PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26 & 27, 2026



What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

Matthew 21:28

Welcome to Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is November 7 & 8.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

SCAN to read this week's newsletter *Peace Signs*

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin. There is a one-minute bell peal, five minutes before the start of our worship, calling us to gather in the sanctuary. The prelude then offers an additional opportunity to enter into a spirit of worship and prayer.

PRELUDE You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd Leo Sowerby

The bell tolls three times when the prelude ends, after which the Presider will invite the congregation to stand and face the procession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Presider: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

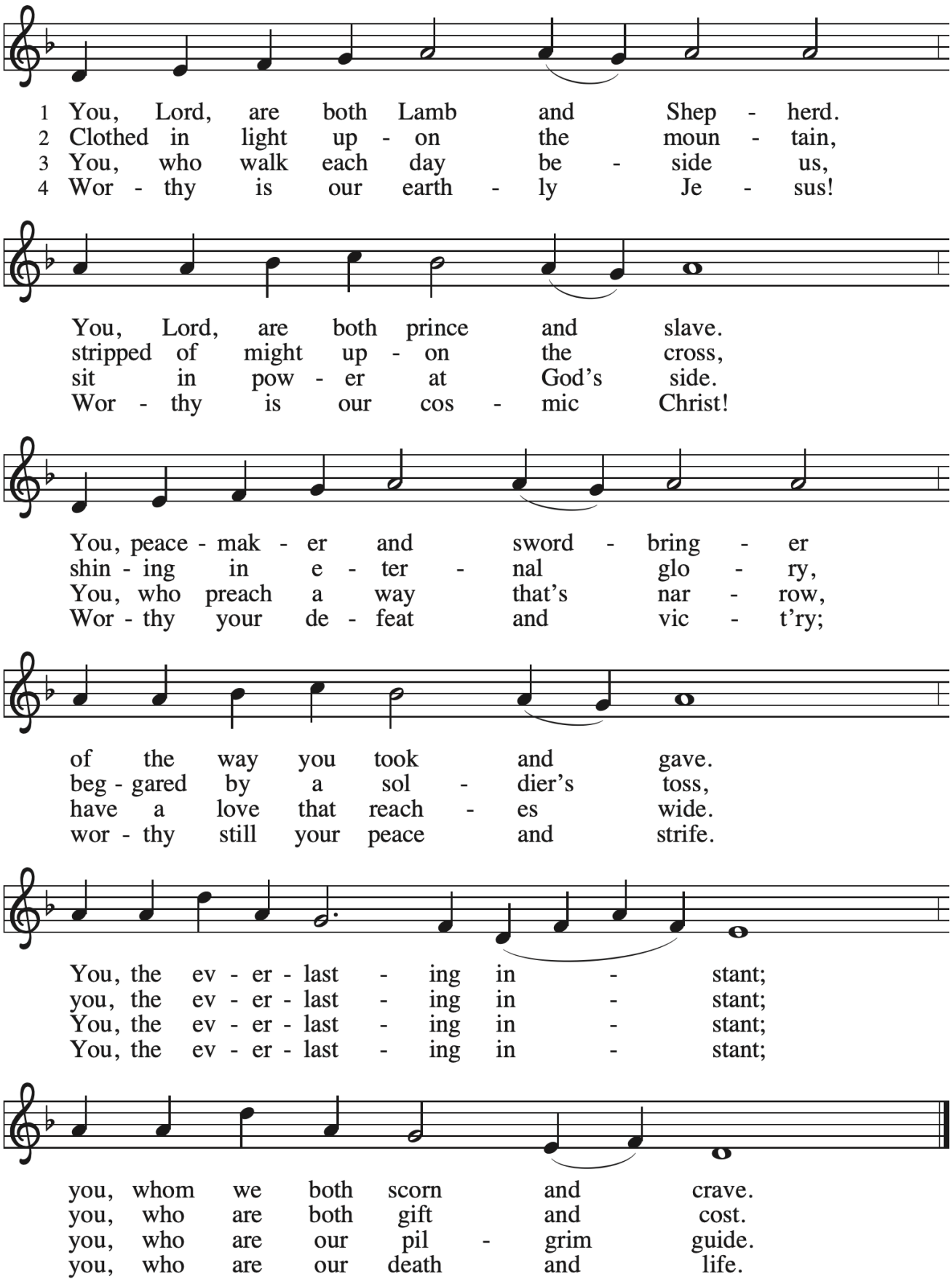
All: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY



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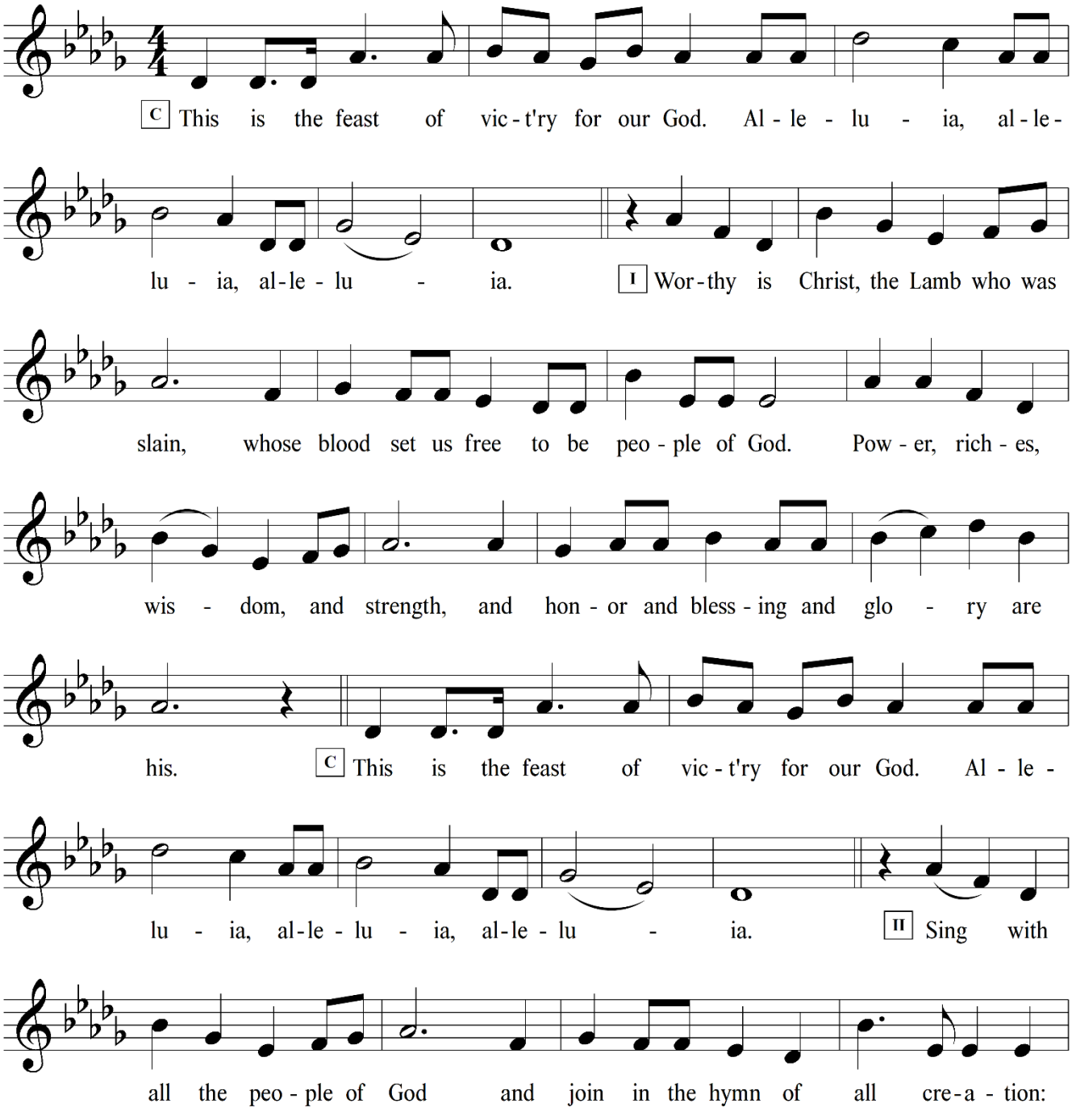
Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

