

Sunday After Pentecost
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Our Mission
To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for others.

Pastor: Rev. John “Ben” Mandrick

WELCOME! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* We are glad you have joined us in worship today as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Faith, Worship, Fellowship

Everything you need to participate in worship is printed in this worship booklet.

Bold print = Congregational Responses

Holy Communion is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

Introduction to the day

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

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

A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

A Time for Meditation & Prayer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Bell Choir

(We stand as we are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We take a moment of silence for self-reflection.

Assembly kneels or stands for confession as they are able.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
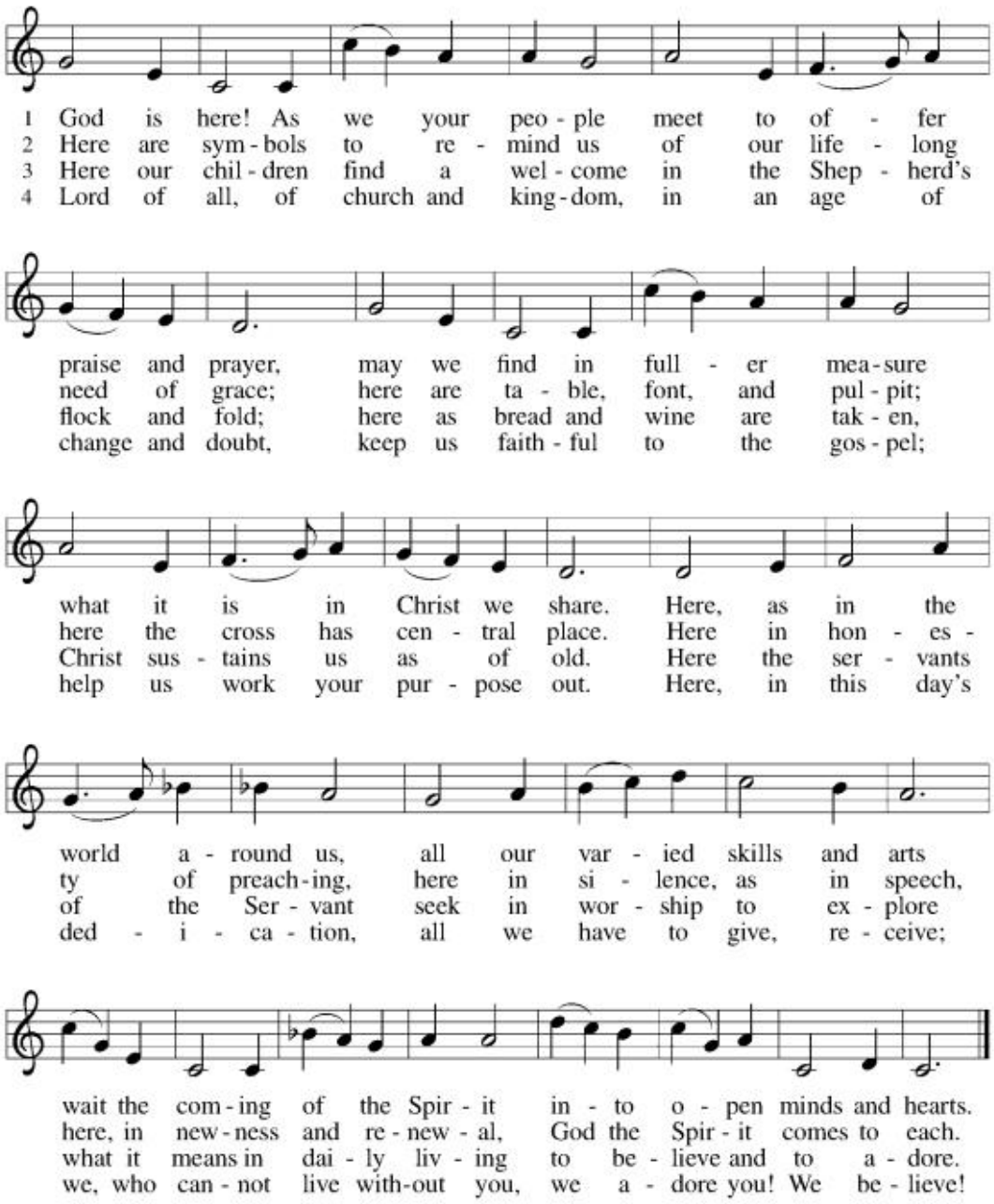
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 526**

God Is Here!



