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25th Sunday after Pentecost



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In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church and former Beach United Methodist Church

Throughout the service
the congregation reads aloud the bold print

Prelude/Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

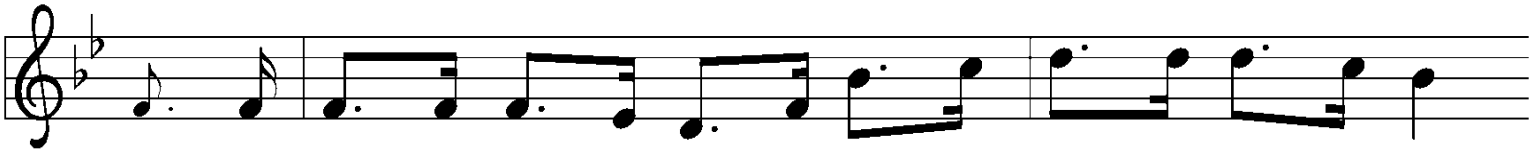
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

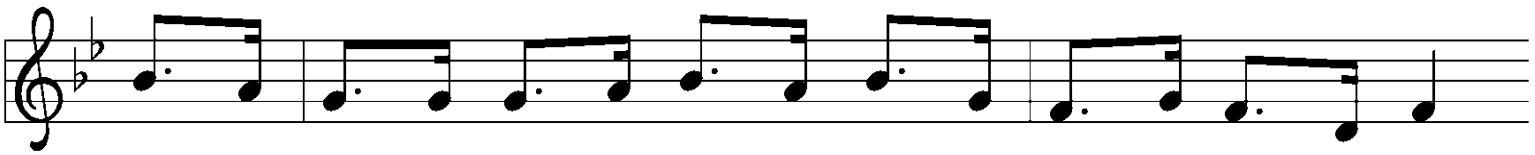
Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

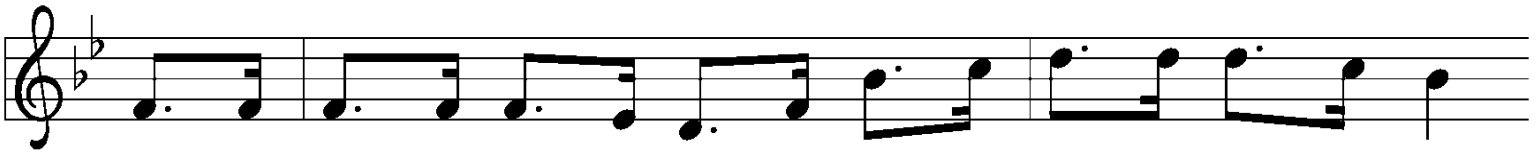
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



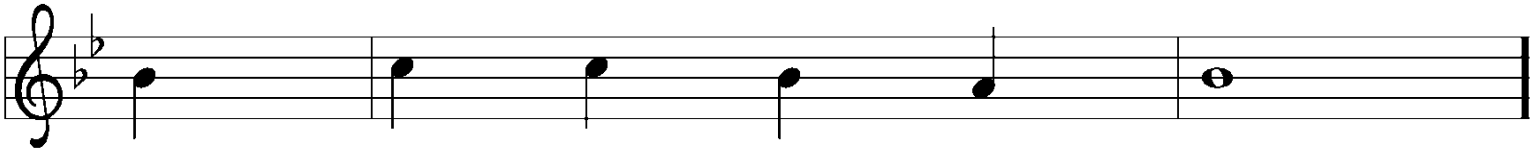
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.