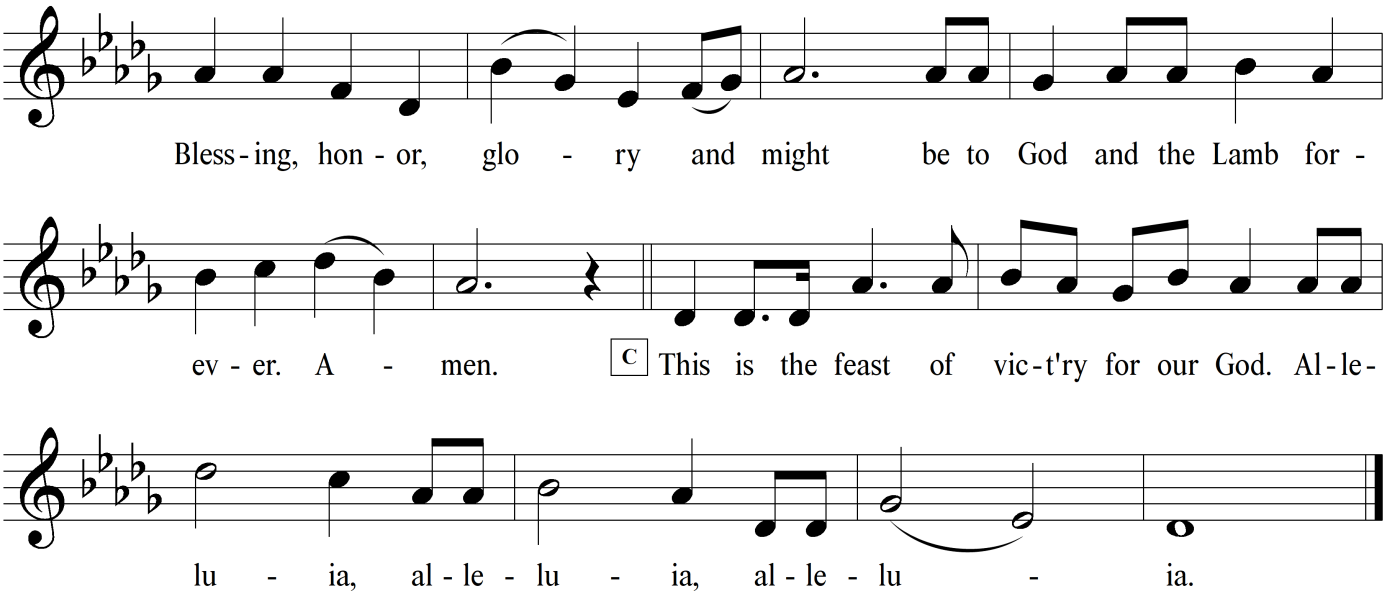
All: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

(5:30 PM) *Sung by All*

(9:00 & 10:30 AM) *C: All; I: Higher Voices; II: Lower Voices*





Prayer of the Day

Presider: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

[1]The word of the Lord came to me: [2] What do you mean by repeating this proverb
concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's
teeth are set on edge"? [3] As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be
used by you in Israel. [4] Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as
the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

[25] Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my
way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? [26] When the righteous turn away from
their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that
they have committed, they shall die. [27] Again, when the wicked turn away from the
wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save
their life. [28] Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that
they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. [29] Yet the house of Israel
says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not
your ways that are unfair?