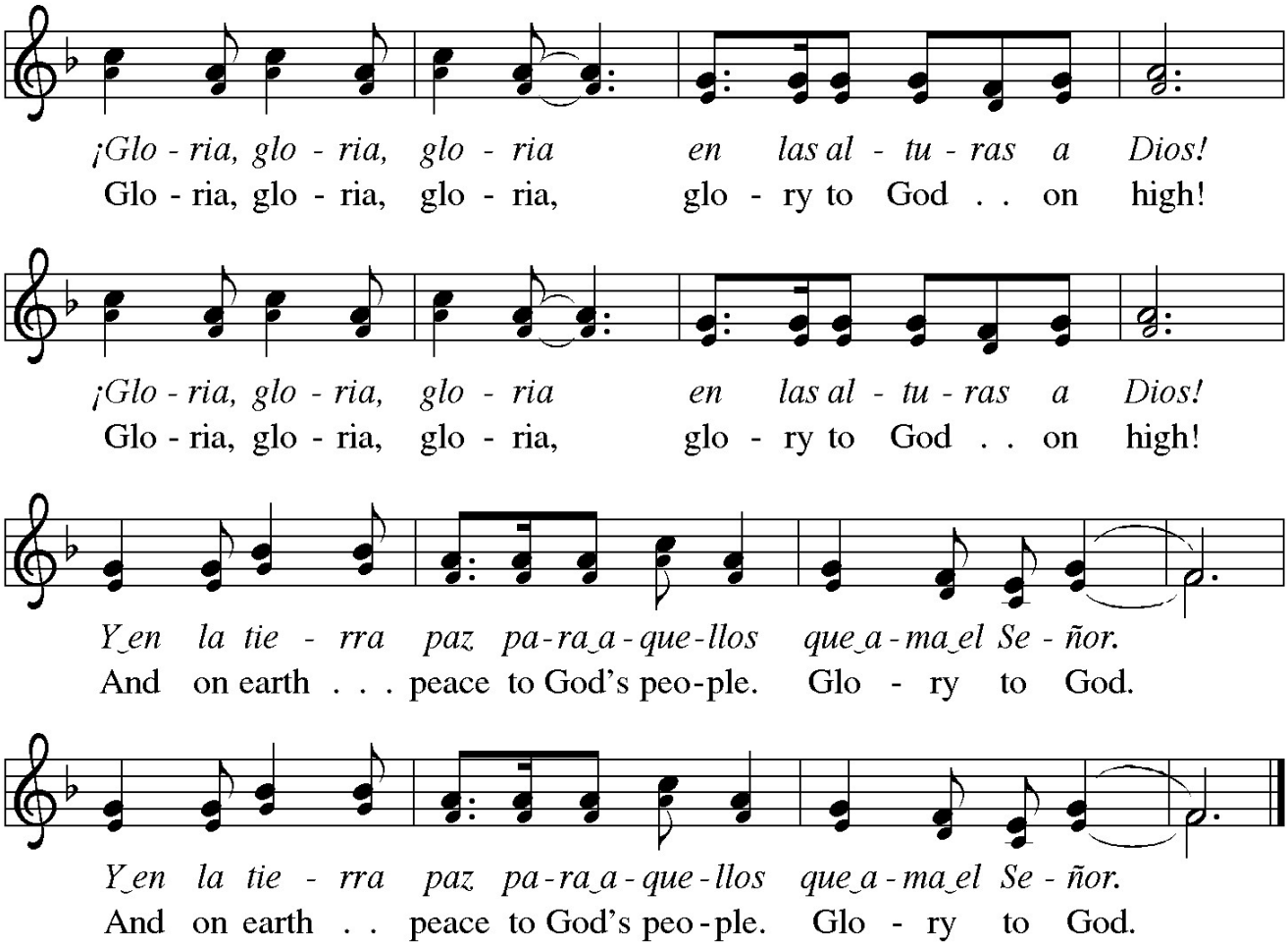
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GREETING

P: 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

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

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

(Children will receive a small pack of fruit snack gummies. If allergy sensitive please let Pastor Ben know to substitute another treat)
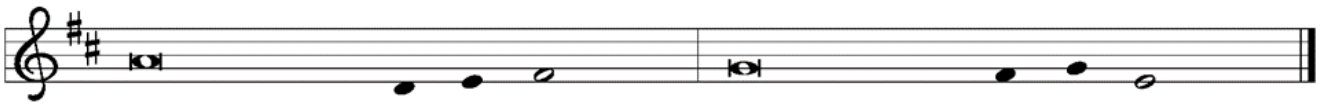
FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

R: A reading from Isaiah

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
2 I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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PSALM 96:1-9

1 Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.
2 Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
3 Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.
6 Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.
8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.
9 Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.
13 You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

R: A reading from Philippians.

