room. A class for Japanese speakers meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Disciples room.

Zooming in Men's Spiritual Growth Group

Yes! Now you can be there in your pajamas (at least), and therefore sleep a bit longer. But on the other hand we can no longer advertise coffee + if you arrive a bit early. We are now meeting **weekly** with a standard format, alternating between wondering what the scriptures might be leading us to personally on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (9-10 AM on your computer), and on the other Saturdays, a check-in and just for sanity's sake (starting at 9 AM). Our Zoom meetings are password protected so you'll need to connect with Chris Schmidt (randischris@gmail.com) if you are new to the group. We invite all men (even those not a part of St. Thomas) to join with us for fellowship and good discussion.

Book Club usually meets once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Thomas Library. We are an open book club: All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Our next meeting will take place on **Monday February 27** and will be hosted by Carol Campbell
Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss ***What the Fireflies Knew*** by Kai Harris * A moving story about family, identity, and race, the novel follows almost-eleven-year-old KB after her father dies of an overdose and the debts incurred from his addiction cause the loss of the family home in Detroit. With her sister she is sent by her overwhelmed mother to live with their estranged grandfather in Lansing,
Please join us—for the Zoom link, contact Carol through our website:
www.stthomas-svale.org/contact .
** Silicon Valley Reads 2023 selections: theme—journey to new beginnings*

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg

and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at **www.stthomas-svale.org**

Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!
We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other, and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love toward justice, compassion, and hope.

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer, led by Pastor Salying:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724376004
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 724376004

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,
led by Pastor Salying: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom
led by Deacon Bertram: - every Thursday
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGlJUT09
Meeting ID: 896 9918 8717 Passcode: 225424
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Sundays: **8am** Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
with masks and social distancing protocols
and
10:30am Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) or Morning Prayer (online),
led by Pastor Salying in person, in the church or on Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

Please see website for week-to-week information:
www.stthomas-svale.org

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

	2023	2024	2025
Abby O'Connell, **Senior Warden**	Pat Dare	Nancy Allgeier	Joe Gutierrez
Joe Gutierrez, **Junior Warden**	Breno DeMedeiros	Gage McKinney	Dena Ware
Gage McKinney, **Clerk**	Abby O'Connell	Rita Welsh	Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty Hugo Lopez-Laguna Mabel Cheng Sherene Nagarajah

St. Thomas website: www.stthomas-svale.org

Welcome

St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong……pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us
or 510-478-3554

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah……bertramemail@gmail.com
Treasurer: Jim Cobb….. ……..…….Finance@stthomas-svale.org
Parish Administrator: Anne Buelteman…… ……..….office@stthomas-svale.org
Family Ministry Director.: Susan Beckham……family_ministry@stthomas-svale.org
Library and Resource Center Coordinator: Carol Campbell ….....resourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org
Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,……..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman.……..…….... office@stthomas-svale.org
Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes…….....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you or a loved one is in urgent need of pastoral care (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.), PLEASE CALL US.
(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

The Rev. Salying Wong, Rector…….. 510-478-3554
Parish Office…..……408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.
You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain at prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org