[30] Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,
says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity
will be your ruin. [31] Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have
committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will
you die, O house of Israel? [32] For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the
Lord God. Turn, then, and live.
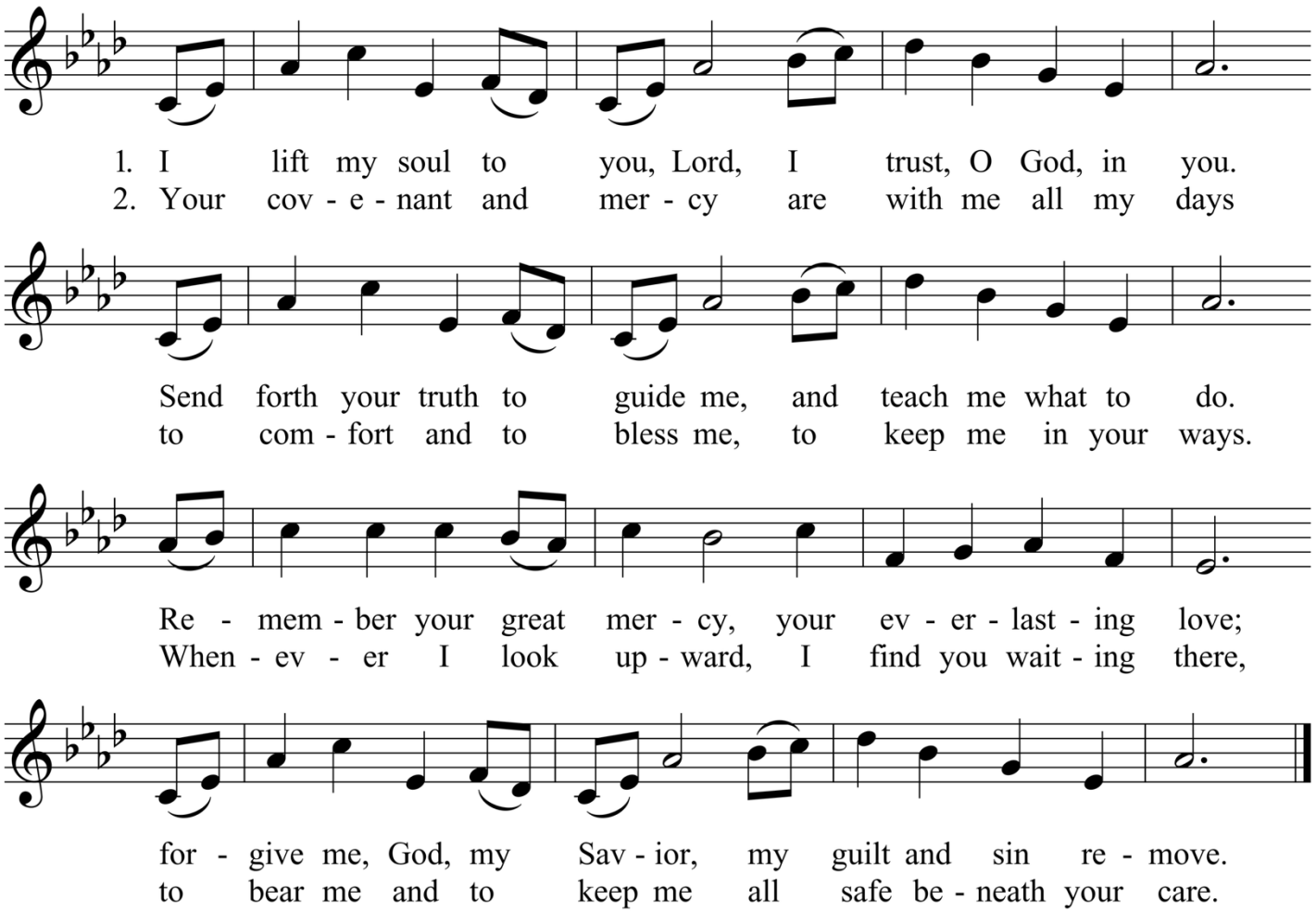
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

I Lift My Soul to You

Based on Psalm 25



Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13
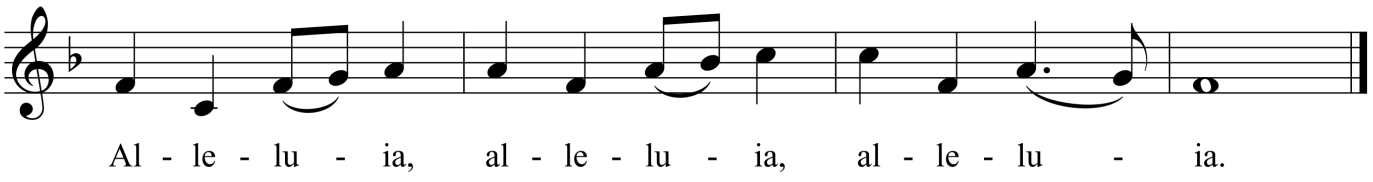
[1] If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership
in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, [2] make my joy complete: be of the
same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing
from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than
yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of
others. [5] Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he
existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be
grasped, [7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human, [8] he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

[9] Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is
above every other name, [10] so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: My sheep hear my voice, | says the Lord;
I know them and they | follow me.

All repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[23]When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people
came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these
things, and who gave you this authority?" [24] Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you
one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I
do these things. [25] Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to
us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' [26] But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are
afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." [27] So they answered Jesus, "We
do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am
doing these things.