1 Paul, Silvanus, and timothy,
to the church of the Thessalonians in God the father and the lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
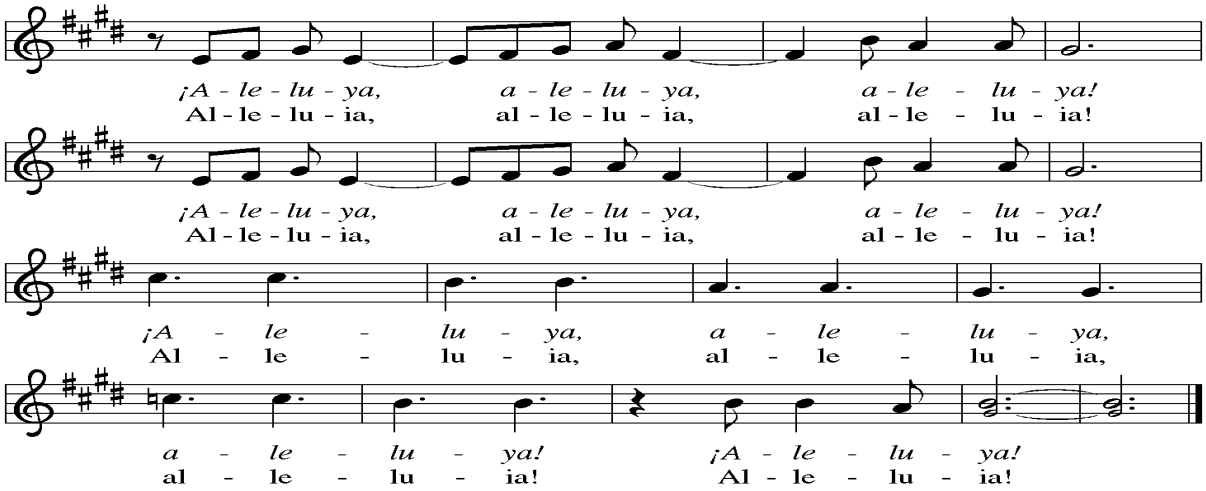
2 we always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
3 remembering before our god and father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our lord Jesus Christ. 4 for we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the holy spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 and you became imitators of us and of the lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the holy spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 for the word of the lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 for they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true god 10 and to wait for his son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(We stand as we are able)



Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

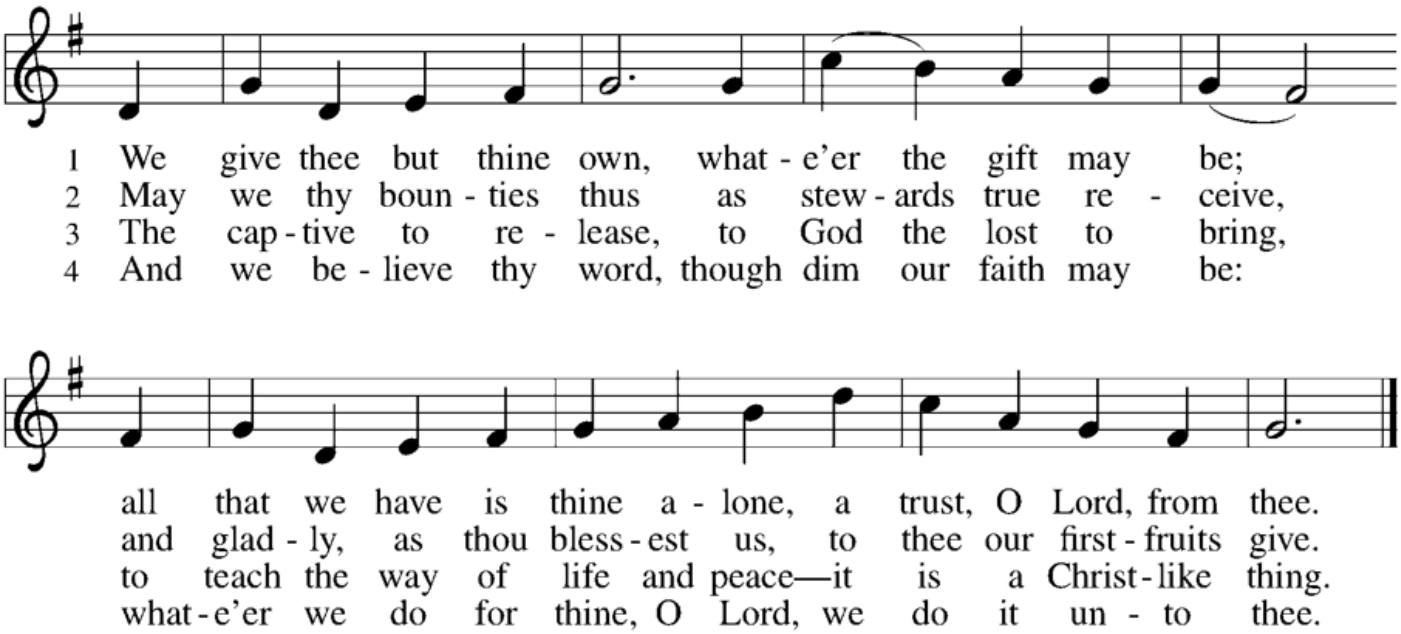
15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to
him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of
God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with
partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin
used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and
whose title?” 21 They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were
amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON: Pastor John “Ben” Mandrick

(We stand as we are able)

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

APOSTLES CREED

A: We confess our common faith in 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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

(We are seated or we kneel)

A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you are our sure foundation and rock of salvation. Draw near to all those who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others, especially our military personnel, first responders, and those in the medical field.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace.)

PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *(Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)*

MUSICAL OFFERING – CHOIR- A CLEAN HEART

(We stand as sing as the gifts are brought forward)

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER *(Please stand for the offertory prayer)*

P: Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
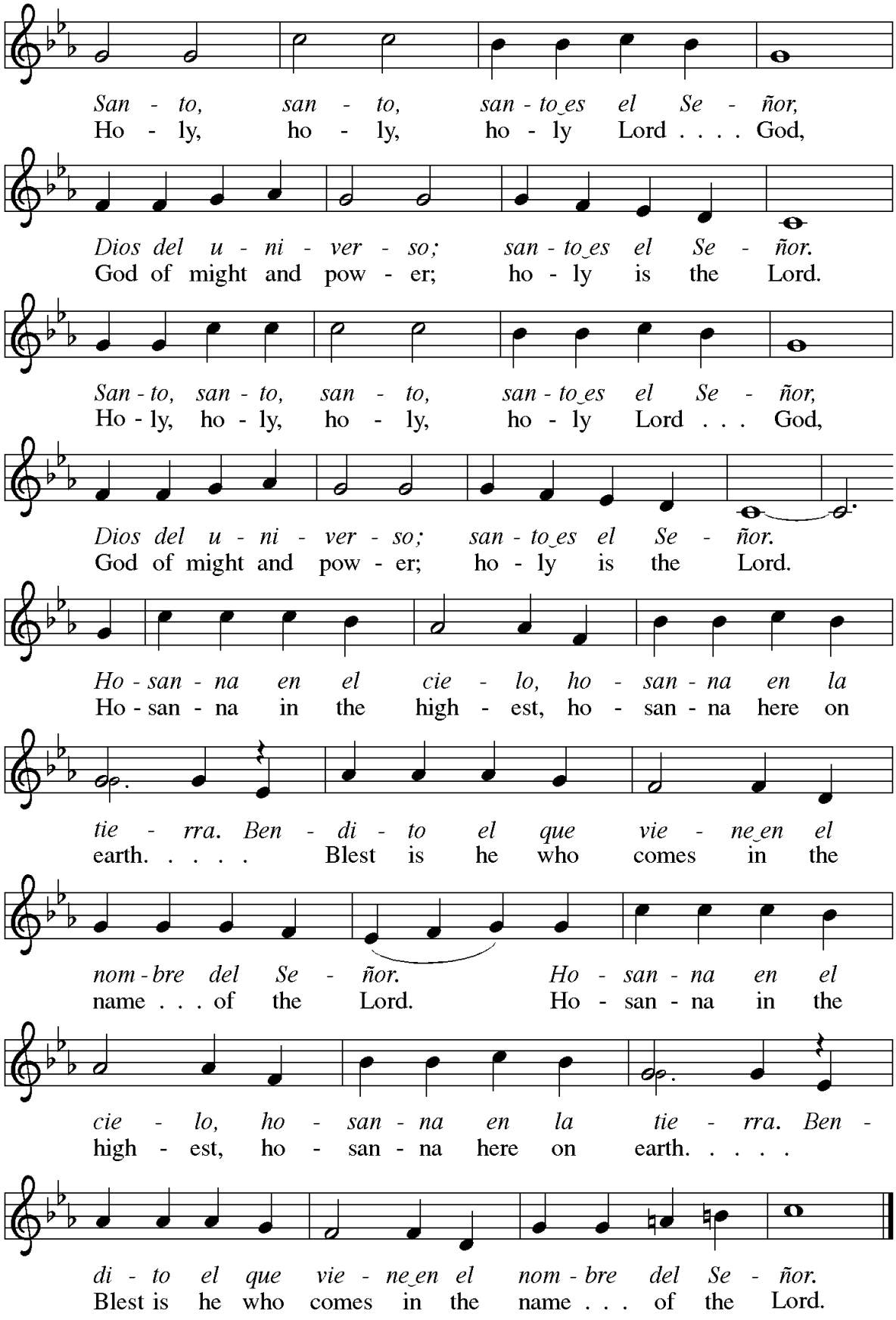
DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
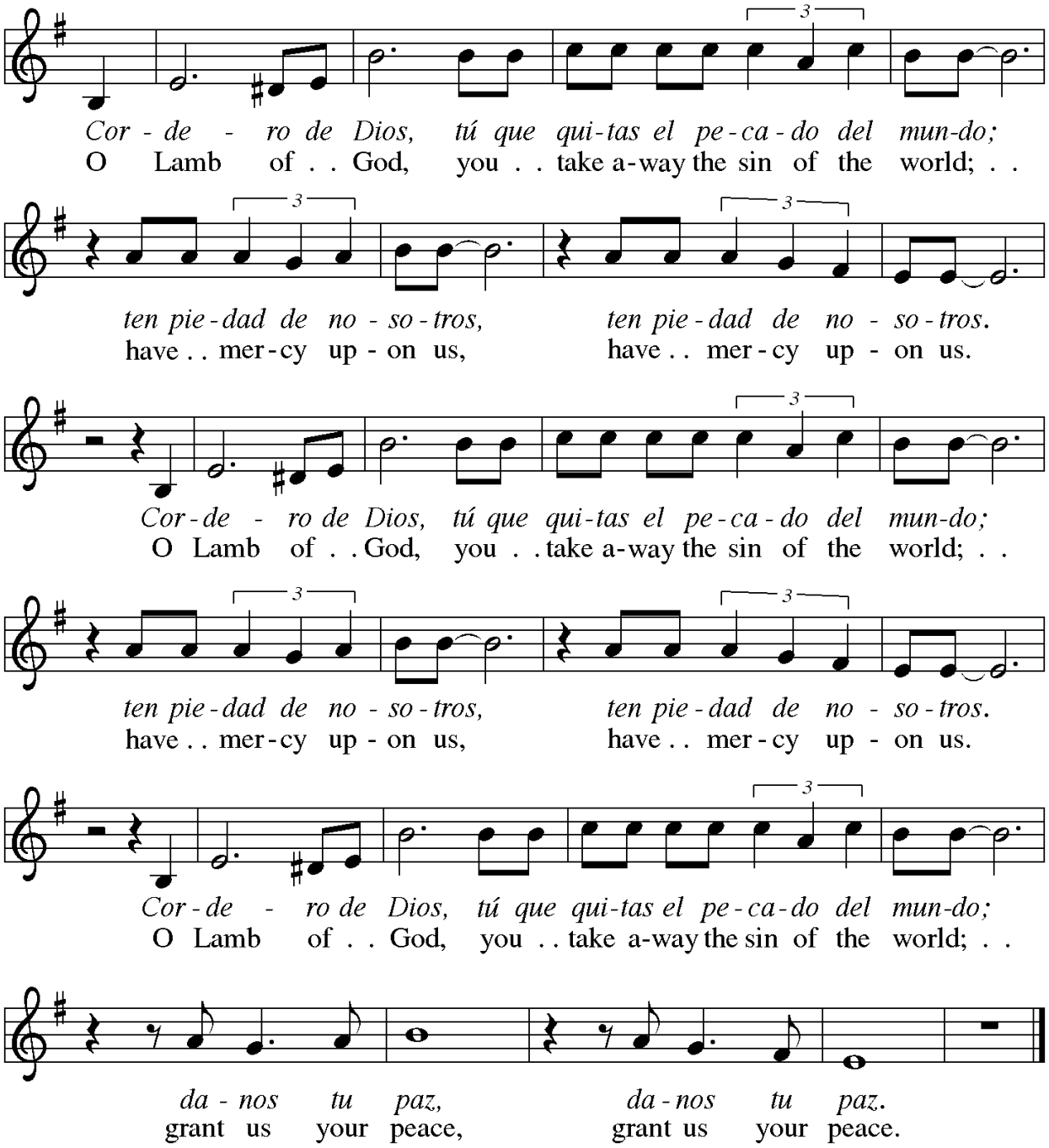
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