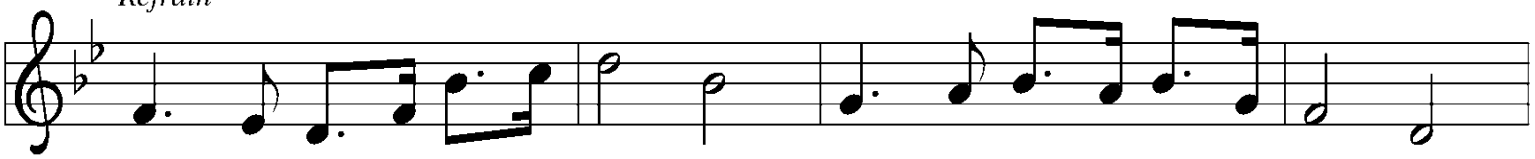


he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

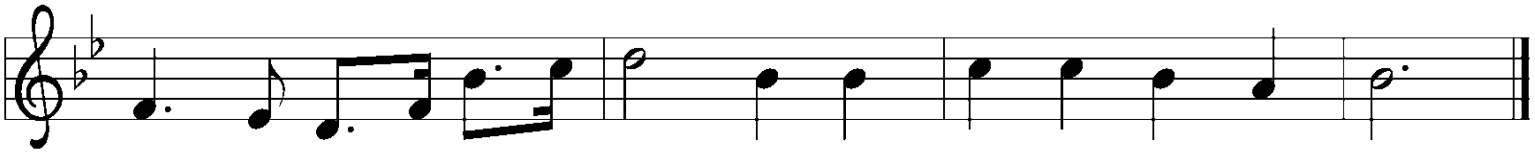


his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



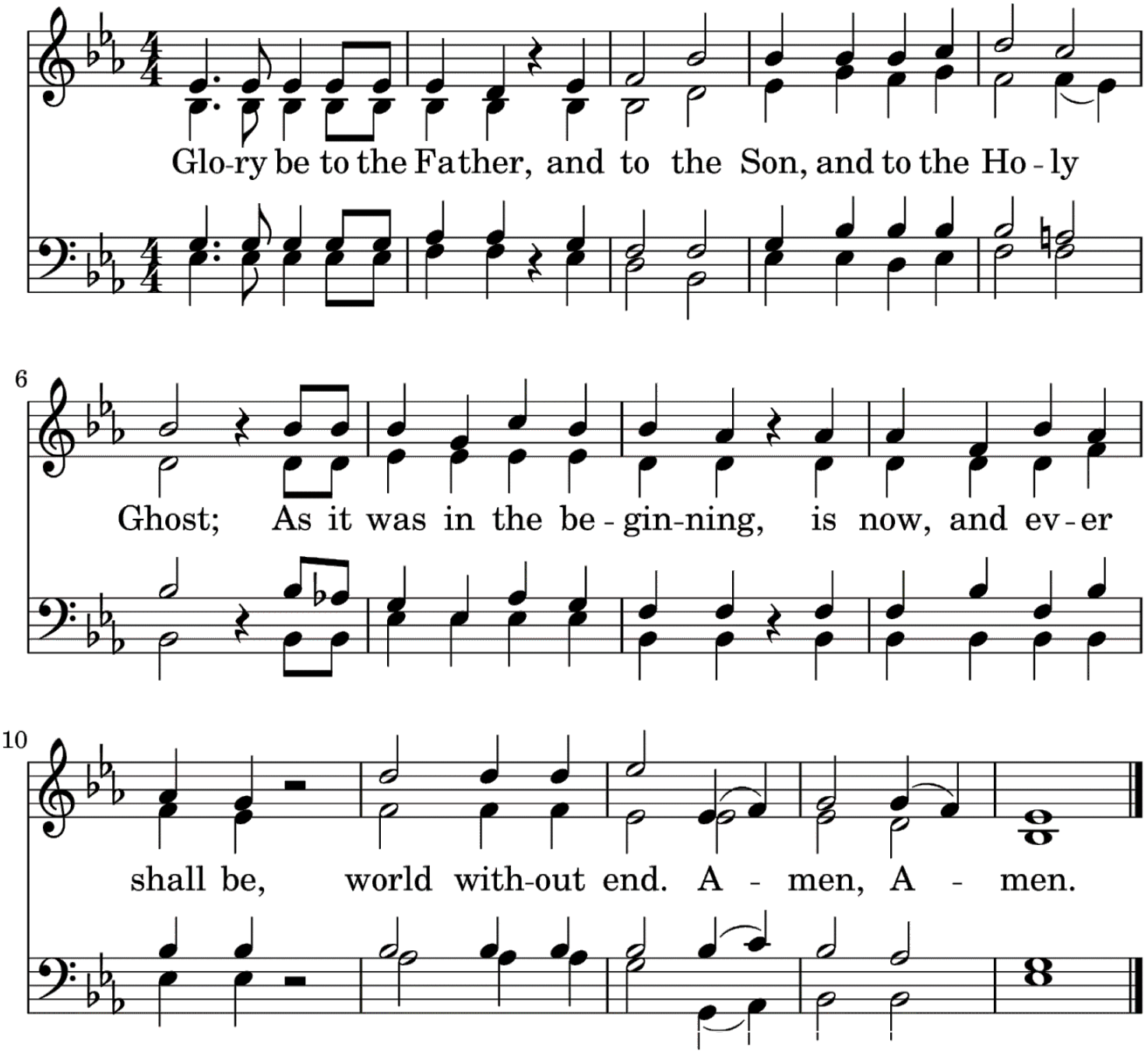
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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