[28] "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go
and work in the vineyard today.' [29] He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his
mind and went. [30] The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered,
'I go, sir,' but he did not go. [31] Which of the two did the will of his father?" They
said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the
prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. [32] For John came to you
in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and
the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your
minds and believe him."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
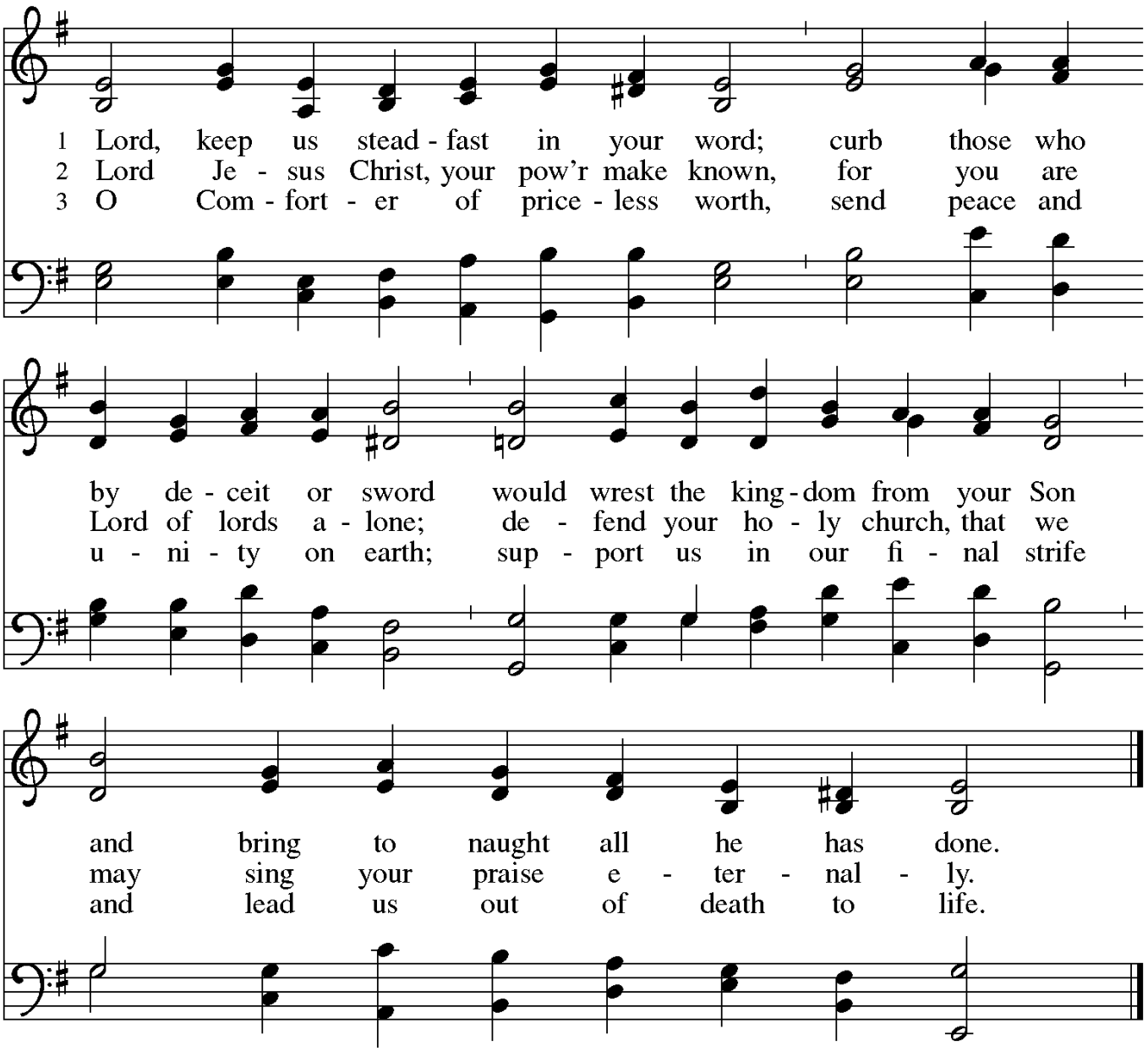
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR

(10:30 AM) St. 1: All; 2: Choir; 3: All



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Please turn to the order of Holy Baptism on page 227 in the red hymnal.

(5:30 PM)

Cameron Neil Dorony, son of Susan and Matthew Dorony

(10:30 AM)

Chloe Maye Krempasky, daughter of Alyssa and Jonathan Krempasky

(9:00 AM)

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: With all those who come together to praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.
A moment of silence.

Merciful God, this week we observe a day of remembrance for Indian boarding schools. We remember the Native American children who died while attending an Indian boarding school and recognize, honor, and support the survivors of Indian boarding schools, their families, and

communities. Bring healing to them and their descendants, and give us courage to listen, learn, and walk the path of truth and reconciliation. Guide your church to honor Indigenous peoples and to work for justice and hope for generations to come.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the first responders who serve our communities with courage and compassion. Keep them safe in their work, strengthen them in times of stress, and bless their families with comfort and peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bless the leaders of this church with wisdom and faithfulness as they guide your people. Strengthen this congregation to grow in faith, serve with love, and share the hope of Christ with all.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick, grieving, recovering, or facing difficult challenges. Surround them with your healing presence, and grant them strength and hope. We lift those names that are on our hearts and minds, silently or aloud. *A moment of silence.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your loving hands, O God, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy and love through the one who walks with us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that all loose cash offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local partners that help people in need.
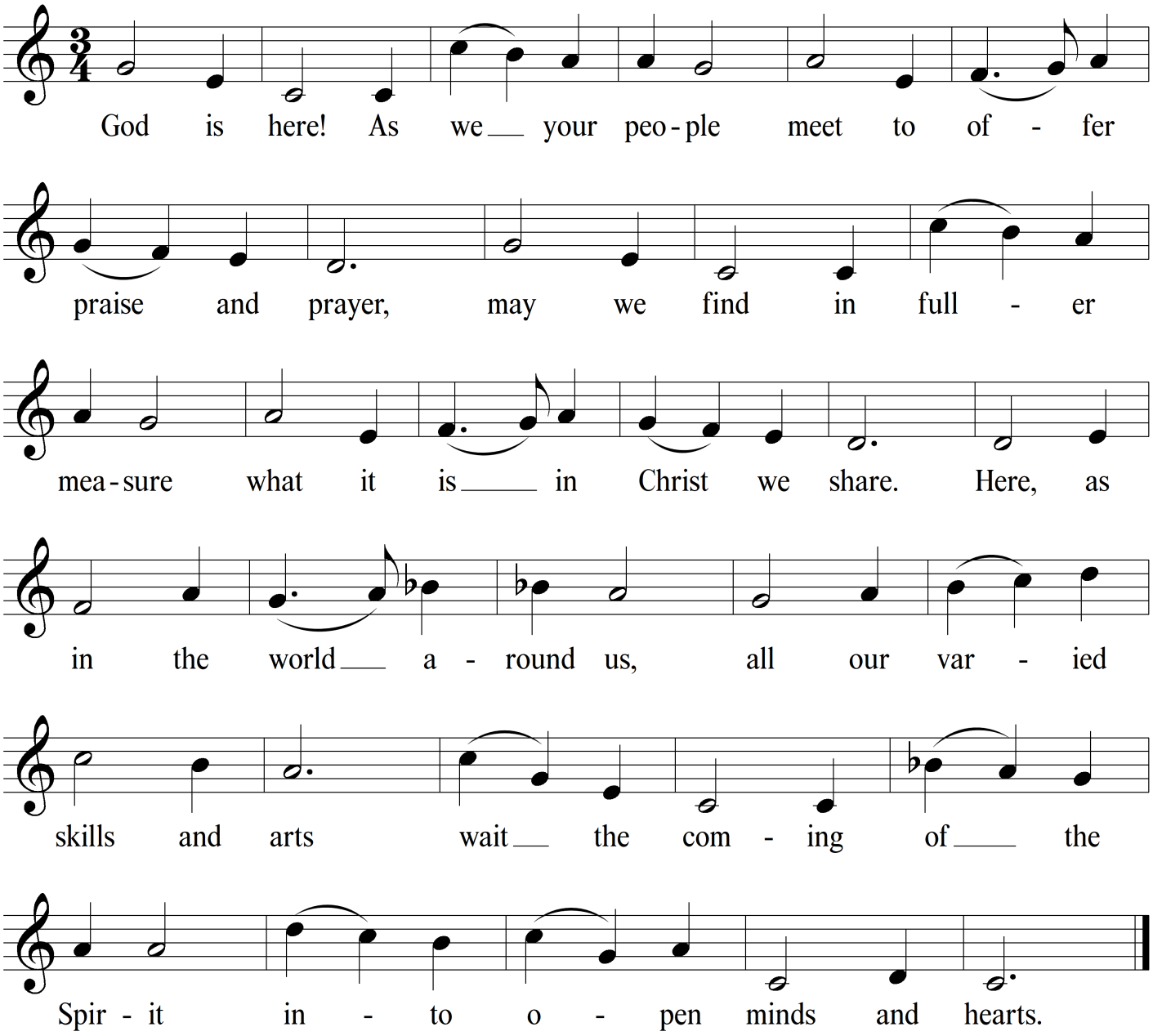
Today's flowers are given by Hannah and Eric Oswald, in celebration of Gwendolyn's 1st birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(5:30 PM)	Give Me Jesus Evan Lloyd, soloist	arr. David Cherwien
(9:00 AM)	Give Me Jesus Benny Iraheta, soloist	arr. Tom Trenney
(10:30 AM)	Worthy to Be Praised Prince of Peace Choir Sam Stiner, soloist	Byron Smith