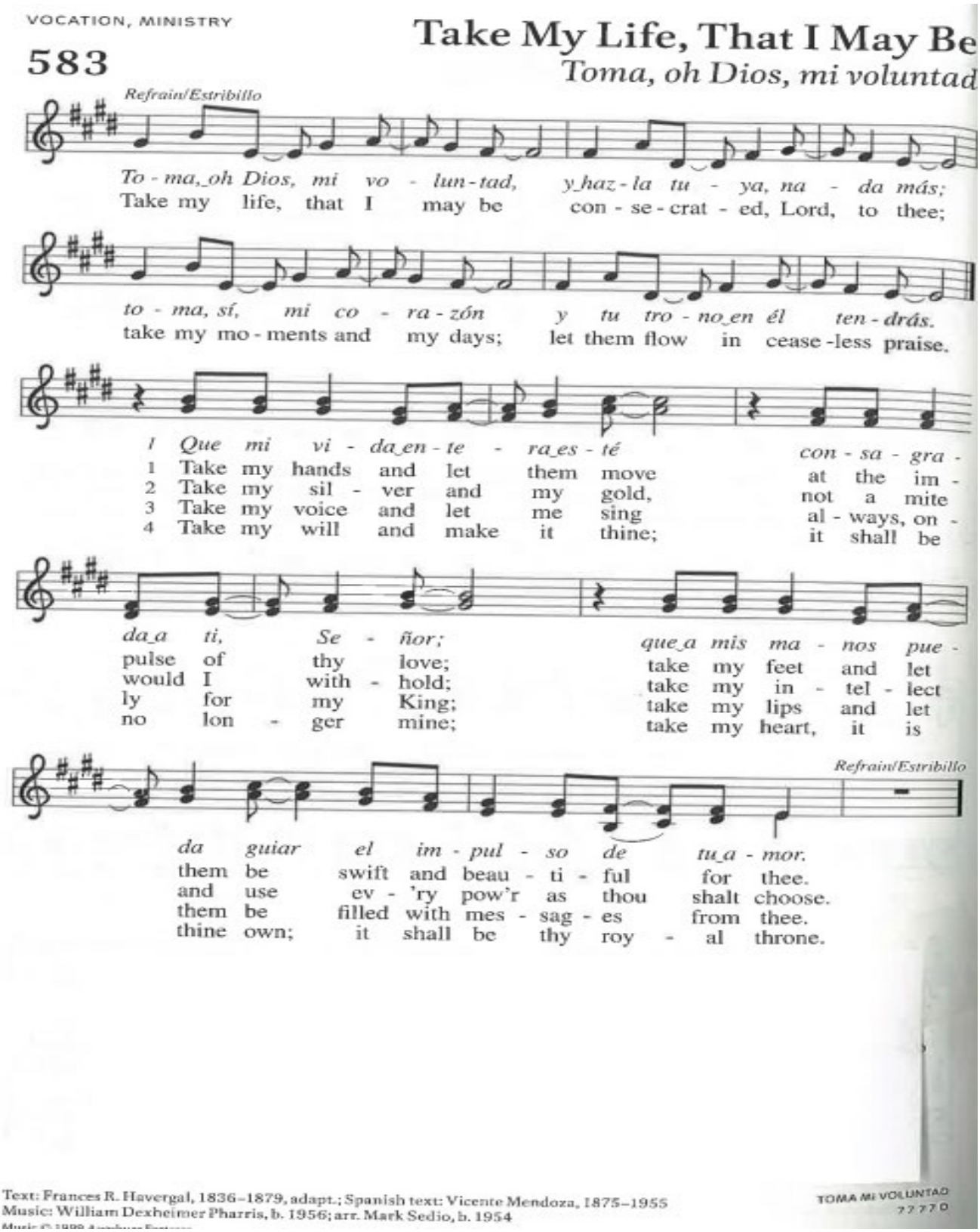
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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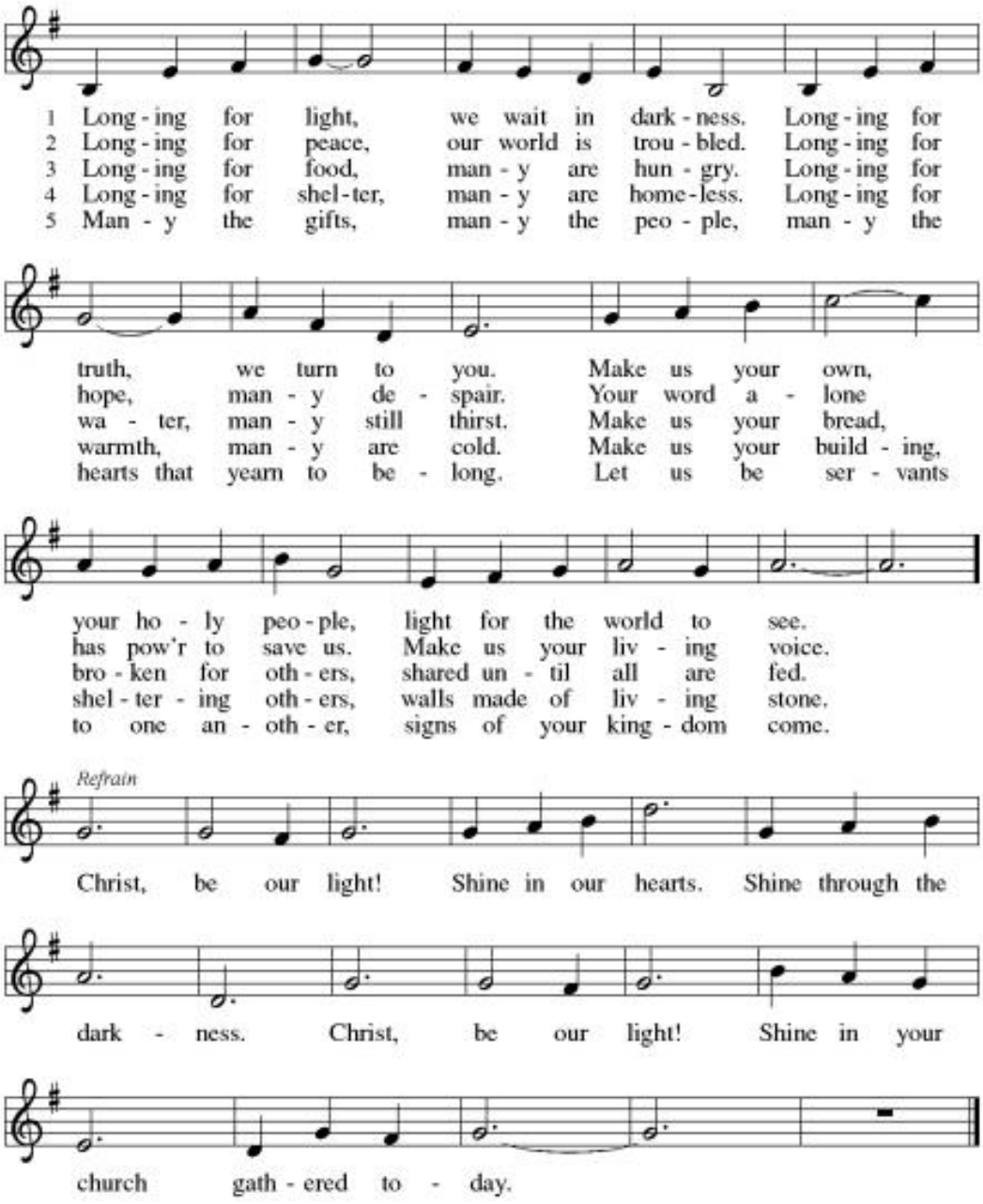