Prayer of 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.**

Glory Be to the Father



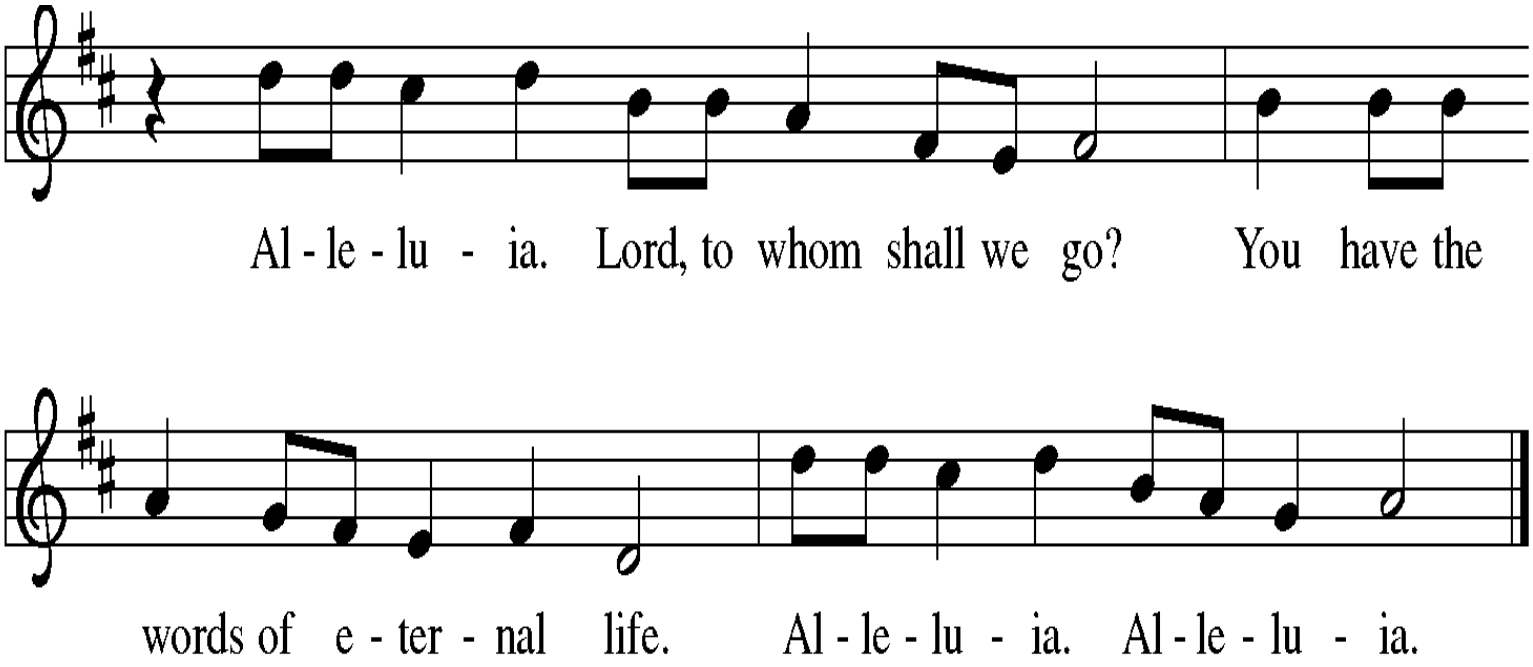
Call to Worship is from Psalm 90

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
[5] you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9] When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
] [12] **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