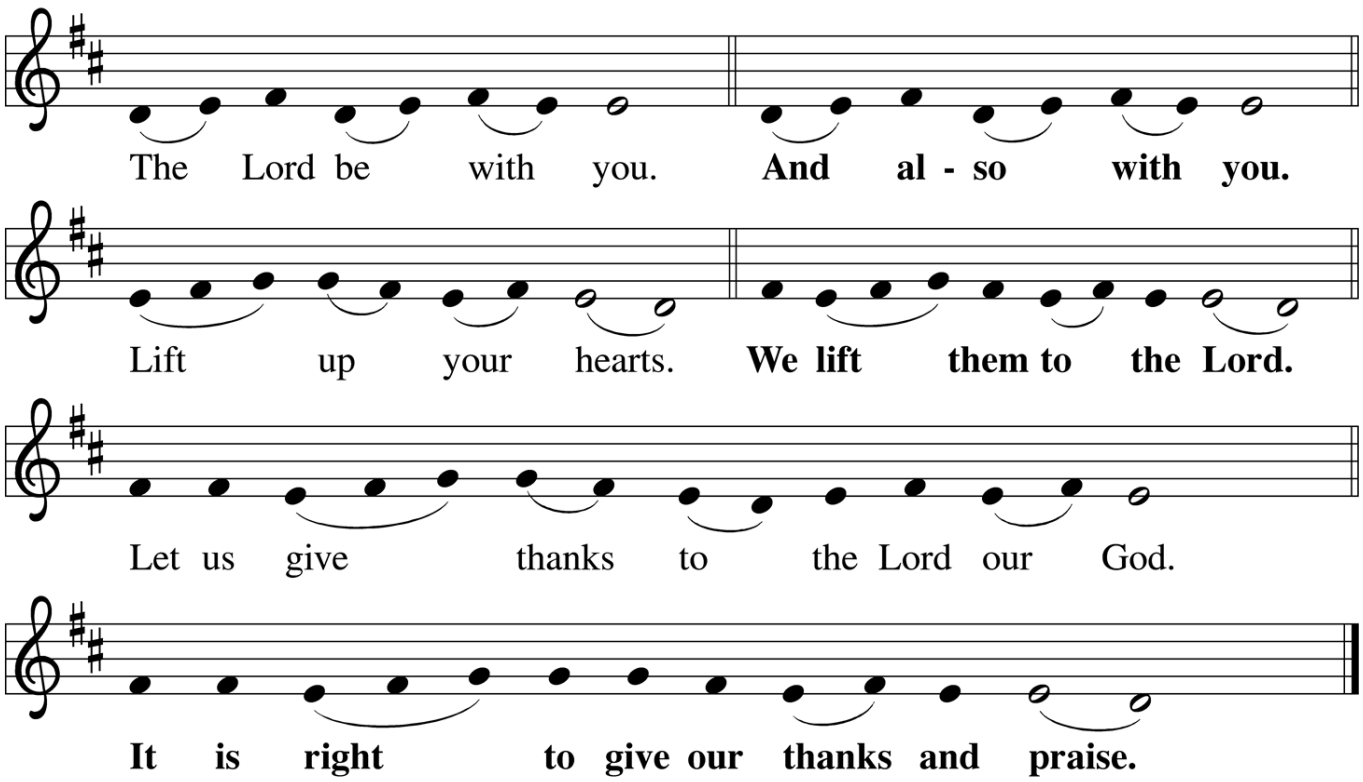
(10:30 AM) *Please stand and face the offertory procession as the gifts are brought forward.*