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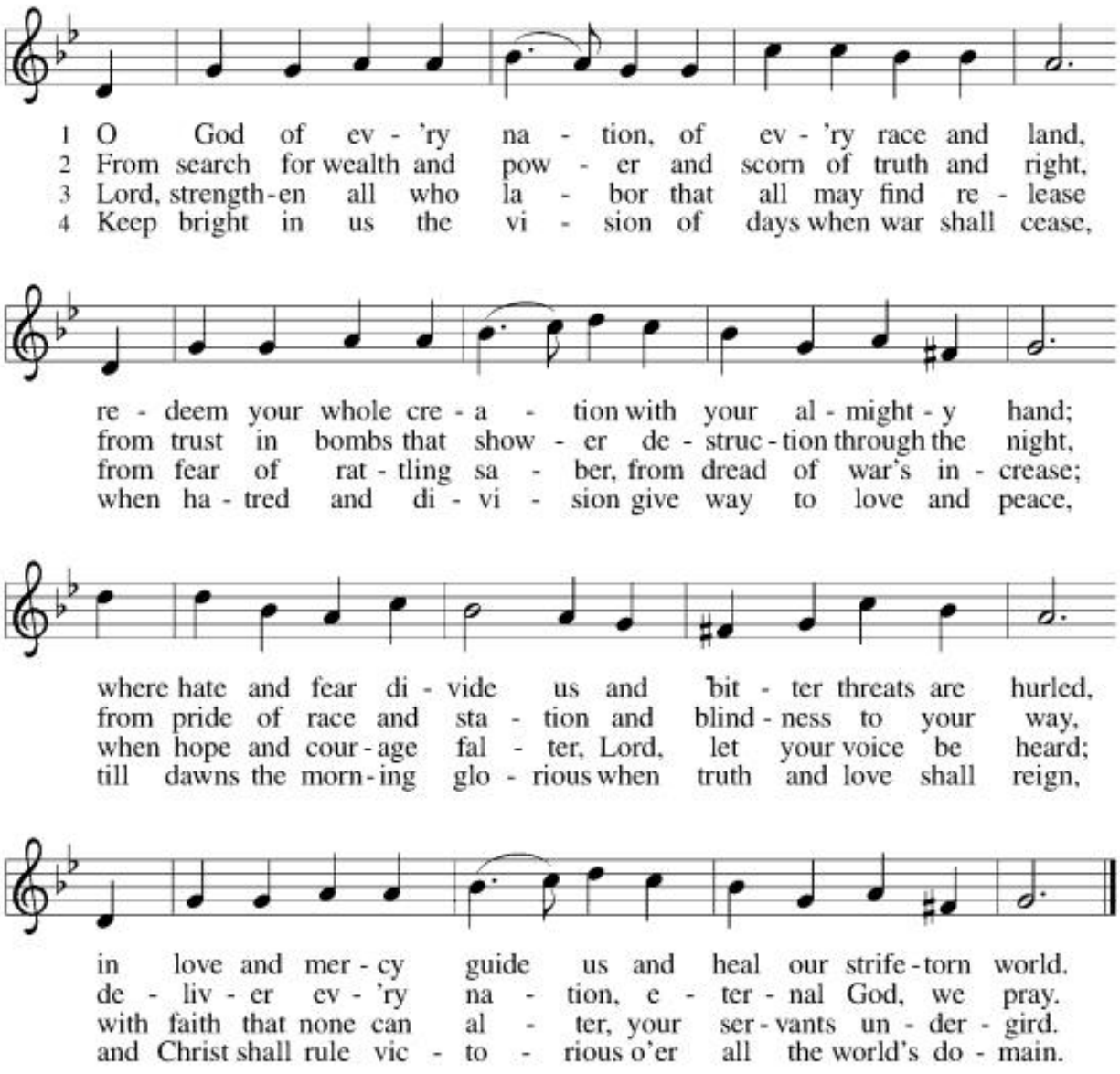
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COMMUNION SONG **ELW 713**