The first reading is from1Thessalonians, the 5th Chapter

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

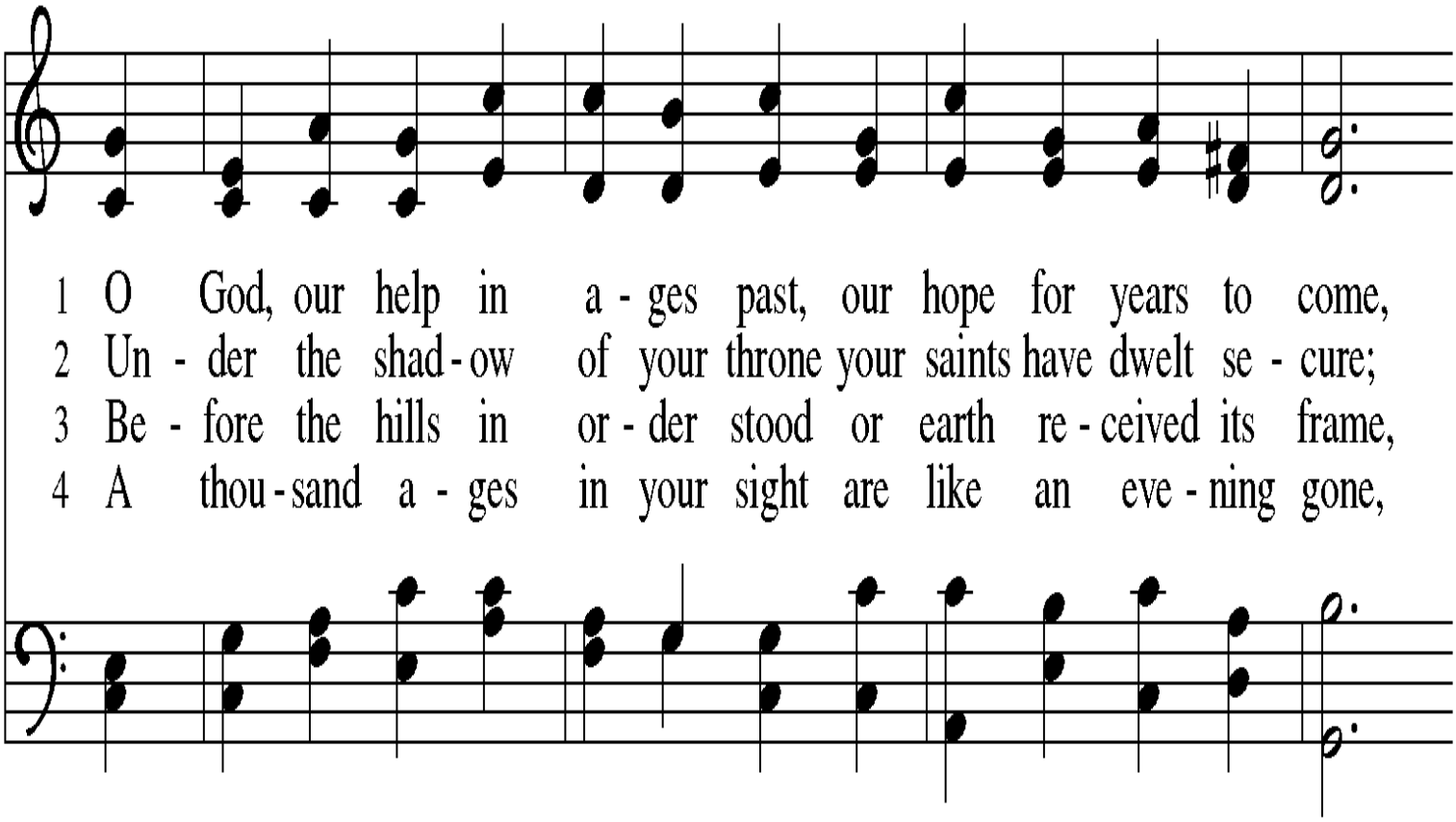
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made
five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who
had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master,
I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not
sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have
what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even
what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