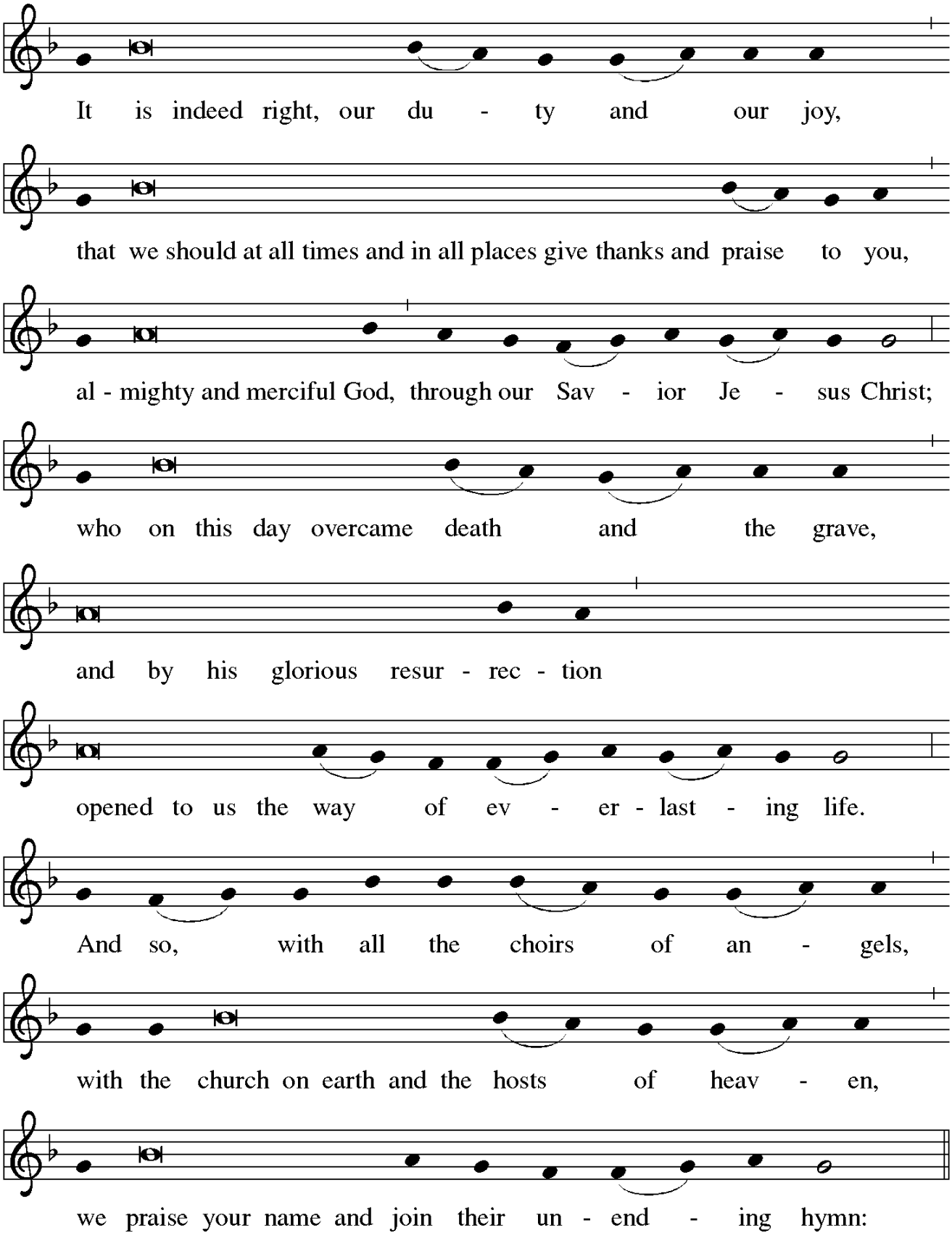
OFFERTORY HYMN God Is Here!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

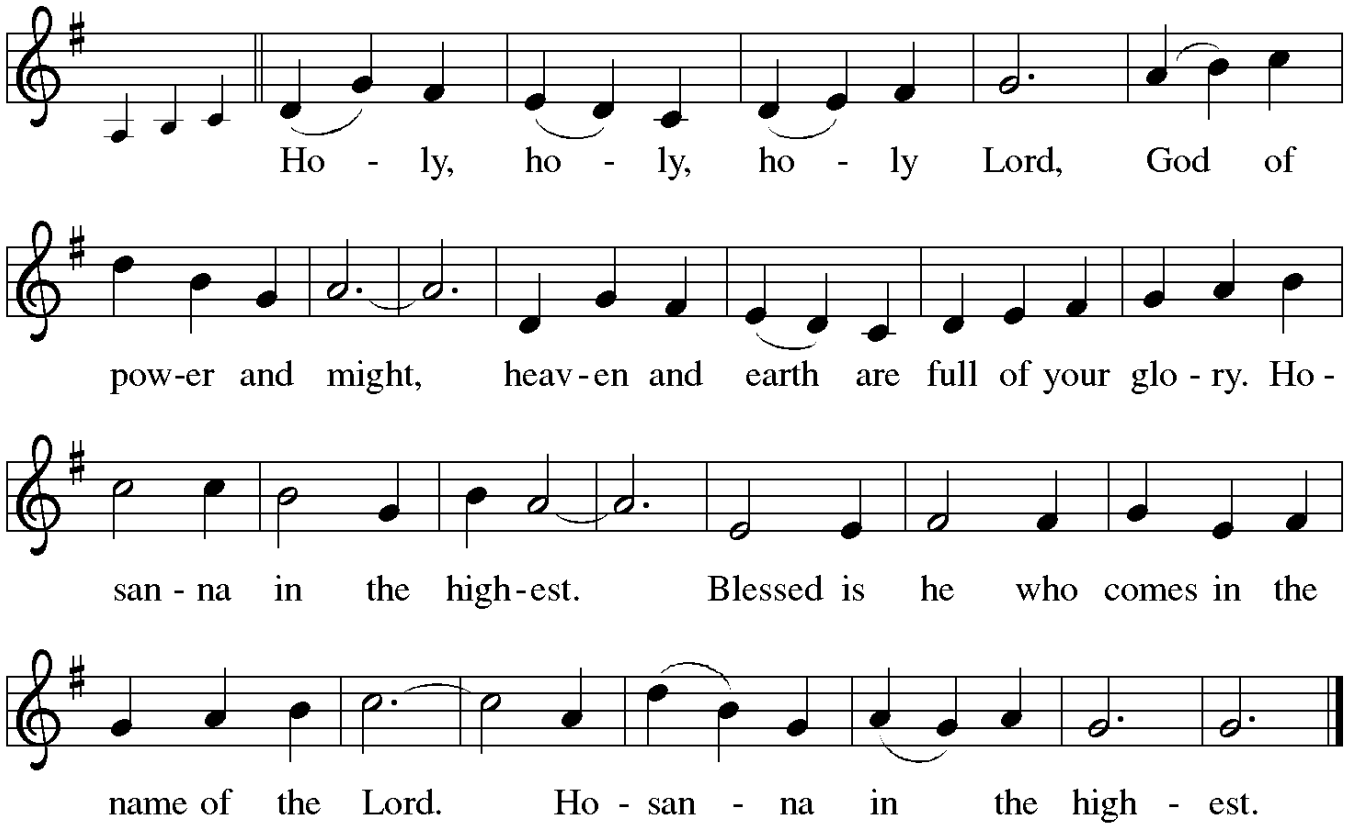
S 107




It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

S 108



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body 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.