O God of Every Nation



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(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray,
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
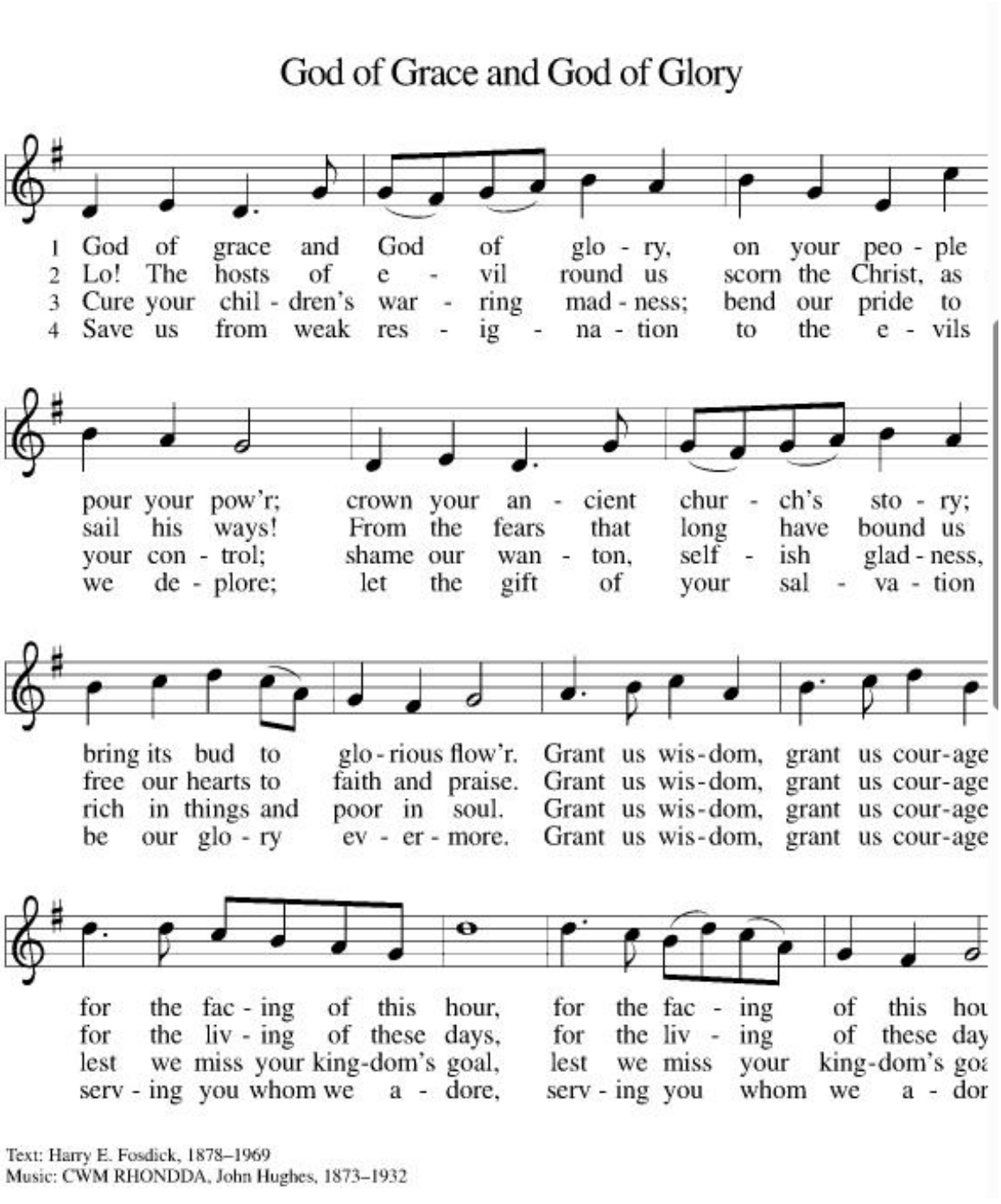
BLESSING

P: Please receive this blessing. May God be with you all, above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, within you to bring you to eternal life. May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.
Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING SONG **ELW 705**



DISMISSAL
Go share the good news!
With Gods help!

POSTLUDE

Please inform Pastor Ben in writing or by phone of any

1) *Upcoming medical interventions in which you desire pastoral prayers and/or visitation,*
2) *Changes to the prayer list,*
3) *Announcements for the bulletin.*

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