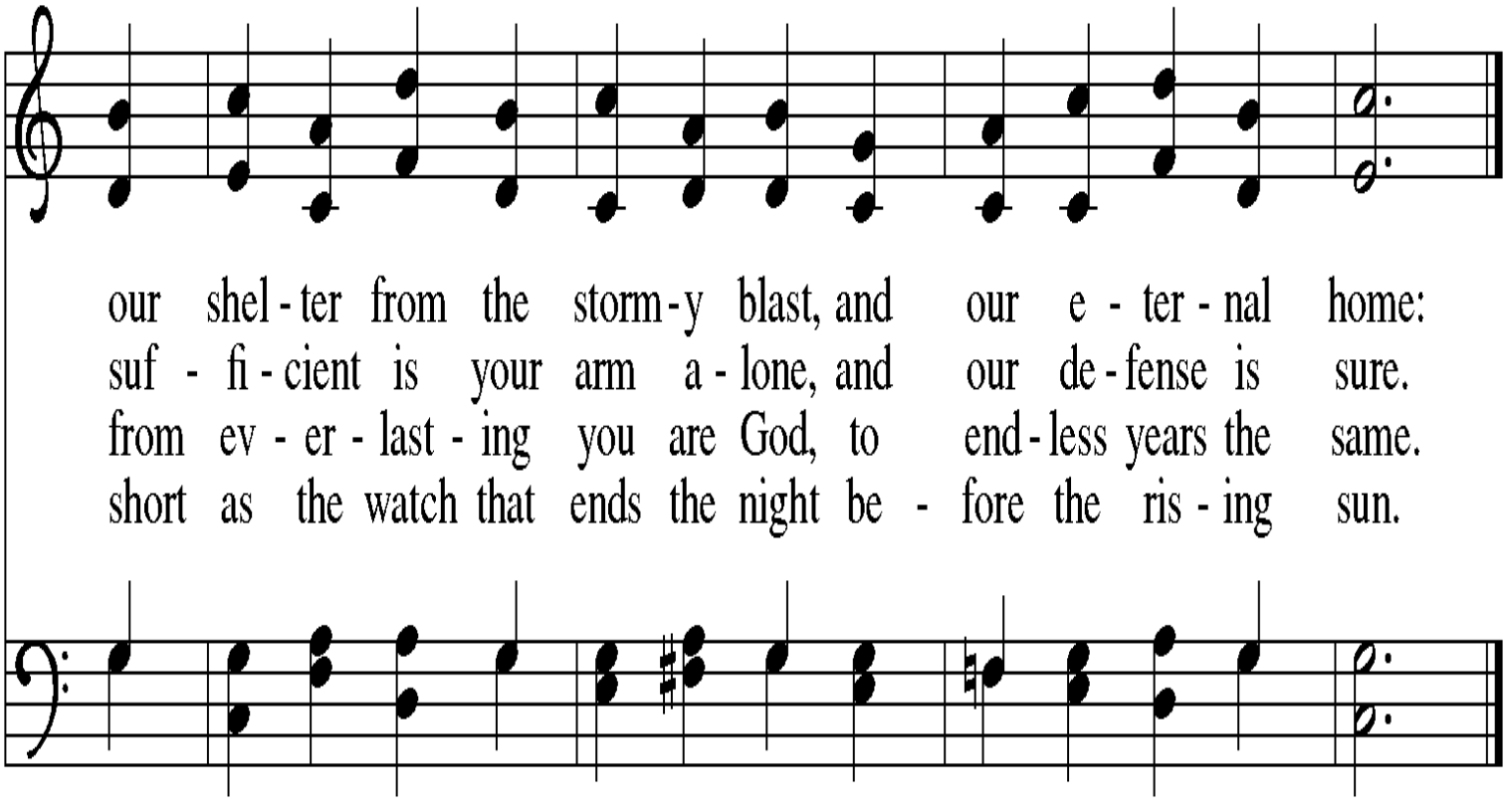
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON – REV. STEVE WIGDAHL

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with **Hear our prayer**)

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Offering & Special Music

Choir Anthem- *I Surrender All*

Offering Prayer
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Words of Institution

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
All are welcome

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

Prayer after Communion
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

"Go Now in Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go out in joy, be led forth in peace!
Share the good news!
Thanks be to God.