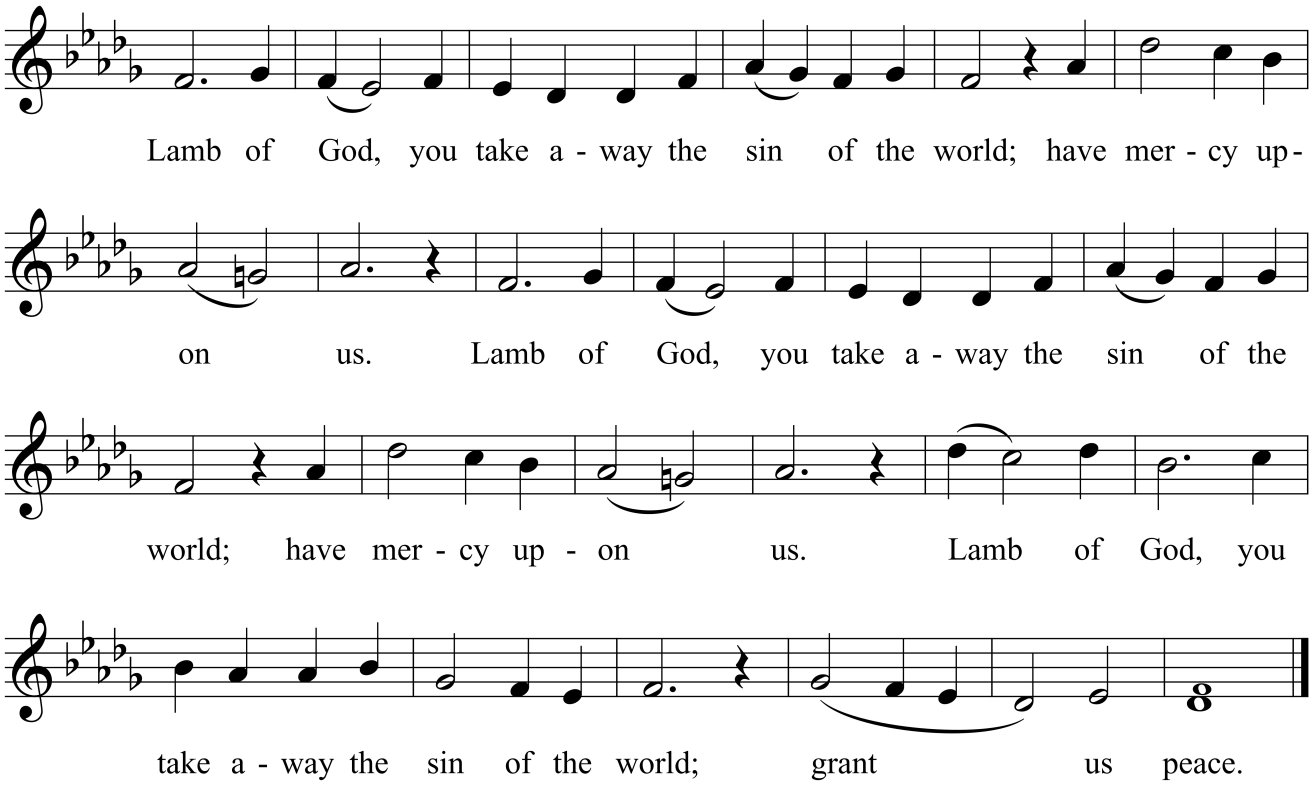
All: **Amen.**

The bell tolls seven times, once for each petition.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Lamb of God



The Distribution

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

(10:30 AM)

Music During Communion
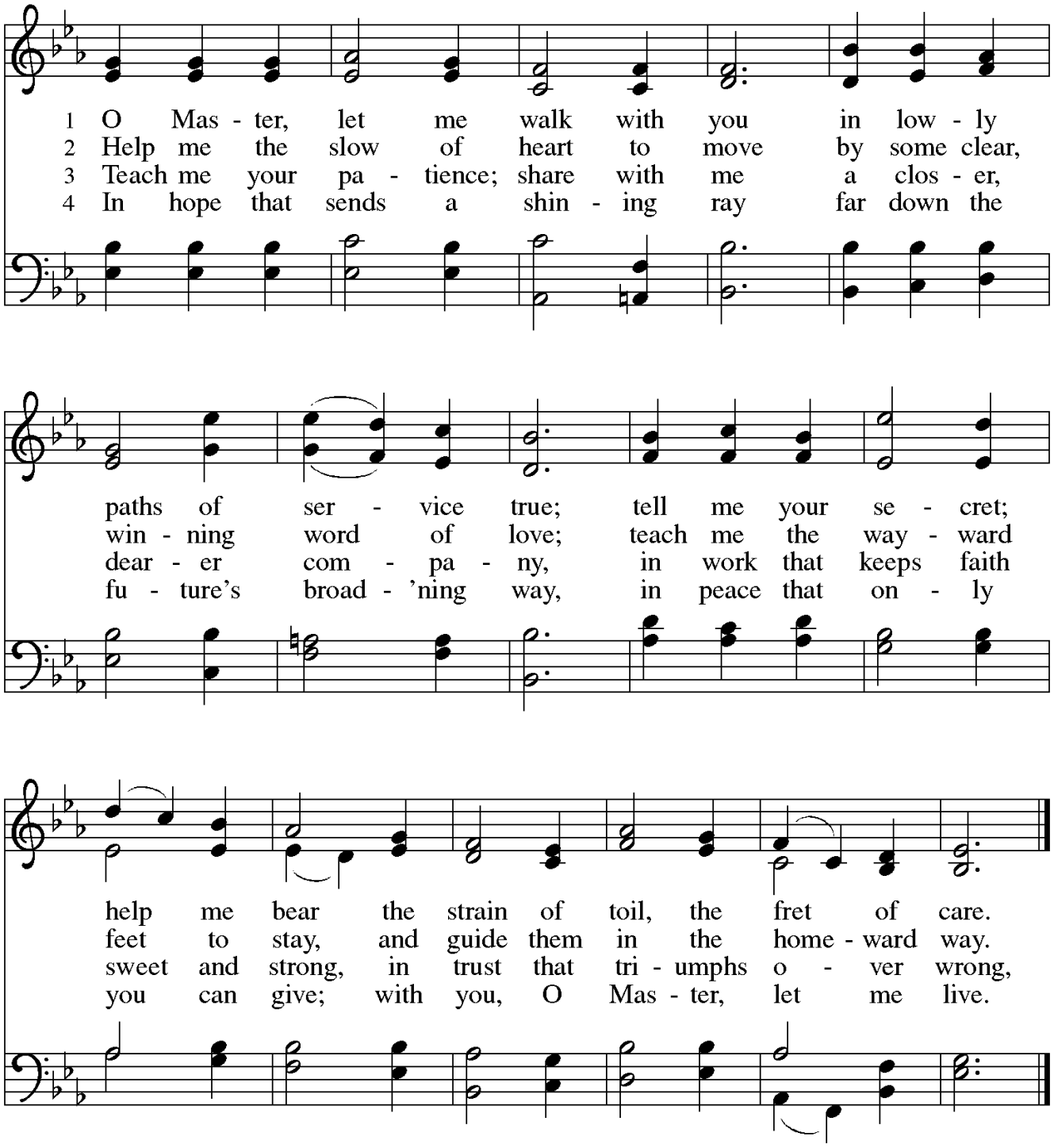
Give Me Jesus arr. Tom Trenney

Benny Iraheta, soloist

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION — ELW 818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You — MARYTON



SENDING

Prayer After Communion

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

All: Amen.

(5:30 PM & 9:00 AM)

Benediction

Presider: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Presider: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

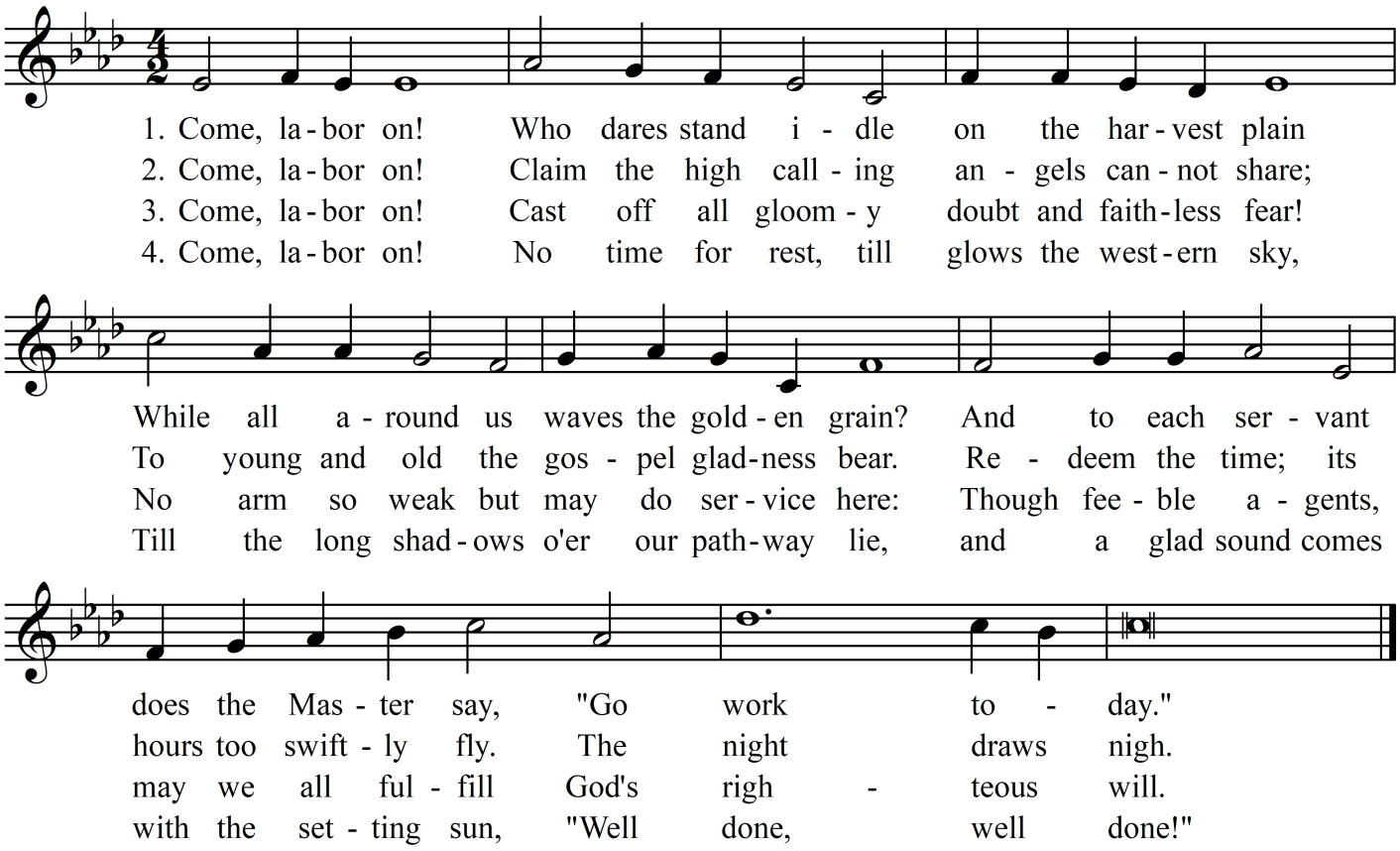
All: Amen.

(10:30 AM)

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You — E. Fred Morris
Prince of Peace Choir

SENDING HYMN Come, Labor On! ORA LABORA



DISMISSAL

Assisting
Minister: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(5:30 PM & 9:00 AM)	Come, Labor On	Michael Burkhardt
(10:30 AM)	Festive Trumpet Tune	David German

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Assisting with Worship

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	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Kim Ninke	Eric Buck Heather Buck
Back Door Greeter		Brenda Crowe Tom Crowe	GREETER
Assisting Minister	Linda Dreier	Tim Ninke	Jeff Pinkham
Lector	Kris Mazzola	Bill Young	Ryan Eickholt
Communion Server		Brian Golden Matt Ludwig	Natalie Bergmann Kiran McCoy Mike Ziegler
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Head Usher	Jim Schafer	Tim Bolwerk	Dave Mayer
Usher	Shawn Kocher	Mary Rose Bolwerk Evan Golden Noah Golden	Payton Long Eric Reisch Pam Reisch
Acolyte	Bennett Giffin Cameron Giffin Everly Watson ACOLYTE	Mia Chignolli Scarlett Walrod Sophia Wrenn Evan Wynk	ACOLYTE Hudson Lipe Eric Seidensticker Nick Zanjani
Nursery Room #2		Hayden Anderson	Niko Rose
A/V Producer			Eliza Jefferson
Offering Depositor			Emily Burmeister
Prayer Writer	Shawnda Vega		
Welcome Center	Hannah Oswald		
Altar Linens	Nancy Shuman		
POP's Cafe	High School Youth		

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